

# Go Slow ... In Northern Greece

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-headed Bunting



Lesser Spotted Fritillary



Hermann's Tortoise



Masked Shrike

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## Summary

Lake Kerkini is a wildlife hotspot in Northern Greece and this trip provided an excellent insight as to how rich the area is. Species such as Masked Shrike, Cirl Bunting, Golden Oriole, Bee-eater and Nightingale were birds seen or heard daily from our hotel rooms. We were also treated to a Levant Sparrowhawk seen from the hotel on some days. The lake itself is rich in wildlife both on it and around it with Cuckoos, Turtle Doves and Shrikes appearing to be almost everywhere. Dalmatian and White Pelicans, a variety of Herons, raptors and a host of other birds were regular sightings. Some fine meals, beautiful scenery and good weather all added to the mix to provide another very satisfying Go Slow tour to Greece.

## Day 1

Wednesday 15th May

Twelve members of the group met up with Barrie for the morning flight to Thessalonica where we met up with our local guide, Maria. The group grabbed some lunch at the airport while Maria and Barrie went for the minibuses and were then on our way to the coastal wetland of Kalochori Lagoon. We had a very productive afternoon with some waders in breeding plumages that we rarely see in the UK. Stunning waders included Turnstone, Curlew Sandpiper, Dunlin, Little and Temminck's Stint all looking immaculate in their breeding plumages. Two Terek Sandpipers were probably the best wader we saw in British terms and they showed very well. Other waders included Kentish Plover, Spotted and Common Redshanks, Black-winged Stilt, Avocet, Oystercatcher and Ringed Plover. There were quite a few Greater Flamingos on the lagoon and some were relatively close. Three species of gull – Slender-billed, Mediterranean and Yellow-legged were seen very well. Five species of tern – Black, Whiskered, White-winged, Little and Common - were good to see. Squacco Heron, Pygmy Cormorant, Dalmatian Pelican, Marsh Harrier, Little Owl, Crested Lark and Bee-eater added to the already impressive list of birds. A fine male Yellow Wagtail of the *feldegg* subspecies looked resplendent with its black head contrasting with its yellow plumage. Two Stone Curlews and a Woodchat Shrike were seen as we were leaving the wetland complex after a very rewarding visit.

Our journey to Kerkini was broken with a stop at a village where we saw four Lesser Kestrels and Red-rumped Swallows. After checking into our hotel with its superb view over Lake Kerkini some members of the group managed to grab some relaxation time on their balconies where they could watch Bee-eaters and listen to the wonderful song of the Common Nightingale. As we gathered together we met up with Jill and Neil, who were the remaining members of the group. Before going down to the restaurant for dinner some of us managed to catch a brief view of a Levant Sparrowhawk as it attempted to grab its own dinner of a Swallow or Starling. Over dinner we reflected on a very successful first day in this wonderful part of South-East Europe.

## Day 2

Thursday 16th May

There were dark clouds around after a night of heavy showers but it was dry as we assembled for breakfast. Our first destination was a river near the eastern side of the lake. Great Reed Warblers were singing at the tops of reeds as soon as we climbed out of the buses, allowing for very satisfying photographic opportunities. A Little Bittern was at the base of some reeds at the edge of the river allowing for very good scope views before another two appeared, with all three in view at the same time. Meanwhile Bee-eaters were continually flying around and

Turtle Doves were providing soothing background music in contrast to the noisy GR Warblers and the Greek Marsh Frogs.

We later had some very good views of several Turtle Doves, which would be a rare event in the UK. Cuckoos were also very showy and some of the group enjoyed moments where a female Cuckoo was perched up surveying her possible domain before another female and a male appeared which became the cue for erratic calling and chasing - all very entertaining. The same group also had two Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers together in a large Willow. Some very obliging Common Nightingales were another highlight of the morning, while raptors in the shape of Osprey and Black Kite were new for the trip. Our first Spanish Sparrows were squatters who were nesting in a large and occupied White Stork's nest.

The east embankment adjacent to the lake was a good vantage point to see the various waterbirds including Spoonbill, Squacco, Black-crowned and Purple Herons, Great and Little Egrets and White and Dalmatian Pelicans. An Olivaceous Warbler showed well at the top of a tree below the embankment but everyone was much more excited with a pair of Penduline Tits that were putting the finishing touches to their marvellous nest. A few Golden Orioles were obliging and everyone managed views of this species that can be quite difficult to see on occasions. Another highlight of the morning was a flock of twenty Rosy Starlings that were just ten metres away at their closest. A Coypu also put in an appearance. Northern Greece has had an unusually cool spring and this resulted in fewer butterflies and dragonflies that would be expected. We finally brought the excellent morning to an end with a picnic lunch to the sound of thunder in the distance and rain clouds approaching. The rain arrived while we were having a coffee in a nearby village before returning to the hotel for the group to relax. Three Honey Buzzards were seen over the hotel during the afternoon while the leaders were away doing a supermarket shop and reconnaissance.

## Day 3

Friday 17th May

We awoke to blue skies and that's how it remained for the remainder of the day, with warm sunshine reminding us that we were in Greece. The weather brought out more butterflies today and we saw a reasonable variety. Dalmatian Pelicans flew over the hotel and Cirl Buntings were in the car park while Roger and Jean had seen a pair of Masked Shrikes. We then drove towards the Bulgarian border to explore a fine area of forest. Grey-headed Woodpecker was heard and Roger later saw a pair while searching for butterflies. A few Beautiful Demoiselles caught the eye and very obligingly posed on trees next to the path providing excellent views. Marsh Tits and Song Thrushes were seen and heard as were a few other species found in Britain. However things began to pick up when a Glossy Ibis was seen high above the forest and an Eastern Bonelli's Warbler was heard. A male Middle-spotted Woodpecker was vocal and put in a few brief appearances but was only seen by some of the group, as was a male Semi-collared Flycatcher at the top of a tall tree. A Wood Warbler was at the top of another tall tree but more people managed to see that species, whereas everyone did see a Short-toed Treecreeper.

We then drove through Sidirokastro to a hillside above the town where Black-headed Bunting was the star bird, with a male singing at the top of a tree providing excellent and prolonged views. Woodchat Shrike and Turtle Dove were two more species seen there before we drove a short distance for our picnic lunch. It was a good location with a pair of Masked Shrikes, a pair of Honey Buzzards and Alpine Swifts being the notable records. We drove down the hill to Sidirokastro where we enjoyed a relaxing coffee and excellent ice-cream. Our final

stop for the day was on another hill near the town, complete with a ruined Byzantine castle. Our viewpoint gave us views across to a cliff face where Rock Nuthatch had a nest and we saw both birds taking food into it. A female Blue Rock Thrush was perched below the Rock Nuthatch nest but we couldn't find the male. Soon afterwards a female Black-eared Wheatear perched on top of a nearby rock before being replaced by a male who looked particularly stunning. Two Crag Martins were found amongst the House Martins, Barn and Red-rumped Swallows. A fine male Levant's Sparrowhawk soared over a nearby ridge and later gave its territorial display. It was then time to drive back to the hotel after another fine day.

## Day 4

## Saturday 18th May

Today was the hottest day of the trip so far and our activities were confined to the morning session. There was a small passage of Rosy Starlings prior to leaving the hotel with approximately ninety seen in six groups. We drove a short distance to a nearby track and the first notable bird seen was a very obliging Short-toed Eagle so everyone had very satisfying views. A pair of Masked Shrikes was seen from the same spot and a Woodchat Shrike also joined the proceedings. Corn and Cirl Buntings were common and several of each were singing. Long-tailed Tits were seen but a Sombre Tit was elusive. Several species of butterflies were seen but it was a spectacular Larger Balkan Spoon-winged Lacewing that really grabbed people's attention. Reptiles in the shape of Balkan Wall lizard and Hermann's Tortoise were greatly appreciated. Two Hobbys got everyone's attention before quickly disappearing. A Honey Buzzard was particularly obliging by soaring reasonably close and then gliding just twenty metres over our heads providing stunning views.

We later had a pair of Honey Buzzards comprised of a light phase and a dark phase. A pair of Lesser Grey Shrikes perched in bushes next to the track was yet another obliging species and we later had a third. We drove a short distance to another good area where a singing Eastern Orphean Warbler refused to show but we did manage to get some good, although brief, views of an Olive-tree Warbler. It was then time for a picnic lunch at a site near a church in a pine forest. The remainder of the day was spent relaxing around the hotel and enjoying the wildlife that was around it.

## Day 5

## Sunday 19th May

We had an earlier start today so that we could make the journey to Mount Vrontou and the Lailias Ski Centre. Two Black Storks were soaring low down near a service station on the way to Serras. As we started climbing the slopes of the mountain, birds such as Mistle Thrush were heard and Northern Wheatear, Corn Bunting and Hoopoe were seen. A fortuitous stop provided us with our first Tawny Pipit while a Spur-thighed Tortoise crossed the road near the vehicles. Ortolan Bunting and Lesser Whitethroat were heard, as was an Orphean Warbler before it very obligingly perched at the top of a bush giving us very good scope views. A Woodlark was giving us its beautiful song as if to provide us with a more melodious contrast to the warblers. As we climbed further up the mountain and through its forest, Robin and Chiffchaff were the most frequently heard songsters. On reaching the ski centre the only bird of note was a singing Tree Pipit however there must have been a hatch of Small Tortoiseshell butterflies as there quite a few around and most were in immaculate condition. Descending down the road for another stop most of the group managed to see a Firecrest while Crossbills called overhead. Eventually a male Crossbill perched near the top of a tree and stayed for several minutes to allow everyone to have scope views. A short drive took us to a picnic site where we had lunch.

Moving to another part of the mountain gave us a good panoramic view and enabled Barrie to find a Golden Eagle soaring over a ridge. The obliging eagle continued to fly around and most of the group eventually found the raptor as it came closer before landing on a hillside. Looking through the scope revealed that the eagle had landed less than twenty metres from two Chamois. The Chamois didn't appear concerned and continued to graze while the eagle rested, but the distance made it difficult for some of the group to pick it or the Chamois out, even through the scope. The eagle took off and flew low over the mountain and an area of forest before we lost it. Meanwhile the Chamois continued to graze and a few more members of the group managed to see them. We continued our journey down the mountain with Stonechat and Linnet seen by some, as were some impressive looking purple orchids in a meadow. A stop at a taverna for a coffee was our final act before completing our journey back to the hotel. As always in the evening before dinner, we met up to sit on the terrace in front of the hotel restaurant to reflect on the day, life and the Universe and with a view over the lake. Tonight however, a male Levant Sparrowhawk treated us to a close fly past as he went on a hunting foray at almost eye level from where we sat. You couldn't really ask for a better view of this raptor and it was a perfect way to end another fine day in this marvellous part of Greece.

## Day 6

Monday 20th May

The pair of Masked Shrikes were showing well in the hotel grounds before and after breakfast, - there are worse ways to start a day. Our first destination was the hillside close to the hotel where fifteen Rosy Starlings flew over the track between the two buses. The local subspecies of Jay revealed itself to some, however the singing Olive-tree Warbler refused to oblige. Two Wild Boars were spotted on the hillside on the other side of the valley and had at least eight stripy young ones in their humbug pelage in tow. The boars moved off the track into an olive grove before being lost from sight.

Kerkini village was our next destination complete with its many nesting White Storks and with young ones poking their heads out of several nests. We were in Kerkini village for our boat trip on the lake of the same name. Before we set off two Squacco Herons were on the edge of the water in full view. Small groups of Black Terns started to appear as we made our way towards the centre of the lake and Great Crested Grebes were always in sight. Some of the highlights of the boat trip were Lesser Spotted Eagle, Marsh Harrier, Black Stork, Caspian Gull, Whiskered, Gull-billed and Caspian Terns. The flooded forest was the nesting site for several species and we had close views of Great and Pygmy Cormorants, Little and Cattle Egrets, Spoonbill and Black-crowned Night Heron. It was a thoroughly relaxing and interesting experience and enjoyed by everyone. It was one of the highlights of the trip to see the nests with young of such interesting species.

We then moved into the hills near the lake for lunch at a restaurant where trout is the speciality which most of the group had. A fine lunch, eaten outside surrounded by forest, was a marvellous experience topped off by seeing two Lesser-spotted Woodpeckers. Some of the group managed to see the female feeding its young one with a large caterpillar. We also had the pleasure of seeing quite a few Nettle-tree Butterflies around the restaurant. A soaring Lesser-spotted Eagle being mobbed by two Kestrels was the highlight of the journey back to the hotel.

## Day 7

Tuesday 21st May

It was warm and sunny again for our final full day. Our first destination was Vironia quarry with a pair of Blue Rock Thrushes showing quite well, as were several Crag Martins. Various butterflies were around including Nettle Tree. On the walk back to the bus one group had brief, but good views of a Subalpine Warbler. A drive further around the Northern part of the lake took us to the pleasant location of Mandraki Harbour where several of the lake species were seen again. A singing Cetti's Warbler stayed true to its characteristic skulking behaviour but a Penduline Tit was seen well by some of the group. A Great Reed Warbler also showed well as it sung near the top of some reeds near the car park. There were many Marsh Frogs sitting on lily pads with several Grass and Dice snakes in the lake seeking easy food. Lunch was taken at the Vironia taverna which used to be a railway station. It was a fine meal and everyone enjoyed the seemingly endless supply of food.

We made our way back to the hotel to give people adequate time for packing. A Levant Sparrowhawk was soaring over the lake in full view of the hotel balconies prior to going down for dinner. We had an early dinner because nine of the group were joining Barrie and Maria on a brief excursion in the hope of seeing Eagle Owl. The drive to the site was interesting with a Red Fox running across the track in front of the bus and two Black Storks seen at a small wetland. It didn't take long to find two reasonably well-developed Eagle Owl chicks on a ledge at their nest. Good scope views were obtained and the larger chick was quite active at times, with junior keeping a lower profile. After watching the young owls for fifteen minutes through scopes an adult Eagle Owl flew over us and landed on the edge of a nearby quarry before flying off. Unfortunately the wind got up which may have hindered the owl's hunting success because neither parent visited the nest while it was still light enough for us to see anything.

However the clear sky enabled us to see the International Space Station as it orbited overhead complete with six astronauts on-board. Two satellites were also picked up – a Titan 4B Rocket and the Tiangong 2 satellite. Considering the last Titan 4B rocket was launched in 2005, it's done quite a few orbits of the Earth during that time. The Tiangong 2 is a Chinese space laboratory that has hosted astronauts since its launch in 2016. Mission accomplished with regards to the Eagle Owl we returned to the hotel for our final night.

## Day 8

Wednesday 22nd May

It was a slightly earlier breakfast this morning in preparation for our journey to Thessalonica Airport. Red-rumped Swallows were putting in a good performance around the hotel before we left, as were Pallid Swifts at the airport when we arrived. The leaders said their goodbyes to the group at the end of a holiday blessed with good weather and some excellent wildlife.

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## Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only; L = Leader only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May								
			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>							✓		
2	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>							2	3	
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓
4	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							✓	✓	
5	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓						6		
6	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	✓								
8	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1	1		1	2	3	2		
9	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			1						
11	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		3					✓		
12	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		4							
13	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		✓					✓	✓	
14	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
15	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		2					2	✓	
17	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓					✓		
18	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>							✓		
19	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
21	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	3	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
22	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	3	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
23	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
24	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1							
25	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		L		1					
26	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>				2			3		
27	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>						1			
28	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		L							
29	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>		1	1			1		1	
30	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	4						1	1	
31	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		1					1		
32	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		3	2	3			1		
33	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓						✓	
35	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓					✓	✓	
36	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedichnemus</i>	2								
37	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	2							
38	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	4								
39	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	✓								
40	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	✓								
41	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	2								
42	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	✓								
43	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓								
44	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	3								
45	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	✓								
46	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	✓								
47	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	5								

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
48	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	1								
49	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓								
50	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	2								
51	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	✓								
52	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>						✓			
53	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	✓								
54	Yellow Legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
55	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>						✓			
56	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>						✓			
57	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>						L			
58	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	✓								
59	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
60	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	✓					✓			
61	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	✓					✓			
62	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	✓					✓			
63	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>		✓				✓	✓		
64	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
65	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
66	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
67	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
68	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>								3	
69	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1								
70	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			✓						
71	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓		✓			✓			
72	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓							✓	
73	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>			1						
74	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1				1			
75	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
76	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
77	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>		2				2			
78	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>			1						
79	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>				1					
80	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓	✓					
81	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>			2						
82	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	4								
83	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				1					
85	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓			✓				
86	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				3		2			
87	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
88	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		1	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
89	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
90	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			2		✓	✓	✓		
91	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
92	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓				
93	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
94	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓								
95	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓			
96	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>				H					
97	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			2						
98	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓						

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
99	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
100	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		3					1	1
101	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>						✓		
102	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
103	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓					✓	✓
104	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			2		✓			✓
106	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H						H
109	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				6				
110	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			2					
111	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>			H					
112	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					✓			
113	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
114	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
115	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>				1			1	
116	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓					
117	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>						H		
118	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia crassirostris</i>				H	✓		H	
119	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
120	Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			H					1
121	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>			H					
122	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						✓		
123	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			✓					
124	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>			2					
125	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓					
126	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>		20		90			15	
127	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
129	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			✓					
130	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>					✓			
131	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓	✓	✓				
132	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓		✓			
133	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>			1					
135	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			✓				2	
136	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>					1			
137	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					✓			
138	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			2					
139	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
140	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓	✓				✓	
141	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
142	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	✓	✓						
143	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓					
144	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓		✓			
145	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>					1			
146	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>					H			
147	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
148	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓	✓	✓			
149	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>					✓			

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
150	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>					✓			
151	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
152	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓					
153	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>								
154	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
155	Oortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>					H			
156	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		1	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
157	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>			2					1

## Mammals

Red Fox, *Vulpes vulpes*

Roe Deer, *Capreolus capreolus*

Coypu, *Myocastor coypus*

Wild Boar, *Sus scrofa*

Balkan Chamois, *Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica*

## Amphibians & Reptiles

Common Toad, *Bufo bufo*

Greek Marsh Frog, *Rana balcanica*

Spur-thighed Tortoise, *Testudo graeca*

Balkan Terrapin, *Mauremys rivulata*

Balkan Green Lizard, *Lacerta trilineata*

Erhard's Wall Lizard, *Podacris erhardii*

Grass Snake, *Natrix natrix*

Green Toad, *Bufo viridis*

Hermann's Tortoise, *Testudo hermanni*

European Pond Terrapin, *Emys orbicularis*

Kotschy's Gecko, *Cyrtodactylus kotschyi*

Common Green Lizard, *Lacerta viridis*

Balkan Wall Lizard, *Podacris taurica*

Dice Snake, *Natrix tessellata*

## Butterflies

Scarce Swallowtail, *Iphiclides podalirius*

Black-veined White, *Aporia crataegi*

Small White, *Artogeia rapae*

Eastern Dappled White, *Euchloe ausonia*

Wood White, *Leptidea sinapsis*

Ilex Hairstreak, *Satyrium ilicis*

Little Blue, *Cupido minimus*

Eastern Baton Blue, *Pseudophilotes vicrama*

Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*

Nettle-tree Butterfly, *Libythea celtis*

Large Tortoiseshell, *Nymphalis polychloros*

Peacock Butterfly, *Inachis io*

Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*

Silver-washed Fritillary, *Argynnis paphia*

Lesser Spotted Fritillary, *Melitaea trivia*

Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*

Pearly Heath, *Coenonympha arcania*

Grizzled Skipper, *Pyrgus malvae*

Swallowtail, *Papilio machaon*

Large White, *Pieris brassicae*

Eastern Bath White, *Pontia edusa*

Clouded Yellow, *Colias crocea*

Green Hairstreak, *Callophrys rubi*

Small Copper, *Lycaena phlaeas*

Green-underside Blue, *Glaucopsyche alexis*

Brown Argus, *Arica agrestis*

Duke of Burgundy, *Hamearis lucina*

Southern White Admiral, *Limenitis reducta*

Small Tortoiseshell, *Aglais urticae*

Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*

Comma Butterfly, *Polygonia c-album*

Spotted Fritillary, *Melitaea didyma*

Queen of Spain Fritillary, *Issoria lathonia*

Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*

Wall Brown, *Lasiommata megera*

Small Skipper, *Thymelicus sylvestris*

## Odonata

Beautiful Demoiselle, *Calopteryx virgo*

Ruddy Darter, *Sympetrum sanguineum*

Black-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum cancellatum*

### Other Invertebrates

Nine Spotted Burnet moth, *Amata phegea*  
Antlion sp.,  
Dung Beetle sp.,

Larger Balkan Spoon-winged Lacewing, *Nemoptera sinuata*  
Hornet, *Vespa crabro*  
Stag Beetle, *Lucanus cervus*

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Boat trip on Lake Kerkinia



European Honey Buzzard



Nettle-tree Butterfly



Rosy Starling