

Go Slow in Northern Greece

Naturetrek Tour Report

6th – 13th May 2025



Dalmatian Pelican by Scott Rauland



Spoonbills by Scott Rauland



White Pelican by Scott Rauland



Pygmy Cormorant by Matt Collis

Tour report by Matt Collis



Naturetrek Mingledown Barn Wolf's Lane Chawton Alton Hampshire GU34 3HJ UK

T: +44 (0)1962 733051

E: info@naturetrek.co.uk

W: www.naturetrek.co.uk

Tour participants: Matt Collis (leader) & George Spyridakis (local guide) with thirteen Naturetrek clients

Summary

This 'Go Slow' tour took in the stunning scenery and abundant wildlife of northern Greece, focused on the sites and habitats surrounding Lake Kerkini. We saw many incredible birds and enjoyed several remarkable spectacles that nobody will be forgetting in a hurry. Dalmatian and Great White Pelicans were seen on several occasions, and among other highlights were Western Rock Nuthatch, Masked Shrike, Levant Sparrowhawk, Blue Rock Thrush and so many others. In addition, some good butterflies, other invertebrates and several reptiles made for an excellent all-round nature feast, which everyone enjoyed.

Day 1

Tuesday 6th May

Limni Koronia

After meeting up at Thessaloniki airport, we took a scenic route to our hotel, stopping at a viewing point overlooking Limni Koronia. We then headed down a dirt track toward the lake's edge, where the birding was both fantastic and immediate: two Hobbies were perched on a dead tree. As we got out of the vehicles, our ears were flooded with the sounds of Golden Oriole, Penduline Tit and a chorus of Nightingales and Great Reed Warblers. We slowly worked our way towards a viewpoint overlooking a small lagoon adjacent to the main lake: Glossy Ibis, Black-winged Stilt and Little Egret were very numerous, and in the vegetated shallows was a nice mix of smaller waders including Little Stint (30), Ringed Plover (3), Little Ringed Plover and Wood Sandpiper (4). Both Squacco and Purple Herons flew in and out of this area regularly. A single Spoonbill made a flyby. Spur-winged Lapwing (4) and Shelduck (2) were constant here, as were the Greater Flamingoes (c.1500), which dominated the main lake alongside large numbers of Coot and several groups of Ferruginous Ducks. Raptors occasionally flew over, including Common Buzzard and Marsh Harrier. To finish our visit, two Yellow Wagtails decide to fly in and land on top of the reeds, giving fabulous views.

Our second stop was along a country lane, not far from the hotel. Two Rollers greeted us on the wires, perched very close to our first Turtle Dove of the tour. Slightly further down was our first Levant Sparrowhawk, perched on a drooping wire, and almost immediately after, our first Lesser Spotted Eagle drifted overhead, at height. During a short walk, we also managed to add Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Corn Bunting and Red-backed Shrike to our list. White Storks fed in the neighbouring fields.

Day 2

Wednesday 7th May

Lake Kerkini (north-east) & Petritsio Dimou Petritsiou

After driving to Megalochori, we spent the morning exploring the north-eastern margins of Lake Kerkini. The water here is particularly shallow and is therefore excellent for a variety of wading birds. The scrub along our track was also particularly good for warblers and the like. Our birding was soundtracked by the constant songs of Nightingales, Olivaceous Warblers, Turtle Doves and Golden Orioles; the latter showed incredibly well when five males chased each other in procession between the trees. Red-backed Shrikes were regular along the path, and in one location displayed an unusual behaviour, grouping at the tops of tall Poplars to hunt large passing invertebrates,

plucking them from the sky with ease. Bee-eaters were a constant presence and later came to the ground giving good views. One Lesser Grey Shrike, a Hoopoe and a stunning red-morph Cuckoo also made brief appearances.

Focusing on the lake, we found it to be teeming with bird life. Huge numbers of Little and Great Egrets were frequently joined by small groups of Spoonbills. Purple, Grey and Squacco Herons were regular too, as were White Storks. Less common birds included some fine summer-plumage Curlew Sandpiper (3), a pair of Spur-winged Lapwings, Ruff (4), Black-winged Stilt (15) and a single Black Stork.

Several spectacular scenes stood out. The first occurred as we arrived, when a flock of White Pelicans (c.120) took to the sky, swirling around for over twenty minutes before being joined by two Dalmatian Pelicans. The second was the sight of a vast Cormorant 'mega-city' comprising over 5000 nests. And finally, a large herd of Water Buffalo got very close to us before turning to the lake and swimming across the channel; it was a striking and unexpected encounter. Other notable wildlife included a Short-toed Snake Eagle passing overhead, our first Herman's Tortoise, a family group of Coypu and multiple Eastern Green Lizards scurrying at the edges of paths.

After avoiding a midday downpour, we spent the second part of our day in the foothills of Petritsio Dimou Petritsiou. We explored two low-elevation viewing areas which gave excellent vantage points over exposed rocky outcrops and bare faces. We had luck in seeing Blue Rock Thrush, Crag Martin and Eastern Black-eared Wheatear very well. Scanning the tops of the mountains, we saw a soaring Golden Eagle and several Hobbies, although at some distance. In the scrubby areas, we also added Eastern Subalpine Warbler and Cirl Bunting to our list, and had fly-pasts by Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Red-rumped Swallows and Levant Sparrowhawk. Great Spotted Cuckoo was the most notable bird, albeit heard but not seen. Ravens feeding young at the nest was another highlight enjoyed by the group.

Day 3

Thursday 8th May

Foothills & Lake Kerkini (west)

The morning was spent in the foothills close to our hotel. We visited twice; once at dawn and once mid-morning. While the morning produced significantly more activity, both produced an excellent array of birds. The chorus was dominated by Nightingale, Blackbird, Great Tit and Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, with several other species making vocal appearances too, including Turtle Dove, Hoopoe, Chaffinch, Blackcap, Corn Bunting and Greenfinch.

We had superb views of several new species including Masked Shrike (3), Black-headed Bunting, Woodlark and Serin. Golden Orioles were particularly active, and we had several excellent views as they flew between perches. Other firsts included Long-tailed Tit, Sombre Tit and a few species heard but not seen, including Olive-tree Warbler and Sardinian Warbler.

Notable moments included watching an Eagle-Owl on a nearby rock face. Not only did we have fantastic views of an adult, but three fluffy grey chicks could also be seen in a nest close by. In this same area we also managed excellent views of Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, saw a perched Levant Sparrowhawk, and had multiple views of Hawfinches, including one feeding a recently-fledged youngster. Mid-morning proved excellent for raptors: soaring birds included a pair of Short-toed Snake Eagles, Black Stork (2) and several Booted Eagles, including a pale morph carrying (and eating) an Eastern Green Lizard!

After a midday break, we spent a few hours exploring the south-western shoreline of the lake, utilising several of the viewing towers and clearings, as well as doing a bit of birding from the bus (thanks to rain). The route was very scenic, with the mixed farmland/wetland areas being of particular interest. Flocks of Turtle Dove pulsed from the fields and were regularly viewed on the wires. White Storks regularly stalked the fields and Bee-eaters hawked over the meadows. Around some miniature wetlands, we saw a perched Marsh Harrier, a pair of Ferruginous Ducks, and Great Reed Warbler blasted its song from some close sections of reed.

The lake was largely glass-like in appearance, only perforated by the odd swimming Great Crested Grebe or pelican. A lone Little Gull was a notable rarity seen here. It wasn't until we reached the end of our drive, at the mouth of the River Kernikisti, that we witnessed our next nature spectacle: wave after wave of Great Cormorants arrived in the bay, closely followed and watched by both White and Dalmatian Pelican. At its peak, the raft of birds must have been over 2000 strong, moving like an oil slick across the water. George explained that this was a fishing group, and while this is a common occurrence on the lake, our timing and proximity was extraordinary. The group continued to move closer and closer, before suddenly rushing up the river channel in a flurry of fishing activity. After about fifteen minutes, the birds slowly dispersed back to the lake, and the moment was over. What a wondrous end to the day.

Day 4

Friday 9th May

Northern hills of Lake Kerkini and boat tour

Our morning was spent up in high forest, exploring the mix of Pine, Beech and Alder forest which covers much of the surrounding slopes to the north of the lake. We started within a glade, encountering several pairs of Red-backed Shrikes and having excellent views of Cirl Bunting. Listening to the chorus enabled us to locate a Cuckoo, Song and Mistle Thrushes, Blackbird, Chiffchaff and Wren. Moving into wetter areas of the forest, we hoped we might encounter woodpeckers utilising the softer trees. The area was alive with Chaffinches, we got a couple of views of Short-toed Treecreeper and, after a short time, a Black Woodpecker was heard in the distance, before it flew straight into our section of the woodland, perching in full view. Unusually, it stayed for several minutes, affording everyone extended views, before heading back into deep forest: simply awesome. This wasn't our only close encounter either, as we had brilliant views of a Firecrest and then a Hoopoe, which stayed perching in a dead tree for over ten minutes.

Our afternoon was spent undertaking the hotly-anticipated boat trip on Lake Kerkini, and it didn't disappoint. We spent several glorious hours on the lake, firstly exploring the reedbed margins, before heading out to view the pelican pontoons and to drift among the thousands of Great Cormorant nests. It was truly awe-inspiring (and smelly) to see such abundance and to get such intimate views. While Great Cormorants dominated, smaller numbers of Pygmy Cormorant and Spoonbill were also seen nesting. We kept our distance from the main breeding islands, but both White and Dalmatian Pelican made close passes on numerous occasions. Away from the main spectacle, we had a few notable sightings, including a perched Lesser Spotted Eagle, a Golden Jackal stalking in the undergrowth and, on the way out, a pair of Black-necked Grebe. These made an excellent finale, which distracted us from the rain at the very end.

Day 5

Saturday 10th May

Kalochori Wetlands

We spent the best part of the day back towards Thessaloniki, exploring Kalochori Lagoons and the neighbouring wetlands. The lagoons were particularly productive for waders: they were filled with Curlew Sandpipers, Little Stints, Black-winged Stilts and Ringed Plovers. As well as modest numbers of Sandwich Terns and Mediterranean Gulls, we also saw many Slender-billed Gulls and Common Terns. Greater Flamingoes were also present in small numbers, as were Ruff and Wood Sandpiper. It was particularly exciting to find a single Terek Sandpiper, a very rare bird locally, which was hanging out with a Little Ringed Plover.

Moving away from the lagoons, we stopped to check an area for Stone-curlew and were rewarded with brilliant views of two, plus a small number of Kentish Plovers. A Hoopoe also showed nicely, and a Short-toed Snake Eagle was flying high over the area. Yellow Wagtails, a bird we'd seen nicely on day one, were notably abundant here and allowed everyone prolonged views. Looking out to sea and along the sea walls, we also picked up many terns, including the occasional Little Tern and a gorgeous flock of Black Terns, which flew past at close quarters. Towards the end of our visit, we managed to score a few new species, including Avocet (6), a lone Black-tailed Godwit, and a pair of Gull-billed Terns feeding over agricultural land.

Having returned to the hotel, our afternoon trip was taken close by, exploring some local canals and dykes. Thanks to some excellent local knowledge, we enjoyed jaw-dropping views of Penduline Tit at the nest and eventually tracked down a pair of Little Bitterns, which proved much harder for everyone to pick out. Great Reed Warblers showed incredibly well here, as did Bee-eaters. Hoopoes and Golden Orioles were heard regularly. A special mention must go to a Cuckoo which perched 'cuckooing' for several minutes in full view, not a stone's throw away, and a family of Coots which escorted us the entire time.

Day 6

Sunday 11th May

North-eastern plateaus

Today we headed a bit further away from Lake Kerkini, into the foothills on the Bulgarian border for some plateau birding. We had an excellent array of new birds here, including stunning views of Calandra Lark, Lesser Grey Shrike and Greater Short-toed Lark. Linnet, a female Whinchat, Blue Tit and Northern Wheatear were also new for our list: all showed well. Red-backed and Woodchat Shrikes were also seen well, alongside Crested Lark, Cirl and Corn Buntings, and Red-rumped Swallows. Both Ortolan Bunting and Eastern Orphean Warbler were heard regularly, but were tricky to track down: we had only distant or brief views. A calling Rock Partridge and singing Lesser Whitethroat were clearly heard, but never located.

On our route back to the hotel we made a special stop to search for the incredible Western Rock Nuthatch and, thanks to more specialist local knowledge, we enjoyed twenty minutes of regular views as a pair brought food to an active nest. The views were perfect and some incredible photos were taken. In between views, we also noted several Crag Martins, White Wagtail, a pair of Kestrels and a singing Blue Rock Thrush. After a busy few days, we spent the remainder of the afternoon relaxing at the hotel.

Day 7

Monday 12th May

Lake Kerkini (north-east) & Petritsio Dimou Petritsiou

Our final full day started with another optional early-morning walk: we redid a favoured local valley walk from earlier in the tour. Our focus was on finding the trickier passerines which had so far been challenging to locate. We got off to a great start with an Ortolan Bunting and excellent prolonged views of a pair of Eastern Subalpine Warblers mobbing a Woodchat Shrike. Sombre Tit called fairly persistently but, as is typical of this species, only showed for brief moments. Having picked up its song at distance, we tracked down a vocal and mobile Olive-tree Warbler. Noting its tendency to move between the same perch points in rotation, we waited patiently, positioned our scopes and got good views on several occasions. Our final bonus bird was a Grey-headed Woodpecker, which called loudly close to us before bounding across open ground and into the undergrowth.

The mid-morning was spent back in the foothills of Petritsio Dimou Petritsiou, exploring the wood pasture and rocky cliff faces. Of all the birds seen here, the Masked Shrike was particularly popular, as were the Levant Sparrowhawks which gave us regular views as they displayed in the air and then perched in nearby trees, or occasionally on the power lines. Focusing on the cliffs, we managed to locate Blue Rock Thrush, Crag Martin and a pair of Eastern Black-eared Wheatears perching on the rocks. Overhead, we had many Red-rumped Swallows and House Martins, plus Raven and a Black Stork. Just as we were set to leave, a Golden Eagle made a brief appearance too.

Following a midday break, we spent the late afternoon exploring some local agricultural land, mainly in search of raptors. The trip started off brilliantly with close views of Bee-eaters nesting in the nearby banks. Kestrels were very abundant, as were Crested Larks and Corn Buntings; one of the latter perched right by the bus with a beakful of food. After a bit of searching, we managed to locate a female Montagu's Harrier and, after moving to a better viewing position, found a stunning male Black-headed Bunting perched in some Mallow, just over five metres away. The surprise of the visit was a small flock of Red-footed Falcon; initially four or five birds quite distantly, but then an excellent view as one male decided to give us a close flyby, before joining the others. With almost the last moments of birding for our trip, we picked up a Long-legged Buzzard perched on a hay bale, which stayed for a long time and allowed everyone several views in the scope: it was a fabulous bird with which to finish.

The evening finished with an excellent dinner, filled with reminiscence and gratitude for a wonderful tour and many successful adventures with the birds of Greece.

Day 8

Tuesday 13th May

Departure

With an early morning departure, our day focused only on logistics and a safe journey back to Gatwick. Pulling up to the departure drop off of Thessaloniki, we gave our final thanks to George, before heading in to board our flight. Safely back in the UK, all that was left to do was collect our luggage and share one final goodbye, everyone feeling incredibly grateful for the experiences we'd shared.



White Pelican by Scott Rauland

Receive our e-newsletter

Join the Naturetrek e-mailing list and be the first to hear about new tours, additional departures and new dates, tour reports and special offers. Visit www.naturetrek.co.uk to sign up.

Social Media

We're social! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and be the first to hear about the launch of new tours, offers and exciting sightings and photos from our recently returned holidays.



www.facebook.com/naturetrekwildlifeholidays



www.twitter.com/naturetrektours



www.instagram.com/naturetrek_wildlife_holidays

Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025						
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		✓		✓			
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓		✓		✓		
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓				✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	✓			✓	✓		
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>							
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	✓	✓					✓
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>							
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓	✓	H	H	✓	✓	✓
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			1	2	✓		
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				1			
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				2			
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓				✓		
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>					2		
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>					✓		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓			✓		
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					6		
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	1				1		
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	4	2					
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>					3		
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>					1		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	4				✓		
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					✓		
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	5	✓			✓		
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		3			✓		
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	✓				✓		
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>					✓		
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					2		
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>							
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				6			
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>				1	✓		
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>					3		
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				3	✓		
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>			1		6		
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>					✓		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		1		✓	✓		
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>					✓		
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>				✓	✓		
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		1	✓	2			

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025						
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓					
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Little Bittern	<i>Botaurus minutus</i>					2		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1	1	✓	✓	✓		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓	✓		✓			
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			✓				
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		1	2		1		
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	1		1	1	2		
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			✓				
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		1					
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Tachyspiza brevipes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>			1				
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>							2
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			H				
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	H	H	H	H	H	H	
Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>		✓					✓
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					1		
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>		1			1		
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				✓			
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>				✓			
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		H			H	H	
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>						1	
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	✓						
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>							5
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonorae</i>			1				
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	2	✓	✓		✓		✓
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				✓			
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	H	5	✓	H	H	H	H
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>			✓				✓
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		1					2
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>			✓				✓
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓					

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025						
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓			✓		
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓					✓
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>			✓				✓
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>				✓			
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>						✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	✓				✓		
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			1				H
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>						1	
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>						✓	✓
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓				✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis rufula</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓	H			✓		
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			✓				
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				✓			
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	✓						
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>							
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>			H				1
Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>			H				
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>				✓		✓	
Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>						1	
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>			H				
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>				✓			
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>						✓	
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>				✓			
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				✓			
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				✓			
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		H	H				H
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		✓				✓	✓
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>						1	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						2	
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>		✓	✓				✓
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					✓		
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-headed Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	✓	✓			✓		
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓		✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					✓	✓	

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025						
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			✓				✓
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>						✓	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓				
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>						✓	✓
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>			1				1

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name
Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>

Amphibians and reptiles

Common name	Scientific name
Greek Marsh Frog	<i>Rana balcanica</i>
Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>
Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>
European Glass Snake	<i>Ophisaurus apodus</i>
Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>
Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>
Green Haistreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>
Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>

Moths

Common name	Scientific name
Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Arctia villica</i>
Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>
False Mocha	<i>Cyclophora porata</i>

Other invertebrates

Common name	Scientific name
Spoon-tailed Lacewing	<i>Nemoptera sinuata</i>