

Go Slow in Northern Greece

Naturetrek Tour Report

5th – 12th May 2026



Black-headed Bunting



Eurasian Eagle-Owl



Eastern Festoon



Dalmatian Pelican

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Summary

If you are in search of a holiday with an abundance of interesting flora and fauna, beautiful scenery, good weather, delicious local dishes and time to relax and unwind, then this is the trip for you. Based in a delightful hotel with stunning views over Lake Kerkini, we visited some of the best wildlife hotspots in the area. Exploring different habitats, from forested hills and mountains to lakeside marshes, this early May trip tallied up one hundred and forty-one species of birds, including Dalmatian Pelican, Levant Sparrowhawk, Masked Shrike and Black-headed Bunting. However, the highlight for many was Eagle-Owl, of which we had great views of an adult with four chicks, nesting on a rocky outcrop. In addition to the array of birds, we had some good butterflies, including Eastern Festoon, Little Tiger Blue and Queen of Spain Fritillary, along with several reptile species, such as Hermann's Tortoise and Dice Snake. It was a fantastic trip for all interests.

Day 1

Tuesday 5th May

Journey to Lake Kerkini

After meeting the group at the airport, we set off, eager to see what was in store for us in northern Greece. Our first stop was at Kalochori lagoon. Upon arrival, the lagoon appeared quiet, but after a good scan around the mudflats, we started to pick up some decent birds. Elegantly feeding along the water's edge were several Black-winged Stilts, along with a couple of Kentish Plovers. Our wader count rapidly started to increase, with Wood and Curlew Sandpipers, Little Stint, Ruff and Spotted Redshank. Overhead we had Mediterranean Gull, Common and Black Terns, a pair of Slender-billed Gulls, and a swarm of Collared Pratincoles. To top off a great start, a Black Stork put in a fly-by appearance.

At Lake Kerkini itself, we were greeted by the always-charming White Storks, nesting on the village pylons. We soon saw Pygmy and Great Cormorants, and Dalmatian Pelicans, the first of many to come. We arrived at our delightful hotel, which had stunning views over the lake, and within minutes, we were enjoying great views of a Lesser Spotted Eagle from the balcony. With a cold drink in hand, we relaxed after a long day of travel, to the sound of Nightingales, Grey-headed Woodpeckers and Golden Orioles.

Day 2

Wednesday 6th May

Eastern side of Lake Kerkini

We started our first full day exploring the eastern side of Lake Kerkini, which consists of open countryside, farmland and small pockets of wetlands and waterways. We began at the canal pumping station reedbeds, where we quickly picked up target birds: Great Reed and Eastern Olivaceous Warblers, Night, Scaup and Purple Herons in the reedbeds, Hoopoe, Bee-eater and Golden Oriole in the farmland, and Long-legged Buzzard, Lesser Spotted Eagle and Short-toed Snake Eagle circling overhead.

The next stop was at a relatively new heronry; due to habitat degradation of the old nesting site, many herons and egrets have made a stand of White Poplars their new home. Here we were able to see Night and Grey Herons, Cattle and Little Egrets, Spoonbills and Pygmy Cormorants, all nesting in harmony.

Continuing on to the eastern embankment of Lake Kerkini, we scanned the shallow pools, picking up three Spur-winged Lapwings with at least eight Wood Sandpipers. Penduline Tit, Nightingale and Golden Oriole were all heard singing from the marginal scrub. Just as we were about to leave, an impressive Caspian Tern proceeded to fish in front of us, acrobatically diving and catching fish too big for its belly. Other species of interest included Balkan Terrapin, a basking Dice Snake and a Coypu.

After a Greek lunch of Buffalo sausage in a streamside mountain taverna, we visited a disused quarry. Our targets here were Blue Rock Thrush, Eastern Black-eared Wheatear and Rock Nuthatch, all of which were successfully seen. We headed back mid-afternoon to relax at the hotel, taking in the views and celebrating a successful day.

Day 3

Thursday 7th May

Higher elevations towards the Bulgarian border

On the way to our first location, we had great roadside views of Long-legged Buzzard perched in a nearby tree. We arrived at Sidirokastro village to find a pair of breeding Rock Nuthatches on a cliff face, both adults delivering insects to their expertly-built mud nest.

Moving on to a local quarry, we had further Blue Rock Thrushes and Eastern Black-eared Wheatears, and a brief view of an Ortolan Bunting with Cirl Buntings. Our next destination was at higher elevation above Roupel Gorge, towards the Bulgarian border. Here we had fantastic views of a Black Woodpecker, with the whole group getting scope views. Calandra Larks were spotted in the nearby meadows, along with Black-headed and Corn Buntings, and a smart pair of Woodchat Shrikes. Further along, we saw Eastern Orphea, Eastern Subalpine and Eastern Olivaceous Warblers skulking among the dense vegetation. We also found a Spur-thighed Tortoise, and noted the delightful *Iris attica* flowering on the rocky hillside. Back at the hotel we were greeted with good views of Levant Sparrowhawk and Short-toed Snake Eagle, rounding off another enjoyable day.

Day 4

Friday 8th May

Western side of Lake Kerkini

Today we ventured around to the western side of Lake Kerkini. Heading into the Mavrovouni Hills, we took a dirt road to higher ground, through olive groves, to reach a viewpoint down the valley. With a good vantage point, it was the perfect place to scan the tree tops for a range of species. There were Woodchat and Red-backed Shrikes on the lookout for their next meals, a Black-headed Bunting singing nearby, and a standing dead tree proved popular with several purring Turtle Doves. A handsome Hawfinch also put in an appearance for the group to admire. A pair of Great Tits were briefly joined by least one Sombre Tit, moving through the thorny vegetation. As we were leaving, we spotted one of our main target species. A Masked Shrike appeared and perched close by, providing us with fantastic views of this beautiful bird. A lakeside stop picked up a couple more new species, including a male Garganey among abundant Great Crested Grebes, all dabbling or diving in the shallow weedbeds.

We eventually made it to a plateau in the Belles Mountains above Ano Poroia. This higher elevation, broadleaf woodland was cooler and wetter, more suited to familiar species such as Song Thrush, Robin and Nuthatch. Highlights here were Red-backed Shrike, Ortolan Bunting, Yellowhammer and Short-toed Treecreeper.

Thick cloud moved overhead and rain started to fall, so we headed back down the winding gravel path to our lunch spot at a trout restaurant. After a delicious meal of grilled trout and Greek salads, we had a short walk under the canopy of the Plane woodland. Unfortunately, we did not connect with our target, Semi-collared Flycatcher, but nevertheless it was a pleasant walk through a different habitat.

With the rain set in for the rest of the day, we headed back to the hotel, stopping at various sites along the way. A Little Owl brightened the afternoon as we watched it scanning the roadside verges looking for its next meal.

Day 5

Saturday 9th May

Woodland and riverside walks near the Bulgarian border

Today was thankfully warm and dry, with our first stop being another disused quarry on the way to the Bulgarian border. This area produced good views of Turtle Dove, Bee-eater and Hoopoe. A few hundred metres down the road, a Roller was spotted on the wires. By the time we had stopped and set up, it had flown, and unfortunately it was not located again, although we did have a scope view of a male Golden Oriole perched atop a tree across the valley: it's such a colourful and bright bird, yet always seems to remain elusive. A Black Stork also flew overhead.

We reached our main stop of the day near the village of Promachonas, hoping for several woodpecker species. Within ten minutes we had had Grey-headed, Great Spotted, Middle Spotted and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers all moving through the area. We picked up a Spotted Flycatcher and a Hawfinch too. A very productive area! At a coffee stop, we relaxed and watched the local White Stork nest, the adults performing their courtship and greeting ritual, beak clattering and preening one another. We also had our first Booted Eagle circling overhead.

We then followed the Strymonas river embankment, where we had a few more target birds. Alpine Swifts passed through, while Lesser Spotted Eagle, Black Kite and Marsh Harrier took to the thermals. It was also interesting to witness a Little Ringed Plover playing its wings and tail to mimic injury, in order to distract us from its nest nearby. A local lunch at the train station of Buffalo sausage, cheeses and Greek salads proved popular.

Our final stop by a nearby marsh gave us more Alpine Swifts, a Syrian Woodpecker, and a Hobby perched in a dead tree. There were several butterflies on the wing, including Eastern Festoon, Green-underside Blue and Scarce Swallowtail.

Day 6

Sunday 10th May

South to the Himarros valley

This morning started in the Himarros Hills to the south of our hotel. We had a walk around a site, with the possibility of Eagle Owl. We scanned the rocky ledges, but were unfortunately unsuccessful: however, we did have

good views of Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, and Woodchat and Masked Shrikes. Birds of prey here included Short-toed Snake Eagle and Booted Eagle circling overhead, with a Black Stork. Other notable species in the area were Woodlark, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler and a possible Olive-tree Warbler in the nearby scrub. As the day warmed up, the butterflies started to take to the air. Small Tiger Blue, Silver-washed and Queen of Spain Fritillaries, Black-veined White and Brown Argus were all numerous.

At another site further south, we found a pair of Rollers. These proved not straightforward to view, as the pair quickly flew further away, keeping their distance from the group and unfortunate disturbance from local farm vehicles.

Heading back north, we had a leisurely picnic lunch and a coffee break in Kerkini village, with some of the group trying more local favourites like Buffalo ice cream.

Our afternoon stop was at the lakeside, where it was a little quiet for birds in the afternoon heat. However, this improved our reptile chances, and by searching marginal grasses and loose rocks we found Hermann's Tortoise, Eastern Green Lizard and Dice Snake. Many Tongue Orchids were also present.

After an afternoon rest and freshen up, we enjoyed our evening meal at the hotel. For those who were up for it, we went back to the site to try for the Eagle-Owl leaving its roost. To our delight, we found an Eagle-Owl high up on the rock face. Upon setting up the scope, we realised it wasn't sat behind a rock, but instead behind four chicks! We admired them from a distance as the light faded away. Before we were eaten alive by the mosquitos and midges, we heard Nightjar churring along the riverside. It was a fantastic way to end our day.

Day 7

Monday 11th May

Lake Kerkini boat trip

After a slightly earlier breakfast, we departed for Mandraki Harbour, to take our boat trip out onto Lake Kerkini. We had perfect conditions, with the lake like a millpond and clear blue skies. The boat took us out to see the breeding Dalmatian and Great White Pelicans, and to explore the flooded forest, where many Great and Pygmy Cormorants were nesting. We had several pairs of Black-necked Grebes, among the plentiful Great Crested Grebes, and watched agile Black and Whiskered Terns as they passed through. Further new species added to the list were Glossy Ibis, Great Egret, Pochard and Teal. Unfortunately, we didn't pick up a Little Bittern, known to frequent the reedbeds, but the group were pleased with a Montagu's Harrier vigilantly passing through the lakeside field and reedbed.

After another delicious Greek platter at the nearby restaurant, we headed back south to the Eagle-Owl site for the rest of the group to see the nest. This afternoon, the adult was more visible and we all enjoyed great views of the bird, a major target for many.

Enjoying the spectacular views from the hotel, we went over the highlights of the week, concluding that the large majority of the target birds had been secured.

Day 8

Tuesday 12th May

Journey home

After our final breakfast, we set off on our journey back to the airport for our midday flight. Always keeping our eyes on the roadside wires, we had our final birds in a pair of Rollers and a fly-over Black Stork, to round off a fantastic trip, much enjoyed by all the group.

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

I=Introduced		May 2026								
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>							✓		
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				✓			✓		
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓								
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							✓		
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>				✓			✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>							✓		
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓								
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					H	✓	✓		
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>							✓		
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	✓	✓	H		H		
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓							
Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓		✓	H	✓	✓		
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						✓	✓		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓								
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Thinornis dubius</i>			✓		✓				
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>		✓							
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>	✓								
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓							
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓	✓							
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	✓								
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	✓								
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	✓								
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	✓								
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	✓								
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		✓							
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>							✓		
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	✓						✓		
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓				✓		✓		
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>							✓		
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	✓								
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>							✓		
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>	✓								
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓						✓		
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
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>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

I=Introduced		May 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		✓					✓	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>							✓	
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>		✓		✓			✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓			✓		✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						H		
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>					✓			
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>					✓	✓		
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓					✓		✓
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>						✓	✓	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>								
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	✓				✓			
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		✓						
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Tachyspiza brevipes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>						✓	✓	
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓						
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		✓	H	✓	✓	H	H	H
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			✓	H	✓			
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>			✓					
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>					✓			
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					✓			
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>					✓			
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>			✓					
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					✓			
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓					
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>				✓		✓		
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>		✓	✓	✓				
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		H						

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Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>				✓	✓			
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>				✓				
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					H	✓		
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>			✓					
Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>						✓		
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		✓						
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓		✓		H	✓	
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				✓				
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		✓			✓	H		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			H	H		H		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			H	✓	H	H		
Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>			✓					
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	✓			✓				
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>				✓				
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		✓	✓	H				
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>		✓	✓					
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>				✓				
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>				✓				
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				H				
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				✓				
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				✓				
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					✓			
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			H	✓				
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	✓	H	✓	H	H	H	H
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		✓	✓					
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓					
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	✓	✓						
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓					
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓	✓	H	✓		
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			✓	✓	✓			
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		H	✓			✓		
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>					✓			
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓					
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>			✓	✓				
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	✓	✓	✓	H	H	✓	H	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>				✓				

Mammals

I=Introduced		May 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Coypu - I	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>		✓						
Western Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>					✓			

Amphibians & reptiles

		May 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Balkan Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax kurtmuelleri</i>		✓						
Kotschy's Gecko	<i>Mediodactylus kotschy</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eastern Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>							✓	
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>						✓		
European Glass Lizard	<i>Pseudopus apodus</i>						✓		
Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>						✓	✓	
Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>					✓	✓		
Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>			✓					
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>		✓					✓	
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>					✓			

Butterflies & moths

Common name	Scientific name
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisyi</i>
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>
Little Tiger Blue	<i>Tarucus balkanicus</i>
Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>
Brown Argus	<i>Arícia agestis</i>
Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>
Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Comma Butterfly	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>
Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>
Nettle-tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea celtis</i>
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Oriental Meadow Brown	<i>Hyponephele lupina</i>
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>
Giant Peacock Moth	<i>Saturnia pyri</i>
Forester	<i>Adscita statices</i>

Damselflies & dragonflies

Common name	Scientific name
Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>
White-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum albistylum</i>
Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>