

Hungary in summer

Naturetrek Tour Report

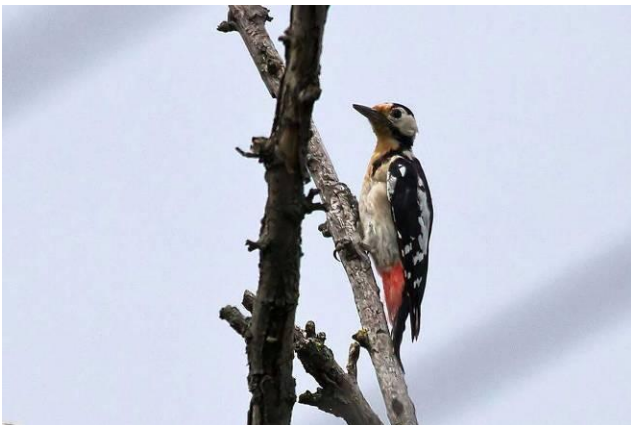
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Red-footed Falcon by Colin Brown



White-tailed Skimmer by Colin Brown



Syrian Woodpecker by Colin Brown



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Day 1

Tuesday 7th August

27°C on arrival and sunny

Our flight from Heathrow left about an hour late, for reasons unknown. It was otherwise uneventful and we had made up about 30 minutes on arrival in Budapest, where we met Gerard, our local guide, and Christian, our driver. Having handed out bottles of water and loaded the luggage we set off eastwards on the motorway. We stopped for coffee and snacks after an hour, where only Crested Lark seriously suggested we were no longer in the UK. After that Marsh Harriers, White Storks and a few Red-backed Shrikes appeared more frequently. The last part of our journey was on more minor roads and here a single Black Stork was a good find, while our first Bee-eaters and a couple of Turtle Doves were also enjoyed. Our hotel alongside the Tisza River was beautifully set and the dinner which followed matched it with everyone enjoying the Catfish and subsequent Chestnut-based dessert. A splendid welcome...

Day 2

Wednesday 8th August

Sunny Max 31°C

Just 10 minutes before breakfast at Tiszacsege produced both Common and Black Redstart, Short-toed Treecreeper, Nuthatch and Common Sandpiper. However we were away by 7.15am to cross the Hortobágy to meet Zsolt, a park ranger whose local knowledge determined where we should go. Our first two stops were two copses in the Angyalhaza, near Nádudvar. Collectively they were a great choice. Excellent views of Wood Warblers and Pied Flycatcher, two Cuckoos, two Red-footed Falcons, a Goshawk which was even seen perched by some of the group all topped by a wonderful Wryneck were the highlights, with many other birds and some interesting butterflies and dragonflies as back up.

Moving from place to place was not without interest, a total of 15 Lesser Grey Shrikes concentrated in a relatively small stretch of road, more Turtle Doves and amazing close views of three male Red-footed Flacons were had from the bus. Without Zsult we could not have found a wet and muddy area, screened by high vegetation and one of the few wet wader sites in a very dry Hortobágy. Here Snipe, Ruff and Whiskered Terns were in double figures, and Wood, Green and Common Sandpiper easily seen.

We then took lunch in shade alongside the canal near Hajduszoboszlo Fishponds, and then strolled past the ponds themselves. Purple and Squacco Herons were good additions to our tally, as was a White-tailed Eagle. Dragonflies here included Scarlet and Moustached Darter, while Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow and Idas Blue were present in good numbers. En route to delivering Zsult back to his house we came across our first Rollers and spent some time enjoying them as well as Lesser Grey Shrikes.

Our last stop of the day was for 40 Bee-eaters on wires close to Okat, where three Golden Orioles enhanced a very colourful spectacle. Dinner was as delicious as yesterday and we retired early to prepare for an early pre-breakfast walk.

Day 3

Thursday 9th August

Sunny - Max 29°C

The early walk was well worthwhile: not a huge range of species, but super views of a few Serins and two male Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers – an adult and an immature. These are now very scarce in the UK, so prolonged engagement with these delightful birds made the morning. The breakfast of scrambled egg and bacon was much appreciated.

We then went to the north of the Hortobágy in the Durassa region - a great place for raptors, as Montagu's Harrier, White-tailed and Imperial Eagle bore witness. A huge Souslik paradise, with a few Wheatears, and some lengthy interaction with a local shepherd were also much appreciated. Silver-studded Blue butterflies were the most abundant here and we received a lesson in the interaction/interbreeding between Marsh and Pool Frogs and their edible hybrids.

We eventually moved on to the Hortobágy great fish farm, initially to have lunch and then on a walk round a few of the ponds to see some excellent birds. New waders were Black-tailed Godwit and Spotted Redshank, the Greylag Geese numbered over 500; ten Cranes on the ground were joined by over 20 more which 'parachuted' in. Everyone became familiar with Squacco Heron, but two Cattle Egrets were a real bonus for a Hungarian trip, with a herd of Water Buffaloes for interesting company. A couple of well-photographed Bearded Tits were quite expected but a showy, after something of a wait, male Bluethroat was a big bonus.

Our last area to visit was around the village of Nagyiran, from where another park ranger, Dr Gabor Kovacs' took us to the last place he had seen Great Bustards that morning: five gave superb views and another four could be seen distantly. The Bee-eaters, Lesser Grey Shrikes, Whinchats and several Roe Deer around us also drew appropriate attention. Our last stop while Dr Kovacs was delivered back to his house enabled us to view up to half a dozen Red-footed Falcons distantly: an excellent end to the birding day!

Dinner was another tribute to the authentic 'local' meals of great quality we ate here, and after the log a hardy few took in some events at the Olympics. Will they be up for the early morning walk?

Day 4

Friday 10th August

Mainly sunny becoming cloudier. - 27°C

... and an excellent walk it was! A full complement was able to enjoy a total of four Lesser-spotted Woodpeckers and our first Green Woodpecker. A low-level Honey Buzzard was in view for a short time, but at point-blank range. Black Redstarts made their usual presence felt, and were briefly joined on an electric fence by a Tree Pipit. A couple of Hawfinches and skeins of Greylag Geese flew over.

After breakfast two jousting White-tailed Eagles near Morotva bought the coach to a stop, which became quite a long stop encompassing 46 Cranes, a Saker Falcon, two Honey Buzzards just overhead, 5 Spotted Redshanks and a variety of other waders. We then drove down the side of Lake Tisza, which produced Night and Purple Herons, a couple of Cuckoos, but, while the habitat was pleasant little more of birding excitement.

We then stopped at several places in Saker Country, but the only large falcon was surely a Peregrine and two very distant Imperial Eagles were little compensation. We took lunch in this area and of course always found plenty of interest apart from the main target. We tried other areas a few kilometres distant but with no greater success. However while driving through the village of Uylcintalva a woodpecker was seen which proved to be Syrian - superb views certainly lifted the spirits. Our final two stops were at different points around Fenyes Fish Pond, where we at last caught up with Pygmy Cormorant and Ferruginous Ducks, while four White-tailed Eagles stood about.

Fishponds were an appropriate thought ahead of dinner – not a drip remained out of the 17 bowls of Catfish soup, while fried Zander was a massive hit. On the food score the group will be sad to leave tomorrow, as well as for other reasons...

Day 5

Saturday 11th August

24°C - mainly sunny, some cloud, light rain late on

The highlights of our pre-breakfast walk were our best views yet of Golden Orioles and a juvenile Cuckoo. After loading up the trailer with our luggage – today was transfer day – we revisited some areas close to Tiszacsege and were well rewarded. Firstly a Saker co-operatively sat on a pylon while Lesser Fiery Copper butterflies dazzled with their brilliant orange.

A little further on in the Darassa area one of the local Long-legged Buzzards proved just as obliging, rising from the ground and slowly circling. We also gave the pond at Morotva another go and 17 Black Storks, an exceptional number for Hungary, rose up with a few Egrets, Herons and White Storks. The Spotted Redshank count had risen to 10, but otherwise the waders were similar.

We then stopped at the canal at Borsodivanka where Banded Demoiselle was the main target. Good numbers were present as well as other species. Silver-spotted Skipper and Chestnut Heath were a couple of the new butterfly species noted, with a backcloth of many Bee-eaters.

Our lunch stop was on a rustic, tree-lined football pitch on the edge of Egerlovo. A Honey Buzzard made a very low pass and Marbled Skipper was the best of the butterflies. As we moved nearer Noszvaj, where our second hotel is, we briefly visited a couple of potentially good spots. At the first some Dryad butterflies were rapidly dispersed by the first drops of rain, and for an hour or so that curtailed activities apart from checking into 'The Nomad'. Individuals taking later strolls got a flavour of tomorrow with Hawfinch and Serin. The dinner was a spectacle with main courses, yes courses, of duck, pork and spectacular sausage!

Day 6

Sunday 12th August

Max 24°C - Cloudy, gradually becoming bright and sunny

An overcast sky greeted the whole group for our pre-breakfast walk. The effort was very worthwhile with superb views of two Grey-headed Woodpeckers – always a difficult species, and Middle-spotted Woodpecker 15 minutes later in the same tree! Good views of Short-toed Treecreeper were valuable and around 50 Hawfinches flying over really spectacular.

Breakfast was great in both variety and quality – a subject for much comment. We drove only a short distance to our first stop, where the birdlife proved limited with only Yellowhammers a new species, but the butterflies made up for it – Dryads, Great Banded Grayling, Silver-washed and High Brown Fritillaries abounded. Even more astonishing were two moths – a Jersey Tiger and a Red or Rosy Underwing. As was normal, Susan, who speaks Hungarian, engaged in conversation with the local herdsman – in this case a cowherd. Herdsmen, and women, also are keen to seek conversation whenever the opportunity arises as it is a very lonely life. He also shared his rough white wine with us – at 11.30 am!

From there we journeyed to the Hor Valley, where again butterflies took precedence, with Chalk-hill Blue the best newcomer to the list. We drove to the local village to set up our picnic at tables and benches under the plum trees – what a sheer delight and how did we eat all that watermelon? For a change of scenery we visited a roadside lake where a broad muddy margin was a host to many waders, most of which we had seen before, but Green Sandpiper and Dunlin were new, if otherwise familiar in the UK. A couple of Garganey were also picked out and there were probably others among the more distant small duck silhouettes as well as Teal.

Our last two walks, one short and another much longer were back in the Noszvaj areas in an unsuccessful search for Black Woodpecker. However the smell from the kitchens on the return to the 'Nomad' ensured no drop in morale!

Day 7

Monday 13th August

Out early again – and again the full group rose very early. A fairly lengthy walk in the forest failed to hit the main remaining target – Black Woodpecker, but it was a lovely morning and a second Jersey Tiger was encountered – it flew into Colin, but both were undamaged!

The huge breakfast having been taken, we made up packed lunches and returned to the Hor Valley, but this time for a much longer walk. The weather was beautiful. Flyover Honey Buzzard and Raven were enjoyed, but in the forest sections birds were hard to find, and only Treecreeper and Song Thrush (!) were added to the list. Butterflies totally stole the show – in the Fritillary section probably over 200 Silver-washed were joined by Queen of Spain and High Brown; False Grayling liked the rocky, grassy open areas, while the much larger Woodland Grayling lived up to its name. A Lesser Purple Emperor was only seen well by a few before it dashed through the group, but double figures of Common Glider were quite superb. We took lunch in the shade of an old hunting lodge as many of these butterflies flew around. Three more Jersey Tigers were on the wall of the building and for a few minutes were joined by a Map Butterfly.

When we returned to the bus in mid-afternoon, a coffee and ice-cream stop was in order followed by more stops in habitat clearly occupied by Black Woodpeckers – lots of nest holes – but no birds. The early part of the evening provided a wine tasting event at the famous Thummerer winery, then a return to the hotel for a superb dinner, and more wine....or beer.

Day 8

Tuesday 14th August

27°C - Bright and sunny

Yet another early morning walk ... and bingo! Two wonderful Black Woodpeckers to round off the trip in superb style!! We bade a sad farewell to the Hotel Nomad, which was in itself a real highlight and headed for Budapest airport where only four clients and the leader got out! The other ten then went off into Budapest for sightseeing extensions to their Naturetrek holiday...

Very grateful thanks to Gerard and Christian who both did a quite superb job and to the whole group who made the leaders job easy and the whole holiday great fun.

Grateful thanks to Simon who compiled the dragonfly list and to several of the group for making their photos available subsequently to both check IDs and for use on the cover of this report.

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Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

	Common Name	Scientific Name	August							
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		60		✓	✓	1		
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				2				
3	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1	1	1	✓	1	3		
4	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>				7				
5	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		1	4					
6	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>			2					
7	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				3	1			
8	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	2	10	6	5	20+	1		
9	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	3	2		1				
10	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	15		✓
11	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		6	1	3				
12	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1				17			
14	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				2				
15	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		40	500+	142				
16	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			6			20		
18	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>						2		
19	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			1	12		1		
20	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>		1		10				
21	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				10				
22	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		1	2	6				
23	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	1		✓
24	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			1					
25	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1		1	1	1	1	
26	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1						
27	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>					1			
29	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			1	4	2		1	
30	Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>			1					
31	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1				
32	Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>				1	1			
33	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			2					
34	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
35	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>		7	7	2	1			
36	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓	✓	✓				
37	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		2		1				1
38	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			
39	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>			30+	46				
40	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>			9					
41	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		5						
42	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		2		4	5	2		

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43	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
44	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						2		
45	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		12	12	5	1	1		
46	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		10	2	9	15	10		
47	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			12	1	1	1		
48	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		1	20		2			
49	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			1	5	10	6		
50	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		4	8	2	1	4		
51	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		5	3	4	4	10		
52	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		3	1			1		
53	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1	1	2	1	1	5		
54	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
55	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
56	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		4				2		
57	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>		5	1	2				
58	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>		20	2	✓	✓	1		
59	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>							h	
61	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	2	15		4	8	2		
64	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		3	1	2	2			
65	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix auluco</i>		h	h				h	
66	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1	h						
67	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>				4	1			
68	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1					
69	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	4	40	✓	✓	✓	✓		
70	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	1	3	1	6				
71	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>						h		2
72	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>						2		
73	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>				2				1
74	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>				1	1			
75	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		2	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	
76	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>						1	2	h
77	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>			2	4	h		2	
78	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		1						
79	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>					3			
80	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓					
81	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			✓	✓		✓		
82	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				1				
85	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		6+	2	✓		2		
87	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		h	h	h	h		h	

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88	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>			4					
89	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							3	1
90	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		1	12	5		2		
91	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			7					
92	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		2	1					
93	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	2	6	✓	6	6	10	6	
94	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1	3					
95	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		2	1		2	2	3	
96	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>							2	
97	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		2	4	1				
98	Sedge warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		1	1	1				
99	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>					1			
100	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>				1	1			
101	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			3		2	1	2	h
102	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		2	1	2	4	1		
103	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					1	1	h	
104	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		1		1	2	2		
105	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	3	10	4	8	10	4	6	2
106	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		2				1		1
107	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>			2					
108	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					h		h	
109	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		h						
110	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>						h	6	
111	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
112	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		1	2	2	5	✓	✓	✓
114	Common Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>							1	
115	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		1	1			1		
116	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					1		1	
117	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		15	10	5	1			
118	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			2			2	✓	h
120	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
121	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
122	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
123	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓					
124	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					1	2	4	
125	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		5	1	6	10	1		
126	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
127	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		h	1	4	h	✓	✓	
130	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			3		2	✓		
131	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>						4		1
132	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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133	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>			2	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>				4	1	50+	h	40+
135	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		2	6	50				
136	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>						6	3	

Butterflies

Swallowtail, *Papilio machaon*

Large White, *Pieris brassicae*

Green-veined White, *Artogeia napi*

Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow, *Colias erate*

Wood White, *Leptidea sinapis*

Small Copper, *Lycaena phlaeas*

Holly Blue, *Celastrina argiolus*

Silver-studded Blue, *Plebejus argus*

Chalk-hill Blue, *Lysandra corridon*

Lesser Purple Emperor, *Apatura ilia*

White Admiral, *Limenitis camilla*

Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*

Comma Butterfly, *Polygonum c-album*

Silver-washed Fritillary, *Argynnis paphia*

High Brown Fritillary, *Argynnis adippe*

Marbled White, *Melanargia galathea*

Dryad, *Minois dryas*

False Grayling, *Arethusana arethusa*

Meadow Brown, *Maniola jurtina*

Chestnut Heath, *Coenonympha glycerion*

Marbled Skipper, *Carcharodus lavatherae*

Silver-spotted Skipper, *Hesperia comma*

Scarce Swallowtail, *Iphiclides podalirius*

Small White, *Artogeia rapae*

Eastern Bath White, *Pontia edusa*

Clouded Yellow, *Colias crocea*

Large Copper, *Lycaena dispar*

Scarce Copper, *Lycaena vigaureae*

Short-tailed Blue, *Everes argiades*

Idas Blue, *Lycaeides idas*

Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*

Common Glider, *Neptis sappho*

Peacock, *Inachis io*

Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*

Map Butterfly, *Araschina levana*

Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, *Clossiana selene*

Queen of Spain Fritillary, *Issoria lathonia*

Woodland Grayling, *Hipparchia fagi*

Great Banded Grayling, *Kanetisa circe*

Wall Brown, *Lasiommata megera*

Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*

Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeri*

Grizzled Skipper, *Pyrgus malvae*

Large Skipper, *Ochlodes venatus*

Moths

Cream Wave

Garden Carpet

Hummingbird Hawk

Jersey Tiger

Orache Moth

Alchymist

Four Spotted

Dragonflies

Banded Demoiselle, *Calopteryx splendens*

Common Winter Damselfly, *Sympecma fusca*

Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura pumilio*

Migrant Hawker, *Aeshna mixta*

Keeled Skimmer, *Orthetrum coerulescens*

White-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum albistylum*

Scarlet Darter, *Crocothemis erythraea*

Red-veined Darter, *Sympetrum fonscolombei*

Azure Damselfly, *Coenagrion puella*

Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*

Southern Migrant Hawker, *Aeshna affinis*

Emperor Dragonfly, *Anax imperator*

Black-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum cancellatum*

Southern Skimmer, *Orthetrum brunneum*

Black Darter, *Sympetrum danae*

Southern Darter, *Sympetrum meridionale*

Ruddy Darter, *Sympetrum sanguineum*

Common Darter, *Sympetrum striolatum*

Vagrant Darter, *Sympetrum vulgatum*

Mammals

Roe Deer

Red Fox

Weasel

Stoat

Otter

Red Squirrel

Hare

Suslik

Wood Mouse

Bank Vole

Reptiles & Amphibians

Green Lizard

Eastern Green Lizard

Sand Lizard

Grass Snake

Agile Frog

Marsh Frog

Edible Frog

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