

# Hungary's Bats, Mammals & Other Wildlife

Naturetrek Tour Report

5th – 14th September 2025

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Mediterranean Horseshoe Bat



Lesser Mouse-eared Bat



Greater Horseshoe Bat



Forest Dormouse

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## Summary

This trip ranges widely over eastern Slovakia and Hungary with a strong focus on bats. Most days consisted of a visit to a roost site and an evening of mist netting allowing species to be observed in their habitat and examined in the hand. The other wildlife was not prolific but visits to see small terrestrial mammals and wetland birds were included.

This report also describes a worthwhile, optional extension arranged by Naturetrek to visit the historically interesting city of Budapest.

## Day 1

**Friday 5th September**

### London – Budapest - Turňa nad Bodvou

Early, yes. Quiet, better. Speedy, brilliant! At 6 a.m., it is possible to breeze through the Heathrow check-in and passport controls within 15 minutes, catch a quick breakfast and be ready for the flight departure to Budapest. Two and a half hours and a firm landing later, Hungarian immigration was equally expeditious but slow baggage reclaim meant there was a delay before the gang of four met leader Robert in the arrivals foyer.

We packed our baggage into the venerable minibus and set off into the traffic. Roadworks made the initial part of the journey a tedious crawl broken thankfully, by taking a simple lunch at a motorway rest area. Nevertheless, the rest of the afternoon was spent passing across the invisible border with Slovakia and reaching our accommodation, the Penzion Reva in Turňa nad Bodvou, which was to be our home for the next four nights.

The late arrival required a rushed evening meal if we were to be on site for peak bat emergence. Bad luck dogged us when a satnav issue diverted us through a shantytown, and it was well after sunset when we parked at the forest camp. Making our way through the trees, we met local expert Stefan at Drienovská Jaskyňa where he had set up a mist net across the indistinct cave entrance. The ultrasonic detectors brought by one of the group, picked up Soprano Pipistrelle, Common Noctule, Brandt's and Bechstein's Bats but due to our timing, the trapping was less productive. Fortunately, Stefan had already bagged a number of specimens for examination in the hand, most of which we were to be seen in more natural settings in greater numbers later in the tour but the Western Barbastelle was our only encounter with this species. The return walk passed a small lake which allowed us to see Daubenton's Bats skimming the surface and flashing through our torch beams. After a long day, we were happy with our first experience of the bat world and to retire to bed.

## Day 2

## Saturday 6th September

### Hrhov – Muráň

After a sedate breakfast and preparing our packed lunches from the spread of ingredients laid out by Robert, we drove to the nearby village of Silická Jablonica where the keyholder neighbour admitted us to the church. He made a dire plea to avoid pressing a button which would trigger the peal of bells in the tower. To spare the blushes of the miscreant, this story needs no further expansion except to warn future groups not to attempt the climb up the narrow ladder with rucksacks.

From the belfry, a small hatch led to an attic space and a broadening of our bat education with the floor covering of droppings. The roosting site contained mostly Greater and Mediterranean Horseshoe Bats hanging from the rafters and a few fluttering around our heads. To minimise disturbance, we retreated after a few minutes.

The remainder of the morning was occupied by the long drive to Muraň. It gave the opportunity to take note of the commonplace birds of the region – Great White Egret, Hooded Crows and Ravens in the fields, Marsh Harriers drifting past.

We arrived at Obrovsko, a busy family park but our interest lay in the pastures on the opposite side of the road where surprising confiding European Soudliks scurried around within a few feet of the spectators. During the return, we spotted our only Black Stork.

We ate the evening meal early at a restaurant close to the target location, part of the Jasovská cave system which runs deep into the limestone of the Slovak Karst National Park. This jumble of rockfalls, recesses, holes in the roof and interconnected galleries was itself a delight. The air filled with Common Pipistrelle, Daubenton's and Schreiber's Bats emerging from a letter box gap in the steel barrier door that prevents public access to the hinterland beyond. Photography of the netted specimens was difficult but briefly using Brian's small spotlights gave a chance of revealing the details of these feisty beasts.

## Day 3

## Sunday 7th September

### Host'ovce – Hrhov – Rožňava - Kečovo

The hotel lies a short way above a lake and it was decided to take a stroll there before breakfast. Unfortunately, initial sunshine gave way to rising mist so that after logging a Great Cormorant, several Grey Heron and Pochard, we came back for breakfast.

The day then started much as yesterday but as we tried to pull out from the hotel approach road, the minibus developed a clutch problem and needed to be whisked off for repair. The time was not lost, however, as alongside was the meadow we had crossed on the earlier foray. The group split, some going on to the lake to be rewarded with sightings of Common Kingfisher and Grass Snake and the rest inspecting the meadow for insects in the increasingly intense sunshine. Among the Small Whites were seen Common Blues, tatty Silver-Washed Fritillaries, Small and Chestnut Heath.

Robert returned quickly and with a revised schedule, we dropped in to the church at Host'ovce where Lesser Mouse-Eared Bat was a new sighting. Pressing on to woodland near Hrhov, we ate our lunches beside the forestry track and afterwards when walking uphill into the trees, we saw an Eastern Green Lizard on a trunk. The recompense for the effort were two tunnels bored into the hillside and venturing inside to a depth of 275 metres. We saw Greater and Lesser Horseshoe Bats asleep against the walls and ceiling. The return journey included a short detour to Rožňava to see how modern apartment blocks had incorporated bricks for bats and swifts as a conservation measure.

Eating at another local restaurant gave us time to park in Kečovo where the stream running through the village turned up a swimming Water Shrew before we walked beside it out into the forest as dusk fell. Stefan erected the mist nets and over the following hour or so, paddled barefoot across the stream freeing the captured bats. The detector showed that Whiskered, Alcatraz and Brown Long-Eared Bats were in the area, but it was Leisler's Bats and Serotine that were retrieved from the nets.

Back in the village, by good fortune, the skies partially cleared, and we were treated to the spectacle of a total eclipse of the moon. Low against the south-eastern horizon, a sliver of brightness was appearing at the edge of a strawberry-coloured disc as the period of totality was just ending. Robert trained his telescope for an even more striking view until the cloud obscured the phenomenon after a few minutes. En route home, taking a shortcut through Hungary, Robert braked to avoid an Eastern Hedgehog in the road. He lifted the ball of spines with a cute hidden face for us to see before relocating it in a place of safety.

## Day 4

## Monday 8th September

### Drnava – Zádiel – Hrhov lake

Another setback. On this occasion, a fatal accident on a local road blocked Stefan's arrival and our departure was delayed. This was concerning as there was a small window of opportunity to visit the mansion at Drnava due to the owner having other commitments. This grand house is undergoing extensive restoration, and we made our way past the work into the attic. The wooden roof beams were alive with horseshoe bats seen largely at a distance. We retreated and travelled further into the wooded valley at Zádiel. Here we found in the clearing a milk tanker with a punctured tyre and a vacant holiday chalet. We had come to visit the latter, but it was the former that had priority with the owner. In the interim, we looked around the forest edge finding the autumn form of Map butterfly, Hummingbird Hawkmoth, Minstrel Bugs and the exquisite, metallic Mint and Dead-Nettle Leaf Beetles. After checking there was nothing of interest behind the shutters, we clambered into the loft to see the Geoffroy's Bats. By now, the morning sunshine had turned to threatening cloud and eventually, heavy rain. We used the time to eat our prepared lunches and start to complete the species checklist. The trip to see the landscape of the lower gorge had to be cancelled and we returned to the hotel for some free time during the early afternoon. Perversely, by 4 p.m., it was sunny again and we made the short journey to another local lake where there was an elevated observation platform. The birds on the marshy margins were remote but recognisable as White Wagtail, and Common Snipe in addition to the everyday water birds and a few hedgerow birds heard calling behind us. The highlight was a pair of White-tailed Eagles landing and pecking at a carcass at the water's edge.

## Day 5

Tuesday 9th September

### Bánhorváti – Bélapátfalva – Eger – Felsőtárkány - Noszvaj

This day was the transfer day and a return to Hungary. Although a considerable time sitting in the minibus, the journey had breaks at a church in Bánhorváti to meet our next guide Peter and see Greater and Lesser Mouse-Eared Bats amidst the packed roof timbers and beside a lake at Bélapátfalva for lunch. We could stretch our legs at Felsőtárkány taking a turn around a lake in the park where we hoped to see Wall Lizard or Dice Snake. Instead, we saw European Pond Terrapin and a crayfish netted by students who asked for Robert's expert identification. At another stop in Eger, we sought in vain for bats under the fly-over of a main road.

At our new billet in Noszvaj, the “evening” meal was served in late afternoon, and the main course comprised three platters of food. It enabled us to leave in time for the long drive to the cave at Bükkszentlászló where the walk went along the road and up a tricky final stretch of path to the entrance with loose stones beside a steep drop. Appearing from the bowels of the underworld, bats would sporadically whizz past our heads and could be seen against the failing light in the sky. We tried to illuminate the scene at a low level, but all attempts seemed to deter the bats from emerging, and it was becoming ever more difficult to see clearly. Combined with the trepidation of the return descent, most of the party beat a retreat before it became fully dark but, in the event, only a few minutes later there was a mass efflux of a swarm of Schreiber's Bats.

## Day 6

Wednesday 10th September

### Cserépfalu – Mezőkövesd – Miskolc

The hotel at Noszvaj is set in a garden which is largely open but contains a variety of trees and is surrounded by woodland with inset cottages and accommodation pods. This was suitable for another birdwatching outing before breakfast. Sightings were scarce - only a tail-end view of a Black Woodpecker was notable - but a several other woodpeckers were heard (for instance, Green, Syrian, Great and Lesser Spotted).

The first destination of our day in the Bükk Hills National Park was Cserépfalu in the Hór valley. At our rendez-vous with Peter, his pick-up truck ominously had a ladder sticking out from the rear. Our goal was a further 1km up a rough track into the forest and having heavier kit, Brian hitched a ride while the others chose to walk part of the way and enjoy the wayside wildlife. The disused forestry office had a loft space accessible through a shuttered gable entrance and via the ladder, through this we clambered. Many Mediterranean Bats were slumbering beneath the tiles and cautiously approachable.

Two short visits followed. The first involved dipping down under an old stone bridge where an individual bat effectively vanished by retreating into a crack. A quick sidestep in the minibus brought us to Klementina farmstead at Mezőkövesd where a Saker Falcon was observable as a small feature in the telescope and a female Red-backed Shrike perched in the adjacent garden. This preceded a return to the hotel that signalled a change of format. On other days at Noszvaj, we prepared lunch from the breakfast buffet but today, we ate our midday meal at the hotel and our chosen packed sustenance was kept in the room fridges to be taken as our evening repast on our departure at 3 p.m.

In the afternoon, the vehicles travelled in convoy to the higher parts of the park. Peter stopped abruptly and when we dismounted, he pointed out the footprint of a wolf in the mud. The intention was to stroll down the heathland track looking for Ural Owls that are known to frequent these wilder parts, but they were not in evidence though a Common Cuckoo did fly around us in the trees.

The outing continued to the Szepesi cave formation near Miskolc. Our focus was a rock cairn with a letter box exit and Peter set up mist nets a short distance away so as not to be overwhelmed. As it was, few bats emerged but with Peter's tuition, we were able to look for the diagnostic markings of Geoffroy's Bats in the hand and as a finale, we discovered a Natterer's Bat.

## Day 7

## Thursday 11th September

### Poroszló - Tiszafüred - Balmazújváros

With the bat-watching over, the tour shifted towards birdwatching with a visit to the Hortobágy plain. Passing through Poroszló, Robert spotted a Long-Eared Owl roosting in a roadside tree. We parked quickly and set about trying to find a clear line of sight for our photographs and attracting much attention and interest from the villagers who had been oblivious to the bird's presence.

The boat trip from Tiszafüred took us through the channels of the reservoir and wetlands that connect to the Tisza river. Soon, the reeds and overhanging branches caused our boatman to lower the canopies – just as it started to rain! Around the lake, it was possible to compare the sizes of Pygmy and Great Cormorants, see a Purple Heron fishing and distinguish Caspian Gulls. Common and Whiskered Terns were distant and perhaps in the poor light, the mass migration of Barn Swallows was the most memorable.

The protected area is so vast that there were plenty of other options. The town of Balmazújváros was another site for owls but unsuccessful on this occasion. A car park served as a look-out point over the fields where a veritable flock of Red-footed Falcons wheeled overhead. They perched on a distant tree alongside a Common Kestrel and enabled the difference to be easily seen through the telescope. A tower platform overlooked a wetland channel which revealed a group of Eurasian Spoonbill and hundreds of Greylag Geese. A late trip to some fishponds was the surprise of the day with Pied Avocet, Northern Lapwing, Common Redshank, Eurasian Curlew, Wigeon and Teal on display. A Cattle Egret stood atop a Water Buffalo and a Squacco Heron raised itself nearby.

Darkness had fallen by the time we returned to the hotel but there was no time to rest (or change clothes). Dropping off our equipment, we left for the five-minute drive to the Thumnerer vineyard and our conducted tour. Our hostess led us into the caverns with seemingly endless racks of barrels and stainless-steel processing plant. She explained the history and provenance of the enterprise and returned us to the dining hall where our meal awaited. The three courses were accompanied by a tasting sample of five wines – a cheese amuse-bouche with rosé and crisp white, more mature white and red with the pork and turkey casseroles and finally, a dessert wine with the plum rolls – all aimed at those with a palate for drier flavours.

## Day 8

## Friday 12th September

### Tard – Budapest

The last day of the normal tour was still able to squeeze in one last experience. The village of Tard lies close to the hotel and here, an enthusiast had grounds bedecked with bird boxes that doubled as shelters for small mammals. Although billed as his garden, this was a bushbashing trek of several hundred metres up a fair incline and did not impress those expecting something more genteel and dressed for travel. It did not disappoint, however. Some boxes were empty, but it was not long before a Forest Dormouse jumped out and ran around our feet, quickly followed by a second. Another box contained an Edible Dormouse but soon, further searching had to be curtailed by the need to depart for the airport some 90 minutes distant.

Hands were shaken, farewells were spoken, and expressions of thanks were directed at Robert for a varied and special trip. Half the group went into the departure hall and happily winged their way back to London. The remainder were driven by Robert into central Budapest for the optional freelance extension recommended by Naturetrek. More hands were shaken etc. and Robert could relax after a job well done.

The hotel chosen, albeit in room 101, was ideally located being below Buda Castle hill, on the banks of the Danube and convenient for the ancient chain bridge into the flat Pest precincts. The city is well worth a visit to sample its charms over a full afternoon and subsequent day. After check-in, we set off up the stairs of the considerable escarpment to the old city. Here, the extensive battlements now provide superb vantage points for viewing the city and surrounding the central square are the impressive Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion buildings. These are obvious tourist hotspots, but it is possible to wander quiet backstreets with houses in Wedgwood shades and discover lesser-known buildings such as the Buda Tower, the National Archives and Jewish Chapel. The Royal Palace was closed by a wine festival, and its approach is subject to massive reconstruction works. We partook of a customarily early evening meal, returned to the hotel and went back up the hill, this time carrying tripods. The building are just as picturesque when floodlit.

## Day 9

## Saturday 13th September

### Budapest

Exploration of the eastern side of the capital has a different character. There are still massive landmark buildings e.g. St Stephen's Basilica and the Opera House but there are also museums and galleries that can be found in odd corners especially among the grand houses of the main boulevard Andrássy Ut. There are statues in profusion. There is greenery in the City Park with its Vajdahunyad Castle folly and on Margaret Island. Above all is the iconic Parliament building. A walking tour around the sites is tiring but very rewarding.

## Day 10

## Sunday 14th September

### Budapest - London

After two sunny days, the weather changed, and the rain presaged an unhurried morning. Working backwards from our flight at 2:15 p.m., the time allowance for checking in and the 35 minute drive to the airport meant that we

should have plenty of time with the taxi booked by Naturetrek arriving at 11 a.m. It was punctual and our farewell to Budapest and Hungary was relaxed, yes. Varied wildlife, better. The experience, brilliant!

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## Species lists

### Mammals

Common name	Scientific name	September 2025							
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Eastern Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus roumanicus</i>			✓					
Eurasian Water Shrew	<i>Neomys fodiens</i>			✓					
Lesser Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>	✓							
Greater Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Mediterranean Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus euryale</i>	H	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Daubenton's Bat	<i>Myotis daubentonii</i>	✓	✓				✓		
Brandt's Bat	<i>Myotis brandtii</i>	H							
Whiskered Bat	<i>Myotis mystacinus</i>			H					
Alcathoe Whiskered Bat	<i>Myotis alcathoe</i>			H					
Geoffroy's Bat	<i>Myotis emarginatus</i>		✓		✓		✓		
Natterer's Bat	<i>Myotis nattereri</i>						✓		
Bechstein's Bat	<i>Myotis bechsteinii</i>	H							
Greater Mouse-Eared Bat	<i>Myotis myotis</i>					✓			
Lesser Mouse-Eared Bat	<i>Myotis blythii</i>			✓		✓			
Common Noctule	<i>Nyctalus noctula</i>	H							
Leisler's Bat	<i>Nyctalus leisleri</i>	H		✓					
Serotine	<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>			✓					
Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>		✓						
Soprano Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pymaeus</i>	H							
Brown Long-Eared Bat	<i>Plecotus auritus</i>			H					
Western Barbastelle	<i>Barbastella barbastellus</i>	✓							
Schreiber's Bat	<i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i>		✓			✓			
European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>			✓					
European Souslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>		✓						
Forest Dormouse	<i>Dryomys nitedula</i>								✓
Edible Dormouse	<i>Glis glis</i>			✓					✓
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			✓			✓	✓	
Wild Boar	<i>Helianthus strophianus</i>						✓		
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	

### Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	September 2025							
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>							✓	
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>				✓			✓	
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>							✓	
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>							✓	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>							✓	
Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>							✓	
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>						✓		
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>							H	
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>						✓	✓	
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>						✓	✓	
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓			✓			✓	

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		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				✓	✓		✓	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>							✓	
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							✓	
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>							✓	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				✓			✓	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>							✓	
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>							✓	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>							✓	
Black-Headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>							✓	
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</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>			✓	✓			✓	
Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>							✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>							✓	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>							✓	
Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>							✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>							✓	
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>			✓		✓			
Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>						✓	✓	✓
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>							✓	✓
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
White-Tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>			✓	✓				
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			✓				✓	
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>		H				✓		
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>			H			H		
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>							H	
Great-Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			✓			H		
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>						✓		
Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			✓			✓	✓	H
Grey-Headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>						✓		H
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Red-Footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>							✓	
Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>								✓
Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>						✓		
Red-Backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			✓	✓		✓		
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓			✓		
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>							✓	
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓						✓	
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>						H		
Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>			H					
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>						✓		
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓	✓		✓		

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		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>							✓	
Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>							✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓				✓	
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Long-Tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>						H		
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				✓		✓		
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>						H		
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>			✓					
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>						✓		
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>				H		✓		
Short-Toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>						H		
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			✓			✓		
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			✓					
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓			✓		
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓					
Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>			✓				✓	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			H			✓		
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>						✓		
Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>						✓		
Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>						✓		
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			✓					

## Reptiles &amp; amphibians

Common name	Scientific name	September 2025							
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>			✓					
Eastern Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>			✓					
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>					✓			

## Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	September 2025							
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			✓					
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			✓					
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>			✓					
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓		✓	✓		
Peacock	<i>Inarchis io</i>			✓					
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Silver-Washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Glossiana dia</i>		✓	✓					
Grayling	<i>Hipparchia semele</i>			✓					
Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi</i>			✓					
Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisa circe</i>					✓			
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			✓		✓			

		September 2025							
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Chestnut Heath	<i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>			✓					
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeri</i>			✓					
Map	<i>Araschnia levana</i>				✓				
Wall	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>								✓

## Other insects

		September 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
White-legged Damselfly	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>					✓			
Blue-Tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>							✓	
Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>		✓			✓			
Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>						✓		
Seven-Spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>			✓					
Minstrel Bug	<i>Graphosoma italicum</i>			✓	✓		✓		
Silver Y	<i>Syngrapha interrogationis</i>			✓					
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>			✓	✓		✓		
Nursery Web Spider	<i>Pisaura mirabilis</i>					✓			
Garden Spider	<i>Araneus diadematus</i>					✓			
Dead-Nettle Leaf Beetle	<i>Chrysolina fastuosa</i>					✓			
Mint Leaf Beetle	<i>Chrysolina herbacea</i>					✓			
Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>			✓					
Spotted Firebug	<i>Corizus hyoscyami</i>				✓				
Woundwort Shieldbug	<i>Eysacoris venustissimus</i>						✓		
Southern Green Shieldbug	<i>Nezara viridula</i>						✓		
Rose Chafer	<i>Cetonia aurata</i>						✓		