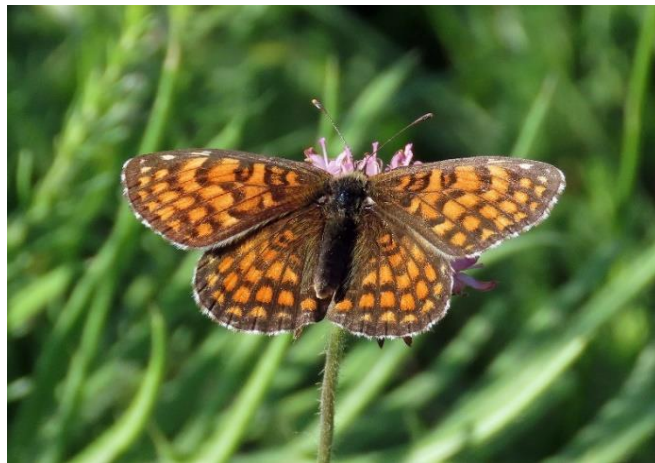


The Butterflies & Birds of North Macedonia

Naturetrek Tour Report

15th – 23rd June 2022



Southern White Admiral, Black-veined White, Heath Fritillary and Red-veined Darter

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Introduction

This was an excellent tour with a lovely group of people. Our guides, Dime and Mirjan, were very enthusiastic and knowledgeable and worked hard to ensure that we saw as many species as possible. They were also great fun and Dime ordered delicious meals for us at the hotels and restaurants giving us the opportunity to enjoy the local cuisine.

We saw a wide variety of wildlife including 106 butterfly species, 127 bird species, 22 dragonfly and damselfly species, several other insects, some nice flora, reptiles, amphibians and two mammals.

North Macedonia has some beautiful scenery, a wealth of wonderful wildlife, some interesting historic sites and great weather. A visit there is highly recommended.

Day 1

Wednesday 15th June

Arrival in Skopje

Our flight was unfortunately delayed by four hours so we landed in Skopje at around 5.00am local time. We met up with Dime and Mirjan in the arrivals hall and then drove a short distance to our overnight hotel in Veles where we were able to shower and freshen up before a tasty breakfast overlooking Lake Mladost.

Day 2

Thursday 16th June

Lake Mladost, Pletvar Pass and Bitola (Trnovo)

After breakfast we loaded our bags back into the two comfortable minibuses and set off for a walk along a track behind the hotel. It was a hot, sunny morning with plenty of butterflies to be seen, starting with Great Banded Grayling and Common Blue in the hotel car park. As we walked along the track we also saw Marbled Fritillary and three Scarce Swallowtails “puddling” in a damp area next to a puddle together with a Crested Lark which was having a drink. Further along the track we came across a stunning Broad Scarlet Darter and had good views of a Cuckoo sitting on a bare branch. Eventually we turned back towards the hotel and found a Spur-thighed or Greek Tortoise close to the path.

We then started the relatively short journey to our next hotel, stopping at the limestone massif Pletvar Pass on the way. Here we were hoping to see Macedonia’s only endemic butterfly, the Macedonian Grayling. Dime climbed the slopes to search for it but was unable to find one. However, there were many other butterflies including Delattin’s Grayling, Cardinal, Spotted Fritillary and Small Blue. Among the plants were Biting Stonecrop, Star of Bethlehem and a beautiful Bug Orchid. After an hour or so we continued the drive to our hotel in the lovely, peaceful village of Trnovo near Bitola. Most of us had a snooze on the way as we hadn’t been to bed the previous night!

After checking in we were served an enormous and very tasty lunch after which Dime suggested we all went to bed for a couple of hours. However, we all opted to go for a walk around the village with him instead, which illustrates

what an enthusiastic group we were. We walked uphill to the church which had lots of red and black Fire Bugs running around the entrance. A little further on, an adult White Stork was sitting on a nest with a chick on top of a lamp post. The underside of the nest was full of House Sparrows and there were Tree Sparrows in the trees nearby too. The walk continued through a field with Queen of Spain Fritillary, Purple-shot Copper, Clouded Yellow, Silver-studded Blue and Sloe Hairstreak butterflies. There were also Green Forester and Six-spot Burnet moths and a couple of very attractive beetles, Rose Chafer and Mediterranean Spotted Chafer. On the way back we passed a concrete water channel with a Common Wall Lizard basking on the side.

We had a light evening meal and then all retired to bed early having had a fantastic first day with our butterfly total already over forty. The goal of course was to see a hundred butterfly species.

Day 3

Friday 17th June

Galicica National Park (West Side)

We had breakfast at 8.00am and departed at 9.00am towards the Galicica National Park, reaching it from the western side which faces Lake Ohrid and Albania and offers amazing views. After a brief comfort stop we entered the National Park and drove upwards to the Korita Fountain Spring picnic site. There were several wet areas around the picnic tables which were full of Dingy and Grizzled Skippers and numerous blues including Amanda's Blue, Adonis Blue and Green-underside Blue. A stunning Southern White Admiral was basking near the spring which enabled us to take some good photos. There was also a Knapweed Fritillary and both European Field Cricket and Great Green Bush Cricket.

We continued to drive higher until we reached the Lake Ohrid viewpoint. It was a lot cooler at this height and starting to cloud over so there weren't many butterflies but we did find a pair of mating Ilex hairstreaks. There were Skylarks, Woodlarks, Tawny Pipit and a Northern Wheatear who posed obligingly on a rock for photos. The views of the lake were wonderful.

After this, we drove back down to the town of Ohrid. We stopped by the lake, which is one of the oldest lakes in the World, and while Dime and Mirjan parked the vans some of the group went down to the lakeside where there were several Dice Snakes swimming around and a few Pygmy Cormorants. We had a very nice lunch in a restaurant and in the afternoon we walked into Ohrid, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We walked around the historic centre admiring the architecture, visiting a church with beautiful frescoes inside and a Roman amphitheatre. As the clouds were becoming increasingly black we hurried back to the minibuses and drove back to the hotel in the rain. This was the only day it rained on the tour.

Day 4

Saturday 18th June

Lake Prespa - Galicica National Park (East side) – Ezerani Wetland

I was awoken this morning with the melodious sound of a Nightingale singing outside my window and when I looked out I could see a family of Jays in the tree very close to my room. Again breakfast was at 8:00am and we left the hotel at 9:00am. Several members of the group, as on the previous day, had already been for a morning walk around the village. We drove for around 45 min to the shores of Lake Prespa where we stopped to look for pelicans. We saw a few Great White Pelicans and some distant Dalmatian Pelicans. We drove a little further to another area where we could walk down to the shore and had good views of two Turtle Doves, a Balkan Wall Lizard and some Red-veined Darters.

We continued on and into the eastern side of Galicica National Park. Our first stop was in an area of Macedonian Oak woodland where we found some Balkan Lizard Orchids, Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper and a Spotted Longhorn Beetle. We then had a longer stop higher up in a large meadow area at the edge of a Beech forest where we found lots of new species. Amongst the butterflies were Woodland Ringlet, Russian Heath, Clouded Apollo, Marsh Fritillary, Glanville Fritillary and Mazzarine Blue. There were two Green Toads and a very bright Green Lizard. Under the trees there were a few White Helleborines and lower down a Yellowhammer was perched at the top of a small tree.

Our lunch stop was at a picnic site with benches high above Lake Prespa where we had amazing views and could see three countries, North Macedonia, Greece and Albania. Again there were numerous blues on the ground including an anomalous Holly Blue with a large area of black on the upper side of one of its wings.

In the afternoon we drove round to another area of Lake Prespa and stopped at the Ezerani Wetland. Our first sight on exiting the minibuses was a Hoopoe sitting in a nearby tree. There was a Brown Hare at the edge of the parking area, one of only two mammals seen on the tour. A White Stork flew over us and we had excellent views of both male and female Red-veined Darters perching.

As Mirjan was desperate for us to get closer views of Dalmatian Pelicans we drove further along the lake until we reached a large sandy beach where we were able to get close to the water and through telescopes we could see them clearly. A good end to another successful day.

Day 5

Sunday 19th June

Pelister National Park

A Cirl Bunting and Red-backed Shrike were sitting on some wires just outside the hotel this morning before breakfast. A Red Squirrel had been seen briefly here yesterday by a couple of members of the group so I was hoping to see it too but unfortunately it never appeared again. After breakfast three off-road vehicles were waiting for us with two rangers, ready to take us into Pelister National Park. The track up into the mountains was very rocky so we had several stops on the way up.

Our first stop was at a lovely meadow where butterflies were numerous and included Duke of Burgundy, Pearly Heath, Black-veined White, Pearl-bordered Fritillary and Yellow-banded Skipper. Other insects were plentiful too such as the bright yellow and black Owl Fly. Amongst all the flowers we found a Tassel Hyacinth with its striking, purple flower head.

We continued our upward journey to our next stop by some derelict buildings. The rangers served us with hot drinks and biscuits which we enjoyed whilst looking down at the coniferous forest which included the endemic Macedonian Pine. It was too cold for butterflies but a flock of Linnets and a Grey Wagtail were perching in the trees and on a large rock below us. The flora here included Wood Cranesbill, bright red Geum and Clustered Bellflower.

As we drove higher we had excellent views of a Whinchat sat on top of a pine tree, level with the vehicle. A little further on we stopped briefly to photograph some gorgeous Elder-flowered Orchids, some cream and some pink. The next, longer stop was near the first of two glacial lakes which are known as "The Eyes of Pelister". We had

now reached a height of 2180m. There were numerous Pelister Crocus still in flower by the lake and some vivid blue Forget-me-nots.

We were aiming to get to a mountain hut near the second glacial lake but the track was blocked by snow preventing us from travelling any further so we stopped for our picnic lunch in an open area with piles of rocks which acted as seats. The rangers had brought salad and some delicious local sheep's cheese to supplement our packed lunch. They also brought bottles of local spirit or raki which we consumed eagerly. It certainly helped to make us more relaxed for the bumpy journey back down the mountain! The views were spectacular and after lunch we found an Oak Eggar moth and a Common or Viviparous Lizard.

We had a couple of short stops on the way down and our final stop was at a very overgrown meadow full of Common Spotted Orchids and as it was now hot and sunny again due to the much lower elevation there were plenty more butterflies and other insects to see, such as Heath Fritillary, Silver-studded Blue and a Brassy Longhorn moth.

Day 6

Monday 20th June

Demir Kapija

Today was the final opportunity for an early morning walk around Trnovo and it didn't disappoint. There were several Marbled Fritillaries warming up on some sunlit leaves and a pair of Middle Spotted Woodpeckers chasing each other around the trees in the churchyard. We were able to get some good photos when they stopped briefly on a tree trunk. After breakfast we packed our luggage into the minibuses and set off on our transfer to Demir Kapija.

The first stop was another visit to the Pletvar Pass in search of the Macedonian Grayling and this time our luck was in, Dime quickly found one and caught it so that we could all study it closely. There was a Corn Bunting singing on a wire and other butterflies seen were Great Sooty Satyr, Greenish Black Tip and an Orbed Red Underwing Skipper. There were some nice Pyramidal Orchids and a pair of Scarce Emerald Damselflies.

The journey continued to Belovdica where we stopped for our picnic lunch. There was a very muddy, damp track with hundreds of butterflies, many different blues, Wood Whites, Grayling and a Nettle Tree butterfly. In the meadow next to the track a large Cicada was resting next to the skin it had just emerged from, providing a good photo opportunity. Walking further down the track was a stream and some Silver-washed Fritillaries in a tree.

After lunch we drove to the village of Marania where there is a Lesser Kestrel nesting site and we spent some time observing them flying around us before completing the transfer to our next hotel, situated in the middle of the Popova Kula Vineyards, a fantastic location on a hill overlooking the River Vardar.

After checking into our rooms we met again for a stroll through the vineyard in search of the beautiful Black-headed Bunting which we soon found along with Bee Eaters and a Woodchat Shrike. There was also a huge Bronze Glandular Bush Cricket on the path. The resident Little Owl was sitting on the hotel roof. Our evening meal was a delicious vegetarian meze with numerous dishes and some of us tried the excellent wine which is produced here.

Day 7

Tuesday 21st June

Vitolishte Plateau, Dolna Bochava

A few of us went for an early morning walk and were rewarded with close up views of a Honey Buzzard which

landed in a tree just in front of us. On the way back there was a nice Wall butterfly on the path and a Golden Oriole singing close to the hotel.

After breakfast we drove to the Vitolishte Plateau, picking up local guide Emil who has been working on the protection of vultures and Imperial Eagle in North Macedonia. On arrival we soon had excellent views of both Griffon and Egyptian Vultures. Having spent some time watching them we walked down a track towards a feeding station for the vultures and added a couple more butterflies to our growing list, a Sooty Copper and a Purple Hairstreak.

The next stop was at Dolna Bochava where there was a meadow, river and a large rockface with an Egyptian Vulture sitting high up. We spent a while by the river watching Beautiful Demoiselles and Small Pincertails and Dime found a Map butterfly on the bank of the river.

Lunch today was in a restaurant next to a large pond full of noisy Marsh Frogs and with lots of dragonflies and damselflies including Broad-bodied Chasers. The lunch was excellent and as it was so hot Dime suggested that we try a refreshing local drink called Bunar which is like a white sangria and was very pleasant to drink.

Day 8

Wednesday 22th June

Klisura Gorge, Cacti Garden, River Bochava

Today we drove to the Klisura Gorge and stopped by some high cliffs next to the river. A Hermann's Tortoise was next to the road and a pair of Egyptian Vultures were flying around. There were nesting House Martins and Crag Martins on the cliffs. By the river, White-Tailed Skimmer, White-legged Damselfly and a Balkan Goldenring Dragonfly were resting on the vegetation allowing us to get some close up photos.

Next we drove to an area which was formerly a cacti garden and here we found the tiny, stripy, Little Tiger Blue and Balkan Marbled White. There was a pool of water under some trees with Yellow-bellied Toads swimming in it.

We made another stop by the River Bochava where there were Banded Demoiselles and a pair of Odalisque and then returned to our hotel for a siesta as it was very hot, 36°C.

After a nice rest we drove a short distance to an area where we had some good views of Eastern Imperial Eagle. In the evening after dinner we found a Kotschy's Gecko on the hotel wall.

Day 9

Thursday 23rd June

Stobi Roman Ruins, River Babuna

Today we checked out of our lovely hotel and headed back to Skopje Airport for our early evening flight. As we had most of the day to make the trip we stopped at Stobi for a guided tour of the Roman Archeological site which is extensive and has some nice mosaics. A striking Black-eared Wheatear posed obligingly for us and a Goshawk flew overhead.

This was followed by a short stop where we saw Rollers flying overhead and our final new butterfly, The Hermit, taking the trip total to an incredible 106 butterfly species. We had a lovely lunch in a hotel and then one last stop,

very close to the airport, at the River Babuna where we stood on a bridge looking down at a Little Egret and a Lesser Purple Emperor. A great finish to a very enjoyable and memorable tour.

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Species Lists

Butterflies

			June							
	Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Ipichlides podalirius</i>	X	X			X	X	X	
2	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>			X					
3	Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>			X					
4	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	X	X		X				
5	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	X				X	X		
6	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	X					X		
7	Orbed Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia orbifer</i>						X		
8	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>	X						X	
9	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		X		X				
10	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>	X	X		X	X			
11	Yellow-banded Skipper	<i>Pyrgus sidae</i>			X	X				
12	Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>		X	X			X		
13	Sandy Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus cinarae</i>					X			
14	Eastern Wood White	<i>Leptidea duponcheli</i>					X			
15	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapsis</i>					X			
16	Common Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	X							
17	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>			X		X			
18	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
19	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>		X	X	X		X		
20	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>	X		X		X	X	X	
21	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	X							
22	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	X	X			X	X	X	
23	Southern Small White	<i>Pieris mannii</i>	X				X			
24	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>			X					
25	Balkan Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia balcana</i>	X							
26	Eastern Greenish Black-tip	<i>Euchloe penia</i>	X				X			
27	Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			X					
28	Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>				X				
29	Purple-shot Cooper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>	X							
30	Lesser Fiery Copper	<i>Lycaena thersamon</i>						X		
31	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	X		X		X			
32	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>						X		
33	Purple Hairstreak	<i>Favonius quercus</i>						X		
34	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>			X					
35	Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Saturnia ilcis</i>		X		X		X		
36	White-letter Hairstreak	<i>Saturnia w-album</i>							X	
37	Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Saturnia accaciae</i>	X	X			X	X		
38	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>						X		
39	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	X		X		X		X	

40	Little Tiger Blue	<i>Tarucus balkanicus</i>							X	
41	Large Blue	<i>Phengaris arion</i>					X			
42	Eastern Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophiotes vicrama</i>	X				X			
43	Chequered Blue	<i>Scolitantides orion</i>				X	X			
44	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glauopsyche alexis</i>		X						
45	Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>					X			
46	Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	X	X	X		X			
47	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>	X		X		X			
48	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>				X	X			
49	Geranium Argus	<i>Eumedonia eumedon</i>			X					
50	Zephyr blue	<i>Kretania pylaon</i>		X	X		X			
51	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>	X	X	X		X			
52	Blue Argus	<i>Aricia anteros</i>	X		X					
53	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	X				X			
54	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>					X			
55	Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri</i>			X					
56	Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>						X		
57	Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>		X	X		X			
58	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>		X	X		X			
59	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	X	X	X		X	X		
60	Anomalous Blue	<i>Polyommatus admetus</i>					X			
61	Lesser Purple Emperor	<i>Apartura ilia</i>					X			X
62	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>	X	X			X	X	X	
63	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>	X	X	X		X	X		
64	Twin-spot Fritillary	<i>Brenthis hecate</i>	X					X		
65	Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>	X		X	X		X		
66	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>						X	X	
67	Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>	X				X			
68	Niobe Fritillary	<i>Fabriciana niobe</i>	X							
69	High Brown Fritillary	<i>Fabriciana adippe</i>			X					
70	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>			X					
71	Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Boloria dia</i>						X		
72	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X	
73	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					X	X		
74	Peacock Butterfly	<i>Aglais io</i>	X					X		
75	Small TortoiseShell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	X							
76	Southern Comma	<i>Polygonia egea</i>	X							
77	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>		X		X	X			
78	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>					X			
79	Map	<i>Araschnia levana</i>						X		
80	Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>			X					
81	Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>		X						
82	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X		
83	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>	X							

84	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>			X	X				
85	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>	X			X	X			
86	Nickerl's Fritillary	<i>Melitaea aurelia</i>		X						
87	Nettle-tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea celtis</i>					X			
88	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	X	X	X	X		X		
89	Russian Heath	<i>Coenonympha leander</i>		X	X	X				
90	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>			X	X				
91	Lattice Brown	<i>Kirinia roxelana</i>					X	X		
92	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			X	X				
93	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		X					X	
94	Northern Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata petroporitana</i>			X	X				
95	Balkan Marble White	<i>Melanargia larissa</i>	X				X	X	X	
96	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>					X			
97	Freyer's Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fatua</i>					X			
98	Balkan Grayling	<i>Hipparchia senthes</i>					X			
99	Delattin's Grayling	<i>Hipparchia volgensis</i>	X							
100	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>	X				X		X	
101	Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferula</i>					X			
102	The Hermit	<i>Chazara briseis</i>								X
103	Macedonian Grayling - E	<i>Pseudochazara cingovskii</i>						X		
104	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
105	Bright-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia oeme</i>				X				
106	Woodland Ringlet	<i>Erebia medusa</i>		X	X	X				

Birds

			June							
	Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		X	X					
2	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	X	X						
3	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>				X				
4	Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>				X				
5	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	X							
6	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		X	X				X	
7	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		X		X	X	X	X	
8	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		X	X	X	X			
9	Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	X		X		X	X	X	
10	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	X							
11	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
12	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
13	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	X	X		X	X	X	X	
14	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			X					

15	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	X		X					
16	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>			X					
17	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		X	X					
18	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		X	X					
19	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	X							
20	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	X		X	X	X	X		
21	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>		X	X					
22	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	X		X				X	
23	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>							X	
24	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	X				X			
25	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		X						
26	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		X					X	
27	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	X	X						
28	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		X						
29	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>		X						
30	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>					X	X	X	
31	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					X	X		
32	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>					X	X		
33	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>						X	X	
34	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>							X	
35	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		X						
36	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>								X
37	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			X					
38	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			X	X				
39	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	X		X	X			X	
40	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>					X	X	X	
41	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	X	X						
42	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			X	X	X	X	X	
43	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>								X
44	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	X		X		X	X	X	
45	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	X		X	X		X		
46	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus medius</i>				X				
47	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus minor</i>				X				
48	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		X		X	X			
49	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>					X	X		
50	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	X		X	X	X	X		
51	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>						X		
52	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				X				
53	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
54	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>							X	
55	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	X				X	X	X	
56	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	X		X		X	X	X	
57	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
58	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
59	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>				X				
60	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	X	X	X		X		X	

61	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	X							
62	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X	
63	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
64	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>				X				
65	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>					X			
66	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	X			X	X			
67	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	X	X		X	X			
68	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		X	X		X	X		
69	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		X	X	X				
70	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	X				X	X	X	
71	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>						X		
72	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			X					
73	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>						X	X	
74	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
75	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
76	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
77	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	X					X		
78	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			X					
79	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				X			X	
80	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	X	X	X					
81	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	X							
82	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	X		X					
83	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>					X	X	X	
84	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	X	X	X	X	X		X	
85	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>	X	X				X		
86	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>					X	X		
89	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>						X	X	
90	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>				X	X	X	X	
91	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>							X	
92	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			X	X	X			
93	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>							X	
94	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X	
95	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		X	X			X		
96	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			X	X	X	X		
97	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
98	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				X				
99	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
100	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>				X				
101	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>			X					
102	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>							X	
103	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			X	X				
104	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	X		X		X			
105	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	X	X		X	X	X		
106	E Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>					X	X		X

107	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>						X		
108	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X		
109	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	X				X	X	X	
110	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X	
111	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>				X				
112	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			X					
113	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				X		X		
114	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X	
115	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		X						
116	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				X				
117	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>				X				
118	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
119	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
120	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
121	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	X	X			X	X	X	
123	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
124	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			X	X				
125	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		X		X	X			
168	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	x			x				
126	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>				X		X	X	
127	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			X					

Dragonflies and Damselflies

Banded Demoiselle, *Calopteryx splendens*
 Beautiful Demoiselle, *Calopteryx virgo*
 Odalisque, *Epallage fatime*
 Scarce Emerald Damselfly, *Lestes dryas*
 Azure Damselfly, *Coenagrion puella*
 Common Blue Damselfly, *Enallagma cyathigerum*
 Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*
 Small Red-eyed Damselfly, *Erythromma viridulum*
 Red-veined Darter, *Sympetrum fonscolombii*
 Broad Scarlet, *Crocothemys erythraea*
 Black Pennant, *Selysiothemis nigra*

Eastern Spectre, *Caliaeschna microstigma*
 Blue Emperor, *Anax imperator*
 Lesser Emperor, *Anax parthenope*
 Common / Turkish Clubtail
 Small Pincertail, *Onychogomphus forcipatus*
 Balkan Goldenring, *Cordulegaster heros*
 Broad-bodied Chaser, *Libellula depressa*
 Scarce Chaser, *Libellula fulva*
 White-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum albistylum*
 Southern Skimmer, *Orthetrum brunneum*

Mammals

European Hare, *Lepus europaeus*
 Red Squirrel, *Sciurus vulgaris*

Other Insects

Six-spot Burnet Moth, *Zygaena filipendulae*
 Transparent Burnet Moth, *Zygaena purpuralis*
 Green Forester Moth, *Adscita statice*
 Nine-spotted Moth, *Amata phegea*
 Brassy Longhorn Moth, *Nemophora metallica*
 Oak Eggar Moth, *Lassiocampa quercus*
 Bronze Glandular Bush-cricket, *Bradypterus dasypus*
 Great Green Bush-cricket, *Tettigonia viridissima*

European Rose Chafer, *Cetonia aurata*
 Mediterranean Spotted Chafer, *Oxythyrea funesta*
 Spotted Longhorn Beetle, *Rutpela maculata*
 Grape Wood Borer Beetle, *Chlorophorus varius*
 European Firebug, *Pyrrhocoris apterus*
 Owlly Sulphur, *Libelloides coccajus*
 Owlfly, *Libelloides macaronius*
 Common Field Grasshopper, *Chorthippus brunneus*

Reptiles and Amphibians

Spur-thighed Tortoise, *Testudo graeca*
 Hermann's Tortoise, *Testudo Hermanni*
 Eastern Green Lizard, *Lacerta viridis*
 Common Wall Lizard, *Podarcis muralis*
 Balkan Wall Lizard, *Podarcis tauricus*
 Viviparous Lizard, *Zootoca vivipara*
 Balkan Green Lizard, *Lacerta trilineata*

Common European Viper, *Vipera berus*
 Dice Snake, *Natrix tessellate*
 Kotschy's Gecko, *Mediodactylus kotschyi*
 Yellow-bellied Toad, *Bombina variegata*
 Green Toad, *Bufo viridis*
 Common Marsh Frog, *Phelopylax ridibundus*

Notable plants

Bug Orchid, *Anacamptis coriophora*
 Elder-flowered Orchid, *Dactyloriza sambucina*
 Pyramidal Orchid, *Anacamptis pyramidalis*
 Common-spotted Orchid, *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*
 Balkan Lizard Orchid, *Himantoglossum caprinum*

White Helleborine, *Cephalanthera damasonium*
 Pelister Crocus, *Crocus pelistericus*
 Pelister Pink, *Dianthus pelistericus*
 Macedonian Oak, *Quercus trojana*
 Macedonia Pine, *Pinus peuce*



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Elder-flowered Orchids



Middle Spotted Woodpecker



Common Marsh Frog

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