

Montenegro in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

24th April – 2nd May 2023



Biogradska Gora National Park



Erhard's Lizard



Red-footed Falcon



Red-rumped Swallow

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Summary

The Montenegro in Spring tour started with a few days around Lake Skadar in the south of the country. This large lake straddles the border with Albania and is home to a population of Dalmatian Pelican. On morning walks, Subalpine Warbler, Golden Oriole, herons, Sombre Tit, cormorants and swallows were seen. During a boat trip, we had some very close views of Great Reed Warbler, in full voice, as well as lots of Great Crested Grebe, Whiskered, Black and White-winged Black Terns, Little Egret and an Osprey.

In Lovcen National Park we had a wonderfully scenic lunch stop, with Hoopoe, Woodlark, Greenfinch and carpets of wild Grape Hyacinth and Crocuses. Winding our way down to the stunning Kotor Bay, we found Crag Martin, while Tivat salt pans produced lots of Wood Sandpiper, Black-headed Yellow Wagtail, Squacco Heron, Northern Wheatear, Stonechat and Woodchat Shrike. Ulcinj Salt Pans had lots of Black-winged Stilt and Grey Plover, along with a breeding colony of Collared Pratincole, Corn Bunting, Crested Larks and Zitting Cisticola. Heading up into the mountains, we followed the turquoise ribbons of rivers towards the snowy peaks. Durmitor National Park has many peaks over 2,000m and a lot of these still had snow on top. A walk around the Black Lake gave some stunning reflections in the water, as we listened to the calls of Black Woodpecker, Crested, Marsh, Willow and Coal Tit as well as the kronk of Raven. Through the telescopes, we could pick up some Chamois up on the slopes. Our last day here produced a flurry of spring migrants, with Ring Ouzel, Lesser Whitethroat, flycatchers, Red-footed Falcon and Montagu's Harrier being seen. A stop at the Kune Vane wetlands in Albania gave views of Purple Heron, Marsh Harrier, shrikes, warblers and bee-eaters, followed by a final night in Kruje where we saw Blue Rock Thrush, Pallid Swift and Cirl Bunting. A good range of birds and other wildlife in a fantastically scenic country.

Day 1

Monday 24th April

This morning, Alison and eleven clients travelled on a flight from Heathrow to Tirana, where we met the remaining member of the group, as well as our local guide, Mirjan, and driver, Samir. It didn't take long to get the luggage loaded and set off along the road to the north of Albania.

Along the way we were spotting lots of swallows and martins, then started to pick up Bee-eaters and a couple of European Rollers on the wires. After about half an hour we stopped at a restaurant for lunch, where we had a selection of regional dishes, including soup, salad, grilled meats and a syrupy walnut dessert. Having found Spanish Sparrow and White Wagtail outside the restaurant, we got back on the road, continuing towards the border.

Several towns had castles and Mirjan explained the significance of these and told us one of the local legends. On reaching Shkodar we could start to see the lake, although the view was limited by the low cloud. At the border we picked up Pygmy Cormorant, Cormorant, Whiskered Tern and Coot. Having completed the formalities, we continued along the Montenegrin side. The weather closed in a bit, and we had a few heavy rain showers, including some lightning.

By the time we were arriving at Virpazar, the weather had cleared. There was a lovely square outside the hotel, full of chirping sparrows and swooping hirundines. Having checked in and found our rooms, we met again for dinner

in the restaurant. We were sat over a few tables, with congenial conversation over soup and trout. Eventually it was time to head to bed, to the sound of a thunder storm rumbling in the background.

Day 2

Tuesday 25th April

Some headed out for a pre-breakfast walk this morning, walking along by the river. From the bridge we picked up Little Egret, Squacco Heron, Pygmy Cormorant and many hirundines. A Subalpine Warbler was heard then spotted in a bush up the rocky hillside. A Marsh Harrier was picked out over the wet, grassy areas and a pair of Sombre Tit were seen in a dead tree.

After an al fresco breakfast at the hotel, we walked the short distance to the boat for our morning on Lake Skadar. Thankfully the morning proved better than forecasted, and we had some warm sunshine. A Black-crowned Night Heron was roosting in a tree, while lots of Great Crested Grebe and Coots were in the open water. Heading under the bridges, we got into a shallower part of the lake where cormorants and gulls rested on dead branches sticking out of the water. Lots of terns were fishing, and we saw Common, Whiskered, Black and White-winged Black Terns over the morning. Common Cuckoo were picked up as they moved between trees, and a wheatear could be seen on one of the islands. A patch of reeds held numerous Great Reed Warbler, with their very loud, scratchy song, and there was some chasing going on. A couple of Dalmatian Pelican had been seen distantly, but everyone could see it fairly well when one circled in the thermals above the lake. A few more, in flight and on the water, were seen during the journey back to Virpazar.

Following a substantial lunch of soup, salad, main course and dessert, it was time to hit the south shore of the lake. Our first stop was for orchids, of which several species were found (thanks to those with plant knowledge and id apps). Blackcap and Blackbird were singing, and we had a stunning view across the lake. A couple of Short-toed Eagle glided across as we walked back towards the bus. Setting off again, along the winding road, we stopped in another village to see if we could identify a gliding raptor. It proved difficult to get a good look at, however the Long-lipped orchid by the road, singing Nightingales and Subalpine Warbler were ample reward for having stopped. Further along, the road narrowed more, which meant that was as far as we could go in the bus, but going for a walk from here provided a number of good sightings; two Cirl Buntings were feeding in the field, a number of Nightingales were calling and one or two were seen as well, a Cuckoo flew past, everyone got to see an Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, more Short-toed Eagle flew overhead and several Hawfinches showed fairly well. One raptor carrying a snake proved problematic to identify, until later photo analysis by Nick proved it to be a Common Buzzard carrying a Glass Snake.

Back in Virpazar, we had dinner in a restaurant by the bridge, with Carp being the main dish on offer. On leaving, we could hear a Scops Owl calling and most got brief views as it flew between trees. After completing the checklist, it was time for bed.

Day 3

Wednesday 26th April

Despite last night's thunderstorm, the day dawned dry. This morning's pre-breakfast walk produced Blackcap, Jay, a lovely male Golden Oriole, singing Nightingale and Cetti's Warbler, as well as some of the same birds around the water.

Initially heading towards the outskirts of Podgorica, we then turned west for Cetinje. On the way we stopped at a small homestead area with vines. Here we found Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, Marsh Tit feeding young, Stonechat, Red-backed Shrike, and some saw a Hoopoe. A Wryneck was heard calling, but we couldn't find it. As we got back to the bus, a Scarce Swallowtail was flitting around the parking area and two Kestrel were circling above a rocky outcrop.

After a brief stop for coffee in Cetinje, we arrived at Lovcen National Park. The lower slopes were a mix of beech and birch trees, with some patches of evergreen higher up. We found a relatively sheltered spot for lunch that was full of Grape Hyacinth, violas, crocuses and other flowering plants. A pair of Great-spotted Woodpecker showed fairly well, some saw a Crested Tit and Tree Pipit were calling. Following lunch, we took a wander down to the field area. A Hoopoe flew in, disturbing a Mistle Thrush, and joined a second Hoopoe, then proceeding to chase each other through the branches before disappearing into the trees.

From Lovcen, we descended down into the Bay of Kotor, stopping to take in the majestic view. From the winding road down, we saw Crag Martins. We were slowed down by a large bus in front of us, but it gave us more time to enjoy the views. On reaching the bottom of the slope, we found a place for a comfort stop (eventually) then continued to the old salt pans at Tivat. To start with, it looked pretty quiet, then we started to pick up things - our initial Wood Sandpiper turned into over forty birds before we left. One Black-headed Yellow Wagtail eventually became around five. As we scanned the area, moving around a bit, more birds were picked out, including Northern Wheatear, Stonechat, Whinchat, Black-winged Stilt, Spotted Redshank, Shelduck, Great Egret, Greenshank and Squacco Heron. We finished off the afternoon with nice views of a Woodchat Shrike.

To complete the circuit, we followed the coast road through the edge of Budva, getting great views of the Adriatic Coast and eye level Alpine Swift. A brief stop above Sveti Stefan was had to admire the resort island and pick out a few gulls and a Shag on nearby rocks. From here, we went a little further along the coast then turned inland, taking a long tunnel under the mountain, to take us back to Virpazar.

Dinner was followed by the checklist then bed. The Scops Owl was calling again from the square.

Day 4

Thursday 27th April

This morning, those on the pre-breakfast walk took the road that we'd driven along the other day, heading up around the lake shore. Great Reed Warbler called loudly from the reeds, competing with the frogs, while Blackcap and Chaffinch were calling from the trees along the roadside. In an area with a lot of dead trees, we found both Woodchat and Red-backed Shrike before an insistent 'tek-ing' call drew our attention to a pair of Subalpine Warbler. As we started to head back for breakfast, a number of other Subalpine Warbler started to show.

After breakfast, we headed back towards the coast, again going through the tunnel then following south through Bar and Dubrava to Ulcinj, where we visited the old salt pans. As we drove down through the site, a flock of Collared Pratincole flew up from the fields. Some saw a Little Owl near where the bus dropped us off. Corn Bunting were singing from the tops of bushes and lots of Black-winged Stilt were in one of the lagoons. Sitting in a line were Grey Plover, some in summer plumage. Yellow Wagtail and Crested Lark were spotted amongst vegetation in a field. Eventually walking back towards the entrance, we had very good views of Collared Pratincole.

Some Bee-eaters flew over in small groups and a pair of Roller could be seen on some wires. Two Stone Curlew were picked up in a further field before we arrived back at the old buildings.

From here we headed to lunch by the Bojana river before crossing to Ada Island. The mangrove areas were very quiet, but some orchids were found. At the beach, it was now quite breezy, so it took some scanning to find some gulls on the water, very distant shearwater and some Sandwich Tern.

Eventually we needed to head back, retracing our route along the coast. After a little time to freshen up, we met to walk up to the castle for dinner. The frogs were very loud from the lake and the Great Reed Warbler were still calling away. Dinner started with a selection of meats, cured fish, cheese and spreads. Main courses were from the menu, with some very large, but extremely tasty, meals coming out. A gentle walk back in the dark, admiring the stars, was a lovely end to the day.

Day 5

Friday 28th April

For this morning's pre-breakfast walk, we headed along the walkway under the bridge and along the road on the other side. Highlights included Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, Golden Oriole, Goshawk and singing Nightingale.

After packing the bus, we headed north, driving through Podgorica where we saw Alpine Chough and a Little Owl. Following a snow melt river, we wound our way up into the mountains, with very alpine looking farms and houses. Morning coffee stop produced Hummingbird Hawkmoth, Small Tortoiseshell, Short-toed Eagle, a pair of Buzzard, Erhard's Wall Lizard and calling woodpecker.

Lunch was a packed lunch, which was eaten by the lake in Biogradska Gora National Park; some large toads were found along the water's edge. Once we'd eaten, we set off around the lake, through some old beech forest. It was fairly quiet on the bird front, with Wren, Robin, Chaffinch, Nuthatch and Great Tit, as well as calling Coal Tit, Marsh Tit and Grey-headed Woodpecker, however the woods themselves were lovely to walk through.

Continuing on into the mountains, we followed the Tara River for quite some way, enjoying looking at the turquoise coloured water and the stunning rock formations. We stopped for a short period at the bridge over the canyon. Tony fancied zip lining, but we had to continue on the Zabljak. After checking in, we had dinner at the restaurant then completed the checklist before bedtime.

Day 6

Saturday 29th April

Our morning walk from the hotel allowed us to find Black and Common Redstart, Coal, Great and Crested Tit, Serin, Goldcrest, Raven, a small flock of Golden Oriole and Red Squirrel.

After breakfast, we headed for the Black Lake. This is one of the region's 'mountain eyes', and had some stunning reflections of the surrounding snow-capped mountains. Siskin were calling overhead as we walked to the lake shore, and lots of Coal and Great Tit were moving through the trees. As we watched Chamois on the hillside, a Black Woodpecker called from within the forest, but we couldn't locate it. Graeme and Kevin located a pair of Willow Tits excavating a hole in a dead tree. A little further along we found a mixed group of Coal, Marsh and Crested Tit with a Firecrest. After another look at the Chamois, a bit closer in, the trail got narrower, with some

snowy patches. A few areas were a little challenging, where the path has been damaged over the winter and one point has a steeper climb up some steps, however there were some interesting plants spotted beneath the trees.

Having made it all the way around, we had lunch in the restaurant by the lake; soup, salad, fish and mixed meat platters, rounded off with coffee. From here we walked back to the bus, finding more Siskin, Coal Tits and another Firecrest. A few people wanted a quieter afternoon, so we dropped them off at the hotel before heading just out of town, to a more open area, where we found Northern Wheatear, Whinchat, Linnet, Skylark and Kestrel.

There was a bit of time today to relax before dinner.

Day 7

Sunday 30th April

This morning we had a couple of Red Squirrel on the morning walk, plus Mistle Thrush, Coal Tit, Dunnock and a glimpse of a Crested Tit.

After breakfast, we started up in one of the higher valleys, where there is a mix of rocks, grasses and trees. We had Yellowhammer near the road before walking up a slope that had a carpet of crocuses. A calling Cuckoo was found on a tree atop the hill. After lots of scanning, Geoff managed to locate a distant Ring Ouzel, so once everyone had had a look, we headed in that direction. A few decided not to go down the slope, so slowly meandered back to the bus. We couldn't find the original bird, but another was found in a tree further on, as we were watching a Tree Pipit. Two Chamois were located on top of one of the high peaks. Towards a small lake, another Ring Ouzel was calling from the trees and a couple of people briefly saw a Water Pipit.

Walking back towards the bus, a Lesser Whitethroat was calling from a bush and more Yellowhammer were in a tree across the track. Dark clouds were starting to build, but as we walked down the road, at least one Hobby and a Levant Sparrowhawk flew overhead, as well as a Great Spotted Woodpecker. As we arrived back at the bus, it was starting to rain, but that wasn't putting off the Buzzard or migrating Swallows.

We had lunch back at the hotel and by the time we were finished, it had brightened up again. Back on the bus, we headed for an area in the valley. Following along a road, we found a bird on a fence post that at first glance looked like a kestrel, but the colouration wasn't right and realised that it was a Red-footed Falcon. A little further along the road, two hovering birds were also Red-footed Falcon, so we stopped and got out. Going over a rise, we found more and more; it appeared to be a migration movement and, in the end, counted over 60 birds!

A wet area held more Wood Sandpiper and during a scan over the back Geoff found a harrier. By the colour, it was a young Montagu's. While watching it quarter, a second bird crossed over and we were able to watch it until it disappeared into a dip. Around the road we continued to spot Red-footed Falcon. At another wet area we found more Wood Sandpiper along with a few Ruff. On the hillside were Dog-tooth Violets and Wood Anemone. At the next pool was a solitary Greenshank and Kevin managed to find a Snipe by accident around the edge. Another Montagu's Harrier came into view at a closer distance. A few went to have a close look at the snipe while others strolled back to the bus, with some bee-eaters flying over on migration.

Once back in the bus, we returned to town to get ready for dinner, which was taken at a restaurant across the road. Having completed the day's species list, it was time to turn in for the night.

Day 8

Monday 1st May

Due to leaving slightly earlier this morning, there was no official early walk, but a few people were out and about before breakfast and between them found Spotted and Pied Flycatcher, Crested Tit, Bullfinch and Red Squirrel.

On leaving the hotel, we went the short distance to where we'd had the Red-footed Falcons the day before. Sure enough, with a bit of scanning, we were able to pick up a number of them hunting in the same valley, along with Common Kestrel and Buzzard.

Heading down through the mountains, we had a couple of comfort stops before the border crossing. With it being the May Day holiday, there was a queue at the border that took a little while to get through. In the meantime, we spotted Whiskered Tern, Coot, Little Grebe and both Pygmy and Great Cormorants on the lake; lots of House Marten were building nest below the border canopies.

Once across the border, we worked our way through the traffic to an ecotourism, organic restaurant where we had a lovely taster menu lunch at an outdoor table, beneath a colony of Spanish Sparrow.

Back on the road, we made our way to Kune Vain wetlands. Almost immediately we could hear Great Reed Warbler and Cetti's Warbler. Bee-eater were on the wires, along with Red-rumped and Barn Swallows, and a solitary Sand Martin. Across the reeds we could pick out multiple Marsh Harrier and a couple of Purple Heron flew overhead. At a small pond there were lots of Pool Frog and a Cetti's Warbler showed well at the top of a bush. Red-backed and Woodchat Shrike were in a clump of bushes and Reed Warbler was skulking in the reeds. Small herds of goats and some cows were grazing the track verges. The heavier clouds overhead reduced the light, so we needed to turn around and head back for the bus.

Back on the road, there was a bit of rain before we headed uphill to Kruje. Having wound our way up the hill, we had our first views of the castle, lit up by floodlights. Our hotel was just next to the castle, overlooking the town and valley. After checking in, we had a late dinner and a final bird list, before retiring for the night.

Day 9

Tuesday 2nd May

A few had an early wake up call courtesy of the mosque next door, before the morning walk to the castle. We found out a little of the history as we watched Blue Rock Thrush (Geoff had managed to spot one from his hotel room), Cirl Bunting, Pallid and Common Swift and White Wagtail; Nightingale could be heard singing in the gardens below.

After breakfast, there was a little time to explore the old bazaar or look around the castle museums before it was time to head towards the airport. Having made good time on the journey, we stopped at a rural site just outside of the airport, below the flight path of the approaching planes. Good numbers of Swallow and House Martin flew over. Along the track were several singing Nightingale and calling Cetti's Warbler. Penduline Tit could be heard by the river, however we couldn't locate them.

Reluctantly we needed to head to the airport, so after a group photo, we drove the short distance to the terminal, where we had to say goodbye to Mirjan and Samir. At check in, we also needed to say goodbye to Nathalie, who was travelling on a different flight.

Arriving safely at Heathrow, we all collected our luggage with no issues and said goodbye as we went our separate ways.



Kotor Bay

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

		April May 2023								
Common name	Scientific name	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			2	1					
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>				1					
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		.							✓
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	2	✓				H	1	1	
Rock Dove (feral pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓							
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>				2					
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			4	~90					
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							3		
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>				~50					
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				1					
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			H				H		
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>							5		
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								✓	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>							1	1	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			1						
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			40+				55+	✓	
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			2	✓					
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓	✓			1		
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>					60				
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>		Poss							
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓							
Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>				✓					
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>		✓							
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			Poss						
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>				✓					
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>				✓					
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>		✓						✓	

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Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>		✓							
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>			✓						
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				✓					
Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>								H	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		1							
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			1	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>								2	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		1	1						
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		✓	3						
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1							
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓	1		1				
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>							1		
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>					2				
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓						✓	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			1				2		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	2	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>				1	1				
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		1	1	H					
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		H	3+		1	2	1	1	
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	✓	•		✓		•	•	•	•
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓			20			6+	✓	✓
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>			H						
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			2		1	✓	✓	H	
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>					H	H			
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	2			2	✓	✓	✓
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>							60+	25+	
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		2					✓		
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Poss		1	1				2	
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>			1	1	1			2	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		2	1+	1+	2	6			H
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>			2	✓	✓				
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	2		2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>			H		H	✓	✓	✓	
European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>			1			6	1	✓	
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>		2							
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			✓		H	✓		✓	
Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>						3	H		

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Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>									H
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		H						1	
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	✓					2	✓	✓	✓
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>					✓			✓	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				1	
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓		✓				
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	·	✓	✓	✓
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H		✓	✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	✓	H	✓			✓	H
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	H		✓				
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		H			H	H			
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H				1	✓	H	
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓		✓	H			H	
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>								1+	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				✓				H	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	H	✓	H
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>		H					1	1	
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		✓		5	✓				
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>			✓						
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						4			
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>						✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					✓	H			
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					✓	H			
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>					H	✓	H		
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		H	✓			H	✓	✓	
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>			✓				✓		
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>							3		
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>								1	1
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>					✓	✓	✓	·	
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		✓	H		H			H	H
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>								TL	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>				✓	1	✓	✓	✓	
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>						2		✓	
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>									2+
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			✓	✓		4			
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓						
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			✓	✓		15	✓	✓	✓

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Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>		✓	✓		2				
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓							✓	✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>							3		
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			✓	✓					
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						1		1	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		H	✓				✓		
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>							1		
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		3+							
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>								1	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>						2	✓	✓	✓
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>						1	1		
Siskin							✓			
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓			✓					✓
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>							✓	✓	
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		2	✓		2				

Mammals (E = Evidence)

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Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	E								
Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>						4	2		
Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>						3	2		
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>							1		

Reptiles and Amphibians

Marsh Frog
Common Toad
Glass Lizard
Common Frog
Ehard's Lizard
Pool Frog

Butterflies

Scarce Swallowtail
Small White

Orange Tip
Brimstone
Clouded Yellow
Camberwell Beauty
Small Heath
Green Hairstreak
Red Admiral
Painted Lady
Fritillary spp
Amanda's Blue
Small Tortoiseshell

Other

Hummingbird Hawkmoth

Orchids

Lax-flowered
Loose-flowered
Tongue-flowered
Early Purple
Long-lipped
Few-flowered
Bee
Provence
Early Spider
Green-veined

Balkan Daphne