

Montenegro in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

28th April - 6th May 2025



Blue Rock Thrush



Rock Thrush



Rock Partridge



Three-toed Woodpecker

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Summary

This was a fabulous nine day tour around Montenegro and a small portion of Albania. The variety of habitats visited is quite remarkable and as such a great diversity of species can be seen. Some of the group's personal highlights included White-winged Tern hawking over a marsh, close views of numerous Bee-eater, excellent views of Rock Thrush, a very showy Three-toed Woodpecker and a glorious pair of the often difficult to observe Rock Partridge.

Day 1

Monday 28th April

London to Virpazar

The leader and five participants met at Heathrow airport and we boarded our flight to Tirana in Albania. Upon arrival we met with the local guide and one other participant, boarded the bus and began making our way across the flat Albanian countryside with mountains rising steeply in the background.

We soon stopped for lunch in a nice roadside restaurant and were treated to three courses.

After lunch we continued on towards the Montenegro border, stopping again for a toilet break. Here we had some Spanish Sparrow, Corn Bunting and Common Tongue Orchid, Green-winged Orchid and Brown Argus butterfly.

At the border we waited in a short queue of vehicles, from where we had a view across part of Lake Skadar and saw many Whiskered Tern, Cormorant, Coot and House Martin. Once in Montenegro we carried on across beautiful countryside before eventually arriving at our hotel in Virpazar late afternoon. We settled into our rooms and met for dinner at 19:30. Very tasty trout was served as the main dish.

After dinner some of us met outside in the wooded square and we got a view of the local Scops Owl.

Day 2

Tuesday 29th April

Lake Skadar

We went for a pre-breakfast walk to the south of the village, where we had fabulous views out over Lake Skadar. Great Reed Warbler could be heard amidst the cacophony of frogs. On overhead wires a pair of Red-rumped Swallow perched at close range. We walked up into the Cypress woods around an old fort and found a Woodchat Shrike, Sombre Tit and a pair of Eastern Subalpine Warbler.

We returned to the hotel for breakfast; a nice spread of fruits, cheese, meat etc. Afterward we assembled by the river for a boat trip out on the lake. We sailed through a reed and Willow fringed river, passing our first Pygmy Cormorant, Little and Great Crested Grebe and several Coot. We then hit the open water, with spectacular views of the Albanian Alps in the distance. Here we added Whiskered Tern, and a little later many Black Tern, feeding at close range. The first of many Great Reed Warbler bellowed and we encountered a very fine Penduline Tit,

which posed for ages, right in front of the boat. Later still we found Squacco Heron, a very close Little Bittern and a pair of wonderful Dalmatian Pelican. We then drifted through a Whiskered Tern colony, saw a Common Tern and on the return leg picked up some Alpine Swift and a circling Honey Buzzard.

Back ashore we had a short break before reconvening for lunch. We ate at a nearby restaurant on a roof terrace, from which we saw Eastern Subalpine Warbler, Swallow, House Martin, Goldfinch and Cormorant.

After lunch we boarded the bus and headed along a narrow winding road along the southern shore of Lake Skadar and made several stops. Many Eastern Subalpine Warbler were present but it took a while before everyone got a decent look. Nightingale were also numerous but only one glimpsed, Cirl Bunting was heard and a distant Peregrine 'scoped. Butterfly included a stunning Scarce Swallowtail, Green Hairstreak and some fine Bee and Milky Orchids were present.

We returned to the hotel for a few hours personal time before meeting up again for dinner and the list, after which some of us went into the square again and witnessed the Scops Owls mating!

Day 3

Wednesday 30th April

Lovcen National Park

The pre-breakfast walk took us north along a boardwalk under the road and rail line. We then found a quiet lane through marshy woodland and meadow which we could follow. Along here we had fabulous views of Cetti's Warbler, a beautiful pair of Lesser Grey Shrike dancing about on the top of dead trees and passing food to each other. A Golden Oriole was heard but not seen and on the return we got decent views of Lesser Spotted Woodpecker.

After breakfast we boarded the bus and went north into the wooded limestone hills along a narrow winding road. The scenery was spectacular. At our first stop we managed great views of Woodchat Shrike, Western Rock Nuthatch, Eastern Black-eared Wheatear and Eastern Subalpine Warbler. There was also a nice mix of plants, including Bee and Tongue Orchid and Southern Wall Brown butterfly. At the next stop we spotted a Turtle Dove calling in the trees and some Pygmy Cormorant on the river below. We then proceeded up high into the mountainous Lovcen National Park. At 1100m we stopped for a coffee then had lunch in the sunshine. Here we had a nice singing Wood Warbler, our first Chiffchaff and a Cuckoo called in the distance.

We then went for a walk through some woods and alpine meadows. Here we found a singing Wryneck, Mistle Thrush, Redstart, Lesser Whitethroat and a distant Short-toed Eagle. From here we made our descent to Kotor Bay and the Tivatska salt lagoons beyond. On the way we stopped to take some shots of the breathtaking scenery and picked up Alpine Chough and Raven.

At the salt lagoons we circumnavigated its trails and hides. Here we had a lovely selection of bird species including Squacco Heron, Spoonbill, many Wood Sandpiper, Ruff, Grey Plover, a single Whimbrel, a Little Stint, 'Black-headed' Yellow Wagtail, Red-backed Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Zitting Cisticola, Corn Bunting and some Whinchat, as well as some fine looking Erdhart's Wall Lizard.

From here we returned to the hotel in Virpazar for dinner at a restaurant and the list.

Day 4

Thursday 1st May

Ulcinj Salinas & Lake Sas

Another glorious blue sky greeted us this morning, which we began with a walk along a wooded road by the river. Here we heard several Golden Oriole calling and got great views of a couple. Other birds included Whiskered Tern, Eastern Subalpine Warbler, Woodchat Shrike, singing Cuckoo, Cirl Bunting and our first Robins.

After breakfast we hit the road, bound for Montenegro's South coastline. We spent the remainder of the morning exploring the Ulcinj salt pans on foot. Here we had a lovely variety of birds including great views of Little and White-winged Black Tern, several Purple Heron, Little Ringed Plover, Black winged Stilt, a few Roller chasing each other around, Bee-eater, a flock of hawking Collared Pratincole and a very large group of very distant Greater Flamingo. On the walk back we saw several Zitting Cisticola, Corn Bunting and best of all a Stone Curlew that posed for us. Additional to the birds we found Lesser Emperor Dragonfly, Clouded Yellow and Meadow Brown with many Common Blue.

From here we journeyed on to the nearby coast where we had our packed lunch under the shade of Pine trees. Many Bee-eater were present over an adjacent field and we had excellent views of many perched in the grass. We then headed north a little ways to Lake Sas. It was now pretty hot and breezy, and birds were quiet. We did add a Common Sandpiper and a Camberwell Beauty which was nice but little else. We then returned to the Virpazar and had dinner up in the old fort above the town. The restaurant owners came and gave us a lift in their electric buggy. We had a short tour of the fort and we had an excellent view of the lake, on which there were two Dalmatian Pelican.

Day 5

Friday 2nd May

Virpazar to Zabljak

We checked out of the hotel this morning and left a little earlier as today we had to transfer high into the mountains to our next base at Zabljak. We passed through the capital, Podgorica then followed the gorgeous Maraca river through an incredible gorge. Here we made a few short stops where we saw some Blue Rock Thrush, Crag Martin, a lovely mix of flowers and butterflies including Glanville Fritillary and Scarce Swallowtail.

At over 1000m above sea level we stopped to have our packed lunch in the emerald Beech woods of Biogradsko National Park. Whilst eating, surrounded by Ramsons, we saw a Treecreeper and a Chaffinch nesting in a moss nest above us.

We then walked through the trees where a wonderful profusion of flowers carpeted the forest floor and we found some Speckled Wood butterfly, but bird life was sparse with just Great Spotted Woodpecker, Chaffinch and Blue Tit seen with Marsh Tit and Nuthatch heard only. Down by the lake we watched a mix of Grass and Dice snake creep along the shoreline as they hunted for fish and amphibians in the shallows.

We then carried on toward Zabljak but discovered the intended route had been blocked by a landslide. We then had to turn around and take a much longer route to the north which was a bit disappointing and meant we had to spend more hours than intended in the bus. The plus side was we got to see some of the very north of the country near Serbia, which was a beautiful mix of alpine meadows and Spruce forests. We also saw Cuckoo, Hoopoe and Fieldfare along the way.

We eventually reached our intended stop at the Tara bridge which straddles the Tara gorge - an impressive canyon with an icy blue river in its base. We got out and admired the view. From here it was another 30 minutes to Zabljak where we promptly checked in to our second hotel and met for dinner and the list in the restaurant.

Day 6

Saturday 3rd May

Vrazje jezero & Sedlo Pass

After breakfast we travelled the short distance down to the vicinity of Vrazje Jezero, an area of pretty, shallow lakes, alpine meadows and scattered Juniper and Spruce scrub. Here we made several walks around the open landscape. The meadows had a colourful mix of Grape Hyacinth, Tormentil, Wood Anemone and dazzling Spring Gentian flowers. Skylark serenaded us throughout and we also found several singing Whinchat, Northern Wheatear, Black Redstart and a single Red-backed Shrike. On the lakes we found Coot, Mallard, Great Crested Grebe, Common and Wood Sandpiper and a few Buzzard, Kestrel and a Marsh Harrier were seen. We also found Balkan Green Lizards and a Grizzled Skipper.

We then returned to the hotel for a nice lunch followed by a short break before heading back out again at 1500. We drove up to Sedlo pass where there were still large snow patches. Between them were many Crocus and the beautiful Alpine Snowbell. At the top of the pass were several Black Redstart and we quickly found a stunning Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush chilling atop a boulder, which we were able to watch for sometime. We then heard the elusive Rock Partridge calling lower down the slope. After some careful repositioning Dea managed to spot one down below us. A second bird appeared and we got fantastic scope views.

Next we retraced our steps to lower in the valley. Here we found a Tawny Pipit at close range, a showy Water Pipit and the local race of Ring Ouzel. A pair of Alpine Chough also made a brief appearance. We then returned to the hotel for dinner and the list.

Day 7

Sunday 4th May

Black Lake

We went for a pre-breakfast walk from the hotel into the surrounding Spruce forest. Along the way we found several Black Redstart, a Common Redstart, Crested Tit, a pair of Willow Tit and a Firecrest. After breakfast we drove the short distance to the forest surrounding the black lake. After leaving the car park we encountered Goldcrest, Firecrest, Crested Tit, many Coal Tit, Song and Mistle Thrush and Jay. Upon reaching the lake we paused to take in the wonderful view before taking on a short hike along the lakes northern shore. Along here we had Cuckoo, more Jay, a pair of Willow Tit but best of all a Three-toed Woodpecker that we were able to watch for ages at close range as it pulled grubs from a Spruce trunk.

We then returned to a restaurant that had a fabulous view over the lake. Here we managed to spot a pair of Chamois on the mountain ridge and got decent views of them in the scope. We then had a nice pasta lunch at the restaurant.

Afterwards we tried to visit the visitor centre but they would not let us park the bus there for some reason so we carried on to the next birding spot. We returned to the valley below the Sedlo pass but much lower down than yesterday where there were stunted Beech woods and rocky meadows. We went for a walk around here and found a few Tree Pipit, a single Woodlark, Northern Wheatear, Alpine Chough and a single Montagu's Harrier flew down the valley.

We then drove a little further down the valley still where there was some taller Beech woodland. It was fairly quiet here but we did have views of a singing Redstart and our only Green Woodpecker of the trip.

Day 8

Monday 5th May

Zabljak to Kruja (Albania)

Today we would be saying goodbye to Montenegro and returning to Albania. We left Zabljak at 0800 and began our descent towards Podgorica, leaving the mountains behind us. We made a few short comfort stops along the way, not seeing a great deal in the way of birdlife except a few Crested Lark. We crossed the border swiftly and saw a couple of Dalmatian Pelican and three Mute Swan on Lake Skadar there. As we continued into Albania we had a flyby White Stork and many Bee-eater.

We stopped for lunch at a beautiful restaurant in the countryside outside the village of Fishte where they made a lot of their own produce. Here we were treated to a fantastic assortment of dishes that left us all stuffed.

From here we continued further south stopping for a few hours at the coastal wetlands at Kune-vain-tale. Here we got excellent views of Great Reed Warbler, Spanish Sparrow, a great many Bee-eater, Marsh Harrier, Sand Martin, Red-rumped Swallow, Cetti's Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Spotted Flycatcher, Red-backed Shrike among others and Judith found a few Bug Orchid. We walked out to the Adriatic Sea on a wide sandy beach. Here we saw a couple of Mediterranean Gull and a Little Ringed Plover. We got back in the bus and continued on towards our third and final hotel, spotting a couple of Hoopoe along the way.

We arrived in the hillside town of Kruje in the early evening, checked into the hotel and soon went out for our final dinner together at a local restaurant. The food and atmosphere was very nice, with great views towards the hilltop fortress.

Day 9

Tuesday 6th May

Kruje to Tirana Airport

We had a leisurely start today with most people choosing just to relax before our departure to the airport at 0930. We made good time and the traffic was fairly light. Check-in went smoothly and our flight back to the UK departed on time at 13:10.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced		April - May 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>								✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>						✓				
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	H	H	✓	H	H			
Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia 'domestica'</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			✓		✓		✓			
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</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>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>				✓						
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>				✓						
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓	✓						
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			✓							
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				✓				✓		
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>						✓				
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			✓							
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				✓		✓				
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>										
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓	✓		✓				
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			✓							
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			✓							
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>				✓						
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>				✓						
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	✓	✓		✓				✓		
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>		✓								
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>				✓						
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓								
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓								
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>								✓		
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓		
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>								✓		
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				✓						
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			✓							
Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>								H		
Little Bittern	<i>Botaurus minutus</i>		✓								
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓		
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓								
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	✓							✓		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		

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Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				✓					
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		✓		✓				✓	
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓							
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			✓						
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>					✓				
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>							✓	✓	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>							✓		
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	✓	✓							
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					✓			✓	
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				✓					
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓			✓	✓			✓	
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>			✓						
Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>							✓		
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>			✓				H		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			✓	H	✓		✓		
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendroscopus syriacus</i>			✓						
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>							✓		
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			H	✓	H				
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			✓						
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓		
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>			H		✓	✓	✓		
Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>							✓		
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>		✓							
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>					H				
Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>							✓		
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓	✓	✓				
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		✓	H	H				✓	
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>							✓		
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>						✓			
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓			✓				✓	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								✓	
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					✓				
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis rufula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	✓	H				✓	
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			✓						
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			✓		H		H		
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			✓						

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Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓		H				✓	
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		✓							
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		H						H	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			✓	✓				H	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H	H	✓	H		H	H	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>			✓						
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>								✓	
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			H				✓		
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>							✓		
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>			✓		H				
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					H		✓		
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>					✓		✓		
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>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>					✓		✓		
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>						✓			
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>								✓	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				✓	✓		✓		
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	H	✓			✓	H	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>						✓	✓	✓	
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓		
Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>						✓			
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					✓				
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>								✓	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						✓	✓		
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>			✓			✓			
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓							✓	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			✓	✓				✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						✓			
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>							✓		
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>						✓			
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>						✓	✓	✓	
Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>						✓			
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>						✓			
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	✓	✓	H			H	

Other vertebrates

		April – May 2025								
Common name	Scientific name	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mammals										
Alpine Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>							✓		
Common Bent-wing Bat	<i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i>			✓						
Reptiles & Amphibians										
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>					✓	✓			
Dalmatian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis melisellensis</i>					✓		✓		
Erhard's Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis erhardii</i>			✓	✓					
Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>					✓				
Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>							✓		
Balkan Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax kurtmuelleri</i>			✓						
Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>					✓				
Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>					✓				

Invertebrates

		April – May 2025								
Common name	Scientific name	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Butterflies										
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓			✓				
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓			✓				
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>					✓				
Common Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓		
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓							
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus</i>				✓				✓	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	✓								
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓						
Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>				✓					
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>					✓				
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			✓		✓				
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>				✓					
Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>						✓			
Dragonflies										
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>				✓					