

Poland in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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'white-headed' Long-tailed Tit by Peter Dunn



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Day 1

Saturday 10th May

Sunny with occasional showers. Warm in the sun

Peter arrived in Warsaw from London about 30 minutes ahead of the group who came in from Manchester via Amsterdam. Andrzej was waiting for us in arrivals and once we had all gathered we summoned the minibus driven by Mariusz and started the journey to Białoweża. Our journey took us east on one of many routes out of the city and onto a brand new 'motorway' which would eventually join Germany to Belarus. Once off the motorway we found a nice clean restaurant where we sample the soup and pierogi washed down with local beer.

After lunch we stopped at Molażow and walked down a lane to view meadows next to the Bug River. First bird, as a couple of us left the coach, was a nice Hobby mobbed by Swallows and then at the river we had Common, Little, Black and White-winged Terns. A surprise here was a nice Hoopoe and Wryneck were calling in the trees with one briefly seen. We then continued towards our hotel, seeing one or two March Harriers on our journey and we arrived at our newly built hotel in Białoweża around 6.45pm. With rooms allocated we drove down to the main hotel, for a three course dinner and discussed the forthcoming days visits before we all turned in after an early start and a long day.

Day 2

Sunday 11th May

Sunny start, then cloud with sunny intervals. 18 degrees C

We agreed to meet at 5am for a walk along the back roads behind the hotel, which overlooked the Strict Reserve. Mist was hanging over the meadow and Golden Orioles, Whinchats and Common Redstarts could be heard. The meadows were our first port of call as Bison would regularly leave the forest to graze there and although we could see shapes in the mist, they all turned out to be hay stacks! A few more new bird species were recorded here such as Northern Wheatear, Great Grey Shrike and plenty of Skylarks. Geoff spotted a raptor partially showing in a tree and initial views suggested it was a Black Kite, with the dark body and wings and pale head, however we learnt later it when it 'dried out' it was all one colour and when it flew it was re-identified by some German birders as a Booted Eagle. Having seen their photos we agreed...

From here we walked back down into the village and visited the new tower overlooking the river. Both Savi's and Great Reed Warblers were seen from here, a Wryneck was watched prospecting around a dead tree and a

male Barred Warbler showed briefly in some thorn bushes. Snipe were regularly roding over the marsh. We walked back to the Unikat for a filling breakfast of meats, cheeses and tasty sweet apple pancakes.

After breakfast it was back on the coach to drive to a site known as Miejsca Mocy 'The Power Place'. A good site for Three-toed Woodpecker and we were not disappointed. A male came to the trees and began drumming in full view. Here we also had pale looking Nuthatches and a few saw a Common Treecreeper. Flushed with success we headed to Zebra Zubra (a walk known as Bison Ribs) and almost immediately in the car park we had a juvenile White-backed Woodpecker. A little further on at the 'dead forest' a male Collared Flycatcher toyed with us and refused to show itself clearly but we did see good views of a singing Icterine Warbler and some nice pale Willow Tits and a Chiffchaff of the *abietinis* race. It was time to return for lunch but plans were suddenly put on hold when we came across two Bison grazing in a field just outside Pogorzelce village. Soon we were joined by many others as the word spread and we enjoyed watching these huge creatures (both young males) grazing and resting in the field. In the same area we noted three Lesser Spotted Eagles, Red-backed Shrike and two Whooper Swans flew over!

After a lunch of pierogi we headed for any area called Wysokie Bagno (High Bog) looking for woodpeckers. Although not successful here, we did find other good species. A showy Thrush Nightingale was seen by all through a telescope as it stood high in a tree singing, whilst over the woods, Sparrowhawk and Buzzard displayed. A calling Corncrake refused to show but we eventually tracked down one of the first River Warblers to return to the valley. Sunshine brought out butterflies today, with Map, Orang-tip, Wood White, Holly Blue and Brimstone all being recorded

We opted for an early finish to freshen up before an early dinner as we intended to head out into the Narew Valley in search of Great Snipe this evening. Heading out around 6:30pm we arrived on site about 7.45pm. Walking down through the tree into the marsh we had Turtle Dove singing, Woodcock roding and in the marsh quite a few Grasshopper Warblers and Corncrake called. We eventually set ourselves up on some slightly dryer ground and looked into the rapidly growing grass in the hope that a Great Snipe would jump up. A distant Roe Deer looked at us as we looked at every blade of grass, then just as we had almost given up birds started to jump and fly about in the rapidly failing light, flashing off their white outer tails. Wall managed to see something of these birds as they chased about before we had to make the walk back in the dark to the coach. It was a feeling of success and relief when we arrived back at the coach as the rain started and we headed back to our hotel, some for a swift pre-purchased drink and others straight to bed for another early morning tomorrow.

Day 3

Monday 12th May

Heavy Rain at Dawn and continuing until the afternoon

We woke to heavy persistent rain so we cancelled out 5am trip to the Strict Reserve until later in the day and we had a sleep in until breakfast. Forecast was for it to stop by mid-morning so plans were re drawn to visit the Palace Park and the tower until then. We went for breakfast at 8am and then were dropped off at the Palace Park entrance where we headed straight for the tower as the rain was still persistent.

It was relatively quiet from here with Common Tern on the lake but good views, at eye level, of a male Collared Flycatcher. After a period here with no let-up in the rain we adjourned for coffee before walking down to the tower hid back at the river. The rain was getting lighter and birds were beginning to sing, Savi's, Sedge and

Great Reed Warblers showed. Fieldfares were busy building a nest and both Common and Lesser Whitethroat were seen in the same bush. A Great Grey Shrike quickly passed through the marsh over which Common Snipe were continuously roding.

We walked back to the Unikat for lunch and then to the hotel rooms to prepare for the afternoon visit to the reserve, hastily rearranged from the morning. We were transported down to the path that lead to the Strict Reserve for 2.30pm and met our lady guide, Agnieszka. The rain had reduced to a light drizzle and nearly stopped with some brighter sky, although some heavy bursts continued throughout the afternoon. Agnieszka kept us well informed about the plants, animals, birds and insects of the forest and their relationship to each other within this ecosystem as we walked through the forest. At one point on the boardwalk we stopped for a singing Red-breasted Flycatcher but it refused to show itself and one or two had good views of Collared Flycatcher. We stopped at a Black Woodpecker nest hole but nothing happened but had success at a Middle Spotted Woodpecker nest when the male brought food and changed over duties with the female.

After thanking Agnieszka, we left the forest in sunshine so decided to try for a Pygmy Owl before dinner. However the rain started again and the owl failed to show, though we did see a Great Spotted Woodpecker. After dinner we went back to the hotel and did the checklist over a beer before retiring to bed.

Day 4

Tuesday 13th May

Sunny and bright morning but heavy thunderstorms from noon

A pre-breakfast walk around the hotel did not produce any species we had not previously seen but it was a pleasant bird-sound filled morning, just right for a walk around the village before we returned for breakfast at 8am. Today was going to be spent north of the forest around Siemianówka Reservoir, so after breakfast we loaded onto the coach and headed out of Bialoweiza. We first stopped near Wysokie Bagno where a Long-tailed Tit had been reported to be nesting. When we arrived we immediately heard them calling in the bushes and saw three beautiful white-headed birds all carrying food. We realised that the young had recently fledged as there were dusky headed youngsters at the base of the bush. After some quality time with these birds we continued heading north toward the reservoir.

We called into Kosy Most to try for Nutcracker but failed, however we had great views of Wood Warbler and a Black Woodpecker, whilst two Hobby flew around the tree tops. We headed out to the reservoir close to Siemianówkasizna parking up near to the tower on the south side. Here were all three marsh terns, Great Egrets, Marsh Harrier, Gadwall and Mute Swan. A tremendous thunder storm passed over us so we ate our picnic at the sheltered tables. Having checked out the reservoir we decided to head back to the forest to try for woodpeckers again.

At Grozski, we walked around the edge of the wood and the tidily laid out park, finding Great Spotted Woodpecker and Wryneck. Approaching the tower, we had great views of a male White-backed Woodpecker which had been collecting food and then flew past us with a beak full.

From the tower we had singing Golden Orioles, three nice Honey Buzzards soared past, overhead, allowing us to study the features and a nice male Red-backed Shrike posed on a bush. Moving back south through the forest we hit another thunder storm but managed a few minutes trying once again for Nutcracker but only saw

Hawfinch. The storm set in with extremely heavy hailstones so we abandoned the rest of the afternoon to return early to the hotel and pack and prepare for our changeover to Biebrza tomorrow and our last dinner at the Unikat.

Day 5

Wednesday 14th May

Warm and sunny with a pleasant breeze

It was a pleasant misty morning when we gathered at 5am for our last trip out into the forest, as this was our changeover day to Biebrza. A Grey-headed Woodpecker called in the mist and with some persuasion it flew right over us, heading for the Palace Park. Andrzej suggested we tried the Pygmy Owl site we missed yesterday evening because of the stormy weather, so all gather on the forest road to Narewka and he played a few owl calls. Almost immediately it responded and soon Peter had it in the telescope for all to enjoy. A ferocious little hunter, no bigger than a Song Thrush, which eats small birds!

Flushed with success we headed back to Bialoweiza and entered the Palace Park. The early morning mist hung over the lake and the sound of Great Reed Warbler song echoed in the air. A Wryneck called on the other side of the lake and a few calls had it flying over to us and landing in a sparsely leaved tree for all to see. Next we heard two Common Rosefinches singing and soon we had seen both in the telescopes, nice red males. Talking of red, a brave Red Squirrel bounded down the path towards us, played hide and seek around a tree and then passed us, intent on crossing the bridge. Other highlights in the park included Collared and Spotted Flycatchers and our first Robins!

We enjoyed our last breakfast at the Unikat and then we were on the road for Biebrza. First stop was at the village of Treześcianka, built in the traditional style, with Belarus influence. Andrzej told us about its history as we took photos of the houses. We continued onto Dojlidy Ponds on the outskirts of Bialystok and had a pleasant couple of hours exploring the overgrown fish pools. Stewart luckily saw a Little Bittern drop into the main reed bed but it wouldn't show for the rest. However we all had great views of at least five pairs of Red-necked Grebes, most displaying, a nice male Penduline Tit and a flying Great Bittern to make up for missing its smaller relative. Add to these Map butterflies, Red-eyed Damselflies and numerous plants, it was a most enjoyable morning.

At noon, we set off for Waneiwó, where we were treated to an excellent lunch of meats, cheeses and pancakes, washed down with beer, tea, coffee or homemade blackcurrant juice. This was followed by a walk over the boardwalk into the marsh, utilising the floating pontoon bridges. It seemed a little quiet here, apart from Common Crane, a huge Raft Spider and some Banded Demoiselles so we opted to head north and try for Aquatic Warbler whilst the weather was good.

This was a great idea as we eventually got some excellent views of these little 'tiger stripe' acrocephalus warblers, one of the rarest song birds in Europe. We were also treated to some close views of a hunting male Montagu's Harrier and Black-tailed Godwits displayed over the marsh.

Our final stop before heading to our hotel was at the old Russian Fort at Osowiec, where we found a nice singing male white-spotted Bluethroat, much to Mike's (I'ved) relief. That evening at the hotel we had a typical Polish dinner and completed our checklist for the day over a beer or two!

Day 6

Thursday 15th May

Bright sunny day with building cloud... Moderate NE winds pm

A few hardy souls gathered at 6am to walk to the viewpoint in the town. It was a glorious sunny day but a little breezy. Views from the viewpoint (which used to be the roof of a disused restaurant and now officially boarded and fenced) gave us Roe Deer in the marsh, marsh terns over the river and a smart Hobby flew swiftly overhead. To get a better angle we walked to the road bridge over the river where we could get better views of the terns, Mute Swans and harriers hunting the marsh. A pair of Fieldfares busily fed their young in a nest near to the bridge and Garganey were flying back and forth across the road.

After a hearty buffet breakfast we headed out in the minibus to the boardwalk at the Russian Fort near Osowiec, where we had seen the Bluethroat the previous day. En route Margaret spied a large raptor which turned out to be a Greater Spotted Eagle and as we watched that a Hoopoe flew by – what a start! The Bluethroat was not about, maybe because of the increasing wind, but we saw a Blue-headed Wagtail and six Common Cranes with two superb Black Storks beating their way against the wind, as did a Honey Buzzard

The boardwalk was full of interesting wildlife. Little Crakes were heard calling but could not be seen, a good variety of butterflies such as Large Tortoiseshell and Wood White were photographed, as were a number of Small Red-eyed Damselflies and a freshly emerged Common Club-tail. Towards the end of the walk we came across another male Bluethroat which performed well for us.

We had spent the morning on the boardwalk so headed for the National Park centre at Osowiec where we used the facilities and bought souvenirs before we ate our picnic lunch in the small park nearby. After lunch we saw a male Pied Flycatcher in the park and then had an ice cream courtesy of Mike, whose birthday was at the weekend.

We headed down to Mścichy where we walked along the road hoping to see waders and possibly a Citrine Wagtail (recorded here in the past) but the wind had increased again and it was hard to see or hear anything. We did watch a Montagu's Harrier drift past and Black-tailed Godwits appeared in one of the fields but the only wagtail we saw was a Blue-headed. Just before we left we met another group and Andrzej exchanged information with their guide. He told us that a Citrine Wagtail had been seen near a village to the west of Goniądz so we set off for there. The info had us looking for a tall stick with a plastic bag fastened to it north of Dolistowo Bridge. We found this and stopped there. First it appeared that it would be too windy when suddenly we heard a shrill call to our left and a male Citrine Wagtail flew past and disappeared into the grass. As we waited excitedly he reappeared and sat right out on a willow stem and the female flew around also. What a fantastic view of a truly magical bird! As our luck appeared to be holding we made a short visit to the meadows near to the Polkowo reserve and saw at least 14 Common Cranes. We opted for an early return to the hotel but made a final stop to look for Ortolan Bunting. Sure enough our luck was there and Andrzej located a pair on the main road which everyone saw well in the telescope. That evening we enjoyed another fine dinner and a drink or two.

Day 7

Friday 16th May

Cloudy but dry with a moderate NE wind. Rain late evening

Pre breakfast walk to the tower hide near the hotel was quite productive this morning. Just after leaving the hotel grounds we heard a Corncrake calling close to the road so Andrzej put a tape player on the ground in the grass and after a couple of minutes to everyone's surprise – even Andrzej's – a Corncrake flew up into the air and landed on the verge, in clear view, allowing some brief but great views of this elusive bird, before it slinked off back into the long grass. Shortly after, two White-tailed Eagles were seen flying over the far marsh and then another closer just beyond the bridge. It was windy and cold in the tower but we still managed to get good views of Icterine Warbler, Thrush Nightingale, Willow and Penduline Tit, before returning to the hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast in drizzle and moderate wind, we headed for Brzostowo where there is a tower and shelter to watch from. As we drove down the lane to the village, Andrzej saw a Black Woodpecker which was feeding low to the ground on some dead trees; we all had views from the minibus windows. The marsh was alive with terns, three species of marsh tern, Common and Little, many Ruff in all colour forms, Greylag Geese, and in the distance our first Elk. As we warmed up with tea and coffee from the farmhouse, something disturbed the marsh and 2-3000 birds took to the sky, of which a third were Ruff!. As flocks of Ruff flew by we could pick out summer plumaged Dunlin and Lapwing, Redshank and Black-tailed Godwits were seen. We also added here, Eurasian Curlew, Wood Sandpiper and Shoveler to the trip list.

Leaving here we called in at the shelter at Burzyn where three more Elk could be seen out in the marsh from a height advantage. There were many Great Egrets in this area and Blue-headed Wagtails squabbled in front of us. With a bit heavier rain setting in, we travelled down to the river on the main road to Tykocin and had our packed lunch in the warmth and shelter of a small bar at Ruś, supplemented by hot soup and drinks. Suitably refreshed, we headed into Tykocin, calling first at the old Bee-eater/Tawny Pipit site but there was too much disturbance as the road was being repaired and lorries were using the quarry. We therefore went into the town where some of the group went with Andrzej to visit the synagogue, whilst others joined Peter in watching the river. The former learnt about the history of the new structure after its attempted destruction during WW2 and the latter found a singing Marsh Warbler and Common Rosefinch by the river.

Once we had all re-joined the minibus we called in at the fish ponds at Knyszyn but it appeared quiet and the wind was getting colder so the vote was for an early finish and we returned to the hotel by 4pm for packing and preparing for departure the next day. At dinner that night Stewart thanked Andrzej and Mariusz on behalf of the group for being a superb and patient guide and skilful driver respectively and we patted ourselves on the back for a successful tour, especially the views we had of Bison, Pygmy Owl, Corncrake, Citrine Wagtail and Aquatic Warbler amongst many other species of animals, birds, plants and insects!!! We also presented Mike with a card and small gift for his birthday!

Day 8

Saturday 17th May

Sunny dry start at Biebrza, some cloud on the journey to Warsaw, then sun on arrival

After breakfast the minibus was packed and we set off on the journey back to Warsaw. We called at the tower near the hotel where Thrush Nightingale and Penduline Tit were calling and we got out last new addition to the checklist as a female Hen Harrier flew close past heading east.

We called at the man-made reservoir at Czechnowizna (Zygmund August Lake). Well known for its White-tailed Eagle numbers, we were not disappointed as at least six were seen, together with Great Cormorant, Marsh Harrier, Common Buzzard and Blue-headed Wagtails.

The rest of the journey to Warsaw was uneventful, stopping for a nice chicken lunch en route. The group wished goodbye to Andrzej and Mariusz at the airport, for their flight home and Peter was staying over to meet a new group the next day, to do it all over again!!

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Sunset of Biebrza by Mike Catchpole



Red Squirrel by Peter Dunn



Citrine Wagtail by Peter Dunn



Wood White by Mike Catchpole

Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				✓		1	✓	
2	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				2		✓	✓	✓
3	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>		2						
4	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				1				
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>							4	
7	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>						5	✓	
8	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>					2			
9	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	1						1	
10	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	3							
11	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>						1		
12	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					10			
13	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					6			
14	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						2		
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>					1			
17	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					1			
18	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			1	✓	3	5	✓	2
19	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>							1	8
21	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>				4	1	1	1	
22	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>		3						
23	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>						1		
24	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		1						
25	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1						
26	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	3	1		2	4	✓	8	✓
27	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>								1
28	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	1				2	2	1	
29	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>							4	6
30	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2			1	1		1	3
31	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>					1			
32	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	1			2		1	1	1
33	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		H				H		
34	Corn Crane	<i>Crex crex</i>			H	H	H	H	1	H
35	Little Crane	<i>Porzana parva</i>						H		
36	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>							H	
37	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					✓	3	4	
38	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>		1	✓		2		12	1
39	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		2			✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>		1						
41	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>		3						
42	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		12	✓		✓	4		2
43	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>					6	2	✓	
44	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>							1	
45	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					H		✓	
46	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							6	
47	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1					1	1	

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			10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
48	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								10	
49	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>							5	1000	
50	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>					1				
52	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	5			5	1	1	1		
53	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	2							2	
54	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	3		1				4	✓	
55	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	6			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	6			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
58	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
59	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		H		1		1			1
61	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H	H		1	H	H	H		
63	Eurasian Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>					1				
64	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1						2		
66	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	1	1		2	1			H	
67	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>			2						
68	White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>		1		1					
69	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	1	1	1	2					
70	Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>		1							
71	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>				1				1	
72	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>					1				
73	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		2		2	2				
74	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>		2	1						1
75	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	1	3	H	1	H			H	1
76	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	3	3		✓	✓				2
77	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	20			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	2		1	2	1	3	2	2	3
82	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		1	1		1				
83	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			2		2				
84	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>		2						2	
85	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		2	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
86	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					1	3	1		H
88	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			H						
89	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓							✓	
91	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				5		H			
94	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		2		H				1	H
	Northern Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus acredula</i>					1	2			
95	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			1					H	
	Northern Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita abietinus</i>		2		1	1	1			
96	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H	H	3					

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97	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		6	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Aquatic Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>					3			
99	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		11	1		✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					✓		1	
101	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>					1		1	
102	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		4			1	2	3	
103	Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>		3						H
104	River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>		1						
105	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>		2	3		H			
106	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	2	H	1	✓	✓	✓	2	✓
107	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		2					1	
108	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>		1						
109	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	1	5	1		2	2	2	2
110	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		5	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		1						
112	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		6	4	4	10			
113	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		2						
114	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
116	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	1	3	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
117	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
118	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				2				
119	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		5	1	✓	✓			
120	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>					2			
121	White-spotted Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica cyanecula</i>					1	1		
122	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>		11	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓
123	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>						1		
124	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		2	2		4			
125	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>			1					
126	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1	3	✓	✓	✓	3	2	
127	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1	2	✓	✓	✓	1		
128	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		20	✓	✓	✓	6	1	
129	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1		1				
130	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
131	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
132	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>	2					4	5	6
133	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>						2		
134	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2
135	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>					2	1		
136	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			1					
137	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
138	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3	4
139	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>			H		2	2	3	
140	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2
141	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
142	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
143	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		2	2	2		2		1
144	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		1						
145	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>						2		
147	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		5	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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Mammals

1	Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>					1			
2	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>					1			
3	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>				1				
4	Eurasian Elk	<i>Alces alces</i>							4	
5	European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		2						1
6	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus elaphus</i>					2			
7	European Bison	<i>Bison bonasus</i>		2						

Butterflies & Moths

Large White, *Pieris brassicae*

Orange Tip, *Anthocharis cardamines*

Wood White, *Leptidea sinapis*

Holly Blue, *Celastrina argiolus*

Peacock Butterfly, *Inachis io*

Small Tortoiseshell, *Aglais urticae*

Pearl-bordered Fritillary, *Clossiana ephrosyne*

Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*

White-banded Carpet, *Spargania luctuata*

Bordered White, *Bupalus piniaria*

The Snout, *Hypana proboscidalis*

Small White, *Artogeia rapae*

Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*

Small Copper, *Lycaena phlaeas*

Large Tortoiseshell, *Nymphalis polychloros*

Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*

Map Butterfly, *Araschnia levana*

Weaver's Fritillary, *Clossiana dia*

Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*

Latticed Heath, *Chiasmia clathrata*

Burnet Companion, *Euclidia glyphica*

Dragonflies & Damselflies

Banded Demoiselle, *Calopteryx splendens*

Variable Bluet, *Coenagrion pulchellum*

Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*

Common Clubtail, *Gomphus vulgatissimus*

Small Whiteface, *Leucorrhinia dubia*

Four-spotted Chaser, *Libellula quadrimaculata*

Beautiful Demoiselle, *Calopteryx virgo*

Small Redeye, *Erythromma viridulum*

Sedgling, *Nehalennia speciosa*

Downy Emerald, *Cordulia aenea*

Broad-bodied Chaser, *Libellula depressa*

Small Bluetail, *Ischnura pumilio*

Reptiles & Amphibians

Sand Lizard, *Lacerta agilis*

Common Frog, *Rana temporaria*

Pond Frog, *Pelophylax lessonae*

Common Toad, *Bufo Bufo*

Viviparous Lizard, *Zootoca vivipara*

Marsh Frog, *Pelophylax ridibundus*

Green Toad (heard), *Bufo viridis*

Fire-bellied Toad (heard), *Bombina bombina*

Other taxa

Dor Beetle, *Lamia textor*, *Oxymirus cursor*, Red Poplar Leaf Beetle, *Chrysolina fastuosa*, Striped Shieldbug, Hairy Shieldbug, *Dolichovespula media*, *Chrysotoxum cautum*, Caddis Fly, Deer Tick, Raft Spider.