

# Poland in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Corn Crake by Peter Dunn



Immature White-tailed Eagle by Peter Dunn



Lesser Spotted Eagle by Ron Brown



Common Club-tail by Ron Brown

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## Day 1

Sunday 18th May

Warm and humid, some cloud building in the evening

Peter, Przemek, Andrew and Sally were waiting in the arrivals hall when the main group arrived from London on their BA flight. Once gathered we summoned the Jack with the coach and quickly boarded driving out of Warsaw on the newly refurbished road system. 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 (Via Baltica). Once off the motorway we found a nice clean restaurant where we sampled the local pork schnitzel washed down with local beer.

This tour was starting at Biebrza before going onto the forest at Bialoweiza so we stayed with the motorway before turning off towards Łomża and Tykocin; seeing Common Buzzard and Marsh Harrier en route. Because of the good weather we decided to visit Długa Luka, where the conditions were optimal for seeing Aquatic Warbler. We were not disappointed and up to four birds were visible, some in flight song, others singing for a long time from the top of a reed stem. Other birds seen here were Sedge Warbler, both Marsh and Montagu's Harries and displaying Common Snipe and Black-tailed Godwit.

Having enjoyed our first taste of Polish birding we continued on to our hotel in Goniądz, where rooms were allocated and after we had 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

Monday 19th May

Warm and sunny – up to 26 degrees C

Most of the group met up outside the hotel just before 6am for a walk down to the bridge. It was a slow walk with many distractions on this first morning in Poland. A 'showy' Thrush Nightingale belted out its song in full view from an ash tree and everyone had good views through a telescope. A Marsh Warbler a little further down the lane was not as obliging, singing from a dense bush but we did better with a Great Reed Warbler singing from the top of a reed head. Over the marsh were many White-winged and occasional Black Terns and a flock of Great Egrets went by, looking like swans flying backwards!

As we approached the bridge, the distinctive 'sewing machine' call of a River Warbler sounded from a bush in the middle of a small field and as we scanned the area it was seen being chased by another warbler, which turned out to be a Marsh Warbler. They then both sat in the open giving perfect views. From the height of the bridge we watch a pair of Fieldfare feeding well grown young in an eye level nest and an Icterine Warbler pumped out its 'squeaky toy' song from the top of a tree in full view. Over the marsh, Garganey pairs were chasing about and a Common Sandpiper teetered on the bank. Soon it was time for breakfast so we retraced our steps but it was not over yet. Suddenly a Corn Crake called close to the road, in the same area Peter had it the week before. Almost a carbon copy of the previous week, Przemek placed a speaker over the road with Corn Crake song and true to form the bird walked out in full view and spent about 15-20 seconds wandering around the road...an exciting moment for the group of a bird which is regularly heard but hardly ever seen.

After breakfast we gathered on the coach to head west into the northern basin at Dolistowo. Stopping on the outskirts we watched a pair of Montagu's Harriers quartering a field while trying to look for Ortolan Bunting. The latter eventually showed and most people got reasonable views in the trees or on the wires. Crossing the bridge in Dolistowo we headed over the meadows, all pretty dry apart from a few small pools. We stopped at one of these where, the week before, Peter had had a pair of Citrine Wagtails. Scanning the fields most birds were Blue-headed Wagtail, Sedge Warbler or Reed Bunting, although Przemek thought he had a Citrine fly into the field at a distance but it did not reappear.

After a while with the temperature rising we continued onto the through the village of Polkowo and had a walk along a track which gave us a clear all round view in the hope of seeing one or two raptors. The only raptors were Common Buzzard but we saw Elk in the distance and 5-6 European Hares chasing around in a field. Calling Fire-bellied Toads were impossible to find amongst the Marsh Frogs and a calling male Cuckoo was pursuing a female around the fields. As we returned to the coach a smart Red-backed Shrike sat on top of a bush, close by. Lunch was calling so we started back to the hotel, pausing at the Citrine site. Alas no wagtails again but great views of another Corn Crake sat on top of a grass mound, calling!

After lunch we gathered in the coach and headed for the boardwalk at Osowiec calling first at the Goniądz tower hide. A pair of Willow Tits was seen close to the hide but little was moving over the marsh so we headed to the old Russian fort at Osowiec where we walked the boardwalk. No sooner had we stepped out of the coach when a Black Stork flew over for all to see, then on the board walk we started to look for Penduline Tit and Bluethroat. The latter managed to avoid us completely but we had great views of a pair of Penduline Tits at a nest.

Some looked for dragonflies and butterflies and recorded Common Club-tail and Yellow-spotted and Common White-face Darters and Wall and Wood Whites were amongst the butterfly sightings. It was a pleasant but hot walk when we got back to the coach waiting at the other end of the boardwalk and we then headed back to Wolka Piaseczna, just across the marsh from Goniądz, sometimes known as the 'Hoopoe Village'. It did live up to its name when a Hoopoe flew past us as we walked the road but also added two further Black Storks, Common Cranes and a superb view of a Grey-headed Woodpecker. Great Grey and Red-backed Shrikes hunted the fence line and it was a fitting end to a packed day, so we headed back to the hotel to prepare for dinner and the checklist.

## Day 3

Tuesday 20th May

Cloudy start with slight haze. Warm

The entire group met at 6am for a walk to the bridge via the viewpoint from the restaurant roof. En route we managed to see a Thrush Nightingale singing deep in a bush and fleeting glimpses of a Garden Warbler. On the view point we panoramic views of the marsh, albeit a bit hazy but managed to see an Elk far out in the reeds and also look down into a White Storks nest with chicks. We walked to the bridge where the Fieldfare nest was almost brimming over with chicks, good numbers of Garganey were flying about and the same Icterine Warbler from yesterday was showing very well. Returning for breakfast we heard the Corn Crake calling strongly and Dan's sharp eye spotted a European Beaver swimming up the river, its head being the only part visible.

After breakfast we were set to visit the southern basin of the Biebrza National Park, heading down the east side first. We stopped at Mścichy where we successfully found a male Bluethroat for all to see. The blue throat shone in the sunshine, and the warmth also brought out a Large Tortoiseshell butterfly. We continued south to Brzostowo a fantastic place on the banks of the Biebrza, with a small tower hide and sheltered seating. A few waders were logged, Redshank, Black-tailed Godwit, a brief Ruff and Wood Sandpiper. Little, Common, White-winged, Whiskered and Black Terns patrolled the waters. The farmer's wife brought out teas and coffees and the place was so comfortable and great for watching the wildlife, we decided to eat our picnic lunch there. Part way through Peter alerted the group to a Marsh Sandpiper feeding close by, a rare sighting and a good one for the trip. It flew off and returned three times allowing the entire group to see it. Out in the marsh Garganey chased about and two Black Storks rose from the reeds and began to circle with a Common Crane on a thermal.

It was hard to drag ourselves away from Brzostowo but we needed to carry on and call in at the Burzyn watchpoint. The elevated viewpoint gave great views of the Biebrza and its' flood plain and also views of three Elk and a Wild Boar. We were disappointed here that there were no raptors apart from Marsh Harrier and some disappearing dots, another group claimed were Honey Buzzards, so plans were made to rectify this.

A comfort and ice cream stop in Tykocin also gave us great views of a male Common Rosefinch in glorious scarlet plumage and Peter gave a brief history of the synagogue. We left Tykocin and headed north towards Goniądz, calling into a huge man-made reservoir called Zigmund August Lake on the outskirts of Czechnowizna, where Peter and Przemek guaranteed there would be some big birds of prey. And there were... up to six White-tailed Eagles were around the reservoir, some flying some in trees. A bonus here was some very close views of Savi's Warbler and we added Sand Martin and Dunlin to the list.

We arrived back at the hotel just after 5pm giving people time to sort their packing out for the transfer to Białoweiza tomorrow, before dinner and the checklist.

## Day 4

Wednesday 21st May

Sunny and warm again, pm heavy shower at Białoweiza (25 degrees C)

Change over day to the forest of Białoweiza, so no arranged pre breakfast walk and group members took the opportunity to catch up with some missing species or take photos

After breakfast we loaded the coach and bade farewell to the Bartek staff before heading south on the Czar's Road. First stop was at a known breeding site for Nutcracker but the birds were not around, however we did see a couple of Great Spotted Woodpecker and a nice Crested Tit. A little further we climbed the 'elk tower' at Długa Luka, in hope of a last chance for Spotted Eagle and true to form one and probably two were seen soaring over the woods on the other side of the marsh, with characteristic down turned wings, short tail and dark upper parts. Also a close Elk peered out of the reeds. The unspoilt meadow below was full of wildlife discoveries; Blue Cow-wheat and Northern Marsh Orchids, Elephant Hawk-moth and Blood-vein moth, and a marvellous looking Raft Spider. Yellow-spotted White-faced Darters competed with Four-spot Chasers and Common Frogs were everywhere, whilst overhead a close Honey Buzzard sailed by.

We settled back in our seats and headed for a nice service station just outside Białystok where we used their outside dining for our packed lunches and bought coffee and teas before continuing on to Dojlidy Fish Pond. The afternoon was very warm and the noise of the nesting Black-headed Gull was deafening. Tucked away in the reeds was a nesting Red-necked Grebe with more seen on some of the other pools. We saw a nice male Bearded Tit and saw two Little Crakes sneaking about in the reeds. Bitterns boomed, Marsh Frogs croaked and dragonflies of a number of species sailed in the breeze. It was a fascinating site for nature and was enjoyed by everyone. Time was creeping on however and we eventually had to leave and head to Białoweiza to book into our newly built hotel and then enjoy a nice three course meal before bed, with the knowledge that we were out the next morning to get our first taste of forest birding.

## Day 5

Thursday 22nd May

Clear bright day with some scenic early morning mist. 27 degrees C

The pre-breakfast visit to the Narewka Road was arranged at 5am. First stop on the road was for a morning-active Pygmy Owl which eventually came into view and everyone saw well through the telescopes. A bit further down the road we stopped to try for Nutcracker but again nothing, however we did get views of a Middle-spotted Woodpecker and a Hawfinch high in the trees. Our final call before breakfast was an area called the 'dead forest' near Budy Bridge. En route we passed a superb Lesser Spotted Eagle sat in a bush close to the road. There were at least two pairs of Collared Flycatchers in the dead forest, one male singing high in a dead tree and easy to see, the other male was attending a hole in a broken stump. A number of woodpeckers made a brief appearance here, Middle Spotted high in the trees, a Black Woodpecker which disappeared as quickly as it appeared and a Grey-headed which showed briefly in a dead tree. All in all it had been an excellent start to the day and we returned to our hotel for a delicious breakfast.

After breakfast we drove to a protected area called Wysokie Bagno (High Bog) close to the Belarus border, then onto the woods near Grudki and an area called the Miejsca Mocy the 'power place'. Our aim was to try and find some of the species we were missing such as Barred Warbler, Wryneck, Nutcracker and Three-toed Woodpecker. We missed out on these but added Coal Tit, Robin, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Nuthatch and Treecreeper. The woods however were wonderful in dappled sunlight and various butterflies such as Map and Orange-tip and beetles like the Striped Shieldbug were plentiful. We called back to the hotel to freshen up and then went to the Unikat for lunch.

After lunch we walked to the Palace Park and first thing was to go to the top of the tower where the cooling breeze was most welcome on this hot day. We scanned for raptors and the first was a high flying Marsh Harrier followed by an unidentified buzzard species. Then two distant Lesser Spotted Eagles over the forest. We could hear a Rosefinch singing so decided to go down and check the lake, but not before a refreshing drink or an ice cream! The Common Rosefinch was seen, singing from the tallest bush on the island and Great Reed Warblers flew back and forth across the water. Crossing the bridge and on the far bank we saw another Rosefinch and tried to view a calling Wryneck but it just kept flying over our heads, back into cover. Some of the group headed for the hotel whilst others went to the new tower hide overlooking the river. A Barred Warbler was heard singing and soon showed itself to all – a great end to the day.

Walking back to the hotel Leonie found a nice Green Hairstreak and all was not over as back at the hotel June spied a huge male Bison down in the field alongside the protected forest, enjoyed by everyone from the comfort of the hotel. We enjoyed another dinner at the Unikat washed down with a beer or wine before completing the checklist. Tomorrow was to be the all-important visit to the Strict Reserve.

## Day 6

Friday 23rd May

Cloudy and cool with drizzle late pm

After an early breakfast we walked up to the entrance of the Strict Reserve, where we met our guide Mateusz. As usual he kept us well informed about the plants, animals, birds and insects of the forest and their relationship to each other within this ecosystem. During the walk we had heard at least two Red-breasted Flycatchers (some saw one) and saw our first Wren. We staked out a Black Woodpecker nest hole but finally had to give up without seeing it, however a Middle-Spotted Woodpecker nest was much more active and we watched the parents come to the nest twice in close succession to feed well-grown young. Having spent over two and a half hours in the reserve by thanked Mateusz for his hard work and excellent command of English, with which he made us much more aware of this special habitat that spans both Poland and Belarus.

Following lunch the group had some free time to explore the village before dinner at 5pm. At 6pm we gathered on the coach for a trip to the village of Narew to visit a Great Snipe lek. It was a glorious balmy evening with very few insects, as we walked out into the marsh. The grass had certainly grown since last week when Peter was here but we remained confident. Lapwings and Common Snipe displayed over the water meadows and we saw a few Roe Deer and a Red Fox as we waited. Common Rosefinch sang from the top of a bush competing with the many Sedge Warblers and Whinchat. As the light began to fade a Woodcock patrolled the top of the forest and suddenly a Great Snipe took flight from the right and dropped into an area in front of us showing its huge white outer tail feathers. We waited patiently and it took off again and flew a few metres to the right.

Finally it was in flight again and this time did a fly past heading down the valley and the bulky 'woodcock' shape, size and wing beats were easy to see. We waited for more action but that was it, so we made our way back to the coach and then to the hotel arriving back just before 10pm.

## Day 7

Saturday 24th May

Sunny and hot but refreshing, light southerly breeze. Showers, late afternoon

We met for the pre-breakfast walk at 6am and walked around the fields to the east of the hotel. At first it appeared quiet with only the usual Whinchats and Skylarks, then beyond a small coniferous wood we came across our first Woodlark, carrying food, then up to two pairs of very active Barred Warblers and their associated Red-backed Shrikes. The male warblers were singing in full view from tops of bushes given great views and everyone manage to see the barring and the brilliant yellow eye of the males through the telescope. Crossing the main street we walked down towards the marsh and came across another male Barred Warbler singing in full view. It had been hard to find any at the beginning of the trip, now there were many!

After breakfast we were heading towards Siemianówka Reservoir. We first called into a glade within the forest called Kosy Most and tried for Nutcracker and Black Woodpecker yet again but still no reply, however Weaver's Fritillary and Silver-studded Blue were good butterflies here. We arrived on the south shore of the reservoir around 10:45 and started to view across the pools and reed beds. Whiskered Terns were predominant here with a few Black Terns. Out over the reeds a White-tailed Eagle was causing a panic amongst the ducks and egrets and it was being mobbed by a pair of Marsh Harriers and another eagle-type bird (possibly Short-toed) that was not positively identified. Two Stripeless Tree Frogs were much appreciated and we were chasing dragonflies and butterflies around in the grass. One was extremely 'hairy' and was in fact a Hairy Dragonfly, as were some of the 'blue' ones we saw. Taking advantage of the shade here, we had our packed lunch.

After lunch, a quick stop at the local shop to buy most of the shops 'magnum' lollies, was appreciated by all parties, then we drove to the north bank. As we alighted from the coach an immature White-tailed Eagle flew right over us, affording excellent photographic opportunities and out over the water was Common Tern, a single Caspian Gull and many Great Cormorants. White-tailed Eagles were relatively common here with birds soaring over the woods and another sat on the bank of the reservoir. As most were watching a huge Russian train entering Poland, one or two saw a Black Woodpecker leave a wood behinds us, so we staked out the area awaiting its return. A Penduline Tit was busy making a nest close by and a hatch of Scarce Chaser and Black-tailed Skimmer Dragonflies with a few Four-spotted Chaser and Hairy Dragonflies were entertaining. Alas the woodpecker did not return and we eventually had to give up and board the coach for our return journey.

We drove through an afternoon shower, triggered by the heat and arrived back at the hotel close to 4:30pm, in time to start our packing and also book our flight seat before dinner. At dinner, the group thanked Przemek our Polish guide and Jacek the driver for their skills and patience throughout the week, without which we would not have had so many wonderful Polish wildlife sights (and sounds).

## Day 8

## Sunday 25th May

Another bright sunny day with minimum cloud

Some of the group decided on a pre-breakfast walk, getting a last look at this fantastic forest and its wildlife. After breakfast we packed the coach and started the journey to Warsaw. We had two rest stops and lunch at the Karmiza restaurant, and the journey to Warsaw was smooth and trouble free and we even saw another Elk as we approached the city!

Arriving at the airport in good time we said goodbye to our new friends Przemek and Jacek and also to Andrew and Sally who were catching a flight to Zurich. The flight brought us smoothly back to London and we said our goodbyes in the baggage reclaim before going our separate ways, with great memories of a country, proud of its wildlife.

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Early Morning sun at Białowieza by Ron Brown



Fieldfare nest by Ron Brown



Penduline Tit nest by Peter Dunn

## Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

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

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48	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
49	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>		✓	6	✓			5	
50	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
51	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>						H		
53	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
54	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H	3	2	H	1	H	1	
55	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>						H		
56	Eurasian Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>					1			
57	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
58	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2	2				1	
59	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>				H	1	1		
60	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>					2	2		
61	White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>			1					
62	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	H			2	4	1	H	
63	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>					1		1	
64	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>							1	H
65	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		1			1			
66	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1						
67	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		5	2	6	5	✓	✓	2
68	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>		1			2		1	
69	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			H				H	
70	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	4	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓
72	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
73	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
74	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
75	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	1		3	2	2			
76	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>					1			
77	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>				1	2		2	
78	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			1		1			
79	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>		2		1		1		
80	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓		✓	2		
81	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	
82	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		2	H				1	
83	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>				1				
84	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>							1	
85	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓	✓		1	✓	✓
86	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			6					
87	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		1						
90	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	H	2	✓	✓	✓	✓		
91	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	H	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
92	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	H				1	H	H	
93	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
94	Aquatic Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>	4							
95	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
96	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		3	1	2	2			
97	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>		2	2	1	3		1	
98	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		1	1	2		4	2	1

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

## Mammals (D = dead)

1	Bank Vole	<i>Myodes glareolus</i>						1		
2	European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		6	2					
3	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			1	1		1		
4	European Polecat	<i>Mustela putorius</i>			D					
5	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>			1					
6	Eurasian Elk	<i>Alces alces</i>		10	5	1				1

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7	European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		5	1	1			3	2	
8	European Bison	<i>Bison bonasus</i>					1				

## Butterflies

Small White, *Artogeia rapae*  
 Orange Tip, *Anthocharis cardamines*  
 Wood White, *Leptidea sinapis*  
 Sooty Copper, *Lycaena tityrus*  
 Silver-studded Blue, *Plebejus argus*  
 Peacock Butterfly, *Inachis io*  
 Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*  
 Map Butterfly, *Araschnia levana*  
 Meadow Brown, *Maniola jurtina*  
 Wall Brown, *Lasiommata megera*

Green-veined White, *Artogeia napi*  
 Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*  
 Green Hairstreak, *Callophrys rubi*  
 Large Copper, *Lycaena dispar*  
 Large Tortoiseshell, *Nymphalis polychloros*  
 Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*  
 Comma Butterfly, *Polygonia c-album*  
 Weaver's Fritillary, *Clossiana dia*  
 Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*  
 Pearl-bordered Fritillary, *Boloria euphrosyne*

## Dragonflies

Banded Demoiselle, *Calopteryx splendens*  
 Small Redeye, *Erythromma viridulum*  
 Sedgling, *Nehalennia speciosa*  
 Hairy Hawker, *Brachytron pratense*  
 Small Whiteface, *Leucorrhinia dubia*  
 Blue Chaser, *Libellula fulva*

Variable Bluet, *Coenagrion pulchellum*  
 Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*  
 Black-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum cancellatum*  
 Common Clubtail, *Gomphus vulgatissimus*  
 Yellow-spotted Whiteface, *Leucorrhinia pectoralis*  
 Four-spotted Chaser, *Libellula quadrimaculata*

## Amphibians & Reptiles

Marsh Frog, *Pelophylax ridibundus*  
 Common Tree Frog, *Hyla arborea*  
 Viviparous Lizard, *Zootoca vivipara*

Pool Frog, *Pelophylax lessonae*  
 European Fire-bellied Toad, *Bombina bombina*  
 European Grass Snake, *Natrix natrix*

## Plants & other taxa

Bogbean, *Menyanthes trifoliata*  
 Northern Marsh Orchid, *Dactylorhiza purpurella*  
 Rose Chafer, *Cetonia aurata*  
 Striped Shieldbug, *Graphosoma lineatum*  
 Medium Wasp, *Dolichovespula media*

Blue Cow-wheat, *Melampyrum nemorosum*  
 Raft Spider, *Dolomedes fimbriatus*  
 Colorado Beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*  
 Hairy Shieldbug, *Dolycoris baccarum*  
 Dor Beetle sp., *Geotrupidae*



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