

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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European Brown Bear



The Danube



Wallcreeper



White-tailed Eagle

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Day 1

Saturday 5th May

London Heathrow to Zarnesti (via Bucharest): Grey and cold in UK, sunny in Romania

Leaving behind leaden skies and single figure temperatures, an uneventful 3 hour flight brought us to sunny and warm Bucharest, where we were met in arrivals by Florin, our Romanian guide. Boarding our coach we were off north and into a landscape of mainly arable agricultural land and some 'usual suspects' including Hooded Crow and Collared Dove. After a couple of hours, a quick coffee and comfort stop near Sinaia gave us our first real chance to get the binoculars out. In the back garden of the coffee house were Greenfinch, Goldfinch and a pair of lovely Spotted Flycatchers. From here onwards the landscape became steep wooded hillsides of Hornbeam, Beech and Spruce with the snow-topped mountains in the distance. After a further two hours or so, we reached the village of Zarnesti and the rustic Elena Hotel, our base for the next two nights. It had been a long day, so after a lovely evening meal, we were soon to bed.

Day 2

Sunday 6th May

Coltii Chiliilor (am), Dambovicioara Gorge (pm): Bright to start, clouding over with thunderstorms

Following a yummy breakfast, we departed on a short drive through the Sunday markets to Coltii Chiliilor, an area of sloping pastures bordered by woodland. As we strolled, Tree Pipits were very evident; Golden Orioles were busy calling and we were busy trying to spot them!

Common Buzzard, Hobby, Peregrine and Sparrowhawk proved easier to spot as they soared over the woods. Black Woodpecker, Crossbill and Red-backed Shrike gave clear views perching on nearby trees. The pastures were rich in flowers, the gentians and the snowbells attracting most attention, along with their attendant butterflies, including Wood White and a lovely Scarce Swallowtail. Lunch was under a large spruce, where we snatched bites of sandwich between views of Long-tailed Tit (white headed form) and a Nutcracker.

In the afternoon we swung briefly by Bran 'Draculas' Castle, though apparently, in reality, it has only vague associations with Vlad the Impaler, the reputed inspiration for Dracula. It was then on to the Dambovicioara Gorge with hopes of Wallcreeper, but this was not to be, only dramatic scenery and a rather fine Grey Wagtail. Back at the Elena Hotel, we had another fine dinner and caught up on the sightings of the day.

Day 3

Monday 7th May

Zarnesti Gorge (am), Stramba Valley (pm): Long sunny spells

A short drive brought us to the Zarnesti Gorge. From the coach we were 'greeted' by a Dipper (black-bellied race) busy flying up and down the stream gathering food for its chicks. As we strolled up the gorge, there were migrating Peregrine, Honey Buzzard and Osprey high overhead, and a good deal closer, Alpine Swifts wheeled above us. We then heard a Wallcreeper, we scanned and re-scanned the rock faces for it, but to no avail. We strolled on, there it was again, the thin song of the Wallcreeper, and then, it appeared, flitting about on the rock face where it snatched a passing fritillary butterfly from the air and proceeded to de-wing and eat it in front of us. After many minutes, it moved off and we moved on a short way to a grassy slope where some had lunch and others took a short stroll, spotting a smart Camberwell Beauty butterfly, before they too returned to lunch on the grass.

Walking back down the gorge, there were a couple of very striking Fire Salamanders and what appeared to be a living 20cm narrow black ribbon, swimming in a stream pool. It turns out that this was almost certainly a horsehair worm. The adult is free living, but the larvae are parasitic; living on beetles, cockroaches and various other invertebrates.

We then drove to the Stramba Valley. Virtually as soon as we stepped out of the coach, a Lesser Spotted Eagle soared in the distance. Luckily, another sailed over much closer by a short while later. Red-backed Shrikes were helpfully perching on trees and shrubs; affording excellent views. A fly past by a Black Woodpecker and a male Golden Oriole were welcome additions. Strolling further down the valley gave us views of Whinchats, Marsh and Long-tailed Tits, Yellowhammer and a tiny but perfectly formed Yellow-bellied Toad.

Late in the afternoon some travelled back to the hotel, while the others prepared for an evening out with bears. The bear hide is nestled in some lovely woodland overlooking small clearing. We sat expectantly as the local ranger laid out food in a number of locations in the clearing, making each a challenge to get to, via the use of hollow logs and/or covering with various rocks, logs and in one place, the requirement for the bears to climb for their dinner. Our first Brown Bear, a youngster, arrived fairly promptly and made rather short work of the climb and log clearing required to get to the mix of grains (sprinkled with chocolate chips) that had been laid out for it. This was soon chased of by a large adult male who himself appeared to be scared away by a conspiracy of ravens!

The evening was filled by a procession of bears, coming (some no more than 20m away) and going and all rising to the challenges set. By the time we had to leave due to the fast fading light, we had probably seen 7 individuals ranging from one year old youngsters to fully grown adults. We returned in the dark to our hotel and a welcome late meal.

Day 4

Tuesday 8th May

Zarnesti to Tulcea (via Cricovol Sarat, Ciorani Lake, Tandarei Restaurant, Hasarlic Lake and Garliciu Fish Ponds): Sunny

Bidding our goodbyes to the friendly staff of the Elena Hotel, we departed on the long drive to Tulcea on the edge of the Danube Delta. En route, we had a fair few roadside sightings, including European Roller, White Stork and Lesser Grey Shrike.

Just before lunch we stopped at a roadside Poplar plantation (adjacent to the watercourse of Cricoval Sarat, near Ialomita), where (somewhat unsurprisingly) there were some fluting Golden Orioles. Less predictably, but just as satisfying, were views of Red-footed Falcons, making good use of the large rookery for nesting. A very camouflaged Long-eared Owl in a dense bush gave tantalising partial views of itself until some further searching found its mate on an old Rooks' nest, complete with three fluffy chicks – a much better view. Continuing on, a second roadside stop was next to Ciorani Lake where we soon picked out lots of birds including our first Black-winged Stilt, Avocet, Wood Sandpiper, Ruff, Savi's Warbler and Yellow Wagtail.

We stopped for a coffee at a restaurant near Tandarei where there were stonking views of Lesser Grey Shrikes and Garden Warbler to be had. Continuing on, the next stop was taken by Hasarlac Lake. There were lots of excellent birds to be seen, including Whiskered Tern (in resplendent summer plumage), Purple and Squacco Herons, displaying Great Crested Grebe and Greylag Geese, all giving us a taste of what was to come in the Delta.

Our final stops were in quick succession, around Garliciu Fish Ponds. Here there were Ruddy Shelduck and Black-necked Grebe. A sandy roadside bank had breeding European Bee-eaters and Rollers visiting, so we had excellent close up views of both. Continuing our drive and now passing through vineyards, we arrived in the town of Tulcea on the banks of the Danube. Here the floating hotel (houseboat) that was to be our home for the next four days awaited us on a not so blue Danube.

Day 5

Wednesday 9th May

The Danube Delta (canal Milar 36, a polder, Fortuna Lake and the Sulina channel): Long sunny intervals

After breakfast, we boarded a small 'day' boat which promptly broke down! Luckily, it was quickly fixed and proceeded to take us into the maze of channels that make up the Danube Delta. Cruising along, there were large numbers of birds to be spotted. Kingfishers flashed between twigs, Little Egrets and Black-crowned Night Herons stood stoically waiting for a passing morsel and White and Dalmatian Pelicans glided majestically overhead. We stopped for a quick stroll on a polder where there were many Whiskered and Common Terns along with a fleeting Grey-headed Woodpecker.

Later, as we chugged slowly along, a juvenile White-tailed Eagle passed overhead, and Hobbys and Red-footed Falcons flashed past. Entering Fortuna Lake there were Whiskered and Black Terns, a swimming Dalmatian Pelican and a brown lump at the far end of the lake turned out to be an adult White-tailed Eagle which lifted off and passed overhead as we approached.

A late lunch back on board the floating hotel was followed by gentle cruise on the houseboat down the Sulina channel. From the top of the houseboat White-winged Black Tern, White-tailed Eagle and Pallas' Gull were all seen (and suntans started). After parking up for the evening on a backwater, we took a short walk along a dyke to the sound of Lesser Whitethroat and great views of Grey-headed Woodpecker. Dinner was to a chorus of Great Reed Warbler and Marsh/Edible Frogs, the latter, along with a gentle rocking, lulling us into a peaceful sleep.

Day 6

Thursday 10th May

The Danube Delta (Letea Village, Lakes Bogdaproste, La Amiza and Trei Lezere: Sunny intervals

Post breakfast, we again boarded the small boat and slowly wound our way towards the village of Letea. On the way we had some lovely views of Ferruginous Duck and fleeting Bearded Tit. A ball of bulrush and willow fluff in a bush turned out to be a Penduline Tit nest and it was not long before one of the adult birds visited. Mooring near the village, we disembarked and strolled between traditional blue and white buildings of Ukrainian style (from where the local population originated). Here there were many Tree Sparrows along with Northern Wheatear, Black Redstart and Lesser Grey Shrike. A Syrian Woodpecker perched very obligingly on a concrete pylon. On the walk back, a lovely Montague's Harrier flew lazily over.

After lunch aboard the houseboat, we again set off on the small boat for a 'sail' through a set of lakes. Ferruginous Duck, Dalmatian and White Pelicans were welcome sights. The highlight was probably three Hobbys chasing and catching dragonflies (mostly Norfolk Hawkers which are very rare in the UK!) right by the boat. However, a close contender has to be the Bearded Tits that Florin managed to call in to reeds right next to us. At one point a Pallas' Gull glided slowly overhead and later a Musk Rat (an introduced species from the USA) plopped into the water.

As we neared a large nesting area in some trees the number and diversity of birds rocketed. Here there were a multitude of Pygmy Cormorants, along with Grey, Squacco and Black-crowned Night Herons...and Hooded Crows, all busily nesting together. A fleeting Little Bittern was a big bonus for some as we returned to the floating hotel. Dinner was accompanied by a stunning pink sunset.

Day 7

Friday 11th May

The Danube Delta (Stipoc polder, Razboinita and Sontea Canals, Baclanestii Lake, Mila 36): Sunny

After breakfast we set off into the wet wilds heading for Stipoc polder. We were soon in the midst of a Black and Whiskered Tern breeding colony set in the midst of water lilies. At these close quarters it was easy to spot the differences.

Here, the captain of the small boat showed us how you could 'fish' for frogs using a red plastic bottle top on a line tied to a pole – they leap after it like an over-excited dog leaps for a thrown ball - perhaps they think it is a super-sized tasty red damselfly? Arriving at the polder, some had a brief glimpse of a Golden Jackal! Just along the way there was a White Stork on a nest, with Tree Sparrows making good use of this for their own nests. Near a small pool a Bluethroat was spotted, this little monster came and went and would just not keep still, but with patience most got reasonable views. In the small pool were some very smart Spotted Redshanks in full breeding plumage, Black-tailed Godwits, Wood Sandpipers, Black-winged Stilts and Ruff. As we chugged back to the floating hotel a swimming Grass Snake provided the main entertainment; with lunch it was a singing Reed Warbler.

Early in the afternoon, we had our final trip aboard the small boat, this time to Baclanesti Lake. Here we again saw a lone Dalmatian Pelican (complete with its 'punk' haircut'). There were also several Red-necked Grebes and some dashing Red-footed Falcons. Later that afternoon, it was a quiet cruise atop the floating hotel, mostly topping up our tans and reading, although there was a White-tailed Eagle, Great White Egrets and Marsh Harriers to be seen by those that still wanted. The crew kindly agreed to moor up for the night on canal Mila 36 rather than the more usual, but less scenic, Tulcea waterfront.

Day 8

Saturday 12th May

The Dobrogea Region; Somova Quarry, Telita (wood pasture), Macin Mountains: Sunny and hot

The boat was moved at dawn so that when we awoke, we were docked in Tulcea. Our suitcases were directed to the hotel and we set off for a long day exploring the Dobrogea region. A short drive brought us to an abandoned quarry near Somova. As we stepped from the coach there was Northern Wheatear and Tawny Pipit. Walking a little distance we were soon on the midst of Bee-eaters that were breeding in a nearby earth cliff. Then a Sparrowhawk was spotted soaring overhead; but not just any old Sparrowhawk - the pointier wings and shorter tail helped define it as Levant Sparrowhawk, a much rarer beast. In the main part of the quarry we quickly spotted a Long-legged Buzzard shortly followed by another. We spent a fair time watching these come and go and picked up an Ortolan Bunting into the bargain.

Our next stop was Telita, an area of widely spaced trees with a grassy sward below (wood pasture). A Black Stork was catching a thermal overhead while Middle-spotted Woodpecker called but proved too elusive to spot. However, we did spot more Ortolan Buntings, Woodlarks and, after much searching and calling, most saw a Barred Warbler. Much easier to see was a dinky Spur-thighed Tortoise and a huge iridescent bronze bush cricket (*Bradyporus dasyptus*). We had a yummy picnic lunch here under a shady Wild Pear tree.

Departing this lovely spot, we headed for the Macin Mountains and near Macin a stroll took us to the top of a nearby knoll which proved a good vantage point for views of distant, but very smart Pied Wheatear and Rock Thrush. A Hawfinch flew over and Isabelline Wheatears flitted about. Golden Orioles were very vocal, but, as usual, remarkably tricky to spot, unlike the large Cardinal butterflies that were also around. The final stops for the day were near Greci, where we saw Spanish Sparrows, Short-toed Larks, loads of Suslik (ground squirrels) and a pair of Stone Curlew who did a remarkable job of 'hiding' given the shortness of the vegetation!

A short walk gave us further views of Long-legged Buzzard and a lovely Hoopoe. On the drive back there were a couple of Calandra Larks seen – identifiable even at speed due to their dark underwings. A long, but very productive, day drew to an end as we arrived at our accommodation for the next two nights, the smart Ibis Hotel in Tulcea, where we were greeted with cherry brandy and little cakes.

Day 9

Sunday 13th May

The Dobrogea region; Deniz Steppe, Babadog Forest, Grindul Lupilor and Vadu: Sunny but windy

The region is noted for its 'steppe' habitat (short grassland) and at Deniz we had a flavour of this, but with few attendant birds, as they were all keeping their heads well down because of the strong winds, although we did spot Calandra Lark or two from the coach. Our next stop was some of the open woodland in the Babadag Forest. Here the wealth of flowers turned the heads of even the most ardent birders, especially the Lady Orchids, along with a host of other colourful blooms such as Lesser Honeywort, Large Speedwell and Large Milkwort. Birds were still tricky to spot because of the wind; perched and singing Ortolan and Corn Buntings proving the easiest.

It was then on to the coast at Grindul Lupilor (Wolf sand bar). On the way a Lesser Spotted Eagle was taking refuge from the breeze on an arable field, but the Hooded Crows refused to leave it alone and it soon moved off. As we approached the sand bar through the reed beds, we hoped for a Paddyfield Warbler but, again, we were scuppered by the wind, though the feeding Yellow Wagtails seemed oblivious to it. Moving on a short distance, we de-camped overlooking a dried waterway where a fair few birds were taking refuge. There was Stone Curlew, Kentish Plover, a couple of immature Pallas' Gulls mixed in with the Caspian Gulls and a host of Pratincoles – it took a while, but we eventually confirmed that these were Collared Pratincoles. Here we had a picnic lunch, cosy in the lee of the coach!

Post lunch and moving on to various places around Vadu, there were a whole host of waders and waterbirds busy feeding or just sitting around, ripe for identification. The diversity was impressive and most were in breeding regalia; rusty Curlew Sandpipers, black-bellied Dunlins and ebony Spotted Redshanks, along with Little and Temminck's Stints, Little Ringed, Ringed and Kentish Plovers, Redshank, Sanderling, Common and Little Tern, Spoonbill, and Shelduck.

From here it was a short drive to visit the shores of the Black Sea. On the beach there were Grey Plover, resplendent in breeding plumage and over the water there were Sandwich Terns and a few distant Yelkouan Shearwaters. Some dipped a bare toe (or ten) in the water before strolling back to the coach. Back in the Ibis Hotel, dinner was followed by a sparkling wine toast to a lovely holiday with a final listing of birds (185 species), mammals (7 species) and various other creatures and plants seen or heard.

Day 10

Monday 14th May

Tulcea to London Heathrow (via Bucharest): Sunny but windy

Following breakfast, we said our goodbyes to the hotel staff and Florin and departed on the drive to Bucharest airport. We had a brief stop at Hassarlic Lake again, but that wind...

We reached the airport in good time and we were all too soon back at chilly Heathrow and off our separate ways with fond shared memories of a great holiday.

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Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May										
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				2	1						
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				2							
3	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				8	16	15	18	2	3	4	
4	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					2						
5	Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>										3	
6	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					100+	100+	100+	22	40		
7	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>					5	2	3		2		
8	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				2	60	4	12	6	13	2	
9	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>				1	40	60	20				
10	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>					H	H					
11	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>						1					
12	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				1	55	12	15		1		
13	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					26	14	12				
14	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>				1	12	3	6	1	11		
15	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
16	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				4	12	13	16		2		
17	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				1	6	16	6				
18	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			2	10	2	16	7	2	41	4	
19	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>								2			
20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				30	30	2	6		6	4	
21	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				1	1				7		
22	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				4	40	12	40	16	30	2	
23	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				2	60	2	22		18		
24	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				4					7		
25	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				2							
26	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			3	8	10	12	13		4		
27	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				4	2	6	6		2		
28	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>				2					3		
29	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>				3							
30	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>				2							
31	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				16	30	12	22		6	4	
32	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				2	2	16	18		2		
33	Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>					1				1		
34	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					4	2	2				
35	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			1								
36	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>			2						1		
37	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				2							
38	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>							1				
39	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				2	4	6	6	4	12	3	
40	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						1			1		
41	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								4			
42	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo buteo</i>		5	4	2	1			1			
43	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			3	1				2		1	
44	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1	2								
45	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>								2			

	Common name	Scientific name	May									
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
46	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		1		1	4	6	6	1		
47	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		5	4	6	5	2	2	1	4	
48	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>				6	4	2	12		16	
49	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1	1							
50	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>								1		
51	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				1	2			1	2	
52	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				1	1	2	2	1		
53	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	3			20	40	6	16		12	5
54	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				8			2		7	
55	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				8					12	
56	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>								2	1	
57	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>									41	
58	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>									6	
59	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>									1	
60	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>									4	
61	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>									6	
62	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				11	16	12	6		12	
63	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>									10	
64	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>									6	
65	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>									27	
66	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				1					16	
67	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>									2	
68	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				9		9	3		7	
69	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					1	1	2		1	
70	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					1	1	2		1	
71	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>									6	
72	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				3			8			
73	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>							4		6	
74	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>									1	
75	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				15			11	4	12	
76	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				30	4	15	40		17	
77	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				2	6	12	6	3	16	
78	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>									1	
79	Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>						1			2	
80	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									7	
81	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				1	30	24	14	11	34	
82	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>									2	
83	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					4	2	12	2	6	
84	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>				3	17				12	
85	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				5	41	12	41	4	39	2
86	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia (feral)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
87	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>					4		1			
88	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	5	6	4	2	4	6	12	1	1	
89	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	8	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>								6	2	
91	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		2	3	2	12	17	16	1	1	
92	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>				5						
93	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>				H						
94	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			6							

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
95	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	20	4	4	11	4		4		9	
96	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					4	H	1			
97	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				2	3	2	2	6	6	
98	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			6	40	6	H	4	23	55	
99	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				4	17	13	12	4	4	3
100	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		1	1				1			
101	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		H	H		2	2	2			
102	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		1	1							
103	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>				H	1	2		1		
104	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					1					
105	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>								H		
106	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		1	2	2				6	4	
107	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				2				2	16	
108	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>								4		
109	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								2		
110	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>								1	7	
111	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				11		12	50		41	
112	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	4	4	4	6				14	4	
113	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	12	8	12	15	40+	40+	40+	21	40+	9
114	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				1				2	4	
115	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		1								
116	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		6								
117	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	2	1	4	2	4	2	2	11	
118	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		4	2			2				
119	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				6			2		14	
120	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			H							
121	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	2		2							
122	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		H	1							
123	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	H					H		
124	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>							1			
125	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>					H		H			
126	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					1					
127	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					1	3	1			
128	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>								16		
129	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				1		2		6	7	
130	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>								2		
131	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1	15			1	1			
132	Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>								1		
133	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	1	1	1	1	1			1		
134	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>			1							
135	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1	H	H							
136	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		2	2							
137	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>				1	H	1				
138	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>								2		
139	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H	1				H		1	
140	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		H		1	1	2	1	H		
141	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1	1		1	1				
142	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						1				
143	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>				1	H	1	H			

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144	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					H	1	2				
145	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				2	2	2	2			H	
146	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			1								
147	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>							1				
148	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H	1		H	H	H	H			
149	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	2				1	1					
150	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>				1							
151	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	4	5	2	1	2	4	4	7			
152	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>					2	2	2	2			
153	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>	1	1	1								
154	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			2								
155	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>		1									
156	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		2	1								
157	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>					1	6	2				
158	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					H	1	H				
159	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		H							H		
160	Wallcreeper	<i>Ticodroma muraria</i>			1								
161	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>					H						
162	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		2	2	1	1	2	2	11	19		
163	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				2	1	3		1	2		
164	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	2	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
165	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		2	2								
166	Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		1									
167	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>				4	2		12	14	11	6	
168	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	16	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	11		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
170	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	H	2	16	1							
171	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
172	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		1	1	2	2	6	1	1	1		
173	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>				6				14	4		
174	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
175	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				4	6	7	14	10	6		
176	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	1	2	1		2	H	11	4	1		
177	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	3		1								
178	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			H								
179	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2			H	2						
180	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>								H			
181	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		3									
182	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		4	1				1				
183	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								4	2		
184	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					1	1					
185	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				3	H		6	13	6		
Mammals													
1	Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>			7								
2	European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		1							1		
3	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>							1				
4	Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>						1					

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
5	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>				1							
6	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		1									
7	Suslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>				12					40+	40+	

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Balkan Clouded Yellow
 Camberwell Beauty
 Common Blue
 Orange Tip
 Scarce Swallowtail
 Wood White

Black-veined White
 Cardinal
 Glanville Fritillary
 Queen of Spain Fritillary
 Swallowtail

Brimstone
 Clouded Apollo
 Lesser Fiery Copper
 Red Admiral
 Small Heath

Dragonflies

Banded Demoiselle
 Norfolk Hawker

Blue-tailed Damselfly
 Scarlet Darter

Lesser Emperor
 White-tailed Skimmer

Reptiles & Amphibians

Balkan Wall Lizard
 Fire Salamander
 Marsh Frog
 Yellow-bellied Toad

Common Toad
 Grass Snake
 Spur-thighed Tortoise

Edible/Pool Frog
 Green Lizard
 Whip Snake?