

# Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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European Brown Bear



European Nightjar



Yellow-bellied Toad

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## Day 1

Saturday 4th May

The group met up with the leader Terry at the departure gate in Heathrow, and after introductions and a brief chat we were soon under way on the flight to Bucharest. After a three hour flight we touched down, and from the plane the first birds of the tour were spotted; mainly Jackdaws, House Martins and House Sparrows, but two Crested Larks were welcome additions. We all regrouped at the baggage reclaim (apart from the fleet-footed three). In the arrivals area we met with Florin our local guide. We set off towards Pension Elena in Zarnesti. Along the road a few birds were seen the best being two distant Marsh Harriers. Lots of Collard Doves, Jackdaws, Magpies and Hooded Crow were encountered. We stopped on the way for a coffee at a bar and although the rain had eased it was still rather damp and cool. We heard a few birds but little was seen other than some swallows and a white wagtail, among the birds heard were Robin, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Coal Tit and Serin. Once on our way again a few other birds were seen along with a possible Roe Deer. The birds included a possible Red-backed Shrike, small parties of Swifts and Swallows, White Wagtails and Black Redstarts. A falcon overhead was likely to have been a Kestrel, but conditions were gloomy and birding is never easy from a moving vehicle!

We arrived at the Pension at 20:15 and quickly got ready for dinner. We enjoyed a lovely home cooked meal in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. After dinner Florin explained to the group that as it was Easter in Romania we needed to leave earlier in the mornings than usual to avoid the crowds. We agreed to skip the species listing for the evening as it had been a long day and people drifted off to bed.

## Day 2

Sunday 5th May

Three members of the group went out for an early morning bird walk around the back of the Pension. We found a small stream with some shrubs, which held a few birds.

We had encountered many House Sparrows, Starlings, Swallows and a couple of Yellowhammers on the way. In the shrubs were a few Garden Warblers. On the way back to the hotel we saw a Little Owl sitting on top of a small house. After breakfast we set off for our initial destination: The Zarnesti Gorge. As we got out of the vehicle we met with our first Fire Salamander, a large boldly marked black and yellow creature that fascinated the group. Shortly after we had our first mammal in the shape of a European Brown Hare, soon followed by our second, which was a handsome Chamois. We searched in vain for the Wallcreepers, however we did spot a few raptors, including a magnificent Goshawk. We also enjoyed a number of butterflies including Camberwell Beauty, European Swallowtail and a Red-underwing Skipper.

We then set off for our next destination at Coltii Chililor which was an area of sloping pastures, boarded by mixed forest. This entailed quite a lengthy walk in what was now a hot afternoon. We saw an odd falcon, possibly a juvenile Hobby and Red-backed Shrike along the way. Some of the group sat down in the shade and seemed content to stay, whilst others were determined to track down the target species. As the rest of the group climbed on they were rewarded by a few new birds, such as a Black Woodpecker and finally at last a Nutcracker settled into view. A supporting cast of Tree Pipits, Mistle Thrush and a handsome male Bullfinch kept us busy throughout the walk and a Queen of Spain Fritillary was also enjoyed. At the end of the walk a Green Woodpecker flew over and back on the bus a fly by White Stork was probably the same bird the early returners had previously seen.

### Day 3

### Monday 6th May

This morning we set off after breakfast to the Damborvicioata Gorge primarily in search of the Wallcreeper as we had missed out at Zarnesti Gorge. We stopped to do the 'tourist thing' and took photographs of 'Dracula's Castle' on the way through Bran Pass. It was a bright sunny day, but the narrow gorge meant that it was shady for most of the walk up the gorge. Sadly despite much effort the Wallcreeper did not appear and we had to content ourselves with sightings of raptors and a Black Stork at a stop on our return to the hotel for lunch.

The afternoon trip to the Stromba Valley quickly lifted everybody's spirits after the disappointments of this morning. As we left the vehicle we had a small party of three Lesser Spotted Eagles soaring high overhead. As we walked up the valley we spotted an array of wildlife, including some lovely butterflies, Yellow-bellied Toads, Roe Deer and a wealth of birds. We enjoyed a cracking sighting of Lesser Spotted Eagle sitting in a field, which gave a chance to fully realise the size and power of these Eagles as it took to the air and flew off. We then heard Red Breasted Flycatchers calling and most people managed a glimpse, but they remained as elusive as ever. Soon it was time to get ready for the highlight of the day, which was European Brown Bear watching...

We were soon convoyed up to the hide and settled into our seats. The ranger was putting out food for the bears, and it was not long before the first Bear appeared, a small, thin-looking youngster. When he bid a sharp exit we soon realised a bigger bear was heading this way. Sure enough a larger male arrived and proceeded to eat. We enjoyed a total of five bears in what was an enthralling evening.

As we were about to leave a large female bear appeared and we waited to see if her mate (one of the largest male bears) would turn up. Unfortunately we had to leave before it arrived. On the way back to our vehicles we were watched by two more bears that kept their distance. Soon we were on our way back to the hotel and after a long day everyone went straight to bed.

## Day 4

Tuesday 7th May

Today was mostly a driving day from Zarnesti to Tulcea, however a few stops on the way proved very fruitful for some exquisite birds and a few more mammals and butterflies. The first stop at a Poplar plantation at first seemed a little quiet, however soon we heard and eventually saw Red-breasted Flycatcher, before we managed to pick out some nesting Red-footed Falcons and Hobbies overhead. Perhaps the bird of the day for some was a splendid Long-eared Owl, beautifully camouflaged in amongst the Willow. Both Scarce and European Swallowtail were present and a Brown Argus was added to the list. Our next stop was a lakeside stop, which produced some fine ducks, such as Garganey and Ferruginous Duck. Along the way we also picked up 'Steppe' Buzzard, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Booted Eagle and some Larks and Buntings. The final stop was very productive, producing a fine array of wildfowl, giving a taste of what was to come. We also enjoyed signing a glimpse of Golden Orioles. On the mammal front we saw a Red Fox meandering along a sandy path. In front were several of its probable targets in the shape of Susliks standing on guard, reminiscent of Meerkats.

We then had to press on to Tulcea, but we still had time to enjoy some stunning Rollers in the late afternoon sun. We arrived at Tulcea and enjoyed a lovely meal before running through the birds and other creatures on our lists. We then bade goodnight and headed off for a welcome sleep after a long, but very enjoyable day.

## Day 5

Wednesday 8th May

Our first full day on the Danube Delta was full of excited anticipation and we were not to be disappointed. The sheer number and diversity of birds was astounding. Even the initial entrance to the delta up the main Sulina Channel produced a mass of Terns feeding in front of the boat, including Common and all three Marsh Terns, whilst overhead Caspian and Black-headed Gulls passed by. We were constantly hearing Thrush Nightingale, but despite all our combined efforts they remained hidden from view. We moored up and transferred to a smaller boat to make our way along the back channels and lakes. We were soon watching vast numbers of Squacco Heron, Night Heron, Little Egret, and Great Egret. Soaring overhead squadrons of White Pelicans passed over, and the occasional Dalmatian Pelican was identified by the lack of black in its wings. Later we were able to find both species on a channel and were able to study all the differences at close hand. The amount of Cuckoos was staggering as they seemed to be flying and calling from every bush and tree along the banks and in the reeds. Hobbies overhead were also a regular sight. We then made our way back to the hotel boat for lunch. On the way Florin had told us to watch the banks for mammals, as the high water levels meant that they had less land to hide in. He had not long finished telling us that he regularly saw Wildcat along the banks, when Richard casually remarked that he had seen a 'moggie' on the edge of the water. When we looked we were amazed to see a Wildcat hunting amongst the boulders!

It unfortunately disappeared before most of the group could see it, but at least two of the group had noted the ringed tail and black tip, identifying it as a Wildcat. After lunch we set off again in the small boat this time further east and deeper into the Delta.

## Day 6

Thursday 9th May

A small group met at 6:30am and went on a short walk along the banks (a few people had been up earlier and already had seen Long-eared Owl and Kingfisher). It was a productive walk, which produced our first Wryneck and later six Lesser Grey Shrikes.

After another filling breakfast we went up the channel opposite where we had moored. This turned out to be a fabulous morning, which produced some normally difficult birds to see. Top of the list was the Penduline Tit, but everybody enjoyed the Little Crake, when they finally got on to the bird skulking around the reeds. Other birds included the popular Bearded Tit and excellent views of Savi's Warbler belting out its strange reeling song. We arrived at a sandy track through a village and immediately began sorting through the waders finding Ruff, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint and Wood Sandpiper amongst others. What was particularly appreciated was the summer plumage on a lot of the birds we only see as drab grey wintering birds. We managed to find some Collared Pratincoles, but no sign of any of the black winged variety. A male Red-breasted Flycatcher was a lovely bird to find and was much more obliging than the previous Flycatchers.

On the return journey for lunch we had many of the same birds but Spotted Flycatcher was very apparent and a Little Bittern was too fleeting to be enjoyed, but at least it was finally seen. A Nightjar on our return was also a great bonus. After lunch we were towed back along the Sulina Channel and swapped boats for an evening ride around some more channels and lakes. We did not see any new birds, but enjoyed a glorious afternoon/evening around the Delta watching wildlife, the highlights being a White-tailed Eagle and a Collared Flycatcher. A little time was whiled away watching Marsh/Pond frogs leaping after a plastic bottle top. Back at the boat hotel we had an evening meal and watched the sun go down on an excellent day.

## Day 7

Friday 10th May

After breakfast we set off on the small boat to the sounds of booming Bitterns and reeling Savi's. The route took us through some narrow channels and small lakes out into a channel that bordered the area, which had been reclaimed for agriculture. It was a stark reminder of what may have befallen the magnificent wetland of the Delta. Much of the birds were the same as we have been seeing throughout the Delta, but we added the beautiful Black Neck Grebe, with its crimson eye set off by a golden flash over its 'ear'. We also added a more familiar Sedge Warbler, whilst we stopped for coffee and Ian confused the frogs with his red bottle top. After a quick coffee we headed off again slowly making our way back to the hotel boat. We admired several Red-footed Falcons and squadrons of Pelicans overhead. We also picked up a Dalmatian Pelican associating with some Mute Swans. Back at the hotel we settled for dinner in a relaxed atmosphere.

After dinner the hotel boat up anchored and we set off to make the return journey to Tulcea. We had great views over the reed-beds as we were slowly tugged along. At first no new birds were added, but we enjoyed a lovely sunny trip in a beautiful setting watching a large variety of species including several White-tailed Eagles and also a view of their enormous nest. We spotted two Roe Deer resting on a bank and watched a Grass Snake make its way across the channel. The group that sat on the top deck did manage a Red-crested Pochard and a Goldeneye to add to the growing list, before we hit the main channel. We followed the Marsh Terns and Gulls along the channel until we finally reached Tulcea. Here we added some more common species to the day's tally and a Turtle Dove. We then all got ready for dinner for 7:30pm. After dinner we had a brief about tomorrow's activities before doing the day's list and closing on a relaxing and very enjoyable day.

## Day 8

Saturday 11th May

After breakfast we boarded the new minibus and set off on dry land, whilst our bags went off to the Ibis Guesthouse. Our first stop was at the Delta Reserve where we watched some familiar species from a high vantage point. We were able to get a glimpse into the vastness of the delta as it stretched into the horizon below us. A Spur-thighed Tortoise was a delightful distraction and a few new butterflies kept the lepidopterist entertained, with Green-Underside Blue, Silver-studded Blue and Glanville Fritillaries all on the wing.

Our next stop was at a Dehesa-like oak forest where we quickly bagged our first target bird, Levant's Sparrowhawk. Despite only getting a fleeting view we were able to get much better views later in the day. The next target bird was the 'Beethoven' bird (Ortolan Bunting), sounding similar to the opening bars of the famous Fifth Symphony. After a little while we were able to locate one of these beautiful buntings and get scope views. Our next quarry was a bit more elusive and despite hearing several Barred Warblers all found it difficult to get anything other than fleeting glimpses of this bird. It was now time for a picnic lunch in the shade and a welcome drink in the hot afternoon. We sat and watched some Levant's Sparrowhawk flying near-by and watched a Northern Wheatear whilst we ate. One of the leaders skipped off into the meadow to look for butterflies and added a few blues and skippers to the list.

We were soon on our way again, heading for a near-by quarry. On the way we stopped at a large sandy bank and enjoyed an explosion of colour as Bee-eaters flew all around. Other birds included a Little Owl and Tree Sparrows. A large falcon gave hope of a Saker, but we were unable to relocate it and the sighting remained inconclusive. At the quarry there was an abundance of butterflies and in the little time we had we added a few more species including a stunning Cardinal. A distant Pied Wheatear was finally seen well, but was difficult to track among the boulders.

We moved on to our final stop of the day at the scenic Machin Mountains. We were able to watch some distant raptors over the mountains, including a Honey Buzzard, which was the first for the trip. We also found a distant Rock Thrush and the haze meant the view was less than ideal, but discernible. We then had a short drive through the Steppe area, which contained plenty of Isobeline Wheatears and Souseliks, however despite an extensive search no Stone Curlews.

This was soon forgotten as we stopped at a raptor nest and watched as a Long-legged Buzzard flew around its nest, which contained a fluffy white chick. Whilst watching this unfold we were lucky to spot three Syrian Woodpeckers, eventually giving excellent views. After a very full day it was time to head back to the guesthouse for another fine meal and rest.

## Day 9

Sunday 12th May

After breakfast at the now usual time of 7:30am we left to visit the site of the 'Sleeping Elephant'. This is a site that often produces a variety of raptors, due to the thermals rising over the hill. Today we had to be content with a distant Long-legged Buzzard as we were a little early for the thermals. Some of the smaller birds around included some smart Spanish Sparrows, Tawny Pipit, and more Isabelline Wheatears.

We then moved on to Bagadog Forest, where the primary interest was the plant life and a group searched for the orchids of the area, but they had not yet emerged. There were a few creepy crawlies to entertain us and some lovely butterflies, including; both swallowtails, blues and a Mallow Skipper. There were also a few reptiles around, none more surprising than the Balkan Whip Snake that made its appearance during a comfort stop!

We drove on to an area of lakes and marsh, driving around this area we encountered a huge variety of birds, Terns, Waders, Migrants, Gulls and other waterfowl. The large Common Tern colony was quite a spectacle and we picked out Mediterranean Gulls, Little Tern, Collared Pratincole and a variety of waders amongst the throng. The bushes also contained a variety of warblers and flycatchers, including another Red-breasted Flycatcher. In another part of the sandy banks area we finally had good views of a sought after Pallas Gull in its magnificent summer plumage with its jet black head. Besides the fantastic variety of the birdlife we also heard and eventually saw the Fire-bellied Toad (related to the Yellow-bellied Toad in the mountains), which looks quite dull until you see the scarlet markings on the underside.

Our last stop was at Vadu, looking over the Black Sea. We picked up a Little Grebe bobbing on the sea and eventually saw several Yelkouan Shearwaters far out. We were then treated to several sightings of Black Sea Bottlenose Dolphins leaping about in the waves - an excellent finale to a great day. We headed back to the guesthouse to get ready for our final dinner together. It was a lively meal and the group expressed their thanks to the leaders and in particular Florin's efforts and bottomless knowledge throughout the ten days. This was greatly appreciated and the leaders acknowledged that the group had been relaxed and fun to be with.

## Day 10

Monday 13th May

After a slightly later start we all enjoyed a little lie-in before breakfast. We said our farewells to the excellent Florin, who had entertained and showed the group so much of his homeland flora and fauna. Not to mention the history lessons. En route to the airport we stopped at a high vantage point overlooking some wetlands and another Bee-eater colony. We were able to add distant Ruddy Shelduck to our bird list and enjoy some now familiar birds.

Once on our way we made good progress and had one more comfort stop before reaching the airport in good time for the flight home. Back at Heathrow we said our goodbyes and after a wonderful and sunny ten days, we went our separate ways into the grey and dreary evening...

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## Species Lists

Bird (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only; LO = leader only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May										
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>										2	
2	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				2	✓	1	6	2	2		
3	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				6	✓	✓	✓		✓		
4	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>						3				15	20
6	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>											6
7	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				2	4	✓	4		4		
8	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		1		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
9	Widgeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>										6	
10	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>					1					1	
11	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>				4	2		2			2	
12	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>										6	
13	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				2	✓	10	✓			4	
14	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				7	✓	✓	✓			2	
15	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>				2							
16	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>								1			
17	Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus Yelkouan</i>										✓	
18	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						H				1	
19	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>						4	3	✓	2		
20	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	2
21	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>								14			
22	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			1				1				

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23	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		2	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				2	✓	✓	✓			
25	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				3	6		6		40	
26	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>					H	H	H			
27	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					H	1				
28	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					18	✓	✓		15	
29	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				2	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	
30	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓	5	✓		✓	4
31	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					✓	✓	✓	1	✓	
32	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>					✓	✓	4		14	
33	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1			1	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
34	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
35	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>					10	2	1		2	
36	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>				4	✓	✓	✓			
37	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
38	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>								3		
39	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>								1		
40	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>						6	1	5		
41	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>									1	
42	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	2			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
43	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>				1						
44	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				1						
45	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>								6		
46	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		3	1						1	

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47	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1								
48	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		6	10	✓	1			2		3
49	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								4	1	
50	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>			5	2						
51	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>				2				1		
52	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		3								
53	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	2	3	10	✓		2	2	3	4	4
54	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				✓	1	1	✓			
55	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		1	2	2	10	✓	✓	2		
56	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		2							2	
57	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>						1				
58	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				H	6	✓	✓			
59	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	4	2	
60	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>						3				
61	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				3	5	10	6		✓	4
62	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				8		✓			✓	
63	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	2			11	✓	✓	✓		✓	
64	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>									4	
65	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					✓	6				
66	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>						2			1	
67	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>					1	L/O			2	
68	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>						5			8	
69	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>						H			1	
70	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				2		1	2		2	

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71	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>										10	
72	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						1					
73	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					1						
74	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				10		✓	4			✓	
75	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				1	4	2				4	
76	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>						✓				✓	
77	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					10	✓				✓	
78	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>										1	
79	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>						4					
80	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>						1					
81	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>					✓	✓	✓			✓	
82	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>						8				15	
83	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>					2					2	
84	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				1	✓	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>										1	
86	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>					1		1			3	
87	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>				1						23	
88	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>										5	
89	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>										1	
91	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>										✓	
92	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	2				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
94	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>				1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		40

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95	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>				L/O	✓	✓	✓			
96	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>				1						
98	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				3		1	1	3	2	2
100	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		4	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	4
102	Long Eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>				1						
103	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1	1	2	1			1		
104	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						1				
105	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartitis melba</i>	2	8	10							
106	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
107	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					✓	1	6			
109	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>				✓	✓	15	15	✓	✓	✓
110	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				1	1		1	✓	6	2
111	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>						2				
112	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>					L/O					
113	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>				1				3		
114	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			H		2	1				
115	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		1	2		1					
116	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		1								
117	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>					2	3	✓			
118	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		3	4	✓	2	✓	1	✓	✓	✓

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119	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius Senator</i>									1		
120	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				L/O	1	6		3	6	1	
121	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			2	✓	✓	✓	1	H	L/O	1	
122	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		10	2								
123	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
124	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		2									
125	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
126	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓			✓		1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		10	2								
129	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		1	4			H					
130	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>		1									
131	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		✓	1								
132	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		H									
133	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	4		✓	✓	✓	1			
134	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>					2	✓	✓	1			
135	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					H	2	H				
136	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>						✓	1				
137	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>				✓					10		
138	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								2	✓		
139	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	2			2					2	4	
140	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>								8			
141	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	H						✓	✓	✓		
142	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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143	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
144	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		6	2							
145	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	6	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			2	✓	L/O	2	2		1	
147	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				2	H	3	H			
148	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	
149	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	1
150	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							1			
151	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>									4	
152	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						✓	✓	✓		
153	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>									1	
154	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>						✓	H			
155	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>					1	✓	✓	2	3	
156	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		H	H	1		2	H			
157	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>								4		
158	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		1			H	1	H			
159	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		H							L/O	
160	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		2								
161	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			1							
162	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
163	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓			1	2	H	
164	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		3	1							
165	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1	2								
166	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		2								

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167	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	H	H	1							
168	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>					H		H			
169	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>								H		
170	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	5	10	2	2		1				
171	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					10		2		1	
172	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		3	1			1				
173	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>										
174	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1	1					3	✓	
175	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>								✓	✓	
176	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>								2	1	
177	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>										
178	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>								1		
179	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			1		✓				2	
180	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>									2	
181	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>				1	1					
182	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>			2	3		2				
183	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
184	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>				✓				✓	✓	
185	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
186	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				✓					✓	
187	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		10	4							
188	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	
189	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						1		2	3	
190	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>								1		



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191	Red Throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>						1				
192	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		6	2					1		
193	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
194	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	1									
195	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	1							
196	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>				2				2	1	
197	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>				1						
198	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		2	6							
199	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		1								
200	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			2	1						
201	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				✓			3	✓		
202	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		2								
203	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								8	2	
204	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>				1					2	
205	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			1			✓	4		✓	

## Butterflies

Blue Argus, *Ultraaricia anteros*

Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*

Green Underside Blue, *Glaucopsyche alexis*

Clouded Apollo, *Parnassius mnemosyne*

Small White, *Pieris rapae*

Camberwell Beauty, *Nymphalis antiopa*

Orbed Red-underwing Skipper, *Spiallia orbifer*

Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*

Glanville Fritillary, *Melitaea cinxia*

Balkan Clouded Yellow, *Colias myrmidone*

Silver Studded Blue, *Plebejus argus*

Grizzled Skipper, *Pyrgus malvae*

Mountain Green-veined White, *Pieris bryoniae*

Painted Lady, *Vanessa virginiensis*

Queen of Spain Fritillary, *Issoria lathonia*

Cardinal, *Argynnis pandora*

Eastern Bath White, *Pontia edusa*

Small Copper, *Lycaena phlaeas*

Mallow Skipper, *Carcharodus tripolinus*

Wood White, *Leptidea sinapis*

Orange Tip, *Anthocharis cardamines*

Small Tortoiseshell, *Aglais urticae*

Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*

Comma, *Polygona c-album*

Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*  
 Dingy Skipper, *Erynnis tages*  
 Brown Argus, *Aricia agestis*  
 Chapman's Blue, *Polyommatus thersites*

Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*  
 Scarce Swallowtail, *Iphiclides podalirius*  
 Peacock, *Inachis io*  
 Silver Washed Fritillary, *Argynnis paphia*

Short-tailed Blue, *Everes argiades*  
 European Swallowtail, *Papilio machaon gorganus*  
 Large White, *Pieris brassicae*  
 Wall Brown, *Lasiommata maera*

### Other Invertebrates

Field Cricket, *Gryllus campestris*  
 Roman snail, *Helix pomatia*  
 Blue Carpenter Bee, *Xylocopa violacea*  
*Oxythyrea funesta*

Mole Cricket, *Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa*  
 European Millipede, *Cylindroiulus sp*  
 Mosquito (sp), *Diptera sp*

Bee Fly, *Bombylius sp*  
 Violet Ground Beetle, *Carabus scarosus*  
 Assassin Bug, *Rhinocoris iracundus*

### Amphibians

Agile Frog, *Rana dalmatina*  
 Yellow-bellied Toad, *Bombina variegata*

Marsh/Pond Frog, *Pelophylax sp*  
 Fire-bellied Toad, *Bombina bombina*

Fire Salamander, *Salamandra salamandra*  
 Frog sp in mountain stream, To be identified

### Reptiles

Dice Snake, *Natrix tessellata*  
 Snake-eyed Skink, *Ablepharus kitaibelii*  
 Viviparous Lizard, *Zootoca vivipara*  
 Spur-thighed Tortoise, *Testudo graeca*

Grass Snake, *Natrix Natrix*  
 Green Lizard, *Lacerta viridis*  
 Wall Lizard, *Podarcis muralis*  
 European Pond Terrapin, *Emys orbicularis*

Balkan Whip (Toilet) Snake, *Hierophis gemonensis*  
 Sand Lizard, *Lacerta agillis*  
 Balkan Wall Lizard, *Podarcis tauricus*

### Mammals

European Brown Hare, *Lepus europaeus*  
 Red Fox, *Vulpes vulpes*  
 Roe Deer, *Capreolus capreolus*  
 Large woodland bat (sp),

European Brown Bear, *Ursus arctos*  
 Wildcat, *Felis silvestris*  
 Chamois, *Rupicapra rupicapra*

European Souslik, *Spermophilus citellus*  
 Black Sea Bottlenose Dolphin, *Tursiops truncatus*  
 Pipistrelle Bat (sp), *Pipistrellus sp*