

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Great White Egret



2013 Naturetrek Group near Zarnesti



Osprey



White Pelicans

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Day 1

Saturday 31st August

Sunny and clear 30°C

We all boarded the BA flight to Bucharest. A smooth 3 hour flight soon passed with excellent views of the landscape of Eastern Europe down below as we approached Bucharest. We landed at Bucharest airport at 1600 and after passport control and collecting our bags we were met by our local guide, Florin, then onto the mini-bus out of the airport towards Zaranesti in the Carpathians. As we neared Sinaia, the landscape changed to rolling, deciduous forest of Hornbeam, Beech and Oak and the leaves changing into autumn colours. We stopped for coffee near Sinaia as the sun was setting over the forest with Raven soaring in the distance and a few House Martins on migration. We travelled on and descended to the Brasov Plain and in the last glow of light in the western sky arrived at the Elena Hotel in Zarnesti at 20.30 with a welcome drink of plum brandy. After checking into our rooms we sat down for an excellent evening meal with local wine. After a long day for most people we were all soon to our rooms and to bed.

Day 2

Sunday 1st September

Sunny and clear 30°C

We had breakfast at 0800 and away at 0900 to some nearby high pastures to seek other bird species. The weather was quite warm now and we had clear views of the surrounding mountains and the distant sound of cow-bells as the cows grazed the hillside pastures.

Here there were lots of Red-backed Shrike perched on the low bushes, Whinchat, Northern Wheatear, at least 20 Nutcrackers gathering Hazel Nuts with some quite close and giving excellent views, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Goshawk, Sparrowhawk, Common Crossbill and Bee-eaters heard flying overhead on migration. Black Woodpecker called but no amount of scanning could locate the bird. In the alpine meadows there were a few flowering Autumn Crocus and a couple of late flowering Gentians. Clouded Yellow and Brimstone butterflies were the highlights of the invertebrates.

We drove back to the Elena Guest House for a cooked lunch in the early afternoon and then away an hour later, taking a packed sandwich dinner for later in the Stramba Valley. After a one hour drive we reached the track leading to the Stramba Valley and from here walked some of the route. On the first part of the walk through the meadows we had Lesser Spotted Eagle, Montagu's Harrier, Buzzard and Honey Buzzard, Red-backed Shrike, Spotted Flycatcher, Icterine Warbler, Fieldfare and more Bee-eater passing over. This initial open meadow valley holds an impressive number of bird species and also a variety of butterflies.

At 1800 we were met by the Ranger and another smaller bus shuttled the group deep into the spruce forest and the bear-hide. We crossed over a small wooden bridge, along a twisting path and entered the hide while the ranger put out bait in hollow logs for the bears. After about 30 minutes we had the unique sighting of a female Wolf which came into the clearing to collect food for perhaps nearby cubs. For about 10 minutes we watched this little-seen animal collecting food before moving on the approach of a Brown Bear followed by two small cubs. They were nervous at first and listening for other bears approaching. There then followed a sequence where a number of Brown Bear came and went giving excellent close views in the fading light. As it became darker we left the bear hide at around 2030 but during this time we had 8 Brown Bear of various ages visiting the bait. Back down the Stramba Valley in the dark we had sightings of a number of Bat species feeding under the trees. We arrived back at the Elena Guest House at about 2200 for a drink and then to bed after a very eventful day.

Day 3

Monday 2nd September

Sunny and clear 30°C

Breakfast was at 0800 and after making our own picnic lunches from an array of cheeses, meat and salad we departed soon after in the mini-bus to the nearby Zaranesti Gorge, an impressive limestone gorge clad with Beech and Spruce. After parking, we walked along the gorge finding both Dipper and Grey Wagtail on the stream and a distant Goshawk and Nutcrackers with a calling Black Woodpecker but as yesterday no sighting. A couple of Alpine Swifts were chasing around a high limestone crag near earlier nest sites. In the sunlit gorge were a number of butterfly species taking nectar from the flowers. We had our picnic lunch with a view back down the gorge hoping for the sighting of a Wallcreeper flying high over the gorge but annoyingly no birds could be located. A number of butterflies were moving around the flowers with the highlights being Water Ringlet, Brown Argus and Red Admiral. On the descent back down the gorge it started to rain but we still managed a few Marsh Tit, Willow Tit and Bullfinch.

Back onto the bus and during the short shower we drove to Bran Castle for photographic opportunities. From Bran Castle we visited another meadow valley with adjacent wooded hillsides now starting to change colour into yellows and reds.

A thunderstorm crossed the valley towards Zarnesti but we remained dry with sightings of Buzzard, Peregrine, Nutcracker, Whinchat, Tree Pipit and Red-backed Shrikes to round off the day. Back from here to the guest house by 1830 for a drink and our evening meal.

Day 4

Tuesday 3rd September

Sunny and clear 30°C

Breakfast at 0730 and we were away on the road out of the Carpathians by 0830 towards Bucharest and then to Tulcea on the Danube for the start of our next leg of the tour on the Danube Delta. On the long journey to the Danube Delta we drove out of the Carpathians with the weather clear and sunny and Buzzards soaring over the forests and lots of House Martins passing overhead. Then we drove east through an undulating landscape where grapes were growing and the cereals had been harvested. During the morning drive and at the picnic lunch stop in the Poplar Wood it was now very hot but we still had lots of birds. At the picnic stop we had Black Stork, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Steppe Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Hobby, Spotted Flycatcher and Red-backed Shrike. From here we drove east to a lake which had all but dried up but there were Avocet, Marsh Harrier, Curlew, Lapwing, Spotted Redshank, Black-tailed Godwit and Ruff. A Short-toed Eagle passed low overhead giving really good views before we departed to continue our journey.

After a few more hours we crossed the Danube where there were a few migrating Black and White Storks on flooded fields, Montague's Harrier hunting the farmland and Roller perched on the power lines. As we neared Tulcea on the Danube we stopped at a lake with rolling steppe as a backdrop. Here we found our first Pygmy Cormorant, Glossy Ibis, a juvenile Pallid Harrier, lots of Garganey, Wood Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper and Whiskered Tern.

Towards Tulcea we crossed a Steppe habitat of now mostly intensive cultivation growing cereals and sunflowers but seeped in history with early nomadic tribes and evidence of the Tartar burial mounds on each prominent hill contrasting with recent erected wind turbines. A mixture of people had passed through or settled here, Greeks, Romans, Goths, Vandals, Tartars, Gypsy's and Turks – a crossroads of people throughout history. The road then descended through a vast area of vineyards towards Tulcea and the Danube Delta in the distance. We finally arrived at Tulcea on the Danube and boarded our houseboat, which was to be home for the next few days. As the sun was setting over Tulcea we had a welcome drink of cherry liqueur and later an excellent dinner with wine.

Day 5

Wednesday 4th September

Sunny and clear 28°C

It started a cool but sunny day in Tulcea with the Danube flowing steadily out towards the Delta and light river traffic crossing to each side of the river taking people to work. We had breakfast on board and then our journey through the Delta began. We headed downriver in the smaller exploratory boat along the main Tulcea branch channel before turning north onto a narrow, quiet waterway. It was quite windy but most of the water channels were sheltered. Lots of Kingfishers were taking advantage of these sheltered areas and about every 100m there was a Kingfisher perched.

We cruised along channels flanked by willows giving views into small lake areas and into the Willow Carr woodland. We had brilliant, close views of many species such as Pygmy Cormorant, Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Great White Egret, 100s of White Pelican overhead, Black Storks over on migration, Glossy Ibis, Hobby and Kingfisher.

We met up with the houseboat on the main Sulina channel for lunch. After an excellent three course lunch we cruised to the eastern end of the old Danube loop. Here we boarded the small boat again and went south along a river channel. We took a narrower waterway and emerged at a shallow lake with hundreds of waterfowl and wader. Here we saw over 100 Garganey, Teal, Ferruginous Duck, Marsh Harrier, White Pelican, Egrets, Glossy Ibis, Ruff, Black-tailed Godwit, Spotted Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper and Reed Warbler. Back along the main river channel towards the Sulina Channel, there was a strong wind blowing straight towards us but we had rewards of White-tailed Eagle, and various waders en route. We rejoined the houseboat moored up on the Sulina Channel, boarded and ate our evening meal as we travelled the eastern arm of the old Danube loop. As the light faded with a partial sunset, it was a feeling of being in a special place and deservedly a World Heritage Site.

Day 6

Thursday 5th September

Sunny and clear 28°C

We awoke to a cool, clear, sunny day with the pre-breakfast viewing producing Night Herons coming back to nearby roosts, Ferruginous Duck flying about, a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker in the adjoining Willow and a Savi's Warbler calling from the reeds.

After breakfast we boarded the small boat and cruised along the Mugearu Channel to the village of Letea some 5km away. Along the channel there were Purple Heron, Ferruginous Duck, Hobby, Penduline Tit and Bearded Tit. Little Crake was spotted by one keen-eyed person and everyone enjoyed reasonably close views as it was feeding along the reed fringes. Leta village is situated on an old sandbar formed a few thousand years ago by the anti-clockwise current of the Black Sea. Nearby to the north is the ancient and original forest with some unique species of Ash and Oak trees that were brought as seeds on the current from the Crimea. We reached the village along a water-lily fringed channel; we disembarked and walked through part of the village with its quaint blue painted thatched houses. The past inhabitants were Haholi people who were deported from an area north-east of the Ukraine around 1920 and still have a simple life of fishing and agriculture. We walked for about one hour through the village with a sand-surface main street and found great Spotted Woodpecker, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Redstart, Black Redstart and Red-backed Shrike.

By early afternoon we were back on the small boat and retraced our route along the water channel to the houseboat, still moored on the eastern loop of the Old Danube, for a late lunch. As lunch started we had the fantastic sight of 2000+ White Storks passing overhead on migration followed by Honey Buzzards, Steppe Buzzards, Black Kite and a mix of smaller raptors. From here we moved along the old Danube to the western loop where the houseboat moored up and we boarded the small boat to visit a complex of water channels and shallow lakes. Here we had lots of Great Crested Grebe, White-tailed Eagle and Whiskered Tern but could not find any Black-necked or Red-necked Grebe, our target species at this habitat. Always another day! Back then to the houseboat for our evening meal and another peaceful evening in the wilderness, with a fantastic display of stars in the clear evening sky!

Day 7

Friday 6th September

Sunny and clear 25°C

After breakfast the morning's small boat trip took us north on the Eracle Channel, which leads to the Stipoc Channel and here we had views of the roost sites of Night Heron, Pygmy Cormorant and Squacco Heron. It was very peaceful in this vast reed and willow habitat, which teems with wildlife. Further on we had excellent views of Osprey fishing and Black Kites emerging from their overnight roost. Overhead were lines of White Pelicans and occasional Hobby hunting for dragonflies, Black Storks passing over on migration and occasional Kingfisher darting across the channel. All of these bird sightings gave good photographic opportunities.

We rejoined the houseboat for lunch and then began the return journey to Tulcea along various water channels with views across the reeds from the top viewing platform on the houseboat. Time for beers or coffee as we reflected on birds we had seen in the Delta and compared a few images of the wildlife and scenery. Again, lots of species of birds were seen on the journey back along the water channels, particularly overhead White Pelican, Dalmatian Pelican, Roller, Hobby, Golden Oriole, Kingfisher, Stock Dove and at least 13 White-tailed Eagle. We reached Tulcea by early evening and had evening dinner with overnight accommodation on the houseboat. It was a clear, warm evening at Tulcea with the various star formations and the "plough" evident in the northern sky. It was a fitting end to our journey through the Danube Delta and a unique experience of one of Europe's best wilderness sites.

Day 8

Saturday 7th September

Sunny with some cloud 32°C

Breakfast was at 0730 and it was to be a clear, sunny day. We said our goodbyes to the houseboat staff and departed in the coach at 0830 through Tulcea and to the south-west. Our first stop was at Parches, an area of agricultural land and remnant steppe with views across the Danube floodplain and the Ukraine distant. Here we had Bee-eater flying overhead, a lone Short-toed Eagle and Marsh Harriers hunting the reed-beds below.

From here we then drove to Telita Ogurlui, a habitat of wood pasture consisting of Oak, Hornbeam and Wild Pear. Here we walked the habitat for about two hours and found Long-legged Buzzard, 'Steppe' Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Woodlark, Red-backed Shrike, Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Sombre Tit, Spotted Flycatcher and Red-breasted Flycatcher. In the same area we found an adult Spur-thighed Tortoise crawling along, and a number of Balkan Wall Lizards scurrying for cover. From this site we drove on to the Macin Mountains for lunch, it was quite hot now and some tree cover gave welcome shade which we ate an excellent varied picnic. As usual, not all lunchtimes are relaxing and before long we were disturbed by a lone Red-rumped Swallow flying over, Woodlark in our shade trees and distant Long-legged Buzzards drifting along the hillside.

After lunch we walked some way along a small stream with a large variety of butterfly species taking nectar from mint in flower. Here we had a very distant Rock Thrush seen by a few but proving elusive. From this location we walked back and then drove a few kilometres to a flat steppe area where we had Isabelline Wheatear, Hoopoe, Booted Eagle and Woodchat Shrike. This same area had lots of Suslik, a steppe ground squirrel, collecting food for winter hibernation in their burrows. With everyone satisfied with the eventful day and hungry we departed to the guest house in Tulcea for the evening meal.

Day 9

Sunday 8th September

Sunny with some cloud 28°C

After breakfast we departed in the bus to the south of Tulcea and then the Black Sea coast. We first visited Deniz Tepi, a large hill rising up from the surrounding agricultural landscape and a regular thermal point for migrating raptors. The winds were not good for migration and we only had a couple of Buzzard and Kestrel but lots of Tawny Pipit, Northern Wheatear and a few Short-toed Larks to compensate. Babadag Lake was our next stop, a saline habitat and a link to the Black Sea, where we had Teal, Avocet, Ruff, Greenshank and hundreds of Mediterranean Gull. From here we travelled on to Histria where we had lunch while watching lots of Marsh Harrier, Montague's Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Steppe Buzzards migrating over along with hundreds of Swallows heading for Africa.

After lunch at Histria we drove on to Vadu which is an old communist era factory and now out of use. At Vadu we had a male Pallid Harrier being chased by a Hooded Crow right over the bus and giving close views for everyone. On the lagoons we observed another good selection of waders such as Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Wood Sandpiper, Ruff, Greenshank, Marsh Sandpiper, another Pallid Harrier and a Gull-billed Tern.

In the late part of the afternoon we spent some time along the edge of the Black Sea near Vadu watching Mediterranean Gull, Sandwich Tern, Common Tern, Kentish Plover, Sanderling and also Arctic Skua although the highlight here was 6 Black-throated Diver on the sea. From here we drove back to Tulcea and the guesthouse where we had our last evening dinner and a cake produced by the kitchen staff.

Day 10

Monday 9th September

Sunny and clear 30°C

After breakfast we boarded our coach at 0900 to take us to the airport in Bucharest. On the journey we stopped at the large lake we visited on the way in and again had lots of Teal, Garganey, Shoveler, Spotted Redshank, Greenshank, Little Stint, Little Ringed Plover and our final Pygmy Cormorants. On the road again and just across the Danube we had a few Black Storks in the same area as the way out. We stopped at a service station mid way back for a sandwich lunch then on to Bucharest where we had time to drive to the centre of the city to view the palace. We arrived at the airport on time and checked in without any fuss. Our BA flight to Heathrow departed on time and we climbed away from Romania and back over Western Europe. It had been a really successful, eventful and informative holiday thanks to our Romanian guide, Florin, and everyone who participated in the success of the tour.

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Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	August/September										
			31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>										2	
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				6	1	6	20	10	30	10	
3	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>										6	
4	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				2	3	6	50	10			20
5	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					1000s	250	1000s		800		
6	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						6	4	1	1		
7	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				1	40	20	100s	100s	2	10	
8	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>				20	100s	100s	100s	100s			20
9	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					50	50	50				
10	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					1	6	1				
11	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					50	100	50				
12	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				2	50	20	50	20	2		
13	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				50	100	10	100	20	10	10	
14	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	2			1	50	20	30	10	2	2	
15	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					100	22	25		8		
16	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>				18		2000		1			
17	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				30	102	13	70	20			1
18	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				13	20		8				
19	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				2			9				
20	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				6	100s	20	100s	100s			50
21	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				50	100	100	500	20	300		
22	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>									100		
23	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	20			100s	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s
24	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>									3		
25	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				2	100s		100s	50	100s	50	
26	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>					2						

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			31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
27	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>				50				30		
28	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>				10	100	6	20			
29	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				50	200		50		100	100
30	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>										
31	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				10		25				4
32	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					15		30			
33	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						5	2			
34	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					3	5	13	1		
35	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>		6				5		1	2	
36	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				1			1	1		
37	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>								3		
38	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1			10	12	20	25	20	30	1
39	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1				5	1	2	4	
40	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>				1		1			2	
41	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								5	1	
42	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2	10	5	7	2	50	50	20	10	4
43	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		2		3		130	7	20	2	
44	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>						10				
45	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>							4			
46	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1	2	2	1	3	6	4	6	2
47	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentillis</i>		3	3							
48	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>								8		
49	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				6	11	25	25	2	5	1
50	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		3	2	6	2	2	3	6	2	2
51	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>						2	4			
52	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1	1							
53	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>				2						1
55	Little Crane	<i>Porzana parva</i>						1				
56	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					50	50	50	50		

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			31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
57	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				100s	1000s	1000s	1000s	100		100s
58	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>									40	
59	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>									1	
60	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				12					50	
61	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>									20	
62	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>										2
63	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>									4	
64	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>					13	15	15		10	
65	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>									1	
66	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>										6
67	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				2			1		1	1
68	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				20					10	
69	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>							1			
70	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				5	6		5		2	
71	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					7	1				
72	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					2				3	
73	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				10						
74	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				40	10		10		5	30
75	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					10	2	5		1	
76	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>									7	
77	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>				20	56	30	55			7
78	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>						1				3
79	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				15	6	4	20		1	10
80	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				3			42		150	
81	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>									1	
82	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				100s	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s
83	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyæetus melanocephalus</i>									1000s	
84	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>										
85	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				100	100s	100s	100s	50	100s	

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			31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
86	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>										4	
87	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>										1	
88	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				2	20	10	30			100	
89	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>					13	43	8			5	
90	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>					5						
91	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				12	100s	100s	100s	100s			
92	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>				50		100		100	50		
93	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>					2	2	2	1			
94	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		1	4	1	1	50	15	6			20
95	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		10	20	100s		100		100	100	100	100
96	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				3				3			
97	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>							2				
98	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>								1	1		
99	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartia melba</i>		1	4								
100	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>										1	
101	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					27	15	16			1	
102	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					1			1			
103	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		100	30	6	10	50	60	80	30		
104	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				12	15	2		3	2		
105	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>						1					
106	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>					1		1				
107	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		h				2	h	1			
108	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>								2			
109	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>						1					
110	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>						1					
111	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		h	h								
112	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								4	2		
113	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>								8			
114	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				6	50				10		

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115	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			1							
116	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	100	100	100	200		20		300		
117	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	100s	100s	100s	100s	1000s	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s
118	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>								1		
119	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>									25	
120	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		2	1							
121	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			6							
122	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>						2				
123	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		6	1	50	20	20			10	2
124	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		3	10	1						
125	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				15	5		20	6	10	
126	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			1							
127	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1	3							
128	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			1							
129	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>						1	H			
130	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		2	10			1				
131	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						1			15	
132	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>								4		
133	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>								1		
134	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		5	2						1	
135	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		1						3		
136	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>								1		
137	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		1								
138	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		15	1							
139	Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>								1		
140	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		1								
141	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>								1		
142	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		1		1	1					
143	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>							h			

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144	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		1								
145	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					1	4	2			
146	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		2	4			1		2	2	
147	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		5	4				h	1		
148	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		1	2							
149	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>			1							
150	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			1							
151	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				1	2	5	2	6		
152	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>						1	h	1		
153	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		2	20		1	1	2			
154	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		2			h	2	4	2		
155	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		2	20							
156	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>								2		
157	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		4	8							
158	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>			2							
159	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		2	6			1				
160	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>					h		H			
161	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						5	H			
162	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		h	5							
163	Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			3							
164	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		20	6	2		4		1	10	
165	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>								1		
166	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	2	4	6	50	10	10	10	10	50	50
167	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1	2	6						2	
168	Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		20	10							
169	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	100s			100s		20		100s	100s	100s
170	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>		6	10	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
171	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	100			100				30	100	100
172	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	2	20	6	2	2			2		

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173	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>				500	2	50	20	100s	100s	100s
174	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					4	1		2		
175	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		2	6	100s		100s		100s	100s	100s
176	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		10		10	20	50	10		50	
177	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		20	10		h	2		20		
178	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>								2		
179	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		4								
180	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		2		2		6				
181	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			h							
182	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		3								
183	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>						1				
184	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>								1		

Mammals

Brown Bear
 Wolf
 Raccoon Dog
 Edible Dormouse

Roe Deer
 Suslik
 Bat spp

Mole (hills)
 Eastern Hedgehog (dead on road)
 Shrew spp

Reptiles & amphibians

Dice Snake (Water Snake)
 Edible Frog
 European Pond Terrapin

Marsh Frog
 Balkan Wall Lizard
 Aregame Lizard

Snake-eyed Skink
 Spur-thighed Tortoise
 Yellow-bellied Toad

Butterflies

Painted Lady
 Small Tortoiseshell
 Brimstone

Peacock
 Great Banded Grayling
 Silver-washed Fritillary

Silver Y Moth
 Cardinal
 Woodland Grayling

Queen of Spain Fritillary	Scarce Swallowtail	Large White
Small White	Green-veined White	Small Heath
Balkan Clouded Yellow	Berger's Clouded Yellow	Red Admiral
Marbled White	Small Copper	Dark Green Fritillary
Queen of Spain Fritillary	Water Ringlet	Speckled Wood
Eastern Bath White	Freyer's Purple Emperor	Common Blue
Wall Brown	Meadow Brown	Clouded Yellow
Lesser Fiery Copper	Hummingbird Hawk Moth	Pearl Bordered Fritillary
Small Blue spp	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	Danube Clouded Yellow
Water Ringlet	Brown Argus	Weaver's Fritillary

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