

Romania's Danube Delta and Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Piatra Craiului National Park



White Pelicans on migration



Purple Heron



Brown Bear

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Day 1

Saturday 7th September

Hot and sunny

Along with our bus driver Toader, I met with the group at Bucharest airport in the late afternoon; Brenda and John, who had travelled out the previous day, joined us in the arrivals lounge. With luggage safely stowed, we drove north across the plains to Ploiesti and then north-west into the mountains. Few birds were seen, but these did include Marsh Harrier and a flock of Corn Buntings. We arrived at our comfortable guest house in the small Transylvanian town of Zarnesti, back-lit by a gorgeous sunset. As we enjoyed a small glass of 'Devil's tears', compliments of the owner, we were joined by the remaining four group members, Carol, David, Lesley and John, and our local guide, Laurentiu, before sitting down to enjoy the first of many fabulous meals together.

Day 2

Sunday 8th September

Hot and sunny with some scattered cloud

After breakfast, a short drive found us in the Piatra Craiului National Park. We parked in view of the towering limestone ridge and headed through meadows towards the forest and final destination – Coltul Chiliilor; a monastery nestled deep within the forest. On leaving the minibus, we were greeted with a family group of Red-backed Shrikes and dozens of Whinchats and Tree Pipits, no doubt re-fuelling before continuing their migration south. As we approached the forest edge, the raucous cries of Nutcracker became increasingly frequent and the whole group had great views of this impressive crow. Black Woodpeckers were also evident by their calls and eventually good flight views were had by all, with some seeing an adult resting in a pine tree. Having enjoyed a short break at the monastery, we returned to the minibus. As we ended our walk, two Stoats appeared in the meadow, chasing and playing close-by.

After a fine lunch back at the guest house, we made a brief visit to the lower slopes of the Stramba Valley, but our main destination was a hide further up the valley. Moving on, we met with the warden and then quietly made our way to the bear hide. Following an introduction to the site, the warden headed 'out front', to deposit peanuts and molasses in hollow logs and tree holes in front of the hide. Once done, we waited in anticipation and after a short time two European Brown Bears appeared at the edge of the clearing. With gasps and clicking camera shutters, we witnessed two sibling bears raid various food caches. As the evening continued, a further three individuals were seen, giving incredible views of this huge and powerful wild animal. Leaving the reserve we headed home along an empty road but for the ghostly vision of a Nightjar illuminated by the headlights.

Day 3

Monday 9th September

Hot and sunny with some scattered cloud

The morning was spent enjoying the splendour of the Zarnesti Gorge. As we entered the gorge, following the route of a small stream, a grey wagtail flashed by but our attention was drawn to the unusual sight – in British terms – of Marsh and Willow Tit in the same habitat and at times, side-by-side; and so followed much discussion about the finer points of identification. As we progressed, we spotted two Steppe Buzzards flying overhead, the first of many. Hirundines were very much in evidence, with a mixed flock of Swallows, House Martins and Crag Martins all on the wing; again giving an opportunity to compare key features. Suddenly, the huge silhouette of a high-flying raptor appeared and was promptly identified as a sub-adult Golden Eagle; it circled for several minutes giving all the chance of good views. After a relaxed picnic lunch in the company of many dozens of hawk dragonflies, we headed back down the gorge with a couple of Alpine Swifts zipping over our heads.

Our next stop was Castle Bran, the reputed home of Vlad the Impaler. With a few opting to relax in a local café, the rest of the group headed up to the castle, which dominates the skyline from the village below. After a most interesting tour lead by our local guide, Laurentiu, we left for our final evening in Zarnesti, making a brief stop at a local beauty spot with breath-taking views of the surrounding Carpathian landscape.

Day 4

Tuesday 10th September

Cloudy start turning hot and sunny

Bidding farewell to our hosts in Zarnesti, we left the mountains for the Danube Delta via Ploiesti. West of Ciorani, we stopped by a Poplar plantation close to a Red-footed Falcon colony. Unfortunately, the falcons had left for their winter quarters. However, we were rewarded with sightings of two Hobbys, a Black Stork, Spotted and Pied Flycatcher and a beautiful Wood Warbler, which posed obligingly in trees at the edge of the footpath. As we returned to the bus, a flock of Bee-eaters mingled with Swallows and martins overhead.

After a plate of local sausages and, for some, soup in a local café, we continued our journey towards the next phase of our tour on the mighty River Danube. Our last stop took in Lake Hasar, which was alive with a wide variety of water birds. Here we enjoyed our first views of Pygmy Cormorant, along with an interesting variety of waders, which included three Little Stints, several Spotted Redshanks and a Wood Sandpiper. A final short drive saw us arrive in Tulcea in good time to relax ahead of a sumptuous dinner aboard the floating hotel which would be home for the next few days.

Day 5

Wednesday 11th September

Sunny with cloud later

Boarding a smaller vessel, we left the quayside at Tulcea and headed down-river along the main Sulina Channel. Almost the first sighting of the day was a superb Osprey, shortly followed by a small group of Honey Buzzards; a popular species that featured several times that day. Leaving the main channel, we headed north-eastwards onto one of many smaller, tree-lined channels and almost at once a wren-like called caught our attention; the engine was cut and we were thrilled to observe a Red-breasted Flycatcher flitting around a river-side tree. As we looked on, a Weasel put in a brief appearance dashing around exposed roots of the same tree! With Kingfishers zig-zagging the channel ahead of us, we continued to explore the intricate network of channels.

It was not long before we met with our first White-tailed Eagle which lifted out of a low tree close to the boat; the excitement that ensued resulted in a sudden lurching of the boat, such is the draw of this magnificent raptor. Without time to catch-breath, a large flock of White Pelicans drifted serenely across the channel ahead of the boat and a lucky few glimpsed a male Little Bittern lurking at the edge of reeds; a truly memorable sequence of events! Stopping for coffee at the edge of Lake Nebuno, we were treated to excellent views of another large and impressive species, the Caspian Tern. Waders were well represented too, with Wood Sandpiper, Ruff and Little-ringed Plover showing well.

Returning to the floating hotel – which had made steady progress east along the Salina Channel – we ate lunch then spent a relaxing afternoon enjoying the sights of the Delta from the top deck. As the day progressed, many more species made it on to the species list included three Rollers and a female-type Red-footed Falcon, thus rounding the day off nicely.

Day 6

Thursday 12th September

Sunny with some scattered cloud

Following a pre-breakfast birdwatch from the top deck (by some early risers) and then breakfast, we boarded the smaller launch and soon entered a narrow channel heading towards the village of Letea, where we were to see first-hand the traditional lifestyle of a Delta community. Things kicked off with amazingly close views of a juvenile Honey Buzzard, no doubt disturbing it from its overnight roost. Periodically, the channel broadened out and these more open sections of water held small groups of Ferruginous Duck, although now in eclipse, the species still showed off its characteristic rich reddish-brown plumage. Squacco Herons were numerous and made wonderful subjects for the photographers on-board.

Reaching the village, we spent a pleasant hour or so wondering the dusty streets which were enlivened by brightly-painted traditional homesteads plus a few 'colourful' local folk who were happy to chat. Returning to the boat, we re-traced our route back to the 'mother ship' for yet another wonderful lunch. As we ate, the floating hotel made smooth progress west, eventually arriving at the over-night anchorage. Shortly after lunch, we were once more aboard the smaller vessel for an eventful afternoon outing along the Crisan Channel. While exploring some smaller channels someone let-out a cry of "Bittern", the bird quickly backed into reeds where it immediately adopted its classic 'sky-pointing' posture. After tricky, but close views the bird flushed and we gasped as this UK rarity flew off in to the reeds.

A short while later, we stopped at the edge of Lake Jivcov and once more soaked up the sight of many hundreds of water birds. The distinctive 'pinging' calls of Bearded Tits drew our attention and we soon located a small party of birds which included more than one stunning male. Home-bound, we cruised the main channel which had several wader species dotted along its shore; Black-tailed Godwits, Snipe, Ruff, but best of all, a handsome Marsh Sandpiper which gave repeated views as it flitted ahead of the boat. Minutes from the floating hotel, a female Golden Oriole was admired by all before flying off, ending a most splendid day in colourful fashion.

Day 7

Friday 13th September

Thundery showers mid morning, clear and sunny later

Under grey skies, we boarded the smaller launch and headed up a side channel towards Lake Cazanele. Shortly after entering the channel, an interesting duck was spotted – a male Ferruginous Duck. Swimming ahead of the boat, it gave excellent views and was captured on camera by some. Having also seen Osprey and Grey-headed Woodpecker, we reached the lake. The wide expanse of open water was dotted with large flocks of birds of several species, including hundreds of Gadwall, Mallard and smaller numbers of Teal and Garganey. With the threat of rain increasing, we returned home for morning coffee seeing two more stunning Ospreys en-route. On reaching the floating hotel, the heavens opened; we sat and enjoyed a coffee and it was decided that we would continue our journey back to Tulcea and embark on a further outing when the weather improved.

With clearing skies and having travelled further along the Old Danube Channel, we all boarded the small launch for a final time. Once more, we entered the network of more winding, discrete channels that are so good for birds. During previous days we often viewed lakes from where the channel and lake met, unable to go further due to low-water levels. However, on this occasion, using local knowledge, our skipper skilfully navigated his way towards the heart of Lake Baclanestii. Shortly, the dreamy-sounding calls of a Penduline Tit were heard and with the aid of a recording, we were able to bring three of these exquisite little birds close to the boat. With White-tailed Eagles and Ospreys overhead, we edged along viewing large numbers of geese, ducks and dozens of Pygmy Cormorants; an endearing and iconic species of the region.

Back at the floating hotel another fine lunch was enjoyed by all, however, with a brief interlude as a White-tailed Eagle gracefully took a fish from the river right alongside the floating hotel – birdwatching whilst dining was quite an experience, with notable 'lunch-time sightings' including eagles, Caspian Terns and hundreds of pelicans! The remainder of the day was a relaxed affair, birdwatching from the top deck until at last we arrived back in Tulcea, where we were to spend our last night on the Danube.

Day 8

Saturday 14th September

Early rain, clear and sunny later

With farewells said and reunited with our driver, Toader, we headed for the Black Sea coast. With great fortune, we arrived just as the rain stopped and admired the wide expanse of coast and its shoreline packed with gulls, terns and waders. Smaller birds were present too; Wheatears dashed over open ground and both Red-breasted and Spotted Flycatchers flitted amongst the coastal scrub. Also, an approachable Crested Lark thrilled everyone giving close views of this quirky species, with its funky crest.

Moving inland, a nearby lagoon produced some interesting species with a single Black-winged Stilt amidst a flock of Shelduck and just on-leaving, a Gull-billed Tern joined the many Common and Little Terns. Working our way north, a brief stop at Lake Sinoie afforded distant views of impressive numbers of duck – Shoveller, Pintail and Teal – and a large flock of Avocet numbering over a thousand individuals!

Having enjoyed a picnic lunch, we birded the open expanse between coast and steppe and found our first Long-legged Buzzard of the tour; a splendid fox-red coloured bird sat in a field. Susliks also made it onto the tour list and while watching these endearing mammals, some of the group spotted a Steppe Polecat, complete with striking bandit-masked face.

We finished the day with a visit to a hill known as Deniz Tepe, just north of Bababag, where Tawny Pipits and Northern Wheatears were numerous, the latter allowing good comparison with two Isabelline Wheatears which were also present. We then headed to our final guest house for the penultimate night of the tour.

Day 9

Sunday 15th September

Early rain, clear and sunny later

Leaving Tulcea, we travelled west to a large woodland, parking at a monastery known as Cilič'dere. Almost immediately we were aware of good numbers of birds along the woodland edge, with Hawfinch, Tree Sparrow, and Red-breasted Flycatcher present. Then, as we sheltered from a heavy shower under nearby trees, we continued to watch the area and were rewarded with amazing views of Great-spotted and Syrian Woodpeckers side-by-side just metres away. As the rain eased, a male Goshawk dashed over the tree tops, perhaps enticing us further in to the woodland. Back at the bus we all enjoyed a coffee and as we stood and chatted, the woodpecker 'fest' continued, with a Syrian and a Middle-spotted Woodpecker posing to be admired in a dead tree.

Our next destination was the Muntii Macinului National Park, west of Machin town. While enjoying a well-earned picnic we were entertained by a golden-rufous, juvenile Pallid Harrier, which quartered close-by for more than ten minutes giving everyone the opportunity to enjoy this graceful species. Lunch finished, we set about a short walk into the Machin Hills; reaching a high point the group were able to sit and enjoy impressive views of the surrounding countryside and of the many species of raptor passing overhead: Lesser-spotted, Booted, Shot-toed and White-tailed Eagles were all seen along with Long-legged, Common and Honey Buzzards, Black Kite, Pallid and Marsh Harriers, Kestrel, Hobby and Sparrowhawk.

With hardly time to catch breath, we continued a short way along the bottom of the ridge, to an Oriental Hornbeam woodland. The low-canopy was alive with finches and tits, but for a good hour our target species, Sombre Tit, hid from view – breaking cover at last, we were able to get brief but close views of this unobtrusive, yet charming species. Heading for home, we tallied 14 species of raptor for the day, including one sub-species (Steppe Buzzard); we all saluted a fabulous last day in the field.

Day 10

Monday 16th September

Clear and sunny

Leaving Tulcea behind, we set-off for Bucharest airport. As we travelled, we could see that some birds were still on the move; a 300-strong flock of White Pelican gave a magnificent fly-by as if to wish us farewell.

Other birds seen included several raptor species; harriers, buzzards, an eagle, plus a few Black Storks and several large Starling murmurations. We arrived at the airport in good time, said our goodbyes and after a smooth flight, arrived safely back in the UK a few hours later.

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Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	September									
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓	
2	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				✓	✓	✓	100's	✓		
3	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
4	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>								✓		
5	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					1000+	100's	100's			
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
7	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>								50+		
8	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>								2		
9	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>				3		10+	40+			
10	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				25+	2	✓	✓	✓		
11	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				✓						
12	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>						10	3			
13	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				2	6	10	50+	4		
14	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
15	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				80+	20+	10+	6	8	8	10+
16	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>									1	
17	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					3	26				
18	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>						1	1			
19	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					4					
20	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					15+	20+	40+	4		
21	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					30+	30+	15+	1		
22	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
23	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					3	6	3			
24	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>					20+	15+	25+			
25	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
26	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					300+	50+	300+	600+		250+

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27	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>				1	40+	30+	100+			
28	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
29	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					1		5	1		
30	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					20+	1juv		1	2	
31	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>					1				1	
32	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					6	1	6		2	
33	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			1imm							
34	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>									1	
35	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1		2	8	10+	20+	20+	20+	4	3
36	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>									1juv	
37	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		2	2	1	1		1		5	1
38	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1							1	
39	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		5	2	4					8	2
40	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo vulpinus</i>			5	1					10	2
41	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								4	10	
42	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>					(2)?				6	(1)?
43	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		1(L)							3	
44	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		6	2	10+	4	3	1	2	4	
45	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>					3					
46	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				4	15+	20+	20+	4	5	
47	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
48	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
49	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>					1					
50	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>							1	1		
51	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>								1000+		
52	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				2	40+	20	15	10		
53	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				1	3			2		
54	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				4	6	10	15	10		
55	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>					15+	25+	25	6		

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56	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>										4		
57	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				5	3	2	15+	4				
58	Common redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					2			2				
59	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>						1						
60	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					2	8		1				
61	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					2	1	10	2				
62	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				1	4	4	6					
63	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					5	2		3				
64	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				3								
65	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>										1(L)		
66	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>										1(L)		
67	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>										4		
68	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>					15+		20+	10+				
69	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
70	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>						3		9				
71	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>									20+			
72	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>						10						
73	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
74	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>									50+			
75	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>									10+			
76	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>									3			
77	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>					20+	20+	30+					
78	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									6			
79	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					7	10+	4	50+				
80	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				15	100+	200+	40+					
81	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>									2(L)			
82	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>								✓				
84	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				

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85	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>									1(L)		
86	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>		1(L)									
88	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartus melba</i>			2								
89	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		1									
90	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>					4						
91	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					30+	10+	15+				
92	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		H		10+		40+		60+	16		
93	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						1		2	3		
94	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>									2		
95	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>									9		
96	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			1						3		
97	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		2	1	1	1				H		
98	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		H	H						1		
99	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>					2	H	1		1		
100	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		6			1			15+	6		
101	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>						1		1			
102	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓			
103	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
104	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		30+	H								
105	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
106	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
107	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		60+	10+		3						
109	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			3						1		
110	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>			6								
111	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>									2		
112	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓	✓						✓		
113	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		

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114	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
115	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		2	1								
116	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>							5				
117	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					1H	2H	3				
118	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								5	3		
119	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								100's			
120	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
121	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			15+								
122	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
123	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓			✓		✓				
124	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		4	H		H						
125	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>				1							
126	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>							1				
127	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>						1(L)					
128	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>								1			
129	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓	✓								
130	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			✓								
131	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			10+							3	
132	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>										1	
133	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			100+	100's	100's	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1000's
134	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓								✓	
135	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓								
136	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			1			2				1	
137	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		10							15+		
138	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>									10+		
139	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>									2		
140	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				4		8		10+	5		
141	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>				2							
142	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>					2			3	4		

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
143	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
144	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					100+	10+	30+			10	
145	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		6	1	6					10+		
146	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1	2	1	3	3				1	
147	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
148	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>									8		
149	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		10		4						6	
150	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+	
151	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓					✓				
152	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>							H			20+	
153	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>				H						H	
154	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>										2	
155	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	12								3		
156	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		4(L)									
157	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					1						

Mammals

Brown Bear, European Squirrel, Stoat, Weasel, Red Squirrel, Steppe Polecat, Musk Rat and Noctule Bat

Reptiles

Green Lizard, Balkan Wall Lizard and Grass Snake

Amphibians

Pool/Edible Frog and Common Toad

Butterflies

Eastern Bath White, Clouded Yellow/Danube Clouded Yellow, Red Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillary, Great Banded Grayling, Small Heath and Meadow Brown