

# Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Fire Salamander



Rosy Starlings



European Brown Bear



Pied Wheatear

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## Day 1

Saturday 18th May

### London Heathrow – Bucharest – Vulcan

Our mid day flight departed from Heathrow arriving to Bucharest on time, after an uneventful smooth flight. After collecting our luggage from the belt, we met up with our driver and guide Laurentiu at the exit who guided us to our minibus amongst a very busy airport. We started our journey leaving the Romanian capital heading north into the mountains and making a stop in the outskirts in order to enjoy of a delicious dinner. We continued towards the foothills of Brasov after lunch, heading for our final destination in the area of Zarnest and the village of Vulcan. We had good weather throughout our journey and arrived at the charming Pension Elena.

We had enjoyed this first taste of the wonderful Romania and retired to bed in order to rest and get ready for our first excursion the following day!

## Day 2

Sunday 19th May

### Piatra Craiului National Park (Zarnesti Gorges) – Bran

Fantastic blue skies and a warming sun filled the full frame of our windows this morning. After a delicious breakfast, we made our sandwiches of our choice in order to pack them in our rucksacks for lunch, and as soon as we were ready we drove a short distance into the Piatra Craiului National Park, this time heading to the Zarnesti Gorges. We had lovely views of Grey and White Wagtails on the way up, also spotting a beautiful Wood Warbler as soon as we started our walk uphill towards the gorges. Passing from the wide part of the track we made an uphill minor detour, in order to have a good view of the valley we were about to explore. Many interesting birds such as Red-backed Shrike, another cooperative Wood Warbler, Alpine Swifts, Eurasian Kestrel, were seen, alongside a lovely Chamois up on the high crags. By midday, we found a very beautiful spot to have lunch enjoying the fantastic views of the dramatic crags.

After lunch, we started to walk back towards the minibus in order to drive a short distance towards the area of Bran where we made a quick stop over the bridge in order to admire the breathtaking views of 'King-stone' (Piatra Craiului Mountains) and Bucegi Mountains. We then made a stop in Bran to visit this mystic village famous for the Dracula legend linked to the Transylvania's Vlad The Impaler. We enjoyed sightseeing in this village and some of us took a quick visit to the castle and the surroundings.

After this, we drove back to our lodge for a little break followed by a delicious dinner!

## Day 3

Monday 20th May

### Coltul Chillilor trail (Piatra Craiului National Park) – Stramba Valley (Brown Bear hide)

After a delicious breakfast, we drove a very short distance back into the Piatra Craiului National Park, this time to a nice valley where the track that takes to the Coltul Chillilor monastery. The walk is a bit steep but very enjoyable and we managed to see great birds such as Red-backed Shrikes, Garden Warbler, Whinchats, Tree Pipit, Yellowhammer, and plenty of Coal Tits. We also manage to find Sand Lizards and the very local Yellow-

bellied Toad. Other birds included Honey Buzzard, Hooded Crow, White Storks, Eurasian Kestrel, and a good variety of butterflies. The weather was nice and sunny, and after a terrific walk, we headed back to our lodge in order to have lunch and to get ready for our afternoon/evening excursion to the Stramba Valley. It took us around forty-five minutes to get there and we arrived in good time and good weather, to explore a good chunk of the access track which produced birds such as Red-backed Shrike, Eurasian Cuckoo, Eurasian Hoopoe, Yellowhammer, Common Buzzard, and terrific views of Lesser Spotted Eagle.

Back to the minibus and continuing on the track, the dense and lush forest made it obvious that we were already in Brown Bear country. We met up with the reserve rangers and drove for another ten kilometres until we got to a lush and beautiful pristine woodland, parked the minibus nearby from where we took a walk for the next 300 metres finding a few Fire Salamanders along the way. We then arrived at the spot, by crossing a little bridge over the river, which led us straight to the bear hide. We set in the comfortable hide very quietly at around 18:00. I was told by the ranger that the bears have been visiting the hide at around 19:03 during the last three days, particularly because the weather has been good during these last three afternoons...and he wasn't winding me up! Shortly after we arrived to the hide, a lovely female emerged from the left hand side of the forest and straight to the feeding bunks, bringing along her nearly two-year-old cubs...what a treat, we had wonderful views! But that wasn't going to be the whole show; soon after the female turned up, another two young males joined the others and, for a good three quarters of an hour, other three different individuals turned up sporadically, giving us fantastic close views! We enjoyed watching eight wonderful Brown Bears performing marvellously in great late afternoon light, what a day! Our cameras couldn't have taken more good photos which was one of the reasons to be here, one of the highlights of our expedition in Romania...bingo!!

We had a fantastic moment watching these amazing Brown Bears, and despite the rain they turned up and delivered an unforgettable show for us! We then eventually had to leave, and it was time to go back to the minibus and drive to our lodge in Vulcan for a well-deserved restful night after another exciting experience. It was a late arrival for a very satisfied group who celebrated with a few drinks before going to bed!

## Day 4

Tuesday 21st May

### Zarnesti to Tulcea

Our very last breakfast in Zarnesti was taken at the usual time at the lovely Casa Elena. It was another beautiful sunny morning and we were all ready to take the long drive down to the Danube Delta leaving the Carpathian Mountains behind. After a grateful farewell to Gigi and Elena at the hostel's main entrance, we hit the road heading south east, changing rapidly to the midlands landscapes as we were gradually descending from the mountains and along the main road through Ploiesti and Slobovia.

The long journey was split by making several stops along the way; both, birding and coffee breaks, one of them being made at the area of Glodeanu Lake where we enjoyed watching nice birds such as Western Marsh Harriers, Collared Pratincole, Whiskered Terns, Ferruginous Duck, Common Pochard, Great and Little Egrets, Squacco Herons and Great Reed Warblers. We had our lunch on the go back in the minibus, making another birding stop at the Hasarlac Lake where we saw Caspian Gulls, Great Reed Warbler, Red-backed Shrike, Eurasian Coot, European Pochard, Pygmy Cormorants, Eurasian Hoopoe, Turtle Dove, Red-footed Falcon, Black-Headed Wagtail, Crested Lark, Corn Bunting, and great views of a pair of beautiful Penduline Tits.

The long day's journey finished when we arrived into the Danube-shore town of Tulcea where our floating hotel was waiting for us; and after we thanked our driver George for driving us everywhere safe, we jumped on board where our hosts Lily and Roxane welcomed us with local cherry schnapps and biscuits. We were all very happy to be on board our boat, making ourselves feel at home sharing drinks before a delicious meal.

We enjoyed our dinner and after going through our checklist, we retired to bed for a well-deserved rest, looking forward for a fantastic few days down in the Delta.

## Day 5

Wednesday 22nd May

### Danube Delta (Mile 36 - Lake Nebuno - Lake Furtuna - Maliuc) – Crisan – Lake Jacob

The early hour's noises from the busy Tulcea woke us all up in order to enjoy the views of this small but lively town on the River Danube. We had a delicious early breakfast on this beautiful sunny morning while watching the river, the city and the motorized boats coming up and down from Tulcea's port. Once we were ready to go, we boarded our expedition boat leaving our floating hotel behind and started our first day along the Danube from mile 36, following the fast flowing current for a good fifty minutes before turning into a side channel which led us to different lagoons and riparian areas to explore, taking advantage of the high level of the water which made much easier to do a good meandering along this marvellous water system. European Kingfishers were flying along the thick willow tree-lined shores, while Pygmy Cormorants were crossing along the channels making the colourful European Rollers shine. Other lovely birds and new ticks for our list were Red-necked Grebe, an adult and young White-tailed Eagle, Common Redstarts, lots of singing Eastern Olivaceous Warblers and Thrush Nightingales; complemented by striking views of European Rollers, more Pygmy Cormorants, Black-crowned Night-Herons, Little Egret, and numerous Squacco Herons discretely hidden amongst the water mints. We made a coffee break stop at the entrance of Lake Nebuno from where we enjoyed watching a pair of White Pelicans, Ferruginous Duck, Hooded Crows, Great Reed Warbler, Tree Sparrow and a few perched Eurasian Cuckoos. Going back to the main channel, a pair of White-tailed Eagles was spotted, getting great views of at least one of them from our boat.

After drifting down the many channels, we managed to catch up with our floating hotel at the village of Maliuc itself in order to have lunch while sailing down the river towards the village of Crisan. We took a break after lunch and jumped on board of our exploration boat again, heading towards the main forked channel which ends on the lovely Lake Jacob. Several Rollers, Pygmy Cormorants, Black-crowned Night-Herons, Squacco Herons and Eurasian Cuckoos were seen along here, with some Marsh Harriers, Purple and Grey Herons, and Ferruginous Ducks crossing by. More Red-necked Grebes were spotted, and not far from them, a beautiful Dalmatian Pelican flew right next to our boat for us to catch every single pattern detail of this very rare European bird. Other corners of the various lakes offered hundreds of Whiskered Terns feeding or simply sat on the water chestnut beds, alongside Common Terns. A European Penduline Tit was heard nearby, so we stop to give it a try, getting wonderful views of a male and one of its lovely weaved baggy nests, cleverly concealed amongst the willows and reeds.

We also found groups of Great White Pelicans congregated amongst Mute Swans, Great White and Little Egrets, Great and Pygmy Cormorants, Glossy Ibis and Black-crowned Night-Herons, waiting for a good chance to catch some fish. Other White Pelicans were spotted catching some fish from the surface of the waters by putting their baggy beaks and heads in the water and continuously stirring it. We continued on the main Danube canals where

we saw more birds such as Western Marsh Harriers, Red-footed Falcon, Hobby, Ferruginous Ducks, Squacco Herons, Black-crowned Night-Herons, a beautiful family group of Bearded Reedlings, and a single Eurasian Hoopoe; we also had great views of a pair of Grey-headed Woodpeckers.

We then arrived back to the spot where our 'mother ship' was waiting for us and already moored at the Magearu canal where we spent the night. We had a beautiful sunset whilst enjoying another scrumptious dinner washed down by local wines and beers, we all enjoyed!

## Day 6

Thursday 23rd May

### Crisan – Trei Lezere Lake – Lopatna (overnight)

We had another lovely sunny day ideal to enjoy our early breakfast feast; after which we jumped on our expedition boat in order to head to the village of Crisan for a good walk. We had great views of Pallas's Gull right at the start of our sailing, then lots of Purple Herons along the way, and the endless reed beds and massive old willow trees offered the usual but colourful birds such as European Bee-eaters, European Rollers, Squacco Herons, Hooded Crows and Northern Starlings. A heavy buzzy call diverted our attention to tall single rushes where a singing Savi's Warbler was sat on top, singing away non-stopping. Then, the familiar tone of Bearded Reedling put us on two beautiful males and female individuals, beautiful birds!

As we were reaching the main canal, we arrived at the village of Crisan where we disembarked and took a walk along this abandoned village which used to produce salt during the communist days. We were surrounded by lots of European Bee-eaters that were nesting in the banks and old concrete buildings in the area, alongside Barn Swallows, Eurasian Hoopoes, Northern Wheatears, Black Redstarts, and Northern Starlings. Some of the old salt pans had a bit of water great for Pied Avocets, Black-winged Stilts, Curlew Sandpipers, and many Whiskered and Common Terns. After a good scroll around the village, we were back to the river on our excursion boat heading back to our floating hotel slowly and while listening to Savi's Warblers, Penduline Tits and Bearded Reedlings all the way down the canal. Alongside them, dozens of Squacco Herons, Rollers, Eurasian Cuckoos, Black-crowned Night-Herons, and plenty more were seen. We arrived at our 'flotel' to enjoy our lunch and a short break.

After lunch, the afternoon excursion started with great views of a gorgeous male Savi's Warbler, and moving on towards the lake Trei Lezere, another beautiful but much smaller lake where we spotted a few pairs of Black Tern amongst a plentiful of Whiskered Terns and White Pelicans and a few individuals of Dalmatian Pelicans. Two Dalmatian Pelicans sat together with Pygmy Cormorants in beautiful light, surrounded by Caspian Gulls, Whiskered and Common Terns, and trees full of nesting Pygmy and Great Cormorants. We also saw European Pochards, and a pair of Pallas's Gulls quite close to our boat.

After a good afternoon excursion, we made our way back to our floating hotel drifting down the labyrinth of channels till we found it 'parked' by a beautiful enclosure of reeds and willows, absolutely alone with a stunning wild vista, which included pelicans and terns perched on some logs right in front!. It was very wonderful to see this background landscape while we ate our delicious dinner, and a marvellous sunset which made us interrupt our meal in order to dash to our rooms and grab our cameras for a posterity shot!

## Day 7

Friday 24th May

### Catanaia Canal – Razaboinitia – Lake Baclanesti – Sontea Canal (mile 36 to Tulcea)

It was the start of another lovely and sunny morning, watching lots of Western Marsh Harriers, Eurasian Cuckoos, Whiskered and Common Terns, and Penduline Tits just before breakfast. After our usual breakfast, we set off again in the little boat exploring new channels, backwaters and small lakes, the whole gamut of herons appeared almost constantly, Squacco Heron and Black-crowned Night-Heron the most numerous. Also, European Rollers outnumbered Eurasian Cuckoos, which were abundant all over the area. We had brief views of Black and Grey-headed Woodpeckers, also lots of Ferruginous Duck, a beautiful pair of Little Bittern perched on top of the reeds were unfortunately flushed as we passed by and many European Rollers, Hooded Crows, Black-headed Yellow Wagtails and Red-footed Falcons. We entered into Lake Baclanesti where large groups of Mute Swan and White Pelicans were gathered together with Great Cormorants in order to get fish more easily. A beautiful White-tailed Eagle was spotted on top of a short willow tree and we all enjoyed watching her through the scopes, alongside Whiskered and Common Terns and very close views of a nice group of Rosy Starlings! Soon after that, we caught up with our floating hotel in order to have lunch and to start sailing towards Tulcea.

We did some birding from the floating hotel while heading to the main river Danube channel and into the main port, spotting some interesting wildlife along the journey, such as Collared Flycatcher, Grey-headed Woodpecker, Middle-spotted Woodpecker, and White-tailed Eagle. Once in Tulcea, another lovely dinner was served overlooking the Danube with the town in the background. We had some heavy rain during the night with thunders and lightnings which flashed in our cabins in the middle of the night.

## Day 8

Saturday 25th May

### Denistepe – Babadag Forest – Sinoe (Black Sea area)

We had our breakfast at the usual time and then we drove out of Tulcea heading towards the area of Babadag. Along the road, we made our first stop at the area of Denistepe following a dirt track along wheat fields and dry rocky hills where many interesting birds such as Eurasian Hoopoe, Tawny Pipit, Corn Bunting, Spanish Sparrow, Marsh Harriers, and a many Isabelline Wheatears. We also found a cute group of Souselik we enjoyed watching and photographing. We heard lots of European Quail along the track as we were walking towards the foothill of the mountains, where we also spotted several pairs of Isabelline Wheatear around here, a Greater Short-toed Lark, Skylarks, Tawny Pipits, Eurasian Kestrels and Northern Wheatear. Happy with the wildlife seen here, we continued our journey back to the main road into the Turkish-descendent village of Babadag, making a stop in the Babadag Forest from where we had a very enjoyable walk which produced very interesting butterflies and some interesting wild flowers, alongside lizards, moths and crickets. A male Ortolan Bunting was also seen here alongside lots of Red-backed Shrikes. After the walk, we came back to our minibus in order to drive to our picnic spot which we enjoyed despite the rain that hit the area when we got there; nevertheless, we had great views of a young adult Thrush Nightingale and many Spanish Sparrows.

The marsh of Sinoe, an adjacent wetland area to the Danube Delta National Park and close to the Black Sea shore, was the perfect stop to enjoy our delicious picnic lunch. Marsh Harriers, Hoopoe, Dalmatian Pelicans, Yellow Wagtails (race *feldegg* & *dombrowskii* or *Black-headed Wagtail*), and booming Great Bitterns were recorded. We also spotted a group of Collared Pratincoles, European Shelduck, Reed Bunting, Great Reed Warbler, Black-winged Stilt, and European Bee-eaters. We then moved to a different site closer to the Black Sea shore, where we

made a couple of stops; the first one, right in the marsh where a considerable nesting colony of Common Terns was surrounded by Avocets, Black-headed Gulls, Black-winged Stilts, mating Collared Pratincoles, and interesting waders such as Black-tailed Godwits, Dunlin, Common Redshank, Black and Whiskered Terns. At the shore of the Black Sea, we had great views of Little Tern, White Pelican, Great Cormorant, European Oystercatcher and Dunlin.

We then returned to the minibus to start our drive back to Tulcea, making another stop, spotting more Western Marsh Harriers, Lesser Grey Shrikes together with Red-backed Shrikes, Hoopoe, European Bee-eaters, Eurasian Spoonbills, and others. A quick comfort stop before we set off to Tulcea was made; once in Tulcea, we had time to get ready for dinner, enjoying the tasty local wine and beer, accompanied by another delicious supper.

## Day 9

Sunday 26th May

### Celic Derey – Macin National Park

We woke up to a beautiful morning overlooking the Tulcea hills over Somova and parts of the Danube Delta and set off along the outskirts of the town after a delicious early breakfast. After a thirty minutes ride, we arrived to the village of Celic Dere where we took a nice walk along the beautiful Balkan countryside that surrounds a picturesque monastery, taking a nice loop walk and enjoying great birds such as European Honey Buzzards, European Bee-eaters, Turtle Doves, Red-backed Shrike, Hawfinch, Booted Eagle and great views of the native Sombre Tit. The fields in the upper hill and forest offered great views of Steppe Buzzard, Red-backed Shrike, and we all enjoyed getting fantastic views of Eurasian Wryneck! We then went within the woodland area where we saw of Red-breasted Flycatcher and Icterine Warbler.

After this enjoyable walk, we drove for more than an hour to the village of Macin where we stopped to use facilities and to grab some refreshments, continuing to our next stop, the Macin Mountains, where we managed to have great views of the beautiful Black-headed Bunting; and saw Red-rumped Swallows and Corn Buntings. We found a great spot where we enjoyed our picnic lunch, followed by a nice walk which was full of butterflies, Ortolan Buntings, and fantastic views of the beautiful Pied Wheatear, we had worked very hard to find.

After this visit, we headed back to our lodge in Tulcea where we took a break in our comfortable rooms, followed by another delicious supper – sadly our last one together. Our cook proudly presented to us our special farewell cake and some champagne glasses came along to reinforce our celebration! We thank them all for looking after us very well during these last nine days while on tour! We also expressed our deep thanks to our local guide Laurentiu for all his expertise and lovely companionship, and for sharing with us the beautiful countryside and the wildlife of his lovely country!

## Day 10

Monday 27th May

### Tulcea – Bucharest airport

Another nice, sunny morning at Tulcea to wave us off. After a delicious breakfast, our bus was ready to go, so packed and set off to Bucharest, making a couple of comfort stops and lunch on the way, arriving in time to check in at the airport. We all went through in time and boarded our comfortable flight back to Heathrow airport where we arrived in good time and for more farewells at the luggage carousel.

We all agreed that we had a fantastic tour in Romania, we were lucky enough to share wonderful wildlife moments and the right company of people with a huge passion about wildlife and great camaraderie. It was a journey full of highlights of great wildlife, accompanied with a fairly good weather which was good to us at all times. Our hotel hosts, from the mountains, on board and in Tulcea, were fantastic and they couldn't make us feel more than welcomed, looking after us very well with delicious food and attentions, showing their passion for what they do. We truly have a great time in this wonderful and poorly known country, a trip with a real success and unforgettable, surely well-kept in our memories and hearts..

*.....La revedere Rumania...Multumesc!! (.....Good bye Romania...Many thanks!!)*

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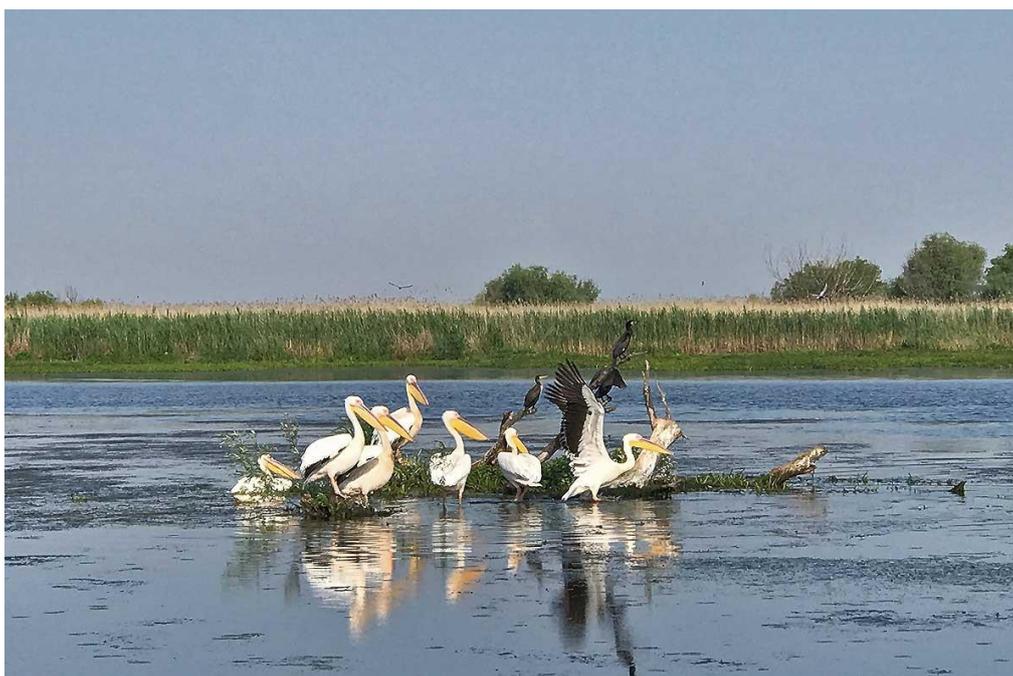
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Wake up time in the heart of the Danube

## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May										
			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				✓					✓		
2	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
3	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>						✓			✓		
4	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				✓							
5	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓			
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
8	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				
9	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>			✓								
10	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>									h		
11	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
12	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓							
13	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					✓	✓					
14	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				
15	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				✓	✓	✓					
16	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
18	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
19	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>							h	h			
20	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>						h	✓				
21	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					✓	✓	✓				
22	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
23	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
24	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						✓	✓				
25	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
26	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
27	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
28	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓			
29	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

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			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
30	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
31	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			✓						✓	✓
32	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>			✓						✓	
33	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>									✓	
34	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		✓								
35	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					✓	✓	✓			
37	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								✓	✓	
38	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					✓		✓	✓		
40	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
41	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>								✓		
42	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						✓				
43	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>						✓		✓		
44	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>						✓	✓	✓		
45	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>						✓		✓		
46	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>								✓		
47	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>						✓				
48	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								✓		
49	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>								✓		
50	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
51	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>								✓		
52	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>						✓				
53	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
54	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>								✓		
55	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
56	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
57	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>						✓		✓		
58	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓								
59	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				✓					h	
61	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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62	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			h	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	h	
63	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		h								
64	Ural Owl	<i>Strix uralensis</i>		✓								
65	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓								
66	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>				✓			✓	✓		✓
67	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	European Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					✓	h	✓			
69	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
70	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>									✓	
72	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>							✓		h	
73	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>					✓		h			
74	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		✓								
75	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				✓			h		✓	
76	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>					✓		✓			
77	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>									h	
78	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		h			✓		✓			
79	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
82	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓								
83	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>								✓	✓	
85	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				✓	✓	✓	h		h	
86	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓	✓					h	
87	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
89	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
90	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓						
92	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		✓	✓	✓						
93	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>									✓	

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94	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
95	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
96	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>				✓			h	✓			
97	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>					✓	✓	✓				
98	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>										h	
99	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>								h	h		
100	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				✓		✓		✓			
101	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>										✓	
102	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								✓			
103	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓			
104	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
106	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>										✓	
107	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓	✓	✓				
108	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	h	h	h	✓	h				
109	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		✓									
110	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				
111	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							✓				
112	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						✓	h				
113	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>					✓	h	✓				
114	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>					h		h		✓		
115	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>					h	✓	h				
116	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	h		h				
117	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		✓	✓	✓	h	h	h				
118	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>					h	✓	✓		h		
119	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			✓					✓			
120	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		h									
121	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		h	h								
122	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>						✓	✓				
123	Northern Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
124	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
125	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		h	h								

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126	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓								
127	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>					✓			h	✓	h		
128	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>					h							
129	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			h									
130	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>					h			✓				
131	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		h								✓		
132	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓								✓		
133	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					✓			h				
134	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			✓									
135	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>											✓	
136	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>							✓		✓			
137	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>									✓	✓		
138	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>										✓		
139	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
140	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>									✓	✓		
141	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
142	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				✓						✓		
143	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg (dombrowski)</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓			
144	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓								
145	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>									✓			
147	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓									
148	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
149	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>										✓		
150	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓		
151	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓							h		
152	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
153	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓									
154	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				✓	h			✓	✓	✓		
155	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		h	✓									
156	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>									✓	✓		
157	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>										✓		

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158	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>								✓		✓	

### Mammals

1	European Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>			8								
2	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			1								
3	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		1	1								
4	Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>		1									
5	Souslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>								✓			
6	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>			1								

### Amphibians

1													
2	Yellow bellied Toad	<i>Bombina variegata</i>			✓								
3	Marsh/Pond/Edible Frog	<i>Pelophylax sp</i>			✓								
4	Fire bellied Toad	<i>Bombina bombina</i>						h					
5	European Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>							h				
6	Fire Salamander				✓								

### Reptiles

1	Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>					✓						
2	Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix persa</i>					✓	✓	✓				
3	Eastern Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>								✓			
4	Balkan Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis tauricus</i>						✓		✓	✓		
5	Sand Lizard	<i>Lacerta agilis</i>			✓								
6	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>					✓		✓				

### Butterflies & Moths

1	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>										✓	
2	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓									
3	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓								✓	
4	Mountain White	<i>Pieiris ergane</i>			✓								

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5	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓							
6	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>			✓							
7	Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias erate</i>			✓							
8	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓	✓							
9	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>						✓			✓	
10	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓							
11	European Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓								
12	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>				✓						
13	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>			✓							
14	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>										
15	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>							✓	✓		
16	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido argiades</i>						✓				
18	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>									✓	
19	Zephyr Blue	<i>Plebejus pylaon</i>								✓		
20	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>									✓	
21	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>									✓	
22	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓								
23	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓								
24	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>							✓	✓	✓	
25	Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>		✓								
26	Tau Emperor	<i>Aglaia tau</i>		✓								
27	Common Carpet	<i>Epirrhoe alternata</i>		✓								
28	Small Emerald	<i>Hemistola chrysoprasaria</i>			✓							
29	Latticed Heath	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>			✓							
30	Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>			✓							