

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Saturday 3rd August

We arrived in Bucharest in the early evening and, after clearing the airport and meeting up with Florin and our driver Christian, we drove a short distance to a restaurant for dinner. After this we continued on our way towards the Carpathian Mountains. We arrived at our comfortable guesthouse in the village of Volcan in the late evening and after checking in everyone sensibly went more or less straight to bed.

Day 2

Sunday 4th August

After breakfast we drove out of Volcan across flat, open fields towards the nearby town of Zarnesti. Common Buzzards sat on roadside telegraph poles, Rooks sat on the wires, a Lesser Spotted Eagle soared in the distance and on one freshly cut meadow there was a flock of over 200 White Storks – quite a sight! After a short drive we arrived at Plaiu Foii on the north side of the Piatra Craiului National Park and in between a series of quite heavy rain showers, we explored an area of scrubby meadows beneath towering beech and spruce covered crags. Bird highlights included a superb Little Owl sitting on a shed roof, a couple of Red-backed Shrikes and two brief and distant Nutcrackers. The grass was full of lively Long-winged Conehead bush-crickets and butterflies during the sunny spells included Silver-washed Fritillaries, Dryads and a smart Silver-spotted Skipper.

In the early afternoon we drove across to the town of Bran, suffered the Sunday holiday crowds and explored the historic and picturesque castle. After this, we made our way back towards Volcan and stopped at a lovely stretch of open grassland and scrub along the Tuhan/Zarnesti road where we had a good stroll in the late afternoon sun and found a satisfying range of birds including another Lesser Spotted Eagle, a surprise Black Kite, the first of many Bee-eaters, a trio of Whinchats and several Great Grey and Red-backed Shrikes.

Day 3

Monday 5th August

An early walk for some produced several Lesser Whitethroats, a brood of juvenile Black Redstarts and a couple of Roe Deer. After breakfast we drove to the Strimba Valley, a beautiful area of meadows and scrub set amongst rolling forested hills. We walked along the valley floor and during the course of the morning, enjoyed some great views of Lesser Spotted Eagles, Honey Buzzards and a range of smaller birds including Spotted Flycatcher, Marsh Tit, Jay, Fieldfare and lots of Red-backed Shrikes. Butterflies were active in the warm sunshine too and included Scarce Swallowtail, Short-tailed and Silver-studded Blues, Dingy Skipper and a dazzling male Scarce Copper.

After our picnic lunch, we drove back to Zarnesti and took a walk up the Zarnesti Gorge. It was quiet overall in the afternoon heat with notable birds limited to a couple of Alpine Swifts and a pair of Ravens. However butterflies were again out in force and in this different, more wooded terrain we saw good numbers of Silver-washed Fritillaries, Arran Browns and Scotch Argus.

In the late afternoon, we boarded our bus once more and drove up into the deeply forested Plaiului valley above Zarnesti to a well set-up bear-watching hide. Once we were comfortably inside the forester put the food out and within minutes Bears started to appear! Over the next couple of hours, in the fine evening sunshine, we were

treated to sensational views of at least eight Brown Bears, with up to six visible at once at one stage. It was a privilege indeed to watch these huge, powerful animals for so long at such close range. We were able to observe the interactions between individuals (there was a clear hierarchy!) and to watch their reactions to the three Red Foxes that stealthily darted in and out between them grabbing what food they could. Fantastic!

Day 4

Tuesday 6th August

We left Volcan after breakfast, retraced our steps across the mountains to Ploiesti and then continued eastwards across the flatlands towards the Danube Delta. We passed through the town of Ciorani and then made a short stop at Rodanu Lake a little before Urziceni. Here we saw a satisfying range of birds in a short space of time including Black-necked Grebe, Ferruginous Duck, Marsh Harrier, Spotted Redshank and Great Reed Warbler.

From Urziceni we continued on to Slobozia and then in the mid-afternoon we crossed the mighty Danube and entered the Dobrugea region. We made a couple of late afternoon stops, first at Hasarluc lake where we saw Squacco Herons and Pygmy Cormorants, Bee-eaters, Yellow Wagtails and a super male Little Bittern, and then at another wetland near the village of Garliciu. Here we were presented with a huge number and variety of birds and there was a sense of too much to look at all at once. Highlights included over 700 Greylag Geese, a few Spoonbills, dozens of Glossy Ibis, a handful of Garganey, three Collared Pratincoles, several Black-winged Stilts and lots of Wood Sandpipers. Meanwhile a Booted Eagle cruised around overhead and a pair of Rollers dazzled us as they flashed around catching insects in the grassland.

Happy with all this we continued our drive across the rolling Dobrugea countryside in the early evening sunshine and arrived at Tulcea and the waiting “flotel”, our home for the next few days, in good time to settle in before dinner.

Day 5

Wednesday 7th August

After breakfast at the Tulcea quayside, we boarded a small launch and set off on our first sortie into the Danube Delta. At first we chugged sedately downstream along the busy canalised Sulina Channel, but after half an hour or so we turned north-eastwards into a maze of smaller willow-lined channels and lily-covered lakes that took us deep into the heart of the delta. The sheer number and diversity of water-birds was staggering. Highlights included hundreds of mighty White Pelicans, two single Dalmatian Pelicans, lots of Pygmy Cormorants and Squacco Herons, several Purple Herons, hundreds of Whiskered Terns, half a dozen Red-footed Falcons and a White-tailed Eagle. Additionally, amongst the shady willows we heard Thrush Nightingales, Olivaceous Warblers and Golden Orioles and saw Kingfishers, Redstarts and Grey-headed Woodpeckers.

We met the big boat back on the Sulina channel at Gorgova and then, after lunch we relocated to the village of Crishan. In the late afternoon we returned to the launch and set off to explore some channels and creeks to the south. We went as far as Lake Jacob and along the way saw further masses of wetland birds, including a couple of juvenile Little Crakes, and enjoyed great views of dozens of Bee-eaters and several Rollers. Back at Crishan in the early evening, the wide Sulina channel was covered as far as the eye could see in hundreds of Whiskered Terns hawking backwards and forwards over the surface – a quite marvellous scene!

Day 6

Thursday 8th August

We were off again in the little boat straight after breakfast, exploring to the north of Crishan, through lakes Bogdaproste and Trei Iezere and along the Eracle Channel to Lopatna. It was another fine sunny day and a delight to be out on the water. The first action was a perched adult White-tailed Eagle and a neat little Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and then as we got to the lakes we were treated to lovely views of both Pelican species on the water and all three Marsh Terns providing a great opportunity for comparison. Other highlights included a superb Dice Snake, lots of Marsh Frogs, a fishing Caspian Tern, another brief Little Crake and lots of close Squacco and Purple Herons.

Back out again in the afternoon, we watched a perched White-tailed Eagle being mobbed by a Common Tern and enjoyed our first good views of Penduline Tits perched atop the reeds. Kingfishers seemed to be everywhere and a series of Little Bitterns flew across the channels ahead of us. Late on, we reached the agricultural areas on the northern edge of the delta and here we saw a Hobby, a few Rollers, a Corn Bunting and masses of migrant Yellow Wagtails. On our way back in the early evening, we had some good views of another juvenile Little Crake (great toes!) and arrived back at Lopatna where the same White-tailed Eagle we had started with, was still up on his perch. Finally, after dinner a few of us stepped outside and spent a little time looking at Jupiter, Saturn and the almost full moon through the telescopes – very nice!

Day 7

Friday 9th August

A pre-breakfast watch from the top of the big boat proved very productive and in the cool of the early morning we saw the White-tailed Eagle again, two close White Pelicans, a juvenile Penduline Tit and a Black Tern feeding a fledgling on a lily pad. After breakfast, we took to the smaller boat for the last time and explored from Lopatna to Mila 23 and then on to Lake Fortuna. Negotiating a narrow willow-lined channel exploding with Night Herons we surprised an Otter which some of us at least saw well. A little later a juvenile Little Bittern perched up nicely in the reeds for all to see and on the first of the lakes we crossed, we watched a flock of around 50 White Pelicans fishing in tight formation, a remarkable sight. In the narrow channels beyond Mila 23 we saw a Lesser Spotted and a Black Woodpecker, an Olivaceous Warbler and a smart male Little Bittern and we finished this excellent morning with good views of a large Grass Snake draped amongst the reeds and another Little Crake.

We met the big boat by Lake Buclanestii and after lunch we made our way back to Tulcea where we arrived in the late afternoon and moored at our familiar spot on the quayside.

Day 8

Saturday 10th August

We left the boat and Tulcea after breakfast and headed out across the Dobrugea countryside. Our first stop was at a hill top by the village of Parches where we looked over the vast Danube flood-plain and off into the hazy distance of the Ukraine. Big landscapes! Bee-eaters cruised all around us and on the dry grassland we saw a Lesser Grey Shrike, a couple of Tawny pipits, a few Isabelline Wheatears and a several engaging Souseliks.

Our next stop was in an area of meadows, woodland and scrub at the monastery of Celic Dere. Highlights here included Middle Spotted and Syrian Woodpeckers, Wryneck, Turtle Dove, Sombre Tit and Hawfinch. After a picnic lunch here, we drove on to the Macin Hills National Park where a walk up a narrow rocky valley in the

afternoon heat produced two Red-rumped Swallows, several Rollers, a distant Levant Sparrowhawk, a good range of butterflies and a surprisingly sprightly Spur-thighed Tortoise.

From here we drove on to the village of Greci and out onto an area of steppe grassland and oak/hornbeam parkland with the craggy Macin Hills as a scenic backdrop. This was a really beautiful place and we finished a rewarding day with sighting of a pair of Woodchats Shrikes, a couple of Long-legged Buzzards, two Booted Eagles and a surprise Yellow-necked Mouse.

Day 9

Sunday 11th August

After breakfast we drove south out of Tulcea. Our first stop was the prominent hill of Deniz Tepe, where we saw Isabelline and Northern Wheatears, Tawny Pipits, a Lesser Grey Shrike and some Corn Buntings. From here we drove south to an area of reed beds and brackish pools on the edge of the vast Sinoie lagoon. A Golden Jackal seen by some as it crossed the track ahead of us caused considerable excitement and we followed this up with some excellent views of Paddyfield Warblers. Several Gull-billed Terns and Collared Pratincoles, a huge flock of Mediterranean Gulls and six fly-over Marsh Sandpipers added further spice.

After a picnic lunch in the welcome shade of an acacia plantation complete with Hoopoes and Spanish Sparrows, we continued south to the marshes and coast at Vadu. Highlights here in an exciting hour or so included 45 Little Gulls, two Temminck's Stints, a Curlew Sandpiper, our only Crested Larks of the trip and dozens of colourful Yellow Wagtails. We finished up at the Black Sea itself, among the beach-side revellers where some of the group took the opportunity to swim. A few Little and Sandwich Terns and an Arctic Skua offshore provided some last good birds before we headed off, back to Tulcea.

Day 10

Monday 12th August

After breakfast, we set off across the scenic Dobrugea countryside with its roadside Rollers and shrikes. We stopped for a short while on some loess cliffs near Garliciu to admire the view out over the vast flood-plain of the Danube and then finished our Romanian birding at the nearby wetland we'd stopped at on our way through a few days previously. Three Black Storks here plus a flock of colourful Ruddy Shelducks and a superb Praying Mantis provided a great finale before we boarded the bus again and headed off towards Bucharest.

We arrived at the airport in good time. The check-in went smoothly and after a short delay we all arrived safely back at Heathrow a few hours later.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	August								
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			700	100's	100		50		500
2	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			50	100's	100's	100's	50	100's	
3	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			2					12	
4	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>									23
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			10	100+	100+	100+	50		
6	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			10	20					
7	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>			5+	25+	20+	100+			10
8	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			100+						
9	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			100+						
10	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			3	5	10				
11	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				1	2				
12	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			100+	30	10+	10+			
13	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>				4					
14	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			20	15	20	15+	15		
15	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>			5						
16	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						1			3
17	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	350	250	60	2	1	4	3	80	75
18	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			55	100's	25	30	40		20
19	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			4						4
20	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			1	1	5	3			
21	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			3	20	50	50	1		1
22	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			10	100's	200+	50+	100's		
23	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	10	6	10	50	10	7	5	1	5
24	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				15	30	20	1		
25	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			3	40	5	5	5		1
26	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			12	50	5	10	5		2
27	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>			2000	100's	100's	100's		3	1000
28	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>				2	5	2	5	2	

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>			5	100's	50	100	50+	2	
30	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			5	50+	100's	100	100's	3	
31	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		3					1		
32	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			1						
33	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	2	3	1						
34	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			1				2		1
35	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>			1	1			1		
36	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			2						
37	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			2	5	6	5	2	10	2
38	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1								
39	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>				3	7	4			
40	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			1				5		
41	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	10	6	5						
42	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			1h					1h	
43	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>				2	1	1			
44	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			1	10	30	50			
45	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			300+	100's	100's	100's	100's		
46	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>				1					
47	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			6				1	10	15
48	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			2					10	
49	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			125	30	5	2			150
50	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>								5	
51	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				5				2	1
52	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			100	100+		20			25
53	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>								40	1
54	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			30	2		5			10
55	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>								6	
56	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			1	6		3			
57	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			1	8	2				
58	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			10	25	15	50		50	50
59	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			1	8				3	

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
60	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>				1					2	
61	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>									1	
62	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>									1	
63	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			8			2			50	10
64	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>			3						20	2
65	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			100+	100's	100's	100's	10+	100+	100+	10
66	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>									45	
67	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeus melanocephalus</i>									2000	
68	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>			150+	100's	100's	100's	10+		50	5
69	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>									12	
70	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>					1					
71	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									4	
72	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>									4	
73	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			30	50+	50+	20+			30	
74	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>			10	100's	100's	100's	100's		2	
75	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>				3	10					
76	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					15	2			4	
77	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	100+		100's					30	100+	
78	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>				1						
79	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	20	6		2	12	6	5			
80	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			1				12	1		
81	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	50	15	50			40	100+	30		
82	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			1							
83	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1								1	
84	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartus melba</i>		2								
85	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			30						40	
86	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>			15	3	5	3	30	15	5	
87	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				30	40	10				
88	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	8	5	15	20	40	15	50	200+	75	
89	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			3		1		2	8	3	

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
90	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		1h						1		
91	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>				1h				1+1h		
92	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>				1h	1+2h	2				
93	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>								4		
94	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	1	2	1	3	4	2	3			
95	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>				1		1				
96	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	1h		1h							
97	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>				3	1h					
98	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	8	5	5		3		5	6	1	
99	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>			2	12	1			10		
100	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				3	2	4	1	2	1	
101	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	10	20	5	5	2		15	30	80	
102	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			2				2	15	15	
103	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	4									
104	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>							2			
105	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		1h	1	5	3		1		1	
106	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1h	3								
107	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	20	30	30		5	2	4	15	5	
108	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	2									
109	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			200+		6		20	100's	30	
110	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	200+	50	300+		100's			100's	150	
111	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	50	50	20	50	50	20	10	20	10	
112	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	1	4								
113	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>	1h									
114	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>							2			
115	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		4					1			
116	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		1		2	2		3			
117	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	2	8		3	2				1	
118	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>				1	3	5				
119	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>						h				
120	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								5		

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
121	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			30		3	20	10	15	1
122	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	25	10	30	20	100's	50+	50+	100+	50
123	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	10	10	50			5	100+	100+	10
124	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>							2		
125	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				6	h	h			
126	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	2	2							
127	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>			5	3		2	1		
128	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			1			1			
129	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>								5	
130	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			2	2	2				
131	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>				1	2h	1			
132	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>							5		
133	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	2	7	1				1		
134	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	2		1						
135	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	1h								
136	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		1h							
137	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	1	2	1	1			3		
138	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		1h			1h				
139	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		200	7000	100's	100's	50	100's	100's	50
140	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	1	5					2		
141	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		2	1						
142	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		1					1		
143	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	1	2		1h	2	1	3		2
144	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		5							
145	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>				1	1h		1		1
146	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>							1		
147	Pied/Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca/albicollis</i>				2	1				
148	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1	4	1						
149	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				5			2		
150	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	3								

	Common name	Scientific name	August									
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
151	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1								5	
152	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>			1					10	5	
153	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>									1?	
154	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	20	25	50				20	50	50	10
155	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>									2+	
156	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		15	5	h	50			1	2	
157	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			10	10	150	10			100	1
158	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	5	2	3	10	15	5	2			
159	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>							2	2		
160	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	2h		1h							
161	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	1	10						4		
162	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			2					12		
163	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	3	1						1		
164	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	2									
165	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		5								
166	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	3									
167	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>					1			2	15	
168	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>				1h	1h				1	
169	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	3	2								

Mammals

1	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		3						1		
2	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>									1	
3	European Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos arctos</i>		8								
4	Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>						1				
5	European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		2							1	
6	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>					1					
7	European Souslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>								6	4	1
8	Muskkrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>					1					
9	Yellow-necked Mouse	<i>Apodemus flavicollis</i>								1		

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Amphibians & Reptiles

1	Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>			2						
2	Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibundus</i>			10	100's	100's	100's			
3	Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>							1		
4	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>					1				
5	Sand Lizard	<i>Lacerta agilis</i>			2						
6	Balkan Wall Lizard	<i>Podachis tauricus</i>							1		
7	Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix persa</i>				2	1	1			
8	Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessilata</i>					1				

Butterflies

Scarce Swallowtail	Large White	Green-veined White	Small White
Mountain Small White	Eastern Bath White	Clouded Yellow	Berger's Clouded Yellow
Wood White	Common Blue	Short-tailed Blue	Silver-studded Blue
Idas Blue	Holly Blue	Brown Argus	Lesser Fiery Copper
Small Copper	Scarce Copper	Silver-washed Fritillary	Cardinal Fritillary
Queen of Spain Fritillary	Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	Lesser Spotted Fritillary	Red Admiral, Painted Lady
Freyer's Purple Emperor	Marbled White	Dryad	Small Heath
Pearly Heath	Meadow Brown	Ringlet	Dryad
Arran Brown	Scotch Argus	Wall Brown	Speckled Wood
Dingy Skipper	Large Skipper	Silver Spotted Skipper	

Odonata noted:

Beautiful Demoiselle	Banded Demoiselle	Small Spreadwing	Lesser Emperor
Broad-bodied Chaser	Broad Scarlet	Black-tailed Skimmer	Ruddy Darter

Other notable invertebrates:

Long-winged Conehead
Hummingbird Hawkmoth
Roman Snail

Field Cricket
Pine Hawkmoth (caterpillar)

Shield bug (*Graphosoma italicum*)
Violet Carpenter Bee

Praying Mantis
Wasp Spider

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