

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Bee-eater and Rose-coloured Starling



European Tree Frog



Exploring the Danube Delta!

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Day 1

Wednesday 8th June

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 Cristian and local guide Alex at the exit who guided us to our minibus through 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 have a comfort stop. We continued towards the foothills of Brasov after lunch, heading for our final destination, the village of Vulcan. We had good weather throughout our journey and arrived at the charming lodge where our hosts awaited us with comfy rooms and delicious dinner and drinks!

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

Thursday 9th June

Coltul Chillilor Monastery track (Piatra Craiului National Park) – Bran

After a delicious breakfast, we drove a short distance and into the Piatra Craiului National Park, this time to a nice valley where the track that leads to the Coltul Chillilor monastery is located. The walk is a bit steep at the beginning but very enjoyable and we managed to see great birds such as Red-backed Shrikes, Garden Warbler, Yellowhammer, and plenty of Coal Tits. We also manage to find the very local Yellow-bellied Toad. Other birds included Common Buzzard, Hooded Crow, White Storks, Eurasian Kestrel, and there was also a good variety of butterflies. Once at the monastery, we enjoyed visiting the building itself and it was a good shelter for us to have lunch as a light shower was approaching.

After lunch, we started to walk back towards the minibus in order to drive for 30 minutes towards the village of Bran to admire and visit this mythical spot. We had terrific views of the castle and we took advantage of our visit to see it inside properly, learning its interesting history and stories around it, famous for the Dracula legend linked to Transylvania's Vlad the Impaler. We enjoyed sightseeing in this village and some of us even tried some local bread, coffee and cheese! Black Redstarts, Fieldfare and White Storks were seen here!

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

Day 3

Friday 10th June

Piatra Craiului National Park (Zarnesti Gorges) – Stramba Valley (Brown Bear hide)

After a delicious breakfast, we made our sandwiches of our choice in order to take them later on as packed lunch. But first, we drove a short distance into the Piatra Craiului National Park, this time heading to the Zarnesti Gorges. The weather wasn't the best when we arrived at this location as the local forecast predicted stormy weather in the area. We had lovely views of Grey and White Wagtails on the way up, also spotting a beautiful Firecrest as soon as we started our walk uphill towards the gorges. Many interesting birds such as Alpine Swifts, Eurasian Kestrel and

Northern Ravens were seen on the way up. We found a gorgeous Fire Salamander on the way up and some of us managed to see a single Chamois on the way down. By midday, we started to walk back to our minibus in order to drive back to our lodge to enjoy a delicious lunch!

After lunch, we took a little break in order to get ready to drive for about an hour to the lovely and lush Stramba Valley. The weather was much better and improved by the time we made our first stop along the access track which we explored. We saw plenty of 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. We were told by the ranger that the bears have been visiting the hide at around 19:00 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 area, 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 another 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 time 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

Saturday 11th June

Vulcan to Tulcea

Our very last breakfast in Vulcan was taken at the usual time. It was a beautiful 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, Common Pochard, Common Whitethroat, 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, Eurasian Coot, European Pochard, Pygmy Cormorants, Eurasian Hoopoe, Turtle Dove, Red-footed Falcon, European Bee-eater and Corn Bunting, amongst others..

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 Cristian for driving us everywhere safely, we jumped on board where the crew 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

Sunday 12th June

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

The early morning 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 it much easier to meander along this marvellous water system. European Kingfishers were flying along the thick willow tree-lined shores, while Pygmy Cormorants were crossing along the canals. Other lovely birds and new ticks for our list were a pair of beautiful and obliging White-tailed Eagle, Common Redstarts, lots of singing Eastern Olivaceous and Icterine Warblers, complemented by striking views of Great White Pelican and 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 nesting European Kingfishers perched and fishing very close to us! There were also plenty of White Pelicans, Ferruginous Duck, Hooded Crows, Great Reed Warbler, Tree Sparrow, Sand Martins and perched Eurasian Cuckoos. Going back to the main channel, a pair of White-tailed Eagles were spotted again in flight and perched.

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 later jumped on board our exploration boat again, heading towards the main forked channel which ends on the lovely Lake Jacob. Several European 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 passing by. 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 woven 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

Hérons, Black-crowned Night-Hérons, a beautiful family group of Bearded Reedlings, and a single Eurasian Hoopoe; we also had brief 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, which we all enjoyed!

Day 6

Monday 13th June

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 through 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, Lesser Whitethroat, Little Owl and Starlings. Some of the old salt pans had a bit of water - great for Pied Avocets, Black-winged Stilts, Common Redshank and one single Spotted Redshank, with many Whiskered and Common Terns. After a good stroll 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-Hérons, 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 plentiful Whiskered Terns and White Pelicans and a few individuals of Dalmatian Pelican. 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 several 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 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

Tuesday 14th June

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

A pre-breakfast scan from the top of the floating hotel produced lots of interesting birds such as Western Marsh Harriers, Golden Orioles, Eurasian Cuckoos, Little Bittern, Whiskered, Black and Common Terns, Penduline Tits, plenty of active Bearded Reedlings and even a fishing European Otter...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 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 pair of Red-necked Grebe which we enjoyed watching! 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 Grey-headed 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 thunder and lightning which flashed in our cabins in the middle of the night.

Day 8

Wednesday 15th June

Vadu (Black Sea coast) – Babadag Forest – Malcoci

We had our breakfast at the usual time and then we drove out of Tulcea heading straight towards the area of Vadu, just by the Black Sea Coast. Once there, we walked along the marshes in an adjacent wetland area to the Danube Delta National Park and close to the Black Sea shore, which was the perfect place to spot the rare Paddyfield Warbler, alongside Marsh Harriers, Eurasian Hoopoe, Yellow Wagtails (race *feldegg* & *dombrowskii* or *Black-headed Wagtail*), Collared Pratincoles, Bearded Reedling, European Shelduck, Eurasian 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 a considerable nesting colony of Common Terns was surrounded by Avocets, Black-headed and Little Gulls, Black-winged Stilts, mating Collared Pratincoles, and interesting waders such as Black-tailed Godwits, Common and Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpipers and Whiskered Terns. At the shore of the Black Sea, we had great views of Common Tern, Crested Larks, White Pelican, Great Cormorant and European Oystercatcher, amongst others.

Ayer enjoying the Black Sea area, we drove along the road heading to the area of Sinoe where we made a stop in order to enjoy our picnic lunch by a little chapel. We had good views of a colony of Spanish Sparrows nesting in this site; also a few Corn Buntings, Eurasian Kestrel and Marsh Harriers in the adjacent fields. After enjoying our lunch, we drove for a good half hour in order to get to the area of Babadag, making a stop in the Babadag Forest from where we had a very enjoyable walk which produced a very interesting amount of butterflies and some birds such as Red-breasted Flycatcher, Wood Warbler, Eurasian Nuthatch and Middle Spotted Woodpecker.

Back in our minibus, we continued with our drive back to Tulcea making a little detour into the village of Malcoci where an adjacent quarry produced a staggering amount of Rosy Starlings, dozens and dozens of them flying and perched in front of us, wonderful! We also had great close views of European Bee-eaters.

After this great last stop, we drove back to Tulcea where we were welcomed to the guest house and after checking into our rooms, we had time to get ready for dinner, enjoying the tasty local wine and beer, accompanied by another delicious supper.

Day 9

Thursday 16th June

Mâcin National Park – Celic Derey

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 an hour's drive, we arrived at the village of Mâcin, driving through the foothills of its mountains and National park. We took a stroll in the eastern part of the park which produced great views of Isabelline Wheatear, Turtle Doves, Corn Bunting and a Long-legged Buzzard perched on top of the mountain. There were also European Ground Squirrels here and plenty of interesting butterflies in this area which we all enjoyed watching and photographing. After a stroll taken here, we moved to the western end of the mountains where we took a short stroll uphill which produced Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Pied Wheatear and Ortolan Bunting, plus other gorgeous butterflies and plenty of Sand Lizards. We had our lunch nearby where Syrian Woodpecker was spotted. After lunch, and as we were leaving the area, a beautiful Black-headed Bunting was spotted alongside European Rollers and Long-legged Buzzard.

We then drove for another 50 minutes to the village of Celic Dere where we took a nice walk in 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 Lesser Spotted and Middle Spotted Woodpeckers .

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 a special farewell cake and some champagne glasses came along to reinforce our celebration! We thanked 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 Alex for sharing with us the beautiful wildlife and history of his lovely country!

Day 10

Friday 17th June

Tulcea – Bucharest airport

Another nice, sunny morning at Tulcea to wave us off. After a delicious breakfast, our bus was ready to go, so we 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 generally good to us at all times. Our hotel hosts, from the mountains, on board and in Tulcea were fantastic! They made us feel more than welcome, looking after us very well with delicious food and attention, showing their passion for what they do. We truly had 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!!)



The gorgeous colours of the tour!

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	June 2022									
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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>					✓	✓	✓	✓		

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29	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
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	

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61	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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>		✓	✓	✓						

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93	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>									✓	
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>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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125	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		H	H							
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>								✓	✓	

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157	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>									✓	
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>		✓							✓	

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4	Mountain White	<i>Pieiris ergane</i>			✓							
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>			✓							