

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

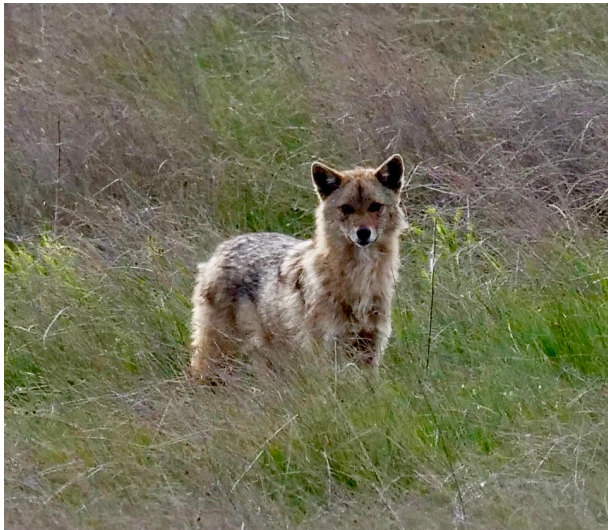
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Brown Bear



Dalmatian Pelicans



Golden Jackal



White Storks

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Day 1

Tuesday 25th April

Our flight from London Heathrow to Bucharest arrived on time and we met our driver Jack and our local guide Alex and we were very much looking forward to our time in Romania. After stowing our luggage, we set off for the Carpathian Mountains, travelling through the agricultural zones, a distant Marsh Harrier was seen from the bus hunting over the growing crops. A misty and atmospheric journey as we continued up into the mountains with the landscape changing as we reached higher altitude roads and thickly wooded valleys of Transylvania. We continued into the mountains, arriving at our comfortable guest house and a very welcome drink before a lovely dinner and then off to bed.

Day 2

Wednesday 26th April

We awoke to cockerels calling to the dawn and after a substantial breakfast we boarded the minibus for a journey to the Zarnesti Gorge in the Piatra Craiului National Park. Light rain was falling as we made our way up the track towards a steep sided gorge. Along the way we were serenaded by some common woodland species including Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler and Grey Wagtails hunted insects along the stream sides. Wallcreeper remained absent despite some sustained scanning, but we had great views of the resident Raven pair and then an incredibly fast flyby Peregrine, the bird hunting near the crag walls. A confident Chamois was watched making its way along some worrying steep cliffs, calmly feeding on the grassy crags above us. Crag Martins were briefly seen along with Common Swifts, probably just newly returned from migrating from Africa. Another Chamois was seen in the woodland close to the path later in the morning. A fine view of a Dipper seen on the stream-side completed our morning walk.

The afternoon was much drier and after a hot lunch at the hotel we made our way to the bear hide, stopping on the way to look for wildlife and walking along the Stramba Valley with mixed pasture, trees and fields grazed by sheep and their ever-vigilant shepherds and their dogs. A Black Woodpecker was seen flying across the valley into distant woodland what a star bird. A Green Woodpecker was heard calling from the trees. Meadow Pipits and Swallows were seen exploiting the insects near the wandering sheep. We met the local rangers and drove off up the woodland track deeper into the forest.

Leaving our vehicles behind we walked the short distance to the bear hide, set at the edge of a woodland glade. In silence we entered the hide making sure our camera flashes were set to off. Two young Bears, estimated to be 2 - 3 years old were already present feeding on the food available, and later a very large male was very impressive, rearing onto his hind legs to survey his area. At this time of year, Brown Bears will be thinking about mating so there was a real air of tension in all the animals we were watching. A smaller female appeared and then another two juveniles. We were all seriously impressed and in awe of this large carnivore still living in the Romanian forests. A Collared Flycatcher was a very nice addition to the list, the bird seen foraging in the woodland glade the bears were using. Reluctantly, with dusk falling, we made our way back to our hotel for supper and some good Romanian wine and beer before retiring to bed after a great first full day.

Day 3

Thursday 27th April

Cockerels, Collard Doves, and Blackcaps broke the dawn silence and after a good breakfast we headed off for a walk to a monastery. Parking in the lower valley we made our way up the track, through mixed woodland and species rich fields. The lower slopes of the valley grazed by herds of sheep and goats and the ever-present Romanian dogs accompanying them. We made our way up track towards the start of the tree line seeing song thrush and a fieldfare showing well at the top of a tree. We were treated to great views of a Nutcracker with a bird close to us and flying off showing its distinctive white rump. We enjoyed our picnic lunch sitting on the steps of the monastery Coltul Chiliilor admiring the valley view below us as a very territorial Common Buzzard pair circled above us. A Crested Tit nest was seen in a very fragile looking rotten tree stem, a classic nesting location for this species, what a privilege to see. We were also treated to very close views of the adult birds carrying food. Yellow-bellied Toad spawn and a single adult was seen in a puddle in a rutted track with a stunning and rare Elderflower Orchid (*Dactylorhiza sambucina*) was photographed close by. A majestic White Stork gliding past us was a very nice end to our walk.

After a lunch back at the hotel we set off to Bran Castle and from a nearby ridge we were able to look back across to the mountains from the roadside parking. Dropping back down to the valley floor we visited the 13th century Bran Castle, forever linked in the mind of the public with Dracula! Some of the group visited the castle and its grounds, and some the surrounding market, and some of the group enjoying coffees, cakes, and chocolates. After a great day we returned to our hotel for our dinner and to review our days sightings in the trip log.

Day 4

Friday 28th April

Today was our travel day to the mighty Danube Delta. We said farewell to our hosts at our wonderful hotel and head for Tulcea. On route we stopped at Peleş Castle for a walk up the access road to the castle through some mixed woodland and watching Dippers on the river and enjoying the woodland birds including good views of a confiding Treecreeper. Boarding our vehicle, we continued our journey with another short stop at Glodeanu Lake and this was a great taster for the birds to come with great views of Black-winged Stilts, Ruff in different stages of plumage as they are migrating to their breeding grounds further north. Great and Little Egrets were fishing on the lake's margins. Several Avocets fed in the shallow edges and our first Red-necked Grebes and Great-crested Grebes were watched through the scopes. A White Stork sailed over us soaring in the light breeze and approximately 20 Collard Pratincoles flew over us and a pristine male Yellow Wagtail showed well in the nearby cropland across the road from us.

Later, we stopped at a garage for provisions and to stretch our legs. Amazingly a few of the group spotted a Syrian Woodpecker in some scrubby woodland next to the garage, and a Grey-Headed Woodpecker was heard calling nearby.

As the afternoon drew on, we crossed over the mighty Danube, our first look at this huge body of water. Later we arrived at our floating hotel, our home for the next few nights.

After a delicious dinner of Zander - a local fish delicacy - and fine Romanian red and white wine a few of us went for a walk along the promenade before retiring to bed.

Day 5

Saturday 29th April

We awoke to a sunny but cool morning and after breakfast set off in our small boat. We crossed the main channel of the Danube (the river having crossed 10 countries on its journey to the Black Sea) and made our way down the tree and reed lined channels. It was good to be away from the larger ships and boats and we often were able to cruise quietly with the current, sometimes with the engine off, a great way to hear and see wildlife. First species we heard was the shrill whistle call of Common Kingfishers and soon enough we were seeing this species all along our route with some very close views.

With the morning warming up we heard our first Cuckoo, Nightingale and the powerful song of Cettis Warblers. Stopping at the entrance to a large lake we enjoyed coffee and biscuits and continued our journey down the smaller channels and were treated to great views of Ruff, Common Sandpiper and Green Sandpaper on the muddy edges of the channels. Our floating hotel had been relocated to a new location deeper in the delta and we joined it for our lunch, enjoying the views from the panoramic dining room windows. The floating hotel was moved along from its mooring, and we enjoyed two hours of viewing from the roof of the hotel including good views of a Golden Jackal on the edge of the main channel. At least two White-tailed Eagles were watched during the journey along with storks and pelicans, the latter forming large flocks on the hazy horizon. Towards late afternoon we re-joined our small boat and once again explored the smaller narrow channels with Bearded Reedling, Sand Martin, Dalmatian and Great White Pelican seen near the boat and Pygmy Cormorants roosting on low branches of the trees. Squacco and Night Herons fed in the shallow edges and took flight alongside us. The glorious afternoon wore on into the evening and we made our way back to our hotel which had been moored in the reeds for our stay overnight. After a lovely dinner we updated our log and retired to bed. A great first day on the Danube.

Day 6

Sunday 30th April

We had restful night at a very beautiful anchorage in the reeds and awoke to a sunny morning and the sound of Marsh Frogs serenading the dawn. For those keen early risers on the roof of the hotel flights of Pygmy Cormorants were seen and Bitterns were heard calling from the reedbeds. A group of White Pelicans feeding in the distant channel junction was a highlight.

Fuelled by another substantial breakfast we joined our small boat and headed off down the channels and had great views of Dalmatian Pelican, White Pelican and Grey-headed Woodpecker and Golden Orioles were heard in the poplars fringing the lake as the boat engine had once again been turned off to allow us to drift with the current through the floating Water Soldiers (*Stratiotes aloides*) and Water Mint (*Mentha aquatica*) and listen to the frogs and bird calls whilst watching Ruff and Greenshank on the sides of the channel. We went for a walk round the edge of the old village of Caraorman, an evocative old fishermen's village located on the sandbank between the Sulina and Sfântu Gheorghe channels. Amazing small farm buildings with a wealth of birds in the allotments and small fields. White Storks were nesting on the poles next to the sandy track, bringing nesting material back and bill clacking to their partners and good views of a Hoopoe feeding in a small garden and later in the open, amongst the short vegetation. Fluting calls alerted us to a flock of European Bee-eaters and a pair of Northern Wheatears were seen nesting in an interesting location – a discarded waste pipe! The shallow pools alongside the main track gave good views of Eurasian Whimbrel and Ruddy Turnstone along with Ruff, Common Sandpiper and two cracking Spotted Redshank who were developing their breeding plumage.

We boarded our boat, and after a tea and coffee break, we headed into the strengthening wind, back to the hotel. Squacco Herons, Little and Great Egrets and Purple Herons lined the banks of the wider channel. We arrived back for a very welcome lunch at the floating hotel.

After lunch we set off down the Old Danube Channel for a cruise around the Bogdaproste and Treilezere Lakes and channels. Many hundreds of White-winged and Black Terns were feeding on small chironomid flies just above the water's surface as we passed through the extensive lakes, an incredible sight, the light sparking on the water's surface with the birds flying very close to us. Common and Whiskered Terns completed the wonderful afternoon of tern viewing. An extremely close White-tailed Eagle was seen on the ground, metres from the boat as it scavenged on a dead fish at the water's edge. As the eagle flew off and we could admire the huge size of the bird.

Day 7

Monday 1st May

For those out early on the roof of the floating hotel the rewards were great. Flights of Glossy Ibis cruising above us with singing Reed and reeling Savi's Warblers all around the hotel. Bitterns were heard booming from the reed-beds with a bird seen in flight and a Purple Heron was watched fishing in the shallow waters. After a breakfast of cheeses, meats, cereals and omelette we were soon out in small boat. Again, great views of Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, Snipe and Spotted Redshanks along the channel edges. Good views of White-tailed Eagles as they soared above the fields and very large flocks of Dalmatian and White Pelicans soaring on a thermal in the hazy distance. We stopped alongside the bank of the canal for welcome refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits. Our boat made for a great viewing platform as we were looking across some shallow flooded grasslands full of waders. This included good numbers of Ruff, Marsh and Wood Sandpipers and Greenshank with Little and Great-white Egrets and Glossy Ibis feeding round the grazing cattle. Near the bow of our boat a flowering Quince Tree (*Cydonia oblonga*) was attracting many bees and small flies' intent on collecting the early season pollen and nectar.

With snacks and drinks consumed we continued our journey along the channel. Almost immediately we spotted two Rollers and a fabulous Golden Oriole, Alex, our local guide commenting it was the first he had seen this year. A Hoopoe was seen foraging on the bank across from us and an active Stork nest on the top of an old telegraph pole was a great bonus as the boat passed underneath. Another White-tailed Eagle soared in front of us as we made our way back to the hotel. A quick look into a small reed filled lake yielded Ferruginous Duck and Red-crested Pochard. The ever-present herons and egrets flew in front of us as we made our way back to the floating hotel for lunch. After a delicious lunch of hearty vegetable soup and aubergine ratatouille the floating hotel started its afternoon cruise back to Tulcea. Viewing from the roof of the hotel was simply stunning and great to have another birds-eye view of the marshes around us. We estimated a total count of eight White-tailed Eagles during the afternoon, some seen soaring very close to the boat. A Golden Jackal was a lovely reward for those that missed the first sighting a few days ago. We docked at Tulcea for our final night on the Danube and a final delicious dinner and many glasses of wine were consumed as we complete our sightings log. A few of the group had an evening walk up to the Tulcea viewpoint cross and to take in the evening air along the promenade.

Day 8

Tuesday 2nd May

The morning was sunny and Swallows were twittering around the moored boats. After our final breakfast and conversations about the brilliant Danube delta. We re-joined our minibus and headed away to visit the Black Sea coast. Travelling through forest and agricultural areas we arrived at Vadu an extensive area of dune slacks, saline

pools, reed beds and the shoreline of the Black Sea. Waders were plentiful feeding in pools in the dunes and the extensive reed beds noisy with Savi's and Reed Warblers singing. We walked along the road and were afforded great views of Bearded Reedlings, the birds making 'pinging' type calls and undertaking short display flights making them easier to see. Gadwall, Shoveler and Garganey were feeding in the shallow water along with Collared Pratincoles sitting on the edge of the water nearby. As we walked along the road, we were treated to very close views of a nightingale in a nearby isolated bush, and amazingly, it was joined by a very confiding Collared Flycatcher. Two Marsh Frogs out in the open at the edge of a pool afforded some good photographs. Souseliks ran around in the short vegetation in the dune slacks, these small ground squirrels not straying far from their burrows and disappearing at the slightest sign of danger. A Red-footed Falcon flew above us, and a flock of Greater Flamingos were seen in the distance, a very nice surprise. A report had come in of a White-Tailed Lapwing nearby and eventually we were able to watch this very rare bird through our scopes. This is a former rare breeding bird at this sight, so a later sighting of a second bird could perhaps be good news for the future.

A picnic lunch materialised before us on the beach right at the edge of the Black Sea coast. Meats, cheeses, bread, salad and more lovely ripe Romanian tomatoes along with cake, tea and coffee were enjoyed whilst watching Common Terns fishing offshore.

On our return journey in the minibus, we had to stop for a Spur-thighed Tortoise walking on the road in front of us. Later, two Dice Snakes were seen disappearing into the reeds as we passed by.

Our next stop was to Babadag Forest where we had some stunning close views of Ortolan Bunting and another Spur-thighed Tortoise, Eastern Green Lizards and many flowers including Lady Orchid (*Orchis pupurea*), Dwarf Iris (*Iris pumila*) and some fine specimens of Morel fungi (family *Morchellaceae*). We headed back to our bus for our return journey with a short stop for Spanish Sparrows and a Golden Oriole was seen on the nearby roadside wires. All enjoyed our evening meal in our hotel, and much wine and beer was enjoyed whilst catch-up with our wildlife log. A great and varied day on the Black Sea coast.

Day 9

Wednesday 3rd May

Our last full day and our first stop of the morning was made at a viewpoint looking down on extensive marshes and pools formed from a spur of the Danube. A huge area of vital wetland habitat. Souseliks were running around in the sheep grazed vegetation and a Long-legged buzzard was seen soaring across the nearby hillside taking advantage of the warming air.

We continued in our vehicle, noting Marsh Harriers quartering the fields as we passed by. We stopped for a walk through some beautiful wood pastures containing scattered old pear and oak trees. This area is grazed by sheep attended to by watchful shepherd dogs. We had some lovely views of a pair of Red-backed Shrikes through the scopes and a tortoise was watched making its way into a pile of fallen leaves. Later, another stop was at the Celic Dere Monastery. Located in woodland and pastureland some 30 km west of Tulcea, Celic Dere Monastery is named after the nearby river ("river of steel"). The first church was built in the beginning of the 19th century and the small arable fields and gardens are tended by the monastery's nuns. Swallowtail butterflies were seen in the sunshine and many beehives were noted below the monastery garden. We took a walk through the surrounding woodland and were rewarded by very good views of Red-breasted Flycatcher, Hawfinches calling, and Wood Warblers

singing. We had picnic lunch at site near the river at a well where locals come to collect the holy water. During our lunch we were delighted to watch both light and dark phase Booted Eagles soaring above us.

We once again boarded our vehicle and headed off to the Macin Mountains. The mountains are part of the Northern Dobruja Massif, they are located between Danube River to the north and west, and the Casimcea Plateau to the south. Seen from the Danube, they seem like only low hills. However, they are a mountainous region and have a considerable swathe of interesting steppe (dry grassy) habitat. We walked up the track in the late afternoon watching and listening to Corn Buntings and Hoopoes along the way. A Nightingale sang from within a wooded stream gully. A very distant Pied Wheatear was spotted high on the crags and watched through the scopes. On our return walk a lucky few watched a Pallid Harrier on the return walk. Two Rollers were seen on the nearby wires. We reluctantly had to leave the mountains and return to our guest house. A celebration cake and champagne was a lovely surprise at dinner and we completed our final wildlife log along with a few toasts to a fine trip.

Day 10

Thursday 4th May

The drive back to the airport passed surprisingly quickly with a stop at a lake on the way to view Ruddy Shelduck. We had to tear ourselves away to return to the airport and our return flight home and saying our thanks and farewells to our driver Jack and our guide Alex.

A fantastic holiday in the mountains and wetlands of Romania.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced		April – May 2023									
Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				✓						
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>										✓
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>					✓			✓		
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					✓	✓		✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>								✓		
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>						✓				
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓		✓	✓				✓	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓	H			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>										✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>										✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						✓				
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					✓	✓		✓		
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>										
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓		
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				✓						
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓		
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>								✓		
European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>								✓		
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>								✓		
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>						✓				
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>									✓	
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>						✓				
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>								✓		
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>							✓	✓		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					✓	✓		✓		
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>						✓		✓		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>						✓	✓	✓		
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>						✓	✓	✓		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					✓		✓			
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>				✓				✓		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		

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Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>					✓					
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>					✓					
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>								✓		
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>					✓	✓	✓			
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					✓	✓				
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					✓	✓				
Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			✓							
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>									✓	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			✓			✓	✓			
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			✓							
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>									✓	
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>										✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						✓				
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						✓	✓	✓		
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>						✓	✓			
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					✓	✓	✓			
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>						✓	✓			
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>							✓			
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>				✓						
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓			
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		✓								
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓								
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓								
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>										✓
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>							✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		✓	✓							
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓
Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>			✓							
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		✓	✓	✓						
Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>			✓	✓						
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						✓	✓			
Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>					✓			✓		
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								✓	✓	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					✓	✓				
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓								
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>									✓	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>					✓		✓			✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>					✓		✓			
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>							✓		✓	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Currucula curruca</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓		
Common Whitethroat	<i>Currucula communis</i>							✓			
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			✓							
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓	✓	✓						
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		✓		✓						✓
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		✓		✓						
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓	✓	✓						

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Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	✓	✓						
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>									✓	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>									✓	
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>								✓		
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓						✓	
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>						✓	✓	✓		
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						✓		✓	✓	
Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>									✓	
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		✓		✓						
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>								✓		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓						
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓		✓			✓			
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>									✓	
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓								
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓							
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>									✓	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓					✓	
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			✓							
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓	✓							
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>								✓	✓	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			✓		✓					
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								✓	✓	
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					✓		✓	✓		

Others

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Mammals											
Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>				✓						
European Suslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>								✓	✓	
European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>									✓	
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>									✓	

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European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		✓				✓				
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		✓								
Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>		✓								
Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>		✓								
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					✓		✓			
Reptiles & Amphibians											
European Fire-bellied Toad	<i>Bombina bombina</i>							✓			
Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>			✓							
Eastern Tree Frog	<i>Hyla orientalis</i>					✓			✓		
Lake Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>								✓	✓	
Eastern Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>								✓	✓	
Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>								✓		