

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

8th - 17th June 2025



Brown Bears



Night Heron



Whiskered Tern



White Pelican

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Day 1

Sunday 8th June

We flew from London to Bucharest without a hitch, passed through the airport reasonably quickly and met up with Cristi, our local leader, for the three-hour drive to our hotel in the Carpathians.

We had a little time to unpack and settle into our comfortable rooms, before an excellent dinner and an introduction to the tour from the two leaders.

Day 2

Monday 9th June

Piatra Craiului National Park - Stramba Valley

Most of us went for a short stroll from the hotel before breakfast. A Common Redstart was singing near the top of a tall tree in the car park; over the next 30 minutes, the same tree hosted three species of woodpecker! Walking up the lane outside, we had splendid views of Tree Sparrows and Black Redstarts. We headed back for our buffet breakfast, during which a male Red-backed Shrike was in full view from the balcony.

It was a short drive up to Piatra Craiului National Park, where we walked slowly up into a narrow, rocky valley. We heard the song of both Red-breasted Flycatcher and Collared Flycatcher and saw a couple of singing Grey Wagtails. As we entered the rocky gorge, Christi found a small group of Chamois and we had good views through our scopes. We also saw both Kestrel and Peregrine flying across and perching on the vertiginous rock faces. As we turned to walk back to the vehicle, thunder rumbled ominously and a light rain began to fall. We had not gone far when a Wallcreeper flew across and landed halfway up a sheer rockface. It flew around three or four times before flying back overhead and out of sight. Although it was difficult to pin down, we were pleased to have had decent views of such an enigmatic species.

After lunch back at the hotel, we drove out to the Stramba Valley, where we spent an hour birding along open meadows at the entrance to the valley. Here we saw three Red-backed Shrikes, a Corn Bunting, a Hoopoe and some had brief views of a flying Black Woodpecker. The most memorable views were dozens of Bath White butterflies feeding on a long bank of wild pansies, in warm sunlight.

When we arrived at the hide, there were already several Brown Bears in view, right in front of the windows. Over the next hour and a half, we saw a total of 10 bears, including adult females with cubs and two small cubs that recently been abandoned by their mother. To have such close and prolonged views of these amazing mammals was a real privilege.

Day 3

Tuesday 10th June

Piatra Craiului National Park - Bran - Rasnov Gorge

After breakfast, we drove past the Piatra Craiului Park Centre to park in a different part of the reserve. We spent a long time exploring the superb ancient meadows, which held a diversity of wildflowers and an abundance of

insects. We watched a family of Red-backed Shrikes; singing Yellowhammers and Tree Pipits; and a group of Hawfinches perched high in tall tree. Several Buzzards, a Marsh Harrier and a Peregrine flew over. Woodland Ringlet was the commonest butterfly species, but our first Camberwell Beauty stole the show! Cristi showed us a flooded tractor track which held a sizeable number of Yellow-bellied Toads; he captured two, to show us their brightly coloured underparts. He also found a female Sand Lizard, a first for some.

As we walked higher the path became steeper, but we stopped frequently to look for flowers and insects in the alpine meadows. Orchids included Northern Marsh, Fragrant, Lesser Butterfly and White Helleborine. The varied flora was evidence that these were ancient meadows that had never been ploughed. With the surrounding pine forest and the majestic limestone crags towering over everything, this was a truly magical place. We stopped to rest at a high meadow and saw two Spotted Nutcrackers perched at the top of Arolla Pine trees, though sadly both flew off before we could line them up in the scopes. Families of Long-tailed Tits, Lesser Whitethroats and Coal Tits kept us entertained as we headed back down.

We stopped to eat our picnic lunch back in the lower valley, sitting in warm sunshine, watching a family of Red-backed Shrikes flying to and fro.

In the afternoon, some went to visit Castle Bran, whilst others went to the Rasnov Gorge. On the drive to the valley, we passed two fields which contained more than 30 White Storks. Sadly, we did not find Wallcreepers in the gorge but we did get splendid views of Dipper.

Day 4

Wednesday 11th June

Bran – Lacul Rodeanu – Lacul Hazarlac - Tulcea

Today we left the mountains for the long drive down to Tulcea, the port city at the mouth of the Danube. This took us across the vast plains of central Romania, dominated by vast cereal fields. When we passed through villages, we noticed that many houses still grew their own fruit and vegetables in their back gardens.

Our first birding stop was at Lake Rodeanu, where we found a range of wetland species – a real contrast to the avifauna of the Carpathians. We added a lot of new species, including Ruddy Shelduck, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet and Pygmy Cormorant. An hour or so later, when we stopped for fuel, we enjoyed watching Red-rumped Swallows coming in to drink from a puddle by the road!

We stopped again at Lake Hazarlac and the variety of birds was even better! Some of the most interesting species we saw included Ferruginous Duck, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Whiskered Tern, Purple Heron and a fly-past Little Bittern. But the stars of the show were the flock of eight Collared Pratincoles, which we watched at close range for about twenty minutes. At the back of the lake, we saw our first Great White Pelicans and then we had amazing views of a Long-legged Buzzard, showing all the key identification features.

We arrived on time in Tulcea and made our way to the floating hotel, which was to be our home for the next four nights. We unpacked and sat together in the spacious main cabin for a meal of local fish (Zander). After that, Cristi gave us an informative introduction to the Danube Delta.

Day 5

Thursday 12th June

Danube Delta (north)

We set off early from Tulcea, travelling along the main river and into the Sulina Branch. We turned off at Mile 36 and spent the morning exploring the north-west area of the Delta. The first birds of note were Common Kingfisher and Squacco Heron, whilst we heard singing Common Redstart and Olivaceous Warbler. Our first White-tailed Eagle was a juvenile that flew over just before we turned into one of the myriad narrow channels that criss-cross the Delta.

We saw a lot more Kingfishers, passing double figures before mid-day. An adult Night Heron was our first, and Cristi stopped the boat for us to listen to the song of an Icterine Warbler. A Great Reed Warbler flew close to the boat, just as a flock of Pygmy Cormorants passed by. There were dozens of Whiskered, a few Common Terns and several more Squacco Herons. When we entered a small lake, the chorus of thousands of Marsh Frogs almost deafened us!

Next, we entered a wider channel with more open views and here we found a perched Roller, a Hobby, and watched a Grey Heron dealing with a huge fish. The sighting of the day was a pair of Golden Orioles; they flew out of dense foliage to chase off some Hooded Crows, offering exceptional views!

When we turned into another narrower channel, we saw a pair of Garganey and more Red-necked and Great Crested Grebes. A Common Cuckoo flew across as a Honey Buzzard sailed high over the boat. The next lake held hundreds of Whiskered Terns, amongst which were a couple of Black Terns. Other interesting birds included White-tailed Eagles, Bee-eaters and two Hoopoes.

After returning to the Floatel for lunch, we spent the afternoon on Canalul Litkov. We were all excited when an Adult Pallas's Gull flew over boat and again when we found our first Dalmatian Pelicans. Proceeding slowly in the smaller boat, we were able to get close views of Several Purple Herons and a very showy Great Reed Warbler, as well as more Squacco and Night Herons.

One of the highlights of the tour was our visit to Lacul Iacob, where several hundred pairs of Whiskered Terns breed on the floating vegetation. We stopped to enjoy the spectacle, as Pallas's Gulls flew close to the boat and hundreds of pelicans and Mute Swans thronged the far shore in the beautiful late afternoon light. Some even managed brief views of a fly-by Grey-headed Woodpecker.

Day 6

Friday 13th June

Danube Delta - Caraorman

After another delicious breakfast, we boarded the smaller boat and spent the morning exploring some very narrow, overgrown channels, far away from the fishing boats that zoom along the main channels. With the skill of our skipper, we were able to get remarkably close to a Squacco Heron that was perching on floating log. A Great Reed Warbler was singing in full view at top of the reeds right next to us, as an adult Purple Heron flew over.

At the junction of two of the smaller waterways, we encountered a family of Bearded Tits, the youngsters noisily demanding the attention of their parents – we had some magnificent views as they followed each other around the reeds. Even more unusual was the discovery of an active Penduline Tit nest. Our skipper manoeuvred us into position, and we were able to watch the adults flying in and out, feeding their three chicks.

We continued along another overgrown channel, with tall trees on either side, when we spotted a Long-eared Owl. We were able to photograph it perched in a close willow before it eventually flew off. Although they are known to nest in the Delta, it is very unusual to see one at close range!

Our destination was the village of Caraorman, where decades previously, the socialist government had built a glass factory and a large housing development. Come the revolution, this project was abandoned and nobody ever moved in. We walked past the derelict buildings to view the shallow lagoons beyond, where a total of 14 Pallas's Gulls were roosting, alongside Collared Pratincoles, Caspian and Black-headed Gulls. On another lagoon we found a flock of Black-tailed Godwits, along with Black-winged Stilts and Avocets. As we walked back to the boat, three Glossy Ibis offered photo opportunities, while several Rollers and Bee-eaters fed overhead.

On the way back to the floating hotel, we had close pair of Ferruginous Ducks, a male Red-footed Falcon and then, as we were docking with the hotel, a Bittern flew low across the water!

During the afternoon, the hotel was moved to centre of the Delta, and it was soon time to board the smaller boat to visit Lacul Cuciulini. This wonderful lake had huge rafts of lilies where many pairs of Black-necked Grebes, Whiskered Terns and smaller numbers of other species were all breeding. It offered amazing photo opportunities in the late afternoon sunlight.

Day 7

Saturday 14th June

Danube Delta (central)

The day started with another exceptional sighting, when we spotted an Otter swimming straight towards us, along a very narrow channel. It swam right past the boat, where we could see it clearly as it swam underwater! Coastal Otters can be easy to find in certain parts of Europe, but in freshwater habitats they are much harder to see. Cristi said it was only the third time that he had seen an Otter in the Delta.

We found more Black Terns on a small, hidden lake, where we also heard Savi's Warbler (but could not find it). A low-flying immature White-tailed Eagle was a fine sight. A small Dice Snake swam across in front of the boat as Cristi pointed out that this area held plenty of Water Soldier, which is a strong sign of good water purity. We saw more Bearded Tits, another Hobby and a Muskrat crossed in front of us, giving brief views.

The Danube Delta has a wide variety of birds, but it is the sheer abundance that adds to the spectacle. This afternoon, we saw literally dozens of Purple and Night Herons as they flew up in front of the boat, showing their colourful plumage. Then, as we cruised along Canalul Stipoc, dozens of Squacco Herons were our constant companions: the photographers in the group were spoiled for choice! Mark then spotted an adult White-tailed Eagle perched up in a bare tree, which surprisingly stayed as we cruised closer – an enjoyable way to complete another memorable day.

This evening, we returned to Tulcea and after dinner, we enjoyed a stroll along the harbourside as the sun set over the city.

Day 8

Sunday 15th June

Somova oak woodland – Celic Dere Monastery - Macin Mountains

The last two days offered opportunities to explore a wider range of habitats across the region of Dobrogea. We started in the open, oak woodlands close to Somova.

The first wildlife that we noticed were the butterflies: we found Silver-washed, Cardinal and Queen of Spain Fritillaries. There were lots of Bee-eaters, Rollers and Hoopoes. We had good views of Red-backed and Woodchat Shrikes. This area is well-known for raptors and we had great views of three Honey Buzzards, one of which flew so low that we could see every detail of its plumage. A Steppe Buzzard was an interesting bird, a sub-species of Common Buzzard. To complete the set, we also saw another Long-legged Buzzard.

When we arrived at Celic-Dere Monastery, we had another exceptional experience, when we saw a male Levant Sparrowhawk being mobbed by a stunning male Golden Oriole! We encountered more butterflies on the mud by the river, including Common Blue, Comma and Silver-washed Fritillaries. Before we left, we searched the denser woodland for Red-breasted Flycatcher and had splendid views of a male as it flittered around, singing from various songposts.

We enjoyed a picnic lunch back by the river before driving on to visit the Macin Mountains. We strolled around the open grassland and up into the rockier slopes, finding four species of wheatear. We saw Isabelline as soon as we arrived, then when we walked up to the higher ground, we found Northern, then Black-eared and finally Pied Wheatear. We enjoyed close views of Crested Larks, a lovely pair Lesser Grey Shrikes, and we heard a singing Ortolan Bunting. The last bird of note was a short-toed Eagle that hovered high above the crags.

Day 9

Monday 16th June

Chieli Dobrogei - Vadu

The guesthouse in Tulcea is extremely comfortable and the food is excellent, including a big buffet breakfast. Once we had eaten our fill, we headed out of the city and southwards, along the road to Constanta.

As we drove through the rolling arable farmland, we stopped when Cristi saw a low-flying Booted Eagle, our first one. As we continued our journey, we scanned the roadside poles and wires in the hope of finding a Black-headed Bunting, but to no avail. However, we did get close views of Crested Lark, Corn Bunting, Hobby, Bee-eater, Roller and Turtle Dove. At one point, Cristi surprised everyone when he jumped out of the vehicle and returned carrying a Spur-thighed Tortoise!

Our first proper stop was at Dobrogei Gorge, where we had much better views of Pied Wheatears – three males and two females. Common Kestrels and European Rollers were breeding on the cliffs. Everyone had splendid

views of several Susliks, also known as European Ground Squirrel. Another Short-toed Eagle flew across very low; more surprising were two Black Storks.

After another picnic lunch, we drove out of the gorge but had not gone far when we finally found a male Black-headed Bunting, which continued to sing as we photographed him from the vehicle. This species has a southeasterly distribution in Europe and was a first for most people.

Our last stop was on the Black Sea coast at Vadu. This is a great site for waders and we found Wood Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Golden Plover, Little Stint and Redshank, along with the usual Black-winged Stilts and Avocets. Other birds of note included Purple Heron, Bittern and two Little Owls. We were pleased to finally get good views of a Golden Jackal, as it made its way along the banks of one of the lagoons, no doubt in the hope of finding a stray wader.

Day 10

Tuesday 17th June

Tulcea – Bucharest – London

After breakfast it was time to pack the vehicle and head back to the airport for our flight home. We said our goodbyes to the wonderful staff and to those who were not flying with the rest of the group. It was a long drive but we had time for one last birding stop, where we had good views of Stone Curlew, only about 100 metres from the main road!

We arrived at the airport with plenty of time to spare and landed on schedule at Heathrow. It had been a hugely successful tour with so many wonderful wildlife highlights. From the Brown Bears of the Carpathians to the abundance of waterbirds on the magnificent Danube Delta, we had seen the best that Romania has to offer. And all in the absolute best of company!

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025									
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				✓		✓			✓	
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				3						
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>					2					
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>				✓						
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>				✓		2				
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				1						
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>										✓
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				✓		✓	1			
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				3	10	12	6			
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>					1		5			
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</i>	8									
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	H	H	21	14	30	H	1	
Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>					2		1			
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			H	2	H	1		2	8	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>			✓	✓	2	4		4	10	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					1	2	1			
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>				1						
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				2	2	2	2			
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					10	4				

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		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				8	20	✓	✓			
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					2	20	4			
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>										2
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				16		10			12	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				12		12			3	
Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>									1	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				2						
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				5	6	12	1		2	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>						20				
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				3		1	12		4	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				1					3	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>									6	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>									2	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>				8		7			2	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>						1				
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				4	500	500	20	4		
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					5	12	2			
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				4	12	30	10		4	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>					10	16				
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>					✓					
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>							1		4	
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	1	6	28	✓	1	10	10	8	10	1
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>				4	✓	✓	✓			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					1					
Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>						1			1	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>				1						
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					8	16	20			

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		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					30	✓	60			
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				2	12	18	30		1	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>				15	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>					✓	✓	✓			
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>							1	2		
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>								1	1	
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	1									
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>								1	1	
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>								1		
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			1	4	10	10	12	1	4	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				1						
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					6	2	3			
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>				1				1	1	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>									2	
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>						1				
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		1			3	4	5	3	2	
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				1	6	10	7	8	10	
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					18		6			
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>					15	16	8	12	12	
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>								1		
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>		1								
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		1								
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1	1	1			1	2		
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		1					H			
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>								1		
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		1			1					
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>						2	1		10	
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					5	3	4	2	2	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1	2							
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					2	H	H	2	H	
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>								3		
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>							1			
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		6	5				1	3		
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1	3	2							
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>			2							
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>			✓							
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		2	6							
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					H	5	4			
Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>						12	4		2	
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>								H		
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				H						
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				2				3	3	
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>									2	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓	✓							
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>				4						
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				H						
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			12		8		H			

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Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H						H		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	H	2	2		H	H	H	H		
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				H	2	3	3		2	
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						2				
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>									H	
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					✓	✓	✓		1	
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>				1						
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>					H	1		1		
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>						H	H		H	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>					1					
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>		1	1		1	2	H	H		
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>			2							
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			2							
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓		H					
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		1	1					1		
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		1								
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓	✓							
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1		1		1					
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	1	
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		✓	✓	✓						
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					1					
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1					1			
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>					H	H	H			
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>								H		
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		H						1		
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		1								
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓				1	1	
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1	2	1	1		2			

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Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						1		2	2	
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>								2		
Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>								1	6	
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>								1		
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			1							
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					4				6	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		3	3							
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>								1		
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			1							
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			3							
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>				1			H	✓		
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			1							
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		2		H				2	4	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		✓	✓							
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								H		
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>									2	
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					1	2	1			

Other vertebrates

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Mammals											
Common Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>					1		1			
European Suslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>									4	
Northern White-breasted Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus roumanicus</i>			1							

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Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	1									
Carpathian Chamois	<i>Rupicapra carpatica</i>		6								
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					1				1	
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	1	1								
Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>		12								
Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>							1			
Reptiles & Amphibians											
Fire Salamander	<i>Salamandra salamandra</i>		1								
Yellow-bellied Toad	<i>Bombina variegata</i>			12							
Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓	
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>							✓			
Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>									1	
Sand Lizard	<i>Lacerta agilis</i>			1					1		
Eastern Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>								1		
Balkan Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis tauricus</i>								1		
Eastern Slow-worm	<i>Anguis colchica</i>		1								
Eastern Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>					1					
Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>							1			

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Butterflies	
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Common Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>

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Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>
Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>
Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>
Woodland Ringlet	<i>Erebia medusa</i>
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>
Damselfly & Dragons	
Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>
Eastern Willow Spreadwing	<i>Chalcolestes parvidens</i>
Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>
Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>
Green-eyed Hawker	<i>Aeshna isocetes</i>
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>
White-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum albistylum</i>
Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>

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Moths	
Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>
Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>
Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>
Yellow Shell	<i>Camptogramma bilineata</i>
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>
Nine-spot Moth	<i>Amata phegea</i>
Gypsy moth (caterpillar)	<i>Lymantria dispar</i>
Other insects	
Marmalade Fly	<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>
Garden Chafer	<i>Phyllopertha horticola</i>
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>
Four-spotted Wasp	<i>Pygodasis quadrimaculata</i>
Pentodon idiota scarab beetle	<i>Pentodon idiota</i>
Great Diving Beetle	<i>Dytiscus marginalis</i>
Bronze glandular bush cricket	<i>Bradyporus dasypus</i>
Six-spot Ladybird	<i>Cheilomenes sexmaculata</i>