

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

22nd April – 1st May 2026



Brown Bear



Squacco Heron



Bearded Reedling



Wallcreeper

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Day 1

Wednesday 22nd April

London Heathrow – Bucharest – Zarnesti

Our mid-morning flight departed from Heathrow, arriving in Bucharest with a slight delay, after a very smooth flight. After collecting our luggage, we met up with our local guide Cristi and the rest of the group who were already in Bucharest. We walked across the airport's car park to find our minibus and driver ready to take us up to the mountains, leaving the busy Romanian capital behind. We made a comfort stop at the base of the valley and continued towards the foothills of Brasov, aiming for our destination, Zarnesti. We had good weather throughout our journey, and arrived at our hotel. Our comfy rooms were ready for us, as well as a very nice and hearty local dinner. We enjoyed this first taste of wonderful Romania, and retired to bed to rest and get ready for our first excursion the following day.

Day 2

Thursday 23rd April

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

Fantastic blue skies and beautiful sunshine complemented today's adventure. After a delicious breakfast, we drove a short distance to the Piatra Craiului National Park. We reached a valley and set off on a track that took us to an isolated monastery, known as Coltul Chillilor. The walk was a bit steep at the beginning, but we all made a great effort and found lovely birds such as Water Pipit, Coal Tit, Firecrest, Collared Flycatcher, Mistle Thrush, Raven, Yellowhammer, Lesser Whitethroat, Jay, Tree Pipit, Song Thrush and the beautiful Northern Nutcracker. We found several individuals of the last species perched quite close, and a few of them very obliging and even vocalising.

We managed to get to the end of the track where the small and modern monastery lay at the top of a gully, surrounded by pristine conifers and beech forest. It was a perfect spot for us to enjoy our packed lunch, and active birds such as Nuthatch, Black Redstart and a few Crossbills were seen beautifully and very close here. After lunch, we walked back to our bus and drove thirty minutes to the small town of Bran, to visit its famous castle, which despite the local tourist businesses, has no link to Dracula or Vlad The Impaler, but is historically and scenically very interesting nonetheless! We enjoyed the castle and the surroundings of this lovely little town. We drove back to our lodge for a little break, followed by a delicious dinner.

Day 3

Friday 24th April

Zarnesti Gorges – Valea Stramba (Brown Bear hide)

After breakfast, we drove a very short distance into the Piatra Craiului National Park, this time to the impressive Zarnesti Gorge. It was a beautiful sunny morning, and thus we had perfect conditions to enjoy our walk along the track which cuts through the beautiful gorge. We were soon enjoying lovely views of Dipper and both Grey and White Wagtails. Further along, deeper in the gorges, we spotted three beautiful Carpathian Chamois feeding on the opposite slope; we had fantastic views of these lovely animals.

We spotted a few Black Redstarts singing from the rocky walls, and after carefully scanning, we discovered two Wallcreepers flying up and down. It was superb: we kept having great views of them, and they eventually came lower and much closer to us. We had fantastic views of this highly sought-after and extremely beautiful bird. We also managed to see some very interesting flowers, and a couple of Camberwell Beauty butterflies.

After a fantastic morning, we drove back to our hotel for lunch, followed by a break in preparation for our afternoon/evening excursion to the Stramba Valley. We set off from Zarnesti mid-afternoon, and arrived at the access track just after 4.00pm. We took a good birding walk along the track, which produced great birds such as Lesser Spotted Eagle, Montagu's Harrier, Woodlark, Cuckoo and Great Spotted Woodpecker, among others. Around 6.00pm, we met up with the Brown Bear ranger, who took us straight to the hotspot from where we would watch.

We parked the minibus and walked about a hundred metres to a small bridge over the river, which led us straight to the comfortable bear hide. We settled in and sat very quietly. A lovely female bear emerged from the forest on the left and went straight to the feeding area, treating us to wonderful views. There were other individuals of various ages: some were young cubs from last year. But that wasn't going to be the whole show: soon after the female turned up, another female joined her. We enjoyed watching a total of seven wonderful Brown Bears performing really well in the great late afternoon light. What a day!

We started leaving the hide just before dusk, and drove back to our hotel in Zarnesti for a well-deserved restful night after another exciting experience. It was a late arrival for a very satisfied group, who all went straight to bed.

Day 4

Saturday 25th April

Zarnesti to Tulcea

After a lovely breakfast on a beautiful sunny morning, we said goodbye to Zarnesti and the Carpathians, and started our six-hour drive to the Danube delta at Tulcea. We gradually descended from the mountains and drove along the main road through Ploiesti and Slobovia, making a few stops for facilities and some birding.

We had our packed lunches with us to make things easier. We made a stop around lunchtime at Lake Glodeanu where we saw Black-headed Gulls, Great Reed Warbler, Coot, Common Pochard and a group of beautiful Garganeys. There were also Cetti's Warblers, Common Reed Warblers, Glossy Ibises, Black-tailed Godwits and lots of Marsh Harriers, among others.

We made another stop at Lake Hasarlâc, where a great array of birds was seen: Little Stint, Wood and Common Sandpipers, Little Ringed Plover, Ruff, Western Yellow Wagtails (of the subspecies *feldegg* and '*dombrowskii*'), Pygmy Cormorant, Grey and Purple Herons, Garganey, Gadwall and more Marsh Harriers, among many others. We made our last stop at a beautiful silver-leaved Lime forest, an ecologically-important habitat known for drought tolerance and high resilience to climate change, which provides critical late-summer resources for pollinators, especially bees. Despite being a bit too early in the season for that spectacle, we enjoyed spotting beautiful birds such as Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Nuthatch, Long-tailed Tits and a very elusive Wood Warbler.

The long day's journey finished when we arrived into the Danube-shore town of Tulcea, where our floating hotel crew welcomed us with open arms, local cherry schnapps and biscuits.

We enjoyed our first dinner on board, and some of us went for a wander along the harbour promenade, before retiring to bed, looking forward for a fantastic few days in the delta.

Day 5

Sunday 26th April

Danube delta (mile 36 & Maliuc – Lake Nebuno – Lake Furtuna – Crisan)

The early morning bustle from Tulcea woke us all up, and we enjoyed views of this lively town on the River Danube. We had an early breakfast on this beautiful sunny morning, while watching the river and harbour; it was rather fresh outside, so we got our layers on. Once ready to go, we boarded our expedition boat, left our floating hotel behind, and started our first day along the Danube from the Mile 36, following the fast-flowing current for a good fifteen minutes before turning into a side channel, which led us to different lagoons and riparian areas to explore. We took advantage of the high water levels, which made it much easier to meander along this marvellous water system. Kingfishers were flying along the thick Willow tree-lined shores, while Pygmy Cormorants were crossing along the. It was just as we were focussing on a Kingfisher's nest that we bumped into a beautiful European Wildcat: just unbelievable! She was right on the bank, super well-camouflaged, perhaps waiting to raid the Kingfisher nest. We had fantastic views of this beautiful feline.

Continuing along the channel, we checked Lake Nebuno, where Red-necked Grebe and a White-tailed Eagle were seen. Further down the channel, we explored the area of Maliuc, where the Danube National Park's headquarters are located, and focussed mostly on the channel banks and willow forests, where we found a great variety of birds, such as Common Redstarts, singing Chaffinches, and Savi's and Common Reed Warblers, complemented by striking views of Rollers, more Pygmy Cormorants, Night Herons, Little Egrets, and numerous Squacco Herons discreetly hidden among the Water Mint.

We made a stop for coffee at the entrance of Lake Nebuno, where we enjoyed watching a pair of White Pelicans, Ferruginous Duck, Hooded Crows, Great Reed Warbler, Tree Sparrow and a few perched Cuckoos. Going back to the main channel, a pair of White-tailed Eagles was spotted, and we had great views from our boat.

After drifting down the many channels, we managed to catch up with our floating hotel at the village of Maliuc; we had lunch while sailing down the river towards the village of Lebada. We took a break after lunch, expecting to jump back onto our exploration boat later on, but we couldn't go out due to strong wind alerts. It was a pity, but safety had to come first. We took the alternative plan of doing some birding from the top of the floating hotel, which produced great views of Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, beautiful Penduline Tits, Common Redstarts and Grey-headed Woodpecker.

We then stayed around Crisan until the wind dropped. We enjoyed a beautiful sunset while enjoying another scrumptious dinner, washed down with local wines and beers.

Day 6

Monday 27th April

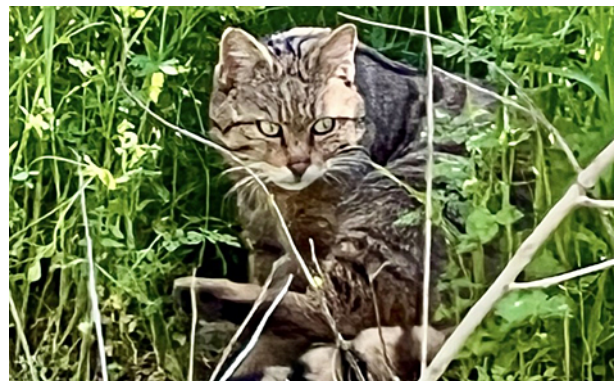
Caraorman Village – Trei Lezere Lake – Lopatna (overnight)

It was another lovely sunny day, but very cold at first. We had very early breakfast, scheduled so that we could catch up with a couple of locations we hadn't been able to visit the previous late afternoon due to the high winds. We jumped onto our expedition boat to head towards the village of Caraorman for a walk. We had great views of Red-necked Grebes, Ferruginous Ducks, and lots of Purple and Squacco Herons along the way. We also saw Bee-eaters, Rollers, Cuckoos, Hooded Crows, Spoonbills and Ruffs, among others.

As we were reaching the main canal, we arrived at the village of Caraorman, where we disembarked and took a walk in this interesting village and among abandoned buildings (the remains of a glass factory) and gorgeous local houses with colourful gardens full of flowers. We were surrounded by lots of Bee-eaters (they were nesting in the banks and old concrete buildings in the area), alongside Barn Swallows, Hoopoes, Northern Wheatears, Black Redstarts, Lesser Whitethroats, Common Kestrels and Starlings. We found a pool full of Ruffs, Wood Sandpipers, Avocets and Black-winged Stilts, which we all enjoyed watching. Not far from there, an old pool had a bit of water, which was great for Avocets, nesting Black-winged Stilts, Common Redshanks, and many Whiskered and Common Terns. We also found a beautiful Crested Lark, Northern Wheatear and an obliging Tawny Pipit.



Black Woodpecker



European Wildcat



Northern Nutcracker



White-winged and Black Terns

Further afield, and walking along the top of a main dyke, we spotted a pair of beautiful Pallas's Gulls, which we had all been much anticipating. Also, on the adjacent field, we found a good flock of beautiful Collared Pratincoles, which we all managed to see well despite the distance. After a good stroll around the village, we were back to the jetty where our excursion boat was moored; we had a most welcome coffee break on board and continued our journey, hearing lots of Penduline Tits and Bearded Reedlings, and seeing plenty of herons and egrets alongside:

Squacco, Grey and Purple Herons, Great and Little Egrets, Night Herons, Rollers, Cuckoos and plenty more were seen. We arrived at our 'floatel' to enjoy our lunch and a short break.

After lunch, the afternoon excursion started with great views of a gorgeous male Savi's Warbler, which was very obliging in posing and singing for us. We also had great views of beautiful male Bearded Reedling, which perched very close to us, posing for the cameras. Moving on, we arrived at Lake Trei Lezere, another beautiful but much smaller lake, where we spotted several pairs of Black Terns among plentiful Whiskered Terns, and White and several Dalmatian Pelicans. Two Dalmatian Pelicans stood together with Pygmy Cormorants in beautiful light, surrounded by Caspian Gulls, Whiskered and Common Terns, and there were trees full of nesting Pygmy and Great Cormorants, and a pair of Black-necked Grebes. We also saw Common Pochards, and several Edible Frogs 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 until 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 eating our delicious dinner, and a marvellous sunset made us go upstairs to catch the moment with our cameras.

Day 7

Tuesday 28th April

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

A pre-breakfast scan produced lots of interesting birds, such as Marsh Harriers, Cuckoos, a booming Eurasian Bittern, Whiskered and Common Terns, Penduline Tits, plenty of active Bearded Reedlings, Savi's and Common Reed Warblers, and Chiffchaffs, among others. After our usual breakfast, we set off again in the little boat, exploring new channels, backwaters and small lakes, with the usual Squacco Herons and Night Herons in great numbers. An open area around an abandoned fish factory produced Rollers, Cuckoos, Lapwings, Corn Bunting, Red-footed Falcons and Hobbies, among others. In a rather thick bushy and wooded area along the Catanaia Canal, a beautiful Wryneck was heard, so we worked on it, finding it not far from the top of a small tree nearby; we saw it wonderfully well. A few hundred metres from there, a lovely Black Woodpecker was superbly spotted by one of us in the most beautiful way: perched and working on a burned branch of a massive Willow tree, and giving fantastic views.

We entered Lake Baclanesti, where large groups of Mute Swan and White Pelicans were gathered, together with Great Cormorants, fishing cooperatively. A beautiful White-tailed Eagle was spotted on top of a short bushy island, mobbed by a brave Hooded Crow. It was here we spotted a great number of White-winged Terns flying alongside Whiskered, Common and Black Terns. We had the most incredible close views of this very beautiful and sought-after tern, and even had both species, Black and White-winged, flying together for comparison: it was fantastic. We also had more great views of Red-necked Grebe. It was indeed a fantastic and very productive morning around some beautiful areas of the Danube Delta. By 2.00pm, we caught up with our floating hotel for lunch, and started sailing towards Tulcea.

In the afternoon, we did some birding from the top of the floating hotel while heading to the main River Danube channel and into the port, spotting some interesting wildlife along the journey, such as White-tailed Eagle,

Kingfishers and Purple Herons, among others. Once in Tulcea, another lovely dinner was served overlooking the Danube, with the town in the background. Some of us were in the mood to take a walk along the harbour's promenade, and went for drinks in a local bar, trying the local beers.

Day 8

Wednesday 29th April

Ichele – Babadag Forest – Vadu (Black Sea area)

The early morning in the harbour of Tulcea wasn't as sunny as previous days. We had our last breakfast on board our floating hotel and, after packing up our belongings, we said goodbye to our fantastic crew, thanking them for taking care of all of us so well during our stay on board.

We jumped into our minibus and drove south, making a stop in the outskirts of the city at the fortress of Ichele. Here, the first European Sousliks were seen: they are so cute, and we had a good time watching them running around. We also had plenty of interesting birds, such as Booted Eagle, Grey Partridge, Marsh Harrier, Northern Wheatear, Corn Bunting and a few Whinchats. We also had a group of Bee-eaters flying high overhead. After a walk along the fortress's left side trail, we got back into the minibus for another thirty-minute drive, to Babadag.

The Turkish-descended village of Babadag offered a nice meadow and woodland nearby which, to our surprise, was packed with interesting orchids, most of them fresh and fully out. We also had brief views of Sombre Tit here, and great views of Ortolan Bunting and a perched Long-legged Buzzard. After the walk, we drove towards our picnic spot, making a comfort stop in a garage nearby. We had lunch alongside the road around a little Orthodox chapel, where we enjoyed our picnic with Spanish Sparrows, Syrian Woodpecker, Corn Buntings and Skylarks.

After lunch, we carried on south, making a stop in the area of Vadu, at the Sinoe marshes. A walk here produced plenty of Marsh Harriers, Hoopoe, Dalmatian Pelicans, Yellow Wagtails (subspecies *feldegg*, the Black-headed Wagtail), Northern Wheatear, Bee-eaters, Red-crested Pochard, Gadwall and two pairs of Red-rumped Swallows. We then continued towards the seafront and walked along the Black Sea shore, overlooking the beautiful landscape. We had plenty of Yellow-legged Gulls and an astonishing number of Yelkouan (Mediterranean) Shearwaters passing by, which was fantastic. Some of us were brave enough to go for a paddle in the Black Sea.

We returned to the minibus to start our drive back to Tulcea, making a comfort stop along the way. Once in Tulcea, we checked in to our guesthouse, and had time to get ready for drinks and another delicious dinner.

Day 9

Thursday 30th April

Somova Oak forest – Celic-Dere Monastery – Macin National Park

After a rather cold and drizzly night, we started the day with breakfast overlooking a grey-skied Tulcea. Despite the overcast sky and stormy-looking weather, we jumped on our minibus positive and determined to have a great time. We drove out of Tulcea and headed towards the eastern outskirts of the town, making our first stop in the area of Somova. A hilly meadow with a scattered oak forest was great for a morning walk among noisy sheepdogs and, of course, flocks of sheep. We had great views of Steppe Buzzards (*Buteo buteo vulpinus*), both perched and flying nearby. The quiet walk became suddenly lively, with plenty of Hoopoes, Green Woodpecker, Jay, Isabelline

Wheatear, Lesser Grey Shrike, Bee-eaters and Red-backed Shrike, and a beautiful Golden Oriole male singing away from the top of a bare tree: fantastic.

Down at the bottom of the meadow our minibus was already waiting for us, ready to drive us to the Monastery of Celic Dere, about fifteen minutes away. We took a stroll, which produced fantastic flocks of Hawfinches; we also had great views of Red-breasted Flycatchers in the forest, and some views of Wood Warbler too. We headed back to our van to enjoy our delicious picnic lunch, in not exactly ideal weather conditions!

After lunch, the weather improved a lot, in good time to continue our drive towards our last stop, in the Macin Mountains National Park. We took a good walk among the green gullies surrounded by granite boulders, where we managed to see Pied and Northern Wheatears, Long-legged Buzzard, Common Kestrel, a nesting pair of Woodchat Shrikes, and a very distant Common Rock Thrush. On the way down, we scanned a ravine full of bare trees, Oaks and Ash trees, where we found Turtle Doves, Bee-eaters, Starlings, Goldfinches and a beautiful pair of Hawfinches feeding a youngster. We headed back to Tulcea, where our new town hotel was expecting us, with comfortable rooms and a delicious supper.

We enjoyed tasty local wine and beer, accompanied by another (and sadly our last) delicious supper. We all raised our glasses and made a toast, wishing each other all the best in the future, and recalling lovely moments we had enjoyed throughout the tour.

Our cook proudly presented us with a special farewell cake, and champagne glasses came out to reinforce our celebration. We thanked all the staff for looking after us so well during the nine days of our tour. We also expressed our deep thanks to our local guide Cristi for all his expertise and lovely company, and for sharing with us the beautiful scenery and wildlife of his lovely country.

Day 10

Monday 1st May

Tulcea – Bucharest airport

Another sunny morning dawned, and after breakfast our bus was ready to go: we set off for Bucharest, making a couple of leg-stretch stops for facilities and lunch on the way, and arrived at the airport in good time. We all boarded smoothly, and our comfortable flight back to Heathrow arrived on time. We said our farewells at the luggage carousel.

We all agreed that we had had a fantastic tour in Romania: we had been lucky to share wonderful wildlife moments and the company of people with a huge passion for wildlife. It has been a journey full of highlights of great wildlife, with mostly good weather. Our hotel hosts, in the mountains, on board and in Tulcea, had been fantastic: they couldn't have made us feel more welcome. We had truly had a great time in this wonderful and still poorly-known country: it had been a really successful and unforgettable trip, which we will remember for years to come. *La revedere Rumania...multumesc!*

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

I=introduced		April - May 2026									
Common name	Scientific name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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>				✓	✓	✓		✓		
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</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 Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>					✓		✓			
Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>								✓		
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓						
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				✓	✓	✓				
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						✓		✓		
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>						✓				
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				✓						
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				✓						
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>						✓				
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>						✓				
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>						✓				
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						✓				
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓		
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>						✓		H		
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				✓		✓				
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						✓		H		
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>				✓		✓				
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				✓						
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>						✓				
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>					✓	✓				
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>							✓	✓		
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>								✓		
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>						✓				
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>						✓				
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>								✓		
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>								✓		
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</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>						H	✓			
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓		
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						✓				
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				✓						
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	✓		✓							
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		✓								
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			✓	✓						
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>						✓				
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>									✓	
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</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>								✓	✓	
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					H		✓			
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</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>							✓			

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European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓							✓	
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>					✓	✓	H			
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>						H				
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>									✓	
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>									✓	
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>									✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓					H	✓	
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		5+								
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>Periparus ater</i>		✓		H						
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</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>					✓	H	✓			
Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>						✓	✓	H		
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>								✓		
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				✓				H		
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>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis rufula</i>								✓		
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				✓				H		
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>				✓				H	✓	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		H								
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				✓	H	✓	✓	H		
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				✓	H	✓	✓	H		
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	H		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	H	✓	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>		✓		H	H	✓	✓			
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>								✓		
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		✓		H						
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓								
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H		H	H					
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		✓	H							
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>			2							
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		✓		H						
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓		✓		H				
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	✓							
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		✓		✓						
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>					H		H			
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>				H				H	H	
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>								✓	✓	
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		✓	✓		✓					
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					✓	✓	✓			
Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>									✓	
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓		
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</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>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duncock	<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>						✓			✓	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓								
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		✓								
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			✓					✓	✓	
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		H								
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>					H	✓	H	H		
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		H		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		✓								
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓		H						
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		✓								
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								✓		
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					H	✓	✓	✓		

Mammals

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Common name	Scientific name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>						2				
Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>		✓								
European Sousek	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>								✓		
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			1							
Western Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>			1							

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Carpathian Chamois	<i>Rupicapra carpatica</i>			3							
European Wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>					2					
Chinese Raccoon Dog - I	<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>						2				
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>									2	
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>						2				
Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>						7				

Reptiles

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Common name	Scientific name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
European Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus kitaibelii</i>								✓		
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>				1						
Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>					2					
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>								✓		

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>
Common Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>
Lesser Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias chrysotheme</i>
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Southern Small White	<i>Pieris mannii</i>
Mountain Small White	<i>Pieris ergane</i>
Mountain Green-veined White	<i>Pieris bryoniae</i>
Common Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Peacock Butterfly	<i>Aglais io</i>
False Comma	<i>Nymphalis vaualbum</i>
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>

Moths

Common name	Scientific name
Latticed Heath	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>
Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>