

# Slovakia – Birds of the Mountains & Plains

Naturetrek Tour Report

9th – 16th May 2023

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Tour participants: Martin Hrouzek (leader) and 13 Naturetrek Clients.

**Day 1****Tuesday 9th May**

Arrival Krakow, drive to Vitanova

**Day 2****Wednesday 10th May**

Magura Mts., Orava Reservoir bird island and forests, flats and oxbow on Slovak-Polish border

**Day 3****Thursday 11th May**

Black Grouse meadows, mixed forests of Magura Mts. Arrive at Velka Fatra NP

**Day 4****Friday 12th May**

Chocske hills, Besenova lake and Liptovska Mara Reservoir

**Day 5****Saturday 13th May**

Velka Fatra mixed forests, drive to Vinicky

**Day 6****Sunday 14th May**

Latorica Landscape Protected Area (limestone pavement, sand dunes, puszta areas)

**Day 7****Monday 15th May**

Senne fish ponds

**Day 8****Tuesday 16th May**

Floodplain forest and drive to Budapest airport

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I = Introduced		May 2023						
Common name	Scientific name	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		✓					✓
White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>							✓
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		✓				✓	✓
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>							✓
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>		✓				✓	✓
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>						✓	✓
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓					✓
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>							✓
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>							✓
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>							✓
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							✓
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>							✓
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>				✓			✓
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>							
Black Grouse	<i>Lyrurus tetrix</i>			✓				
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>					✓		
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					✓		✓
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>			✓			✓	✓
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>							✓
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓		✓			✓
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</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>					✓		✓
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</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>					✓		✓
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>							✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓		✓			✓
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	✓						✓
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>					✓	✓	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>							✓
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>					✓		
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>							✓
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>							✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓					✓	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>							✓	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>							✓	
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>							✓	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		✓		✓			✓	
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>							✓	
Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>							✓	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>						✓	✓	
Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>							✓	
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>							✓	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>							✓	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				✓				
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>							✓	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓						
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</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>							✓	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓		✓			✓	
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>				✓			✓	
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>		✓						
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</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>		✓		✓			✓	
Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia var. domestica</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>						✓		
Ural Owl	<i>Strix uralensis</i>		✓						
Eurasian Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>		✓						
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>							✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>						✓		
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓		✓	✓	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>						✓		
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						✓	✓	
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>			✓	✓				
Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>		✓						
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>		✓						
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</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>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		✓				✓	
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>						✓	
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</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>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</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>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</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>							✓
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>							✓
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>			✓				
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>							✓
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		✓		✓			
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>						✓	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia 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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>				✓	✓		
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			✓	✓			
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>					✓	✓	✓
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		✓					
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		✓	✓		✓		
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		✓					
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>					✓	✓	✓
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	✓						
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		✓		✓			
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>						✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</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>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>							✓
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>						✓	✓
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		✓				✓	✓
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓				✓	✓
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>		✓					
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						✓	

