

Sweden's Upland Birds

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Friday 19th May

After a smooth flight the group all met at Arlanda airport and, after a short introduction we made our way to the vans and got on the road. First stop was Hjalstaviken, a woodland area next to a wetland. We all enjoyed coffee or beer with a tasty lunch and a few birds were coming to the picnic area. Marsh Tit, Nuthatch, Yellowhammer and we then walked through the wood to view the wetland. Blue-headed Wagtail was showing well, along with Common Tern, Cuckoo, Marsh Harrier and other more common species.

Our next stop was Ekliden not far from the hotel. A Slow Worm was nice, and we got to the feeding station to enjoy Greenfinch and Tree Sparrow and the star of the show, Hawfinch! They showed beautifully on the table.

We made the short drive to the hotel, checked in and had some dinner before heading back out for a ringing session in the Black River valley. On the drive Common Crane and Hare were seen. We got to the destination where we met some ringers going to an Eagle Owl nest. There were two chicks and the adult female was keeping an eye on proceedings nearby! The chicks were too small to be ringed, but we had a good look and went on our way. A colony of Sand Martins and a male Redstart were also seen. On the way back to the hotel, we made a few productive stops. The first we saw Fox, Kestrel, Yellowhammer, Whinchat and Short-eared Owl. A few more short stops produced Roe Deer, Red Deer, Fallow Deer, Whooper Swan and a Moose and her calf giving excellent views.

Day 2

Saturday 20th May

After a long day a few early risers went out before our departure time. This yielded Pied Flycatcher, Grey Wagtail, Common Sandpiper, Dipper and a Beaver.

At 6:30 we were out to try for Pygmy Owl in the burnt forest area. On the drive to site, a Common Snipe was on a tree stump and Common Crane was getting mobbed by a Lapwing. The front van had a Capercaillie go across the track. When at the destination, we popped our wellies on and headed into the forest and after a short while we managed to track down a Pygmy Owl on top of a tree. The bird came closer and we when found lower down, showing brilliantly. Everyone enjoyed scope filling views until it was time for breakfast. Spotted Flycatcher and Willow Tit were also seen as we enjoyed our coffee and breakfast. The sun was out, and Northern Wall Brown, Green Hairstreak and Swallowtail were seen with Crossbill, Tree Pipit, Lesser Whitethroat and Garden Warbler singing. We made our way to Fermansbo in the hope of woodpeckers. On the way a Black Woodpecker showed well feeding low down. We didn't have much luck when we got there, but managed to see Pied Flycatcher, Treecreeper and Willow Tit. We made our way to another section of the burnt forest to see what we could find. We stopped at the old pea factory where we had a bizarre Badger in the middle of the day and a stunning Camberwell Beauty showing well. Onwards we went and a Black Grouse went across the track before we located a lovely Red-backed Shrike giving everyone good scope views. An Osprey nest was also scoped with an adult sat on eggs. On the drive to our lunch location, two Ospreys circled over the vans before a White-tailed Eagle was seen in flight and another White-tailed Eagle was seen on the journey soaring in the afternoon heat.

At the lunch stop at a beautiful grassy area at the edge of a large lake in Fläckebo, we enjoyed our sandwiches and drinks looking out for any passing birds. Pied Flycatchers were nesting nearby, on the lake Little Gull, Common

and Arctic Terns were feeding on the lake with Common Scoter and Goldeneye. An impressive 24 Great Crested Grebe nests were in amongst the Black-headed Gull colony. Downy Emerald and Four Spotted Chaser were zooming around, and Thrush Nightingale gave us a wonderful audio show but no views. Two Ospreys were also seen.

After lunch we made our way to a local's garden where we hoped his nest box had Tawny Owls but no joy. Real's Wood White and Red Squirrel were new for the day.

We made our way a short distance to a feeding station in Daniel's garden where we sat down, relaxed and had a coffee before making our way to the Green Hotel.

We enjoyed watching the feeding station with Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, Bullfinch, Tree Sparrow and Great Spotted Woodpecker all enjoying the seed. Overhead a Barn Swallow, Swift and four Common Cane were circling. A singing Icterine Warbler was new for the trip singing in the wood.

Day 3

Sunday 21st May

We started the day with a delicious breakfast and said goodbye to the Green Hotel. Heading towards Fulufjällets National Park. After an hour or so we stopped for a quick leg stretch at a beautiful large lake with three Black-throated Divers and a pair of Red-breasted Merganser. No time to waste, we carried on stopping for our first of two lunches in preparation for our hike. We stopped next to a church overlooking another lake with Wood Sandpiper, Greenshank and Common Sandpiper along the waters edge, and Goldeneye and two Red-throated Divers on the water.

We arrived at the visitor centre, parked up and prepared for our hike. As we made our way along the track it was tough going with deep snow covering the track making it very difficult to walk, so the decision was made to go back and do some birding around the visitors centre. Brambling were calling overhead and showing occasionally. Bullfinch, Willow Tit and Nuthatch were around the feeder. Around the pool, Wood Sandpiper and Grey-headed Yellow Wagtails were seen. We kept our eyes to the sky for any raptors with no luck. We had our second lunch and decided to try the other track for a short way as there was less snow seeing Greenshank, Common Frog and Common Lizard all new for the trip.

Making our way back to the van, we carried on our northward journey. After an hour and a half or so we stopped for coffee and biscuits enjoying some views. Goosander in flight Brambling and Greenshank were seen. It wasn't long before we stopped again, and this time six Velvet Scoter were on a pool with Golden Plover and Reindeer also new for the trip on another great stop.

Carrying on in the afternoon sun, we were in some great habitat. Around one corner we flushed a female Capercaillie off the road, but with nowhere sensible to pull over along this stretch of road, we ended up seeing six more female Capercaillies, Woodcock and a Black Grouse. One Capercaillie gave fantastic prolonged views for everyone in both vans in the afternoon sun.

After reaching the hotel, everyone checked in and sat down to a delicious meal before heading out for our evening excursion in the hope of Great Snipe. Reaching a high plateau, we crossed some boggy moorland. We flushed five

Black Grouse and a Meadow Pipit and a Whimbrel was heard. It didn't take long at the lek site before we could hear the Great Snipe. Views were fleeting, but as time went on, they became more active chasing each other and jumping, with birds sitting in the open for short periods singing. Everyone enjoyed scoped views of these characterful little birds. Everyone was satisfied with the views so we slowly headed back to the vans, some bubbling Black Grouse were on the track giving good scope views. Everyone back, we headed for the hotel not before one last female Capercaillie was on the road to end a great day.

Day 4

Monday 22nd May

A few started the day with a pre-breakfast walk around the hotel. Mountain Hare, Dunnock, and Goldcrest were new for the trip and Black Woodpecker and Bullfinch were seen.

After a delicious breakfast, we headed out for a high plateau with tundra habitat dominated by heather, juniper and many small pools. On the road up we had excellent views of a pair of Willow Ptarmigan moving through the heather. Redshank and Ringed Plover were also seen. We made a stop as we were approaching the top and could hear a Bluethroat singing. It took some time to track down but eventually it showed extremely well giving excellent view in the scope.

As we made our way along the road, we moved slowly looking for waders along the road side. Wood Sandpiper, Ringed Plover and Golden Plover were all seen. Then to our great surprise, there was a cracking Long-tailed Skua on the telegraph pole! Everybody was out and had some fantastic views in the scope. Then it was joined by a second bird flying in giving an exceptional flyby. What a moment!

We carried on, seeing a few more waders and a Merlin on the snow giving excellent views. As we were nearing the lunch site, a Lemming was spotted creeping across the tundra in a fairly open area and both vans got out and watched as it made its way to the safety of cover. We got to the building on the top where we are based for the next few hours and had a coffee and a sit down but always scanning of course. Lots of Wood Sandpipers were singing and one Dunlin giving a brief song. Around the lake a large flock of Ruff were lekking giving a fantastic display with the males battling for the females. What a spectacle! We made plans to have a walk out on the tundra before coming back for lunch. Two Long-tailed Skuas flew high overhead and a pair Red-necked Phalarope appeared on the large pond next to us. We approached carefully and got close views and at the same time enjoying more antics from the Ruff as we carried on across the wet tundra. Plenty of Wood Sandpiper and Meadow Pipit were seen and after a while, we managed to locate a pair of Lapland Buntings giving flight views with and short stop on a rock. It was time for lunch, so we headed back to the hut for a delicious quiche lunch. A pair of Teal made an appearance as we were eating.

After lunch, we jumped in the vans and carried on the journey over the top of the plateau keeping an eye out as we moved slowly. Lots of the more common waders were seen but we had no luck with Dotterel unfortunately. We stopped for a coffee and biscuits in this stunning habitat and next we went to check out a couple of last year's Hawk Owl nests to see if any are in use. Unfortunately, no owls in either of the nests or surrounding areas but Redwing, Brambling, Redstart were all seen and, as we were leaving two lovely moose gave excellent views on the side of the road. Icterine Warbler and Black Woodpecker were seen behind the hotel in the late afternoon.

Day 5

Tuesday 23rd May

Another pre-breakfast walk to start the day. This time down the hill and along the road. Redwing was singing in the car park and Redpoll overhead was new for the trip. Whinchat, Kestrel, Tree Sparrow and Pied Flycatcher were also seen.

After breakfast we headed out for Siberian Jay. We walked along the track enjoying Redstarts, Pied Flycatcher and Willow Tit. It was on the walk back that the Siberian Jay appeared quickly taking some food then heading off. On its return it stayed with us giving lots of opportunity to hand feed this gorgeous bird. As we were nearing the end of the track, a male Three-toed Woodpecker was picked up low in a spruce giving excellent scope views drumming a couple of times before it headed off. Superb.

Next, we were heading for Storsjon, a wetland area on the other side of the plateau. A short time after leaving two Moose were seen on the verge. Returning back over the plateau two Willow Ptarmigan were seen and a few Reindeer. We stopped for coffee at the cottage on the top. Today was a lot colder so we sheltered from the wind and didn't hang around for long. A Long-tailed Skua was having a bath, Ruff, Redshank and Wood Sandpiper were all seen.

We continued on, seeing another Willow Ptarmigan. At Storsjon there were three pairs of Slavonian Grebe on a small pool, and a pair of Little Gull on the islands and Tufted Duck on the water. Getting out the van we walked around the peninsula to view the whole lake seeing what was on it. Common and Velvet Scoter, Red and Black-throated Diver, Red-breasted Merganser, Wigeon, Teal and Whooper Swan. On the grass were good numbers of confiding Golden Plover, Ruff, Fieldfare, Bullfinch and two Curlew flew over. It was then time for lunch.

We had a delicious lunch sheltering from the cold wind and a Hen Harrier came quickly through causing pandemonium in the gull colony. We finished lunch and made our way back along the water, visiting two more viewing areas. The first produced two close Black-throated Divers and an Osprey on its nest and the second produced White-tailed Eagle, Arctic Tern, Curlew, Redshank and Crane. We made our way on for a quick coffee stop seeing a Fox on the way. The stop was short as the wind had picked up and the temperature had dropped. We made our way back over the plateau getting the usual suspects, Reindeer on the top and a female Capercaillie lower down. We headed back to the hotel seeing two Mountain Hares on the roadside.

Day 6

Wednesday 24th May

For the pre-breakfast walk, we looked at the scrubland directly behind the hotel, enjoying excellent views of Common Redpoll feeding with a bit of courtship. Reed bunting, Common Crane and Dunnock.

After breakfast we headed to the local lake for a quick stop and saw a great selection of water birds including Velvet Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser, Goosander, Goldeneye, Wigeon and Tufted Duck. Next off, we went to a Rough-legged Buzzard nest site and although the nest looked active there was no sign of any adults sadly. A flock of Yellow Wagtail and a close flyby Crane were nice.

Continuing south we were making our way to a plateau for Dotterel, but for the first time ever, the road was closed over the top so we could go no further. A real blow to the plans. We stopped for coffee and a muffin and Siskin

and Hen Harrier were seen but we wasted no time and made our way back to Fulufjällets National Park in hope of Gyr Falcon. We made our way to the viewing platform successfully and staked out the cliff face with Ring Ouzel and Kestrel seen but the falcons did not play ball. After giving it as long as we could, we conceded defeat. On the way back down to the car park, two Siberian Jays were playing with a dead Lemming giving excellent views. Back at the van we had our lunch and made our way to the final site of the day. A flooded meadow home to some special breeding birds. After about an hour, we were off road driving down a very uneven, slippery road, but we managed it! We walked along the edge of a wood to view the meadow and it was alive with birds. Eleven Taiga Bean Geese and one Pink-footed Goose flew up giving excellent views. Two Pintail were new for the trip, 20 plus Wood Sandpiper, Ruff, Lapwing, Teal, Goldeneye, Cuckoo, Yellow Wagtail and six Crane were all on the meadow. A fantastic bird filled scene. We all enjoyed scanning through all the birds, while Spotted Flycatchers were feeding busily in the woodland edge nearby. Time was short, so we made our way back to the vans and on to the hotel, not before a few Brambling were enjoyed singing and showing off, giving excellent views. A great way to end the day.

Day 7

Thursday 25th May

For the pre-breakfast walk, we headed for the river to see what we could find. House Sparrow in the car park was new and we also saw a Pied Flycatcher singing. As we passed an open woodland, we flushed a Black Woodpecker from a rotting stump, and we watched it on a nearby tree. We carried on to the river spotting some more common species and some Beaver activity on some large trees before we made our way back in hope of bumping into the Black Woodpecker again. Amazingly it was feeding back on the stump again giving unbelievable views in the scope, destroying the stump with every strike. What a start to the day and what a bird.

Next, we drove to an old Hawk Owl breeding site just on the off chance but no joy. A Fox was seen on the way and singing Tree Pipit and Whinchat were enjoyed. We then made our way further south to a wetland with a viewing platform and had tea, coffee and cake before some birding. We added a few new species for the trip here with Barnacle goose, Shoveler, Hobby and Oystercatcher. Crane, Skylark, Whitethroat and Snipe were also seen. A very enjoyable stop.

Nest we ticked off a few more miles of our journey and headed to a similar site but this one has a big reed bed and a woodland. We enjoyed our lunch with good numbers of Swift and House Martin overhead followed by two Hobby. With lunch finished we made our way around the lake at the edge of the wood and there was lots of damselfly and dragonfly action with Downy Emerald, Four-spotted Chaser and White-faced Darter all seen and a Sedge Warbler was singing in the reed bed. Into the woodland there were young Greenfinch, Spotted Flycatcher and two singing Icterine Warbler giving views to everyone after some patience. In the tower hide we added Coot and Gadwall to the list and there were Canada and Greylag geese with young, Crane, Teal and Wigeon and a large gull colony that did not enjoy a low flying Sparrowhawk. On the way back to the van a Grey Wagtail was seen, and a Water Rail was singing.

The last leg of the journey to Skultuna was about 2hrs. A minor hold up on the roads caused us a 30min delay but we made it. A couple of quick stops with Thrush Nightingale heard and a Black Tern new for the trip. We now had an appointment to make with an owl ringer and we met deep in the woods before we went through the protocol. We were hoping to see some Ural Owl chicks get ringed. As the ringer approached, we had views from a distance as the adult Ural Owl came to investigate. Seemingly unfazed she watched from a high perch giving

excellent views as two young chicks were ringed and put back as quickly as possible. Everyone had superb views of adults and chicks. What a very special experience.

At the hotel we enjoyed a lovely dinner and chat about the day's events. With one more evening outing left we went to search for any owls and made a trip to a local Beaver site. We drove around some open glades with a pair of Red-backed Shrike, two Stock Dove, Green Sandpiper, three Capercaillie seen in flight, and two roding Woodcock gave excellent views. We headed for the Beaver site and had a look around the tower with Grasshopper and Savi's Warbler heard. We made our way back over the bridge and there was a cracking Beaver, swimming down the channel towards us. We enjoyed good views as it dived and came up not too far away. A fantastic end to the day.

Day 8

Friday 26th May

Today we only had time for a bit of birding on the way to the airport. It wasn't long but it was full of quality. Just before getting to a nearby lake a White-tailed Eagle gave a fly by. Carrying on to the lake there were two Black Terns feeding along the wet shoreline. A Crane was on its nest in the vegetation with a Whinchat on a post and a beautiful fly-by of an adult Little Gull. Next we made a short drive to a damp river valley full of goat willows and low scrub. Getting out of the vans a female Red-backed Shrike was perched in the hedge and getting on toward the bridge we could hear a singing Common Rosefinch. He took a bit of locating, but when we got on him, we enjoyed excellent scope views singing on a low perch with his beautiful red breast and head. A Red Squirrel was also feeding in the top of a willow. Everyone satisfied, we made our way back to the vans with a singing Chiffchaff new for the trip. We all gathered down the track for one last go at seeing Thrush Nightingale. This time successfully as one approached giving scope views low in the willows, singing its heart out. A crescendo of Thrush Nightingale song to sing us on our way.

Next stop was the airport and we had two close Marsh Harriers from the van as we travelled, and arrived safely on time. What a week with a fantastic group, so many habitats, species and memories made.

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Species lists

Birds

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*: Seen often in small numbers.
Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*: 2 seen
Greylag Goose *Anser anser*
Taiga Bean Goose *Anser fabalis* 11 seen
Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* 1 seen with Bean Geese
Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*: 2 seen.
Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*: Seen daily with nice close-up views.
Gadwall *Anas strepera*: Just 1 seen on one day.
Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*: 8 seen
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*: Small numbers.
Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*: 4 seen
Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* 2 drakes seen
Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca*: A few seen.
Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*: Small numbers seen.
Velvet Scoter *Melanitta fusca*: Small numbers seen on a few days; 6 maximum. Some great views on various lakes.
Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra*: Similar numbers to Velvet Scoter and seen well on lakes.
Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*: Common and seen daily on any lake.
Goosander *Mergus merganser*: A few seen
Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*: frequently seen
Western Capercaillie *Tetrao urogallus*: Seen almost daily. At least 16 in total.
Black Grouse *Lyrurus tetrix*: 6 seen near to a Great Snipe lek. Lekking.
Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus*: Around 5 seen:
Red-throated Diver *Gavia stellate*: 4 seen.
Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*: 5 seen
Great Cormorant 1 seen
Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*: A few seen.
Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus*: Close views nesting. 5 pairs.
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*: a few seen
Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*: 7 seen
Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*: 4 seen
Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*: A few seen. 3
Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*: 2 seen
White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*: 3 or 4 seen
Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*: Regularly seen
Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*: 4 seen
Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*: Heard at two sites
Common Crane *Grus grus*: Seen regularly.
Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*: Regularly seen
European Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*: Smart in breeding plumage.
Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*: A few seen
Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*: 7 seen

Great Snipe *Gallinago media*: A wonderful experience watching at least 12 birds at a lek site.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*: 6 seen

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*: A few seen

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*: 3 seen

Common Redshank *Tringa tetanus*: A few seen

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: A few seen.

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*: 1 seen

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*: 1 seen well

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*: Seen daily

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*: Seen almost daily.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*: Super displaying together and seen very well. C40 seen.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*: 2 seen

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*: 6

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*: Seen.

Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*: A few seen

Common Gull *Larus canus*: Common.

European Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*: Seen

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*: A few seen.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*: Around 10 seen

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*: 2 seen

Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus*: 7 seen, one posing on a telegraph pole.

Rock (Feral) Dove *Columba livia var. domestica*: Seen.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas*: 2 seen

Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*: Seen.

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*: 7 seen and heard

Eurasian Eagle-Owl *Bubo bubo*: 3 of these impressive owls seen at a quarry.

Ural Owl *Strix uralensis*: 3 seen with chicks at ringing site.

Eurasian Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium passerinum*: 1 super views

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*: 1 seen

Common Swift *Apus apus*: Seen regularly.

Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker *Picoides tridactylus*: 1 seen well.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*: Commonly seen.

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius*: 3 seen and brilliant views feeding on a stump.

European Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*: Heard 1

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*: Seen frequently.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*: 1 on tundra

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*: 3 seen

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*: 6 seen

Siberian Jay *Perisoreus infaustus*: 3 seen and hand feeding them!

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*: A few seen.

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*: Seen.

Western Jackdaw *Coloeus monedula*: Common.

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*: Common.

Northern Raven *Corvus corax*: A few seen.

Coal Tit *Periparus ater*: 1 seen
European Crested Tit *Lophophanes cristatus*: Heard
Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris*: a few seen.
Willow Tit *Poecile montanus*: Commonly heard and seen well.
Eurasian Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*: Seen.
Great Tit *Parus major*: Seen.
Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*: A few seen.
Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*: c30 together
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*: Seen daily.
Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*: seen
Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*: The northern white-headed race, 2 seen.
Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*: Very common
Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*: 1 seen.
Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*: 1
Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*: 5 seen.
Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*: Heard on last day
Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*: Heard
Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*: A few seen
Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*: Heard
Lesser Whitethroat *Curruca curruca*: A few seen
Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis*: seen
Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*: A few seen.
Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*: seen
Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*: Seen regularly.
Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*: seen
Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*: Common.
Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*: 2 seen.
Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*: Common.
Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*: common
Redwing *Turdus iliacus*: Seen in the uplands.
Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*: Seen
Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*: Seen
Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*: 7
European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*: Common almost daily
European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*: A few seen.
Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*: Superb views of single bird
Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia*: 1 seen well and heard others.
Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*: A few seen. 5
Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*: A few seen on multiple days.
Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*: c10
White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus*: 1 seen
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*: Seen.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*: A few seen.
Dunnock *Prunella modularis*: a couple seen.

Grey-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava thunbergi*: A few seen.
Blue-headed Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava flava*: A few seen
Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*: A couple seen.
White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*: Seen daily.
Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*: Seen and a large movement on one day of c60 birds.
Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*: Regularly seen.
Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*: Common.
Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*: Common and seen almost daily
Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*: 3 seen
Eurasian Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*: 6 seen
Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*: 1 adult singing.
European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*: Regularly heard and seen.
Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*: 14 seen
Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*: 5 seen
European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*: Small numbers seen.
Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus*: Common.
Yellowhammer *Emberiza citronella*: A few seen.
Common Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*: a few seen
Lapland Longspur *Calcarius lapponicus*: 2 seen on the high tundra.

Mammals

Red Deer *Cervus elaphus*: 2 seen.
Roe Deer *Capreolus capreolus*: A few seen
Fallow Deer *Dama dama*: 1 herd
Reindeer (feral) *Rangifer tarandus*: Herds on the tundra
European Elk *Alces alces*: 6 seen
European Hare *Lepus europaeus*: Common
Mountain Hare *Lepus timidus*: 4 seen
Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*: 4 seen
Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris*: 2
Badger *Meles meles*: 1 seen in the day
Norway Lemming *Lemmus Lemmus* 1 seen, 1 dead

Butterflies and Dragonflies

Holly Blue *Celastrina argiolus*
Brimstone *Gonepteryx rhamn*
Orange Tip *Anthocharis cardamines*
Green-veined White *Pieris napi*
Green Hairstreak *Callophrys rubi*
Comma *Polygonia c-album*
Northern Wall Brown
Camberwell Beauty
Large White

Small White
Swallowtail
Real's Wood White
Small Copper
Peacock

Odonata:

White-faced Darter
Four-spotted Chaser
Downy Emerald

Herps:

Grass Snake
Slow Worm
Common Lizard
Common Frog