

Western Turkey – Wildlife & History

Naturetrek Tour Report

22nd – 29th April 2023



White-throated Robin



Finsch's Wheatear



Spur-thighed Tortoise



Tragopogon sp

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Day 1

Saturday 22nd April

The group arrived on time at Izmir airport in the evening and after clearing formalities and meeting up with local guides Tolga and Sureyya, were driven to the nearby town of Selcuk. Here we enjoyed a late dinner at restaurant before checking in to our very comfortable hotel and turning in for the night.

Day 2

Sunday 23rd April

Cool and overcast at first with some spots of rain, becoming warm and sunny with scattered cloud and a gentle breeze from late morning.

After a sumptuous breakfast, we set off through Selcuk noting the many White Storks attending their nests on the streetlamps and rooftops. Our destination was the Dilek National Park where we spent the morning. A group of Wild Boar with a dozen or more tiny humbug piglets in the scrub along the entrance track made for a good start before our first stop at a beach where we enjoyed lovely views of a big feeding raft of Yelkouan Shearwaters. They were just offshore, and we estimated around 1,000 in all: quite a sight! A close search revealed a couple of larger Scopoli's Shearwaters amongst them and there were also a number Shags of the slender-billed Mediterranean form scattered across the water. We followed this with a walk through the woods along the shore. There were no passerine migrants in evidence, but we encountered a range of common woodland birds plus several singing Subalpine Warblers, a superb Hoopoe which we all saw really well, and Swallowtail and Clouded Yellow butterflies. Returning to Selcuk for a quick lunch in a street restaurant we then proceeded to Ephesus where Tolga gave us a very informative guided tour of the site. Everyone was suitably impressed by the scale and atmosphere of the place, and we noted some good birds along the way including a pair of Short-toed Eagles, several Jays, two Eastern Black-eared Wheatears and a few Red-rumped Swallows.

From here we went down to an area of marshes in the nearby river valley where we found a wealth of wetland birds including a flock of Greater Flamingos, several Black-winged Stilts, a few Spur-winged Plovers, dozens of Glossy Ibis, over 30 Ruddy Shelducks, some Pygmy Cormorants and a Squacco Heron. A splendid and confiding male Red-backed Shrike perched in a patch of Giant Fennel made for a lovely sight and as we watched it we found a Mole Cricket out and about on the bare ground at our feet – a very impressive little beast!

We finished the day at the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven ancient Wonders of the World. One tall ionic pillar remains standing, these days topped by a White Stork's nest. We soaked up the atmosphere here, found a Caspian Terrapin and enjoyed some good views of singing Olivaceous Warblers. A good end to a full and rich day.

Day 3

Monday 24th April

Sunny, warm and breezy.

Leaving Selcuk after breakfast we drove south again to another part of the Dilek National Park, this time on the south side of the peninsula and overlooking the Meandros river delta. We spent the full morning here primarily

walking along a quiet road between the fields and marshes of the delta on one side of us and the rocky, scrubby hills of the hinterland on the other. In this rich mosaic of habitats, we encountered lots of interesting wildlife. Highlights included a Long-legged Buzzard, some distant Dalmatian Pelicans, a fishing Caspian Tern, a passing flock of Bee-eaters, both Masked and Woodchat Shrikes, a large female Spur-thighed Tortoise and a few stunning Spoon-tailed Lacewings.

We ate our lunch at a taverna overlooking the shore with Curlews and Whimbrels foraging on the sandflats nearby, then headed on to the ancient Greek site of Priene. Perched up on a hill overlooking the delta, with lots of welcome shade trees and much less busy than Ephesus, Priene was a serene and beautiful place to spend some time. Tolga gave another expert guided tour, client John, a classical academic, declaimed in ancient Greek in the amphitheatre (very nice!) and we noted lots of engaging Starred Agamas, an Eastern Festoon and a couple of Rock Nuthatches. From Priene we drove on inland towards Lake Bafa and our accommodation for the next couple of nights. A service station stop en-route brought us some excellent views of several Alpine Swifts low overhead and on the last stages of our journey through a lovely area of agricultural land and scrubby hills along the lake shore we stopped for a pair of Short-toed Eagles. Enjoying these two we lucked into a couple of male Red-footed Falcons passing high overhead, their remiges flashing silver in the sun, and then an adult White-tailed Eagle which lumbered past us at tree-top height carrying a heavy prey item. Hastily taken photographs revealed that the prey was a Great-Crested Grebe – not something we'd expected. An exciting few minutes!

Day 4

Tuesday 25th April

Sunny in the morning, sunny with scattered cloud in the afternoon. Warm and breezy.

This morning we walked from the hotel around the village of Kapikiri which encompasses the ruins of Heraklea, another once important ancient site. It was a lovely walk through beautiful surroundings and along the way we saw Rock Nuthatches, Sombre Tits, Masked Shrikes and Red-rumped Swallows. Starred Agamas put in further appearances bobbing on prominent rocks and we found two more Spur-thighed Tortoises. We finished up along the lakeshore and enjoyed good views of Ruddy Shelducks, Pygmy Cormorants, Dalmatian Pelicans, a Little Ringed Plover and a singing Olivaceous Warbler.

With a little time before lunch, we drove a short way along the lakeshore and explored further, finding some migrant Whinchats, a fleeting Nightingale, a smart Field Cricket and a range of butterflies including Brown Argus and Scarce Swallowtail. Lunch was at a restaurant by the shore on the far side of the lake where we had our best views yet of Dalmatian Pelicans and watched a Dice Snake swimming in the shallows.

Post lunch we proceeded up into the scrubby hills to the south of the lake where we hoped to find Ruppell's Warblers. Sure enough, at our first stop in suitable looking habitat we found at least three singing males and with a little patience succeeded in getting good views of one despite the brisk wind – a very handsome little fellow. Here too was a smart male Red-backed Shrike and even better, two surprise Great Spotted Cuckoos, dramatic as ever cackling their way around the hillside. We finished the afternoon with a pleasant stroll through flower-rich olive groves back by the lakeshore and got back to the hotel in good time to relax a little before dinner.

Day 5

Wednesday 26th April

Overcast, cool and breezy with some light rain in the late morning and early afternoon.

Leaving Kapikiri shortly after breakfast we made a first impromptu stop, prompted by a Golden Oriole flashing across the road, by the graveyard on the edge of Bafa town. As ever, stopping for a bird inevitably leads to other things and in a few minutes searching (in vain) for the Oriole we saw a migrant Wood Warbler, a family of Sombre Tits, a Eurasian Nuthatch and a Persian Squirrel.

Our next stop was on the far side of Bafa Golu in an area of scrubby hills overlooking marshes and fields. A productive hour and a half here produced over 230 Dalmatian Pelicans (in three flocks, roosting out on ploughed fields), three Black Storks, about 20 Great Egrets, a distant Gull-billed Tern and some lovely views of Bee-eaters and Common Terns. In one large field a flock of over a thousand Mediterranean Gulls were following a couple of tractors busy ploughing and as we stopped to enjoy the spectacle our attention was drawn to a flock of eight Red-throated Pipits feeding around an extensive puddle just in front of us – a lovely bonus!

Continuing on we stopped for coffee (at a Starbucks!) somewhere along the way and then for lunch at a roadside diner in Atca. After this we continued to Pamukkale and Heirapolis, noting a Roller en-route. Heirapolis is an amazing place that shouldn't be rushed and we spent a good three hours here walking the length of the site and enjoying another excellent interpretive talk from Tolga. It proved to be an exciting site for birds too and in the course of our walk we had great views of Finsch's and Black-eared Wheatears, Masked and Woodchat Shrikes, Cirl and Ortolan Buntings, Rock Nuthatch, Blue Rock Thrush, European Serin, Long-legged Buzzard and a good deal more. At the end of it all, tired but satisfied, we drove the short distance back into Pamukkale and our hotel for the next couple of nights.

Day 6

Thursday 27th April

Overcast, cool and showery at first, becoming sunny with scattered cloud. Breezy.

After breakfast we set off in the bus again around the city of Denizli to the Acigol salt lake. A couple of short stops on the wide open steppe by the vast dry salt flats of the lakebed produced singing Calandra, Short-toed and Crested Larks, displaying Isabelline Wheatears, a Short-toed Eagle and a surprise Egyptian Vulture. As the weather improved, we continued around the lake to a craggy maquis and pine covered escarpment. Here, at the interface between the scrubby slope and the farmland leading down to the salt flats we had a grand old time. It was a beautiful place, and the birding was sensational. Highlights included White-throated Robin, Red-fronted Serin, Cretzschmar's and Ortolan Buntings, Black-eared Wheatear, Orphean and Ruppell's Warblers, Masked Shrike and Spanish Sparrow – not bad!

We ate lunch at a diner at Gokoek then continued on across some fine rolling steppe country with occasional Long-legged Buzzards and Short-toed Eagles to Isikli Golu, a large freshwater lake. Along the shallow shore here we enjoyed a glorious avian spectacle. A veritable throng of birds included masses of Whiskered Terns, a flock of Spoonbills, 20 or more Squacco Herons, dozens of Coots and Great-crested Grebes, several Black-necked Grebes and a good scattering of Black-winged Stilts. Further scrutiny produced various other bits and pieces including a few Slender-billed Gulls, a Collared Pratincole, a Marsh and two Wood Sandpipers and a couple of Little Stints.

Meanwhile, Marsh Harriers quartered over distant reedbeds and the airspace over the lake was full of Barn Swallows, House Martins and Sand Martins. It was a lot to take in! A short walk through the willows and poplars that lined the shore added to the bonanza with Collared and Spotted Flycatchers, a fleeting Common Nightingale, a Red-backed Shrike and two diminutive Penduline Tits. Thoroughly satisfied we made our way back to the bus and so to Pamukkale, our hotel and dinner.

Day 7

Friday 28th April

Sunny and mild with scattered cloud low down; foggy, cold and windy high up.

We departed from Pamukkale shortly after breakfast just as a large flock of hot air balloons made their sedate progress across the clear blue sky. We drove for an hour or so, climbing in the latter stages through some lovely scenery, up to the village of Babadag on the slopes of the mountain of the same name. We made a first stop just beyond the village where gardens and orchards met montane pine forest. Eurasian Nuthatch, Green Woodpecker, Chiffchaff and Chaffinch were all audible as we got out of the bus and almost immediately we found our top target, Krüper's Nuthatch. There were a pair of them and they showed very well for everyone, foraging their way through the flowers and cones on the pines around us. We were hardly done with these delightful little fellows when a female Lesser Spotted Woodpecker appeared close at hand and then we noticed a Goshawk soaring over the forest above us – pretty good!

Driving on up to the top of the mountain ridge, well above the treeline, we found ourselves in thick cloud and facing a bitter wind. The trees were covered with an impressive coating of ice but this was no place for us so we dropped back down a little. A small break in the clouds allowed the hardy few to explore for a while and we found a pair of Northern Wheatears a couple of Mistle Thrushes and two Tawny Pipits. Dropping down further, back into welcome sunshine, we concluded the morning with a walk down the road through some very nice pine forest where we saw several Jays, another Krüper's Nuthatch and a Balkan Green Lizard and heard a Golden Oriole fluting away from somewhere deep amongst the trees.

We drove back down through Babadag, ate lunch at a restaurant in Geyre and then continued through the afternoon to Selcuk. We arrived back at our familiar hotel in time to settle in and enjoy a bit of free time before dinner. Some went to the castle, others to the museum and some just chilled at the hotel. Leastways, a good time was had by all and we reconvened a little later for a last dinner together.

Day 8

Saturday 29th April

Sunny in the morning, sunny with scattered cloud in the afternoon. Warm but with a cool breeze.

After breakfast we took our leave and headed back down to the Little Meandros river delta. We made a series of short stops during the course of the morning. At one, amongst olive groves overlooking a couple of lakes we saw a Turtle Dove and a distant Marsh Harrier and, with a little stone turning, found a series of rather menacing Scolopendra centipedes. At another, a viewpoint overlooking the delta, we enjoyed the wonderful flower rich grassland at our feet, saw a distant Purple Heron and watched a male Woodchat Shrike feed his mate then chase off a rival male. Finally, at a spot that we had visited at the end of our first day, looking out over an area of open

water with scattered Tamarisks, we saw Black-winged Stilts, Ruffs, Spur-winged Plovers, Ferruginous Ducks, another Purple Heron and eight superb White-winged Terns.

From here we drove north along the coast, stopping for lunch at a restaurant in the seaside town of Urkmez. Post lunch we drove inland a little and up into the hills to a “Nature Centre” in the village of Orhanli. Here we heard about the various local conservation projects that the centre is involved with and enjoyed a last bit of Turkish birding. Highlights included a pair of Sombre Tits carrying food to a nest in a hole in an old Olive tree, several singing Sardinian Warblers, a Spotted Flycatcher, a male Golden Oriole (Yes!) and, best of all, a pair of Middle Spotted Woodpeckers. Great sightings right to the end!

An hour or so later we were back at Izmir airport and checking in for our evening flight back to the UK. Everything went smoothly and we arrived at Gatwick on time several hours later. It had been a great week!

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	April 2023						
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>					100		
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	30	15	20	6			15
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	2				2		5
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	1						4
Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>					h		
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</i>		8					
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	25	3		50	20	5	3
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>							3
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>			2				
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		1h		1			
(Feral) Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	2	6			2		2
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	7					3	10
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		10		4			1
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	20	20	20	30	25	15	15
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>		5				1	1
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				1			
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	10	10	30		100		10
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						2	
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					10		
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			10		30		
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	40	30			50		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	20		1		20		30
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					50		
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	4			1	3		4
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			1				
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		6					
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		4					
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	2						100
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	7						1
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>					2		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		2	3	1	1		
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		1h					
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>					1		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	10				2		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1h						1
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>					1		
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>					50		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					3		
Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>	1						
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>		h	4	###			250
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	20	30	25	20			10
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>				1			

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		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		1					
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		30	25	10	3		
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>					100's		1
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>							8
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	750						
Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	2						
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	2			3	2		
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	20	25	2	6	12	15	6
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	8	20	50	100	2		4
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	20	15	100	100	10		20
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	10						
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	50				2		
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					30		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					1		
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1			1	20		3
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		10	8	15	10		
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>							2
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1			15	2		2
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	8	7	8	12	5		8
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		2	10	20			
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		20	12	220			1
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>					1		
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	2	3		2	3	2	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1						
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>						2	
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1	1	1	2	7	2	3
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		1	1				
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		2		2	7	2	1
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2					1	1
Tawny Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>		1h					
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1	3		1	2		1
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		1		1			
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		25	h	20			
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>							2
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>						1	
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	2			2	2	1h	1h
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>						1h	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	1			3	2	
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>		2					
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	1	1	1		1		
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		4	1	2	3		3
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		1	4	2	3		1
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				1		1h	1
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	12	2	10	5		6	10
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	4	6	3	4	30	15	5

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Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>				3			
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	20	30	40	30		25	20
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>					6		
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	15	15	15	15	15	5	10
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	1	1	1		5		1
Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>		1h				1	
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>			6	5			2
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	4			2			2
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	6	8	15	12	2	6	6
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					2		
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>						2	
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>					1		
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		15	8	20	25	5	8
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		1h			5		
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>					20		
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	5	5		5	50+		100+
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					1		
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	100's	100	50	50	100's	50	25
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	100	50		50	100's	50	25
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	50	30	50	30	2	5	12
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	1+2h	4h	3h	2h	2h		1h
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	1				2		
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>				1			
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>						2h	
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>			3+2h				
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		3+2h	1+2h				2h
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	2+3h		5	2h			
Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>			1				1h
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		1					1h
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	1				3		
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>			2		2		
Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>					1		
Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Curruca ruppeli</i>		3h	2+2h		1	2h	
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>		1h	1	2h			2+4h
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>	2+4h						
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		1		1h			
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1h						
Krüper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>						5	
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>		2	3	2			
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>				1		1	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	1			1	5		

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		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				1		2	
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>						1	
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	10	15	5	10	2	10	5
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				1	1		1
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	1+2 h						
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			1		1	1h	
White-throated Robin	<i>Irania gutturalis</i>					3		
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	1		1				
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>					2		
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				2	1		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	1	2	8	6			
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1					2	
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>					5		
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>	2	1		5	6		1
Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>				7			
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	5	10	30	10	10		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	20	20	50	50	50	30	40
Black-headed Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>		1			2		
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	3	3	4	4	1		1
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						2	
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						4	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				2			
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>				8			
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	12	4		2	2	5	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	4			30	10	10	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>					1		
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		15	15	20	15	10	5
Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>					2		
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>				1	5	2	
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	1	5	5	15	15	h	
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>				10	1		
Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>					4		
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirius</i>		1h	1h	2+1 h	1+1 h		

Mammals: Wild Boar, Persian Squirrel and Brown Hare.

Reptiles: Caspian Terrapin, Spur-thighed Tortoise, Starred Agama, Wall Lizard sp., Balkan Green Lizard and Dice Snake.

Butterflies included: Swallowtail, Scarce Swallowtail, Eastern Festoon, Large White, Small White, Eastern Bath White, Clouded Yellow, Brown Argus, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Meadow Brown and Mallow Skipper.

Other notable Taxa: Mole Cricket, Field Cricket, Egyptian Grasshopper, Spoon-tailed Lacewing, Carpenter Bee, Common Hornet, Garden Chafer, Scolopendra Centipede and Roman Snail.