

Lesbos

Naturetrek Tour Report

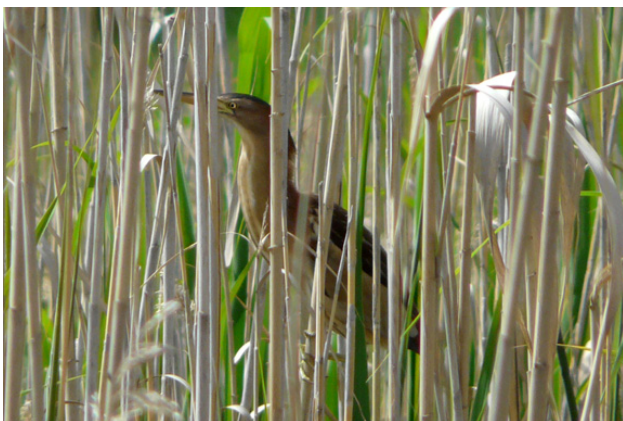
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Black Stork



Black-headed Bunting



Little Bittern



Scops Owl

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Days 1/2

Sunday 20th/Monday 21st April

Following some last-minute schedule changes by Olympic Airlines, the party quickly met up early on the Sunday evening in Terminal 2 at Heathrow. Following an uneventful overnight flight we landed in Athens and, after a short wait, boarded the early morning flight to Mytilene via Limnos. We stayed on the aircraft here while it took on a few more passengers. We eventually arrived in Mytilene, quickly picked up our luggage and made the cross-island coach journey in lovely early morning sunshine.

After a very welcome breakfast at the Hotel Pasiphae and a short period to settle into our rooms and have a bit of a rest, we ventured out mid-morning for a short walk. A couple of Squacco Herons (increasing to five later) were soon spotted up at the pool. Some Eastern Olivaceous Warblers were singing in the tamarisks, while the more familiar Corn Buntings, Moorhens and Coots were also seen. A Marsh Harrier cruised in and a movement in the tall reeds close by brought us views of a splendid Little Bittern at the top of a stem before it flew away across the pool. Kalloni Bay was quiet, though a Great Crested Grebe could be picked out in the distance. We walked a short way along the road by the West River where there were several waders, including about 10 Little Stints, several Wood Sandpipers, two Kentish Plovers and a single Ruff. On the other side of the river we could see Little and Great White Egrets and another Marsh Harrier with Stone Curlew calling in the background.

Returning to the hotel, we had a light lunch and a rest for a couple of hours before setting off mid-afternoon for Kalloni Salt Pans. Here, we soon picked up many of the expected species, including Black-winged Stilts, Avocets and Greater Flamingos. A party of 14 Night Herons was resting from the increasing wind on one of the bunds and also gave us a flyby. Next to them was a Stone Curlew, which gave us good views. Working our way around the road towards the Sheep Field, the trip list grew at a fast pace – a Short-tailed Eagle behind us over the low hills, White and Black Storks, Ruddy Shelducks and at least five Common Shelduck, as well as Cormorant on the small pier. We walked a short distance out onto the Sheep Field where we picked up at least five Purple Herons flying with a few Greys, a number of Short-toed Larks, some smart Red-throated Pipits, and a single brief Tawny Pipit. There were a small number of Blue-headed Wagtails and the odd male Black-headed Wagtail to add further colour.

We returned to the hotel and after dinner held our usual log call before everyone retired early for some well-earned sleep after a long day. The last bird of the day was probably the ever-present Nightingale singing throughout the night in the hotel garden!

Day 3

Tuesday 22nd April

Fully refreshed, we made a pre-breakfast visit to Kalloni Inland Lake where Nightingales and Cetti's Warblers were belting out their songs when we arrived. A slow walk along the lake soon produced our target species with a male Little Crake slipping in and out of vegetation at the water's edge. Another two were seen later. Several Sedge and Reed Warblers were singing and a party of seven migrant Little Egrets flew around without landing. A Little Grebe trilled briefly and a single Raven flew quickly over. Several of the attractive local-race Jays with black crowns gave reasonable views (although we were to see many more during our stay), but a distant kestrel defied specific identification! On returning to the minibuses we were treated to point-blank range views of a Cetti's Warbler, which sat in the open within feet of the group.

After breakfast we made a quick (relatively speaking!) stop at the eucalyptus grove at Kalloni mini-football pitch. Here we found two very obliging Scops Owls roosting low down in the trees. Probably the most photographed owls on Lesbos that day, we had our fill of telescope and binocular views of these engaging birds before we moved on towards the area known as 'Derbyshire'. Even though there was plenty of water here, there were few birds apart from some Little Egrets using it. Out on the bay, a loose party of seven smart summer-plumaged Mediterranean Gulls were found and a small group of duck, comprised mainly of lingering Shoveler and at least one Garganey. A single Serin flew over, calling.

We drove on to the pinewoods at Achladeri and started to walk along the track inland. After just a short distance we found a Kruper's Nuthatch nest in the most obvious of shattered tree stumps just at the side of the path. Both birds, calling frequently, were watched from a safe distance visiting their chosen nest site. Despite the pressure of many birders walking close by the nest site during the spring, remarkably, these birds do seem to breed successfully in this area most years. Swifts were obviously on the move today with many passing overhead, together with good numbers of Alpine Swifts. A couple of Cuckoos could be heard over the nearby ridges. A pair of Masked Shrikes had taken up territory and was chattering away as we moved through. Eventually, we heard a singing Short-toed Treecreeper in a more open area of trees, but despite a frustrating time trying to track it down, only a few of the party had decent sightings. One to return for later!

We took our picnic lunch under the shade of the pines and then retraced our journey in the buses towards the salt pans and turned north and drove into the Napi Valley. Stopping at the large lay-by overlooking the lower valley, we saw our first Cretzschmar's Buntings and eastern Black-eared Wheatears. There were several Hoopoes, one giving very good views in a tree, and several Cirl Buntings were singing. A Stone Curlew could be heard nearby and a Sombre Tit moved along a wire fence. Turtle Doves were 'purring', a Black Stork dropped in and a single Rock Nuthatch was added to the growing list.

After moving slightly further up the valley we parked and walked along the roadside slowly birding and seeing several Short-toed Eagles, and hearing a couple of Middle Spotted Woodpeckers. Subalpine Warblers gave good views as they sang away on the thick bushes.

With time moving on we returned down the valley and stopped at the small 'Garage Pool' just opposite the salt pans where there was a good collection of waders on view. A couple of summer-plumaged Spotted Redshanks, which seemed to get blacker each time we stopped here during the tour, a smart Marsh Sandpiper, several Wood Sandpipers and Little Ringed and Kentish Plovers. Across the road in the salt pans a single Mallard (!) was also added to the trip list. We drove back to the hotel via the East River with a few more waders and a huge number of noisy sparrows gathering in the tamarisks to roost, but the sand bar at the river mouth was covered and there were few birds there.

Day 4

Wednesday 23rd April

On a somewhat calmer morning we made a pre-breakfast visit to the east track at the salt pans. First though, we stopped at the Garage Pool where the Marsh Sandpiper and Spotted Redshanks were still present and a Marsh Harrier was seen. In the pans at the east track there was a good gathering of at least 23 Greenshanks together with single Spotted Redshank and Marsh Sandpiper mixed in for comparison. More attractive, however, were two Slender-billed Gulls – a summer-plumaged adult and a first summer bird, swimming on the flat calm water. The wet fields held about 10 Whinchats, a Woodchat Shrike and a couple of Red-throated Pipits. Looking from the new hide we picked up a flock of eight Grey Plovers in the distance.

After breakfast, we headed north out of Kalloni and followed the winding road up to the 'Bandstand' for a spot of raptor watching. Here we quickly picked up several Cretzschmar's Bunting, a Rock Nuthatch and a singing Ruppell's Warbler. As the air warmed up, raptors began to appear with the first of several Short-toed Eagles and Common Buzzards and then a close dark-phase Eleonora's Falcon moved past. It was almost right over the group and we had excellent views as it disappeared northwards. A second, paler, bird was seen a little later over the far ridge. A couple of sightings of Sparrowhawks and a soaring Goshawk completed our raptor list and at least one Black Stork was soaring around.

Time was slipping away and so we continued over the mountains and up to the large lay-by above Petra Bay. Here we soon found singing Ruppell's Warblers giving close views in the low bushes, although the Eastern Orphean Warblers here proved more of a challenge! A male Blue Rock Thrush (perhaps two?) showed on a distant cliff edge, while about four Crag Martins flew around giving a good size comparison with an accompanying Sand Martin. Jays, Black-headed Bunting, Subalpine Warblers and half a dozen Turtle Doves were also recorded, but few of us got good views of the very distant dots offshore – Yelkouan Shearwaters.

We had lunch at a small taverna on the edge of Molyvos before we tried some seawatching off nearby Eftalou. Here virtually the first bird seen was an adult Audouin's Gull which flew past, turned and eventually landed not far away on the water, giving us the chance to see this scarce gull well. Eventually, another adult and an immature were seen in the same area. A single Mediterranean Gull was also found but the few expected Yelkouan Shearwaters were again very distant and probably more easily seen from Turkey than Lesbos!

Returning back over the mountains we headed next for the 'Devil's Bridge' where we climbed the short, steep path to the small chapel. A number of Cretzschmar's Buntings were singing and a distant Cinereous Bunting was located high up the hillside. Shortly, however, another male flew into the trees just above our heads and began to sing, giving really good views. A couple of Woodchats, another Rock Nuthatch, Sombre Tit, several Red-rumped Swallows and overhead Alpine Swifts vied for attention.

A small loose group of raptors was moving high and away from us. The strong sunlight precluded suitable viewing conditions in the sky but a single Osprey was picked out amongst them. Back at Skala Kalloni we had a quick look at the West River where there were four more Marsh Sandpipers, a couple of Ruddy Shelduck and a Long-legged Buzzard. Kalloni Pool still hosted at least five Squacco Herons. Another long and successful day!

Day 5

Thursday 24th April

A pre-breakfast drive to the entrance gate at Kalloni Salt Pans revealed few waders in the partially drained areas, but we did see seven White-winged Black Terns flitting over the water. Two Marsh Harriers were noted, but a fine male Red-footed Falcon perched on some nearby wires before taking off and passing right by us.

A drive back via the track to the East River provided several Black-headed Buntings singing (obviously the main arrival had started!) and three Bee-eaters on wires. Several Whinchats and Red-throated Pipits were in the small meadows and two more Red-footed Falcons near the ford. Back at the hotel a Great Reed Warbler was belting out its scratchy song just across the road.

A longer drive westwards across the island today and our first stop was in the 'Grand Canyon'. Here bird song was strangely subdued, but we soon found a Rock Sparrow on the crag above, a Blue Rock Thrush, several Red-rumped Swallows and an overhead Long-legged Buzzard. An Eastern Bonelli's Warbler was singing nearby but we did not see this until a short stop on the return journey.

Moving on we stopped next at the Erossos 'T' Junction lay-by. Here we soon found, and had very good views of, several Isabelline Wheatears and we estimated that three pairs were on territory by the road. A male Cinereous Bunting sang for several minutes from the top of a nearby telegraph pole, giving everyone the chance of splendid views. Down below us a single Masked and two Woodchat Shrikes were visible plus a loose party of about 30 Bee-eaters flew through, heading towards Faneromeni.

Moving ever west we arrived at Ipsilou Monastery and drove straight up to the small parking area at the top. A couple of Short-toed Eagles greeted us and other raptors were Long-legged Buzzard and Lesser Kestrel. There appeared to be few small migrants although a couple of Eastern Bonelli's Warblers could be heard and a single Pied Flycatcher seen. A Woodlark was singing over the open terrain, but as usual proved difficult to find! Cinereous Bunting, Rock Sparrow and Sombre Tit were all seen before we had our picnic at this dramatic spot with superb all-round views of the surrounding hillsides and coastline.

After lunch we drove down into the harbour at Sigri as the wind seemed to increase in strength. The local Jackdaws were passing to and fro from the large island in the harbour, and several Lesser Kestrels moved by to hunt over a nearby hillside. Far offshore many Yelkouan Shearwaters could just about be seen passing and also a couple of Cory's Shearwaters. A visit to the Faneromeni Ford area revealed that there were few migrants, although a Pied Flycatcher, several Blackcaps and a Lesser Whitethroat were found. A party of about 40 Bee-eaters gave us a nice fly-over and eventually landed on some wires where we could get excellent scope views.

A retracing of our route across the hills back to Skala Kalloni with a brief stop in the 'Grand Canyon' saw one or two of the party 'resting their eyelids'!

Day 6

Friday 25th April

A Red-footed Falcon flew over the hotel car park not long after dawn. The Inland Lake was the pre-breakfast outing today and there were definitely more warblers present with at least half a dozen Great Reed Warblers singing away and Sedge Warblers far more obvious. A female Little Crake showed well and a couple of Alpine Swifts called in to drink. Across the lake, a small party of Golden Orioles were seen briefly and were soon calling in the trees. Just as we were leaving another birder told us he had seen a small crake near the outlet. A quick investigation and a few of the party had brief views of a Spotted Crake which soon disappeared into the thick vegetation.

After breakfast we drove up the Napi Valley and negotiated a narrow track heading off a blind bend at the north end. After a couple of bumpy kilometres we parked up overlooking the Platania Valley where an early Olive-tree Warbler had been reported singing. The bird could soon be heard, but seeing it was another thing entirely! With great patience the whole group waited and watched as the bird sang intermittently and showed just occasionally in a fairly small area. The vigil was worthwhile, however, as we also saw and heard up to 10 Golden Orioles (one or two perching out in the open), four noisy Ruddy Shelducks overhead, another Black Stork and several Subalpine Warblers, Blackcaps and Masked Shrikes. Returning to the road our first Little Owl was located.

After lunch in Kalloni the party elected for another quick visit to look at the Scops Owls at the mini-football grove and we spent a short while watching one of them only inches from where we had seen it on Tuesday. A return visit to Achladeri led us to a Long-eared Owl nest not far from the road (how had we missed that on the previous visit?). Here we could see that at least three young had been hatched and, as one large youngster shuffled along a nest-side branch, an attentive adult (the female?) could be seen keeping a watchful eye over the brood. A pair of Short-toed Treecreepers appeared to be visiting a nest site not far away and the pair of Kruper's Nuthatches was active and vocal in the area.

On our way back we called in at the new hide overlooking the east side of the salt pans. Here, in a very strong north wind, we could see at least 17 Little Egrets feeding together, a Squacco Heron and slightly further away a flock of about 25 Curlew Sandpipers. An obligatory stop at the Garage Pool found that, as well as the lingering Spotted Redshanks and Marsh Sandpipers, it now held two Temminck's Stints. Out over the salt pans seven White-winged Black Terns could be seen, now joined by a single Gull-billed Tern. We finished off the day with a return visit to the Inland Lake in the hope of seeing the Spotted Crake but, although there were plenty of birds to see, we did not succeed in spotting our quarry.

Day 7

Saturday 26th April

Before breakfast we drove up the lower section of the East River. Near the village a close Black Stork was wandering up a narrow track. At the lower ford we found singing male Black-headed Buntings and a fine Lesser Grey Shrike. Over the fields a Marsh Harrier flew by and then two large and bright Rollers were found on some wires, remaining long enough to give everyone good views. A Long-legged Buzzard then proceeded to land on a pole and show off to the admiring audience. Driving the track to the salt pans we saw more Black-headed Buntings and the expected Red-throated Pipits and flava wagtails. The channel to the west side of the pans held a number of recently arrived waders, including two feeding parties of Ruff totalling 70 birds, single Curlew, Common and Marsh Sandpipers, and four Little Stints.

We drove down the west side of Kalloni Bay in the morning stopping at Parakila Marsh, where another new hide has been constructed but not opened yet. A familiar species in the form of a Mute Swan greeted us! This marsh has been somewhat overgrown in recent years but there is now a fair amount of water in it. Another Little Crake disappeared into a patch of juncus and a Purple Heron dropped in. A pair of Stonechats mobbed us noisily, while Eastern Olivaceous and other warblers could be heard all over the area. A Peregrine flew over the low hillside and a large dark shape eventually resolved itself into a Lesser Spotted Eagle gradually moving north. About three Short-toed Eagles and a Common Buzzard were also picked up.

After a short drive we turned off the road and followed the dusty track down to the small hamlet of Makara. Along the track were several Cretzschmar's Buntings and two Northern Wheatears. Parking on the pebble beach we walked the short distance to the river mouth and managed to flush a Little Bittern which obligingly perched out on a branch over the side of the river. Large numbers of Jackdaws and a couple of Lesser Kestrels flew across from the island offshore and a cracking male Red-backed Shrike hunted from a fence wire. There was a nice male Red-footed Falcon on the skyline and a couple of Great Reed Warblers, Lesser Whitethroat and the ever-present Eastern Olivaceous Warblers in the cover. After a picnic lunch on the beach we tried again a spot of long distance shearwater watching which included about ten Cory's and a single Gull-billed Tern. All the time there seemed to be a constant northerly passage of Swallows passing by.

Returning to Kalloni we stopped briefly at the Garage Pool where one Temminck's Stint was still present and three White Storks landed, one clipping an overhead wire in a shower of feathers but fortunately suffering no serious damage! A drive around the salt pans road showed that many of the Ruffs were still here, and about seven Whiskered Terns flew around with a party of 10 White-winged Black Terns. The damp field near the works entrance played host to nine Collared Pratincoles which eventually flew off to the sheep field. A Montagu's Harrier passed quickly through and another Lesser Grey Shrike sat atop some bushes. Going back via the track to the East River indicated that many more pipits and wagtails had arrived and a ring-tail Hen Harrier moved low northwards. At the mouth of the river there were eight Grey Plovers and two more White-winged Black Terns. Throughout all of this there was a constant passage of hirundines taking place.

Day 8

Sunday 27th April

The target for the pre-breakfast trip was the Upper East River in the hope of an early Rufous Bush Chat but we found none. A Great Reed Warbler sang from deep cover, a Woodchat Shrike and Cuckoo were seen together with other species, but as we were walking back to the minibuses an Eastern Orphean Warbler attracted our attention and this led to the discovery of a Barred Warbler feeding around an overgrown fence.

A return trip west across the island today started with a short stop in the 'Grand Canyon'. Several of the species seen previously were still present but a Thrush Nightingale sang from deep in some cover. Despite much peering into the dark lower vegetation we could not really get to grips with it, only a shadowy shape being occasionally visible! Moving quickly onwards, we parked up at the usual spot at Faneromeni and walked the few feet to the small pool overhung by bushes. Here an obliging Barred Warbler hopped about, allowing everyone views. Several warblers popped in and out of cover and then a superb male Ortolan Bunting came down to drink, quickly followed by a female. We gradually made our way to the ford, stopping to look at the many small migrants present along the way, including Blackcaps, Lesser Whitethroats, Pied Flycatchers and some very smart Wood Warblers. More Masked, Red-backed and Woodchat Shrikes were seen and a single Roller flew over.

Black-headed Buntings seemed to be everywhere. At the ford there was a small group of waders – mainly Wood Sandpipers, but a Purple Heron standing out in the open caught everyone’s attention. As a result a single snipe was picked up and soon identified as a Great Snipe. To our great surprise this bird moved right out into the open on the pebbles and gave a fantastic performance about 20 metres away (with several cameras going!). A shepherd moving his sheep slowly downstream obligingly stopped them so that we could continue to watch this confiding bird and eventually it took to flight and disappeared into thick vegetation.

Lunch was taken in a taverna in Sigri where the locals were celebrating – rather loudly – their Easter with much alcohol and they seemed intent on having the party join in on the festivities! Afterwards we returned to the ford area for more migrant watching. A Scops Owl was located in a small grove, Hobby, Peregrine and about 20 Lesser Kestrels were logged, a Little Bittern flew over and every orchard seemed to have a flock of Turtle Doves.

Reluctantly we decided to leave as we were intending to drive back along the Sigri to Erossos track via another ford. Shortly after we passed out of Sigri we stopped to watch a fine male Montagu’s Harrier quartering some fields, and of course this led to other things being found. All along this track there were birds including another Little Owl and Rock Nuthatch. As we approached the ford there were many migrants and quite a lot of birders! Another Lesser Grey Shrike gave great views just off the road. We spent a little time exploring the bushes around the ford which held many warblers, Pied Flycatchers, Red-backed Shrikes, and so on. A female Pallid Harrier was overhead, together with Short-toed Eagle and Long-legged Buzzard and it was here that we found our first Redstart of the trip. With time pressing on we continued our dusty drive following the track upwards until we came over the high ridge above Erossos with its splendid views over the mountains in glorious light. After regaining the main road and after such a full day of birds there were curiously few nodding heads in the minibuses on the return journey to the hotel!

Day 9

Monday 28th April

Today we had our last full day of birding on the island and a pre-breakfast outing back to the East River. There were far more Wood Sandpipers here today, 40 or so, and a large dark falcon flying away from us was probably a Peregrine. At the lower ford another Great Snipe was found but this bird was far less obliging than the last and slipped away into thick cover. The river mouth held a couple of Sanderling, Curlew Sandpiper and White-winged Black Tern.

Because there had been so many migrants in the west yesterday we decided that, as the weather was clearing, we would return to Ipsilou Monastery after breakfast. After a brief stop in the ‘Grand Canyon’ we arrived at Ipsilou, left the buses at the bottom and walked slowly up the ‘down’ road. This was the lee side of the hill and it was obvious that many birds were still in the trees here. A number of Wood Warblers, about 45 Blackcaps, 35 Lesser Whitethroats and both Pied and Spotted Flycatchers were evident. An Eastern Bonelli’s Warbler was singing and a Barred Warbler was found. We soon had a Thrush Nightingale in the scope sitting quietly in cover. Several Golden Orioles flew about and a supporting cast of singing Cinereous Buntings, Isabelline Wheatears and a Rock Nuthatch visiting a nest vied for attention.

After a picnic lunch we returned to Kalloni and popped into the Garage Pool where our faithful Marsh Sandpipers and Spotted Redshanks were still present. A slow drive around the salt pans gave us up to 50 White-winged Black, half a dozen Whiskered and two Gull-billed Terns.

At the now rapidly drying-out field near the entrance a female Citrine Wagtail was found sitting quietly in some juncus and it afforded excellent views to everyone in the scopes. Just as we were going to move on a Black Stork circled down and landed just metres away and proceeded to feed. So much for a supposedly wary species! Hirundines were still on the move and a single Collared Pratincole landed. We drove slowly back to the East River and the hotel and arguably the last bird seen was a four-foot high 'Tweety Pie' painted on the side of a building – we're sure that wasn't there earlier in the tour, must be a migrant!

Day 10

Tuesday 29th April

We had a very early start to return to Mytilene for the 0700 flight to Athens. We said goodbye to Reg in the airport as he was staying on to lead the next Naturetrek group flying in on our plane. Negotiating Athens airport was painless and we left there only slightly delayed. After a smooth flight we arrived back at London Heathrow late morning.

Despite a relatively slow start for migrants in the first few days, which meant that we could concentrate on the island specialities, things had really livened up later in the tour. Many of the species seen provided really good, and often repeated, views. The group, we hope, enjoyed themselves and laughed a lot – unlike one or two groups mentioned by the gentleman we met on the last day! The leaders got great satisfaction from another excellent tour. Both of us hope to travel with you again in the future.

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Species Lists

Birds (P = present; H=heard only)

	Common Name	Scientific Name	April							
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		1			2	1		1
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1	1					1	
3	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>				2		10	1	
4	Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>			15	350		100	20	
5	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	4	7		2	1	6		1
6	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	2		2	1		6	2	
7	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	1					2	2	3
8	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	14							
9	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	8	7	5	4	7	6	10	5
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	20	50	30	25	30	15		25
11	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	4	1	4	2		2		2
12	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	7	2	3	1	2	1		
13	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	5				1	1	1	
14	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	2	3	2		1	7		2
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	3	4		1	2	5		5
16	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>						1		
17	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	120	110	125	110	80	120		140
18	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	12	10	2	6	5	8		4
19	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	5	4	6	4		7		
20	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		1						
21	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>		1						
22	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		7	1					
23	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	2	6	14	6	1	7	6	4
24	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	2	2	1	4	1	3		1
25	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>						1		
26	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>							1	
27	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						1	1	
28	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentiles</i>			1					
29	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1		2	1				
30	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>							1	
31	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		10	6	1	1	2	2	3
32	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			1	4	1	3	3	1
33	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>						1		
34	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			1		1			
35	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	1			15		2	20	
36	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>							1	
37	Kestrel sp	<i>Falco naumanni/tinnunculus</i>		6	1		1			6
38	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				3		2	2	
39	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>							1	1
40	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>			2	1				
41	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						1	1	2
42	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	1		1		1			
43	Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	1			1				
44	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>		3			2	1		2
45	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>								1
46	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	4	5	1	1	7	2	2	3
47	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	6		2		2	6	2	4

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48	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	40	35	40	35	40	55		60
49	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	120	110	100	110	90	100		50
50	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	4	2	5		2	1		1
51	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>						8		1
52	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	5	10	6	2		4		2
53	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>						1		
54	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	15	10	4	2	2	8		2
55	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			8			8		
56	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	2					6		4
57	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	40	35	10	40	6	10		
58	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>					2	1		
59	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		2		11	25	1		2
60	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						1		1
61	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	1		1	4	3	75	1	80
62	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>							1	1
63	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>						1		
64	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		2	3		2	2	2	2
65	Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>	1							
66	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		1	7		2	3		2
67	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		3	23	1	4		1	2
68	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	80	42	30	15	12	30	35	75
69	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1	2	2		2	4		
70	Audouin's Gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>			3					
71	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
72	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>			2		2			
73	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>		7	1					1
74	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					2	2		2
75	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>								2
76	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	40	30	35	25	20	25	6	40
77	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	15	6	10	12	20	25		60
78	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>						7		10
79	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	2			7	7	10		50
80	Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia</i>	3	4		54		60	35	3
81	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	65	50	70	60	45	26	20	25
82	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		4	6	20	2	4	40	6
83	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		2				2	1	1
84	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		3			1		1	
85	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>					1		1	1
86	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>					1+3Y			
87	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	25	100	80	20	35	120	40	30
88	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>		180	6	6	6	80	1	
89	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		30	2	75	1	12	30	10
90	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>						2	1	1
91	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		6		2	1			1
92	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		3		1	6		1	
93	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	12					4		4
94	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
95	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>				2			1	1
96	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		10	4	10	12	50	20	40
97	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			6	6				
98	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	75	200	250	200	350	450	225	300

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99	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		2	12	30	6	10	30	2
100	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	150	80	75	85	100	300	100	150
101	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	1							
102	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			1	2	2		2	
103	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	35		2	6		20		10
104	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (flava) feldegg</i>	15	2	20	6	6	10	15	6
105	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>	5			5		80	30	15
106	Yellow Wagtail (sp)	<i>Motacilla flava spp</i>						60		
107	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>								1
108	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			2h	1h			1h	
109	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>							2h	1
110	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	2	8	15	25	10	12	20	25
111	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>							1	1
112	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	1	2	12	4	6	6	1	2
113	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>				4		2		1
114	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>				6			2	4
115	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						2	1	2
116	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		6	15	20	8	4	10	8
117	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			2	1				
118	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	1	12	6	12	6	4	12	10
119	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	2	8	2	3	4	3	2	4
120	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>					1h	1		
121	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	2	2	2	3	15	4	3	1
122	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	2	12			9	1	2	4
123	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				1	5	10	6	6
124	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	4	10	6	8	12	15	20	15
125	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>					1			
126	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>								1h
127	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		6	6	10	2		3	2
128	Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>			3					
129	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>			2	2	1	2	6	
130	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>							8	1
131	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>				1		1	14	35
132	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1	1	1			6	1
133	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>								1
134	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				6	1		15	45
135	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>				4			1	2
136	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>							1	15
137	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>								1
138	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1	1			1	3	2
139	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>				3			5	6
140	Sombre Tit	<i>Parus lugubris</i>		4	1	2	2			2
141	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		8	10	12	8		4	4
142	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		6	6	8	4	2	6	4
143	Kruper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>		2			2			
144	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>		2	3				1	2
145	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		1			2			
146	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					15		1	4
147	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>						2	25	1
148	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>						2	6	
149	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	1	2	3	6	8	4	8	2

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150	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		7	1	5	5		4	
151	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		3	2	10	8	3	5	2
152	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>				35		80	20	
153	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
154	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		3	1	5				1
155	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
156	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	60	250	45	50	4	225	20	50
157	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				4				2
158	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		15	10	20	14	6	6	4
159	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		3			1			
160	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	4	6	5	1		1	2	2
161	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	12	12	10	15	20	12	10	12
162	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>			4	6			4	4
163	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		8	10	12	5		6	4
164	Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>			2	5				
165	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>							5	
166	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>		6	12	6	2	3	6	6
167	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>			1	3		10	50	6
168	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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Scarce Swallowtail

Red Admiral

Painted lady

Holly Blue

Clouded Yellow

Meadow brown

Small Copper

Wall Brown

Spotted Fritillary

Mammals

Persian Ground Squirrel

Red Fox