

# Lesbos

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Semi-collared Flycatcher – Achladeri Pinewoods



Scops Owl – Kalloni



Red-rumped Swallow – Metochi Lake



Stone Curlews – Christou River

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## Day 1

Sunday 17th April

The usual efficient meet-up and check-in at Heathrow's Terminal 1 meant that the whole party assembled quite quickly for departure which was only delayed a few minutes. After a smooth flight we landed at Athens just over three hours later, re-assembled as a group and tried to rest before our onward flight to Mytilene on Lesbos.

## Day 2

Monday 18th April

Very cloudy and foggy over the island, brighter in Athens

The early morning flight to Mytilene left Athens in reasonable visibility but some thick cloud. As we approached Mytilene airport on Lesbos it became clear that it wasn't exactly that, Clear! In fact the east side of the island appeared to be shrouded in thick dense cloud and very low fog, a result apparently of a tremendous storm the previous day. Our Captain approached the runway but decided to circle for a while and see if the weather cleared for landing. After another attempt and more circling he decided that he just couldn't land and should return to Athens airport. After dis-embarking we had to collect our luggage and return to the main departures lounge to contact Aegean staff. In fairness to them, there isn't much they can do to control the weather! The staff were very efficient and the benefits of travelling with a group became apparent as they quickly issued in bulk our new tickets for the evening flight and we could soon dispose of our hold luggage once again.

This left the minor but irritating problem of being stuck in the airport area! Bird life around the airport is not great and sightings of things like Swallow, House Sparrow, White Wagtail and Sparrowhawk were scant compensation. However, we were able to fly on the early evening flight and land successfully. Our transfer coach was waiting and after a quiet drive across the island we arrived at the Hotel Pasiphae where in quick succession dinner was served, rooms allocated and everyone disappeared to get a good night's sleep after our adventures.

## Day 3

Tuesday 19th April

Cool, cloudy over the mountains. Moderate N. wind

After breakfast, determined to catch up on our 'missing' time, we had a walk past Kalloni Pool and the extensive bay to the Christou River. Here we adjusted ourselves to some unfamiliar sights and sounds. The usual Crested Larks, Corn Buntings and Cetti's Warblers were seen and heard. A number of 'flava' wagtails feeding in the wet areas included some very smart male Black-headed Wagtails, two male Grey-headed Wagtails and many Blue-headed. Migrant Sedge Warblers seemed to be singing and calling from all over the area and we logged about four Great Reed Warblers. Single immature Mediterranean and Slender-billed Gulls were found in the bay while the river area held up to 50 Gull-billed Terns and a single Whiskered Tern.

Waders were represented by the ubiquitous passage Wood Sandpipers, a few Greenshanks and an un-expected fly-over Curlew! A Cuckoo perched obligingly on a fence and two smart male Collared Flycatchers were found. Further upstream we found a group of three Stone Curlews but as we returned a Masked Shrike appeared just outside of the hotel where a confusing female flycatcher, a Semi-collared Flycatcher as we eventually determined, sat on the fence! A short drive brought us to the mini-soccer pitch just outside Kalloni where we quickly located a roosting Scops Owl sheltering on one side of a Eucalyptus tree and allowing frame-filling views to everyone.

After lunch in Skala Kalloni we headed to the main salt pans. The most obvious species first seen here are nearly always Greater Flamingo and Avocet and they did not disappoint with about 500 and 100 present respectively. About four Marsh Harriers were seen and a close Short-toed Eagle almost overhead allowed all features to be seen. Spanish Sparrows were sitting about in the bushes and several Whinchats and a few Lesser Whitethroats were present. A small muddy depression near the pumping station held both Temminck's and Little Stints allowing a good comparison while other waders included about 90 Ruff, several more Greenshanks, 40 Black-winged Stilts, many Wood Sandpipers and another three Stone Curlews. The wet field near the salt works entrance held a very impressive gathering of Glossy Ibis (174 in the area) and a loafing group of Ruddy Shelduck.

Back at the Pasiphae and while we gathered for dinner, everyone had the chance to 'scope up a roosting Long-eared Owl in the hotel garden. Later the local Nightingale managed to sing for most of the night!

## Day 4

Wednesday 20th April

Cool & dull. Light rain for most of the day. Light N. wind increasing towards late afternoon/evening.

Our first pre-breakfast outing was to nearby Metochi Lake where we found the water levels to be very high leaving no muddy margin below the reeds. This did not deter our target species however and up to six different Little Crakes were seen during our short time there. A Water Rail squeezing among the reeds was a bonus and at least two Savi's Warblers were 'reeling' in the area. A single immature Night Heron stood motionless while a late Kingfisher was seen briefly. The usual supporting cast of Reed, Sedge and Great Reed Warblers were present a male Collared Flycatcher was close to the parked mini-buses.

After breakfast we headed east and, after passing underneath a female Red-footed Falcon literally perched over the main road, made our first stop at the wetlands at Mesa. Here there was an obvious passage of Swifts with many birds passing low down. The weather unfortunately was deteriorating with light persistent rain.

Birds were obviously arriving and a party of five Tawny Pipits dropped in close by, half a dozen Northern Wheatears hopped about and 16 Gull-billed Terns arrived from the bay. Two smart Ortolan Buntings kept a low profile at the side of the road. Both Whiskered and White-winged Black Terns could be seen near to the main road turning. We moved on to the pine forest at Achladeri and were soon watching two Kruper's Nuthatches visiting the tree a pair had used last year for nesting. The distinctive call could be heard as the bird approached but views were brief perhaps as they were just investigating and had not got down to serious breeding business! A walk up through the woods produced a couple of Wood Warblers, Common Buzzard overhead, three or so Serins, singing but invisible in the thick pine tops, and eventually a couple of Short-toed Treecreepers. We had our picnic lunch around the buses and a couple of Collared Flycatchers entertained on nearby overhead wires but another black and white flycatcher turned out to be a male Semi-collared and not the expected Pied Flycatcher although we did see the latter in the woods.

We continued southwards and eventually arrived at the 'other' salt pans at Polichnitos where just inland from here we located a male Hen Harrier quartering the fields, a Marsh Harrier, Common Buzzard and several distant Kestrels. The pans held about 40 Ruff, 70 Little and two Temminck's Stints, three close Curlew Sandpipers, six Greenshank and a single Black-tailed Godwit as well as the usual Greater Flamingos and Avocets. The wind was really increasing by now and we decided to retreat back towards Kalloni where we drove down the track along the Tsiknias River. A Purple Heron sprang out, a couple of 'ring-tail' Hen Harriers were seen and a Little Bittern seen flying into cover eventually gave itself up for 'scope views. After a long but slightly damp and cool day we returned to the hotel quite satisfied.

## Day 5

Thursday 21st April

Slightly warmer and sunnier after a cold start. Strong NE wind

We had an early walk past Kalloni Pool and the Christou River. A few warblers were still in the undergrowth at the pool and we saw a couple of Black Storks, a 'ring-tail' Hen Harrier (perhaps one of those birds from the Tsiknias River last night) and several Gull-billed Terns were out on the marsh. Our first Turtle Dove perched briefly on the wires and a Cuckoo was calling near the bay. As we approached the hotel for breakfast we were surprised to see now two apparent female-type Semi-collared Flycatchers on the fence near the entrance!

After breakfast we set off on the drive westwards through the mountains in clearing conditions. Our first stop was in the Lardia Valley and although still windy (and cold!) a few Subalpine Warblers were singing, six Crag Martins hawked in the valley below us and a male Blue Rock Thrush perched out on the big crag. Overhead a migrant Marsh Harrier passed high and we also saw single Long-legged Buzzard, Common Buzzard and Short-toed Eagle. A total of eight Ravens croaked past.

Moving on we drove the short distance to the road junction for Eressos and the first bird we located out of the mini-buses was a male Cinereous Bunting just metres away. This was quickly followed by a couple of Ortolans and eventually we found a single Isabelline Wheatear apparently sheltering from the wind on a boulder behind a prickly plant. A few Tree Pipits were passing over and a single Red-throated Pipit. As it was none too warm in this spot we elected to move quickly on to Ipsilou Monastery where in lovely clear conditions we were treated to a magnificent panoramic 360 degree view from the top of this huge outcrop. A Persian Squirrel provided a mammalian distraction for a while near the top.

The southerly side was quite sheltered and so we parked halfway down the road to search for migrants. Several Collared and Pied Flycatchers were in evidence joined by Blackcaps and a Redstart. Luckily another Cinereous Bunting was found bathing in a tiny puddle under the trees. With time pressing as always we drove on to Sigri and lunch in our favourite taverna.

After lunch we birded the fig groves, fields and other cover at Faneromeni eventually arriving at the upper ford. Woodchat Shrikes were present in good numbers with 15 at least counted, a dozen Collared Flycatchers, more Pied Flys and Blackcaps and Redstarts. Two Ortolans were in a field with quite a few other migrants while a Little Bittern obliged by perching in a bush above the small pool. The ford area wasn't packed full of birds but this nice quiet spot produced the usual Wood Sandpipers, flava wagtails, flycatchers, Turtle Dove and overhead at least one probably two Montagu's Harriers, Marsh Harrier, Kestrel and Lesser Kestrel and Short-toed Eagle. About 25 Little Egrets were in one field. Time was pressing on and we had to return along the winding road in lovely evening light well-satisfied with the days birding events.

## Day 6

Friday 22nd April

Sunny but feeling colder in moderate NE wind

Pre-breakfast we visited the dusty track along the Upper Tsiknias River. Small numbers of Wood Sandpipers and a few Little Ringed Plovers were along the water edges but there were a number of small migrants in the thick bank side scrub and adjacent orchards; Spotted, Collared & Pied Flycatchers, Lesser Whitethroats, Reed & Great Reed Warblers and a single Wood Warbler. Despite a hard look we couldn't locate the 'reeling' Savi's Warbler. A Middle Spotted Woodpecker (or perhaps two) gave us decent views. Back at the hotel, a small pool at the rear of the gardens, visible from the balcony, held two drake Garganey and a Little Grebe!

We drove up to the spot known as Kalloni Raptor Viewpoint and spent a while watching for, well, raptors! At least three Short-toed Eagles were seen, a couple of Sparrowhawks, Goshawk and several Common Buzzards. The air was ringing with a Woodlark singing which managed to keep out of sight. A noisy pair of Rock Nuthatches was easier and we located the nest high on the hillside and watched them thru a 'scope feeding their young. Singing Cretzschmar's Buntings and a Subalpine Warbler performed well, a couple of Alpine Swifts (one very close!) whizzed by and four Ravens were vocal.

We drove on and over the mountains and eventually arrived at Kavaki near Petra. Here, in beautiful sunshine, we quickly came across a fine male Ruppell's Warbler which obligingly sang from bush-tops and a wire fence for us. A couple of Eastern Orphean Warblers were also at this site and small parties of migrating Spanish Sparrows were flying past. Another couple of Short-toed Eagles put in an appearance.

Moving on to Eftalou just on the north coast we did a little seawatching before lunch. With an obvious long string of Yellow-legged Gulls on the sea to look at we quickly realised that they there were a number of Yelkouan and several Cory's Shearwaters moving past the flock. For the next hour of so everyone had the chance to try and pick up on these, eventually, long range birds somewhere between Lesbos and Turkey! The dorsal fins of a number of breaching dolphins were easy to see though! We had our picnic lunch here where a bit of botanising and butterfly watching was in order during the proceedings. Afterwards we had coffee and a 'comfort-break' in a nearby small taverna where several of the party saw Hobby.

During the mid-afternoon we drove along the spectacular north coast to Madamados and down in to the Napi Valley. A short stop at the north end produced another couple of Wood Warblers, a Woodlark and Middle Spotted Woodpecker. Gradually we moved slowly further down the valley locating our first Sombre Tit, Rock Nuthatches, Cirl Buntings, a singing Willow Warbler and a Black Stork. The last stop in the valley was quite productive with two male and a female Red-footed Falcon over a nearby ridge and landing on the boulders....all this while being scolded by the local Eastern Black-eared Wheatear.

After negotiating the narrow streets of Napi and Agia Paraskevi we made the last stop of the day at the 'Garage Pool' opposite Kalloni Salt Pans. The tiny pool was quite full of waders including 20 Ruff but a smart male Citrine Wagtail was the best find. A single Black-tailed Godwit was in the channel opposite. Just before we left we pulled up next to an adjacent field to look at an immaculate male Red-footed Falcon perched on a small tree. Another excellent day!

## Day 7

Saturday 23rd April

### Still cool and bright but cold N. wind persisting

A second early morning visit to Metochi Lake was very successful with perhaps as many as ten Little Crakes seen weaving in and out at the base of the reeds. A Little Bittern was half hidden, four Squaccos were motionless at the west end and about eight Purple Herons moved over. A Savi's Warbler was still 'reeling' and still invisible! The usual chorus of warblers, Nightingales and Corn Buntings provided the background while a single Gull-billed Tern flew past.

After breakfast we drove south stopping first at the much-overgrown Parakila Marsh. Three Short-toed Eagles were over a nearby hillside, a few Black-winged Stilts and Wood and Common Sandpipers represented the waders and two showy Golden Orioles flew quickly over. On the bay, a party of ten Glossy Ibises struggled northwards, against the, still quite strong, wind. A short stop on the outskirts of Parakila to check a Middle Spotted Woodpecker site drew a blank - that is until we got ready to pull away when both birds appeared at last year's nest hole!

A slightly longer stop below the small chapel at Aghios Ioannis (previously known as the 'Devil's Bridge?') provided the usual singing Eastern Orphean Warblers, a Sombre Tit, Wood Warbler and a couple of Rock Nuthatches. High up on the ridge we found three Golden Orioles showing occasionally in the foliage of a tree. We continued our drive through the spectacular hills towards Agra where some group members managed to get views of a singing Eastern Bonelli's Warbler.

After negotiating the frighteningly narrow streets of Agra we stopped a couple of times along the straighter stretch of road at Sideras. Here the best bird was a close fly-over Black Kite, a scarce species on the island in spring. Spanish Sparrows were still moving and there were many singing Cretzschmar's Buntings and a Cinereous Bunting but we could not locate any Rock Sparrows. Two Little Owls gave excellent views. A little further down the road and we pulled in by the Chalandra River where, despite not being the most picturesque locality, we had our picnic lunch. There were plenty of small birds along the riverside vegetation with at least six Collared, several Spotted, and what was almost certainly another female type, Semi-collared Flycatcher. Three Ortolans performed well in the 'scopes and Squacco Herons seemed to be everywhere!

After lunch, arriving at Skala Eresou we walked along another riverside path. Here we spent some time watching five Collared Pratincoles in a couple of rather dusty fields. Three Short-toed Larks were our first for the tour and a late Kingfisher shot off after brief views. A large and presumably quite elderly Hermann's Tortoise was found on the track and elicited a barrage of photos before being returned to safety.

We made the long drive back via Vatousa as we wanted to spend the rest of the late afternoon at Kalloni Salt pans. Here there was a fine array of waders, 66 Glossy Ibis and about 30 Ruddy Shelducks. A female Marsh Harrier moved slowly northwards. A final stop at the nearby 'Garage Pool' allowed further close views of Ruff, Black-tailed Godwits, Wood Sandpipers and a single Temminck's Stint. After being slightly confused about plumage details, we realised that there were now two Citrine Wagtails on the pool. A nice end to another full day!

## Day 8

Sunday 24th April

### Sunny but still cool in the wind

The weather was warming slightly and we took a not-too-early walk to the Christou River. A single White-winged Black and 12 Whiskered Terns were over the marsh and the Slender-billed Gull was still present as were two Collared Flycatchers. Waders were represented by Kentish Plovers, Wood Sandpipers and a single Common Sandpiper.

After breakfast we set out again for another trip across to the west of the island. The first stop in the Lardia Valley gave us the usual species but in addition excellent views of a singing Eastern Bonelli's Warbler. At the Eressos 'T' junction it was still chilly in the breeze but a couple of Isabelline Wheatears, two Ortolans and several singing Cinereous Buntings were found. Just as we started to move on around a bend in the road another tour group urgently flagged us down with the news that they had just seen a Finsch's Wheatear, a very rare species on the island, but unfortunately we could not re-locate it!

At Ipsilou there were many more birders than our previous visit although we still managed to park halfway down on the out road. Here in calm conditions there were some migrants including six Collared and three Pied Flycatchers, Blackcap and Willow Warbler. A Woodlark was still singing as were several Cinereous Buntings, a Peregrine passed over and a Middle Spotted Woodpecker appeared briefly.

Lunch in the taverna at Sigri was the usual friendly and successful affair! Afterwards we drove slowly towards the ford area counting obvious Woodchat Shrikes along the way! A pull-up opposite a small fig orchard and a splendid Barred Warbler perched up on the hedge. This resulted in everyone piling out of the buses and quickly re-located the birds for there were in fact two present. One eventually hopped obligingly around a bare wood pile. This small area seemed alive with birds including Eastern Orphean Warbler, Lesser Whitethroats, Whinchats, a couple of Hoopoes and a few Lesser Kestrels passing by. Eventually we moved on to park near the small trackside pool which held a female Little Crake. This pool proved worthy of further investigation during our visit as it also held a couple of very obliging Little Bitterns and a tame, lingering Kingfisher. A slow walk down to the ford provided many sightings of now fairly familiar species like Masked Shrike, Nightingales, Great Reed Warblers, Collared, Pied and Spotted Flycatchers. Overhead at least one 'ring-tail' harrier, either Montagu's or Pallid, moved over and about three Short-toed Eagles were counted. We could hear Bee-eaters calling distantly and eventually we located a group of about six away to the west. The river held small numbers of birds feeding and drinking including a trip tick in the form of a late Green Sandpiper.

As always we ran out of birding time and we had to drive back across the island once again with several very quiet and presumably satisfied people in the mini-buses! They weren't asleep honest!

## Day 9

Monday 25th April

Sunny and warmer than previous days. Light-moderate N. wind

Several of the group visited Kalloni Pool pre-breakfast finding a couple of Little Crakes and the usual noisy chorus of Sedge, Great Reed, Reed and Cetti's Warblers. Our last full day on the island and we opted to return to Achladeri Pinewoods where we again saw, from a safe distance, the male Kruper's Nuthatch entering the nest hole. It felt as if the breeding cycle had moved on a little as he only came back infrequently, perhaps the female was now incubating? Further up the track and we located a pair of Short-toed Treecreepers feeding young in a nest low down in a tree across the small stream-bed. This gave us an opportunity to set up a telescope on the spot and everyone had excellent views as the birds repeatedly came back to feed the nestlings. A search for elusive Serins in the pines was partially successful for some though we could hear birds singing frequently. Views of Common Buzzard and Raven overhead and Collared and Pied Flycatchers and Masked Shrike completed our visit here.

Heading back towards Kalloni we had a short stop at Mesa where, in a gathering breeze, we had a flock of ten or so Glossy ibis, Black Stork and a single Pallid Swift which we watched for a long time and at long range before it came close enough to be certain! A Long-legged Buzzard was near the petrol station on the main road. A visit and walk down the east track at the salt pans proved productive with another flock of feeding Glossy Ibis in the fields with a Red-throated Pipit or two and four Short-toed Larks, one of these looking very reddish! A dozen Whiskered Terns performed well right in front of us along the channel with several Little Terns calling over the salt pans. A very smart Marsh Sandpiper was with the Wood Sandpipers and Ruffs and four Little Stints and some Kentish Plovers obliged with close views. Another raptor high overhead turned out to be another Long-legged Buzzard.

After lunch in Skala Kalloni we re-visited the roosting Scops Owl site and the bird was still there (does it ever fly?) although we did hear another bird calling nearby. A final visit to the salt pans gave us a splendid end with many of the species previously encountered there still present plus the bonus of a flock of about 25 Collared Pratincoles flying over the roadside fields and then close views as they landed. Another couple were seen near the pumping station. It was an effort to drag ourselves away from this excellent spot but we returned to the hotel to finish packing, and for some another chance to get just a little more birding in at Kalloni Pool!

## Day 10

Tuesday 26th April

We had a very early start for the slow trip back across the island to check-in for the first flight to Athens and the connecting flight back to Heathrow.

The group were absolutely excellent, as usual mixing well together and thoroughly enjoying all of the Lesvos birds that we saw. Sorry about that cool wind! Many thanks from us for making the trip so pleasant and such a success.

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## Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	April							
			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		2	3	1	1	3	1	1
2	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>					8			
3	Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>					60			
4	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		4		2		1		3
5	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>			2		3		1	
6	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			1	1		1	3	
7	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			1			3		
8	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		10	1	2		16	1	1
9	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		25	45	50		10	15	40
10	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>		6	10	4		2	2	6
11	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		3	4	1	1	3	2	3
12	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			1	1	2	10	5	1
13	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		3	2	2	2	2	2	3
14	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		3	4		2	2		
15	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		70				76		50
16	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>		500	✓		✓	✓		260
17	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		33	15	2	1	30	3	25
18	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		30	46			20	2	35
19	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>								1
20	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>					2	2		
21	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>						1		
22	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		4		4	15	12	8	6
23	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		6	4	5	1	2		1
24	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			4	1				
25	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				2				
	Harrier sp	<i>Circus pygargus/macrourus</i>							1	1
26	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentiles</i>					1			
27	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1		1	4	1		
28	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		2	2	6	10	6		6
29	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>				1		1		2
30	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		3		1	1		5	
31	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				1	6			
	Kestrel sp	<i>Falco naumanni/tinnunculus</i>			3	4		2	6	1
32	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>			1		6			1
33	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					1			
34	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>				1				
35	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					1		1	1
36	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			1			1		
37	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>			6			10	1	2
38	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		10	12	10		20	10	15
39	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		1	1	2	2	2	2	1
40	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		50	60		10	50		50
41	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avocetta</i>		120	50		24	120		75
42	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		6						
43	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>						5		27
44	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		4	6	3	6	4		4
45	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		15	4	6		3	3	5

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46	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		12	70					6
47	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>		2	2			2		1
48	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			3			10		
49	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			15					
50	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		90	40	10	20	130	6	80
	Snipe Sp	<i>Gallinago sp.</i>						1		
51	Black tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			1		1	3		9
52	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		1						
53	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>								2
54	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		12	6	3		1	3	
55	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							1	
56	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		85	12	20	20	15	10	15
57	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		6	6	3		3	3	
58	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		30		10			12	6
59	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>		2		1			1	1
60	Slender billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>		1					1	
61	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		50	18	6		2		1
63	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
64	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			1			4		6
65	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>		1	2				12	24
66	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>			2				1	22
67	Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia</i>		15	10	20	2		10	4
68	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				2	2		6	
70	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		1		4	1	1	2	
71	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		1						2
72	Little Owl	<i>Atene noctua</i>						2	3	
73	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>			1					
74	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>								1
76	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>					2			
77	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		2	2			1	1	
78	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>							6	
79	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				2	2	1	6	
80	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>				2	6	5	1	
81	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>						3		4
82	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					2		1	
84	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				6				
86	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		10	6	6	2	6	6	6
88	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			5					
90	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			3	10	2	8	2	2
91	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>		8		2	1		1	1
92	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>								
	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (flava) feldegg</i>		50	50	30	30	25	10	20
	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		15	100	20	6	10	6	6
	Grey-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>		1						

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93	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>					1	2		
94	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		2	2	1		1	1	
95	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				5		1	1	
96	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		3	2	8	6	10	15	10
97	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				7	1		2	
98	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubeta</i>		30	25	20	10	15	20	6
99	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>				4	1	3	1	
100	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>				1			4	
101	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1	6			1	2	
102	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			2	12	5	20	20	1
103	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				2				
104	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			8	10	12	6	12	5
105	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			1					
106	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		10	15	6	4	15	6	4
107	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinoides</i>			2h		1h	1h		2h
108	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		20	6	5	5	25	10	6
109	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		2	4		5	6	12	8
110	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		4	2	4	3	8	6	4
111	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>		1			1			5
112	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			2	4	6		4	2
113	Ruppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>					1			
114	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>				1			2	
115	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>					4	2	2	
116	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		6	2	2	6	1	5	
117	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		4		6	2	2	3	3
118	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		2	1	6	2	3	6	
119	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>						1	1	
120	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			4		3	4		1
121	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>					1	3	4	
122	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			3	5		5	6	
123	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		3	6	25	10	12	25	2
124	Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>		1	1	2		2		
125	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		1	10	12	8	4	8	1
	Collared/Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula sp.</i>			12					
126	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				2h				
127	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>					1	2		
128	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130	Kruper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>			2					1
131	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>					4	3		
132	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			2					2
133	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					1	6		
134	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		1	2	20	2	5	18	
135	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		2				1	1	2
136	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		2	3	4	6	✓	✓	✓
137	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>				50			40	
138	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>				9	4		10	4
140	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
141	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
142	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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143	Serín	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			4					2
144	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		5	3	6	10	6	5	4
145	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		6	10	15	15	12	15	6
146	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>			1					
147	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>			4		8	2	6	
148	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			2	2	6	5	6	2
149	Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>				2			6	
150	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>			2	4		3	2	
151	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>					8	12	10	
152	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Mammals

Bat sp

Brown Rat

Persian Squirrel

Red Fox

Beech Martin (dead)

Hedgehog (dead)

Dolphin sp.

## Butterflies

Scarce Swallowtail

Swallowtail

Orange Tip

Clouded Yellow

Brimstone

Bath White

Painted lady

Red Admiral

Small Copper

## Reptiles & Amphibians

Green Lizard

Agama

Wall Lizard

Stripe-necked Terrapin

Pond Terrapin

Hermann's Tortoise

Marsh Frog

Tree Frog sp.

## Other taxa

Cream-spot Tiger

Praying mantis

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