

Lesbos

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Poppies in a sea of *Centaurea spinosa*



Purple Heron



Spur-thighed Tortoise



Squacco Heron

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Day 1

Saturday 18th April

We landed on schedule at 2pm at Mytilini airport, transferred to our two new-looking minibuses and headed across the forested eastern half of Lesbos to our perfectly located hotel on the outskirts of Skala Skallonis. A few Yelkouan Shearwaters were spotted as we drove alongside the slightly choppy Straits of Mytilini. Four Short-toed Snake Eagles, a White Stork, lots of Flamingoes and hoards of Swallows were also seen en route. Skala Kallonis is a small, laid back village at the head of Kalloni Bay, a long sea inlet which cuts deep into the middle of the island.

After a quick freshen-up we went to the harbour for a hearty Greek salad and seafood lunch, followed by a short familiarisation tour of the village square where we paid our respects to Aristotle. The great man was watching birds here 2,400 years before us! We checked out a site for Barn Owl, admired a handsome male Spanish Sparrow, and peeped into a typically ornate Greek Orthodox Church complete with fitted carpet. The rest of the day was spent slowly exploring the lower reaches of the Tsiknias River. With migration in full flow there was no shortage of interesting birds with Little Bittern, Woodchat Shrike, Hoopoe, Penduline Tit and a gorgeous pair of Garganey among the highlights, whilst Wood Sandpiper, Little Ringed Plover and Lesser Whitethroat would all become familiar sightings during the week. Having had such a late lunch we met in the hotel bar for drinks at 8.30pm prior to dinner at 9pm.

Day 2

Sunday 19th April

Nothing more than a gentle breeze today: ideal birding weather. Some of the keenest were in the field well before breakfast finding Eurasian Bittern, Garganey, Glossy Ibis and Purple Heron close to the hotel, while others caught up with some beauty sleep. Departing at 9am after breakfast, our first port of call was the nearby Christou River where we found a different range of species to that of the Tsiknias River including Purple Heron, Black-headed Wagtail and Fan-tailed Warbler (*Zitting Cisticola*).

The rest of the morning was spent exploring the extensive Kalloni salt pans which were packed with flamingoes, avocets and Black-winged Stilts. Among a good variety of the commoner migrant waders we also found three beautifully plumaged Marsh Sandpipers. A flock of Garganey dropped into a small pond right in front of us - quite thrilling. They quickly set about re-fueling in readiness for the next leg of their journey from Africa. Overhead a Yellow-legged Gull swallowed a snake whole, no doubt having observed the local Short-toed Snake Eagles doing the same (Lesbos boasts an impressive nine species of snake). Red-rumped Swallows were busy building their nest in a tunnel beneath the road - a typical nest site - and a 'ringtail' Pallid Harrier flew by within a few feet us! Another highlight of the morning was coming across a cute baby Spur-thighed Tortoise, about the size and shape of a die-cast Dinky Morris Minor - cute and collectable!

We then had lunch in Skala Kallonis followed by a visit to the 'Scops Copse', a little car park on the edge of town that could be the best place in the world for finding well camouflaged Scops Owls hidden amongst the peeling bark of towering Eucalyptus trees. We found 10! We also heard Middle-spotted Woodpecker tapping from the inside a tree. Our next stop was Limonias Monastery in the hills above Kalloni. Here we found Ortolan and Cirl Buntings, Alpine Swift, a very attractive Persian Squirrel, and three reptiles: Snake-eyed and Balkan Green

Lizards, and Starred Agama. We ate at the hotel again tonight.

Day 3

Monday 20th April

Today started cool and overcast, but was lovely from 9am onwards with blue skies and a light westerly wind. Before breakfast we had a short stroll to the marshy Kalloni Pool where we watched Eurasian and Little Bitterns side by side, along with Glossy Ibis, Water Rail, Garganey, Whiskered Tern and Marsh Harrier. A Citrine Wagtail flew over.

After breakfast we did a quick picnic stop before returning to the Tsiknias River. Woodchat, Red-backed and Masked Shrikes were among the migrants in adjoining fields, while a pair of Penduline Tits was skillfully weaving a pouch-shaped nest at the very tip of an overhanging willow. There was plenty more to see as we made our way down the river to the shore of Kalloni Bay for lunch. Black-necked Grebe was on the sea, Black Stork and Slender-billed Gull at the river mouth, and thousands of Common Swifts streamed overhead with a few Alpine Swifts and Collared Pratincoles among them.

The rest of the afternoon was spent on the salt pans where new birds included 18 Whiskered Terns and a White-winged Black Tern. Marsh Sandpipers had increased to 22 and we counted 240 Greater Flamingoes, 617 Pied Avocets and 40 Black-winged Stilts. Tonight we dined out in one of the restaurants off the village square.

Day 4

Tuesday 21st April

Before breakfast we visited the little lake at Metochi where we heard more Penduline Tits, had cracking views of Little Bitterns, Squacco Herons and Purple Herons gloriously lit by the morning sun, and had at least three Little Crakes. We also enjoyed the swifts raising their wings as they scooped up sips of water. On our way back to breakfast at 8am we stopped to admire a superb roadside bittern at our feet.

Loaded up with fresh picnic supplies, we headed south-west to the hilltop chapel dedicated to Aghios Ioannis (St John). Here we found some of the specialties of the island's barren, rocky habitats including Long-legged Buzzard, Black-eared Wheatear, Rock Nuthatch, and both Cinereous and Cretschmar's Bunting. Down on the coast a pair of Blue Tits was feeding young in their nest in the mast of a yacht.

Over lunch we saw a female Red-footed Falcon before continuing west through Agra and Mesotopus to our final destination; Skala Eresou. Out at sea distant Yelkouan Shearwaters skimmed the horizon, and Mediterranean Shags showed well. An offshore island had a colony of Jackdaws and small numbers of wild Rock Doves. Driving back for dinner in the hotel we had the sun behind us, lighting up the delightfully unspoilt scenery, which is such a feature of birdwatching on Lesbos.

Day 5

Wednesday 22nd April

It was a cool start to the day, getting warmer towards midday when thunderous downpours sent people running for shelter. Thankfully the rain didn't last and we were able to enjoy a sunny picnic in the hills with panoramic views of Kalloni Bay.

A return to the salt pans before breakfast was rewarding with excellent views of Long-legged Buzzard perched in a tree, Red-footed Falcon, Hobby, three Temminck's Stints and lots of Blue-headed Wagtails. Also a Quail was singing.

After breakfast we continued our exploration of the salt pans with further sightings of Marsh Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank and Little Owl before reaching the sheep fields, a large area of damp pasture with scattered pools. A Common Gull, an island rarity, was spotted along with our first Red-throated and Tawny Pipits, Common and Ruddy Shelducks, Spoonbill and Little Tern, while raptors included six Red-footed Falcons and a female Peregrine.

Over lunch we had more sightings of Cretzschmar's and Cirl Buntings and saw our first Wood Lark and Sombre Tit. As the day grew warmer, thoughts turned to ice cream and Rüppell's Warbler, an irresistible combination, though not before a couple of roadside stops to watch Middle Spotted Woodpeckers at their nest.

Day 6

Thursday 23rd April

It was fine today with a breeze at altitude. Another pre-breakfast visit to the salt pans was rewarded with excellent views of a Great Spotted Cuckoo, a lovely male Montagu's Harrier, Red-throated Pipit and Eastern Olivaceous Warbler. Numbers of Red-footed Falcons had increased to 30 and they were a joy to watch. Eleven Curlew Sandpipers were new. Back at the hotel there was time to see both Little and Eurasian Bitterns - and all before breakfast.

At 9am we headed west through Lardia where we found Rock Sparrows commandeering an old nest of a pair of noisy Rock Nuthatches, more stunning Eastern Black Wheatears, a male Blue Rock Thrush, Crag Martin and Eastern Subalpine Warbler. Further on we stopped again at Ipsilou Monastery, perched on an isolated hill, where we had good views of Sombre Tit and Cinereous Bunting, and saw another brightly coloured Middle Spotted Woodpecker. Butterflies included Large Wall Brown, Eastern Festoon and Swallowtail.

We picnicked by the turquoise sea at Sigrí before resuming our birdwatching with a look for migrants in the wooded meadows of Faneromeni. Eight Golden Orioles, two Wood Warblers, a stunning male Collared Flycatcher, a mixed flock of Lesser Kestrels and Red-footed Falcons hawking for insects, and our only Starling, a winter visitor to the island, were among the highlights. We had a sea watch for Yelkouan Shearwaters before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Day 7

Friday 24th April

A fine morning began with another pre-breakfast outing to Metochi where we had brilliant views of Little Crake, Squacco Heron, Purple Heron and Little Bittern. On the way back to the hotel we stopped to watch a Eurasian Bittern, one of two that had taken up residence in the Kalloni Pool.

After breakfast we saw two Marsh Harriers at Mesa en route Achleleri pine forest. Here we had three species of Shrike: Red-backed, Woodchat and Masked, together with Woodlark, Cirl Bunting and Short-toed Treecreeper. After a bit of searching we eventually had good views of a diminutive Krüper's Nuthatch, a Lesbos speciality.

For lunch we drove up to a delightful mountain village, Agiasos, before enjoying a flower-filled walk through the local Sweet Chestnut forest. Botanical highlights here included swathes of Green-winged Orchids, Pheasant's Eye, Crown Anemones, and Wild Tulip. We found Mistle Thrush, Robin and Wren along with another occupied Middle Spotted Woodpecker nest hole and a Balkan Green Lizard. Dining in the village tonight had the added bonus of a pair of Barn Owls, nesting in a shop chimney beside the restaurant.

Day 8

Saturday 25th April

After an earlier than usual breakfast, we departed the hotel at 8am for the 14 kilometre long Napi Valley, which runs north through the middle of the island. On the way we passed hundreds of pilgrims walking to Mandamados in celebration of St Michael. Also a pair of Chukar, Hoopoe and Masked Shrike were spotted before we embarked on a walk up a peaceful side valley. It proved to be an outstanding area for both breeding and migrant birds, and we had many encounters with species such as Eastern Orphean Warbler (in full song), Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Red-footed Falcon, European Bee-eater, Short-toed Snake Eagle, Golden Oriole (through the telescope!), Sombre Tit, Masked Shrike, Turtle Dove and Rock Nuthatch.

Then it was back to the hotel to pack up and drive to the airport where we checked in before enjoying a final picnic by the sea - there are not many airports where you can do that! Lastly it was our flight back to the UK where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	April							
			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>								2
2	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>					H			
3	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		1	2	2	30	28	20	
4	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	2	3	3	2	90	90	2	
5	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	2	7	2	1	3	2	1	
6	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				1				
7	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			2		4	2		
8	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>				1				
9	Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	4			100				
10	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		1	2	2			2	
11	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			1		3			
12	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>			3					
13	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	10	100	240	21	100	100	100	100
14	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			3	1	1	1		
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	1	2	3	2	2	2		
16	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		28	33	1	25	22	8	
17	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					4			
18	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1	
19	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	3		6	3			5	
20	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			3	3			3	
21	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			2		1	2	3	
22	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1	2	2	2			3	
23	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			3		4	5	6	
24	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	6	15	20	4	10	20	20	10
25	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1	2	6	1	1		1	
26	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>				7	1			
27	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	3	6	8	6	5	8		1
28	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			6		1		2	
29	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>		1	1					
30	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						1		
31	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1						1	
32	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		2	3	6	10	8	6	1
33	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>				2	2	2		
34	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>						12		
35	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1		3	1	1	1	1	1
36	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				1	8	37		1
37	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					1			
38	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						1		
39	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			3H					
40	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>				3			4	
41	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	3	2	6	10	1	1	6	
42	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			2	1				
43	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		H	2					
44	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	10	35	40	5	40	40	40	40
45	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avocetta</i>		150	617		200	500	500	400
46	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	2	3	6	1	1			
47	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		12	2			6		

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			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
48	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					12			
49	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		4	22		13	2	2	
50	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	3	4	2		2	3		
51	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				1				
52	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	4	100	100	20	100	100	10	
53	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					1			
54	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		3			1	2		
55	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>					3			
56	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>						11		
57	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		3						
58	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		1	H					
59	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		3	13	5	100	100		
60	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>			9					
61	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			5					
62	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>					1			
63	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		4	2	2		5		
65	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			9					
66	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>					2	4		
67	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		10	8	4	6	4	2	
68	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>			18					
69	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>			1					
70	Rock Dove /Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓	6	✓	✓	✓	
71	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>					3			
72	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		3	8		2	1	3	
73	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>						1		
75	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>								H
76	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>			H				2	
77	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		10	H			H	H	
78	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1			1	2	2		
79	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		1	6		12			
80	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	20	60	1000s	100s	100s	100s	100s	
81	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>				1				
82	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			1					
83	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>								20
84	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1		1	2		2	1	3
85	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		1		1	2	H	2	4
86	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			1			1	2	
87	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	1		2	9	2	6	2	2
88	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>			1		1		1	2
89	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				2		8		3
90	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1	4	10	10	6	20	6	2
91	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>				10		100		
92	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	1			3	4	6	4	
94	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>					1	3		4
95	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	2	4	6	6	6	10	2	4
96	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	2	2	4	4	6	20	4	4
97	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					2	2	2	4

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			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
99	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	1		20	4	30	6		
100	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	100	100	1000s	100s	1000	100	200	100
101	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>						4	1	
102	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	50	10	100	100s	100	100s	50	50
103	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		8	12	20	20	20		
104	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	6	4	10	6	2	1	4	
105	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					2		3	
106	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	H		2	H				
107	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>						3		
108	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>						2		
109	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	1		10	2		H		
110	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	H	H	20	2	1	H	3	
111	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	10	1	20	2			4	
112	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>			1	4	1	2	6	
113	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		2		1	1	2	1	
114	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	3	H	6	2		2		
115	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	10		30	4		2	1	
116	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia crassirostris</i>					1			1
117	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1	4		1		4	
118	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>					10	4	6	
119	Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppellii</i>					3			
120	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					H	2	2	
121	Krüper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>							2	
122	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>				31	2	3		
123	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>							10	
124	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>						2		
125	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
126	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>							2	
127	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							3	
128	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	6	6	12	6	6	2	2	2
129	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>						1		
130	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	5		7		6	8		
131	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>				7	6	8		
132	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>						7		
133	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			1			2		1
134	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		2		10	4	10		2
135	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					1	1		
136	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>							1	
137	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1			2		
138	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>						1		
139	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
140	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	1	6	200	1	1	130	100	1
141	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>						4		
142	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>					4	1		
143	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	2	7	5		20	20	2	
144	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>			1					
145	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	1	1	1	2	2		
146	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			1		2			
147	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			1					
148	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>						1		
149	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	1	10	2	10	10	10	40	2

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150	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		3			2		10	
151	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	2	h	6	2	2		2	
152	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2	6	6	10	6	6	10	2
153	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		6		1	2	1		
154	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
155	Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>				3		3		
156	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>		1						
157	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>				6	3	2		3
158	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		2	2	4	6	1	1	5

Mammals

Beech Martin, *Martes fiona*

Persian Squirrel, *Sciurus anomalus*

Reptiles & Amphibians

Marsh Frog, *Pelophylax ridibundus*

Tree Frog, *Hyla arborea*

Balkan Green Lizard, *Lacerta trilineata*

Balkan Glass Lizard, *Pseudopus apodus*

Turkish Gecko, *Hemidactylus turcicus agama*

Stripe-necked Terrapin, *Mauremys caspica*

Butterflies

Scarce Swallowtail, *Iphiclides podalirius*

Large White, *Pieris brassicae*

Bath White, *Pontia daplidice*

Clouded Yellow, *Colias croceus*

Southern White Admiral, *Limenitis reducta*

Red Admiral, *Venessa atalanta*

Painted Lady, *Cynthia cardui*

Spotted Fritillary, *Melitaea didyma*

Turkish Meadow Brown, *Maniola telmessia*

Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*

Wall Brown, *Lasiommata megera*

Small Copper, *Lycena phlaeas*

Brown Argus, *Aricia agestis*

Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*

Orbed Red-underwing Skipper, *Spialia rbifer o*

Small Skipper, *Thymelicus sylvestris*

Mediterranean Skipper, *Gegenes nostradamus*

Odonata

Odalisque, *Epallage fatime*

Dark Spreadwing, *Lestes macrostigma*

Blue Emperor, *Anax imperator*

Broad-bodied Chaser, *Libellula depressa*

Black-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum cancellatum*

Southern Skimmer, *Orthetrum brunneum*