

Lesbos

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Crested Lark by Dick Gilmore



Temminck's Stint by Dick Gilmore



Birding the Salt Pans by Gordon Crabtree



Grey Heron & Black Stork by Dick Gilmore

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Day 1

Saturday 28th April

Chris and Doris met the group on arrival in Mitilini. Once the buses were loaded up, we had an hour's drive west to the village of Skala Kalloni at the head of Kalloni Bay. After a quick freshen up we were soon tucking into dinner after which we were all ready for bed. The owls could wait!

Day 2

Sunday 29th April

Hot and sunny

Staying close to Skala today, we focused on areas around the hotel and village, becoming familiar with the songs of ubiquitous Olivaceous Warblers and Crested Larks and newly arrived Black-headed Buntings. Spanish Sparrows and Yellow-legged Gulls were admired on our village walk as were two Mediterranean Shags. Close to Skala the Tsiknias River flows into Kalloni Bay. This is where Aristotle lived when he had the first 'ideas' for the study of biology, ecology and many other natural sciences now taken for granted. Aristotle could name 300 species of birds though, interestingly, not the Flamingo. Several grebes out in the bay including two Black-necked in full summer plumage. Little and Common Terns were fishing offshore and three Collared Pratincoles flew over us. Moving slowly upriver, two Grass Snakes worked their way back and forth below the bank while Nightingales sang from every clump of bushes, with some completely in the open, so great must have been the competition for territories. Crossing at ford, we chanced upon a pair of motionless Stone-curlews in a dry field. While training our scopes on them we picked up three Collared Pratincoles, possibly the birds seen earlier. Numerous Red-throated Pipits and a lone Common Starling, a winter visitor to Lesbos, were also spotted.

The Kalloni salt pans were relatively quiet but the adjacent freshwater marsh was full of surprises with several Marsh Sandpipers among hundreds of Wood Sandpipers and Ruff, plus a very close female Garganey, five Temminck's Stints, three Gull-billed, and a couple of Whiskered Terns. After a rest back at the hotel we went out again in the relative cool of evening to explore the nearby Potamia valley. Masked, Red-backed and Woodchat Shrikes were all in evidence along with Cirl, Corn and Black-headed Buntings, Red-rumped Swallows and Crag Martins, while raptors included a pair of aquiline Long-legged Buzzards, a Levant Sparrowhawk and an immature male Red-footed Falcon which allowed great scope views.

Day 3

Monday 30th April

Hot and sunny

We went straight from breakfast to search for roosting Scops Owls, and we soon found three. Despite their brilliantly camouflaged plumage, it's not so difficult once you get your eye in, and always fun! Over the Kalloni Salt pans we discovered six soaring Dalmatian Pelicans, 80 Little Stints, 12 Marsh Sandpipers and hundreds, possibly thousands, of emerging Dark Spreadwings, a very patchily distributed species of damselfly with a preference for slightly brackish water. Nearby, Mesa, a small freshwater wetland, held a fine drake Ferruginous Duck, a Little Grebe with five chicks, a Lesser Grey Shrike, two Turtle Doves and 12 Gull-billed Terns. Beside the Vouvalis River we fed the eels and terrapins and admired a very impressive Dragon Arum before surveying the fields and hedgerows, finding more shrikes, buntings and Turtle Doves, and our first Serins. In the nearby pine forest, we searched for one of the island's specialities, the diminutive Krüper's Nuthatch, eventually finding

an adult feeding two recently fledged young, and another adult drinking at a stream. The beautiful blue Odalisque dragonfly was also observed here, and we enjoyed watching a pair of Short-toed Treecreepers that were also feeding their young.

After a two-hour siesta between 3 and 5pm we ventured out again, this time to an area known as the 'Sheepfields', though it would be better named the horse and donkey fields. En route we stopped to watch a Hoopoe and a huge tortoise speeding across an open meadow that was patrolled by Marsh Harriers and hawking marsh terns. The 'Sheepfields' may not have sheep, but they are a reliable place to get good views of Red-throated Pipits along with sweet-singing Short-toed Larks and several pairs of Kentish Plovers, and so it proved.

Day 4

Tuesday 1st May

A national holiday in Greece. Hot and Sunny

After breakfast we headed north to the fishing port of Molyvos with its well-preserved, Genoese castle overlooking the Straits of Mitilini which separate Lesbos from Turkey. We made some stops on the way at Kavaki to watch Ruppell's and Eastern Subalpine Warblers in the coastal scrub and admire the beautiful seascapes. We were surprised to see a pair of Ruddy Shelducks bringing their nine tiny ducklings safely across two miles of open sea from an offshore island. Yelkouan Shearwaters and a displaying Blue Rock Thrush were other highlights of Kavaki. Nearby, we were surprised to find an Audouin's Gull among a throng of Yellow-legged Gulls while butterflies included Sloe and Ilex Hairstreaks, Black-veined White and Aegean Meadow Brown.

After a drive through the rugged Lardia valley (Crag Martin and Rock Sparrow), we picnicked at Perivolis Monastery with Common and Long-legged Buzzards soaring side by side above us and our third Middle Spotted Woodpecker of the day. Moving on to more barren parts of the island, we scanned the hillsides for wheatears and buntings. Arriving at the hilltop monastery of Ipsolou, we found plenty of Northern, Isabelline and Black-eared Wheatears and several species of bunting, including Cirl, Cinereous and Cretzschmar's, all holding territory. In contrast, Hobby and Golden Oriole were probably passing through. On the drive back to Skala, we stopped to watch a Black Stork on its cliff-ledge nest and a Western Rock Nuthatch at its mud-nest below an overhang. Apart from some great birds the scenery today, from start to finish, was simply stunning.

Day 5

Wednesday 2nd May

Hot and sunny

Before breakfast some of us visited a small lake at nearby Metochi, where we had close views of Little Bitterns and Little Crakes and enjoyed watching Common Swifts drinking on the wing. Later, we took the rocky road to Makara at the mouth of Kalloni Bay from where we could watch colonies of Alpine Swifts and Jackdaws nesting on Garbias Island. First spotted from the bus, three Eastern Orphee Warblers eventually allowed everyone a good opportunity to study this large version of a Lesser Whitethroat with its beautiful, nightingale-like song. Long-legged Buzzard, Lesser Kestrel, Hoopoe and Western Rock Nuthatch were also watched from the side of the bus.

En route to Sigrí and lunch in a harbour taverna we made a short detour to Skala Eresou: a pair of Little Ringed

Plovers, a Rock Dove, Thick-lipped Mullet, Eels and Balkan Terrapins were among highlights. After a delicious sea-fish lunch, we went in search of migrants in the small fields of Fanneromeni. This can be a good place to see a variety of flycatchers and we not disappointed, finding Red-breasted, Pied and Spotted. A pair of Rufous Bush Robins and a Lesser Grey Shrike looked as though they were recent arrivals. Offshore, Yelkouan Shearwaters were passing at the rate of about 5,000 per hour, with a single Scopoli's for variety. As we turned for home, the air filled with the liquid calls of a hundred European Bee-eaters in off the sea, followed by close views of two roadside Little Owls.

Day 6

Thursday 3rd May

Hot and sunny

We returned to the Tsiknias River this morning, where the number of Temminck's Stints had increased to nine. On the Kalloni salt pans we counted 16 Marsh Sandpipers among a wide variety of shorebirds, which included several more-familiar species like Common Sandpiper, Dunlin and Grey Plover. Much of today was spent slowly exploring the Napi Valley before picnicking in the shade of a conifer wood high above the cobbled-street village of Agios Paraskevi. Three singing Olive-tree Warblers gave fleeting views as they changed song post, flying low and swiftly among oaks and olives. Lots of Sombre Tits and Turtle Doves and a plethora of shrikes, in particular, Masked, were here, too.

Returning to the hotel for our siesta we took the direct route via the salt pans, coming across a few surprises which included some newly arrived White-winged Terns, more Collared Pratincoles, a Citrine Wagtail and a vagrant Spur-winged Plover. On our way to the village for dinner, we found a Little Owl on a rooftop and, after dinner, listened to several Scops Owls, plus single Barn and Long-eared Owls; Skala is a great location for owls!

Day 7

Friday 4th May

Hot and sunny – what else!

An early morning return to Metochi was rewarded with more scope views of Little Bitterns and Little Crakes and this time, also both Great Reed and Cetti's Warblers. In the hills above Kalloni we basked in the morning warmth, surrounded by the sound of turtling doves and rattling wrens and warblers, the latter including including Eastern Bonelli's and Eastern Subalpine. Butterflies included Scarce Swallowtail, Ilex Hairstreak, and both Cardinal and Lesser Spotted Fritillaries, while overhead soared all of Europe's accipiters: Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Levant Sparrowhawk and Goshawk.

There are some wonderful monasteries on Lesbos, one of the best being Limonas which has a chapel for every saint's day. We were kindly invited to have a look inside and tried to imagine the hard, lonely life of the monks, before returning to Kalloni for some picnic shopping and running repairs. Lunch was under the shade of a hillside bandstand overlooking the town and bay, from where we saw Long-legged Buzzard, Woodlark and Cretzschmar's Bunting, and enjoyed watching the antics of Agama Lizards doing press ups in the sun.

From 3pm till 5.30 was siesta time for us, then it was back to the salt pans to see what was new. En route it was lovely to see five Turtle Doves feeding in an olive grove. What was new on the pans was a large mixed flock of Little Stints and Curlew Sandpipers with several other species including at least one Broad-billed Sandpiper,

though it was hard to pick out against the sun. Thankfully, we had better views of a Great Snipe and both Black-headed and Citrine Wagtails. Our final bird of week was a Barn Owl, floating over the hotel pool after dinner.

Day 8

Saturday 5th May

This morning, we had an early transfer to the airport for our flight home via Athens. The week was full of exciting observations including a few species we didn't expect like the pelicans, Spur-winged Plover and Great Snipe, while all the breeding specialities such as Olive-tree Warbler, Isabelline Wheatear, Cinereous Bunting and Krüper's Nuthatch were seen well. For us, it was the family of Ruddy Shelducks out at sea that gave us the most pleasure. Whatever was your favourite sighting, we hope you enjoyed your holiday on this sun-kissed island. Thanks for travelling with us and we hope to have the pleasure of seeing some of you on another Naturetrek holiday before long.

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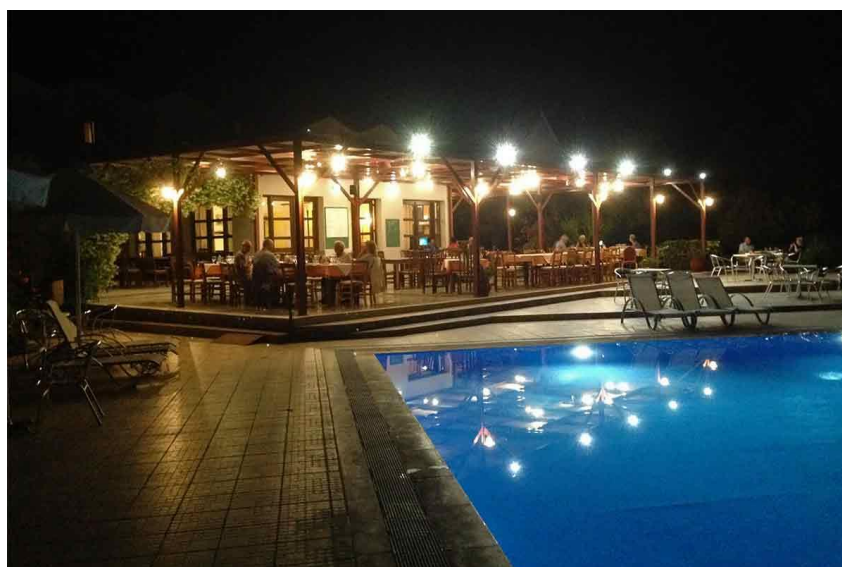
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Pasiphae Hotel at night by Gordon Crabtree

Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	April/May					
			29	30	1	2	3	4
1	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	3					
2	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	2	20	30	4	20	20
3	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		6			2	8
4	Garganey	<i>Mareca querquedula</i>	1	31			1	
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		6			4	2
6	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>		1				
7	Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>				1		
8	Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>			20	500		
9	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		6	2	8		4
10	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1	1				
11	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	2	1				
12	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	200	300	2	7	200	300
13	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	6	8	2	1	5	4
14	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	2	2		1	2	3
15	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	4	4			1	1
16	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>				4	1	2
17	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	7		2		4	3
18	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	7	8	2		2	3
19	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	8	4		6	11	8
20	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		6				
21	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		3				
22	Mediterranean Shag	<i>P. aristotelis desmarestii</i>	2		2	3		2
23	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			2	1	1	
24	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		2		1		
25	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	1					1
26	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1			1
27	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>						1
28	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1	1	3	1	5	5
29	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	2		1	2		2
30	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				6		
31	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1		2		1	
32	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	2		1		2	
33	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			1			
34	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>				2		2
35	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	2		2	10		10
36	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		1	1	4		6
37	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	2	3				1
38	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	9	20			20	10
39	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	100	100			100	100
40	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>					1	
41	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>					5	5
42	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		1			3	8
43	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	2	2		2	2	1
44	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		6			1	
45	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>						1
46	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>						1
47	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		2				

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			29	30	1	2	3	4
48	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	5	12			16	10
49	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1	6		h	4	
50	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	100	100	50	20	100	50
51	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1				1	2
52	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	10	80			30	50
53	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	5				11	1
54	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1	3			20	
55	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>					1	
56	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>						1
57	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	100	100			100	50
58	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	3					
59	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	3				4	
60	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaeus audouinii</i>			1			
61	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	15	10				
63	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	4	10			20	10
64	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	6	10	1		10	10
65	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	2				1	1
66	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	1				9	12
67	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	1					
68	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓	4	✓	✓
69	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	5	6	2	4	2	10
70	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓
71	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>		1			2	
72	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	h	3		3	h	
73	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>				h	h	
74	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1			3	1	
75	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			20	100		
76	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	8	6	10	40	20	20
77	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	3	h	h+2	100	40	10
78	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	2	1		h	2	
79	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>			5	1	2h	1
80	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	1	5	10	40	10	
81	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		3		2		
82	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	10	1	4	10	2	1
83	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	2	2	2	6	4	2
84	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			2	2		
85	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	2	4	12	10	2	4
86	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>				100		
87	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		1	12	6	2	1
89	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>					10	
90	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	6	20	6	6	8	2
91	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	4	10	2	2	2	2
92	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		8				
93	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			h			h
95	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				2	1	1
96	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	30		4	2		
98	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	20	10	10

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			29	30	1	2	3	4
99	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	4	10	20	20		6
100	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	4	h	h	5	h	5
101	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>						2
102	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		h		3		1
103	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		h		1		1
104	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		2		2		6
105	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>						
106	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	10	10		20		6
107	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>					1	1
108	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia crassirostris</i>				3		
109	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1				
110	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		1	4		4	4
111	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>			h			
112	Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia ruppeli</i>			2			
113	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			h			h
114	Krüper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>		4				
115	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>			1	3		
116	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		2+				
117	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	1					
118	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
119	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				3		
120	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	20		6h	10	6	10h
121	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	1	1			2	
122	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>				1		4
123	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>			8			
124	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			2			
125	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		1	10	40	12	
126	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			2	1		
127	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	1	2		2		1
128	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>				1		
129	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>				1		
130	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
131	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		2
132	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>	4			1	2	
133	Grey-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>				3	1	
134	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	1	1		1	1	
135	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>					1	1
136	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	3		1	1	
137	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	20	20			2	
138	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
139	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		h		1	h	2
140	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓	1	2	h	
141	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	6	6	2
142	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			h	10		
143	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
144	Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>			10			
145	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>			2	2		
146	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	h		1		2	3
147	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	h	2	2

Butterflies

Scarce Swallowtail, <i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	Swallowtail, <i>Papilio machaon</i>
Eastern Festoon, <i>Allancastris cerisy</i>	Black-veined White, <i>Aporia crataegi</i>
Large White, <i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Small White, <i>Pieris rapae</i>
Eastern Bath White, <i>Pontia edusa</i>	Eastern Dappled White, <i>Euchloe ausonia</i>
Orange Tip, <i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	Clouded Yellow, <i>Colias crocea</i>
Cleopatra, <i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	Sloe Hairstreak, <i>Satyrium acaciae</i>
Ilex Hairstreak, <i>Satyrium ilicis</i>	Small Copper, <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>
Long-tailed Blue, <i>Lampides boeticus</i>	Brown Argus, <i>Aricia agestis</i>
Southern White Admiral, <i>Limenitis reducta</i>	Red Admiral, <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Painted Lady, <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Comma, <i>Polygonia c-album</i>
Marbled Fritillary, <i>Brenthis daphne</i>	Spotted Fritillary, <i>Melitaea didyma</i>
Lesser Spotted Fritillary, <i>Melitaea trivia</i>	Balkan Marbled White, <i>Melanargia larissa</i>
Eastern Rock Grayling, <i>Hipparchia syriaca</i>	Persian Meadow Brown, <i>Maniola telmessia</i>
Turkish Meadow Brown, <i>Maniola megalis</i>	Speckled Wood, <i>Pararge aegeria</i>
Wall Brown, <i>Lasiommata megera</i>	Large Wall Brown, <i>Lasiommata maera</i>
Orbed Red-underwing Skipper, <i>Spialia orbifer</i>	Mallow Skipper, <i>Carcharodus alceae</i>
Small Skipper, <i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	Levantine Skipper, <i>Thymelicus hyrax</i>



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