

Butterflies of Croatia

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Blue-spot Hairstreak



Large Copper



Pearly Heath



Fox Moth

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Day 1

Monday 9th June

Most of the group met up at Gatwick Airport and flew to Zagreb. We arrived in a sunny Zagreb and were quickly underway to Sedra and our first hotel. On the way we stopped at Krnjay for a cold drink. The heat meant that most people stayed in the shade of the cafe (30c). We did however manage to see a Pearly Heath and watched some Barn Swallows hawking overhead. We were soon on our way again. From the bus we saw a few birds including White Stork, Common Buzzard, Grey Heron, Red-backed Shrike and Stonechat. The only recognisable butterflies were Brimstone and a Large White. We arrived at our hotel at 17:40. Most people quickly sorted their rooms and then went on a quick walk at the back of the hotel. The weather was still very warm and the butterflies were fast and active. We enjoyed two Queen of Spain Fritillaries, as well as a nice Black-Veined White. The blues were too fast to properly I.D but Common and Mazarine were probable. A few Clouded Yellows were also lovely to see.

There were a number of birds active with Cuckoo and Raven being heard. Amongst the woodland and mix agricultural plot there was a good mix of birds. A smart male Black Redstart was enjoyed in the grounds and then we saw Red-backed Shrike, mobbed by Mistle Thrushes, watched a Eurasian Nuthatch gleaning insects from the post. Other birds included Yellow Hammer, Corn Bunting, Eurasian Jay and other common birds. It was a very enjoyable short walk, but we then had to return to get ready for dinner. We met for dinner at 19:00 and enjoyed a very tasty and filling four course meal. After a brief orientation chat we decided to forego the routine of listing in order to have an early first night. It was a tiring but enjoyable and hot first day.

Day 2

Tuesday 10th June

Some of the group set off on an early morning walk out the back of the hotel, whilst the rest got ready for an early departure for the National Park Plitvica Jezera. We managed to arrive just before 8am and were pleased that despite the lovely sunny weather, it was not too crowded.

We enjoyed a leisurely walk in the sunshine and although this area is not outstanding for wildlife there were a few things to enjoy along the way. The Marsh/Pool/Edible frogs were in good voice; Gerard managed to collect a Dice Snake which promptly showed him what it thought of being picked up! We then had a relaxing boat trip to the other end of the park, watching Swallows as they came to their nests inside the boat. We saw surprisingly few butterflies, although Graham saw a Dark Green Fritillary and there were several Black-veined Whites around. On the birding front the highlight was probably the Collared Flycatcher which was however elusive and seen by just a few. Our first mammal came in the shape of a Bank Vole as we exited the National Park.

We then met up with our driver and drove to one of many outstanding meadows at the southern end of the National Park. We were soon into the butterflies, with Southern Festoon drawing admiring comments. Alongside we had a variety of Blues and Grizzled type skippers including Olive, Red Orbed and Grizzled. The Blues included some very tricky species but we finally keyed out Idas Blue from the Silver Studded. The Adonis was as stunning as ever with its cobalt blue upper-side. A female Turquoise Blue was also tricky due to missing some of the identification features, but under a hand lens it was finally resolved. The Fritillaries were not as prominent as usual and besides the ubiquitous Glanville we had Queen of Spain, Heath and Silver Washed Fritillaries. Gerard then netted an odd looking insect that turned out to be a Broad-bordered Bee Hummingbird Hawk-moth...a delightful moth and one of the highlights of the day. Other moths included Burnet Companion, Speckled Yellow and Mother Shipton amongst many others.

On the birding front we enjoyed a Barred Warbler undertaking a display flight, a Goshawk overhead and a Firecrest hopping around some nearby pines. We also managed to snatch some views of a Hoopoe and two Golden Orioles to add a bit of colour to the birding. A Common Buzzard nearly got a little rarer when it narrowly avoided hitting the bus on the return journey.

We arrived back just a little after 17:00, weary from a hot day in the meadow, but delighted by the variety and beauty of the wildlife. We then retired to our rooms to chill out before an evening stroll at 18:00. The evening stroll proved to be very productive as we were able to watch a variety of blues 'puddling' in the muddy field. At one point a single macro photograph included six species of blue! New for the trip was Green Underside Blue. There were also a few skippers including a Mallow Skipper, which was also new. We also enjoyed a few birds, such as a family of Hawfinches and a Sparrow-hawk complete with prey. It was however soon time for dinner and completing the list for a very enjoyable day.

Day 3

Wednesday 11th June

Some of the group met to check the moth trap, which had been left overnight, whilst others went for a stroll in the fields at the back of the hotel. Both produced some great sightings. The group that went for a stroll enjoyed watching Hawfinch coming to a small puddle in the fields. The moth group found a typically difficult catch to sift through. A Small Elephant Hawk Moth was perhaps the easiest and the most colourful. A Buff Tip was also a nice moth to catch, looking as it does like a piece of broken twig. Other Waves, Noctuides and Micro moths needed a little more research. We made a list of the known moths and photographed the others to refer to later. After the morning's activities we all met for breakfast before vacating our rooms and moving on to our next destination on the Dalmatian Coast. We managed to get underway in good time and were soon heading for our first stop.

We pulled off the main road to explore a flower meadow that has previously turned up some excellent butterflies. Despite the hot and sunny weather the butterflies were a little slow to be active, but very soon there was a dazzling array of butterflies, moths and a host of other wildlife. The Marsh Fritillaries were new for the trip and much admired. We also had three species of Heath including Chestnut, which had strangely eluded us until then. Birds included a surprise Lesser Grey Shrike, Common Buzzard and calling Corncrake, which are always a delight to hear. After a while the now searing heat encouraged people to retreat to the van and we were on our way again. This stop was by a lake and not a usual stop. It was worth exploring as many Adonis and Eastern Baton Blue were very active. A few fritillaries were around but speeding along, making catching or identifying quite tough. However a Cardinal was seen and Queen of Spain, the other fritillaries went unidentified. On the birding front Tawny Pipits were a delightful addition along with Skylark, Yellow Legged Gull and yet more Red Backed Shrikes. Owl Flies were an interesting distraction from the usual fare. Once more we got underway to our next stop which was the more familiar woodland walk as we began to climb into the Velebit Mountains.

The site was not as productive as it has been; maybe the hot weather was having an impact. However there were still plenty of butterflies around as most finally got a good look at the Cardinal before it zoomed off. Heath, Nickerl's, Glanville and Marsh Fritillaries were also noted. A new butterfly for the trip was the Large Wall and again there were many blues and skippers to keep us busy. It was now time for lunch so we drove to a place (opposite a military installation!) to relax and eat our picnic. Although not specifically a wildlife stop we still had some lovely creatures. Transparent Burnet moths were enjoyed, fritillaries were still rather too active to be examined, but other blues, skippers and browns kept us entertained. As we were leaving, Mary found a lovely Eurasian Tree Frog (Yellow), which posed briefly for some photographs before disappearing back into the undergrowth. This was only a brief rest for lunch so we were soon underway to our last but by no means least stop.

This was probably the most productive of the day's stops if for nothing else but the marvellous display given to the group by a pair of Golden Eagles. They were a magnificent sight set against the backdrop of the rugged Velebits. They totally stole the show, despite some stunning butterflies. Gerard managed to find a Southern White Admiral, an exquisite butterfly. Next were the more 'showy' Swallowtails with good views of European and Scarce. A Niobe Fritillary (Eris form) was also a nice find. A glimpse of Great Banded Grayling was tantalising and seen by just a few. A Stone Grasshopper species was another lovely find, a large grasshopper with a dramatic livery, together with a large and 'cross' hornet. To add to the wildlife spectacle we saw Alpine Chough and Blue Rock Thrush, whilst some others were heard such as Ortolan Bunting, Black-headed Wheatear and Eastern Orphean Warbler. Very happily we got back to the bus and finally headed to our new hotel.

After getting settled in, most of the group went for a walk with an electric storm breaking over the mountains. We decided to cut the walk short as it was threatening to pass overhead, however in the event it held off before it rained heavily and we all retreated to the bar for a cool drink. On the short walk we still managed to add a few more butterflies (Marbled White, Holy Blue and Lulworth Skipper) and the Italian Wall lizard. After an enjoyable day we sat down to a filling fish dinner and chatted until it was time to do the daily list and retire to bed.

Day 4

Thursday 12th June

Some of the group met early to view the moth trap, however instead of a net full of moths we were a little surprised to open the trap to hunting spiders on the rampage!

There were at least five spiders causing carnage in the trap and amongst the dissected wings a few moths remained! The group took some photographs and identified what species we could. We then had a stroll around the garden and heard Wryneck calling nearby. The temperature was already starting to rise and becoming very hot. We met the rest of the group for breakfast at 8am and discussed the day ahead.

Due to the very hot temperature (just over 40 degrees) we decided to do the 'Bike Trail' close to the hotel. We also decided to do this in stages so we were not out for long in the heat as the trail was mostly without shade. In the first part of the walk we found a variety of orange skippers including Lulworth Skipper. We also had a Nettle Tree and a few others that ventured out in the heat, including a few Grayling, Common and Woodland. There were also a number of locusts flying around. On the birding front Eastern Orphean and Subalpine Warblers were heard but remained evasive. A Kestrel flew over head with a large Balkan Green Lizard in its talons. This proved to be our only reptile in an area that is usually rich in snakes and lizards. As we approached midday a break was required so the decision was taken to meet the bus and drive to a cafe for a cold drink and to relax.

After the break we decided to drive to the Paklenika Nation Park H.Q and have a picnic in the shade. The group went for a walk down the dry river bed. On the walk we enjoyed the many Blue-spot Hairstreaks and skippers. There was also the introduced Geranium Bronze that was originally mis-identified to add to the growing butterfly list. We also found the large Egyptian Grasshopper, which is quite an impressive beast. A sighting of Cirl Bunting was also welcome, but the poor light gave mostly a silhouette view. Even during lunch the wildlife sightings continued, with a Praying Mantis dropping in and a Silver Washed Fritillary flying around the park H.Q. Up on the distant ridges Alpine Swift could be seen flying high across the mountains. After lunch some of the group had had enough of the heat and returned to the hotel to cool down. The rest of the group went for a walk up the canyon. Although the wildlife was limited the scenery was superb and a dramatic setting for our walk. A decidedly worn hawk-moth and a large black and white beetle were among the highlights. Gerard and Graham had a glimpse of a glider that sadly was too brief to conclusively identify.

We then moved on to our last walk in the National Park as we set off in search of our target species Little Tiger Blue. In recent years these cracking little butterflies had been hard to locate and few in number. On this occasion were only able to find one specimen, hopefully there was at least one other. Among the birds we enjoyed a great view of a Blue Rock Thrush and glimpses of Eastern Orphean Warbler and Subalpine warbler. At this point we decided to return to the hotel to cool down after a very enjoyable afternoon.

After a couple of hours most of the group set out again for a walk down to the coast. The butterflies remained quiet but we did enjoy Marbled White, European Swallowtail and some skippers and blues. A fritillary was thought to be a Spotted, but it did not settle to give a definitive view. We also disturbed a family party of Rock Partridges, which promptly flew off through a pine woodland. Later two of the group saw a European Hare at the same spot which was much paler than the northern version. It was time to head back for a drink and dinner to end a hot but enjoyable day.

Day 5

Friday 13th June

With another hot day forecast we made a decision to relax during the middle of the day and avoid the hottest part of the day. We set off at 6:30am for a pre-breakfast stroll.

There were a few butterflies around, but we primarily searched for Rock Partridge and Wryneck. We did manage a glimpse of the Wryneck, but the partridges eluded us. On the walk back to the hotel we finally found a Glass Lizard, which are usually common and not difficult to find. This individual slipped away into the undergrowth showing only its body.

Back at the hotel we had breakfast and got ready for the morning trip up into the Velebit Mountains. We followed a winding road up through the rugged scenery stopping to take a look over the Adriatic Coast and the hundreds of islands which dotted the sea out to the horizon. The scenery in Dalmatia is quite magnificent from the dramatic peaks to the archipelago. We then drove onwards and upwards towards a car park. We disembarked and began our descent towards a little hamlet down a rocky track. The birds in the area were apparent from their song with Nightingale, Black-eared Wheatear, Subalpine Warbler, Turtle Dove and Golden Oriole all singing. As we set off we immediately found a new butterfly for the trip in the shape of Marble Skipper, then another soon after with a Mountain Small White distinguished by the square marks on the apex of its upper-side fore wings. Despite the hot conditions there were many butterflies to enjoy including several Southern White Admirals and a range of blues, hairstreaks, graylings and fritillaries. An enormous Longhorn Beetle species was an interesting find and fortunately settled down for people to get good photographs. We pressed on accompanied by Nightingale and Golden Oriole the whole way. We eventually arrived at a shady spot and sat for a rest. The butterflies still kept coming with both Twin Spotted and Lesser Spotted both new for the trip. A suspected Balkan White was photographed for identification and a Southern Small White was seen by Graham, both new for this trip.

The return trip was conducted at a faster pace and fewer new butterflies were added, but a Chequered Blue was a nice additional species. A Southern White was seen by Graham, but a Balkan Marbled White was the cause of some debate. We eventually all arrived back at the car park and returned to the hotel to avoid the heat of the afternoon. After lunch everyone went to cool off and reconvene at 15:00. Suitably refreshed we set off to undertake the lower elevation walk, which is a continuation of the 'Bike trail'. This was chosen because it has produced some difficult species and offered some shade. Initially the wildlife sightings were slow as the afternoon still remained hot, however it soon picked up and we were enjoying a pair of Short-toed Eagles and later added Wryneck and Cirl Bunting. Butterflies were not abundant but we did find some Graylings and a Great Sooty Satyr, which was new for the trip. Little else was seen as we approached the road and we made our way back to the hotel.

As we arrived back a little after 17:00 we decided not to do the evening walk but just get ready for dinner. Instead we planned the night walk along to the near-by bridge. At the dinner everyone gathered and we celebrated Rosa's birthday. She had kept her birthday low key, but appeared to appreciate the gesture. We then toasted Rosa and went on to the ever popular listing and reflected on a glorious day. During the dinner we were treated to an aerial display by scores of Alpine Swifts, which was a lifer for Val. After dinner we waited for darkness to fall which was approaching 22:00 and then only partially due to the very bright full moon! A group set off to the bridge and after a few false alarms finally managed to see both fireflies and glow worm. To finish the evening off we were then treated to several bats hawking prey by a church floodlight. They were fairly large bats (Horseshoe size) but remained unidentified. The cherry on the top was a fly-by on two occasions by the Scops Owl that had been calling earlier. A lovely finale to what had been a cracking day!

Day 6

Saturday 14th June

Today was a travel day and we woke to leaden skies. After breakfast we left to head for our last destination. The weather continued to deteriorate and the rain began to become quite heavy. At our first stop we struggled to find much wildlife in the cold and wet, however with a little perseverance we began to find birds and even a butterfly or two. One of our target species was the Bright-eyed Ringlet, which we surprisingly found in a brief lull in the rain. We also heard and then saw a Woodlark in a near-by tree. We also eventually found Marsh Frog, Medicinal Leech and Alpine Newt in the streams. Val enjoyed some specimens of Red Helleborine. With no sign of the weather clearing we decided to drive off for lunch in the shelter of a near-by lodge.

After lunch we went for a walk in some beech woodland. Here we saw Firecrest and Bird's nest Orchids. On return to the van we began to find a few butterflies, mainly Small Heaths and a few common fritillaries. We decided to carry on our journey in the hope that the weather would clear. A few miles from our destination and the sun finally broke through and the afternoon became sunny and warm. We decided to stop at a meadow and immediately began to see butterflies on the wing. Most of the group had excellent sightings of the spectacular Owl Fly. There were several 'skippers' on the wing. There was good numbers of Small and Essex Skipper and abundant Olive Skipper. A selection of fritillaries included Queen of Spain, Glanville and Heath. A singing Lesser Whitethroat was unusually obliging and a Hoopoe flew-by. A Honey Buzzard passed overhead and was appreciated by all those that saw it.

It was soon time to make our way to the hotel. A diversion meant that we arrived a little later than expected. Everyone retired to their rooms, but most meet up again at 18:00 to explore the wildflower meadow opposite the hotel. This proved to be rich in wildlife with many Hawfinch and orioles providing a colourful display. The butterflies were equally spectacular, with many fritillaries on the wing. Twin Spotted were numerous as were Heath Fritillaries. Graham also saw a Spotted Fritillary, the first of the trip. The meadows were rich in a variety of Heaths, Browns, Blues and many Marbled Whites. It seemed only too soon that it was time to head back for dinner.

Back at the hotel we enjoyed an excellent meal (served at breakneck speed!) before retiring to catch upon the day's species list. After this was complete, a few went out to try for the Scops Owl that has been here regularly, however on this occasion it was unresponsive and we returned a little disappointed, but thrilled with how the day ended given the unpromising start...

Day 7

Sunday 15th June

We decided to visit the Northern Velebits this morning and set off after breakfast about 9am. On the way a small party of Bee-eaters were seen flying up off the road, these are always a delightful sight. We had one stop on the way and enjoyed some lovely fritillaries, blues and others. The only new one was a False Eros, which took a little time to identify. A Lesser Spotted was also tricky as it appeared to be a darker version, maybe due to the altitude. After we had spent enough time in the meadows we walked down to see the Mouflon, which are captive bred near-by. We then drove on to our destination, which incorporated some unspoiled upland meadows with some woodland and some fine views of the Adriatic coast. We picked up a few new butterflies such as a Dinky Skipper and a Lesser Butterfly Orchid! There were a few others such as Clouded Yellow, a selection of fritillaries including a probable Pearl Bordered.

An interesting find was a Field Cricket, which often scurry into their burrows, but this specimen allowed close inspection. The wind and cool temperatures made butterfly watching hard work as many were staying low. After lunch we drove down to the river valley in search of the stunning Large Copper. After quite a bit of searching we had enjoyed Lesser Grey Shrike, Little Grebes, but few butterflies. Marie then exclaimed she had seen a 'bright orangey thing', which was confirmed to be a large copper, a superb butterfly to end the day on.

We then returned to the hotel and some went for a walk around the meadow, whilst others chilled out. The cool evening meant that whilst there were quite a few butterflies around a lot were roosting deep in the grass. A few heath type fritillaries were found, looking tiny with their wings folded up. After a pleasant stroll through this lovely flower meadow it was time to get ready for the evening meal.

After dinner we did the day's listings and everyone received their feedback forms. It had been a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere all week and the leaders thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and relaxed attitude to the tour. It was a very enjoyable tour that sampled some of the best habitats in Croatia and some of the most spectacular and beautiful scenery.

Day 8

Monday 16th June

We woke to grey skies and cool temperatures, overnight there had been heavy rain so I was not expecting much in the moth trap. However, we had one of our better nights (Full moon clouded over?) with the highlight being a handsome Fox moth, with a species that was unknown to the group. This was some type of small underwing with bold spotting, we decided to take a photograph and try to ID later.

We set off at 9am to get to the airport, unfortunately even after the skies had lightened and the temperature increased a little, there were very few butterflies around and a couple of Small Whites was as much as we could muster in usually prolific areas. We had to content ourselves with the birdlife, which was more evident. Orioles, Buzzards, White Stork, Turtle Doves and Marsh Harriers were all seen as we made our way to Zagreb. At the airport we said our good-byes as the group made their way back to Gatwick after a relaxing and very enjoyable week.

Butterfly observations are obviously dependent quite heavily on weather conditions and in this regard we experienced quite an unusual trip. In the beginning of the week the temperatures were hot, but suitable for seeing butterflies. This was reflected in the number and species we saw in the first few days. The weather then turned extremely hot, which forces most wildlife to take shade. The week ended mostly damp and cool. Given these conditions were very pleased with the butterfly sightings that we enjoyed and the number of different species was probably about average for this trip. As ever there is also a supporting cast of birds, reptiles and other taxa to enhance the tour. Perhaps the Golden Eagles will be the highlight for many, for others the Owl Flies or Large Copper will stay long in the memory, whatever your particular favourite, this trip provides some of Europe's finest butterfly and general wildlife watching

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Species List

Butterflies (✓ = recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	June							
			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			✓	✓	✓			
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓	✓	✓			
3	Southern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia polyxena</i>		2						
4	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>		✓	✓					
5	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			2
8	Mountain Small White	<i>Artogeia ergani</i>					✓			
9	Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>		1						
10	Southern Small White	<i>Pieris mannii</i>						1		
11	Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias hyale</i>						1		
12	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
13	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	1	2		1			2	
14	Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium ilicis</i>			✓		✓			
15	Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium spini</i>			✓	✓	✓			
16	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		1						
17	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		1		2	1			
18	Large Copper	<i>Lycaena dispar</i>								3
19	Purple-edged Copper	<i>Lycaena hippothoe</i>			1					
20	Little Tiger Blue	<i>Tarucus balkanicus</i>				1				
21	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
22	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>		2			2			
23	Eastern Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>		✓	✓					
24	Chequered Blue	<i>Scolitantides orion</i>					1			
25	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
26	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>		1						
27	Reverdin's Blue	<i>Plebejus argyrognomon</i>			✓					
28	Amanda's Blue	<i>Agrodiaetus amanda</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
29	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>		✓	✓		1	✓	✓	
30	Turquoise Blue	<i>Plebicula dorylas</i>		1						
31	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
32	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
33	False Eros Blue	<i>Polyommatus eroides</i>								2
34	Geranium Argus	<i>Eumedonia eumedon</i>		1						
35	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Blue Argus	<i>Ultraaricia anteros</i>		2						
37	Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>		1	1					✓
38	Nettle Tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea celtis</i>				1				
39	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>			1		✓			
40	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloras</i>		2		1	1	1		
41	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>		2	2					✓
42	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>								1
43	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		3		1				
44	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		2	1		2			✓
45	Comma	<i>Polygonum c-album</i>		1	1					✓
46	Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>		1	✓					
47	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>	1	2		1	✓			

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			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
48	Niobe Fritillary	<i>Fabriciana niobe</i>			1		✓			
49	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Mesoacidalia aglaja</i>		1						
50	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>	2	✓	✓		✓	2	✓	
51	Twin-spot Fritillary	<i>Brenthis hecate</i>					1	✓	✓	
52	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
53	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>						1	1	
54	Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea fascelis</i>					✓	✓	2	
55	Heath Fritillary	<i>Mellicta athalia</i>		2	✓		1	✓	✓	
56	Marsh Fritillary	<i>Eurodryas aurinia</i>			✓		1			
57	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
58	Balkan Marbled Marbled White	<i>Melanargia larissa</i>					1			
59	Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi</i>				2	✓			
60	Eastern Rock Grayling	<i>Hipparchia syriacha</i>							1	
61	Grayling	<i>Hipparchia semele</i>			✓	✓	✓			
62	Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferrula</i>					3			
63	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisa circe</i>			2		1			
64	Woodland Ringlet	<i>Erebia medusa</i>		✓	✓				2	
65	Bright-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia oeme</i>					✓		1	
66	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeri</i>				1				
67	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>							1	
68	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	1	
69	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
70	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>	1							
71	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
72	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>	1		✓		✓	✓	✓	
73	Chestnut Heath	<i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>			✓			✓	✓	
74	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>		1	1				1	
75	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>		2				✓		
76	Orbed Red-underwing (Hungarian)Skipper	<i>Spilalia orbifer</i>		1	2					
77	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>		1		2				
78	Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>					2			
79	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>							1	
80	Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>			✓	✓				
81	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus flavus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
83	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
84	Nickerl's Fritillary	<i>Melitaea aurelia</i>			✓				✓	
85	Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>					1			

Moths

1	Buff-tip	<i>Phalera bucephala</i>			✓					
2	Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>			✓					
3	Small Elephant Hawk-moth	<i>Deilephila porcellus</i>		□	✓		□		✓	
4	Brown Silver-line	<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>			✓					
5	Grass Wave	<i>Perconia strigillaria</i>			✓					
6	Buff Footman	<i>Eilema depressa</i>			✓					
7	Light Brocade	<i>Lacanobia w-latinum</i>	□	□	✓	□	✓		✓	
8	Common Emerald	<i>Hemithea aestivaria</i>			✓					
9	Latticed Heath	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>			✓				✓	
10	Willow Beauty	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>		□	✓		✓			
11	Lace Border	<i>Scopula ornata</i>			✓					

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12	Black-veined Moth	<i>Siona lineata</i>			✓					
13	Clay Fan-foot	<i>Paracolax tristalis</i>			✓					
14	Hoary Footman	<i>Eilema caniola</i>	☐	☐		✓	✓			
15	Small Waved Umber	<i>Horisme vitalbata</i>		☐			✓			
16	Treble Lines	<i>Charanyca trigrammica</i>								✓
17	Small Fan-foot	<i>Herminia grisealis</i>								✓
18	Vine's Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina ambigua</i>								✓
19	Lead Belle	<i>Scotopteryx mucronata</i>								✓
20	Heart and Dart	<i>Agrotis exclamationis</i>								✓
21	Treble-bar	<i>Aplocera plagiata</i>								✓
22	Lesser Cream Wave	<i>Scopula immutata</i>								✓
23	Clouded Buff	<i>Diacrisia sannio</i>								✓
24	Fox moth	<i>Macrothylacia rubi</i>								✓
25	Rosy Rustic	<i>Hydraecia micacea</i>								✓
26	Common Wainscot	<i>Mythimna pallens</i>								✓

Birds (H = heard only)

1	Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>				✓				
2	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		H						
3	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			1	H	✓	H		
4	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	2							✓
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓						✓
6	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>						1		
7	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	3							
8	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	1						
9	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>								✓
10	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>								✓
11	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>								1
12	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			2					
13	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>						2		
14	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1						
15	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1						
16	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	3	✓	✓		1	2	2	
17	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				2	1			
18	Western Yellow Legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		1	✓					
19	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					1			
20	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>				1	✓			
21	Common (Feral) Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		2		✓		2		
23	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			2	✓	✓	✓		
24	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓		
25	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H	5	2	✓	H	H	✓	
26	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>						2		
27	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartus melba</i>				✓	✓			
28	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
29	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>								3
30	Dipper (Black Bellied)	<i>Cinclus cinclus cinclus</i>		1	✓					
31	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		1	2			1	H	
32	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>				H	3			
33	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>		L/O						
34	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1	1	1				H

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35	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	1							
36	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
37	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>								2
38	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		4	H	✓	H	✓	✓	
39	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓				2	✓	
40	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
41	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>			10					
42	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓						
43	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			2
44	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	H	✓			2	1	3	
45	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>						2		
46	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>		1						
47	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		1						
48	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	1	✓	H	✓	✓			1
49	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>								1
50	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			1					
51	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>						✓		
52	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	1	✓	✓			H		
53	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				1	1			
55	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H						✓
57	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				1				
58	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>				H				
59	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>		2				1		
60	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>								
61	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia crassirostris</i>			H	1	H			
62	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1						
63	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>				2	✓			
64	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		1	✓			2		
65	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	1	3						
66	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>								
67	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		4						
70	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	4	✓						3
71	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		2				H	H	
72	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			H	H	H	H	2	
73	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	3	✓	✓			✓	5	
74	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1						
75	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	1							
76	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			H		2			
77	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			1	2	✓			
78	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		1						
79	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>						2		
81	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>								✓
82	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		4						
83	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	
84	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			2			3		
85	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	1							2

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86	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	
87	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
88	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	✓	✓	☐	✓	✓	H		
89	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
90	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		✓	✓		✓			
91	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		5				✓	✓	
92	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓				1	
93	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	2	1				✓	1	
94	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			H	2	✓			
95	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>								

Dragonflies

1	Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>		✓						
2	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>							✓	
3	Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>		✓						
4	Common Clubtail	<i>Gomphus vulgatissimus</i>		2						
5	Downy Emerald	<i>Cordulia aenea</i>		2						
6	Black Darter	<i>Sympetrum danae</i>							✓	
7	Scarlet Darter	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>							✓	
8	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombi</i>							✓	

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Edible Frog	<i>Pelophylax kl esculentus</i>		✓						
2	Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>		✓						
3	Dalmatian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis melisellensis</i>				✓	✓	✓		
4	Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis sicula</i>			✓	✓				
5	Horvath's Rock Lizard	<i>Lacerta horvathi</i>							1	
6	European Glass Lizard	<i>Ophisaurus apodus</i>					1			
7	Dalmatian Algyroides	<i>Algyroides nigropunctatus</i>					✓			
8	Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>		2		1				
9	Agile Frog	<i>Rana dalmatina</i>		1						
10	Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>		✓						
11	European Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>			1					
12	Turkish Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>			✓	✓				
13	Alpine Newt	<i>Ichtyosaura alpestris</i>						✓		

Mammals

Bank vole, *Myodes glareolus*
Red Squirrel, *Sciurus vulgaris*

Roe Deer, *Capreolus capreolus*
Bat sps, *Several Unidentified*

European Hare, *Lepus europaeus*

Orchids and Lilly

Tiger Lily, *Lilium bulbiferum*
Birds nest Orchid, *Neottia nidus-avis*
Fragrant Orchid, *Gymnadenia conopsea*
White Helleborine, *Cephalanthera damasonium*
Heath Spotted Orchid, *Dactylorhiza maculata*

Lesser Butterfly Orchid, *Platanthera bifolia*
Southern Marsh Orchid, *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*
Red Helleborine, *Cephalanthera rubra*
Military Orchid, *Orchis militaris*

Invertebrates

Locust, *Locusta migratoria*
 Stone Grasshopper sp,
 Squash Bug, *Coreoidea sp*
 Long Horn Beetle sp , *Chrysomeloidea sp*
 Violet Ground Beetle , *Carabus violaceus*
 Frog Hopper, *Cercopis vulnerata*
 Field Cricket, *Gryllus campestris*
 Hawthorn Shieldbug , *Acanthosoma haemorrhoidale*
 Shieldbug, *Syromastes rhombeus*
 Assassin Bug, *Rhinocoris iracundus*
 Ascalaphid (Owl Fly), *Libelloides longicornis*
 Picture-wing Fly , *Urophora cardui*
 Ichneumon Wasp , *Netelia testacea*
 "Rhinoceros" Dung Beetle , *Copris lunaris*
 Green Chafer, *Gnorimus sp.*
 Rose Chafer, *Cetonia aurata*
 Soldier Beetle, *Cantharis rustica*
 Glow worm Sp, *Lampridae noctiluca*
 Egyptian Grasshopper, *Anacrididae aegyptum*
 Robber Fly sp, *Asiloidea sp*
 Violet Carpenter Bee , *Xylocopa violacea*
 Bee Beetle , *Trichius fasciatus*
 Frog Hopper sp, *Cercopoidea sp*
 Green Bush-cricket , *Tettigonia viridissima*
 Praying Mantis , *Mantis religiosa*
 Shieldbug , *Graphosoma italicum*
 Firebug , *Pyrrhocoris apterus*
 Tree Hopper, *Centrotus cornutus*
 Scorpion Fly , *Panorpa meridionalis*
 Horsefly, *Chrysops caecutiens*
 Ichneumon Wasp , *Ophion luteus*
 Common Ground Beetle, *Pterostichus madidus*
 Chafer , *Oxythyrea funesta*
 Longhorn Beetle, *Strangalia sp*
 Firefly sp, *Lampridae sp*

Arachnia,

Jumping Spider sp (Red), *Salticid*
 Green Orb-Weaver Spider, *Araniella cucurbitina*
 Crab Spider sp, *Thomisidae sp*

Others,

Medicinal Leech, *Hirudo medicinalis*
 Roman Snail , *Helix pomatia*

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