

The Butterflies & Birds of Macedonia

Naturetrek Tour Report

20 – 27 June 2017



Balkan copper *Lycaena candens*



Eastern Greenish Black-tip *Euchloe penia*



Esper's Marbled White *Melanargia russiae*



Meleager's-Blue-*Polyommatus daphnis*

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Day 1

Tuesday 20th June

London Gatwick to Kavadarci via Thessaloniki, Dojran Lake and a drinking fountain

Some of us met up in departures at London Gatwick airport for our flight to Thessaloniki, Greece. On arrival there, we met up with the other group members who had already arrived and our local leaders. On a hot and sunny day, we were soon aboard our minibuses and heading for the Macedonian border, where our first bird for the trip was House Martins nesting under the border post canopy.

We were soon ensconced in a restaurant in the town of Dojran for lunch, which comprised mountains of salad, chips and carp. Fed and refreshed, we made our way to the shore of the nearby lake. Stepping out of the vehicles, there were many Tree Sparrows to be seen and as we approached the water's edge, our first catch in the butterfly net was ... a Bladetail dragonfly! There were butterflies too, with (Balkan) Green-veined White and Lang's Short-tailed Blue a couple of the top spots. On the bird front, four Little Bitterns out in the open and showing well was a welcome surprise. In the fringing reed, a Great Reed Warbler sang and occasionally gave us a brief view, whilst out over the water was a large tern with a red bill looking enormously like a Caspian Tern - except they aren't really supposed to occur there in June!

Heading off towards our hotel, we stopped briefly at a drinking fountain (of which there are many in Macedonia). Here, butterflies usually like to congregate to take in liquid and salts... but not today – today it was devoid of lepidopteran life! Luckily, nearby, we did find Essex and Mallow Skippers, as well as a very smart Black-headed Bunting and Red-backed Shrike.

We were at our hotel for 6pm and, after dinner there, it was an early night for most.

Day 2

Wednesday 21st June

Vitachevo Plateaux, Dolna Boshava and the Drenovo Gorge

We were out early with our local bird guide Emil (Lisichanec). The idea was that we would hopefully see vultures at the vulture feeding station at Vitachevo – which we did! We enjoyed good views of a couple of both Griffon and Egyptian Vultures in the early morning light. By the time we had had our fill of these, the butterflies were starting to become active and we caught and/or saw Ilex Hairstreak, Lesser Fiery Copper, Eastern Baton Blue, Twin-spot Fritillary and the superb Great Banded Grayling.

Into the bargain we also managed to catch a Sand Lizard and a small snake (later identified as a Balkan Whip Snake – quite a rarity in Macedonia). We ate our packed breakfasts in the sun to the humming of insects and the songs of birds, with a fly past by the Griffon Vulture and a lovely Short-toed Snake Eagle.

Near the village of Dolna Boshava we had further excellent views of Egyptian Vulture, this one at a nest site on a cliff above the road. As we strolled into meadows by a small river, there were a host of lovely butterflies to be seen including Meleager's Blue, Cardinal, Large Tortoiseshell, Large Blue and Lattice Brown. Amongst the birds,

top spot was either a Syrian Woodpecker that loudly announced its presence for some time before finally making an all too brief appearance; or a fly over by a Booted Eagle.

We had a leisurely lunch in an open, but covered, terrace of a restaurant in the company of the Barn Swallows that nested there.

Post lunch, it was a short drive to the old WWII monument near Drenovo Gorge. Here we had somewhat long distance views of Alpine Swift and a perched Honey Buzzard, whilst a short walk revealed Scarce Swallowtail and Osiris Blue amongst the butterflies seen. We then returned to the hotel early for a short break in the heat of the afternoon.

In the early evening we set off for a nearby village where many Lesser Kestrels nest in the slightly unkempt and accessible roof spaces of the houses there. One particular house we watched had up to three nests, which the owner was very proud of. As the light faded, we saw many kestrels heading back for the night, along with some good views of Red-rumped Swallow and a Little Owl. Dinner was at a lovely restaurant in Kavadarci

Day 3

Thursday 22nd June

Near Vojshanci, Kilsura and the Babuna Gorge and River

It was another hot and sunny day, and our first stop was a dry river valley near Vojshanci. Almost as soon as we had stepped out of the vehicles we were treated to the song and view of a Black-headed Bunting perched atop a nearby bush. Other birdy treats followed including Tawny Pipit, Spanish Sparrow, Woodchat Shrike and the elusive Olive-tree Warbler. Top butterfly find was a Tessalated Marbled Skipper, known only from a few localities in the whole of the country. Other notable finds included a Southern White Admiral, a Field Cricket at the entrance to its burrow, and a rather scary looking Mediterranean Chequered Scorpion under some discarded rubbish. We had another packed breakfast here to the song of a Nightingale.

Our next stop was near a small church close to the village of Klisura where, on arrival, some had a brief view of a very smart Rock Bunting. Much easier to see, hanging about as they were at the surface of a small pool, were Fire Salamanders. A leisurely walk up to the church afforded good views of Woodchat Shrike and a Griffon Vulture chick in a nest accompanied by one of the parent birds. On the butterfly front, Southern Small White, Large White, Sooty Copper, Little Blue, Brown Argus, Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper and Olive Skipper were all seen and enjoyed.

Lunch was in the town of Veles; again leisurely and in another open but covered restaurant terrace. We had a traditional (and huge) 'pie' filled mainly with egg and pork, known as Pastrmajlija ... which strictly isn't a pie as it has no lid – but it was tasty nonetheless!

Post lunch, we stopped briefly at the Babuna Gorge entrance where we heard Blue Rock Thrush and saw Crag Martin. At the other end of the gorge, the birders split from the 'butterfliers' and saw European Roller, European Bee-eater and Golden Oriole well (the latter after much patience!) In the butterfly group the target species of Little Tiger Blue was eventually found, along with Iolas Blue and Tufted and Marbled Skippers - and they too had a splendid view of a Golden Oriole.

Our final quick stop for the day was overlooking the nest of an Imperial Eagle, which held two chicks but no adult. We waited for a few minutes and luckily were rewarded with an adult soaring lazily nearby; cream nape shining in the early evening sunlight.

Day 4

Friday 23rd June

Pletvar, Belovodica, Treskavec, Glogarica and Trnovo (near Bilota)

This morning was a more relaxed start with breakfast at the hotel. As we stepped out to board our vehicles we were greeted by Spanish Sparrows. Saying goodbye to Emil, we then set off for a hillside near Pletvar known to be a preferred haunt of the endemic Macedonian Grayling – which we found – along with some other lovely butterflies including; Delattin's Grayling (probably), Tree Grayling, Ripart's Anomalous Blue, the gem of an Eastern Greenish Black Tip and Balkan Marbled White.

Here too were some lovely Woodcock Ophrys and Bug Orchids amongst a whole host of other colourful and fragrant Mediterranean flowers. It was a touch quiet on the bird front, but a Lesser Grey Shrike and some Woodlarks were welcome additions to the list.

The next stop for the morning was a river valley near Belovodica. Here we flushed a magnificent Goshawk, but other birds proved scarce. We spent most of our time staring at a 'singing bush', hoping to see the songster which eventually revealed itself for just long enough to make out that it was a drab Garden Warbler. For butterflies, there was a good deal more going on. Some damp, dumped marble shards were attracting blues in large numbers and here or nearby we spotted Escher's Blue, Osiris Blue, Purple-shot Copper, Silver-studded Blue, Berger's Clouded Yellow, Sooty Copper, and Marbled Fritillary.

Lunch was in the town of Prilep, in the restaurant Makedonska Kukja (Macedonian House), bedecked with all manner of traditional tools and dress – and we had a traditional meal: a bean stew called Tavče-gravče.

From here, we headed off for Treskavec Monastery. This sits on top of a tall hill, was originally built in the 12th century and currently has only one monk – who we met. The monastery possesses a large collection of Byzantine frescoes, the oldest remaining dating from the 15th century – which we saw. We also saw a Black Redstart that nests there and, nearby, a Little Owl. There were also fantastic views over the surrounding countryside and a handful of interesting butterflies, including the lovely Reverdin's Blue and Niobe Fritillary.

Our final wildlife stop for the day was the fish ponds at Glogarica. On arrival, we had a fly past by a very smart Montagu's Harrier. A short walk brought us to a point where we could get a view of some open water rather than the ubiquitous and unproductive reedbeds (other than for hearing Cetti's and Great Reed Warblers). From here we saw Squacco Heron, Yellow Wagtail, Great Egret and some Whiskered Terns in the distance.

Our next hotel was a lovely building nestled in the foothills of the Pelister National Park.

Day 5

Saturday 24th June

The Pelister National Park – Trnovo to Golemo Ezero and back

Given the quiet and rural surroundings of the village of Trnovo, some of us ventured out before breakfast to see what birds could be seen. There were plenty of noisy House Sparrows and Starlings and for a while it seemed little of real interest would be spotted... but then the day was saved by some Tree Sparrows and a lovely Golden Oriole. We were back in time for breakfast at 7.30am and then out again at 8.30am, forsaking our minibuses for three sturdy 4x4s, required on the rocky tracks up the mountain.

Our first stop was locally known as the 'stone river' – a cascade of large rocks flowing down the mountainside (technically a periglacial form of frost-shattered granite blocks), and with a very refreshing mountain spring drinking fountain. Here we found a fresh and lovely Poplar Admiral and Clouded Apollo.

Next we stopped at a small sunny clearing awash with butterflies such as Orange Tip, Green Hairstreak, Wood White, Mazarine Blue, Large Wall Brown, Woodland Ringlet, Bright-eyed Ringlet, Russian Heath and Nickerl's Fritillary, but sadly few birds of note. When we had enjoyed this to the full, we paused by a small stream that bisected the track to explore what butterflies had also paused there to take water and salts. Here too was a treat for the birders when a (Spotted) Nutcracker was seen which slated Rob's 25-year thirst to see this species, having failed on at least three previous 'guaranteed' occasions.

At a small mountain/hunting shelter on a valley-side we indulged in coffee and rakia (a fruit/grape brandy), found some lovely butterflies such as Balkan Copper, Small Tortoiseshell, Northern Wall Brown, Balkan Fritillary and Red Admiral, saw a second Nutcracker, and listened to the song of a Yellowhammer. A little further on, we stretched our legs a little to see the smaller of two glacial lakes (with the very literal name of 'small lake'), along with a couple of plants endemic to the area – a violet (*Viola orphanidis*) and a carnation/pink (*Dianthus myrthinervius*).

Finally, at some 2,200 metres and after much bumping along what was more like a stream bed than a track, we arrived at our lunch stop; another mountain hut next to the larger of the two glacial lakes, named... you guessed it, the big lake! (Golemo Ezero). Here we feasted not only on our packed lunches, but also the fantastic views and the sheep's cheese, vine-ripened tomatoes and other goodies that the park rangers (who had driven and accompanied us) kindly provided.

By now the weather had turned a touch grey and that, combined with the altitude, meant few butterflies and the birds were limited to Linnet, Northern Wheatear and Kestrel. So we headed back down the bumpy track to a large forest clearing known as the Big Meadow. There were more butterflies here (Black-veined White, Nickerl's Fritillary and Pearl-bordered Fritillary) and orchids (Common Spotted Orchid and a marsh orchid) amongst a wealth of other flowers. Several Hawfinches also put in an appearance, which is always good to see. We arrived back at the hotel in the early evening, in time to freshen up before a lovely dinner. Post dinner, several of us strolled out into the lane to admire the fireflies that danced around the nearby meadows and bushes.

Day 6

Sunday 25th June

Studenchishko Blato, Orhid and the Galichica Pass (Preslap)

The pre-breakfast walk this morning took us a touch further than previously, since we had spotted a White Stork nest on an old barn from the 4x4s the previous day. Sure enough, perched some three metres up on the rooftop was a massive stick nest containing three well grown chicks and a rather sleepy-looking adult. They were totally relaxed about our presence: perhaps being next to the lane, they were used to many comings and goings.

After breakfast, we headed off for a swamp (Studenchishko Blato) on the outskirts of the town of Orhid. This borders the lake, but also has a promenade along its edge. Hence, we found ourselves dodging Sunday cyclists and skaters as we sought an entrance into the reeds, but also had Pigmy Cormorants flying about to enjoy. Eventually we found a track and were rewarded with good views of Great Reed Warbler and a possible Cleopatra butterfly.

Ohrid itself nestles on the shore of the lake and both are World Heritage Sites. Notable for once having had 365 churches, one for each day of the year, it has been referred to as a "Jerusalem of the Balkans". Rob treated everyone to an ice-cream and then Dime and Vasko gave us a tour of some of the town's highlights, including nesting Barn Swallows with chicks in some of the passages, a traditional paper-making shop, the amphitheatre (built in the Hellenistic period around 200BC, the Romans later removed 10 rows to accommodate gladiators and used it as a site for Christian executions) and the church of Saint Sophia (built during the First Bulgarian Empire, after the official conversion to Christianity: some sources date the building of the church to during the rule of Knyaz Boris I 852 – 889), which some of us had a wander around inside, whilst others had a look at the Hermann's Tortoises in the gardens instead.

By now it was lunchtime, so we strolled to the waterfront and found a lovely restaurant with a lakeside view. Fed and watered, we set off for the Galichica plateau on which we had several short stops. One was at another drinking fountain and again, this was awash with butterflies, especially blues (Turquoise Blue, Amanda's Blue and Zephyr Blue) but also Nettle-tree Butterfly, Eastern Bath White, Large Grizzled Skipper and Pearly Heath. In the little ponds created downstream of the fountain were Yellow-bellied Toads. Rob managed to catch one and show everyone its lovely yellow belly. We also stopped where paragliders were launching themselves into the blue yonder; but we were looking for Apollo butterflies, which we failed to find, but did see False Eros Blue.

Our last stop had a view over Prespa Lake and, way off in the distance, we could just make out the odd Dalmatian Pelican along with a couple of Common Buzzards much closer by. Top butterflies here were Knapweed Fritillary, Glanville Fritillary and Turquoise Blue

Day 7

Monday 26th June

Galichica Pass (Preslap), Stenjsko Blato and Prespa Lake

On another hot and sunny day we had a relatively leisurely start, setting off at 8:30am. Our route to the Galichica took us past Prespa Lake and we stopped briefly to get better views of Dalmatian Pelicans, but they were still quite distant.

Then it was back on the Apollo hunt. Woodlarks entertained us with song whilst we searched and it was not long before one of these large and smart butterflies was spotted, and not long after that Dime caught one for us all to see close up – what a fine beast it is. Other fine butterflies were also to be seen here including Esper's Marbled White, Large Tortoiseshell, Yellow-banded Skipper and Adonis Blue. An extra little treat was a small group of Chamois spotted by Rob grazing on a precipitous ridge, as these ancient goats are wont to do.

We then drove a short distance down a valley where the target species were Geranium Argus and Freyer's Fritillary. Unfortunately, we didn't see the later. Instead we spotted Marsh Fritillary, Clouded Apollo and Brimstone. In the flowery pastures insect life abounded, but the birds were remarkably subdued with Montagu's Harrier putting in a brief appearance, but otherwise it was mainly just occasional Yellowhammers singing from tops of bushes to be seen.

Just a little further down the pass, some small clearings in the woodland were awash with impressive Adriatic Lizard Orchids, some one metre tall and in full bloom. Here too were some nice butterflies including Blue Argus and Olive Grizzled Skipper.

Lunch was in a restaurant on the shores of Prespa Lake where, finally, we had some decent views of Dalmatian Pelican and enjoyed the local delicacy of 'whitebait' (with chips), only here they were some 15 centimetres long instead of the 'usual' five centimetres, which made them a whole lot trickier to eat. We also sampled 'Bunar': apparently the best way to deal with so-so white wine is by mixing it with sparkling water and bitter lemon and chunks of seasonal fruit – it certainly was refreshing!

By chance, we also met up here with Dani, a colleague of Dime and Vasko. She took us to a nearby wetland area with a tower hide. Here the birders spotted several Great Reed Warblers and Hoopoes (strictly, it was probably the same Hoopoe seen several times, as it was feeding chicks... but still lovely to see). Those in search of the Large Copper did not manage to see it, but instead saw a huge Four-lined Snake which was most put out at being disturbed and hissed loudly, making it pretty intimidating, even though it was non-venomous.

Returning to the vehicles, Dani suggested we try another tower hide on the other side of the lake. We did try, but it proved a much longer walk than she remembered! Eventually, we decided it was a touch too far and never quite made it there. We did though see a very smart European Bee-eater and Lang's Short-tailed Blue, and it was a pleasant walk, especially as we would be sat for most of the following day.

Day 8

Tuesday 27th June

Bitola to London Gatwick

An early start was required in order to arrive in good time for our flight home. The nearby border was straightforward and due to roadworks, we took the scenic route through Greece towards Thessaloniki. We stopped in a scenic spot to have our packed breakfasts. Here we thanked our local guides for all their help, guidance and enthusiasm.

Driving on, a Blind Mole was seen crossing the road – only our second wild and live mammal for the trip (the flattened Beech Marten on the road did not count, ditto the Otter spraint). All too soon we were saying goodbye to Dime and Vasko and heading back to UK.

Saying our farewells in the arrivals baggage hall at Gatwick, we all agreed that this undiscovered gem of the Balkans was immensely friendly and welcoming, and also full of wildlife and history to discover.

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Owlfly *Libelloides macaronius*



Idas Blue *Plebejus idas*

Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	June							
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1							
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				2			20	
3	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	4	1		1				
4	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			3	1	2	4	4	
5	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	5					2	1	
6	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				3				
7	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	4							
8	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	2							
9	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				1				
10	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>							13	
11	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>						5	15	
12	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	6							
13	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		2						
14	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		1						
15	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		2	2					
16	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		1	1					
17	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>		1					3	
18	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		1						
19	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>			3					
20	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1						
21	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>				1				
22	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				3			1	
23	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1	2	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
24	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>							H	
25	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				2		1		
26	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				10				
27	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	P							
28	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	1					4	19	
29	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>							1	
30	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>			14					
31	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		1	✓		✓	✓	✓	
32	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	6	2	1	2			2	
33	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	4	4	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>						1		
35	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>						H		
36	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1		1			1	
37	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		14					2	
38	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	40	4	14	✓		✓		
39	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>			3					
40	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		H	6	1			1	
41	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1	H	H	1	H		2	
42	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		1				1	2	
43	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		H						
44	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		30						
45	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			1	2	1		1	
46	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	1				1			
47	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	1	1		5	1		3	

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			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
48	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				1				
49	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		5	10	2				
50	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		2	2		1		H	
51	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		1		2	2		✓	
52	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>					2			
54	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	14	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
55	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	6	4	✓			✓	✓	
56	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		1	2	2				
57	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>					1			
58	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			1		1	1		
59	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		3		2				2
60	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			4		H			
61	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			10					
62	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			3					
64	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	44	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
65	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		10		2	2	1		
66	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				H		H		
67	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					H			
68	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	1			3		2	3	
69	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				H			1	
70	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>			1					
71	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>					H		H	
72	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>				1				
73	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		H						
74	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1						
75	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			H					
76	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					H			
77	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>						1		
78	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	16		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
79	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
80	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		H						
81	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		2				1		
82	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>					1			
83	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	H						
84	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>				2				
85	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			1					
86	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>								1
87	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					3			
88	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	17	14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
89	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>			2	1				
90	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	4	10		✓	✓	✓	✓	
91	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>					?			
92	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				2				
93	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		2						
94	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		1	1					1
95	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			2					
96	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				H	2			1
97	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		H		1	✓		✓	
98	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>					3			

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			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
99	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	2		1					
100	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			4	1	3			
101	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2		2			1		
102	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	H	2	3	2			1	
103	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>					1			
104	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			1					
105	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		1		1				
106	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	1	1	4					
107	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>				4				

Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>				P		✓		
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
3	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>								✓
4	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>					✓			✓
5	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			✓					✓
7	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
8	Southern Small White	<i>Pieris manii</i>		✓	✓					
9	(Balkan) Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi (balcana)</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		
10	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
11	Eastern Greenish Black Tip	<i>Elphinstonia penia</i>				✓				
12	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>					✓			
13	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>				✓		✓	✓	
15	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>						✓	✓	
16	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>						P		
17	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		✓		✓	✓			
18	Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Satyrion acaciae</i>				✓				✓
19	Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrion ilicis</i>		✓						
20	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>					✓	✓		
21	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>			✓					✓
23	Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>				✓				
24	Lesser Fiery Copper	<i>Lycaena thersamon</i>		✓	✓					
25	Balkan Copper	<i>Lycaena candens</i>					✓			
26	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	✓							✓
27	Provençal Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido alcetas</i>		✓		✓				
28	Little Tiger Blue	<i>Tarucus balcanicus</i>			✓					
29	Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>			✓			✓		
30	Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
31	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓						✓
32	Large Blue	<i>Maculinea arion</i>		✓						
33	Iolas Blue	<i>Iolana iolas</i>			✓					
34	Eastern Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>		✓		✓				
35	Zephyr Blue	<i>Plebejus pylaon</i>						✓		
36	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>		✓		✓				✓
37	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>				✓		✓		
38	Reverdin's Blue	<i>Plebejus argyrognomon</i>				✓				
39	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>			✓		✓			✓
40	Geranium Argus	<i>Eumedonia eumedon</i>						✓		

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41	Blue Argus	<i>Ultraaricia anteros</i>							✓	
42	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
43	Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri</i>				✓				
44	Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>						✓		
45	Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>		✓	✓					
46	Ripart's Anomalous Blue	<i>Polyommatus ripartii</i>				✓				
47	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>						✓	✓	
48	Meleager's Blue	<i>Meleageria daphnis</i>		✓						
49	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>								✓
50	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
51	False Eros Blue	<i>Polyommatus eroides</i>						✓	✓	
52	Nettle-tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea celtis</i>						✓		
53	Poplar Admiral	<i>Limenitis populi</i>					✓			
54	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
55	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>		✓						✓
56	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
57	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					✓			
58	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>				✓	✓			✓
59	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>					✓			✓
60	Comma Butterfly	<i>Polygonum c-album</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
61	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>			P	✓				✓
62	Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>		✓						
63	Niobe Fritillary	<i>Argynnis niobe</i>				✓	✓			✓
64	Queen Of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
65	Twin-spot Fritillary	<i>Brenthis hecate</i>		✓		✓	✓			
66	Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>		✓		✓	✓			
67	Balkan Fritillary	<i>Boloria graeca</i>					✓			
68	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>					✓			
69	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>						✓	✓	
70	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>						✓	✓	
71	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
72	Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	
73	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
74	Nickerl's fritillary	<i>Melitaea aurelia</i>					✓	✓		
75	Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>								✓
76	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
77	Esper's Marbled White	<i>Melanargia russiae</i>								✓
78	Balkan Marbled White	<i>Melanargia larissa</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
79	Delattin's Grayling	<i>Hipparchia volgensis</i>				P				
80	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>				✓				✓
81	Tree Grayling	<i>Hipparchia statilinus</i>				✓				
82	Macedonian Grayling	<i>Pseudochazara cingovskii</i>				✓				
83	Woodland Ringlet	<i>Erebia medusa</i>					✓			✓
84	Bright-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia oeme</i>					✓			
85	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
86	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
87	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
88	Russian Heath	<i>Coenonympha leander</i>					✓	✓	✓	
89	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			✓		✓	✓		
90	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓			✓		
91	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>					✓			

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92	Northern Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>					✓			
93	Lattice Brown	<i>Kirinia roxelana</i>		✓				✓	✓	
94	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
95	Large Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus alveus</i>						✓		
96	Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>			✓				✓	
97	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>			✓	✓			✓	
98	Sandy Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus cinarae</i>		✓						
99	Yellow-banded Skipper	<i>Pyrgus sidae</i>							✓	
100	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>	✓		✓					
101	Tufted Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus flocciferus</i>			✓					
102	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>			✓		✓			
103	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	✓	✓						
104	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
105	Tessellated Skipper	<i>Muschampia tessellum</i>			✓					
106	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>		✓	✓					

Dragonflies and Damselflies

Red-veined Darter, *Sympetrum fonscolombii*
 Bladetail, *Lindenia tetraphylla*
 Black-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum cancellatum*
 Blue Emperor, *Anax imperator*
 Banded Demoiselle, *Calopteryx splendens*
 Small Emerald Spreadwing, *Lestes virens*
 Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*

Scarlet Darter, *Crocothemis erythraea*
 Sombre Goldenring, *Corduligaster bidentata*
 Norfolk Hawker, *Aeshna isosceles*
 Small Pincertail, *Onychogomphus forcipatus*
 Beautiful Demoiselle, *Calopteryx virgo*
 White-legged Damselfly, *Platycnemis pennipes*

Other Invertebrates

Central European Firefly, *Lamprohiza splendidula*
 Giant Centipede, *Scolopendra cingulata*
 Grecian Streamertail, *Nemoptera coa*
 Mediterranean Chequered Scorpion, *Mesobuthus gibbosus*

Field Cricket, *Gryllus campestris*
 Pyjama Bug sp.,
 Owl Ascalaphid, *Libelloides longicornis*

Reptiles & Amphibians

Four-lined Snake, *Elaphe quatuorlineata*
 Sand Lizard, *Lacerta agilis*
 Hermann's Tortoise, *Testudo hermanni*
 A Wall Lizard, *Podarcis sp.*

Balkan Whip Snake, *Hierophis gemonensis*
 Spur-thighed Tortoise, *Testudo graeca*
 Common Fire Salamander, *Salamandra salamandra*
 Yellow-bellied Toad, *Bombina variegata*

Mammals

(Balkan) Chamois, *Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica*

Blind Mole, *Talpa caeca*



Woodland Ringlet *Erebia medusa*



Mating Blues