

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Dalmatian Pelicans



Peony near Celic Dere, Dobrogea



Tour houseboat on the Danube Delta



Sunrise on the Danube Delta

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Day 1

Saturday 3rd May

Sunshine and heavy showers – 14°C

Everyone met at Heathrow before boarding the BA flight: we had splendid views of mountains and forest as we approached Bucharest. We were met by our local guide, Marian, and our driver Mitica. On our drive out of Bucharest through farmland we saw White Stork, Kestrel, Crested Lark and Corn Bunting. As we neared Sinaia, the landscape changed to rolling, deciduous forest of Hornbeam, Beech and Oak with Common Buzzard soaring overhead and groups of migrating Eurasian Swift. We stopped for coffee near Sinaia and saw Raven, Goldcrest and Serin. We arrived at the Elena Hotel in Zarnesti at 8pm for our evening meal and met up with Diana and Philip, who had been in Romania a couple of days.

Day 2

Sunday 4th May

Sunshine and showers – 16°C

After an excellent breakfast we travelled to the nearby limestone Dambovicioara Gorge, seeing Fieldfare and Tree Pipit en route and at the Gorge, after some intense scanning, we spotted a male Wallcreeper, which had landed low on the cliff-face affording excellent views and photo opportunities for the group. Within the gorge were Dipper (dark-bellied race), Redstart, Grey Wagtail and Brimstone Butterfly. We enjoyed a picnic lunch amid Green-Winged Orchids, Cowslips and Oxlips, and there were fantastic views of the Carpathians and the meadows below. We then drove to Rasnoavei Gorge, where we spotted Sparrowhawk, Peregrine, Kestrel, Dipper and Marsh Tit.

After coffee at the hotel, half the group went with a national park ranger to a Bear hide while the rest went into Brazov led by Adrian, a local guide, to look around the historical, Saxon part of the town.

The bear hide visitors were unlucky as no bear visited the baited area on the edge of the forest, but there were Chiffchaff and Blackcap singing in the spruce woodland.

The Brazov group toured around the old town walls with views down into the medieval sector. Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Garden Warbler, Blackcap, Chiffchaff and Spotted Flycatcher were seen in the surrounding woodlands. The group walked back through the old, Saxon part of the town where an open-air concert was playing in the town square.

We all returned to the hotel at about 2130 for a late evening meal.

Day 3

Monday 5th May

Sunshine and showers – 16°C

A short bus journey took us to the head of the Zarnesti Gorge where we found Dipper and Rock Bunting with fragile purple Alpine Snowbell along the path. Branching off from the main track, we followed a steep path through the spruce woods, seeing Nutcracker and Red Squirrel, and finally emerged onto an alpine meadow where we had a picnic lunch. Here we saw Ring Ouzel of the 'alpestris' race, Water Pipit, Raven and patches of fading Snowdrop and Crocus.

From the lunch stop we walked to another open alpine meadow where we found more Ring Ouzel, Crossbill, Alpine Accentor, Siskin, Pied Flycatcher and a calling, young Eagle Owl. From here we descended through the woodland back into the Zarnesti Gorge and en route found Great Spotted Woodpecker, Nuthatch, Red-breasted Flycatcher and a number of Marsh Tit.

We were taken back to the hotel where we had drinks and snacks before splitting into a Bear hide visit group and a Brazov visit group. After a mixed day of showers and some sun the evening was clear. The Bear hide group were also unlucky with no bears visiting, although the rewards were a Black Woodpecker and a brilliant sunset.

The Brazov group had a good evening around the town seeing similar bird species as last evening and a sunny end to the day. Again, both groups joined for a late evening dinner with supporting local music and dancing.

Day 4

Tuesday 6th May

Sunny with some cloud – 18°C

On the long journey to the Danube Delta we drove out of the Carpathians and east through an undulating landscape where cereals, sunflowers and grapes were growing. During the morning drive we saw White Stork, Steppe Buzzard, Marsh Tit, Long-eared Owl, Honey Buzzard, Hobby, 10+ Red-footed Falcon, three pairs of Golden Oriole, Thrush Nightingale and a superb Red-breasted Flycatcher. From here we drove east to a lake where we were fortunate to see Dalmatian Pelicans, Purple Heron, Spoonbill, Black-necked Grebe, Ferruginous Duck, Avocet, Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper and Great Reed Warbler.

After a few hours on the coach we crossed the Danube where there were many Rollers, plus more White Stork. As we neared the Delta we stopped at a lake with rolling steppe as a backdrop. Here we found Lesser Spotted Eagle, Osprey, Bee-eater, Roller and Whiskered Tern. Towards the Delta a Montagu's Harrier crossed the fields with a few Calandra Lark and Corn Bunting evident in the same habitat. Then the road descended through a vast area of vineyards towards the Danube Delta.

We finally arrived at Tulcea on the Danube and boarded our houseboat, which was to be home for the next few days. As the sun was setting we had a welcome drink and an excellent dinner.

Day 5

Wednesday 7th May

Sunny with a cold wind – 15°C

A cool, cloudy morning cleared as we had breakfast and then our journey through the Delta began. We headed east in the smaller exploratory boat along the main Tulcea Branch channel before turning north onto a narrow, quiet waterway.

The Danube water level was around 2m higher than last year and had flooded over the banks of the water channels. We cruised along a channel flanked by willows giving views into small lake areas and into the Willow Carr woodland where a chorus of Cuckoo and Thrush Nightingale song accompanied us. We had brilliant, close views of many species such as Pygmy Cormorant, Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Great White Egret, Steppe Eagle, Spotted Eagle, White-tailed Eagle, Honey Buzzard, 'Steppe' Buzzard, Marsh Harrier, Levant Sparrowhawk, Kingfisher, Golden Oriole, Redstart and Penduline Tit as we threaded our way along the channels before meeting up with the houseboat on the main Sulina channel for lunch.

After lunch we went out in the small boat along narrow channels and into a large, open lake where we saw Dalmatian Pelican, Red-necked Grebe, Hobby, Red-footed Falcon, Black Tern, White-winged Tern, Whiskered Tern and Muskrat.

Back in the houseboat, we cruised east along the Sulina channel, passing villages with views out to areas of reed and farmland. By late afternoon we turned away from the main channel and headed north along a quiet waterway and moored up for the night near a vast area of reed habitat with Marsh Harriers hunting, and Cuckoos and Marsh Frogs calling, as well as a fantastic sunset over the reeds. In the fading light a couple of Savi's Warbler were singing close to the boat, and as the stars appeared we all enjoyed the feeling of being in a special wilderness area.

Day 6

Thursday 8th May

Sunny and some cloud, cold wind – 15°C

We awoke to a clear, sunny day with Cuckoos calling. Some of the group had a pre-breakfast walk along the channel bank and spotted White-tailed Eagle, good numbers of Marsh Harrier and a pair of Red-backed Shrike. After breakfast we boarded the small boat and cruised the Mugearu Channel to the village of Letea some 5km away. Along the channel Bittern were booming, and Red-footed Falcon, Great Reed Warbler, Bluethroat, Penduline Tit and Bearded Tit were observed.

We reached the village along a water-lily fringed channel; we disembarked and walked along the flood-bank to a wet grassland, finding Purple Heron, Garganey, Wood Sandpiper, Ruff and Greenshank and then into an ancient woodland habitat consisting of old Oaks and Aspen. In the woodland we saw Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Grey-headed Woodpecker, Icterine Warbler and Red-breasted Flycatcher.

We walked back through Letea, a linear village of blue wooden houses. The inhabitants are Haholi people who were deported from an area north-east of the Ukraine around 1920 and still have a simple life of fishing and agriculture. There was a large population of Tree Sparrow in the village and a number of migrant Redstart. By late morning we were back on the small boat and retraced our route to the houseboat for lunch. We moved to the Eracle Channel and visited the Lopatna Channel with sightings of Dalmatian Pelican, Great White Egret, Spoonbill, large numbers of Black Tern and White-winged Tern, Grey-headed Woodpecker and Redstart.

Then back to the houseboat for our meal and another peaceful evening in the wilderness.

Day 7

Friday 9th May

Cloudy with some sun and windy – 15°C

Before breakfast we saw an Otter swim past us into the nearby reeds. This morning's trip took us north on the Eracle Channel, which leads to the Stipoc Channel. It was very peaceful with no one else around in this vast reed and willow habitat, which teems with wildlife. We had excellent views of a large Pygmy Cormorant breeding colony, Dalmatian Pelican, Little Bittern, Red-necked Grebe, Black-necked Grebe, Ferruginous Duck, Garganey, Booted Eagle, Black Kite, White-winged Tern, Black Tern, Black Woodpecker, Syrian Woodpecker, Black Redstart, Thrush Nightingale and Wild Boar.

We rejoined the houseboat for coffee and tea then returned to Tulcea enjoying lunch as we travelled. Again, lots of species of birds were seen, particularly White-tailed Eagle, Roller and Cuckoo, Golden Oriole, Kingfisher and Stock Dove. We reached Tulcea by late afternoon and walked to a traditional music concert on the quay before dinner. After dinner there were a few speeches; we thanked Marian, who was leaving next morning and we met Eugen, who was to be our guide for the next two days.

Day 8

Saturday 10th May

Sunny and some cloud – 20°C

After breakfast we said our farewells to the houseboat crew and left by coach for the Black Sea coast south of Tulcea. We continued on through interesting Muslim villages to wetland habitats near the Black Sea at Histria where thousands of Sand Martins were feeding over the fields and Yellow Wagtails of various sub-species were scurrying about catching flies, and we had excellent sightings of Paddyfield Warbler singing high in the reeds.

The wet areas near Histria had Marsh Harrier, Black-winged Stilt, Avocet, Collared Pratincole, Dunlin, Curlew Sandpiper in summer plumage, Little Stint, Black-tailed Godwit and Ruff in large numbers. It was now quite hot as we drove to Vadu for lunch, a former industrial area with old lagoons beside the Black Sea.

At Vadu we observed another good selection of waders such as Collared Pratincole, Kentish Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Wood Sandpiper, Ruff and an excellent Broad-billed Sandpiper. Mediterranean Gull, Little Gull, Black Tern, White-winged Tern and Caspian Tern were in the same habitat.

In the early part of the afternoon we spent some time along the edge of the Black Sea watching a few Little and Sandwich Tern, Caspian Gull, Turnstone and smart, summer-plumaged Grey Plover. We travelled back towards Tulcea, stopping for some time on the edge of the Babadag forest, an area of ancient woodland rich in flowers. The Peonies were coming into flower with Monkey Orchid, Strawberry, Spurge spp. and Wild Thyme. From this habitat we had fantastic views across the Steppe with soaring Lesser Spotted Eagle, Long-legged Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Levant Sparrowhawk and Ortolan Bunting in the woodland. We left the woodland and travelled back to Tulcea to the Ibis guesthouse for the evening meal and our accommodation for the next two nights.

Day 9

Sunday 11th May

Sunny – 25°C

Breakfast was at 0700 and it promised to be a clear, sunny day. First we travelled west of Tulcea to a spectacular Bee-eater breeding colony with superb views across the upper Danube Delta. Here we also had Golden Oriole calling and flying between nearby poplar trees. A short drive further west brought us to a valley of old vines and scrubland where we saw and heard Barred Warbler. We then drove to Telita Ogurlui, a habitat of wood pasture consisting of Oak, Hornbeam and Wild Pear. We searched for quite a while for Sombre Tit and luckily, later found a pair near the highest part of the open woodland. Here we also found Lesser Spotted Eagle, Long-legged Buzzard, 'Steppe' Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Levant Sparrowhawk, Woodlark, Ortolan Bunting and an area covered in Peonies. In the same area, under a bridge, we saw Red-rumped Swallow, a scarce breeding bird in Romania.

We drove on to an area of ancient woodland of Oak, Lime and Hornbeam near the monastery at Man Cilic Dere for lunch and then walked through part of the woodland, where we saw Black Woodpecker, Middle Spotted Woodpecker with a nest and young, Icterine Warbler, Wood Warbler, Nuthatch and good numbers of Hawfinch.

We drove on to the Macin Hills, the oldest rock formations in Romania which belong to the 'Caledonian Period'. On the dry slope to the hills there were at least 35 breeding Isabellin Wheatear, which have increased dramatically since they were first discovered there in 2000. We continued around the base of the hills and found Stone Curlew with occasional Suslik, a type of steppe ground squirrel. To end a very successful day, we heard a calling Corncrake. We also saw spotted Tawny Pipit and a pair of Woodchat Shrike. With everyone satisfied and hungry we departed to our guest house in Tulcea.

Day 10

Monday 12th May

Sunny – 25°C

After breakfast we boarded our coach for the airport in Bucharest. On the journey we spotted a number of birds of prey and shrikes by the roadside, and we saw Ruddy Shelduck and Whitethroat at a lakeside boosting the final list of bird species to 206.

It had been a really successful, eventful, informative and relaxing holiday thanks both to our Romanian guides, Marian, Mihai and Eugen and everyone who participated in the tour.

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Species Lists

Birds

	Scientific name	Common name	May									
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				4			62		2	
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				1				1		
3	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				6	20	30	30	7	6	
4	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					3	4	7		2	
5	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>				2	20 0	230	15 0	20 0	10 00	
6	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>				3	13	18	6	6		
7	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				6	√	√	√	√	√	
8	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>					75	√	√			
9	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>						2	2			
10	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>							1			
11	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					50	20	30	20	6	
12	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					70	30	√			
13	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>				2	6	20	6	4	2	
14	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				7	30	20	√	√	20	
15	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				10	30	10	10	8	2	
16	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				2	10	20	5	8	4	
17	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	2	5		15 0	10	10	15	35	25	
18	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						1				
19	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					50	30	30			
20	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				2	5	2	1	4	4	
21	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				3	√	6	√	√	√	2
22	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>					√	20	10	30	20	
23	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>								12		
24	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>										2
25	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1	4		8	20	8		√		
26	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					30	8		20		
27	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>								8		
28	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>						2	2	6		
29	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>								7		
30	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>							4			
31	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				12	15	10	20	25	20	
32	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				5	10	20	30	20		
33	Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>							1			
34	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					16	2	2			
35	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				1						
36	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>					1					
37	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>					1					
38	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>				3	1			2	2	
39	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>					1		1			
40	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>							1			
41	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				6	17	21	29	22	6	
42	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				1						
43	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								2	4	
44	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	5	8	1	12	50	5	2	2	15	50
45	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>				2	5		2	1	2	
46	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1			7	1		1		

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
47	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>					1			1	3	
48	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			1							
49	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				1	12	19	15	1	1	
50	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	8	3	1	10	2	2		7	8	5
51	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>				42	20	30	30	8	4	
52	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1		1						
53	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>				1					1	
54	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					8	3	1		2	
55	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>								1		
56	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>									1	
57	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>							1			
58	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				3	2	2	2			
59	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	3			10	√	√	√	√	√	√
60	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				3		8		35		
61	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				4				20		
62	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedichnemus</i>									3	
63	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>								10		
64	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>								4		
65	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>								2		
66	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>								20		
67	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>								30		
68	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	4				4	10		20	6	
69	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								6		
70	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								35		
71	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								15		
72	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>								0		
73	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>								1		
74	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				2		12		3	2	
75	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					1					
76	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					2			10		
77	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				2				1		
78	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					2	1				
79	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>						1		15		
80	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>						19		10		
81	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>				√	√	√	√	√	√	√
82	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>								3		
83	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>								2		
84	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				4	20	18	√	√		
85	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>								2		
86	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>								3		
87	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>								8		
88	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>								8		
89	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					1					
90	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				3	√	√	30	√		
91	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>								3		
92	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					65	230	70	50	20	
93	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>					38	40	60	6		
94	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	4			3	√	√	√	√	√	√
95	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
96	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>					9		3			
97	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			4	1	6	6	2	4		
98	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	15	20	6	√	8	7	10	√	√	√
99	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>					5				4	
100	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		1	1	4	29	30	25	18	10	
101	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>			1h							
102	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>				1						
103	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	35	5	2	50	10		30		4	
104	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					19	3	15			
105	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				2	5	3		18	15	
106	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>				10	23			10		
107	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				17	17	6	10	8	50	
108	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		1					1		1	
109	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>					4	6	3		1	
110	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>										
111	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>							1	1		
112	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			1	2	2		1		1	
113	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		1						1	1	
114	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>					1	1				
115	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				1				6	2	
116	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	1					2		6	6	
117	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>									4	
118	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								3		
119	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>				5				20		
120	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								√	10	
121	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	2	50	5	√	30		10 0	√	√	√
122	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	50	30	5	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
123	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>									2	
124	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>									1	
125	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		2								
126	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		2	1							
127	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>			5							
128	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	10	10	5	8	15	6	10	6	10
129	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		20	10		1					
130	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		1				1		10 0	1	
131	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		3	4	1						
132	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		4	6							
133	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>			1							
134	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			3							
135	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		6	10	1						
136	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>						1			1	
137	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>				2	35	8	8			
138	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>						1				
139	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1	1		24	10	6			
140	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>						1	1			
141	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			1	1		1		10	10	
142	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>									35	
143	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>				1						
144	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>						2				
145	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		30	√	4		1	1		6	

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146	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			10	2							
147	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		6		2							
148	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1	6	10							1	
149	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		3	20								
150	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>					13	3	6				
151	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>										6	
152	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		3		4	9	2	4	3	1		
153	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>			1		7	8	2		1		
154	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>											1
155	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						1					
156	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>						10	2				
157	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					1	8	4	10			
158	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>								3			
159	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				6	12	20	12	25	2		
160	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>						1				10	
161	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>										2	
162	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	1								3		
163	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		5	5		4	1	1	1			
164	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	1	1	5								
165	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1			1						
166	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>			1	1	2	1					
167	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1							1	
168	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		5	10	√	√	√	√	5	6		
169	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>				1	√	√	√		6		
170	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	2		10								
171	Marsh Tit	<i>Parus palustris</i>		2	10								
172	Sombre Tit	<i>Parus lugubris</i>										3	
173	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>						10					
174	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>						9		6			
175	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					1	6	2				
176	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			1							1	
177	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		1									
178	Common Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			4			1					
179	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>										2	
180	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>				1	3	2	3	25	25	10	
181	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>						1		2	10		
182	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	√	√	3	√	6	5	5	√	√	√	
183	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		1		1							
184	Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>			1								
185	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	√			√	20			√	√	√	
186	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	√	√	2	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
187	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	
188	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	2	8	4	3							
189	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	30	√	6		√	√	√	√	√	√	
190	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				3	16	4	5	1	10	1	
191	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>									50		
192	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
193	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				3	35	20	20	10	20	10	
194	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	2	10	√	√	12	2	2	1	10		
195	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>		1								2	

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196	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	1	1	2	3					4	
197	Serlin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	1	1								
198	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>			3							
199	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	3	3	4	6	6	4		6	6	
200	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			2						1	
201	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>				1					6	
202	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			3							
203	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			1							
204	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								6	8	
205	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					2	6	4	5		
206	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	2			5				10	20	10

Mammals

Wild Boar

European Otter

Suslik

Mole

Fox

Brown Hare

Muskrat

Wood Mouse

Reptiles & amphibians

Dice Snake (Water Snake)

Tree Frog

Balkan Wall Lizard

European Pond Terrapin

Yellow-bellied Toad

Marsh Frog

Edible Frog

Spur-thighed Tortoise

Fire-bellied Toad

Snake-eyed Skink

Butterflies

Painted Lady

Scarce Swallowtail

Small White

Small Heath

Berger's Clouded Yellow

Orange Tip

Large White

Green-veined White

Balkan Clouded Yellow

Common Blue

Selected trees & plants recorded by Mihai Petrescu

Celic - Dere

Carpinus betulus

Morus alba

Crataegus monogyna

Fraxinus ornus

Descurainia sophia

Sambucus nigra

Telita - Ogurlui

Quercus pubescens

Vicia sativa

Ulmus minor

Quercus pedunculiflora

Pyrus pyraeaster

Fraxinus excelsior

Salix triandra

Cornus sanguinea

Quercus pedunculiflora

Orlaya grandiflora

Lathyrus nissolia
Phlomis tuberosa
Medicago minima
Thymus pannonicus
Pyrus bulgarica
Achillea setacea

Macin Mountains

Valerianella dentate
Linum austriacum
Silene clerei
Lagula viminea
Achillea lepophylla
Festuca callieri
Artemisia austriaca

Babadag Forest

Fraxinus coriariifolia
Aegopodium podagraria
Fraxinus excelsior
Lorylus avellana
Lamium maculatum
Cardamine (dentaria) bulbifera
Stipa capillata
Dactylis glomerata
Anthriscus nemorosa
Euphorbia glareosia
Orchis morio

Histria

Aster tripolium
Halimium verrucifera
Artemisia santonica
Suaeda maritima

Vadu

Elymus sabulosus
Secale silvestre
Astragalus varius
Typha angustifolia
Ranunculus sceleratus
Euphorbia seguieriaum

Vicia tenuifolia
Festuca valesiala
Carex praecox
Trifolium campestre
Loranthus europaeus
Pyrus pyraister

Salvia aethiopis
Xeranthemum annuom
Ajuga chamaeptytis
Moehringia grisebachii
Campanula romanica
Eleagnos nardiformis
Anthemis austriaca

Nectaroscordum siculum spp bulgaricum
Carpinus betulus
Lithospermum purpureo- caeruleum
Acer platanoides
Tilia tomentosa
Mercurialis perennis
Stipa pulcherrima
Stipa lessingiana
Melica uniflora
Nonea pulla
Euphorbia dobrogensis

Alopecurus arunbinaceus
Halimium pedunculata
Spergularia media
Salicornia herbacea

Onopordum acanthium
Centaurea cineraria
Orchis laxiflora
Hordeum hystrix
Typha laxmannii
Ranunculus trichophyllum