

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Carpathian Mountains



Danube Delta



Brown Bear



Spur-thighed Tortoise

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Day 1

Saturday 15th May

London Heathrow to Zarnesti (via Bucharest)

Sunny in UK, rain in Romania

An uneventful 3 hour flight brought us to a rather grey and wet Bucharest. After 'ticking' swift, house sparrow and the ubiquitous magpie from the baggage hall, we were met in arrivals by Daniel, our Romanian guide for the first part of our holiday. Boarding our 20 seater coach we were off north and into a landscape of mainly arable agricultural land. After a couple of hours and a quick coffee and comfort stop near Sinaia, we were on the edge of the Carpathian Mountains. Here the landscape was one of steep wooded hillsides of Hornbeam, Beech and Spruce with the snow-topped mountains in the distance (though today, mostly obscured by cloud). After a further two hours or so, we reached the village of Zarnesti and the rustic Elena Hotel, our base for the next two nights. It had been a long day, so after a lovely evening meal, most people were soon to bed.

Day 2

Sunday 16th May

Zarnesti Gorge (am and early pm), Dambovciora Gorge (late pm)

Showers all day

Post a yummy breakfast, we departed on the short drive to the Zarnesti Gorge. Almost on leaving the coach we were 'greeted' by a family of Dipper (black-bellied race), the adults busy flying up and down the stream gathering food for their ever-hungry well grown chicks. We strolled up the gorge, but the showery and windy weather seemed to be keeping bird activity low. We heard a Wood Warbler, Goldcrest, Nightingale and Cuckoo but an actual sighting proved elusive.

Equally, we spent some time near Alpine Swift, Wallcreeper and Crag Martin nests, but only had views of the latter. However, a group of Chamois, an Agile Frog, a handful of butterflies, some busy Grey Wagtails and rafts of very smart flowers (notably Alpine Bells, Green-winged Orchid and Toothwort) helped keep us entertained.

In the afternoon we swung briefly around 'Draculas' castle, busy with tourists, on the way to the Dambovciora Gorge with hopes of Wallcreeper, but this was not to be, only dramatic scenery and a lovely Marsh Harrier on our return. Back at the Elena Hotel, we had another fine dinner and caught up on the sightings of the day.

Day 3

Monday 17th May

Stramba Valley

Grey but mostly dry

After breakfast we drove to the Stramba Valley, where, probably due to the lack of wind, birdlife was far more evident than the previous day. There were lots of Fieldfare, Yellowhammer, Red-backed Shrike and Woodlark. A Fox and some Roe Deer made unusual neighbours in a nearby field. As we strolled, a Lesser Spotted Eagle was seen, helpfully perching on a dead tree and so affording excellent views. A fly past by a Syrian Woodpecker was a welcome addition. A picnic lunch was taken on the banks of a babbling brook with the additional bonus of nearby 'singing' Whitethroat and Lesser Whitethroat.

Post lunch, further strolling down the valley gave us views of Honey Buzzard, Grey-headed Woodpecker and a tiny, but perfectly formed, Yellow-bellied Toad, which gave an ace impression of being dead! Cuckoos were very vocal, and Daniel managed to whistle some in to a remarkable close distance – they just could not work out where this annoying interloper was!

We drove back for an early dinner, since, post-dinner, it back to the far end of the Stramba Valley and a evening out with bears. The bear hide is nestled in some lovely woodland overlooking small clearing. We sat expectantly as the local ranger laid out food in a number of locations in the clearing, making each a challenge to get to, via use of hollow logs and/or covering with various rocks, logs and in once place, the requirement to climb for your dinner. Our first Brown Bear, a youngster, arrived fairly promptly and made rather short work of the climb and log clearing required to get to the mix of grains (sprinkled with chocolate chips) that had been laid out for it. This was followed by a procession of bears, coming (some no more than 20m away) and going and all rising to the challenges set. By the time we had to leave due to the fast fading light, we had probably seen 5 individuals (possibly 6) ranging from one year old youngsters to 3 or 4 year old young adults.

Day 4

Tuesday 18th May

Zarnesti to Tulcea (via Ialomita and Hasarlic Lake)

Grey but mostly dry

Bidding our goodbyes to the friendly staff of the Elena Hotel, we departed on the long drive to Tulcea on the edge of the Danube Delta. En route we had a fair few roadside sightings, including European Roller, White Stork and Lesser Grey Shrike.

Lunch stop was at a roadside Poplar plantation (near Ialomita), where (somewhat unsurprisingly) there were some fluting Golden Orioles. Less predictably, but just as satisfying were views of Red-footed Falcon, making good use of a large rookery for nesting and some colourful European Bee-eaters. Continuing on, a second roadside stop was taken by Hasarlic Lake, with lots of excellent birds to be seen (and/or heard), including Whiskered Tern (in resplendent summer plumage), Purple Heron, Black-winged Stilt, displaying Great Crested Grebe and a couple of adult Ruddy Shelduck with an accompanying large flotilla of fluffy youngsters. Continuing our drive and passing through vineyards, we arrived in the town of Tulcea in good time. Here the floating hotel (houseboat) that was to be our home for the next four days awaited us on a not so blue Danube. Dinner was (again) lovely and a birthday cake (and song) was produced in celebration of this special day for Sally.

Day 5

Wednesday 19th May

The Danube Delta

Grey with a few sunny intervals

After breakfast, we boarded a small boat which took us deep down into the maze of channels, large and small, that make up the Danube Delta. On these, there were large numbers of birds to be spotted. Kingfishers flashed between twigs, Little Egrets stood stoically waiting for a passing morsel and Dalmatian Pelicans glided majestically overhead. Chugging slowly along or sometimes just drifting with the current, we passed water-lily decorated lakes dotted with Ferruginous Duck, Red-necked Grebe and smart White-winged Black Tern. Tree lined watercourses between these lakes were a great place to see Tree Sparrow, Red-necked Falcon and Hobby. At one point we came across a large mixed flock of feeding waterbirds, the narrow channel here positively stuffed with White Pelican, Black-crowned Night Heron, Little Egret, Squacco Heron, Cormorant and the dinkier Pigmy Cormorant – clearly a great place to fish.

A late lunch back on board the floating hotel (now moored on a channel deep in the Delta) was followed by a quick break and then back onto the small boat and off on the watery byways. During this outing we had really good views of Dalmatian Pelican, Black-crowned Night Heron, Glossy Ibis, massive White-tailed Eagle and some stonking Bearded Tits. Dinner was to a chorus of Great Reed Warbler and Marsh/Edible Frogs, the latter, along with a gentle rocking, lulling us into a peaceful sleep.

Day 6

Thursday 20th May

The Danube Delta including Letea Village

Sunny intervals

Post breakfast, we again boarded the small boat and slowly wound our way towards the village of Letea. Within about an hour we had reached the village. Walking along the flood bank, we had a cacophony of frog 'song' to our right and a lovely mix of White-winged Black and Whiskered Terns on our left. Other delights included a small Grass Snake and lots of Norfolk Hawker dragonflies (very rare in the UK). Our initial destination was ancient forest. This forest was formed thousand of years ago on a linear dune system and is thought to be a relic of the ancient wildwood and one of the last examples of its kind in Europe. Here we walked for a while but the well developed foliage made spotting even singing birds (including Wryneck) tricky.

Most of the group soon continued on to Lieta village (and were rewarded with Lesser Grey Shrike and Northern Wheatear and culture). The few that tarried in the woodland eventually had glimpses of Spotted, Pied and Collared Flycatcher. Returning to the floating hotel for a late lunch, it was soon all aboard the small boat again and off into the seemingly endless lakes, channels, reedbeds and wet woodlands to see more wetland birds. Rather oddly along one small channel there was a feeding Hoopoe and we had some excellent views of Little Bittern as they flew from one reedbed to another. On some lakes there were some lovely Black Terns and in the reedbeds there were Bearded Tits to be seen. Purple Herons were plentiful and fine views were had of Marsh Harrier and European Roller. Evening entertainment back at the floating hotel included booming Bittern.

Day 7

Friday 21st May

The Danube Delta (return to Tulcea)

Sunny intervals with heavy showers late pm

Pre-breakfast, some had excellent views of Little Bittern from our bankside mooring. After breakfast we set off into the wet wilds for the last time on the small boat and were soon in the midst of a Black Tern breeding colony along with Great Crested and Red-necked Grebe. Sailing along, we saw the usual mix of wetland birds but also some lovely up close views of Red-footed Falcons and White Stork both by their nest. A pair of Garganey was also a welcome sight.

We were back on the floating hotel for lunch and the journey back to Tulcea. From the lofty top deck and initially in the sunshine, we had splendid views out over the marshes and their wonderful fair of birds. Some of the bankside willows had some intriguing clouds of mayflies above them, but sadly we were all too soon forced below decks by heavy showers. By late afternoon, as we neared Tulcea, some boat 're-arrangements' afforded us with the opportunity of some excellent views of Common and Black Redstart on nearby barges.

Day 8

Saturday 22nd May

The Dobrogea Region, Babadag Forest, Grindul Lupilor, Histria, Vadu, Denise Tepe and near Sacele

Mostly sunny

An early breakfast was had in preparation for a long day exploring the Dobrogea region. It was back to our trusty coach and off south through extensive vineyards. Our first stop was some of the mature woodland in the Babadag Forest. It was, as ever, tricky to spot life in the dense emerald canopy, but we did manage both Great and Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and heard Red-breasted Flycatcher, Icterine Warbler and Turtle Dove (seen later in the day). Moving on a short distance, the nature of the forest changed to a much scrubbier and more open character. Here the wealth of flowers turned the heads of even the most ardent birders, especially the orchids, of which there were many: Lady, Green-winged, Toothed, Greater Butterfly, White Helleborine and Violet Limadore along with a host of other colourful blooms. We saw our first Balkan Wall Lizard, Lesser Emperor dragonfly, an enormous cricket, a handful of butterflies and even some birds...perched and singing Ortolan and Corn Buntings.

It was then on to the coast at Grindul Lupilor (Wolf sand bar). As we approached, a Paddyfield Warbler was spotted singing from the reed-beds on one side of the coach and a lovely Black-headed Wagtail feeding on the other. Moving on a short distance, we de-camped overlooking a shallow waterway where a whole host of waders and seabirds were busy feeding or just sitting around ripe for identification. Top spot was probably a couple of Pallas Gulls, but the diversity was also impressive with Curlew Sandpiper and (at least a couple) of Broad-billed Sandpiper, Dunlin, Little Stint, Little Ringed and Kentish Plover, Little Tern, Caspian and Little Gull, Shelduck, Red-crested Pochard and some lovely Collared Pratincole flying around - an excellent place, with a quick stop at a European Bee-eater colony just round the corner into the bargain.

Near Histria we had a packed lunch and coffee with Yellow Wagtails and it was then on to a couple of old fish ponds near Vadu where a distant roosting bird caused much discussion - was it a Water Rail, Godwit or Redshank? It eventually roused itself and turned out to be the latter. A large Common Tern colony, a Little Stint and a lone White-winged Black Tern also provided some entertainment here.

From here it was a short drive to see the edge of the Black Sea where there was little to see by way of birds, but some dipped a bare toe (or ten) in the water and the Lax-flowered Orchids were lovely. The region is noted for its 'steppe' habitat (short grassland) and at Denise Tepe we had a flavour of this along with its attendant Isabeline Wheatear, Tawny Pipit, Spanish Sparrow, Calandra and Short-toed Larks. Our final bird stop was near Sacele where the desired Stone Curlews (a whole family) were quickly spotted. A long, but very productive day, drew to an end as we arrived at our accommodation for the next few days, the smart Ibis Hotel in Tulcea.

Day 9

Sunday 23rd May

The Dobrogea region, Celic Dere, Saon Forest and the Macin Mountains (Macin and Greci)

Mostly sunny

Another day of several stops... After breakfast, we were away to Celic Dere and a walk along, and in, an area of woodland with some great views of a Hawfinch and its unfeasible large bill and a Red-breasted Flycatcher singing away, even though it was a female!

En-route to the next stop (an area known as the Saon Forest) a Short-toed Eagle passed lazily overhead. On arrival at Saon, the sun came out.....and so did local picnickers.....and butterflies. We detoured around the former and thoroughly enjoyed the latter, including some remarkable docile Cardinals - which is a type of large fritillary. Levant Sparrowhawk and Black Stork were welcome new additions to our bird list. A rather scary giant centipede and a dinky young Spur-thighed Tortoise were also good to see.

Departing this lovely spot, we headed for the Macin Mountains and near Macin we helped ourselves to a buffet picnic lunch interrupted by Isabelline Wheatears, bizarrely hovering nearby, and a slow fly past by Long-legged Buzzard. A short post lunch stroll took us to the top of a nearby knoll which proved a good vantage point for Golden Oriole and (expertly spotted by Josef) a distant, but very smart Pied Wheatear.

The final bird stop was near Greci, where we watched Long-legged Buzzard at the nest (2 fluffy chicks) and their main prey, a ground squirrel known as a Suslik. A Syrian Woodpecker and a Hoopoe also made brief showings. We drove back to our guest house in Tulcea for drinks, the evening meal and a final listing of birds (176 species), mammals (5 species) and various other creatures and plants seen or heard.

Day 10

Monday 24th May

Tulcea to London Heathrow (via Bucharest)

Mostly sunny

Following breakfast, we said our goodbyes to the hotel staff and departed on the drive to Bucharest airport. We had a brief stop near Hassarlic Lake again, the number of Ruddy Shelduck chicks having sadly significantly diminished.

We reached the airport in good time and thanked Laurentiu and our driver hugely for their help and humour. Despite the BA cabin crew strike, the flight and service were fine and we were soon back at Heathrow and off our separate ways with fond shared memories of a great holiday!

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Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May									
			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					2		10			
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							h			
3	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			1	16	20	16	12			
4	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					10	4	20			
5	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>				1	50+	50+	20	100+	100+	
6	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>					4	5	2	2		
7	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				16	✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>				1	20	50+	50+	12		
9	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>					h	1	h	h		
10	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>						2	1			
11	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				2	14	19	✓	✓		
12	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					19	30	30			
13	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>					6	10	2	2		
14	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				12	✓	✓	✓	✓		
15	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			2	4	✓	✓	✓	✓		
16	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				1	6	20+	10	1		
17	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>				50+	4		2	4	4	16
18	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>									1	
19	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					24	3	5	12		
20	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				1	6	1	1	4		
21	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				10	50+	50+	14	12	15	

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>					6		4	4		
23	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>								14		
24	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				30+						16
25	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					4	4		12		
27	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>						4	2	2		
28	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>								4		
29	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>							2			
30	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				40+	4	12	19	20		
31	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					9	14	30	2		
32	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					6	1	1			
33	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>			2							
34	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>									1	
35	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>							1	2	1	
36	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1		1	3	12	10	14		1
37	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>									3	
38	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo buteo</i>		3	9	1				1		
39	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>									1	
40	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			1							
41	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>								1?	1	
42	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentillis</i>		h								
43	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					3	3	4	4	1	
44	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		2		1				6	1	
45	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>				4	3	2	5	3		

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46	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>									2	1	
47	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				2	1	h				1	
48	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>									h		
49	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>				h?							
50	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				3	2	✓	✓				
51	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			40+	50+	2	12	✓				
52	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			1		4		4				
53	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>							5				
54	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>							2				
55	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>							10				
56	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							4				
57	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>							2				
58	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>							1				
59	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				10	8	9	10	30+			
60	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>								4			
61	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								40			
62	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								30			
63	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>								3			
64	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								3			
65	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							4				
66	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							12				
67	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					1						
68	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>								3			
69	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					1						

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
70	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>									h		
71	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>									4		
72	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>				10	4	3	2	2			
73	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓			
74	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>								2			
75	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>								50+			
76	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				1	12	✓	✓	50+			
77	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>								2			
78	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					2	4	12				
79	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>					1	20+		1			
80	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				20+	30+	40+	40+	20+			✓
81	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		10	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓
82	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>					1						
83	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			2	2	3	✓	✓	✓	✓		
84	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	2	2	1	4	3	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>								2	1		
86	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		h	3	h	5	✓	✓	✓	✓		
87	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	8	10	✓	✓	✓		✓				
88	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					12	2	✓				
89	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1			2	1	4	2		
90	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>				12	6	12	10+	50+	16		
91	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				16	18	14	10	2	4		
92	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>			2		1						
93	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>			1		1			h			

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
94	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			1							
95	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>			1						1	
96	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			1					1		
97	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>								1	h	
98	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>			h			h		h	h	
99	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			1					5		h
100	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								4		
101	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			6						3	
102	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								4		
103	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>				4				4		
104	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								14		
105	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		2								
106	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		10	12	10				18	✓	
107	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		2	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
108	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>								2		
109	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		h	1							
110	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		2	1	1	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	
111	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		10	2							
112	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>								16		
113	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>									1	
114	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		h								
115	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		9								
116	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1						h	h	
117	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		h				h	h	h	h	1

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
118	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					2	1	2	h		
119	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		3					2	1		
120	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>								5	6	
121	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						1		14	4	
122	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>									1	
123	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	2	4	2	2		1	1	h	h	
124	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		2	20							
125	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		1	1	2				h	2	
126	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			h			h	h			
127	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		h	h		h	h	h	1	h	
128	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>			1		h	1	h	h	h	
129	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			1		h					
130	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>					1	h	h	h		
131	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>					h	h	h	h		
132	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					h	1	h			
133	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>								3		
134	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					1	1	1	1		
135	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>					h	1	h	h		
136	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		h						h	1	
137	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>								1		
138	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		h	h		h	h		h	h	
139	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		h							h	
140	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			1			1			1	
141	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>								h	1	

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
142	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1			1				
143	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>						1				
144	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		h	6		4	2	3	✓	✓	
145	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			1		4	4	2	✓	✓	
146	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>			1							
147	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		1	1					1	h	
148	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montana</i>										
149	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			8							
150	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>					2	2	h			
151	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					h	h	h			
152	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			h						h	
153	Common Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		1								
154	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			6	4		3	1	4	4	
155	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				10+	1	1	5	6	3	
156	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	2	4	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
157	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			1							
158	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>				✓				✓		✓
159	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>		3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
160	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		2		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
161	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		4	2	4						
162	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
163	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			2	4	6	4	4	2	3	
164	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>								1		
165	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	4	20	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
166	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				5	6	5	4	✓	✓	✓
167	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		4	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
168	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>								✓	✓	
169	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>					3	1			1	
170	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>										
171	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>									1	
172	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		1								
173	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			6					h	h	
174	Oortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								1	1	
175	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					h	h	h	1		
176	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>				4			h	10	8	

Mammals

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>				6						
2	Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>		5								
3	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			1							
4	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>			3		1					
5	Suslik	<i>Citellus citellus</i>				h				10	5	

Reptiles and amphibians

Agile Frog
Grass Snake

Balkan Wall Lizard
Marsh Frog

Edible/Pool Frog
Spur-thighed Tortoise

Fire-bellied Toad
Yellow-bellied Toad

Butterflies

Balkan Clouded Yellow
Large White
Small Heath

Brown Argus
Orange Tip

Cardinal
Painted Lady

Green-veined White
Red Admiral

Dragonflies

Banded Demoiselle
Norfolk Hawker

Black-tailed Skimmer
Scarlet Darter

Blue-tailed Damselfly

Lesser Emperor

Plants

A Birthwort
A Peony
A Pink
Alpine Bells
Cotton Thistle
European water chestnut
False Helleborine
Greater Butterfly Orchid
Green-winged Orchid
Houndstongue
Lady Orchid
Large Blue Alkanet
Loose-flowered Orchid

Aristolochia sp.
Paeonia mascula?
Dianthus nardiformis
Cortusa matthioli
Onopordon acanthium
Trapa natans
Veratrum album
Platanthera chlorantha
Orchis morio
Cynoglossum officinale
Orchis purpurea
Anchusa azurea
Orchis laxiflora

Oxlip
Purple Mullien
Silk Vine
Sticky Catchfly
Sword-leaved Helleborine
Toothed Orchid
Toothwort
Violet Limadore
Water-solider
White Helleborine
White Henbane
Yellow Iris

Primula elatior
Verbascum phoeniceum
Periploca graeca
Lycchnis viscaria
Cephalanthera longifolia
Orchis tridentata
Lathraea squamaria
Limodorum abortivum
Stratiotes aloides
Cephalanthera damasonium
Hyoscyamus albus
Iris pseudacorus