

# Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Sunset on the Danube Delta



Heading for Letea Village



Watching raptor migration



Eurasian Hobby

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## Day 1

**Saturday 1st September**

Sunny and clear 30°C

We all boarded the BA flight to Bucharest which was one hour late on departure. A smooth 3 hour flight soon passed with excellent views of the landscape of Eastern Europe down below as we approached Bucharest. We had made up some time during the flight and landed only 20 minutes late. After passport control and collecting our bags we were met by our local guide, Florin, and then onto the mini-bus out of the airport towards Zaranesti in the Carpathians. As we neared Sinaia, the landscape changed to rolling, deciduous forest of Hornbeam, Beech and Oak and the leaves changing into autumn colours. We stopped for coffee near Sinaia as the sun was setting over the forest with Buzzard, Raven, Swift and a large number of House Martins on migration. We travelled on and descended to the Brasov Plain and the last glow of light in the western sky over the distant mountains and the full moon rising in the east. We arrived at the Elena Hotel in Zarnesti at 8.30pm for our evening meal. After a long day and an excellent meal with local wine we were all soon to our rooms and to bed.

## Day 2

**Sunday 2nd September**

Sunny and clear 30°C

Breakfast was at 0800 and after making our own picnic lunches from an array of cheeses, meat and salad we departed soon after in the mini-bus to the nearby Zaranesti Gorge, an impressive limestone gorge clad with Beech and Spruce.

After parking the mini-bus we walked along the gorge finding both Dipper and Grey Wagtail on the stream and a light passage overhead of “Steppe” Buzzards, a Goshawk and two Alpine Swifts were chasing around a high limestone crag near earlier nest sites. In the sunlit gorge were a number of butterfly species taking nectar from the flowers. We had our picnic lunch with a view back down the gorge which was shortly interrupted by a Wallcreeper flying high over the gorge but annoyingly could not be relocated. On the descent back down the gorge we had Red Squirrel, Peregrine, Nutcracker, Marsh Tit and Wood Warbler.

Back at the waiting mini-bus we then drove around to some nearby high pastures to seek other bird species. The weather was quite hot now and we had clear views of the surrounding mountains and the distant sound of cow-bells all around as the cows grazed the hillside pastures. Here there were lots of Red-backed Shrike perched on the low bushes, a lone Woodchat Shrike (unusual in this area), Whinchat, Northern Wheatear, Nutcrackers gathering Hazel Nuts, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Goshawk, Sparrowhawk and Bee-eater flying overhead. In the alpine meadows there were large patches of flowering Autumn Crocus and a couple of late flowering Gentians. From here we drove back to the Elena hotel for hot showers to warm up and an excellent evening dinner.

## Day 3

Monday 3rd September

Sunny and clear 30°C

It was another clear, crisp morning as we met for breakfast again at 0800 and after making up our individual picnic lunches we were away in the mini-bus from the Elena Hotel to the Dimbovicidara Gorge. En route we drove into the next valley to get photos of Bran Castle (Dracular's Castle) and while here we had a brief Nutcracker, a couple of Nuthatch and Marsh Tit. We continued from here to the pass overlooking the Bran Valley. The views across the valley were a mixed habitat of meadows, Hornbeam and Beech woodland and the mountains beyond. While a lady set up a roadside stall of various cheeses, wines and jam we watched lots of Bee-eater passing overhead and the occasional Red-backed Shrike, Nutcracker and Buzzard.

From here we drove on to the Dimbovicidara Gorge to look for Wallcreeper but were out of luck at this location but we had Black Redstart, Dipper, Grey Wagtail and an array of various species of butterfly.

We drove back to the Elena Guest House for a cooked lunch in the early afternoon and then away an hour later on the mini-bus, taking a packed sandwich dinner for later in the Stramba Valley. After a one hour drive we reached the track leading to the Stramba Valley and from here walked some of the route. On the first part of the walk through the meadows we had Lesser Spotted Eagle, Buzzard and Honey Buzzard, Red-backed Shrike, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Spotted Flycatcher and Bee-eater. We had our sandwich dinner near the Foresters Lodge while watching Swallowtail butterflies drifting past and Migrant Hawker dragonfly chasing insects.

At 1800 we were driven along another track in two pick-up vehicles to the bear hide in the spruce forest some 20 minutes away. We crossed over a small wooden bridge, along a twisting path and entered the hide while the ranger put out bait in hollow logs for the bears. After about 30 minutes a female Brown Bear came to the bait followed by two large cubs. They were nervous at first and listening for other bears approaching. There then followed a sequence where a number of Brown Bear came and went giving excellent close views in the fading light. As it became darker we left the bear hide at around 2030 but during this time we had 5 brown Bear of various ages visiting the bait. Back down the Stramba Valley in the dark we had sightings of Fox crossing the track and a number of Bat species feeding under the trees. We arrived back at the Elena Guest House at about 2200 for a drink and then to bed after an eventful day.

## Day 4

Tuesday 4th September

Sunny and clear 30°C

Breakfast at 0730 and we were away on the road out of the Carpathian's by 0830 towards Bucharest and then to Tulcea on the Danube for the start of our next leg of the tour on the Danube Delta. On the long journey to the Danube Delta we drove out of the Carpathians with the weather clear and sunny and Buzzards soaring over the forests and lots of House Martins passing overhead. Then we drove east through an undulating landscape where grapes were growing and the cereals had been harvested. During the morning drive and at the picnic lunch stop in the Poplar Wood it was now very hot but we still had lots of birds. At the picnic stop we had Black Stork, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Steppe Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Hobby, Spotted Flycatcher and Red-backed Shrike. From here we drove east to a lake which had all but dried up but there were Avocet, Marsh Harrier, Curlew, Lapwing and Ruff.

After a few more hours we crossed the Danube where there were lots of migrating Black Storks on flooded fields, Montague's Harrier and Roller perched on the power lines. As we neared Tulcea on the Danube we stopped at a lake with rolling steppe as a backdrop. Here we found our first Pygmy Cormorant, Great White Egret, Garganey, Bee-eater, Golden Oriole, Hoopoe, and Whiskered Tern. Towards Tulcea we crossed a Steppe habitat of now mostly intensive cultivation growing cereals and sunflowers but seeped in history with early nomadic tribes and evidence of the Tartar burial mounds on each prominent hill contrasting with recent erected wind turbines. A mixture of people had passed through or settled here, Greeks, Romans, Goths, Vandals, Tartars, Gypsy's and Turks – a crossroads of people throughout history. The road then descended through a vast area of vineyards towards Tulcea and the Danube Delta in the distance. 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 over Tulcea we had a welcome drink of cherry liqueur and later an excellent dinner with wine.

## Day 5

Wednesday 5th September

Sunny and clear 28°C

It started a cool but sunny day in Tulcea with the Danube flowing steadily out towards the Delta and light river traffic crossing to each side of the river taking people to work. We had breakfast on board and then our journey through the Delta began. We headed downriver in the smaller exploratory boat along the main Tulcea branch channel before turning north onto a narrow, quiet waterway. We cruised along channels flanked by willows giving views into small lake areas and into the Willow Carr woodland. We had brilliant, close views of many species such as Pygmy Cormorant, Night Heron, Squacco Heron, 100s of White Pelican, Dalmatian Pelican, Great White Egret, Hobby and Kingfisher.

We met up with the houseboat on the main Sulina channel for lunch. After an excellent three course lunch we cruised to the eastern end of the old Danube loop. Here we boarded the small boat again and went south along a river channel. We took a narrower waterway and emerged at a shallow lake with lots of waterfowl and wader. Here we saw Marsh Harrier, White Pelican, Egrets, Glossy Ibis, Osprey, Ruff, Spotted Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper and Reed Warbler. Back along the main river channel we had a Raccoon Dog foraging along the bank and giving everyone really good views and a photo opportunity. We rejoined the main pontoon moored up on the old Danube loop for evening dinner. As the light faded with a brilliant sunset, it was a feeling of being in a special place and deservedly one of the world's heritage sites.

## Day 6

Thursday 6th September

Sunny and clear 28°C

We awoke to a cool, clear, sunny day with the pre-breakfast viewing producing Night Heron, Hobby and a number of Ferruginous Duck flying about.

After breakfast we boarded the small boat and cruised along the Mugearu Channel to the village of Letea some 5km away. Along the channel there were Purple Heron, Ferruginous Duck, Hobby, Penduline Tit and Bearded Tit. Letea village is situated on an old sandbar formed a few thousand years ago by the anti-clockwise current of the Black Sea. Nearby is the ancient and original forest with some unique species of Ash and Oak trees that were brought as seeds on the current from the Crimea. We reached the village along a water-lily fringed channel; we disembarked and walked through part of the village with its quaint blue painted thatched houses. The past inhabitants were 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.

We later climbed into a small truck which took us all to an area of salt-marsh which was now dry but we found a Golden Jackal trotting away and around 100 Red-footed Falcons on migration south. From here we went to the nearby ancient woodland habitat consisting of old Oaks, Ash and Aspen. As we drove to the woodland we had Roller, Lesser Grey Shrike, Great Grey Shrike, Red-backed Shrike, Whinchat and Hoopoe. In the woodland we had fleeting views of Red-breasted Flycatcher and Spotted Flycatcher.

By early afternoon we were back on the small boat and retraced our route to the houseboat for a late lunch. We moved to along the old Danube to the western loop where the pontoon moored up and we boarded the small boat to visit a complex of water channels and shallow lakes. Here we had lots of Great Crested Grebe, Black-necked Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, White-tailed Eagle and Whiskered Tern. Then back to the houseboat for our evening meal at 2000 and another peaceful evening in the wilderness.

## Day 7

Friday 7th September

Sunny and clear 25°C

After breakfast the morning's small boat trip took us north on the Eracle Channel, which leads to the Stipoc Channel and here we had views of the colonies of Night Heron, Pygmy Cormorant and Squacco Heron. It was very peaceful with no-one else around in this vast reed and willow habitat, which teems with wildlife. Further on we had excellent views of Red-necked Grebe, Black-necked Grebe, Ferruginous Duck, White-tailed Eagle, Greenshank and Wood Sandpiper. Overhead were lines of White Pelicans and occasional Hobby hunting for dragonflies. Back onto another channel with lots of local people fishing and a number of Hooded Crows hanging around for scraps.

We rejoined the houseboat for lunch and then began the return journey to Tulcea. Again, lots of species of birds were seen on the journey back along the water channels, particularly overhead White Pelican, Dalmatian Pelican, White-tailed Eagle, Roller, Hobby, Golden Oriole, Kingfisher, Stock Dove and very distant Greater Spotted Eagle and possible Eastern Imperial Eagle. We reached Tulcea by early evening and had a short walk around the harbour then back for evening dinner and overnight accommodation on the houseboat.

It was a clear, warm evening at Tulcea with the various star formations and the “plough” evident in the northern sky. It was a fitting end to our journey through the Danube Delta and a unique experience of one of Europe’s best wilderness sites.

## Day 8

Saturday 8th September

Sunny with some cloud 32°C

Breakfast was at 0730 and it was to be a clear, sunny day. We said our goodbyes to the houseboat staff and departed in the coach at 0830 through Tulcea and to the south-west. Our first stop was at a large rocky hill which was a nature reserve and a good place for raptor migration at this time of year. The winds were not the best for migration but we did produce an impressive list. We had Red Kite (rare in Romania), Black Kite, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Long-legged Buzzard, Marsh Harrier, Montague’s Harrier and Lesser Kestrel. On the ground were Isabelline Wheatear, Crested Lark and Suslik (a small ground squirrel).

From here we drove to the monastery at Cilic Dere where in the valley and surrounded by woodlands we had our picnic while watching Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Hawfinch, Red-breasted Flycatcher and Spotted Flycatcher. A short climb up the hillside after lunch gave views to the monastery with Red-rumped Swallow flying around, Honey Buzzard and hundreds of Chaffinch feeding on a field of recently cropped sunflowers.

We then drove to Telita Ogurlui, a habitat of wood pasture consisting of Oak, Hornbeam and Wild Pear. Here we found Long-legged Buzzard, ‘Steppe’ Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Woodlark, Red-backed Shrike, Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Sombre Tit and lots of both Spotted Flycatcher and Red-breasted Flycatcher. In the same area we found Spur-thighed Tortoise.

From here we drove back to Tulcea but stopped en route on a hillside overlooking the distant Danube and the Ukraine beyond. Below was the floodplain of the Danube with wet meadows, extensive reed-beds and shallow lagoons with various Egrets, Marsh Harrier, White Pelican, Teal and White-tailed Eagle. With everyone satisfied with the eventful day and hungry we departed to our guest house in Tulcea for the evening meal.

## Day 9

Sunday 9th September

Sunny with some cloud 28°C

After breakfast we departed in the mini-bus to the “steppe” habitat to the south of Tulcea and then the Black Sea coast. We first visited Babadag Lake, a saline habitat and a link to the Black Sea where we had hundreds of Sand Martin and a number of wader species such as a large group of 1000+ Avocet, Ruff, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Temmink’s Stint, Greenshank, Little Ringed Plover and Ringed Plover.

We drove further on to the Genoan Castle near Enisala with brilliant views out to the Black Sea lagoons and inland to the “steppe” farmland. Around the castle were Isabelline Wheatear, Linnet and Suslik.

From here we travelled on to Histria where we had lunch while watching lots of Marsh Harrier, Montague’s Harrier, Yellow Wagtail and again 1000s of Sand Martin feeding over the reed-beds.

After lunch at Histria we drove on to Vadu which is an old communist era factory and now out of use. At Vadu we observed another good selection of waders such as Collared Pratincole, Kentish Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Wood Sandpiper, Ruff, Greenshank and Marsh Sandpiper. There was a light passage of raptors along the coast and we were lucky to have 2 Pallid Harrier, Montague's Harrier, Marsh Harrier and Hobby.

In the late part of the afternoon we spent some time along the edge of the Black Sea near Vadu watching Mediterranean Gull, Sandwich Tern, Common Tern and flying by and also Arctic Skua and Black Sea Dolphin. From here we drove back to Tulcea and the guesthouse where we had our evening dinner and celebrated Aiden's birthday with a cake produced by the kitchen staff.

## Day 10

Monday 10th September

Sunny and clear 30°C

After breakfast we boarded our coach at 0900 to take us to the airport in Bucharest. On the journey we detoured of the main road to an area overlooking the Danube floodplain with some shallow water still remaining. Here we had lots of Teal, Garganey, Shoveler, Spotted Redshank, Greenshank, but with the highlight being at least 260 Ruddy Shelduck in bright orange plumage. On the road again and just across the Danube we had a large gathering of Black Storks in the same area as the way out with a lone White Stork to boost our final bird total for the trip to 189 species.

Our BA flight to Heathrow departed on time and we climbed away from Romania and back over Western Europe. It had been a really successful, eventful and informative holiday thanks to our Romanian guide, Florin, and everyone who participated in the success of the tour.

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## Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	September									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				1	3	10	5			
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				2	7	10	20		2	
3	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					4	15	6			
4	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				2	50	100	100			
5	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					1000	400	1000	400	1000	
6	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>					1		5	2	9	
7	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					30	12	100+	100+	100+	
8	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>				2	50	150	100+	100+		2
9	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				4	100+	100+	100+			
10	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					100+	100+	100+			
11	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				1	140	1	50	30	30	10
12	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	2			10	100+	100+	100+	100+	30	20
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1			3	50+	50+	50+	3	30	4
14	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					6	30	25		2	
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>										1
16	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				200+	10		40	1		100+
17	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					4		100+			
18	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				2	1					
19	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				25	100+	12	30	15	100+	
20	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>					30		100+	100+	100+	
21	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				20					100	20
22	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>										260
23	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	20			10	50	25	100+		100+	100+
24	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>							4		3	
25	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				15	50		10	15	100+	50



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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
26	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>				2	1			2	20	50
27	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>				15	30	1	50+		2	2
28	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				10	100+	20			100+	100s
29	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>									1	
30	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				2						
31	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				1	1	10	50		6	
32	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					1					
33	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					5		16	1	1	
34	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>			3					10		2
35	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>							1			
36	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>							1			
37	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				2				2	1	1
38	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>				1				4		
39	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				6	25	15	15	20	25	10
40	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				1				1	3	
41	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>									2	
42	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>				1				2	1	2
43	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2	25	15	20	2		1	4	1	2
44	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			2	3				1		
45	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>								1		
46	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>								1		
47	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1	4	4	1			1	2	2	
48	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentillis</i>		2								
49	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>				1						
50	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			1	1	4	10	20	10	15	2
51	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	2	1	5	4		1	4	10	10
52	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>								1		
53	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>						100+				
54	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>								10+		

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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
55	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					5	2		1	1	
56	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>				1		1				
57	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>					3		1			
58	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				1	30	50+	50+		4	
59	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				50+	100+	3	50+	50+	300	
60	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>									1	
61	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>									2	
62	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				200					1000	20
63	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>									1	
64	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					2				20	
65	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					1				3	
66	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>									1	
67	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				75	10	110	40		50	100
68	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>									20	
69	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>									1	
70	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>									4	
71	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>									2	
72	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>									50	
73	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>					15	1	2		2	
74	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					20	5	5			
75	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					2				1	
76	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>									2	
77	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					2		2		2	30
78	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					50		10		2	2
79	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>									8	
80	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>				6	25	30	20		10	
81	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>				45					6	
82	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>									4	
83	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				1	15	6	2		3	

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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
84	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				2	30	2	1		50	5
85	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				20	100+	100+	100+	100+	100+	
86	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>									200+	
87	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>									2	
88	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				30	100+	100+	100+	100+	100+	
89	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									6	
90	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>									10	
91	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					2				50+	
92	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>					10		30		2	
93	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>				2						
94	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				10	100+	100+	100+		20	
95	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>									50	
96	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>						1	25		6	
97	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	2	6	4	6	1		6			
98	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	20	20	50+	50+	3	6	3	20	50+	50+
99	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>						2		1		
100	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			1			1				
101	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>									1	
102	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		2								
103	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	2									
104	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1			30	20	30			
105	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				3	2	1		1	1	
106	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		h	50+	125	200	300	10	150	300+	
107	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				20	3	10		3	3	2
108	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>				h						
109	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>					1					
110	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			1	h	h	2	2	2		
111	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>								2		
112	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>			1		3	1	1	1		

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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
113	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>										2	
114	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				1					4	8	
115	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>									18		
116	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				30	50			10	10	1000s	100+
117	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		10									
118	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	50	50	100+	100+	6			10	10	100s	
119	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	20	50	100+	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s	100s	
120	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>									3		
121	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>											
122	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			4								
123	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			2								
124	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		3		20	50	20	50	5	30		
125	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1	6	8								
126	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				6	3				3		
127	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		4	1								
128	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	2	10	6								
129	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			1								
130	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>					2						
131	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					6		2	3			
132	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		2	1								
133	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			2			2			1		
134	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>								3	5		
135	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		6	2			6					
136	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>				1		2		2			
137	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		1	1								
138	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		2									
139	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			1	1							
140	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			2	2		1					
141	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		1									

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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
142	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>						1				
143	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>				1	3				h	
144	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					6	2	2			
145	Wood warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		1		2						
146	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		10	6	10		1	1	2	1	
147	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	1	2	2	1	1	1				
148	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	h									
149	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>										
150	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			10	6	4	10	5	50		
151	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>					1	6		12	1	
152	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1							
153	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>					6	2	1	2		
154	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>				2	2	6	6	2		
155	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	2	6	5							
156	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>								2		
157	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		1	4							
158	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>		1								
159	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		5	10							
160	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>					h				h	
161	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						h	h			
162	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		2						5		
163	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		1								
164	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>							1			
165	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		17	15	10	3	2		2	10	2
166	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>						1				
167	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>			1							
168	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>			1							
169	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	2	10	6	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
170	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		6	2							

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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
171	Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		10	1							
172	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>				15				100s	100s	100s
173	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	4	10	6	20	50	50	50	50	50	50
174	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	10			50	20		50	50	50	50
175	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	2	6	5	1						
176	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		12		1000s	200	10	15		100s	100s
177	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				2	3		2			
178	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	20	30	30	50	50	50	50	100s	100+	50
179	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				6	25				200	
180	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	2	3	6		6			100+		
181	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>									15	
182	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>								3		
183	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>										
184	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>				6		4		1		
185	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		2								
186	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			1					10+		
187	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		4								
188	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>						6			3	
189	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				4					2	

## Mammals

Brown Bear

Red Squirrel

Rabbit

Otter

Raccoon Dog

Suslik

Musk Rat

Golden Jackal

Mole (hills)

Eastern Hedgehog (dead on road)

Steppe Hare

Bat spp

## Reptiles & amphibians

Dice Snake (Water Snake)

Edible Frog

Marsh Frog

Balkan Wall Lizard

Tree Frog

Spur-thighed Tortoise

European Pond Terrapin  
Snake-eyed Skink

Fire-bellied Toad  
Grass Snake

Yellow-bellied Toad  
Sand Lizard

## Butterflies

Painted Lady  
Small Tortoiseshell  
Brimstone  
Wood White  
Small White  
Balkan Clouded Yellow  
Marbled White  
Queen of Spain Fritillary  
Eastern Bath White  
Wall Brown  
Lesser Fiery Copper  
Camberwell Beauty  
Tiger Moth spp

Peacock  
Great Banded Grayling  
Silver-washed Fritillary  
Scarce Swallowtail  
Green-veined White  
Berger's Clouded Yellow  
Small Copper  
Water Ringlet  
Freyer's Purple Emperor  
Meadow Brown  
Hummingbird Hawk Moth  
Mazarine Blue

Silver Y Moth  
Cardinal  
Swallowtail  
Large White  
Small Heath  
Red Admiral  
Dark Green Fritillary  
Speckled Wood  
Common Blue  
Clouded Yellow  
Pearl Bordered Fritillary  
Danube Clouded Yellow