

Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Enjoying the Danube



Lesser Spotted Eagle



Little Souslik



Brown Bear

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We worked hard for the very localized and most wanted Wallcreeper, but we never managed to get ourselves on one despite all the scanning. We found a nice patch along the track to sit down and enjoy our sandwiches, finding lovely butterflies nearby such as Orange Tip, Wood White, Green-veined White, Lesser Marbled Fritillary, and the always gorgeous Camberwell Beauty, amongst others.

After lunch, we walked back to our minibus in order to drive to Bran, an interesting historic village and home of the famous Vlad the Impaler and the Dracula legend. A short storm hit the area while we were touring the castle and stopped right in time for us to enjoy the village market and a good drink. We then left the area and drove towards Zarnesti making a short stop at Moieciu to a viewpoint, before driving back to our hotel for a break followed by dinner and bed.

Day 3

Monday 27th May

Coltul Chiliilor Monastery – Valea Stramba (Bear Sanctuary)

Weather: Sunny & windy in the morning; a few showers in the afternoon & evening

After breakfast, we started a short drive into the mountains right in the western outskirts of Zarnesti. We started our gentle uphill walk watching lots of Corn Buntings, Kestrels and Fieldfare; and the birding – although it was a bit slow due to the windy conditions – became more interesting with several sightings of European Nutcracker perched on the tree tops. Common Chiffchaff, Yellowhammer and Tree Pipits were also seen several times, and we had great views of various Red-backed Shrikes.

After a couple of hours of walking we finally arrived to the Orthodox monastery of Coltul Chiliilor where we had a greeting from its few religious inhabitants. White Wagtail, Common Redstart, Eurasian Jay, Blackbird, and European Bullfinch were seen in the monastery surroundings. We then started to make our way back to the start of the journey where our minibus was already waiting to take us back to our hotel in Zarnesti for lunch. More Yellowhammers, Red-backed Shrikes, Tree Pipits, Nutcrackers and a very nice Yellow-bellied Toad – held in Laurence's hands! – were seen again during our downhill walk.

After a short break after lunch, we gathered again to set off on our expedition to the valley of Stramba. It took around forty-five minutes to get there from Zarnesti followed by a 90-minute stroll along the dirt track which leads to the bears' hide; along here we had fantastic views of Green and Great-spotted Woodpeckers, Red-backed Shrike, Song Thrush and amazing views of a Lesser Spotted Eagle found perched on one of the trees by the road. Our minibus caught up with us to take us to meet up with the bear hide ranger who kindly guided us to the area. We arrived to the hide around 18:30 and took our places on the benches provided. The ranger stuffed the hollow trunk traps with corn, oats and a mixed made from chocolate, raisings and brown sugar, fantastic 'yummy' snack for Brown Bears. The late afternoon became very wet as a good rain covered the whole area for nearly an hour, but once it stopped our ranger, Andrei, passed first hand information to us of the sighting of two young Brown Bears meandering in the area nearby! We then got ready to spot them as soon as they walked into the open, which they did! We had a fantastic moment watching these two young Brown Bears – apparently siblings – munching the snacks provided. We managed to enjoy the moment very much as we watched them performing for nearly half of an hour!

Light conditions were getting poor when a third Brown Bear was spotted in the woods, but it was time to go back to the minibus and to our hotel to Zarnesti for a well deserved restful night after another exciting experience. It was a satisfied group who all went straight to bed!

Day 4

Tuesday 28th May

Zarnesti to Tulcea

Weather: Nice & pleasant

It was time to have our very last breakfast at the lovely Casa Elena followed by a sad farewell to Gigi and Elena who kindly looked after us for the last three days at their wonderful guesthouse. We left Zarnesti in order to head south and then east via the huge agricultural areas of Ploiesti and Slobovia, towards Tulcea and the Danube Delta. It was a long journey but we split it making several stops, and the first one was made at Ciorani, a spot right next to the main road where we enjoyed a short walk which was rewarded with a few interesting birds such as Golden Oriole, Spanish Sparrow, Common Kestrel, and a nesting pair of Red-footed Falcons which we enjoyed watching through the scope! We decided to make a food stop which included some splendid sausages, local beef soup and grilled pork.

After lunch, our journey we had another few stops, this time in the lowlands and on top of the Dobrogea plateau and down in the area of Hasarlac where the wetlands start along the River Danube upper basin. Here, our first water birds such as Pygmy Cormorant, Purple Heron, Common Pochard, Great-crested Grebe, Great Cormorant and Whiskered Tern were spotted. We drove another bit in order to reach the top of the plateau from a view point full of dirt banks perfect for nesting European Bee-eaters, Northern Wheatear, European Roller, Crested Lark, Hoopoe, and the very unique Little Sousel which is an endemic mammal to this part of Europe.

We boarded our minibus again to drive our final leg down to the town of Tulcea to our floating hotel. First, we bade farewell to our driver Stephan and jumped on board where we were welcomed by its crew with a delicious glass of local schnapps and sweet pastries. Later our local guide Laurence also said good bye after being great company in the first part of our trip in the Carpathian Mountains. All the group members were agog at the immaculately high standard of both the accommodation and dining room on the boat! We enjoyed our dinner and went to bed, looking forward to our few days down in the Delta.

Day 5

Wednesday 29th May

Danube Delta (mile 36 & Maliuc) – Lake Nebuno – Lake Furtuna – Old Danube

Weather: Sunny & pleasant. A bit windy in the afternoon

A beautiful sunny morning greeted us as we woke to the sound of the river, the city and the motorized boats at Tulcea's port. After a delicious breakfast on board, our local guide for this part of the trip Daniel Pretescu joined the group for a promising second half of the main tour. We left our floating hotel behind and started our first day at the Danube exploring the river delta on our expedition 'small' boat from the point known as mile 36.

We followed the fast flowing current for a good fifty minutes before turning into a side channel. European Kingfishers were flying along the thick Willow trees shores, while Pygmy Cormorants were crossing along the channel as well as the colourful European Rollers. We explored the area of Maliuc where the Danube National Park's headquarters are based and we focussed mostly on the channel banks and willow forests, finding a great variety of birds such as Common Redstarts, singing Icterine Warblers, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler and Thrush Nightingales; complemented by Golden Orioles, more Rollers which were very easy to spot, Pygmy Cormorants, Black-crowned Night-Herons, and Little Egret, amongst others.

We had a coffee break stop at the entrance of Lake Nebuno from where we enjoyed watching large groups of White Pelicans drifted over in squadrons and a handful of Dalmatian Pelicans flying more independently. We also managed to see many pairs of Hobby soaring nearby which was being mobbed by Hooded Crows and other smaller birds. The Eurasian Cuckoo was often seen and heard so far. After drifting down the many channels, we caught up with our 'flotel' (floating hotel) in order to have lunch and enjoy the landscape. After a good break, we boarded our exploration boat heading towards the main forked channel known as Old Danube. Along the endless rows of willow trees the mighty Black Woodpeckers vivid song was highlighted over the other sounds, and it was shortly after that we managed to have great views of this fantastic and large European woodpecker. More Golden Orioles, Rollers, Pygmy Cormorants and Hobbies were seen along here, with some Marsh Harriers, Purple and Grey Heron, Little Bitterns and Ferruginous Ducks to add to our list.

At the end of the afternoon we visited another beautiful hidden lake called Furtuna where Red-necked Grebes were beautifully seen, while a pair of Honey Buzzards was soaring in the sky above us. We continued on to one of the main Danube channels where dozens of marsh birds such as Ferruginous Ducks, Squacco Herons, Black-crowned Night-Herons, and more were escorting us down the river. We met up with our 'flotel' quietly settled on a calm channel by the river side and boarded to have a short break followed by a delicious dinner and drinks that we all enjoyed!

Day 6

Thursday 30th May

Magearu Channel – Letea – Lake Cazanael – Treilezere – Loptpatna (overnight)

Weather: Cloudy with sunny spells and windy

It was another peaceful morning surrounded by the vast reed beds and water 'rivers' of the Delta. We had breakfast and soon we got ourselves ready to go on another expedition in our small boat, this time towards the northern channels of the delta, entering through the Magearu Channel to the village of Letea, where fantastic birds were seen such as European Reed Warbler, Savi's Warbler and the always gorgeous Bearded Reedling. An impressive White-tailed Fish-Eagle was spotted from our boat, flying up the channel - we had great views of it! We continued sailing onto narrower canals until our boat emerged at a small and shallow river by the picturesque village of Letea. We disembarked here but were distracted by the high pitched sound of a Penduline Tit which we saw perfectly well for a while - he had a beautiful hanging nest made mainly out of reeds cotton and bit of cane. After this we had a walk through the village where Daniel gave us a comprehensive explanation about the village, the lifestyle of its people over the years and nowadays, its homes and how they build them to keep warm during the cold winters and fresh during the hot summers. We walked along the sandy 'streets' of Letea watching interesting birds such as Tree Sparrows, Black Redstart, Eurasian Hoopoes, Hobby, Spotted Flycatcher, amongst others.

After a good stroll around the village, we went back to the river on our excursion boat heading back to our floating hotel slowly while listening to Penduline Tits and Bearded Reedlings all the way up the canal, alongside dozens of Squacco Herons, Rollers, Eurasian Cuckoos, Black-crowned Night-Herons and plenty more! We arrived to our 'flotel' to enjoy our lunch and a break.

Then in the mid afternoon it was back into the small boat moving slowly up the Cazanaele Channel, watching singing Common Redstarts, colourful Rollers and standing Squacco Herons; until we arrived at a beautiful channel – almost clogged with Water Chestnut – full of Great-crested Grebes, Whiskered Terns, a few Dalmatian Pelicans and a few pairs of Black Terns. We also heard lots of Great Bitterns and really active Little Bitterns, the latter constantly seen crossing the reed beds side to side. Daniel showed us the amount of frogs living here, especially Edible frogs! Soon after that a massive raptor was spotted nearby, it was an adult White-tailed Fish-Eagle which stopped not far from us and we had great views as our boat approached.

We then turned the boat around and carried on to the next lake known as Treilezere. This is another beautiful but much smaller lake where we spotted a few pairs of Black Terns amongst plentiful Whiskered Terns. Then, as we were trying to find at least three very noisy Little Bitterns, two Dalmatian Pelicans landed by the boat joining another pair which were already in the water; a Caspian Gull looked a bit suspicious as she was hiding a good chunk of food from the Dalmatian Pelicans which were joined also by a small group of White Pelicans. This allowed us to see the two pelican species together and see the differences between these lovely birds!

After a good afternoon excursion we made our way back to our flotel, drifting down the labyrinth of channels and we 'parked' by a beautiful enclosure of reeds and willows, with a Dalmatian Pelican perched on some logs right in front!. We all enjoyed the new location and the sounds surrounding it while dining, as the evening turned to dark...

Day 7

Friday 31st June

Loptpatna – Stipoc – Razaboinitia – Lake Baclanesti – Sontea Canal (mile 36 to Tulcea)

Weather: Nice & pleasant with no wind

We woke to a pleasant morning on our last day in the massive Danube Delta. We set off again in the little boat, exploring new backwaters and small lakes. The whole gamut of herons appeared almost constantly, being Squacco and Black-crowned and Night Heron being the most numerous. Also European Rollers outnumbered Eurasian Cuckoos, which were in themselves numerous. Hobbies were around too and we saw a few pairs of Red-footed Falcons nesting along the canal in the willows. We also found two pairs of Red-necked Grebes and at least four pairs of Black-necked Grebes, both pleasantly swimming along in the crystal clear waters of the lake system of Stipoc-Razaboinitia. More Black Terns and Whiskered Terns were seen at the crossing of Lake Baclanesti where the landscape was absolutely superb. We had some Savi's Warblers and a beautiful group of Bearded Reedlings to compliment the scenery! We drifted along other channels, and passed the old fishery where another pair of Red-footed Falcons was seen; as well as other interesting birds such as Golden Oriole, Common Redstart, Eurasian Hoopoe, Sedge Warbler, nesting White Storks, and large groups of White Pelicans soaring in the sky!

We came to our floating hotel again in order to get on board and enjoy lunch, followed by sailing back to Tulcea which took the whole afternoon. This allowed us to relax and to enjoy the journey while spotting wildlife from the mid and top decks. This paid off with stunning views of beautiful birds such as Black Woodpecker and White-tailed Fish-Eagle; and a beautiful European Wildcat standing on one of the river banks!

Once in Tulcea, another lovely dinner was served this evening overlooking the Danube, with the town in the background; a very different but yet nice contrast to the landscapes that had surrounded us in the last 72 hours along the river.

Day 8

Saturday 1st June

Parches – Somova area (lake & oak forest) – Macin (quarry) Greci area

Weather: Nice & sunny

We woke up on this beautiful morning overlooking Tulcea and the River Danubio. After a delicious breakfast – sadly our last in our floating hotel – we left the river cruiser with all we needed for the day, while our main luggage was taken to the next hotel, about a mile away from the harbour. We said good bye to our lovely crew and thanked them for looking after us during the last four days and drove up out of Tulcea heading east, making a quick stop just at the outskirts of the town to admire a bank full of dozen of nesting Sand Martins.

Following the main road, we made a second stop between the villages of Parches and Somova, just by the lake, where we had our best views yet of Golden Orioles, Lesser Grey Shrike, Spanish Sparrows, Long-legged Buzzards, Levant Sparrowhawk, and a very elusive Barred Warbler which just a few of us managed to see well. We then moved just a few hundred metres to get an amazing overview of the Delta while Rollers and Bee-eaters surrounded us.

Next we drove for about twenty minutes to the pristine Somova Oak forest where we had an enjoyable walk through this lovely habitat full of Lesser Grey Shrikes and Hoopoes; we also had great views of Middle-spotted Woodpecker right in front of us, great views of Sombre Tit, Honey, Steppe and Long-legged Buzzards, Booted Eagle, Hobby and Ortolan Bunting. Our minibus caught up with us at the end of the walk in order to set up our lunch which we enjoyed in the warmth of the sun!

We finished our lunch which included local cherries and then continued our driving to our next stop of Macin where we managed to see Northern Wheatear, Booted Eagle and Long-legged Buzzards flying overhead. We also had great views of a Long-legged Buzzard nest with three healthy-looking chicks, set right on the rock faces by the quarry.

Back in the minibus, we drove a short distance passing the village of Greci to a very nice and pristine steppe-like habitat where plenty of Little Souselks and Isabeline Wheatears were spotted sharing these vast plains. A pair of Greater Short-toed Larks was also spotted in this place, plus more Booted Eagles, more Long-legged Buzzards and Eurasian Cuckoo. After this visit, we headed back to Tulcea where our new town hotel was expecting us, with comfortable rooms and a delicious supper!

Day 9

Sunday 2nd June

Denistepe – Babadag Forest – Sinoe (Black Sea area)

Weather: Sunny in the morning. Overcast in the afternoon with some showers.

After breakfast, we drove out of Tulcea heading south in order to explore a portion on the Black Sea side. Our first stop was made around Denistepe, where we managed to see a few interesting species of birds such as Grey Partridge, Black-headed Wagtail, Tawny Pipit, Corn Bunting, Spanish Sparrow, Common Whitethroat, Yellow Wagtail, Marsh Harriers, Long-legged Buzzard, Hobby, and the very handsome Black-headed Bunting, which was a target bird for this site. Booted Eagles complemented Calandra, Skylark and Short-toed Larks, and a magnificent Short-toed Snake Eagle was hovering in the distance, perhaps looking for some potential lunch over the crops and the semi-arid-looking mountains nearby.

Satisfied with the results of our stop, we continued our drive passing through the Turkish-influenced village of Babadag and eventually to its diverse oak woodland (with up to 13 different species of oak) located southeast of the village. We parked in front to one of the access routes to the Babadag Forest from where we enjoyed a good walk, encompassing some excellent flowers and butterflies, along with species of lizards, moths and crickets. This forest also offered us fantastic views of Ortolan Bunting, with some Lesser Grey and Red-backed Shrikes, European Rollers, European Bee-eaters flying and calling around.

We enjoyed this walk very much, then headed back to the bus, it was time to carry on with our drive changing from forest habitat to a vast open marshland area adjacent to the Black Sea, near Sinoe, where we were able to have proper views of the 'very big' Great Reed Warbler perched right on the tip top of a reed just before lunch. Other birds such as Reed Bunting, Common Shelduck, Black-necked Stilt, Grey and Purple Herons, amongst others, were seen at this spot. We had lunch and continued birding the area, looking for the elusive Paddyfield Warbler which was seen by some of us very briefly when flitting amongst the reed beds. We worked hard but it didn't pop up in the air again, and rain was already with us by then so we had no choice but to continue to a different spot.

We continued our approach to the seaside, seeing old buildings and large concrete structures used during the communist era and left behind as ruins - a grim contrast with the surrounding nature. Another stop produced a good flock of our first Collared Pratincoles, which were sharing the flooded marshland with some Redshank, Pied Avocets, Common Terns, Common Pochard, and others. We had a good stroll along the coast for a good half an hour. In spite of the grim weather, we managed to see some interesting scenery and wildlife, with some Kentish Plovers, Mediterranean, Caspian and Black-headed Gulls, including a swimming snake some of us managed to spot as soon as we arrived here, a Dice Snake (*Natrix tessellata*).

We returned to the minibus to start our long drive back to Tulcea, where we arrived and took a break, followed by some drinks and a delicious last supper. We all lifted our glasses and made a toast wishing each other all the best in the future. Our cook proudly presented to us our special farewell cake! We also thanked our local guide Daniel for sharing the wildlife of his lovely country with us!

Day 10

Monday 3rd June

Tulcea – Bucharest airport

Weather: Nice & sunny

After a delicious breakfast, we packed our belongings – which were efficiently transferred to our bus – and started our drive back to Bucharest, making a stretching stop half way, followed by a lunch stop near the airport, arriving with plenty of time to sort out our luggage and proceed with checking in. More farewells took place at the airport as our Australian fellow travellers Bevan and Susan stayed in Bucharest for another couple of nights. We boarded our comfortable flight back to Heathrow where we arrived in good time and for more farewells at the luggage carousel.

It was a fantastic tour, a journey full of highlights and great wildlife! Our Romania trip has given us wonderful memories of the mysterious Carpathian Mountains and the vast living labyrinth of the Danube Delta.

.....La revedere Romania...Multumesc! (Goodbye Romania...Many thanks!!)

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Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May/June											
			25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3		
1	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>											✓	
2	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					✓	h					✓	✓
3	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>								✓			✓	✓
4	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				✓							✓	
6	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>						✓	✓				✓	
7	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>						✓	✓					
9	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
10	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					✓	✓	✓				✓	
11	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					✓	✓					✓	
12	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					✓			✓				
13	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
14	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>								✓				
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
17	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					✓	✓	✓					
18	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>					h	h					h	
19	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					✓	✓	✓					
20	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					✓	✓	✓					
21	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓					
22	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
24	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>						✓	✓	✓				
25	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
27	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>					✓	✓	✓				✓	
28	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
29	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓			✓					✓		
31	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>							✓	✓				
32	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>										✓	✓	
33	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
34	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>										✓		
35	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓								✓		

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36	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>										✓	✓	
37	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>			✓									
38	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>										✓	✓	
39	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				✓				✓			✓	
41	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
42	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓										
43	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>												h
44	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
45	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
46	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						✓		✓			✓	
47	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>											✓	
48	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
49	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>											✓	
50	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>								✓				
51	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>											✓	
52	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>											✓	
53	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>							✓				✓	
55	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>				✓	✓							
57	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>							✓					
58	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>						✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
59	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>						✓	✓	✓				
61	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>						✓		✓				
63	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>										✓		✓
65	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
67	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>			h									
68	Ural Owl	<i>Strix uralensis</i>		h										
69	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>							✓					
70	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓				
71	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>						✓	✓	✓				
73	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>				✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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74	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>					h					
76	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>								✓		
77	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		h	✓		✓	✓	✓			
78	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>					✓	✓				
79	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			✓							
80	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>					✓		✓			
81	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓	
82	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
83	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	
84	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓							
85	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>			✓							
87	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
89	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			✓					✓		
91	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		✓								
92	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>								✓		
93	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>		✓								
94	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>		h	✓							
95	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
96	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
97	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						✓	h			
98	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>						✓	✓			
99	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>										✓
100	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								✓	h	
101	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				✓				✓		
102	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>								✓	✓	
103	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				✓	✓			✓	✓	
104	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓									
106	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓					
108	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		h	✓		h		h			
109	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		h								
110	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				h	✓	h	h		✓	
111	Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>										

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112	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>								✓			
113	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>										✓	
114	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					✓	✓	✓			✓	
115	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>					✓		h				
116	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>						h					
117	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>							✓	✓			
118	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	h	h			h		✓	
119	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			h	h				h			
120	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>								✓			
121	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>				✓	h						
122	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>									h	✓	
123	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		✓									
124	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		h	h								
125	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		h	h								
126	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		h									
127	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
129	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>			✓								
130	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		h	✓		h						
131	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓								
132	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	h	✓	h								
133	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>				h	✓	h	h	h			✓
134	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			
135	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓				
136	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓		
137	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>									✓		
138	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>						✓					
139	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
140	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>				✓					✓	✓	
141	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
142	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla feldegg</i>										✓	
143	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava superciliiaris</i>										✓	
144	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓							
145	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>										✓	
147	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓								
148	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓
149	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓								

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150	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>				✓		✓				✓	
151	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			✓								
152	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
153	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			✓								
154	Oortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>									✓	✓	
155	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>										✓	
156	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>						✓	✓			✓	
Mammals										✓			
1	Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>			✓								
2	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>			✓								
3	Little Souselik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>				✓					✓	✓	
4	European Wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>								✓			
Reptiles & Amphibians													
1	Fire Salamander	<i>Salamandra salamandra</i>		✓									
2	Yellow-bellied Toad	<i>Bombina variegata</i>			✓								
3	Common Lizard	<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>			✓								
4	Edible Frog	<i>Pelophylax kl. esculentus</i>					✓	✓	✓				
5	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>					✓		✓				
6	Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca iberica</i>									✓		
7	Balkan Wall Lizard	<i>Podarchis taurica</i>									✓	✓	
8	Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus kitaibelii</i>										✓	
9	European Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridians</i>										✓	
10	Dies snake	<i>Natrix decelata</i>										✓	
Butterflies & Insects													
1	Small Bath White										✓		
2	Cardinal										✓	✓	
3	Eastern Baton Blue										✓		
4	Camberwell Beauty			✓									
5	Wood White			✓								✓	
6	Black-veined White			✓									
7	Orange Tip			✓	✓								
8	Speckled Wood			✓									
9	Piedmont Ringlet			✓									
10	Small Blue??			✓									
11	Green-veined White			✓									
12	Lesser Marbled Fritillary			✓									

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13	Common Swallowtail				✓									
14	Painted Lady				✓						✓			
15	Bath White				✓						✓	✓		
16	Banded Agrion				✓									
17	Hornet				✓									
18	Banded Damselfly					✓				✓				
19	Freyer's Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura metis</i>					✓							
20	Red Admiral						✓				✓			
21	Common Darter						✓			✓				
22	Lesser Emperor						✓			✓				
23	Southern Hawker						✓			✓				
24	Emperor Dragonfly						✓							
25	Large Tortoiseshell								✓					
26	Brown Hawker								✓	✓				
27	Broad Scarlet								✓	✓				
28	Mayfly	<i>Isonychia ignota</i>								✓				
29	Illex Hairstreak												✓	
30	Oak Hawk-moth	<i>Marumba quercus</i>											✓	
31	Nine-spotted	<i>Syntomis phegea</i>											✓	
32	Hummingbird Hawk-moth												✓	
33	Brown Cricket	<i>Bradiporus dacipus</i>											✓	
34	Uromenus Cricket	<i>Uromenus rugoscicollis</i>											✓	