

# Romania's Danube Delta and Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Eurasian Brown Bear



Great White Pelican



Squacco Heron



View over Danube Delta

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## Day 1

**Saturday 6th September**

Transfer from Bucharest Airport to Zarnesti. Hot and sunny

Daniel and I met with the group at Bucharest Airport, whose flight had arrived on time. With luggage safely stowed, we drove north across the plains to Ploiesti and then north-west into the mountains. Birds seen were mostly raptors, the best of which was a Marsh Harrier and proved to be the first of many. We arrived at our comfortable guest house in the small Transylvanian town of Zarnesti under clear skies. After a glass of 'Dracula's tears', compliments of the owners, Gigi and Elena, we sat down to enjoy the first of many wonderful meals together.

## Day 2

**Sunday 7th September**

Stramba and Plaulfoii Valleys. Hot and sunny

After breakfast a short drive found us in the Stramba Valley, on leaving the bus a juvenile Honey Buzzard flew low overhead affording excellent views to all. It soon became evident that more Honey Buzzards were passing through, with birds taking advantage of the good conditions for migration. Suddenly a large raptor came into view and was promptly identified as a Lesser-spotted Eagle, we all marvelled at its grace on the wing; as the morning progressed we were very fortunate to see this species several times and estimated we had seen between four and six individuals. Passerines were present too, and an interesting-looking bird amidst a bush that buzzed with a number of warbler species eventually gave itself up as an Icterine Warbler. Red-backed Shrikes seemed to occupy any suitable perch and was soon labelled 'the bird with no name', remaining an in-joke for the rest of the holiday...you had to be there I suppose! Seeking shade at the woodland's edge, we settled down for our picnic lunch and refuelled watching as a Lesser-spotted Woodpecker and couple of Red-breasted Flycatchers did the same.

Returning to the bus, we headed back to the guest house where we made a brief stop before heading out once more. A bumpy drive into the Plaulfoii Valley was enlivened further by a technical issue (a stone jammed between two rear tyres) and close views of a Black Stork as it flew out of the forest edge. On meeting the warden, we quietly made our way to the bear hide. Once there, we were all thrilled to see that there were already bears present in the clearing below and feeding on various items put out by the warden. With gasps and clicking camera shutters, we marvelled as the bears competed for the food on offer. As the evening progressed, a total of five individuals were seen and gave incredible views of this huge and powerful wild animal. Leaving the reserve, we headed home feeling most privileged by what we had witnessed.

## Day 3

**Monday 8th September**

Zarnesti Gorge and Castle Bran. Hot and sunny with some scattered cloud later

The morning was spent enjoying the splendour of the Zarnesti Gorge. As we entered the gorge, following the route of a small stream, a Grey Wagtail flashed by but our attention was soon drawn to a dark, plump shape at the edge of the stream, a Dipper, in fact the black-bellied race and rather distinct from that found in the UK. Distant, but raucous calls of Nutcracker became increasingly frequent and we eventually had great views of this impressive member of the crow family perched in the open. As we progressed, a number of raptor species were seen flying above the wooded slopes; first there were a couple Steppe Buzzards, a Peregrine, then a Marsh Harrier and finally a 'number' of Goshawks, perhaps as many as five individuals during the visit! After a relaxed picnic lunch in the company of many dozens of hawk dragonflies, we headed back down the gorge to the waiting bus.

Leaving the gorge behind, we headed cross-country admiring the surrounding landscape and habitations along the route. A brief stop was made to take pictures of some particularly fine traditional haystacks. Another stop at a local beauty spot with breath-taking views of the surrounding Carpathian landscape gave Daniel an opportunity to point out some key landmarks. With birds never far away, a particularly obliging Red-backed Shrike and Tree Pipit distracted us briefly from Daniel's narrative.

Our next destination was Castle Bran, the reputed former abode of Vlad the Impaler. With a few opting to relax in a local café, the rest of the group headed up to the castle which dominates the skyline from the village below. After an interesting, yet leisurely look-around we returned to our accommodation and final evening in Zarnesti.

## Day 4

**Tuesday 9th September**

Transfer from Zarnesti to Tulcea. Hot and sunny with some scattered cloud

Bidding farewell to our hosts in Zarnesti, we left the mountains for the Danube Delta via Ploiesti. Our route took us across the open plains fairly close to Bucharest and it was here that the sky filled with migrating raptors, hirundines and swifts. From the bus we spotted some Red-footed Falcons and with the bus quickly parked we all hopped-off to witness the aerobatics of 40 or more falcons. As we looked on, a number of Steppe and Honey Buzzards drifted through, as did several Marsh Harriers, but suddenly our attention shifted to a group of birds overhead; mingling with a large flock of swallows and martins were at least 50 Alpine Swifts!

Heading east once more, close to Ciorani we stopped for lunch in the shade of a Poplar plantation which holds a Red-footed Falcon colony earlier in the year. Unfortunately, but as expected, the falcons had left for their winter quarters. However, we were rewarded with great views of two Hobbys, some Spotted Flycatchers and a beautiful, cinnamon-coloured, juvenile Montagu's Harrier. Fed and watered, we continued our journey towards the next phase of our tour on the mighty River Danube.

Our last stop took in Lake Hasar, which was alive with a wide variety of water birds. Here we enjoyed our first views of Pygmy Cormorant, along with a Little Bittern and a Wood Sandpiper. A final short drive saw us arrive in Tulcea in good time to relax ahead of a sumptuous dinner aboard the floating hotel which would be home for the next few days.

## Day 5

Wednesday 10th September

Danube Delta – Tulcea to Maliuc. Sunny

Boarding a smaller vessel, we left the quayside at Tulcae and headed down-river along the main Sulina Channel. Entering a smaller section, various species of heron started to become evident; including our first Squacco of the trip - a popular species that featured many times during our time on the delta. With kingfishers zigzagging ahead of the boat, we continued to explore the intricate network of channels as we enjoyed views of Great White Egret, Night Heron and Pygmy Cormorants along the way. It was not long before we met with our first White-tailed Eagle which glided low over the boat, shortly followed by our first Dalmatian Pelican moments later.

As we returned to the floating hotel, news reached us that a 'very wide-load' was travelling up river and we were forced to moor-up in a side channel until it passed. After lunch we spent a relaxing couple of hours birdwatching the woodland alongside the boat and were duly entertained by a number of Red-breasted Flycatchers, Middle-spotted and Grey-headed Woodpeckers, not to mention some interesting dragonflies and butterflies including the rather impressive Freyer's Purple Emperor which flitted in numbers around the larger trees bordering the river. With the main channel re-opened we set-off once more and reached Maliuc, our overnight stop, well in time for dinner.

## Day 6

Thursday 11th September

Danube Delta – Maliuc to Eracle. Early fog clearing to bright sun

Waking to dense fog, a pre-breakfast birdwatch found some of us walking the dusty streets of Maliuc, few birds were seen but very close, if a little foggy, views of a female Grey-headed Woodpecker made the early rise well worth the effort. With improving visibility, the floating hotel left its mooring and before long we were bathed in glorious sunshine and enjoying deck-top views of Whiskered, Black and Caspian Terns, as well as several stunning Rollers perched in riverside vegetation. Aboard the launch once more, we soon found ourselves in the middle of a large lake eating lunch in the company of thousands of ducks and a handful of Dalmatian Pelicans. Fed and watered, we were soon on the move again in search of ducks and waders. We were not to be disappointed and soon found several wader species along a section of muddy shoreline; Wood and Green Sandpipers, Black-tailed Godwit and Snipe were all seen at close-quarters as they fed along the shore. At the end of a particularly narrow channel we found ourselves at the edge of a large lake.

Our arrival sent hundreds of ducks flying; Gadwall, Teal and dozens of Garganey. Quietly 'beached' on a sandbank the birds soon settled down and we scanned through the flocks turning up Spotted Redshank, Ferruginous Duck and more Dalmatian Pelicans. Returning to the boat, we re-traced our route back to the 'mother ship' and made smooth progress west, eventually arriving at the over-night anchorage in Eracle. After a quick 'refresh' we all settled down for yet another wonderful dinner.

## Day 7

Friday 12th September

Danube Delta – Eracle to Tulcea. Sunny with the odd thundery shower

Under clear skies, we embarked on our last day on the Danube, soon we boarded the launch and headed towards Lake Furtuna. Minutes after departure the 'dreamy' calls of a Penduline Tit were heard and with the aid of a recording, we were able to bring a family of these exquisite little birds close to the boat. A great start but the next 30 minutes were to be quite remarkable as this was how long it took to see four species of grebe: Little, Black-necked, Red-necked and Great Crested! Darkening skies gave way to a thundery shower but minutes later the sun was out once more and as if refreshed by the downpour bird activity seemed to peak; numerous Glossy Ibis were seen as were Bee-eaters and Rollers.

Once at the lake, we headed out towards the middle and as if from nowhere a huge flock of Pygmy Cormorants lifted off the surface of the lake before settling once more. What followed was breath-taking; we were treated to a master class in fishing as the 700 strong flock 'herded' a shoal of fish! Returning to the floating hotel for lunch a fly-over Harrier was caught on camera, and with the image 'zoomed-in' the necessary features pointed to a Montagu's. As if greeting us back to the hotel, a Grey-headed Woodpecker landed in a dead tree next to where the boat was moored giving us another chance to enjoy this tricky-to-see species. After another fine lunch the remainder of the day was a relaxed affair, birdwatching from the top deck until at last we arrived back in Tulcea, where we were to spend our last night on the Danube.

## Day 8

Saturday 13th September

Parches, Cilic'dere and Machin Hills. Hot and sunny

With farewells and thank yous made to the boat staff, we were back on the bus once more and heading west. We travelled a short distance to a viewpoint which boasted a stunning vista over the Danube Delta giving some scale to this internationally important wetland that had been home for the past few days. Moving on we stopped and explored a wooded hillside near Parches that seemed alive with the calls of woodpeckers. As we looked on we were rewarded with amazing views of Great-spotted and Syrian Woodpeckers side-by-side just metres away. Moments later a Short-toed Eagle, complete with snake in beak, drifted over shortly followed by Booted and Lesser-spotted Eagles!

After another short drive we arrived at a large woodland adjacent to a monastery known as Cilic'dere. Almost immediately we spotted a large flock of Hawfinches, and on leaving the bus the air was full of the 'pix-pix' calls of this bull-necked finch. Deciding to make the most of this rare opportunity, we ate lunch as large and small flocks of finches ebbed and flowed from the extensive woodland beyond. Other species joining the party included 'fly-over' Steppe and Long-legged Buzzards and a Red-breasted Flycatcher in bushes nearby.

Our next destination was the Muntii Macinului National Park, west of Machin town. Leaving the town behind we were soon on a dusty track where the first Susliks of the tour were spotted. This delightful and endearing ground squirrel is always a crowd pleaser and performed well with some 'popping-up' just alongside the bus. Keen to stretch our legs, we set about a short walk into the Oriental Hornbeam woodland at the base of the Machin Hills. Sombre Tit was soon on show, giving us a great chance to enjoy the subtle plumage of this unobtrusive yet charming species. Further on a Roller posed nicely allowing the photographers to catch it on film. Tired but happy we headed for the bus and were soon driving back towards Tulcea.

## Day 9

Sunday 14th September

Deniz Tepe and Black Sea Coast. Hot and sunny

For our last day in the field we headed towards the Black Sea coast. En-route we made a visit to a hill known as Deniz Tepe, just north of Bababag, where on the entrance track we saw a stunning Lesser Grey Shrike which posed nicely on both sides of the bus. Stretching our legs, we walked a section of track enjoying views of several Whinchats before our target species, Isabelline Wheatear, put in an all-to-brief appearance. Our disappointment at the limited views soon passed as a handsome, juvenile, Pallid Harrier was seen quartering adjacent fields. However, this was soon eclipsed by a very close Lesser-spotted Eagle that was soon under attack by one of many local Kestrels!

Heading south, a brief stop at Lake Sinoie afforded distant but, impressive views of thousands of ducks, with Shoveller being particularly numerous. Closer to us, flocks of elegant, if now dubiously named, Mediterranean Gulls drifted over the lake. Waders were present too, with both Temminck's and Little Stints on show as well as a Little Ringed Plover. Heading back to the bus, a distant flock of Ruddy Shelduck flew past heading towards the middle of the lake. Having enjoyed lunch to the south of the lake, we pushed on to our final destination at the Black Sea and its expansive shoreline packed with gulls, terns and waders. Looking out to sea we were thrilled to see several Arctic Skuas harassing gulls and terns. A large flock of gulls roosting on the shore were scrutinised and produced hundreds of Caspian Gulls, a few Little Gulls, along with Common, Sandwich and Black Terns.

Moving inland, a nearby lagoon produced some interesting waders and during a ten minute spell we 'clocked-up' an impressive ten species! Reluctantly we boarded the bus and headed back to Tulcea for our final dinner of the tour and to reflect on what had been an amazing holiday experiencing some of Romania's natural riches.

## Day 10

Monday 15th September

Clear and sunny

Leaving Tulcea behind, we set-off for Bucharest airport. As we travelled, we could see that some birds were still on the move; with several flocks of Black Stork and a Glossy Ibis seen. Other birds included several raptor species; harriers, buzzards, an eagle, plus a group of Red-footed Falcons on power lines.

We arrived at the airport in good time, said our goodbyes and after a smooth flight, arrived safely back in the UK a few hours later.

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## Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only; L = Leaders only; juv = juvenile)

	Common name	Scientific name	September										
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			✓						5		
2	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				200+	300+	500+			500+		
3	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
4	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>									2		
5	Rudy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>									1		
6	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				✓	100+	200+					
7	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓		✓	300+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>					2	10+			200+		
9	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				2					2		
10	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>				3	20+	40+					
11	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			✓		✓	✓			✓		
12	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			10+	✓							
13	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			2		10+	200+			60+		
14	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			2	✓	✓	✓			✓		
15	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					1	1					
16	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			2	✓	✓	✓					
17	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					5	2			8		
18	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		1		1	4	1	10			1	✓
19	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>				2							
20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>						2	12				1
21	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>										6	
22	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>										1	
23	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>				1juv	2	1					
24	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					20+	4	70+				
25	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					40+	30+	80+			5	
26	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		



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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
27	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				3	3	4		2		
28	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			8+	30+	20+	20+		3		✓
29	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓	40+	✓	✓		3		✓
30	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>				100+		10+		70+		
31	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>				1	10	15	2			
32	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>			60+	150+	80+	1000+	100+	10+		
33	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓	40+	✓	✓		✓		
34	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		6+	1	4	4	1	3		1	
35	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					6	10	10			
36	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>								1		
37	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1	3	2	10+	10+	15+	20+	3	15+	✓
38	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>				1♀					1juv	
39	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				1juv	1		2			
40	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		2		1	1	1		1		
41	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			3-5				?			
42	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2	10+	3	10+				2	2	✓
43	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo vulpinus</i>			2							
44	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								3	4	
45	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>		4-6						1	1	
46	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>				3				2		
47	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	3	20+	
48	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				40+	4		2			4
49	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				2	6	7	20+	3	10	
50	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			2							
51	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>						1	H			
52	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>							1juv			
53	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓	
54	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓	300+	300+	3000+	✓	✓	
55	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>									4	

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
56	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓	40	✓	✓		✓	
57	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>									4	
58	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				2	2	10	10		6	
59	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>					4	6			10	
60	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>									20+	
61	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>						15	10		3	
62	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					3	6	3			
63	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					1	2	2			
64	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				1		3	4		3	
65	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>									10+	
66	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>									4	
67	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>									4	
68	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				20+	1	1			20+	
69	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>									4	
70	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>									20+	
72	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>									200+	
73	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	10+			100+	100+	100+	100+	✓	400+	
74	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>						1				
75	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>						10	6	1	2	
76	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									30+	
77	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					10+	10			50+	
78	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	1			10+	30+	40+	20+	6	6	
79	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>						4			3	
80	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>									6	
81	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>						2	6	6		
83	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>							3	1		

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
85	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
86	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>				1			1			
87	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>							H			
88	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		1	1	50+						
89	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				7		4	2	1	5	
90	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				1	4	10+	10+			
91	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		40+		4	100+	30+	30+		6	
92	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>									3	
93	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>		1				H	H	H		
94	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>						2		H	2	
95	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>									3	
96	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		H	1	H	4	3			3	
97	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		2	H		H					
98	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		H								
99	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>			H		1♀	1-2	3	2		
100	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		15+	3	2		3	2	2	30+	
101	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>									1	
102	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					1					
103	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
104	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
105	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		1	40+	1						
106	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
107	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
108	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
109	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		3	6							
110	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		1	10+							
111	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>			2							
112	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>								4		
113	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>			✓							

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114	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
115	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
116	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>			2							
117	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						7	5			
118	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								2	10	
119	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>								5		
120	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							10		10+	
121	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
122	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			1							
123	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
124	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			5		✓	✓	✓			
125	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H	H	2	H					
126	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					1					
127	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schonobaenus</i>							1			
128	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>							1			
129	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		1								
130	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>							2			
131	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		3					3			
132	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>									1	
133	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			H							
134	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			4							
135	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			1				H			
136	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		2	4		1			3		
137	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>		2			H		H			
138	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
139	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		1	1		✓				✓	
140	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		1	1					?		
141	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			4	1	3			1		
142	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		2	2							

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
143	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					3	1		1	4	
144	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		2		1					10	
145	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>									5	
146	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>									2	
147	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1	1	6	6	6	8	3	6	
148	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		2			4	1			7	
149	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			3+							
150	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
151	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					100+		60+			
152	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				5	H	3		1	10+	
153	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1	✓	1						
154	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		20+	✓	10+	✓	✓	✓	20+	✓	
155	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>				1						
156	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			H	1						
157	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
158	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>								1		
159	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		3						80-100		
160	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				✓						
161	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		2				H				
162	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>									2	

## Mammals

Eurasian Brown Bear

European Souslik

Red Squirrel

Red Fox

Hare

## Reptiles & Amphibians

Grass Snake

Common Toad

Large Whip Snake

Yellow-bellied Toad

Slow worm

Marsh Frog sp.

Balkan Wall Lizard

Tree Frog (heard)

## Butterflies

Swallowtail	Small White	Eastern Bath White	Clouded Yellow	Berger's Clouded Yellow
Large Copper	Scarce Copper	Lesser Fiery Copper	Silver-studded/Idas Blue	Freyer's Purple Emperor
Red Admiral	Comma	Peacock	Painted Lady	Silver-washed Fritillary
High Brown Fritillary	Cardinal	Great Banded Grayling	Water Ringlet	Meadow Brown
Small Heath				

## Dragonflies

Beautiful Demoiselle	Willow Emerald	Blue-tailed Damselfly	Small Red-eyed Damselfly	Migrant Hawker
Lesser Emperor	Common Darter	Red-veined Darter	Ruddy Darter	Southern Darter
Broad Scarlet				

## Other Invertebrates

Wart-biter Cricket	<i>Decticus albifrons</i> (large bush-cricket)	<i>Acrida ungarica</i> (elongate grasshopper)	<i>Oryctes nasicornis</i> (very large beetle)
Pollen Beetle sp.	Shield Bug sp.	<i>Volucella zonaria</i> (hornet-mimic hoverfly)	Common Hornet
Wasp Spider	Jumping Spider sp.		