

# Romania's Danube Delta & Carpathian Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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One of the many impressive canals and reed beds of the Danube Delta National Park!



Fiery Salamander



Little Souslik

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## Day 1

Saturday 23rd May

### London Heathrow – Bucharest – Zarnesti

The tour started at Heathrow where we met for our BA flight to Bucharest, which was really smooth. The flight arrived on time and after collecting our luggage we met our local guide Laurentiu (Laurence) who quickly took us to our minibus to start our journey to the mountains. We split the journey in half with a stop by a beautiful mountain forest to stretch our legs and use the facilities, before continuing the journey to our guest house Pension Elena in the town of Zarnesti. When we arrived our hosts Gigi & Elena greeted us with a welcoming drink of plum brandy followed by a rather late but much enjoyed dinner. We then retired to our bedrooms.

## Day 2

Sunday 24th May

### Piatra Craiului National Park (Coltul Chiliilor Monastery) – Valea Stramba (Bear Sanctuary)

After an early breakfast we boarded our minibus for a short drive into the mountains on the western outskirts of Zarnesti. Once there we started our gently uphill walk. Birding was initially a bit slow due to the sunny conditions, but soon became more interesting with sightings of Tree Pipit, Garden Warbler, Blackcap and Common Chiffchaff perched on the tree tops. We also had great views of various other birdlife on the way up. After walking for a couple of hours we finally arrived to the Orthodox monastery of Coltul Chiliilor where we had a nice but brief greeting from its few religious inhabitants. White Wagtail, Black Redstart, Eurasian Jay, Common Blackbird, Northern Sparrowhawk, and Northern Raven were seen in the monastery surroundings, together with a nice Nutcracker perched on the top of a conifer.

We then made our way back to the start of the walk where our minibus was waiting to take us back to our hotel in Zarnesti where a delicious lunch was waiting for us! During our walk downhill Yellowhammers were heard but difficult to locate, there was an elusive Red-backed Shrike, more Tree Pipits, and a very nice Yellow-bellied Toad – held in Laurence's hands!

After lunch and a break we set off to the Stramba valley for our bear watching expedition. It took around forty-five minutes to get there from Zarnesti, and first we had a nice stroll along part of the dirt track which leads to the bear sanctuary. This produced fantastic views of a pair of Lesser Spotted Eagles soaring right above our heads, Red-backed Shrike, White-backed Woodpecker, a very loud Corncrake (which was impossible to see despite our efforts), Great Spotted Woodpecker, Honey Buzzard, Goshawk, Fieldfare and Northern Raven. We also had great views of a nesting pair of Middle-spotted Woodpeckers.

After this good birding walk we drove the rest of the way to the private forest reserve to meet the ranger who was guiding us to the area where a pristine forest treasured one of the most fantastic animals on earth: Brown Bears. We arrived at the hide around 6.30pm after a fairly good walk from the point where our minibus had dropped us off. Once inside the hide we took our places on the benches provided and waited. The ranger filled hollow trunks with corn, oats and a mixed made from chocolate, raisins and brown sugar; a fantastic 'yummy'

snack for Brown Bears. No sooner had he set the food than a 10-year-old male came immediately, making the ranger rush into the hide! We had a fantastic moment watching this beautiful bear munching the snacks provided and scattering around the old carcasses and remains of food left for them in the past days. Another three individuals came to eat at different times and we all had a great time watching them in perfect light conditions!

As the evening was drawing in and light conditions were getting seriously poor, a fourth Brown Bear was spotted deep dark woods. Unfortunately it was time to go back to the minibus and return to our hotel for a well deserved restful night after our exciting experience. Our journey was interrupted by a large male Wild Boar looking for food in one of the clearings along the track. Later on our driver Florin spotted a Ural Owl and we had fantastic views of this wonderful bird! It was a late return for a very satisfied group who had all enjoyed a great day excursion!

## Day 3

Monday 25th May

### Piatra Craiului National Park (Zarnesti Gorges) and Bran (Dracula country)

After a delicious breakfast, we made sandwiches of our choice for lunch and packed them into our rucksacks before setting off to drive to the Zarnesti Gorges. We rapidly engaged with White-throated Dippers and Grey Wagtails just after getting out of the minibus. We started our walk along the track towards the gorges, going from the wide part of the track to a very narrow gorge-enclosed forest part where Song Thrush, Firecrest, and Black Woodpecker were spotted. Many Wood Warblers were actively calling and singing but none of them really wanted to show up; which was a shame. There were lots of Alpine Swifts flying amongst the gorges and we saw them really close and very well. We also had great views of a beautiful Crested Tit. After a good walk, we made our way back to the minibus where we enjoyed our lunch and got ready to drive to the village of Bran.

Once in Bran, an interesting historic village and home of the infamous Vlad the Impaler and the Dracula legend, our leisure time started. Some of us enjoyed visiting the castle and surroundings; finding out first-hand about the different dynasties related to this enchanted village, its mysterious and full-of-history castle, and the fiction that involves Dracula.

After enjoying our visit to Bran we drove on, stopping to get better pictures of the castle itself before driving to the top of the ridge to get panoramic views of the Kingston (Piatra Craiului) Mountains and the Bucegi Ridge, and at the village of Moieciu from where we could see these sets of mountains. We returned to Zarnesti in time for a break followed by another delicious dinner and local drinks!

## Day 4

Tuesday 26th May

### Zarnesti to Tulcea

We had our last breakfast at Pension Elena before saying our farewells to Gigi and Elena who had looked after us for the last three days at their wonderful guesthouse. We stowed our bags in the minibus trailer and left Zarnesti, heading 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 by making several stops, the first one at Ciorani, a planted woodland of poplars and false acacia located next to the main road. Here we enjoyed a short walk and were

rewarded with a few interesting birds such as Golden Oriole, a female Red-footed Falcon, Common Kestrel, Lesser Whitethroat, a very elusive Common Nightingale, and dozens of nesting Rooks.

Back in the minibus we continued our journey, enjoying our packed lunch on board, before making a stop for facilities, coffee and snacks. We continued to a stop in the lowlands, on top of the Dobrogea plateau, and down in the area of Hasarlac where the wetlands start along the river Danube upper basin. Here we saw our first water birds such as Pygmy Cormorant, Purple Heron, Common Pochard, Great Crested Grebe, Great Cormorant, Red-crested Pochard, Little Bittern, European Roller and Whiskered Tern.

The final leg of our journey was to Tulcea on the shore of the Danube, and to our floating hotel. We bade farewell to our driver Florin before boarding, and we were welcomed by its crew with a delicious glass of local schnapps and sweet pastries. Group members were agog at the immaculately high standard of both the accommodation and dining room on the boat, so the standard of our meal was not a surprise; it was delicious! We enjoyed our dinner and went to bed for a well deserved rest, looking forward for a fantastic few days in the Delta.

## Day 5

Wednesday 27th May

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

We awoke to a beautiful sunny morning and the sound of the river, the city and the motorized boats at Tulcea's port. After a delicious breakfast, we left our floating hotel behind and started our first day on the Danube exploring the river delta on our expedition 'small' boat. We started from the point known as mile 36 and followed the fast flowing current for a good fifty minutes before turning into a side channel. European Kingfishers were flying along the thick willow tree shores, Pygmy Cormorants were crossing the channel and there were colourful European Rollers. We explored the area of Maliuc where the Danube National Park headquarters is based. We focussed mostly on the channel banks and willow forests where we found a great variety of birds including Common Redstart, singing Eastern Olivaceous Warbler and Thrush Nightingale, striking Golden Orioles, more Rollers, Pygmy Cormorant, Black-crowned Night Heron, Little Egret, Squacco Heron and a male Little Bittern.

We had a coffee stop at the entrance of Lake Nebuno from where we enjoy watching large groups of White Pelicans drifted over in squadrons and a pair of Dalmatian Pelicans flying more independently. We also saw many pairs of Hobby soaring nearby and being mobbed by Hooded Crows and other smaller birds, and Eurasian Cuckoo was the most numerous bird species seen and heard so far.

After drifting along the many channels we caught up with our 'flotel' (floating hotel) for lunch. We enjoyed the landscape, especially when we started sailing down the river, which made our lunch time even more enjoyable. Along the endless row of willow trees we saw Roller, Pygmy Cormorant, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, a singing Savi's Warbler, Eurasian Cuckoo, Purple, Squacco and Grey Herons, Ferruginous Duck, Red-necked Grebe and many others. In the evening we had a delicious dinner and drinks that we all enjoyed.

## Day 6

Thursday 28th May

### Magearu Channel – Letea – Lopatna (overnight)

It was another morning in the heart of the Danube Delta surrounded by the vast reed beds and water canals. The weather wasn't the best this morning as heavy cold winds were blowing from the north, making our morning out in the boat really cold: it was very unusual weather for this time of year in the Delta. Despite this, we sailed along the Magearu Channel to the village of Letea, where we had a walk to see this beautiful and traditional village. Along the ancient traditional buildings we saw some fantastic birds such as European Reed Warbler, Eurasian Hoopoe, Black Redstart, Eurasian Cuckoo, European Bee-eater, Lesser Whitethroat, Northern Wheatear and the always gorgeous European Penduline Tit. After a good stroll around the village, we were back to the river on our excursion boat and headed back to our floating hotel, listening to Penduline Tits and Great Reed Warblers all the way up the canal and seeing dozens of Squacco Herons, Rollers, Eurasian Cuckoos, Black-crowned Night Herons and plenty more! Back at our 'flotel' we enjoyed our lunch and a break.

As we moved on we did some leisure birding from our floating hotel, watching singing Common Redstarts, colourful Rollers and standing Squacco Herons. We arrived at a beautiful channel almost clogged with Water Chestnut which was full of Great Crested Grebes, Whiskered Terns, a few Dalmatian Pelican and lots of Great White Pelicans.

We had a beautiful end of the day with a gorgeous sunset after a very cold early start. To see this while dining was some experience, and we all enjoyed the new location and the sounds surrounding it as the evening was turning dark!

## Day 7

Friday 29th May

### Lopatna – Stipoc – Razaboinita – Sontea Canal (mile 36 to Tulcea)

We awoke to a windy morning with a chilly wind to start 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 with Squacco Heron and Black-crowned Night Heron being the most numerous. Today European Rollers outnumbered Eurasian Cuckoos, which were in themselves numerous with lots of them being brown females. Hobbies were around too and we had some falcon variety by spotting a few pairs of Red-footed Falcons which nest along the canal somewhere in the willows. We also found a few pairs of Red-necked Grebes and at least four pairs of Black-necked Grebes; both pleasantly swimming on the crystal clear waters of the lake system of Stipoc-Razaboinitia. We also saw two pairs of Black Terns, and Whiskered Terns were seen everywhere.

The weather was dry and sunny but still a cold wind was blowing over the Delta. It eventually got better by the time we were passing through other channels and the old fishery where another pair of Red-footed Falcons were seen. Other interesting birds were Golden Oriole, Common Redstart, Eurasian Hoopoe, nesting White Storks, and large groups of White Pelicans soaring in the sky.

We met our floating hotel again and boarded to enjoy a delicious lunch, followed by our 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. We enjoyed stunning views of beautiful birds such as hundreds of Great White Pelicans, Western Marsh Harriers, the always beautiful European Roller, European Kingfisher, and many more.

Once in Tulcea, another lovely dinner was served overlooking the Danube with the town in the background; a very different but very nice contrast!

## Day 8

Saturday 30th May

### Parches – Mâcin Mountains National Park (Parcul National Muntii Macinului)

We awoke to a beautiful morning, overlooking Tulcea and the River Danube. After a delicious breakfast – sadly our last in our floating hotel – we left the river cruiser with our day packs; our main luggage being taken to our next hotel about a mile away from the harbour. We said goodbye to the lovely crew and thanked them for looking after us during the last four days. We boarded our minibus and drove out of Tulcea, heading east. We stopped thirty minutes later in the monastery village of Celic Dere where we had a nice walk along the beautiful Balkan countryside, enjoying great birds such as European Honey Buzzard, European Bee-eater, Turtle Dove, Red-backed Shrike, Icterine Warbler, Booted Eagle and great views of the native Sombre Tit. The fields in the upper hill and forest offered great views of Spotted Flycatcher, Icterine Warbler, and Woodchat Shrike and Red-backed Shrike both perched together on a same bush. Steppe Buzzard and Black Stork were also spotted flying in the sky, while Souselik were running around the fields.

After this enjoyable walk, we drove for more than an hour to the village of Macin where we stopped to use the facilities and get some refreshments before continuing to our next stop; the Macin Mountains. Here we enjoyed a delicious lunch surrounded by the beautiful landscape and surrounded by Lesser Grey Shrike, Corn Bunting, Turtle Dove and Golden Oriole!

After lunch we set off for a walk following the main gully. We saw great birds such as Tawny Pipit, Northern Wheatear, Eurasian Kestrel, and the beautiful Pied Wheatear. We also had great views of a wonderful Short-toed Snake Eagle and a male Levant's Sparrowhawk soaring right above our heads in the blue sky: brilliant! We also found a beautiful male Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush and Golden Oriole, and had fantastic views of a soaring and perched Long-legged Buzzard which we enjoyed watching through the telescope.

After this visit we returned to Tulcea where our new town hotel was expecting us with comfortable rooms and a delicious supper!

## Day 9

Sunday 31st May

### Denistepe – Babadag Forest – Histria – Sinoe (Black Sea area)

After a delicious breakfast we drove out of Tulcea, heading south to explore a portion of the Black Sea coast. Our first stop was around Denistepe where we managed to see a few interesting species of birds such as Black-headed Wagtail, Tawny Pipit, Corn Bunting, Spanish Sparrow, Marsh Harrier, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Hobby, Isabelline Wheatear, and the very handsome Black-headed Bunting which was one of our target birds at this site. We also had great views of Linnet, Greater Short-toed Lark, Eurasian Skylark, and pale-morph Booted Eagle.

Satisfied with the results that this site has produced, we continued our drive passing through the Turkish-descendent village of Babadag and eventually to its diverse oak woodland located south-east from the village. We parked near an access to the Babadag Forest and enjoyed a good walk, encompassing some excellent flowers and

butterflies, together with two species of lizards, moths and crickets. We enjoyed the walk very much; then it was back in the minibus to continue our drive with the scenery changing from forest habitat to vast open marshland adjacent to the Black Sea. Here we were able to have proper views of the local Romanian Yellow Wagtail, Great Reed Warbler, Reed Bunting, Common Shelduck, Black-winged Stilt, Eurasian Spoonbill, and Grey and Purple Herons whilst we enjoyed our delicious picnic lunch. Afterwards we had a stroll amongst the marshes looking for the elusive Paddyfield Warbler which was seen by some really well with great views of a pair.

The landscape was pretty much the same as we continued our approach to the seaside, watching old buildings and large concreted structures once used during the communist era and left behind as ruins as capitalism now rules the nation; a grim contrast to the surrounding nature. Another stop produced a good flock of our first Collared Pratincoles, which were sharing the flooded marshland with Redshank, Pied Avocet, hundreds of nesting Common Terns, and a few Mediterranean, Little, Black-headed and Caspian Gulls. We finally reached the seaside which already had a few local holidaymakers enjoying the sunny and pleasant afternoon by the sea. Some of us enjoyed a dip in the waters of the Black Sea. Pygmy Cormorants and Dalmatian Pelicans were seen here very well.

We then returned to the minibus to start our long drive back to Tulcea. Once back we had a break followed by drinks and a delicious last supper. We all lifted our glasses and made a toast, wishing each other all the best for the future, and we talked about the lovely memories from the tour to the best parts of Romania. Our cook proudly presented us with a special farewell cake and some champagne to reinforce our celebration! We thanked them all. We also expressed to our local guide Laurence our deep thanks for sharing the wildlife of his lovely country with us!

## Day 10

Monday 1st June

### Tulcea – Bucharest airport

It was another nice, sunny morning: a friendly farewell to us. After a delicious breakfast we packed our belongings and bade a warm farewell to everyone at the guest house who had looked after us very well during the last couple of days. We then started our drive back to Bucharest. We stopped half way for a stretch, followed by a lunch stop near the airport. We arrived in plenty of time to sort out our luggage and proceed to check in. It was a smooth and comfortable flight back to Heathrow airport 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, accompanied by fairly good weather (although a bit cold whilst in the heart of the Delta) most of the time. Our hotel in the Carpathian Mountains, our floating hotel in the Danube and our guest house in Tulcea were fantastic and their staff were the kindest you could ever have; showing their passion to do what they do with great taste and making visitors most welcome and very happy in their country. They truly gave us their best to make our trip a real success and unforgettable. In our hearts and minds we will have wonderful memories of Romania from the mysterious Carpathian Mountains to the vast and endless-looking living labyrinth of the Danube Delta!

.....*La revedere Rumania...Multumesc!!*      (*Good bye Romania...Many thanks!!*)

## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May/June										
			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
1	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>										H	
2	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>										H	
3	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>						✓		✓	H		
4	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
5	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
6	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				✓						✓	
7	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				✓			✓				
8	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>					✓	✓	✓				
10	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>				✓	✓						
11	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
12	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
13	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓	✓		✓				✓
14	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>						✓		✓			
15	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
16	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>							✓				
17	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						✓		✓	✓		
18	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					✓	✓	✓				✓
20	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>						✓				✓	
21	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>				✓	✓						
22	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						✓	✓	✓			
23	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				
24	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
25	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
26	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓				
27	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
28	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓	
29	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓	



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			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
30	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
31	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
32	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓			✓			✓	✓	
33	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					✓	✓	✓			
34	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>								✓		
35	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Levant's Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>					✓			✓		
37	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		✓								
38	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		✓								
39	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
40	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>					✓			✓		
41	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>		✓		✓					✓	
42	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>								✓	✓	
43	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
45	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓	
46	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>		H								
47	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
48	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
49	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicanus</i>									H	
50	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					✓				✓	
51	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>									✓	
52	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓	
53	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>									✓	
54	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>									✓	
55	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>									✓	
56	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>									✓	
57	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
58	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>									✓	
59	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>									✓	
60	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>									✓	

	Common name	Scientific name	May/June									
			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
62	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓	
63	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
64	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>							✓			
65	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>					✓					
67	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				✓				✓		
69	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
71	Ural Owl	<i>Strix uralensis</i>		✓								
72	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		✓								
73	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			✓							
74	European Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
75	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					✓	✓	✓			
77	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
78	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>					H		H			
80	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		✓								
81	White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>		✓								
82	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
83	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>			✓		✓					
84	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓								
85	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		H			✓		H	H		
86	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
87	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				✓				✓		
88	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>								✓		
89	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓	
90	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓		✓				✓		
91	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		✓								
93	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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94	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>				✓	✓					✓	✓
95	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓									
97	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>									H		
98	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>									✓		
99	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		H	✓								
100	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>			✓								
101	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
102	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
103	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						✓	✓				
104	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>										✓	
105	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>										✓	
106	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>										✓	
107	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>									✓		
108	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>										✓	
109	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				✓					✓	✓	
110	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
111	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
112	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>									✓		
113	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
114	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>					H			H			
115	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	H		H			H			
116	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			H						H		
117	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				✓	✓			✓		✓	
118	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>										✓	
119	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				✓	H			H			
120	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>										✓	
121	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>					✓						
122	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>								H	✓		
123	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>					✓	H		H			
124	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓		✓			H	✓		
125	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		✓				H		H	H		

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126	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		H		✓	H	✓	✓	H		
127	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>								H		
128	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		H	✓							
129	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓	H							
130	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H	H							
131	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			H							
132	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>								✓		
133	Northern Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
135	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		✓	✓							
136	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓	✓					✓		
137	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	H							
138	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		H	✓				H			
139	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>					H		H	H		
140	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>				✓	H			H		
141	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓					✓			
142	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					✓		✓			
143	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		H						✓		
144	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>									✓	
145	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓	
146	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>								✓		
147	Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>								✓		
148	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
149	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>			H							
150	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>			H							
151	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			✓							
152	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
153	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>									✓	
154	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
155	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>							✓			
156	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla. f. feldegg</i>									✓	
157	Romanian Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla. f. dombrowskii</i>									✓	

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158	Grey-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla. f.thumbergi</i>									✓		
159	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓								
160	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
161	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>									✓	✓	
162	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓									
163	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
164	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			H						H		
165	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		H	H						✓		
166	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
167	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>									✓	✓	
168	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		H							✓	✓	
169	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				✓			H	✓	✓	✓	
170	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		H		✓							
171	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								H	H		
172	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>										✓	
173	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>						✓				✓	

## Mammals

1	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		1									
2	European Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>		4									
3	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			1								
4	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vuples</i>								1			
5	Souslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>								2	✓		
6	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		1									
7	Racoon Dog	<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>					1						

## Amphibians

1	Agile Frog	<i>Rana dalmatina</i>				✓							
2	Yellow bellied Toad	<i>Bombina variegata</i>		✓									
3	Marsh/Pond/Edible Frog	<i>Pelophylax sp</i>					✓		✓				
4	Fire bellied Toad	<i>Bombina bombina</i>						✓					
5	Alpine Newt	<i>Ichthyosaura alpestris</i>		✓									

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6	Montandon's Newt	<i>Triturus alpestris</i>		✓								
7	Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>		✓								
8	Fire Salamander	<i>Salamandra salamandra</i>			✓							

### Reptiles

1	Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix persa</i>						✓				
2	Balkan Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis tauricus</i>		✓						✓	✓	
3	Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>								✓	✓	
4	Sand Lizard	<i>Lacerta agilis</i>									✓	
5	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>									✓	

### Other wildlife

1	Horse Leach	<i>Haemopsis saguisuga</i>					✓					
2	Narrow-clawed Crayfish	<i>Astacus leptodactylus</i>					✓					
3	Red-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>									✓	

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