

Butterflies and Flowers of Bulgaria 2018

Holiday Report 21 - 29 June 2018

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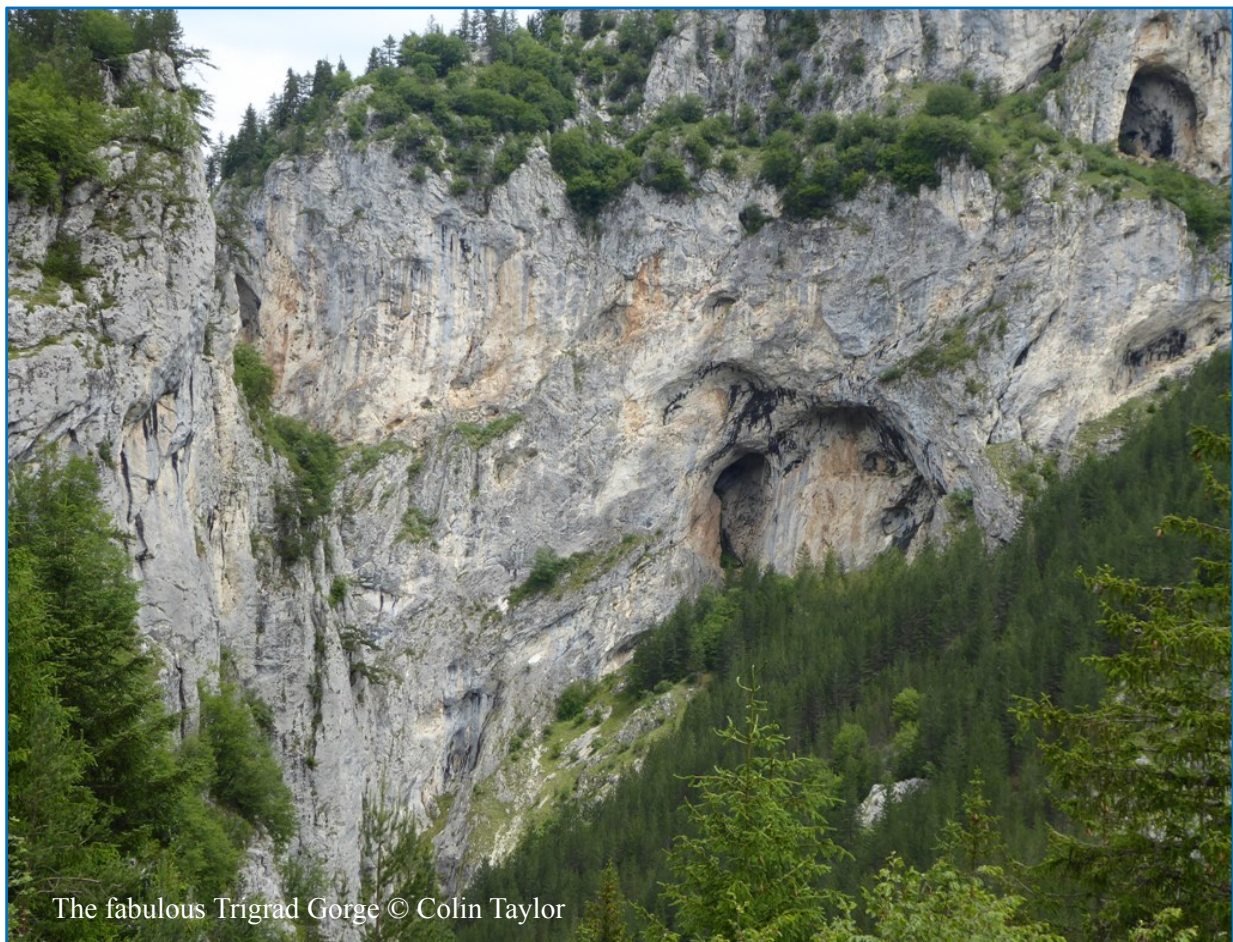
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Introduction:

The southwestern region of Bulgaria is one of the most diverse and rich in flora and fauna on the Balkan Peninsula. This year's trip is divided on two halves. The first half takes place in the famous Rhodope Mountains in southern Bulgaria, close to the country's border with Greece. As we enter the mountain the rolling landscape gradually becomes rugged and occasionally cut by translucent streams winding through deep gorges. One of them is the magnificent Trigrad Gorge – a spectacular crevasse of sheer limestone cliffs, surrounded by old pine forests and lovely flowery meadows. The second half we spent in Pirin Mountain and the surrounding river valleys of Mesta and Struma.

Pirin is the second highest mountain in Bulgaria with Mount Vihren ascending to 2,916m. The rich biological diversity of the mountain is protected with the designation of Pirin National Park, Pirin is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We used two different hotels to enable us to cover the maximum amount of different habitats and sites with the minimum amount of driving. The first base is in the small village of Teshel and situated in a narrow gorge with beautiful vertical cliffs. The second base is in Predela area, in the foothills between Rila and Pirin mountains.



What follows is a daily diary, species lists and galleries.

Day 1: June 21st

Guests were met at Sofia airport terminals 1 and 2 by Yiannis and Simeon. The weather was sunny and warm but there was a distant rumble of thunder. Our first stop was at a riverside in Sofia where we saw **Short-tailed Blue**, **Lesser Fiery Copper**, **Marbled White**. Dragonflies that we saw here included **Banded Demoiselle**, **Green-eyed Hooktail**, **Broad-bodied Chaser** and **Ruddy Darter**. Most interesting among the plants were *Agrimonia eupatoria*, *Vicia grandiflora*



Marbled White © A. Ashworth



Green-eyed Hooktail © S. Gigov

and *Sambucus ebulus*. Soon the rain came and we had to leave to our next destination.

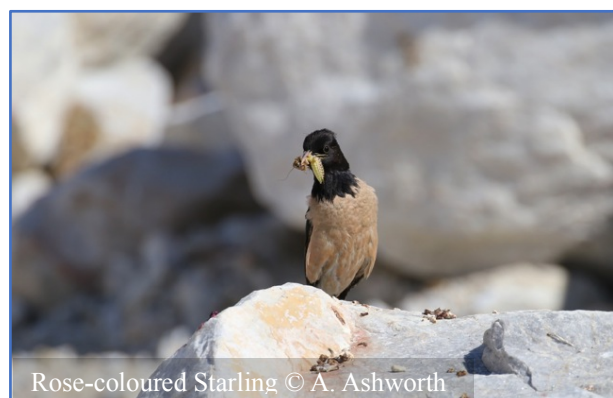
We then drove southeast through mixed forest of deciduous trees and conifer plantations to reach the Upper Thracian Valley. After a short stop for lunch, we continued to our next stop, which was a nice steppe area with several quarries. In one of them this year a colony of about 1500 pairs of Rosy Starlings was established in the end of May. The **Rosy Starlings** were fascinating to watch and we got excellent views. They were actively feeding young (mostly with Orthoptera and mulberries) and were flying around in big flocks of up to 500 individuals.

A short walk around also produced **Eurasian Stone Curlew**, **European Turtle Dove**, **European Bee-eater**, **Lesser Grey Shrike**, **Crested Lark**, **Black-eared Wheatear** (*ssp. melanoleuca*) and **Black-headed Bunting**. Butterflies were represented by **Swallowtail**, **Scarce Swallowtail**, **Bath White**, **Berger's Clouded Yellow**, **Adonis Blue**, **Niobe Fritillary**, **Great Banded Grayling**, **Oberthuer's Grizzled Skipper**.

Other insects were much in evidence as well with interesting species such as the **Mammoth Wasp** (*Megascolia* sp.), the **Violet Carpenter Bee**, and the enormous antlion *Palpares libelluloide*. The most interesting though was a **Narrow-bordered Bee Hawkmoth**, which was feeding on blooming thistles around us. We were now in drier Mediterranean habitat with plants such as *Xeranthemum numullarium*, *Xeranthemum annuum*, *Nigella damascena*, *Achillea clypeolata*, *Colutea arborescens*, *Carduus nutans* and other thistles.



Narrow-bordered Bee Hawk © S. Gigov



Rose-coloured Starling © A. Ashworth

We then made our way to our hotel, driving along a route which followed the river through spectacular gorges, gradually climbing to a large dam. Eventually we reached the Orfeo, located in a deep gorge next to a branch of the river. We met in the restaurant area for drinks and then had a dinner of salad, followed by pork and mushrooms and dessert. An early night beckoned so that we were ready for the next day.

Day 2: June 22nd

Some guests were up early before our breakfast of scrambled eggs and coffee, taking a short walk with Yiannis looking for the Water Vole that Dave had seen the previous evening, and then walked along the road near the hotel. Interesting birds spotted included a **Black Redstart**, **Black Woodpecker**, **White-throated Dipper** (*ssp. cinclus*), **Eleonora's Falcon**, **European Serin** and a flock of **Common Crossbills**.

It was a fine day initially, with some cloud building up. We drove towards Smolyan and then took a side road that led to some very extensive, rolling flowery meadows. We made our way slowly through the meadows looking at the butterflies and flowers. It was very diverse and rich in a huge variety of flowers. New plants for the day included *Coronilla varia*, *Salvia verticillata*, the Balkan endemics *Campanula moesiaca* and *Knautia midzorensis*, the interesting *Nonea atra*, the orchids *Orchis ustulata* and *Gymnadenia conopsea* and of course the highlight of the day - *Lilium rhodopeum*, the large endemic Balkan Lily with its gorgeous yellow flowers.

The abundance of butterflies here was overwhelming with more than 40 species recorded in a walk of only 2 hours. Most notable among them were **Apollo**, **Black-veined White**, **Balkan Copper**, **Alcon Blue**, **Mazarine Blue**, **Heath Fritillary**, **Marsh Fritillary**, **Woodland Ringlet**, **Bright-eyed Ringlet**, **Northern Wall Brown** and **Tufted Marbled Skipper**. The meadows are also a nice bird habitat and we managed to hear a **Corncrake** and see **Pallid Swift**, **Red-backed Shrike**, **Mistle Thrush** and **Yellowhammer**.



After a lunch of bean salad and omelette at a restaurant overlooking Smolyan Lake, most of the group spent some time looking for dragonflies. We managed to see some lovely species including **Scarce Emerald Damselfly**, **Blue-tailed Damselfly**, **Azure Damselfly**, **Large Red Damselfly**, **Blue Emperor**, **Downy Emerald Dragonfly**, **Four-spotted Chaser** and **Black-tailed Skimmer**. Peter G and David W went off in search of other insects, seeing some Satyrids and Pierids but rain eventually came and forced us back on to the bus so we decided to return to the hotel slightly earlier than planned.

On arriving back at our base, some of the group went out on a local orchid hunt before a dinner of trout before completing our species lists for the day.



Downy Emerald © S. Gigov



Dragonflying at the lake © N. Branson

Day 3: June 23th

We set off today on the road to Trigrad gorge. We drove through it and then turned off to a gentle mountain track where we disembarked and started our walk. The weather was cloudy and too cool for butterflies to fly so we mostly focused on birds in the beginning with **Peregrine Falcon**, **Alpine Swift**, **Spotted Nutcracker**, **Rock Bunting** and **Crested Tit** being the stars of this walk.

Around 11 a.m. the sky started to clear and soon the butterflies were actively flying around us. Target species like **Alcon Blue**, **Geranium Argus**, **Escher's Blue**, **Amanda's Blue**, **Twin-spot Fritillary**, **Nickerl's Fritillary** and **Marbled Skipper** were well seen and photographed here along with **Silver-studded Blue**, **Large Wall** and **Black-veined White**. Especially interesting was to observe and compare **Heath** and **Nickerl's Fritillaries** flying in the same meadow. The Nickerl's appeared much darker and duskier, but also had other distinguishing features. Many new plants, mostly endemic were seen here. Included were *Campanula jordanovi*, *Campanula orphanidea*, *Silene roemerii*, *Silene fabarioides*, *Silene flavescens*, *Dianthus petreum*, *Sideritis montana*, *Asyneum lonifolium*, *Aster alpinus*, *Digitalis viridiflora* and *Digitalis lanata*. On the rocks two ferns were particularly common, *Asplenium ruta-muraria* and *Asplenium trichomanes*.



Geranium Argus © S. Gigov



Nickerl's Fritillary © P. Gravett

We then returned to our bus and took the road back through the gorge, stopping to admire the view and take photos. From here we return to our hotel for lunch of beef soup, peppers and cheese. and then boarded our bus once again to visit some fields around Zmeytsa. The weather had by now deteriorated and the butterflies were now very reluctant to fly, paradoxically making photography easier once they were spotted sitting on the vegetation.

Especially numerous here were the fritillaries - **Niobe**, **Marbled**, **Pearl-bordered**, **Glanville**, **Knappweed**, **Spotted** and **Heath**. Many of these species were resting on dianthus flowers. Other

species included **Pearly Heath**, **Chestnut Heath**, **Large Wall Brown** and **Grizzled Skipper**. We also found some new orchids, including *Dactylorhiza baumanniana* and *Anacamptis coriophora*. Simeon found a young **Grass Snake** and a **Balkan Slow-worm**, *Anguis colchicus*, which were well appreciated by the group. Other insects seen here included several dragonflies - **Beautiful Demoiselle**, **Scarce Emerald Damselfly** and **Southern Skimmer**, as well as the owlfly, *Ascalaphus macaronius*.



Balkan Slow-worm © N. Branson



Marbled Fritillary © S. Gigov

Day 4: June 24th

The weather outlook was better than yesterday, with the prospect of sunshine. People going on a pre-breakfast walk reported **Short-toed eagle**, **Black Stork** and **Marsh Tit**. Our destination today was beyond Trigrad; however, our departure was somewhat delayed by the finding of **Black Hairstreak** and a **Nettle-tree Butterfly** in the garden of the hotel.



Nettle-tree Butterfly © S. Gigov



Black Hairstreak © S. Gigov

On arrival at the meadows **Marbled Whites** were everywhere, appearing with much more black on them than in the UK. **Chimney Sweeper** moth was found 'in cop'. Flower-wise we soon found the unusual *Ajuga laxmanni* again as well as more *Morina persica*, *Marrubium vulgare*, *Hyoscyamus niger*, *Jasione heldreichii*, *Sideritis scardica* as well as a host of orchids such as *Gymnadenia conopsea*, *Dactylorhiza cordigera*, *Orchis ustulata* and *Anacamptis coriophora*. Other butterflies present included **Brimstone**, **Scarce Copper**, **Woodland Grayling**, and **Orbed Red Underwing Skipper**, a new species for the trip. At our second meadow, we stopped to chat with a Bulgarian lady collecting herbs.

On the way back to the hotel we explored a deep

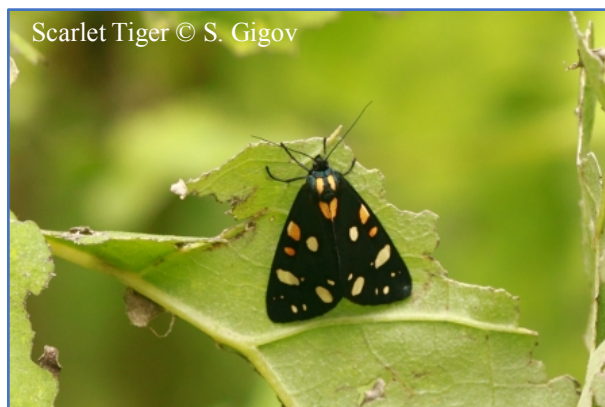


Herb lady © P. Gravett

river gorge, where we also added **White Admiral** and the beautiful **Scarlet Tiger** moth. We ate lunch of soup and salad back at the hotel, where we saw a nice displaying **European Honey Buzzard** with its typical wing-clapping flight.



Sideritis scardica © S. Gigov



Scarlet Tiger © S. Gigov

After lunch, we headed to another magnificent gorge - Buynovsko, where we stopped to go on a woodland walk and found a completely different set of orchids. Amongst them were *Platanthera chlorantha*, *Cephalanthera rubra*, *Neottia ovata* and *Epipactis atrorubens*. The highlight of the day plant-wise though, had to be the **Ghost orchid**, *Epipogium aphyllum*. Other interesting plants were also seen such as the saprophytic *Monotropa hypopitys* and *Orthilia secunda*.

Our last site was at some higher meadows and we were lucky that the sun came out, causing the butterflies to start flying again in spite of the chilly wind. Species here included **Balkan Copper**, **Alcon Blue**, **Mazarine Blue**, **False Eros Blue**, **Niobe Fritillary**, **Heath Fritillary**, **Knapweed Fritillary**, **Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary**, **Marsh Fritillary**, **Bright-eyed Ringlet**, **Eastern Large & Chestnut Heath**, **Tufted Marbled & Chequered Skipper**.



False Eros Blue © S. Gigov



Balkan Copper © N. Branson

After dinner of buffet salad and pork, we packed our cases, ready for tomorrow's transfer to our next hotel.

Day 5: June 25th

The weather was cloudy to start off with this morning, but improving and becoming quite hot during the day. As a result, butterflies were much more active. We drove south-east to a different habitat which was drier and with a Mediterranean influence. The conifers were now replaced with broad leaf deciduous trees.

At our first stop near Satovcha we saw both *Filipendula vulgaris* and *Filipendula ulmaria* growing together. There were several new plants in the meadow including *Gladiolus illyricus*,

Anacamptis elegans as well as *Dactylorhiza incarnata* which we hadn't seen previously. *Epipactis palustris* was growing in a damp patch in the meadow too.

Our main destination today were the foothills of Slavyanka mountain not far from the Greek border. It was near lunchtime when we reached our first stop at a dry meadow along a stream, where we saw *Papaver rhoeas*, an *Onosma* species, *Echium italicum* and magnificent *Himantoglossum jankae*.

Butterflies were very active here and sometimes difficult to find them resting, and we got a lot of good and new species. Especially numerous were the **Great Banded Graylings**, but the group was a lot more fascinated by an **Eastern Festoon** that was seen and stayed long enough to please everyone. Other interesting species here were **Swallowtail**, **Ilex Hairstreak**, **Adonis Blue**, **Queen of Spain Fritillary**, **Weaver's Fritillary**, **Lesser Spotted Fritillary**, **Sandy Grizzled Skipper** and **Orbed Red Underwinged Skipper**. Real excitement was here was a 'mini armadillo', which Simeon identified as **Bronze Glandular Bush-cricket**, *Bradyporus dasypus*.



Eastern Festoon © S. Gigov



Sandy Grizzled Skipper © S. Gigov

After a well-deserved picnic we took a walk along a tarmac road which took us through an abandoned orchard, across a river and finished at a dry stream-bed with a few water pools left. Fresh goat poo had attracted plenty of butterflies like **Sooty Copper**, **Little Blue**, **Balkan Grayling**, **Sandy Grizzled Skipper**, **Mallow Skipper** and **Dingy Skipper**. A short look around the river produced dragonflies like **Banded** and **Beautiful Demoiselle**, **White-legged Damselfly** and **Green-eyed Hooktail**. But the highlight of this walk were the small pools in the drying stream, which has attracted a swarm of puddling blues, skippers and whites including **Southern Small White**, **Mountain Small White**, **Green-veined White**, **Wood White**, **Silver-studded Blue**, **Escher's Blue**, **Amanda's Blue**, **Chapman's Blue**, **Anomalous Blue**, **Ripart's Anomalous Blue**, **Adonis Blue**, **Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper** and **Dingy Skipper**.



Balkan Grayling © S. Gigov



Ripart's Anomalous Blue © S. Gigov

Birds seen included **European Turtle Dove, European Bee-eater, Common Hoopoe, European Green Woodpecker, Crested Lark, Whitethroat, Hawfinch** and **Cirl Bunting**.

We drove further and higher along the road and stopped at another meadow in full sun (where there was much thyme) and a river. We found **Berger's Clouded Yellow, Purple-shot Copper** (feeding upon the thyme) **Large Blue, Chalk-hill Blue, Cardinal, Silver-washed Fritillary, Dark Green Fritillary, Marbled Fritillary, Balkan Marbled White** and **Oriental Meadow Brown**, the latter found by Dave W. Small Elephant and Spurge Hawk larvae were uncovered in pursuit of other quarry and many of the Nymphalidae were attracted by the extensive patches of the superb nectar source provided by Danewort growing by the river.



At about 4 p.m. we left the area and had another hour and a half transfer to the hotel. Here we were welcomed by a singing **Common Rosefinch** and a mixed flock of hirundines and **Pallid Swifts**. Dinner tonight was salads and cheese and meat followed by rice pudding.

Day 6: June 26th

We were now in Southern Bulgaria near the Rila and Pirin Mountains but the weather forecast was rather bleak. A pre-breakfast birding walk produced **Common Sandpiper, Pallid Swift, European Green Woodpecker, Red-backed Shrike, Marsh Tit, Red-rumped Swallow, Woodlark, Common Rosefinch, Corn Bunting, Yellowhammer**.

After breakfast we journeyed to Kresna gorge along Struma River. The area is among the richest biodiversity sites in Europe and especially good for butterflies. Our first stop was near a rafting centre, where we saw our first **Lang's Short-tailed Blue, Chequered Blue, Balkan Marbled White, Wall Brown** and **Southern White Admiral**. Birdwatching here was also good and produced **Eurasian Griffon Vulture, Short-toed Eagle, European Honey Buzzard, Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Eurasian Crag Martin** and **Hawfinch**.



We also found **Spur-thighed Tortoise**, *Testudo hermannii*. The flora in the area was typical Mediterranean with species like *Linaria genistifolia*, *Silene alba*, *Plumbago europaea*, *Pallidus spina-christi*, *Pistacia terebinthus*, *Campanula scutellata*, *Reseda lutea*, *Aristolochia clematis*, *Platanus orientalis*, *Morus alba*.

At the second site a few kilometres down the road we explored a track and also a stoney area by the river. Fortunately it was getting sunnier and we found puddling **Scarce Swallowtail**, along with **Sooty Copper**, **Southern White Admiral**, **Common Glider** (the latter on bramble flowers), **Balkan Marbled White**, **Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper** and **Lulworth Skipper**. Simeon succeeded in finding a large dragonfly for us, which turned out to be a **Sombre Goldenring**.



Southern White Admiral © A. Ashworth



Lulworth Skipper (f) © S. Gigov

After a lunch of spinach soup and courgette fritters, rain threatened and temperatures dropped. Still, we decided to try one more site near Ilindentsi, but nothing was flying in such conditions. Even so, we did find some butterflies in the grass including Southern **Small White**, **Bath White**, **White-letter Hairstreak**, **Anomalous Blue**, **Great Banded Grayling**, **Dingy Skipper**.



Balkan Goldenring © S. Gigov



Anomalous Blue © S. Gigov

Yiannis found a few nice plants for the botanically inclined, including *Trachelium rumelliana*, *Scolymus hispanicus*, *Verbascum sinuatum*. Just before the rain hit on us, David found **Balkan Goldenring**, quietly resting on a bush. The rain however ended our day but even after our dinner of sliced beef, chicken soup, savouries and salad, Peter G went exploring and found a salamander.

Day 7: June 27th

Today's forecast was for cloud all day and indeed it drizzled on several occasions, so there wasn't much chance of enjoying butterflies. Thus, we witted our focus to birds and flowers and went to the subalpine zone of Mt. Pirin to look for endemic flora and some typical mountain birds.

Temperatures were quite low so the only butterfly we found was an Eastern Large Heath. Birds

however were numerous and we saw several lovely **Spotted Nutcrackers, Coal Tit, Dunnock** (which is a mountain species in Bulgaria), **Linnet, Common Crossbill, Bullfinch**, etc. Some of us even saw **Balkan Chamois** on the mountain slopes.

The incredible flora with many endemic and typical alpine species included *Dactylorhiza cordigera*, *Geum coccineum*, *Campanula velibitica*, *Viola orbelica*, *Anthyllis aurea*, *Crocus veluchensis*, *Scilla biflora*, *Gagea sp.* *Primula elatior*, *Scutellaria alpina*, *Geranium macrorrhizum*, *Aquilegia aurea*, *Dactylorhiza saccifera*, *Cynoglossum hungaricum*, *Daphne cneorum*, *Daphne oleoides*, *Centaurea orbelica*, *Verbascum longifolium*, *Verbascum davidoff*, *Pinus peuce*, *Pinus mugo*, *Pinus sylvestris*, *Pinus nigra*, and *Pinus heldreichii*.

We ate a lunch of stew and lentil soup back at the hotel and after we'd warmed up a little we ventured out for another walk in the nearby beech forest. Here we found **Balkan Copper, Heath Fritillary, Ringlet** and **Large Skipper**. An interesting **Clearwing** moth was also seen on an Elderflower. Birds were also fewer in these conditions, but we still could find **Coal, Blue and Marsh Tits, Blackcap, Goldcrest, Eurasian Treecreeper, Song Thrush & Black Redstart**.



Day 8: June 28th

The first stop in the morning was at some nice meadows at the hills near Razlog. Again, butterflies were well hidden with just a few **Marbled Whites, Meadow Browns, Common Blues**, a lovely female **Meleager's Blue** and **Large Skipper**. Avian distractions included **Eurasian Hobby, Common Buzzard, European Bee-eater, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Red-backed Shrike, Sombre Tit, Red-rumped Swallow, Woodlark, Mistle Thrush**, and **Corn Bunting**. Some interesting flora here included *Silene conoidea*, *Lychnis coronaria*, *Teucrium chamaedrys*, *Galium verum*, *Melilotus alba*, *Jasione heldreichii*.



Unfortunately, very heavy rain came so we decided to spend an hour sightseeing in the old town of Bansko. We visited the old and very impressive church until the rain stopped and then walked through the town for a while until it was time for lunch.

When we came out of the restaurant, the sky has cleared and the sun was shining. A butterfly flew by to remind us what the main goal of our trip was! In the afternoon we explored a couple of areas along a river near Dobrinishte. Butterflies were quite active and numerous in the warm conditions. Species seen included **Sloe Hairstreak**, **Scarce Copper** (nectaring upon a small pink scabious), **Balkan Copper**, **Large Blue**, **Eastern Baton Blue**, **Idas Blue**, **Amanda's Blue**, **High Brown Fritillary** (including a mating pair), **Marbled Fritillary**, **Weaver's Fritillary** (by the river), **Gatekeeper** and **Essex Skipper**. Even some dragonflies started flying - **Scarce Emerald Damselfly**, **Keeled Skimmer**, **Southern Skimmer** and **Southern Darter**.

Some new plant species for the trip here included *Lysimachia punctata*, *Potentilla argentea*, *P. recta*, *P. repens*, *Viburnum opulus*, *Alnus glutinosa*.

Dinner tonight was a dish of. Meat balls and potatoes, salad, a bean dish and soup.



Day 9: June 29th

The last day of our holiday was only for travelling. Yiannis, David and Peter left in the early hours to catch their morning flight to Nice for their next butterfly trip in the French Alps, while Simeon and the driver Vasil travelled with the rest of the group to Sofia Airport for their noon flights back to England.

Overview:

This was Greenwings second trip in Bulgaria and we recorded a total of 112 butterfly species, 95 species of birds and 19 species of dragonflies. Around 150 species of plants were identified including more than 15 species of orchids and at least 30 Bulgarian or Balkan endemic plants. Different species of reptiles, moths, grasshoppers, bugs, bees and spiders also contributed to the overall good experience. Greenwings would like to record a note of thanks to all their guests for their good humour and encouragement throughout.

Participants:

Peter Gravett, David Wright, Andrew Ashworth, Anne Ashworth, Elizabeth Brown, Michael Brown, Wendy Black, Nicholas Branson, Colin Taylor, Yiannis Christofides (guide) and Simeon Gigov (guide).



Butterfly Species List:



<i>Family Papilionidae</i>	<i>Lycaenidae continued</i>
1. Swallowtail / <i>Papilio machaon</i>	23. Sooty Copper / <i>Lycaena tityrus</i>
2. Scarce Swallowtail / <i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	24. Purple-shot Copper / <i>Lycaena alciphron</i>
3. Eastern Festoon / <i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>	25. Lesser Fiery Copper / <i>Lycaena thersamon</i>
4. Apollo / <i>Parnassius apollo</i>	26. Balkan Copper / <i>Lycaena candens</i>
<i>Family Pieridae</i>	27. Lang's Short-tailed Blue / <i>Leptotes pirithous</i>
5. Black-veined White / <i>Aporia crataegi</i>	28. Short-tailed Blue / <i>Cupido argiades</i>
6. Large White / <i>Pieris brassicae</i>	29. Holly Blue / <i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
7. Small White / <i>Pieris rapae</i>	30. Little Blue / <i>Cupido minimus</i>
8. Southern Small White / <i>Pieris mannii</i>	31. Alcon Blue / <i>Phengaris alcon</i>
9. Mountain Small White / <i>Pieris ergane</i>	32. Large Blue / <i>Phengaris arion</i>
10. Green-veined White / <i>Pieris napi</i>	33. Chequered Blue / <i>Scolitantides orion</i>
11. Bath White / <i>Pontia daplidice</i>	34. Eastern Baton Blue / <i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>
12. Berger's Clouded Yellow / <i>Colias alfacariensis</i>	35. Silver-studded Blue / <i>Plebejus argus</i>
13. Clouded Yellow / <i>Colias crocea</i>	36. Idas Blue / <i>Plebejus idas</i>
14. Brimstone / <i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	37. Geranium Argus / <i>Aricia eumedon</i>
15. Wood White / <i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	38. Brown Argus / <i>Aricia agestis</i>
<i>Family Lycaenidae</i>	39. Mazarine Blue / <i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>
16. Sloe Hairstreak / <i>Satyrrium acaciae</i>	40. Escher's Blue / <i>Polyommatus escheri</i>
17. Ilex Hairstreak / <i>Satyrrium ilicis</i>	41. Amanda's Blue / <i>Polyommatus amanda</i>
18. White-letter Hairstreak / <i>Satyrrium w-album</i>	42. Chapman's Blue / <i>Polyommatus thersites</i>
19. Black Hairstreak / <i>Satyrrium pruni</i>	43. Anomalous Blue / <i>Polyommatus admetus</i>
20. Green Hairstreak / <i>Callophrys rubi</i>	44. Ripart's Anomalous Blue / <i>Polyommatus ripartii</i>
21. Small Copper / <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	45. Meleager's Blue / <i>Polyommatus daphnis</i>
22. Scarce Copper / <i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>	

<i>Lycaenidae continued</i>	<i>Nymphalidae / Satyridae continued</i>
46. Chalk-hill Blue / <i>Polyommatus coridon</i>	83. Balkan Grayling / <i>Hipparchia senthens</i>
47. Adonis Blue / <i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>	84. Great Banded Grayling / <i>Brintesia circe</i>
48. Common Blue / <i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	85. Woodland Ringlet / <i>Erebia medusa</i>
49. False Eros Blue / <i>Polyommatus eroides</i>	86. Bright-eyed Ringlet / <i>Erebia oeme</i>
<i>Family Nymphalidae</i>	87. Meadow Brown / <i>Maniola jurtina</i>
50. Nettle Tree Butterfly / <i>Libythea celtis</i>	88. Oriental Meadow Brown / <i>Hyponephele lupina</i>
51. Poplar Admiral / <i>Limenitis populi</i>	89. Ringlet / <i>Aphantopus hiperantus</i>
52. Southern White Admiral / <i>Limenitis reducta</i>	90. Gatekeeper / <i>Pyronia tithonus</i>
53. White Admiral / <i>Limenitis camilla</i>	91. Eastern Large Heath / <i>Coenonympha rhodopensis</i>
54. Common Glider / <i>Neptis sappho</i>	92. Small Heath / <i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>
55. Small Tortoiseshell / <i>Aglais urticae</i>	93. Pearly Heath / <i>Coenonympha arcania</i>
56. Peacock Butterfly / <i>Aglais io</i>	94. Chestnut Heath / <i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>
57. Map Butterfly / <i>Arashnia levana</i>	95. Speckled Wood / <i>Pararge aegeria</i>
58. Red Admiral / <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	96. Wall Brown / <i>Lasiommata megera</i>
59. Painted Lady / <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	97. Northern Wall Brown / <i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>
60. Queen of Spain Fritillary / <i>Issoria lathonia</i>	98. Large Wall Brown / <i>Lasiommata maera</i>
61. Comma Butterfly / <i>Polygonia c-album</i>	<i>Family Hesperidae</i>
62. Cardinal Butterfly / <i>Argynnis pandora</i>	99. Grizzled Skipper / <i>Pyrgus malvae</i>
63. Silver-washed Fritillary / <i>Argynnis paphia</i>	100. Oberthuer's Grizzled Skipper / <i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>
64. Dark Green Fritillary / <i>Argynnis aglaja</i>	101. Sandy Grizzled Skipper / <i>Pyrgus cinarae</i>
65. High Brown Fritillary / <i>Argynnis adippe</i>	102. Orbed Red Underwing Skipper / <i>Spialia orbifer</i>
66. Niobe Fritillary / <i>Argynnis niobe</i>	103. Mallow Skipper / <i>Carcharodus alceae</i>
67. Twin-spot Fritillary / <i>Brenthis hecate</i>	104. Marbled Skipper / <i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>
68. Marbled Fritillary / <i>Brenthis daphne</i>	105. Tufted Marbled Skipper / <i>Carcharodus flocciferus</i>
69. Pearl-bordered Fritillary / <i>Boloria euphrosine</i>	106. Oriental Marbled Skipper / <i>Carcharodus orientalis</i>
70. Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary / <i>Boloria selene</i>	107. Dingy Skipper / <i>Erynnis tages</i>
71. Weaver's Fritillary / <i>Boloria dia</i>	108. Chequered Skipper / <i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>
72. Glanville Fritillary / <i>Melitaea cinxia</i>	109. Lulworth Skipper / <i>Thymelicus acteon</i>
73. Knapweed Fritillary / <i>Melitaea phoebe</i>	110. Essex Skipper / <i>Thymelicus lineola</i>
74. Spotted Fritillary / <i>Melitaea didyma</i>	111. Small Skipper / <i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>
75. Lesser Spotted Fritillary / <i>Melitaea trivia</i>	112. Large Skipper / <i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>
76. Heath Fritillary / <i>Melitaea athalia</i>	
77. Nickerl's Fritillary / <i>Melitaea aurelia</i>	
78. Marsh Fritillary / <i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>	
<i>Nymphalidae formerly Satyridae</i>	
79. Marbled White / <i>Melanargia galathea</i>	
80. Balkan Marbled White / <i>Melanargia larissa</i>	
81. Woodland Grayling / <i>Hipparchia fagi</i>	
82. Eastern Rock Grayling / <i>Hipparchia syriaca</i>	

Dragonflies Species List:



1. Banded Demoiselle / <i>Calopteryx splendens</i>
2. Beautiful Demoiselle / <i>Calopteryx virgo</i>
3. Scarce Emerald Damselfly / <i>Lestes dryas</i>
4. Blue-tailed Damselfly / <i>Ischnura elegans</i>
5. Azure Damselfly / <i>Coenagrion puella</i>
6. Large Red Damselfly / <i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>
7. White-legged Damselfly / <i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>
8. Blue Emperor / <i>Anax imperator</i>
9. Green-eyed Hooktail / <i>Onychogomphus forcipatus</i>
10. Balkan Goldenring / <i>Cordulegaster heros</i>
11. Sombre Goldenring / <i>Cordulegaster bidentata</i>
12. Downy Emerald / <i>Cordulia aenea</i>
13. Four-spotted Chaser / <i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>
14. Broad-bodied Chaser / <i>Libellula depressa</i>
15. Black-tailed Skimmer / <i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>
16. Keeled Skimmer / <i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>
17. Southern Skimmer / <i>Orthetrum brunneum</i>
18. Ruddy Darter / <i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>
19. Southern Darter / <i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>

Birds Species List:



1. Black Stork / <i>Ciconia nigra</i>	18. Collared Dove / <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
2. White Stork / <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	19. Tawny Owl / <i>Strix aluco</i>
3. Grey Heron / <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	20. Alpine Swift / <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
4. Great Cormorant / <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	21. Common Swift / <i>Apus apus</i>
5. Common Kestrel / <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	22. Pallid Swift / <i>Apus pallidus</i>
6. Eurasian Hobby / <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	23. European Bee-eater / <i>Merops apiaster</i>
7. Eleonora's Falcon / <i>Falco eleonora</i>	24. Common Hoopoe / <i>Upupa epops</i>
8. Peregrine Falcon / <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	25. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker / <i>Dendrocopos minor</i>
9. Honey Buzzard / <i>Pernis apivorus</i>	26. Middle Spotted Woodpecker / <i>Dendrocopos medius</i>
10. Eurasian Griffon Vulture / <i>Gyps fulvus</i>	27. Great Spotted Woodpecker / <i>Dendrocopos major</i>
11. Short-toed Eagle / <i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	28. Black Woodpecker / <i>Dryocopus martius</i>
12. Eurasian Buzzard / <i>Buteo buteo</i>	27. Great Spotted Woodpecker / <i>Dendrocopos major</i>
13. Corncrake / <i>Crex crex</i>	28. Black Woodpecker / <i>Dryocopus martius</i>
14. Common Sandpiper / <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	29. Green Woodpecker / <i>Picus viridis</i>
15. Feral Pigeon / <i>Columba livia</i> var. <i>domesticus</i>	30. Grey-headed Woodpecker / <i>Picus canus</i>
16. Wood Pigeon / <i>Columba palumbus</i>	31. Red-backed Shrike / <i>Lanius collurio</i>
17. Turtle Dove / <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	32. Lesser Grey Shrike / <i>Lanius minor</i>

33. Golden Oriole / <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	66. Song Thrush / <i>Turdus philomelos</i>
34. Eurasian Jay / <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	67. Mistle Thrush / <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>
35. Common Magpie / <i>Pica pica</i>	68. European Robin / <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
36. Spotted Nutcracker / <i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	69. Common Nightingale / <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>
37. Eurasian Jackdaw / <i>Corvus monedula</i>	70. Black Redstart / <i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>
38. Hooded Crow / <i>Corvus cornix</i>	71. Northern Wheatear / <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
39. Common Raven / <i>Corvus corax</i>	72. Black-eared Wheatear / <i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>
40. Great Tit / <i>Parus major</i>	73. Spotted Flycatcher / <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
41. Blue Tit / <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	74. White-throated Dipper / <i>Cinclus cinclus</i>
42. Coal Tit / <i>Parus ater</i>	75. House Sparrow / <i>Passer domesticus</i>
43. Sombre Tit / <i>Poecile lugubris</i>	76. Spanish Sparrow / <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>
44. Marsh Tit / <i>Poecile palustris</i>	77. Eurasian Tree Sparrow / <i>Passer montanus</i>
45. Crested Tit / <i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	78. Dunnock / <i>Prunella modularis</i>
46. Barn Swallow / <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	79. Grey Wagtail / <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
47. Crag Martin / <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	80. White Wagtail / <i>Motacilla alba</i>
48. House Martin / <i>Delichon urbicum</i>	81. Tree Pipit / <i>Anthus trivialis</i>
49. Red-rumped Swallow / <i>Cecropis daurica</i>	82. Chaffinch / <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
50. Long-tailed Tit / <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	83. European Serin / <i>Serinus serinus</i>
51. Crested Lark / <i>Galerida cristata</i>	84. European Greenfinch / <i>Chloris chloris</i>
52. Woodlark / <i>Lullula arborea</i>	85. European Goldfinch / <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
53. Eurasian Skylark / <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	86. Common Linnet / <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>
54. Common Chiffchaff / <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	87. Common Rosefinch / <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
55. Blackcap / <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	88. Red Crossbill / <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
56. Lesser Whitethroat / <i>Sylvia curruca</i>	89. Eurasian Bullfinch / <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>
57. Greater Whitethroat / <i>Sylvia communis</i>	90. Hawfinch / <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>
58. Firecrest / <i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	91. Corn Bunting / <i>Emberiza calandra</i>
59. Goldcrest / <i>Regulus regulus</i>	92. Yellowhammer / <i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
60. Winter Wren / <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	93. Western Rock Bunting / <i>Emberiza cia</i>
62. Eurasian Treecreeper / <i>Certhia familiaris</i>	94. Cirl Bunting / <i>Emberiza cirlus</i>
63. Rose-coloured Starling / <i>Pastor roseus</i>	95. Black-headed Bunting / <i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>
64. European Starling / <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	
65. Blackbird / <i>Turdus merula</i>	

Plant List:



Pinaceae (Gymnosperms)	15. <i>Centaurea orbelica</i>
1. Bosnian Pine / <i>Pinus heldreichii</i>	16. Yellow Star-thistle / <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>
2. Dwarf Pine / <i>Pinus mugo</i>	17. <i>Centaurea salonitana</i>
3. Scots Pine / <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	18. Balkan Thistle / <i>Cirsium appendiculatum</i>
4. Macedonian Pine / <i>Pinus peuce</i>	19. <i>Cirsium ligulare</i>
5. Norway Spruce / <i>Picea abies</i>	20. Common chicory / <i>Cichorium intybus</i>
Dicotyledons	21. Golden Thistle / <i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>
Adoxaceae	22. Yellow Ox-eye / <i>Telekia speciosa</i>
6. Dwarf Elder / <i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	23. Immortelle / <i>Xeranthemum annuum</i>
7. Guelder-rose / <i>Viburnum opulus</i>	24. <i>Xeranthemum nummularium</i>
Anacardiaceae	Balsaminaceae
8. Turpentine Tree / <i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	25. Touch-me-not/ <i>Impatiens noli-tangere</i>
Apiaceae	Betulaceae
9. Field Eryngo / <i>Eryngium campestre</i>	26. European Alder / <i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
10. White Laceflower / <i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>	Boraginaceae
Aristolochiaceae	27. Common Bugloss / <i>Anchusa officinalis</i>
11. European Birthwort / <i>Aristolochia clematis</i>	28. Hungarian Hound's-tongue / <i>Cynoglossum hungaricum</i>
Asclepiadaceae	29. Viper's Bugloss / <i>Echium vulgare</i>
12. White Swallow-wort / <i>Vincetoxium hirundinaria</i>	29. Viper's Bugloss / <i>Echium vulgare</i>
Asteraceae	30. Pale Bugloss / <i>Echium italicum</i>
13. Golden Marguerite / <i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	31. <i>Nonea atra</i>
14. Musk Thistle / <i>Carduus nutans</i>	

Brassicaceae	70. <i>Ajuga laxmanii</i>
32. Hoary Alyssum / <i>Bertorea incana</i>	71. Wild Basil / <i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>
Campanulaceae	72. Large flowered Hemp-nettle / <i>Galeopsis speciosa</i>
33. <i>Asyneuma limonifolium</i>	73. Monte Gargano Dead-nettle / <i>Lamium garganicum</i>
34. <i>Campanula jordanovi</i>	74. <i>Marrubium friwaldskyanum</i>
35. Clustered Bellflower/ <i>Campanula glomerata</i>	75. Catmint / <i>Nepeta nuda</i>
36. <i>Campanula. moesiaca</i>	76. Cut-leaved Selfheal / <i>Prunella laciniata</i>
37. <i>Campanula orphanidea</i>	77. Common Selfheal / <i>Prunella vulgaris</i>
38. Spreading Bellflower / <i>Campanula patula</i>	78. Jupiter Distaff Sage / <i>Salvia glutinosa</i>
39. Peach-leaved Bellflower / <i>Campanula persicifolia</i>	79. Lilac Sage / <i>Salvia verticillata</i>
40. <i>Campanula scutellata</i>	80. Balkan Ironwort / <i>Sideritis scardica</i>
41. <i>Campanula velebitica</i>	81. Mountain Ironwort / <i>Sideritis montana</i>
42. <i>Jasione heldreichii</i>	82. Alpine Skullcap / <i>Scutellaria alpina</i>
43. <i>Trachelium rumeliana</i>	83. Wall Germander / <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>
Caryophyllaceae	Lentibulariaceae
44. <i>Dianthus giganteus</i>	84. Balkan Butterwort / <i>Pinguicula balcanica</i>
45. <i>Dianthus petraeus</i>	Malvaceae
46. Large Pink / <i>Dianthus superbus</i>	85. Common Mallow / <i>Malva sylvestris</i>
47. Soapwort / <i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	Morinaceae
48. White Campion / <i>Silene alba</i>	86. <i>Morina persica</i>
49. <i>Silene subconica</i>	Oleaceae
50. <i>Silene fabariodes</i>	87. Yellow Jasmine / <i>Jasminum fruticans</i>
51. <i>Silene flavescens</i>	88. European Privet / <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>
52. <i>Silene roemerii</i>	Orobanchaceae
Fabaceae	89. Field Cow-wheat / <i>Melampyrum arvense</i>
53. <i>Anthyllis aurea</i>	Plumbaginaceae
54. Bladder-senna / <i>Colutea arborescens</i>	90. Common Leadwort / <i>Plumbago europaea</i>
55. Crown Vetch / <i>Coronilla varia</i>	Polygalaceae
56. <i>Dorycnium herbaceum</i>	91. Showy Milkwort / <i>Polygala grandiflora</i>
57. Maedow Vetchling / <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Primulaceae
58. Spiny Restharrow / <i>Ononis spinosa</i>	92. True Oxlip / <i>Primula elatior</i>
59. <i>Onobrychis alba</i>	93. Yellow Loosestrife / <i>Lysimachia punctata</i>
60. Large Brown Clover / <i>Trifolium spadiceum</i>	Pyrolaceae
61. Sulphur Clover / <i>Trifolium ochroleucon</i>	94. Sidebells Wintergreen / <i>Orthilia secunda</i>
62. Black Locust / <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Ranunculaceae
63. Honey Locust / <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	95. <i>Aquilegia aurea</i>
64. Large Yellow Vetch / <i>Vicia grandiflora</i>	Rhamnaceae
Geraneaceae	96. Glossy Buckthorn / <i>Frangula alnus</i>
65. <i>Geranium macrorrhizum</i>	97. Christ's Thorn / <i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>
66. Bloody Cranesbill / <i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Resedaceae
Gensereiaceae	98. Wild Mignonette / <i>Reseda lutea</i>
67. <i>Haberlea rhodopensis</i>	Rosaceae
Hyperaceae	99. Common Agrimony / <i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>
68. Mt Olympus St. John's Wort / <i>Hypericum olympicum</i>	100. Dropwort / <i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>
Lamiaceae	101. Meadowsweet / <i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>
69. Upright Bugle / <i>Ajuga genevensis</i>	102. Dwarf Orange Avens / <i>Geum coccineum</i>

103. Silver Cinquefoil / <i>Potentilla argentea</i>	Monotropoidae
104. Sulphur Cinquefoil / <i>Potentilla recta</i>	128. Yellow Pinesap / <i>Monotropa hypopitys</i>
105. Creeping Cinquefoil / <i>Potentilla repens</i>	Orchidaceae
106. Blackthorn / <i>Prunus spinosa</i>	129. Bug Orchid / <i>Anacamptis coriophora</i>
107. European Wild Pear / <i>Pyrus pyraster</i>	130. <i>Anacamptis elegans</i>
108. French Rose / <i>Rosa gallica</i>	131. Red Helleborine / <i>Cephalanthera rubra</i>
Scrophulariaceae	132. Creeping Goodyera / <i>Goodyera repens</i>
109. Green Foxglove / <i>Digitalis viridiflora</i>	133. Fragrant Orchid / <i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i>
110. Grecian Foxglove / <i>Digitalis lanata</i>	134. <i>Dactylorhiza baumanniana</i>
111. Broom-leaved Toadflax / <i>Linaria genistifolia</i>	135. Sac-carrying Dactylorhiza / <i>Dactylorhiza saccifera</i>
112. <i>Scrophularia bulgarica</i>	136. Heart-shaped Lip Dactylorhiza / <i>Dactylorhiza cordigera</i>
113. Moth Mullein / <i>Verbascum blattaria</i>	137. Early Marsh Orchid / <i>Dactylorhiza incarnata</i>
114. <i>Verbascum davidoffii</i>	138. Dark-red Helleborine / <i>Epipactis atrorubens</i>
115. <i>Verbascum humile</i>	139. Broad-leaved Helleborine / <i>Epipactis helleborine</i>
116. <i>Verbascum longifolium</i>	140. Marsh Helleborin / <i>Epipactis palustris</i>
117. <i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	141. Ghost Orchid / <i>Epipogium aphyllum</i>
Solanaceae	142. Balkan Lizard Orchid / <i>Himantoglossum jankae</i>
118. Black Henbane / <i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	143. Eggleaf Twayblade / <i>Neottia ovata</i>
Thymelaeaceae	144. Burnt-tip Orchid / <i>Orchis ustulata</i>
119. Rose Daphne / <i>Daphne cneorum</i>	145. Greater Butterfly Orchid / <i>Platanthera chlorantha</i>
120. Olive-leaved Daphne / <i>Daphne oleoides</i>	Poaceae
Monocotyledons	146. Broad-leaved Cotton-grass / <i>Eriophorum latifolium</i>
Butomaceae	Ferns
121. Flowering Rush / <i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	147. Wall-rue Spleenwort / <i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>
Iridaceae	148. Maidenhair Spleenwort / <i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>
122. <i>Crocus veluchensis</i>	
Liliaceae	
123. Wild Gladiolus / <i>Gladiolus illyricus</i>	
124. Rhodopean Lilly / <i>Lilium rhodopeum</i>	
125. Alpine Squill / <i>Scilla bifolia</i>	
Melanthiaceae	
126. White Hellebore / <i>Veratrum lobelianum</i>	
127. Herb Paris / <i>Paris quatrifolia</i>	

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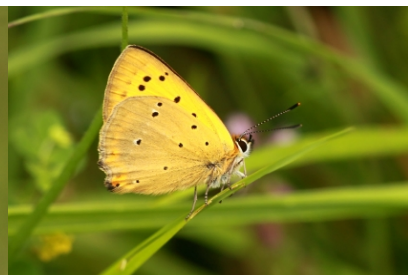
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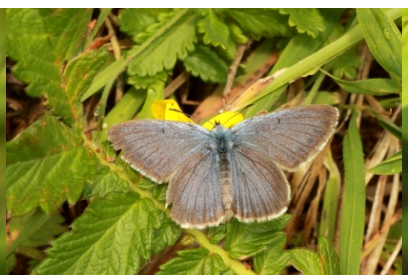
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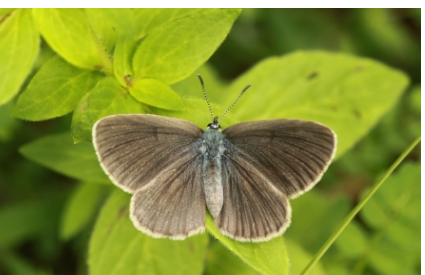
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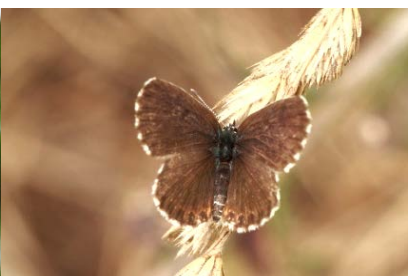
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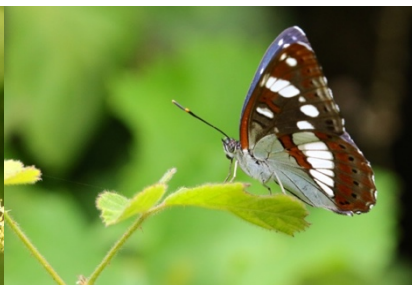
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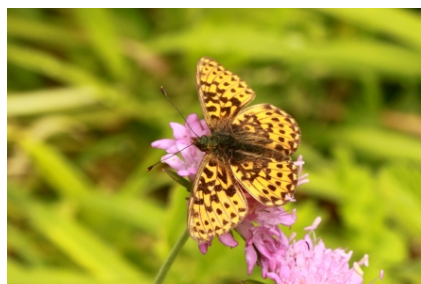
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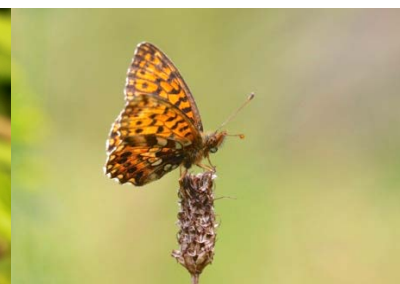
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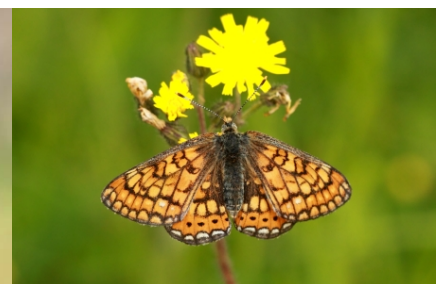
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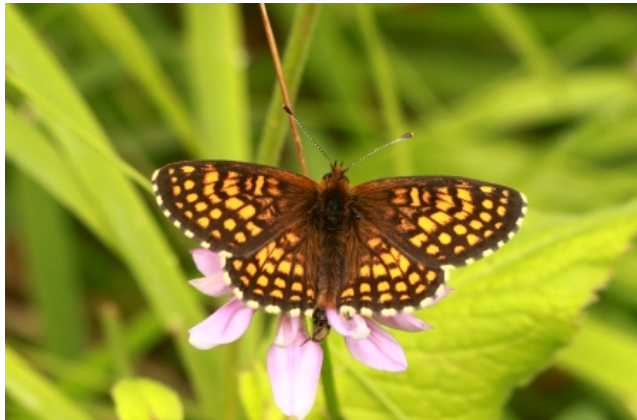
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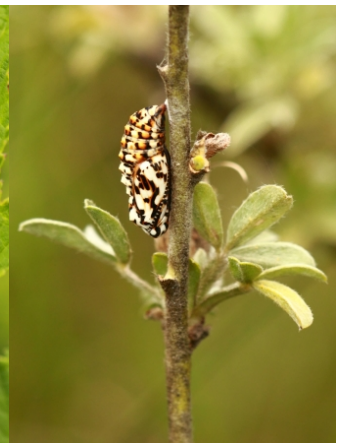
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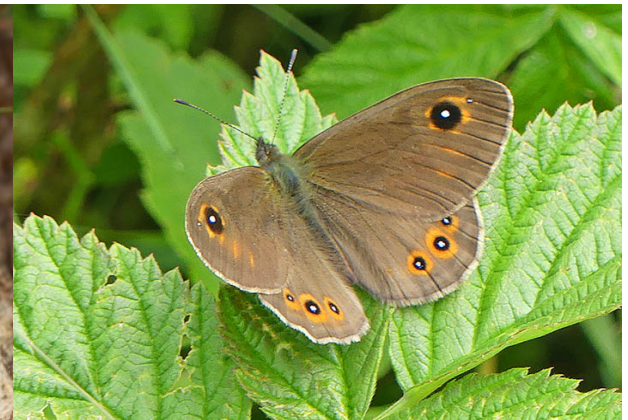
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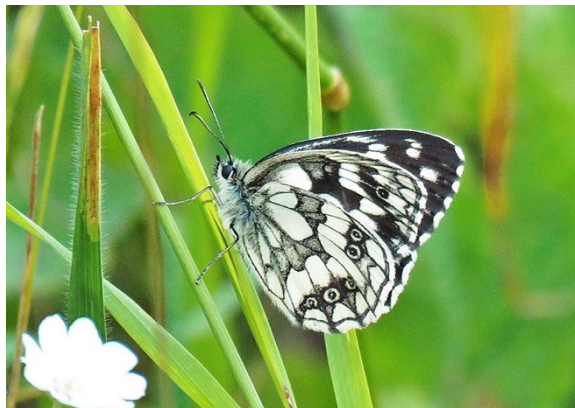
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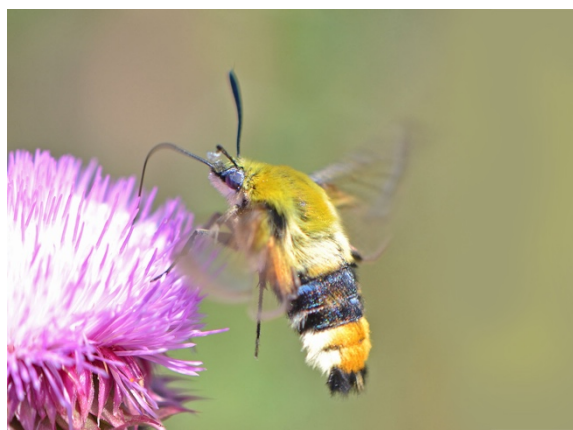
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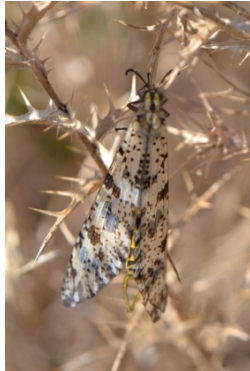
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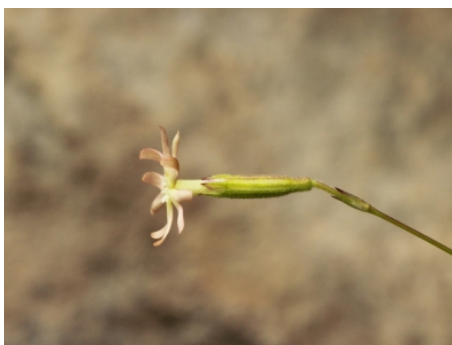
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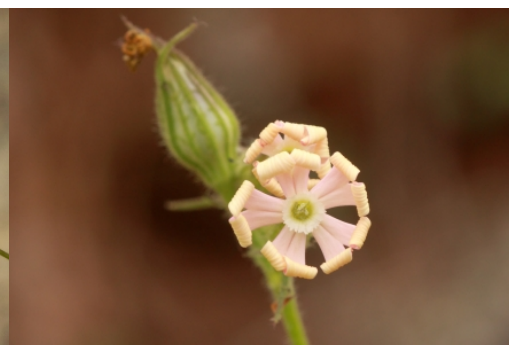
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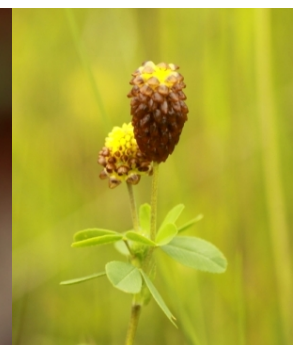
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