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Day 1: London – Thessaloniki - Hrisohorafa

Our flight to Thessaloniki passed smoothly and uneventfully, and we were greeted upon arrival by our friendly local birding guide for the week, Babis. Formalities of collecting our vehicle and loading our luggage behind us, we hit the road – no sooner having arrived in north Greece than we were twitching a significant local rarity. A male Cretzschmar's Bunting had in the past couple of days been discovered holding territory on the outskirts of an abandoned quarry. This was big news for local birders, the species not having been seen in the region for many years. It was also good news for us, with Cretzschmar's Bunting being a new bird for several guests.

We duly arrived at the foot of the quarry track, the sky cloudless above us and the sun shining hotly upon us. This weather would set the pattern for the coming week. The walk uphill to where the bunting was last seen was punctuated by sightings of various butterflies and wildflowers; everything was to prove grist to our mill this week, so despite it being rather early in the year we were determined to work up a decent butterfly list in addition to our birds...

Long-legged Buzzard
© Steve Mills



We soon found the male Cretzschmar's Bunting in song, perched on top of scrubby bushes at reasonably short range from us. With care, good views were possible; though we were distracted by dapper Black-eared Wheatears too.

A short drive took us to an adjacent quarry where we planned on having our lunch. This was an excellent choice, providing not only shade and handy rocks to sit upon, but also a pair of Long-legged Buzzards overhead, one of which tussled repeatedly with a belligerent Raven. We explored the surrounding area after we'd eaten, getting good views of Syrian

Woodpecker, Serin, Blue Rock Thrush, Woodchat Shrike and Ortolan Bunting – and the incongruous sight of distant White and Dalmatian Pelicans riding the thermals. We heard, but couldn't see, Rock Nuthatch – this one would have to wait another day... Sharp eyes spotted our first orchid of the week as we returned to the minibus – *Ophrys mammosa*. Cameras were duly deployed!

Our final stop en route to the comfortable Hotel Limneo in Hrisohorafa was in a peaceful residential area that boasted, amongst the many terracotta tiled roofs and old walls, a small colony of Lesser Kestrels. Some 10 of these characterful birds gave good views from our vantage point above the small town in question – not only in flight and perched on rooftops and television aerials but even courting one another and, in one memorable encounter, actually mating too.

We finally arrived at our hotel after what had been an extremely successful first day in the field – and this had been a transit day at that!

Ophrys Mammosa
© Robin



Day 2: Lake Kerkini area.



Penduline Tit
© S. Mills

Our first full day in the field began with a good look at a White Stork nest in the village – home to a pair of storks and a great many tenants besides – a colony of Spanish Sparrows. We would be seeing many of these species in the days to come. A short drive brought us to a section of canals set amidst agricultural land beneath the embankment of Lake Kerkini – lined with reeds, this soon provided good views of Great Reed Warbler with a constant soundtrack of singing Nightingales. Mike then made the first of many good finds for the week in the form of a pair of Penduline Tits.

Walking the embankment of the lake provided our first waterbirds – Great Crested Grebes and flyby Pygmy Cormorants – and fresh butterfly interest too in the form of Clouded Yellows including pale creamy helice females, and at least two Eastern Festoons – a very popular butterfly indeed.

We had lunch at a picnic site beside a string of small lakes and flooded fields; a slow drive with many stops through this area was extremely productive, with Little Bitterns giving

excellent views in addition to Purple, Squacco and Night Herons. Jon found two Little Crakes skulking in the same area as the Little Bitterns, although these, typically for this shy species, proved harder to see. While Bee-eaters brightened the trackside trees, we found waders too – a loose flock of Wood Sandpipers and a female Ruff.

We finished the afternoon with some time at Mandraki Harbour – here we found many confiding Squacco Herons, more Wood Sandpipers and Ruffs, both Black and White Stork giving close fly-by views, and a more distant flock of some 15 Ferruginous Ducks. While Julian stalked Orange Tips in the damp meadows around the harbour, Babis found our first snake of the week, *Natrix tessellata*.



Night Heron © Robin

Day 3: Mount Paggiao.



Orchis italica © Robin

We swapped the lakeside for higher elevations today, climbing high up the slopes of Mount Paggiao and, eventually, up above the treeline. Our first stop, on the lower slopes, yielded Eastern Subalpine Warblers in song and showing well, with patience. Here the roadside verges sported a few more *Ophrys mammosa* orchids and, in a secluded spot out of sight of the road, Mike stumbled across a pristine *Orchis italica* – the Naked Man Orchid. Higher verges yielded many more swathes of *Ophrys mammosa* while pristine Orange Tips were on the wing above them.

Birds regular as everyday birds at home for our group were seen as we climbed through the forest – the likes of Chaffinch, Blackbird, Song and Mistle Thrush – but we were greeted on our emergence above the tree line by a more unfamiliar bird, a smart male Ortolan Bunting singing on top of handy rocky vantage points on the slope below us. From here on the road became a more interesting drive, with large snowdrifts showing us that at this elevation winter had only just finished. In places these snowdrifts almost covered the road – Jon threaded a careful course around and, sometimes, through them in the minibus – an exciting drive made even more thrilling by the discovery of a male Rock Thrush.

Once at the end of the road we abandoned the minibus and continued uphill on foot. The stony track we followed towards the summit was also covered in snow in places, punctuated here and there by drifts of colourful crocuses bursting through the icy cover. We saw both Water and Tawny Pipits during our ascent, many Northern Wheatear, and a pair of Alpine Choughs overhead. Stunning views greeted us at the end of the track; lunch then was taken back at the minibus, sat amongst yet more crocuses.

The homeward-bound drive back down the mountain included a second, longer stop at the first roadside location at which we'd made an impromptu visit on the way up. This gave us a chance to add more butterflies to our tally – Orbed Red-underwing Skipper and Cleopatra being notable additions – and, for Jon, a close and unexpected encounter with a Golden Jackal in an overgrown olive grove. It was hard to know who was more startled, him or the jackal...

Dinner this evening was at the Railway restaurant in Veyronia – a selection of local dishes that served as a starter for a main course of owls – a calling Scops Owl was in the trees outside while, traversing rural roads en route back to Hrisohorafa, we stumbled across a Barn Owl for good measure.

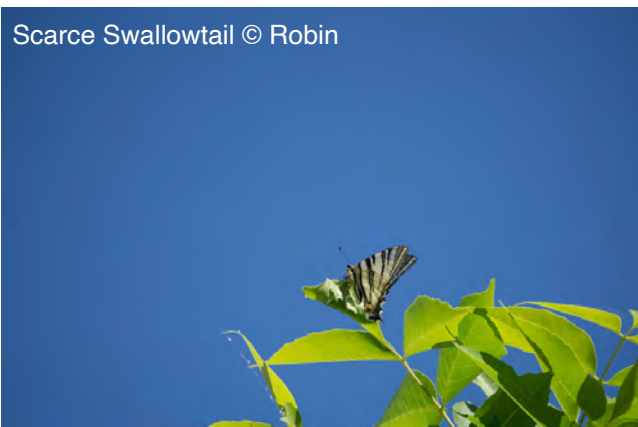
Day 4: Porroia and surrounding areas.

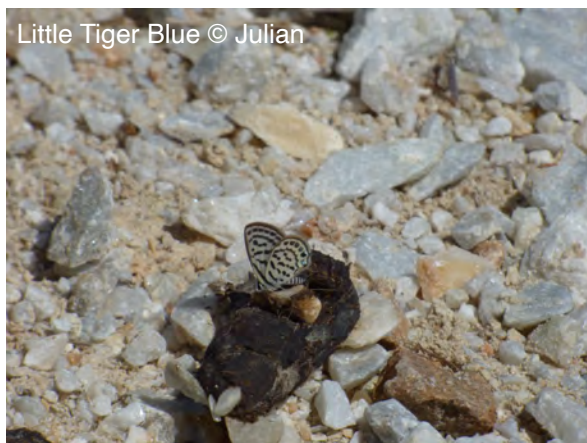
We spent the morning working our way up the flanks of the mountain range that separates Greece from neighbouring Bulgaria, starting just outside the small pretty town of Porroia. We made several stops as we climbed up the newly graded track that wound uphill in a series of switchbacks, looking and listening for birds in the dense woodland that surrounded us on all sides.

The track itself wasn't without interest, as heading uphill Jon and Robin got extremely close views of a Hermann's Tortoise and a particularly large Black Whip Snake; and coming downhill, we all enjoyed close encounters with newly emerged Nettle Tree butterflies puddling for minerals on damp trackside areas.

Bird-wise, Grey-headed and Black Woodpeckers were heard in the deep woodland, and Crossbill and Marsh Tit were added to the growing bird list.

Lunch was taken beside the river that cascades down into Porroia. We'd hoped for good flycatchers here but, being a fine weekend day, there were many local folk out enjoying themselves socialising, walking and horse-riding in the area so disturbance was making birdlife inconspicuous. What was not affected, however, were the butterflies, and they more than made up for the birds' absence. A Scarce Swallowtail floated around overhead; and four guests were looking in the right place at the right time for a Camberwell Beauty. Not all of us saw that, as we'd been distracted by a showy Common Glider found by Mick! Poor Julian's wait for a Camberwell had to go on a while longer...





We headed back towards Kerkini, but made a roadside stop at a promising area of scrubby habitat. This proved, on all counts, to have been a good decision – Eastern Orphean Warblers were present in the bushes, while we found Green Hairstreak and Queen of Spain Fritillary butterflies in the area – and then, to our delight, a few Little Tiger Blues for good measure. These showed wonderfully well, being particularly drawn to the delights of a fresh marten scat on the roadside.

We headed back to the shores of Lake Kerkini in the afternoon, with raptors on our minds – but made time to stop at Kerkini harbour for a well-earned water buffalo ice cream or two. Eagles

were thermalling over the hills, and we picked out Booted and Lesser Spotted Eagles.

Day 5: Coastal region west of Thessaloniki.

Today was a big day in every way, for we were travelling much further afield – the idea this week being to sensibly intersperse the longer days with shorter, more local days in order to pace ourselves. Our destination was the coastal region west of Thessaloniki where, in a string of lagoons and marshy areas, we could hope for both breeding and passage waders amongst other good birds.

An early start meant we arrived at the first lagoon in good time, and were immediately plunged into wader heaven – more of the ubiquitous Wood Sandpipers and Ruffs, but also at least one Marsh Sandpiper, a Kentish Plover, a small flock of Little Stints, and some gorgeous brick-red Curlew Sandpipers. If their colour was striking, better yet were our first rosy-pink flushed Slender-billed Gulls and, even more in the pink, Greater Flamingos.

A second small nearby lagoon yielded dapper Spotted Redshanks, Avocet and more flamingos; but the main event was the largest lagoon of all. This area was teeming with waders, the bulk of which were yet more smart Curlew Sandpipers. Jon was determined to find something good here and, in due course, found the first of some 10 Broad-billed Sandpipers. Distant views at first, but we were able to approach more closely on a footpath that bisected the lagoon, and good views of all the waders proved possible. Ali picked out an incoming Little Tern here.

A nearby field provided scope views of three Stone Curlews hiding in the short vegetation; if they were subtle, our next new wader was anything but. We moved to a small seaside parking area beside a chapel where, on a tiny brackish pool, we found our first Spur-winged Plover, an outrageously marked bird. More Slender-billed Gulls and Curlew Sandpipers were here too; but the fields inland held much more interesting and new birds besides. The early afternoon featured views of more Spur-winged Plovers, but also two Collared Pratincoles and two Gull-billed Terns. One of the Spur-winged Plovers proved particularly territorial, repeatedly dive-bombing a Black-winged Stilt, the latter forced to duck time and again into the water to avoid the aggressive plover.

With distant Mount Olympus on the horizon, we made our way along the shore, enjoying more new birds – tortoiseshell-marked Turnstones, Common and Green Sandpipers, and a Marsh Harrier hunting in the distance. Our final new bird of the day was a big one, in every sense – a Caspian Tern appeared suddenly, flying purposefully along the shore, giving Jon the opportunity to announce it with perhaps the best landmark he'd ever had the opportunity to use for that purpose: "Caspian Tern! Passing in front of Mount Olympus... now!"

Day 6: Lake Kerkini – River Struma – Veyronia quarry.

Another sunny day, and a still one with not a breath of wind, provided perfect conditions for us to take to the water of Lake Kerkini. Our friendly host at the Hotel Limneo, Nikos, is also an expert boatman and, with him at the helm, we were guaranteed the very best views of the waterbirds to be seen on



Kerkini drowned forest © Greenwings

Kerkini at this time of year. During our three hour trip we crossed the lake to the drowned willow forest where the breeding season was in full swing – the trees here, their trunks and branches emerging from the surrounding water, were festooned with hundreds of Great and Pygmy Cormorants; Night, Squacco and Grey Herons; and Little Egrets and Spoonbills. The clamour was indescribable; as was the smell of guano!

A large flock of Greater Flamingos, a hangover from the late winter, remained present at the Struma rivermouth that feeds the lake, a pink haze on the near horizon; but of course it was

the pelicans that stole the show. Nikos carefully drifted the boat past both Dalmatian and White Pelicans, allowing the group close views and wonderful photographic opportunities; and we even had a chance to climb a mid-lake viewing platform that allowed us to watch the comings and goings of these enormous birds to and from the manmade nesting islands in the corner of the lake.

By popular consensus, we returned to the bird-rich and beautiful surroundings of Mandraki harbour for our lunch, allowing us to add Great White Egret and Little Bittern to the day's already impressive heron list. A speculative visit to the riverbanks of the Struma was a mixed bag – we added Little Ringed Plover to our lists, but found that the generally dry spring had left many usually productive marshy areas bone-dry.



Little Bittern © S. Mills

Our final destination of the day however was much more productive all round. The quarry outside Veyronia delivered, on all levels.

Actually getting to the quarry involves a

normally short walk – but ours took much longer than usual, as we hit the butterfly jackpot – to

everyone's delight, but particularly Julian's, we found another Camberwell Beauty. Better yet, it was being mobbed by a territorial Common Glider! When it wasn't being bothered by the glider, it did its very best to settle on Julian's hat...



Common Glider © Julian

The quarry itself never fails to deliver good birds, and here we had prolonged views of singing male Blue Rock Thrushes and their more retiring females; we found an unoccupied Rock Nuthatch nest; while both Red-rumped Swallows and Crag Martins swooped and hawked overhead.

Day 7: Sidirokastro area – Lake Kerkini SW shore.

Today was our last full day of birding in this glorious area of Greece, and we were determined to make the most of it. Babis had a treat in store for us in the Sidirokastro area, an occupied Rock Nuthatch nest, but before we visited this we started the day at the ruined Byzantine castle that overlooks the town of Sidirokastro itself. Blue Rock Thrushes haunted the walls of the castle and gave their best views yet; and increased passerine activity suggested that a small fall of migrants may have taken place – we hit the jackpot with views of Eastern Orphean Warbler. Further distraction came in the form of a low-flying Black Stork overhead.

And so to a nearby quarry and Babis' Rock Nuthatch nest. It was some distance away from our viewing place, so scopes were set up and focused on the mud nest hole. And then... there it was! We spent time here ensuring everyone had a chance to enjoy the coming and going Rock Nuthatches, with distractions in our immediate vicinity including Red-rumped Swallows and Black-eared Wheatears, and still more statuesque *Ophrys mammosa* found by Anne.



What happened next was one of those golden birding moments that happens all too rarely. A drive along a promising road through open country studded with stands of bushes was stopped, almost immediately, by an Eastern Orphean Warbler giving close views in a roadside bush (with a Red-rumped Swallow) a few feet overhead. Using the minibus as a hide, we were enjoying views of this when, unexpectedly, a Sombre Tit appeared in the bushes a little further away. Alas this was a fleeting bird and only those in the front of the minibus got brief views. Inspired by that, we piled out of the vehicle to look for both warbler and tit; neither were obliging, but it was hard to complain about close views of both Eastern Subalpine and Sardinian Warblers and, at our feet, newly emerged Green-underside Blue butterflies.

We retreated from the sun to the shade of a tree-shrouded site on the banks of the Krousovitis River. This was a productive spot too, with Dipper seen flying up and down the river, Alpine Swifts overhead, and a brief view of Lesser Grey Shrike too.

Returning to Lake Kerkini for the afternoon, we worked our way along the Western Embankment towards Kerkini itself and the promise of another water buffalo ice cream. The usual waterbirds were seen once more and, additionally, some new butterflies – Knapweed Fritillary and Black-veined White being notable.

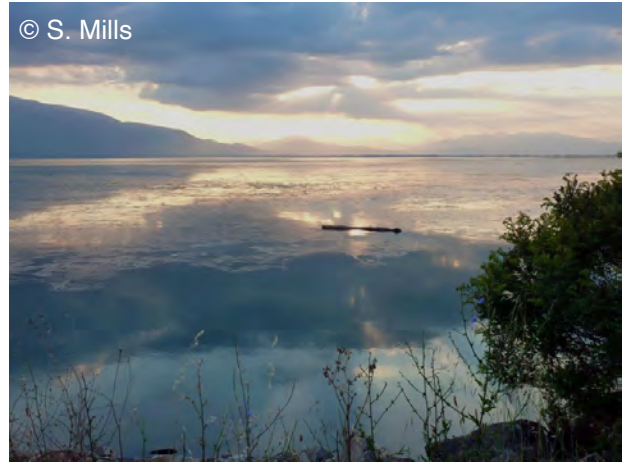


Knapweed Fritillary © Robin

Ice cream enjoyed, we worked our way down the south-western side of the lake. Jon made an emergency stop for a male Masked Shrike – frustratingly this bird was only seen by Kath and Mick besides Jon and Babis. Black Kites, however, were much more obliging and we found half a dozen at their usual haunt.

While northerly winds in the preceding days and weeks before our visit had rather stalled migration, we'd enjoyed a tremendous week of birding, butterflying and general natural history exploration in a wonderful corner of Greece. We began our journey home to the UK the following day with many happy memories – and bulging camera memory cards!

Jon would like to thank all of the group for their wonderful company throughout the week, and for all of the great insects, plants, birds and reptiles they found. We made a great team!



H = heard. G = seen by guides only

Birds of Northern Greece 2019 species list			Thu 25th April Day 1	Fri 26th April Day 2	Sat 27th April Day 3	Sun 28th April Day 4	Mon 29th April Day 5	Tues 30th April Day 6	Wed 1st May Day 7
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓			
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓
3	European Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
4	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmaeus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
5	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
6	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
7	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		✓				✓	
8	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		✓				✓	
9	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓
10	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>					✓		
11	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>		✓				✓	✓
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓			✓	✓	
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		✓					✓
17	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		✓			✓		
18	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		✓				✓	
19	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>					✓	✓	
20	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		✓				✓	
21	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>					✓		
22	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>						✓	
23	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
24	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>		✓					
25	Pochard	<i>Athya ferina</i>						✓	
26	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>		✓				✓	

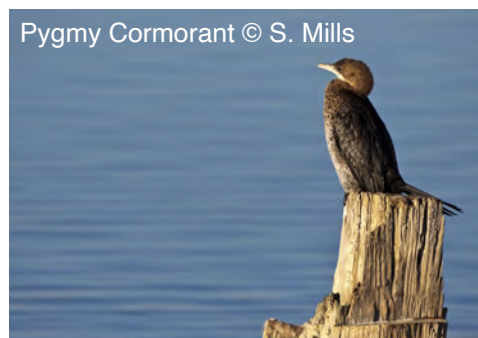
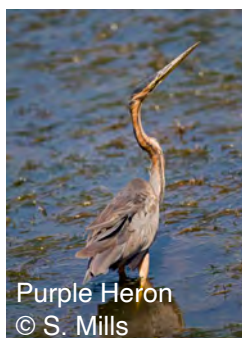
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27	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>							✓
28	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila comacina</i>				✓			
29	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>				✓			
30	Black Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>							✓
31	Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
32	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	✓						
33	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓			✓	✓	
34	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	✓						
35	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
36	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	H						
37	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>		G					
38	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓			✓		
39	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
40	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>					✓		
41	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					✓		
42	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					✓		
43	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>					✓		
44	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>					✓		
45	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>						✓	
46	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					✓		
47	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>					✓		
48	Spur-winged Plover	<i>Haplopterus spinosa</i>					✓		
49	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>					✓		
50	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>					✓		
51	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					✓		
52	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>					✓		
53	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>					✓		

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54	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		✓			✓		
55	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					✓		
56	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					✓		
57	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>					✓		
58	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					✓		
59	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					✓		
60	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓			✓		
61	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓		
62	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>					✓		
63	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>					✓		
64	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
65	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>					✓		
66	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					✓		
68	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>					✓		
69	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
70	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>					✓		
71	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					✓		
72	Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		G					
73	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			✓	✓			✓
75	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓	✓	H	H	✓	H	✓
76	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>			✓				
77	Scops Owl	<i>Otus stops</i>			H				
78	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>					✓		
79	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>							✓
80	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	✓	H	✓	✓	

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81	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epopee</i>	✓	✓	H	✓	✓	H	H
82	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>				H			
83	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓		✓	✓		
84	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martins</i>				✓			
85	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus syriacus</i>	✓						
86	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
87	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			✓				
88	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓		✓		✓	
89	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>						✓	✓
90	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
92	House Martin	<i>Delichon erbum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			✓				
94	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>			✓				
95	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓			✓		
96	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓		✓	
97	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>				✓			
98	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>							✓
99	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				✓			
100	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				✓			
101	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	H	H	✓	H		H
102	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓				
103	Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	✓		✓			✓	
104	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	✓						✓
105	Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>			✓				
106	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	✓					✓	✓
107	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			✓	✓			✓

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			Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
108	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			✓				
109	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓				
110	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						✓	
111	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaeus</i>					✓		
112	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
113	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>							✓
114	Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	H	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
115	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	H						✓
116	Eastern Orphee Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>				H			✓
117	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>				✓			
118	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				✓			
119	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			H	H			
120	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>				H			
121	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓	✓			
122	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>				✓			
123	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓			✓	
124	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>				✓			
125	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>				✓			
126	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubres</i>							✓
127	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				✓			
128	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		✓					
129	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>				✓			
130	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	H						✓
131	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				H		H	✓
132	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanus collurio</i>							✓
133	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>							✓

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			April	April	April	April	April	April	May
			Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
134	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	✓			✓			✓
135	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>							✓
136	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓		✓	✓			
138	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>					✓		✓
139	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓						
140	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
141	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
142	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓					✓
143	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
144	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓		✓			✓
145	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓						
146	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
147	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓						
148	Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>				✓			
149	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>				✓			✓
150	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	✓		✓			✓	
151	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>				✓			
152	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	✓		✓				
153	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>	✓						
154	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza circus</i>	H			✓			✓
155	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				H		✓	✓





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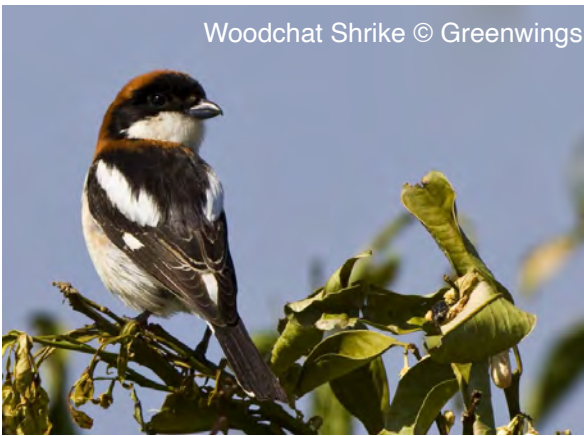
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