



Butterflies & Birds Of North Greece

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Tuesday 6th June

Despite some slight delays courtesy of French air traffic control being on strike (again), our guests arrived more or less on time at Thessaloniki airport and, after a light lunch at the airport with Swifts and Pallid Swifts zipping low overhead, we set off in the mid-afternoon for our comfortable hotel base overlooking Lake Kerkini. The journey was not, unfortunately, without incident... a stop at a roadside service station for a comfort break midway to Kerkini proved initially frustrating as the service station was completely closed, and then more serious when one of our number injured his arm. While the first aid kit was sufficient to clean and patch the wound, it was clear that professional medical attention was a priority, and we made our way to a nearby medical centre. Here, three kind staff attended to the patient, stitched the wound, and administered a precautionary tetanus shot.

Meanwhile, the short delay was put to good use by the rest of the group, who found Southern White Admiral and Mallow Skipper in the grounds of the medical centre!

We arrived at our hotel in the late afternoon without further incident, and made the most of the remaining hour of the day with a little exploration of the surrounding countryside – and our first impressions were favourable, to say the least, with a little over 20 species of butterfly immediately evident, including Lattice Brown and Large Tortoiseshell; and the discovery of nesting Red-rumped Swallows nearby too.

A fine dinner at a nearby restaurant brought the arrival day to a satisfactory conclusion.



Lattice Brown © John V

Wednesday 7th June



Sooty Copper © Gillian S

The fields around our comfortable hotel abound with insect life, and the first couple of hours of the new day were spent exploring these to good effect – Sooty Coppers were newly emerged and abundant, and Gillian found a particular crowd-pleaser in the form of a smart Little Tiger Blue. In the end, this was to prove to be the only individual of its kind we'd see all day.

Our plan today was to explore around the shores of the lake, keeping travel to a minimum after arrivals day. We next made our way to the opposite side of the lake and a roadside site that's traditionally proved reliable for Europe's largest blue, Iolas Blue. A cliff flanks one side of the road, supporting scattered deciduous trees including the butterfly's larval foodplant, Bladder Senna. After a little while Jon spotted an insect flying high above us over the treetops, where it eventually settled. We could see it was a blue – surely it had to be Iolas? We needed certainty, so Jon climbed the cliff to put himself at eye level with the butterfly – and

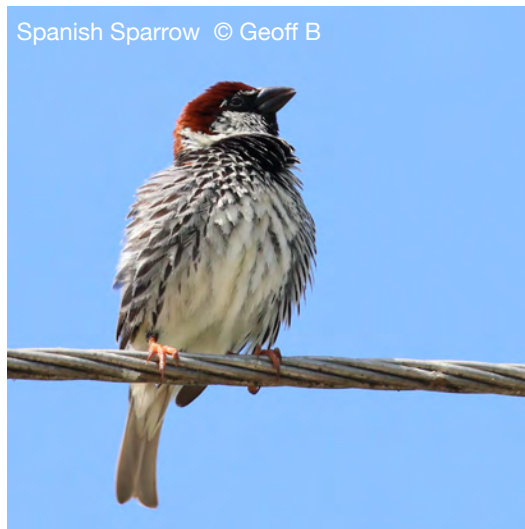
sure enough, it was an Iolas. We could count it on our lists, but the sighting wasn't exactly satisfactory for anyone at such distance.

Fortunately, as we walked back to our vehicles, another individual was found, right down at the roadside upon a low Bladder Senna tree. With some excellent, steady-handed assistance from

Janet, its favoured bough was brought to eye level for everyone. Rather surprisingly, we also saw a brief Balkan Marbled White at the roadside – not a species we'd expect to find in this area.

We drove to nearby Lithotopos for lunch and, once we'd eaten, we explored the surrounding tracks and wildflower-packed verges. Jenny found our first Eastern Baton Blues near the lunch site, and further exploration yielded Tufted Marbled Skipper.

A brief stop was then made in Kerkini to admire nesting White Storks, with their commensal companions, Spanish Sparrows, before we negotiated some labyrinthine roads to reach the fields outside Poroia. There was plenty of puddling action around a seeping drinking trough, with Nettle-tree Butterflies abundant in the area. Frustratingly, there was no sign of either Cardinal or Cleopatra here, but a primrose yellow Clouded Yellow sp., after being followed in flight for 20 minutes by Jon, finally came close to one of the group, and settled in front of him, and John V knew it on sight – an Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow, and a new species for this tour.



Spanish Sparrow © Geoff B

Nearby, magnificent and foul-smelling Dragon Arums were much admired, a singing Nightingale was seen well, and while we couldn't find any more Little Tiger Blues, a late Green Hairstreak added to our daily tally.

Thursday 8th June

We struck out to the border with neighbouring Macedonia in the morning, and went straight to our



Tessellated Skipper © John V

reliable site for Tessellated Skipper, a hillside Oak woodland interspersed with small sunny, flowery clearings. Distracted briefly in our quest by a Zephyr Blue, it wasn't long before Jon and David found the first of these imposing Large skippers, in perfect condition and posing accommodatingly for photographs. The clearings were also home to some smart Ilex Hairstreaks and, as we expected, several immaculate Balkan Marbled Whites. As the morning warmed up, Southern White Admirals became more apparent, and more interested in us – Adam made a friend, with one insect devotedly

lingering on his skin for a good while, savouring his sweat.

Adam went one better as we returned to the vehicles, finding a Balkan Grayling obsessed with some fresh animal scat in the short grass. Our departure from the site was delayed further by an obliging Great Banded Grayling that settled on the track before us.

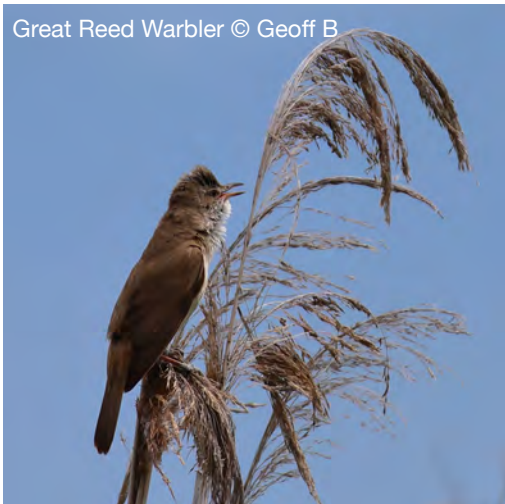
Another track nearby, at a lower elevation, was our next destination. Fringed by damp carr, it was here we hoped to find Lesser Purple Emperor – another species with dubious tastes! Jon and David had prepared a bottle of unmentionable liquids that was used to bait the track to good effect. We'd no sooner begun walking slowly along the track, looking for the unmistakable 'triangle' of a settled butterfly on the sandy mud, than we found first a Peacock and soon after, a Lesser Purple Emperor. This was the first of at least two individuals seen, with the baited patches of track proving irresistible for them.



Lesser Purple Emperor © Sheila R

After lunch, we headed back to Poroia, hoping for Southern Comma. Here, in the streets of the village, our luck deserted us briefly, with no sign of this tawny beauty. A nearby heavily wooded riverside was a little more fruitful, with an evasive Large Tortoiseshell and a territorial Purple-shot Copper the highlights.

Great Reed Warbler © Geoff B

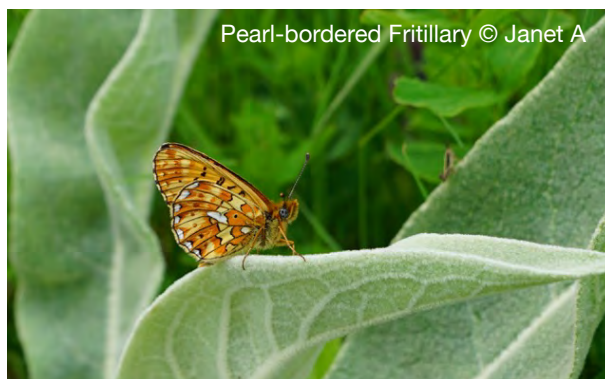


We decided to finish the day at Mandraki Harbour – always a good site for those interested in birds, we stepped into the clamour of Great Reed Warblers, and our first Squacco Herons were seen here too. The windfalls beneath a mulberry tree were bearing butterfly fruit – drunken Comma, Red Admiral, and a very obliging Large Tortoiseshell were all to be seen. David's exploration of nearby meadows yielded several freshly-minted Marbled Fritillaries, and good numbers of Silver-studded Blues too. We returned to our hotel to welcome cold drinks and to lay plans for the following day...

Friday 9th June

The less said about the start of the day the better! Navigating the minor roads around Lake Kerkini is usually made infinitely more straightforward and time-efficient using sat-nav, but on this occasion the technology let us down, attempting to take us to Lailias ski centre via forest tracks rather than paved roads. The error, once apparent, was swiftly remedied, and while we arrived on the mountaintop 45 minutes later than planned, we extended the afternoon by the same period and no harm was done apart from some bruised pride!

We arrived on Lailias in sunshine, and swiftly scattered onto the grassy ski slopes in search of butterflies. Pearl-bordered Fritillaries and Grizzled Skippers were soon apparent, as was the dark stuttering flight of Woodland Ringlets. Closer inspection revealed numerous Queen of Spain Fritillaries and Sooty Copper and, here and there, our first Small Tortoiseshells of the week. Shortly before we moved on Jon chased an intriguing white down the ski slope towards the guests – it obligingly stopped to nectar in front of everyone, and proved to be a fine Mountain Small White, giving an unusual photographic opportunity for this species.



Pearl-bordered Fritillary © Janet A

Moving down the mountain, we took a walk along a woodland track at a lower elevation. While we couldn't find the anticipated Pearly Heath here, we did well for other browns, getting excellent views of basking Northern Wall Brown and Large Wall Brown on the pathway. David's sharp eyes found our first Mountain Argus, but Geranium Argus and Blue Argus were nowhere to be seen.



Blue Argus © John V

Happily, where we stopped for lunch and the first half of the afternoon put some of that right, with many stunning Blue Argus found and lovingly photographed. The track in question, at a lower altitude still, skirts across a steep, flowery hillside, with butterflies coming up to the edges of the track, allowing for easy butterflying. We noted, however, that many plants were either not yet in flower, suggesting the season was running late this year. This too may account for the frustrating lack of False Eros Blue, a target at this location, and the multitude of still-fresh Green Hairstreaks we found. A Duke of Burgundy was a pleasant and unexpected surprise here.

Way down the track we spent time at a meadow that, the previous year, had yielded an abundance of coppers. The copper mine, this year, was much less fruitful but did deliver a fine male Purple-shot Copper. David meanwhile found us a fresh Heath Fritillary – while Chris photographed a Safflower Skipper, Gillian a Large Grizzled Skipper, and John V found another Mountain Small White.

Our final site for the day, on the lower slopes of the mountain, finally gave up a Large Blue seen by just a few of the group. Ilex Hairstreaks were ubiquitous here, and there were some distracting *Ophrys oestrifera* ssp. *cornutula* orchids in fine flower in the meadow too.

Saturday 10th June

Today was to be spent exploring a series of ruderal fields in the heart of Promachonas Forest – an area that's traditionally proved to be a fruitful hunting ground for us. Firstly, we had to circumnavigate a large traffic jam at the nearby Bulgarian border... A huge queue of lorries was standing still on the road a quarter of a mile from the junction we needed to take – Jenny volunteered to take a look ahead to see if the junction was blocked, and set off at an impressive pace on foot, leaving a number of startled truck drivers in her wake! On her return she confirmed we could use the hard shoulder to access the junction, and we duly made our way off the main road and out to our first site of the day.

Exploring the tracks and meadows of this area through the course of the morning was an extremely pleasant affair, with several Map found by us at the margins of muddy tracks, many Silver-washed Fritillaries nectaring on a mixed patch of thistles and umbellifers, a fleeting Common Glider seen by a few folk and, in the meadows, a worn Sandy Grizzled Skipper. A real prize awaited us in the meadows, however – a showy and spectacular Eastern Festoon found by Sheila that was to prove to be a popular subject for everyone's cameras as it posed obligingly.



Eastern Festoon © Sheila R

A short drive took us to a pleasantly shaded picnic site and made the most of something of a rarity – actual seats and tables at which to have lunch - we walked into the first, extensive meadow area nearby. Jon and John V caught sight of a Cardinal at the meadow entrance but, frustratingly, this insect wasn't destined to return – heavy cloud overhead and mounting rumbles of thunder were suppressing butterfly activity of all kinds at this juncture. The meadows were a blaze of wildflowers, and we sensed that, were the sun to shine, we'd probably find them buzzing with butterflies but, as it stood, we were having to work a little harder to find what was there. Eastern Knapweed Fritillaries were most easily seen, and posed well for us.



Eastern Knapweed Fritillary © Gillian S

As the weather threatened to deteriorate into rain we beat a hasty retreat to the vehicles and relocated a little way downhill to a final meadow site that straddled the quiet road. We did well here for new species, finding Olive and Marbled Skipper, and Osiris and Amanda's Blue. The day ended with 59 species recorded, which was to prove to be our highest daily tally of the week.

Sunday 11th June

Today began somewhat wet and humid after overnight rain, but we remained undaunted, and opted to begin what would be a local day exploring the margins of Lake Kerkinia at the reservoir that overlooks the lake above Mandraki. The drive up here is always somewhat challenging, and proved

a little extra this year with some muddy sections of track to navigate. The weather was subduing butterfly activity, but did at least mean that some otherwise active insects were more approachable than hitherto, with some confiding Lattice Browns particularly well-received.

As the poor weather cleared as the morning progressed, we opted to follow up reports of Large Copper seen in previous years along the sides of the rivers and dykes that flow beside Kerkini in the Chrysochorafa area. Sunshine and some friendly local fishermen may have greeted us upon our arrival here, but Large Coppers certainly didn't – there appeared to be precious little of their larval foodplant, Great Water Dock, growing in the area, and despite working our way along miles of dykes and riverbanks, we couldn't find much of any note. Lunch was eaten beside a small shrine, and a herd of photogenic water buffalo was about the most exciting and notable sighting of the day thus far until Chris and Sheila struck gold, finding our first Short-tailed Blue of the week.

We moved to the abandoned quarry area above Vironeia in the afternoon – a decision that was to prove modestly fruitful, as it yielded not only one of our very few sightings of Brimstone, but also a briefly showy Large Tortoiseshell, and a Common Glider – the latter was a frustrating insect that, seen well on a couple of occasions by some of the group, would no sooner be found than it would sail bouncily high up above the surrounding tree canopy and vanish.

We returned to the meadows and tracks around our hotel for the final hour of the day, to be greeted by an especially confiding Little Tiger Blue. There was, however, no further sign of the putative White-letter Hairstreak that David had seen at the end of the previous day.



Little Tiger Blue © Gillian S

Monday 12th June

To say our final day was extraordinary would be something of an understatement. It started early, with a boat trip around the breeding waterbird colonies of Lake Kerkini courtesy of our good friend Nikos. Dividing our group into two boats meant there was plenty of space for all to enjoy and photograph the spectacle that was revealed during the two hours we were out on the calm water – both pelican species, Dalmatian and Great White, were the obvious stars of the show, but they had a solid supporting cast in the form of thousands of Great Cormorant, and smaller numbers of Pygmy Cormorant, Spoonbill, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Great White Egret, Grey Heron, Squacco Heron and Night Heron. An unforgettable and unique experience that was enjoyed greatly.



Great White and Dalmatian Pelicans © Gillian S

We had saved our next attempt at catching up with Southern Comma until our final day here, reasoning

that a week of sunshine would have given us the best chance of some insects emerging since our first visit to their favoured village earlier in the week. Our working plan had therefore been to head towards Poroia after breakfast but, with rain forecast and the skies over the village looking ominously dark and grey when we assembled at the vehicles, we opted instead to react to the weather and head south towards Promochonas.

The countryside at our favoured site near the Bulgarian border – the 'meadow of dreams' – had been kind to us earlier in the week, and we were hoping to allow more of our number to catch up with Common Glider – a butterfly with a name that had proved bleakly ironic as they were certainly not common at all! Upon arriving at the meadow and woodland complex, we split up and began to explore – those who had already seen a glider opting to spread their wings a little more widely in the grasslands, with the balance of the group heading into the surrounding woodland rides.

The latter group, initially, didn't see a Common Glider, but did find a White-letter Hairstreak amongst a swarm of Silver-washed Fritillaries nectaring on thistles. News then filtered through that the meadow team had found Large Coppers! David and Jon hastened out into the grassland to discover that, incredibly, a small stand of Great Water Dock in the meadows was indeed the focal point of as many as five male and one female of this sought-after copper. What then unfolded was one of the most remarkable 20 minutes of anyone's butterfly-watching career...

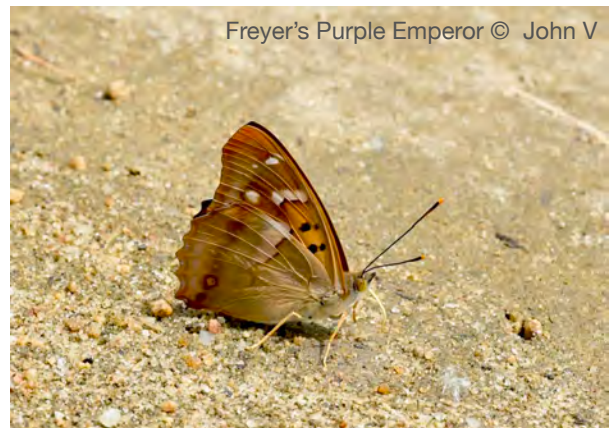


A shout went up that Chris and Sheila had found a nearby Lesser Purple Emperor puddling on a muddy track. Jon, upon arriving to see this, noticed a male Iolas Blue puddling on a different patch of damp mud. While Maps and Southern White Admirals came and went, these two insects were duly greatly admired by all. Meanwhile, nearby, Sue and Adam found a plain, unassuming skipper – which, with the benefit of hindsight, proved to be a Pygmy Skipper! We'd certainly never recorded this in the area before, so it came as a considerable surprise. We finally, after a slightly dazed lunch, left the meadow of dreams with its reputation considerably bolstered – and yes, the Common Glider had been seen again!



By this point in the day the sun had broken through, but rumbles of thunder and gathering clouds threatened rain. We hastened down the lake to Poroia where, after splitting up to explore the streets, David found a fine Southern Comma lurking around the perimeter of a small orchard. Patience was rewarded by good views of this tawny aristocrat, while Large Tortoiseshell was also seen well.

It was only after we'd returned to the hotel, and were able to examine our photos, that one last surprise revealed itself. In the heat of the moment, with new butterflies and rarities coming at us thick and fast, we'd not looked closely enough at that Lesser Purple Emperor. The penny now dropped... this butterfly wasn't *Apatura ilia* at all. It was, in fact, one of the great heavyweight rarities of the European butterfly fauna – *Apatura metis*, Freyer's Purple Emperor. Finishing with this final flourish was a fitting way to conclude what had been a most successful butterfly tour to northern Greece – despite a late spring delaying emergence of some species (remarkably we didn't see a single Cleopatra all week) we had seen almost 100 species in the course of our stay in this beautiful region. Combined with a hotel that has arguably the best views in the world, let alone Greece, and wonderful evening meals, and we'd been thoroughly spoiled.



Greenwings would like to thank all the group for their friendly company and sterling efforts to find and share butterflies with one another all week. Everyone found something important that others were delighted to see – this was a really great team effort, and we all benefited from it.

Species Checklists

Butterflies			6th June	7th June	8th June	9th June	10th June	11th June	12th June
Imago sightings are marked with a ✓, caterpillars are marked with a ☆			Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Family Papilionidae									
1	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>					✓		
3	Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
4	Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>					✓		
Family Pieridae									
5	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓		✓			
6	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias erate</i>		✓			✓		✓
9	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>				✓		✓	
10	Eastern Wood White	<i>Leptidea duponcheli</i>							✓
11	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Balkan Green-veined White	<i>Pieris balcana</i>							✓
13	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Mountain Small White	<i>Pieris ergane</i>				✓			
15	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
16	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Family Lycaenidae									
18	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium ilicis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	White-letter Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium w-album</i>							✓
21	Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>			✓	✓			
22	Large Copper	<i>Lycaena dispar</i>							✓
23	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
26	Blue Argus	<i>Aricia anteros</i>				✓			
27	Mountain Argus	<i>Aricia artaxerxes</i>				✓			
28	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
29	Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido argiades</i>						✓	
30	Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>					✓		

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31	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>				✓			
32	Iolas Blue	<i>Iolana ioles</i>		✓					✓
33	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>		✓				✓	✓
34	Large Blue	<i>Phengaris arion</i>				✓			
35	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓
36	Balkan Zephyr Blue	<i>Plebejus sephirus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
37	Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>					✓		
38	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>				✓	✓		
39	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>			✓	✓	✓		
41	Eastern Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Little Tiger Blue	<i>Tarucus balkanicus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Family Nymphalidae									
43	Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>				✓			
44	Nettle Tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea celtis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>				✓			
47	Lesser Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura ilia</i>			✓				
48	Freyer's Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura metis</i>							✓
49	Map	<i>Araschnia levana</i>					✓		✓
50	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
51	Common Glider	<i>Neptis sappho</i>					✓	✓	✓
52	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Southern Comma	<i>Polygonia egea</i>							✓
55	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>					✓		
58	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
59	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>				✓			
60	Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
61	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>				✓			
63	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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64	Eastern Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea ornata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
66	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>			✓				✓
67	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Woodland Ringlet	<i>Erebia medusa</i>				✓			
69	Balkan Grayling	<i>Hipparchia senthes</i>			✓				
70	Oriental Meadow Brown	<i>Hyponephele lupine</i>	✓						
71	Lattice Brown	<i>Kirinia roxelana</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
72	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>				✓			
73	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	Northern Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>				✓			
75	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Balkan Marbled White	<i>Melanargia larissa</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓
77	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
	Family Hesperidae								
78	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
79	Tufted Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus flocciferus</i>		✓	✓		✓		
80	Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>					✓		
81	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>				✓	✓		
82	Pygmy Skipper	<i>Gegenes pumilio</i>							✓
83	Tessellated Skipper	<i>Muschampia tessellum</i>			✓				
84	Large Skipper	<i>Occludes sylvanus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
85	Large Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus alveus</i>				✓			
86	Safflower Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carthami</i>				✓			
87	Sandy Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus cinarae</i>					✓		
88	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>				✓			
89	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>					✓		
90	Yellow-banded Skipper	<i>Pyrgus sidae</i>							✓
91	Hungarian Skipper	<i>Spialia orbifer</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
92	Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>					✓		✓
93	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
94	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

Notable Birds

Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcis ibis</i>
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus ocrnotalus</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>
Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>

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Purple-shot Copper © John V



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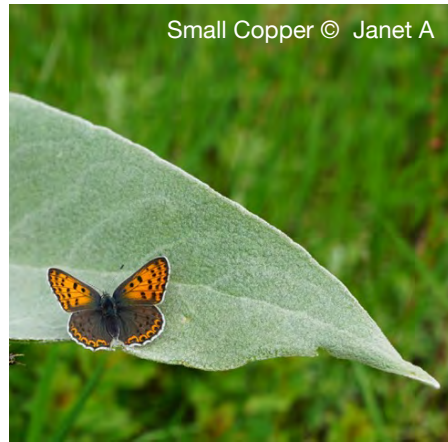
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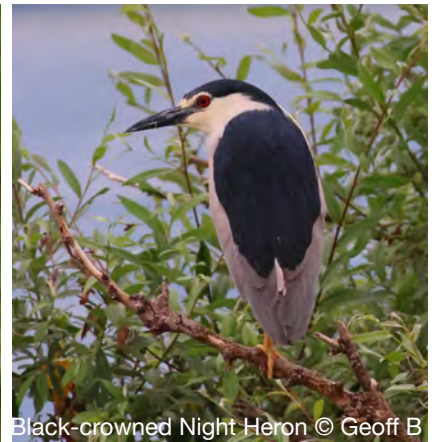
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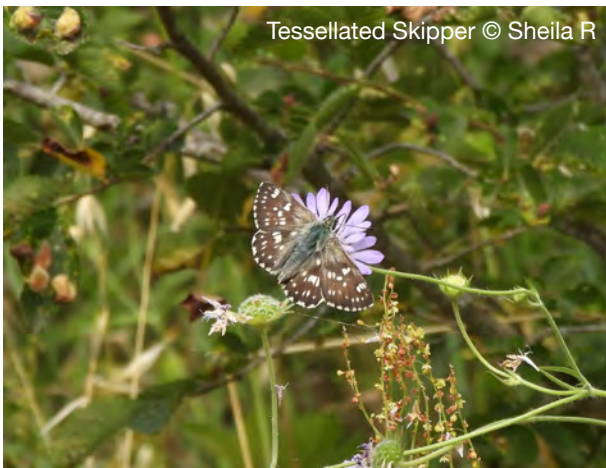
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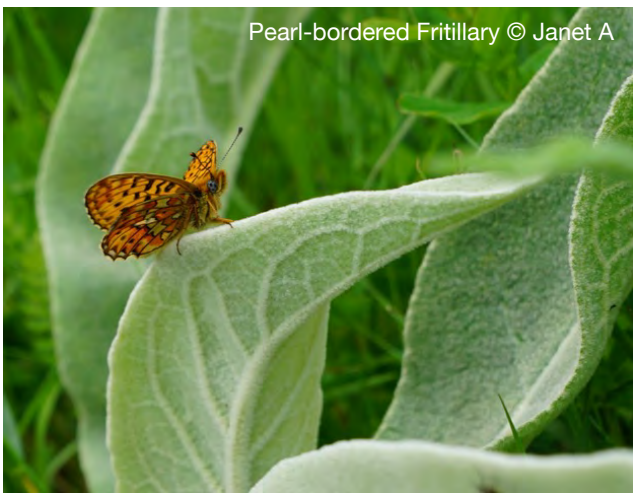
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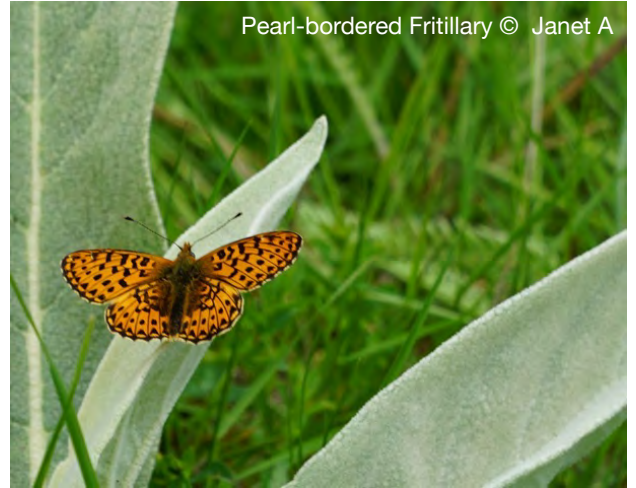


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