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Day 1

We started the day just after noon, when I picked up Richard and Hellen from the hotel in Sozopol.

The first site of the trip was a nice open forest area by a river in the foothills of the Dyulino Pass.



Red-backed Shrike © Richard W

We were immediately met by the calls of Golden Orioles, Nightingales and Bee-eaters. A male Red-backed Shrike was obligingly sitting on a bush too. A little exploration in the meadows around us produced Blue Argus, Amanda's Blue, Silver-studded Blue, Queen of Spain Fritillary, Hungarian Skipper and other butterflies. We also had Woodcock and Pyramidal Orchids at that location.

Next we stopped just along the road back to Burgas, as we saw a Roller perched on the wires near a reservoir. Even though we didn't manage to get good pictures as the bird we flew off, we saw

and photographed other interesting bird species here like Black-headed Bunting and Crested Lark.

The last location for the day was Pomorie Lake at the Salt Museum, where we enjoyed watching the nesting mixed colony of Sandwich and Common Terns, Avocets and Black-winged Stilts. We also found here Pygmy Cormorants, Mediterranean Gulls and Kentish Plovers.

Before we headed back to Sozopol, we had dinner in a nice restaurant in Sarafovo and picked up Phil from the airport in the late evening.

Day 2

We travelled south towards the Turkish border and explored an area of the Southern Black Sea coast today. Our first location was Ropotamo Riverine Forest Nature Reserve, where we mostly focused on the birds – Greater Spotted, Middle Spotted and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers, Icterine Warbler, Long-tailed Tit, Common Nightingale and more.

Later we explored an open oak forest near Veleka river and we spent most of the morning there.

Probably the biggest find at this place was a roosting Nightjar, which Helen found and kindly called us to see and photograph. Quite a few target butterfly species were found here including Eastern Festoon, Black-veined White, Spotted Fritillary, Glanville Fritillary, Ilex Hairstreak, Blue Argus, Lattice Brown, Pearly Heath and others. We also explored a small stream nearby and a little lake, which produced a Greek Stream Frog and several species of dragonflies such as Eastern Spectre, Broad-bodied Chaser and Beautiful Demoiselle. We found big numbers of Long-lipped Serapias Orchid as well.



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker © Phil O

After a nice lunch at Sinemorets we explored a riverine forest and some meadows near Veleka River, where we managed to see our main target today – Large Chequered Skipper. Alongside it we also found Southern Small White and Queen of Spain Fritillary. We had some really nice views of a pair of Red-backed Shrikes at this location. But most numerous and diverse were the



Little Ringed Plover © Richard W

dragonflies including Blue Emperor, Eastern Spectre, Norfolk Hawker, Scarce Chaser, Banded Demoiselle and White-legged Damselfly.

On the way back we stopped at the beach near the village of Varvara, where a very nice panorama had opened in front of us. Additionally to that we saw and photographed Little Ringed Plover and Olivaceous Warbler and found a Long-tailed Blue butterfly.

Our last stop for the day was at Fazanovo River, where we followed the river for several

kilometres. We had some really good views of Lesser Spotted Eagle, Turtle Dove and Bee-eater. Butterflies were also good in the area – Swallowtail, Eastern Festoon, Knapweed Fritillary, Queen of Spain Fritillary, Hungarian Skipper, Oriental Marbled Skipper, and others were seen.

Day 3

We had an early start today and went to watch birds and photograph insects covered with morning dew in the first hours of the day. In terms of birds we saw Ferruginous Duck, Purple Heron, Pygmy Cormorant, Marsh Harrier, Gull-billed Tern, Crested Lark, Olivaceous Warbler, Great Reed Warbler and others. Dragonflies were especially numerous with plenty of Scarlet Darters emerging at this time of year, we also had Lesser Emperor, Southern Darter, Small Red-eyed Damselfly, Azure Damselfly, Common Blue Damselfly, Blue-tailed Damselfly and Eastern Willow Emerald Damselfly.

After breakfast we travelled towards Burgas and a part of Mandra Lake, where we saw Common Cuckoo, Great Crested Grebe, Little Egret, Squacco Heron, Lesser Spotted Eagle and Great Reed Warbler among others. The spectacle here was a Hobby hunting House Martins just above us. Eastern Festoons and Lattice Brown butterflies were also seen, and dragonflies were again numerous with Blue Emperor, Lesser Emperor, Norfolk Hawker, Black-tailed Skimmer, being among the highlights here.

Next we moved to scrubland area next to Zidarovo village, where we were almost immediately greeted by the songs of Black-headed and Corn Buntings. We also saw Alpine Swift, Bee-eaters, Common Whitethroat, and Olivaceous Warbler. As for butterflies, we saw Black-veined White, Bath White and Spotted Fritillary.

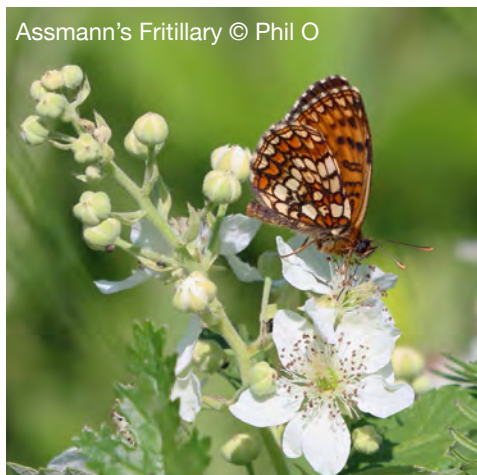
On the way back to Burgas we stopped at Dimchevo village to take a few pictures of the White Stork nests with their Spanish Sparrow tenants, and we were also surprised by a white morph Booted Eagle flying over.

As the day was quite hot, we had an afternoon break after lunch and went to watch birds at Atanasovsko Lake in the late afternoon. The abundance and diversity of birds here was impressive and we spent the rest of the day here – Common and Ruddy Shelduck, Pallid Swift, Black-winged Stilt, Avocet, Oystercatcher, Curlew, Black-tailed Godwit, Wood Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Sandwich Tern, Greater Flamingo, Syrian Woodpecker and many others held our attention.



White Stork with young © Phil O

Day 4



Assmann's Fritillary © Phil O

We had another pre-breakfast birding experience at Vaya Lake, where we watched Dalmatian and Great White Pelicans, Common Pochard, Great Crested Grebe, Cetti's, Olivaceous and Great Reed Warblers.

After breakfast we travelled inland to Strandzha Mountain Nature Park. We first stopped at Bosna, where we explored a nice forest meadow, well known for Assmann's Fritillary, but we also saw Twin-spot, Heath and Glanville Fritillaries, Sloe and Ilex Hairstreaks, Mazarine Blue, and others. European Honey and Common Buzzards flew over us and Greater Spotted Woodpecker was calling from the forest.

Next stop was at Mladezhka River, looking for some very rare dragonflies and soon we found two of them – Bulgarian

Emerald and Turkish Goldenring.

We had lunch at Kovach next to Veleka River and afterwards, we explored the river bank. We found young Grass Snakes in a small pond by the lake, and quite a few species of dragonflies including Bulgarian Emerald, Club-tailed Dragonfly, Odalisque, Banded Demoiselle, Azure Damselfly and White-legged Damselfly.

We finished the day at a nice meadow near Mladezhko where we saw quite a few butterflies including Cardinal, Heath Fritillary, Dark Green Fritillary, Marbled Fritillary, Freyer's Purple Emperor, Grecian Copper and White-letter Hairstreak. Eastern Spectre and Turkish Goldenring were patrolling the nearby river. Phil also found an obliging Middle Spotted Woodpecker.

Day 5

In the morning we went again early at Alepu marsh to photograph more insects with morning dew on them. Nothing new as species, but the light was very nice for some macro photography and the results were very good.

After breakfast we visited the western part of Strandzha mountains near the village of Golyamo Krushevo, where we explored another open forest area, extremely rich in butterflies including among others Black-veined White, Purple-shot Copper, White-letter Hairstreak, Mazarine Blue, Twin-spot Fritillary, Niobe Fritillary, Eastern Knapweed Fritillary and Freyer's Fritillary. Lesser Spotted Eagle and European Honey Buzzard flew over and also Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Ortolan Bunting and European Stonechat were seen or heard.



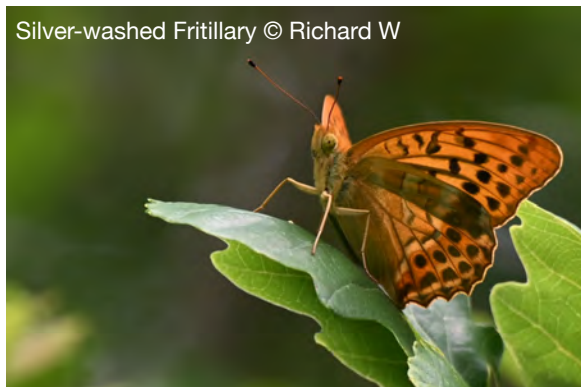
Twin-spot Fritillary © Phil O

Then we visited an area near the village of Panchevo, where stopped to photograph some Bee-eaters. We also found Mallow and Dingy Skippers, Silver-studded Blue and more Eastern Festoons.

In the afternoon we went to the reedbeds of Atanasovsko Lake, where we spent the rest of the day. At the entrance to the reserve we were met by a pair of Woodchat Shrikes. On the path to the reedbeds we saw our first Peacock butterfly and plenty of dragonflies, including a female Black Pennant. Of course, the biggest highlight here were the birds – Alpine and Common Swifts, Lapwing, Collared Pratincole, Hobby, Red-rumped Swallow, Great Reed and Olivaceous Warblers and a male Penduline Tit, building a nest.

Day 6

We had an excellent early morning today at Ropotamo Nature Reserve during which we observed 42 species of birds with some of the highlights being an immature White-tailed Eagle, Black Stork, Peregrine Falcon, Golden Oriole, Woodchat and Red-backed Shrikes, Woodlark, Olive-tree Warbler, Short-toed Treecreeper, Hawfinch and Cirl Bunting. We also found a Spur-thighed Tortoise in the dunes.



Silver-washed Fritillary © Richard W

After breakfast we visited Silkosia Nature Reserve and the village of Kosti. It was cloudy and windy today so we saw a lot fewer birds and butterflies here than expected, but we still had Honey Buzzard, Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Bee-eater, Marsh Tit, Nuthatch and others. Silver-washed Fritillary and Lattice Brown were the most interesting species among the butterflies.

In the afternoon we had a little rest and later decided to walk around the old town and have dinner in a fish restaurant by the coast. The group spent some

quality time sightseeing and souvenir shopping in the evening.

Day 7

We spent the early morning at Cape Agalina near Sozopol, where we found a small breeding colony of European Shag on the cliffs nearby. Other birds here were Olive-tree and Olivaceous Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Red-backed Shrike and Cirl Bunting.

After breakfast we travelled for about hour and half inland before we reached the Karnobat hills. We stopped shortly along the main road to have a look around and we managed to spot a small group of Rose-colored Starlings coming to feed on a Cherry tree. I already knew, where we had to go next, but as the birding was too good it took us some time to reach the quarry. On the way we saw Marsh Harrier, Hoopoe, Crested Lark, Isabelline and Northern Wheatears, Black-headed and Corn Bunting. As we reached the quarry we could already hear and see the flocks of Rose-colored Starlings. On arrival we had an incredible view of over a thousand birds breeding in a remote part of the quarry, constantly calling and arguing between themselves over a perching spot or when is the right time to leave for another trip to the orchards. The magnificent experience was additionally boosted by excellent views of Bee-eaters and Spanish Sparrows breeding in the quarry. On departure we managed to spot a big raptor flying overhead, which turned out to be an Eastern Imperial Eagle, soon after a male Montagu's Harrier also joined the hunting party and a group of White Storks was also feeding nearby. And if the birds were not enough to we also had quite a few large butterfly species hilltopping in the area – Swallowtail, Scarce Swallowtail, Bath White, Queen of Spain, Cardinal and Silver-washed Fritillaries, Great Banded Grayling, as well as a single Blue Emperor dragonfly, surprisingly quite far from the nearest lake.



Rose-coloured Starlings © Richard W

Around noon we left towards the picturesque ethnographical village of Zheravna, where we had lunch. In the village we found Black Redstart, European Serin, White Wagtail, Red-rumped and House Swallows, Common Swifts. High in the sky a Honey Buzzard and a Long-legged Buzzard were soaring.

After lunch we explored the meadows around and found Black-veined White, Southern Small White, Purple-shot Copper, Large Blue, Amanda's Blue, Twin-spot Fritillary, Knapweed Fritillary,

Chestnut Heath, etc. Soon after we heard a Wryneck calling and we managed to see it flying by and later also perched on a tree. Other birds here were singing Quail, Green Woodpecker, Ortolan Bunting, Hawfinch, Red-backed Shrike.

Last stop of the day was at Sinite kamani Nature Park near Sliven. It was already late afternoon and most birds were resting, but we still managed to find quite a few interesting species here – Glanville Fritillary, Iolas Blue, Chequered Blue, Reverdin's Blue, Blue Argus, Yellow-banded and Lulworth Skippers.

Day 8

We had an almost full day today before I had to leave Helen and Richard at the hotel and Phil at



the airport, so we visited a couple of good birding spots around Burgas. First we visited Poda Nature Reserve, where the bird and dragonfly abundance was spectacular. Dalmatian Pelican, Pygmy Cormorant, Pochard, Caspian, Sandwich and Common Terns, Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Marsh Sandpiper, Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Little Egret, Spoonbill, Marsh Harrier, Great Reed Warbler, Cetti's Warbler, and more. From the butterflies we saw Great Banded Grayling, Eastern Bath White and Queen of Spain Fritillary and from the dragonflies, Blue and Lesser Emperors, Norfolk Hawker and Black-tailed Skimmer.

The last spot for the trip was at the reedbeds of Pomorie Lake, where we saw Common Shelduck, Garganey, Lapwing, Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Kentish Plover, Little and Mediterranean Gull, Little, Gull-billed and Common Tern and Great Reed Warbler. We also managed to find quite a few dragonflies here including Dark Spreadwing, Southern Migrant Hawker, Southern Darter and Scarlet Darter.

We concluded the trip with a nice lunch in Sarafovo. Then I dropped Helen and Richard at the hotel in their resort and then Phil at the airport for his evening flight. Overall, we had a very good trip with a good variety of birds, butterflies and dragonflies with some very rare species seen and photographed during the trip, the biggest highlight for everyone being the Rose-colored Starling colony.

Species Lists

Birds

Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>

Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriaca</i>
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Common Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	Crested Lark	<i>Gallerida cristata</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Great Reed Warbler.	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Common Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>

Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>

Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephalus</i>
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>

Butterflies

Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>
Large Chequered Skipper	<i>Heteropterus morpheus</i>
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>
Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>
Hungarian Skipper	<i>Spialia orbifer</i>
Oriental Marbled Skipper.	<i>Carcharodus orientalis</i>
Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>
Yellow-banded Skipper	<i>Pyrgus sidae</i>
Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Southern Small White	<i>Pieris mannii</i>
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>
Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>
Grecian Copper	<i>Lycaena ottomana</i>
Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>
Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium ilicis</i>
White-letter Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium w-album</i>
Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium acaciae</i>
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>
Large Blue	<i>Phengaris arion</i>
Chequered Blue	<i>Scolitantides orion</i>
Iolas Blue	<i>Iolana iolas</i>
Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>
Reverdin's Blue	<i>Plebejus argyrognomon</i>
Balkan Zephyr Blue	<i>Kretania sephirus</i>
Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>
Blue Argus	<i>Aricia anteros</i>

Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>
Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>
Twin-spot Fritillary	<i>Brenthis hecate</i>
Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>
Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>
Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Speyeria aglaja</i>
Niobe Fritillary	<i>Fabriciana niobe</i>
Freyer's Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura metis</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Agalis urticae</i>
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>
Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphedryas aurinia</i>
Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>
Freyer's Fritillary	<i>Melitaea arduinna</i>
Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>
Eastern Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea ornata</i>
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>
Assmann's Fritillary	<i>Melitaea britomartis</i>
Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>
Chestnut Heath	<i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>
Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>
Lattice Brown	<i>Kirinia roxelana</i>
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>
Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>

Dragonflies

Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>
Odalisque	<i>Epallage fatime</i>
Dark Spreadwing	<i>Lestes macrostigma</i>
Eastern Willow Emerald	<i>Chalcolestes parvidens</i>

Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>
Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>
Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>
Small Red-eyed Damselfly	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>
White-legged Damselfly.	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>

Southern Migrant Hawker
 Norfolk Hawker
 Blue Emperor
 Lesser Emperor
 Eastern Spectre
 Common Clubtail
 Turkish Goldenring
 Bulgarian Emerald

Aeshna affinis
Aeshna isosceles
Anax imperator
Anax parthenope
Caliaeschna microstigma
Gomphus vulgatissimus
Cordulegaster pitta
Somatochlora borisi

Broad-bodied Chaser
 Scarce Chaser
 Black-tailed Skimmer
 Southern Skimmer
 Southern Darter
 Scarlet Darter
 Black Pennant

Libellula depressa
Libellula fulva
Orthetrum cancellatum
Orthetrum brunneum
Sympetrum meridionale
Crocothemis erythraea
Selysiothemis nigra

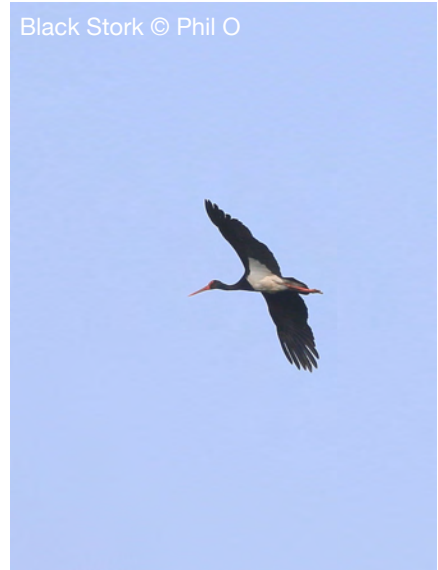
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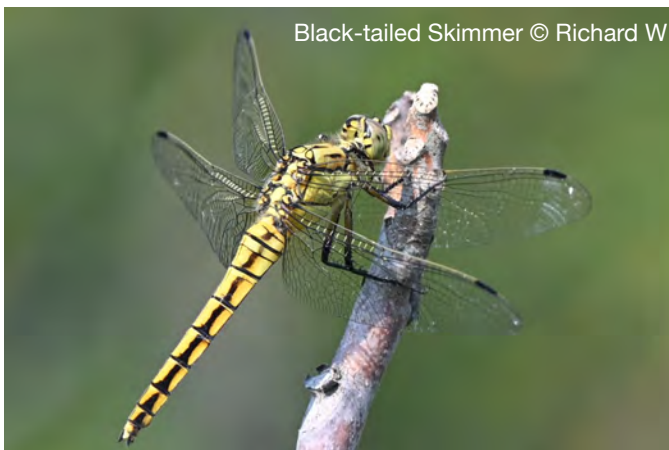
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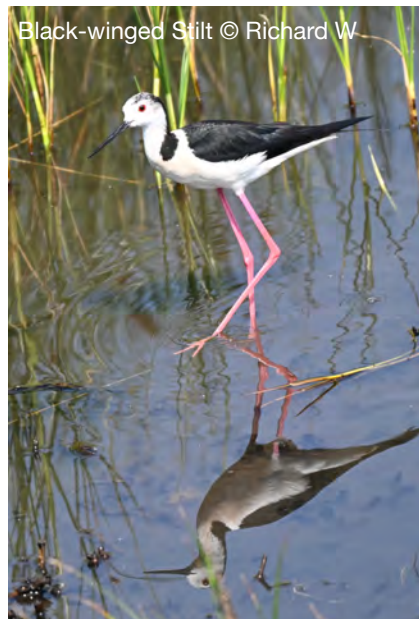
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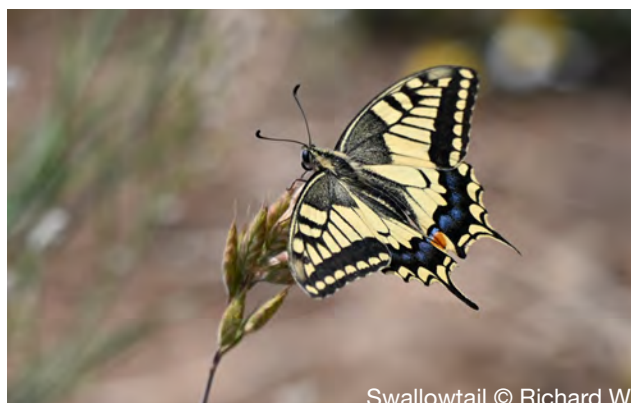
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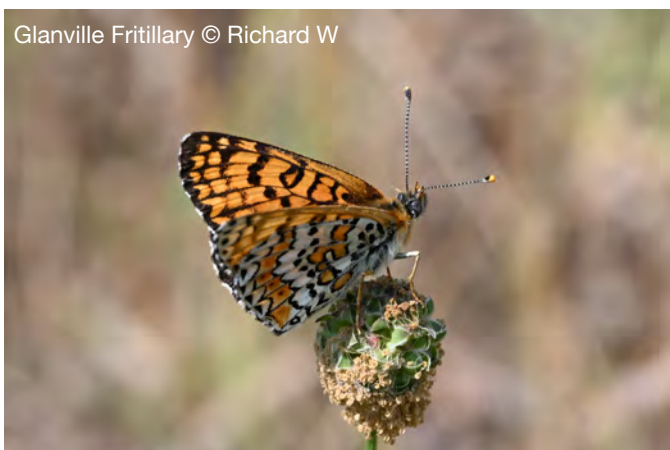
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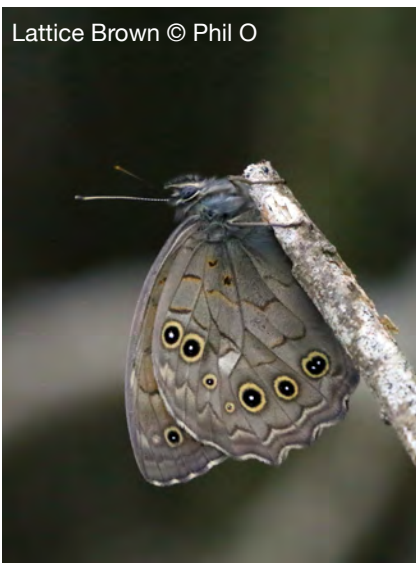
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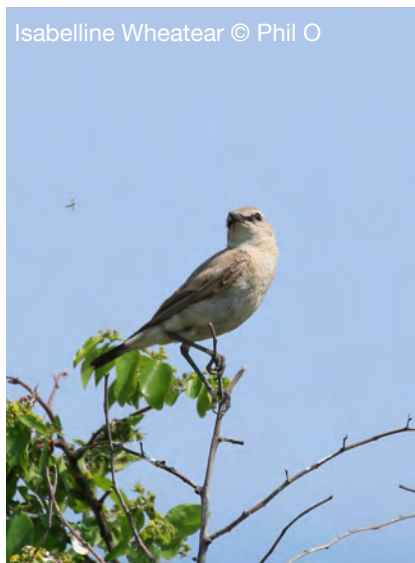
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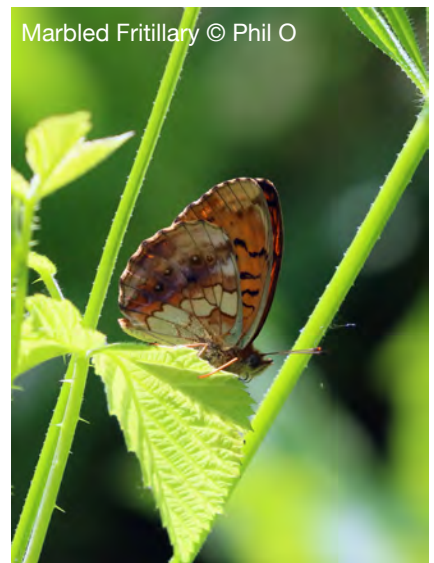
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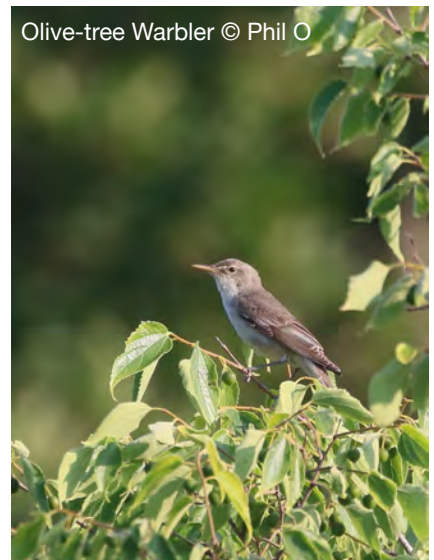
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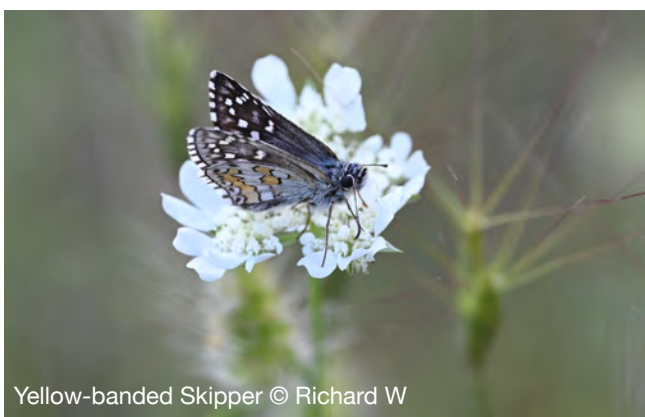
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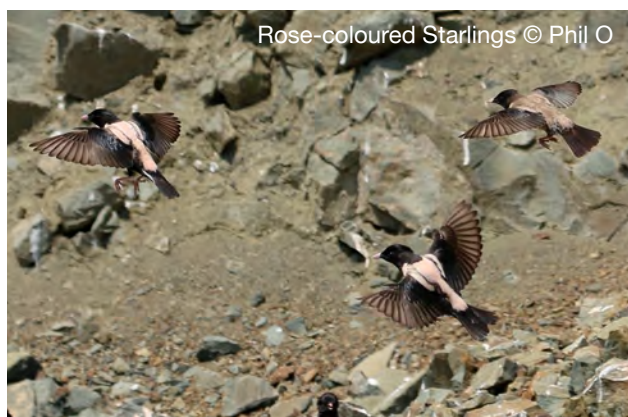
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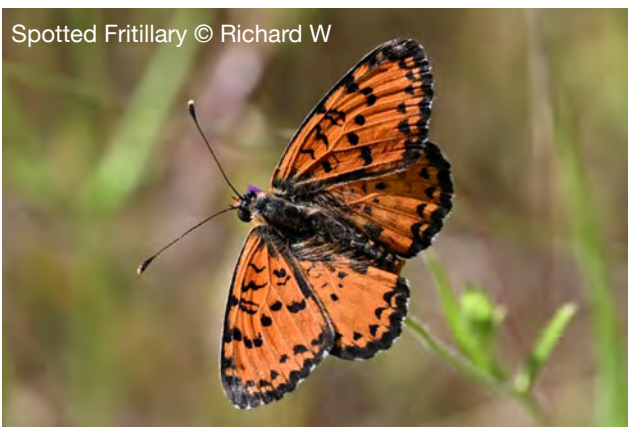
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