

Bulgaria

Rhodope Mountains & Black Sea

Sun 15–Tue 24 May 2016



Memories of Bulgaria 2016 (Clockwise from top left): The stunning Large Copper • Egyptian Vulture • a watchful Little Owl • locally rare, this Cattle Egret was a highlight for our guides! • An eye-catching Pied Wheatear • Lesser Grey Shrike stands sentinel. Photos © Gary Elton, Limosa Holidays

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Our 'tour' of Bulgaria started in Sofia, swinging southeast to the hills and pine forests in the Rhodope Mountains around Dospat and Trigrad. Moving further east, we entered the barren hills and lower, deciduous, stunted oak woodlands near Krumovgrad - with riverbeds lined by poplars and rich flower meadows. Then on further east to the Black Sea coast, with its lakes and salt-pans at Burgas and Pomorie, and coastal steppes and lakes north of Kavarna. Finally, we headed back west to Silistra and Vetren, visiting the reedy lakes at Srebarna. We were lucky with the weather, with most days clear and sunny, though several days were hampered a little by a strong breeze and the occasional heavy shower.

The sheer number of birds and variety of species amazed us all on this trip. In Bulgaria, many of the old traditional farming practices are still commonplace and the lack of people pressure compared to our part of the world means large swathes of land are still accessible to wildlife, which was very much reflected in the variety and the pure volume of birds we saw.

Sunday 15th May 2016

We landed at Sofia slightly ahead of schedule, quickly clearing security and collecting our bags. We were met by our local guide Lyubo; David, the last member of our group, who had flown in ahead of us from Oregon USA; our driver for the week, Hristo; and Svetylo, a trainee guide. Our drive to Dubrash was broken by several stops. The first was just east of Sofia at Vakarel for Corn Crake where there were at least six calling around us with one actually seen, a real bonus for the group. Other birds seen here included several Red-backed Shrikes, Barred Warblers, Short-toed Eagle, Tree sparrow and Corn Bunting. Our second stop at Vinoradetz on a hillside overlooking a vineyard produced a stunning male Montagu's Harrier and a Black Stork in a nearby ploughed field. On our arrival at Sofia the sun was shining but the weather had deteriorated into heavy rain with lightning, which meant birding *en route* was seemingly out of the question. That said, a degree of luck saw the weather reduced to light drizzle, so we decided to make a roadside stop high in the mountains amongst the Scots Pines. We manoeuvred our bags around and unpacked our waterproofs, only to climb out of the bus to find it had now stopped raining! We walked along the roadside, which proved surprisingly productive with at least four Ring Ouzels plus a recently fledged youngster, two male Bullfinches, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Song Thrush and Goldcrest. We re-boarded and continued our journey, making one final stop before the hotel at an area more reminiscent of the Canadian lakes, with several large water bodies surrounded by pines. Birds seen here included Crag Martin, Black Redstart, Grey Wagtail and Serin, with a Grey-headed woodpecker also heard.

Monday 16th May

We woke to a fine sunny morning and some stunning views and started the day with an hour's birding around the hotel before breakfast. A confiding flock of c10 Crossbills, including several red males, Cirl Bunting, Black Redstart and calling Black and Green Woodpeckers made for a good start. We loaded the bus, taking one last look out from our amazing view point, noting a small migrating flock of Bee-eaters as a bonus. A short drive took us to the site of an old Roman bridge where half an hour or so of birding the area produced a Black Stork, Red-rumped Swallows and the first of many Grey Wagtails that we were to see today. Our next stop was the Trigrad gorge, where we had hoped to see Wallcreeper but it transpired that bad weather and low temperatures had caused the birds to unfortunately desert the site a few weeks earlier. We moved on to Trigrad itself, noting Dipper on the way, which was to be the first of several we were to see along the boulder strewn river running parallel with the road. A further two short roadside walks were followed by a fine trout lunch, where the birding from the restaurant car park proved particularly productive, with singing Blackcap, Black Redstart and Serins and a briefly perched Spotted Flycatcher seen. The mountain peak above also gave us a Peregrine interacting with a Buzzard, a soaring Black Stork and a hovering Short-toed Eagle. After lunch, we continued our journey, making various stops along the way and adding Firecrest and Tree Pipit to our list, before reaching our ultimate destination, the town of Krumovgrad.

Tuesday 17th May

Our pre-breakfast walk this morning was a stroll down to the nearby river with our first bird, an Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, seen and heard almost immediately we left the hotel. This was singing in a nearby

overgrown garden and was to be a species we were to hear - and on occasion see - regularly throughout a large part of the trip. Two Black Storks could be seen circling as we approached the river and singing Nightingales were all around us, with good views of one bird in particular. Golden Orioles and Turtle Doves sang from the riverside trees and a Little Ringed Plover ran along the shingle river edge. An adult Black-crowned Night Heron and Stonechat were the last birds of the walk as we retraced our steps and returned for breakfast.

Our day was taken up birding the local area. Our first stop was billed as a 200-metre walk. We hit the road running, with one new bird appearing after another and, ultimately, the visit lasted 30 minutes, with some of us having walked no more than a few metres! Species seen included Egyptian and Griffon Vulture, Long-legged Buzzard, Black-eared Wheatear, Levant's Sparrowhawk, Lesser Grey and Woodchat Shrikes! Many of these species were to be seen again through the morning plus new additions, which included at least six Rollers, two Hobbies, Chukar, Grey Partridge and Woodlark. A singing Olive-tree Warbler was heard at one stop with the bird or, as it turned out, birds, playing hide and seek, but perseverance paid off with us all finally getting acceptable views. A picnic lunch was followed by more roadside birding, where highlights included several singing Sardinian Warblers. We continued to an area known as Studen Kladenets, which involved a walk up into the hills on a short, steep, tree-lined path. On reaching the top, a singing Eastern Subalpine Warbler greeted us, with a second carrying food nearby. A walk around the area produced several Hawfinches, an adult and juvenile Peregrine and Black Kite. Non-avian highlights included a stunning male Balkan Green Lizard, a small herd of six Fallow Deer and a Scarce Swallowtail butterfly. On returning to the minibus, the practice of checking all the over flying Griffon Vultures for the rarer Black finally paid off, with a Goshawk following shortly after concluding our visit there. Our last stop of the day was at the vulture feeding station at Potochnitza. Here a fresh cow carcass had been laid out and on arrival we could immediately see six Egyptian Vultures sat close to it. Reluctant to approach, they largely sat close by, joined on occasion by several Black Kites and Ravens, this latter species far less cautious and the first birds to start attacking the carcass. Other birds seen during our visit included Woodchat shrike and Cirl Bunting with another deer, this time a Roe, seen on the distant hillside. The biggest surprise though was a churring nightjar heard clearly as we returned to the bus, not what you expect in broad daylight at five in the afternoon!

A visit was made to the town park after dinner to search for Owls. With dusk only just falling, the Scops Owls were largely concentrated in one corner, presumably where they had been roosting. Shining a torch into the trees enabled several of the birds to be picked out.

Wednesday 18th May

With a good drive ahead of us, we forewent our pre-breakfast walk, opting for an earlier breakfast with a prompt departure. Our first stop was at the Studen Kladenets dam, with our first Blue Rock Thrush, a female, found almost immediately by Lyubo. A second stop a short distance along the road finally gave us Sombre Tit, a new bird for the trip and one we were ironically going to see a further two times during the day. A singing Eastern Bonelli's Warbler, though, unfortunately stayed frustratingly hidden from view under the thick leaf canopy below us. We continued our journey towards Madjarovo, playing 'find the Little owls on the roof' game, with a respectable seven birds found in total before we arrived at our next destination. We then spent a while in the area, making several stops, viewing the impressive rock faces above us, and the river below. A Rock Nuthatch nest was found and after a short while a bird appeared, giving us all good, albeit distant, looks through the scope. A Chukar was heard calling and both Cirl and Ortolan Buntings were noted singing. An added bonus was a pair of Golden Eagles soaring distantly over a mountain top, with several Griffon Vultures appearing shortly after, a useful comparison. On the rocky crags high above us at least four Blue Rock Thrushes were seen, all males bar one, plus a Black-eared Wheatear and our first Rock Bunting. A second Rock Bunting was found a short while later singing in duet with an Ortolan, the pair sat in neighbouring bushes. Crag and House Martins, Red-rumped Swallow and Alpine swift soared above us. The flower-lined roadside also proved good for butterflies with Queen of Spain and Lesser spotted Fritillaries and Ilex Hairstreak amongst those noted. A roadside stop at Yerusolimovo gave us a hoped-for Masked Shrike, with a smart male found perched on the hillside in a dead tree. It gave us good scope views before flying off.

Pushing on, we arrived at our lunch destination at the Green Balkan Centre at Levka, where there is a re-introduction programme for Lesser Kestrels. Arriving and disembarking, we were immediately told of a flock of Rose-coloured Starlings nearby and after a short walk were treated to superb views of around twenty birds. Lunch followed with views of the Lesser Kestrels and a short presentation in the visitors centre afterwards. We continued our journey, making a short drive to a roadside viewpoint, with the first

bird seen on stopping being an Eastern Imperial Eagle soaring high above us! We watched the bird, glimpsing its white head as it changed angle, allowing the light to catch it. It quickly transpired we were near a nest site with the second bird pointed out on a nest in a distant tree, again a long way off but clearly discernible in the scopes. Our stop here also produced a singing Calandra Lark, a brief Isabelline wheatear and cracking views of two Olive-tree Warblers. We continued our journey, making several more roadside stops with a mouth-watering array of birds seen, which included several more Isabelline wheatears, two Lesser Spotted Eagles, Honey and Long-legged Buzzards, Montagu's Harrier and Black headed Wagtail.

We arrived tired but happy and checked into our accommodation at Pomorie, following a long but excellent day in the field. Dinner followed, an excellent meal but I know the group would be disappointed if I didn't mention the fabulous Tagine meal, or should I say lack of it! Reminiscent of a scene from Faulty towers, our main course, Tagine, was served in a traditional pot but on feeling the pots for heat then lifting the lids, it became apparent there was nothing in them! A waiter was summoned who went off to the kitchen, then several people appeared and after a series of conversations and some laughter, all the pots were collected up by two embarrassed waiters. A short while later, they reappeared with the pots, this time with food in them! To be fair, the meal was well worth the wait and to say it made us all smile was somewhat of an understatement!

Thursday 19th May

Very little travelling for us today and a leisurely start with a visit first off to the nearby Pomorie Lake before breakfast. This was very much a change of birding, with numerous terns and Avocets immediately noted, as well as new additions that included Kentish Plover nesting on the beach and large numbers of Mediterranean Gulls, the majority full adults. After breakfast our planned destinations were various stops at Vaya, Mandra and Atanasovsko lakes. Our day started well with a roadside female Red-footed Falcon perched on some wires, which was quickly followed by a small flock of Collared Pratincoles hawking over a nearby field and a smart Black-headed Wagtail. A short drive and then a walk saw us watching a singing and displaying Barred Warbler followed by a Penduline Tit nest with both parents appearing regularly to feed the young. A Marsh Warbler sang from the scrub nearby and several Gull-billed Terns were noted. White Pelicans had been seen during the morning in flight and a stop at the side of Vaya Lake gave us an opportunity to catch up with the other pelican species, Dalmatian and, more importantly, to compare with the aforementioned Whites. A family of Hobbies feeding over a reed-fringed lake was impressive to watch, with the young birds seemingly as agile as the adults as they plucked dragonflies out the air.

Lunch was a picnic taken at a local bar which had a real rural feel to it, with us joined by several presumed locals who then broke into conversation in English sporting Manchester, Essex and South African accents, which seemed bizarre to say the least! We continued round the lakes making several more stops, one to view four Glossy ibis, another for Purple Heron and Ferruginous Duck. The best bird, for the Bulgarians in our group at least, was a Cattle Egret, a rare bird in Bulgaria, feeding in amongst sheep at the North end of Vaya Lake. The bird showed very well and was reasonably approachable, sharing its feeding area with around a dozen Squacco Herons.

Our last destination was again Atanasovsko; we finished the day viewing the lake from the side of the information centre. The water level was relatively low, exposing large areas of mud around the edges and scanning the area revealed several Greenshank and around twenty Spoonbills. We then walked along the lake path, attempting to view some of the more distant areas, with a fly-over Little Gull and two Slender-billed Gulls the best birds, the latter distant to say the least!

Friday 20th May

Another sunny start to the day, with a brief pre-breakfast walk by some of the group to view the lake again, this time from the visitor centre. After breakfast we loaded the bus with our luggage and started our journey north. Our first stop *en route* was at the northern edge of the Pomorie Saltpans. Here we spent a good hour watching the assembled waders from several viewpoints. Curlew Sandpiper and Ruff started the proceedings, with wader-watching briefly interrupted by several fly-over Gull-billed Terns. A shift of position meant better light and better birds, with the highlight undoubtedly a Terek Sandpiper, which posed nicely for us all before taking flight and disappearing to the further end of the pools. Other waders included small numbers of Little Stints, three Wood Sandpipers and a Greenshank. We continued on, stopping for lunch at a traditional family run restaurant at Goritza, with some very nice stuffed courgettes on the menu. Next stop was the forest itself, where we were treated to some good views of nest box

breeding Semicollared Flycatchers plus Middle Spotted and Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Short-toed Treecreeper. Major road works on the bridge into Varna meant we had to change the itinerary to a degree, it being imperative that we crossed the bridge before rush hour. This we achieved with ease but meant we were ahead of schedule for our last stop of the day, so we spent an hour at Balbata Wood then a short visit to the nearby beach before moving on to our last stop of the day. This was a roadside stop overlooking a cliff face near Topola, just outside Kavarna, where we enjoyed views of an adult Eagle Owl sat in full view high up on the cliff face. The end of the day also signalled the departure of Lyubo as he had a prior commitment to attend. This left us in the more than capable hands of Svetylo, who was to be the local guide for the remainder of the trip.

Saturday 21st May

Our next hotel's location, overlooking a large wooded valley that leads up from the sea, gave us an ideal pre breakfast viewpoint and after breakfast it was off to Durankulak and Shabla Lakes. As we arrived at Durankulak we immediately found several Red-footed Falcons and a Roller perched on the roadside wires. We parked and walked out along the shore where immediately obvious were the numerous noisy Great Reed Warblers croaking from the reeds, many perched and giving us nice views. An enjoyable and productive birding session followed with Purple and Squacco Herons, Little Bittern, Ferruginous Ducks, Sanderling and Whiskered Tern all seen.

Our next stop was nearby Shabla Lake, with pre-lunch birding producing a couple of Spoonbills and Shelduck on the lake itself, plus an elusive Marsh Warbler, a showy Lesser whitethroat and several Golden Orioles in the surrounding scrub area. After lunch we changed habitat, moving to an area of coastal steppe at Kamen Bryag. As we approached the area we passed a field reminiscent of a Monet painting so the opportunity was taken to pull over for photos. This was to prove a good move with a singing Quail heard as we disembarked and the first of what would transpire to be one of many Calandra Larks perched up in full view. We moved on to the main area of coastal steppe where we parked then walked, following the main track through the large brick cairns denoting the boundary of this valuable stretch of specialist habitat. As we walked along, numerous Calandra Larks and Corn Buntings sang around us and highlights here included our first Pied Wheatears, a Tawny Pipit and several Shags. A further short drive took us to Balgarevo for a very welcome coffee stop then on to a further piece of steppe, where we again enjoyed a productive walk adding the hoped-for Stone-curlews to our list and enjoyed good views of Short-toed Lark and Isabelline Wheatear.

Sunday 22nd May

A short Pre-breakfast look over the wooded valley below the hotel again started the day, with the resident species noted plus a Willow Warbler, Spotted Flycatcher, Red-backed Shrike and two Hawfinch seen moving up the valley. This morning's birding involved a short drive to Cape Kaliakra where we explored some of the scrub area leading up to it. We paused again briefly *en route* to revisit last night's Stone-curlew site and again met with success. A very pleasant couple of hours followed at the cape as we walked along its length to the point. The birding was fantastic with Spotted Flycatchers, Willow Warbler, Roller and Bee-eaters seen almost immediately, followed swiftly by Pied and Northern Wheatears, Alpine Swifts and, atypically visible, singing Marsh and Eastern Olivaceous Warblers. We hoped there might be a push of late migrant birds through the area and an Ortolan Bunting found shortly after by Geoff seemed to confirm this. This was followed by a real unexpected surprise, a roosting owl disturbed from a small tree by the side of the path as we walked to the point. With no white trailing edge to the wing as it flew off, Long-eared was the initial thought, with ID confirmed later with reference to a selection of pictures taken by a quick thinking Svetylo. Our attention now turned to the sea where at least two Bottle-nosed Dolphins could be seen, regularly breaking the surface with the collection of Yellow-legged Gulls circling above them giving away their location. A short drive from the point took us to a small valley where Golden Orioles and Great Reed Warblers could be heard singing around the small tree and reed-fringed lake, with at least one Hobby noted overhead as well. From here we continued west, heading to the River Danube and Srebarna Lake, stopping *en route* for a picnic lunch where a Common Pheasant was the unexpected new trip list bird! Arriving at Srebarna we first headed to an elevated viewpoint over the lake. Viewing unfortunately was hampered both by distance and heat haze, with the temperature having risen considerably since the morning. We therefore decided to check in to the Pelican Lodge, our accommodation for the next two nights, then take a short interlude and resume birding once the temperature had dropped. This proved to be a good move, though the lure of a relaxing end to the day sat in the garden was too much to resist for Geoff and David! The remainder of us made a short drive back to the lake, where we had a magical end to the day. A short walk took us to a large, elevated wooden watch-point, which, on climbing, gave us a magnificent view of the lake. A steady stream of birds was noted over the next forty minutes or so: these included around 70 Dalmatian Pelicans, largely

perched on two nesting Platforms, around 50 Glossy Ibis, an adult White-tailed Eagle, Little Bittern and a 2nd Calendar-year Little Gull. Golden Orioles and Nightingales sang continually around us and, above us, the conditions had obviously produced an emergence of insects, with a mixed feeding flock of around six Rollers, four Hobbies, a dozen Whiskered Terns and a Red-footed Falcon noted. We returned to Pelican Lodge to hear that Geoff had enjoyed good views of a Syrian Woodpecker that had visited the garden.

Monday 23rd May

We started our day with a pleasant, leisurely local walk through the village. The first five minutes of this was full-on birding, with a pair of Black Redstart feeding young, a Syrian Woodpecker, several Golden Orioles (which, it was to transpire, were the commonest birds of the walk), a male Red-backed Shrike and several fly over Night Herons and Glossy Ibises. The remainder of the walk was of a similar quality with species such as Bee-eater, Nightingale, Tree Sparrow and Marsh Warbler seen and heard. After breakfast we made a return visit to Srebarna Lake, again climbing the tower to view the large expanse of water and reeds. A similar range of species was noted as the previous day, though a Little Bittern perched out on the edge of a section of reeds and a fly-through Kingfisher were noteworthy. Our next destination was Malak Preslavets, a woodland area near the Danube River with a large lake. We parked a short distance from the main car park, walking along the roadside under the trees. A flock of Long-tailed Tits flitted through the canopy above us and two circling raptors viewed high through the gap in the canopy proved to be a Honey Buzzard and a pale morph Booted Eagle, our first of the trip. The walk then got even better with a series of woodpeckers appearing, first a calling Lesser Spotted, then a pair of Great Spotted. A calling Wryneck was next, appearing briefly then finally in full view for us all, followed by an equally showy Grey-headed Woodpecker! A singing Red-backed Shrike produced a surprisingly pleasant sound and two brief Hawfinches were also noted. We drove to the car park, where we spent some time viewing the River Danube and the nearby large lake. Noteworthy species here included large numbers of breeding and noisy Whiskered Terns, a pair of 'Romanian' Lesser Spotted Eagles on the other bank of the Danube and a singing male Common Redstart. With lunch our next consideration we continued our journey, stopping to add Ruddy Shelduck to the list at a roadside reservoir. Our lunch stop was a small park with sheltered picnic areas and nice clean 'facilities', an ideal stop in fact. A visit to a roadside Bee-eater colony followed which gave us great views as the birds flew into their nest holes. Marshland at Nova Cherna was our final stop in the area, largely covered in reeds and very hot. Birding here was to prove difficult with two reeling Savi's Warblers and two booming Bitterns the best birds. As we approached Vetren on our return an unscheduled stop was made, Svetlyo hopping off the bus into a nearby shop and emerging carrying a bag full of ice creams! Seemingly the Bulgarian version of a Magnum called 'Bandi', they were just what we needed and gratefully welcomed by us all. We finished the day by the bank of the Danube a short distance from the Pelican Lodge, watching small parties of herons, egrets and cormorants flying along the river.

Tuesday 24th May

Our last morning saw a very relaxed start with some of the group choosing to lie in whilst others went for a short walk. After breakfast we said goodbye to our host, Dora and boarded the bus to drive what transpired to be a short distance to see first a Honey Buzzard and then a dead snake! After consulting Geoff's book it was decided it was an Aesculapian Snake, a common, non-venomous snake of the area. Re-boarding the bus we quickly came to a halt again as a second snake, this time a live one, was spotted by Hristo. Stevlyo quickly caught the snake by the tail and held onto it as we looked, concluding (some would say luckily!!) that it was the same non-venomous species. Our next stop was to view a White Stork nest by the road, with the expected terrace of Spanish Sparrow nests complete with sparrows, below it.

With time ticking and a ferry to catch, we headed to the edge of the village for one final birding stop. This proved to be a fitting finale to the trip, with two Rollers noted almost immediately as we disembarked. A short walk through the woodland canopy produced another new species for the trip, Eurasian Nuthatch, with a bonus sighting in the form of a male Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. The ferry crossing was next, which again gave us a missing addition to our list, Rook, and some arguably more interesting birds such as Kingfisher, Gull-billed Tern and Peregrine. We continued our journey to Bucharest and our destination, Henry Coanda International Airport. We arrived in good time, though finding the airport as ever proved challenging, with Svetlyo's satnav again proving that relying on technology isn't always a good thing! It had been a great trip, with some great birds and company and after saying our goodbyes to Svetlyo and Hristo, and to David who was staying overnight and flying back to the States the next day, we entered the terminal to catch our flights home.

ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED (n= 208)**Chukar *Alectoris chukar***

Only one seen, on the morning of 17th, with another heard the following day.

Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix*

Recorded on three dates, with some nice views of roadside birds.

Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

A roadside calling at our 'Monet' stop near Kamen Bryag.

Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

Four dates, all singles, during the last part of the trip.

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

Three at Pomorie Lake on 19th, more numerous at Srebarna Lake and easily seen.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

Recorded on three dates, seen on all the large water bodies we visited, with a flock of 28 in flight over the sea at Durankulak Lake particularly notable.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

Seen commonly at various locations around Pomorie.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

Two adults plus 25 shelducklings were seen at Poroy Reservoir.

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

Noted on three dates in small numbers.

Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*

A male was an unexpected find at Pomorie Lake.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Noted on six dates at all wetland sites

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

Recorded on three dates most numerous around Srebarna.

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*

Recorded on four dates, not particularly numerous but seen at the majority of water bodies visited.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Recorded in small numbers on four dates, again noted on most water bodies.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

Noted on five dates, as expected on the larger water bodies.

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

A maximum of five noted on both visits to Pomorie Lake.

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

Recorded on five date several on nest sites and a maximum of four on 18th.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

Seen every day; the nests near Mandra lake hosted numerous Spanish Sparrow nests.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

Our first were a group of four at Mandra Lake, seemingly numerous and easily seen during our time at Srebarna Lake and noted on both visits to the Danube River at Vetren.

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

Four dates, twenty at Atanasovsko lake on 19th the highest number seen.

Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

Two Booming birds were heard during our visit to Nova Cherna.

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*

Noted at four sites, all were seen in flight other than a perched bird found by Mike at Srebarna Lake.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Seen in varying numbers on seven dates, easily seen in flight on both days we visited the banks of the River Danube at Vetren.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

Five dates and always great to see, more numerous around Atanasovsko and Durankulak Lakes.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Noted on all but one day, with a maximum of six on 19th.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Three dates, three at Vaya and the most (4) at Srebarna Lake.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Recorded on four dates, with most, eight, at Pomorie Saltpans.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Four dates, most numerous Srebarna Lake and along the River Danube.

Cattle Egret *Bulbulcus ibis*

A smart breeding-plumaged bird in a small roadside field on the southern edge of Atanasovsko lake was seemingly the rarest bird of the trip!

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

Most numerous at Vaya Lake, with around 600 present. A group of eight were noted in flight on 20th, with a flock of around 100 noted again in flight during our lunch stop on 22nd.

Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*

Ten plus at Vaya Lake, plus larger numbers at the breeding platforms at Srebarna with at least 70 birds counted.

Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*

Small numbers at Pomorie Lake, larger numbers noted at other wetland sites particularly around the Srebarna Lake area.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Eight dates in total, largely noted at coastal and Danube sites.

Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Seven on the cliffs at Karmen Bryag and three at Cape Kaliakra.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

One highlight of the trip was the breeding colony near Levka, the birds we saw were seemingly all re-introduced birds.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Noted daily

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*

Four dates, all but one a roadside bird, with a maximum of three on 21st.

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

Five dates with some great looks, most notably being four hawking birds over a small reed fringed lake on 19th.

Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*

Two dates, one over the mountain top near our lunch stop at Trigrad, an adult and juvenile at Studen Keadenete the following day and one at the ferry crossing at Silistra.

Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

Seen on four dates in total, with a maximum of twenty on 19th.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Noted on three dates, with best views around the cow carcass at Studen Keadenete

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*

A distant adult in flight on our first evening visit to Srebarna Lake.

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*

Six of various ages around the cow carcass at Studen Keadenete, and three in the valley *en route* to Madjarovo.

Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*

Noted on two dates: c45 on 17th and c50 on 18th.

Black Vulture *Aegypius monachus*

One at Studen Keadenete on 17th.

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*

Four singles at various sites during the trip.

Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Seen on five dates, with a maximum of fifteen birds on 19th.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

A male was seen well on our first afternoon of the 15th, with a female seen enroute 18th.

Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes*

Two seen well at Krumoriza on the morning of the 17th.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

Singles on two dates.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

One in flight at Studen Keadenete on 17th.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

1-2 birds were seen daily.

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

Seen on three dates, with a maximum of four on 18th.

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*

A roadside pair enroute to Pomorie on the 18th, were followed by a distant pair seen over the far banks of the River Danube in Romania whilst at Malak Preslavets.

Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca*

A soaring bird, followed by a second on the nearby nest site at Levka on 18th.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

A distant pair over the mountains near Madjarovo on 18th.

Booted Eagle *Aquila pennata*

Just one, a pale morph bird at Malak Preslavets.

Corn Crake *Crex crex*

At least six were heard on our first day in a wet meadow near Vakarel, with one actually seen!

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Singles at Srebarna and Nova Cherna.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

Easily seen at all freshwater areas visited.

Eurasian Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*

Two were seen at Balgarevo with a third bird heard, with one in the same area the next morning.

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Two on our visit to Atanasovsko Lake on 19th.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Seen at Pomorie and Atanasovsko Lakes and salt pans.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Easily seen on the salt pans at Pomorie.

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

Small numbers on four dates.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Three summer plumaged birds at Pomorie salt pans on the 20th.

Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

One briefly at Pomorie Salt pans.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Noted on five dates, a pair at Pomorie with three young gave particularly nice views.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

Noted on the beach at Pomorie on our first pre breakfast walk in the area, with several more seen on the salt pans the following morning.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

Four distantly with a small mixed flock of waders at Pomorie salt pans.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Two at Atanasovsko Lake on 19th, with two at Pomorie salt pans the next day.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Three at Pomorie salt pans on the 20th.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

A surprise find at Pomorie Salt pans on the 20th.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Two on the shoreline at Durankulak Lake.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

Around thirty on the morning of the 20th at Pomorie Salt pans.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

Ten at Pomorie salt pans, the majority in full breeding plumage.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

One at Atanasovsko lake and twenty at Pomorie salt pans.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

Four were hawking over fields near Atanasovsko Lake on the morning of 19th, with one seen the following day during our visit to Pomorie salt pans.

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*

Seen daily, but unsurprisingly most common on the coast.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

An adult seen offshore at Kamen Bryag by Mike.

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*

Seen at Pomorie Salt pans, Atanasovsko, Durankulak and Srebarna Lakes.

Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus*

Easily seen and heard at Pomorie Lake with most full adults; a single adult bird at Kamen Bryag.

Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei*

An adult and 2cy bird were a good albeit distant find at Atanasovsko Lake.

Little Gull *Larus minutus*

An adult at Atanasovsko Lake and a 1st summer bird at Srebarna Lake..

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

Breeds at Pomorie in good numbers and seen both days.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Five at Atanasovsko Lake, eight at Pomorie Salt pans and two at the ferry crossing at Silistra.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Singles at Durankulak and Shabla Lakes, around twenty at Srebarna, noisy and numerous at the breeding colony at Malak Preslavets.

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

Several noted on our first visit to Srebarna Lake.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

Breeds at Pomorie in large numbers.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Easily seen at Pomorie sites, seen in small numbers at Durankulak, Shabla and Srebarna Lakes

(Feral) Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Seen daily, but are any at Kaliakra 'real'?

Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*

Six dates in low numbers

Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

Nine dates, appearing almost numerous at times!

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

Seen daily

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

Seen or heard daily, most numerous at Srebarna

European Scops Owl *Otus scops*

At least three seen and heard around the local park area during our time at Krumovgrad,

Eurasian Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo*

An adult perched high on a cliff top edge Topola near Kavarna was a welcome addition to the list.

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

Very much surprise of the trip, a roosting bird was disturbed from a pathside tree at Cape Kaliakra.

Tawny Owl *Strix aluco*

A calling bird was heard by Geoff both nights during our time at The Hotel Kosta in Karvana.

Little Owl *Athene noctua*

Seven in total all as we travelled on 18th.

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*

A churring bird during the afternoon at Studen Keadenete was somewhat of a surprise.

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*

Four dates, with the best and closest being those at Cape Kaliakra.

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Seen daily.

Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*

Good views had of birds around the hotel at Dubrash.

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

Seen on six dates, with some nice views had of primarily roadside birds.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Three brief singles at Srebarna Lake, at Malak Preslavetz and at the ferry crossing at Silistra.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

Seen daily and some good views.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Eight dates, more often heard than seen. Several in flight plus eventually several perched birds.

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*

One seen very well at Malak Preslavetz perched in a roadside tree.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos minor*

Heard at Srebarna Lake and Malak Preslavetz with a male seen on the morning of our last day.

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius*

A pair were seen at Goritza Forrest.

Syrian Woodpecker *Dendrocopos syriacus*

Seen or heard on three dates, seen well by everyone on our pre-breakfast walk at Vetren..

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

Seen and heard on four dates.

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius*

Heard distantly on our first pre breakfast walk of the trip.

Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*

Heard or seen on four dates.

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*

Heard at Shiroka Polyana, the wooded lake on the journey to our first hotel and one seen very well at Malak Preslavetz on our roadside walk on 23rd.

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

Seen daily, seemingly everywhere, at lots of sites and habitats.

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*

Seen on four dates with counts of over fifteen on one of those.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*

Seen on three dates

Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus*

A nice male at Yerusalimovo

Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

Seen daily, with some nice showy birds too.

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

Seen daily in small numbers.

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*

Recorded daily

Western Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

Daily

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*

Our first and only birds were seen as we crossed on the ferry to Romania.

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*

Seen daily

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

Seen on five days, during the first half of the trip.

Sombre Tit *Poecile lugubris*

After searching in vain for the first few days, we were treated to views at three different sites as we travelled towards the coast on the 18th.

Coal Tit *Periparus ater*

Seen and heard on our first two days.

Great Tit *Parus major*

Seen daily.

Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Noted on four dates.

Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus*

A pair visiting a nest to feed young were seen very well at Atanasovsko Lake. Others were heard and on occasion glimpsed at Srebarna Lake and Nova Cherna.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Only seen on three dates, with several noted at Shabla Lake.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Pleasingly common and seen daily.

Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

Noted on six dates at inland riparian areas and cliffs

House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

Like Swallows, numerous and seen daily

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Noted daily invariably breeding birds so seen in lower numbers.

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*

Family groups on three dates.

Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*

Numerous and easily seen on the coastal steppe at Kamen Bryag and at Levka.

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*

At least three were seen well at Balgarevo, two being singing males.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

Noted on seven dates at numerous sites, even on our Romanian lists!

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

Noted on six dates.

Woodlark *Lullula arborea*

Heard and seen perched on wires on the 17th.

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*

Heard and seen at virtually all suitable waterbodies during the second part of the trip.

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*

Heard briefly at Durankulak Lake, Srebarna and Nova Cherna (2).

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

A noisy inhabitant of coastal and Srebarna reed beds, with some great views enjoyed by everyone.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

A singing bird at Shabla Lake unfortunately remained hidden from view.

Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Heard and seen at Atanasovsko, Durankulak and Srebarna lakes.

Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*

Eight heard in total, with one showing well at Cape Kaliakra.

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna pallida*

Seen or heard on six days, with some nice views had.

Olive-tree Warbler *Hippolais olivetorum*

Seen and heard at four sites that included two seen very well at Levka.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

A single in bushes at Cape Kaliakra.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

Poorly seen with the majority heard, on just four dates.

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis*

A singing bird below us in the canopy at Studen Kladenets frustratingly remained hidden from view.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

Seen or heard virtually daily

Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*

Noted on two dates, at Vakeral and Atanasovsko, Seen well and watched performing its song flight.

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*

Noted on four dates in low numbers all but one during our time at Vetren.

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*

Seen or heard at various sites on nine days

Eastern Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans albistriata*

Noted on just two dates, the best being those at Studen Keadenete.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala*

At least two males seen well at a roadside stop near Studen Keadenete, with brief views of two more earlier the same day.

Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla*

A singing roadside bird showed well for us at Trigrad.

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*

Several heard and seen during our time in the mountains on our first two days.

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Several heard at Trigrad

Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*

Two on our last morning near Vetren.

Western Rock Nuthatch *Sitta neumayer*

One showed several times around its nest site at the cliffs along the Krumovitz river, though feasibly it could have actually been two birds.

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla*

Two singing with one seen at Goritz plus two others at our lunch stop on the 23rd.

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

Seen daily.

Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus*

A flock of around twenty showed well for us near the roadside at the Levka, with a similar sized flock seen briefly at the western edge of Vaya Lake.

Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*

Five, including one recently fledged juvenile, were seen on our first afternoon as we stopped enroute to our hotel at Dubrash.

Blackbird *Turdus merula*

Seen daily.

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

Seen or heard on five dates in woodland areas.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*

Seen in the woodland clearings near our first hotel.

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*

Like Wren, noted in damp riparian woodland at Trigrad and Baltata.

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*

Seen and heard daily, even in the middle of towns

Common Redstart

A singing bird at Baltata and another this time seen at Malak Preslavets.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Seen enroute and at our first hotel and at Trigrad on our first full day, and a nesting pair opposite the Pelican Lodge in Vetren Village.

European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*

A female on our first mornings walk along the river at Krumovgrad.

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*

Our first at Levka was followed by three at Bulgarska Palyana then another at Kamen Bryag.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Two dates, four at Kamen Bryag and three at Cape Kaliakra

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

Our first, three at Kamen Bryag, were followed the following day by at least six including a juvenile bird at Cape Kaliakra.

[Eastern] Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe [hispanica] melanoleuca*

Three individuals at Dolna kula on the 16th, and a single the following day near Madjarovo.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

One, a female at Studen Kladenets followed soon after by at least four near Madjarovo.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

Noted on six dates, mainly singles other than the 22nd when at least six were recorded.

Semicollared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*

It is always nice to see these and they were the highlight in the forests at Goritza. Three pairs were noted and seen well as they visited their nest sites.

White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus*

Six during our time at Trigrad was a good total.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Seen daily

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*

Almost daily views of this handsome bird, with nesting birds noted as expected in the base of several White Stork nests.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Seen most days in small numbers.

Duncock *Prunella modularis*

At least two on our first afternoon in the mountain pines at Beglika.

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava feldegg*

The buzzy call of Black-headed *feldeggs* is the first sign of these, noted on five dates, the majority flyovers though several perched birds were also seen.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Easily seen during our first two days primarily along the River at Trigrad.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Seen daily

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*

One at Kamen Bryag.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

Two singing birds at a roadside stop on day two.

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Recorded on all but one day.

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

More often heard than seen and at best glimpsed flight views, recorded on five dates in total.

Eurasian Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Two males high in the Pine tree tops on our first day.

European Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

Seen daily

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

Likewise, seen daily

Common Linnet *Carduelis cannabina*

Small numbers were seen at Kamen Bryag and Cape Kaliakra.

European Serin *Serinus serinus*

Singing birds were seen outside our hotel on our first pre-breakfast walk and our time at Trigrad at our lunch stop. Two birds were also seen flying parallel with the bus as we travelled on the 21st.

Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*

A noisy flock of around ten seen very well in the grounds of our first hotel at Dubrash.

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*

Great views daily

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*

Seen and heard on our first two days.

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia*

Good views of two on the cliff faces near Madjarovo.

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*

Heard at our first stop near Vakarel, and then seen or heard on three subsequent dates. Best views were had of a singing male at our stop near Madjarovo and of a female bird at Cape Kaliakra.

Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus*

Noted initially near our hotel at Dubrash then throughout our time in the Studen Kladenets and Krumovitza river areas.

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*

Good numbers were well established and we had great views almost daily, mostly smart males.

Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Two at Durankulak Lake and several more at Nova Cherna.

MAMMALS

Roe Deer *Capreolus capreolus*

Fallow Deer *Dama dama*

Eurasian Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris*

Brown Hare *Lepus europaeus*

European Wildcat *Felis silvestris*

Common Bottle-nosed Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*

BUTTERFLIES

Scarce Swallowtail *Iphiclides podalirius*

Eastern Festoon *Zerynthia cerisyi*

Black-veined White *Aporia crataegi*

Large White *Pieris brassicae*

Small White *Artogeia rapae*

Southern Small White *Artogeia rapae*

Orange-tip *Anthocharis cardamines*

Clouded Yellow *Colias crocea*

Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow *Colias erate*

Brimstone *Gonepteryx rhamni*

Green Hairstreak *Callophrys rubi*

Ilex Hairstreak *Satyrium ilicis*

Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeus*

Large Copper *Lycaena dispar*

Silver-studded Blue *Plebejus argus*
 Brown Argus *Aricia agestis*
 Chapman's Blue *Agrodiaetus thersites*
 Meleager's Blue *Polyommatus daphnis*
 Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus*
 Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*
 Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*
 Small Tortoiseshell *Aglais urticae*
 Comma *Polygonum c-album*
 Queen of Spain Fritillary *Issoria lathonia*
 Glanville Fritillary *Melitaea cinxia*
 Lesser Spotted Fritillary *Melitaea trivia*
 Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina*
 Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus*
 Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria*
 Wall Brown *Lasiommata megera*
 Lattice Brown *Kirinia roxelana*
 Mallow Skipper *Carcharodus alceae*
 Large Skipper *Ochlodes venatus*
 Small/Essex Skipper *Thymelicus sylvestris /lineola*

DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES

Black-tailed Skimmer *Orthetrum cancellatum*
 Green-eyed [Norfolk] Hawker *Aeshna isoceles*
 Broad-bodied Chaser *Libellula depressa*
 Blue Emperor *Anax imperator*
 Lesser Emperor *Anax parthenope*
 Common Bluet *Enallagma cyathigerum*
 Azure Bluet *Coenagrion puella*
 Dainty Blue *Coenagrion scitulum*
 Common Bluetail *Ischnura heterosticta*
 Large Red-eyed Damselfly *Erythronma najas*
 Common Spreadwing *Lestes sponsa*
 Yellow winged Darter *Sympetrum flaveolum*

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS (Compiled by Geoff Stratford)

Marsh Frog *Pelophylax ridibundus*.

Heard most days. Four seen at lunch stop and at least four more at Malak Preslavets on 23rd.

Yellow-bellied Toad *Bombina variegata*.

Heard on at least two days.

European Tree Frog *Hyla arborea*.

Two individuals with the Marsh frogs on 23rd.

Spur-thighed Tortoise *Testudo graeca*.

One on the road near Atanasovsko Lake on 19th.

Kotschy's Gecko *Mediodactylus kotschy*.

At least three on the wall of our hotel at Krumovgrad on 17th.

Balkan Green Lizard *Lacerta trilineata*.

Great views of one at Studen Keadenete on 17th.

Common Wall Lizard *Podarcis muralis*.

Several noted.

Meadow Lizard *Darevskia praticola*.

Two individuals at the semicollared flycatcher site, Goritsa Forest, on 20th.

European Copper Skink (IUCN's preferred name rather than snake-eyed skink) *Ablepharus kitaibelii*.

Shown to us in a jar at the Lesser Kestrel site, Levka, 18.5.

Dice Snake, *Natrix tessellata*

One dead and one live individual on 19th.

Aesculapian Snake, *Zamenis longissimus*

One dead and one live individual at Vetrin on 24th.