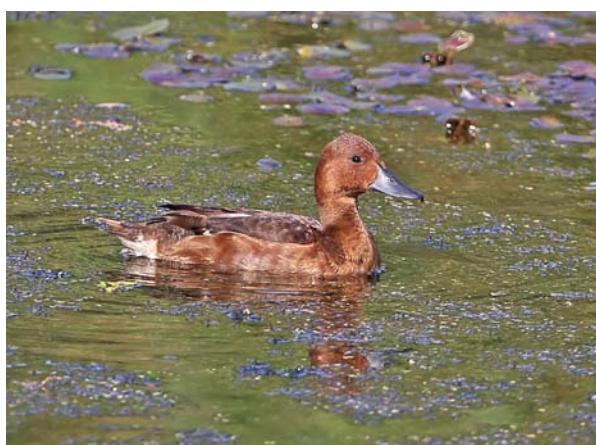


Bulgaria: The Secret Flyway

Thu 19th – Thu 26th Sept 2013



Photos (clockwise, from top left): Two Sakers were seen on the tour including this youngster • A first-winter Pied Wheatear at Cape Kaliakra • An orange-eyed Large Caspian Whip Snake • Mahogany coloured but the dark eye of a female Ferruginous Duck • A juvenile Red-backed Shrike • The large plank of a White-tailed Eagle © Robin Chittenden/robinchittenden.co.uk

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Trip Diary

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We began our week exploring the fields, marshes, lakes, woodland and saltpans around the Black Sea port of Burgas and Pomorie. We then headed north and birded the lakes, marshes and steppes south of the Romanian border, before turning inland to explore an area by the River Danube.

We saw the migration of quite large numbers of Honey Buzzards, which were later than normal, and experienced the passage of some eagles, but were slightly too early for the main thrust. Our first day in the north was very exciting with hundreds of grounded passerine migrants including many Quail. We saw some highly unusual species: White-backed Woodpecker, Spotted Eagle and a couple of Sakers.

There were several Little Gulls by the Salt Museum at the Pomorie saltpans, hunkered down among the Black-headed Gulls, all sheltering from the strong westerly winds. Also close in were three Black-necked Grebes, a Slender-billed Gull and a Kentish Plover. Our only Black Kite of the tour battled low past us. Results from the early morning walks from the hotel included a flock of eight Honey Buzzards, Red-breasted Flycatcher and Redstart. A visit to the west side of the saltpans produced the awesome site of a few hundred White Pelicans cruise low over, right by us. These were followed by the first of several flocks of Bee-eaters seen on the tour. Four Black Storks were spotted roosting on the north side. Waders were varied including Golden Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit, Little Stint and several Curlew Sandpipers.

We called in at the northern saltpans on the day we headed north. Happily this coincided with a movement of raptors. Rarest was a Spotted Eagle that drifted straight over us with about 20 Lesser Spotted Eagle, a Short-toed Eagle, several Common Buzzards, two Lesser Kestrels and four late White Storks. A juvenile Red-footed Falcon was spotted perched on some wires. The saltpans themselves had five Little Stint and several Kentish Plovers, but most unusual was a first year Greater Flamingo 'hiding' among a large flock of Shelduck.

Exploring the lakes around Burgas we started with Burgas Lake, which had several Dalmatian Pelicans feeding around the reedy margins but rather distant. There was also a frenzied gathering of feeding White Pelicans and Cormorants. Along the south shore of Mandra Lake it was somewhat more sheltered. Honey Buzzard and Osprey drifted over and one marshy bay was teeming with Pygmy Cormorants. The marsh terns there were an education: the two Whiskered Terns were fairly straightforward, but it took some time to discern the finer points of identifying two adult winter White-winged Black Terns and the three juvenile Black Terns with them.

A second visit to a slightly different section of the lake produced more Dalmatian Pelicans, White Stork, a reasonably close Levant Sparrowhawk and an even closer White-tailed Eagle that circled past us twice, before upsetting a few Great Egrets and Grey Herons. A flock of Bee-eaters were watched hawking insects and a Short-toed Eagle was found nearby.

Exploring further south near Primorsko we came across a sunflower crop that adjoined woodland. The field was teeming with birds. The best being a couple of Middle-spotted Woodpeckers and a brief Willow Tit, but also hordes of finches including at least 40 Hawfinches. Nearby at the Ropotamo Nature Reserve with its gorgeous vista were yet more Hawfinches. Also there were eight Red Deer and two Eastern Willow Spreadwings. The late afternoon light was fantastic at Atanasovsko Lake which was bursting with birds: 80 Dalmatian Pelicans were roosting on the bunds, a pack of about 100 Spotted Redshanks flew past and eight Slender-billed Gulls flew in among the throngs of waders and wildfowl.

On a couple of occasions we visited the higher ground in the vicinity of Kamenar and beyond. Although migration of the large bird species was not at full pelt we found a very low Lesser Spotted Eagle, a massive swarm of White Pelicans, a couple of Booted Eagles and a very distant Short-toed Eagle. Heading north we stopped off near Irakli and found another sunflower field also with a lot of bird activity. Among the numerous Blue and Great Tits was a single Sombre Tit and a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker stopped by briefly. Nearby, the Oak woodland at Goritsa was quiet with a couple of Middle Spotted Woodpeckers heard only and a Honey Buzzard drifted over.

At Topola unfortunately no Eagle Owls could be found in their favoured roosting spots. Three Levant Sparrowhawks and a flock of Bee-eater were some compensation. Our hotel in Kavarna overlooked a deep wooded valley. In the early morning it was a joy to see the bird life wake up. There were masses of Hawfinches this year with one flock of c. 70 birds. A couple of Red-breasted Flycatchers flitted through making their way up the valley just feet below us. Other migrants were also moving, mainly Willow Warblers and Chiffchaff but also Redstarts and Whinchats. More unusual was a fresh-looking, very grey-and-white Icterine Warbler that paused all too briefly. The local Syrian Woodpeckers showed well too. A walk along the 'Golden Oriole' valley produced about 50 Alpine Swifts.

Cape Kaliakra was leaping with migrants. You really didn't know which way to look. First there were two showy Icterine Warblers, warming themselves in the perfect early morning light. There seemed to be one or more of the following on every other bush: Blackcaps, Lesser Whitethroats, Redstarts, Red-breasted Flycatchers and Red-backed Shrikes. The Cape is a well-known location for breeding Pied Wheatears, but these can depart quite early so we were lucky to find a juvenile female right by the entrance. A few Northern Wheatears hopped about with an Isabelline Wheatear. Direct comparison between the two species emphasized just how tricky these two species can be to separate. Four Bottle-nosed Dolphins including a calf cruised by below in the clear waters of the Black Sea.

We then headed into the Bolata Valley where four or so Red-rumped Swallow were still feeding young; a couple of Short-toed Eagles drifted over. Apart from a couple of Red-breasted Flycatchers the heat of the day had reduced the amount of bird activity. A couple of Lang's Short-tailed Blues were found.

On the pseudosteppe by Balgarevo, firstly a Hoopoe broke cover, then a superb Saker powered over along with two Red-footed Falcon. A large flock of c. 200 Calandra Larks were located and were watched flying about and perched on the ground. Mixed in with them were several Sky Larks and a few Short-toed Larks. The number of Quail there was unbelievable. Many were seen as we flushed them from our feet, often in little coveys as birds exploded in all directions. We even saw a few on the ground. The joy was only tainted when we later came across a trio of hunters flushing Quail with their dogs at the Dalboka Valley. Nikolay contacted the local police. A late Honey Buzzard passed over, as did a couple of Lesser Kestrels and a small juvenile Large Whip Snake was found, probably playing dead.

In the north we visited the lakes of Durankulak, Shabla Tuzla and Shabla. Durankulak Lake held a handful of Pygmy Cormorants that commuted between the marsh and the Black Sea. A juvenile Purple Heron sprang out of the reeds. However a feature of the morning was the extremely late (for the time of year) movement of up to 150 Honey Buzzards. Also migrating were several Lesser Spotted Eagles and amazingly another Saker.

Shabla Tuzla Lake was rather dry this autumn and held only a small selection of waders, including several juvenile Little Stints. The passerine migrants were good with several Red-breasted Flycatchers and Redstarts, which popped out of the wood, once the strong westerly winds had suddenly switched to the east. For some though a White-backed Woodpecker was a fantastic find. But despite searching and seeing three Syrian and a couple of Great Spotted Woodpeckers would the

White-backed reappear? Nearby we dropped in at Shabla Lake, which was too dry for waterbirds but a couple of distant Caspian Terns flew away. The steppe at Kamen Brjag was alive with fascinating animals. Perhaps most exotic was a couple of juvenile Nose-horned Vipers. Also there were a Common Wall Lizard, Praying Mantis, Orbweb Spider and a White-faced Bush Cricket.

Heading towards the River Danube we stopped off at the Srebarna Nature Reserve and enjoyed the fabulous vista from the west side. A relaxing afternoon was spent watching the birds and butterflies: Ferruginous Duck, an Osprey caught a fish, Caspian Tern, 20 Black Stork, four Lesser Spotted Eagle, Pygmy Cormorant, Purple Heron and a couple of Common Gliders. The River Danube at Vetren came alive in the morning with two adult White-tailed Eagles, a Grey-headed Woodpecker, a cloud of Pygmy Cormorants and for the gull enthusiasts some very close Caspian Gulls of varying ages. Our last stop was at Nova Cerna Marsh where we came across two very tame Ferruginous Ducks, a fly over Dalmatian Pelican, four low flying Black Storks, a couple Black-crowned Night Herons, Purple Heron and for one an Eastern Bonelli's Warbler at the last gasp.

Special thanks go to Nikolay and Galiu, for their bird knowledge and careful driving respectively, and to everyone for making it such an enjoyable trip. I will especially remember the regular peals of laughter with great fondness.

Robin Chittenden

ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED

(total number of species recorded by the group was 162)

Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix*

Seven Shabla Tuzla

Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

60+ Balgarevo

Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

One en route

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

Common on freshwater lakes

Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

Common Atanasovsko Lake and Pomorie salt pans

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

70+ Srebarna Nature Reserve

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas Penelope*)

One Pomorie salt pans

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Common

Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

100+ Lake Atanasovsko, two Shabla Tuzla and Srebarna Nature Reserve

Pintail *Anas acuta*

One Pomorie salt pans

Common Teal *Anas crecca*

Very common in the south particularly at Atanasovsko Lake, eight Shabla Tuzla and ten Shabla Srebarna Nature

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

Two Mandra Lake

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*

A few hundred Mandra Lake, 30+ Srebarna Nature Reserve and two Nova Cerna Marsh

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

Eight Mandra Lake and one Pomorie salt pans

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

38 Srebarna Nature Reserve

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

One Pomorie salt pans

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Several in the south and three Srebarna Nature Reserve

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

Common Mandra Lake and Pomorie salt pans and 15 Srebarna Nature Reserve

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

Three or four Pomorie salt pans

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

A few seen most days in the south and 28 Srebarna Nature Reserve and four Nova Cerna Marsh

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

One over Mandra Lake and four past Pomorie salt pans

Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

30+ Atanasovsko Lake and River Danube at Vetren

Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Two Nova Cerna Marsh

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Fairly common

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

One Durankulak Lake, one Srebarna Nature Reserve and one Nova Cerna Marsh

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Several Mandra Lake and Pomorie salt pans, two Durankulak and one Nova Cerna

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Common in the south

White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

300 over Pomorie salt pans, 200 Burgas Lake and a few 100 from Medovo

Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*

Seven Burgas Lake, 15 Mandra Lake, 80+ Atanasovsko Lake and one Nova Cerna Marsh

Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*

60+ Mandra Lake, ten Shabla Tuzla, 60+ Srebarna Nature Reserve and 500+ River Danube at Vetren

Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Very common

Shag *Leucocarbo aristotelis*

Common along the coast in the north

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

Two Pomorie salt pans and two Balgarevo

Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Common throughout

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*

One Pomorie salt pans and two Balgarevo

Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

A few most days

Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug*

One Balgarevo and another Durankulak

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

One or two Mandra Lake, one Durankulak, and one Srebarna Nature Reserve

Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

Seen most days culminating in a movement of 150 over Durankulak

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

One Pomorie salt pans

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*

Two Mandra Lake and two River Danube at Vetren

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*

One near Kableskovo, one near Mandra Lake, one Pomorie salt pans and two Bolata Valley

Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Common

Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes*

A few here and there in the first half of the tour

Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

See more regularly in the north and the latter part of the tour

Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

One Kableskovo, two Durankulak and one Srebarna Nature Reserve

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

Common

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

Two north of Kavarna

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Clanga pomarina*

Maximum count of 20 in the south over Pomorie salt pans and ten over Durankulak in the north

Spotted Eagle *Clanga clanga*

One Pomorie salt pans

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus*

One distantly Kableskovo, one Mandra Lake and one Pomorie salt pans

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

Heard in the north

Corn Crane *Crex crex*

Fresh road casualty north of Kavarna

Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Small numbers

Coot *Fulica atra*

Very common in the south

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

One Pomorie Lake

Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

60+ Atanasovsko Lake

Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*

One Pomorie salt pans

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Two Pomorie salt pans

Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

Many in the south and one Durankulak

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Many in the south

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

Several in the south

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

One Pomorie salt pans and one in the north

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

80+ Atanasovsko Lake and one Pomorie salt pans

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

One Pomorie Lake

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

100+ Atanasovsko

Redshank *Tringa totanus*

Common in the south

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Up to 16 Pomorie salt pans

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

One Mandra Lake

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

One Atanasovsko Lake

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

One Pomorie salt pans and one Mandra Lake

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

Up to eight Pomorie salt pans and 15 Shabla Tuzla

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

Six Pomorie salt pans

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

Many Pomorie salt pans and 20+ Shabla Tuzla

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

Several at suitable locations

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Three Atanasovsko Lake and one Pomorie salt pans

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*

Common along the coast

Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*

Several Srebarna Nature Reserve and River Danube at Vetren

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Common

Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*

Two Pomorie salt pans and eight Atanasovsko Lakes

Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaetos melanocephalus*

Common along the coast

Little Gull *Larus minutus*

Up to 30 Pomorie salt pans, one Balgarevo and two River Danube at Vetren

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

Two Shabla Lake and one Srebarna Nature Reserve

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Two Mandra Lake

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

Three Mandra Lake

White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

Two Mandra Lake

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*

Common along the coast

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Fairly common along the coast particularly in the south

Feral Dove/Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Common

Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*

Only a handful seen

Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

One Durankulak, two Srebarna Nature Reserve and two Nova Cerna Marsh plus another nearby

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

Common

Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

One Durankulak and another River Danube at Vetren

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*

50+ Kavarna

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Three Pomorie salt pans and up to ten Kavarna

Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*

One Kavarna

Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Three in the south

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

Many seen

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

One Balgarevo and one Kamen Brjag

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos minor*

One near Primorsko

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius*

Two near Primorsko, heard Goritsa Forest and two Srebarna Nature Reserve

Syrian Woodpecker *Dendrocopos syriacus*

A couple Kavarna and Shabla Tuzla

White-backed Woodpecker *Dendrocopos leucotos*

One Shabla Tuzla

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

A few seen

Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*

A few heard and seen in the north

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*

One heard and one seen River Danube at Vetren

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

Abundant in the north and several seen most days in the south

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*

One east of Ruse

Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

Quite common

Magpie *Pica pica*

Common

Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

Common

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*

Several seen

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*

Several en route to Burgas, one near Primorsko, 50+ near Silistra and many River Danube at Vetren

Raven *Corvus corax*

Ones and twos seen in the south

Sombre Tit *Poecile lugubris*

One Irakli

Willow Tit *Poecile montanus*

One near Primorsko

Great Tit *Parus major*

A few here and there

Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*

A few here and there

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

A few moved south

Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Very common

House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

Just a few seen most days but good numbers Kavarna

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Four Bolata Valley and a couple Srebarna Nature Reserve

Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*

At least ten en route Burgas and 200 Balgarevo

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*

About six Balgarevo

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

Up to two Pomorie

Sky Lark *Alauda arvensis*

20+ Balgarevo

Wood Lark *Lullula arborea*

Six Cape Kaliakra

Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

At least one Nova Cerna Marsh

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Two Balgarevo

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*

One Kavarna and three or four Cape Kaliakra

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Numbers built up during the week

Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

Ones and twos here and there

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis*

One Nova Cerna Marsh

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

One or two here and there and 20+ Cape Kaliakra

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*

Two Cape Kaliakra

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*

16 Cape Kaliakra and two Shabla Tuzla

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*

Ones and twos here and there and eight Cape Kaliakra

Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*

One near Primorsko and four Goritsa Forest

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

Very common

Blackbird *Turdus merula*

A few here and there

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

A few mainly in the north with 14 Srebarna Nature Reserve

Robin *Erithacus rubecula*

Four seen in the north

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*

One Srebarna Nature Reserve

Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

One Pomorie salt pans, 15 Cape Kaliakra, one Bolata Valley and four Shabla Tuzla

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

Ones and twos here and there and 20+ Cape Kaliakra

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Seven Cape Kaliakra

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabelline*

One Cape Kaliakra

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

One Cape Kaliakra

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

Seen every day with twenty plus Cape Kaliakra and Bolata Valley

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*

One Pomorie salt pans, three (in total) Kavarna, 12+ Cape Kaliakra and Bolata Valley, six Shabla Tuzla and one Vetren

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Abundant

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*

50+ Pomorie salt pans and a few in the north

Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

15 Vetren

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

A few Pomorie salt pans and just three in the north

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

One Pomorie

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Common

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

One Balgarevo

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

One Mandra Lake and two Balgarevo

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Several here and there including 70+ Mandra Lake and 100+ near Primorsko

Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*

A few in the south

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

Common

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

40+ near Primorsko, two Ropotamo Nature Reserve and up to 70 Kavarna

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*

Fairly common

MAMMALS

Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*

Red Deer *Cervus elaphus*

European Hare *Lepus europaeus*

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*

REPTILES

Large Whip Snake (aka Caspian Whip Snake) *Dolichophis caspius*

Nose-horned Viper *Vipera ammodytes*
Eastern/Balkan Green Lizard *Lacerta viridis/trilineata*
Common Wall Lizard *Podarcis muralis*

AMPHIBIANS

Common Tree Frog *Hyla arborea* (heard only)
Marsh Frog *Rana ridibunda*

BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

Swallowtail *Papilio machaon*
Large White *Pieris brassicae*
Small White *Artogeia rapae*
Clouded Yellow *Colias crocea*
Eastern Bath White *Leptidea duponcheli*
Pale/Berger's/Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow *Colias hyale/alfacariensis/erate*
Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeas*
Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus*
Lang's Short-tailed Blue *Leptotes pirithus*
Brown Argus *Aricia agestis*
Common Glider *Neptis sappho*
Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*
Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*
Comma *Polygonum c-album*
Cardinal *Argynnis pandora*
Woodland/Eastern Rock Grayling *Hipparchia fagi/syriaca*
Great Banded Grayling *Kanetisa circe*
Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina*
Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus*
Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria*
Wall Brown *Lasiommata megera*
Mallow Skipper *Carcharodus alceae*
Large Skipper *Ochlodes sylvanus*
Oriental Marbled Skipper *Charcharodus orientalis*

Hummingbird Hawkmoth *Macroglossum stellatarum*

DRAGONFLIES

Southern Darter *Sympetrum meridionale*
Common Darter *Sympetrum striolatum*
Ruddy Darter *Sympetrum sanguineum*
Broad (aka Scarlet) Darter *Crocothemis erythraea*
Migrant Hawker *Aeshna mixta*
Eastern Willow Spreadwing *Lestes parvidens*

GRASSHOPPERS

Mediterranean Slant-faced Grasshopper *Acrida ungarica*
White-faced Bush Cricket *Decticus albifrons*

OTHER TAXA

European Hornet *Vespa crabro*
Praying Mantis (aka European Mantis) *Mantis religiosa*
Orbweb Spider *Argiope lobata*