

Wallcreeper in Transylvania (Dániel Balla)

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In May 2026 a great team came together again to enjoy birding in Central Europe and record an astonishing number of species during 11 days birding while visiting the mosaic habitats of the Kiskunság National Park, the vineyard-decorated slopes of the Zemplén Hills and the endless horizon of the Hortobágy National Park's steppe in Hungary to then cross the borders to Romania where the Torockó valley and Hargita area in Transylvania with their breath-taking scenery were hosting us.
However, this itinerary never disappoints, we again did a great job and recorded a total of 227 bird species, which during such short time in Europe is truly outstanding, making this tour one of the best - if not the best - to initiate birding on the old continent or simply just to collect and enjoy the specialties of the region.
Some of the memorable highlights this year were displaying Great Bustard, roosting European Nightjar, flocks of Ruffs (some even seen fighting), European Rollers, European Bee-eaters, the first Middle Spotted Woodpecker for the tour and Short-toed Treecreeper in the Kiskunság National Park.
Black Storks, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Short-toed Eagle and Black Kite from watch points on the slopes of the Zemplén Hills, while Black Woodpecker, Grey-headed Woodpecker, Ural Owl and Eurasian Eagle-Owl further inside the Zemplén. Visiting a wetland at the foothills where Moustached Warbler and Little Crake was seen nicely in comfort.
The flat landscape of the Hortobágy region with various wetlands and grasslands were giving us Saker Falcon, White-tailed Eagle a great variety of waterbirds including Ferruginous Duck, Common Pochard, Pygmy Cormorant, Glossy Ibis, Little Bittern, Squacco Heron, Temminck's Stint and all three Snipes (Great, Common and Jack). A fine selection of songbirds seen in the area included Bearded Reedling, Eurasian Penduline Tit, Hawfinch, Tawny Pipit and a superb Bluethroat.
Crossing the border to Romania we found Common Rock Thrush, European Red-rumped Swallow, Alpine Swift, Eurasian Crag Martin, Ortolan and Rock Bunting and the great Sombre Tit in the Torockó Valley.
Further east into Transylvania the Hargita region was hosting us and treating with such great birds as Western Capercaillie, Three-toed and Black Woodpecker, Crested and Willow Tit, Ring Ouzel, Common Rosefinch and the butterfly-like Wallcreeper. Oh, and some Carpathian Brown Bears…

9th May (Saturday)

After meeting at the airport, we had a short drive to check in to our first hotel where a coffee and a cold drink was refreshing us in the middle of a hot day before we took off for birding. Reaching the areas of the Kiskunság National Park one of our first birds to start our tour with was a European Nightjar on its roost which we could approach really close without seemingly bothering it at all. We were fascinated by the birdlife around seeing Common Cuckoos, Common Kestrel, Red-backed Shrike and a wonderful pair of Eurasian Turtle Doves. We dug out a great set of Warblers from the reeds starting with Marsh Warbler then later followed by Common Grasshopper, Sedge, Common Reed and Great Reed a Bluethroat was showing briefly only leaving space for later improvement. Reaching the open areas of the wetland a good set of shorebirds were present amongst them hundreds of Ruffs some males even seen fighting. One of the main targets here was the Kentish Plover which we managed to find; however, they were not the closest birds in the area. Other shorebirds we enjoyed here were Common Redshank, a breeding plumage Spotted Redshank, Black-tailed Godwit, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Wood Sandpiper, Common Greenshank and fantastic Collared Pratincoles as they came just above our heads. On the water the best waterfowl included Garganey, Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Red-crested Pochard, Common Pochard and Ferruginous Duck. Pygmy Cormorant was frequent in the area and we saw several Purple and Grey Herons. The most common raptor here was Western Marsh Harrier, we logged more than 20 individuals in the afternoon. Leaving the wetlands, a Lesser Grey Shrike perched near us on the roadside electric fence enabling short but great looks.
Before sunset we spent time at the local Great Bustard display ground where a huge male gave a great show we could enjoy thoroughly with telescopes. With females and other males around we counted 14 Great Bustards from our spot while a male Montagu's Harrier and dozens of Mediterranean Gulls were moving around in the area.



European Nightjar from the first day in the Kiskunság National Park (Dániel Balla)



Whinchat (Dániel Balla)



Common Grasshopper Warbler is a tricky one to see well (Dániel Balla)

10th May (Sunday)

We chose to take a prebreakfast birding targeting Eurasian Stone-curlew, which needed some search but finally was showing great. The early morning lights were perfect to get amazed by seeing European Rollers, Common Cuckoo again, Whinchat and Barn Swallows as they were collecting nesting material. A singing Icterine Warbler was another highlight before returning to our hotel for breakfast and check out but first stopping on the way for another look at the Great Bustards.
After departing from the hotel, we visited a patch of forest, where a nice set of specialties included Short-toed Treecreeper, Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Collared Flycatcher and a Wryneck all showing well.

In the middle of the day, we took a drive to arrive in the Zemplén Hills area where we teamed up with Zoli, our local 'woodpecker man'. The first half of the afternoon we chose a nice open hillside from where we were waiting for raptors to circle up. Red-backed Shrikes and Corn Bunting were seen nicely around while the awaited birds started appearing and after seeing Common Buzzards and Marsh Harriers we spotted a distant Lesser Spotted Eagle, three Black Storks, White-tailed Eagle and two Black Kites.
We finished the day visiting a wetland site on the way stopping for a Syrian Woodpecker in the village. At the wetland we focused on our two main targets which we nailed as a male Little Crake and a Moustached Warbler were both excellently seen with the scopes.



Barn Swallow, Icterine Warbler and displaying Great Bustard all from the Kiskunság National Park (Dániel Balla)

11th May (Monday)

On our full day in the Zemplén Hills we started with a prebreakfast walk around our hotel and luring in a distant singing Wryneck was a great start of the day.
After breakfast we met again Zoli who took us into the centre parts of the hills into beautiful beach forests where we soon had great views of Collared Flycatcher: The main target White-backed Woodpecker was only heard so was a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker when suddenly a local rarity Red-breasted Flycatcher was heard singing further deep in the valley. We soon were tracking it down and finally had it above our heads - an immature male, probably without a female. We started driving further north crossing the National Park's core

areas here and connected with a Black Woodpecker, being quite responsive it flew by many times and landed mid distance for good looks. A drumming White-backed Woodpecker was mobbing us as it came closer but disappeared before finding it - frustrating.
To finish the long morning session, we checked one of Zoli's active nest boxes to see a Ural Owl chick inside it - fortunately with some patience the mother turned up and we were enjoying as this beast on an owl was carefully observing every step of us from the midcanopy.
After a nice lunch we visited a quarry where Zoli knew the exact spot where to see the local Eurasian Eagle-Owl, but this time only the chicks were visible and we failed to find the adult birds. Luckily, other than seeing the owl chicks were compensated with a European Honey Buzzard and a Pallid Harrier crossing the area, the one amongst the first ones coming back, the latter one probably from the last migrants crossing in the Spring. Finally, a nice colony of European Bee-eaters constantly kept us alert while in the area.
We changed sites and this time we looked down from the top of another quarry seeing an adult Eagle-Owl for a few seconds before it took off and disappeared.
As we had an appointment at a local winery, we were trying to be back at our hotel in time to get ready for a fancy wine-tasting in the evening, only letting us a short stop on the way where a Barred Warbler was cooperative enough to perch several times for good views.
In the evening the famous Tokaj wines were doing their job, the rest is history...



Eurasain Wryneck in the Zemplén Hills (Dániel Balla)

12th May (Tuesday)

After a rough night we had an easy start seeing European Serin in front of our hotel and then saying goodbye to our hosts here. At the edge of the village a Tawny Owl was great to see roosting in a chimney while Hawfinches were flying around. We had a last morning in the Zemplén Hills with Zoli, who took us to his hot spot where a Grey-headed Woodpecker was soon seen looking out from her nesting hole. We did a short walk along the road here Collared Flycatcher and another Grey-headed Woodpecker being the best birds seen, however the real highlight was a Fire Salamander found which we were really hoping to see.

Visiting the more open areas between the vineyards we found Barred Warbler again and spent the end of the morning at a good lookout spot where Red-backed Shrike, Corn Bunting, European Stonechat were entertaining us while we waited for raptors to turn up. Finally, our target bird turned up and we had three Short-toed Snake Eagles in the scopes flying above the nearby hillside - just as planned.



Corn Bunting is still a common bird in the region (Dániel Balla)

It was time to leave the Hills and thank Zoli for his help. We took off with our vehicle and after a comfy drive reached the flat landscape of the Hortobágy National Park. We immediately teamed up with the local Zoli here (another one) and were straight out at his wetland spot where we aimed to see all three Snipes this afternoon. Arriving at the spot our attention was dragged by the Red-footed Falcons who had their colony just where we parked. As we started walking, we got amazed again by the sheer number of shorebirds present in the area, the largest numbers being Ruffs hanging around. Reaching the best spot, we soon flushed the first Common Snipe causing some excitement, fortunately not too long after the first Great Snipe was also seen - as we continued, we totalled eight Great Snipes many seen extremely well as they were flushed - these migrating birds are one of the hardest ones to see here, however this time Jack Snipe turned out to be the tough one as we failed to see any at this try. Walking back to our vehicle we had a pair of Easter Imperial Eagles circling up nearby. We spent some more time with the Red-footed Falcons and started driving out from the area, spotting a Lesser Grey Shrike on the way which we stopped for - we had a great opportunity comparing Lesser Grey Shrike to a male Red-backed Shrike as they were perching not too far from each other and we took our time with them.
Getting near the core area of the wetland which is on the edge of our lodge here was our last birding action for the day. We again enjoyed hundreds of Ruffs and other waders and waterfowl around.

13th May (Wednesday)

We started the day visiting the main fishponds in the centre of the national park. Seeing another Barred Warbler made us feel that the species is way more common than it actually is. We soon stumbled across our first Penduline Tit which happened to be cooperative enough. Reaching the first lake view we had several

Ferruginous Ducks, Common Pochards and a good number of Pygmy Cormorants seen well. At the wetland behind us more Ferruginous Duck and Pygmy Cormorant were around but the star here became a Squacco Heron which landed not too far from us and let us approach for nice looks. We tried an alternative spot for snipes in the second half of the morning but failed to see any, however Red-throated Pipit, Eastern Imperial Eagle and the good number of breeding Northern Lapwings, Common Redshanks and Black-tailed Godwits in the area were all enjoyed.
After lunch in the famous Csárda we found a Long-eared Owl roosting at the carpark.
For the afternoon we first went back to yesterday's wetland to check once more for Jack Snipe following some fresh advice from Zoli - this time we were lucky and managed to flush one soon after arriving. We spent again some time admiring the Red-footed Falcons and Imperial Eagle. Still enough time from the day let us move to the southern half of the Hortobágy area where once again we enjoyed some shallow water wetland with all the goodies around which also included several White-winged and Black Terns. On the way out we made a dedicated stop to try seeing the local Short-eared Owls which after some patient scanning turned up hunting above the pasture.



Red-footed Falcon, Squacco Heron and Great Snipe were all seen in the Hortobágy (Dániel Balla)

14th May (Thursday)

What is the best way to leave the Hortobágy area? Well, it definitely should include seeing the Saker Falcon! So that's what we did on our last morning here: both adult birds and three juveniles in the nesting box were seen from a safe distance with scopes. A bonus species here was a Tawny Pipit which we tracked down after heard singing.

As we departed from the area, we visited the Great Forest near Debrecen where a cosy drinking hide provided us with non-plus-ultra views of some more common forest birds like Great Tit, Marsh, Tit, Blue Tit, Song Thrush, Eurasian Chaffinch, European Goldfinch or Great Spotted Woodpecker while - of course - some better specialties were also on the list like Hawfinch, Middle Spotted Woodpecker or Collared Flycatcher.
It was time to cross the border to Romania which is much smoother since they joined the Schengen area. We had a rapid stop at a huge reservoir not much after the border crossing where the best bird seen was a singing Ortolan Bunting.
We arrived at the scenic Torockó (or Rimetea) valley in the late afternoon just in time to try for Corn Crake which did perform extremely well at the end. Seeing a male Rock Bunting before heading back. On the way we heard a River Warbler from the car and after some luring it was showing briefly several times. It was time to finish the day and retire to our hotel in the soon to be World Heritage site Torockó village.
After dinner a short attempt to see Eurasian Scops Owl was given up soon thanks to the strong wind and arriving rain conditions were far from ideal for owling.



Hawfinch was best seen from a hide near Debrecen (Dániel Balla)

15th May (Friday)

Early in the morning we started climbing to the bottom of the Székely-kő, where we scanned the top of the mountain to finally spot a distant Common (or Rufous-tailed) Rock Thrush. Alpine Swifts were gliding above the horizon and a pair of Golden Eagles turned up early for a short time. As we walked back to our vehicle we heard the call of the scarce Sombre Tit, our last target here - soon we had nice views of the bird. Back for breakfast at our hotel and checking out - off we go stopping once more at yesterday's spot where this time we had Red-rumped Swallow and Eurasian Crag Martin coming close.
After a few hours' drive we arrived at Segesvár (Sigisoara) where, after lunch we checked an oak-reserve in hope of expanding our woodpecker list. The woods were quiet and we only managed very brief views of a White-backed Woodpecker, but had better of a European Green Woodpecker. We saw a few singing Collared Flycatcher, Marsh Tits and a Black Woodpecker.

As we were approaching the Harghita area and the Bear Lodge - our next accommodation - there, we had a short stop on the way to try Thrush Nightingale but the area was silent and we had to give up to arrive at the dinner table in time.
After dinner we paid a short visit to the nearby city's main park where we soon managed to see Eurasian Scops Owl.



Corn Crake was showing unusually well in the Torockó Valley (Dániel Balla)

16th May (Saturday)

We left our accommodation in the dark to reach the higher elevations of the mountain at first light and just as planned we managed to spot a female Western Capercaillie from our vehicle. We spent the rest of the early morning at the trails surrounding the peak area of the Harghita Mountain in search of our other high-altitude specialties. After some walking we were already standing well seeing Common Firecrest, Goldcrest, Mistle Thrush, Tree Pipit, Black Woodpecker, Crested Tit and Willow Tit. We had to walk further in the forest to finally connect with the trickiest species of this area, the Three-toed Woodpecker, but in the end, we managed to get one responding and we had great views after playing some hide-and-seek with the bird.
The second half of the morning we drove to another mountain NW of the Harghita finding a singing Red-breasted Flycatcher in a beautiful beech forest, this time a proper male. Reaching the spruce forest at higher elevations the weather was turning bad and we had to turn back - anyway it was lunch time.
After a short midday break, we were ready to visit one of the bear hides of the area. Getting there was a smooth but bumpy ride, but it was worth every minute of struggle - we had 11 different bears seen that day and they put on a great show at the hide. It was a wonderful experience seeing how the different individuals and families interact with each other.
Some of us went out in the dark for a longer expedition aiming to find owls at night, but we had no luck this time.



Eurasian Pygmy Owl from the Harghita area (Dániel Balla)



Spotted Nutcracker (Dániel Balla)



Carpathian Brown Bear – one of the 15 individuals we have seen on the tour (Dániel Balla)

17th May (Sunday)

We spent the morning in the Békás Gorge looking high up on the walls in search for the much-wanted Wallcreeper. Our patience was tested after the first glimpsed birds disappeared seemingly forever, but repositioning ourselves turned out to be the best thing we could do as we found two individuals feeding on the wall low down enabling a lengthy observation and then they left with their butterfly-like flight to conclude our time here. During the waiting we had nice moments with Alpine Swifts, Eurasian Crag Martins and Grey Wagtails which are all breeding in the gorge.
After a nice lunchbreak with Black Redstarts and Grey Wagtail around the restaurant we visited the Gyergyó Basin where we had a cracking male Common Rosefinch, Garden Warbler, Linnets, Fieldfares and a Great Grey Shrike.
We still had time and went back to the top region of the Hargita mountain for the late afternoon to track down some fresh news about a Eurasian Pygmy Owl, which was found by another Sakertour guide in the morning - and what a view we had of this tiny owl...




Wallcreeper and Three-toed Woodpecker seen during our time in Transylvania (Dániel Balla)



Ortolan Bunting in a swarm of flies (Dániel Balla)



Rock Bunting – brilliant views of this male in the Torockó Valley (Dániel Balla)

18th May (Monday)

This was the last morning we could spend in the region and we decided to drive up to the top of the Harghita once more. What a great decision it was as we came across a superb male Western Capercaillie allowing nice looks from the vehicle. At the top a showy Black Woodpecker was top notch experience and we had the best views of Ring Ouzel on this trip.
After a late breakfast we departed the Harghita Bear Lodge and chose to take a shortcut through the forest to avoid the heavy traffic in the city. It turned out that no better decision could have been made that day as we stumbled across four different Brown Bears in the forest, found two Spotted Nutcrackers - cracking views - and Red Crossbill was finally added to our list as well. We unexpectedly found a Black Woodpecker working its way into an ant nest on the ground seemingly not caring about our car just stopping next to him. We found Yellowhammer, Great Grey Shrike, Woodlark and Skylark before we got back on to the main road.
After a long drive we stopped again at the reservoirs seeing at least a hundred Great Crested Grebes, Little Gulls, Whiskered and White-winged Terns and a few Alpine Swifts low down above us.
After crossing the border, we were back into Hungary where we still had time to stop at a wetland grazed by buffaloes. At the wetland Common Terns, Common Ring Plover, Little Ringed Plover and a Sanderling were new additions to our list. Red-footed Falcons and European Rollers were nice to see again as they were hanging around. For the night we were back to our well-known accommodation in the Hortobágy, the Bíbic Nature Lodge.



We had hardly beatable views of Black Woodpecker (Dániel Balla)

19th May (Tuesday)

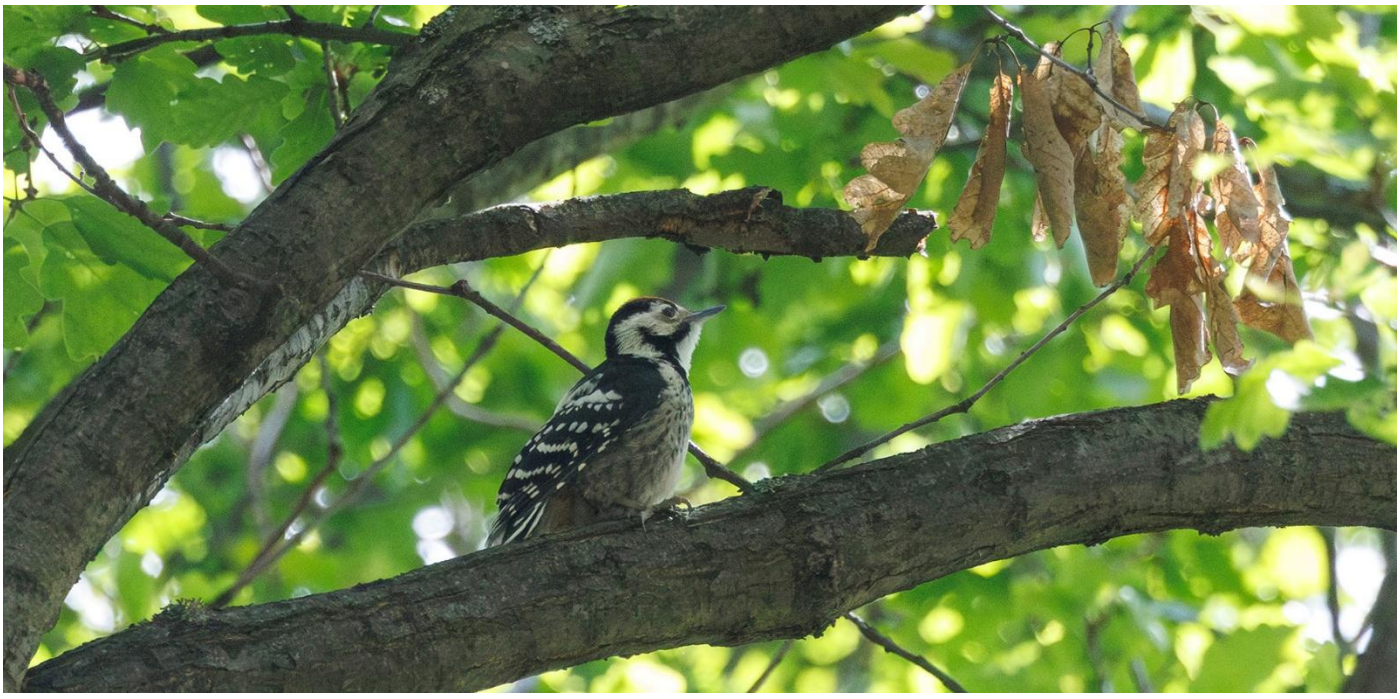
It was the final day of our tour and we still had a lot to do. In the morning we went to the main fishponds where we finally managed to see Bearded Reedlings first. At the first lake we managed to find the only Red-necked Grebe of the area. The small wetland patch grazed by buffaloes had a Ruddy Turnstone which is a scarce bird here inland. Glossy Ibises were coming and going from the corner and we had again nice looks at Squacco Heron and Pygmy Cormorants. We drove further in along the main dike to arrive at a drained pond, where a flock of more than 2000 Dunlins were providing a challenge to find anything between them. After some careful scanning of the flock at least a dozen Curlew Sandpipers were spotted and another dozen Little Stints. While seeing more Bearded Reedling from the observation platform the real bonus was a Bluethroat which sang for a short period but was noticed and did respond nicely coming out into the open, literally onto the path under the platform we were standing on.

Back to the lodge and checking out to visit one more fishpond system this morning still in the Hortobágy. We had very limited time but luckily, we nailed our main targets as we saw a male Little Bittern and got Common Kingfisher at the same spot, however the latter was only seen briefly.



White-backed Woodpecker from the Mátra Hills on our final day (Dániel Balla)

We departed towards Budapest with a detour to the Mátra Hills, where Marci was waiting for us to do some briefing on the woodpeckers of the area and we were soon standing at a tree with a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker nest in it. It only took a few minutes for one adult to come along and we had nice views as it was bringing food in its beak. After a short drive a roadside stop was the stake out spot for White-backed Woodpecker, unfortunately the juveniles here already fledge, thus the birds were not keeping their territory anymore - but we soon managed to locate one of the fledged juveniles as it was softly calling and feeding in the midcanopy to after a few minutes disappear. A male Collared Flycatcher took our attention here and became the last bird seen here.
We drove back to Budapest and said goodbye to each other in hope to meet again somewhere.



White-backed Woodpecker from the Mátra Hills on our final day (Dániel Balla)



Fire Salamander was seen in the Zemplén Hills (Dániel Balla)



Ring Ouzel singing in the early morning light on the Harghita (Dániel Balla)

BIRDS – list of bird species recorded on the 2026 tour

C = Commonly seen, more than 10 individuals
'Numbers' = Actual number seen on the tour
H = Heard only
LO = Leader only
NL = Non-leader

1	Greylag Goose	*Anser anser*	1
2	Greater White-fronted Goose	*Anser albifrons*	1
3	Mute Swan	*Cygnus olor*	1
4	Common Shelduck	*Tadorna tadorna*	1
5	Garganey	*Spatula querquedula*	1
6	Northern Shoveler	*Spatula clypeata*	1
7	Gadwall	*Mareca strepera*	1
8	Eurasian Wigeon	*Mareca penelope*	1
9	Mallard	*Anas platyrhynchos*	1
10	Northern Pintail	*Anas acuta*	1
11	Eurasian Teal	*Anas crecca*	1
12	Red-crested Pochard	*Netta rufina*	1
13	Common Pochard	*Aythya ferina*	1
14	Ferruginous Duck	*Aythya nyroca*	1
15	Tufted Duck	*Aythya fuligula*	1
16	Common Goldeneye	*Bucephala clangula*	1
17	Western Capercaillie	*Tetrao urogallus*	1
18	Grey Partridge	*Perdix perdix*	1
19	Common Quail	*Coturnix coturnix*	H
20	Common Pheasant	*Phasianus colchicus*	1
21	Little Grebe	*Tachybaptus ruficollis*	1
22	Red-necked Grebe	*Podiceps grisegena*	1
23	Great Crested Grebe	*Podiceps cristatus*	1
24	Black-necked Grebe	*Podiceps nigricollis*	1
25	Black Stork	*Ciconia nigra*	1
26	White Stork	*Ciconia ciconia*	1
27	Glossy Ibis	*Plegadis falcinellus*	1
28	Eurasian Spoonbill	*Platalea leucorodia*	1
29	Eurasian Bittern	*Botaurus stellaris*	H
30	Little Bittern	*Ixobrychus minutus*	1
31	Black-crowned Night Heron	*Nycticorax nycticorax*	1
32	Squacco Heron	*Ardeola ralloides*	1
33	Grey Heron	*Ardea cinerea*	1
34	Purple Heron	*Ardea purpurea*	1
35	Great Egret	*Ardea alba*	1
36	Little Egret	*Egretta garzetta*	1
37	Pygmy Cormorant	*Microcarbo pygmeus*	1
38	Great Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax carbo*	1
39	European Honey Buzzard	*Pernis apivorus*	1
40	Short-toed Snake Eagle	*Circaetus gallicus*	1
41	Lesser Spotted Eagle	*Clanga pomarina*	1
42	Eastern Imperial Eagle	*Aquila heliaca*	1
43	Golden Eagle	*Aquila chrysaetos*	1

44	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	*Accipiter nisus*	1
45	Western Marsh Harrier	*Circus aeruginosus*	1
46	Montagu's Harrier	*Circus pygargus*	1
47	Pallid Harrier	*Circus macrourus*	1
48	Black Kite	*Milvus migrans*	1
49	White-tailed Eagle	*Haliaeetus albicilla*	1
50	Long-legged Buzzard	*Buteo rufinus*	1
51	Common Buzzard	*Buteo buteo*	1
52	Great Bustard	*Otis tarda*	1
53	Water Rail	*Rallus aquaticus*	H
54	Corn Crake	*Crex crex*	1
55	Little Crake	*Porzana parva*	1
56	Common Moorhen	*Gallinula chloropus*	1
57	Eurasian Coot	*Fulica atra*	1
58	Common Crane	*Grus grus*	1
59	Eurasian Stone-curlew	*Burhinus oedicnemus*	1
60	Black-winged Stilt	*Himantopus himantopus*	1
61	Pied Avocet	*Recurvirostra avosetta*	1
62	Northern Lapwing	*Vanellus vanellus*	1
63	Grey Plover	*Pluvialis squatarola*	1
64	Common Ringed Plover	*Charadrius hiaticula*	1
65	Little Ringed Plover	*Charadrius dubius*	1
66	Kentish Plover	*Charadrius alexandrinus*	1
67	Whimbrel	*Numenius phaeopus*	1
68	Eurasian Curlew	*Numenius arquata*	1
69	Black-tailed Godwit	*Limosa limosa*	1
70	Ruddy Turnstone	*Arenaria interpres*	1
71	Ruff	*Calidris pugnax*	1
72	Curlew Sandpiper	*Calidris ferruginea*	1
73	Temminck's Stint	*Calidris temminckii*	1
74	Sanderling	*Calidris alba*	1
75	Dunlin	*Calidris alpina*	1
76	Little Stint	*Calidris minuta*	1
77	Jack Snipe	*Lymnocryptes minimus*	1
78	Great Snipe	*Gallinago media*	1
79	Common Snipe	*Gallinago gallinago*	1
80	Common Sandpiper	*Actitis hypoleucos*	1
81	Common Redshank	*Tringa totanus*	1
82	Wood Sandpiper	*Tringa glareola*	1
83	Spotted Redshank	*Tringa erythropus*	1
84	Common Greenshank	*Tringa nebularia*	1
85	Collared Pratincole	*Glareola pratincola*	1
86	Black-headed Gull	*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*	1
87	Little Gull	*Hydrocoloeus minutus*	1
88	Mediterranean Gull	*Ichthyaetus melanocephalus*	1
89	Common Gull	*Larus canus*	1
90	Caspian Gull	*Larus cachinnans*	1
91	Yellow-legged Gull	*Larus michahellis*	1
92	Lesser Black-backed Gull	*Larus fuscus*	1
93	Common Tern	*Sterna hirundo*	1
94	Whiskered Tern	*Chlidonias hybrida*	1



Short-eared Owl with a vole in the Hortobágy (Dániel Balla)

95	White-winged Tern	*Chlidonias leucopterus*	1
96	Black Tern	*Chlidonias niger*	1
97	Feral Pigeon	*Columba livia f. domestica*	1
98	Stock Dove	*Columba oenas*	1
99	Common Wood Pigeon	*Columba palumbus*	1
100	European Turtle Dove	*Streptopelia turtur*	1
101	Eurasian Collared Dove	*Streptopelia decaocto*	1
102	Common Cuckoo	*Cuculus canorus*	1
103	Western Barn Owl	*Tyto alba*	1
104	Eurasian Scops Owl	*Otus scops*	1
105	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	*Bubo bubo*	1
106	Tawny Owl	*Strix aluco*	1
107	Ural Owl	*Strix uralensis*	1
108	Eurasian Pygmy Owl	*Glaucidium passerinum*	1
109	Little Owl	*Athene noctua*	1
110	Long-eared Owl	*Asio otus*	1
111	Short-eared Owl	*Asio flammeus*	1
112	European Nightjar	*Caprimulgus europaeus*	1
113	Alpine Swift	*Tachymarptis melba*	1
114	Common Swift	*Apus apus*	1
115	European Roller	*Coracias garrulus*	1
116	Common Kingfisher	*Alcedo atthis*	1
117	European Bee-eater	*Merops apiaster*	1
118	Eurasian Hoopoe	*Upupa epops*	1
119	Eurasian Wryneck	*Jynx torquilla*	1



Middle Spotted Woodpecker (Dániel Balla)

120	Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	*Picoides tridactylus*	1
121	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	*Dendrocoptes medius*	1
122	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	*Dryobates minor*	1
123	Syrian Woodpecker	*Dendrocopos syriacus*	1
124	Great Spotted Woodpecker	*Dendrocopos major*	1
125	White-backed Woodpecker	*Dendrocopos leucotos*	1
126	Black Woodpecker	*Dryocopus martius*	1
127	European Green Woodpecker	*Picus viridis*	1
128	Grey-headed Woodpecker	*Picus canus*	1
129	Common Kestrel	*Falco tinnunculus*	1
130	Red-footed Falcon	*Falco vespertinus*	1
131	Eurasian Hobby	*Falco subbuteo*	1
132	Saker Falcon	*Falco cherrug*	1
133	Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus*	1
134	Red-backed Shrike	*Lanius collurio*	1
135	Lesser Grey Shrike	*Lanius minor*	1
136	Great Grey Shrike	*Lanius excubitor*	1
137	Eurasian Golden Oriole	*Oriolus oriolus*	1
138	Eurasian Jay	*Garrulus glandarius*	1
139	Eurasian Magpie	*Pica pica*	1
140	Spotted Nutcracker	*Nucifraga caryocatactes*	1
141	Western Jackdaw	*Coloeus monedula*	1
142	Rook	*Corvus frugilegus*	1
143	Hooded Crow	*Corvus cornix*	1
144	Northern Raven	*Corvus corax*	1



Eurasian Penduline Tit from the Hortobágy (Dániel Balla)

145	Coal Tit	*Periparus ater*	1
146	European Crested Tit	*Lophophanes cristatus*	1
147	Sombre Tit	*Poecile lugubris*	1
148	Marsh Tit	*Poecile palustris*	1
149	Willow Tit	*Poecile montanus*	1
150	Eurasian Blue Tit	*Cyanistes caeruleus*	1
151	Great Tit	*Parus major*	1
152	Eurasian Penduline Tit	*Remiz pendulinus*	1
153	Bearded Reedling	*Panurus biarmicus*	1
154	Woodlark	*Lullula arborea*	1
155	Eurasian Skylark	*Alauda arvensis*	1
156	Crested Lark	*Galerida cristata*	1
157	Sand Martin	*Riparia riparia*	1
158	Barn Swallow	*Hirundo rustica*	1
159	Eurasian Crag Martin	*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*	1
160	Common House Martin	*Delichon urbicum*	1
161	Red-rumped Swallow	*Cecropis daurica*	1
162	Long-tailed Tit	*Aegithalos caudatus*	1
163	Wood Warbler	*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*	1
164	Willow Warbler	*Phylloscopus trochilus*	1
165	Common Chiffchaff	*Phylloscopus collybita*	1
166	Great Reed Warbler	*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*	1
167	Moustached Warbler	*Acrocephalus melanopogon*	1
168	Sedge Warbler	*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*	1
169	Eurasian Reed Warbler	*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*	1



Common Firecrest – Harghita area (Dániel Balla)

170	Marsh Warbler	*Acrocephalus palustris*	1
171	Icterine Warbler	*Hippolais icterina*	1
172	Common Grasshopper Warbler	*Locustella naevia*	1
173	River Warbler	*Locustella fluviatilis*	1
174	Savi's Warbler	*Locustella luscinioides*	1
175	Eurasian Blackcap	*Sylvia atricapilla*	1
176	Garden Warbler	*Sylvia borin*	1
177	Barred Warbler	*Sylvia nisoria*	1
178	Lesser Whitethroat	*Sylvia curruca*	1
179	Common Whitethroat	*Sylvia communis*	1
180	Common Firecrest	*Regulus ignicapilla*	1
181	Goldcrest	*Regulus regulus*	1
182	Eurasian Wren	*Troglodytes troglodytes*	1
183	Eurasian Nuthatch	*Sitta europaea*	1
184	Wallcreeper	*Tichodroma muraria*	1
185	Eurasian Treecreeper	*Certhia familiaris*	1
186	Short-toed Treecreeper	*Certhia brachydactyla*	1
187	Common Starling	*Sturnus vulgaris*	1
188	Ring Ouzel	*Turdus torquatus*	1
189	Common Blackbird	*Turdus merula*	1
190	Fieldfare	*Turdus pilaris*	1
191	Song Thrush	*Turdus philomelos*	1
192	Mistle Thrush	*Turdus viscivorus*	1
193	Spotted Flycatcher	*Muscicapa striata*	1
194	European Robin	*Erithacus rubecula*	1



This male Common Rosefinch was seen in the Gyergyó Basin (Dániel Balla)

195	Bluethroat	*Luscinia svecica*	1
196	Common Nightingale	*Luscinia megarhynchos*	1
197	Collared Flycatcher	*Ficedula albicollis*	1
198	Red-breasted Flycatcher	*Ficedula parva*	1
199	Black Redstart	*Phoenicurus ochruros*	1
200	Common Redstart	*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*	1
201	Common Rock Thrush	*Monticola saxatilis*	1
202	Whinchat	*Saxicola rubetra*	1
203	European Stonechat	*Saxicola rubicola*	1
204	Northern Wheatear	*Oenanthe oenanthe*	1
205	White-throated Dipper	*Cinclus cinclus*	1
206	House Sparrow	*Passer domesticus*	1
207	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	*Passer montanus*	1
208	Dunnock	*Prunella modularis*	1
209	Western Yellow Wagtail	*Motacilla flava*	1
210	Grey Wagtail	*Motacilla cinerea*	1
211	White Wagtail	*Motacilla alba*	1
212	Tawny Pipit	*Anthus campestris*	1
213	Tree Pipit	*Anthus trivialis*	1
214	Red-throated Pipit	*Anthus cervinus*	1
215	Common Chaffinch	*Fringilla coelebs*	1
216	Hawfinch	*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*	1
217	Common Rosefinch	*Carpodacus erythrinus*	1
218	European Greenfinch	*Chloris chloris*	1
219	Common Linnet	*Linaria cannabina*	1

220	Red Crossbill	*Loxia curvirostra*	1
221	European Goldfinch	*Carduelis carduelis*	1
222	European Serin	*Serinus serinus*	1
223	Corn Bunting	*Emberiza calandra*	1
224	Yellowhammer	*Emberiza citrinella*	1
225	Rock Bunting	*Emberiza cia*	1
226	Ortolan Bunting	*Emberiza hortulana*	1
227	Common Reed Bunting	*Emberiza schoeniclus*	1



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