



Autumn group of Pallas's Gulls and Caspian Terns in the Dobrudja (Dániel Balla)

DANUBE DELTA & DOBRUDJA IN AUTUMN with **SAKERTOOURS** 21st – 28th August, 2021

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After tough times for birdwatchers around the world (covid), we were lucky to be able to run the autumn tour as well - following our May tour - to Dobrudja and the Danube Delta area. Luckily this time of the year the area is attracting much more than the breeders only, so we were trying to find as many birds as possible in this 8 days long tour. The Black Sea coast with the lagoons and the salt lakes provide excellent birding spots for those interested in autumn migrants of Eastern Europe.

This year's tour was not an exception when it was about finding good birds like Dalmatian and Great White Pelicans, Ferruginous Duck, Pygmy Cormorant in the lagoons of the Delta; Levant Sparrowhawk, Booted Eagle, Short-toed Snake Eagle in the sky; Greater Flamingo, Pallas's Gull, Little Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Marsh Sandpiper, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Black-winged Pratincole, Collared Pratincole, Grey Plover at the lakes, European Shag at the sea or some interesting songbirds in the area like Paddyfield Warbler, Pied Wheatear, Isabelline Wheatear and Woodchat Shrike just to name a few highlights. All-in-all we recorded 179 species during 8 days fruitful birdwatching in one of the best habitat-complex of Europe.

21st August (Saturday)

An early afternoon start of the tour gave us some more opportunities for the first day of our birdwatching. From the airport we drove straight to the coast of the Black Sea where we tried to spot European Shag between the Great Cormorants. It took us some time but finally we saw a nice Shag sitting on a wrecked ship a few hundred meters from us – what a start! As we still had time to switch locations, we visited Techirghiol Lake which was just a few minutes driving from us. Here we started to search the shoreline for shorebirds which was soon fruitful. Birds were feeding all along the shoreline, however they were not abundant but small flocks were easily spotted. We watched several groups of Ruffs feeding and Wood Sandpipers were common all along our way. We spotted Common Greenshanks a few times and adult Black-winged Stilts still had their big chicks guarded. We saw beautiful Grey Plovers still in their breeding plumages and had the chance to compare Little and Temminck's Stints from a few spots. A single Marsh Sandpiper was picked out from a small group of waders where an Oystercatcher and a Ruddy Turnstone were adding to the diversity. The most enthralling experience however, was to see a flock of 1050 Black-necked Grebes swimming together in the middle of the lake. Extraordinary numbers were also supported by Little Gulls which were abundant around, we counted more than 1000 individuals of them here.

We left the site in the last rays of light and drove to our first accommodation. On the junction to our hotel, we flushed a European Nightjar from the road which we saw well in the lights of the car. It was a nice bonus before dinner.



Isabelline Wheatear “mobbed” by a Hummingbird Hawk-moth and Pied Wheatear (Dániel Balla)

22nd August (Sunday)

On our first full day we had a short morning walk around our hotel. We saw a Common Cuckoo, several Red-backed Shrikes, Lesser Whitethroats and Spotted Flycatchers, had a Little Owl in the scope and heard Eurasian Stone-curlew calling from the hotel's garden to start building our list. After a late breakfast we headed to a huge quarry. On the way we saw hundreds of Mediterranean Gulls passing above the road so we decided to check the nearby lake, where we got almost 4000 of them still resting on the water. Our first Squacco Heron and Little Egret was seen here and Wood Sandpipers were flushed from the shore everywhere. Arriving to the quarry we immediately found Isabelline Wheatears and a few Pied Wheatears together with the common Northern ones. We were waiting for some raptor activity but no minutes were wasted as European Bee-eaters, Barn Swallows House Martins and Sand Martins were continuously entertaining us. Our patience was finally rewarded by Long-legged Buzzards and a Short-toed Snake Eagle. After leaving the quarry we headed to the Cheia Gorge which was amazing as always. On the way we stopped to check a fresh ploughed plot where we saw a Calandra Lark and had two Greater Short-toed Lark passing by. Just after Cheia we saw an astonishing male Montagu's Harrier hunting just a few 10 metres from our car. On the way to our last location for the day we saw several hundred Western Yellow Wagtails on agricultural fields and a juvenile Lesser Grey Shrike sitting together with a Red-backed one giving good comparison of the two species.

Arriving in the nice late afternoon lights at a shore of a lake on the way to our hotel was a nice program to finish the day. We had thousands of Sand Martins and Barn Swallows hunting above the water before they disappear to roost in the reedbed. We picked out a Little Bittern from the dense reed and enjoyed close views of Common Snipes, Wood Sandpipers and Ruffs feeding while we had the chance to compare several subspecies of Western Yellow Wagtails just before heading back to our accommodation.



Gull-billed Tern and Paddyfield Warbler was seen well (Dániel Balla)

23rd August (Monday)

A short, early morning walk in the hotel's vicinity produced a Garden Warbler and the usual songbirds so we left soon to visit a near-by lagoon in hope of seeing some real specialties. While driving on the junction we spotted a Gull-billed Tern hunting above agricultural fields. When arriving to the wetland we started searching in the reedbed and were soon treated by nice views of Paddyfield Warblers. Driving towards the deeper part the wetland was completely dry but had a flock of gulls roosting in it. We stopped to check and were pleased to see a flock of Pallas's Gulls in the morning lights. We got closer and counted 28 of them together with 18 Caspian Terns and 3 other Gull-billed Terns together. Above the reedbeds we spotted 3 Montagu's Harrier and near them above the grassland a fine Pallid Harrier was hunting. When leaving the wetland, we saw a male Reed Bunting calling from the top of a dry reed. On the way out the junction had small puddles where sparrows were drinking. It took a few minutes but we saw several Spanish Sparrows between the House Sparrows. We headed back to the quarry for another short visit if the raptor activity is good. Besides the species we already bagged the other day we had two Black Storks circling up.



Greater Flamingos together with Ruddy Shelducks digiscoped (Dániel Balla)

For the afternoon session we planned to visit the habitats around Vadu village. We started north to the village, where stopping on the shore of a lake gave us nice views on the water. We had a flock of Greater Flamingos in the middle of the lake surrounded by more than 350 Ruddy Shelducks. A family of Collared Pratincoles were resting not far away giving nice views of both adults and juveniles. The lake hosted Little Gulls, a flock of Pied Avocets and hundreds of ducks but those were uncomfortably far away. Heading back to Vadu we stopped to scan a huge flock of Common Starlings and were lucky to spot a juvenile Rosy Starling between them. The wetlands around Vadu gave nice views of Little and Temminck's Stint, Little and Common Ringed Plovers, Dunlins, lots of Wood Sandpipers and Ruffs, Green Sandpipers and other shorebirds. On the coast we spotted a Sandwich Tern and several Common one. When heading back we managed to see Savi's Warblers in a dense reedbed and saw a Golden Jackal just walking calmly across the habitat near the road. We finished the day at a small pool watching waders feeding before we went to have dinner and sleep in our hotel.



Juvenile Rosy Starling together with Common Starling (Dániel Balla)

24th August (Tuesday)

A longer walk around the hotel in the morning proved that Lesser Whitethroats are quite abundant in the area so as Red-backed Shrikes. On a willow tree we found a roosting group of Black-crowned Night Herons, we counted more than 70 of them. After packing our luggage into our vehicle, we left our first hotel and headed north to Tulcea city. On the way we stopped at an old forest to search for songbirds in the area. After entering the woods we saw two Booted Eagles (one pale and one dark morph individual) crossing the sky above us. In the dense vegetation Blackcap, Robin and other common birds were feeding and the canopy had a nice flock of Hawfinches. A Green Woodpecker was calling loud near us and several Great Spotted Woodpeckers were around. The stars of the spot were the Red-breasted Flycatchers, we saw a few of them and even had one singing

in the beech forest. After eating a lunch, we headed towards Tulcea, but as we still had some time before we had to be in the city, visiting wetlands around sounded a good idea. Driving down to Murighiol to check a salt lake was fruitful. The muddy section of the lake was full of Ruffs and we found Spotted Redshanks and a nice Grey Plover. The lake still had an active colony of Common Terns and a lot of Caspian Gulls. The vegetated edge held Glossy Ibis and Black-tailed Godwits while a flock of Northern Lapwings were sleeping aside. We enjoyed birding here but as our schedule was tight, we left to Tulcea to meet our boatman. Just before getting on our boat, we heard a Syrian Woodpecker calling in the parking lot and it took just a few seconds to track it down as it was climbing up on the only tree around – lucky start for the Delta area. The route of the boat to the inner part of the Delta was a nice warm up for the upcoming day. We saw the first flock of Great White Pelicans flying, nice adult White-tailed Eagle perched close to us and many kinds of Herons and Egrets just a few metres from our boat. The sky continuously had Bee-eaters and Sand Martins and the wires on the shore almost everywhere had European Rollers sitting on them. We arrived to our nice and comfortable hotel just in time to enjoy a hot dinner and a cold beer.



Little Gulls were common in the Dobrudja (Dániel Balla)

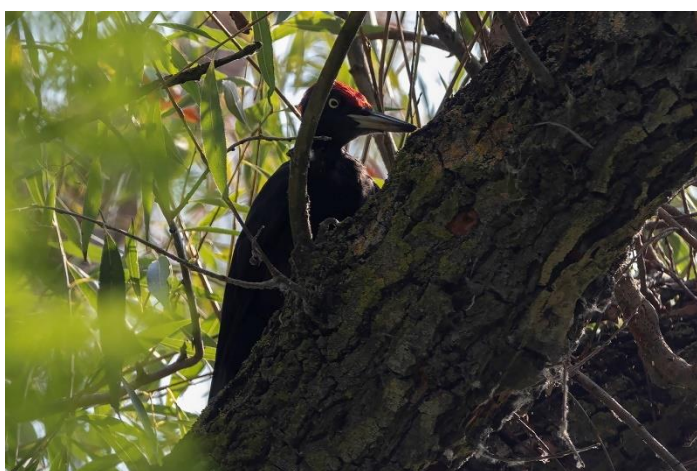
25th August (Wednesday)

A whole day for the Delta. Starting with a short walk before breakfast around our hotel produced some songbirds and European Turtle Doves. We planned a morning and an afternoon excursion with the boat and spent the warm and harsh-light hours in the middle of the day in the hotel with lunch and a rest. The excursions were fantastic – as always. We visited some lagoons trying to track down Little Crake with success and searched for hunting pelican flocks. We watched 160 Great White Pelicans as they feast on fish with their joint forces surrounded by Great Cormorants. Squacco and Purple Herons were numerous everywhere and we also bumped into 4 Little Bitterns during the day. Ferruginous Ducks were spotted a few times and we were lucky to find a Pallas's Gull on a lagoon after having them outside in the Dobrudja.



Pelican feast in the Danube Delta (Dániel Balla)

Some of the canals connecting the lagoons are good for a bunch of other birds. The old willows provide good food source for Grey-headed Woodpeckers and we were keen to find a Black Woodpecker on one of them. It was a great moment in the morning when we spotted three Eastern Olivaceous Warblers feeding on a willow and we could even hear their calls when the boat went silent for a minute. Great Spotted Woodpecker was seen several times and we saw Lesser Spotted Woodpecker just near our hotel. The dense reedbeds are suitable for Bearded Reedling which sometimes are hard to find in the Delta, but we saw a couple of them during the day. Several Penduline Tits were heard from the boat and we saw two of them well. Red-footed Falcon and Eurasian Hobby were the raptors seen of course besides the majestic White-tailed Eagles which of we saw five different individual during the day.



Black Woodpecker and Little Crake seen well in the Delta (Dániel Balla)

26th August (Thursday)

The highlight of the morning walk was a singing Thrush Nightingale a near the hotel to have an easy take-off for the day. After breakfast we had a nice excursion-like boat ride from our hotel back to Tulcea during we managed close encounters with Dalmatian Pelican, Pygmy Cormorant and several White-tailed Eagles. After arriving the port we continued our trip to the Macin mountains with our ground vehicle. We had a lunch close to our next habitat patch which was an old oak woodland on the way where we had nice views of Hawfinches and some other common songbirds. The rest of the day was spent at the foothills of the Macin mountains. When arriving to our dedicated birdwatching spot we immediately spotted a surprise Woodchat Shrike from the car. After spending a few minutes enjoying views of this beautiful Shrike we found few more individuals around including juvenile birds as well. Isabelline Wheatear was still around and scanning the hills with scope produced views of a Levant's Sparrowhawk pair playing with each other above a rocky hillside. Later the continued raptor watching gave us a Eurasian Sparrowhawk and several Long-legged Buzzards. We went to our nice hotel in time to enjoy a royal dinner and have a nice sleep.



Ferruginous Duck and Pallas's Gull are always highlights (Dániel Balla)

27th August (Friday)

Before breakfast we decided to make a short hiking early in the morning up in one of the nicely vegetated valleys of the Macin Mountains. Just after arriving to the parking spot a Sombre Tit popped up to the top of the closest tree and disappeared for ever after a few seconds – promising start for the day. The valley was full of life, several Red-breasted Flycatchers, migrating Blackbirds, Robins, Blue and Great Tits, Chiffchaffs and Spotted Flycatchers were active in the fresh morning air. On the way back to the car we spotted two Ortolan Buntings at the mouth of the valley to ensure good appetite for the upcoming breakfast. After breakfast we chose another valley to investigate. On the way we saw Lesser Grey Shrikes and two more Woodchat Shrikes after yesterday's shock. On the rocky tops we observed Pied Wheatears and saw Isabelline ones on the grassy patches under the hills. The increasing temperature awakened the larger birds – we saw Ravens, Montagu's Harriers, Long-legged Buzzards, a White-tailed Eagle and the specialty of the area, two Levant's Sparrowhawks.

We had a light lunch in a restaurant and left the area towards the Baragan Lowlands. Crossing the Danube with the ferry at Braila took quite a long time, but finally we were on the other side. We drove to a patch of well-grazed grassland where we successfully tracked down our target species – Eurasian Dotterels. A nice bonus of this spot were the Eurasian Stone-curlews which sometimes were near the Dotterels giving extraordinary experience through the telescope in the golden hour of the day. We arrived to our hotel in Balta Alba in dark to finish the day with a nice dinner.



Woodchat Shrike seen in the Macin Mountains (Dániel Balla)

28th August (Saturday)

Our final day we warmed up with birdwatching near the hotel. European Greenfinch, Chiffchaffs, Lesser Whitethroats and a Common Whitethroat were seen and a Common Nightingale was heard. After breakfast we headed to discover the nearby lakes. We drove to a muddy corner where finally we were treated with close views of an impressive flock of 22 Broad-billed Sandpipers. Despite the rain we had by the time we enjoyed the views as long as we wanted. Besides the Broad-bills we could compare Little Stints to Temminck's Stints together with Dunlins. In the background we counted 45 Marsh Sandpipers, saw several groups of Spotted Redshanks, Ruffs, Black-winged Stilts and Wood Sandpipers. We picked out three Curlew Sandpipers and saw several Kentish Plovers together with Common Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers. We had to make a short walk to have a look on the Pratincoles around. After checking several Collared Pratincoles in the halophyte vegetation we saw a Black-winged Pratincole in flight.



Temminck's and Little Stint together and juvenile Collared Pratincole (Dániel Balla)

We drove back to have a lunch in our hotel and to dry ourselves before going for the afternoon session. Our final spot of the original trip was on the shore the close lake where we collected some missing species like White-winged Tern, Golden Plover and Red Knot while the endless flock of ducks and other waterbirds gave a real feast for the birdwatchers eye.



Temminck's Stint with a Broad-billed Sandpiper (Dániel Balla)

However, our official Danube Delta and Dobrudja trip was finished here this year we continued with a special extension to Transylvania to see the Carpathian Brown Bears, Capercaillie, Hazel Grouse and Three-toed Woodpecker besides other great species.

BIRDS – list of bird species recorded on the 2019 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	<i>Anser anser</i>	C
2	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	C
3	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	C
4	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	350
5	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	C
6	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	C
7	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	C
8	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	10
9	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	C
10	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	10
11	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	C
12	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	C
13	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	C
14	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	C
15	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	C
16	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	10
17	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	C
18	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	86
19	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	11
20	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	3
21	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	6
22	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	LO
23	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	6
24	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	C
25	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	C
26	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	C
27	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	C
28	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	C
29	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	C
30	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	C
31	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	2
32	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>	C
33	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	C
34	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	1
35	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1
36	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	1
37	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	2
38	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	4
39	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1
40	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	C
41	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	2
42	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	12

43	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	C
44	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	10
45	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	8
46	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>	2
47	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	C
48	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	C
49	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	2
50	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	1
51	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	C
52	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	C
53	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	C
54	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	1
55	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	6
56	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	C
57	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	C
58	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	12
59	Eurasian Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	5
60	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	11
61	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	C
62	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	1
63	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	C
64	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>	22
65	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	3
66	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	C
67	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	C
68	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	1
69	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	C
70	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	C
71	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	3
72	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	C
73	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	46
74	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	C
75	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	C
76	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	7
77	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	19
78	Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	1
79	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	C
80	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	C
81	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	C
82	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>	30
83	Mew Gull*	<i>Larus canus</i>	3
84	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	C
85	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	C
86	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	10
87	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	C
88	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	1
89	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	C
90	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	C
91	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	2
92	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	12

93	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	C
94	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	C
95	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	C
96	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	C
97	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	1
98	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	7
99	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	1
100	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	C
101	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	C
102	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	C
103	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	C
104	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>	2
105	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	1
106	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	9
107	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	2
108	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	H
109	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	5
110	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	C
111	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	C
112	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	9
113	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	C
114	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	10
115	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	7
116	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	C
117	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	H
118	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	C
119	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	C
120	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	C
121	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	C
122	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	3
123	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>	1
124	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	3
125	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	C
126	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	C
127	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	2
128	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	7
129	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	2
130	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	C
131	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	3
132	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	1
133	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	C
134	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	C
135	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	C
136	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	C
137	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	C
138	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	C
139	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	5
140	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	2
141	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	6
142	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	C

143	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	3
144	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	4
145	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	1
146	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>	C
147	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	1
148	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	1
149	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	1
150	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	1
151	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	C
152	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	1
153	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	5
154	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	C
155	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	3
156	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	1
157	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	H
158	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H
159	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	8
160	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1
161	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	C
162	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	C
163	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	C
164	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	5
165	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniensis</i>	200
166	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	C
167	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	C
168	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	C
169	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	C
170	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	C
171	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	4
172	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	C
173	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	C
174	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	4
175	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	LO
176	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	5
177	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	C
178	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	2
179	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	2

MAMMALS – list of mammal species recorded on the 2019 tour

C = Commonly seen, more than 10 individuals

'Numbers' = Actual number seen on the tour

1	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	1
2	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	2
3	European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	C
4	European Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>	LO



Golden Jackal in the best lights of the day (Dániel Balla)



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