



A stunning male Red-footed Falcon posing to our 2021 group (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)

DANUBE DELTA & DOBRUDJA IN SPRING with **SAKERTOURS** 15th May – 22nd May, 2021

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After an unavoidable and shocking break in 2020 due to the pandemic in 2021 we have started our birding tours in the Danube Delta again and enjoyed very much every single species we came across during this week! Back in 2019 we have improved our Spring Danube Delta birding itinerary in order to get most of the special breeding species of South-East Romania. From now we are focusing more to the lower course of river Danube too, which has great birding potential.

The result was great, our tour recorded 178 species in 2021! It was again proved; Romania is a very exciting birding destination in Europe and this tour gave to every participant a very a nice insight.

Highlight species this year were *Great White and Dalmatian Pelicans, Ruddy Shelduck, four species of grebes, Pygmy Cormorant, Cinereous Vulture (rarity), Booted Eagle, Pallid Harrier, Levant Sparrowhawk, Red-footed Falcon, Saker Falcon, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Collared Pratincole, Slender-billed and Pallas's Gull, Pallid Swift, Black Woodpecker, Wryneck, Calandra and Greater Short-toed Lark, Thrush Nightingale, Pied Wheatear, Common (Rufous-tailed) Rock Thrush, Barred Warbler, Cetti's Warbler, Paddyfield Warbler, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Semi-collared-, Collared and Red-breasted Flycatchers, Short-toed Treecreeper, Rosy Starling, Ortolan and Black-headed Bunting.*

The slight change in the program made the Semi-collared Flycatcher, Pallid Swift, Alpine Swift, Short-toed Treecreeper, Cetti's Warbler possible to see on this 2021 tour including a really nice old Oak forest and of course the fantastic Danube Valley with vineyards, wetlands and rolling step lands.

I am sure this revised and new birding program to the Danube Delta will bring great birding results and nice memories in the coming years!

15th May (Saturday)

After we met in the Bucharest Airport we were speaking about our plan for the day and started to drive towards our first destination by the river Olt. We were slowly driving along secondary roads and enjoyed such 'roadside species' like our first Roller, Black-headed Bunting, Ortolan Bunting, Lesser Grey Shrike or Turtle Dove. Some of these species were once common in Europe but sadly they are declining in an alarming rate, so it's great to see them still in good numbers here! We have stopped to check a roadside pond too where we found our first Ferruginous Ducks, Great Crested Grebes and Whiskered Terns.

We have reached our first destination in the middle of old Oak woodland by the river Olt. Our accommodation was actually Nicolae Ceausescu's hunting Lodge in the early 80's and hence a historical place to stay! Still in the dark we found three juvenile Long-eared Owls begging for food in the garden. With a torch in our hands we could watch them as long as we wanted. What a great welcome! We could hear them all night from our rooms too.

16th May (Sunday)

The forest around the Hotel becomes a real bird concert hall by the morning, the dawn chorus is fabulous! Golden Orioles, Chaffinches, Song Thrushes, Common Redstarts, Nightingales, Icterine Warblers and flycatchers were singing loud. A pair of Black Woodpecker was nesting in the Hotel garden and was feeding chicks! We were after singing flycatchers in order to find our most important target. Although our first flycatcher was a stunning male Collared Flycatcher we soon found the first pair of Semi-collared Flycatcher high in the canopy, male and female together. Superb! They were a bit skittish so we decided to carry on walking. It didn't take long after we found a second pair in a much more open area so we could study the feather details through our scope. It was our key species for the day!

During our first morning walk we also found a Wryneck, Middle Spotted and Green Woodpeckers, Tree Pipit, Spotted Flycatcher and flushed two Long-eared Owls. After a very nice morning we had breakfast and left for our next destination. On the road we have seen more Rollers and European Bee-eaters, than we stopped briefly by a bigger woodland and seen three Short-toed Treecreepers very well.

We had picnic lunch by a reservoir where we enjoy the first groups of White Pelicans over the lake and also seen Black-necked Grebes, Great Reed Warblers, Red-footed Falcons, European Bee-eaters, a Syrian Woodpecker and a migrating male Montagu's Harrier. Later we had to cross the Danube with a small ferry to reach our next Hotel located inside a nice Vineyard.

The dinner was served in the terrace with panoramic view over the Danube valley. Magical atmosphere after a great day birding!



Black Woodpecker and Semi-collared Flycatcher on our second day (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)

17th May (Monday)

In the morning, before breakfast we had a short walk in the vineyard. We were very close to the Bulgarian border and the Bulgarian town of Silistra. Over the city large groups of House Martins, Common Swifts and Pallid Swifts were hunting. They were all breeding in this small town so we walked closer to see them better and find the less numerous Pallid Swifts. We have found at least 6 individuals over the town and they were flying over us a few times. Great! While we were walking back to the hotel we heard a strange noise. Quickly found the source of the sound and it was given by a struggling frog when a snake is trying to swallow it. It was an Edible Frog in the mouth of an Eastern Grass Snake. Behind the Hotel a small colony of a Bee-eaters were breeding in a sand cliff.

After breakfast we continued our journey towards the Black Sea coast but following the mighty Danube in the first section of the road. The scenery was picturesque. Before we left the vineyards behind us we made one more stop where we found 2-3 territorial Barred Warblers displaying over their breeding bushes. Bee-eaters were migrating over us and seen several Red-backed Shrikes and breeding Spanish Sparrows too.

Along the road to the coast we have crossed several wetlands, mainly fishponds with bigger and smaller lakes as well as many channels. One of the smaller lakes was fully covered with White Water Lilies and yellow Fringed Water Lilies. Here we found three species of grebes, a classic breeding habitat for Black-necked, Red-necked and Great Crested Grebes. By a larger lake we found our first Penduline Tit, Bearded Tit and heard the characteristic sounds of the Cetti's Warbler. A few times we even had glimpses of the bird but difficult to see through the scope. We had our picnic lunch in a higher point looking over the lake. The flooded side was right below us so we could enjoy a good selection of species during picnic time like Great White and Dalmatian Pelicans, Spoonbills, Ruddy Shelduck, Greylag Goose families, loads of Whiskered Terns and below us in the sand cliff Bee-eaters were breeding too. An immature White-tailed Eagle flew overhead, followed by a Hobby and a smaller group of White Pelicans. What a nice location!

In the afternoon we have checked an old concrete seed silo where House Martins and Swifts were breeding. This time we come here to find the Alpine Swift and we found a pair. Great!

From this point we were driving quicker to reach our next destination in time. Closer to the Black Sea coast we visited an abandoned rock quarry where Pied and Isabelline Weathers breed. Here we came across amongst others Hoopoes including our own nestbox with youngs, Long-legged Buzzards, Short-toed Eagle, Red-footed Falcon and 3 migrating Honey Buzzards.



The Pallid Swift breeds locally in South East Romania (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)

18th May (Tuesday)

We started the morning with a pre breakfast birding in a nearby Lake. We have found among others an immature Whooper Swan, Cuckoos, loads of Sand Martins, Purple Heron, Glossy Ibis and 300+ Common Swifts.

Breakfast was in the accommodation than back for birding again. Soon we were driving along agricultural fields and found our first Calandra Larks, Greater Short-toed Larks and Collared Partridges in a corn field. The wind started to be stronger and stronger. A quick look to the yesterday quarry place produced a subadult Cinereous Vulture which was a great find on the tour. A nearby grazed field produced more Calandra Larks, Sky Larks and a female Red-footed Falcon. We then drove South of Constanta to Lake Techirghiol to find more wetland species on this windy day. It was rather uncomfortable as the power of the wind reached 50 km/h or so we did the birding from the car or from the wind shade of the car. The birds along the lake shore allowed close approaches as they did not want to take off due to the strong wind so we could enjoy nice close views from the car. On the lake 400+ Common Shelducks, 70 Black-necked Grebes, 100+ Little Gulls were present. Along the shore we could enjoy our first groups of waders among them 5 Broad-billed Sandpipers, 21 Curlew Sandpipers in nice breeding plumage, 200+ Little Stints, 16 Ringed Plovers, 46 Black-winged Stilts, 16 Avocets and only 1 Wood Sandpiper and 1 Sanderling. The majority of the waders already passed through this area. We have also seen 20+ Red-footed Falcons and some of them were just sitting on the ground and allowed very close views (header picture). A single adult Slender-billed Gull and a much worn Common Gull were only seen at this location during the entire tour.



Calandra Lark on its breeding ground (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)

19th May (Wednesday)

The usual pre breakfast walk by the lake produced a resting flock of 200 Great White Pelicans in the morning light, an adult female Hen Harrier flew above us, a Whooper Swan, migrating flock of 300+ Common Swifts, a single Honey Buzzard, Savi's Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Reed Warbler, Reed Bunting, a male Bearded Tit and several Cuckoos.

We went back to the Hotel for breakfast than continued our last birding day in the coastal area. Luckily the wind dropped down and was easier to find another characteristic breeding species of the area, the Paddyfield Warbler. Today morning plan was visiting Histria area for migrant passerines. On the road to the archaeological site we could find a couple of Paddyfield Warblers, than on the bushes around the Museum building a Wood Warbler, Red-backed Shrikes, Spotted Flycatchers and an Icterine Warbler.

From here we drove down to Navodari to check some seaside pools and the Black Sea. We have seen 2 Little Terns, Sandwich Terns, a group of 10 fishing Dalmatian Pelicans and a single Honey Buzzard.

From here we drove to Vadu where we spent most of the afternoon. The small lake in the entrance of the village had Common Sandpipers, Avocets, Black-winged Stilts, a pair of White-winged Black Tern, Whiskered Terns. Little bit deeper to the wetlands we had our first Redshanks, Curlews, Curlew Sandpipers and Little Stints, Ruddy Shelducks, a noisy colony of Common Terns with 200 pairs and a calling Bittern. We have visited the sea shore as well hoping for more species to our list but we only get Icterine Warbler, Tawny Pipit, Spanish Sparrow, Red-backed Shrikes, Black-headed Yellow Wagtail and several Yellow-legged Gulls. We finished the day at Histria with 16 Collared Pratincoles and 6 Kentish Plovers. Great!



Singing Paddyfield Warbler in the coastal Danube Delta (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)

20th May (Thursday)

Today morning started the birding in the rain. We left our accommodation and travelled north to reach Tulcea. Before Tulcea we have stopped briefly in a forest and did some birding. We have found here a singing male Red-breasted Flycatcher and heard Icterine Warblers and Wood Warblers. After this short woodland birding we continued to gateway of the Danube Delta. It was still raining so with the roof on the top of our boat we started cruising down to the river. Even in this unfavourable weather we could see our first Pygmy Cormorants, Little Egrets, Kingfishers and Squacco Herons. We reached Mila 23 in time for a tasty hot soup. From around 15.00 o'clock the rain stopped. We opened the roof of the boat and enjoyed the afternoon birding at its best. We have seen well Glossy Ibises, a White-tailed Eagle, Red-necked Grebes, Pallas's Gull, Rollers, Grey-headed Woodpecker, singing Garden Warbler, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, more Squacco Heron, fishing groups of White Pelicans and some solitary Dalmatian Pelicans. We have reached our next accommodation in time for a tasty dinner.



A Roller drying its feathers after rain in the Danube Delta (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)

21th May (Friday)

The pre breakfast walk around the accommodation produced some lovely sightings like breeding Red-footed Falcons in the Hotel garden, Golden Orioles, Grey-headed Woodpecker, Syrian Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Penduline Tit, breeding Hoopoe in the Hotel garden in our nestbox, Night Heron, Purple Heron, Squacco Heron.

After breakfast we went out with our boat to the nearby lakes. We have crossed several channels including one with old Willow trees. We have seen here Thrush Nightingale, Hobbies, Grey-headed Woodpecker, Long-tailed Tits and arrived to a lake where White Pelicans were fishing with Great Cormorants. On this lake we have also seen not less than 23 Pallas's Gulls! Another lake with dense floating vegetation, mainly Fringed water lilies had breeding Black Terns, Whiskered Terns, Common Terns, Ferruginous Ducks and a group of White Pelicans were resting in a silent corner.

We have also tried to find a Little Crake in a known breeding area. In the wind was not easy but actually we saw the female briefly but did not come out to enjoy a full view. Lunch was in the Hotel restaurant than left to Tulcea but driving leisurely and enjoyed the Delta birds in the afternoon. The wheatear brightened up, the sun come out and we enjoyed a lovely adult White-tailed eagle while drying its feathers in the sunset.

We said goodbye to Romi our local boat driver and continue to our last destination, the Macin Mountains National Park area.



An adult Pallas's Gull showing its best for the Spring group (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)



An adult White-tailed Eagle by the Danube in the way back to Tulcea (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)

22th May (Saturday)

Our last morning found us in the Macin Mountains National Park. Before breakfast we were driving to the foothills where we know the presence of a breeding Levant Sparrowhawk. While we were walking to a higher point I already flushed one bird but later we could all see well through the scope. From the same viewpoint we found a Syrian Woodpecker, a male Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Pied Wheatear, Red-rumped Swallow and Ortolan Bunting. From this point we drove to an open field by the mountain to find raptors. We positioned our self to a higher point with good visibility and wait. Didn't take long until we find the first Long-legged Buzzard, Common Buzzard, Honey Buzzard and a Booted Eagle. We drove back to the Hotel for breakfast than left towards Bucharest but had a few more birding stops on the way. Today we had the best views of Rose-coloured Starlings as a flock of 80 individuals while perched on trees on a hilltop. Later the whole group flew so we could enjoy them in flight too. End of May is a great period to see them and some year they even stay and breed in the country (they did in 2021 too). Not far from the Rose-coloured Starlings we saw a Wryneck but no sing of the hoped for Sombre Tit.

Our final stop was in a Saker Falcon breeding area. A rather large field and in a heat haze not so easy to spot them but suddenly a large Falcon was chased away a Booted Eagle which was flying cross the Falcon's territory. We could see one of the Saker Falcon in flight! In the same area we had a female Pallid Harrier which was also new to our list as well. Great! We finished the tour in style with the enigmatic Saker!

The tour ended at the Bucharest Airport in the afternoon.

See you next time!



Levant Sparrowhawk guarding its territory (Photo: Zoltán Baczó)

BIRDS – list of bird species recorded on the 2021 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	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	2
2	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	C
3	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus solus</i>	C
4	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	1
5	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	C
6	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	15
7	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	4
8	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	1
9	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	C
10	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	C
11	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	1
12	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	C
13	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	C
14	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	2
15	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	H
16	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	10
17	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	C
18	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	C
19	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	3
20	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	C
21	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	C
22	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	7
23	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	2 H
24	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	H
25	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	C
26	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	C
27	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	C
28	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	C
29	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	C
30	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	C
31	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1200
32	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	75
33	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>	C
34	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	C
35	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	1
36	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	9
37	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	2
38	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	2
39	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	2
40	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	C
41	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	1

42	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	1
43	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	1
44	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	14
45	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	10
46	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	8
47	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>	1
48	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	C
49	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	C
50	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	122
51	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	32
52	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	20
53	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	16
54	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	2
55	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	6
56	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	1
57	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	C
58	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>	5
59	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	26
60	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	200+
61	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	1
62	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	10
63	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	18
64	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	2
65	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	22
66	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	1
67	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	C
68	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	200+
69	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeus melanocephalus</i>	5
70	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaeus ichthyaeus</i>	24
71	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	C
72	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	C
73	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	1
74	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	10
75	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	2
76	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	C
77	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	700+
78	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	5
79	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	24
80	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	C
81	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	C
82	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	8
83	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	C
84	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	C
85	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1
86	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	2 ad. 3 juv.
87	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	C
88	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	6
89	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	2
90	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	71
91	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	17

92	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	580+
93	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	30+
94	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>	1
95	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	2
96	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	6
97	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	3+
98	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	1
99	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	4
100	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	3
101	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	C
102	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	125
103	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	20
104	Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	1
105	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1
106	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	C
107	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	13
108	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	11+H
109	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	C
110	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	C
111	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	C
112	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	C
113	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	7
114	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	C
115	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	C
116	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	3+H
117	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	4
118	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	1
119	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	C
120	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	13
121	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	7+H
122	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	12+H
123	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	C
124	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	C
125	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	C
126	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	4
127	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	C
128	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	1+H
129	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	C
130	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	2+H
131	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	C
132	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	2+H
133	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	C
134	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	4
135	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	3+H
136	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	1+H
137	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	5
138	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	1+H
139	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	3
140	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	2
141	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	3

142	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	3
143	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	3
144	Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	94
145	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	C
146	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	3
147	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	6
148	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	24+
149	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	H
150	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	1+H
151	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	4+H
152	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	1
153	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	1
154	Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>	4 (2 pairs)
155	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	5
156	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	4+H
157	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	1
158	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	C
159	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	20+
160	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	11
161	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	4
162	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	5
163	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	C
164	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	C
165	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	C
166	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	C
167	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	C
168	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	8
169	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	1
170	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	C
171	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	2
172	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	4
173	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	2
174	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	8
175	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	C
176	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	5+H
177	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	6
178	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	C

MAMMALS – list of mammal species recorded on the 2021 tour

C = Commonly seen, more than 10 individuals

'Numbers' = Actual number seen on the tour

1	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	H
2	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	1
3	Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	2
4	European Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>	C
5	Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	1
6	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	1
7	European Polecat (roadkill)	<i>Mustela putorius</i>	1



Wader flock including Broad-billed and Curlew Sandpipers, Little Stints, Ruff and Ringed Plover (Photo: Baczó Zoltán)



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