

Bulgaria's Dragonflies

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

This circuit of central and southern Bulgaria gave us a good insight into both the exceptional dragonfly fauna and other abundant wildlife of the region. The country had experienced cool, wet weather until a few days before our arrival, but hot and sunny conditions then prevailed and lasted for most of the trip. After finding Ornate Bluet in the Sredna Gora Mountains, we moved south-east to the River Maritsa and beyond, finding the first of two Dark Spreadwings well beyond their normal range. We spent two days in the low mountains of the biodiversity-rich Eastern Rhodopes, looking at varied habitats that produced a good range of dragonflies and other insects including Eastern Spectre, Turkish Goldenring, Balkan Emerald and the extraordinary Odalisque – a damselfly that looks rather like a dragonfly. Our next two days were spent in the higher Western Rhodope Mountains where we found dragonflies more typical of northern Europe, including Spearhead Bluets at their southernmost locality in the world. At the spectacular Trigrad Gorge we had close views of an Alpine Swift colony and a good selection of butterflies, but sadly the hitherto resident Wallcreepers had gone missing. Moving to the south-west of the country, Balkan and Sombre Goldenrings and a Banded Darter were the dragonfly highlights, together with some impressive other insects. The group saw a total of 46 species of dragonflies, plus 76 butterfly species, 122 bird species and a wide range of other animals and plants that the combined talents of the group helped to find and identify.

Day 1

Tuesday 21st June

After an uneventful flight from London Heathrow to Sofia, we met up with local leader Dancho, his wife Theodora and our driver. After loading the minibus we were soon heading east out of the city. We stopped for refreshments at a roadside café conveniently situated next to a small river, where we found a Small Pincertail and a few Keeled and Southern Skimmers, plus Red-rumped Swallow, Marbled Fritillary, Map and many Black-veined Whites.

We continued on to the Topolnica River where the wonderful flower-rich grassland held Forester and Transparent Burnet moths and yet more butterflies, including Heath and Dark Green Fritillaries and Chestnut Heath. We found our damselfly target - Ornate Bluet - along a small stream, together with Beautiful Demoiselles and a Sombre Goldenring exuvia. The first of many Red-backed Shrikes perched typically on top of a bush, but then it was time to board the minibus and head for our final destination: a small, family-run hotel in the picturesque, historic village of Koprivshitsa. Later we tucked into a delicious and very welcome Bulgarian dinner.

Day 2

Wednesday 22nd June

Those who gathered for pre-breakfast birding were able to appreciate the rustic nature of Koprivshitsa, enhanced by the occasional horse-drawn cart passing by. Just outside the hotel, a young Hawfinch called from the top of a large pine tree. White-throated Dippers and Grey Wagtails were in evidence along the river, while the riverside trees held Common Redstart and Spotted Flycatcher. A Lesser Whitethroat was heard and a both Black Redstart and European Serin sang from rooftops. Pallid Swifts were identified as they swooped low over the old buildings, some giving great views as they clung under the eaves before entering their nests.

We left after a hearty breakfast for our next base in the Eastern Rhodopes, but we stopped regularly en route. The first stop was at an overgrown quarry near Starosel, where Isabelline Wheatear, European Bee-eater and Tawny Pipit perched on the wires above. A Booted Eagle made a distant appearance. Another stop at a small reservoir near Zhelezare produced Common Clubtail, Blue Chaser, White-tailed Skimmers, Sooty Copper, two Little Bitterns, several Great Reed Warblers and European Pond Terrapin. We arrived before lunch at the large Maritza River (known as the Evros when it reaches Greece) near Mirovo. Searching the riverside proved rather disappointing for dragonflies, but Swallowtail and Eastern Bath White were seen and birds included Eurasian Oystercatcher, Little Ringed Plover, European Roller, European Bee-eater and Sand Martin, the last two breeding in the riverbank.

We stopped twice more in the afternoon, first at Susam Reservoir, where we found Migrant Spreadwing, Small Redeye, Small Bluetail and Red-veined Darter, but the big surprise was a female Dark Spreadwing. This species is highly localised in southern Europe and in Bulgaria only breeds at Black Sea coastal locations, so this was presumably a wandering individual. A final stop at a tiny, spring-fed drinking pool near Momchilgrad yielded Robust and Migrant Spreadwings and Dainty Bluet, bringing the day's dragonfly total to 21 species. After dinner at our hotel in Krumovgrad, our base for the next three nights, some of us watched Kotschy's Geckos hunting insects outside the hotel and heard Eurasian Scops Owl nearby.

Day 3

Thursday 23rd June

Most of the group headed out from our hotel to the banks of the Krumovitza River before breakfast, seeing two Eurasian Hobbies, Eurasian Crag Martins nesting under the bridge, Eastern Olivaceous Warbler and Red-backed Shrike. Two Lesser Grey Shrikes appeared while we were trying to locate a Barred Warbler which was photograph distantly.

After breakfast we headed towards the Greek border at the Deimin Dere River at Byal Gradets. A walk up the valley took us past lots of butterflies, including many Great Banded Graylings. A female Balkan Emerald was caught as it patrolled around the edge of bushes, while males, along with an Eastern Spectre, were patrolling territories along an idyllic wooded section of the river further on where the Bulgarian Emerald was first discovered as recently as 1999. Returning to the minibus prior to lunch, we found a recently emerged Eastern Willow Spreadwing and an emerging Small Pincertail, along with several mature males of that species. A Black-headed Bunting sang and a Booted Eagle flew low overhead.

After a picnic lunch, we moved on towards Zhelezino and walked to a tiny reservoir where we found Migrant and Robust Spreadwings, many Dainty and two Common Bluets and a few Small Bluetails. Nearby was a small wooded stream where an Eastern Spectre and several Turkish Goldenrings patrolled, one of the latter being joined by a female that laid eggs into the water before us, repeatedly jabbing down as if on a pogo stick. The surrounding meadow held a lot of insects including a fly-by Southern Festoon, Grecian Copper, Silver-washed and Lesser Spotted Fritillaries (including a dark female of the form *valezina*), Meleager's Blue and Yellow-banded Skipper.

The final dragonfly site for the day was a larger reservoir nearby. It was very breezy, though Lesser Emperors flew strongly around the edges. Most dragonflies, however, were found away from water sheltering in the lee of bushes or reedmace, where we located our first Blue-eye and Ruddy Darters, while Dancho found Green-eyed

Hawker and Southern Darter. Finally, we stopped at a small, rushy reservoir to look for Small Spreadwing, one of which was soon surrounded by photographers! This brought our dragonfly total for the day to an impressive 29 species.

Day 4

Friday 24th June

We spent the first part of the morning in a spectacular valley near Dolna Kula, where Dancho alerted us to a superb male Levant Sparrowhawk as we approached. Several Black Storks frequented the river and their cliff-nests, a nice Black-eared Wheatear perched on rocks overlooking the river and an Olive-tree Warbler moved through bushes nearby. Two Chukar Partridges were flushed by one of the group. Raptors along the ridge included several Griffon Vultures and briefly an Egyptian Vulture, with Eurasian Crag Martins and European Rollers below, while much nearer the ground we found Sardinian Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat and Cirl and Rock Buntings. Amongst many insects were the tiny Little Tiger Blue, Eastern Knapweed Fritillary and the only Brimstone of the trip. Leo found commoner dragonflies along the river, some of which were also seen by the rest of the group along the road.

The next destination was the Valchi Dol reserve, near Studen Kladenetz, where Dave had been concerned that a stream where Odalisque breeds might have dried up. Indeed, this was the case, but we were overjoyed as we descended to a picnic table next to a stream where we were to have lunch, for there were several Odalisques, including a pair in tandem! Another was watched emerging while a male even perched on our hats. A few other species were seen here including an Eastern Spectre briefly, but it was the Odalisques that won the day.

After lunch, we headed off to a small reservoir near Golobradovo, but it was almost impossible to see open water here as a tall band of reedmace had grown up to encircle the water. Nevertheless, Dancho found two newly emerged Southern Darters. Seeking an alternative site, we checked along the edge of the Arda River nearby where again Dancho triumphed, finding several recently-emerged Western Willow Spreadwings and a Common Darter beside shady pools that had once been a stream flowing into the river. Butterflies included nectaring Southern Festoon and Twin-spot Fritillary. On the way back to Krumovgrad we stopped at spectacular basalt cliffs, finding a few Southern Skimmers beside a desiccating stream and pool.

Day 5

Saturday 25th June

Today we moved from the Eastern Rhodope to the higher, cooler Western Rhodope Mountains. We stopped en route at a small river near Plazishte. Along the river were plenty of demoiselles, Blue Featherlegs and emerging Western Willow Spreadwings, while Dainty Bluet, Small Bluetail, Small Pincertail, Balkan Emerald, Common Kingfisher, Syrian Woodpecker, Chapman's Blue and Eastern Festoon were also seen. The biggest surprise, however, was a female Odalisque, well out of normal range here.

Just a little further west we stopped to look at two small reservoirs at Vulkovich, where we found a good range of dragonflies despite a strong breeze. Lots of damselflies were sheltering in the lee of the first dam, with a few Blue-eyed and Green-eyed Hawkers, Lesser Emperor, Downy Emerald and Ruddy Darter in similarly sheltered spots elsewhere. However, Leo found a second female Dark Spreadwing clinging on to rushes exposed to the wind, the second year in a row this species has been seen here. An Eastern Wood White was photographed in the lee of conifers and European Honey Buzzards displayed noisily overhead.

The temperature was pleasantly cool by the time we reached the highest of the Smolyan Lakes, where Spearhead Bluets were present in good numbers in the fringing sedge beds, together with a few Large Red Damselflies and Azure Bluets. Four-spotted Chasers and a few Downy Emeralds were flying over the floating bog, where Heart-shaped Marsh-orchids stood tall. Exuviae from Blue Hawkers were found, but no adults seen. A Common Firecrest sang in the conifers, while a Spotted Nutcracker called and Eastern Large Heath, Woodland Ringlet and Black-veined Moths were found in a nearby meadow. Moving down to a second lake, we soon encountered an impressively large, iridescent blue ground beetle and mating Heath Fritillaries, but soon we were looking at the first of about 20 recently-emerged Yellow-winged Darters. A few Downy Emeralds, Small Bluetails and Fragrant Orchids were also found here, while European Crested Tits were very obvious in the adjacent pine forest. Tallying up the species after dinner at our hotel in Pamporovo revealed that we had seen no less than 34 dragonfly species during the day: a remarkably good total!

Day 6

Sunday 26th June

A pre-breakfast walk into the pine forest produced Common Firecrest, plus typical UK birds such as European Robin, Eurasian Wren and Common Treecreeper, while back at the hotel two Peregrine Falcons circled over a nearby crag and Balkan Coppers shone in the morning sunshine. Later, we headed towards Trigrad Gorge, stopping first where about 50 Alpine Swifts zoomed noisily around a roadside rock face just above our heads. Eurasian Crag Martins quietly slipped in to visit their mud nests, while some of the swifts went rapidly in and out of their nests in clefts in the rock. Most of the morning was spent along a side valley below the main gorge, where we found Green-underside, Silver-studded, Mazarine and Amanda's Blues, Glanville and Knapweed Fritillaries, White Admiral, Arran Brown and Pearly Heath, plus good views of nectaring Humming-bird and Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moths. At the top of the gorge, we stood for a while at the traditional Wallcreeper nest-site and scanned for a glimpse of the birds, but to no avail.

As it started to drizzle, we made our way to lunch at a restaurant just above the gorge. We checked the adjacent meadow afterwards for Apollo, but without success in the drizzle, although we did find a Large Wall Brown. Making our way back down the gorge, we stopped on the roadside to look at Red Helleborines, and then continued our journey to Dospat. It was still cloudy when we stopped at a small stream near Borino, but we still saw three Balkan Goldenrings, one of them soon being caught for a critical examination. Also in the area were Scarce Coppers, Wood Tiger moth and Bug Orchids. Our final stop for the day was at the Sarnena River where some of the extensive seasonal wetland had been fenced in recently and built on. A rapid search revealed only a few dragonflies, including Small Pincertail and Common Clubtail by the river and Robust Spreadwing in the marsh.

We reached our final destination, Dabrash Hotel, near Dospat, in time for some to take a quick walk before a hearty dinner and a good sample of the local beverages. After most of the group had gone to bed, a distant nightjar churred and fireflies flashed in the hotel garden.

Day 7

Monday 27th June

Despite overnight thunder, today was mainly sunny and warmer. A walk around the hotel grounds before breakfast produced Rock Bunting, Red Crossbill and Pallid Swift. On the edge of the pinewoods were a few

Violet Limodore orchids, while the flower-rich meadows held Greater Butterfly, Fragrant and Burnt-tip Orchids, a tassel hyacinth species and Illyrian Gladiolus.

As we loaded the minibus after breakfast, a Black Woodpecker called distantly. We stopped at the end of the drive to try and locate it, but instead had to 'make do' with a Spotted Nutcracker that landed in the treetops; photographs revealed that it was carrying an acorn (or probably several) in its bill. We continued our journey westwards towards the Pirin Mountains, stopping first near the Mesta River to look at flooded gravel workings. We were astonished to find that the river had altered its course and now flowed straight through what had been a lake in previous years! Two pairs of Little Ringed Plovers displayed and two Wood Sandpipers flew up. Looking through the chain link fencing of private fishponds nearby, we found two or three Little Bitterns and in the general area a few Small Redeye, Blue-eye, Common Clubtail and Small Pincertail, plus a good number of Blue Chasers. Other species included Syrian Woodpecker, Great Reed Warbler and Broad-leaved Helleborine.

At Papaz Tchair, Bulgaria's largest area of peat bog, in the lower part of the Pirin Mountains, we made our way down to a stream where goldenrings were patrolling. Dancho caught a Sombre Goldenring and a few Balkan Goldenrings perched conveniently nearby at times. Large Red Damsels were egg-laying along the stream and a Spotted Nutcracker called but failed to reveal itself. Willow Tit calls eventually led to views of this species and a Goldcrest. As we attempted to leave and head off for lunch, first a Large Tortoiseshell and then a Camberwell Beauty delayed us. Other butterflies included Queen of Spain and Twin-spot Fritillaries and Clouded Apollo; Dancho saw Apollo, and after lunch we all saw several of these large, spectacular butterflies along the rocky roadside.

Next stop was the Pirinska Bistritza River very close to the Greek border at Novo Hodzhovo. It was almost too hot for dragonflies to be active here, although we did encounter Common Clubtail, Eastern Spectre, Blue Chaser and Ruddy Darter, plus Green-eyed Hawkets patrolling in the shade. A Short-toed Snake Eagle circled above us and a group of lovely Scarce Swallowtails ignored us as they 'puddled' for salts in a desiccating patch of mud, with Adonis Blue nearby. Next Dancho took us to a site near Chuchuligovo which is the only known site in Bulgaria for the Grass Jewel butterfly, and where he had seen Banded Darter in 2015. We failed to find the butterfly, but eventually saw a female Banded Darter - the only one of the trip. We arrived at the lovely Hotel Boliarka, set amid Melnik's soft rock 'pyramids', in good time for an outdoor dinner.

Day 8

Tuesday 28th June

A pre-breakfast walk to the edge of Melnik produced little apart from Lesser Whitethroat and Eurasian Golden Oriole. It was surprisingly cool and cloudy, although the sun broke through later as we headed over the Struma River, where three Eurasian Spoonbills were feeding. Our first site, a shallow swampy area next to an old gravel pit near General Todorov, had been destroyed by the diversion of a stream away from a breeding site for Spotted and Banded Darters. It was very dry and access was difficult, so after seeing a couple of young Penduline Tits we drove part way to a second, larger lake, then checked all the dragonflies on the track as we walked down to the lake in case one should be a Bladetail. We didn't see one, but did find Calandra Lark and Black-headed and Corn Buntings, plus first a large Mottled-winged Antlion and then the enormous Balkan Predatory Bush-cricket. We were also out of luck with the other dragonfly speciality of the site, Black Pennant, but nevertheless we did see a nice range of species including Small Redeye, Blue-eye, Common Bluet, Lesser Emperor and some general

Common and Southern Darters. A Little Bittern 'barked' from the reedmace and one or two others were seen, and a pair of European Rollers vigorously attacked a Northern Raven that had possibly taken one of their young.

After lunch we visited Rupite Hot Springs. In unusually cloudy conditions, we walked past bathers coated in supposedly-therapeutic mud. Further away, where the water was cooler, we started to find Keeled and Southern Skimmers - Leo counted 85, mostly the latter - and Broad Scarlets, while further on still there were Blue Featherlegs and Balkan Terrapins. An Eleonora's Falcon and a pair of Long-legged Buzzards appeared briefly, European Bee-eaters sat on wires between feeding forays, and a Masked Shrike was seen by some of the group.

We returned to Melnik in time for some souvenir shopping for those who wished and preparation for our journey home the next day.

Day 9

Wednesday 29th June

We had an early breakfast in order to give us time in the Kresna Gorge biodiversity hot-spot on our return to Sofia. We searched sunny areas around the bridge over the Struma River, finding a beautiful Thread-winged Lacewing, Small Pincertail and two presumed Sombre Goldenrings. Several Yellow-bellied Toads were in a puddle and concrete channels by a railway crossing. We had sightings of Sooty Copper, Long-tailed Blue, Common Glider, Woodland Grayling and a Nettle-tree Butterfly (next to an almost leafless Nettle Tree: perhaps the butterfly larvae were responsible!). Finally, we took some quick group photographs on the bridge before continuing on the final leg of our journey.

We stopped to collect lunch and refreshments en route to Sofia airport, where we said our goodbyes to Dancho, Theodora and Itso, and when inside the terminal also to Leo. The rest of the group sailed effortlessly through BA check-in and security and later breezed through Terminal 5 at Heathrow, bidding each other fond farewells and safe journeys home.

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Species Lists

Dragonflies (Ex = exuvia)

	Common Name	Scientific Name	June										
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
1	Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
2	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Odalisque	<i>Epallage fatime</i>				✓	✓						
4	Western Willow Spreadwing	<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>				✓	✓						
5	Eastern Willow Spreadwing	<i>Chalcolestes parvidens</i>			✓								
6	Migrant Spreadwing (Southern Emerald)	<i>Lestes barbarus</i>	✓	✓	✓							✓	
7	Robust Spreadwing (Scarce Emerald)	<i>Lestes dryas</i>		✓	✓				✓				
8	Dark Spreadwing	<i>Lestes macrostigma</i>		✓				✓					
9	Small Spreadwing	<i>Lestes virens</i>			✓								
10	Spearhead (Northern) Bluet	<i>Coenagrion hastulatum</i>						✓					
11	Ornate Bluet	<i>Coenagrion ornatum</i>	✓										
12	Azure Bluet	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			
13	Dainty Bluet	<i>Coenagrion scitulum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓						
14	Common Bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>			✓		✓					✓	
15	Small Redeye	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
16	Blue-eye	<i>Erythromma lindenii</i>			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
17	Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
18	Small (Scarce) Bluetail	<i>Ischnura pumilio</i>		✓	✓			✓			✓		
19	Blue Featherleg (White-legged)	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Large Red Damsel	<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓			
21	Blue-eyed (Southern Migrant) Hawker	<i>Aeshna affinis</i>						✓					
22	Blue Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>						Ex					
23	Green-eyed (Norfolk) Hawker	<i>Aeshna isosceles</i>			✓			✓			✓		
24	Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
25	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>			✓			✓				✓	
26	Eastern Spectre	<i>Caliaeschna microstigma</i>			✓	✓					✓		
27	Common Clubtail	<i>Gomphus vulgatissimus</i>		✓						✓	✓		
28	Small Pincertail	<i>Onychogomphus forcipatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Sombre Goldenring	<i>Cordulegaster bidentata</i>	Ex								✓		✓
30	Balkan Goldenring	<i>Cordulegaster heros</i>							✓	✓			
31	Turkish Goldenring	<i>Cordulegaster picta</i>			✓								
32	Downy Emerald	<i>Cordulia aenea</i>						✓					
33	Balkan Emerald	<i>Somatochlora meridionalis</i>			✓			✓					
34	Broad Scarlet (Darter)	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
35	Blue (Scarce) Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>		✓					Ex	✓			
36	Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
37	Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>						✓					
38	White-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum albistylum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
39	Southern Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum brunneum</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
40	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
41	Keeled Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
42	Yellow-winged Darter	<i>Sympetrum flaveolum</i>						✓					
43	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
44	Southern Darter	<i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>			✓	✓	✓					✓	
45	Banded Darter	<i>Sympetrum pedemontanum</i>									✓		
46	Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>			✓			✓			✓		
47	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>				✓	✓					✓	

Butterflies (L = larva)

	Common name	Scientific name	June									
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓		✓					L	
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
3	Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>			✓	✓	✓					
4	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>								✓		
5	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>					✓					
6	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
7	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Balkan / Green-veined White	<i>Pieris balcana/napi</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		
10	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓		✓					✓	
11	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>							✓			
12	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Berger's Clouded yellow	<i>Colias sareptensis</i>		✓								
14	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>				✓						
15	Eastern Wood White	<i>Leptidea duponcheli</i>					✓					
16	Wood White sp.	<i>Leptidea</i> sp.		✓		✓			✓			
17	Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium acaciae</i>		✓	✓							
18	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
19	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena vigeureae</i>							✓	✓		
20	Grecian Copper	<i>Lycaena ottomana</i>			✓							
21	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>		✓								✓
22	Balkan Copper	<i>Lycaena candens</i>					✓	✓				
23	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>										✓
24	Little Tiger Blue	<i>Tarucus balcanicus</i>				✓				✓		
25	Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido argiades</i>								✓	✓	
26	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓							
27	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>						✓				
28	Silver-studded(-type) Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>								✓		
29	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>							✓			
30	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
31	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>	✓					✓				
32	Amanda's Blue	<i>Agrodiaetus amanda</i>						✓				
33	Chapman's Blue	<i>Agrodiaetus thersites</i>					✓					
34	Anomalous Blue sp.	<i>Agrodiaetus</i> sp.								✓		
35	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>								✓		
36	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Meleager's Blue	<i>Polyommatus daphnis</i>			✓							
38	White Admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla</i>						✓				
39	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>			✓	✓	✓					
40	Common Glider	<i>Neptis sappho</i>										✓
41	Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>								✓		
42	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>								✓		
43	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>	✓							✓		
44	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>								✓		
45	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
46	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	✓							✓		
47	Comma	<i>Polygonum c-album</i>	✓		✓				✓	✓		
48	Map Butterfly	<i>Araschnia levana</i>	✓							✓		
49	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>			✓	✓				✓		

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			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
50	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>	✓		✓							
51	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓						✓		
52	Twin-spot Fritillary	<i>Brenthis hecate</i>				✓				✓		
53	Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓		
54	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>							✓			
55	Eastern Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea telona</i>				✓		✓				
56	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>			✓	✓	✓					
57	Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓		
58	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>	✓				✓	✓				
59	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
60	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisa circe</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
61	Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi</i>										✓
62	Woodland Ringlet	<i>Erebia medusa</i>					✓					
63	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
64	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>						✓				
65	Eastern Large Heath	<i>Coenonympha rhodopensis</i>					✓					
66	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓
67	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>			✓			✓				
68	Chestnut Heath	<i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>	✓					✓				
69	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>					✓	✓	✓			
70	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
71	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>					✓	✓				
72	Arran Brown	<i>Erebia ligea</i>						✓				
73	Yellow-banded Skipper	<i>Pyrgus sidae</i>			✓							
74	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>				✓						
75	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>			✓	✓	✓					
76	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓			

Moths (L = larva)

	Common name	Scientific name	June									
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
1	Black-veined Moth	<i>Siona lineata</i>					✓	✓	✓			
2	Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>					✓	✓	✓			✓
3	Chimney Sweeper	<i>Odezia atrata</i>						✓				
4	Clouded Buff	<i>Diacrisia sannio</i>					✓	✓				
5	Forester	<i>Adscita statures</i>	✓	✓								
6	Humming-bird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
7	Latticed Heath	<i>Semiothisa clathrata</i>					✓	✓				
8	Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moth	<i>Hemaris fuciformis</i>						✓				
9	Nine-spotted-type	<i>Amata (phegea)</i>		✓	✓			✓				
10	Ruby Tiger	<i>Phragmatobia fuliginosa</i>					✓					
11	Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>								✓		
12	Six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>		✓			✓					
13	Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>	✓					✓				
14	Transparent Burnet	<i>Zygaena purpuralis</i>	✓									
15	Wood Tiger	<i>Parasemia plantaginis</i>						✓				

Birds (H = heard only)

	Common Name	Scientific Name	June									
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
1	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
2	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		✓						✓	✓	
3	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		✓		✓						
4	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>									✓	
5	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓	✓					✓	✓
6	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		✓	✓	✓						
8	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>									✓	
9	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓						✓		
10	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>				✓						
11	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>				✓						
12	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		✓		✓					✓	
13	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>								✓	✓	✓
14	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>				✓						
15	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
16	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>									✓	
17	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓	✓		✓			✓		
18	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>		✓	✓							
19	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>							✓			
20	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonorae</i>									✓	
21	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			✓	✓			✓			
22	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
23	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>				✓						
24	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			H	H			✓	✓		
25	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		✓								
26	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		✓	✓	H				✓		
27	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>								✓		
28	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>										✓
29	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓		✓						
30	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia (feral)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓							
32	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
33	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
34	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		H						H	H	H
35	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓
36	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
37	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartus melba</i>							✓			
38	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		H	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
39	European Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓		✓						
40	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	H	✓					✓	
41	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		✓		✓					✓	
42	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>								H		
43	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		H	✓	✓				H	✓	✓
44	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>					✓			✓	H	
45	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	✓						H	H	✓	H
46	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>			✓							
47	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>								H		
48	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>								H	H	
49	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		H	H							

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50	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓		✓				✓	✓	✓
51	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>									✓	
52	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓	
53	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
56	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
57	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		✓								
58	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
59	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	H	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
60	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava fledegg</i>	H	✓		H		✓	✓	✓		
61	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	H	H	H			✓	✓		H
62	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				H		✓	H	H	H	
63	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓								
64	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	H	✓				✓	✓		H	
65	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>									✓	
66	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>		✓								
67	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>				✓						
68	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓				✓			✓	
70	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓			
71	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>								H	H	
72	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		✓								
73	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓		H			✓	✓		
74	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais elaeica</i>		✓	✓	✓			H	✓		
75	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>				✓						
76	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		H	H							
77	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>				✓						
78	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>			✓							
79	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>						H	✓	✓		
80	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					H	H	✓			
81	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>							✓			
82	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>					✓	✓	H			
83	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	✓	✓					✓			
84	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			H				✓			
85	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>						H				
86	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montana</i>							✓			
87	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>					✓					
88	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>						✓	✓			
89	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		H
90	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓					✓		
91	Common Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>						✓	H			
92	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			H		H					
93	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H			H	H	H	H		
94	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓				
95	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			✓	✓			✓			
96	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓			
97	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>									✓	
98	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	H	

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100	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
101	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>					H		✓		
102	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
103	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
104	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
105	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
106	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
109	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
110	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	H
111	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓				✓	✓		
112	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	✓	✓						✓	
113	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
114	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	H	✓	H	✓	✓	
115	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>						✓	✓	H	
116	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
117	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		✓				✓	✓		
118	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	H	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
119	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>				✓			✓		
120	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			H	✓	H		H	H	H
121	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>					H	H	H		
122	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	H			✓	✓	

Mammals

Common Name	Scientific Name	June									
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
European (Brown) Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>			✓	✓						
Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			✓							

Reptiles and Amphibians (P = possible)

Common Name	Scientific Name	June									
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Yellow-bellied Toad	<i>Bombina variegata</i>				✓					✓	
Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>		✓						H		
Stream Frog	<i>Rana graeca</i>				✓						
Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>				P	P			✓	P	
Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>				P	P			✓	P	
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>		✓						✓		
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys caspica</i>									✓	
Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>			✓		✓					
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>				✓	✓					
Lizard spp.	Sauria				✓	✓	✓			✓	
Kotschy's Gecko	<i>Mediodactylus kotschyi</i>		✓	✓							
Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>			✓					✓		
Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>								✓		
Snake sp.	Colubridae								✓		

Miscellaneous invertebrates (H = Heard only; D = Dead)

Common Name	Scientific Name	June									
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Mayfly sp.	<i>Ephemeroptera sp.</i>	✓									
Slant-faced Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>								✓		
Great Green Bush-cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>	✓									
White-fronted Wartbiter	<i>Decticus albifrons</i>				✓			H	H		
Field cricket sp.	<i>Gryllus sp.</i>	H		H			H				
Marsh Cricket	<i>Pteronemobius heydenii</i>	✓	H		H	H		✓	H		
Mole Cricket	<i>Gryllotalpa sp.</i>			D							
Minstrel Bug	<i>Graphosama lineatum</i>						✓				
Mottled-winged Ant-lion	<i>Palpares libelluloides</i>								✓	✓	
Antlion sp.	<i>Myrmeleonidae sp.</i>			✓					✓		
Mosquito sp.	<i>Culicidae sp.</i>						✓				
Anthrax Fly	<i>Anthrax anthrax</i>			✓							
Robber-fly sp.	<i>Asilidae sp.</i>			✓							
Mammoth Wasp	<i>Megascolia flavifrons</i>							✓	✓		
Paper wasp sp.	<i>Polistes sp.</i>						✓				
Hornet	<i>Vespa crabro</i>	✓		✓							
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Pine Chafer	<i>Polyphylla fullo</i>			✓							
Rose-type chafer sp.	<i>Cetonia sp.</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Firefly	<i>Luciola lusitanica</i>						✓				
Colorado Beetle	<i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i>			✓		✓					
Large blue ground beetle	<i>Carabidae sp.</i>					✓					
Wasp Spider	<i>Argiope bruennichi</i>		✓	✓		✓			✓		
Roman Snail	<i>Helix pomatia</i>	✓					✓	✓			

Plants

A small selection of noteworthy species, some of which could not be identified to species level.

Birthwort sp.	<i>Aristolochia sp.</i>	Large Yellow-Ox-eye	<i>Telekia speciosa</i>
Bogbean	<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	Marsh Bedstraw	<i>Galium palustre</i>
Broad-leaved Helleborine	<i>Epipactis Helleborine</i>	Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>
Bug Orchid	<i>Orchis carioophora</i>	Milk Thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
Burnt Orchid	<i>Neotinea ustulata</i>	Mock Orange sp.	<i>Philadelphus sp.</i>
Chicory	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Mullein sp.	<i>Verbascum sp.</i>
Christ's/Jerusalem Thorn	<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Nettle Tree	<i>Celtis australis</i>
Clustered Bellflower	<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Pink Cistus	<i>Cistus sp.</i>
Common Rock-rose	<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Prickly Juniper	<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>
Dodder sp.	<i>Cuscuta sp.</i>	Quaking-grass sp.	<i>Briza minor / media</i>
Dropwort	<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	Ragged-Robin	<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>
Dwarf Elder	<i>Sambucus ebulis</i>	Red Helleborine	<i>Cephalanthera rubra</i>
Dwarf Orange Avens	<i>Geum coccineum</i>	Restharrow	<i>Ononis repens</i>
False Acacia	<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	Rhodope Haberlea	<i>Haberlea rhodopensis</i>
False Hellebore	<i>Veratrum lobelianum</i>	Rose Champion	<i>Lychnis coronaria</i>
Field Eryngo	<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Smoke Bush	<i>Cotinus coggyria</i>
Field Scabious	<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Soapwort	<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>
Flowering Rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Spurge sp.	<i>Euphorbia sp.</i>
Fragrant Orchid	<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i>	St. John's-wort sp.	<i>Hypericum sp.</i>
Giant Hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	A tassel-type hyacinth	<i>Muscari sp.</i>
Goat's-beard	<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Thyme sp.	<i>Thymus sp.</i>
Greater Butterfly Orchid	<i>Platanthera chlorantha</i>	A tree mallow	<i>Lavatera thuringiaca</i>

Grecian/Woolly Foxglove *Digitalis lanata*
 Heart-shaped Marsh-orchid *Dactylorhiza cordigera*
 Illyrian Gladiolus *Gladiolus illyricus*
 Lady's Bedstraw *Galium verum*
 Lady's Mantle *Alchemilla sp.*
 Large Self-heal *Prunella grandiflora*
 Large Yellow Foxglove *Digitalis grandiflora*

Violet Limodore *Limodorum abortivum*
 Viper's Bugloss *Echium vulgare*
 Water Avens *Geum rivale*
 Yellow Loosestrife *Lysimachia vulgaris*
 A yellow rattle *Rhinanthus sp.*
 Xeranthemum sp. *Xeranthemum sp.*



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