

Birds, Nature & Culture in the Heart of Europe

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(#) = Number of days recorded. (H) = heard only, not seen. AU = Austria, HU = Hungary.

Family, Species Common Name, Scientific Name

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS - Anatidae: 12

Graylag Goose *Anser anser* — (7) Around 1000 seen, often with well-grown young, seen in both countries.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* — (73) Around 100 seen, on bigger lakes in both countries.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* — (3) About 30 seen in the Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU area.

Garganey *Spatula querquedula* — (2) Just two sightings of pairs, both in HU.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* — (1) About 20 seen in the Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU area.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* — (10) Common and widespread, seen every day.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca* — (1) About 20 seen near Illmitz in AU.

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina* — (3) About 30, mostly drakes, seen in both countries.

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* — (2) Two sightings, both in HU.

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* — (4) About 12 seen at Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU and Apaj ponds HU.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* — (1) 2 pairs seen at Lake Hubertus AU.

Common Merganser *Aythya nyroca* — (1) 6 seen on the River Traisen, AU

PHEASANTS, PARTRIDGES, AND ALLIES - Phasianidae: 2

Gray Partridge *Perdix perdix* — (2) A few seen near Apaj in HU.

Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* — (8) Scattered sightings, usually males, in both countries.

GREBES - Podicipedidae: 2

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* — (2) About 6 seen at Lake Fertő and near Bugyi in HU.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* — (4) Around 10 seen at Lake Fertő and near Bugyi in HU.

PIGEONS AND DOVES - Columbidae: 4

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* — (1) Seen most days: feral “domestica” birds.

Common Wood-Pigeon *Columba palumbus* — (10) Common and widespread in both countries.

European Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia turtur* — (4) Scattered sightings, mostly in HU.

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* — (9) Common in villages and urban areas.

BUSTARDS - Otidae: 1

Great Bustard *Otis tarda* — (2) 4 seen on day 8, 5 on day 9, near Bugyi in HU.

CUCKOOS - Cuculidae: 1

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* — (4) 2 seen, others heard, mostly in HU.

NIGHTJARS - Cuculidae: 1

Eurasian Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus* — (2) 2 and 3 seen in display on 2 evenings at Bugyi.

SWIFTS - Apodidae: 1

Common Swift *Apus apus* — (6) Several parties of dozens each seen, mostly in AU.

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES - Rallidae: 2

Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* — (6) A couple seen, several others heard, mostly in HU.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* — (5) Around 30 seen, mostly in HU.

STILTS AND AVOCETS - Recurvirostridae: 2

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* — (5) Dozens seen, mostly at Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* — (2) Around 10 seen around Apaj in HU.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS - Charadriidae: 2

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* — (7) Dozens seen, on wetlands and farmlands in both countries.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* — (1) 5 seen on day 6 near Illmitz in AU.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES - Scolopacidae: 8

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* — (3) About 10 seen, mostly at Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* — (1) 2 seen on day 5 at Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax* — (5) Small passage flocks seen in both countries.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* — (2) Two sightings in HU, at Lake Fertő and near Apaj.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* — (1) One sighting on day 6 at Tadten.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* — (1) One on day 8 near Apaj HU.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* — (4) Small passage flocks seen, mostly around Illmitz.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* — (2) Around 10 seen in the Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU area.

GULLS AND TERNS - Laridae: 7

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* — (6) Locally common around wetlands in both countries.

Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus* — (2) Up to 100 on days 7 and 8 in the Kiskunság in HU.

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis* — (1) A few seen on day 6 in the Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU area.

Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans* — (1) A few seen in the Kiskunság region in HU on day 8.

Black Tern *Chlidonias nigra* — (2) A couple seen on day 6 in the Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU area.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* — (5) Small parties seen on wetlands in both countries.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* — (3) Locally common at wetlands in both countries.

STORKS - Ciconiidae: 2

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* — (3) 2 sightings in AU on days 2 and 3 and 1 in HU on day 8.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* — (9) Fairly in lowlands in both countries, many nests seen in settlements.

CORMORANTS - Phalacrocoracidae: 2

Pygmy Cormorant *Microcarbo pygmaeus* — (7) Locally common, seen at wetlands in both countries.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* — (4) Many seen, mostly in HU.

HERONS AND EGRETS - Ardeidae: 7

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* — (1) One seen on day 8 in HU.

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea* — (9) Locally common in both countries.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* — (4) Common on wetlands with reedbeds in HU.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* — (7) Seen on most wetlands in both countries.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* — (3) A few seen in HU.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* — (2) Seen on days 5 and 10 in HU.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* — (1) A few seen on day 9 at Apaj fishponds HU.

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS - Threskiornithidae: 1

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* — (5) Mostly seen in HU.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES - Accipitridae: 7

European Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus* — (2) Single birds seen on the first 2 days in AU.

Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* — (3) About 6 variously aged birds seen over grasslands in both countries.

Eurasian Marsh-Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* — (8) Common around wetlands and farmlands in both countries.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* — (1) A male seen at Taden AU on day 6.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* — (2) Single birds seen on day 4 in AU and day 7 in HU.

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* — (1) 1 adult seen on day 5 near Lake Fertő HU.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* — (10) Common and widespread in both countries.

OWLS - Strigidae: 2

Little Owl *Athene noctua* — (2) Two seen in villages in eastern HU on days 9 and 10

Tawny Owl *Strix aluco* — (1) One seen on day 11 at Noszvaj in HU.

HOOPOES - Upupidae: 1

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* — (5) Several close sightings in HU.

KINGFISHERS - Alcedinidae: 1

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* — (1) One seen on day 8 in HU.

BEE-EATERS - Meropidae: 1

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* — (5) 100s seen, often at colonies in HU.

ROLLERS - Coraciidae: 1

European Roller *Coracias garrulus* — (4) Locally common in the Kiskunság grasslands in HU.

WOODPECKERS - Picidae: 9

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* — (1) One seen on day 8 near Apaj.

Middle-spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocoptes medius* — (2) Seen at Fertőd on day 5 and Bükk Hills on day 11.

White-backed Woodpecker *Dendrocopos leucotos* — (1) Seen well in the Bükk Hills on day 11.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* — (3) Several sightings in both countries.

Syrian Woodpecker *Dendrocopos syriacus* — (1) One seen well in a village in HU on day 7.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dryobates minor* — (H) One heard on day 11 in the Bükk Hills HU.

Gray-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* — (2) One seen in AU on day 3, one heard on day 7 in HU.

Eurasian Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis* — (4) Several sightings, in both countries.

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius* — (2) Seen on day 3 in AU, heard on day 11 in HU.

FALCONS - Falconidae: 4

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* — (12) Common, seen every day, often by roads and in urban areas.

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* — (1) A male seen at Mexikópuszta HU on day 5.

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo* — (3) At least 3 sightings, in both countries.

Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug* — (1) One seen in the Kiskunság region in HU on day 9.

OLD WORLD ORIOLES - Oriolidae: 1

Eurasian Golden-Oriole *Oriolus oriolus* — (6) Many heard, some seen, in both countries but mostly HU.

SHRIKES - Laniidae: 2

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio* — (9) Locally common, particularly in HU.

Lesser Gray Shrike *Lanius minor* — (1) Several seen in the Kiskunság region in HU on day 8.

CROWS AND JAYS - Corvidae: 7

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* — (2) A few seen in HU on days 7 and 11.

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica* — (7) Common, especially in lowlands in HU.

Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* — (3) Locally common in both countries, often in urban areas.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* — (6) Flocks seen in lowland farmland, most in HU.

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* — (4) Only seen in AU, where locally common.

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix* — (10) Common and widespread, particularly in lowlands in HU.

Common Raven *Corvus corax* — (1) Seen on day 5 near Fertőd in HU.

TITS AND CHICKADEES - Paridae: 6

Coal Tit *Pariparus ater* — (2) A couple seen in forests in the Alps on days 2 and 3.

Crested Tit *Lophophanes cristatus* — (2) A couple seen in forests the Alps days 2 and 3.

Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris* — (2) Seen in the pre-Alps on day 1 and in the Bükk Hills on day 11.

Willow Tit *Poecile palustris* — (1) Seen on day 2 in the Alps.

Eurasian Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus* — (4) Scattered sightings, in both countries.

Great Tit *Parus major* — (7) Common and widespread in both countries.

PENDULINE-TITS - Remizidae: 1

Eurasian Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus* — (4) Seen at several wetlands in HU.

LARKS - Alaudidae: 2

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis* — (5) Several seen, often in flight display, in lowland farmland in HU.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata* — (3) Several seen in HU, often at roadsides.

REED WARBLERS - Acrocephalidae: 5

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina* — (H) One heard singing on day 6 but would not show.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* — (4) Scattered sightings, more heard, mostly in HU.

Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris* — (1) One singing and seen briefly on day 6 at Tadtén in AU.

Common Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* — (1) Seen On day 9 at Apaj fishponds HU.

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* — (6) Seen at several wetlands in both countries.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLERS - Locustellidae: 1

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides* — (2) One seen on day 8 at Apaj in HU, others heard.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS - Hirundinidae: 4

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* — (2) Only seen in HU where locally common.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.

Common House-Martin *Delichon urbicum* — (10) Fairly common and widespread, seen throughout.

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* (1) Seen high over cliffs near Hohenberg in AU on day 3.

LEAF WARBLERS - Phylloscopidae: 2

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* — (1) Three seen on day 2 near Traisen.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* — (6) Many heard in AU, seen on 2 days in HU.

LONG-TAILED TITS - Aegithalidae: 1

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus* — (2) Parties of about 10 birds each seen on days 10 and 11 in the Bükk Hills HU.

SYLVIID WARBLERS - Sylviidae: 2

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* — (10) Abundant, widespread, many heard and a few seen.

Barred Warbler *Curruca nisoria* — (1) One seen in the Bükk Hills in HU on day 9.

KINGLETS – Regulidae: 2

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* — (1) One seen in the pre-Alps in AU on day 2.

Common Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla* — (1) One seen in the pre-Alps AU on day 2.

NUTHATCHES - Sittidae: 1

Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* — (3) One in the Alps on day 3, several in the Bükk Hills on days 10 and 11.

TREECREEPERS - Certhiidae: 2

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla* — (1) One in the Bükk Hills HU on day 11.

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla* — (1) One in a park in Noszvaj HU on day 10.

WRENS - Troglodytidae: 1

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* — (3) In the Alps on days 2 and 3, and in Bükk Hills HU on day 11.

STARLINGS AND MYNAS - Sturnidae: 1

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.

THRUSHES - Turdidae: 4

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* — (1) One in the pre-Alps AU on day 2.

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* — (5) Fairly common, particularly in HU.

Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.

Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus* — (1) Seen on day 2 at the top of the chairlift in the Alps.

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS AND CHATS - Muscicapidae: 8

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* — (5) Scattered sightings throughout.

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula* — (4) Many heard, seen on day 11 in the Bükk Hills HU.
Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos* — (H) Heard only, not rare but a skulker.
Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis* — (H) Heard in the Bükk Hills.
Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* — (12) Common and widespread. Seen every day, often in settlements.
Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* — (2) Around 10 in total, in the Kiskunság grasslands in HU.
European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola* — (3) Fairly common in lowland farmland in HU.
Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* — (1) A male seen on day 8 in HU.

ACCENTORS - Prunellidae: 1

Dunnock *Prunella modularis* — (1) Just one seen, a singing bird on day 2 in AU.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS - Passeridae: 2

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day, mostly in settlements.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* — (10) Common and widespread, seen most days.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS - Motacillidae: 4

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* — (1) Seen on day 1, in the pre-alps AU.
Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* — (3) Seen in HU, at Mexikópuszta on day 5 and Apaj on days 8 and 9.
White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.
Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* — (1) Several singing and displaying at the top of the chairlift in the Alps.

FINCHES - Fringillidae: 6

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* — (4) Common, seen and heard in both counties.
Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* — (2) Seen in the Alps on day 3, and on day 11 in the Bükk Hills HU.
Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* — (1) Seen on day 2 in the pre-Alps in AU.
European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris* — (5) Scattered sightings in both countries.
Eurasian Linnet *Linaria cannabina* — (3) Small parties seen in HU on days 5, 6 and 8.
European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.
European Serin *Serinus serinus* — (5) Scattered sightings, mostly in HU, often in villages.

OLD WORLD BUNTINGS - Emberizidae: 4

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra* — (4) Mostly seen in lowland grasslands and farmlands in HU.
Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella* — (5) Singing males seen on days 4 and 10 in HU, others heard.

MAMMALS (7):

Brown Hare *Lepus europaeus* — (8) Fairly common in lowland farmland, particularly in HU.
Eurasian Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris* — (1) One in the pre-Alps AU on day 3.
European Ground Squirrel *Spermophilus citellus* — (1) Several seen on day 5 at Mexikópuszta HU.
(Western) Roe Deer *Capreolus capreolus* — (6) Common in farmland in both countries.
Red Deer *Cervus elaphus* — (1) A hind seen in the Bükk Hills in HU on day 11.
Northern (Alpine) Chamois *Rupicapra rupicapra* — (1) One seen on day 2 from the chairlift in the Alps.
Musk Rat *Ondatra zibethicus* — (1) Two seen near Traisen on day 1. An invasive species.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (5):

Grass Snake *Natrix natrix* — (1) One on day 1 in the pre-Alps.

Slow Worm *Anguis fragilis* — (1) One on day two in the Alps.

European Pond Turtle *Emys orbicularis* (2) Several on days 8 and 9 in waterways near Apaj HU

Marsh Frog *Pelophylax ridibundus* — (5) Common in wetlands in HU.

Edible Frog *Rana esculenta* — (2) Several on days 10 and 11 in the pond at Noszvaj HU.