

Birds, Nature & Culture in the Heart of Europe | Species List

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(#) = Number of days recorded. (H) = heard only, not seen. AU = Austria, HU = Hungary.
For further details on specific species, locations and habitats, please see the tour report.
150 species recorded.

Family, Species Common Name, Scientific Name

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS - Anatidae: 10

Graylag Goose *Anser anser* — (6) Many, often with well-grown young, seen at wetlands in both countries.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* — (3) Fairly common on larger wetlands in both countries.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* — (2) Only seen in the Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU area.

Garganey *Spatula querquedula* — (2) Males seen near Illmitz in AU and at Apaj in HU.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* — (1) A few seen near Illmitz in AU.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.

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

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

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* — (1) Only seen at Apaj fishponds in HU.

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* — (1) Only seen at Apaj fishponds in HU.

PHEASANTS, PARTRIDGES, AND ALLIES - Phasianidae: 2

Gray Partridge *Perdix perdix* — (2) Two seen near Illmitz in AU and heard near Apaj in HU.

Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* — (6) Scattered sightings, usually males, in both countries.

GREBES - Podicipedidae: 1

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* — (1) Only seen on gravel pits near Bugyi in HU.

PIGEONS AND DOVES - Columbidae: 5

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* — (12) Seen every day, but only feral “domestica” bird.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas* — (3) Heard in forests in AU, and scattered sightings in HU.

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

European Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia turtur* — (6) Scattered sightings, mostly in HU.

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.

BUSTARDS - Otidae: 1

Great Bustard *Otis tarda* — (3) Two seen in flight at Tadtén in AU, 12 on day 8 and 6 on day 9 near Apaj in HU.

CUCKOOS - Cuculidae: 1

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* — (7) A few seen, more heard, in both countries.

SWIFTS - Apodidae: 1

Common Swift *Apus apus* — (7) Scattered sightings in both countries.

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES - Rallidae: 3

Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* — (1) Remarkably, only one sighting, on day 9 near Apaj in HU.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* — (2) Around thirty seen. Only on day 5 in AU and day 9 in HU.

Little Crake *Porzana parva* — (H) One heard from a dense reedbed on day 10 near Szentistván in HU.

THICK-KNEES - Burhinida: 1

Eurasian Thick-knee *Burhinus oediconemus* — (2) A pair near Bugyi in the Kiskunság grasslands in HU on days 8 and 9.

STILTS AND AVOCETS - Recurvirostridae: 2

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* — (3) Locally common on shallow wetlands in both countries.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* — (1) Less than ten on day 5 near Illmitz in AU.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS - Charadriidae: 2

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* — (6) Seen regularly in lowland grasslands and farmlands in both countries.

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

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES - Scolopacidae: 7

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* — (4) Circa 20, seen in both countries.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* — (2) Less than ten in total, on day 5 in AU and day 9 in HU.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax* — (1) Four breeding plumage males near Illmitz in AU on day 5.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* — (3) Single birds at wetlands in both AU and HU.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* — (1) Two in breeding plumage at Mexikópuszta in HU on day 6.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* — (1) About six seen on day 9 near Apaj in HU.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* — (3) Scattered sightings in both countries.

GULLS AND TERNS - Laridae: 6

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* — (5) Locally common in lowlands in both countries.

Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus* — (2) 100s on days 8 and 9 in the Kiskunság in HU.

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis* — (2) Several on days 5-6 in the Lake Neusiedl AU/Lake Fertő HU area.

Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans* — (1) Several in the Kiskunság region in HU on day 9.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* — (1) About 10 seen at the Apaj fishponds in HU on day 9.

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

STORKS - Ciconiidae: 2

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* — (4) Scattered sightings, usually of single birds, in both countries.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* — (6) Locally common in lowlands in both countries, often nesting in settlements.

CORMORANTS - Phalacrocoracidae: 2

Pygmy Cormorant *Microcarbo pygmaeus* — (3) Seen on days 5-6 at Lake Neusiedl AU and day 9 at Apaj ponds HU.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* — (3) Two on day 5 at Lake Neusiedl AU, more in HU on days 7 and 9.

HERONS AND EGRETS - Ardeidae: 6

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea* — (7) Locally common in both countries.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* — (2) Locally common on wetlands with reedbeds around Apaj in HU.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* — (7) Locally common in lowlands with wetlands in both countries.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* — (2) Seen on day 6 at Mexikópuszta and day 9 at Apaj fishponds HU.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* — (1) Only seen on day 9 at Apaj fishponds HU.

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

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS - Threskiornithidae: 1

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* — (3) Seen on days 5-6 at Lake Neusiedl AU/Fertő HU and day 9 at Apaj HU.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES - Accipitridae: 8

European Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus* — (3) Single birds seen in the pre-Alps in AU.

Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* — (3) A total of 8 seen, immatures and adults, in lowlands in both countries.

Eurasian Marsh-Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* — (7) Locally common in lowlands with wetlands in both countries.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* — (2) A male at Tadten AU on day 6 and several in the Kiskunság in HU on day 8. **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus* — (2) Single birds seen on day 2 in AU and day 7 in HU.

White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* — (2) Around four individuals seen on days 8 and 9 in the Kiskunság in HU.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* — (11) Common and widespread in both countries.

Short-toed Snake Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* (1) One seen on day 5 at Fertőd in HU.

OWLS - Strigidae: 2

Little Owl *Athene noctua* — (1) One seen on day 8 on a farm building in the Kiskunság in HU

Tawny Owl *Strix aluco* — (1) One seen briefly during the day in a forest near Lehenrotte in AU on day 2.

HOOPOES - Upupidae: 1

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* — (5) Scattered sightings in both countries.

BEE-EATERS - Meropidae: 1

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* — (6) 100s seen as locally common in HU.

ROLLERS - Coraciidae: 1

European Roller *Coracias garrulus* — (2) Locally common in the Kiskunság grasslands in HU.

WOODPECKERS - Picidae: 8

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* — (2) One heard on day 10 and two seen on day 11 in the Bükk Hills in HU.

Middle-spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocoptes medius* — (4) Seen at several sites in HU, particularly in the Bükk Hills

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* — (4) Locally common throughout, some seen and many heard.

Syrian Woodpecker *Dendrocopos syriacus* — (1) A male seen in the village of Szár in HU on day 9.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dryobates minor* — (1) One found in woodland at Ócsa in HU on day 10.

Gray-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* — (2) One at Ochsattal in AU on day 2, others heard in the Bükk Hill in HU.

Eurasian Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis* — (4) A total of 5 seen, others heard, in both countries.

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius* — (3) A total of 6 seen, others heard, in both countries.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS - Falconidae: 4

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* — (10) Locally common throughout, often by roads and in urban areas.

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* — (2) A male at Mexikópuszta on day 6, several near Apaj HU on day 8.

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo* — (1) One flew by at Tadtén AU on day 6.

Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug* — (1) A female seen in the Kiskunság grasslands HU on day 8.

OLD WORLD ORIOLES - Oriolidae: 1

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

SHRIKES - Laniidae: 2

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio* — (8) Locally fairly common, particularly in HU.

Lesser Gray Shrike *Lanius minor* — (3) Only seen in lowlands in HU, mostly in the Kiskunság grasslands.

CROWS AND JAYS - Corvidae: 7

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* — (3) Scattered sightings in both counties.

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

Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* — (9) Locally common in both countries, often in urban areas.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* — (3) Flocks seen in lowland farmland in HU.

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

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix* — (9) Common and widespread, particularly in lowlands in HU.

Common Raven *Corvus corax* — (7) Scattered sightings throughout, mostly in hilly areas.

TITS AND CHICKADEES - Paridae: 5

Coal Tit *Parus ater* — (1) Three seen at Hochkar in AU on day 3.

Crested Tit *Lophophanes cristatus* — (1) One seen near Hohenberg in AU on day 2.

Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris* — (1) Seen in the Bükk Hills in HU on day 11.

Eurasian Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus* — (5) Scattered sightings, in both countries.

Great Tit *Parus major* — (11) Common and widespread, seen throughout.

LARKS - Alaudidae: 3

Wood Lark *Lullula arborea* — (1) Two seen in the Bükk Hills on day 11.

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis* — (3) A few seen in farmland in both countries.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata* — (1) Seen on day 10 in HU, at a rest stop on the M3 highway and near Szentistván.

BEARDED REEDLING – Panuridae: 1

Bearded Reedling *Panurus biarmicus* — (2) Seen in HU, on day 4 at Lake Fertő and day 8 at Apaj fishponds.

REED WARBLERS - Acrocephalidae: 4

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* — (4) Scattered sightings, more heard, at wetlands in both countries.

Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris* — (1) One singing and then seen briefly on day 4 at Lake Fertő in HU.

Common Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* — (2) Seen in HU, on day 4 at Lake Fertő and 8 at Apaj fishponds.

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* — (3) Seen at Tadtén in AU and Lake Fertő, Apaj and Szentistván in HU.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLERS - Locustellidae: 1

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides* — (1) One seen singing on day 9 near Apaj in HU.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS - Hirundinidae: 4

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* — (4) Only seen in HU where locally common.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* — (11) Common and widespread, seen throughout.

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

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* (1) Two seen near Hohenberg in AU on day 2.

LEAF WARBLERS - Phylloscopidae: 2

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* — (1) Three seen on day 4 near Kleinzell in AU.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* — (8) Only seen once, but common and many heard in both countries.

LONG-TAILED TITS - Aegithalidae: 1

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus* — (1) A party of about eight birds seen on day 11 in the Bükk Hills in HU.

SYLVIID WARBLERS - Sylviidae: 3

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* — (12) Very common and widespread. Heard every day, some seen.

Barred Warbler *Curruca nisoria* — (1) Seen in the Bükk Hills in HU on day 10.

Lesser Whitethroat *Curruca curruca* — (H) Surprisingly, only heard, on day 10 near Szentistván in HU.

KINGLETS – Regulidae: 2

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

Common Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla* — (1) One seen well at Hochkar in AU on day 3.

NUTHATCHES - Sittidae: 1

Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* — (4) Only seen in HU, in the Gerecse Hills, Bugyi and in the Bükk Hills.

TREECREEPERS - Certhiidae: 1

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla* — (1) Two seen well in Noszvaj in HU on day 12.

WRENS - Troglodytidae: 1

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* — (2) Curiously, heard but only seen on the last day in the Bükk Hills in HU.

DIPPERS - Cinclidae: 1

White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus* — (1) Seen on day 2 on the River Traisen in AU.

STARLINGS AND MYNAS - Sturnidae: 1

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* — (12) Common and widespread in both countries.

THRUSHES - Turdidae: 2

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* — (8) Fairly common and widespread, but most seen in HU.

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

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS AND CHATS - Muscicapidae: 8

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

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula* — (5) Scattered sightings, more heard, throughout.

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos* — (H) Heard only, not uncommon but a real skulker.

Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis* — (3) Heard on day 2 in AU, seen on days 11 and 12 in the Bükk Hills in HU.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* — (12) Very common and widespread. Seen every day, often in settlements.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* — (2) Only seen in the Kiskunság grasslands in HU.

European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola* — (6) Fairly common in lowland farmlands, most seen in HU.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* — (1) A male seen on day 10 near Szentistván in HU.

ACCENTORS - Prunellidae: 1

Dunnock *Prunella modularis* — (1) Just one seen, a singing bird at Hochkar 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* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS - Motacillidae: 5

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* — (6) Scattered sightings in both countries.

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* — (2) Seen in HU at Mexikópuszta on day 6 and the Kiskunság on day 8.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* — (12) Very common and widespread, seen every day.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* — (H) One heard singing at Ochsattal in AU on day 2.

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* — (1) Several singing and displaying at Hochkar in AU.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS - Fringillidae: 9

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* — (12) Common and widespread, seen and heard every day.

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* — (3) Seen in AU on day 2, and on days 11 and 12 in the Bükk Hills in HU.

Eurasian Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* — (H) Just one heard, at Hochkar in AU.

European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris* — (5) Scattered sightings in both countries.

Eurasian Linnet *Linaria cannabina* — (2) A few seen well in HU on days 9 and 11.

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* — (H) A flock heard flying overheard at Hochkar in AU.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* — (12) Common and widespread, seen every day.
European Serin *Serinus serinus* — (6) Scattered sightings in both countries, usually in villages.
Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus* — (2) Only seen in AU, on day 1 near Ochsattal and day 3 at Hochkar.

OLD WORLD BUNTINGS - Emberizidae: 4

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra* — (5) Mostly seen in lowland grasslands and farmlands in HU.
Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella* — (1) A singing male seen on day 7 in the Gerecse Hills in HU.
Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus* — (1) Only seen on day 9 at Apaj fishponds in HU.
Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia* — (1) A pair seen briefly on day 11 in the Bükk Hills in HU.

MAMMALS

Brown Hare *Lepus europaeus* — (6) Fairly common in lowland farmland, particularly in HU.
European Ground Squirrel *Spermophilus citellus* — (1) Several seen on day 8 in the Kiskunság grasslands in HU.
(Western) Roe Deer *Capreolus capreolus* — (6) Fairly common in farmland in both countries.
Red Deer *Cervus elaphus* — (1) A hind seen in the Bükk Hills in HU on day 11.
Northern Chamois *Rupicapra rupicapra* — (1) One seen at Hochkar in AU on day 3.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Green Toad *Bufo viridis* — (1) One found in the Kiskunság in HU on day 8.
Edible Frog *Rana esculenta* — (1) Several found in the village ponds at Noszvaj in HU on day 11.
Alpine Newt *Ichthyosaura alpestris* — (1) Several found in a water tank at Hochkar in AU on day 3.
European Pond Turtle *Emys orbicularis* (1) Several seen in a canal near Apaj in HU on day 8.

OTHER NOTABLE SPECIES

European Stag Beetle *Lucanus cervus* — (2) Males seen doing display flights in HU on days 7 and 11.
Green Rose Chafer *Cetonia aurata* — (5) Scattered sightings, mostly in HU.
Nine-spotted Moth *Amata phegea* — (2) Common at this time in the Bükk Hills in HU.
Small Tortoiseshell *Aglais urticae* — (1) A few seen on day 11 in the Bükk Hills in HU.
Small White *Pieris rapae* — (2) Common at this time in the Bükk Hills in HU.
Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta* — (3) Common at this time in HU.
Peacock Butterfly *Aglais io* — (1) A few seen on day 11 in the Bükk Hills in HU.