



*Male Three-toed Woodpecker in Transylvania (Dániel Balla)*

## Hungary and Transylvania GT with **SAKERTOURS** 9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

### **Leader: Dániel Balla**

The 11<sup>th</sup> GT run by Sakertours was the first where Slovakia was dropped from the itinerary thus the whole tour got one day shorter than previously. Other than leaving the mountains of Slovakia out from the tour we visited the best birding sites of the Carpathian Basin on this carefully designed tour including the northern parts of the Kiskunság National Park, the Zemplén Hills and the famous Hortobágy National Park in Hungary and the Torockó Valley and Harghita region in Romania's Transylvania.

Although, the tour being one day shorter, this year we managed to record more species than on any previous GT's before and finished the tour with 234 recorded birds in 10 days. Our list includes all 10 possible woodpeckers and 9 owls, while a great variety of waterbirds were added as well.

Highlights of this year's tour were Ferruginous Ducks, Red-necked and Black-necked Grebes, dozens of Pygmy Cormorants, Eastern Imperial Eagle, Long-legged Buzzard, Red-footed Falcons, breeding plumage Curlew and Broad-billed Sandpipers, Temminck's Stints, Wood Sandpipers, Spotted Redshanks, European Rollers, Saker family at their nest, River Warbler and a flock of breeding plumage Eurasian Dotterels in the Hortobágy. The magnificent Great Bustards displaying in the crisp morning light, Little Bittern, Kentish Plover, Eurasian Stone-curlews, Rollers, European Bee-eaters in the Kiskunság National Park. The secretive and scarce White-backed Woodpecker, the huge Black Woodpecker, Grey-headed Woodpecker, Ural Owl, Eurasian Eagle-Owl, Black Stork, European Honey Buzzard and Short-toed Snake Eagle in the Zemplén Hills. The other side of the border, in Romania we found Common Rock Thrush, an active family of Sombre Tits, singing Ortolan and Rock Buntings in the Torockó Valley. In the higher mountain zones in the Harghita region we found the robust Capercaillie, an actively foraging male Three-toed Woodpecker, a calling Eurasian Pygmy Owl, Crested, Willow and Coal Tits, Eurasian Bullfinch, Spotted Nutcrackers and Water Pipit. We had to drive further away to see the butterfly like Wallcreepers at their breeding site, Common Rosefinch and the skulking Corn Crake in a blooming meadow to end that day with a Boreal (Tengmalm's) Owl at its nest and a roding Woodcock in the last rays of light. Our stay in the Harghita region wouldn't be complete without trying a session in one of the bear hides which was an outstanding highlight of this year's tour again.

## 9<sup>th</sup> May (Thursday)

Meeting in the morning hours a Syrian Woodpecker was a nice surprise to start the tour with in front of an airport hotel. We managed to leave the airport area sooner than planned reaching the first real birding location of the northern areas of Kiskunság National Park in the middle of the day. As we arrived in the heat hazy hours our birding inevitably started with some raptor watching on the observation platforms. Western Marsh Harriers seen everywhere were nice introduction for the upcoming days and spotting the first Eastern Imperial Eagle, White-tailed Eagle and Montagu's Harrier were very welcome. Waiting patiently at a European Ground Squirrel colony was with a Saker pair and a lucky find Lesser Spotted Eagle showing well perched on a nearby bush. Other more common but always delighting species were seen nicely such as Red-backed Shrike, Lesser Grey Shrike, European Bee-eater and European Roller. A visit in the afternoon to the wetlands boosted our list with Eurasian Spoonbill, Red-crested Pochard, Temminck's Stint, Spitted Redshank, White-winged, Black and Whiskered Terns to name just a few.

A short birding session after dinner where European Nightjar was seen well was welcome by everyone.



*The colourful European Bee-eaters were seen well in the Kiskunság National Park (Dániel Balla)*

## 10<sup>th</sup> May (Friday)

Early morning, we headed out to yesterday's area and were lucky to find the Great Bustards in the crisp morning lights in their full foam display, some performing a close distance to us. Our next stop was checking on the local pair of Eurasian Stone-curlews which were showing well for us. The wetlands had distant Kentish Plovers for us but the morning lights were enabling us to see them.

Returning for breakfast and check out and we were heading towards the Zemplén Hills with a short detour to the Nagykunság area where smart looking Collared Pratincoles were our main target which we found easily thanks to the help of Ádám, the local ranger. The Pratincole site gave the first real good views of Ferruginous Duck and had nice male Garganey as well.

We arrived to the foothills of the Zemplén in the early afternoon and met Zoli, our local guide here. Our first attempt seeing the local Short-toed Eagle pair failed and we only had some supporting cast present such as Linnets or European Turtle Dove. The nearby wetlands were visited for the rest of the day, where two Short-toed Eagles were welcoming us explaining why they were not seen on the previous location. The first bird welcoming us at the reedbed became a nice Penduline Tit. With some patience we found Moustached Warbler, Bearded Reedling and the skulking Little Crake was seen by everyone of us. Checking a nearby location with a singing Bluethroat and a Common Grasshopper Warbler before we headed towards our hotel seeing a Little Owl on the way as the last bird for the day.



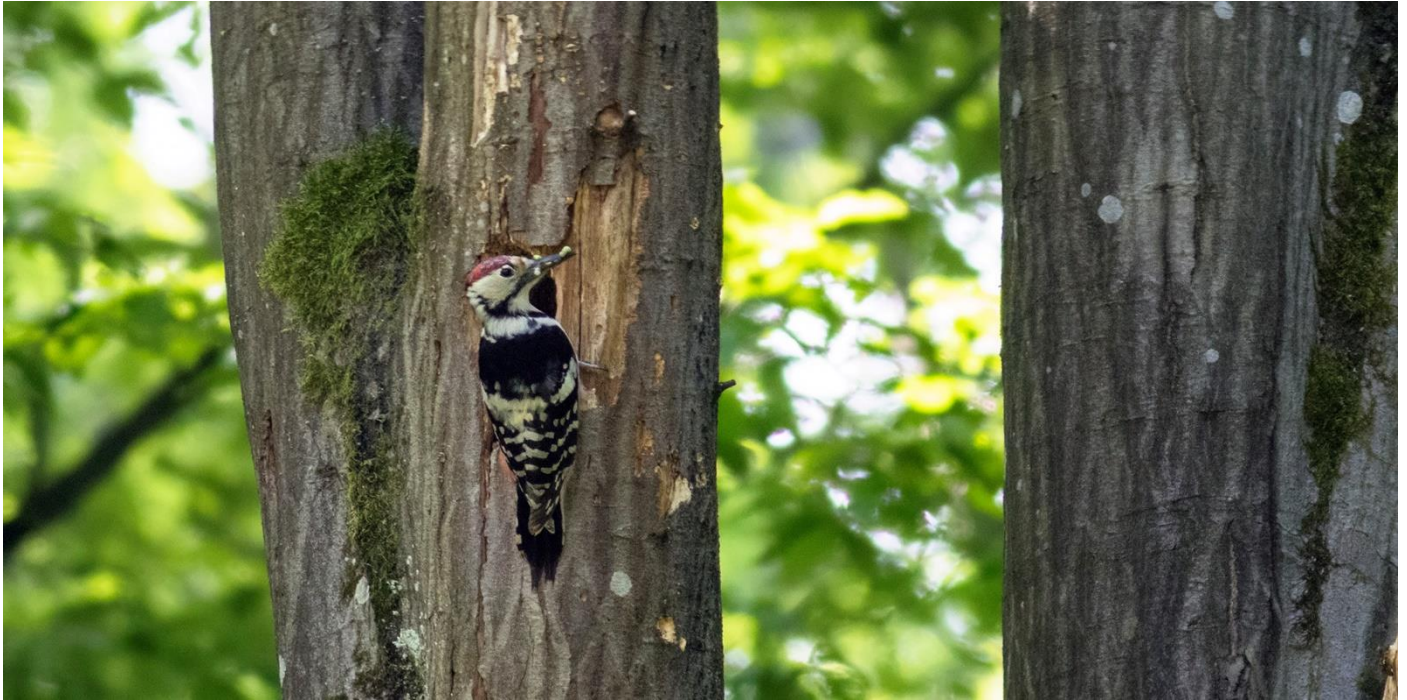
*Displaying Great Bustard, Collared Pratincole and Ural Owl all seen well (Dániel Balla)*

### 11<sup>th</sup> May (Saturday)

After a prebreakfast birding where some more common birds were seen we left our hotel and drove to one of the eastern valleys of the Zemplén Hills together with Zoli. Stepping out from the bus a loud calling Wryneck was welcoming us soon everyone enjoying scope views of both birds of the pair. Trekking into the forest our main target was White-backed Woodpecker, the rarest of Hungary's breeding woodpeckers. Fortunately, Zoli knew a breeding hole, thus it took only some of our patience and we saw the birds turning up to feed the chicks. While waiting a close by Grey-headed Woodpecker and a more distant Black Woodpecker was calling, trying to distract us. Heading back, we checked a nesting box which had an incubating Tawny Owl inside visible through the mirror attached on the top.

We still had some time from the morning to spend with birding, so we trekked up another valley to check one of the Ural Owl territories. Lucky enough, we found the female bird soon after reaching the site. Not walking far from the Owl, we tried for Grey-headed Woodpecker with success and also collected Middle Spotted Woodpecker on the way back to our vehicle.

After a well-deserved lunch break, we took off to a nearby quarry where the local Eurasian Eagle-Owl chicks were spotted soon under the wall and the male soon after was also in our scopes, hiding behind a bush. During a short walk on a paved road in a nice valley we collected some more common birds such as Eurasian Wren and Collared Flycatcher. As the last site for the day, we checked a gully where we found a broken stump with two Tawny Owl chicks sitting on the top before we had great views of the local Black Woodpecker flying around us. The day ended in wine tasting in one of the local wineries of the famous Tokaj region.



*Male White-backed Woodpecker at the nest hole in the Zemplén Hills (Dániel Balla)*

## **12<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday)**

A rapid visit to the woods beside the hotel we had another impressive Black Woodpecker before breakfast. Meeting Zoli he took us for some raptor watching which initiated with a displaying Lesser Spotted Eagle pair. The next hour we spent together with Short-toed Eagles, Black Stork a singing Barred Warbler to finally spot European Honey Buzzard coming above the nearby hills.

We left the Zemplén Hills and started descending to the Hortobágy region stopping in the forest near Debrecen. A nice walk under the canopy of the giant oaks we found Short-toed Treecreeper, Middle Spotted Woodpecker and a family of Marsh Tits amongst some more common species.

We arrived to our Lodge in the Hortobágy in the middle of the day where a Syrian Woodpecker welcomed us immediately.

After a short break we drove to the nearby puszta, where a colony of Red-footed Falcons were the main attraction while waiting for Long-legged Buzzard which did not turn up this time. Later in the afternoon we took our bus to the Tisza River, where our main target was to get the River Warbler in the dense vegetation which we heard first and seen well soon after.

The rest of the day we spent with exploring the wetland from the Lodge's terrace which ended up enjoying great views of Ferruginous Ducks, Common Pochards, a lonely male Northern Pintail a few Black-necked Grebes and hundreds of Greylag Geese complemented with two Greater White-fronted Goose while a lovely Whiskered Tern, Common Terns and later on a flock of Little Gulls were nice to see. Shorebirds were plenty around with the breeding Pied Avocets, Black-winged Stilts and Common Redshanks loudly defending their

territories while Wood Sandpipers, Temminck's Stints, Common Greenshank and a surprise Red-necked Phalarope are only on passage here.

### 13<sup>th</sup> May (Monday)

Early morning, we drove to check an active nest of Saker. The morning lights gave us an excellent opportunity to enjoy the female feeding her four chicks a fresh kill while the male was guarding from a close pylon. On the way back we stopped at the bank of a canal and seen a nice Common Nightingale well.

For the rest of the morning, we teamed up with János and using 4x4s we were heading into the centre of the Hortobágy National Park to check one of the best wetlands of the area. Arriving at the site we found a flock of Dunlins feeding close and after a careful investigation we found Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper and breeding plumage Broad-billed Sandpipers amongst them. Some migrating Common Ringed Plovers and the breeding Little Ringed Plovers were comparable, while we had even better views of Pied Avocets and very tame Temminck's Stints. Driving further inside the area we reached a more vegetated wetland section where we lined up and started walking on the edge and flushed Red-throated Pipits, Common Snipes and our wished target, a Great Snipe.



*Great Snipe, Saker and Broad-billed Sandpipers all seen in the Hortobágy (Dániel Balla)*

Before lunch we tried again to see the Long-legged Buzzard but failed again, fortunately Red-footed Falcons never disappoint.

After a nice lunch in the famous Inn of Hortobágy we met the local ranger and checked the breeding Barn Owl before heading to the main fishpond system in the heart of the national park. Checking the best ponds, we easily found Red-necked Grebes, Black-necked Grebes, Eurasian Spoonbills, dozens of Pygmy Cormorants and Ferruginous Ducks. A restored pond with some muddy surface had goon numbers of shorebirds including a surprise flock of four Ruddy Turnstones and a bonus Caspian tern which turned out to be a write in for this tour's checklist. Before turning back to the lodge, we decided to check another fishpond system where a drained pond had a busy mudflat for us. Another Turnstone, more Curlew Sandpipers, Dunlins, one more Broad-billed Sandpiper, Eurasian Whimbrel and Grey Plover were all in a fantastic sight in the best-light-hour of the day.

### 14<sup>th</sup> May (Tuesday)

We were leaving the endless landscape of the Hortobágy behind with a last try on the Long-legged Buzzard in the morning – finally the bird showing itself very well. Just before leaving the region, we got fresh news about a flock of Eurasian Dotterels just found only some 20 minutes' drive from where we just stopped. It was not a question if we are trying our luck to find them and soon, we were admiring a flock of the spectacular breeding plumed Dotterels only from a few meters distance.

Heading towards Transylvania after crossing the border to Romania we stopped to check the reservoirs on the way where the local Ortolan Buntings were showing well, a scarce Osprey was spotted and a mega surprise was a Great White Pelican – a real vagrant in the Carpathian Basin and a great addition to our growing bird list.

We arrived to the Torockó Valley in the late afternoon in time to check a few hotspots. We luckily found Eurasian Crag Martins and a Peregrine at the gorge and some lovely singing Marsh Warblers at a reedbed. After dinner Eurasian Scops Owl was easily seen but only a distant Corn Crake was heard here.



*A flock of fantastic Eurasian Dotterels in the Hortobágy (Dániel Balla)*

## 15<sup>th</sup> May (Wednesday)

Early morning, we were trekking up to the bottom of the Székelykő mountain and enjoyed the breath-taking scenery while birding the habitat. Luckily, we managed to spot a singing Common (Rufous-tailed) Rock Thrush with the telescope, Alpine Swifts above the mountain and some distant Rock Buntings before we heard a Sombre Tit family which we found easily following their calls. We got back for breakfast and headed to yesterday's gorge again where Red-rumped Swallows were complementing the Crag Martins, a Golden Eagle soared out for a few seconds and we managed to see three Grey Partridge.

While leaving the area we stopped to check a singing Rock Bunting, this time from a proper distance to enjoy the species as we should.

We drove towards our next base in the Hargita region and stopped on the way for a Lesser Grey and a Great Grey Shrike near the road before checking if the localised Thrush Nightingales are back – luckily, we managed to see one skulking in the dense undergrowth but coming up on a larger tree sometimes.



*Sombre Tit was a highlight of the Torockó Valley (Dániel Balla)*

## 16<sup>th</sup> May (Thursday)

We were excitedly driving up to the Hargita mountain in the morning but failed to see Capercaillie the easy way, but we bumped into a male Brown Bear on the way up to start the day. At the top we found a few Ring Ouzels of the scaly breasted *alpestris* race, Mistle Thrush, Tree Pipits, a nice Bullfinch, Common and Black Redstarts and had a Spotted Nutcracker crossing above us before heading into a trail on the side of the mountain. An easy walk in the peak of bird activity we easily found Crested, Willow and Coal Tits, Dunnocks, Goldcrests and Firecrests, when reaching a hotspot for Capercaillies where we only managed to flush a female which was gone before we could have a good look at her. Fortunately, we heard a woodpecker tapping which was worth to investigate and soon we were admiring a male Three-toed Woodpecker busily working on a spruce stump. We could get extremely close to the feeding bird without disturbing him and observed it for several

minutes before it flew away. Just before we were about to leave a Eurasian Pygmy Owl responded and perched above us. On the way back to the bus we bumped into a pair of Nutcrackers along the trail.

After a brunch back in our accommodation we drove up to another mountain nearby and luckily spotted an immature male Capercaillie feeding along the track in front of us. On the way down we got the song of Red-breasted Flycatcher from our vehicle so after parking we tracked down first an immature male with buffy throat then another singing bird which had a proper red throat (and a pair as well).

A short visit to a hillside with nice oak woods we found a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker before we 'had an appointment' with the bears at a hide, which was spectacular as always. We saw seven different individuals in two hours putting on a great 'show' for us.



*Boreal (Tengmalm's) Owl, Eurasian Pygmy Owl and the lovely Spotted Nutcracker (Dániel Balla)*

### 17<sup>th</sup> May (Friday)

The quite strong wind in the morning was disappointing and made us afraid that it might ruin our birding during the whole day. Our try on Hazel Grouse seemed hopeless in this weather and we did give up soon seeing nothing at all. We headed towards the Békás Gorge in hope of seeing one of the best birds in the region, the Wallcreeper. Fortunately, circumstances were much better here and we had our first sighting soon after getting out from our vehicle. While we couldn't get enough of breeding plumage Wallcreepers we had great views of low-flying Alpine Swifts and Crag Martins and a White-throated Dipper family in the stream along the road. After lunch we took a short visit in the Gyergyó Basin where we tracked down Common Rosefinch, Garden Warbler, Fieldfares and managed to see a Corncrake which species seems to have a bad year in the region.



For the late afternoon we drove to the neighbouring Csík Basin seeing a nice Lesser Spotted Eagle on the way before arriving to our targeted location where we looked up a Tengmalm's (Boreal) Owl at its nesting hole. Waiting until dusk we luckily spotted a roding Eurasian Woodcock to finish the day.



*Common Rosefinch, the all-time-favourite Wallcreeper and male Capercaillie (Dániel Balla)*

### **18<sup>th</sup> May (Saturday)**

A rapid visit to the top of the Hargita mountain for the last time in the morning was rewarding us with a fantastic male Capercaillie. We checked again the Ring Ouzels and managed to find Water Pipit on the top before descending back for breakfast.

We said goodbye to half of our group – who were staying behind as they were joining the Danube Delta and Dobrudja tour – and we headed back to Hungary. We had a few stops to ease the long drive and birded the reservoirs close to the border again, this time finding a Yellow-legged Gull amongst the Caspian Gulls, two Gull-billed Terns, a Caspian Tern, a few dozen Great Crested Grebes, Garganey, Eurasian Wigeon, a Eurasian Oystercatcher, Ruffs, a flock of Black Terns and many more to finish our list in Romania. We arrived back into the Lodge at Balmazújváros in the early evening after a long drive for the Syrian Woodpeckers to greet us again in the car park.



*One of the many encounters with Lesser Spotted Eagle (Dániel Balla)*

### 19<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday)

Our final day of the tour we did a quick round at the entrance of the main fishponds at Hortobágy, where singing Icterine Warblers arrived in the meantime we were in Romania, we managed to find a Western Cattle Egret and went back for a late breakfast to the lodge. After breakfast we said goodbye to our hosts in the lodge and went to check a nest box again - which we found occupied by a pair of Red-footed Falcons few days ago. Fortunately, this time a Long-eared Owl was seen nicely sitting inside being the last bird added to our list. We chose to take the slower way to the airport and included a stop at the Tisza Lake to break the journey before our 10 days long birding in the Carpathian Basin ended.



*Common Cuckoo, Hortobágy National Park (Dániel Balla)*

## TOP5 after voting at the end of the tour:

1. Three-toed Woodpecker
2. Eurasian Pygmy Owl
3. Wallcreeper / Ural Owl
4. Eurasian Dotterel
5. Western Capercaillie



*We saw seven different 'Carpathian' Brown Bears from a hide in Transylvania (Dániel Balla)*

## BIRDS – list of bird species recorded on the 2022 tour

C = Commonly seen, more than 10 individuals

'Numbers' = Actual number seen on the tour

H = Heard only

LO = Leader only

NL = Non-leader

1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	C
2	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	2
3	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	C
4	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	C
5	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	C
6	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	C
7	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	C
8	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	C
9	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	C
10	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	1
11	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	4
12	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	C
13	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	C
14	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	C
15	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	5
16	Western Capercaillie	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	3
17	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	3
18	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	H
19	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	C
20	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1
21	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	8
22	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	C
23	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	C
24	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	5
25	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	C
26	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	C
27	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	H
28	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	1
29	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	C
30	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	5
31	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
32	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	C
33	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	C
34	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	C
35	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	C
36	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1
37	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>	C
38	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	C
39	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1
40	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	6
41	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	5



*The vagrant Great White Pelican was a lucky find on the way to Transylvania (Dániel Balla)*

42	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	6
43	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	4
44	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	2
45	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	4
46	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	C
47	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	4
48	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	3
49	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	C
50	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	1
51	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	C
52	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>	13
53	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	H
54	Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>	1
55	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>	2
56	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	3
57	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	C
58	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	4
59	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	2
60	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	1
61	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	C
62	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	C
63	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	C
64	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	2
65	Eurasian Dotterel	<i>Eudromias morinellus</i>	34
66	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	C
67	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	C
68	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	3
69	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1
70	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	C



*An obliging Temmick's Stint from the Hortobágy (Dániel Balla)*

71	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	C
72	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	5
73	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	C
74	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>	4
75	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	3
76	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	C
77	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	C
78	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	C
79	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	1
80	Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	1
81	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	1
82	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	2
83	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	8
84	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	C
85	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	C
86	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	6
87	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	C
88	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	22
89	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	C
90	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	C
91	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	C
92	Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	1
93	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	C
94	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	1
95	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	2
96	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	2
97	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	C
98	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	C
99	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	C



We had superb views of Eurasian Scops Owl in Transylvania (Dániel Balla)

100	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	C
101	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	C
102	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	2
103	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	C
104	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	C
105	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	C
106	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	C
107	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	2
108	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	2
109	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	4
110	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	3
111	Ural Owl	<i>Strix uralensis</i>	2
112	Eurasian Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>	1
113	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	C
114	Boreal Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>	1
115	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	1
116	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	1
117	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	C
118	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	5
119	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	C
120	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1
121	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	C
122	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	C
123	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	2
124	Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>	1
125	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>	6
126	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>	2
127	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	4
128	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	C



*Middle Spotted Woodpecker was best seen near Debrecen, Hungary (Dániel Balla)*

129	White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>	2
130	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	3
131	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	4
132	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	2
133	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	C
134	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	C
135	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	2
136	Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	8
137	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	2
138	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	C
139	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	C
140	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	2
141	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	C
142	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	C
143	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	C
144	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	3
145	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	C
146	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	C
147	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	C
148	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	C
149	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>	C
150	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	6
151	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>	4
152	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	C
153	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>	5
154	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	C
155	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	C
156	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	4
157	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	C





*Eurasian Crag Martin is easy to see at the right habitats in Transylvania (Dániel Balla)*

158	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	4
159	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	C
160	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	C
161	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	C
162	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	C
163	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	C
164	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	C
165	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	4
166	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	C
167	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	7
168	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	3
169	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	C
170	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	C
171	Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	2
172	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	C
173	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	C
174	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	3
175	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	2
176	Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	1
177	River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	1
178	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	2
179	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	C
180	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	3
181	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	2
182	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	C
183	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	C
184	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	C
185	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	4
186	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	4



*Red-breasted Flycatcher seen in the Hargita region (Dániel Balla)*

187	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	C
188	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	2
189	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	2
190	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	1
191	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	C
192	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	C
193	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	C
194	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	C
195	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	C
196	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	C
197	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	C
198	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	C
199	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	3
200	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	1
201	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	C
202	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	3
203	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	3
204	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	C
205	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	3
206	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	1
207	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	9
208	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	C
209	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	7
210	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	5
211	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	C
212	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	C
213	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	3
214	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	C
215	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	9
216	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	C

217	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	1
218	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	C
219	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	8
220	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	2
221	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	C
222	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	8
223	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	1
224	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	2
225	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	C
226	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	C
227	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	H
228	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	C
229	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	6
230	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	C
231	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	C
232	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	4
233	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	8
234	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	4



Ring Ouzel of the scaly-bellied 'alpestris' race in Transylvania (Dániel Balla)



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