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Ortolan Bunting

Day 1: After everybody arrived we made our way north, with a short stop at Caldarusani Monastery that proved a bit disappointing with nothing particular to remember except the two Grass Snakes in the middle of the road, one dead and the other one barely alive. After the monastery the next stop was for lunch, a nice traditional soup augmented with some sour cream filled us up. After lunch, we continued our way north for another two hours. Close to our overnight hotel, we stopped at the Rasnov Gorge. This proved very successful as without even getting of the car we were greeted by a White-Throated Dipper in the stream on the side of the road. The walk through the gorge was very pleasant in the warm afternoon sunshine first seeing Common Chaffinch and White Wagtail and when close to the upper edge of the Gorge we spotted Eurasian Crag-martin and Common Raven. On the way back, we saw a couple of Common Buzzards and then suddenly a shout of “Wallcreeper!” And there it was showing well for everyone before flying across the road flashing his crimson red wings. With this nice end to the day, we decided that it was nearly dinner time so we departed towards the welcoming Casa Zada to end our day with a nice hot home-cooked dinner followed by a very short but very satisfying list of birds.

Day 2: A short pre-breakfast walk revealed some Coal Tits, Black and Common Redstarts and a couple of Great Spotted Woodpeckers. Breakfast was calling so our stomachs obeyed! First stop after breakfast was Zarnesti Gorge where we spotted another two Wallcreepers and a family of Eurasian Crag-martins and we were escorted by our private guard of Grey Wagtails. Dumbravita Fish ponds had a nice selection of ducks, Great and Little Egrets, Black-crowned Night-heron, Purple and Grey Herons and also a brief Eurasian Hobby and a distant but clear Black Stork. Lunch was followed by some cruising on the Olt River floodplain, where we saw a Lesser Spotted Eagle. After the boat trip, a short visit to Rotbav Fish Ponds gave short but good view of a European Penduline-tit. Our next stop was an orchard in the forest of Mina 1 Mai and this proved good for warblers and a brief Grey-headed Woodpecker. On the way back, we had nice views of a Middle Spotted Woodpecker that finally decided to allow us to see her. Dinner and list in our comfortable accommodation and we prepared for a new day.

Day 3: A short pre-breakfast walk quickly produced a Syrian Woodpecker together with Lesser Whitethroat, a nice singing male Common Redstart and the usual very common Fieldfares. After breakfast, we drove to the scenic town of Sinaia and ascended the hill to the Queens Clearing. En route on the gravel road we had a short stop for Mistle and Song Thrush, Common Treecreeper and Goldcrest. In the Clearing in between alpine spring flowers (*Anemone nemorosa* and *A. ranunculoides*, Crocus, Silla) a bit of birding revealed Meadow Pipit,

Ringed Ouzel and good views of Collared Flycatcher. A distant but clear drumming Black Woodpecker refused to honour us with its presence left us a bit disappointed. We stopped for lunch at a game restaurant and enjoyed a close encounter with a very obliging Red Squirrel that Stuart filmed. Not giving up on Black Woodpecker, we stopped on a forestry road and after a bit of effort we were successful even though it was a quick fly-past. The Black Woodpecker landed nearby and started calling to prove her identity but we couldn't see her. Last stop of the day just after finishing our search for milestones and post boxes was back at the Mina 1 Mai Forest. There was much more activity this time however, with Pied and Spotted Flycatcher, a pair of displaying Lesser Spotted Eagle a nice selection of warblers and tits to keep us on our toes. Feeling that it was time for dinner; we headed back with a final stop for a post box and pictures of Bran Castle.

Day 4: It was a travelling day today so we started very early with a six o'clock breakfast and half past six departure. First stop in Sinaia proved not very successful but the next one en route at Rodeanu Pond revealed Ferruginous Duck, Greylag Goose with goslings and two Spotted Redshanks. Just a couple of kilometres down the road we braked sharply for an Osprey, which was viewed through the sunroof! Making good progress, we had time for a quick snack while birdwatching over the Danube and waiting for the boat to Sfantu Gheorghe. At 14.50 it arrived and we boarded the top deck giving us excellent views over the huge reedbeds around us. Common Kingfisher, Black-crowned Night-heron, White and Dalmatian Pelicans, White-tailed Sea-eagle, a female Northern Goshawk and a Eurasian Hobby not to mention the numerous Western Marsh-harriers made the afternoon delightful. At a quarter to six we moored and we picked the local taxi (a horse drawn cart) to carry our luggage to our accommodation. A nice dinner and a presentation of the delta and then the history lesson of Romania finished the day.

Day 5: After an early breakfast we were on our way in a small boat to explore the delta properly. Along the channels we found pairs of Eurasian Hobbies and had over-flights of large flocks of Great Cormorants, Black-crowned Night-herons and Little Egrets, and a really close and good view of a Common Kingfisher that was kind enough to allow us to take pictures. In the lagoon behind Sahalin Island, hundreds of White Pelicans were fishing and a few scattered Dalmatian Pelicans were doing what it appeared to be the general occupation of all the birds there with the notable exception of a White-tailed Sea-eagle and some Western Marsh-harriers that didn't seem very interested in the fish but more in other birds. We also saw a Carp mating in the shallow warmer waters. When I say Carp, imagine fish at least 10 kg in weight and more than 60cm in length (and that is not a fisherman's story) in water shallow enough for us to see its back. A good variety of terns included Common, Gull billed, Caspian and Sandwich Terns. On the way back in a willow tree we had an excellent opportunity to make a comparison between Great and Pygmy Cormorants and later on one of the side channels we saw Wood Warblers and Willow Warblers and Collared Flycatcher to keep us going till after lunch. After lunch and a short siesta, we departed for a walk around the village. At the beginning it was a bit slow but after seeing a pair of Common Kingfisher courting, we found a large shallow lake full of ducks and waders. Good views of Garganey, Common Teal and Common Shelduck with Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Ruff, Wood and Marsh Sandpipers, Black-tailed Godwit and by far the most common wader, Spotted Redshank, many in summer plumage. We continued our walk to the forest and were rewarded with a nice but tired after its migration, Red-breasted Flycatcher, along with a Spotted Flycatcher. Although that was our first Red-breasted Flycatcher, another four followed but unfortunately none with red breasts. After pointing out the Ant Lion we spotted a Black Woodpecker that was kind enough to offer us proper views this time, with the possibility of taking pictures. A Red-footed Falcon and then later a Eurasian Hobby perched next to the lighthouse made us stop and then we had the chance to admire a Eurasian Hoopoe before Stuart pointed us that he could hear a woodpecker drumming. It proved to be a Syrian Woodpecker and she was also kind enough to give us good views of her drumming on a wooden electricity pole. The evening comprised a nice dinner, the bird log and then football, Liverpool vs Chelsea, in the Champions League. Bird of the day was obviously declared Black Woodpecker.

Day 6: The morning walk took us behind Sfantu Gheorghe village checking the pond we had looked at yesterday but we had no surprises this time. We had further good views of Pied Avocet, Garganey, Ruff and lots of Spotted

Redshanks however. A bit later we walked towards the forest and admired the same Black Woodpecker chiselling out her nest. It was not a good day for passerines because of the strong wind but we were happy with the Black Woodpecker. Along the dyke on our way to the sea, we had very good views of Red-crested Pochard, about six pairs of which were spotted amidst the clumps of grass in the shallow waters. The beach on the Black Sea was a bit disappointing with not many things moving in the wind so we made our way back inland for lunch along the dykes that surrounds the village. On the way, we made a few short stops to admire a Common Moorhen that was a new bird for the trip and for a more serious comparison between Yellow-legged and Caspian Gulls, which luckily were sat, side-by-side on the same log. Half an hour after lunch we took another boat ride into the channels of the delta. Things started slowly with passerines diving into the reeds before we could identify them but then things started to pick up in the best way possible. Firstly, Stuart found a Woodchat Shrike, a rare vagrant here and then a nest of a White-tailed Sea-eagle together with the owner and two other individuals. A female Montague's Harrier circled for a bit giving us time to see it and then we amazingly found another Woodchat Shrike. Ferruginous Ducks rivalled Mallard in numbers this afternoon and also a pair of Bearded Tits (Parrotbills) gave us a quick view. It started to get cloudy but we managed to get home dry before the rain started and took an early dinner.

Day 7: We left early to walk to the ship that took us back to Mahmudia, where we had left our car. On the way we had good views of two White-tailed Sea-eagles, a brief Eurasian Golden Oriole and Glossy Ibis made the trip more than enjoyable. First stop was for breakfast on the way to Celic Dere Monastery. A few stops en route (usually for raptors) revealed a nice light-morph Booted Eagle, Long-legged Buzzard and Common Buzzard. A Common Buzzard was seen mobbing another White-tailed Sea-eagle and the difference in size was evident. Arriving at Celic Dere Monastery, just as we got off the car, we were delighted to discover a pair of Lesser Spotted Eagles displaying and the just below them a Levant Sparrowhawk which made our day. In the woods we had good views of Wood Warbler singing and brief views of Hawfinch and Black Woodpecker repaid our efforts. Enisala was our late lunch stop and whilst a picnic lunch was being prepared, everybody scanned the nearby lake and fishponds. The disadvantage of having lunch in the field is that one cannot have a quite lunch because of some inconsiderate birds, like Short-toed Eagle, who want to disturb you! Eventually arriving at our hotel, we had a nice dinner followed by the bird log and preparing for the next day.

Day 8: The pre-breakfast walk took us to the very scenic Navodari Refinery Ponds that proved really productive. A good number of ducks and some warblers started us off but everything soon got more lively just when we were ready to go to breakfast when, suddenly, a big flock of marsh terns over flew us. Black and White-winged Terns followed by a Little Tern flew close enough for us to touch. We decided to go to delay breakfast until we had our fill of these wonderful birds! After breakfast we departed towards Vadu. First stop brought us a nice collection of waders, then a short stop for a pair of Little Owls and then our first European Roller of the trip on one of the posts. Collared Pratincole, Common Redshank, Marsh and Curlew Sandpiper, Kentish Plover and then more marsh terns and White and Dalmatian Pelicans soon followed. Next stop was Histria where birding started slowly but when we reached the museum surrounded by trees, we found a Long-eared Owl that was kind enough to allow us to take pictures of her. Lunch was taken overlooking the owl tree. On the way to Cheia Dobrogea, short stops revealed Isabelline Wheatear, Eurasian Thick-knee, Tawny Pipit and a nice Long Legged Buzzard. Cheia Dobrogea was the final site for the day and first we found some Northern Wheatears and then an Ortolan Bunting. Pied and (Eastern) Black-eared finally Wheatears were found and also Eurasian Hoopoe and Black Redstart. During dinner, Stuart downloaded his camera on to his laptop ready for a nice slideshow on the last night.

Day 9: A pre-breakfast walk to the Black Sea resulted in a collection of cormorants and gulls. Breakfast and then we were away with a first stop at the Adamclisi Byzantine Citadel where Eurasian Linnet and another Isabelline Wheatear were the highlights. We then made a couple more stops en route for Long-legged Buzzard, Eurasian Hobby and the very common Common Buzzard. Our next stop at Canaraua Fetei proved excellent with a Ruddy Shelduck on the pond at the entrance together with Wood Sandpiper and White Pelicans. A bit later, after seeing a roost of Noctual Bats, we watched Red-rumped Swallows flying overhead at their only nesting site in Southern

Romania. After a picnic lunch, we walked through the forest encountering Hawfinches, which showed well, at least three Great Spotted Woodpeckers and heard a Grey-headed Woodpecker tantalizingly close but we were unable to find it. A short stop on the shore of Lake Bugeac and we found an Osprey perched on top of an electricity post, probably too tired to fly against the northerly wind. On the side of the road we saw two Grey Partridges before we arrived at the ferry crossing at Silistra. Calarasi Fish Ponds proved really good with two new warblers (Great Reed and Sedge) a number of terns. Ferruginous Ducks were mating and marsh terns (Whiskered, Black and White-winged) were everywhere. Arriving at the hotel we ate dinner, completed the bird log, then enjoyed a slideshow given by Stuart on his laptop. A great end to the day.

Day 10: After a very early breakfast, we pressed on to Bucharest to get our plane. We made it in time and we said goodbye after an excellent trip.

Birdlist

The figure in brackets represents the number of days the species was recorded.

1. **Grey Partridge** (*Perdix perdix*) – (2) Seen on two days on the side of the road
2. **Common Pheasant** (*Phasianus colchicus*) – (4) Seen most days with a maximum of 3 in day 3
3. **Greylag Goose** (*Anser anser*) – (6) Seen every day around water all of the Eastern race rubrirostris.
4. **Mute Swan** (*Cygnus olor*) – (6) Common around water
5. **Common Shelduck** (*Tadorna tadorna*) – (4) Not as many as the tour leader expected from previous trip but still seen on 4 days in Dobrogea
6. **Ruddy Shelduck** (*Tadorna ferruginea*) – (1) One day on the small pond at the beginning of Canaraua Fetei
7. **Gadwall** (*Anas strepera*) – (4) Common on lakes up in the mountain and in the lowlands.
8. **Mallard** (*Anas platyrhynchos*) – (8) Widely scattered in wetlands
9. **Garganey** (*Anas querquedula*) – (6) On almost every shallow pond
10. **Northern Shoveler** (*Anas clypeata*) – (4) Widespread in wetland areas
11. **Common Teal** (*Anas crecca*) – (4) Widespread in wetland areas.
12. **Red Crested Pochard** (*Netta rufina*) – (3) Seen around Sf. Gheorghe on the ponds towards the sea three pairs on one pond.
13. **Common Pochard** (*Aythya farina*) – (6) Very common.
14. **Ferrougious Duck** (*Aythya nyroca*) – (4) Good views on Rodeanu Pond 6+ and very common in the Delta.
15. **Little Grebe** (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) – (2) 2 Navodari refinery Pools
16. **Great Crested Grebe** (*Podiceps cristatus*) – (3) Common including Histria, Navodari Refinery, Enisala
17. **Black-necked Grebe** (*Podiceps nigricollis*) – (3) Some on Lake Siutghiol at Mamaia and on the sea.
18. **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – (7) Common and wide spread around bodies of water
19. **Pygmy Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax pygmeus*) – (3) Common in the Delta.
20. **Eurasian Bittern** (*Botaurus stellaris*) – (H) Heard on the Dumbravita Ponds and in the Delta.

21. **White Pelican** (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*) – (6) Large numbers in flocks of 100+ in the Delta and Enisala, Vadu, Histria.
22. **Dalmatian Pelican** (*Pelecanus crispus*) – (6) Seen every day in Dobrogea and Delta, we saw 6 near Sahalin Island
23. **Black-crowned Night-heron** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) – (6) Very common in the Delta.
24. **Squacco Heron** (*Ardeola ralloides*) – (4) Good numbers in the Delta.
25. **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*) – (7) Common and widespread
26. **Great White Egret** (*Ardea alba*) – (6) Widespread
27. **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*) – (8) Widespread in ones and twos.
28. **Purple Heron** (*Ardea purpurea*) – (5) In ones and twos with good numbers in the Delta.
29. **Black Stork** (*Ciconia nigra*) – (1) One seen at Dumbravita Fish Ponds.
30. **White Stork** (*Ciconia ciconia*) – (9) Very common nesting in every village en route
31. **Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) – (2) Seen on two days best numbers from the deck of the ship in the Delta
32. **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*) – (1) One bird in flight en route
33. **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*) – (9) Seen every day
34. **Red-footed Falcon** (*Falco vespertinus*) – (3) Seen in the Delta around the village of Sfantu Gheorghe
35. **Eurasian Hobby** (*Falco subbuteo*) – (7) In ones and twos with more than 24 on day 5 in the willows on the banks of channels
36. **European Honey-buzzard** (*Pernis apivorus*) – (2) Seen 5 over Canaraua Fetei and in Transilvania
37. **White-tailed Sea-eagle** (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) – (3) In the delta good views of them
38. **Osprey** (*Pandion halietus*) – (1) One en route to Tulcea
39. **Short-toed Eagle** (*Circaetus gallicus*) – (1) 1 at Enisala
40. **Western Marsh-harrier** (*Circus aeruginosus*) – (8) Common over marshes and wetlands
41. **Hen Harrier** (*Circus cyaneus*) – (1) One bird in Transilvania
42. **Montague's Harrier** (*Circus pygargus*) – (1) One female in the Delta
43. **Northern Goshawk** (*Accipiter gentilis*) – (1) One female in Transilvania
44. **Levant Sparrowhawk** (*Accipiter brevipes*) – (1) One in the Delta and one over the Celic Dere
45. **Common Buzzard** (*Buteo buteo*) – (7) Seen almost every day also one ssp vulpinus Steppe Buzzard seen
46. **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*) – (3) Seen every day in Dobrogea
47. **Lesser Spotted Eagle** (*Aquila pomarina*) – (3) Twice in Transilvania and one in Dobrogea
48. **Booted Eagle** (*Hieraaetus pennatus*) – (1) One on day 7 en route
49. **Common Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*) – (3) First one in the Delta and then at Vadu and Navodari
50. **Eurasian Coot** (*Fulica atra*) – (7) Numerous on all ponds or lakes.
51. **Eurasian Thick-knee** (*Burhinus oedicephalus*) – (1) One bird in Dobrogea

52. **Black-winged Stilt** (*Himantopus himantopus*) – (3) Around the village of Sf. Gheorghe and Vadu
53. **Pied Avocet** (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) – (3) More than 10 in the Delta and in Dobrogea
54. **Collared Pratincole** (*Glareola pratincola*) – (1) At Vadu in hundreds nesting
55. **Northern Lapwing** (*Vanullus vanellus*) – (6) Common especially in Delta along banks
56. **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*) – (1) At Vadu, and Navodari
57. **Kentish Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) – (1) Most seen at Navodari 3
58. **Black-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa limosa*) – (3) A maximum of more than 30 on day 5
59. **Spotted Redshank** (*Tringa erythropus*) – (6) A maximum of 100 in the Delta on day 5
60. **Common Redshank** (*Tringa tetanus*) – (2) Seen on 8 and heard in the Delta
61. **Marsh Sandpiper** (*Tringa stagnatilis*) – (2) Twice at Vadu with a maximum of 6
62. **Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*) – (2) A maximum of 6 in the Delta but also in Transilvania
63. **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*) – (3) At Vadu and in the Delta with a maximum of 6
64. **Wood Sandpiper** (*Tringa glareola*) – (3) At Vadu and in the Delta a maximum of 6
65. **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*) – (4) Delta, Navodari and Vadu
66. **Little Stint** (*Calidris minuta*) – (2) At Vadu with a max of 50 on day 8
67. **Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris feruginea*) – (2) Seen at Vadu and Navodari Refinery
68. **Ruff** (*Philomachus pugnax*) – (5) Almost every day with a few hundred at Canaraua Fetei
69. **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*) – (7) Widespread
70. **Caspian Gull** (*Larus cachinnans*) – (7) Common especially in the Delta
71. **Black-headed Gull** (*Larus ridibundus*) – (6) Seen almost every day and often numerous.
72. **Little Gull** (*Larus minutus*) – (2) Seen at Vadu where they are breeding and in the Delta.
73. **Gull-billed Tern** (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) – (1) A couple of birds in a mixed flock in the Delta
74. **Caspian Tern** (*Hydroprogne caspia*) – (1) In the Delta around Sacalin Island
75. **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*) – (1) Sacalin Island at least 50
76. **Whiskered Tern** (*Chlidonias hybrida*) – (6) Common and widespread by far the most common tern
77. **Black Tern** (*Chlidonias niger*) – (2) Seen at Vadu and Navodari Ponds
78. **White-winged Black Tern** (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) – (2) Seen at Navodari Refinery
79. **Common Tern** (*Sterna hirundo*) – (3) Seen almost every day but not as common as whiskered tern
80. **Little Tern** (*Sterna albifrons*) – (1) Navodari Refinery ponds 4 birds
81. **Feral Pigeon** (*Columba livia*) – (7) Widespread, not seen in the Delta

82. Stock Dove (*Columba oenas*) – (3) Seen in Transilvania and in the Delta
83. Common Wood Pigeon (*Columba palumbus*) – (9) Seen every day except for the last day
84. European Turtle-dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) – (2) 2 in Transilvania and 4 in the Delta
85. Eurasian Collared-dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) – (9) Widespread
86. Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) – (3) Seen most of them on the poplar row to Histria and then in the Delta
87. Little Owl (*Athene noctua*) – (1) 1 in the Delta and en route on day 8
88. Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*) – (2) 2 birds at Histria
89. Common Swift (*Apus apus*) – (4) In Transilvania and in Dobrogea
90. European Roller (*Coracias garrulous*) – (2) Seen in Dobrogea
91. Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) – (4) Common in the Delta with a maximum of 20 seen on day 6
92. European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*) – (3) Common all over Dobrogea with good numbers seen on day 7-9
93. Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) – (6) Seen all over Dobrogea and in the Delta around the village of Sf. Gheorghe.
94. Middle Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos medius*) – (1) Seen in Transilvania
95. Syrian Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos syriacus*) – (2) 1 in the Casa Zada grounds and one later in the village of Sf. Gheorghe.
96. Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) – (3) Seen in Transilvania and at Canaraua Fetei
97. Black Woodpecker (*Dryocopus martius*) – (4) Seen in Transilvania and in the Delta with good views of one building a nest near the village of Sf. Gheorghe.
98. Grey-headed Woodpecker (*Picus canus*) – (1) 1 in Transilvania
99. Calandra Lark (*Melanocorypha calandra*) – (1) On day 8 in Dobrogea
100. Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*) – (3) Common in Dobrogea
101. Sky Lark (*Alauda arvensis*) – (4) In Transilvania and forests in Dobrogea
102. Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*) – (1) One on day 7 inland Dobrogea
103. Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*) – (1) On day 3 in Transilvania
104. Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*) – (3) Seen Around Histria and in the Delta. Also seen were Black-headed and Blue-headed races of Yellow Wagtail
105. Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*) – (4) Seen well in the mountains in the streams
106. White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*) – (9) Seen well and common in the delta
107. Citrine Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola*) – (1) Seen well around the village of Sf. Gheorghe on migration
108. Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*) – (3) Seen at Histria in the greatest numbers on day 7
109. Eurasian Crag-martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*) – (2) In the gorges we checked in the mountains
110. Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) – (10) Seen everyday
111. Red Rumped Swallow (*Hirundo daurica*) – (1) At Canaraua Fetei.

112. Northern House Martin (*Delichon urbicum*) – (10) Common in all villages
113. Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) – (1) One seen in the mountains and some heard.
114. White-throated Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*) – (2) Seen on day 1 in the stream along the gorge.
115. European Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) – (3) In the forest areas in Transilvania
116. Thrush Nightingale (*Luscinia luscinia*) – (1) Heard on day 9
117. Common Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*) – (1) Heard on day 9
118. Black Redstart (*Phoenicurus ochruros*) – (3) Seen in the grounds of our accommodation
119. Common Redstart (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*) – (3) Seen in Transilvania and later in the Delta
120. Isabelline Wheatear (*Oenanthe isabellina*) – (2) Seen in inland Dobrogea.
121. Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – (1) Seen every day on mainland Dobrogea.
122. Pied Wheatear (*Oenanthe pleschanka*) – (1) Bird seen on day 8 at Dobrogea Gorge
123. (Eastern) Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica melanoleuca*) – (1) 1 bird at Dobrogea Gorge
124. Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*) – (5) Seen in the mountains and also the lowlands
125. Eurasian Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) – (4) Seen in most forested areas.
126. Ring Ouzel (*Turdus torquatus*) – (1) Seen nearby Sinaia
127. Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*) – (3) Seen every day in the grounds of our accommodation in the mountains.
128. Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) – (3) Seen in most forested areas.
129. Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*) – (1) Seen in the mountains
130. Savi's Warbler (*Locustella luscinioides*) – (6) Common in the Delta heard on 4 days but seen only on two
131. Great Reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*) – (4) The most common warbler and the most obvious
132. Sedge Warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*) – (3) Seen at Canaraua Fetei but heard twice before
133. Eurasian Reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*) – (5) Common in the Delta
134. Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) – (3) Seen in the Delta
135. Common Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*) – (5) Seen in the Delta
136. Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*) – (4) Female up in the mountains and later in the Delta
137. Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca*) – (4) Seen in Transilvania and later in the Delta
138. Common Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*) – (1) 2 birds just outside our accommodation in Transilvania
139. Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*) – (1) Heard in Transilvania
140. Wood Warbler (*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*) – (5) Heard in the mountains and seen in the Delta
141. Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*) – (1) Seen in Transilvania on day 3

142. Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*) – (3) Seen a lot in the Delta
143. Red-breasted Flycatcher (*Ficedulla parva*) – (2) Seen in the Delta on the walks around the village of Sf. Gheorghe.
144. Collared Flycatcher (*Ficedulla albicollis*) – (2) Seen in the mountains and in the lowlands
145. Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedulla hypoleuca*) – (2) Seen in the mountains and in the lowlands
146. Great Tit (*Parus major*) – (8) Common and widespread
147. Eurasian Blue Tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*) – (4) In the mountains and in the Delta
148. European Penduline-tit (*Remiz pendulinus*) – (2) One bird at Rotbav fishponds and then heard in the Delta
149. Long-tailed Tit (*Aegithalos caudatus*) – (3) Heard and seen in the Delta
150. Marsh Tit (*Parus palustris*) – (2) In the mountains
151. Willow Tit (*Parus montanus*) – (3) Up in the mountains common around our accommodation
152. Coal Tit (*Parus ater*) – (2) Common in the mountains
153. Bearded Tit (*Panurus biarmicus*) – (3) A flock of 12+ at Vadu and then in different locations in the Delta
154. Eurasian Nuthatch (*Sitta europea*) – (1) Heard at Canaraua Fetei
155. Wallcreeper (*Tichodroma muraria*) – (2) Seen in both gorges we visited
156. Common Treecreeper (*Certhia familiaris*) – (1) Seen on day 3 in the forest in Transilvania
157. Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*) – (1) Seen two different birds on day 6 in the Delta
158. Eurasian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*) – (4) One in flight in the Delta
159. Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) – (4) In the forested areas
160. Eurasian Magpie (*Pica pica*) – (10) Widespread and common
161. Eurasian Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*) – (10) Widespread all birds checked were of the silvery collared form Soemmerringii.
162. Rook (*Corvus frugilegus*) – (10) Widespread but not in the Delta there were birds only around the SF gheorghe village
163. Hooded Crow (*Corvus cornix*) – (10) Widespread in small numbers
164. Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) – (4) Seen regularly in the mountains
165. Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) – (10) Common and widespread
166. House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) – (10) Widespread, particularly numerous around towns
167. Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*) – (1) A flock of at least 12 nearby Histria
168. Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*) – (8) Common outside towns
169. Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*) – (7) Very common in forested areas
170. European Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*) – (4) Seen on day 2, 3 in the mountains then in the delta and in Dobrogea
171. European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) – (9) Seen almost every day including the Delta
172. Eurasian Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*) – (1) Seen at Adamclisi on day 9.

173. **Common Crossbill** (*Loxia curvirostra*) – (1) Seen around Sinaia.
174. **Hawfinch** (*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*) – (2) In the Delta briefly and then at Canaraua Fetei on day 9
175. **Yellowhammer** (*Emberiza citronella*) – (1) One bird at Dumbravita Fish Ponds
176. **Corn Bunting** (*Emberiza calandra*) – (3) On wires on day 7,8,9
177. **Ortolan Bunting** (*Emberiza hortulana*) – (1) Seen on day 8 at Cheia Dobrogea
178. **Common Reed Bunting** (*Emberiza schoeniclus*) – (2) Seen in Transilvania and at Vadu

Amphibians

Eastern Spadefoot Toad
Yellow Bellied Toad
Marsh Frog
Edible Frog
Green Frog

Reptiles

Grass Snake
Sand Lizard

Mammals

Roe Deer
Wood Mouse
Red Squirrel
Otter
Muskrat
European Souslik
Brown Hare