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Pygmy Cormorant

Day 1: After everybody arrived we made our way north towards Casa Zada, our accommodation for the next three nights. A good tasty home cooked dinner accompanied by the local wine and some of the local palinca (homemade apple brandy – quite potent) we were ready for the next day.

Day 2: A short pre-breakfast walk revealed some Blue and Great Tits, Black and Common Redstarts and a Great Spotted Woodpecker. Breakfast was calling to our stomachs so we obeyed! First stop after breakfast was a gorge where we spotted first a Eurasian Sparrowhawk and some fantastic views of Goldcrest coming next to us before taking a picnic lunch in an orchard. In this mixed habitat we found Yellowhammer followed by Common Chiffchaff and Great and Middle Spotted Woodpeckers. Raptors were represented by Common Kestrel and Common Buzzard. On the way to our next gorge we stopped for a coffee and Jennifer spotted our first Lesser Spotted Eagle. From this moment things started to move finding on the way large numbers of Ring Ouzels, Mistle and Song Thrushes not to mention the Fieldfares and Willow Tits and a pair of Grey-headed Woodpeckers that offered some great views in perfect light. With Eurasian Crag-martins and Common Ravens above us, we headed back to do our bird list and then to our dinner and beds.

Day 3: A short pre-breakfast walk produced a White-throated Dipper and Syrian Woodpecker, a nice singing male Common Redstart and the usual very-common Fieldfares. After breakfast we drove back to one of the gorges, and by the time it took Tudor to turn the car Brian got most of us on a Wallcreeper that led us to a second one so now we had a pair to follow. After this very good start we drove to the fishponds nearby and as well as all the waterbirds, we found a very tame Osprey that stayed on its perch for a very long time. Unfortunately, we got our car stuck in the mud and a 4x4 drive vehicle sent to rescue us also suffered the same fate! Fortunately a tractor was brought in to save the day. A short drive to Poiana Brasov was unproductive but on the way back, Brian shouted BLOB in the tree! After a bit of backing up there it was, close to the road, a superb Ural Owl. A quick soup back at our accommodation and for some of us it was bear time. With a gamekeeper as guide we quietly walked to an observatory and after about a one-hour wait a wild boar appeared and we didn't have to wait much longer before two Brown Bears also put in an appearance. After the arrival of a third bear, we decided that it was time for dinner so we made our way back to the hotel for dinner and to do the bird list and now a mammal list as well!

Day 4: It was a travelling day today so we started very early with a quarter to six breakfast and a half past six departure. First stop at Rodeanu Pond revealed Common Pochard, Greylag Goose, good numbers of Pied Avocets, Ruffs and Eurasian Spoonbills. We arrived in good time in Tulcea and boarded the boat for Crisan

in the delta. The fast boat was quite full because everybody was going to the delta for Easter but it got us to Crisan quickly so we could check into our accommodation for lunch. In the afternoon, we took a short walk behind the village and had a very good selection of waders that included Common Greenshank, Spotted Redshank, Black-winged Stilts, Black-tailed Godwits and lots of Garganey and Greylag Geese. That concluded the birding day so we returned to the hotel for a wash and change followed by a nice dinner and a decent bird list for a travelling day.

Day 5: The morning walk took us again at the pools behind the village this time with the sun behind us so we had some stunning views of Wood Sandpiper, Eurasian Hoopoe, Glossy Ibis and all the other lovely birds that we had the day before. After breakfast we took a small boat to explore the delta properly. After passing through the choppy water of the first lake we stopped in a small inlet and almost immediately found a nest of a pair of Eurasian Penduline-tits under construction. They were not bothered by our presence so we stayed and watched them for a while until we decided that they are doing a good enough job without our help! We continued across the lake only to be mobbed by hundreds of Little Gulls resplendent in their beautiful breeding plumage. Next, we managed to get stuck in the mud but fortunately, managed to get the boat out quicker than the car! Soon after this bit of excitement and at the entrance to one of the main channels, two Dalmatian Pelicans and a White-tailed Eagle decided that the thermals were good enough for the three of them to take off. The maze of small channels and small and large lakes eventually took us back for a late lunch and after a short break, we were out again for a stroll around the village. Unfortunately, this was not so productive if we do not count the frog concerto with literally millions of them, including Fire-bellied Toads, accompanying us. We headed back to the hotel for dinner and a very handsome bird list to end the day.

Day 6: No morning walk but immediately after breakfast, we got in the boat and spent the morning north of the village on the channels of the Danube Delta. From the beginning things were looking good with Common Kingfishers crossing the channel in front of us, Grey-headed Woodpecker showing well and then a Lesser Whitethroat. Along the Bogdaproste Channel we had very good views of Ferruginous Duck whilst Eurasian Hobbies were displaying and a Hen Harrier past just above our heads before returning just to confirm our ID! A short stop revealed another pair of European Penduline-tits building a nest and then we felt like we were being attacked by heavy bombers when a flock of about 35 White Pelicans flew very low over us! A bit later, on the Old Danube, a pair of Black Woodpeckers showed well and then the male started drumming and another one replied from afar. After lunch and a short siesta, we made another short trip in a rowing boat to enjoy the silence and go into the very small channels between the reedbeds. The highlights of the trip were some stunning views of Bearded Reedling and of a male Montagu's Harrier. As the sun was getting lower and our stomachs awakening, we headed back to the hotel where dinner was waiting. Dinner with a delicious catfish main meal concluded a very satisfying day.

Day 7: We started early with the walk to catch the boat to take us back to Tulcea where we left our car. On the journey we had a White-tailed Eagle, a couple of Red-crested Pochard and a very close flyby of a Grey-headed Woodpecker making the voyage very enjoyable. After loading the vehicle we made a short stop by a lake, where we found Northern Wheatears, before heading towards a planned stop in the forest. Unfortunately, as it was Easter Sunday, there were a lot of noisy locals with loud music and BBQs so birding was difficult. The forest did give us some really good views of Eurasian Nuthatch and Long-tailed Tit (white-headed race). After lunch we headed to the village of Enisala and its citadel seeing our first European Turtle-dove and a controversial Tree Pipit. We then headed to our accommodation and on the way we had some Calandra and Short-toed Larks. After we settled in, we 'sea watched' from our balconies seeing about 1000 White Pelicans drifting past together with Eurasian Spoonbill in just 10 minutes of watching. After dinner and a good list we were ready for the next day.

Day 8: The pre-breakfast walk took us to the scenic Navodari Refinery Ponds that proved really productive. Good numbers of ducks, plus Common, Sandwich, Black and White-winged Terns, and Savi's Warbler reeling in the distance all before breakfast. After breakfast we departed towards Vadu where the first stop en-route brought us a Yellow Wagtail, Whinchat and lots of Calandra Larks. The next stop was for waders and we had more waders here than all previous days put together; Masses of Ruffs, Collared Pratincoles, Spotted Redshanks, Kentish Plovers, Little and Temminck's Stints and very good looks at two Dalmatian Pelicans.

Then we found warblers including Eastern Olivaceous, Paddyfield and Sedge all in the same spot. A bit later a bush proved equally productive with Willow Warbler and a female Red-breasted Flycatcher before we had to leave for Histria. At Histria it started slowly although hundreds of Ruffs feeding frenzy was entertaining. We eventually reached the museum and one of the trees revealed a Collared Flycatcher and Common Chiffchaff. After lunch overlooking the lowlands, we were ready to continue on towards Cheia Dobrogea. Short stops on the way gave us Isabelline Wheatear, Tawny Pipit, very good views of Calandra Lark and a Long-legged Buzzard. Cheia Dobrogea was the final site for the day and we had some stunning views of a Hawfinch that stayed and showed very well. After checking into the hotel, we again 'sea watched' finding lots of Great Crested and Black-necked Grebe with a surprise in the shape of Harbour Porpoises that were swimming in the same area. After a long tiring day, we went for dinner and the customary bird log.

Day 9: A pre-breakfast walk to the Black Sea resulted in a collection of cormorants, gulls and Eurasian Oystercatcher on the beach, Great Crested and Black-necked Grebe on the sea and in the bushes we found various warblers and at least four Ortolan Buntings. After breakfast we were away with the first stop at the Adamclisi Byzantine Citadel. Here, on the top, we found Northern Wheatears and lots of Corn Buntings followed by really good views of Red-breasted Flycatcher. The highlight however, was a Long-eared Owl being mobbed by lots of Eurasian Magpies. A couple of further stops were made en route where we found Long-legged Buzzard, Eurasian Hobby, the common Common Buzzard and the scarcer 'Steppe' Buzzard. Canaraua Fetei proved excellent; we found on the pond a lot of Ruddy Shelducks and a very good collection of waders and terns while we were tucking in our lunch. A bit later, after seeing a roost of bats, we watched some Red-rumped Swallows before we headed into the forest. Common Adder was seen, then after chasing some pheasants, we had some really good views of Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and then Middle Spotted Woodpecker briefly but well and then some beautiful Peacock butterflies. A ferry crossing and a few stops at pools by the side of the road added Dunlin, Curlew Sandpiper and a male Northern Pintail. Feeling tired by now we headed back to the hotel for dinner, the bird list and definitely a bottle of wine, or two!

Day 10: An excellent pre-breakfast walk around the hotel gave us good views of Thrush Nightingale, a nice Pied Flycatcher and a Syrian Woodpecker before we decided that it was time for coffee and some breakfast. After breakfast we packed up and headed off making our first stop at some fishponds where we enjoyed many good birds; Terns included Black, White-winged and Whiskered whilst warblers were represented by Sedge Warblers and Great Reed-warblers. Waders included Ruddy Turnstone and Little Ringed Plover and then at the last minute, after we thought that we were not going to see the species on the tour, a Little Bittern flew close to us. Leaving the ponds we pressed on to Bucharest to catch our plane but leaving enough time to do the final bird list and enjoy a coffee and cake before reaching the airport. We made it in time and bade our farewells at the end of an excellent trip.

Tudor Blaj

Birdlist

| Species | Day first seen | No. of days | Comments |
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| Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | 3 | 3 | Seen well first time at Dumbravita |
| Great Crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> | 3 | 8 | Common and seen well |
| Red-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps grisegena</i> | 5 | 2 | Seen well in the delta |
| Black-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> | 3 | 6 | Common and seen well |
| Great Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | 3 | 8 | Common |
| Pygmy Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i> | 4 | 6 | Very common in the delta |
| White Pelican <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> | 5 | 5 | Common in the delta with a maximum of about 1500 on day 7 |
| Dalmation Pelican <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> | 5 | 4 | Seen well especially at Vadu |
| Great Bittern <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> | 5H | 3H | Heard a few times but not seen |
| Little Bittern <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i> | 10 | 1 | Seen at Calarasi fish ponds |

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| Black-crowned Night-heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | 3 | 4 | Common in the delta |
| Squacco Heron <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | 6 | 3 | Common in the delta and wetlands |
| Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | 1 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Great White Egret <i>Egretta alba</i> | 3 | 6 | Common |
| Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | 3 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i> | 3 | 8 | Well seen at Dumbravita |
| White Stork <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | 1 | 10 | Seen well, also nesting |
| Glossy Ibis <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | 5 | 4 | Common in the delta |
| Eurasian Spoonbill <i>Platalea leucorodia</i> | 4 | 1 | Seen on day 4 |
| Mute Swan <i>Cygnus olor</i> | 3 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Greylag Goose <i>Anser anser</i> | 4 | 6 | Common in the delta |
| Ruddy Shelduck <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> | 9 | 1 | Seen on day 9 at some dry fishponds |
| Common Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> | 4 | 5 | Seen at all wetlands |
| Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i> | 5 | 5 | Common in the delta |
| Common Teal <i>Anas crecca</i> | 4 | 2 | Seen a couple of times |
| Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | 1 | 9 | Common and widespread |
| Northern Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i> | 9 | 1 | Seen in Dodrogea on a pond |
| Garganey <i>Anas querquedula</i> | 3 | 8 | Common and widespread sometimes even commoner than most species of ducks |
| Eurasian Wigeon <i>Anas penelope</i> | 5 | 1 | One in the delta |
| Northern Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i> | 4 | 5 | Seen well |
| Red-crested Pochard <i>Netta rufina</i> | 7 | 1 | Seen from the boat on the return to Tulcea |
| Common Pochard <i>Aythya ferrina</i> | 3 | 7 | Common and widespread |
| Ferruginous Duck <i>Aythya nyroca</i> | 5 | 6 | Common |
| Tufted Duck <i>Aythya fuligula</i> | 7 | 2 | Seen for the first time on day 7 |
| White-tailed Eagle <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i> | 5 | 3 | Seen well in the delta |
| Western Marsh-harrier <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | 3 | 8 | Common and widespread on all areas with reeds |
| Hen Harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i> | 5 | 1 | One probably on migration |
| Montagu's Harrier <i>Circus pygargus</i> | 3 | 3 | Well seen, probably on migration |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter nisus</i> | 2 | 2 | In the mountains |
| Common Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i> | 1 | 9 | Common and widespread |
| Common (Steppe) Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i> | 7 | 2 | Common also the Steppe Buzzard (ssp.vulpinus) in Dobrogea |
| Long-Legged Buzzard <i>Buteo rufinus</i> | 8 | 2 | Not as common as usual |
| Lesser Spotted Eagle <i>Aquila pomarina</i> | 2 | 1 | One bird seen by Jennifer outside a petrol station |
| Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | 3 | 1 | One Bird well seen in a tree at the fishponds on migration |
| Common Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | 2 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Red-footed Falcon <i>Falco vespertinus</i> | 9 | 1 | Seen on day 9 |
| Eurasian Hobby <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | 5 | 5 | Fairly common especially in the delta |
| Common Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> | 7 | 3 | Seen well and quite noisy |
| Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | 3 | 6 | Common |
| Common Coot <i>Fulica atra</i> | 2 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> | 5 | 2 | Seen well in the delta and on the Black Sea |
| Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | 5 | 6 | Common |
| Pied Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> | 4 | 4 | Seen well at most wetlands |
| Collared Pratincole <i>Glareola pratincola</i> | 8 | 1 | Seen well at Vadu and then later at Histria |
| Little Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | 10 | 1 | Seen on the last day at Calarasi |
| Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | 9 | 1 | Seen two in the forest in Dobrogea doing circles |

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| Kentish Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> | 8 | 1 | Seen at Histria |
| Northern Lapwing <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> | 3 | 6 | Common and widespread |
| Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i> | 8 | 2 | At Vadu Histria |
| Temminck's Stint <i>Calidris temminckii</i> | 8 | 1 | One at Vadu |
| Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i> | 10 | 1 | 4 birds seen at Calarasi fishponds |
| Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i> | 9 | 2 | Seen at Calarasi fishponds |
| Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | 9 | 2 | Seen at Calarasi fishponds |
| Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | 3 | 6 | Common and widespread |
| Common Snipe <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> | 8 | 1 | 1 in flight |
| Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i> | 4 | 3 | Common in the delta |
| Spotted Redshank <i>Tringa erythropus</i> | 4 | 6 | Seen in the delta, Vadu and Histria |
| Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i> | 8 | 2 | Seen at on day 8 |
| Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | 4 | 3 | Seen on most wetlands |
| Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | 4 | 5 | Common in the delta |
| Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i> | 4 | 6 | Common on most wetlands |
| Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | 4 | 4 | Common on most wetlands |
| Mediterranean Gull <i>Larus melanocephalus</i> | 4 | 2 | Seen twice in flight in flocks of Little and Black-headed Gulls |
| Little Gull <i>Larus minutus</i> | 5 | 4 | Hundreds in the delta, big flocks of them |
| Common Gull <i>Larus canus</i> | 5 | 1 | One in flight |
| Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> | 8 | 1 | One in flight |
| Yellow-legged Gull <i>Larus michahellis</i> | 3 | 8 | Common on the Black Sea shore and in the delta |
| Caspian Gull <i>Larus cachinnans</i> | 4 | 7 | Common in the delta |
| Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i> | 3 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Gull-billed Tern <i>Sterna nilotica</i> | 7 | 2 | Seen at Vadu |
| Caspian Tern <i>Sterna caspia</i> | 5 | 2 | Seen at Vadu and Navodari |
| Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> | 7 | 1 | At Vadu in flight |
| Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | 7 | 2 | Common and widespread |
| Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybridus</i> | 4 | 6 | Common and widespread |
| Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger</i> | 7 | 4 | Common and widespread |
| White-winged Tern <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> | 8 | 3 | Seen very well near Baneasa and at Calarasi fishponds |
| Feral Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i> | 2 | 9 | Common and widespread |
| Stock Dove <i>Columba oenas</i> | 5 | 3 | Seen in flight in the delta |
| Wood Pigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i> | 6 | 2 | Seen in the delta but not very common! |
| Eurasian Collared-dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | 2 | 9 | Common and widespread in all inhabited places |
| European Turtle-dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> | 7 | 1 | One at Enisala |
| Common Cuckoo <i>Cuculus canorus</i> | 4 | 3 | Common |
| Little Owl <i>Athene noctua</i> | 4 | 2 | Seen twice, both of them spotted by Brian |
| Ural Owl <i>Strix uralensis</i> | 3 | 1 | Two birds spotted the same day by Brian, good views |
| Long-eared Owl <i>Asio otus</i> | 9 | 1 | One near Adamclisi |
| Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i> | 8 | 3 | Near towns |
| Common Kingfisher <i>Alcedo atthis</i> | 5 | 3 | In the delta |
| Eurasian Hoopoe <i>Upupa epops</i> | 4 | 7 | Common in Dobrogea |
| Grey-headed Woodpecker <i>Picus canus</i> | 2 | 3 | Seen well in the mountains and the delta |
| Black Woodpecker <i>Dryocopus martius</i> | 6 | 1 | Heard a few times in the mountains and later seen very well in the delta |

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| Great Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | 2 | 4 | Common |
| Syrian Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i> | 4 | 6 | Common especially in villages |
| Middle Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos medius</i> | 2 | 2 | Seen very well near Baneasa |
| Lesser Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos minor</i> | 9 | 1 | Seen very well near Baneasa after it was called by Tudor |
| Calandra Lark <i>Melanocorypha calandra</i> | 7 | 3 | Very good views and numbers in the Steppe country in Dobrogea |
| Short-toed Lark <i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i> | 7 | 1 | Seen in Dobrogea |
| Crested Lark <i>Galerida cristata</i> | 7 | 3 | Common and good views |
| Wood Lark <i>Lullula arborea</i> | 7 | 1 | One bird on the wire near Enisala a bit controversial but later positively identified from a photograph |
| Sky Lark <i>Alauda arvensis</i> | 4 | 3 | Common |
| Sand Martin <i>Riparia riparia</i> | 6 | 2 | At Histria and later a fantastic nesting colony next to the road |
| Crag Martin <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i> | 2 | 1 | In the mountains |
| Eurasian Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | 4 | 7 | Common and widespread |
| Red-rumped Swallow <i>Hirundo daurica</i> | 9 | 1 | Seen near Baneasa |
| House Martin <i>Delichon urbica</i> | 2 | 9 | Common and widespread |
| Tawny Pipit <i>Anthus campestris</i> | 8 | 1 | One in Dobrogea steppe country |
| Tree Pipit <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | 7 | 1 | Seen well at Enisala |
| Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i> | 3 | 6 | Hundreds in the delta and on the lowlands on migration we saw all three subspecies Black-headed, Blue-headed and Yellow |
| Grey Wagtail <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | 1 | 3 | Common in the mountains |
| White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i> | 2 | 9 | Common and widespread |
| White-throated Dipper <i>Cinclus cinclus</i> | 3 | 1 | On the mountains streams, sometimes difficult to see |
| Eurasian Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | 2 | 2 | Less common than in Britain but we saw it in the forest and also at Vadu |
| European Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | 2 | 2 | Less common than in Britain, more of a forest than a garden bird |
| Thrush Nightingale <i>Luscinia luscinia</i> | 10 | 1 | Very good views on the last day in the Calarsi park |
| Black Redstart <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i> | 2 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Common Redstart <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | 2 | 4 | Seen occasionally |
| Whinchat <i>Saxicola rubetra</i> | 8 | 2 | Common in the delta and in the steppe land in Dobrogea |
| Common Stonechat <i>Saxicola rubicola</i> | 2 | 1 | One record in Transilvania, much less common than in Britain |
| Northern Wheatear <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | 6 | 4 | Common, seen on 4 days in mostly rocky places |
| Isabelline Wheatear <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i> | 8 | 1 | Seen on the steppe |
| Ring Ouzel <i>Turdus torquatus</i> | 2 | 2 | Lots of birds and seen well in the mountains |
| Eurasian Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i> | 2 | 5 | Common |
| Fieldfare <i>Turdus pilaris</i> | 2 | 2 | Common in the mountains, resident breeder here |
| Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i> | 3 | 4 | Common in the forests |
| Mistle Thrush <i>Turdus viscivorus</i> | 3 | 2 | Seen well in the mountains |
| Savi's Warbler <i>Locustella luscinioides</i> | 5 | 3 | Very good views singing on reeds |
| Sedge Warbler <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> | 8 | 1 | At Vadu seen well |
| Paddyfield Warbler <i>Acrocephalus agricola</i> | 8 | 1 | One bird at Vadu seen well |
| Eurasian Reed-warbler <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i> | 5 | 4 | Common in all area with reeds |
| Great Reed-warbler <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i> | 10 | 2 | A couple of birds seen well on the last day |

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| Eastern Olivaceous Warbler <i>Hippolais elaeica</i> | 8 | 1 | One bird in Vadu |
| Lesser Whitethroat <i>Sylvia curruca</i> | 5 | 6 | Seen a couple of times but heard a lot |
| Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | 10 | 2 | Seen on the last day at Calarasi |
| Wood Warbler <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i> | 9 | 1 | Seen on the way to Calarasi on day 9 |
| Common Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | 2 | 7 | Common and widespread |
| Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | 6 | 5 | Seen in the delta and on the Black Sea coast |
| Goldcrest <i>Regulus regulus</i> | 2 | 1 | Seen well in the mountains, it responded to Tudor's playback |
| Red-breasted Flycatcher <i>Ficedula parva</i> | 8 | 2 | Seen well at Vadu and then later at Histria |
| Collared Flycatcher <i>Ficedula albicollis</i> | 8 | 2 | Seen at Histria |
| Pied Flycatcher <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i> | 10 | 1 | Seen on the pre-breakfast walk in the park at Calarasi |
| Bearded Reedling <i>Panurus biarmicus</i> | 3 | 3 | Seen well in the mountains and later at Vadu and Histria |
| Long-tailed Tit <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i> | 6 | 2 | Seen in the Babadag Forest |
| Marsh Tit <i>Parus palustris</i> | 5 | 1 | Seen in the delta |
| Willow Tit <i>Parus montanus</i> | 2 | 2 | Seen in the mountains |
| Coal Tit <i>Parus ater</i> | 2 | 4 | Common in the mountains |
| Eurasian Blue Tit <i>Parus caeruleus</i> | 2 | 6 | Common and widespread |
| Great Tit <i>Parus major</i> | 2 | 9 | Common and widespread |
| Eurasian Nuthatch <i>Sitta europaea</i> | 2 | 2 | Seen in the mountains |
| Wallcreeper <i>Tichodroma muraria</i> | 3 | 1 | Seen very well after a two days chase in the mountains |
| Eurasian Treecreeper <i>Certhia familiaris</i> | 3 | 1 | Seen in the mountains |
| European Penduline-tit <i>Remiz pendulinus</i> | 5 | 3 | Good views in the delta |
| Eurasian Jay <i>Garrulus grandarius</i> | 2 | 4 | Common and widespread in all forested areas |
| Eurasian Magpie <i>Pica pica</i> | 1 | 10 | Common and widespread |
| Eurasian Jackdaw <i>Corvus monedula</i> | 1 | 7 | Common and widespread |
| Rook <i>Corvus frugilehus</i> | 1 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Hooded Crow <i>Corvus cornix</i> | 1 | 10 | Common and widespread |
| Common Raven <i>Corvus corax</i> | 2 | 3 | Common in the mountains |
| Common Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | 2 | 9 | Common and widespread |
| House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i> | 1 | 10 | Common and widespread |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow <i>Passer montanus</i> | 3 | 8 | Common and widespread |
| Common Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | 2 | 7 | Common and widespread |
| European Greenfinch <i>Carduelis chloris</i> | 2 | 4 | Seen in the mountains |
| European Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> | 2 | 7 | Seen commonly in mostly inhabited places but also in the forest |
| Eurasian Linnet <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> | 3 | 1 | Seen on day 3 in the mountains |
| Hawfinch <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i> | 2 | 2 | Seen twice in the mountains |
| Yellowhammer <i>Emberiza citrinella</i> | 2 | 2 | Seen in the mountains and later heard in the forested steppe |
| Ortolan Bunting <i>Emberiza hortulana</i> | 9 | 1 | Four seen outside the hotel in Navodari in a Oleaster tree |
| Eurasian Reed-bunting <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i> | 3 | 5 | Common in all area with reeds |
| Corn Bunting <i>Miliaria calandra</i> | 3 | 5 | Common and widespread on all wires along the road |

Anatidae

Horse Leach
Roman Snail

Butterflies

Peacock

Green-veined White
Orange Tip
Brimstone
Tortoise Shell
Large Bath White
Scarce Swallowtail
Fritillary sp.

Large Whip Snake
European Pond Terrapin
Common Adder
Dice Snake

Mammals

Brown Bear
Wild Boar
European Hare
Red Fox
European Souslik
Harbour Porpoise
Hedgehog

Amphibians

Yellow-bellied Toad
Marsh, Edible and Green Frogs

Reptiles

Grass Snake
Green Lizard
Sand Lizard

Flowers (Special thanks to Jennifer Straker for helping me to put together this list of flowers)

| English Name | Botanical name |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Henbit Dead-nettle | <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i> |
| Red Dead-nettle | <i>Lamium purpureum</i> |
| Hemp-agrimony | <i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i> |
| Horse-radish | <i>Armoracia rusticana</i> |
| Field pansy | <i>Viola arvensis</i> |
| Cowslip | <i>Primula veris</i> |
| Chickweed | <i>Stellaria media</i> |
| Hoary Cress | <i>Cardaria draba</i> |
| Sea Purslane | <i>Atriplex portulacoides</i> |
| Sea Kale | <i>Crambe maritima</i> |
| Stinking Hellebore | <i>Helleborus viridis</i> |
| Germander Speedwell | <i>Veronica spicata</i> |
| Dovesfoot Cranes-bill | <i>Geranium molle</i> |
| Toothwort | <i>Lathraea squamaria</i> |
| Lungwort | <i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i> |
| Mugwort | <i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> |
| Butterbur | <i>Petasites hybridus</i> |
| Wood Anemone | <i>Anemone nemorosa</i> |
| Marsh Marigold | <i>Caltha palustris</i> |
| Spurge Laurel | <i>Daphne laureola</i> |
| Coltsfoot | <i>Tussilago farfara</i> |
| Lesser Celandine | <i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> |
| Ground Ivy | <i>Glechoma hederacea</i> |
| Bittercress | <i>Cardamine flexuosa</i> |