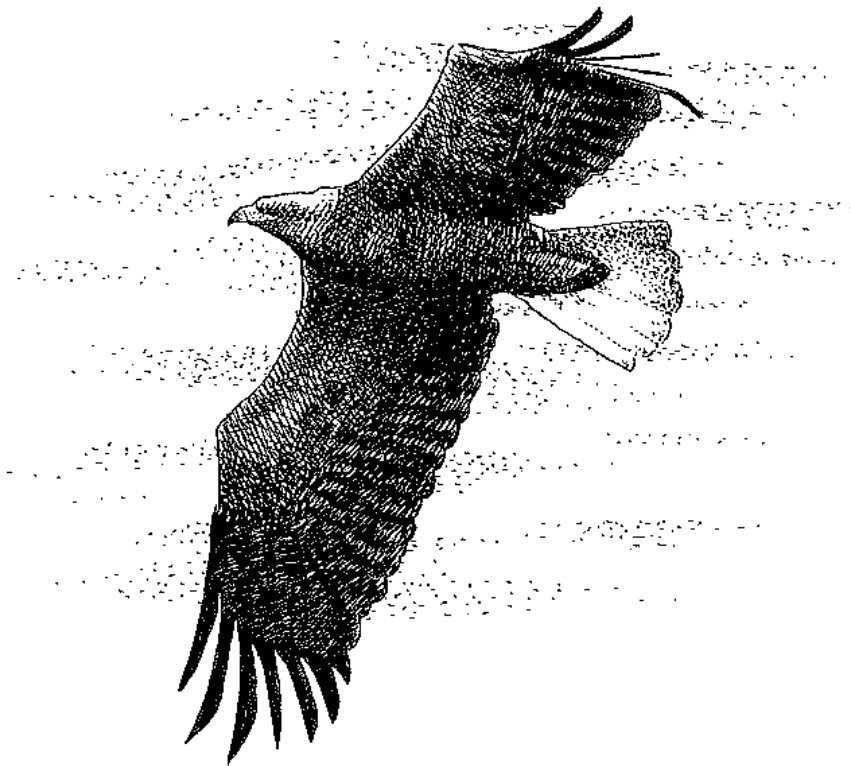


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A Personal Diary

Saturday, 17 September

Six of us met at a fairly busy Terminal 1 at Heathrow. Our outward journey to Tallinn was fairly seamless. Whilst making the transit in Helsinki, we managed to meet up with Richard and Lyn who had spent a few days in the Finnish capital.

Antero was at Tallinn airport to meet us after our 20 minute 'aerial hop' from Helsinki. Very soon we were all loaded up in the minibus and making our way to Haapsalu mainly via the back roads. During the course of the journey we saw several skeins on Common Crane. Other species spotted included Common Buzzard, Sparrowhawk, Jay, Nutcracker, Rook, Jackdaw and Hooded Crow. We did quite well for mammals, spotting Red Squirrel, Roe Deer and Elk.

We reached the hotel in Haapsalu just after 8pm and 30 minutes later were sitting down to a good three-course dinner. The mushroom soup was excellent and the peppered steak tender. Rosie, on her tenth tour with me, shared a bottle of Chilean red. Most retired shortly after 9.30pm and the rest of us followed as soon as the Saturday night karaoke started!

Sunday, 18 September

There was a full turn out for pre-breakfast birding. We assembled in the bar and started the day with a good cup of coffee. We spent the next two hours driving to various locations in the wooded area to the north of Haapsalu. The morning was a still one and the skies to the east were clear. In the half-light, we had good views of an Elk feeding out in an open meadow. On the bird front, there were certainly plenty of birds around. Were the many passerines on the move? Highlight of the session included several Woodcock, Nutcracker, Crested Tit, Red-breasted Flycatcher and the white headed race of Long-tailed Tit. Willow, Marsh and Great Tits were also spotted, along with Nuthatch and Treecreeper. We saw a Merlin in dashing flight and a Sparrowhawk perched and preening. We were impressed by the huge flocks of Yellowhammers.

We arrived back at the hotel at 9am for a most welcome buffet breakfast. The porridge proved a popular item. We left an hour later to spend the rest of the morning bird-watching mainly to the south of Haapsalu, scanning some of the large fields and then the northern shore of Matsalu Bay. In the fields, interest centred mainly on the Common Cranes, seen in great number but in a highly nervous state. Other sightings included Greylag Geese, a large number of Common Buzzard and a ringtail Hen Harrier.

By the time we had reached the shores of Matsalu Bay by a fine newly built lookout tower, the wind had got up and seemed to be strengthening by the minute. Stealing the show were the four White-tailed Eagles seen on the ground and at fairly close hand - an adult, two sub-adults and a juvenile. A Peregrine put in a brief, but spectacular appearance, taking and carrying off no less a bird than a Lapwing. Marsh Harrier made it three raptor species at this one location. Along the shore and out on the water, we saw big flocks of Mute Swan with a few Whoopers mixed in. Ducks were well represented by large numbers of Mallard and lesser numbers of Wigeon, Pintail, Shoveler and Goldeneye. Most of us climbed the impressive tower, but the strength of the wind made actual bird watching quite difficult.

By now it was past midday and we were beginning to feel a bit peckish. Antero then drove us inland to find a sheltered spot for our picnic. In this regard, he was successful and a good lunch was enjoyed by all. We particularly appreciated the flasks of coffee and hot water (for those preferring to drink tea). A huge flock of Common Crane rose into the sky nearby.

We then drove back to Haapsalu and spent some time birdwatching a large reed-fringed sea inlet. Unfortunately, the strength of the wind ruled out us seeing any passerines, but we did add to our impressive day list Great Crested Grebe, Goosander, Pochard and Tufted Duck. The field part of the day was rounded off on the narrow promontory at Happsalu itself. There was a huge number of Wigeon sheltering on one side of the promontory. Some Gadwall were spotted in amongst them. On the other side, there was an immense and dense raft of Coot. An adult White-tailed Eagle hunted persistently for something to eat. Maybe the ruffling of the sea's surface by the strong wind made it difficult to spot any fish.

We returned to the hotel around 5pm having driven through the historic nucleus of the town with its castle and wall. This early return allowed us the luxury of a couple of hours leisure before meeting up at 7.30pm for log call followed by another good three-course dinner. The pike-perch was delicious - so too the sauvignon blanc that some of us decided to drink with it. Most retired for an early night, but were more than mystified by the strange smell that was pervading the landing of the second floor. A fishy business!

Monday, 19 September

There was another full turnout for a spell of pre-breakfast birding. Our first port of call was the local sewage works and the adjacent reed-bed. Mercifully, the weather was calm, but there had been some overnight rain. We added two new species - Coal Tit and Siskin and briefly heard a Water Rail. We then climbed one of the highest watchtowers in Estonia for some wonderful views across the reed-fringed bay.

After breakfast, there were two tasks. One was to visit the nearby bank for some Estonian currency; the other was to load up the minibus - baggage, packed lunches and ourselves. We then drove down to the ferry port and caught the 10.30am sailing to Hiiumaa.

During the 90-minute, smooth crossing, we added some new species in the form of Black-throated and Red-throated Divers, Red-necked Grebe, Goldeneye and Eider Duck. Our hotel for tonight was part of the terminal building at Heltermaa. Never has a group received such an effusive welcome from a hotel manager. The fact that we were asking for our rooms at midday made not a scrap of difference. She informed us that we were the first Britons to stay in her hotel in its 10-year history.

The rest of the day was spent exploring various locations on this delightful, low-lying but wooded island. Antero chose an excellent picnic spot in the parkland grounds of a large baroque mansion now serving as a technical school. The grounds were laid out some 200 years ago and contained some remarkably fine mature specimen trees. The number of nesting holes showed that these trees appealed strongly to woodpeckers. A Great Spotted Woodpecker was seen briefly.

During the afternoon, we visited two main locations. The first was Kaina Bay - once a large sea inlet but now virtually shut off as a lake. As elsewhere, there were huge numbers of duck, particularly Wigeon, as well as of Coot. Golden Plover, Lapwing and Dunlin were three new wader species. Two more immature White-tailed Eagles were spotted, a Hen Harrier and two Marsh Harriers. In the reed-bed, we found our first Bearded Tits. Greenfinch was seen for the first time. The second location was at Takhuna, the northernmost point of the island. Close to the impressive cast-iron lighthouse, we spent a couple of hours sea-watching and managed to add quite a number of new species. These included Common Scoter, Long-tailed Duck (well spotted, Brian), Razorbill, Common Tern, Oystercatcher and Ringed Plover. For a while, we watched from the memorial erected to commemorate the sinking of the ferry 'Estonia' in 1994.

Our final stop of the day allowed us two more wader species - Common Snipe and Ruff. From there, it was but a short drive to the restaurant, an old vodka factory, where we had our evening meal. This was an excellent three-course buffet. The lemon sauce with the roast chicken was truly delicious, so too the calorie-free white chocolate dessert. Well replete, we boarded the minibus for the 30-minute drive back to our hotel at Heltermaa. Shortly after arrival, the log was called in an impressive conference room.

Tuesday, 20 September

We enjoyed an excellent buffet breakfast at 7am, before departing at 8am. On this side of the island, the weather seemed quite calm. Large numbers of Barn Swallow were on the move.

Most of the day was spent exploring the western part of Hiiumaa. Our major stop of the morning was the westernmost point at Kopu where we indulged in a couple of hours of sea-watching. This produced two species of diver, Brent Goose, Velvet Scoter and Greater Scaup. Along the beach, we found two Sanderling. Overhead passed Ravens and an immature White-tailed Eagle. Some of us walked a little way inland to the lighthouse and recorded Yellow Wagtail, Coal Tit, Linnet and a flock of Common Crossbill.

From Kopu we drove back through the coniferous forests to the old lighthouse. This is the oldest in Estonia and also the highest thanks to its location on a knoll rising to all of 68 metres above sea level. After that, Antero found us a sheltered spot in the forest where we could begin to consume the awesomely huge packed lunch that had been prepared for us and that fully occupied at least four large cooler boxes. Bilberries and Lingon berries carpeted the forest floor and were available as fruit supplements in our yoghourts.

During the course of the afternoon, we worked our way down the west coast to the southernmost point of the island, the small ferry terminal at Soru. On the way, we picked up two new species for the tour - Common Redstart and Little Grebe (a rarity in Estonia). We sought another sheltered location at which to consume some more of our picnic supplies before moving to the ferry terminal to await the departure of the 6.30pm sailing. Three Finnish gentlemen provided us with some entertainment as we waited in the boarding queue.

The one-hour crossing to Saaremaa was a smooth one. Much of that time was spent waiting for a coffee! Once on land, it took a 30-minute drive to reach the attractive capital town of Kuressaare. Here we stopped and made for a smart restaurant where we enjoyed a three-course dinner, some wine and plenty of good humour. Having done reasonable justice to the meal, we then drove a further five kilometres to our hotel for the next two nights. This proved to be a very modern hotel with large spacious rooms. Six of us met by the log fireside for a log call. Once completed, most of us hurried off to bed.

Wednesday, 21 September

There was yet another full turn out for two hours of pre-breakfast birdwatching. We left the hotel at 7am and made all speed to the southern tip of the island. It is a renowned migration-watching spot and until recently there had been a ringing station manned by Finnish birders. Sadly, today the wind was from the south-west and typically in these parts, it was putting a brake on migration. Nonetheless, there were huge flocks of finches - mainly Chaffinches - to be seen gaining height and trying to pluck up enough courage to take the next step on the migration route, namely Latvia. A number of Sparrowhawk and Merlin were also seen. Presumably these too were migrating. Sensibly keeping company with the finches meant a plentiful supply of prey.

We returned to the hotel just after 9am for a most welcome buffet breakfast. From the restaurant on the second floor, we could see the sea on three sides. This is certainly a well-located hotel for birdwatchers. In fact the first birds we had seen at the beginning of the day were Sandwich Terns - our first for the tour. At 10am we drove into Kuressaare for some shopping (Antero for a vital cable and Wallis for an equally vital toothbrush) and diesel fuel.

The lengthy drive to the north-westernmost point of the island allowed us to appreciate how much larger Saaremaa was compared with Hiiumaa. Although both islands are low-lying and mainly flat, this one was seen to be much more cultivated and the woodland predominantly deciduous rather than coniferous. The roads were equally good and traffic-free.

At Undepanga, we found a spot out of the fresh south-westerly wind and sea-watched. Besides seeing 'old' favourites such as Red-throated Diver, Common Scoter, Eider and Goosander, we added new species in the form of Little Gull, Greenshank and Common Sandpiper. Other notable sightings included a small flock of

Velvet Scoter, Oystercatcher and many Mute Swans - strange for us to see them feeding out at sea in some fairly rough water. Small flocks of Coal Tit and Crossbill were spotted on the landward side.

By now the weather was becoming quite sunny. Antero then drove us to yet another of his sheltered spots where we consumed our picnic lunches. Today's challenge was a plastic container full of pasta as compared with yesterday's vegetable salad.

The afternoon was spent driving southwards taking a track that for much of the way literally ran along the shore of the western coast. Besides the customary waterfowl and wetland species, we found two new wader species - Bar-tailed Godwit and Knot. We also appreciated the opportunity to see, side-by-side, Grey and Golden Plovers, Merganser and Goosander. Common Buzzard, Hen and Marsh Harriers were seen on the way, and towards the end of our coastwise journey we saw more Sparrowhawks. A Hobby was seen perched on the top of a tree, but it did not stay long enough for all the group to see it.

We reached the hotel at 5.30pm and were thus able to enjoy nearly two hours of leisure before meeting for a fireside log-call followed by a short drive into town to eat at the same restaurant as last night. The main dish tonight was described as 'brown trout' – but was it?

Thursday, 22 September

Today we returned to the mainland. Breakfast was at 7am and 30 minutes later we were all loaded up and heading for the ferry at Kuivastu, having first crossed to the island of Muhu by bridge. The crossing took 30 minutes. From Virtsu we headed north to the southern shores of Matsalu Bay. Here we saw clear signs of active migration in the form of huge flocks of Greylags and Lapwing. A sight to remember was of an adult White-tailed Eagle drying out on an offshore rock. A Hooded Crow had the temerity to perch on the same outcrop and was totally dwarfed by the raptor.

Our route from Matsalu to Häädemeeste was largely along unmade tracks passing through huge open meadows favoured by raptors, particularly Montagu's Harriers during the breeding season. In the event, we saw none of that species, but Hen and Marsh Harriers instead. Common Buzzards were just that - common. Other sightings included Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Hobby and our first Lesser Spotted Eagle. We briefly watched a Northern Grey Shrike in pursuit of a small bird. At our lunch stop, we had a close encounter with Corncrake. I glimpsed one as it dashed across the track and a few minutes later Janet and Rita, who had detached themselves from the party for personal reasons, thought they heard the call of one.

After lunch, we had to return to the main road to pass through Pärnu, Estonia's third largest city. Towards the end of our transit, we made a couple of short detours to the coast. These yielded us views of more Marsh and Hen Harriers, and a sighting of a young Goshawk as it hunted over a reed bed. As we walked across some rather damp coastal meadows, we put up quite a number of Common Snipe.

We reached the hotel at 5.30pm and this gave us time to enjoy a couple of hours of leisure admiring the sea from our spacious rooms close to the shore. The log was called in the bar at 7.30pm. A very pleasant meal followed. We had been a little concerned by what had been described on the menu as 'overripe beef'. But the clean plates signalled approval.

Friday, 23 September

We met at 7am for two hours of birdwatching before breakfast. Woodpeckers were very much on the agenda so we headed in the direction of Nigula National Park. In the event, we succeeded with three species - Black, Grey-headed and White-backed. The second gave particularly good views. There was icing on the cake in the form of a Hazel Grouse briefly seen on the track a few metres in front of the minibus. Later we saw two birds fly across the track.

We returned to the hotel for a much-needed breakfast, completed our packing, loaded the vehicle and were under way by 10am. We drove a little way north to the bird observatory at Kabli. We were heartened to see a party of schoolchildren from Tallinn being given a ringing demonstration. Today huge numbers of Goldcrests were being caught in the heligoland trap. But the star of the ringing show was a young Kingfisher.

We then started our transit to Tartu. Before the luncheon stop, we saw two Northern Grey Shrikes and a flock of Grey Partridge. Whilst consuming our picnic lunch, a Merlin was spotted.

Our main stop of the afternoon was a little way outside Tartu. We spent a couple of hours trying to track down Great Snipe at one of their well-known breeding areas. It was Rita who put to flight the only one we could find. Sadly not everyone saw it as it sped away keeping low to the ground. A number of Common Snipe were put to flight. One might have been forgiven for thinking that the Great Snipe has been driven off by the great swarms of Craneflies (Leatherjackets) that erupted from the fields as we 'quartered' them.

It was around 5pm when we arrived at our hotel on the outskirts of Tartu. This gave us plenty of time for relaxing and perhaps some early packing before meeting in the bar at 7.30pm for log call followed by our last evening meal together.

Saturday, 24 September

We all opted for a short spell of before breakfast birdwatching in a nearby wetland. Sadly, the habitat was not as wet as it should have been (is it in the process of being drained?), so we returned to the hotel after only 45 minutes in the field. We breakfasted and were all loaded up within the hour ready to start the 190km drive to Tallinn. At a conspicuous roadside hill, made of fluvio-glacial material and bearing the banner 'Hollywood', we stopped and climbed to the summit. The dull and overcast conditions meant that raptors were not up and about. We had to content ourselves with views of such species as Fieldfare, Chaffinch and Goldfinch. Interesting to observe was the fruitless attempt by a Red Fox to stalk a flock of Lapwing for a late breakfast.

We made good progress to the capital city and this left us with enough time in hand to make a quick tour of its historic nucleus under the excellent guidance of Antero. This most attractive area was thronging with visitors enjoying the warm autumnal sunshine and the fine architectural heritage. Wallis gave us an anxious moment or two when he 'disappeared' from the group to do some souvenir shopping. Happily we were reunited at 12.30pm and then made the short drive to the airport where we took our leave from Antero.

Our flight to Helsinki left ahead of schedule, and the hour or so we had to wait for our onward connection to London soon passed. In the event, a computer 'crash' delayed our flight by some 30 minutes. At Heathrow's Terminal 1, it looked as if our baggage had been left in Finland, but eventually all but one of our bags turned up and members of the group dispersed to diverse corners of the Kingdom.

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Thanks to Antero Topp, our bird guide and driver. Thanks to all of you for your good company, humour and punctuality. I very much hope that all enjoyed this pioneering autumnal tour of Estonia and now appreciate the 'tension' that so often exists between good weather and good migration.

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Itinerary and Weather

Saturday, 17 September	LHR > Helsinki > Tallinn > Haapsalu Mainly clear and bright.13°C
Sunday, 18 September	Environs of Haapsalu Fine becoming overcast and very windy.12°C
Monday, 19 September	Haapsalu sewage works > Hiiumaa Island Dry and overcast becoming sunny.14°C
Tuesday, 20 September	W part of Hiiumaa > Saaremaa Island (Kuressaare & Nasva) Mainly overcast; fresh SW wind.13°C
Wednesday, 21 September	W coast of Saaremaa (Sorve saar & Undva nina) Becoming warmer and sunny.15°C
Thursday, 22 September	Saaremaa > Muhu Island > mainland (S Matsalu Bay > Pärnu > Häädemeeste) Fine and sunny; light SW breeze.17°C
Friday, 23 September	Nigula NP > Kabli observatory >Tartu Overcast, clam and mild.16°C
Saturday, 24 September	Tartu > Hollywood Hill > Tallinn > Helsinki > LHR Overcast becoming sunny and warm.18°C

CHECKLIST OF BIRDS SEEN DURING TOUR

No of days recorded	Abundance Scale
	maximum for any one day
1 2h means seen on 1 day and heard on 2 other days	1 = 1 - 4
	2 = 5 - 9
	3 = 10 - 100
	4 = 100 - 1,000
	5 = > 1,000

SPECIES	No of days recorded	Abundance Scale	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Red-throated Diver	3	2	<i>Gavia stellata</i>
Black-throated Diver	3	1	<i>Gavia arctica</i>
Great Crested Grebe	3	1	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Little Grebe	1	1	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Great Crested Grebe	4	2	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Red-necked Grebe	3	1	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>
Great Cormorant	6	4	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Grey Heron	6	3	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Mute Swan`	6	4	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
Whooper Swan	2	1	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>
Tundra Goose	2	3	<i>Anser fabalis</i>
Greylag Goose	5	5	<i>Anser anser</i>
Brent Goose	3	5	<i>Branta bernicla</i>
Eurasian Wigeon	5	5	<i>Anas penelope</i>
Gadwall	4	3	<i>Anas strepera</i>
Common Teal	5	3	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Mallard	6	4	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Northern Pintail	4	2	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Northern Shoveler	3	2	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Common Pochard	4	4	<i>Anas ferina</i>
Tufted Duck	3	2	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Greater Scaup	1	1	<i>Aythya marila</i>
Common Eider	3	4	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>
Long-tailed Duck	2	1	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>
Common Scoter	3	4	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>
Velvet Scoter	2	2	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>
Common Goldeneye	6	4	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
Red-breasted Merganser	3	3	<i>Mergus serrator</i>
Goosander	3	3	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
White-tailed Eagle	5	2	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
Marsh Harrier	5	3	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
Hen Harrier	4	2	<i>Circus macrourus</i>
Northern Goshawk	1	1	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	6	3	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
Common Buzzard	8	3	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Lesser Spotted Eagle	1	1	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>
Common Kestrel	4	1	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Merlin	3	2	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
Hobby	2	1	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Hazel Grouse	1	1	<i>Bonasa bonasia</i>
Grey Partridge	1	2	<i>Perdix perdix</i>
Water Rail	- 1h	1	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>
Moorhen	1	1	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Common Coot	6	5	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Common Crane	5	5	<i>Grus grus</i>
Oystercatcher	2	1	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>

Great Ringed Plover	3	2	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	
European Golden Plover	3	3	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	
Grey Plover	3	2	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	
Northern Lapwing	6	5	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	
Red Knot	1	1	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	
Sanderling	1	1	<i>Calidris alba</i>	
Dunlin	4	3	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	
Ruff	1	1	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	
Common Snipe	3	3	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	
Great Snipe	1	1	<i>Gallinago media</i>	
Woodcock	1	1	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	1	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	
Greenshank	1	1	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	
Common Sandpiper	1	1	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
Ruddy Turnstone	1	1	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	
Little Gull	1	2	<i>Larus minutus</i>	
Black-headed Gull	7	4	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	
Common Gull	5	5	<i>Larus canus</i>	
Herring Gull	4	4	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
Great Black-backed Gull	5	3	<i>Larus marinus</i>	
Sandwich Tern	2	1	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	
Common Tern	1	1	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	
Razorbill	3	1	<i>Alca torda</i>	
Stock Dove	1	1	<i>Columba oenas</i>	
Wood Pigeon	7	3	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	
Grey-headed Woodpecker	1	1	<i>Picus canus</i>	
Black Woodpecker	1	1h	1	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>
Great Spotted Woodpecker	6	1h	1	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
White-backed Woodpecker	1	1	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>	
Wood Lark	2	3	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	
Sky Lark	6	3	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	
Barn Swallow	7	3	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
House Martin	1	1	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	
Tree Pipit	1	1	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	
Meadow Pipit	6	2	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	
Yellow Wagtail	1	1	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	
White Wagtail	8	4	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	
Wren	-	2h	1	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Dunnock	-	4h	1	<i>Prunella modularis</i>
Robin	3	2h	1	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
Common Redstart	2	1	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	
Whinchat	2	1	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	
Northern Wheatear	5	4	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	
Blackbird	3	1	<i>Turdus merula</i>	
Fieldfare	7	3	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	
Song Thrush	3	1	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	
Redwing	3	2	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	
Mistle Thrush	2	2	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	
Northern Chiffchaff	4	1h	1	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Willow Warbler	1	1	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	
Goldcrest	5	1h	3	<i>Regulus regulus</i>
Red-breasted Flycatcher	1	1h	1	<i>Ficedula parva</i>
Bearded Tit	1	1h	1	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>
Long-tailed Tit	2	3	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	
Marsh Tit	2	1	<i>Parus palustris</i>	
Willow Tit	1	1	<i>Parus montanus</i>	
Crested Tit	1	1	<i>Parus cristatus</i>	
Coal Tit	3	4	<i>Parus ater</i>	
Blue Tit	5	3	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	
Great Tit	7	3	<i>Parus major</i>	
European Nuthatch	2	1	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	

Eurasian Treecreeper	2	1	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>
Northern Grey Shrike	2	1	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>
Eurasian Jay	8	3	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Magpie	8	3	<i>Pica pica</i>
Nutcracker	4	1	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>
Eurasian Jackdaw	8	4	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
Rook	5	3	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>
Hooded Crow	8	4	<i>Corvus cornix</i>
Common Raven	5	3	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Common Starling	8	4	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
House Sparrow	5	2	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Tree Sparrow	2	1	<i>Passer montanus</i>
Chaffinch	7	5	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Brambling	4	3	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>
Greenfinch	4	2	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>
Goldfinch	7	4	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
Siskin	3	3	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>
Bullfinch	1	2	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>
Yellowhammer	6	4	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
Reed Bunting	4 1h	2	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>

MAMMALS

Roe Deer	Red Squirrel
Elk	Brown Hare
Red Fox	

BUTTERFLIES

Large White
Small White
Brimstone
Red Admiral

This list represents those birds and other animals seen by party members of this tour.