

Wise Birding Holidays

Bird and mammal watching tours



Turkey: Snowcocks, Accentors & Brown Fish Owl

Monday 6th - Thursday 16th May 2019

6 Wise Birding Clients

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP

Brown Fish Owl: Fantastic views of three at the Green Canyon in Managvat, a great start to our last full day.

Caspian Snowcock: Distant but good scope views of one at Arpalik, also brief views of several birds flying.

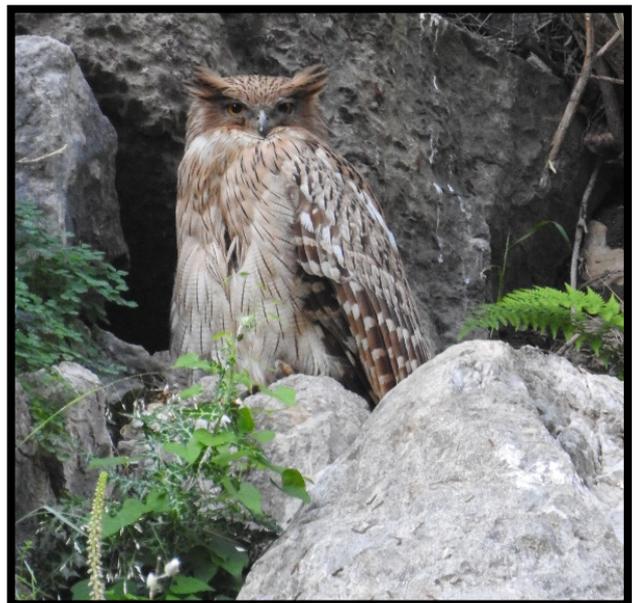
Accentors: Excellent views of both Radde's and Alpine Accentors at Arpalik.

Pied & White-breasted Kingfishers: Good numbers of both species were seen in the Adana Delta area.

Wallcreeper: Fantastic views of three birds. Two males at Demilkazik Gorge and one near Emli Gorge.

Pale Rock Sparrow: A surprise end to the trip with 1-2 individuals near Cimikoy, well east of their normal range. With Red-fronted Serin and Crimson-winged Finch in the same plateau it was a memorable couple of hours.

The mountain scenery: The scenery in the Camardi region is breath taking and adds to the experience as we watched spectacular birds.



White-breasted Kingfisher, Adana Delta and Brown Fish Owl, Green Canyon

Monday 6th May

We arrived at Adana airport, via Istanbul, late at night and were greeted by lovely warm air and a singing Thrush Nightingale just outside the terminal. A good start to the trip! We had a short drive to the hotel, where Alan and Sandra had already checked in having arrived a few hours earlier.

Tuesday 7th May

Our first destination of the trip was Tuz Gulu on the southern edge of the Adana delta. After a brief stop to watch some Red-backed Shrikes we found our way to the wetland and were soon sifting through waders. Spur-winged Lapwings noisily flew around as flocks of Little Stint, Ruff and Curlew Sandpiper busily fed along the edge of the track to Tuz Gulu. As we walked along the southern shore of Tuz Gulu we soon picked out more waders including the stars of the show, 6 Broad-billed Sandpiper. Alongside the sandpipers were Black-winged Stilts, Kentish Plovers, Ringed Plovers, a pair of Collared Pratincoles and Greenshanks. The nearby scrub held many Graceful Prinias and several terns hawked overhead, including White-winged, Whiskered and Black Terns.

After our picnic lunch we checked the more dense parts of the coastal scrub and were rewarded with brief views of an Olive-tree Warbler and fantastic views of an Upcher's Warbler. The only other migrants found were three Spotted Flycatchers, a Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin and a couple Eastern Olivaceous Warblers.

We then began to head back to Adana along the eastern side of the delta towards Tabaklar. Our first stop near Tabaklar was very productive as we managed to see a couple of our target species, Pied and White-breasted Kingfishers. On top of this we also found 10+ Pygmy Cormorants and Squacco Herons. To the north of Tabaklar we found a flock of Glossy Ibis and as we watched them a Black Stork flew over and a further 3 White-breasted Kingfishers were nearby.

We finished the day by checking the town park next to our hotel in Adana on the banks of the river Seyhan. *Sylvia* warblers were the theme of the evening with several Barred Warblers, Blackcaps and Lesser Whitethroats and a lone Subalpine Warbler. Eastern Olivaceous Warblers were abundant and a Thrush Nightingale showed extremely well while a pair of Black-headed Bunting proved a little more elusive.

Wednesday 8th May

A pre-breakfast around the town park soon had us catching up with much of what we saw the previous evening with a few additions such as an Western Orphean Warbler, several Masked Shrikes, a male Red-backed Shrike and an additional Thrush Nightingale. Pygmy Cormorants and Black-crowned Night Herons were found moving up and down the river while Red-rumped Swallows, House Martins, Barn Swallows and Swifts fed overhead.

First stop after breakfast was the coastal town of Karatas to look for migrants but unfortunately it was very quiet so we quickly moved on to the east end of Akyatan Golu, finding a pair of European Rollers on the way. The fields along the edge of the Golu held many Collared Pratincoles and Greater Short-toed Larks and a European Bee-eater and a few Turtle Doves flew over. At the end of the track a pair of Pied Kingfishers fed.

We then moved east towards Yumurtalik Lagoons, birding as we tried to find a sheltered picnic spot as the winds picked up. At least 18 Slender-billed Gulls and 50 Greater Flamingo were soon found in the lagoons and small waders flocks were found

dotted around, including another Broad-billed Sandpiper, several Wood Sandpipers, Whimbrel, Turnstone and Dunlin. Pied Kingfishers were common here and we found at least 10, Cattle Egrets and White Storks were abundant, a few Purple Herons and Glossy Ibis were found. Gull-billed, Little and Common Terns fed in the lagoons.

We finished the day with another walk in the town park in Adana but there had been a clear out of migrants during the day so we headed back to the hotel for a lovely meal and a few drinks to celebrate a couple successful days in the delta.

Thursday 9th May

Today was mainly a travel day in to the mountains but again we started the day with a pre-breakfast walk looking for migrants in the town park. Although no new species were recorded there was a huge increase in numbers of the regular migrants with double figure counts of Eastern Olivaceous Warblers, Blackcaps, Lesser Whitethroats and Barred Warblers. The few trees that were flowering were alive with birds.

On the way to our accommodation in the mountains near Carmardi we stopped off for coffee at Pozanti and scanned the hillsides for raptors, eventually picking out a Golden Eagle, a Booted Eagle and a Peregrine Falcon. The real highlight though was the amazing migration of tens of thousands of Painted Lady butterflies along the valley, a truly spectacular sight!

A quick stop at Alpu to look for Kruper's Nuthatch was very successful and a bonus Lesser Kestrel and Eastern Black-eared Wheatear made it an excellent brief stop. Nearby we found a picnic spot near Findikli. Even better views of Kruper's Nuthatch entertained us during lunch and we also saw Short-toed Eagles, a Honey Buzzard and a Short-toed Treecreeper.

We checked in to our hotel near Carmardi, the views of the mountains breath taking, and moved on towards Demilkazik Gorge. As we drove through the steppe habitat before the gorge a wheatear and stonechat made us have an unscheduled stop. First up we found the pair of Common Stonechats, followed by a displaying Isabelline Wheatear. As we walked the fields we soon found some larks, including at least two Calandras, four Greater Short-toed, one Horned and a lone Bimaculated Lark. Added to this and perhaps star of the area was a small flock of Crimson-winged Finches with Alan finding a Tawny Pipit as he photographed the finches. A Long-legged Buzzard and a flock of Red-billed Chough flew over.

After all this excitement it was off to the gorge for the final couple hours of daylight. Western Rock Nuthatches and Blue Rock Thrushes greeted us at the entrance, Crag Martins were very active as we entered the gorge and Red-fronted Serins busily flew around the cliffs. As we scanned the rock faces for our target a few of us ventured further up the gorge to try our luck there. We soon found a male Wallcreeper and we were soon joined by Peter as he enjoyed his main target for the trip. As we walked back down the gorge the others enjoyed another male Wallcreeper near the entrance. What an end to the day, not bad for a travel day.

Friday 10th May

Today was Caspian Snowcock day which meant a 04:30 start as Bashar, our fantastic host and guide for the morning, drove us up the side of a mountain expertly, A very entertaining journey. As we arrived at the site for first light the first birds we saw were a couple Raddes Accentors! A few of the group followed Bashar scrambling up some rocks to look for the Snowcocks while the rest of us enjoyed a more leisurely walk and watched the nearby White-winged Snowfinches, Alpine Accentors, Alpine Choughs and Eastern Black Redstarts. The Snowcocks weren't playing ball, brief flight views had by

some and it wasn't looking good as we started heading down to the truck. A pair of Ring Ouzels were beautiful and we added Water Pipit, Chukar and more Horned Larks when finally a Caspian Snowcock showed on the top of a ridge. A bit distant at first but we soon walked/drove up to a nearer ridge and got decent scope views. Success! On the way back to the hotel Bashar stopped at a Finsch's Wheatear site, where we enjoyed great views of a male.

We moved on towards the Emli Gorge in the afternoon, stopping first at a small gorge just before the main gorge. A pair of White-throated Robins finally gave themselves up to everyone. We had more luck as we found another Wallcreeper, a Western Rock Nuthatch nest, Rock Buntings, a roosting Little Owl (Lillith Owlet) and a couple more Crimson-winged Finches flew over.

Emli Gorge was an impressive sight with towering cliff faces either side of us, a male White-throated Robin on the valley floor along with more Western Rock Nuthatches, Red-fronted Serins and a pair of Barred Warblers on territory. Star of the gorge was found by our driver, a roosting Eurasian Scop's-owl, always great to get fantastic views in daylight of these tiny owls.

Saturday 11th May

A pre-breakfast walk around the hotel added a few new species including a flock of 11 Eurasian Jays, the black-capped sub-species which are quite striking and beautiful birds. We would see many at several sites throughout the day. Other highlight of the walk were Cetti's Warblers and Nightingales by the river and a male Black-headed Bunting, Green Woodpecker and Hoopoe in the cherry orchards.

Today we were doing the 'Nigde Loop'. Birding the country lanes to the east of Nigde in the morning and the south and west in the afternoon, checking the lakes by the university in between. A Syrian Woodpecker in Carmardi was a nice start and not far along the road we stopped to watch a Persian Squirrel when we found a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker at its nest in a roadside orchard. A new reservoir has been created near Oron so we walked a nearby track to check the steppe habitat which was again great for larks with Woodlarks and Horned Larks. A golden Eagle put in a few brief appearances while a few Isabelline Wheatears displayed. As we arrived back at the bus a Black-bellied Dipper flew upstream, landing on a tree giving us brilliant views.

A quick stop near Ulkapili to see a displaying Bimaculated Lark was followed by some fantastic birding along a dirt track just to the north. The mixture of wet meadows and steppe provide great habitat. Skylarks were very common, at least 4 Calandra Larks showed well while Black-headed Wagtails and Ruddy Shelduck were also abundant. A couple Northern Lapwings were a little unexpected and we soon found our first Ortolan Buntings of the trip alongside Corn Buntings, Greater Short-toed Larks and Horned Larks.

On the way to Nigde we saw several more Golden Eagles, including what looked like a nest on a pylon! We spent the next few hours around the lake area next to Nigdde University. The lake itself was relatively quiet to begin with but once we arrived at the south side things picked up, a pair of Little Ringed Plovers, several Hoopoes, a flock of Glossy Ibis, 4 Greater Flamingoes and then we found our main targets, at least 6 Lesser Short-toed Larks. A 7 lark day! As we left the lake we found some more Calandra Larks too.

The drive back via Kilavuz produced some nice roadside birding with the first (and only) Lesser Grey Shrikes of the trip, more Bimaculated Larks and Ortolan Buntings and another Finch's Wheatear.

Sunday 12th May

Another travel day but first we went back to the Demilkazik Ski Centre area to look for Red-fronted Serin for Peter. No luck with the Serins but we did find a Rock Sparrow nest and another Tawny Pipit.

Our journey south was halted suddenly as a flock of European Bee-eaters were spotted near Kamisli, always a crowd pleaser. The Black-headed Buntings, Eastern Black-eared Wheatear and Red-backed Shrike were an added bonus.

As we neared the Gotsu Delta on the coast we found some White Stork nests in the village of Kurtulus with some very small chicks. The track to the south of the village was excellent birding, Rufous-tailed Scrub-robins, Graceful Prinias, Calandra Larks and our first Eurasian Thick-knees of the trip. After our picnic we birded the track along the north side of the Gotsu Delta, hearing a Black Francolin at the start but it remained predictably elusive. As we approached the wetland Collared Pratincoles started to appear, hawking low over the vegetation. At the tower hide we found some more waders, including a lone Bar-tailed Godwit, Grey Plovers and a Redshank. Four Red-throated Pipits were found feeding in the long grass and a Great White Pelican flew over. As we approached the west side of the delta we found a Upcher's Warbler and after a little bit of patience had great views of two Black Francolins.

Monday 13th May

Once again we started the day with an early pre-breakfast walk, this time searching for migrants along the south side of the delta. We saw another Black Francolin and heard two others, *fuscus* Reed Warblers were calling in the reedbeds but migrants were thin on the ground with Eastern Olivaceous Warblers and Red-backed Shrikes the only ones of note. That was until a flock of 55 Rosy Starlings flew past.

After breakfast we headed inland and up hill towards the Temple of Zeus near Uzunzaburc. We stopped just to the north of Demircili to watch a Masked Shrike which proved to be a good move. In the graveyard across the road we were soon listening to and watching a pair of Olive-tree Warblers. A Spur-thighed Tortoise crossed the road in front of us too. Just before we reached Uzunzaburc we stopped to check some roadside orchards and fields and struck lucky with a Sombre Tit pair visiting their nest. More Olive-tree Warblers were singing, Masked and Red-backed Shrikes busily fed and Black-headed Buntings and Eastern Black-eared Wheatears called nearby.

The Temple of Zeus was an amazing set of Roman ruins set in some stunning scenery with some interesting wildlife to match. European Bee-eaters flew overhead, Western Rock Nuthatches used the ruins to feed and nest and Nick almost stood on a Black-whip Snake!

As the heat of the day took a grip we found a shaded spot in the woods to the south of the Temples next to a stream. The stream was very productive as we found European Serins drinking on the edge and then Cretzschmar's Buntings joined them giving us some incredible views. Kruper's Nuthatches were nearby and several of the *apres* Long-tailed Tits showed briefly. A large female Goshawk ghosted over the trees while Eastern Bonelli's and Olive-tree Warblers sang constantly.

Late afternoon was spent at the tower hide on the north side of the Gotsu Delta, via a brief detour to the south side to see a flock of 350 Rosy Starlings and hopefully find

the reported Temminck's Stints which unfortunately turned out to be Little Stints. As we drove to the tower we found our first Woodchat Shrike of the trip, several Purple Herons and a Graceful Prinia. From the tower it was a bit disappointing as all visible water bodies were pretty distant and we didn't manage to pick up any Purple Swamphens. A Moustached Warbler did put in a brief appearance and a distant Little Bittern flew past but overall it was a bit disappointing. A Ferruginous Duck made a close fly by appearance as we left, picking up our spirits.

Tuesday 14th May

Our usual pre-breakfast hunt for migrants continued today, this time on the south west side of the Gotsu Delta. A Thrush Nightingale flew over the road as we arrived, surely a good sign! However, again migration was slow with only a Woodchat Shrike and Eastern Bonelli's Warbler of note. More Rosy Starlings were feeding nearby, over 200 in total and Black Francolins and Graceful Prinias were heard if not seen today.

Today was a long drive to Managvat and unlike the other travel days there wasn't going to be much time for birding. It wasn't long before we noticed a large arrival of Alpine Swifts along the coast and stopped on a couple of occasions to enjoy large flocks of up to 100. A *desmarestii* European Shag at Soguksu and a few Short-toed Eagles along the way were the only other highlights. A quick look at the river mouth in Managvat in the evening was quiet so we retired to the hotel as tomorrow was going to be a long day.

Wednesday 15th May

Another 04:30 start as we drove up to the Green Canyon, part of the Managvat reservoirs and home to the Brown Fish Owl. A European Nightjar flew up from the roadside as we approached the canyon and a Tawny Owl called in the distance. We boarded the boat at 05:30, delighted to see that we had the boat to ourselves and it didn't take long to see our first Brown Fish Owl at the Little Canyon. Hiding in a Cliffside bush it was still great views and then we found another one hiding a bit more obscured in the same bush. We were not finished there and we moved on to the Great Canyon where another Brown Fish Owl was found, this time out in the open and afforded fantastic views and photograph opportunities. What a bird! As we watched the owl Alan shouted that another bird was flying away. Some of us managed to get brief views as it flew round the corner and we were convinced it was a White-tailed Eagle. We convinced the local guide and boats skipper to move around the corner in case it had landed and as we rounded the corner there it was, an adult White-tailed Eagle perched out in the open. A very unusual and rare sighting for the area. A fantastic couple hours birding before breakfast.

As we travelled back to the hotel we picked up a few White Storks and a Booted Eagle near Haciobasi. After breakfast we drove to Akseki in the nearby hills. First stop was in the woods between Akseki and Cimikoy. Again Kruper's Nuthatch was the star bird, giving yet more stunning views, Eastern Bonelli's Warblers sang from the trees and a few Turtle Doves flitted between the trees. Cimikoy village had some pretty good birding with Olive-tree Warblers, Masked Shrikes, Syrian Woodpeckers and Western Rock Nuthatches but a few of us decided to venture further up in to the hills to a plateau as the others had a picnic. It turned out to be a memorable couple hours and worth the hike in the heat. Once we reached the plateau we were greeted by many Red-fronted Serins, much to Peter's delight. There were also smaller numbers of Crimson-winged Finches and a couple of Ruppell's Warblers. As we admired the array of birds we managed to pick up at least one but probably two Pale Rock Finches hundreds of miles west of their normal range! What a final bird of the trip to add, one we had not expected to see!

We stopped at a couple places near to Akseki on the way back to the hotel adding Cretzschmar's and Black-headed Bunting to the day list and arrived back at the hotel a happy bunch of birders. The day ended with 15+ European Bee-eaters feeding over the hotel as we had dinner outside.

Thursday 16th May

Leaving day and not much time to do any birding although a flock of European Bee-eaters again made an appearance over the hotel to see us off and end a fantastic and bird filled holiday. Thanks to all the guests for making it such an enjoyable and friendly trip.

Conservation Donation – Following this tour to the Turkey £180 was transferred to the Wise Birding Holiday's central conservation fund. This shall be used to support a conservation project in the future.

For the last three years Wise Birding Holidays has been supporting a number of small conservation projects. However, we now believe that to make a bigger difference to conservation it seems better to pool the donations from most of our tours into one central fund. Once a target amount has been reached this money will then be used to support a single project in the hope of achieving more for species conservation. At present this amount stands at just over £6,000. Some tours will still continue to donate money to help some of the smaller projects that we feel will still benefit from such smaller donations. Please visit our [Conservation News](#) and [Latest News](#) links to find out more.

Demilkazik Gorge (below)





**Thrush Nightingale, Adana (above)
and Masked Shrike, Adana (below)**





**Horned Lark, Emli Gorge (above)
White-throated Robin, Emli Gorge (below)**





**Wallcreeper, Demilkazik Gorge (above)
and Finsch's Wheatear, Demilkazik (below)**





**Black-headed Bunting, Carmardi (above) and
Black Francolin, Gotsu Delta (below)**





Cretzschmar's Bunting, Uzunzaburc (above) and Kruper's Nuthatch, Alpu (below)





White-tailed Eagle, Green Canyon (above) and the beautiful Red-fronted Serin, Cimikoy (below)





Pale Rock Sparrow at Cimikoy was a fantastic way to end the trip!

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WISE BIRDING HOLIDAYS: Bird, Mammal & Reptile Checklist for TURKEY 6th - 16th May 2019
The bird checklist follows the nomenclature and classification from HBW Alive, del Hoyo, J, Elliott, A et al

#	Common Name	Scientific Name	#	Notes
1	Caspian Snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus caspius</i>	1	Up to 5 birds recorded at Arpalik on the 10th.
2	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	2	At least 5 birds recorded at Arpalik on the 10th and another at Demilkazik Gorge on the 12th.
3	Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	3	Several recorded at the Gotsu Delta between the 12th and 14th, including a couple excellent prolonged views.
4	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	4	A single seen at Tuz Gulu on the 7th.
5	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	5	Common at the Univeristy lake near Nigde and the Gotsu Delta.
6	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	6	Three males, one female and 7 juveniles observed at the Gotsu Delta on the 13th.
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	7	Several at the Univeristy lake near Nigde.
8	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	8	One at the Gotsu Delta on the 13th.
9	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	9	Small numbers at the Adana and Gotsu deltas.
10	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	10	One at the Univeristy lake near Nigde.
11	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	11	Several at the Univeristy lake near Nigde and one at the Gotsu Delta.
12	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	12	Over 50 birds at the Yumurtalik Lagoons on the 8th, 3 birds at the University lake near Nigde and one at the Gotsu Delta.
13	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	13	Common throughout (Feral Pigeon).
14	European Turtle-dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	14	2 at Tuz Gulu on the 8th and 2 near Cimikoy on the 15th.
15	Eurasian Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	15	Recorded daily.
16	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	16	Recorded most days, common in villages
17	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	17	One flew up from the road near the Green Canyon on the 15th.
18	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	18	Large numbers along the coast on the 14th, seen at several locations.
19	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	19	Recorded daily.
20	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	20	One seen near Emli Gorge on the 10th and one heard on the 15th.
21	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	21	Small numbers at the Tuz Gulu and University lakes near Nigde.
22	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	22	Good numbers at Tuz Gulu, Nigde lakes and Gotsu Delta.
23	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	23	One recorded to the north of Tablakar, Adana Delta on the 7th.
24	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	24	Common at coastal wetland sites.
25	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	25	Flocks recorded at the Adana Delta, Nigde lake and Gotsu Delta.
26	Common Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	26	One recorded at the Gotsu Delta on the 13th.
27	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	27	Recorded each morning along the river by our hotel in Adana.
28	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	28	Recorded in small numbers at the Adana and Gotsu Deltas and Nigde lake.

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29	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	29	Common at wetland sites, especially the Adana Delta area.
30	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	30	Small numbers at the wetland sites.
31	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	31	Small numbers at the wetland sites.
32	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	32	Small numbers at the wetland sites.
33	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	33	Common at the wetland sites, especially at the Adana Delta.
34	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	34	One flew over at the Gotsu Delta on the 12th.
35	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	35	Many seen at several sites on the Adana Delta on the 7th, 8th & 9th.
36	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	36	One recorded off Soguksu on the 14th.
37	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	37	Small numbers on the Adana Delta and the Green Canyon, Managvat.
38	Eurasian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	38	Two recorded on the edge of the Gotsu Delta on the 12th.
39	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	39	One at the Gotsu Delta on the 13th.
40	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	40	Small numbers Tuz Gulu on the 7th and Yurmurtalik Lagoons on the 8th.
41	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	41	Three birds at Gotsu Delta on the 12th.
42	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	42	Good numbers at Tuz Gulu, Yurmurtalik lagoons and Gotsu Delta.
43	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	43	A pair at University lakes near Nigde on the 11th.
44	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	44	Common at the Adana and Gotsu Deltas.
45	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	45	A count of 4 birds in a wet meadow near to Nigde on the 11th.
46	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	46	Small numbers on the Adana and Gotsu Deltas.
47	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	47	A single on the Gotsu Delta on the 12th.
48	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	48	Small numbers in the Adana Delta area.
49	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	49	Small numbers in the Adana Delta area.
50	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	50	Good numbers in the Adana Delta area and small numbers at the Gotsu Delta.
51	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>	51	At least 7 observed at Tuz Gulu and Yurmurtalik lagons.
52	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	52	Small numbers recorded at Adana and Gotsu Deltas.
53	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	53	Small numbers recorded at Adana Delta.
54	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	54	Good numbers in the Adana Delta and 4 at the Gotsu Delta.
55	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	55	One near Nigde and several on the Gotsu Delta.
56	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	56	One north of Tablakar on the Adana Delta.
57	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	57	A flock of 20+ at Tuz Gulu on the 7th.

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58	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	58	A couple were heard on the Gotsu Delta.
59	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	59	Small numbers at Adand and Gotsu Deltas and the lake near Nigde.
60	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	60	Good numbers at the Adana and Gotsu Deltas.
61	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>	61	A group of 18 birds at Yurmurtalik lagoons on the 8th.
62	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	62	Two birds flew over Tuz Gulu on the 7th.
63	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	63	One in the Yellow-legged Gull colony at the Green Canyon, Managvat.
64	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	64	Common at coastal areas.
65	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	65	Good numbers in the Adana Delta area and small numbers at the Gotsu Delta.
66	Common Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	66	Three recorded at Yurmurtalik lagoons and one on the Gotsu Delta.
67	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	67	One at Tuz Gulu on the 7th.
68	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	68	Two birds at Tuz Gul on the 7th and 3 at the lake near Nigde on the 11th.
69	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	69	Two birds at Tuz Gulu on the 7th, flying alongside white-winged terns giving great views for comparison.
70	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	70	Small numbers on coastal sites.
71	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	71	Three individuals seen, the SE Turkish sub-species is Lillith Owlet .
72	Eurasian Scops-owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	72	One found roosting at the Emli Gorge on the 10th.
73	Brown Fish-owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	73	Great views of 3 at the Green Canyon, Managvat on the 15th.
74	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	74	One heard at the Green Canyon on the 15th.
75	European Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	75	One recorded near Findikli on the 9th.
76	Short-toed Snake-eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	76	Several seen on three days.
77	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	77	Adult recorded at the Green Canyon, Managvat. A fantastic record for the area.
78	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	78	Several seen in the Nigde area, including a nest on a pylon, on the 11th.
79	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	79	One recorded on the way to Carmardi on the 9th and one near Managvat on the 15th.
80	Western Marsh-harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	80	Small numbers at wetland sites.
81	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	81	Individuals recorded on three dates at mountain sites.
82	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	82	Female flew over the picnic site near the Temple of Zeus on the 13th.
83	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	83	Small numbers on each day in the mountains.
84	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>	84	Small numbers recorded daily on the second half of the trip.
85	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	85	Common in the Nigde area.
86	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	86	A small flock at Kamisli on the 12th and flocks flying over our hotel at Managvat on the 15th.

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87	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	87	A pair near Karatas on the 8th.
88	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	88	At least 17 birds recorded over two days in the Adana Delta area.
89	White-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	89	Six birds recorded on the 7th along the west side of the Adana Delta.
90	Eurasian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	90	Two recorded in the mountain areas on the 11th and 12th.
91	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>	91	A nest was found in an orchard near to Carmardi on the 11th.
92	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	92	Small numbers recorded throughout in suitable habitat.
93	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	93	A male was hunting at Alpu on the 9th.
94	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	94	Small numbers recorded throughout.
95	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	95	Singles recorded on the 9th and 11th.
96	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	96	Small numbers recorded throughout the trip.
97	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	97	A pair near Nigde on the 11th.
98	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	98	Individuals recorded on the 13th and 14th at the Gotsu Delta.
99	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	99	Common in the town park in Adana and along the road up to the Temple of Zeus on the 13th.
100	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	100	Relatively common on the mountain areas.
101	Yellow-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	101	Upto 20 recorded at Arpalik on the 10th.
102	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	102	Common in the mountain areas, the stunning black-capped sub-species <i>atricapillus</i> .
103	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	103	Small numbers in the mountain areas.
104	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	104	A few recorded in the town park in Adana.
105	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	105	A group of 20 birds on the edge of the lake near Nigde on the 11th.
106	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	106	Recorded in small numbers on 5 dates.
107	Carrion Crow (Hooded)	<i>Corvus corone</i>	107	Recorded daily of the subspecies <i>cornix</i> also known as Hooded Crow.
108	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	108	Recorded near the Temple of Zeus on the 13th and at the Green Canyon on the 15th.
109	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>	109	A pair at a nest near to the Temple of Zeus on the 13th and one near Aseki on the 15th.
110	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	110	Small number in the mountain areas.
111	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	111	Fairly common throughout.
112	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>	112	At least 12 birds feeding on the south side of the lake near Nigde on the 11th. Asian Short-toed Lark: Some consider the population on the central plateau of Turkey (subsp <i>niethammeri</i>) as part of the <i>cheleensis</i> group and give full specific status
113	Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>	113	One on the plains leading to Demilkazik gorge on the 9th and at least 5 along the south side of the 'Nigde loop' on the 11th.
114	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	114	At least two on the plains leading to Demilkazik gorge on the 9th 10+ near to Ulkapili on the 11th and 2 at the Gotsu Delta on the 12th.
115	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	115	Small numbers in the mountain areas and 20+ in the fields to the west side of the Adana Delta on the 8th.

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116	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	116	Small numbers in the mountain areas, all the Caucasus sub-species <i>penicillata</i> .
117	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	117	Two recorded on the east side of the 'Nigde loop' on the 11th.
118	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	118	Common in the Nigde area.
119	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	119	Relatively common throughout.
120	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	120	Two birds at the Gotsu Delta on the 13th.
121	Graceful Prinia	<i>Prinia gracilis</i>	121	Good numbers at both the Adana and Gotsu Deltas, mainly in the coastal areas.
122	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	122	Very common in the coastal areas, lower numbers in the higher elevations.
123	Upcher's Warbler	<i>Hippolais languida</i>	123	Migrants seen at Tuz Gulu on the 7th and the Gotsu Delta on the 12th.
124	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>	124	A migrant at Tuz Gulu on the 7th and common on breeding grounds on the road up to the Temple of Zeus on the 13th.
125	Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	125	One at the Gotsu Delta on the 13th.
126	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	126	One recorded on the 7th.
127	Common Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	127	Sub-species <i>fuscus</i> recorded in small numbers at the Adana and Gotsu Deltas.
128	Northern House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	128	Abundant, recorded daily
129	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	129	Relatively common in the coastal areas.
130	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	130	Abundant, recorded daily
131	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	131	Common in the mountain areas.
132	Collared Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	132	Common throughout.
133	White-spectacled Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xanthopygos</i>	133	Good numbers recorded in the coastal areas.
134	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>	134	Small numbers in breeding areas, most abundant in the Aseki area on the 15th.
135	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	135	Only one recorded during the entire trip on the 7th.
136	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	136	One recorded on the 11th near Carmardi.
137	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	137	Small numbers in the Nigde and Gotsu Delta areas.
138	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	138	The intriguing alpinus sub-species recorded on the 13th and 15th. Somewhat duller and shorter tailed than the nominate sub-species.
139	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	139	Small number recorded throughout the trip.
140	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	140	Very common in the town park across from our hotel in Adana. Also a pair on territory at the Emli Gorge.
141	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia crassirostris</i>	141	Individuals recorded on the 8th, 10th and 13th.
142	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	142	Relatively common throughout the tour.
143	Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	143	One recorded in the town park in Adana on the 7th and one at Emli Gorge on the 10th. Eastern SW: Subsp. <i>albistriata</i> split by some
144	Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia ruppelli</i>	144	Recorded on the last day at Cimikoy.

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145	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	145	Small numbers in the mountain areas.
146	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	146	One recorded on the 9th at Findikli.
147	Krueper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>	147	Fantastic views at Alpu and Findikli on the 9th, near the Temple of Zeus on the 13th and near Aseki on the 15th.
148	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	148	Recorded at Demilkazik Gorge, Emli Gorge, the Temple of Zeus and Cimikoy.
149	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	149	Two males recorded at Demilkazik Gorge on the 9th and 1 at Emli Gorge on the 10th. One of the highlights of the trip.
150	Northern Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	150	One recorded at Demilkazik Gorge on the 9th.
151	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	151	One feeding near Oron on the 11th, the black-bellied sub-species.
152	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	152	Common in the mountain areas.
153	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	153	Large numbers in the Gotsu Delta, 350 on the 13th and 120 on the 14th.
154	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	154	Small numbers in the forest in the higher altitudes.
155	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	155	Recorded throughout the trip.
156	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	156	A pair recorded at Arpalik on the 10th.
157	Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	157	Small numbers recorded on the coastal areas.
158	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	158	A total of 5 birds recorded over three days in the town park at Adana and Tuz Gulu.
159	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	159	Recorded on two days at the town park in Adana.
160	White-throated Robin	<i>Irania gutturalis</i>	160	Three recorded in the Emli Gorge area on the 10th.
161	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	161	Recorded in the higher altitudes, especially common in the Nigde area.
162	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	162	Recorded each morning in the town park in Adana and one on the coast at Gotsu Delta on the 14th.
163	Eastern Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	163	Recorded on the 9th, 10th and 11th in the mountain areas.
164	Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	164	One recorded displaying at Arpalik on the 10th and another observed at the Green Canyon on the 15th.
165	Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	165	Recorded at the Demilkazik and Emli Gorges.
166	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	166	A pair feeding in the steppe near to the Demilkazik Gorge.
167	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	167	Common in the higher altitudes.
168	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	168	Common in the higher altitudes.
169	<i>Eastern</i> Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	169	Small numbers in the mountain areas. Eastern BEW: Subsp. <i>melanoleuca</i>
170	Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>	170	Recorded near the Demilkazik Gorge on the 10th and near Kilavuz on the 11th.
171	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	171	At least 5 recorded at the picnic site near to the Temple of Zeus on the 13th.
172	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>	172	Up to 3 recorded at Arpalik on the 10th.
173	Radde's Accentor	<i>Prunella ocularis</i>	173	Two birds recorded at Arpalik on the 10th.

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174	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	174	Abundant, recorded daily
175	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	175	Recorded on 5 days.
176	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	176	Small numbers in the mountain areas.
177	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	177	A pair at a nest near to the Demilkazik ski centre on the 12th.
178	Pale Rock Sparrow	<i>Carospiza brachydactyla</i>	178	At least one bird, probably 2 were found on a plateau above Cimikoy on the 15th. A fantastic end to the trip!
179	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>	179	At least 20 at Arpalik on the 10th.
180	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	180	Four migrants feeding in the wetlands at Gotsu Delta on the 12th.
181	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	181	One at Arpalik on the 10th.
182	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	182	One recorded by Alan on the steppes next to Demilkazik Gorge on the 9th with further individuals recorded on the 11th and 13th.
183	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	183	Mainly the sub-species <i>feldegg</i> , recorded on 5 days.
184	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	184	At least 6 recorded in the higher altitudes.
185	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	185	One recorded on the 13th at the Gotsu Delta.
186	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	186	Small numbers recorded throughout.
187	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	187	Regularly recorded after we left the Adana area.
188	Eurasian Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguineus</i>	188	Recorded on the steppes near Demilkazik and Emli Gorge and on the plateau above Cimikoy.
189	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	189	Recorded daily.
190	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	190	Common in the higher altitudes.
191	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	191	Common throughout the trip.
192	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	192	Recorded in several areas in the higher altitudes.
193	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>	193	Excellent views at the Demilkazik Gorge, Arpalik and Cimikoy.
194	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	194	Small numbers recorded throughout the trip.
195	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	195	Small numbers recorded in the higher altitudes.
196	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	196	Small numbers recorded in the higher altitudes.
197	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	197	Recorded in the Steppe near Nigde and Demilkazik.
198	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>	198	Fantastic views of several near to the Temple of Zeus on the 13th and Akseki on the 15th.

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	MAMMALS			
1	European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	1	Two recorded at Emli Gorge on the 10th.
2	Persian Squirrel	<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>	2	Recorded on three dates.
3	European Souslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>	3	Good numbers in the mountains.
4	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	4	Two recorded near Nigde on the 11th.
5	Bezoar Ibex	<i>Capra aegagrus</i>	5	Recorded on two dates in the mountains.
6	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	6	One recorded in the Adana Delta.
7	Nathuseus Pipestrelle	<i>Pipistrellus nathusii</i>	7	Identified by bat detector as they flew over our hotel in Tasucu.

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