

# Hungary in Autumn

## Saturday 21 - Saturday 28 October 2006

### Trip Report

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### DAILY DIARY

#### Saturday 21 October

Due to operational reasons Ray left the UK before most of the main group but on arrival in Budapest is greeted by Gabor's friend and given a guided tour of the city.

After lunch Ray joins Gabor at his office and then drive in the bus to the airport and collect the group.

Along the route we do manage to see a few birds of interest: Buzzard, Kestrel, Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon, Collared Dove and Starling.

We arrive in the Hortobagy area and stay at the Fuzfa Hotel, Poroszlo, Kossuth Lajos for our 4 night stay and check in before having our evening meal.

#### Sunday 22 October

The morning starts with a pre-breakfast walk near the hotel in cool, misty/light rain conditions to check out the varied habitats and soon find Redwing flying over. At Lake Tisza a few common birds are seen plus some fishermen but near a reed-bed area we hear Penduline & Bearded Tit, hear and see Chiffchaff, then a small flock of Brambling erupts from the reeds and we locate Tree Sparrow and Great Grey Shrike whilst several perched Buzzards are found in the distance. After breakfast we head towards the Kis-Jusztus Marsh area and along our route we find groups of Greylag Geese and Common Crane on the wing or feeding in fields. We pull off the road and begin to explore the Egyek-Pusztakocs demonstration area and start to see a wealth of birdlife including: Pygmy Cormorant, Purple & Grey Heron, Great White Egret, Great Bittern, single Spoonbill overhead, Goldeneye, Peregrine, Marsh & Hen Harrier, Kestrel, Common Buzzard, Sparrowhawk, Snipe & Lapwing. We then walk to another viewpoint in this area and find Chiffchaff feeding in the bushes but soon turn to watch a pair of White-tailed Sea Eagles in the distance along with a single bird. Our next stop sets the standard for the week ahead in that we try to have our lunch in the comfort of a little restaurant. Next we visit the first of many 'Fishponds' during the week and soon find Coot, Avocet, Grey Plover, Curlew, Spotted Redshank, Dunlin, Ruff, Black & Bar-tailed Godwit. Weather has turned warm now and we drive to the village of Hortobagy, stop in the street and look up into the trees and find Long-eared Owls at roost, the more we look the more we find. Other people are curious at what we are doing and several look through our telescopes and go wow! Goresi Ut proves to be a good stop and as we walk to view a wetland area we see Stonechat before looking over the water to find a good mix of duck including: Wigeon, Teal, Mallard and Shoveler, but the star bird here comes in the form of Wood Sandpiper. A short drive and we are off road to a viewing platform to watch Cranes come in to roost. As

we wait we study the Geese nearby and find a single Barnacle Goose in with the Grey Geese. The sun is setting as the Cranes come in, calling as they arrive, a Rough-legged Buzzard passes by almost ignored by us. We return to the hotel feeling very happy.

### **Monday 23 October**

The Nagyivan area is today's target and as we arrive we see our first Crested Lark before moving on to collect our Ranger for the day. He joins us and we travel towards the site only to stop a short distance to see a group of at least 6 Black-crowned Night-herons exit their roost site. As we try to drive along a wet track it soon becomes obvious that we will have to walk the track. Hen Harriers are busy hunting the fields and further along we see a Great Grey Shrike on a farm building with Rough-legged Buzzards hovering beyond. The Ranger leads us further along until we reach our main target, 6 Great Bustards, although we are some way from these massive birds they fly away after several minutes. In the far distance 5 White-tailed Sea Eagles are just visible sitting on a large farm building. Tree Sparrows are perched in the bushes behind us and both \_ & \_ Hen Harriers hunt nearby. We return to the bus and the Ranger takes us back to his village and leads us to an area near his home to show us 3 Stone Curlew feeding nearby. The nearby fishponds provide us with a good mix of species including Kingfisher, a species that seems to be eluding most members of the group. The next stop is at the delightfully named Angyal Haza (House of Angels) to check if any Dotterel are still around, as this is a regular stopping off place, the ground is quite rough but our driver does his best to get as close as he can. We start to walk and before long we hear the birds calling, so we scope them from a distance just in case they fly. Seven Dotterel are seen but suddenly they fly off, they may have seen something we hadn't. We walk back to the bus and enjoy more \_ & \_ Hen Harriers hunting nearby and also see a pair of Little Owls sitting on an old straw stack before we return to the Hotel.

### **Tuesday 24 October**

We wake to find it breezy, cloudy but warm and depart shortly after breakfast to stop at Fenyes 'Fishpond' N°5, Csecsi 'Fishpond' N°1 and then the Hortobagy Fishpond complex. Similar species are seen at each of the fishponds: Little & Great Crested Grebe, Great and Pygmy Cormorant, Grey Heron, Great White Egret, White-fronted & Greylag Geese, Wigeon, Teal, Mallard, Pintail, Lapwing, Snipe, Kingfisher and Meadow Pipit. There are a few species that are only seen / heard on this day and they include: White Stork, Mute Swan, Gadwall, Pintail, Water Rail, Green Sandpiper and Little Stint. By far the most impressive 'Fishpond' is the Hortobagy Fishpond complex and as we drive into the Car Park we park close to the only White Stork of the trip, it moves away only to settle on a nearby building. We manage to get the bus along the track part way before we have to get off and walk to the end hide. Once in the hide we look out to see a vast collection of wildfowl and waders spread out in front of us. As we try to identify and look at this bird fest an immature White-tailed Sea Eagle glides in and succeeds in re-shuffling the birds to our advantage!

The Eagle lands not far away, opposite the hide door, so we set up many telescopes in this small gap. Luckily the bird is settled and everyone enjoys good views.

Meanwhile the waders are being checked as they have been re-shuffled in our favour and the 'possible' Little Stints are 'really' Little Stints, thanks to Gabor's zoom lens.

Everyone enjoys a leisurely walk back at their own pace, stopping to see the wildlife or the views from the raised platforms. We all make it back to the car park say goodbye to one of the local guides and travel back to the hotel.

### **Wednesday 25 October**

Fine weather seems to have set in as we leave to drive to the Gyokerkuti 'Fishpond' area and we enjoy some new species for our trip, 2 Lesser White-fronted Geese are found among the White-fronted Geese, a small flock

of Pochard fly over and a single Ferruginous Duck. We find a minimum of 35 Great Crested Grebes on the Fishpond when suddenly a \_ Hen Harrier dashes over the water to settle on an island nearby, giving good telescope views. In the trees near the bank we find Chiffchaff and Reed Bunting. We then drive through farmland country seeing the odd Hen Harrier and Cranes before stopping near the River Tisza at a ferry crossing for a lunch stop. We explore the woodland nearby and find both Short-toed and Eurasian Treecreeper.

Our next stop is the Darassa Puszta and we find raptors in abundance with Merlin, numerous Buzzards, the odd Marsh Harrier and our first group of Linnets. After a while we move further along the main road and stop to view. Within seconds we see a Long-legged Buzzard perched on a farm building, it swoops down several times to take prey on the ground, in flight its rufous tail showing up well. Meanwhile in the far distance an immature White-tailed Sea Eagle soars on the plentiful thermals. We then move off driving through more farmland stopping at various points to check pylons for raptors but have little success. We then reach the main road and head towards the Forest of Debrecem but all this looking at pylons pays off when a Saker Falcon launches itself from its lofty perch and drifts across the road behind our vehicle. It is not easy to stop on this road but the driver succeeds in finding a safe place. We walk back and find the Saker perched on another pylon and after a few minutes it takes off again but finally moves away. A new habitat to explore next as we enter the Debrecem Forest and find Great-spotted Woodpecker, Nuthatch, Goldcrest, Long-tailed Tit (White-headed race) and Marsh Tit before heading off towards Tokaj.

We arrive at our new base in the darkness but soon settle in and enjoy a good meal before heading to our rooms.

### **Thursday 26 October**

The weather seems to have followed us as we leave after breakfast and head off into the sunshine. We drive a short distance to an area of woodland that also has a rock face and within seconds see a Rock Bunting fly over our heads and vanish. Black Woodpeckers are calling but remain hidden. A good mix of other species is seen including: Goldcrest, Long-tailed Tit, Marsh & Willow Tit, Lesser-spotted Woodpecker and hear our first Eastern Bullfinch. Our next stop is near the Castle at Arka and here we find a pair of Syrian Woodpeckers in the orchard along with Jay and Crested Lark nearby. Further up into the Zemplen Hills we discover our first Yellowhammer, Goshawk and Fieldfare. One big surprise species for this area is a small flock of Cormorant! We enjoy lunch in Haromhuta and have good close views of our daily companions, Black Redstarts before moving to woodland and try to find Woodpeckers and Owls but finding them takes some time but we receive some help from Jays that manage to find a roosting Owl. We are alerted by the calls of the Jays and the Ural Owl that is being mobbed by the Jays. This is our chance, we creep a short distance into the wood and see the Ural Owl fly out and then back into the trees. On our return to Tokaj we park near a quarry and wait for darkness to fall in the hope of seeing Eagle owl but we eventually end up with sound and no vision, not deterred we vow to return tomorrow.

### **Friday 27 October**

Another great start to our day with wall to wall sunshine once more as we head into the Zemplen Hills again and explore more woodland areas. Our first stop is very productive with everyone seeing a pair of Black Woodpeckers feeding on the ground, on the trees and even flying close to us. In this same area of woodland we see Middle Spotted Woodpecker and enjoy prolonged views. As we leave this wood Crossbills are heard flying over but are not seen. We now head further up into the hills towards Erdobenyé and stop for lunch. It is good to be out in the sunshine after all that shade and to have a great view whilst having our food. Our relaxed birding soon becomes exciting as an Adult Eastern Imperial Eagle is heading our way. This bird gets ever closer, soaring around showing off the white shoulder patches that identify this Eagle species. The bird eventually drifts away to the west and we finish off our lunch before moving to Basko. This high vantage point is perfectly placed to watch any bird movement taking place and so we all set up telescopes and wait. Plenty of Buzzards appear from most directions but Ravens seem to be on the move with at least 90 seen during the time here. Both \_ & \_ Hen

Harrier are present but despite all our eyes looking out an Eagle sp manages to sneak past us before we could identify which species. We return to the Erdobenyé area to check the woodland but only manage to find Lesser-spotted Woodpecker and our first Mistle Thrush; we also hear Hawfinch but do not see any. We drive back towards Tokaj and stop to look at a flood plain area to find at least 5 White-tailed Sea Eagles in the area. On our return we stop at Tokaj and once again check out the quarry, only this time we are successful with good prolonged views of a perched Eagle Owl before returning to base. During the evening some of us go back towards Tokaj to a wine tasting in one of the many wine caves in this famous wine producing area.

### **Saturday 28 October**

We load our luggage into the bus after breakfast and head off towards Budapest with a few stops along the way to find a few birds. Places of note include Bogács, Hor Valley, Noszvaj (lunch), Szomolyn and finally the motorway and Budapest.

Birds of note include Brambling, Rock Bunting, Hawfinch, Green Woodpecker & Siskin. The last species for the week had been seen before but not so close as today.

An adult pair of Eastern Imperial Eagle are sitting as bold as brass on pylons and do not seem worried by our presence, they look stunning!

We reach the airport and go to check in for our flights.

The weather on this trip was very kind and allowed many to top up their suntan before the winter set in. Gabor and his team were brilliant, special mention to the skills of the bus driver and of course the amazing Attila.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

### BIRDS

<b>Little Grebe</b>	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Recorded on 3 days with a max of 7 on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Great Crested Grebe</b>	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Seen on most days with a max of 35 on the 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Great Cormorant</b>	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>	Common and seen almost daily.
<b>Pygmy Cormorant</b>	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	Recorded on 3 days during the week.
<b>Grey Heron</b>	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Common and seen on most days.
<b>Purple Heron</b>	<i>Ardea purpurea</i> )	Juvenile seen flying briefly over the marsh near Jusztus on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Great White Egret</b>	<i>Egretta alba</i>	Common and seen on most days.
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	At least 6 seen roosting near Nagyivan on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Great Bittern</b>	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Single seen flying briefly at the marsh near Jusztus on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>White Stork</b>	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Friendly solitary bird seen at Hortobagy Fishpond at narrow gauge train garage on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Eurasian Spoonbill</b>	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Single seen flying over the marsh near Jusztus on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Mute Swan</b>	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Single found on 'Fishpond' on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>White-fronted Goose</b>	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Small numbers were seen on several of the 'Fishponds'.
<b>Lesser White-fronted Goose</b>	<i>Anser erythropus</i>	Two birds found on Gyokerkuti 'Fishpond' on the 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Greylag Goose</b>	<i>Anser anser</i>	Good numbers were seen on at least four days in fields or on 'Fishponds'.
<b>Barnacle Goose</b>	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Single bird found on the fields with other geese near Kisjusztus on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>	<i>Anas Penelope</i>	Small numbers were seen on three days.
<b>Gadwall</b>	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Only one 'Fishpond' contained good numbers on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Common Teal</b>	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Reasonable numbers were seen on at least three days.
<b>Mallard</b>	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Common and seen almost daily.
<b>Northern Pintail</b>	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Small numbers were seen on one 'Fishpond' on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Northern Shoveler</b>	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Only recorded on two days with a max of 8 on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Common Pochard</b>	<i>Netta rufina</i>	Small flock flying over a 'Fishpond' on the 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Ferruginous Duck</b>	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Single bird found on a 'Fishpond' on the 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Goldeneye</b>	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Female seen briefly flying over the marsh near Jusztus on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .

<b>White-tailed Eagle</b>	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Three recorded on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Five on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> . One on the 24 <sup>th</sup> . Two on the 25 <sup>th</sup> and five on the 27 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Hen Harrier</b>	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Fairly common and seen almost daily with a max of 6 on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Marsh Harrier</b>	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Common and seen almost daily with 10+ on some days.
<b>Eurasian Sparrowhawk</b>	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Several birds were recorded on most days.
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>	<i>Accipiter gentiles</i>	Single birds on the 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Common Buzzard</b>	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Common, widespread and observed daily.
<b>Long-legged Buzzard</b>	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	Great views of an individual on the 25 <sup>th</sup> at Darassa.
<b>Rough-legged Buzzard</b>	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	Recorded on four days with a max of 4 on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Eastern Imperial Eagle</b>	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	Adult near Erdobeny on the 27 <sup>th</sup> and a pair next to the motorway on the 28 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Common Kestrel</b>	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common, widespread and observed daily.
<b>Peregrine</b>	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Adult at Jusztus marsh & immature at 'Fishponds' on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Merlin</b>	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Hunting birds seen briefly on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Saker Falcon</b>	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	Single bird found sitting on a pylon on the 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Common Pheasant</b>	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Common, widespread and seen daily.
<b>Common Crane</b>	<i>Grus grus</i>	Large numbers were seen daily during the first half of the week but the thousands coming in to roost on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> were just amazing
<b>Water Rail</b>	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	One was heard at 'Fishponds' on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Eurasian Coot</b>	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Common, widespread and seen on at least four days.
<b>Great Bustard</b>	<i>Otis tarda</i>	Six of these majestic birds were enjoyed by all near the Nagyivan area on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Pied Avocet</b>	<i>Recurvirostra avocetta</i>	Single on 'Fishponds' on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>European Stone Curlew</b>	<i>Burhinus oedienemus</i>	We enjoyed a welcome study of 3 birds at Nagyivan on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Northern Lapwing</b>	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Small numbers were observed on four days.
<b>(Eurasian) Dotterel</b>	<i>Eudromias morinellus</i>	Good views of seven at Angyalhaza on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Grey Plover</b>	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Singles on 'Fishponds' on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Eurasian Curlew</b>	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Small numbers were recorded on 4 dates on 'Fishponds'.
<b>Spotted Redshank</b>	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Small numbers on 3 days then 200+ on the 24 <sup>th</sup> at 'Fishpond'.
<b>Common Snipe</b>	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Observed on five days, normally near 'Fishpond' areas.

<b>Dunlin</b>	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Seen on two days with at least 50 on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Little Stint</b>	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Three birds hiding with Dunlin at Hortobagy 'Fishpond' on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Wood Sandpiper</b>	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	A great find at Goresi Ut Farm area on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Green Sandpiper</b>	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Two seen briefly on the 24 <sup>th</sup> at a 'Fishpond'.
<b>Black-tailed Godwit</b>	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Single with damaged right leg on 'Fishponds' on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Bar-tailed Godwit</b>	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Single with damaged left leg on 'Fishponds' on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Ruff</b>	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Two singles on different 'Fishponds' on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Common Gull</b>	<i>Larus canus</i>	Small numbers were recorded on two dates only.
<b>Yellow-legged Gull</b>	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Small numbers on 2 dates. (Has mainly a western distribution in Hungary).
<b>Caspian Gull</b>	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Larger numbers seen in the Hortobagy area. (Mainly an Eastern distribution in Hungary).
<b>Black-headed Gull</b>	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Common, widespread and seen on most days.
<b>Feral Pigeon</b>	<i>Columba livia</i>	Very common & widespread and seen every day.
<b>(Common) Wood Pigeon</b>	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Single birds on three dates only, 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Eurasian Collared Dove</b>	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Very common & widespread and seen every day.
<b>Eurasian Eagle Owl</b>	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	One heard on the 26 <sup>th</sup> and one seen on the 27 <sup>th</sup> at Tokaj quarry.
<b>Ural Owl</b>	<i>Strix uralensis</i>	We all enjoyed flight views of one found by Jays on the 26 <sup>th</sup> in the Zemplen Hills.
<b>Little Owl</b>	<i>Athene noctua</i>	A pair sitting on old haystacks at Angyalhaza on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Long-eared Owl</b>	<i>Asio atus</i>	At least 16 roosting birds were found in Hortobagy village on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Common Kingfisher</b>	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Singles recorded on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Lesser Spotted Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	Observed on the 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Middle Spotted Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>	Most of us enjoyed prolonged views of one on the 27 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>White-backed Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>	Heard on the 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> in the Zemplen Hills.
<b>Syrian Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	Two seen near an orchard close to Arka Castle on the 26 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Great Spotted Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Recorded daily on the 25 <sup>th</sup> to the 28 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Black Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	Two were heard on the 26 <sup>th</sup> but two were seen on the 27 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Green Woodpecker</b>	<i>Picus viridis</i>	One observed on a dead tree on the 28 <sup>th</sup> at Noszvaj.
<b>Crested Lark</b>	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	Seen and heard on at least four dates.
<b>Eurasian Skylark</b>	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Heard on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> and then seen on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .

<b>Barn Swallow</b>	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Recorded on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>White Wagtail</b>	<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	Observed only on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> and the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Meadow Pipit</b>	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Small numbers were recorded most days.
<b>Northern (Great Grey) Shrike</b>	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Small numbers were recorded most days.
<b>Meadow Pipit</b>	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Small numbers were recorded most days.
<b>Northern (Great Grey) Shrike</b>	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Small numbers were recorded most days.
<b>Winter Wren</b>	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Heard more than seen on at least five dates.
<b>Common Blackbird</b>	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Seen usually flying overhead on four dates.
<b>Fieldfare</b>	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Small group flying overhead in the Zemplen Hills on the 26 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Redwing</b>	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Small group flying overhead near the Hotel on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Mistle Thrush</b>	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	One on the 27 <sup>th</sup> at Erdobenyé.
<b>European Robin</b>	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Seen and heard at various sites on five dates.
<b>Black Redstart</b>	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Common, widespread and seen on most days.
<b>Common Stonechat</b>	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Three at Goresi Ut Farm on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> and one at the Nagyivan area on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Bearded Tit</b>	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	Heard but never seen at more than one reed bed area.
<b>Common Chiffchaff</b>	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	One singing near the hotel & one seen at the marsh near Jusztus on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Goldcrest</b>	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Heard and sometimes seen on at least four days.
<b>Long-tailed Tit</b>	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	On four dates we had the pleasure of seeing the 'caudatus' white headed race.
<b>Penduline Tit</b>	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	Heard but never seen at more than one reed bed area.
<b>Marsh Tit</b>	<i>Parus palustris</i>	Seen on four dates in woodland habitat.
<b>Willow Tit</b>	<i>Parus montanus</i>	Heard and seen on only two dates: 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Coal Tit</b>	<i>Parus ater</i>	Recorded on three dates mixed with other Tit species.
<b>Great Tit</b>	<i>Parus major</i>	Common, widespread and seen on most days.
<b>Blue Tit</b>	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Common, widespread and seen every day.
<b>Eurasian Nuthatch</b>	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Heard and seen between the 25 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Eurasian Treecreeper</b>	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Heard and seen on four dates.
<b>Short-toed Treecreeper</b>	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	A single bird recorded on the 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Eurasian Jay</b>	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Regular in the woodlands of the Zemplen Hills.
<b>Black-billed Magpie</b>	<i>Pica pica</i>	Common and widespread. Seen on most days.
<b>Jackdaw</b>	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Only recorded once on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Rook</b>	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Common, widespread and seen every day.
<b>Hooded Crow</b>	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	Common, widespread and seen on most days.
<b>Common Raven</b>	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Odd birds on 2 days then 90+ on the 27 <sup>th</sup> at Basko.
<b>Common Starling</b>	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common, widespread and seen every day.

<b>Corn Bunting</b>	<i>Miliaria calandra</i> Observed on 5 dates, sometimes in large numbers.
<b>Rock Bunting</b>	<i>Emberiza cia</i> One seen on the 26 <sup>th</sup> and one heard on the 28 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Yellowhammer</b>	<i>Emberiza citronella</i> Reasonable numbers on the 26 <sup>th</sup> , then fewer on the 27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Reed Bunting</b>	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i> Heard only on two days then seen in single figure numbers on the 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Common Chaffinch</b>	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i> Recorded in small numbers on four dates.
<b>Brambling</b>	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i> A small flock emerged from their roost near the hotel on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> . A few seen on the 28 <sup>th</sup> at Bogacs.
<b>European Greenfinch</b>	<i>Carduelis chloris</i> Observed on 5 dates, usually in small numbers.
<b>Eurasian Siskin</b>	<i>Carduelis spinus</i> Small group flew over the Marsh at Jusztus on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Singles on two other dates.
<b>European Goldfinch</b>	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i> Common and seen in sizeable flocks on most days.
<b>Common Linnet</b>	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i> Large flock recorded on the 25 <sup>th</sup> , smaller group on the 27 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Common Crossbill</b>	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i> A small flock were heard flying over woodland on the 27 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Eurasian Bullfinch</b>	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i> Eastern race birds were heard on 3 dates but none were seen.
<b>Hawfinch</b>	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i> Heard flying over several times but one was seen perched on the 28 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>House Sparrow</b>	<i>Passer domesticus</i> Common and seen in sizeable flocks every day.
<b>Tree Sparrow</b>	<i>Passer montanus</i> Common and seen in smaller flocks on most days.
<b>126 species of bird.</b>	

## **MAMMALS**

<b>Red Fox</b>	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>
<b>Red Deer</b>	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>
<b>Roe Deer</b>	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>
<b>European Souslik</b>	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>
<b>Brown Hare</b>	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>
<b>Brown Rat</b>	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>

## **AMPHIBIANS**

<b>Edible Frog</b>	<i>Rana esculenta/lessonae</i>
<b>Fire-bellied Toad</b>	<i>Bombina bombina</i>
<b>Common Tree Frog</b>	<i>Hyla arborea</i>
<b>Great-crested Newt</b>	<i>Triturus cristatus</i>
<b>Common Spadefoot</b>	<i>Pelobates fuscus</i>

## **REPTILES**

<b>Grass Snake</b>	<i>Natrix natri</i>
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## **BUTTERFLIES**

<b>Large White</b>	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
<b>Clouded Yellow</b>	<i>Colias croceus</i>
<b>Pale Clouded Yellow</b>	<i>Colias hyale</i>
<b>Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow</b>	<i>Colias erate</i>
<b>Peacock</b>	<i>Inachis io</i>
<b>Red Admiral</b>	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
<b>Brown Hairstreak</b>	<i>Thecla betulae</i>

## **DRAGONFLIES**

<b>Common Darter</b>	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>
<b>Migrant Hawker</b>	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>

## **OTHER WILDLIFE**

<b>Hummingbird Hawkmoth</b>	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>
<b>Spider</b>	<i>Lycosa singariensis</i>