

Limosa *Holidays*

The Travelling Naturalist

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Tour Report

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Tour Highlights

A Short-toed Eagle being mobbed by a Red Kite at the Murnauer Nature Reserve
The delightful profusion of orchids of the lower Alpine meadows
The sight of Ring Ouzels and Nutcrackers at higher altitudes
Five hundred-year-old Yew trees at the amazing Peterzell forest
A single Honey Buzzard flying into tree lined ravine while we were at dinner
A Common Goldeneye with chicks on the stunning azure-coloured water of a cold Alpine stream
Dazzling demoiselles, dashing darters and delightful dragonflies of the Bavarian wetlands and streams
A pair of Black-throated Divers feeding and Hobby catching insects on the Starnbergersee
Dancing, colourful butterflies feeding on the fresh spring flowers

Day 1 Saturday 31st May Tour leader Stephen Daly was already on hand at Munich airport to meet the group who arrived off three different flights, all within a short time of each other. After loading the luggage into our mini-bus, with a short refreshment stop en route we arrived at our lakeside hotel at Kochel-am-See. We passed a few local birds and a Roe Deer en route and took in the sights and delights of such a peaceful country setting, with impressive mountains behind and lakeside to the front. Mute Swans, Great Crested Grebes, Tufted Ducks and Mallards swam past the hotel. A single Purple Emperor butterfly was also seen in characteristic powerful flight across the hotel terrace and garden. Taking a short stroll through some nearby woodland we saw Blackcaps, European Robin, Eurasian Blackbirds and Wood Pigeons. At the hotel we saw Carrion Crows, Common Swifts and Barn Swallows flew overhead and Eurasian Jays dashed across the woodland gaps by the nearby gardens. Blue and Great Tits were searching for food for their broods and Chaffinches, Siskins and Goldfinches were also seen. A wonderful meal with drinks awaited us in the hotels superb restaurant complimented by stunning views of a magnificent sunset over the lake.

Day 2 Sunday 1st June Several Black-headed Gulls, some Yellow-legged Gulls and Common Gulls were on the lake as we took breakfast by the restaurant's panoramic windows. After a great Bavarian breakfast, we headed off, driving the short distance to the famous Murnauer Moss Nature reserve. This vast expanse of protected moorland bog has several paths, walkways and circular walking routes, surrounded by verdant meadows complete with carpets of wild flowers and grasses. Icterine Warblers, Marsh Tits, Blue Tits and

Great Tits made their presence known as we took a perfectly laid out gravel path alongside a winding stream that seemed alive with insect life. Beautiful Demoiselles, Large Red Demoiselles, Azure Bluets and the impressive Lesser Emperor Dragonflies hawked for other insects, mated or waited on fresh leaves or grasses for unsuspecting prey. The reserve is a delight to take a gentle county stroll and the tree lined verges hold a variety of wetland or marsh trees bushes and shrubs, half of which were in flower and contained many birds frantically searching for food to feed their young. Chiffchaffs, Willow Warblers, Western Bonelli's Warblers, Blackcaps, Wood Warblers, Garden Warblers, parties of Long-tailed Tits, Northern Wrens, European Robins, Common Nightingales and Blackbirds all flitted in and out of the foliage, constantly crossing our path with food in their beaks. Grasshopper Warblers could be heard singing close by in the reeds and Common Quail was also heard from the grassy meadows. Green Woodpecker and Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Common Cuckoos called in the distance. As we walked in the warm sunshine Common Buzzards, Black and Red Kites could be seen close at hand or rising on warm thermals in the distance. A lone Short-toed Eagle was picked up and watched for a while having a slight tussle with a Red Kite and after a while settled back to patrolling the edge of the reserve, putting on classic hovering displays that we could all watch comfortably through Stephen's telescope. Chris and Marilyn also managed to see Common Snipe in flight across the reserve bog and we all noted that there were several different species of butterfly around that included Pale Clouded Yellow, Red Admiral, Speckled Wood, Silver-Washed and Marsh Fritillary, Map Butterfly and Marbled White. On walking back to a perfectly situated "Gasthof" or local restaurant with adjoining "Beergarten" where we watched White and Grey Wagtails on the edge of one of the freshly mown meadows of a nearby farm.

After a light lunch we set off on in the mini-bus on a particularly scenic route westwards to the pretty village of Bad Bayersojen. He we parked up and took a walk by the Bayersojener See, a small lake surrounded by rolling meadows and mixed woodlands. Common Redstart and Black Redstarts flew around a small farm and several Common Cuckoos were again heard with one male bird flying and calling as it went. Several Fieldfare were also watched for a while, looking especially beautiful in their breeding plumage. Eurasian Nuthatch, Song Thrush, Goldcrest, Spotted Flycatcher European Starling, Collared Doves, Rock Dove and Wood Pigeons were also seen with the Nuthatches coming within a few feet of the group!

Day 3. Monday 2nd June A few of us braved a fairly acceptable start for an early morning jaunt along part of the river Isar. We managed to get fairly good views of Icterine Warblers, Eurasian Curlews that chased off any other bird than came near their nest area, Great Egret, White Stork, Marsh Tit, Fieldfares, Black Kite and Eurasian Jays. After a nutritious Bavarian breakfast we set off towards the area near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, this time taking the more leisurely scenic route from Kochel.

On a fairly fast running stream not only did we come across White-throated Dipper and Grey Wagtails but watched a female Common Goldeneye shepherd her flock of four ducklings up stream. The contrast of the dark birds against the azure coloured mountain water was quite stunning and a few of us managed to get some quite decent photographs. I have to be quite honest that the unfortunately named mountain, the Wankberg, today's main destination, was the butt of any possible joke that one could possibly imagine. The laughter and jokes started well before getting into the cable cars and continued well after our dinner! I won't elaborate but I'm sure that readers can use their imagination about that haplessly named mountain, (hereafter referred to as 'the mountain'). In the car park we saw Blackbirds, Song Thrushes and Fieldfares, Chaffinches, Goldfinches, Green finches and a Great Spotted Woodpecker.

When we arrived at the mountain we duly got organised for our trip in the cable car and walks. It was lovely weather and thankfully the windows could be opened to listen to and watch the birds as we slowly progressed to the middle station. En route some of us managed to spot a pair of rather vocal Nutcrackers, one Crested and a pair of Long-tailed Tits and Citril Finches. A few Red Squirrels were also seen scurrying from tree to tree on the pine-covered slopes. At the middle station we got out and took a walk down the main track we stopped to watch some butterflies that included Adonis Blue, Cranberry Blue, Green Hairstreak, Large Ringlet, Painted Lady, and Tortoiseshell. We could have easily spent more time here but after numerous photo opportunities with butterflies and scenery, we had to get back to the middle station and head for the top. Another Nutcracker was heard and a Raven called from below the tree-line. From on top of the mountain we had the most fantastic views towards the city of Garmisch below and the snow covered peaks of the Spitzberg, Germany's highest peak at almost three thousand meters. Walking along the track at the top we had lunch outside at a mountain hut. Hot soup, local bread and a beer went down rather well and we left to look for more wildlife. A Silver-washed Fritillary was seen and Black Redstarts, Dunnocks and Ring Ousels and a single Alpine accentor were seen and heard singing from the wind battered mountain junipers and pines. Water Pipits also called and were seen in display flights just as the weather closed in and the heaven's opened. The absence of normally abundant flocks of Red-billed Choughs could only be put down to the incoming storm. No one did we spot! Tactfully retreating back to the cable car station we descended to the minis bus and drove to take cover in Garmisch-Partenkirchen for coffee and Black-forest Gateau as the thunderstorm raged around us. Later on during dinner (and jokes) we watched a Hobby hawk for insects over the lake and a Grey Heron flew past to roost.

Day 4. Tuesday 3rd June The rains persisted throughout the night, and we awoke to cloudy sky. It was still warm with temperatures hovering around 20oc After breakfast with Goosanders paddling past the restaurant window we left the hotel under a low grey sky. Driving to the Amersee, a large lake north of Kochel we saw quite a few woodpeckers that included Great Spotted, Middle-spotted, Green and Lesser-Spotted in the mixed forests around the lake Short-toed Treecreepers sped up and down the boughs of the tree-lined path and Reed Buntings flew back and forth close to the reeds on the lakeside. A pair of Canada Geese flew and landed by the lake and as we explored the path to the east we came across a lovely male Hobby hawk for dragonflies and other flying insects over the lake. After watching this spectacle for a while we had great scoped views of the bird on top of a dead tree. Fieldfares and White Wagtails searched for food on the newly cut meadows and the lake suddenly was alive with Great Cormorants moving across to our side. Scanning through the flock we came across two lone Black-throated Divers, which was quite a surprise so far south and inland. Few ducks were around but we did see Red Crested Pochard and Tufted Duck and Mallard as Common Tern zipped past lingering Black-headed Common and Yellow Legged Gulls.

En route to the nearby Starnbergersee, we had brief views of a male Sparrowhawk that flew quickly across the road in front of the minibus. We headed across to Diesen and stopped on the edge of the lake to inspect an area with a small canal. Here we saw Goblit

marked Damselfly, Large Red Damselfly, Beautiful Demoiselle Lesser Emperor Dragonfly, Azure Bluet, Blue-tailed Damselfly and Hairy Hawker. We took lunch in the town at the local sports club, sitting outside and watching Spotted Flycatcher going about what the do best! After lunch we walked around several good birding spots and saw Red Kite, Eurasian Jay, Red Backed Shrike, Eurasian Nuthatch another Red crested Pochard, Marsh Tit, Eurasian Curlew and Western Marsh Harrier.

Day 5. Wednesday 4th May After breakfast we scanned the lake at the rear of the hotel. Common Goldeneye, Goosander, Mallard, Tufted Ducks, Great Crested Grebes, Coots, Mute Swans were all present. It had been raining heavily in the night and this continued through the day. Regardless, we set off to Peterzell, the site of the ancient Yew tree forest. It was still raining when we arrived and we decided to take a coffee at the local hotel. Birding comes no better than sitting comfortably, taking a coffee and a cake from the delicious Bavarian selection on hand, and spotting Hawfinch and Red-backed Shrike from the hotel. The rain lifted slightly and we set off, walking the bottom section of the forest. Inside the broad leaf canopy it seemed as if we had entered a private new world, given over to giant beeches, oaks, yews and a variety of pines. Some of the yew trees are over five hundred years old, others have been blasted by lightening strikes or blown down in gales. Some of the pathways follow small streams that run down towards Lake Zell, with trout and other fish swimming past us. It is a most enchanting ancient forest and under the leafy canopy the bird song is incredible, even on such a rainy day. Willow Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Crested Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Dunnock, Wren, all seemed to be competing with their song.

Continuous rain and low cloud took us back to the hotel where we warmed ourselves with a lunch time bowl of Hungarian goulash soup and waited for a pause in the rain. A Hawfinch sat on top of a tall tree outside the hotel as we took lunch. A break in the rain let us take another walk along a country road near Lake Zell watching more Red-backed shrikes, Red and Black Kites Common Kestrels and Fieldfares. It started raining once again in earnest and it was late in the afternoon when we called it a day and returned to Kochel and to our hotel. In the evening we enjoyed another excellent meal and retired to bed, satisfied and happy with the day outing regardless of the poor weather.

Day 6. Thursday 5th June We awoke to rain that had continued relentlessly though the night. Low cloud hung over the tree-lined mountains behind the lake – time for a warm Bavarian breakfast! Great Crested Grebes swam past diving as they went in search of their own food. Strangely enough the sky brightened and the rain became just a light drizzle. By the time we had loaded the mini-bus the rain had stopped and we were on our way. Stopping to buy stamps, to post postcards and buy a small selection of fresh fruit, we set off for the town of Farchant, watching White-throated Dipper on the way. Here we parked up and took the path through the tree lined meadows and walked though the trail that leads to the Kuhfluchtgrabens and the amazing waterfall there. Raven, Honey Buzzard Grey Wagtails and a White-throated Dipper feeding two chicks were seen. In fact we took great delight in watching the two young Dipper chicks doing practice dives on their own – no parental control there! Crested Tit, Willow, Tit coal Tit were also present as was a calling Great Spotted Woodpecker and a Red-backed Shrike sitting surveying the landscape from on top of a tall pine. We watched a family of Crows being fed as we lunched at an Italian restaurant on the edge of the meadow below the waterfall track. Just for good measure Angie spotted a Northern Grey Shrike near Farchant.

Taking what looked to be on the map a most scenic route back to the Walchen See, we had to abandon the idea after a few kilometres due to the somewhat alarmingly tight track conditions as we drove higher. As we turned back, despite finding Otter spraint, Edible Snails as well as more White-throated Dippers and Grey Wagtails, the chants of “The Grand old Duke of York” rang out from the back of the mini-bus. “And when he was up he was up indeed”! As always, Stephen took all of this in his stride, made more mental notes and “went down” or back the way he came. Maps indeed! It started drizzling once more and we decided to head back to the hotel, late in the afternoon.

Day 7. Friday 6th June We awoke to more drizzle and low mist hanging over the lake. As we took breakfast at our usual tables in front of the large windows we watched as the rains steadily increased and visibility diminished! Stephen had already checked the internet to see if the weather was any better south, at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the town nestling in the alpine valley, we planned to start the climb by rack-and-pinion railway, then by cable car on Germanys highest peak, The Zugspitze! Checking the pictures on the live web-cams at the near 3,000 metres summit showed low visibility with both the train and cable cars shut down due to the bad weather. Of course there is always a ‘Plan B’ ready to be put into effect in case of bad weather etc. So, we decided to head north to the area around the town of Pupplingen where the river Izar flows past.

We took the motorway and quite quickly the heavy rain stopped and we saw dry roads! On the outskirts of Pupplingen, we stopped to watch Tree Sparrows feeding under the feet of some horses. We tried for Black Woodpecker by a quiet farm meadow where the local farmer was happy to let us cross one of his meadows. One bird was heard calling but none appeared. Spotted Flycatchers, Song Thrushes and Fieldfares collected food for their young and one Honey Buzzard flew out from a mature beech tree. Eurasian Jays flitted through the tree line and later we took a coffee at a nearby gasthoff where we saw a Bullfinch, Greenfinches and some Turtle Doves. Our lovely walk took us along the side of the River Izar where Common Terns sped past as we stopped to watch a good number of butterflies and other insects on the lush verges. Later whilst ordering our meal back at our hotel, we watched a lone Honey Buzzard flap steadily over the lake to tree-lined ridge at the back of the hotel. What a great sight and seemed just perfect for all of us, despite the wet days we’d had towards the end of the tour.

Day 8 Saturday 7th June After breakfast we collected our cases, loaded the mini bus and said our farewells to the very friendly hotel staff. Leaving our hotel and stunning surrounding landscape behind we drove to Munich airport ending a most enjoyable birding and wildlife tour. Stephen would like to thank one and all for all your kindness and great humour and caring appreciation of the great wildlife, fantastic flowered meadows, scenery, culture of southern Germany. The local people, staff at the hotel – in fact everywhere we went, were helpful, courteous and wanted to tell us about the area and what it offered to tourists. I think we were all most impressed by the welcome and general hospitality we received, not to mention the delicious food and wines and beer. We hope that we may see some of you again on another tour, sometime in the future and wish you all health, happiness and fond memories of our great time together in the stunning Bavarian Alps.

Systematic list of species

BIRDS

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

Heard only on 1st at Murnauer Moos Nat. urer Reserve

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

One bird seen on 4th

Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*

Two birds seen on day 4 on the Ammersee

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

A pair of birds seen near the Ammerssee on the 3rd

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

Seen every day, present on lake Kochel

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Seen every day, present on lake Kochel and meadows

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*

2 pairs seen on 3rd & 4th

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

One male in flight 6th over motorway

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

Seen on every day of the tour

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

Seen every day, present on lake Kochel

European White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

Seen 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th around Kochel meadows

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Seen in reasonable numbers every day except the 5th

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Seen on the 2nd and 3rd around Kochel meadows

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*

Seen on two days at the Ammersee and in flight on the motorway on the 7th

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Seen every day

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

Seen on the 2nd and 3rd

European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

Seen on the 5th and again on the 6th

Red Kite *Milvus milvus*

Seen in small numbers most days

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Fair numbers seen most days

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*

One immature bird at Murnauer Moos Reserve on the 1st tussling with a Red Kite.

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Singles on the 3rd (lovely male) and again on the 6th

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

Seen every day – common on the meadows

Common Coot *Fulica atra*

A few birds around on the 3rd, 4th and 5th, mostly on lake Kochel

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

Seen on the 31st and again on the 4th and driving to the airport on the 7th

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

One bird seen on the 1st in flight near Kochel

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Few breeding pairs around the meadows at Kochel, Murnauer Moos and Ammersee. Seen most days

Common Gull *Larus canus*

Fairly common for us - and seen most days

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus*

Seen every day of the tour

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*

Seen most days

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Seen most days

Feral Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Seen every day

Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*

Seen every day

European Turtle Dove

Seen only on the 6th in flight

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

See every day

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

Heard most days, seen on the 1st and again on the 4th

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Seen every day of the tour

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos minor*

One bird seen on the 3rd at side of the Ammersee

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos media*

One bird seen near the Ammersee on the 3rd

Syrian Woodpecker *Dendrocopos*

One bird seen on the 4th at Peterzell

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

Seen on the 1st, 3rd and 4th also heard on other days

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius*

One bird heard calling near the river Isar near Pupplingen

Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*

Seen on the 1st, 3rd and 4th also heard on other days

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

Seen in low numbers on the 3rd, 4th and 5th

Northern Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

One bird seen near Farchant on the 5th

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

Common seen most days

Common Magpie *Pica pica*

Common seen most days

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone*

Again another common bird – also watched feeding young on the 5th

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

Only heard on the 2nd up “that” mountain but we did see another on the 5th at Farchant

Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris*

Seen on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and again on the 6th

Willow Tit *Poecile Montana*

Seen on the 4th and again on the 5th

Coal Tit *Periparus ater*

Seen in small numbers on the 2nd, 4th 5th and 6th

Crested Tit *Lophophanes cristatus*

Seen on the 2nd, 4th and 5th

Great Tit *Parus major*

Seen one very day

Eurasian Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus*

Again, seen every day of the tour

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*
Seen on the 2nd and the 5th

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
Seen every day

Northern House Martin *Delichon urbicum*
Seen most days

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*
Seen on days of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Woodlark *Lullula arborea*
One bird Seen on the 1st

Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*
One bird heard singing on the 1st at Murnauer Moss reserve

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*
Heard and seen on the 1st and again heard on the 3rd and the 4th

Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*
One bird seen at Murnauer Moss reserve on the 1st

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*
Heard and seen 1st, 2nd & 3rd in various woodlands and at Murnauer

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*
Seen on the 1st at Murnauer Moss reserve, on the 3rd and again on the 6th

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*
Fairly common around Kochel seen most days

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli*
Seen on the 1st at Murnauer Moss reserve and one seen singing on the 2nd near Farchant

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
Seen at Murnauer Moss reserve on the 1st and again on the 3rd at Diesen and 6th at Pupplinger Au

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*
Seen and heard on every day

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*
Seen on the 1st at Murnauer Moss reserve and on the 3rd at Starnbergersee

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*
Only heard on the 3rd near Diesen

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*
Seen and heard fairly regularly with best views on the 1st at Murnauer Moos reserve

Northern Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*
Seen and heard on every day

Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*
Seen most days with best views at Diesen on the 3rd

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*
Heard on the 3rd and seen on the 4th at Zell

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla*
Seen on three days, the 3rd near Diesen, the 4th near Peterzell and again on the 5th at Farchant

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*
Common and seen every day

Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*

Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*
Again a common bird

Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*
Seen most days looking great in breeding plumage

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*
Seen and heard most days

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*
Only one sighting on the 6th at Pupplinger Au

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*
Not so common but seen in singles and heard most days

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*
Only two sightings at Murnauer Moss reserve on the 1st and on the 3rd near Diesen

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*
Seen most days present at hotel at Kochel

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*
A lovely male seen on the 1st at Murnauer Moos reserve and a female seen on the 5th at Eschenlohe

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*
Scarce, but seen singly most days. Present around hotel

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
Abundant, widespread and recorded daily.
Abundant, seen every day of the tour

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Small flock seen near stables close to the river Isar's woodland on the 6th

Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris*

One singing bird seen on the Wankberg on the 2nd

Duncock *Prunella modularis*

A few birds seen on the 2nd at Cable-car carpark, on the 4th at Zell and 5th at Farchant. Heard on the 6th at the Pupplinger Au

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Seen at the Murnauer Moss reserve on the 1st, 3rd near Garmisch-Partenkirchen and lots of birds seen near Farchant on the 5th

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Common, widespread and seen daily. All were ssp. alba.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

Two birds seen and heard on the 2nd near Kochel

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*

A pair seen near the summit of the Wankberg on the 2nd

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Seen daily in good number

European Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

Seen daily in good number

Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus*

Small family of six birds seen at woodland on the Pupplinger Au on the 6th

European Goldfinch *Carduelis*

Seen daily in good number

European Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

One male at the Pupplinger Au on the 6th

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

One singing male seen as we sheltered from the rain at Peterzell on the 4th

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*

Heard on the 3rd at the Starnberger See

Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*

A pair seen at the Ammersee on the 3rd

MAMMALS

Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris*

Roe Deer *Capreolus capreolus*

Pine Marten

Weasel

Hedgehog

Rabbit

Otter spraint seen

AMPHIBIANS

'Marsh' Frog *Rana ridibunda* / *lessonae*

REPTILES

Common Wall Lizard

FISH

Carp

Pike

Barbel

Brown Trout

Seibling

BUTTERFLIES

Clouded Apollo *Parnassius mnemosyne*

Brimstone *Araschida levana*

Berger's Clouded Yellow *Colias alfacariensis*

Pale Clouded Yellow *Colias hyale*

Large White *Pieris brassicae*

Small White *Pieris rapae*

Common Orange-tip *Anthocharis cardamines*

Eastern Bath White *Pontia edusa*

Wood White *Leptidea sinapis*

Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeas*

Green Hairstreak *Callophrys rubi*

Large Copper *Lycaena dispar*

Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus*

Adonis Blue *Lysandra caelestissima*
Cranberry Blue *Plebejus optilete*
Silver-Washed Fritillary *Argynis paphia*
Purple Emperor *Apatura iris*
Marsh Fritillary *Euphydryas aurinia*
Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*
Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*
Small Tortoiseshell *Aglais urticae*
Map Butterfly *Araschnia levana*
Large Ringlet *Eribia euryale*
Pearl-bordered Fritillary *Boloria euphrosyne*
Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria*
Wall Brown *Lasiommata megera*
Marbled White *Melanargia galathea*
Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina*
Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus*

MOTHS

Hummingbird Hawk-Moth *Macroglossum stellatum*
Speckled Yellow *Pseudopanthera macularia*
Black-veined Moth *Siona lineata*
Burnet Companion *Euclidia glyphica*

DRAGONFLIES

Beautiful Damselfly *Calopteryx virgo*
Goblet Marked Damselfly *Erythroma lindeni*
Large Red Damselfly *Pyrrosoma nymphula*
Banded Demoiselle *Calopteryx splendens*
Common Winter Damsel *Sympecma fusca*
Common Blue-tail *Ischnura elegans*
Azure Bluet *Coenagrion puella*
Hairy Hawker *Brachytron pratense*
Migrant Hawker *Aeshna mixta*
Lesser Emperor *Anax parthenope*
Downy Emerald *Cordulea aenea*
Four-spotted Chaser *Libellula quadrimaculata*
Broad-bodied Chaser *Libellula depressa*
Black-tailed Skimmer *Orthetrum cancellatum*
Broad Scarlet *Crocothemis erythraea*