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Records of Mammals, Birds, Amphibians, Reptiles, Butterflies & Orchids

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Introduction

This trip had long been planned as 10 days springtime visit to northern Greece - stretched out between compulsory goals of Prespa in far northwest and Dadia in far northeast and a brief visit to Mt. Olympos. Besides the archaeological sites at Vergina and Pella were high on the agenda and we were prepared to improvise other areas as these would fit in. In the end the site-list also included good areas as the Aliakmonas Delta (part of the greater Axios Delta), Apollonia lowland forest patch, the Porto Lagos-area, the Avas Gorge N of Alexandropolis and the easily accessible areas of the Evros Delta.

We arrived along with the first of summer temperatures and the good weather continued throughout our stay. Spring had been cold and snow was still present above 1200 m. Leafing was just about taking place in the beech-forest on the higher slopes in Prespa where everything became greener and greener during our stay. The Prepsa-area is unique and our stay there was fantastic. Beautiful landscapes, rich fauna and flora and nice people. The scenery around the pelican-colonies is nothing but world-class. - First half of May is too early for Mt. Olympos – yet it is a spectacular, breathtaking site and the orchid- and butterfly-rich lower slopes was a highlight for us. - The Apollonia-forest is a very special experience with its tree-breeding White Storks and colonies of Grey Heron. – While the Aliakmonas Delta was packed with birds, then the Porto Lagos area was perhaps a little empty in respect of migrants (waders etc.) - but the colony of Mediterranean Gull was very nice and besides a late record of Short-eared Owl and an early record of Rose-coloured Starling were unexpected. Avas Gorge had lost its large raptors compared to Jens's visit 23 years earlier where both Black Vulture and Imperial Eagle had been present. In general northern Greece is not what it reputedly used to be for bird of prey. However, what we had missed so far came up on the sky in Dadia N.P. – a rich diversity of vultures, eagles and buzzards. The vulture restaurant is a spectacular attraction – well situated and well run. Although we also learned about the managed implications where the (too) regular feeding seems to force the Black Vultures into a situation of strong intraspecific competition of food causing breeding-success to decrease. A more random accessibility of food will force the birds to disperse and then to be more successful whenever a carcass is located. But how then combine this with the visitor interest? – After Dadia we rushed to Evros and visited the extreme outer part to the sea, where foreigners are allowed in without permits.

Signposts damaged by gunshots and a new, but completely demolished toilet-building demonstrated the on-going conflict between conservation and locals. The Drana-lagoon is still illegally separated from the sea (since 1987), but at the EU-funded Information Centre up-coming plans for a major restoration project was explained. After Drana we went to some abandoned fish farms (so they looked) nearby and they were literally packed with birds. One pair of Spur-winged Plover and 10 Glossy Ibis' became the full stop to our birding in northern Greece (this time). Our return-flight to Denmark gave us one night in Athens and this in turn gave us one morning in the centre. We walked the Acropolis and ended in the Agora-area. Final full stop for all field activities was a large, very dark Margined Tortoise tumbling around the ruins below the Theseion temple - in the third tortoise to the trip.

Mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies and orchids were noted throughout the trip and listed below. Multiple other plants, insects and other creatures were admired but no notes taken.

The ruins in Pella and the museum next to are worth a visit. The Vergina-museum build over the grave of King Phillip II is a must. The ruins in Dion below the distant Olympos peaks are nice - none the least for the peaceful rural setting – but unfortunately recent flooding of this low lying area had covered many of the mosaics with mud during our visit.

Itinerary

- 29/4 Departure 11.00 from Copenhagen to Athens with arrival 15.00 (local time, + 1 hour). Domestic flight from Athens 17.55 with arrival in Thessaloniki 19.00. Delivery of AVIS car and drive to Nea Chakidona where check-in on Hotel Phillipa 20.45. Supper at local taverna. Only birding from car.
- 30/4 Birding in the morning around Hotel Phillipa and prolonged stop at the nearby Pella archaeological site. Drive towards Prespa with shopping stop in Edessa. Lunch break at first reed beds shortly after Edessa and stop by viewpoint by Lake Agra reached by a sideway. Further driving towards Prespa with occasional brief stops, among which at the first Prespa viewpoint. Settled in at small hostel by the school in Ayios Yermanós.
- 1/5 All day in Prespa. Morning in Ayios Yermanós including visit to the SPP Visitors Centre. Most of the day spend around the Isthmus, but also a visit to the Juniper-forest and Psarades. Overnight in new taverna on Ayios Achillios, which today is reached by foot through the extravagant EU-funded pontoon bridge. May 1st is a public holiday in Greece and thousands of people visited the Tavernas in the area.
- 2/5 Morning at Ayios Yermanós around the office of SPP and followed by guided trip (Foteini Vakitsidou) to eastern shore of Micri Prespa with various stops: at the Kalé view-point, the abandoned EU-funded fish farm, the SPP water buffalo project, the Narcissus-meadow and the meadows north of Microlimni. Afterwards drive to Kastoria (to cash money) and on the return stop at roadside pool near Gávros. Late afternoon visit to forest slopes west of Pyli and the hill opposite Ayios Achillios with the good view over the pelican-colony. Supper in Ayios Yermanós with Yannis's family and friends.
- 3/5 Last morning walk on Ayios Achillios to the Basilica. Stop in Ayios Yermanos to say goodbye to Yannis & family. All day spend driving to Vergina. At first planned brief stops en route to Florina to check botanical sites. Then rather efficient drive through the farmland heading towards the town Ptolemaida, where we had a total down trip in not being able to find our way through a medium sized Greek provincial dump. After more than an hour desperate driving we succeed and reached through narrow byways and tiny villages the start

of a - according to our map - proper sized road cutting across the interesting mountain of Vermio. Locals then made it clear that the road were only passable with 4WD. Crisis! The planned detour to avoid only driving on highways was absolutely in vain. Well, we turned south and passed through enormous mining fields – so vast they started to become fascinating in their own extremeness. A couple of Long-legged Buzzards were different from the mess. Finally we reached a new highway and soon the show-clad top of Mt. Olympus towered up – we stopped to enjoy the view. Left the highway again and got immediately lost due to bad signposting by some road making. Managed to get back on track and reached Vergina at 20:00. Found good rooms at Pension Vergina close to the famous archaeological site.

- 4/5 Morning at the archaeological site with the impressive museum built over the grave of king Phillip II. To put is simple: Fantastic. Drive towards Dion with brief stop en route where the Aliakmonas Delta can be overlooked from the road. Prolonged stay at Dion where recent flooding unfortunately had covered the best mosaics with mud. Found hotel in Litochoro. Late afternoon drive up Mt. Olympos to Pronia to check the accessibility.
- 5/5 All day on Mt. Olympos. Few stops at lower, open slopes with plenty of orchids and butterflies during drive up to the end resort, Pronia, at 1100m. From here onwards by foot up through the forest to about 1800 m – the track mostly open and easily passable – but once blocked by a minor avalanche and fallen logs. However, this short stretch was passable with care. We never reached the alpine zones and obviously also came too early for those altitudes.
- 6/5 Took secondary roads to the Aliakmonas Delta and found near the village of N. Agathoupoli an EU-funded Visitors Centre overlooking the delta. Lots of birds and mating Nose-horned Viper (the most poisonous of European snakes). Back on the highway we headed east. Made a profitable lunch-stop at the patch of lowland forest north of Apollonia by Lake Volvi. Turn left from the main road by the EU-funded Vistors Center in Apollonia. Headed further east and reached Porto Lagos by late afternoon. Night at hotel in the coastal tourist resort Fanari.
- 7/5 Morning start around the hotel and along the coast with look at the three lagoons east of Fanari. Back to Porto Lagos and to the salines, where we had lunch. Drove on via Alexandropolis to Avas Gorge where stop in two hours. Late afternoon drive to Dadia N.P., where we found accommodation at the Ecocenter. Meet with Yorgos Catsadorakis in the evening.
- 8/5 All day in Dadia N.P. Walk to the vulture restaurant and stay in the hide 11-13.20. Late afternoon visits to Pouliánes and stream on the way towards Kotronia.
- 9/5 Earlier morning walk to the hide by the vulture restaurant were stay 06.55-07.50. Brief visits to meadows W of Dadia and Poulianies. Drive to Drana-lagoon in Evros and abandoned fishponds further west towards Alexandropolis. Drive to airport. Delayed flight to Athens 19.10-20.05.
- 10/5 Morning walk in Athens: Acropolis, Agora and the periphery of the Plaka. 09.15-13.00. Metro/bus to the airport. Flight to Copenhagen.

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Mammals / Pattedyr

1. **Uidentified bats.** Various sizes of bats seen here and there around dusk. 3/5 1 small species Vergina.
2. **Eastern Hedgehog** ($\text{\O}stlig\ Pindsvin$) *Erinaceus concolor*. 30/4 1 roadkill, 3/5 3 road kills, 4/5 8 road kills, 6/5 1 came to our table at the restaurant in Fanari and liked the bread, 7/5 2 road kill.
3. **Blind/Balkan Mole** (Blind/Balkan Muldvarp) *Talpa caeca/stankovici*. 30/4 1 taken by a White Stork Nea Chakidona. Being west of the Axios river a Mole must be one of these two species.
4. **European Souslik** (Sisel) *Spermophilus citellus*. 30/4 5-7 Pella, 4/5 1 Dion.
5. **Water Vole** (Vandrotte) *Arvicola terrestris*. 9/5 1 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
6. **Guenther's Vole** (Guenthers Markmus) *Microtus guentheri*. 8/5 2+ Poulianes (Dadia N.P.).
7. **Sibling Vole** (Russisk Markmus) *Microtus rossiaemeridionalis*. 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area.

Wild Cat (Vild kat) *Felis silvestris*. 8/5 tracks of a cat along the stream on the way towards Kotronia in Dadia N.P. could have been this species.

Birds / Fugle

1. **Black-throated Diver** (Sortstrubet Lom) *Gavia arctica*. 7/5 8 mig. E along the coast Porto Lagos area.
2. **Little Grebe** (Lille Lappedykker) *Tachybaptus ruficollis*. 30/4 12 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 1 Prespa, 3/5 2 Prespa, 4/5 1 adult 1 juvenile Dion.
3. **Great Crested Grebe** (Toppet Lappedykker) *Podiceps cristatus*. 30/4 3 pairs Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 50+ Prespa, 2/5 common Prespa, 3/5 + Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 4 Porto Lagos, 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area.
4. **Black-necked Grebe** (Sorthalset Lappedykker) *Podiceps nigricollis*. 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area.

5. **Cormorant** (Mellemskarv) *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*. 30/4 1 Lake Agra (Edessa), 3 Prespa, 1/5 300+ Prespa, 2-3/5 200+ (colony on the island of Vidhronisi) Prespa, 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area.
6. **Pygmy Cormorant** (Dværgskarv) *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*. 1/5 50+ Prespa, 2-3/5 150 (incl. colony in reed beds N of Mikrolimni) Prespa, 6/5 35 Porto Lagos, 7/5 20 Porto Lagos area.
7. **White Pelican** (Almindelig Pelikan) *Pelecanus onocrotalus*. 1/5 50+ Prespa, 2-3/5 50 pairs Prespa, 9/5 9 adult + 1 immature Drana Lagoon (Evros).
8. **Dalmatian Pelican** (Krøltoppet Pelikan) *Pelecanus crispus*. 30/4 25 Prespa, 1/5 400+ Prespa, 2-3/5 800 pairs Prespa, 5 Kastoria.
9. **Little Bittern** (Dværghejre) *Ixobrychus minutus*. 2/5 3 at Koula (Prespa).
10. **Black-crowned Night Heron** (Nathejre) *Nycticorax nycticorax*. 30/4 3 adult 1 immature Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 15 Prespa, 2/5 15 (incl. singles to colony N of Mikrolimni) Prespa.
11. **Squacco Heron** (Tophejre) *Ardeola ralloides*. 1/5 15 Prespa, 2/5 15 Prespa, 3/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 12 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
12. **Little Egret** (Silkehejre) *Egretta garzetta*. 29/4 7 drive from Thessaloniki Airport to Nea Chakidona, 1/5 25 Prespa, 2/5 30 (incl. singles to colony N of Mikrolimni) Prespa, 3/5 + Aliakmonas Delta, 4/5 5 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 25 Aliakmonas Delta, 5 Porto Lagos, 15 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 30 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 10 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 25 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
13. **Great White Egret** (Sølvhejre) *Egretta alba*. 1/5 20 Prespa, 2/5 30 (incl. at least 20 at colony in reed beds N of Mikrolimni) Prespa, 3/5 + Aliakmonas Delta, 4/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, 15 Porto Lagos, 7/5 20 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 2 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
14. **Grey Heron** (Fiskehejre) *Ardea cinerea*. 30/4 1 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 15 Prespa, 2/5 20 Prespa, 3/5 + Prespa, 4/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 5 Aliakmonas Delta, 197 pair lowland forest near Apollonia, 30 Porto Lagos, 7/5 20 Porto Lagos area, 1 Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 10 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
15. **Purple Heron** (Purpurhejre) *Ardea purpurea*. 30/4 1 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 10 Prespa, 2/5 1 Prespa, 4/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 4 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 3 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
16. **Black Stork** (Sort Stork) *Ciconia nigra*. 7/5 1 Dadia N.P., 8/5 15+ Dadia N.P., 9/5 5 Dadia N.P., 2 near Drana Lagoon (Evros).
17. **White Stork** (Hvid Stork) *Ciconia ciconia*. 30/4 1 Nea Chakidona, 3 Lake Agra (Edessa), 5 nests before Florina, 1-3/5 1 pair at nest Koula (Prespa), 3/5 1 Florina, 1 nest Ptolemaida, 4/5 15+ nests Vergina-Dion, 5 Aliakmonas Delta, 6 Dion, 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 10+ nests lowland forest near Apollonia, 15 nests drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 8 Porto Lagos area, 8/5 1 nest Dadia, 500+ mig. N Dadia N.P., 9/5 1 nest Dadia N.P., 7 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 30 drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
18. **Glossy Ibis** (Sort Ibis) *Plegadis falcinellus*. 2/5 5+ Prespa, 8/5 10 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
19. **Spoonbill** (Skestork) *Platalea leucorodia*. 7/5 4 Porto Lagos area.

20. **Greater Flamingo** (Flamingo) *Phoenicopterus ruber*. 4/5 600 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 400 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 36 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 400 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
21. **Mute Swan** (Knopsvane) *Cygnus olor*. 30/4 1 pair Lake Agra (Edessa), 6/5 12 Porto Lagos, 5 Axios Delta (from the high way), 7/5 330 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 130 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 2 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
22. **Greylag Goose** (Grågås) *Anser anser*. 1/5 5 Prespa, 2/5 14 Prespa.
23. **Shelduck** (Gravand) *Tadorna tadorna*. 4/5 20 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 20 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 90 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 10 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 4 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
24. **Wigeon** (Pibeand) *Anas Penelope*. 1/5 3 males 1 female Prespa, 4/5 5 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 25 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 2 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
25. **Gadwall** (Knarand) *Anas strepera*. 1/5 2 males 1 female Prespa, 4/5 3 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 3 Aliakmonas Delta, 2 Porto Lagos.
26. **Mallard** (Gråand) *Anas platyrhynchos*. 1/5 6 Prespa. 2/5 5 Prespa, 4/5 15 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 10 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 4 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
27. **Pintail** (Spidsand) *Anas acuta*. 6/5 6 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 1 male Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
28. **Garganey** (Atlingand) *Anas querquedula*. 1/5 100+ Prespa, 2/5 10 Prespa, 6/5 25 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 10 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 20 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
29. **Shoveler** (Skeand) *Anas clypeata*. 1/5 2 pairs Prespa, 2/5 1 pair Prespa, 6/5 2 males Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 1 male Drana Lagoon (Evros).
30. **Red-crested Pochard** (Rødhovedet And) *Netta rufina*. 6/5 1 male Aliakmonas Delta.
31. **Pochard** (Taffeland) *Aythya farina*. 30/4 12 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 15 Prespa, 6/5 3-4 Aliakmonas Delta.
32. **Ferruginous Duck** (Hvidøjet And) *Aythya nyroca*. 30/4 1 female Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 1 Prespa.
33. **Honey Buzzard** (Hvepsevåge) *Pernis apivorus*. 9/5 1 male + 1 Dadia N.P.
- Lammegeier** (Lammegrib) *Gypaetus barbatus*. 30/4 1 possible - but very distant and only seen briefly - Lake Agra (Edessa).
34. **Egyptian Vulture** (Ådselsgrub) *Neophron percnopterus*. 8/5 7+ adult at vulture restaurant + 2 Dadia N.P., 9/5 9 adult by vulture restaurant + 4 adult Dadia N.P.
35. **Griffon Vulture** (Gåsegrib) *Gyps fulvus*. 8/5 5+ at vulture restaurant + 2 Dadia N.P., 9/5 35 at vulture restaurant Dadia N.P.
36. **Black Vulture** (Munkegrub) *Aegypius monachus*. 8/5 11+ at vulture restaurant + 1 pair at nest + 5 Dadia N.P., 9/5 43 at vulture restaurant + 5 Dadia N.P.

37. **Short-toed Eagle** (Slangeørn) *Circaetus gallicus*. 1/5 2+1 Prespa, 2/5 1 Koula (Prespa), 7/5 2 Dadia N.P., 1 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 8/5 12+ (max. 6 at the same time) Dadia N.P., 9/5 4 Dadia N.P.
38. **Eurasian Marsh Harrier** (Rørhøg) *Circus aeruginosus*. 1/5 2 Prespa, 2/5 1 Prespa, 4/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 5 Aliakmonas Delta, 3 Porto Lagos, 1 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 3 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 8 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 2 Fish Ponds (W of Evros), 2 drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
39. **Northern Goshawk** (Duehøg) *Accipiter gentilis*. 8/5 1 female Dadia N.P., 9/5 1 Dadia N.P.
40. **Levant Sparrowhawk** (Balkanhøg) *Accipiter brevipes*. 4/5 1 male Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 2 males 1 female 1 immature Aliakmonas Delta, 1 pair by their nest lowland forest near Apollonia, 1 male drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 1 male drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P.
41. **Common Buzzard** (Musvåge) *Buteo Buteo*. 30/4 8-10 all day, 1/5 3 Prespa, 2/5 6 Prespa, 3/5 3 drive Prespa-Vergina, 4/5 1 Mt. Olympos, 5/5 1 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 1 Porto Lagos, 3 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 2 Avas Gorge, 1 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 8/5 3 Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 Dadia N.P.
42. **Long-legged Buzzard** (Ørnevåge) *Buteo rufinus*. 2/5 2 Kastoria, 3/5 2 SW Ptolemaida, 8/5 1 Dadia N.P.
43. **Lesser Spotted Eagle** (Lille Skrigeørn) *Aquila pomarina*. 8/5 1 Dadia N.P. A negative surprise with only this single record. Should be the most common eagle in Dadia N.P.
44. **Imperial Eagle** (Kejserørn) *Aquila heliaca*. 8/5 1 2nd cal. year at vulture restaurant Dadia N.P.
45. **Golden Eagle** (Kongeørn) *Aquila chrysaetos*. 1/5 1 adult Psarades (Prespa), 7/5 1 immature Dadia N.P.
46. **Booted Eagle** (Dværgørn) *Hieraetus pennatus*. 7/5 1 dark 1 light Dadia N.P., 8/5 6+ (max. 4 at the same time) Dadia N.P.
47. **Common Kestrel** (Tårnfalk) *Falco tinnunculus*. 29/4 3 drive from Thessaloniki Airport to Nea Chakidona, 30/4 6 all day, 1/5 4 Prespa, 2/5 1 Prespa, 3/5 6-8 drive Prespa-Vergina, 4/5 6 all day, 5/5 2-3 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 2 lowland forest near Apollonia, 1 Porto Lagos, 5 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 6 Porto Lagos area, 10/5 1 Athens.
48. **Red-footed Falcon** (Aftenfalk) *Falco vespertinus*. 29/4 2 males Athens Airport, 1 possible near Thessaloniki, 2/5 1 male Mikrolimni (Prespa).
49. **Hobby** (Lærkefalk) *Falco subbuteo*. 4/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta.
50. **Eleonora's Falcon** (Eleonorafalk) *Falco eleonorae*. 6/5 1 dark phase lowland forest near Apollonia.
51. **Peregrine Falcon** (Vandrefalk) *Falco peregrinus*. 4/5 2 possible but very distant Dion, 7/5 1 Avas Gorge.
52. **Chukar** (Chukarhøne) *Alectoris graeca*. 9/5 1 heard Dadia N.P.

53. **Common Moorhen** (Grønbenet Rørhøne) *Gallinula chloropus*. 30/4 8 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 15 Prespa, 2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 h Aliakmonas Delta.
54. **Common Coot** (Blishøne) *Fulica atra*. 30/4 30 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 20 Prespa, 2/5 + Prespa, 4/5 300+ Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 200 Aliakmonas Delta.
55. **Eurasian Oystercatcher** (Strandskade) *Haematopus ostralegus*. 6/5 1 Porto Lagos, 7/5 4 Porto Lagos area.
56. **Black-winged Stilt** (Stylteløber) *Himantopus himantopus*. 4/5 40 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 30 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 20 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 50 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 80 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
57. **Pied Avocet** (Klyde) *Recurvirostra avosetta*. 6/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 7 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 20 (breeding) Drana Lagoon (Evros).
58. **Collared Pratincole** (Rødvinggaet Braksvale) *Glareola pratincola*. 29/4 7 Thessaloniki Airport, 9/5 40 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
59. **Ringed Plover** (Stor Præstekrave) *Charadrius hiaticula*. 7/5 12 Porto Lagos area.
60. **Kentish Plover** (Hvidbrystet Præstekrave) *Charadrius alexandrinus*. 7/5 3 Porto Lagos area.
61. **Grey Plover** (Strandhjejle) *Pluvialis squatarola*. 7/5 3 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 3 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
62. **Spur-winged Plover** (Sporevibe) *Vanellus spinosus*. 9/5 1 pair Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
63. **Northern Lapwing** (Vibe) *Vanellus vanellus*. 4/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 4 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 10 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
- Unidentified stint (Dværg/Temmincksryle) *Calidris minuta/temminckii*. 1/5 10 Prespa, 2/5 10 Prespa.
64. **Little Stint** (Dværgryle) *Calidris minuta*. 7/5 22 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 250+ Drana Lagoon (Evros), 15 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
65. **Temminck's Stint** (Temmincksryle) *Calidris temminckii*. 9/5 5+ Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
66. **Curlew Sandpiper** (Krumnæbbet Ryle) *Calidris ferruginea*. 9/5 50+ Drana Lagoon (Evros), 50+ Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
67. **Dunlin** (Almindelig Ryle) *Calidris alpina*. 9/5 1 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
68. **Ruff** (Brushane) *Philomachus pugnax*. 1/5 1 Prespa, 4/5 10 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 300 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 10 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 80 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 50 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
69. **Black-tailed Godwit** (Stor Kobbersneppe) *Limosa limosa*. 4/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta.
70. **Eurasian Curlew** (Storspove) *Numenius arquata*. 7/5 3 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 5 Drana Lagoon (Evros).

71. **Spotted Redshank** (Sortklire) *Tringa erythropus*. 6/5 300 Aliakmonas Delta, 2 Porto Lagos, 9/5 150 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
72. **Common Redshank** (Rødben) *Tringa totanus*. 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 2 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
73. **Wood Sandpiper** (Tinksmed) *Tringa glareola*. 1/5 15 Prespa, 6/5 10 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 5 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 3 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
- Unidentified small/medium sized wader. 4/5 1500 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 300 Aliakmonas Delta.
74. **Mediterranean Gull** (Sorthovedet Måge) *Larus melanocephalus*. 6/5 2 ad coast by Aliakmonas Delta, 1200 (>95 % adult) Porto Lagos, 7/5 1000+ (most by colony) Porto Lagos area.
75. **Little Gull** (Dværgmåge) *Larus minutus*. 6/5 30 Porto Lagos.
76. **Black-headed Gull** (Hættemåge) *Larus ridibundus*. 2/5 15 Kastoria, 6/5 1 coast by Aliakmonas Delta, 20 Porto Lagos, 7/5 25 Porto Lagos area.
77. **Slender-billed Gull** (Tyndnæbbet Måge) *Larus genei*. 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 1 Porto Lagos.
78. **Mediterranean Yellow-legged Gull** (Middelhavsmåge) *Larus [c] michahellis*. 29/4 20 Athens Airport, 4 Thessaloniki Airport, 1/5 15 Prespa, 2/5 4 Prespa, 4/5 50 dump near Litochoro, 6/5 15 Aliakmonas Delta, 10 Porto Lagos, 300 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 50 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 100 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 10 Fish Ponds (W of Evros), 10% + Athens.
79. **Caspian Gull** (Kaspisk Måge) *Larus [c] cachinnans*. 7/5 3 Porto Lagos area.
80. **Gull-billed Tern** (Sandterne) *Sterna nilotica*. 4/5 6-8 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 12 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 2 Porto Lagos area.
81. **Caspian Tern** (Rovterne) *Sterna caspia*. 1/5 5 Prespa, 6/5 1 Porto Lagos.
82. **Sandwich Tern** (Splitterne) *Sterna sandvicensis*, 6/5 1 Porto Lagos, 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area,
83. **Common Tern** (Fjordterne) *Sterna hirundo*. 1/5 6 Prespa, 2/5 12 Prespa, 6/5 5 Aliakmonas Delta, 15 Porto Lagos, 7/5 20 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 6 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
84. **Little Tern** (Dværgterne) *Sterna albifrons*. 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 30 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 10 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 2 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
85. **Whiskered Tern** (Hvidskægget Terne) *Chlidonias hybridus*. 1/5 30 Prespa, 2/5 12 Prespa, 4/5 6 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 5 Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 5 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 5 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
86. **Black Tern** (Sortterne) *Chlidonias niger*. 1/5 1 adult Prespa, 4/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 8 Porto Lagos, 7/5 5 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 1 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 2 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
87. **White-winged Tern** (Hvidvinget Terne) *Chlidonias leucopterus*. 1/5 4 adult Prespa, 2/5 10 Prespa, 4/5 6 Aliakmonas Delta, 6/5 90 Porto Lagos, 7/5 60 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 50 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).

88. **Rock Pigeon** (Klippedue) *Columba livia*. Many domestic doves – most wild ones perhaps around Acropolis?
89. **Stock Pigeon** (Huldue) *Columba oenas*. 9/5 1 Dadia N.P.
90. **Wood Pigeon** (Ringdue) *Columba palumbus*. 30/4 2 Prespa.
91. **Eurasian Collared Dove** (Tyrkerdue) *Streptopelia decaocto*. 29/4 10+ drive from Thessaloniki Airport to Nea Chakidona, 30/4 50+ all day, 1/5 10 Prespa, 2/5 2 Kastoria, 3/5 +, 4/5 v.common Vergina, + Vergina-Litochoro, 5/5 + Litochoro, 6/5 100+ drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 + Porto Lagos area, + drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + Drana Lagoon (Evros), + drive Dadia to Alexandropolis, 10/5 + Athens.
92. **European Turtle Dove** (Turteldue) *Streptopelia turtur*. 1/5 1 singing Psarades (Prespa), 2/5 2 Mikrolimni, 1 Isthmus, 2 Pyli (all Prespa), 3/5 1 near Florina, 4/5 8 drive Vergina-Litochoro, 6/5 2 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 2 + heard Avas Gorge, 6 Dadia N.P., 9/5 25+ Dadia N.P., 10+ drive Dadia to Alexandropolis, 10/5 4-5 Athens.
93. **Common Cuckoo** (Gøg) *Cuculus canorus*. 30/4 1 heard Prespa, 1/5 2 heard Prespa, 2/5 3 heard Prespa, 3/5 heard, 4/5 heard Dion, 2 + heard Mt. Olympos, 6/5 1 heard lowland forest near Apollonia, 7/5 1 heard Avas Gorge, 1 + 1 heard Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P.
94. **Eurasian Scops Owl** (Dværghornugle) *Otus scops*. 7/5 2 heard Porto Lagos area.
95. **Little Owl** (Kirkeugle) *Athene noctua*. 29/4 2 Nea Chakidona, 1/5 2 Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 6/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 1 heard Porto Lagos area, 9/5 1 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
96. **Short-eared Owl** (Mosehornugle) *Asio flammeus*. 6/5 1 Porto Lagos. Seen very well late in the afternoon, while it – as frequently seen in this species - was flying over grassland W of Porto Lagos. Easily identified by flight pattern, special arched wings, coarser banding of wings and contrast btw pale belly and streaked breast (compared to Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*). A little late record of this in Greece only scarce winter visitor and passage migrant (Handrinos & Akriotis, 1997).
97. **European Nightjar** (Natravn) *Caprimulgus europaeus*. 3/5 1 Vergina, 8/5 1 Dadia N.P.
98. **Common Swift** (Mursejler) *Apus apus*. 30/4 5 Edessa, 20 Ayios Yermanós, 1/5 10 Prespa, 4-5/5 50 Litochoro, 6/5 + drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 15 Dadia N.P., 8/5 5 Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P., 10/5 50 Athens.
99. **Pallid Swift** (Gråsejler) *Apus pallidus*. 29/4 20 Thessaloniki Airport, 10 drive from Thessaloniki Airport to Nea Chakidona, 30/4 3 Edessa, 2/5 4 Kastoria, 4-5/5 5 Litochoro.
100. **Alpine Swift** (Alpesejler) *Apus melba*. 1/5 75+ Prespa, 2/5 3 Prespa, 6/5 3 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 10/5 30 Athens.
101. **European Bee-eater** (Biæder) *Merops apiaster*. 4/5 2 Dion, 6/5 1 lowland forest near Apollonia, 7/5 2 Porto Lagos area, 1 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 8/5 10-15 Dadia N.P., 9/5 8 + heard Dadia N.P., 8 mig. N Drana Lagoon (Evros), 1 drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
102. **European Roller** (Ellekrage) *Coracias garrulus*. 3/5 2+2 near Ptolemaida, 1 near Vergina, 4/5 7 drive Vergina-Litochoro, 6/5 5 Porto Lagos, 7/5 3 Porto Lagos.

103. **Hoopoe** (Hærfugl) *Upupa epops*. 30/4 1 singing Nea Chakidona, 1/5 1 singing Ayios Yermanós (Prespa), 1 singing Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 2/5 2 Ayios Yermanos, 1 heard near Pyli (Prespa), 3/5 1 heard Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 4/5 2 drive Vergina-Litochoro, 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 1 lowland forest near Apollonia, 1 Porto Lagos, 7/5 2 Porto Lagos area, 1 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 8/5 1 + 2 heard Dadia N.P., 9/5 1 + 3 heard Dadia N.P., 10/5 1 + 1 heard Athens.
104. **Black Woodpecker** (Sortspætte) *Dryocopus martius*. 5/5 1 male + heard Mt. Olympos.
- Middle-spotted Woodpecker** (Mellemlagspætte) *Dendrocopos medius*. 3/5 1 probably this species Ayios Yermanos (Prespa).
105. **Syrian Woodpecker** (Syrisk Flagspætte) *Dendrocopos syriacus*. 30/4 1 near Florina, 3/5 1 east of Ptolemaida, 4/5 2 Dion, 9/5 2 heard possibly this species Dadia N.P.
106. **Greater Short-toed Lark** (Korttået Lærke) *Calandrella brachydactyla*. 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 3 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
107. **Calandra Lark** (Kalanderlærke) *Melanocorypha calandra*. 3/5 1 near Ptolemaida, 7/5 6 Porto Lagos area, 1 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
108. **Crested Lark** (Toplærke) *Galerida cristata*. 30/4 6 all day, 2/5 2 Prespa, 3/5 15 drive Prespa-Vergina, 4/5 10 drive Vergina-Litochoro, 6/5 5 Porto Lagos, 10 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 15 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 5 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 5 drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
109. **Wood Lark** (Hedelærke) *Lullula arborea*. 2/5 1 singing near Gávros, 8/5 2 Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 singing Dadia N.P.
110. **Sky Lark** (Sanglærke) *Alauda arvensis*. 1/5 1 singing Isthmus (Prespa), 6/5 1 singing Porto Lagos, 7/5 5 Porto Lagos area.
111. **Sand Martin** (Digesvale) *Riparia riparia*. 1/5 500+ mainly pre-roost Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 2/5 300 mainly pre-roost Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 3/5 50+ Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 7/5 2 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 100+ mig. N Drana Lagoon (Evros).
112. **Eurasian Crag Martin** (Klippesvale) *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*. 1/5 25 Prespa.
113. **Barn Swallow** (Landsvale) *Hirundo rustica*. 30/4 common all day, 1/5 300 Prespa, 2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 +, 6/5 + drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 + Porto Lagos area, + drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 8/5 2 +, 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + Drana Lagoon (Evros), + Fish Ponds (W of Evros), + drive Dadia to Alexandropolis, 10/5 + Athens.
114. **Red-rumped Swallow** (Rødrygget Svale) *Hirundo daurica*. 30/4 2 near Edessa, 1/5 2 Ayios Yermanós (Prespa), 2/5 9 drive Prespa to Kastoria, 3/5 drive 15 Prespa-Vergina, 4/5 10, 6/5 4 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 5 Porto Lagos area, 4 Avas Gorge, 8/5 1 pair nest-building in the hide near vulture restaurant + 6 Dadia N.P., 9/5 4 Dadia N.P., 2 drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
115. **House Martin** (Bysvale) *Delichon urbica*. 29/4 50 Thessaloniki Airport, 50 drive from Thessaloniki Airport to Nea Chakidona, 30/4 common in towns and up to 1650 m (Vigla pass), 1/5 150 Prespa, 2/5 + all day, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 +, 6/5 + drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 + Porto Lagos area, + drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 8/5 +, 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + drive Dadia to Alexandropolis,

116. **Tawny Pipit** (Markpiber) *Anthus campestris*. 2/5 1 Istmus (Prespa), 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area, 9/5 1 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
117. **Yellow Wagtail** (Gul Vipstjert) *Motacilla flava*
- a. Black-headed Yellow Wagtail (Sorthovedet Gul Vipstjert) *Motacilla flava feldegg*. 30/4 1 near Florina, 1/5 10 Prespa, 2/5 5+ Istmus (Prespa), 7/5 3 Porto Lagos area, 1 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 9/5 5 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 4 Fish Ponds (W of Evros).
 - b. Grey-headed Yellow Wagtail (Nordlig Gul Vipstjert) *Motacilla flava thunbergi*. 1/5 1 Psarades (Prespa).
118. **Grey Wagtail** (Bjergvipstjert) *Motacilla cinerea*. 30/4 1 Lake Agra (Edessa), 4/5 2 Mt. Olympos, 5/5 1 male singing Mt. Olympos (1100 m).
119. **White Wagtail** (Hvid Vipstjert) *Motacilla alba*. 1/5 3 Prespa, 2/5 1 Prespa, 3/5 1 drive Prespa-Vergina.
120. **Winter Wren** (Gærdesmutte) *Troglodytes troglodytes*. 5/5 1 + 4 heard Mt. Olympos.
121. **European Robin** (Rødhals) *Erithacus rubecula*. 30/4 1 singing Pass (1650 m) after Florina, 5/5 5 Mt. Olympos, 8/5 8 Dadia N.P., 9/5 5 heard Dadia N.P.
122. **Common Nightingale** (Sydlig Nattergal) *Luscinia megarhynchos*. 29/4 1 singing Nea Chakidona, 30/4 3 singing all day, 1/5 2-3 singing Agioa Yermanós (Prespa), 4-5 singing Prespa, 2/5 20+ heard Prespa and drive to Kastoria, 3/5 5-6 heard Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 2-3 heard Ayios Yermanos (Prespa), 10+ heard drive Prespa-Vergina, 4/5 heard Vergina, heard Dion, 1 heard Litochoro, 5/5 1 heard Litochoro, 6/5 + Aliakmonas Delta, + lowland forest near Apollonia, 7/5 2 heard Porto Lagos area, 10 heard Avas Gorge, 8/5 7 Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 + 10 heard Dadia N.P.
123. **Common Redstart** (Rødstjert) *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*. 30/4 1 singing Lake Agra (Edessa).
124. **Whinchat** (Bynkefugl) *Saxicola rubetra*. 1/5 1 male Prespa, 2/5 5-6 Prespa, 5/5 1 Mt. Olympos.
125. **Stonechat** (Sortstrubet Bynkefugl) *Saxicola torquata*. 30/4 1 male after Kelly.
Unidentified Wheatear. 6/5 2 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos.
126. **Isabelline Wheatear** (Isabellastenpikker) *Oenanthe isabellina*. 30/4 1 singing after Kelly. Our only record the species and this west of its normal range in Greece (Handrinos & Akriots 1997)
127. **Northern Wheatear** (Stenpikker) *Oenanthe oenanthe*. 30/4 1 male Pella, 1 male after Kelly, 3/5 5 drive Prespa-Vergina, 4/5 10 all day.
128. **Black-eared Wheatear** (Middelhavsstenpikker) *Oenanthe hispanica*. 29/4 1 male Thessaloniki Airport, 3/5 1 male near Vergina, 7/5 1 male + 1 Avas Gorge, 8/5 1 male Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 Dadia N.P.
129. **Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush** (Stendrossel) *Monticola saxatilis*. 30/4 1 female Ayios Yermanós (Prespa).
130. **Blue Rock Thrush** (Blådrossel) *Monticola solitarius*. 7/5 1 pair Avas Gorge.

131. **Common Blackbird** (Solsort) *Turdus merula*. 30/4 3 Prespa, 1/5 1 Prespa, 2/5 2 Kastoria-Prespa, 3 near Pyli (Prespa), 4/5 1 Mt. Olympos, 5/5 1 male + 4 Mt. Olympos, 7/5 1 Dadia N.P., 8/5 3 Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 Dadia N.P., 10/5 4-5 Athens.
132. **Song Thrush** (Sangdrossel) *Turdus philomelos*. 4/5 2 singing Mt. Olympos, 5/5 1 heard Mt. Olympos.
133. **Mistle Thrush** (Misteldrossel) *Turdus viscivorus*. 30/4 1 Prespa, 2/5 2 Kastoria-Prespa, 1 + heard near Pyli (Prespa), 8/5 2 Dadia N.P., 9/5 4-5 Dadia N.P.
134. **Cetti's Warbler** (Cettisanger) *Cettia cetti*. 30/4 2 singing Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 1 singing Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 9/5 1 + heard Drana Lagoon (Evros).
135. **Eurasian Reed Warbler** (Rørsanger) *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*. 1/5 2 singing Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 2/5 3 heard Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 3/5 heard Prespa, 9/5 1 heard Drana Lagoon (Evros).
136. **Great Reed Warbler** (Drosselrørsanger) *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*. 30/4 20+ Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 30 Prespa, 2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 heard Prespa, 4/5 3-4 heard Dion, 6/5 1 heard Aliakmonas Delta, 9/5 1 heard Drana Lagoon (Evros).
137. **Olivaceous Warbler** (Bleg Gulbug) *Hippolais pallida*. 6/5 2 heard Aliakmonas Delta, 10/5 1 + heard Athens.
138. **Icterine Warbler** (Gulbug) *Hippolais icterina*. 1/5 1 Ayios Yermanós (Prespa).
139. **Subalpine Warbler** (Hvidskægget Sanger) *Sylvia cantillans*. 30/4 1 male before Kelly, 3/5 1 male near Florina, 1 somewhere btw. Florina and Vergina, 5/5 1 heard Mt. Olympos, 7/5 2 Avas Gorge.
140. **Sardinian Warbler** (Sorthovedet Sanger) *Sylvia melanocephala*. 9/5 1 Dadia N.P., 10/5 2 males Athens.
141. **Barred Warbler** (Høgesanger) *Sylvia nisoria*. 9/5 1 Dadia N.P.
142. **Lesser Whitethroat** (Gærdesanger) *Sylvia curruca*. 2/5 1 Prespa, 1 Prespa-Kastoria, 3/5 1 drive Prespa-Vergina, 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area.
143. **Common Whitethroat** (Tornsanger) *Sylvia communis*. 1/5 1 Prespa, 3/5 2 drive Prespa-Vergina, 6/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta.
144. **Blackcap** (Munk) *Sylvia atricapilla*. 30/4 1 singing Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 2 + 2 singing Prespa, 4/5 1 male Dion, 5/5 2 singing Mt. Olympos, 8/5 2 heard Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 heard Dadia N.P.
145. **Eastern Bonelli's Warbler** (Østlig Bjergløvsanger) *Phylloscopus orientalis*. 2/5 5-6 near Pyli (Prespa), 8/5 1 + 3 heard Dadia N.P., 9/5 3 singing Dadia N.P.
146. **Wood Warbler** (Skovsanger) *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*. 1/5 1 Prespa.
147. **Common Chiffchaff** (Gransanger) *Phylloscopus collybita*. 3/5 3 singing near Florina, 5/5 3 Mt. Olympos, 8/5 8 Dadia N.P.
148. **Firecrest** (Rødtoppet Fuglekonge) *Regulus ignicapillus*. 30/4 1 heard Pass (1650 m) after Florina, 5/5 1 female Mt. Olympos, 8/5 2 heard Dadia N.P., 9/5 1 heard Dadia N.P., 10/5 2 heard Athens.

149. **Spotted Flycatcher** (Grå Fluesnapper) *Muscicapa striata*. 30/4 1 Nea Chakidona, 1/5 5 Prespa, 8/5 2 Dadia N.P.
150. **Pied Flycatcher** (Broget Fluesnapper) *Ficedula hypoleuca*. 30/4 1 female Nea Chakidona.
151. **Bearded Tit** (Skægmejse) *Panurus biarmicus*. 1/5 5 Prespa, 2/5 2 (pair) + 5+ heard Pontoon bridge to Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 3/5 heard Ayios Achillios (Prespa).
152. **Long-tailed Tit** (Halemejse) *Aegithalos caudatus*. 30/4 1 before Kelly, 1/5 2 + heard Prespa, 2/5 heard near Pyli (Prespa), 6/5 heard lowland forest near Apollonia.
153. **Sombre Tit** (Sørgemejse) *Parus lugubris*. 1/5 1 at the old junipers (Prespa), 2/5 2 at the abandoned Fishfarm (Prespa), 1 near Oyli (Prespa).
154. **Marsh Tit** (Sumpmejse) *Parus palustris*. 1/5 1 Prespa, 3/5 + drive Prespa-Vergina, 5/5 2 Mt. Olympos.
155. **Coal Tit** (Sortmejse) *Parus ater*. 1/5 5 Prespa, 5/5 20 Mt. Olympos.
156. **Blue Tit** (Blåmejse) *Parus caeruleus*. 30/4 2 Lake Agra (Edessa), 2 Pass (1650 m) after Florina, 2/5 2 near Pyli (Prespa), 3/5 2 Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 6/5 2 lowland forest near Apollonia, 7/5 2 Avas Gorge.
157. **Great Tit** (Musvit) *Parus major*. 30/4 heard Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 5 Prespa, 3/5 1 singing Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 4/5 + Dion, + Mt. Olympos, 5/5 5 Mt. Olympos, 7/5 1 Avas Gorge, 8/5 5 Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P., 10/5 1 Athens.
158. **Nuthatch** (Spætmejse) *Sitta europaea*. 5/5 1 + 1 heard Mt. Olympos.
159. **Eurasian Penduline Tit** (Pungmejse) *Remiz pendulinus*. 3/5 1 male nest building Ayios Achillios (Prespa).
160. **Eurasian Golden Oriole** (Pirol) *Oriolus oriolus*. 2/5 1 heard Koula (Prespa), 1 heard Mikrolimni (Prespa), 4/5 1 + 1 heard Dion, 8/5 1 male + 1 heard Dadia N.P., 7/5 4 + 3 heard Dadia N.P., + drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
161. **Red-backed Shrike** (Rødrygget Tornskade) *Lanius collurio*. 2/5 6 Prespa, 4/5 4 males 1 female Dion, 5/5 1 male road kill + 1 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 1 male 1 female Aliakmonas Delta, 1 Porto Lagos, 7/5 15 Porto Lagos area, 5 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 8/5 10 Dadia N.P., 9/5 12 Dadia N.P., 1 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 10 drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
162. **Lesser Grey Shrike** (Rosenbrystet Tornskade) *Lanius minor*. 1/5 2 Prespa, 3/5 1 Istmus (Prespa), 1 drive Prespa-Vergina, 4/5 3 all day, 7/5 2 Porto Lagos area, 1 Avas Gorge, 4 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P.
163. **Woodchat Shrike** (Rødhovedet Tornskade) *Lanius senator*. 9/5 1 male Dadia N.P.
164. **Eurasian Jay** (Skovskade) *Garrulus glandarius*. 30/4 8+ Florina to Prespa, 1/5 2 Prespa, 2/5 10-12 Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 3, 8/5 3 Dadia N.P., 9/5 5 Dadia N.P.
165. **Black-billed Magpie** (Husskade) *Pica pica*. 29/4 2 Thessaloniki Airport, 5 drive from Thessaloniki Airport to Nea Chakidona, 30/4 common, 1/5 common Prespa, 2/5 common Prespa,

3/5 common, 4/5 +, 5/5 + Litochoro, 6/5 +, 7/5 +, 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.

166. **Eurasian Jackdaw** (Allike) *Corvus monedula*. 30/4 2 before Florina, 2 after Florina, 1/5 75 (incl. nightroost Ayios Achillios) Prespa, 2/5 +, 3/5 common in towns, 4/5 +, 5/5 200+ to night roost Litochoro, 6/5 +, 7/5 +, 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
167. **Hooded Crow** (Gråkrage) *Corvus corone*. 29/4 2 Thessaloniki Airport, 10 drive from Thessaloniki Airport to Nea Chakidona, 30/4 common, 1/5 25 Prespa, 2/5 +, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 5 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 +, 7/5 +, 8/5 1 Dadia N.P., 9/5 5 Dadia N.P.
168. **Common Raven** (Ravn) *Corvus corax*. 30/4 1 pair by nest in pylon before Florina, 1/5 heard Prespa, 2/5 2 Prespa, 5/5 1 Mt. Olympos, 7/5 2 Avas Gorge, 8/5 1 Dadia N.P., 9/5 1 Dadia N.P.
169. **Common Starling** (Stær) *Sturnus vulgaris*. 30/4 common, 1/5 25 Prespa, 2/5 +, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 6/5 +, 7/5 +, 8/5 + Dadia N.P., 9/5 + all day.
170. **Rose-coloured Starling** (Rosenstær) *Sturnus roseus*. 7/5 1 Porto Lagos area. An early record of this species, which in Greece is seen mainly from mid May to mid August (Handrinos & Akriotis 1997).
171. **House Sparrow** (Gråspurv) *Passer domesticus*. 29/4 5 Thessaloniki Airport, 30/4 common in towns, 1/5 common around buildings Prespa, 2/5 +, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 + Litochoro, 6/5 + drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 + Porto Lagos area, 8/5 + Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + Drana Lagoon (Evros), + drive Dadia to Alexandropolis, 10/5 + Athens.
172. **Spanish Sparrow** (Spansk Spurv) *Passer hispaniolensis*. 4/5 3 at nest of White Stork by town of Eginio, 6/5 10+ lowland forest near Apollonia, 2+ drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 2 Porto Lagos area, 8/5 10 by the nest of White Stork in Dadia, 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + Drana Lagoon (Evros).
173. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** (Skovspurv) *Passer montanus*. 30/4 here and there, 1/5 40 Prespa, 2/5 +, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 6/5 + drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 + Porto Lagos area, 9/5 + Dadia N.P.
174. **Chaffinch** (Bogfinke) *Fringilla coelebs*. 30/4 common, 1/5 20 Prespa, 2/5 +, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 15 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 1 lowland forest near Apollonia, 7/5 +, 8/5 common Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P.
175. **European Serin** (Gulirisk) *Serinus serinus*. 6/5 2 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 8/5 3 + 1 singing Dadia N.P., 9/5 heard Dadia N.P.
176. **European Greenfinch** (Grønirisk) *Carduelis chloris*. 2/5 6-8 Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 1 Mt. Olympos, 8/5 3 Dadia N.P.
177. **European Goldfinch** (Stillits) *Carduelis carduelis*. 30/4 2 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 30 Prespa, 2/5 +, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 6/5 heard Aliakmonas Delta, heard lowland forest near Apollonia, 7/5 + Porto Lagos area, + Avas Gorge, 8/5 common Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + Drana Lagoon (Evros), 10/5 + Athens.
178. **Common Linnet** (Tornirisk) *Carduelis cannabina*. 1/5 2 Prespa, 2/5 2 near Mikrolimni (Prespa), 3/5 +, 4/5 +.
179. **Common Bullfinch** (Dom pap) *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*. 5/5 2 heard Mt. Olympos.

180. **Hawfinch** (Kernebider) *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*. 30/4 2 Prespa, 9/5 2 Dadia N.P.
181. **Yellowhammer** (Gulspurv) *Emberiza citrinella*. 3/5 1 male near Florina.
182. **Cirl Bunting** (Gærdeværling) *Emberiza cirlus*. 2/5 2 males 1 female near Pyli (Prespa), 4/5 4 Mt. Olympos, 5/5 4 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 2 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 8/5 1 male Dadia N.P.
183. **Rock Bunting** (Klippeværling) *Emberiza cia*. 9/5 1 Dadia N.P.
184. **Reed Bunting** (Rørspurv) *Emberiza schoeniclus*. 30/4 1 heard Lake Agra (Edessa), 1/5 5 Prespa.
185. **Black-headed Bunting** (Hætteværling) *Emberiza melanocephala*. 2/5 1 male near Mikrolimni (Prespa), 4/5 2 males drive Vergina-Dion, 6/5 8 Aliakmonas Delta, 10 drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 1+ Porto Lagos area, 20 drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 8/5 + Dadia N.P., 9/5 5 Dadia N.P., 15 drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.
186. **Corn Bunting** (Bomlærke) *Miliaria calandra*. 29/4 2 drive from Thessaloniki Airport to Nea Chakidona, 30/4 common, 1/5 5 Prespa, 2/5 +, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 6/5 + Aliakmonas Delta, + lowland forest near Apollonia, + Porto Lagos, + drive Thessaloniki - Porto Lagos, 7/5 +, + drive from Porto Lagos to Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + Drana Lagoon (Evros), + drive Dadia to Alexandropolis.

Amphibians & Reptiles / Padder & Krybdyr

1. **Fire Salamander** (Ildsalamander) *Salamandra salamandra*. 5/5 larvae in a pool Mt. Olympos.
2. **Yellow-bellied Toad** (Gulbuget Klokkefrø) *Bombina variegata*. 2/5 6 adult + heard + tadpoles Pond near Gávros, 5/5 1 Mt. Olympos, 9/5 heard + hundreds of tadpoles Dadia N.P.
3. **Tree Frog** (Løvfrø) *Hyla arborea*. 29/4 heard Nea Chakidona, 2/5 2 Pond near Gávros.
4. **Green Toad** (Grønbroget tudse) *Bufo viridis*. 1/5 heard Psarades (Prespa), 4 + heard Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 2/5 2 + heard Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 3/5 3 Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 5/5 1 Mt. Olympos (1100 m), 6/5 2 Porto Lagos.
5. **Agile Frog** (Springfrø) *Rana dalmatina*. 30/4 1 possibly this species Lake Agra (Edessa), 6/5 1 lowland forest near Apollonia, 9/5 3 possibly this species Dadia N.P.
6. **Greek Brown Frog** (Græsk Frø) *Rana graeca*. 4/5 1 Mt. Olympos (1100 m), 5/5 2 Mt. Olympos, 8/5 5 Dadia N.P.
7. **Marsh Frog** (Latterfrø) *Rana ridibunda*. 7/5 20 possibly this species Avas Gorge (in the river). According to Arnold & Ovenden (2002) the green frog species in northeast Greece should belong to this species. The observed individuals were brown rather than greenish and large.
8. **Balkan Frog** (Balkan Frø) *Rana baltica*. 30/4 6 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1-2/5 commonly heard and seen Prespa, 2/5 2 + heard Pond near Gávros, 3/5 heard Prespa, 5 east of Ptolemaida, 4/5 40+ Dion, 8/5 + Dadia N.P. According to Arnold & Ovenden (2002) the green frogs in most of central and north Greece belongs to this species.
9. **Hermanns Tortoise** (Hermanns Landskildpadde) *Testudo hermanni*. 30/4 1 Lake Agra (Edessa), 2/5 1 near Gávros, 4/5 1 juvenile road kill Dion, 6/5 1 road kill Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 1 Avas Gorge, 8/5 2 Dadia N.P.

10. **Spur-thighed Tortoise** (Maurisk Landskildpadde) *Testudo graeca*. 7/5 1 Avas Gorge, 8/5 2 Dadia N.P. 9/5 1 Dadia N.P.
11. **Marginated Tortoise** (Bredrandet Landskildpadde) *Testudo marginata*. 10/5 1 Athens.
12. **European Pond Tortoise** (Europæisk Sumpskildpadde) *Emys orbicularis*. 30/4 1 very small Lake Agra (Edessa), 2/5 2 (mating) Pontoon bridge to Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 1 roadkill Isthmus (Prespa), 8/5 1 Dadia N.P.
13. **Dalmatian Algyroides** (Dalmatinsk Kølfirben) *Algyroides nigropunctatus*. 3/5 1 Prespa.
Unidentified Green Lizard. *Lacerta viridis/trilineata* 5/5 1 Mt. Olympos. But not always recorded.
14. **Green Lizard** (Smaragdfirben) *Lacerta viridis*. 30/4 2 Pella, 2/5 1 at the abandoned fishfarm (Prespa), 2 near Pyli (Prespa), 3 other places, 3/5 +, 7/5 2 juveniles Avas Gorge, 8/5 2 Dadia N.P.
15. **Balkan Green Lizard** (Stort Smaragdfirben) *Lacerta trilineata*. 2/5 4 abandoned fishfarm (Prespa), 4 other places, 3/5 +, 4/5 5 Dion.
16. **Wall Lizard** (Murfirben) *Podarcis muralis*. 2/5 1 near start of Pontoon Bridge (Prespa), 3/5 Basilica Ayios Achillios (Prespa).
17. **Balkan Wall Lizard** (Taurisk Murfirben) *Podarcis taurica*. 1-3/5 common Prespa.
18. **Erhard's Wall Lizard** (Erhards Murfirben) *Podarcis erhardii*. 30/4 1 Prespa, 1-3/5 common Prespa, 5/5 common Mt. Olympos.
19. **Snake-eyed Skink** (Johannesøgle) *Ablepharus kitaibelii*. 8/5 2 Dadia N.P.
20. **Large Whip Snake** (Bjælkesnog) *Columber caspino*. 1/5 1 roadkill near Koula (Prespa), 2 Isthmus (Prespa).
21. **Four-lined Snake** (Østlig Stribesnog) *Elaphe quatuorlineata sauromates*. 7/5 1 road kill (1.25 m) Porto Lagos area.
22. **Asculapian Snake** (Æskulapsnog) *Elaphe longissima*. 2/5 1 Koula (Prespa) + 2 roadkills Prespa,
23. **Grass Snake** (Snog) *Natrix natrix*. 1/5 1 Ayios Yermanós (Prespa), 1 Psarades (Prespa).
24. **Dice Snake** (Rudesnog) *Natrix tessellata*. 30/4 4 + 2 roadkill Lake Agra (Edessa), 2/5 1 Isthmus (Prespa), 7/5 2 Porto Lagos area.
25. **Smooth Snake** (Glatsnog) *Coronella austriaca*. 6/5 1 lowland forest near Apollonia.
26. **Nose-horned Viper** (Sandhugorm) *Vipera ammodytes*. 1/5 1 roadkill Juniper-forest (Prespa), 6/5 1 male 1 female (mating) Aliakmonas Delta.

Prespa is very rich in snakes and this was in a sad way shown by 13 freshly dead snakes (not identified to species) on less than 5 km of the road crossing the Isthmus (3/5).

Butterflies / Sommerfugle

1. **Swallowtail** (Svalehale) *Papilio machaon*. 30/4 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1-2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 10+ Mt. Olympos, 6/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, 4 lowland forest near Apollonia, 8/5 1 Dadia N.P. 9/5 1 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 10/5 3 Athens.
2. **Scarce Swallowtail** (Sydlig Svalehale) *Iphiclides podalirius*. 30/4 Lake Agra (Edessa), 1-2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 7/5 3 Avas Gorge, 8/5 2-3 Dadia N.P., 9/5 5 Dadia N.P., 2 Drana Lagoon (Evros), 10/5 5 Athens.
3. **Southern Festoon** (no Danish name) *Zerynthia polyxena*. 30/4 1 possibly this species Lake Agra (Edessa), 3/5 2 near Florina, 6/5 1 lowland forest near Apollonia, 7/5 2 Avas Gorge, 8/5 2 Dadia N.P., 9/5 25+ Dadia N.P.
4. **Eastern Festoon** (no Danish name) *Zerynthia cerisy*. 6/5 4-5 lowland forest near Apollonia.
5. **Large White** (Stor Kålsommerfugl) *Pieris brassicae*. 30/4, 6/5 1 lowland forest near Apollonia, 10/5 + Athens.
6. **Type of Small White** (Lille Kålsommerfugl type) *Artogeia rapae/manni/ergane*. 30/4, 1-2/5 + Prespa.
7. **Green-veined White** (Grønåret Kålsommerfugl) *Artogenia napi*. 30/4, 1-2/5 + Prespa, 6/5 + lowland forest near Apollonia.
8. **Orange Tip** (Aurora) *Anthocaris cardamines*. 1-2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 6/5 5 lowland forest near Apollonia, 9/5 + Dadia N.P.
9. **Eastern Orange Tip** (no Danish name) *Anthocaris damone*. 30/4 singles before Kelly, 2/5 + Prespa.
10. **Gruner's Orange Tip** (no Danish name) *Anthocharis gruneri*. 30/4 single before Kelly.
11. **Clouded Yellow** (Orange Høsommerfugl) *Colias crocea*. 30/4 5+ before Kelly, 1-2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 egg-laying Dion, 5/5 + Mt. Olympos, 6/5 5 lowland forest near Apollonia, 7/5 5 Avas Gorge, 9/5 + Dadia N.P., + Drana Lagoon (Evros).
12. **Berger's Clouded Yellow** (Sydlig Høsommerfugl) *Colias alfacariensis*. 9/5 1 Drana Lagoon (Evros).
13. **Brimstone** (Citronsommerfugl) *Gonopteryx rhamni*. 1-2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 +, 5/5 5 Mt. Olympos, 8/5 + Dadia N.P., 9/5 1 Dadia N.P.
14. **Wood White** (Skovhvidvinge) *Leptidea sinapis*. 30/4 2 Lake Agra (Edessa).
15. **Green Hairstreak** (Grøn Busksammerfugl) *Callophrys rubi*. 3/5 2 near Florina, 7/5 1 Avas Gorge, 9/5 + Dadia N.P.
16. **Small Copper** (Lille Ildfugl) *Lycaena phlaeas*. 30/4 + Lake Agra (Edessa), 3/5 +, 4/5 +.
17. **Sooty Copper** (Sort Ildfugl) *Lycaena tityrus*. 30/4 1-2 Lake Agra (Edessa), 3/5 2 near Florina,
18. **Holly Blue** (Skovblåfugl) *Celastrina argiolus*. 5/5 + Mt. Olympos, 6/5 10+ lowland forest near Apollonia.
19. **Eastern Baton Blue** (no Danish name) *Pseudophilotes vicrama*. 9/5 + Dadia N.P.

20. **Chequered Blue** (Stenurtblåfugl) *Scolitantides orion*. 5/5 10+ Mt. Olympos.
21. **Brown Argus** (Rødpletet Blåfugl) *Aricia agestris*. 4/5 + Dion, 7/5 10 Avas Gorge, 8/5 + Dadia N.P.
22. **Common Blue** (Almindelig Blåfugl) *Polyommatus icarus*
23. **Large Tortoiseshell** (Kirsebærtakvinge) *Nymphalis polychloros*. 2/5 2 near Gávros.
24. **Red Admiral** (Admiral) *Vanessa atalanta*. 30/4 1 Edessa, 1 Lake Agra (Edessa), 4/5 +, 5/5 3 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 3 lowland forest near Apollonia, 8/5 2 Dadia N.P., 9/5 + Dadia N.P., 10/5 2 Athens.
25. **Painted Lady** (Tidselsommerfugl) *Vanessa cardui*. 30/4 +, 1-2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 1 near Florina, 7/5 1 Avas Gorge.
26. **Peacock Butterfly** (Dagpåfugleøje) *Inachis io*. 30/4 1 Lake Agra (Edessa).
27. **Comma Butterfly** (Det Hvide C) *Polygonum c-album*. 30/4 2 Ayios Yermanos, 2/5 1 near Mikrolimni (Prespa), 3/5 1 Ayios Achillios (Prespa), 1 Ayios Yermanos (Prespa), 5/5 2 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 2-3 lowland forest near Apollonia.
Unidentified Fritillary. 6/5 1 lowland forest near Apollonia, 9/5 + Dadia N.P.
28. **Queen of Spain Fritillary** (Storpletet Perlemorssommerfugl) *Irroria lathonia*. 30/4 +.
29. **Glanville Fritillary** (Okkergul Pletvinge) *Melitaea cinxia*. 8/5 1 Dadia N.P., 9/5 2 Dadia N.P.
30. **Woodland Ringlet** (no Danish name) *Erebia medusa*. 3/5 8-10 near Mt. Vermio east of Ptolemaida.
31. **Small Heath** (Okkergul Randøje) *Coenonympha pamphilus*. 30/4 +, 2/5 + Prespa, 3/5 +, 4/5 + Dion, 6/5 1 Aliakmonas Delta, + lowland forest near Apollonia.
32. **Speckled Wood** (Skovrandøje) *Pararge aegeria*. 4/5 + Dion, 5/5 1 Mt. Olympos, 6/5 1 lowland forest near Apollonia.
33. **Wall Brown** (Vejrandøje) *Lasiommata megera*. 2/5 + Prespa, 4/5 + Dion, 6/5 2 Aliakmonas Delta, 7/5 1 Avas Gorge.
34. **Grizzled Skipper** (Spættet Bredpande) *Pyrgus malvae*. 30/4 Lake Agra (Edessa).
35. **Mallow Skipper** (Katostbredpande) *Carcharodus alceae*. 10/5 1 Athens.
36. **Dingy Skipper** (Gråbåndet Bredpande) *Erynnis tages*. 30/4 + Lake Agra (Edessa).
37. **Inky Skipper** (no Danish name) *Erynnis marloyi*. 2/5 1 Prespa.

Orchids / Orkideer

1. **Elder-flower Orchid** (Hyldegøgeurt) *Dactylorhiza sambucina*. 3/5 common Prespa-Florina.
2. **(Balkan) Early Purple Orchid** ((Balkan) Tyndakset Gøgeurt) *Orchis [mascula] pinetorum*. 8/5 plenty Dadia N.P.

3. **Provence Orchid** (no Danish name) *Orchis provincialis*. 8/5 a few Dadia N.P.
4. **Four-spotted Orchid** (no Danish name) *Orchis quadripunctata*. 5/5 v.common Mt. Olympos.
5. **Tooted Orchid** (no Danish name) *Orchis tridentata*. 5/5 15+ Mt. Olympos.
6. **Monkey Orchid** (Abegøgeurt) *Orchis simia*. 5/5 10 Mt. Olympos.
7. **Serapias sp** (no Danish name) *Serapias sp.* 5/5 2 Mt. Olympos.
8. **Early Spider Orchid** (Edderkop Flueblomst) *Ophrys sphegodes*. 1/5 5 juniper-forest (Prespa), 5/5 10 Mt. Olympos, 8/5 4-5 Dadia N.P.
9. **Bee Orchid** (Skorpions Flueblomst) *Ophrys scolopax*. 3/5 15+ near Florina, 5/5 5 Mt. Olympos.