

HUNGARY

28th June to 1st July 2003

Participants

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Itinerary

28th June : Flight from London Heathrow to Budapest via Munich with Lufthansa arriving at 12.15 local time. Travelled to the Bukk Hills where rest of day spent birding. Night at Club Daniella Guesthouse, Bogacs.

29th June : Morning spent birding in Bukk Hills. Afternoon spent birding various sites around the Tisza River and edge of the Hortobagy National Park, during which time we met our guide, Balazs Szigeti of Ecotours (www.ecotours@hu.inter.net). Night at Patkos Csarda, near Egyek.

30th June : All day birding with guide(s) at various sites on the Hortobagy National Park. Night at Patkos Csarda, near Egyek.

1st July : Morning at Hortobagy area on our own before return to Budapest. Flight from Budapest to London via Frankfurt.

Daily Log

Details of key sites visited and species recorded.

28th June

Budapest to Eger (en route on M3)

Buzzard (2), Crested Lark (2), Red-backed Shrike (1), Lesser Grey Shrike (1), Hawfinch (1).

Lake c.2 km south of Bogacs

Spoonbill (3), Little Ringed Plover (2), Lapwing (25), Wood Sandpiper (1), Yellow-legged Gull (1), Turtle Dove (6+), Bee-eater (1), Sand Martin (1), Yellow Wagtail (1m *M.f.flava*), Marsh Warbler (1 in song), Red-backed Shrike (1m), Hooded Crow (2).

Hor Valley, just north of Cserepfalu, Bukk Nemzeti Park

Honey Buzzard (1), Buzzard (2), Pheasant (1m), Stock Dove (1), Cuckoo (1 heard), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Pied Wagtail (2 *M.a.alba*), Robin, Black Redstart (2), Song Thrush, Blackcap (3), Wood Warbler (2), Chiffchaff (2), Collared Flycatcher (2m), Marsh Tit (1), Blue Tit (1), Nuthatch (1), Treecreeper (1), Short-toed Treecreeper (1), Red-backed Shrike (4 : 2m, 2f), Jay (1), Tree Sparrow (6), Yellowhammer (3).

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Black Redstart (1).

Bogacs

Black Redstart (1m).

29th June

Bogacs

Cuckoo (1), Pied Wagtail (1 *M.a.alba*), Black Redstart (4), Spotted Flycatcher (1), Blue Tit, Golden Oriole (1m), Tree Sparrow, Serin (1).

Hor Valley, Bukk Nemzeti Park.

Honey Buzzard (1), Sparrowhawk (1), Buzzard (6), Cuckoo (1 heard), Great Spotted Woodpecker (2), Middle-spotted Woodpecker (2), White-backed Woodpecker (2), Black Redstart (2), Collared Flycatcher (1m), Marsh Tit (4), Nuthatch (2), Raven (5), Hawfinch (1), Yellowhammer (1).

en route Bogacs to Dormond

White Stork (4), Marsh Harrier (1f), Red-backed Shrike (1), Lesser Grey Shrike (2), Corn Bunting (1).

Tisza Lake Nemzeti Park

Great Crested Grebe, Cormorant, Night Heron (5 ad), Squacco Heron (1), Purple Heron (1), Great White Egret (4), White Stork (1), Spoonbill (1), Mute Swan (2), Mallard, Marsh Harrier (3), Lesser Spotted Eagle (1 ad), Moorhen (2), Coot, Whiskered Tern (4), Cuckoo (2),

Yellow Wagtail (1 *M.f.flava*), Nightingale (1 singing), Savi's Warbler (2 heard), Great Reed Warbler (3), Barred Warbler (1 juv), Golden Oriole (1 heard), Red-backed Shrike (6).

Ludas

White Stork (1), Honey Buzzard (1), Marsh Harrier (2), Montagu's Harrier (1f), Eastern Imperial Eagle (2 ad), Syrian Woodpecker (2), Crested Lark (1), Skylark (2), Whitethroat (1), Golden Oriole (3), Lesser Grey Shrike (1), Corn Bunting (1).

5 km west of Poroszló (on road no. 33)

White Stork (1), Marsh Harrier (5), Red-footed Falcon (30+), Saker Falcon (5, inc 3+ juvs at nest box), Grey Partridge (c.15), Quail (1 heard), Roller (3), Crested Lark (1), Jackdaw, Rook.

Tisza River

Night Heron (5), Great White Egret (1), Marsh Harrier (3), Buzzard (1), Whiskered Tern (3), Cuckoo (1 heard), Kingfisher (2), Green Woodpecker (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker (3), River Warbler (1 heard in song), Great Reed Warbler (2 heard), Golden Oriole (4), Red-backed Shrike (4), Tree Sparrow (2).

30th June

Hortobagy Nemzeti Park

Great Crested Grebe, Cormorant (4), Pygmy Cormorant (10), Little Bittern (1), Night Heron (12+), Squacco Heron (8), Little Egret (2), Great White Egret (50+), Grey Heron, Purple Heron (28+), White Stork (30+), Spoonbill (204), Greylag Goose (1000+), Gadwall (2), Common Teal (2), Mallard, Pochard, Ferruginous Duck (6), Marsh Harrier (50), Montagu's Harrier (2f), Buzzard, Kestrel, Red-footed Falcon (12+), Pheasant (2), Water Rail (3 juv), Moorhen, Crane (154), Great Bustard (7m), Lapwing (300), Ruff (40), Snipe (2), Black-tailed Godwit (20), Curlew (50+), Spotted Redshank (3 ad), Redshank (2), Wood Sandpiper (20+), Black-headed Gull (80+), Yellow-legged Gull (100+), Common Tern (6), Whiskered Tern (4), Black Tern (11), Cuckoo (2), Roller (3), Crested Lark (25+), Skylark, Sand Martin (200+), Yellow Wagtail (150+ *M.f.flava*), Bluethroat (2 m *L.s.cyanecula*), Black Redstart (2), Stonechat (3), Wheatear (2), Savi's Warbler (6, inc 3 seen), Moustached Warbler (2+), Aquatic Warbler (2 ad), Sedge Warbler (3), Reed Warbler, Great Reed Warbler (2), Bearded Tit (4 : 1m, 3f/imm), Penduline Tit (1 ad), Golden Oriole (3), Red-backed Shrike (1), Lesser Grey Shrike (1), Tree Sparrow (10+), Rook, Reed Bunting (4),

Tisza River

River Warbler (2), Barred Warbler (1 ad), Red-backed Shrike (1).

1st July

Hortobagy Nemzeti Park

Pygmy Cormorant (9), Little Bittern (2), Squacco Heron (2), Little Egret (2), Great White Egret (40+), Purple Heron (10+), White Stork (20+), Greylag Goose, Ferruginous Duck (2), Marsh Harrier (21+), Buzzard (2), Long-legged Buzzard (1), Kestrel, Red-footed Falcon (50+), Pheasant (1m), Water Rail (1), Crane (35), Lapwing, Ruff (1), Wood Sandpiper (12), Black-headed Gull (1), Common Tern (1), Little Owl (1), Roller (1), Skylark, Reed Warbler, Bearded Tit (1 heard), Golden Oriole (1), Red-backed Shrike (2m), Lesser Grey Shrike (1), Hooded Crow, Corn Bunting (2).

Tisza River

Barred Warbler (1 ad).

5 km west of Poroszló

Red-footed Falcon (10+), Saker Falcon (3), Tawny Pipit (2).

Other species widely recorded during trip : Rock Dove (feral), Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Turtle Dove, Swallow, House Martin, Wren, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Magpie, Starling, House Sparrow, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet.

Butterflies/moths:

The following species were recorded, mainly at the Hor Valley, Bukk NP on 28th & 29th June.

The Nine-spotted
Swallowtail
Scarce Swallowtail
Large White
Green-veined White
Bath White
Brimstone
Purple Hairstreak
Ilex Hairstreak
Purple Emperor
White Admiral
Camberwell Beauty
Large Tortoiseshell
Peacock
Red Admiral
Painted Lady
Small Tortoiseshell
Comma
Map
Silver-washed Fritillary
High Brown Fritillary
Queen of Spain Fritillary
Spotted Fritillary
Heath Fritillary
Marbled White
Woodland Grayling
Pearly Heath
Speckled Wood
Small Skipper
Large Skipper

Odonata

The following species were recorded at the Tisza River & Hortobagy NP.

Banded Demoiselle
White-legged Damselfly
Lesser Emperor
White-tailed Skimmer
Scarlet Darter
Ruddy Darter