



Georgia & Armenia

Birding Trip Report

May 2nd-11th 2014

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Itinerary

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| May 2 nd | Flights Brussels-Warsaw (LO 234) 19:15 - 21:10 & Warsaw-Tbilisi (LO 723) 22:40 - 04:00 |
| May 3 rd | Arrival at 4AM & drive to Stepantsminda (birding en route). Birding Stepantsminda - sea buckthorn, woodlands, valley. Night in guesthouse in Stepantsminda. |
| May 4 th | Birding Stepantsminda - slopes east of the village, sea buckthorn, Truso Gorge. Night in guesthouse in Stepantsminda. |
| May 5 th | Birding Stepantsminda - above Gergeti church, towards Russian border, sea buckthorn. Night in guesthouse in Stepantsminda. |
| May 6 th | Birding Stepantsminda - sea buckthorn, slopes east of the village. Drive to Sadakhlo border crossing. Drive to Dilijan & birding at Dilijan. Night at the Tufenkian Old Dilijan complex . |
| May 7 th | Birding at Dilijan. Drive to Lake Sevan, birding at several stops en route. Drive south via Selim Pass to Noravank monastery (birding en route). Drive to Yerevan. Night at Villa Delenda in Yerevan. |
| May 8 th | Full day birding at Armash Fish Ponds. Night at Villa Delenda in Yerevan. |
| May 9 th | Birding at Mount Aragats. Night at Villa Delenda in Yerevan. |
| May 10 th | Birding at Ooranots and Vedi. Short night at hotel Olympia in Yerevan . |
| May 11 th | Flights Yerevan-Warsaw (LO 728) 04:45 - 06:20 & Warsaw-Brussels (LO 235) 07:20 - 09:20 |

Logistics

Flights with LOT Polish Airlines were booked online via <http://www.goedkopevliegtuigtickets.be/> for 314 EUR pp incl. all taxes, administration costs and cancellation insurance - which was pretty cheap. All flights were on time and not at all full.

No visa is required for Belgian citizens to visit Georgia or Armenia.

The Georgia leg of the trip was organised through Giorgi Rajebashvili (info@ecotours.ge) of [Ecotours Georgia](#). We paid approximately 120 EUR per person per day for a 4WD Toyota SUV with driver/guide, lodging and food.

We were very happy with our driver and guide (Nika Tsiklauri); he knew exactly where all the good birding spots were so we managed to see all our target birds without much difficulty. He also provided great company during the trip and made sure that everything went smoothly.

The Armenia leg of the trip was organised through the Armenian Society for the Protection of Birds (ASPB) - contact person is Tsovinar Hovhannisyan (armbirds@yahoo.com). Here we paid approximately

110 EUR per person per day for a mini-van with driver/guide, lodging - and an old Russian army jeep for the trip to Vedi. Note that food/drinks and the last hotel night were not included in this price.

Our driver and guide was Mamikon Ghasabyan. On the trip to Mount Aragats we also got company from Luba Balyan. Both are founding members of the ASPB, who work as active conservationists in Armenia. Thanks to their local knowledge we saw a lot of great birds.

Connecting the two legs of the trip together was very easy - Nika dropped us off at the Sadakhlo border crossing (around 2PM) where Mamikon was already waiting for us.

Observations

Below is an annotated checklist of the 218 bird species we observed during this trip.

For the key species of the trip, we've added GPS waypoints where available.

In addition to that, Frederik and Wim have entered (a subset of) sightings directly into

<http://www.observado.org/> using a GPS-enabled smartphone. So if you want more information on where we saw a particular bird, you can check our sightings online, using the links provided below.

[Observations Wim](#)

[Observations Frederik](#)

Annotated checklist

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 10+ at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 10+

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 2

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 10+ at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 20+

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp platyrhynchos - 10+

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp platyrhynchos - 10+

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 10+

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Small numbers.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 1 female

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 1 male near Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 10+

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp crecca - 10+

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Common.

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 50+

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* **Near-threatened (NT)**

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Fairly common on the fish ponds (30+).

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 3

White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* **Endangered (EN)**

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - At least 15 birds.

Chukar *Alectoris chukar*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp kurdestanica - 5+ at Ooranots.

Caucasian Snowcock *Tetraogallus caucasicus*

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 2 birds on the slopes east of Stepantsminda (GPS 42.650, 44.658).
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 4 birds seen on the high mountain slopes above Gergeti church (GPS 42.664, 44.586).
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - Heard from the slopes east of Stepantsminda.

Caucasian Grouse *Tetrao mlokosiewiczi* **Near-threatened (NT)**

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 2 males on the slopes east of Stepantsminda (seen from GPS 42.650, 44.658).
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1 bird seen by Jan on the high mountain slopes above Gergeti church (GPS 42.664, 44.586).
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - Up to 10 birds on the slopes east of Stepantsminda.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp capensis - 2 at Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp capensis - Small numbers.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp cristatus - Common on Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp cristatus - Fairly common.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Flock of 44 birds - a local rarity (GPS 39.747, 44.773).

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp ciconia - 5+ en route.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp ciconia - Fairly common.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp ciconia - A few.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp sinensis - 20+ at Lake Sevan.

Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmaeus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Common.

Great Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - HO - ssp stellaris - Heard at Lake Sevan (GPS 40.176, 45.251).

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - HO - ssp stellaris - Heard.

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp minutus - 5+ birds seen including a confiding bird very close to the car.

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp cinerea - 2

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp cinerea - 5+

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp purpurea - 4 birds at various small wetlands and ponds along the road.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp purpurea - 5+ at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp purpurea - 20+

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp alba - Just one at Lake Sevan.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp garzetta - 20+

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp garzetta - Fairly common.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 5+

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp nycticorax - 20+ at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp nycticorax - 30+

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 10+ at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Fairly common.

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp leucorodia - c7 birds seen.

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp barbatus - 2 birds at the Wallcreeper site (GPS 42.560, 44.512).

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp barbatus - 4 birds seen around Stepantsminda.

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp barbatus - 4

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus* **Endangered (EN)**

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp percnopterus - 1 bird en route near Vedi (GPS 39.898, 44.709).

Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus* **Near-threatened (NT)**

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 2 birds soaring south-east of Stepantsminda.

Eurasian Griffon *Gyps fulvus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp fulvus - 5
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp fulvus - 10+
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp fulvus - 10+
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp fulvus - 3 en route to Dilijan.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp fulvus - 2

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 1 at Ooranots (GPS 39.800, 44.809).

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Clanga pomarina*

06/05/2014 - Dilijan - 1 flying by over a clearing in Dilijan forest (GPS 40.802, 44.881).
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 1 bird in the lower reaches (GPS 40.385, 44.291).

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus*

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 2 pale morph birds on migration above Gergeti church.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 1 light and 1 dark morph.

Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* **Vulnerable (VU)**

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - A 2nd or 3rd calendar year bird migrating over the village.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp chrysaetos - 3 birds in the Truso Gorge (GPS 42.566, 44.488).

Eurasian Marsh-Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp aeruginosus - A few at Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp aeruginosus - 20+

Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 bird seen only by Fre and Jef near the bridge over the river in Stepantsminda.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1 migrating bird above Gergeti church.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp nisus - A few birds en route.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp nisus - 1 migrating bird over Jvari pass.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - HO - ssp gentilis - 1 calling bird at Lake Sevan.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp migrans - c10 near Stepantsminda.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp migrans - 5+ birds near Stepantsminda.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp migrans - 1

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp vulpinus - 20+ en route and in Stepantsminda.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp vulpinus - A few birds.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp vulpinus - A few.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp vulpinus - A few en route.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp vulpinus - 2

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp vulpinus - A few.

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp rufinus - 1 migrating bird in Stepantsminda.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp rufinus - About 5 birds near Lake Sevan (GPS 40.350, 45.198).

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp rufinus - 10+ birds. We observed 2 birds mating by a nest (GPS 40.449, 44.207).

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp rufinus - 5+ (GPS 39.947, 44.708)

Corn Crane *Crex crex*

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - HO - 1 bird calling briefly from sea buckthorn vegetation.

Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp chloropus - 1 at Lake Sevan.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp atra - Fairly common at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp atra - Common.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 2 at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 30+

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - A few.

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 3+

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 1

White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - c15 birds seen (GPS 39.779, 44.764).

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp alexandrinus - 10+

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp hiaticula - 10+

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp curonicus - 2 birds along the Tergi river en route.

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp curonicus - 1 en route.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp curonicus - 2 at Lake Sevan.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 2 birds amidst the huge wader flocks (GPS 39.751, 44.784).

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - A few birds along the Tergi river en route.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 5+ at Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - A few.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 20+

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 5+

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - A single bird (GPS 39.743, 44.763).

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 3 at Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Huge flocks! Probably a few thousand.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Small numbers.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* **Near-threatened (NT)**

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp limosa - A flock of c25 birds at Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp limosa - 150+

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp interpres - 2

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 6 birds at Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - The second most common wader (after Wood Sandpiper). Many 100s at least.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Calidris falcinellus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp falcinellus - c10 birds in a big wader flock (GPS 39.747, 44.773).

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 1 at Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 20+

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 5+

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 50+

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 200+

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Well over 100 birds present.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp pratincola - 20+ (GPS 39.788, 44.751).

Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 2

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 20+ at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 20+

Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 1

Armenian Gull *Larus armenicus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Common at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 50+

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 1

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp albifrons - 5+

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp nilotica - 1

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Several 100s at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Huge numbers, 1000+ birds present.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp hybrida - 1

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp hirundo - 1 or 2.

Common Wood-Pigeon *Columba palumbus*

06/05/2014 - Dilijan - HO - ssp palumbus - Heard.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp palumbus - A few seen and heard at Dilijan.

European Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp turtur - 1 bird in the Truso Gorge.

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp turtur - 1 bird on a power line (foothills on our way back to Yerevan).

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp decaocto - 1 en route.

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp canorus - A few en route.

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - HO - ssp canorus - Several heard.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp canorus - 3
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - HO - ssp canorus - Heard.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp canorus - Small numbers throughout.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp canorus - Pretty common (20+).
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp canorus - 5+
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - HO - ssp canorus - Heard.

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp otus - 1 bird flushed in a small wooded area at Lake Sevan.

Alpine Swift *Apus melba*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp melba - 2 en route.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp melba - A few.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp melba - 2 birds at Ooranots (nesting).

Common Swift *Apus apus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp apus - Fairly common in the lowlands.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp apus - Common en route.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp apus - Common.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp apus - Common.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp apus - Common.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp apus - Common.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp apus - Common.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 3+

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp persicus - 5+ (GPS 39.779, 44.764).

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - Regularly heard and a few seen.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - Several heard migrating high over Stepantsminda.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - Regularly heard on migration.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - 30+ en route.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 30+ birds near Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 50+
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - Small numbers en route.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 10+

European Roller *Coracias garrulus* **Near-threatened (NT)**

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp garrulus - 1 bird on the electricity wires close to Stepantsminda.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp garrulus - 1 bird en route.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp garrulus - 3+
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp garrulus - 2+
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp garrulus - 3+

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp epops - 5+ birds near Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp epops - A few.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp epops - A few.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp epops - 10+

Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp caucasicus - 2 or 3 birds at Dilijan (GPS 40.799, 44.910).

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp pinetorum - 1

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp pinetorum - 1 at the Semicollared Flycatcher stakeout.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp pinetorum - 5+ birds at Dilijan.

Syrian Woodpecker *Dendrocopos syriacus*

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - Poor views of a single bird in the foothills.

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius*

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp martius - 1 at the Semicollared Flycatcher stakeout.

Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - HO - ssp karelini - Heard at Dilijan (GPS 40.799, 44.914).

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp tinnunculus - 2

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp tinnunculus - A few.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp tinnunculus - 3

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp tinnunculus - 5+

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp tinnunculus - 1

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp tinnunculus - 1

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp tinnunculus - 5+

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp subbuteo - 1 bird at our first roadside stop (GPS 42.041, 44.746).

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 bird at our first roadside stop (GPS 42.041, 44.746).

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 1 bird eating prey on the mudflats.

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - Pretty common on migration in the valley on our way to Stepantsminda (20+ birds).

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 10+ migrants around Stepantsminda.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - A few.

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - A few en route.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Fairly common en route.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - A few.

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - Fairly common.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - A few.

Lesser Gray Shrike *Lanius minor*

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 2 birds in roadside vegetation south of Stepantsminda.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 3+ birds at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 1

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 1

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp niloticus - 1 en route close to Dilijan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp niloticus - 1

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp niloticus - 5+

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp krynicki - A few en route.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp krynicki - 1
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp krynicki - 1
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp krynicki - 1
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp krynicki - 10+ in the foothills.

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp pica - 10+ en route.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp pica - Common.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp pica - Fairly common.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp pica - Fairly common.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp pica - Fairly common.

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp docilis - 10+ in the mountains.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp docilis - Fairly common in the high mountains.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp docilis - 5+
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp docilis - 2

Yellow-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax graculus*

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp graculus - 5+ birds in the high mountains.

Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp soemmerringii - 50+ birds in a roadside colony near Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp soemmerringii - A few.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp frugilegus - 3 birds en route.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp frugilegus - A few.

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 in the pine forest above Stepantsminda.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - Small numbers en route.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Common.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Fairly common.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - A few.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - Fairly common.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp subcorax - Fairly common.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp subcorax - Fairly common.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp subcorax - A few.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp subcorax - A few en route.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp subcorax - 1
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp subcorax - 2
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp subcorax - 1

Bearded Reedling *Panurus biarmicus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp ruscicus - Very common (100+).

Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 1 fly-over bird with obvious dark underwings and white trailing edge.

Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 2 birds at Ooranots (GPS 39.801, 44.810).

Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 20+ (GPS 39.790, 44.746).

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - A few.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - Fairly common.

Sky Lark *Alauda arvensis*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 10+

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - Common in the foothills.

Wood Lark *Lullula arborea*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp pallida - 1 heard in Stepantsminda.

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp pallida - 4 seen, more heard in the foothills.

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp penicillata - 1 bird seen on Jvari pass (GPS 42.507, 44.458).

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp penicillata - 1 bird in the high mountains above Gergeti church.

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp penicillata - 2 birds at Jvari pass.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp penicillata - 2 birds at Selim Pass (GPS 40.040, 45.252).

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp penicillata - Common on the mountain.

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp riparia - 10+

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp riparia - Very common.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp riparia - 50+

Eurasian Crag-Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 2 birds at the Wallcreeper site.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - A few.

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - A few en route.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 20+

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 10+

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 20+

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp rustica - A few en route.

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp rustica - A few around the hotel.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp rustica - A few birds around the hotel.

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp rustica - Fairly common en route.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp rustica - Fairly common.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp rustica - Common.

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp rustica - Small numbers.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp rustica - Common.

Common House-Martin *Delichon urbicum*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp urbicum - Fairly common.

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp urbicum - Fairly common.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp urbicum - Fairly common.

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp urbicum - Common en route.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp urbicum - Fairly common.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp urbicum - Small numbers.

Coal Tit *Periparus ater*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp michalowskii - A few birds.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp michalowskii - A few.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp michalowskii - Common.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp michalowskii - Fairly common at Dilijan.

Great Tit *Parus major*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp major - Small numbers.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp major - Small numbers.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp major - 10+
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp major - Common.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp major - A few.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp major - A few.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp major - A few.

Eurasian Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp satunini - 1
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp satunini - 2+
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp satunini - A few at Dilijan.

Eurasian Penduline-Tit *Remiz pendulinus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp pendulinus - 1 at Lake Sevan.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - HO - ssp pendulinus - Heard.

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 4+ birds - some with a off-white head.

Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*

06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp caucasica - 5+
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp caucasica - 5+ at Dilijan.

Rock Nuthatch *Sitta neumayer*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp rupicola - We were lucky to spot the only bird of the trip from the car at a roadside cliff along Lake Sevan.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - HO - ssp rupicola - Heard.

Persian Nuthatch *Sitta tephronota*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 2 birds at Noravank monastery (GPS 39.685, 45.232) and one more down the road at GPS 39.699, 45.210.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 5+ at Ooranots (GPS 39.828, 44.839).

Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp muraria - 2 birds at a stakeout en route (GPS 42.560, 44.512). Still difficult to find though.

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp persica - 1
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp persica - 1
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp persica - 5+ at Dilijan.

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp hyrcanus - A few birds heard.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp hyrcanus - 1 seen, more heard.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp hyrcanus - 1

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp hyrcanus - A few.

White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp caucasicus - 1 bird on a reservoir (GPS 42.041, 44.746).

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp caucasicus - 1 en route.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp caucasicus - 2

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp buturlini - 1 seen by Frederik.

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Fairly common at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Fairly common.

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 5+ in the foothills (in rather unusual habitat).

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - A few.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - A few migrants in sea buckthorn in Stepantsminda.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - A few migrants.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - A few at Lake Sevan.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - c3

Mountain Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus sindianus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp lorenzii - 5+ birds seen, more heard.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp lorenzii - 5+

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp lorenzii - 5+ at Stepantsminda.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp lorenzii - 20+

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp lorenzii - 5+

Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus*

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1 migrant bird in the very small trees surrounding the hotel.

06/05/2014 - Dilijan - Common.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Common at Dilijan.

Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 5+ birds at Ooranots (GPS 39.801, 44.810) & (39.828, 44.837)

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Heard at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 5+

Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Regularly seen and heard (20+).

Eurasian Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp fuscus - 1 migrant bird in Stepantsminda.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp fuscus - Fairly common.

Great Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp arundinaceus - Several heard and a few seen at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp arundinaceus - Common (50+).

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - HO - ssp fusca - 3+ heard.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp dammholzi - Commonly heard en route.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp dammholzi - 1
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp dammholzi - Small numbers (heard) en route.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp dammholzi - A few.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp dammholzi - A few at Dilijan.

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp borin - 1 at Lake Sevan.

Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 migrant in shrubbery near Stepantsminda.

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp curruca - 1
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp curruca - 1 at Lake Sevan.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp curruca - 1
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp curruca - 5+

Eastern Orphean Warbler *Sylvia crassirostris*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 4 birds at Ooranots (GPS 39.828, 44.838).

Menetries's Warbler *Sylvia mystacea*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 10+ birds, mostly in the NW corner (GPS 39.787, 44.752).

Greater Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 migrant at the Wallcreeper site.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 1 at Selim Pass.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 10+

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 in the pine trees above Stepantsminda.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 1
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 3+

Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp familiaris - At least 5 birds (GPS 39.782, 44.760).
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp familiaris - Fairly common (15+) - GPS 39.800, 44.810.

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*

06/05/2014 - Dilijan - HO - 1 heard.

White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis*

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 2 splendid males seen very well (GPS 40.399, 44.253).
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - Fairly common (20+) - GPS 39.820, 44.842.

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 heard en route at the reservoir (GPS 42.041, 44.746).
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - A few heard en route.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Pretty good views of 1 bird which was probably a migrant.

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - 1 heard near the Armenian border.

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp magna - 2 at Selim Pass (GPS 40.038, 45.248).

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp magna - 2 birds on the mountain (GPS 40.448, 44.210).

Semicollared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata* **Near-threatened (NT)**

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - A pair at a stakeout en route between Stepantsminda and Tbilisi.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 1 singing male at Dilijan (GPS 40.799, 44.910).

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 en route (GPS 42.415, 44.602) and a second bird near Stepantsminda (GPS 42.665, 44.642).

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1

06/05/2014 - Dilijan - 1 (GPS 40.802, 44.882).

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - At least 8 birds at Dilijan (GPS 40.800, 44.916). Also seen on migration at Lake Sevan (GPS 40.512, 44.959).

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp samamisticus - 2+ birds seen, including one singing in the center of Stepantsminda. Obvious white in the wing so samamisticus.

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp samamisticus - 3

06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp samamisticus - 3+

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp samamisticus - A few at Dilijan.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp samamisticus - 2

White-winged Redstart *Phoenicurus erythrogastrus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp erythrogastrus - At least 8 birds (mostly males, at least 2 females) in sea buckthorn vegetation south-east of Stepantsminda (GPS 42.647, 44.646).

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp erythrogastrus - Still several birds present in the same location as yesterday.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp semirufus - 10+ around Stepantsminda - some of them clearly semirufus.

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 5+

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06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - A few en route.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - A few

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - Small numbers.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 1

Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 2 seen from the car near Stepantsminda.

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - 1 at Stepantsminda.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 1 at Selim Pass.

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 10+

Blue Rock-Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 3+

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 2

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 4
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - 1 en route.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 5+
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 1

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus*

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1 male in the valley towards the Russian border.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - Fairly common in the higher reaches and around Stepantsminda.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - Fairly common.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - Fairly common.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - Fairly common at Stepantsminda.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 20+
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - Common on the mountain.

Finsch's Wheatear *Oenanthe finschii*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp barnesi - 5+ birds at Ooranots (GPS 39.801, 44.812) and Vedi (39.951, 44.706).

Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp melanoleuca - 5+ across Selim Pass.

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 20+

Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp amicum - 10+ birds, most of them in the pine woods above Stepantsminda. Subspecies amicum has a lot of white in the wings.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp amicum - 5+
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp amicum - 20+
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp amicum - A few at Stepantsminda.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp amicum - 1 at Selim Pass.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp amicum - 2

Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp aterrimus - Common.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp aterrimus - 5+
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp aterrimus - Common.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp aterrimus - Common.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp aterrimus - Common.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp aterrimus - Common.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp aterrimus - Common.

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - HO - Heard en route.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - HO - Heard.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - A few at Dilijan.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp viscivorus - 5+ birds in the pine woods above Stepantsminda.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp viscivorus - 5+
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp viscivorus - 10+
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp viscivorus - 2

Rosy Starling *Pastor roseus*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - Several large flocks (100s) flying by.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - A few large flocks, including 1 perched flock.

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Fairly common at Lake Sevan.

Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp montana - Up to 4 birds seen only by Frederik above Stepantsminda (GPS 42.653, 44.654).
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp montana - 1 seen by Frederik.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp montana - Surprisingly common in the higher reaches, 15+ seen (GPS 40.471, 44.192).

Radde's Accentor *Prunella ocularis*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 2 birds at Selim Pass were a surprise (GPS 40.038, 45.248).
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 5+ (GPS 40.452, 44.201).

Dunnock *Prunella modularis*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - Fairly common.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - Fairly common.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - Fairly common.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - Fairly common.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - A few.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - A few at Dilijan.

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - A single bird in Stepantsminda - only seen in flight, appeared to have a very yellow head so possibly ssp lutea.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp feldegg - 10+ birds at Lake Sevan, all appearing to be ssp feldegg.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp feldegg - 20+. Only feldeggs were seen.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - A single bird.

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp cinerea - A few birds.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp cinerea - A few.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp cinerea - 1
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp cinerea - 1

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp dukhunensis - Common.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp dukhunensis - Common.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp dukhunensis - Common.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp dukhunensis - Common.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp dukhunensis - Common.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp dukhunensis - Common.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - ssp dukhunensis - A few.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp dukhunensis - A few.

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp pratensis - 10+ at Lake Sevan.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp pratensis - Common.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp trivialis - Small numbers.

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp trivialis - Small numbers.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp trivialis - Small numbers.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp trivialis - A few at Stepantsminda.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp trivialis - A few.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp trivialis - A few in the foothills.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - At least 4 birds on Jvari pass.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - 1 at Stepantsminda.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 4 at Selim Pass.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 2

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp coutellii - Common.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp coutellii - Common.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp coutellii - Common.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp coutellii - Common at Stepantsminda.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp coutellii - A few at Selim Pass.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp coutellii - 10+ in the higher reaches, not as common as in Kazbegi.

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia*

05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp prageri - 2 birds in the valley towards the Russian border.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp prageri - 2 at Selim Pass.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp prageri - 5+
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp prageri - 4+

Gray-hooded Bunting *Emberiza buchanani*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp cerrutii - At least 2 birds seen well near the drinking place at Vedi, more heard (GPS 39.951, 44.706).

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - Up to 6 birds seen around Stepantsminda.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 2
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 1 at Selim Pass.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 5+ birds in the foothills. Excellent views.

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 1 migrating bird seen by Frederik south-east of Stepantsminda.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 1 at the Noravank monastery.
08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 4+ birds en route.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 10+ birds in the foothills.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - Common.

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - 2+
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 10+ in the foothills.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - A few.

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp solomkoi - A few birds in the woods near the bridge in Stepantsminda.
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp solomkoi - A few.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp solomkoi - Common.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp solomkoi - Common at Dilijan.

Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 3+ birds at the drinking spot at Vedi (GPS 39.952, 44.706).

Eurasian Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp rossikowi - 1
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp rossikowi - 2 birds in the valley towards the Russian border.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp rossikowi - 3
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp rossikowi - 6+ at Dilijan.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp kubanensis - At least 3 birds seen east of Stepantsminda.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp kubanensis - 10+
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp kubanensis - 4 at ??? monastery.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp kubanensis - 1

Great Rosefinch *Carpodacus rubicilla*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 1 female in the sea buckthorn vegetation south-east of Stepantsminda (GPS 42.647, 44.646).
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - Up to 4 birds, including at least 2 splendid males, on the slopes east of Stepantsminda (GPS 42.650, 44.658).
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - 3 female-type birds on the slopes east of Stepantsminda.

European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp turkestanica - A few en route.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp turkestanica - 1
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp turkestanica - A few.

Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - 2 birds in the pine woods above Stepantsminda.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp colchicus - 10+
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp colchicus - 10+
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - ssp colchicus - 10+
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp colchicus - A few.
06/05/2014 - Dilijan - ssp colchicus - Fairly common.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp colchicus - Fairly common.
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp colchicus - A few.
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp colchicus - A few.

Twite *Carduelis flavirostris*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - ssp brevirostris - At least 4 birds on Jvari pass (GPS 42.511, 44.462).
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - ssp brevirostris - 3 birds at Jvari pass.
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp brevirostris - 10+ at Selim Pass (GPS 40.038, 45.248).
09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp brevirostris - 20+ in the higher reaches (GPS 40.449, 44.208).

Eurasian Linnet *Carduelis cannabina*

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - ssp bella - 5+
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - ssp bella - A few.

Fire-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - A few birds at the Wallcreeper site; also several birds in the pine woods above (east of) Stepantsminda.
04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 5+
05/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - 20+ birds - above Gergeti church, and in the valley towards the Russian border.
06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - 10+
07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 5+ at Noravank monastery (GPS 39.686, 45.232).
10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 2 at Ooranots.

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - Several at Dilijan.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

03/05/2014 - En route Tbilisi-Stepantsminda - Only seen in Stepantsminda village.

04/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - A few birds in the village.

06/05/2014 - Stepantsminda - en route to Armenia - A few en route.

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - A few en route.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - A few.

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - A few.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - A few.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - A flock of c20 at Lake Sevan.

08/05/2014 - Armash Fish Ponds - A few.

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - A few.

Rock Petronia *Petronia petronia*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - 3 at Selim Pass (GPS 40.038, 45.248).

09/05/2014 - Mount Aragats - 5+

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 2 at Vedi.

Pale Rockfinch *Carospiza brachydactyla*

10/05/2014 - Ooranots, Vedi - 2 at Ooranots (GPS 39.801, 44.812). Best located by voice.

White-winged Snowfinch *Montifringilla nivalis*

07/05/2014 - Dilijan, Lake Sevan, Selim Pass, Noravank monastery - ssp alpicola - 4+ at Selim Pass was a pleasant surprise after missing this species in Kazbegi (GPS 40.038, 45.248).