

**Germany (mostly Brandenburg and  
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern)**  
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## **Intro**

For the first time in my life I ventured out to the states in the former East Germany for a 12-day birding trip. I also included 2 half-day birding outings when I was based out of Stuttgart (Baden-Wuerttemberg) to visit family.

It was a fun trip, but I underestimated the weather to a degree. During the whole trip, I had pretty heavy winds with temperatures in the 50s (mostly 10-15C), maybe hitting 60F (15C) once or twice. I literally ran out of clothes to wear.

## **Notes**

- Timing: My timing was probably just a little bit too early. Not every breeding bird had arrived (River Warbler, Common Rosefinch and Honey-Buzzard had not) and some required special knowledge to find (the first Barred Warblers and Red-breasted Flycatchers had just arrived and I was able to ping the locals about them). The coast was difficult to bird as it was blowing hard with sustained 20-25mph winds and waterfowl and shorebirds were difficult to find. They had for the most part already gone through. The only larger flock of shorebirds was at the Pramort east of Zingst.
- Highlights: A very obliging Red-breasted Flycatcher, many Black Woodpeckers, one really cool Barred Warbler, a heard-only lifer of Little Crake on an imperfect night, the impeccable Great Bustard, Ortolan and Rock Bunting and the odd Crested Lark at a farm. It was also fun to see a White-winged Tern, a Rough-legged Hawk and a large flock of about 1000 late Barnacle Geese.
- Lowlights: Misses included Black Stork, Little Bittern, Tawny Pipit, European Honey-buzzard, River Warbler and Common Rosefinch
- Hotels: I booked all my hotels via booking.com, they were all in the 50 Euro range. They ended up all being just fine. Get a condo (Ferienwohnung) if you stay longer than one night.
- Food: I generally bought my own food at the many Norma, Aldi, Lidl and Netto markets I found in every small town. Food is inexpensive and cheap. Also in every smaller town is a Kebab place (run by a Turkish guy) that usually also has decent and inexpensive pizza. I ate out once at the Seehotel zum Loewen in Wesenberg-Strasen, had venison with wild mushrooms and liked it a lot.

- Weather: I did not bring enough clothes as it was colder than I had expected. There was ice on the screen window the first 5 days in a row. The wind got to me too. This is not what I remembered growing up with around Stuttgart.
- I generally liked Brandenburg better than Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. It just seemed birdier. Maybe this depended on the fact that Brandenburg is just little further south where more birds had arrived and were singing. My half a day of Ruegen was a forgettable adventure; no birds and the island is large and really requires several days to bird. I would probably spent another day at Unteres Odertal NP.

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## Daily account



### 4/30: Wagbachniederung

Another monster day at the Wagbachniederung! While I had to work on the Bluethroat this time, 2 Black-tailed Godwits in breeding plumage, Common Snipe, calling Golden Oriole, Mew Gull, Purple Heron, Savi's Warbler and Red-crested Pochard were all nice! Nightingales were thick! Whinchat and Dunnock were there as well. I finished the morning with a whopping 73 species.

### 5/2: Eckwaelden, Limburg

I spent a few hours in the morning only near the Teck. I first quickly found the Collared Flycatcher in the yard with all the breeding boxes off the Klinik in Eckwaelden. I traipsed

around the woods for a long time, only succeeding with Firecrest. None of the other advertised species ever show up there, so I will not return.

The last hour or so I drove to the Limburg at Weilheim at the Teck. Parking at the cemetery at Weinsteige, I started along the Lernpfad and immediately heard Wrynecks calling. While I tried to get a look for about 20min, the birds eluded me completely. Several Common Redstarts and

Collared Flycatchers were also in the area. Great place; that also reminded me off the area on the south side of the Teck near Owen.

### **5/3: Altmuehlsee, drive to Brandenburg**

On a blustery day I got to Altmuehlsee by about 8am and spent a good 2.5hrs there. I skipped the Brombachsee. First thing was a calling Oriole that I finally got decent looks of. The loop trail around the Vogelinsel was awesome. Lots of common birds, but there also were Savi's and Willow Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat and several Nightingales.

Then I drove ...

Just before checking into the Apart Pension Plaue in Plaue/Brandenburg, I pulled into this area just to the SE of the Havel Bridge in Plaue. Birding was difficult as the wind was howling. Several Great Reed Warblers were singing in the reeds around a small pond. Nice!

### **5/4: Havellaendisches Luch, Rietzer See**

I started early to be on site to see the Great Bustards. There are 2 observation towers and I picked the right one first (the southern tower)! There were 3 males close, a few others in the distance towards the northern tower. Also in the area were Corn Bunting, Common Crane, Eurasian Curlew and a fox family. Great Whitethroat, Linnet and Yellowhammer were singing right of the tower. Couldn't find a Montagu's Harrier though.



At the north end of the Rietzer See (the tower is more of a Hochsitz type and hard to climb), I immediately found a White-tailed Eagle by the number of Hooded Crows mobbing it. Black and Red Kites and a Common Raven were joining in also. Along the dike, I found Penduline Tit, a few Savi's Warbler and the always present Lesser Whitethroat and Garden Warbler in with many Sedge Warblers and Blackcaps. One Great Reed Warbler was sounding off as well.

The Netzener See access on the east end had several Great Reed Warblers.

The south end was tricky to access as the bridge over the canal was out. Access via "The Vogelwarte" (52.357233, 12.709254) looked dicey, at least when it's wet. There were 10 Wood Sandpipers, a Ruff and a Northern Lapwing in the wet meadows. The tower yielded good views of the Streng, with Garganey, Eurasian Wigeon, Red-necked and Eared Grebe, Osprey and 2 White-tailed Eagles being the highlights. A walk for some of the species I missed earlier yielded brief views of an adult Bearded Reedling. More Savi's Warblers were in the area as well.

Then there was the tick incident ...

### **5/5: Guelpener See and environs**

I set the navigation system to Schollene and started at the lake to the west. There was virtually no access and I quit quickly. Then I realized that it was 30km to Guelpe as there are few bridges across the Havel. Bummer!

I stopped in Warnau which was kind of fun. Greater Whitethroat, Nightingale, Willow Tit, Great Reed Warbler, plus several pairs of Northern Lapwing.

Wrapping around to the first access point west of Prietzen at the windmill, I first started walking to the east and saw 3 White-tailed Eagles. I followed up on the tapping of a woodpecker in the back and ran into 2 Crested Tits! Nice! Unfortunately, there was no lake (or reed) access and the wet fields were not productive. To the west at 52.730693, 12.263297, I found some shorebirds including a Common Redshank, both Common and Lesser Ringed Plover, several Greenshanks and a Wood Sandpiper. A Black Tern was feeding over the water. In the wood to the east, a Tree Pipit was displaying and a little further an Ortolan was singing. I managed to get a Dutch couple on the bird and made them very happy! :-)

The wood at the large observation tower (52.732300, 12.248293) was super active and I added Wood and many Willow Warbler, Firecrest, Eurasian Treecreeper and a Marsh Tit near a nest.



The Crested Lark site south of Guelpe did not produce, but the one just SE of Wolsier at 52.713635, 12.267141 did! Nice!

The Stremel NSG (52.816734, 12.100694) just SE of Havelberg had a lot of gull, but the only nice birds I could pick out were a few Common Terns. Many Eared Grebes, a Garden Warbler and a Lesser Whitethroat were also present.



Then I drove all the way to Sanitz, stopping at the Regnitztal near Gnewitz. There were not many birds, but the valley is beautiful. It felt like some of the birds had not arrived yet.

## **5/6: Darss & Zingst**

Today was a physically challenging day which I spent at the Darss & Zingst. I started at the jetty in Prerow. There weren't many birds out there, but 2 Sandwich Terns, a pair of Common Eiders and 3 Common Scoters were what I had hoped for.

Next up the Darss ... I rented a bike and rode out to the Darsser Ort, then hiked the 2mi loop from the lighthouse and rode a different track back to Prerow. Birds were far and few between, also because the wind was howling. Several Curlews and 3-4 Greater Black-backed Gulls were visible from the first tower at the Nothafen. I heard no Rosefinches and it definitely seemed to be too early for Red-breasted Flycatcher. On the lighthouse loop, there were no birds on the



eastern shore as it was too rough out there. A late Rough-legged Hawk was cruising around, as was a White-tailed Eagle. Also out were Common Teal, Shelduck, 2 Oystercatchers, 2 Common Ringed Plovers and a breeding-plumaged Spotted Redshank. On the ride back I heard and see both Firecrest and Goldcrest and while investigating an odd sound, a Middle Spotted Woodpecker appeared. Nice! A few Wood Warblers were also singing.

After a quick stop at the grocery store I drove over the Sundische Wiese resort (east of Zingst) to ride out to the Pramort area. I quickly picked up another rental bike and quickly arrived on site. There were shorebirds visible! It was far, but I

was able to identify Common Greenshank, many Spotted Redshank, Curlew, Dunlin, Common Ringed Plover and 2 Ruffs. Common and Little Tern were fishing on the "Bodden" side. The ride back was hell, straight into 25mph sustained winds (I had been wondering why folks were pushing their bikes when I went the other directions. A Wryneck flushed up from the dike, so that was a nice surprise. Also neat was a Badger who did not care that I was there. I got back to the hotel by just past 9pm.

## **5/7: Greifswald and Ruegen**

Getting up was difficult this morning as it got late last night. I spent 2.5 nice hours at the Karrendorfer Wiesen, recommended by Henryk. There were several easy to see Bearded Reedlings! They were calling too! The habitat is great for shorebirds, but there was only a smattering of Spotted and Common Redshank, Greenshank and Common Ringed Plover. Highlights however were a pair of Pied Avocets and a Greater Scaup. 6 Eurasian Wigeons, Stonechat and Whinchat and many Meadow Pipits were also nice.

I briefly checked Wampener Riff, but the wind started to get to me.

Then I decided to drive up to Ruegen. Some of the roads are closed and, on the west side, a brief ferry ride is required to get back to Stralsund. Doing a few hours of Ruegen is pointless. Even a day is pointless. The wind was blowing hard, so it hardly mattered that I couldn't spend more time there. I decided to focus on seabirds, so checked out the area of the Tromper Wiek near Glowe and Juliusruh. I found few birds, but did get Red-breasted and Common Merganser, and Common Sandpiper. Pretty disappointing day overall.

## **5/8: Recknitztal**

There was ice on the front window of my car this morning again, like every morning of my trip. It did warm up to 16C and the wind was slightly less. I worked the beautiful, yet anemic Recknitztal today.

I started at 2 spots near Marlow, but all I found were Orioles and some of the common birds. A Thrush Nightingale briefly sounded off, but would not repeat. Whinchat and Stonechat were pretty obvious.

The Rauhes Moor in Bad Suelze was very uneventful. The wetland on the east side of town at east had some warblers. I found Savi's and Grasshopper, yet could not get on the latter. Sedge and Great Reed were also singing. A bonus were 2 calling Wrynecks, one of which afforded fabulous looks while I was still in the car.

One final attempt for Lesser Spotted Eagle was just outside of Tessin. I finally found 2 soaring birds close to the access I tried for



them 3 days ago near Gnewitz. The birds were far, but I got good looks for a good 15min.

### **5/9: Teterower See, Kargow, Henningsfelde**

En route south to the Mueritz area I decided to stop at Teterower See in the Mecklenburgischen Schweiz. Great call! It was birdy all the way through! The Sauerwerder was very birdy early morning, with the highlight being a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Then I birded the south end of the lake and again it was very birdy! Nightingales and Thrush Nightingales were at both spots. A Bullfinch, Green Woodpecker (rare for MVP), a female Common Goldeneye, a Penduline Tit, Sedge and Great Reed Warbler, my first Icterine Warblers for the trip and another Fieldfare.

A spot east of Teterow advertised as good for Barred Warbler was inaccessible due to construction.

At Kargow, officially part of Mueritz NP, I was prepared to hike. I almost immediately had a Black Woodpecker fly across!! Wow! Another one would follow. :-) 2-3 displaying Woodlarks, many Wood Warblers in the woods, a White-tailed Eagle, 2 Wrynecks, a Hoopoe (!), 2 Golden Orioles, many Corn Buntings, Whinchat and Stonechat, Red-backed Shrike, and Goldcrest and Firecrest. It was a fun 4mi walk, with no people and fabulous views and birding. I did not get the Barred Warbler.

Finally I pulled into Henningsfelde which is also with the boundary of the NP. Immediately when I got out of the car, I found 2 Ravens, an Osprey and White-tailed Eagle nest with a young! On the large meadow were 25 Common Cranes, 4 Northern Wheatears (likely migrants) and a pair of visible Thrush Nightingales. I then drove some side roads within the NP to get to Wesenberg when I realized that the Seehotel was 10km further down the road. I checked into the room and relaxed.



### **5/10: Mueritz NP**

I tried to reach the Mueritzsteilufer early morning, but the trail was closed. Nevertheless, there was a field full of corvids including many Rooks, and several Stock Doves. A Wryneck was calling in the distance, and a Golden Oriole was fluting from across the field. Unfortunately, I never got close to

the shore.

I wanted to see the Mueritz, so I took the road to the beach from Boeker Muehle and walked around a little bit. It was very mellow. I heard an odd song and tracked it down to a young Pied



Flycatcher near the canal. A Red-necked Grebe, 3 Red-crested Pochards and both treecreepers were all pretty nice.

My final stop for the morning was the Boeker fish ponds. A gate off the parking lot at the Boeker Muehle was now open (it had been closed earlier in the morning) and I followed the angler's trail. There was a Penduline Tit, a White-tailed Eagle in the distance for my daily eagle, Sedge and Great Reed Warbler and another pair of Red-crested Pochard.

The weather was supposed to change, but never did. Regardless, I was exhausted and went back to the hotel. On the way, I added AdBlue to the tank of my Peugeot Diesel - a first for me.

### **5/11: Brodowin, Schwedt Polder (Unteres Odertal NP), Felchowsee**

I selected the Brodowin area because of its high density of Barred Warblers. Well, every promising song turned into a Garden Warbler. The habitat actually didn't look all that good; I'm saying this after seeing the habitat for them in the Odertal. Nevertheless, it was not a bad walk. Unusual was a White-winged Tern that fly over me. A Black tern was nearby as well. Only my second Red-backed Shrike, serenading Golden Orioles, both treecreepers also calling, a Whinchat and a Hawfinch.

After completing a round of shopping en route, I went to the Schwedter Polder and hiked out to the Oder with Poland in view. A great area!!! I spent 3 hours there in the dead of the afternoon, and had some cracking birds: A singing Common Rosefinch (he flew out immediately after I imitated this call), the scope on a Grasshopper Warbler, calling Corncrake, the Black Tern colony, calling Black Woodpecker and Wryneck (both seen!) and the obligatory White-tailed Eagle I had missed before during the day. A good assortment of warblers, but no Barred in the mix (habitat also wasn't good).

An evening appointment with the Little Crake at the Lanke of the Felchowsee was highly entertaining. I ran into Christopher at the little hill overlooking the Lanke and we started chatting about all things bird.

Garganey, Common Teal, a Wood Sandpiper and a 2-3 Savi's Warblers were notable. A little late Ingo and Stephan showed up and we all stayed until 22:30, but did not hear any Little





Crakes. A quick stopover with all of us at the Landiner Haussee afterwards has the Little Crake calling nicely in no time! My only lifer of the trip! Also calling were Sedge and Savi's Warbler, Great Bittern and Water Rail. En route from the Lanke to the Landiner Haussee we rescued a Hedgehog.

Overnight at a nice condo in Schoeneberg.

### **5/12: Spechthausen, Gatow (Unteres Odertal NP), Reicherskreutzer Heide**

Off of a tip by Christopher the night before, I headed over to a tiny hamlet just south of Ebertswalde called Spechthausen. It turns out Red-breasted Flycatcher had arrived! Yes it had! I quickly found the bird and enjoyed how low and close it was. What a treat! Also in this wood were Spotted Flycatcher, a perched Black Woodpecker with a nearby nest site, Gray Wagtail and a Common Kingfisher.



Back to the Underes Odertal. As I was just walking across the bridge into the Fidichower Polder at Teerofen Bridge I ran into Ingo who sent me to Gatow to try for a Barred Warbler. I found the bird some 2km down a side trail and got nice looks! Nearby were White-tailed Eagle, 2 Garganey and a Red-backed Shrike (the Barred Warbler had gotten the hint; the build their nests near shrike nests).

Mid afternoon I drove the 2hrs to Lieberose, checked in, took a nap and then went back out to Reicherskreutzer Heide. The place was absolutely dead, but even though it was cold and windy, I briefly ended up heading my target, the European Nightjar. What a day it had been!

Overnight at likely the best hotel of the trip, Pension Schlossgasse in Lieberose.

### **5/13: Spreewald (Stradow Teiche, Polder Kockrowsberg), Reservoir Straussfurt**

Another slight lay-in, I'm simply exhausted. Still ... Got to the Stradow ponds just before 8:00 and immediately found the target, Whooper Swan. Even better, it was a pair with 2 just hatched and super cute young. There also were several Sedge and Great Reed Warblers, Red-crested Pochard and Common Tern. I only stayed 25min.

Next up was the Polder Kockrowsberg. This was probably the worst area I went to the whole trip long. There was a lot of agriculture going on, they were mowing and other things. The Skylark that was still larking lost its eggs an hour later. There also were not many birds. Sure, White-tailed Eagle in the background and a few Golden Orioles fluting away, add on a Savi's Warbler, but still. I found less than 40 species in 2 hours.



After the long drive to Erfurt I pulled into Henschleben with high hopes. The water on the Strausfurt Reservoir was of course high, so there were no shorebirds. Waterfowl included Gadwall, Common Pochard, Common Merganser and Mallard. The standouts were a pair of Eared Grebes and a Bluethroat! This was all from the south side. I tried to access the north side from the town of Strausfurt itself, but could not as there was a road closure.

So, I checked into Landpension Mina (nice and inexpensive), but neither my credit card nor my phone worked. Odd ...

#### **5/14: Ruine Ravensburg, Gut Seligenstadt, Garstadt Wetlands**

Too bad I had to forgo the Herbsleben ponds early morning, maybe I shouldn't have. I just wanted to have enough time around Wuerzburg.

I got to Ruine Ravensburg just north of Wuerzburg just before 9am. I immediately found the Rock Buntings at the ruins, 2 were singing somewhere, one bird showing nicely. Great start!

At Gut Seligenstadt I tried the access from the north (the one with the hill) and again immediately found my bird, the Montagu's Harrier. It was a young male, just over the car. Wow! Also nearby were several Northern Wheatears, Yellow Wagtail and Skylark.

Finally, before heading back home to my folks, I spent some hours at Garstadt Wetlands. Good place! There were lots of waterfowl including Common and Red-crested Pochard, Northern Harrier, and 3 species of goose. Golden Oriole was fluting away in the tall woods. Also nice were a Penduline Tit, many Great Reed Warblers and a singing Marsh Warbler.

This ends a nice trip to mostly eastern Germany, with many highlights. And a lifer!

**Trip list (179 species of birds)**

Greylag Goose  
Barnacle Goose (flock of 1000 near Zingst)  
Canada Goose  
Mute Swan  
Whooper Swan (family at Stratow Ponds, Spreewald)  
Egyptian Goose  
Common Shelduck  
Garganey  
Northern Shoveler  
Gadwall  
Eurasian Wigeon  
Mallard  
Green-winged Teal  
Red-crested Pochard  
Common Pochard  
Tufted Duck  
Greater Scaup (1 at Karrenberger Wiesen)  
Common Eider (2 off Prerow)  
Common Scoter (3 off Prerow)  
Common Goldeneye  
Common Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser (flock of 12 in Ruegen)  
Common Quail (heard twice)  
Ring-necked Pheasant  
Little Grebe  
Red-necked Grebe  
Great Crested Grebe  
Eared Grebe (large number of breeders at Stremel NSG near Havelberg)  
Rock Pigeon  
Stock Dove (several at Mueritz NP)  
Wood Pigeon  
European Turtle-Dove (1-2 calling at Reicherskreuzer Heide)  
Collared Dove  
Great Bustard (several at Havellaendisches Luch)  
Common Cuckoo  
Nightjar (1 hear at Reicherskreuzer Heide)  
Common Swift  
Water Rail



Corncrake (2 at Schwedt Polder)  
Eurasian Moorhen  
Eurasian Coot  
Little Crake (1 heard at Landiner Haussee)  
Common Crane  
Pied Avocet (2 at Karrendofer Wiesen)  
Eurasian Oystercatcher  
Northern Lapwing  
Common Ringed Plover  
Little Ringed Plover  
Eurasian Curlew  
Black-tailed Godwit (2 only at Wagbachniederung)  
Ruff (only 2 at Pramort)  
Dunlin  
Common Snipe (1 at Wagbachniederung)  
Common Sandpiper  
Spotted Redshank (many in breeding plumage at Pramort)  
Common Greenshank  
Wood Sandpiper  
Common Redshank  
Black-headed Gull  
Common Gull (also 2 birds at Wagbachniederung)  
Herring Gull  
Yellow-legged Gull  
Great Black-backed Gull (a few at Darss)  
Little Tern (7 at Pramort)  
Black Tern  
White-winged Tern (1 at Brodowin Lake)  
Common Tern  
Arctic Tern (1 at Darss)  
Sandwich Tern (Darss only)  
White Stork  
Great Cormorant  
Great Bittern (calling at Lanke and Landiner Haussee)  
Gray Heron  
Purple Heron (many at Wagbachniederung)  
Great Egret  
Osprey  
Lesser Spotted Eagle (2 at Recknitztal)  
Eurasian Marsh Harrier  
Montagu's Harrier (1 at Gut Seligendorf)  
Eurasian Sparrowhawk (1 at Limburg)  
Red Kite

Black Kite  
White-tailed Eagle (seen daily in the eastern states)  
Common Buzzard  
Rough-legged Hawk (1 at Darss)  
Eurasian Hoopoe (1 at Kargow, Mueritz)  
Common Kingfisher (1 at Spechthausen)  
Eurasian Wryneck (seen at heard several times)  
Middle Spotted Woodpecker (1 at Darss)  
Great Spotted Woodpecker  
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (1 at Teterower See)  
Green Woodpecker  
Black Woodpecker (seen several times)  
Eurasian Kestrel  
Eurasian Hobby  
Peregrine Falcon (Ditzingen church)  
Red-backed Shrike (only 2-3 total)  
Eurasian Golden Oriole (heard daily somewhere)  
Eurasian Jay  
Eurasian Magpie  
Eurasian Jackdaw  
Rook (Mueritz NP only)  
Carrion Crow  
Hooded Crow (Brandenburg and MVP only)  
Common Raven  
Bearded Reedling (many at Karrendorfer Wiesen)  
Woodlark (Kargow, Felchower See, Reicherskruzer Heide)  
Eurasian Skylark  
Crested Lark (1 at farm near Guelper See)  
Bank Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Common House Martin  
Coal Tit  
Crested Tit (2 at Guelper See)  
Marsh Tit  
Willow Tit  
Eurasian Blue Tit  
Great Tit  
Penduline Tit (seen/heard at several places)  
Long-tailed Tit  
Eurasian Nuthatch  
Eurasian Treecreeper  
Short-toed Treecreeper  
Eurasian Wren

Goldcrest  
Common Firecrest  
Wood Warbler  
Willow Warbler  
Common Chiffchaff  
Icterine Warbler (2 crazy singers at Teterower See only)  
Sedge Warbler  
Marsh Warbler (only 2)  
Eurasian Reed Warbler  
Great Reed Warbler (seen/heard most places up east)  
Savi's Warbler  
Common Grasshopper Warbler (Recknitztal near Bad Suelze, Schwedt Polder)  
Blackcap  
Garden Warbler  
Barred Warbler (1 off Gatow, Unteres Odertal)  
Lesser Whitethroat  
Greater Whitethroat  
Spotted Flycatcher (1 only at Spechthausen)  
European Robin  
Thrush Nightingale (a few places)  
Nightingale (surprisingly often overlapping with Thrush Nightingale)  
Bluethroat (1 at Wagbachniederung, 1 at Strausfurt)  
Red-breasted Flycatcher (1 at Spechthausen)  
European Pied Flycatcher (1 at Mueritz lakefront)  
Collared Flycatcher (Limburg, Eckwaelden)  
Common Redstart  
Black Redstart  
Whinchat (almost daily sightings)  
European Stonechat  
Northern Wheatear (several times with a group of birds on a plowed field)  
Mistle Thrush (Darss)  
Song Thrush  
Blackbird  
Fieldfare  
Starling  
Dunnock (Wagbachniederung only)  
Gray Wagtail (2 at Spechthausen)  
Western Yellow Wagtail  
White Wagtail  
Meadow Pipit  
Tree Pipit (Recknitztal, Guelper See, Mueritz NP)  
Common Chaffinch  
Hawfinch



Eurasian Bullfinch  
European Greenfinch  
Eurasian Linnet  
European Goldfinch  
European Serin  
Corn Bunting (Bran  
Rock Bunting (3 at Ruine Ravensburg)  
Yellowhammer  
Ortolan Bunting (1 at Guelper See)  
Reed Bunting  
House Sparrow  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow

**Other critters:**

Red Squirrel  
Badger  
Red Fox  
Least Weasel  
Marten sp (Pine more likely than Beech)  
Deer  
Hedgehog  
European Hare

Butterflies and dragonflies:

Small Copper  
Orangetip  
Common Blue  
Cabbage White  
Small Heath  
Map  
Speckled Wood  
Marbled Clover  
  
Emperor  
Blue-tailed Damselfly

