

**BIRDING IN TURKEY**  
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**A REPORT OF A TRIP MADE TO TURKEY FROM 18TH MAY TO 2ND JUNE 1986**  
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## BACKGROUND

### INTRODUCTION

Birding in Turkey is cheap, enjoyable and rewarding in terms of both the number and variety of species that can be seen during a comparatively short visit. We followed the route favoured by British birders, travelling east from Antalya along the Mediterranean coast and the Syrian border as far as Cizre. Then heading North to Lake Van and the Pontic mountains before returning to Antalya across the Central Plateau (see Page 3). We saw most of the hoped for species during the trip, notably: Red-tailed Wheatear, Red-wattled Lapwing, Great Snipe and Demoiselle Crane. Most of the species we missed were those of the Eastern Pontics - a matter of choice. Two weeks is adequate although somewhat hectic to travel around Turkey by car, three weeks is desirable allowing all areas plus Cyprus to be visited. Travelling by hitching/public transport requires six-eight weeks and details are given in Mark Andrew's report from 1985.

### TRAVEL

We flew to Istanbul from Heathrow and then on to Antalya on an internal flight. All of these were THY scheduled flights and the cost was approx. £220. The cost of hiring a car from Budget was approx. £440 for two weeks. The car hire was arranged in London through the travel agency (Steepwest Holidays Ltd., 449, Oxford Street, London W1R 1WA) prior to departure and Budget's representative in Antalya met us off the plane at midnight so allowing us to travel to our first site for dawn.

Roads were on the whole drivable if a little rough, especially in the East. The only damage sustained was to a sidelight when we drove off a wet road near Bulanik. On poorer metalled surfaces in the South-East especially between Urfa and Cizre the tar can become so fluid in the heat that it splashes over the bodywork of the car. This can be removed at minimal cost in an Antalya car wash before returning the car. Petrol is available in most areas although high octane 'super' tends to be found only in the west.

### MAPS

For general purpose we used Hildebrande's Travel Map of Turkey (1:1,655,000) which is accurate and up to date. A slightly larger scale map (1:1,000,000) published by Kümmerly and Frey is available covering West and Central Turkey only. Site maps are in many earlier reports, those of Mark Andrews (1985), Simon Harrap (1984) and John Hewitt (1985) being the most useful.

### ACCOMODATION

Cheap accomodation is available in most towns - if you are on a tight budget it is not necessary to pay more than about £1.50 per night. However by the time we got to Van we were a bit fed up and discovered that it was possible to stay in a "four star"

hotel for approx. £5.00 per night!

#### FOOD AND DRINK

Food is very cheap. A meal of lamb stew, rice and as much bread as you can eat costing approx. 80p. Such food is available in "Lokantas", "Restaurants" tend to be more expensive. Water (even in bottles) is a bit suspect, however minerals especially Coke are usually available. In addition there are myriad tea-shops and beer is available at low cost in some areas.

#### MONEY

Travellers cheques can only be cashed at branches of Turkiye I.S. Bankasi A.S. (TIB). These tend to be located in the larger towns. Those close to the major birding areas are included in the site maps in Mark Andrews (1985) report.

#### PEOPLE

The Turks are friendly, reasonably honest and helpful - although as in any other country there are exceptions. They are however very inquisitive concerning Western tourists and optics and the novelty of people crowding around your car and wanting to look through 'scopes wears off very quickly! Furthermore pedestrians have little or no road sense even in towns and are liable to leap in front of your car at any moment. However tempers kept, smiles given and being firm with questioners keeps everybody happy.

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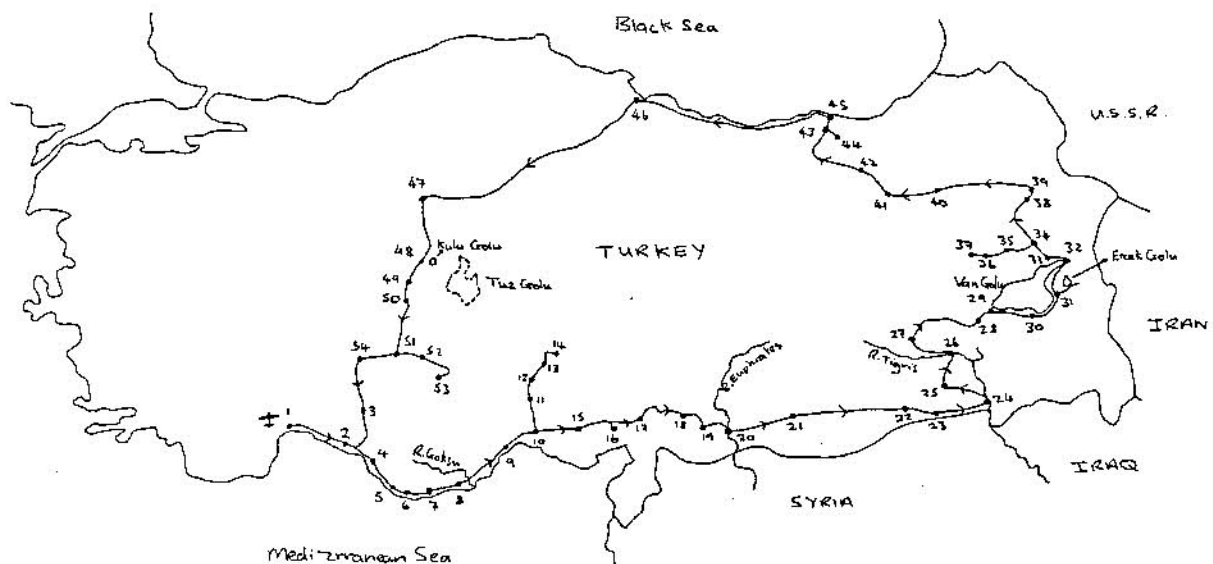
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## ROUTE TAKEN THROUGH TURKEY

The map shows the route taken by us through Turkey. For an idea of the timescale refer to the itinerary (page 4). The place names are those used in both the itinerary and the systematic list.



- |             |                                   |               |                      |               |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Antalya  | 12. Kamsili                       | 23. Nusaybin  | 34. Patnos           | 45. Trabzon   |
| 2. Manavgat | 13. Camandi                       | 24. Cizre     | 35. Malazgirt        | 46. Samsun    |
| 3. Akseki   | 14. Demirkazik                    | 25. Midyat    | 36. Bulanik          | 47. Ankara    |
| 4. Alanya   | 15. Adana                         | 26. Hasankeyf | 37. Balates          | 48. Kulu      |
| 5. Anamur   | 16. Ceyhan                        | 27. Batman    | 38. Hamur            | 49. Damlakuyu |
| 6. Tekmen   | 17. Osmaniye                      | 28. Bitlis    | 39. Agri             | 50. Agabeyli  |
| 7. Gözce    | 18. Yessilce { Ournatik<br>Isikli | 29. Tatvan    | 40. Erzurum          | 51. Konya     |
| 8. Tarsus   | 19. Gaziantep                     | 30. Akdamar   | 41. Askale           | 52. Yarma     |
| 9. Mersin   | 20. Birecik                       | 31. Van       | 42. Bayburt          | 53. Hotamis   |
| 10. Tarsus  | 21. Urfa                          | 32. Bendimahi | 43. Macka            | 54. Beysehir  |
| 11. Azanti  | 22. Kiziltepe                     | 33. Ercis     | 44. Sumela Monastery |               |

## ITINERY

18/5/86

Arrived Antalya around midnight, the car was waiting so we drove to Akseki. The morning was spent in three main areas; the pine woods north of the town, the overgrown graveyard in the town and the low hills to the south of the town. No sign of the White-backed Woodpeckers but Krüper's Nuthatch and Olive Tree Warbler proved to be no problem. Late afternoon and evening were spent driving to Tasucu.

19/5/86

Most of the day was spent on the Goksu Delta. Highlights here were 5 Broad-billed Sandpipers, Purple Gallinule and Great White Egret. Mid-afternoon took us back to Tasucu where we had 2 Audouin's Gulls in the harbour. After a brief interlude for shopping we drove to Demirkazik. Despite arriving at 01.00hrs we were made most welcome in the mountain hostel where we spent the night.

20/5/86

A pre-dawn start on the walk to the high snowfields got us Wallcreeper, Alpine Accentor and Radde's Accentor. We jammed Caspian Snowcock when a light aircraft flushed two from the high peaks. The rest of the morning was spent birding on the lower slopes. Returning to the hostel we were given lunch and a thrashing at football. We then drove to Ceyhan where we stopped the night.

21/5/86

We drove from Ceyhan to Isikli where we were delighted with Red-tailed Wheatear and Eastern Rock Nuthatch. The surrounding low hills yielded Cinereous Bunting, White-throated Robin and Upcher's Warbler, whilst Bimaculated Lark and Desert Finch were in the Orchards and Fields. Evening drive to Birecik.

22/5/86

The day was spent around Birecik covering four main areas: The east bank of the Euphrates; the orchards c6km north of the town; the farmland south of the town; the 'main wadi'. Most of the expected species here including; Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Menétries Warbler, Little Swift and Yellow-throated Sparrow. We could not find Striated Scops Owl in the park although an *Otus sp.* seen near the park at dusk may have been of this species. A further visit to the park that night was discouraged by the police with machine pistols!

23/5/86

Early morning was spent in the 'main wadi' and on the raised plateau north of the town. Later we birded on the west side of the Euphrates where we found a Blue-cheeked Bee-eater colony. An afternoon drive to Cizre was enlivened by an electric storm, torrential rain, roadworks and the 'roadsense' of Turkish lorry drivers! The evening was spent birding by the Tigris where we saw 4+ Red-wattled Lapwing. Cizre was not over friendly so we decided to head for Batman, however we were stopped at a road-block near Midyat and escorted into town where we were questioned. Despite the optics there were no problems except that the police held our passports overnight whilst we stayed in a hotel - of their choice!

24/5/86

From Midyat we drove to Van via Batman, Bitlis and Tatvan with many roadside stops especially by the shores of Van Gölü. The evening was spent around Ercek Gölü and in the hills east of Van where species included Great Snipe and Eagle Owl. The night was spent in the amazing Bürük Urartu Oteli.

25/5/86

Morning was spent covering North and South Van Marshes where wader passage was still much in evidence. The afternoon was spent exploring more of Ercek Gölü and the hills east of Van. Grey-necked Buntings were common here and the evening included another excellent performance by the Eagle Owl.

26/5/86

From Van we drove to Bendemahi marsh where we stopped for a couple of hours. An excellent spot with Caspian Tern, Citrine Wagtail and 50+ Red-necked Phalaropes. Then on to Bulanik in the valley of the River Murat via Ercis, Patnos and Malazgirt. More superb birding here with Demoiselle Crane, Great Bustard and 2 Great Snipe being the highlights. We stayed the night in Patnos.

27/5/86

A return to Bulanik to cover the marsh - another Great Snipe here! That afternoon was spent travelling towards Bayburt where we spent the night. Two hours in the evening were spent birding in scrub by the River Karusu just outside Askale. Here amongst a dense population of Bluethroats, Red-backed Shrikes and Scarlet Rosefinches we picked up Black Stork, 3 Corncrake and the inevitable Great Snipe.

28/5/86

From Bayburt we completed our crossing of the Pontic Mountains to get to the spectacular Sumela Monestary in the hills east of Macka. A walk through the forest yielded Green Warblers and a male Black Woodpecker. From Sumela we followed the Black Sea coast to Samsun where we spent the night.

29/5/86

We spent most of the day driving to Ankara where we stopped to do some shopping and banking. Late afternoon was spent birding on the southern shores of Kulu Gölü, thereafter to Konya where we spent the night.

30/5/86

This day was set aside for a visit to Hotamis, however when we arrived we found the marsh drained, the reeds burnt and the area planted out with cereals. Very disappointing! There are however some excellent marshes in this area (for details see the report of Richard Webb *et al*, 1986). We found one by the roadside 38km east of Konya. That evening we completed the return journey to Antalya via Konya, Akseki and Manavgat.

31/5/86-2/6/86

Duding on the beach in Antalya.

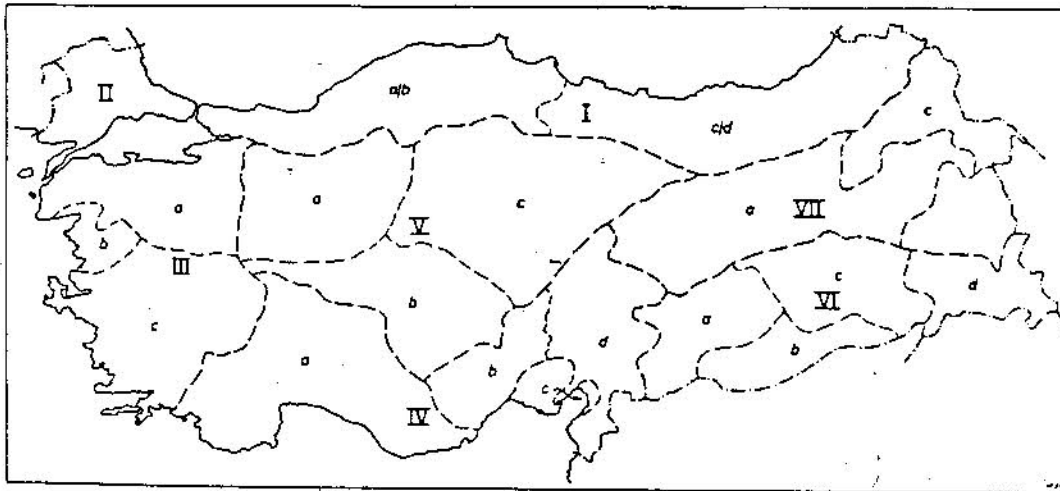
## PRESENTATION OF RECORDS

Records are indexed according to the biogeographical divisions used by the Editorial Committee of the Turkish Bird Report (Sandgrouse 8 1-41). The records for each species are arranged primarily according to these divisions and secondarily according to the dates of observations. For example:

Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei*

IVa: 2 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 19 Kulu Golu, 29/5. VIIb: 2 Ercek Golu 25/5.

### Map of Biogeographical Divisions of Turkey



**I: Black Sea Coastlands**

- a. Western Coastal
- b. Western Inland
- c. Eastern Coastal
- d. Eastern Inland

**II: Thrace**

**III: Western Anatolia**

- a. Marmara
- b. Bergama
- c. Izmir

**IV: Southern Coastlands**

- a. Western Taurus
- b. Main Taurus
- c. Seyhan Lowland
- d. Anti Taurus

**V: Central Plateau**

- a. Sakarya
- b. Enclosed Basins
- c. Kizilirmak

**VI: South Eastern Turkey**

- a. Middle Euphrates
- b. Mesopotamian Rise
- c. Upper Tigris
- d. Kurdish Alps

**VII: Eastern Turkey**

- a. Upper Euphrates
- b. Van
- c. Upper Aras



## SYSTEMATIC LIST

### **LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

IVa: 3 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 1 Kulu Gölü, 29/5.

### **GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus*

IVa: 2 Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 2 Akdamar, 24/5.

### **RED-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps grisigena*

Vb: 1 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIb: 2 Akdamar and 2 Van Gölü, 24/5

### **BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps nigricollis*

Vb: 20 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIb: up to 36 Ercek Gölü, 24-25/5;  
25 Bendimahi/Uriseli, 26/5.

### **CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Ic: 1 west of Espiye, 28/5.

### **PYGMY CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*

IVa: 5 Goksu, 19/5. VIIa: 3 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5; 3  
near Balatos and 10 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5.

### **SHAG** *Phalacrocorax aristotalis*

IVa: 1 Tasucu, 19/5.

### **WHITE PELICAN** *Pelicanus onocrotalus*

IVa: 12 Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: approx. 300 Bendimahi 26/5.

### **LITTLE BITTERN** *Ixobrychus minutus*

IVa: 19 Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 3 South Van Marsh, 25/5.

### **NIGHT HERON** *Nycticorax nycticorax*

VIIa: 2 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5; 5 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5.  
VIIb: 12 South Van Marsh, 25/5.

### **SQUACCO HERON** *Ardeola ralloides*

IVa: 2 Manavgat, 18/5; 2 Goksu, 19/5. VIb: 3 Birecik, 23/5.  
VIIa: 3-4 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5. VIIb: 4 south shore of Van Gölü,  
24/5.

### **LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta*

IVa: 10 Manavgat-Tasucu, 18/5; 5 Goksu, 19/5. VIb: 1 Birecik  
23/5. VIIa: 1 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5.

### **GREAT WHITE EGRET** *Egretta alba*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5.

### **GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

Noted in suitable habitat in many areas.

### **PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea*

IVa: 4 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 1 near Konya, 30/5. VIb: 1 Birecik,  
23/5. VIIa: 1 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5. VIIb: 1 South Van Marsh,  
25/5.

**BLACK STORK** *Ciconia nigra*

Id: 1 on the River Karusu near Askale, 27/5.

**WHITE STORK** *Ciconia ciconia*

Noted in all areas visited. IVb: 37 soaring north near Camisli, 20/5.

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis facinellus*

Vb: 19 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIa: 1 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5.

**BALD IBIS** *Geronticus eremita*

VIIb: Approx. 10 free flying birds Birecik, 22-23/5.

**SPOONBILL** *Platalea leucorodia*

IVa: 16 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 1 near Yarma, 30/5. VIIa: 2 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5; 18 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5.

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus ruber*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 400 Kulu Gölü and 800 Agabeyli, 29/5. VIIb: 10 Ercek Gölü, 25/5; 150 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea*

IVa: 3 broods Goksu, 19/5. VIIa: 2 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5. VIIb: 2 South Van Marsh, 20 North Van Marsh, 3 west over Van Gorge and 250 Ercek Gölü, 25/5.

**SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*

VIIb: 2 Ercek Gölü, 24/5; 10 North Van Marsh and 20 Ercek Gölü, 25/5.

**EUROPEAN WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

IVa: 3 Goksu, 19/5.

**GADWALL** *Anas strepera*

Vb: 2 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIa: 2 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5. VIIb: 1 North Van Marsh and 3 South Van Marsh, 25/5.

**TEAL** *Anas crecca*

IVa: Noted on the Goksu, 19/5.

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Noted in suitable habitat throughout the trip.

**PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

Vb: 1 pair Kulu Gölü, 29/5

**GARGANEY** *Anas querquedula*

Vb: 1 pair near Yarma, 30/5. VIIb: 1 Akdamar, 24/5; 2 North Van Marsh 25/5; 1 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**SHOVELLER** *Anas clypeata*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5.

**MARbled DUCK** *Marmaronetta angustirostris*

IVa: 11 Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 2 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**RED-CRESTED POCHARD** *Netta rufina*

Vb: Pair Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIb: 3 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*

Vb: Noted at Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIb: 50+ near Akdamar, 24/5; 50+ North Van Marsh and 10+ South Van Marsh, 25/5; 60+ Bendimahi, 26/5.

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*

IVa: 4 Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 5 Akdamar, 24/5; 20 North Van Marsh and 20+ South Van Marsh, 25/5; 2 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*

A few noted in suitable habitat throughout the trip.

**WHITE-HEADED DUCK** *Oxyura leucocephala*

Vb: 10 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIb: 4 Van Gölü near Akdamar, 24/5; 1 pair Bendimahi, 26/5.

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans*

Id/VIIa: 4 Patnos-Askale, 27/5. Vb: 1 Konya-Hotamis, 30/5. VIc: 1 Batman-Bitlis, 24/5. VIIa: 1 Patnos 26/5. VIIb: 1 Van 24/5.

**EGYPTIAN VULTURE** *Neophron percnopterus*

Ic/Vc: 2 Samsun-Ankara, 29/5. IVb: 2 Pozanti, 20/5. VIc: 15 Midyat-Bitlis, 24/5. VIIb: 1 Van Gorge, 25/5.

**GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus*

IVa: 1 Akseki, 18/5. IVb: 2 near Camisli 20/5. VIc: 1 Batman-Bitlis 24/5.

**SHORT TOED EAGLE** *Circaetus gallicus*

Vib: 1 North of Birecik, 22/5

**MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus*

Vb: 1 Konya-Hotamis, 1 Hotamis, 1 near Yarma and 1 Beysihir, 30/5. VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5; 9 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5. VIIb: 1 Ercek, 24/5 & 25/5; 2 South Van Marsh, 25/5; 2 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**MONTAGU'S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 1 South of Kulu and 12 Damlakuyu, 29/5; 1 near Yarma and 1 near Konya, 30/5. VIIa: 7 Patnos-Bulanik, 26/5; 12+ River Murat near Balatos, 26/5 & 27/5; 1 Patnos, 27/5.

**GOSHAWK** *Accipiter gentilis*

IVa: 1 North of Akseki, 18/5.

**SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus*

IVa: 1 North of Akseki, 18/5.

**BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*

Most appeared to be **STEPPE BUZZARDS** *B.b.vulpinus* .

Id/VIIa: 5 Patnos-Askale, 27/5. IVa: 1 Akseki, 1 Manavgat and 1 near Ayolvacik, 18/5. VIc: 1 Cizre, 23/5; 5 Batman-Bitlis, 24/5. VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5. VIIb: 1 on the South shore of Van Gölü and 1 Ercek Gölü, 24/5.

**BUZZARD sp.** *Buteo sp.*

Vib: 1 South of Birecik, 22/5. This was probably a **LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD** *B.rufinus* , but was too distant for certain identification.

**STEPPE EAGLE** *Aquila rapax*

Vic: 2 immatures Zigaret, 24/5.

**GOLDEN EAGLE** *Aquila crysaetos*

IVb: 1 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**BOOTED EAGLE** *Hieraaetus pennatus*

IVa: 1 pale phase Grozce, 18/5.

**LESSER KESTREL** *Falco naumanni*

Vib: A pair in the 'main wadi' Birecik, 22/5. VIIb: 2 males South Van Marsh, 25/5.

**KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Many noted during the trip including some *naumanni/tinnunculus* not specifically identified.

**RED-FOOTED FALCON** *Falco vespertinus*

IVa: 1 North over Akseki, 18/5.

**HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*

Ic: 1 Samsun, 29/5. IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 1 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. Vib: 1 over the River Euphrates near Birecik, 22/5. VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos 26/5.

**CASPIAN SNOWCOCK** *Tetraogallus caspius*

IVb: 2 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**CHUKAR** *Alectoris chukar*

IVb: 1 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**SEE-SEE PARTRIDGE** *Ammodramus griseogularis*

Vib: 3 (2 males) in the 'main wadi' Birecik, 23/5.

**QUAIL** *Cortunix cortunix*

Id: 2 near Askale, 27/5. Vb: 1 Hotamis, 30/5. VIIa: 1 Patnos-Bulanik and 5-6 Balatos, 26/5; 1 Patnos-Erzurum, 27/5. VIIb: 1 Ercek Gölü, 24/5.

**CORNCRAKE** *Crex crex*

Id: 3 near Askale, 27/5.

**MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Not systematically recorded but noted in all areas visited.

**PURPLE GALLINULE** *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Iva: An adult feeding 2 young Goksu, 19/5.

**COOT** *Fulica atra*

Not systematically recorded but noted in all areas visited.

**CRANE** *Grus grus*

VIIa: 1 pair near Bulanik and approx. 10 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5; 3 Bulanik and 1 calling Bulanik Marsh, 27/5.

VIIb: 1-2 Ercek Gölü, 24-25/5.

**DEMOISELLE CRANE** *Antropoides virgo*

VIIa: A pair by the River Murat near Balatos, 26/5.

**GREAT BUSTARD** *Otis tarda*

VIIa: A subadult male near Balatos, 26/5.

**OYSTERCATCHER** *Heamatopus ostralegus*

Id: 6 River Karusu near Askale, 27/5. VIIa: 1 Patnos-Bulanik and 4 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5.

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus himantopus*

Iva: 20 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 40 Kulu Gölü and 10 Damlakuyu, 29/5; 10 near Yarma, 30/5. VIIb: 20 Ercek Gölü, 24/5; 20 North Van Marsh, 25/5; 30+ Bendimahi, 26/5.

**AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Vb: 40+ Kulu Gölü and 30+ Damlakuyu, 29/5. VIIb: 3 SW shore Ercek Gölü, 24/5. 6 pairs North Van Marsh and 30+ W shore Ercek Gölü, 25/5.

**STONE CURLEW** *Burhinus oediconemus*

Iva: 2 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 1 Hotamis, 30/5. VIc: 1 Cizre, 23/5. VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5; 1 Patnos-Bulanik 27/5.

**COLLARED PRATINCOLE** *Glareola pratincola*

Iva: 30+ Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 1 near Yarma, 30/5. VIc: 2 River Tigris at Cizre 23/5.

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius dubius*

Id: 1 River Karusu at Askale, 27/5. Iva: 3 Goksu 19/5. VIb: 2 Birecik 23/5. VIc: 1 River Tigris at Cizre 23/5; 5 Batman-Bitlis, 24/5. VIIb: 5 Ercek Gölü, 24/5; 10 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula*

VIIb: 20+ North Van Marsh, 25/5; 4 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius alexandrius*

Iva: 20+ included 2 pairs with 3 young Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 15 Damlakuyu, 29/5. VIIb: 3 Ercek Gölü, 24/5; 10 North Van Marsh, 25/5; 4 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis Squatarola*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 1 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**SPUR WINGED PLOVER** *Hoplopterus spinosus*

IVa: 20+ (inc. 1 chick) Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 1 South Van Marsh, 25/5.

**RED WATTLED LAPWING** *Vanellus indicus*

Vic: 4+ River Tigris at Cizre, 23/5.

**LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*

VIIb: Noted as being common in suitable habitat around Van Gölü, 24-26/5.

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

IVa: 2 Goksu, 19/5.

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

IVa: 70+ Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 50+ Damlakuyu, 29/5. VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5. VIIb: 200+ North Van Marsh 25/5; 80+ Bendimahi, 26/5.

**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*

VIIb: 2 Ercek Gölü, 24/5.

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea*

IVa: 50+ Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 10 North Van Marsh, 25/5; 1 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 1 North Van Marsh, 25/5; 1 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER** *Limicola falcinellus*

IVa: 5 Goksu, 19/5.

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax*

Via: 6 Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 10 North Van Marsh and 1 South Van Marsh 25/5.

**GREAT SNIBE** *Gallinago media*

Id: 1 near Askale 27/5. VIIa: 2 near Balatos, 26/5; 1 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5. VIIb: 1 Ercek Gölü, 24/5.

**BAR-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa lapponica*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5.

**REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Widespread in all areas visited.

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*

VIIb: 1 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia*  
IVa: 4 Goksu, 19/5.

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*  
6 North Van Marsh and 2 South Van Marsh, 25/5.

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*  
Id: 1 on the River Karusu near Askale, 27/5. VIc: 1 on the River Tigris at Cizre 23/5. VIIb: 1 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*  
VIa: 2 Goksu, 19/5.

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE** *Phalaropus lobatus*  
VIIb: 50+ Bendimahi, 26/5.

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus melanocephalus*  
Vb: 8 Ankara-Kulu and 15+ Kulu Gölü, 29/5.

**LITTLE GULL** *Larus minutus*  
VIIb: 2 (adult and first summer) Bendimahi, 26/5.

**BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ridibundus*  
Noted in suitable wetland habitat throughout the trip.

**SLENDER-BILLED GULL** *Larus genei*  
IVa: 2 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 19 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIb: 2 Ercek Gölü, 25/5.

**AUDOUIN'S GULL** *Larus audouinii*  
IVa: 2 (adult and second summer) Tasucu, 19/5.

**YELLOW-LEGGED HERRING GULL** *Larus argentatus cachinnans*  
IVa: Noted as being common in the coastal strip between Manavgat and Tasucu, 18-19/5.

**ARMENIAN HERRING GULL** *Larus argentatus armenicus*  
VIIb: Birds noted at several sites around the shores of Van Gölü 24-26/5 were considered to belong to this subspecies.

**LESSER-BLACK-BACKED GULL** *Larus fuscus*  
Vb: 1 Kulu Gölü, 29/5.

**GULL-BILLED TERN** *Gelochelidon nilotica*  
Vb: 4 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIIa: 4 Bulanik and 10 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5; 8 Bulanik, 27/5.

**CASPIAN TERN** *Sterna caspia*  
VIIb: 2 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*  
IVa: 20+ Goksu, 19/5. VIIb: 10+ Bendimahi, 26/5



**LITTLE TERN** *Sterna albifrons*

IVa: Noted Goksu, 19/5. VIC: Noted in all river vallies Midyat-Tatvan, 24/5. VIIa: Noted on the River Murat at Balatos 26-27/5. VIIb: 4+ North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**WHISKERED TERN** *Chlidonius hybridus*

Vb: 25+ near Yarma, 30/5.

**BLACK TERN** *Chlidonius niger*

VIIb: 2 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias leucopterus*

IVa: 2 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 2 Kulu Gölü, 29/5. VIC: 5 River Tigris Cizre, 23/5. VIIb: 1 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE** *Pterocles orientalis*

Vib: 20+ River Euphrates North of Birecik, 22/5; 5 flying over the raised plateau Birecik, 23/5. VIIa: 3 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5. VIIb: 2 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**PINTAILED SANDGROUSE** *Pterocles alchata*

Vib: 10 River Euphrates North of Birecik, 22/5.

**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia*

Noted in most areas, but especially in Vb where it appeared very common.

**WOODPIGEON** *Columba palumbus*

IVa: 3 in woodland North of Akseki, 18/5.

**COLLARED DOVE** *Streptopelia decaocto*

Noted close to settlements in all areas visited.

**TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur*

Noted as common in most areas throughout the trip. VIC: Large numbers between Midyat and Bitlis, 24/5 may have included many passage birds.

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Streptopelia senagelensis*

Vib: 4 Birecik, 23/5.

**CUCKOO** *Cuculus canorus*

IVb: 2 Demirkazik, 20/5. VIIa: 1 Patnos-Bulanik, 27/5. VIIb: 1 Van Gorge, 25/5.

**EAGLE OWL** *Bubo bubo*

1 Van Gorge, 24/5 & 25/5.

**SCOPS OWL sp.** *Otus sp.*

VIC: 1 near the park Birecik, 22/5 eluded specific identification.

**LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

Vb: 7 Konya-Hotamis, 30/5. VIIb: 1 Ercek, 24/5; 1 Van Gorge, 25/5.



**TAWNY OWL** *Strix aluco*

IVa: 2 calling North of Akseki, 18/5.

**NIGHTJAR** *Caprimulgus europaeus*

IVa: 2 calling North of Akseki, 18/5. VIIb: 2 Van Gorge, 24/5 & 25/5.

**SWIFT** *Apus apus*

Not systematically recorded, but noted in all areas.

**ALPINE SWIFT** *Apus melba*

IVa: 1000+ Alanya-Tasucu, 18/5. IVb: 8 Demirkazik, 20/5. VIb: 30+ Birecik, 22/5.

**LITTLE SWIFT** *Apus affinis*

VIb: Approx. 15 came in to the colony 1-2km North of Birecik, 22/5.

**LESSER-PIED KINGFISHER** *Ceryle rudis*

VIb: At least 2 pairs on the River Euphrates at Birecik, 22-23/5.  
VIc: 1 River Tigris Cizre, 23/5.

**BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER** *Merops persicus*

VIb: 2 South of Birecik, 22/5; 10+ in the colony opposite Birecik Cemetery, 23/5.

**BEE-EATER** *Merops apiaster*

Noted in good numbers in all areas visited. Peak counts were as follows:- VIb: 20+ Birecik area, 22-23/5. VIc/VIIb: 25 Batman-Tatvan, 24/5. VIIa/VIIb: 21 Bendimahi-Patnos, 26/5. VIIa: 26 Patnos-Bulanik, 26/5. VIIb: 33 Tatvan-Ercek, 24/5.

**ROLLER** *Coracias garrulus*

Noted in small numbers in all areas visited except Ic/Id. Peak numbers were as follows:- VIa: 6 Manavgat-Tasucu, 18/5. VIb: 5 Birecik area 22-23/5. VIIb: 17 Tatvan-Ercek, 24/5.

**HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*

IVa: 2 Akseki, 18/5. Vb: 1 Hotamis, 30/5. VIb: 5 Birecik 22-23/5. VIc/VIIb: 1 Batman-Tatvan, 24/5. VIIa: 3 Patnos-Bulanik, 26/5. VIIb: 1 Akdamar, 24/5; 2 South Van Marsh and 1 Ercek Gölü, 25/5.

**BLACK WOODPECKER** *Dryocopus martius*

Id: 1 male Sumela, 28/5.

**GREEN WOODPECKER** *Picus viridis*

IVa: 1 calling North of Akseki, 18/5.

**SYRIAN WOODPECKER** *Dendrocopus syriacus*

IVa: 1 Akseki, 18/5. IVc: 1 near Ceyhan 21/5. IVd: 1 Durnalik and 1 Yesilice, 21/5. VIb: 2 6km North of Birecik, 22/5.

**DESERT LARK** *Ammodramus deserti*

VIb: 1 on the raised plateau Birecik, 23/5.

**CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha calandra*

Small numbers noted in the following areas; Vb, Vc, VIb, VIc, VIIa & VIIb. Peak numbers were:- Vb: 40+ Ankara-Konya 29/5.

**BIMACULATED LARK** *Melanocorypha bimaculata*

IVd: 2 Isikli and 3 Yessilce, 21/5. VIIb: 5 near Ercek, 24/5; 2 Van-Bendimahi, 26/5.

**SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella brachydactyla*

IVa: 10 Goksu, 19/5. IVb: 1 Demirkazik, 20/5. VIIb: 1 Ercek Gölü, 24/5.

**LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella rufescens*

Vb: 4 Damlakuyu, 29/5; 15+ Hotamis, 30/5. VIIa: Common in the River Murat Valley near Balatos, 26/5. VIIb: 1 Ercek Gölü, 25/5; 1 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**CRESTED LARK** *Galarida cristata*

Noted in all areas visited.

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

IVa: 1 North of Akseki, 18/5; 1 76km North of Akseki, 30/5.

**SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

VIIb: 1 Ercek Gölü, 24/5; 1 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**SHORELARK** *Eremophila alpestris*

IVb: 20+ Demirkazik, 20/5.

**SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia*

Noted in all areas with the following maximum counts:- VIC: 2500+ over the River Tigris Cizre, 23/5. VIIb: 5000+ North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

IVb: 20+ Demirkazik, 20/5. VIIb: 5 Van Gölü, 24/5.

**SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica*

Not systematically recorded, but noted in all areas.

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Hirundo daurica*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5. IVc: 3 Ceyhan, 21/5. IVd: 1 Durnalik, 21/5.

**HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon urbica*

Not systematically recorded, but noted throughout the trip.

**TAWNY PIPIT** *Anthus campestris*

VIIa: 1 Balatos, 26/5. VIIb: 1 Ercek, 24/5.

**BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL** *Montacilla flava feldegg*

VIIa: Common around Bulanik and in the River Murat valley, 26-27/5. VIIb: 2 Akdamar, 24/5; 5 Ercek, 25/5; 20+ Bendimahi, 26/5.

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Montacilla cinerea*

Id: 4 Bayburt-Sumela and 1 Sumela, 28/5.

**CITRINE WAGTAIL** *Montacilla citreola*  
VIIb: A pair at Bendimahi, 26/5.

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Montacilla alba*  
Noted in small numbers in most areas visited.

**YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus barbatus*  
IVa: 3 Manavgat-Tasucu, 18/5. 1 Antalya, 1/6.

**DIPPER** *Cinclus cinclus*  
Id: A pair Sumela, 28/5.

**WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*  
Id: Several Sumela, 28/5. IVa: 1 North of Akseki, 18/5.

**RADDE'S ACCENTOR** *Prunella ocularis*  
IVb: 1-2 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**ALPINE ACCENTOR** *Prunella collaris*  
IVb: 3 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**RUFIOUS BUSHCHAT** *Cercotrichas galactotes*  
IVa: 3 Goksu, 19/5. IVd: 5 Yessilce, 21/5. VIb: 2 Birecik, 22/5.

**ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*  
Id: Noted at Sumela, 28/5.

**BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica*  
Id: 3+ near Askale, 27/5.

**WHITE-THROATED ROBIN** *Irania gutturalis*  
IVa: 1 76km North of Akseki, 30/5. IVd: Common in areas of low scrub in Yessilce-Durnalik area, 21/5.

**BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochrurus*  
IVb: 3 Demirkazik, 20/5. VIIb: Family party of 4 Van Gorge, 25/5. All records of *P.o.semirusus*.

**COMMON REDSTART** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*  
IVa: 1 Akseki, 18/5. Of race *P.p.samurensis*.

**STONECHAT** *Saxicola torquata*  
VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5; 2 Patnos-Bulanik, 27/5. All were very striking males with white semi-collars, extensive white in the wing and white rumps. Possibly of the race *S.t.armenica*.

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe isabellinus*  
IVb: 2 Demirkazik, 20/5. VIIa: 2 Patnos-Bulanik, 27/5. VIIb: 1 Ercek and 1 Van Gorge, 25/5; 2 Van-Bendimahi, 26/5.

**WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

IVa: 3 Demirkazik, 21/5. VIIa: 2 Patnos-Bulanik, 27/5.

**BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

IVa: Common around Akseki, 18/5. IVd: Very common in Yessilce area, 21/5. Small numbers noted in suitable habitat elsewhere.

**FINSCH'S WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe finschii*

IVb: 6 including a pair carrying food Demirkazik and 1 near Camisli, 20/5. VIIb: 2 Van Gorge, 25/5.

**RED-TAILED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe xanthopyrma*

IVd: A pair on the crags above Isikli, 21/5.

**ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola saxatilis*

IVb: 1 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula*

IVa: Noted North of Akseki, 18/5.

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

Id: Noted at Sumela, 28/5. IVa: Noted in woodland North of Akseki, 18/5.

**CETTI'S WARBLER** *Cettia cettia*

Id: 20+ near Askale, 27/5. VIIa: 5+ River Murat near Balatos, 26/5.

**GRACEFUL PRINIA** *Prinia gracilis*

IVa: Many Goksu, 19/5. VIb: 1 Birecik, 23/5.

**SAVI'S WARBLER** *Locustella lusciniodes*

VIIa: 1 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5.

**MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus melanopogon*

VIIa: 2 Bulanik Marsh, 27/5. VIIb: 2 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**SEDGE WARBLER** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

VIIb: 2 North Van Marsh, 25/5; 5+ Bendimahi, 26/5.

**MARSH WARBLER** *Acrocephalus palustris*

Id: 5+ near Askale, 27/5. VIIa: 4 in scrub by the River Murat near Balatos, 26/5.

**REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

IVa: 2 Goksu, 19/5. Vb: 25+ Hotamis, 30/5.

**GREAT REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

Noted in good numbers in suitable habitat throughout the trip.

**OLIVACEOUS WARBLER** *Hippolais pallida*

IVa: 1 Akseki, 18/5; 20+ Goksu, 19/5. VIb: 1 Birecik, 22/5.

**UPCHER'S WARBLER** *Hippolais languida*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5 arrived in a 'fall' of Blackcaps *Sylvia atricapilla*. IVD: 6+ Yessilce area, 21/5. VIb: 5 Birecik, 22/5.

**OLIVE-TREE WARBLER** *Hippolais olivetorum*

IVa: At least 4 singing males in the graveyard at Akseki, 18/5.

**MENÉTRIES WARBLER** *Sylvia mystacea*

VIb: At least 10 noted in the Birecik area, 22/5.

**RÜPPELL'S WARBLER** *Sylvia ruppelli*

IVa: 1 Akseki and 1 8km South of Akseki, 18/5; 1 76km North of Akseki, 30/5.

**ORPHEAN WARBLER** *Sylvia hortensis*

IVa: 4 Akseki and 2 8km South of Akseki, 18/5; 1 76km North of Akseki, 30/5. IVD: 3 Yessilce, 21/5.

**BARRED WARBLER** *Sylvia nisora*

Id: 4 near Askale, 27/5.

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

IVa: 2 Akseki, 18/5; 1 76km North of Akseki, 30/5. IVb: 4 Demirkazik, 20/5. IVD: Noted in the Yessilce area, 21/5. VIIa: 2 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5.

**WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia communis*

Id: 1 near Askale, 27/5. VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5.

**GARDEN WARBLER** *Sylvia borin*

Id: 3-4 near Askale, 27/5.

**BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

IVa: A light 'fall' of 15+ Goksu, 19/5.

**GREEN WARBLER** *Phylloscopus nitidus*

Id: 7+ Sumela, 28/5.

**CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus collybita*

VIb: 1 Birecik, 22/5. VIIa: 3 North Van Marsh and 1 Ercek Gölü, 25/5.

**GOLDCREST** *Regulus regulus*

Id: 1-2 Sumela, 28/5.

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata*

IVa: 1 Goksu, 19/5. VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5. VIIb: 1 North Van Marsh, 25/5.

**BEARDED REEDLING** *Panurus biarmicus*

Vb: 7 Hotamis, 30/5.

**SOMBRE TIT** *Parus lugubris*

IVa: 3 Akseki and 1 8km South of Akseki, 18/5. IVd: 1 Yessilce and 1 Durnalik, 21/5.

**COAL TIT** *Parus ater*

Id: Noted at Sumela, 28/5. IVa: Common in the pine woods North of Akseki, 18/5.

**BLUE TIT** *Parus caeruleus*

Id: 1 Sumela, 28/5.

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major*

Id: Noted Sumela, 28/5. IVa: Noted in woodland North of Akseki, 18/5.

**KRÜPER'S NUTHATCH** *Sitta kruperi*

IVa: At least 12 including a family party of 5 North of Akseki, 18/5.

**GREAT ROCK NUTHATCH** *Sitta tephronota*

IVd: A pair nesting in the crags above Isikli and 1 in the orchards South of Yessilce, 21/5.

**ROCK NUTHATCH** *Sitta neumayer*

IVb: 1 Demirkazik, 19/5. IVd: 1 Yessilce, 21/5.

**WALLCREEPER** *Tichodroma muraria*

IVb: 2 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**GOLDEN ORIOLE** *Oriolus oriolus*

Vic: 1 Batman-Tatvan, 24/5.

**RED-BACKED SHRIKE** *Lanius collurio*

Id: Common Askale, 27/5; 1 Tirebolu, 28/5. IVa: 1 Akseki and 1 Tekmen, 18/5; 1 Goksu, 19/5. IVb: A pair Camisli, 20/5.

**LESSER GREY SHRIKE** *Lanius minor*

Ic: 2 near Espiye, 28/5. IVa: 1 Akseki-Manavgat, 18/5. VIIa: 5 Patnos- Bulanik and 1 Patnos-Erzurum, 27/5. VIIb: 1 Van-Bendimahî, 26/5. VIIb/VIIa: 1 Bendimahî-Patnos, 26/5.

**WOODCHAT SHRIKE** *Lanius senator*

IVd: 2 Durnalik, 21/5.

**MASKED SHRIKE** *Lanius nubicus*

IVa: 3 Akseki and 1 Tekmen, 18/5.

**JAY** *Garrulus glandarius*

Ic/Vc: 2 Samsun-Ankara, 29/5. Id: 2-3 Bayburt-Sumela and 2 Sumela, 28/5. IVa: 2 Akseki, 18/5. Vic: 2 Batman-Tatvan, 24/5.

**MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Ic: Noted as quite common in the Black Sea coastal strip.

**CHOUGH** *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*  
IVb: 50+ Demirkazik, 20/5.

**ALPINE CHOUGH** *Pyrrhocorax graculus*  
IVb: 1 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*  
Few noted throughout the trip.

**ROOK** *Corvus frugilegus*  
Noted as being quite common in the North and East.

**HOODED CROW** *Corvus corone*  
Many noted in all habitats throughout the trip.

**RAVEN** *Corvus corax*  
Id: 3 Bayburt-Sumela, and 1 Sumela, 28/5. IVa: 2 Akseki and 1 Aydivacik, 18/5; 1 Goksu, 19/5.

**STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*  
Common in all areas.

**ROSE-COLOURED STARLING**  
Id: 28 Bayburt-Sumela, 28/5. Id/VIIa: 42 Patnos-Askale, 27/5.  
Vic: 6 Cizre, 23/5. VIIb: 33 Ercek, 24/5; 13 South Van Marsh, 25/5.

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*  
Common in all areas.

**SPANISH SPARROW** *Passer hispaniolensis*  
IVa: A pair Akseki, 18/5; A pair Goksu, 19/5. VIb: Common around Birecik 22-23/5.

**DEAD SEA SPARROW** *Passer moabiticus*  
VIb: Good numbers noted around Birecik, 22-23/5.

**TREE SPARROW** *Passer montanus*  
IVb: 3 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**YELLOW-THROATED SPARROW** *Petronia xanthocollis*  
VIb: 3 6km North of Birecik, 22/5.

**ROCK SPARROW** *Petronia petronia*  
IVb: 1 Demirkazik, 20/5. VIb: A pair with a nest in the House Martin *Delichon urbica* colony in the 'main wadi' Birecik, 22/5.  
VIIb: 2 Van Gorge, 24-25/5.

**SNOWFINCH** *Montifringilla nivalis*  
IVb: 20+ Demirkazik, 20/5. VIIb: 4 Van Gorge, 25/5.

**CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*  
Id: Noted Sumela, 28/5. IVa: Noted North of Akseki, 18/5.

**RED-FRONTED SERIN** *Serinus pusillus*  
IVb: 10+ Demirkazik, 20/5.

**SERIN** *Serinus serinus*  
IVa: Common around Akseki, 18/5; Several 76km North of Akseki, 30/5; 2 Antalya, 1/6.

**GREENFINCH** *Carduelis chloris*  
IVa: Noted North of Akseki, 18/5.

**LINNET** *Acanthis cannabina*  
IVb: Few Demirkazik, 20/5. VIIa: 1 River Murat near Balatos, 26/5.

**BULLFINCH** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*  
Id: A pair Sumela, 28/5.

**CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*  
IVa: 30+ North of Akseki, 18/5; 3 76km North of Akseki, 30/5.

**CRIMSON-WINGED FINCH** *Rhodopechys sanguinea*  
IVb: 2 Demirkazik, 20/5. VIIb: 2 Van Gorge, 25/5; 4 Bendimahi, 26/5.

**DESERT FINCH** *Rhodopechys obsoleta*  
IVd: 1 Isikli, 21/5. VIb: Pair Birecik, 23/5.

**COMMON ROSEFINCH** *Carpodacus erythrinus*  
Id: 4 males Askale, 27/5.

**ROCK BUNTING** *Emberiza cia*  
IVb: 2 Demirkazik, 20/5.

**CINEREOUS BUNTING** *Emberiza cineracea*  
IVd: 1 Isikli and 2 Yessilce, 21/5.

**ORTOLAN BUNTING** *Emberiza hortulana*  
VIIb: 1 Van rubbish tip, 25/5.

**GREY-NECKED BUNTING** *Emberiza buchanani*  
VIIb: 3 Van Gorge, 24-25/5.

**CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING** *Emberiza caesia*  
IVa: 4 76km North of Akseki, 30/5. IVd: 1 Durnalik, 21/5.

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*  
VIIa/VIIb: Common around Van and Bulanik.

**BLACK-HEADED BUNTING** *Emberiza melanocephalus*  
UBIQUITOUS!!!!!!

**CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*  
Noted as common and widespread.