



Trip Report

Batumi Raptors Special & Svaneti Extension
From 11th to 21st of September 2022



Crested Honey Buzzards *Pernis ptilorhynchus*. Picture by Alexander Rukhaia

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SUMMARY

Saturday, 10th of September: We think that everyone is well aware of Batumi and what this place is, so let's dispense with unnecessary backstories and move on to the main thing. The tour officially starts tomorrow, but Richard Eagles and Guy Campbell flew in this morning. The weather is good and migration is in full swing, therefore, taking advantage of the moment and opportunity, before going to the hotel, having charged ourselves with invigorating coffee along the way, we decide to pay a short visit to the beach - one of several sites of the famous Chorokhi River Delta. It's literally a 10-minute drive from the airport.

We park the vehicle, get ready quickly and walk down to the beach. The bushes are full mainly of young **Red-backed Shrikes**, both **Lesser** and **Common Whitethroats** and other common passerines, and in the reeds there are several **Great Reed Warblers** as usual. Gulls are everywhere - mostly **Yellow-legged** and **Caspian**. We're walking deeper. On a small pond, at first glance, there are only a few **Common Moorhens**, a **Little Grebe** and a well-showing **Water Rail** perched on the reeds, but then Guy spots a **Grey-headed Swamphen**, selectively eating fresh cane stalks. Even later, we flush a **Little Bittern**, but quickly lose track of it among the dense reedbeds. And then one young and curious **Ortolan Bunting** brazenly lands next to us. This is the case when a macro lens is more appropriate. It's already pretty hot and quiet, so it's time for us to go to the hotel.



Grey-headed Swamphen
Picture by Alexander Rukhaia

Sunday, 11th of September: David Pierce and Martin Brookes are due to arrive today, and we need to pick up Anand Ramesh on the way to the hotel. He arrived a few days earlier to see the town. The plane is late. The airport reports that due to the offshore wind, the plane could not land. It's strange somehow - there is no wind here at all. In short, after a couple of unsuccessful attempts, the plane flies to the neighboring Turkish town of Trabzon, and from there passengers will be taken to the Georgian border by bus. In this situation, I am passing the baton to Natalia from our office. She will meet the guys at the border and bring them to our village after they get rid of their luggage at the hotel. I pick up Anand and we drive first to the hotel to leave our things and at the same time pick up Richard and Guy, who should be waiting at the lobby.

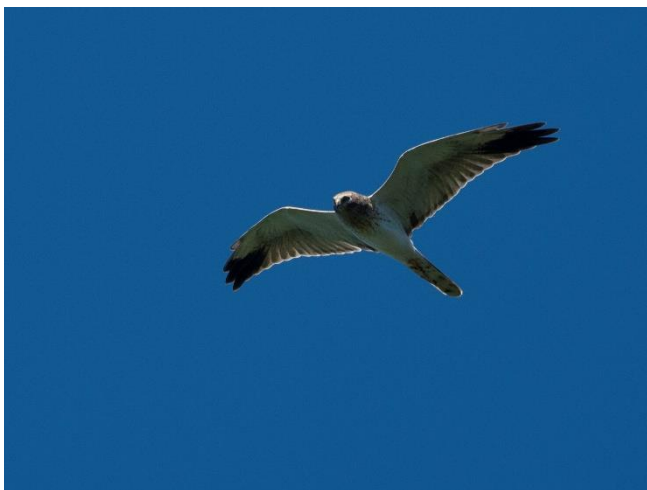
Today we are going to the village of Sakhalvasho where one of the two main watchpoints is located. It's just a 10-minute drive from our posh hotel. A brief introduction to the place, and we also do not have to wait long – several kettles is already forming above the horizon of green hills. Gradually, the migration increases and over the next few hours we observe an exciting flight of several thousand **Black Kites**, hundreds of **European Honey Buzzards**, several **Montagu's** and a couple of **Pallid Harriers**, including beautiful adult males, as well as several **Levant Sparrowhawks**, more than three dozen **Booted Eagles**, one **Lesser Spotted**, etc.

It's almost noon... hot and there's a lull. After a hearty lunch in a newly opened café in the woods behind the watchpoint, we can afford to look around in search of smaller migrants. In the bushes, Anand finds several **Marsh Warblers**. The find attracts others and soon he is surrounded by a whole company of birders ☺ Meanwhile, Natalia brings Martin and Dave safely. I meet the guys, and barely squeezing through the crowd of Anand's new friends watching the Marsh Warblers, I lead them to the station and introduce to the others. With Anand a little later ☺. Now everyone is assembled except for Andrew Walters, who arrives tomorrow morning. Andy is a real gentleman - he missed the first day of the tour because of his wife's birthday. About an hour after the guys arrive, and since nothing special is happening anymore, we return to the hotel. Then dinner, familiarization with the tour program and traditional homework - a checklist of birds.



European Honey Buzzard
Picture by Anand Ramesh

Pallid Harrier
Picture by Anand Ramesh



Levant Sparrowhawk
Picture by Anand Ramesh



Monday, 12th of September: It rained all night and morning. After waiting until the right moment, we broke out of the hotel at the first opportunity. Today we are at the second watchpoint called Shuamta - a place a little further into the depths of dense forest hills near the Mtirala National Park, from where panoramic views are no worse than the previous place.

Upon arrival, without having had time to get used to a new place, we immediately get down to business... amazing migration of **Black Kites** and **European Honey Buzzards**. Complete madness is overhead, and in the midst of all this maelstrom of events, we manage to pick up two **Crested Honey Buzzards**. In addition, today we have another new species – **Steppe Buzzards**, as well as a couple of **Lesser Spotted Eagles**, several dozen **Booted Eagles**, no fewer than fifteen **Levant Sparrowhawks** and a single **Montagu's Harrier**, plus **Black Storks**, an endless multitude of **European Bee-eaters** and many others.

After such a busy morning, lunch at a local café is a second delight. During lunch, migration began to subside and we decide to move to the Sakhalvasho watchpoint. After spending a couple of hours here without much activity, except for the real festival of **Booted Eagles**, we finish the day and return to the hotel.



Crested Honey Buzzard
Picture by Anand Ramesh

Shuamta



Sakhalvasho



Tuesday, 13th of September: It's been pouring like a bucket all morning. On such days, it is better to forget about the raptor migration and switch to exploring the seaside park and nearby wetlands. Here we arrive at the fashionable Batumi Boulevard, but due to heavy rain we can't get out of the car for a long time ☺ In short intervals, when the rain subsides for a few minutes, of course we go out into the fresh air, but soon we return to the shelter again, and so on several times. Even lunch has to be eaten in the car ☺ In the end, we decide to take a wet walk and suddenly the rain stopped. Obviously this is our chance to make up for a lost morning. After a long and wet siesta, the park comes to life instantly. **Red-breasted Flycatchers** and other small birds are heard everywhere. We also find several **Common Redstarts** of the subspecies *samamisicus*, and then one **Eurasian Wryneck** and even one **European Nightjar**.

After that, at the end of the boulevard, on the northern part of the famous Chorokhi River Delta, we find a **Peregrine Falcon**, several **Red-backed** and **Lesser Grey Shrikes**, **Greater Short-toed Larks**, a **Sedge Warbler**, **Barred Warbler**, one juvenile **Rosy Starling** and much more. Then going down to the beach, the reedbeds around small ponds produced one **Little Bittern**, **Squacco** and **Purple Herons**, several **Common Kingfishers**, and several more ordinary species. We also spotted one **Isabelline Wheatear** on the beach - the only one for the whole tour, as it turned out later. Going even deeper, we found a decent group of various waders on a narrow island, among which there were several **Black-winged Stilts**, one **Ruddy Turnstone** and at least a dozen **Marsh Sandpipers**. In short, it was quite an interesting birding. All the gulls here were mainly **Yellow-legged** and several **Caspian**, but also one **European Herring Gull**. From here, with a couple more hours at our disposal until the end of the day, we went to explore the former fish ponds near the airport. Here we had many repeated observations, including several **Red-breasted Flycatchers**, but there were also several new species, such as **Red-crested Pochards**, **Spotted Crake**, plus **Grey-headed Swamphen**, **Glossy Ibis**, **Thrush Nightingale** and surprisingly enough one male **Hen Harrier**.

Eurasian Wryneck
Picture by Anand Ramesh



Barred Warbler
Picture by Anand Ramesh

Batumi Boulevard



Chorokhi River Delta

Wednesday, 14th of September: The weather once again challenges us. It's been flooding rain all morning. In the hope that the weather will improve before our arrival, we are heading to the Chorokhi Delta again. Today we intend to explore the main part of the site. Making several stops along the dirt road leading to the beach, we meet a **Booted Eagle**, several **Marsh** and **Montagu's Harriers**, many **Black Kites** migrating low along the coast and several **Steppe Buzzards**, and then Richard picks up one **Red-footed Falcon** among a couple of **Eurasian Hobbies** and **Peregrine Falcon** circling above. Among the non-birds of prey there were several **European Turtle Doves**, **Eurasian Hoopoe**, several **European Rollers**, **Whinchats**, **Northern Wheatears**, **Western Yellow Wagtails**, **Tawny Pipit**, both **Red-backed** and **Lesser Grey Shrikes**, etc.

It still rains from time to time. On the main ponds it is quiet today and yet a few **Greater Short-toed Larks**, **Barred Warbler**, both **Lesser** and **Common Whitethroats** and **Ortolan Buntings** showed themselves well, and **Western Osprey** visited the ponds a couple of times. In the hope that the weather will be better there, after a quick lunch on the seashore, we go to Maltakva Beach, which is about an hour's drive north next to the Kolkheti National Park. At the entrance to the beach, a lot of activity immediately catches the eye. At first, a large gathering of gulls forces us to make a stop. The majority consists of **Black-headed**, **Yellow-legged** and a few **Caspian**, and among them several **Little Gulls** and one **Lesser Black-backed**, as well as one **Gull-billed Tern**. Then quite an amazing sight with hundreds of low-flying **Black Kites** fighting the wind, and in the

depths of the beach near the strait is a real wader paradise; **Eurasian Oystercatchers**, both **Common** and **Little Ringed Plovers**, **Bar-tailed Godwits**, **Ruddy Turnstones**, **Curlew Sandpipers**, **Temminck's Stint**, **Sanderlings**, **Dunlins**, **Little Stints**, **Common Snipes** and several more species.



Curlew Sandpiper
Picture by Anand Ramesh

Maltakva Beach



Maltakva Beach

Thursday, 15th of September: After periodic rainy days, as a rule, another big day of the season always follows. It was with this attitude and with great expectations that we went to the Shuamta on this beautiful day. As it often happens, as at the morning warm-up, several raptors gradually begin to appear on the horizon, followed by a whole armada. The show lasted all morning and until noon, and during this time at least 20,000 **Black Kites** flew by, and besides them there were several **Short-Legged** and **Lesser Spotted Eagles**, many **Booted Eagles**, as well as several **Levant Sparrowhawks**, both **Montagu's** and **Pallid Harriers**, more than a dozen **Steppe Buzzards** and a solid number of **European Honey Buzzards**, among which we managed to spot at least three **Crested Honey Buzzards**, but God knows how many more flashed past us in this chaos.

After lunch at our favorite café, we decided to visit Maltakva Beach again and definitely weren't mistaken with the choice. Similarly to yesterday, many different waders were waiting for us, including two **Broad-billed** and one **Marsh Sandpipers**, which we found close to the end of the day walking calmly along the sandy shore in

the beautiful illumination of the evening sun. Although it was impossible to count the interesting scenes on the fingers today, however, one of the brightest and most memorable moments of this visit were the hunting scenes of **Western Osprey** and the **Caspian Tern**. As for passerine birds, choice was rather little, but still we came across a couple of **Citrine Wagtails** – also new birds for the tour.



Crested Honey Buzzard
Picture by Anand Ramesh



Crested Honey Buzzard
Picture by Anand Ramesh

Shuamta



Shuamta

Maltakva Beach



Maltakva Beach



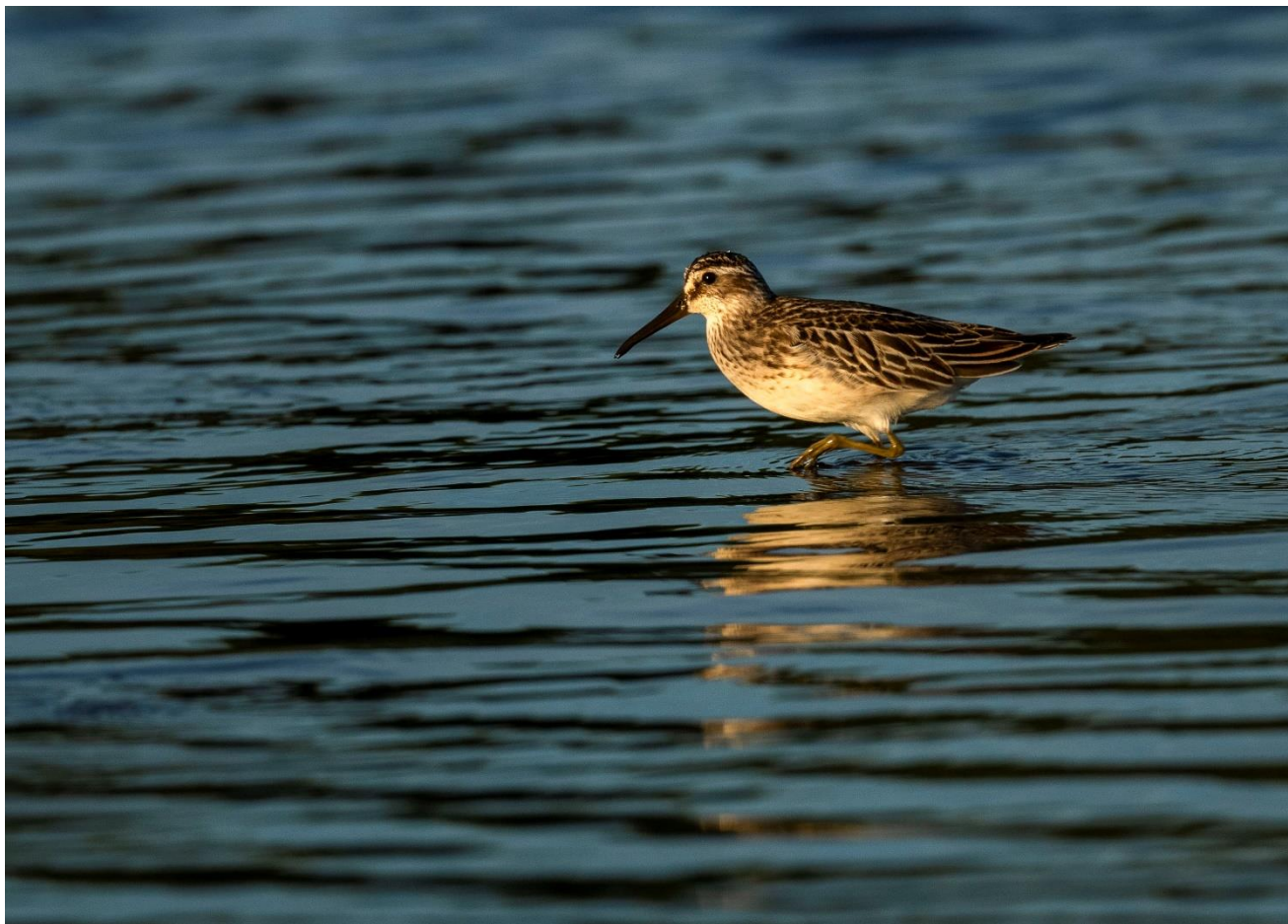
Western Osprey
Picture by Anand Ramesh



Western Osprey
Picture by Anand Ramesh



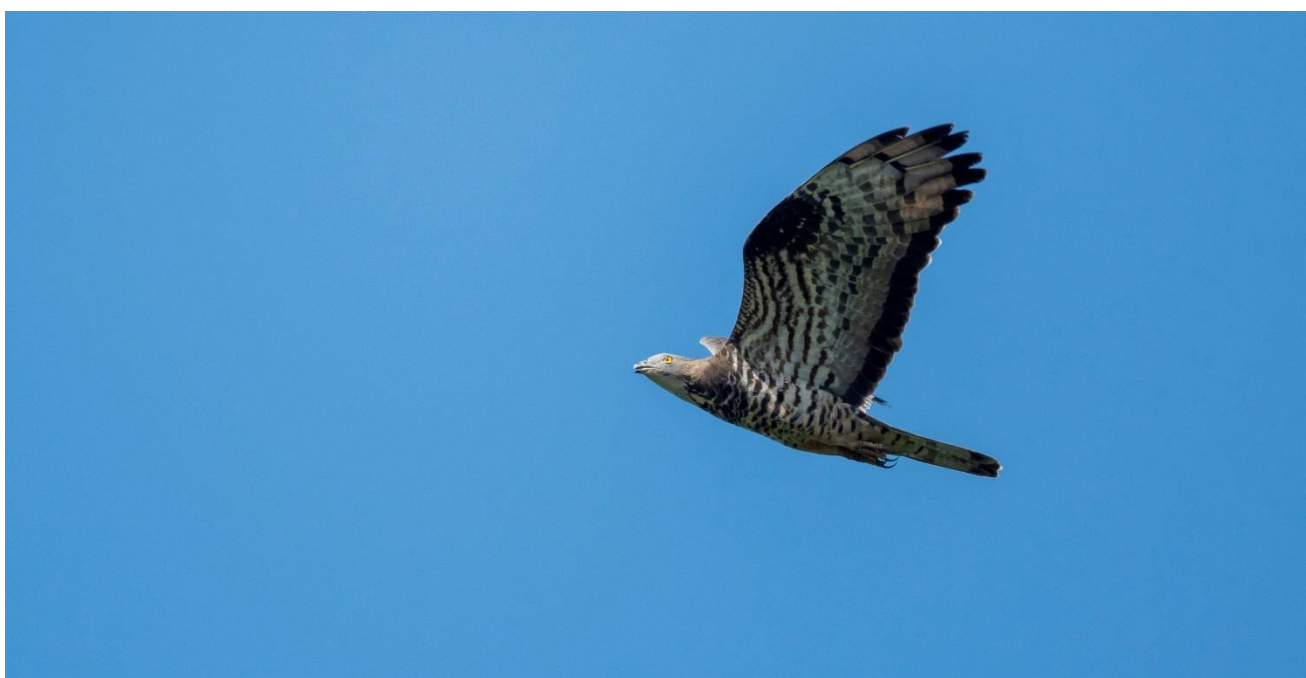
Caspian Tern
Picture by Anand Ramesh



Broad-billed Sandpiper
Picture by Anand Ramesh

Friday, 16th of September: Making a choice in favor of Sakhalvasho today was another right decision. Superb migration all morning, plus several hundred **European Honey Buzzards**, including another **Crested Honey Buzzards**. We also had many **Steppe Buzzards**, several **Short-toed** and **Lesser Spotted Eagles**, but **Booted** were the most numerous among the eagles today. Not to mention smaller raptors, but from time to time, **Western Marsh**, **Montagu's** and **Pallid Harriers** flashed by, including one handsome pale male, always causing a special delight for people. In addition to raptors, there were several **Alpine Swifts**, **Black Storks** and a lot of **European Bee-eaters** as usual.

At noon, with the onset of the traditional calmness, we change the location and drive to the neighboring Shuamta watchpoint. After having lunch in our cafe and spending some more time here, but without any special observations, we decide to end the day a little earlier than usual.



European Honey Buzzard
Picture by Anand Ramesh



Booted Eagle
Picture by Alexander Rukhaia



Lesser Spotted Eagle
Picture by Alexander Rukhaia



Black Kites
Picture by Alexander Rukhaia



Black Kite
Picture by Alexander Rukhaia



Black Kites
Picture by Alexander Rukhaia



Sakhalvasho



Sakhalvasho



Shuamta



samamiscus Common Redstart
Picture by Anand Ramesh

Saturday, 17th of September: This is our last day of the Batumi part of the tour and this morning we intend to visit several locations on the river delta for the last time, but on the way we make a short stop near the old railway station. What can you see in such a paradoxical place, bearing in mind the theme of our tour, you ask,

and my group had exactly the same reaction before several **Krüper's Nuthatches** showed up in the pines at the station platform ☺. The delta is pretty quiet today. After checking several locations, nothing special or new, except for a couple of **Red-crested Pochards**, **Grey-headed Swamphen**, several species of waders, gulls and terns, a couple of **Glossy Ibises**, a **Purple Heron** and something else. With passerines, the situation is about the same, but still we had a couple of **Eurasian Wrynecks**, **Garden Warbler** – also new bird of the tour, a couple of **Thrush Nightingales** and some others.

After delta we go to Shuamta, but it turns out that we came here only for lunch. Migration has been very slow today. By this point, the BRC volunteers had counted only 400 birds for almost the whole day. Saying goodbye to this magical place, we are leaving. We leave unnecessary things and a vehicle at the hotel and go for a rather relaxed birding near the botanical garden, which is a stone's throw from our hotel. We end this day with a great views of a **Short-toed Treecreeper** and **samamiscus Common Redstarts** along with other common passerines of the area. Tomorrow begins a new chapter of our tour - a trip to Svaneti for Caucasian Endemics.



Café | Shuamta

Sunday, 18th of September: Today we are going to Svaneti in the Greater Caucasus. The tour is not short, but it is not boring either. In addition to a couple of planned ornithological stops, our journey will be accompanied by changeable landscapes as we approach the final destination - the historic town of Mestia.

An hour after departure, we make a long stop at Maltakva Beach. There is basically the same selection of birds as in previous visits, including the same single young **Common Shelduck**, which we see here for the third time in a row, **Eurasian Oystercatchers**, **Ruddy Turnstone** and more than a hundred **Western Yellow Wagtails**, plus several **White-winged Terns**. This is a new bird by the way. We move on and soon arrive in the small town of Zugdidi, where we have a Mengrelian-style lunch planned ☺. Continuing the way, we make a couple more stops here and there, mainly for stretching our legs. We arrive in the evening. Later, a short presentation of the next day, short dinner and we all go to bed – soon to be up.

Monday, 19th of September: 04:30 am – we meet in the kitchen of the hotel for tea, coffee and some snacks. 05:00 am - we leave and head towards the Tetnuldi Mountain. In about an hour we reach the first destination. It's still dark and we have to wait for dawn for some time, but we can already hear some birds. On the way here, we have already managed to see one **European Nightjar** on the road. With the onset of dawn, we begin to scan the nearby slopes. After about 15 minutes we find the first male **Caucasian Grouse**, then another,

then one female, and so on - a total of about six birds just this morning, and later, after lunch, three more on the slopes above. Very good views in all cases.

Watching **Caucasian Grouse**, we hear **Caucasian Snowcocks**. The sounds come from the rocky slopes above. Having enjoyed **Caucasian Grouse** enough, we get into the vehicles and get to the highest point at 3000+ meters. It's quite cold at this altitude, and besides, despite the fact that we constantly hear **Caucasian Snowcocks**, the search takes us a reasonably long time. Hands are freezing, everything else is too ☺ therefore, hot tea and coffee from a thermos helps us to overcome the cold before sunrise. Finally we find a small group of birds on the lower tiers of the slope, and then another one. In addition to everything, the sun has already appeared over the ridge and we are starting to gradually warm up, while enjoying good views of the **Caucasian Snowcocks** from a fairly good distance. From time to time, **Alpine Accentors** and **Red-fronted Serins** come to visit our viewpoint. Closer to noon, we drive down below and organize a picnic. On the wet boulder fields around us there are several **Black Redstarts**, **Northern Wheatears** and **Water Pipits**, and **Red-billed Choughs** and **European Bee-eaters** are flying in the sky. From time to time, some migrating raptors are also shown, and later even a **Bearded Vulture**. Returning back to Mestia we make a few short stops in the lower reaches and find a couple of **Mountain Chiffchaffs** and other small birds. Upon returning to the hotel, we organize a much-needed siesta, followed by an evening walk around Mestia and dinner.



In search of Caucasian Snowcocks | Mountain Tetnaldi

Tuesday, 20th of September: Today we are traveling back to Batumi. Another long journey is facilitated by several stops... we combine eating 'Kubdari' (traditional local meat pie) or ice cream, with coffee drinking and watching raptor migration. By the way, the migration during this trip was great, especially on the section of the road between Zugdidi and Poti. The main species were **Steppe Buzzards**, but there were others too.

Once again, we do not miss the opportunity to explore Maltakva Beach for the last time. As usual, there is a good variety of waders, including a **Broad-billed** and **Curlew Sandpipers**, plus one **Slender-billed Gull** - a new species for the tour, and much more. In the evening, speaking with great regret after a wonderful ten days spent together, we are scheduled to have a farewell dinner.

Wednesday, 21st of September: Our young doctor Anand left by train to Tbilisi in the morning. Richard, Guy and Martin were supposed to fly out a little later in the evening, and Andrew stayed a day longer because he arrived a day later, and I promised to take him for an extra day. Dave, who also stayed a couple of days longer, was happy to join us and we decided to spend the day at the Shuamta watchpoint. The migration was

quite interesting, but it definitely wasn't the best day... quite dark with thick overhead clouds. Observations of this day, since this is an unofficial day of the tour, will not be included in the annotated list of birds (below).



European Honey Buzzard
Picture by Alexander Rukhaia

Thanks for reading.

If you are interested in making a similar tour, keep in mind that it is held annually in mid-September. For more information, visit our website and find a tour called Batumi Raptors Special, or just contact us by email.

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Western Marsh Harrier
Picture by Alexander Rukhaia

Annotated List of Birds

The names and order of birds is based on IOC World Bird List (v 12.1) 2022.

Observation status code:

- Number = quantity seen and counted
- Number + = more than mentioned quantity seen (roughly counted)
- (m) = male
- (f) = female
- (juv) = juvenile
- n/f = numerous or frequently observed (uncounted)
- H = heard, but not seen
- Hs = heard several

N	Family Scientific Name	English Name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Anatidae		Ducks, Geese, Swans											
1	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Common Shelduck					1 juv			1 juv		1 juv	
2	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	Garganey			3	12			1				
3	<i>Netta rufina</i>	Red-crested Pochard			2				2				
4	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Common Pochard							1				
Phasianidae		Pheasants & Allies											
5	<i>Lyrurus mlokosiewiczzi</i>	Caucasian Grouse									8		
6	<i>Tetraogallus caucasicus</i>	Caucasian Snowcock									15		
Caprimulgidae		Nightjars											
7	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	European Nightjar			1						1		
Apodidae		Swifts											
8	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Alpine Swift					1	20					
9	<i>Apus apus</i>	Common Swift						5					
Cuculidae		Cuckoos											
10	<i>Cuculus canorus canorus</i>	Common Cuckoo			2	1							
Columbidae		Pigeons & Doves											
11	<i>C. l. forma domestica</i>	Feral Pigeon			n/f	n/f			n/f	n/f		n/f	
12	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	European Turtle Dove				10+							
Rallidae		Rails, Crakes & Coots											
13	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Water Rail			2								
14	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	Spotted Crake			1								
15	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common Moorhen			8+				6			3	
16	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Eurasian Coot			2				17	1			
17	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	Grey-headed Swamphen			1				1				
Podicipedidae		Grebes											
18	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Little Grebe			10				2				
19	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Great Crested Grebe				3	3		1	3		4	

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20	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Black-necked Grebe					1						
	Haematopodidae	Oystercatchers											
21	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Eurasian Oystercatcher				2				2		1	
	Recurvirostridae	Stilts & Avocets											
22	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Black-winged Stilt			17				1				
	Charadriidae	Plovers											
23	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Common Ringed Plover			9	n/f	7		5	15+		8	
24	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Little Ringed Plover			2	4	1					2	
	Scolopacidae	Sandpipers & Snipes											
25	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Bar-tailed Godwit				2	2						
26	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Ruddy Turnstone			1	5			1	1		4	
27	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	Ruff			10+	1			2				
28	<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>	Broad-billed Sandpiper					2 juv					1 juv	
29	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Curlew Sandpiper			1	10+	10		1	1		4	
30	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Temminck's Stint				1							
31	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling			5	32	49			28		60+	
32	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Dunlin			8+	20+	3			2		4	
33	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Little Stint			6	6	3		4	2		2	
34	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Common Snipe			1	3							
35	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common Sandpiper			1	2	2		2				
36	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Green Sandpiper			1								
37	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Common Redshank			1								
38	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Marsh Sandpiper			10+		1			1			
39	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Wood Sandpiper			40+	20+	6		2	2		8	
40	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Spotted Redshank			1								
41	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Common Greenshank			7		2		1	H1		1	
	Laridae	Gulls, Terns & Skimmers											
42	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	Slender-billed Gull										1 juv	
43	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Black-headed Gull				n/f	n/f					n/f	
44	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	Little Gull				3	1			2		20+	
45	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	European Herring Gull			1								
46	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Caspian Gull			n/f	n/f	n/f		n/f			1	
47	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Yellow-legged Gull			n/f	n/f	n/f		n/f	n/f		n/f	
48	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Lesser Black-backed Gull				1			1				
49	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Gull-billed Tern				1							
50	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Caspian Tern					1						
51	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Sandwich Tern							2			7	
52	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common Tern					1			4		1	
53	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	White-winged Tern								3		1	
		Tern sp. – unidentified					10+			8			
	Ciconiidae	Storks											
54	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Black Stork		3			3+	5					

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Phalacrocoracidae		Cormorants & Shags											
55	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Great Cormorant			n/f	n/f	n/f		n/f	1		n/f	
Threskiornithidae		Ibises & Spoonbills											
56	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Glossy Ibis			1				2				
Ardeidae		Hérons & Bitterns											
57	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Little Bittern			1								
58	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Squacco Heron			3				1	1			
59	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Western Cattle Egret			11					10+		2	
60	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Grey Heron			4	8	6		2	6		4	
61	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Purple Heron			1				1				
62	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Little Egret			2	n/f	n/f		10+	n/f		n/f	
Pandionidae		Ospreys											
63	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Western Osprey				3	1						1
Accipitridae		Kites, Hawks & Eagles											
64	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	Bearded Vulture									1		
65	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	European Honey Buzzard	n/f	n/f			n/f	n/f		2		1	n/f
66	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	Crested Honey Buzzard		1			3	1					
67	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Short-toed Snake Eagle					3		2				1
68	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	Lesser Spotted Eagle	1	2		2	8+	1					5
69	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Booted Eagle	30+	40+		1	50+	n/f	1				n/f
70	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	Levant Sparrowhawk	12+	15			3	3+	2	1			2
71	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	3+	2		1	5	2		1	2		1
		Accipiter sp. – unidentified			1	1	20+	3+	2	1		3	6
71	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Western Marsh Harrier	3	1	2	6	2	1	3	1			n/f
72	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Hen Harrier			1 m								
73	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Pallid Harrier	2				1	1	1				1
74	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Montagu's Harrier	15+	1		4	3	3					
		Mon/Pall Harrier – unidentified	2	1			6+	3					2
75	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black Kite	n/f	n/f		n/f		n/f	1	n/f		3	n/f
76	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Common Buzzard								3	1	2	
	<i>B. b. vulpinus</i>	Steppe Buzzard		n/f		n/f	15+	20+		10	2	n/f	n/f
Upupidae		Hoopoes											
77	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Eurasian Hoopoe				1							
Coraciidae		Rollers											
78	<i>Coracias garrulous</i>	European Roller				4							
Alcedinidae		Kingfishers											
79	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Common Kingfisher			4	1	1		2			2	
Meropidae		Bee-eaters											
80	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	European Bee-eater	40+	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	Hs		n/f
Picidae		Woodpeckers											
81	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Eurasian Wryneck			1				2				
82	<i>Dryobates minor</i>	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker					1						

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83	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Great Spotted Woodpecker										H1	
	Falconidae	Falcons											
84	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Lesser Kestrel					1						
85	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common Kestrel	1			1					2		
86	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Red-footed Falcon				1							
87	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Eurasian Hobby	4	1	1	2		3					3
88	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon			1 juv	1							
	Laniidae	Shrikes											
89	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Red-backed Shrike			5+	n/f	1		1				
90	<i>Lanius minor</i>	Lesser Grey Shrike				2	2						
	Oriolidae	Orioles											
91	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Eurasian Golden Oriole			3			10					
	Corvidae	Crows & Jays											
92	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Eurasian Jay						1		3	3	4	
93	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Red-billed Chough									11		
		Chough sp. – unidentified									28		
94	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Western Jackdaw							2				
95	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Hooded Crow	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f		n/f	n/f
96	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Northern Raven		2			4		2	10+	23	3	
	Paridae	Tits											
97	<i>Pariparus ater</i>	Coal Tit									7	n/f	
98	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Eurasian Blue Tit		1			1	Hs	Hs	Hs	H1	Hs	n/f
99	<i>Parus major</i>	Great Tit	1	1	3		Hs	n/f	H1	1	5+	n/f	
	Aegithalidae	Bushtits											
100	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Long-tailed Tit	Hs				Hs	6	5+	Hs	Hs		Hs
	Alaudidae	Larks											
101	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Greater Short-toed Lark			3	10+	14		1	4		4	
	Hirundinidae	Swallows & Martins											
102	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Sand Martin	20+		8	1	1	15+	n/f	n/f			
103	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f		n/f	n/f
104	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Common House Martin				1							
	Phylloscopidae	Leaf Warblers & Allies											
105	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Willow Warbler			1								
106	<i>Phylloscopus sindianus</i>	Mountain Chiffchaff										2	
107	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Common Chiffchaff			1	H1		2				1	
	Acrocephalidae	Reed Warblers & Allies											
108	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Great Reed Warbler			1								
109	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Sedge Warbler			1								
110	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Eurasian Reed Warbler				1			1				
111	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Marsh Warbler	6+					1					
112	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	1										
	Sylviidae	Sylviid Babblers											

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113	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Eurasian Blackcap	1	2		2	1f	2	5				
114	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Garden Warbler							2				
115	<i>Curruca nisoria</i>	Barred Warbler			1	1							
116	<i>Curruca curruca</i>	Lesser Whitethroat			3	3			3				
117	<i>Curruca communis</i>	Common Whitethroat		1	6	3			2				
Regulidae		Crests											
118	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Goldcrest								H1	3	1	
Troglodytidae		Wrens											
119	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Eurasian Wren								1	1		
Sittidae		Nuthatches											
120	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>	Krüper's Nuthatch	1						4	H1			
Certhiidae		Treecreepers											
121	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	Short-toed Treecreeper					H1		1				
Sturnidae		Starlings											
122	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	Rosy Starling			1 juv								
123	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common Starling			8	1							
Turdidae		Thrushes											
124	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Common Blackbird								2		1	
Muscicapidae		Chats & Old World Flycatchers											
125	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Spotted Flycatcher			10+			1	5+				
126	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	European Robin						1 juv		1 juv	H1	1	
127	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	Thrush Nightingale			1				2	1			
128	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Red-breasted Flycatcher			5+			Hs					
129	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Black Redstart									8+	2	
130	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Common Redstart							2				
	<i>P. p. samamisticus</i>	Ehrenberg's Redstart		2	3	1	1	1		1			
131	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Whinchat			6	5+			1				
132	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Northern Wheatear			4	5+	1		1	1	2	6+	
133	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Isabelline Wheatear			1								
Passeridae		Old World Sparrows											
134	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	2	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f		n/f	
Prunellidae		Accentors											
135	<i>Prunella collaris</i>	Alpine Accentor									3		
Motacillidae		Wagtails & Pipits											
136	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>	Western Yellow Wagtail			n/f	n/f		45+	1	100		Hs	
137	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Citrine Wagtail					2 m						
138	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Grey Wagtail								1			
139	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	White Wagtail	1	3	n/f	n/f	3	1	n/f	1	n/f	n/f	n/f
140	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Tawny Pipit				1							
141	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Meadow Pipit								1			
142	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Tree Pipit		1					1				
143	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Water Pipit									5		

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Fringillidae		Finches											
144	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Common Chaffinch	2	n/f	n/f		n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f	n/f
145	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	European Greenfinch									6		
146	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	European Goldfinch								6+	2		
147	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>	Red-fronted Serin									2		
Emberizidae		Buntings											
148	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Ortolan Bunting				4							

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1	<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>	Caucasian Squirrel								1	2		
2	<i>Mustela nivalis caucasica</i>	Caucasian Least Weasel									1		