

Estonia Trip Report

27th March -
3rd April

Winter & Early Spring Migration

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Introduction

The objective of this trip was to carry out a yearly spotting of the Steller's Eiders that winter at Saaremaa island. This was strictly a birding trip and no dedicated effort was made to see mammals. We spent a 7 day guided tour by Uku Paal and the attendees were Raymond Galea, Nicholas Galea, Stefano Miceli, Benjamin Grech, Stefan Azzopardi, Alex Casha and myself. The visit was timed to manage some of the early spring migration as well as to see the wintering birds. Our main targets included Black Grouse, Bohemian Waxwing, Ural Owl, Pygmy Owl, Capercaillie and Hazel Grouse. Unfortunately the latter two were flushed and not seen properly while for the rest we had particularly good views. It was an exceptionally good winter to observe hawk owls but our timing was late and no records of this species would be taken back home, as they had already left. Overall the weather was unseasonably quite cold for early spring with temperatures dropping to -9°C in the morning resulting in reduced bird activity particularly in forests.

Itinerary

We flew to Tallinn Estonia with RyanAir leaving Malta at 06:15. The early morning flight meant we got to do some birding on our first day.

Day 1: Arrived at Tallinn and met Uku Paal - our guide - at the airport, Grabbed lunch from Meistri Lyon Cafe and Boulangerie, Birding at Haapsalu and drove to Altmõisa Guesthouse to stay for the following night.

Day 2: Birding at Puise in Matsalu, took the ferry to Saaremaa Island and visited Saaremaa harbour and Vislandi Rahvuspargi Kulatuskeks before we drove to our next guesthouse - Loona Guesthouse - where we would stay for the following 2 nights.

Day 3: Our last full day in Saaremaa island was spent exploring even more coastal areas along the western part of the island. Following our dinner at the guesthouse we headed to a wooded area where we got our pygmy owl.

Day 4: Before we headed to mainland Estonia we visited Sõrve Lighthouse and Roomassaare sadam.

Day 5: We visited various wooded areas in Sooma National park.

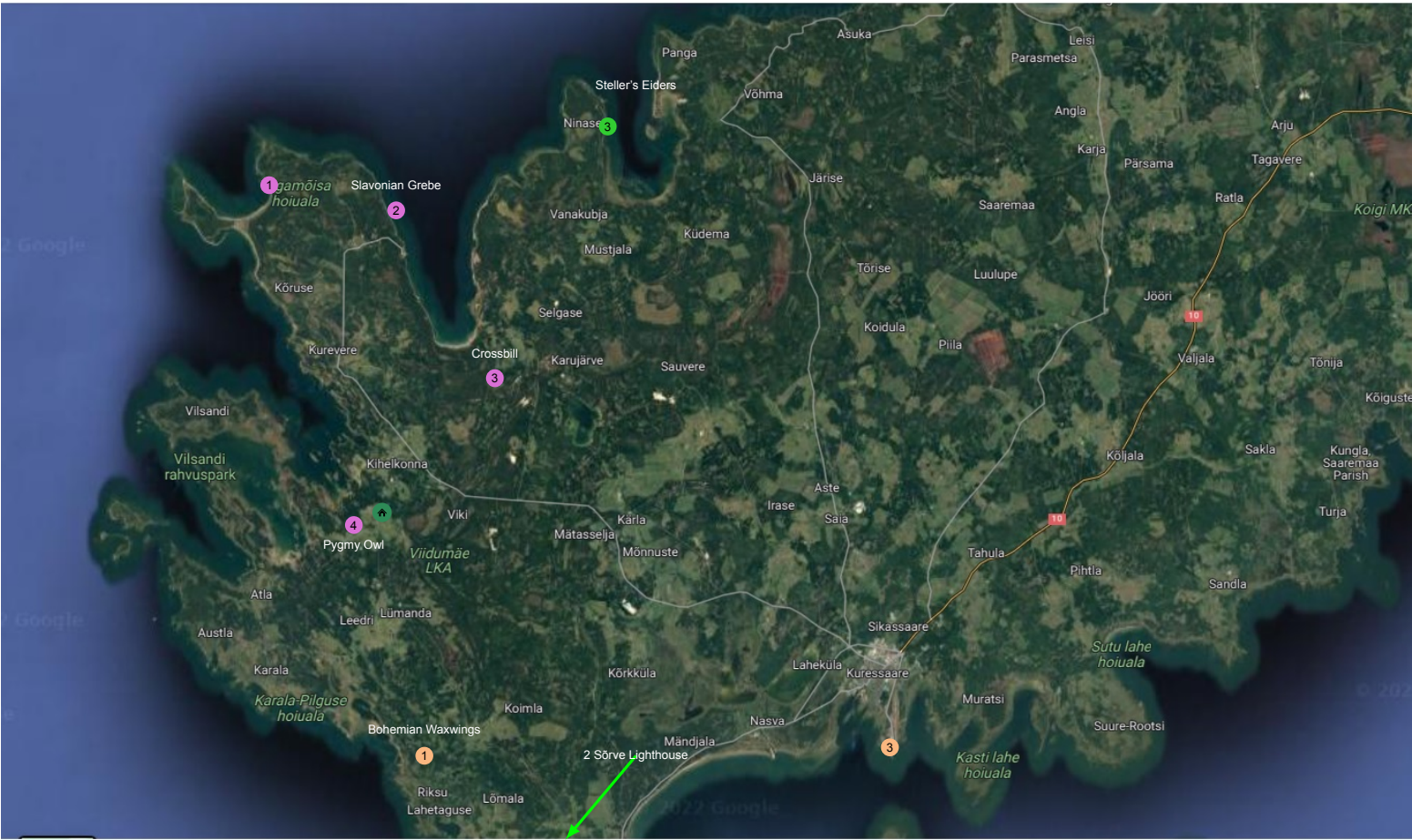
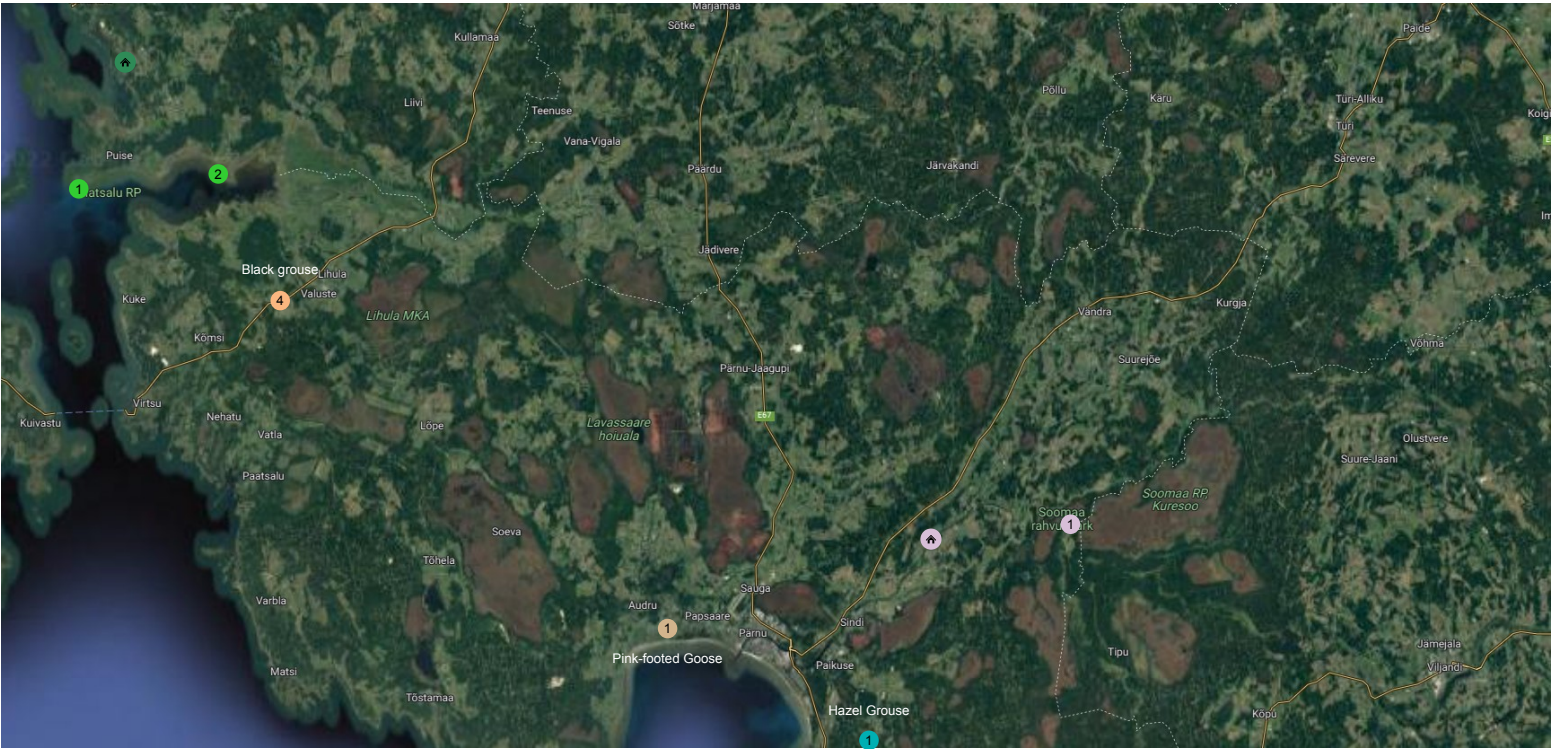
Day 6: For our last day we resumed exploring Sooma National Park to test our luck with the capercaillie and hazel grouse.

Travelling

Our main areas were west Estonia and Saaremaa island. The Figures below show snippets of the map of Estonia and Saaremaa including some of the birding locations and species we observed. The numbers in the map denote the sequence of birding locations of that day and our guesthouses are marked with 🏠. We used an Opel Zafira and never had problems to navigate the snowy roads however if we opted for a 4 x 4 it would have allowed us to go deeper in the forests.

Legend for map in next page:

 Day 2  Day 3  Day 4  Day 5  Day 6/7



Notable birding spots top: Estonia and bottom: Saaremaa

Gear

Temperatures dropped to -9°C and when factoring in the wind chill it gets quite cold so make sure you are equipped with thick jackets, insulating gloves and proper headwear. Thermal base layers and water proof jackets are required, as although infrequent, we experienced occasional precipitation that lasted a few minutes. Apart from the binoculars which are obviously a staple a spotting scope is essential. This provides better views during our sea watching excursions and is also useful when scanning large flocks of geese that will help you spot the rarer pink-footed or red breasted goose. In our group we shared 4 spotting scopes between us and served us well.

Photographic opportunities were scarce especially during sea watching as birds tend to be too far away for suitable photographic subjects. Having said that, probably your best bet is to carry with you a 400 mm to 600 mm telephoto lens. During forest birding it is easier to find subjects for photography, in my opinion I found woodpeckers easy to photograph. We managed decent shots during our ferry crossing between the mainland and Saaremaa so keep the camera on you as you will encounter long tailed ducks, tufteds, common scoters and possibly common eiders.



During one of our walks in Sooma National Park

Day 1

27th March - Padise Area

We arrived in Tallinn by Ryanair and found our guide Uku Paal waiting for us at the airport. En route to our planned lunch at Tallinn we saw flocks of geese mainly **Greater White-fronted Geese** migrating in large flocks. Our next stop after lunch was an owl session in Padise area. On our way, a pair of **Grey Partridges** was seen crossing the road until we arrived at a clearing where we had a raptor fest mainly **Common Buzzard**, **White-tailed Eagle** and **Rough-legged Buzzard** all seen hunting. The **Eurasian Tree Creeper** soon made an appearance immediately upon reaching Padise area. It was not long until we had excellent views of two **Ural Owls** seen in the image below which was one of the highlights of the trip for many. On our way to the guest house, our first male **Hen Harrier** and **Curlew** of the trip were spotted and not long after, the red fox got our mammal list up and running. Good numbers of **Yellowhammers** that were seemingly ever present throughout the trip were heard and observed flying. We stayed at Altmõisa guest house for our first night.



Ural Owl observed on the first day of the trip 27th March 2022.



Tree creeper top & White tailed eagle bottom

Day 2

28th March - Matsalu & Saaremaa Island

Breakfast was planned at 7:00 and soon after we headed for sea watching at Puise in Matsalu National Park adding 2 female elks on the way to start off the day and a hare was seen running into a bush upon arrival. It is recommended to use a spotting scope during these sea watching sessions as some of the birds like **Smews** tend to be observed further away from the shore. Other notable birds observed were **Goosander**, **Red-breasted Merganser**, **Oystercatchers**, **Shelducks**, **Great Scaups**, **Teals** and **Ringed Plovers** while **Long-tailed Ducks** and **Common Goldeneyes** were present in large numbers. The **Common Scoters**, **Velvet Scoters** and **Northern Pintails** were seen migrating and a flock of about 12 **Snow Buntings** came feeding along shoreline. In nearby fields the **Wood Larks** showed well while **Siskins** and **Skylarks** could be heard occupying the meadows.



Shelduck; 28th March 2022

Our sea watching session resumed at a different area after lunch where a single male **Smew** showed prominently amongst a large flock of **Coots**. **Mute Swans**, **Bewick's Swans**, **Whooper Swans** and **Tufted Ducks** were present in this area. A couple of **Tree Sparrows** were seen in a tree behind us while a **White-tailed Eagle** was observed flying high. It did not take long to get our first of several **Grey Herons** of the trip as it was seen flying just over the sea and our sole encounter with **Canada Geese** made for a good mix of birds before we left for Saaremaa island.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the day has yet to come as we crossed to Saaremaa island to spot the highly anticipated **Steller's Eiders**. En route, **Grey-headed Woodpecker** and **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** were added to the list. During the ferry crossing various species of ducks we had seen earlier were noted with **Long-tailed Ducks** present in good numbers. Upon arrival at Saaremaa, we headed to Saaremaa sadam where we observed the **Steller's Eiders** from the harbour. This allowed us to enjoy magnificent views of them. On the other side of the harbour Uku spotted a **Red-necked Grebe** although it was a little too far to admire closely but still a welcome sighting. We spent the rest of the day photographing and admiring the eiders mostly, before heading off to Loona guesthouse where we stayed for 2 nights.



A male Smew showing prominently among a flock of coots

After we had dinner from the guesthouse we took a short walk close to the hotel in an attempt to see **Woodcocks**. Our efforts paid off as 4 **Woodcocks** were observed and circa 20 red deer running after each other crossed the street in front of us.

Day 3

29th March - Saaremaa Island

We headed off to Undva Point to resume sea watching where we enjoyed good views of ducks largely **Common Scoter** migrating. This allowed us to add more species to our records most notably, **Red-throated Diver**, **Black-throated Diver** and **Black Guillemots** to spice up our trip with the only species from the auk family encountered here. Our next stop was another sea watching location, this time on a sandy beach in Saaremaa where we added the **Great Crested Grebe** and **Horned Grebe** to our trip list. Both were too far away to be fully appreciated without a spotting scope. We resumed the day with forest birding where we had our first pair of **Bullfinches** which were showing beautifully from a tree. A **Hawfinch** made an appearance and while travelling to the next location a **Fieldfare** was observed relatively close to our van. Our forest birding later rewarded us with a **Crossbill** shown in Figure 7 and our third woodpecker, the **Great Spotted Woodpecker**. Both of them were clearly visible. Since bird activity in forests was low, we returned to the **Steller's Eider** location. This time they were much closer to the shoreline showing off splendidly in spite of the isolated snowfall which hindered the sighting for a couple of minutes. After we had dinner at our guesthouse we resumed birding at Viidumaäe forests primarily targeting **Pygmy Owl** to which we were successful. The small bird offered us good views perching on top of conifer trees and content with this effort we called it a day.



Female Bullfinch



Male Bullfinch



Top: Crossbill and bottom: The Steller's Eiders observed from Saaremaa Sadam

Day 4

30th March - Saaremaa Island & Pärnu

The day could not start any better as a flock of **Bohemian Waxwings** (Figure 10) was observed from our van on our way to Sõrve. We parked the vehicle and got out to fully enjoy the waxwings eating berries from a nearby tree. Our final sea watching location was Sõrve peninsula where we added our only **Black-tailed Godwits** and **Merlin** of the trip. An unexpected surprise in the form of a **Rock Pipit** was seen perching on a rock living up to its name close to the shore that shortly flew off while a couple of **Redshanks** were waiting for us here. The **Smews** and **Common Scoters** close to the shore stole the limelight while a good number of **White-tailed Eagles** were a treat to see. Once again the spotting scope proved to be an essential accessory to fully enjoy the migrating birds and a young seal that was also observed from here.

Various species of ducks were once again present floating on the sea surface during our ferry crossing back to the mainland. We resumed birding in mainland Estonia en route to our next guesthouse. The drive to Tuhi Bog proved fruitful as a **Black Grouse** was observed grazing from the van. We quickly got off the van to get a better look with the spotting scope and binoculars. One of them flew just in front of us drawing our attention to 2 others which were nearby. Later we also added a **Middle Spotted Woodpecker** and a **Eurasian Nuthatch** to our trip list during a brief visit to a park in Audru. Later, we headed to Klaaramanni guesthouse that we made our home for the next two days. After dinner we tried to locate a Tawny Owl which was calling from the forest behind our guest house. Unfortunately the bird could not be located and headed to bed hoping for better luck the following day.



A flock of Bohemian Waxwings enjoying berries off a nearby tree observed on 30th March 2022.



Top: Long tailed ducks and bottom: Middle spotted woodpecker

Day 5

31th March - Soomaa NP

On this day, we had an early start and headed off to Soomaa National Park in search of a Tawny Owl which sadly we did not manage to see. Our next stop was the forest at Soomaa where we were greeted with a **Crested Tit** chirping atop of a tree. In the distance a familiar drumming caught our attention and saw a **Black Woodpecker** that unfortunately headed off to a wooded area and did not make itself seen again. Deeper in the forest the place was alive with birds and we continued our woodpecker streak where **White-backed Woodpecker**, **Three-toed Woodpecker** (Figure 12) and **Great Spotted Woodpecker** were all seen with relative ease. Walking slowly down the road through the forest rewarded us with sightings of **Great Tits** later joined by **Coal Tits**, **Willow Tits** and **Marsh Tits**. High up in the sky a winged figure loomed over the area that our keen birders of the group identified as **Golden Eagle**. Unfortunately it kept gaining height until it disappeared. Meanwhile we added a **Nuthatch** to the day list and it was good to see **Blue Tits** flying over our heads. Sightings of **Common Cranes** were present throughout and **Common Goldeneye** could be observed wherever we encountered bodies of water. Later we headed to a reed bed location in search of bearded tits. Unfortunately these were nowhere to be seen but instead we added a **Moorhen** and heard a **Water Rail**.



A Three-Toed Woodpecker giving life to dead timber in Soomaa NP observed on 31th March 2022.

After lunch we headed near Paikre OÜ where we had some time to scan mixed flocks of geese, **Northern Lapwings** and gulls. A sudden commotion arose as a **Goshawk** that was sitting in a tree flew over the feeding birds which caused the birds responded by flying haphazardly. On our way to a part of the forest

where a Boreal Owl was allegedly seen we saw a couple of **Stock Doves** that put up a brief appearance which we admired through the van windows. The hopes of finding a Boreal Owl were short lived as a pair of **Ural Owls** appeared in their territory meaning that there was little chance the Boreal was still there. On our way back to the guest house we saw around 4 wild boars feeding (possibly baited) and unintentionally dazzled a **Woodcock** with our van lights that was crossing street.



Top: Crested tit and bottom: Marsh tit

Day 6

1st April - Soomaa NP

We headed back to the scenery of Soomaa NP with the main targets being the **Capercaillie** and **Hazel Grouse**. The day kicked off really well with a **Nutcracker** making itself heard from the forest. It did not take long before it offered cracking views singing from atop of a tree just in front of us that can be seen in Figure 14.



Nutcracker offering cracking views singing atop of a tree, observed on 1st April 2022

The forest was alive with woodpecker drumming and tits chirping but the **Hazel Grouse** still eluded us until we flushed one and flew deep into the forest. Unfortunately that proved to be the only sighting of it. We were met with the same fate with the **Capercaillie** but decided to remain at the same place hoping it would return but the bird had none of it and remained unseen. However the day was not over yet and we had time to take a good look at the geese present in Audru Polder. The fields were flooded with mixed flocks of **Greater White-Fronted Geese**, **Tundra Bean Geese** and the occasional **Barnacle Goose** which were seen in the thousands. We stopped occasionally to scan the big flocks en route to look for a different species of Geese. It was a pleasant surprise when we spotted a **Pink-footed Goose** blending amidst the flock of bean and greater white-fronted geese.

Complete Trip List

Common Name	Latin	Description
Gray Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Seen in Padise and Audru always in pairs
Hazel Grouse	<i>Tetrastes bonasia</i>	Flushed and headed deep into the forest
Western Capercaillie	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	Flushed and headed deep into the forest
Black Grouse	<i>Lyrurus tetrix</i>	Seen twice, first time grazing in Tuhu Bog
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Present
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Present
Bewick's Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Present
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Present
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Flock seen once at Haapsalu, Lääne-Virumaa.
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Present
Tundra Bean Goose	<i>Anser serrirostris</i>	Seen in flocks of thousands
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	One among a flock of white-fronted and bean geese
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Seen in flocks of thousands
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Present in good numbers
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Seen migrating on 2 days
Steller's Eider	<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>	Circa 60 wintering at Saaremaa
Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Seen migrating
Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Commonly seen migrating and close to shore in Sõrve
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Frequently seen where habitat is suitable
Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	Noted at Puise and Sõrve
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Common observation during sea watching
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Seen occasionally during sea watching
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Present occasionally
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Seen from Puise
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Frequently observed
Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Seen at Puise
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	3 birds seen at Audru Polder
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	Noted at Puise and Sõrve
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	Common during sea watching sessions
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Present
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Noted at Puise, Sõrve and at Audru Polder
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Noted at Puise
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Noted at Saaremaa harbour
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Noted at Saaremaa
Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Noted at Saaremaa
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	Occasionally present near Padise and Soomaa NP
Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Present
Eurasian Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	2 birds observed in Saaremaa
Western Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Noted at a reed bed in Audru area
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Noted at a reed bed in Audru area
Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Common in harbours
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	Present
Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	2 birds seen migrating off Undva Point
Arctic Loon	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	1 bird noted migrating off Undva Point
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Seen flying and building nest close to Klaaramanni
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Frequent sightings
Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Noted at Puise and Soomaa NP
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Present
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Noted at Puise, Sõrve and Tallinn harbour
Eurasian Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Circa 80 noted at Padise area
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Noted occasionally during sea watching
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Present

Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Noted from Sõrve
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Seen from Sõrve
Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Noted on Saaremaa and Soomaa NP
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	8 birds noted at Puise
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	A lone bird seen in Audru Polder
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Noted at Sõrve
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Present
Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Present
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Present
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Occasionally during sea watching sessions
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	2 birds seen migrating from Undva Point
Eurasian Pygmy-owl	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>	2 seen not far from our guest house at Saaremaa
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Heard only
Ural Owl	<i>Strix uralensis</i>	Noted at Padise area and Soomaa NP
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Seen flying in Soomaa
Western Marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Female seen from Altmõisa guest house
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Noted occasionally from van
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Noted at Matsalu NP and Soomaa NP
White-tailed Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Present
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Seen twice at Paikre OÜ & Audru Polder
Rough-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	Noted at Audru Polder
Eurasian Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Present
Grey-faced Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	Seen at Haapsalu
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	Only sighting in Soomaa NP
Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>	Couple of sightings in Soomaa NP
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>	Only bird noted at Audru Park
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>	Seen at Haapsalu
White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>	Noted in Soomaa NP
Great spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Present where habitat is suitbale
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Noted at Padise area and Audru
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Noted at Sõrve
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Occasional sightings in Soomaa NP
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Frequently in Soomaa NP
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Present
Northern Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	1 Bird observed in Pärnu forest
Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Present
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Present
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Present
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Present
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	Observed once at Soomaa NP
Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	Noted at Sooma NP
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	Noted at Sooma NP
Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>	Noted at Sooma NP
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Present
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Present
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Occasionally seen in meadows
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Present
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Seen at Haapsalu
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Noted at Padise and Soomaa NP
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Noted at Soomaa NP and Audru park
Northern Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Noted at Soomaa NP
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Present
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Common in Soomaa forest
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Noted at Padise area and Saaremaa
Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Present
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	1 bird noted at Undva Point
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Noted at Soomaa NP
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	While driving through Audru
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Present
Bohemian Waxwing	<i>Bombicilla garrulus</i>	Flock of 22 in Kotlandi, Saaremaa
Duncock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Heard migrating in Soomaa NP

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Present in residential areas
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Noted in fields at Puise and Tallinn
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Occasionally heard and seen in meadows
Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	Single bird noted at Sõrve
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Present
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Noted at Jaamaküla and with a chaffinch flock
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Noted at Undva Point
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Usually in pairs present during forest birding
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	Occasionally noted at Soomaa NP and Tallinn
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	Present
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	2 birds observed in Saaremaa
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Noted in Soomaa NP
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	Present
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Noted in small flocks at Puise and Undva
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Present
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Common where habitat is suitable
Total: 129		

Mammal List:

Common Name	Latin	Description
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Seen in Padise area
Elk	<i>Alces alces</i>	2 females observed close to Altmõisa guest house
Wild hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Observed running near Puise
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	Seen feeding in Saaremaa
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	Good numbers in Saaremaa
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Noted at Sõrve
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Feeding at Soomaa NP possibly baited by hunters
Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>	Noted at Soomaa NP
Arctic Hare	<i>Lepus arcticus</i>	Noted at Soomaa NP