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USI Guesthouse Lawn at Cape Kolka: Migrant magnet



Forests and Lakes typical of Kemeru NP



Mersraga Coastal Reserve on the Baltic Sea

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Common Cranes migrating over Cape Kolka



Karlis and Comghal birding Kemer NP

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This was a trip that had been long anticipated by us because it would yield several lifers for me and many more for Comghal. We would concentrate on the eastern warblers with additional targets in the woodpecker and owl species. In birding timing is everything and we knew that the owls and woodpeckers would be much harder in late May than in April. However we also wanted the summer visiting warblers, so we chose late May for a compromise. Unfortunately we fell between two stools, the owls and woodpeckers proved extremely difficult to find and the warblers were late this year due to the weather patterns. Finding rare / scarce birds is sometimes *the triumph of hope over reality* with the additional *right place wrong time* expression thrown in, this was the case for us.

Thursday 19th May : Dublin to Riga

We flew with Ryanair from Dublin to Riga approximately 3 hours some of it quite bumpy as we neared Latvia. We arrived at 22:00 and were met by our guide for the entire week [Karlis Millers](#) of [birdinglatvia.lv](#). We proceeded immediately to our hotel in the Kemer National Park, the Valguma Pasuale, which is an excellent location to explore the park.

Friday 20th May: Kemer National Park / weather showery rain until 15:00, then overcast

We initially intended to go for an early morning walk but due to the inclement weather we birded from our balcony before breakfast at 09:00. The apartment balcony overlooking the lake was one of the bonuses of this excellent hotel.

Birds of note seen from the balcony were, **Common Crossbill**, **Pied Flycatcher**, **Spotted Flycatcher**, **Willow Tit**, **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, **Gooseander**, **Goldeneye**, **Long-tailed Tit** *ssp.caudatus*.



Crossbill



Willow Tit *ssp borealis*

After an excellent but prolonged breakfast due to the rain we set out around 11:00 to drive to one of the many lakes in the region. Our first stop was to be a tower overlooking a marsh, it had a roof so we could shelter from the rain which by this time was intermittent. Along the way we picked up several species:-

Marsh Harrier, **Greylag Goose**, **Common Crane**, **Pochard**, **White Stork**, **Common Sandpiper**, **Common Snipe**, **Cuckoo**, **White Wagtail**, **Sedge Warbler**, **Willow Warbler**, **European Pied Flycatcher** and **Hawfinch**.

At the tower itself we saw **Icterine Warbler**, **Whinchat**, **Song Thrush**, **Mistle Thrush**, **Siskin**, **Serin**, **Hooded Crow**, **Eurasian Jay** and **Magpie**. As the rain began to ease we walked back to the car and drove to a second tower hide. The road ran between two reed filled lakes and we were constantly scanning the edges for birds and very soon we came across four **Savi's Warblers** singing at the reed edge. We were able to get excellent views of this bird that is normally quite difficult to see. Also present were **Reed Buntings**, **Common Sandpiper** and several **Yellow Wagtails** *sp thunbergii*.



Savi's Warbler

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Arriving at the second tower hide the rain started again and luckily for us it was only a short walk to the reach shelter. The bird life at first was distant, **Common Terns**, **Whiskered Terns**, **Little Gulls**, **Black-headed Gulls**, **Herring Gulls**, **Red-necked Grebes**, and a very distant but very recognisable **White-tailed Eagle**.

Standing under the tower roof we could constantly hear the 'boom' of the **Eurasian Bittern** but not see it! However after 20 minutes not one but two birds flew past the tower, unbelievable to see them metres away.

Other birds around the tower were, **Black Terns**, **Marsh Harriers**, **Yellow Wagtails**, **Lesser Whitethroats**, **Common Whitethroats**, **Penduline Tits**, **Common Starling**, **Blackcaps**, **Reed Buntings** and **Whinchats**.

With the rain over we headed off on the long drive to the Ziemupe wilderness area and another of our target birds, **Parrot Crossbill**. After searching for over an hour without success, we proceeded to our second night's accommodation the Manor House Hotel in Ziemupe .



Eurasian Bittern



Marsh Harrier

Saturday 21st May: Ziemupe-Cape Kolka / weather overcast in the morning followed by rain showers .

Comghal and I got up at 06:00 and went for an early morning walk before breakfast. The grounds around the hotel were full of birds and we soon picked up several new birds for the trip, **Thrush Nightingale**, **Common Rosefinch**, **Redpoll** *ssp flammea*, **Greenfinch**, **Grey Wagtail**, **Goldfinch** and **Chaffinch**.

We left hotel at 10:00 and headed back to the Ziemupe wilderness area to resume our search for **Parrot Crossbill** but once more we failed to find them after a three hour search.

Early afternoon we drove north towards Cape Kolka, stopping at several points along the way picking up birds as we went such as **Goshawk**, **Black Woodpecker**, **Black Grouse**, **Golden Oriole**, **Bullfinch**, **Great Grey Shrike**, **Red-backed Shrike**, **Hen Harrier** and **Green Sandpiper**.

The primary targets in the afternoon were **Capercaillie** and **Hazel Grouse** but after a lengthy search of several forest tracks we failed to find them but we did manage to find **Pygmy Owl** , one of our prime targets . An unusual find whilst driving up and down the forest tracks was a very confiding **Woodcock** sitting at the side of the road.



Common Rosefinch



Black Grouse Lek



Pygmy Owl



Woodcock

We arrived at the cape at 19:00 hours and went straight to guesthouse US1 , our accommodation for the next two nights. We booked a brand new modern cabin just 200m from the cape. The cabin was first class! After dinner at a local café in the village we went for a good night's sleep.

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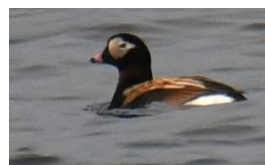
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Sunday 22nd May : Cape Kolka / weather sunny with wispy clouds at times

At last better weather was forecast for the next few days at least and as usual Comghal and I got up at 06:00 for an early walk before breakfast. Cape Kolka was only a few hundred metres from the cabin, so we decided to go for a walk along the beach, to see what we could find. Sea conditions were good with a moderate NE wind, resulting in quite a few birds near shore, notably **Common Scoter**, **Velvet Scoter**, **Goldeneye**, **Long-tailed Duck**, **Goosander**, **Black-throated Diver**, **Mallard**, **Barnacle Goose**, **Sandwich Tern**, **Common Tern**, **Herring Gull**, **Great Black-backed Gull**, **Black-headed Gull**, and **Baltic Gull**

Following the bracing walk along the beach we returned to Guesthouse USI for a wonderful breakfast. We would now be spending the next day and a half exploring the birdlife around the cape. Karlis did say it would depend on wind direction and speed, as to what was about. We first explored the bushes in and around the cape and it certainly was as good as was hoped for, **Yellow Wagtails** *ssp thunbergii/ flavissima* were by far the most abundant migrant, 100+ birds on the guesthouse lawn. Also noted around village were **Red-breasted Flycatchers**, **Tree Pipits**, **Garden Warblers**, **Hawfinches**, **Bullfinches**, **Common Rosefinch**, **White Wagtails**, **Meadow Pipits**, **Skylarks**, **Fieldfares**, **Northern Wheatear**, **Common Redstarts**, **Black Redstarts** and **Spotted Flycatchers** everywhere

Back at the guesthouse Karlis had found a **Bluethroat** *ssp sveccia* in the vegetable garden. The bird, sitting in a bush a few metres from where the gardener was working. As the day got warmer in the sunshine we spent the afternoon in the garden watching the sky for migrating birds. Prominent among the migrants were **Common Buzzards**, **Common Cranes**, **Black-throated Divers**, **Greater Scaup**, **Redwings**, **Fieldfares**. Single birds noted were **Red-footed Falcon**, **Lesser Spotted Eagle**, **Hobby**, **White-tailed Eagle**, **Marsh Harrier**, **Goshawk**, and at least seven or more **Sparrowhawks**. At 18:00 we called it a day and walked back to the USI Guesthouse and then to the village for dinner. On the way back from dinner Comghal said I wouldn't be surprised if we 'jammed' a **Nightjar** and indeed that was the case. A fitting end to a wonderful day's birding.



Long-tailed Duck



Herring Gull *ssp amissus*



Yellow Wagtail *f flavissima*



thunbergii



Red-breasted Flycatcher



Garden Warbler



Lesser Whitethroat



Common Redstart

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Monday 23rd May : Cape Kolka -Mersraga - Kemeru NP / weather sunny with light SE winds

Monday 06:00- 12:00 we spent biding around the cape apart from our leisurely breakfast at the guesthouse.

It appeared a lot of the birds that were here yesterday had taken note of the favourable wind change overnight and left. There certainly was quite a fewer number of birds around but birds that we did see were still of interest notably, several **Chiffchaff** *ssp abietinus* had arrived along with a mixed flock of **Hawfinches**, **Bullfinches**, **Chaffinches** and **Siskins**. Single birds seen were **Osprey** and **Honey Buzzard**. There was also a noticeable increase in **Red-backed Shrikes** and **Garden Warblers**, **Common Buzzards**, **Northern Wheatear**, **Tree Pipits** and out at sea **Long-tailed Ducks** and one **Osprey**.

After a light lunch we headed east again along the Gulf of Riga towards Mersraga coastal marsh in search of new birds for the trip. Two hours later we arrived at the marsh stopping several times along the way to scan the coast for migrating birds.

The marsh consists of a long reed bed behind a sandy bar and our main target here was **Citrine Wagtail** which we eventually found after a 30 minute search.

Additions to our list here were **Temminck's Stint**, **Greenshank**, **Dunlin**, **Sanderling**, **Ruff**, **Black-tailed Godwit**, **Bar-tailed Godwit** and **Whimbrel**. Also present was a single **Vevet Scoter** about 200 metres offshore, giving excellent views.



Velvet Scoter



Pied Flycatcher



Spotted Flycatcher



Chiffchaff *ssp abietinus*



Citrine Wagtail



Tree Pipit



Skylark

After an hour the birding began to slow up with nothing new found so we decided to go for dinner in the nearby town . This was after we learnt our hotel's restaurant does not open on Monday evenings. Arrived back at Valguma Pasuale Hotel in the Kemeru National Park and went to bed.

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Tuesday 24th May : Kemeru NP- Lubans Wetlands / weather mostly sunny with some cloud in the evening

Comghal, Karlis and I met up at 07:00 and went for a walk around the hotel environs and they are quite stunning with a river and lake adjacent to the hotel. Within minutes of leaving hotel we saw **Long-tailed Tit** *ssp.caudatus* in the trees at the hotel carpark. We then went along the riverside walk and observed **Grey-headed Woodpecker**, **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, **Icterine Warbler**, **Goosander**, **Raven**, **Jackdaw**, **Siskin**, and finally as we approached the hotel entrance we spotted a **Black Woodpecker** and the fenno-scandia race of **Nuthatch** *ssp.europaea* having a whitish breast instead of the rust buff tones of western european birds.



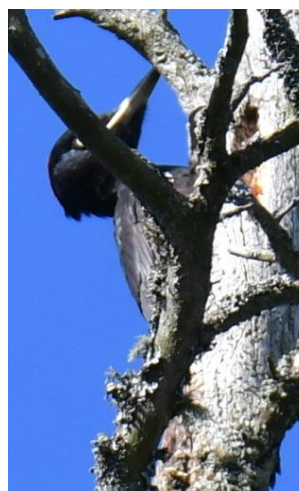
Icterine Warbler



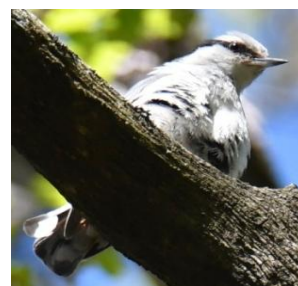
Long-tailed Tit *ssp.caudatus*



Grey-headed Woodpecker



Black Woodpecker



Nuthatch *ssp.caudatus*

After breakfast we set out on the long drive, 250 Km to the Lubans Wetland area in eastern Latvia near the Russian border. Along the way we made a couple of stops, the first yielding our only **Marsh Warblers** of the trip, a pair at a riverside stop near Riga. The final stop was for lunch at a roadside café and this rewarded us with good views of two **Red Kites** hunting along the edge of the motorway.

As we approached our destination around 19:00 hours, for a two night stay, the Stikani Guesthouse we noted two more birds for the trip, five **Stock Doves** in a ploughed field and a covey of **Grey Partridge** near the roadside.

The Guesthouse was in a superb setting beside a lake and you could bird virtually from your window the surrounding gardens, **Golden Oriole**, **Thrush Nightingale**, **Yellowhammers**, **Willow Tit**, **Goldfinch**, **Bittern**, **Black Terns** could all be heard as we un-packed our luggage.

After a quick cup of coffee Karlis and Comghal left at 21:00 for a one hour drive to see if they could find a **Great Snipe** lek, which they did after a 20 minute search.

I on the other hand went for a evening walk along the lakeside road to a chorus of **Bittern**, **Thrush Nightingales**, **Black Terns** and **White-winged Black Terns**



Red-necked Grebe in the evening sunlight at Stikani Guesthouse



Grey Partridge



Black Tern



White -winged Black Tern

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Wednesday 25th May : Nagli Ponds-Lubans Wetlands / weather mostly sunny with some slight showers later on

Penultimate day of the trip and as usual Comghal and I went for an early morning walk, joined by Karlis later at 07:00.

As we were watching a **Red-Necked Grebe** in the early morning light, Comghal noticed a smaller grebe amongst the **Great-Crested Grebes** and in fact it turned out to be our only **Slavonian Grebe** of the trip. He also found a pair of **Garganey** for good measure. Above our heads were a number of **Black Terns** and **White-winged Black Terns**.

As usual after a sumptuous breakfast put on by our host, we headed out to visit the nagli Ponds - Lubans Wetlands complex. It wasn't long before we were thrilled to observe three **Montagu's Harriers** in display mode, two males and a female. We watched the trio for over ten minutes before moving on along the track.

We continued to search the ponds for our target bird which had been reported there the previous day, namely **Marsh Sandpiper** and after an hour long search Karlis eventually found it along with several other waders.

As we continued along the pond tracks we came across seven **White-tailed Eagles** circling in the sky. Also present were several **Common Buzzards** and two **Lesser Spotted Eagles**. It was Karlis's opinion that there was likely a carcass in the area to draw in so many eagles.

We then spent the afternoon looking for target species that we had missed but apart from a **Wryneck**, we failed to connect with any.

After a field lunch we headed back to the Lubans Wetlands to look for two more of our target species. We heard one, River Warbler but after a half an hour we decided to give up when Karlis heard our second target bird and within a few minutes he had found it showing low down in a bush. It was **Blyth's Reed Warbler**, a great find to end the day. We were delighted that at last we had found another eastern warbler to add to the Marsh Warbler we saw the previous day.



Montagu's Harriers in display flight



Marsh Sandpiper



Blyth's Reed Warbler

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Thursday 26th May : Nagli Ponds-Lubans Wetlands / heavy rain early morning followed by drizzle and then showery.











Our last day and Karlis pulled all the stops out to try and find those elusive warblers, Booted and Greenish. This year they were late in and timing is everything in birding, it just wasn't to be. We also visited several sites for our missing woodpeckers but once again no luck but we did find a **Middle Spotted Woodpecker** near Riga.

Comghal and I would like to thank **Karlis for his phenomenal birding skills** in finding the birds for us. We would like to thank our hosts , Valguma Pasaule Hotel in Kemer NP, Manor House Hotel in Ziemupe, USI Guesthouse in Cape Kolka and finally the Stikani Guesthouse in the Lubans Wetlands Reserve. All were exceptionally friendly and helpful. The food first class!



Middle Spotted Woodpecker

Species List :

English Name	Latin Name	Notes	Notes
Swan, Mute	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Seen at several locations	
Swan, Whooper	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Seen at several locations	
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere	
Goose, Barnacle	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	One bird at Cape Kolka	
Duck, Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Seen at several locations	
Duck, Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Pair at Stikani Guesthouse	
Duck, Goldeneye	<i>Buceplala clangula</i>	100+ off Cape Kolka	
Duck, Long-tailed	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	10 off Cape Kolka	
Duck, Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Seen at several locations	
Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Seen at several locations	
Scaup, Greater	<i>Aythya Aythya marila</i>	100+ off Cape Kolka	
Scoter, Common	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	100+ off Cape Kolka	
Scoter, Velvet	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Cape Kolka and Mersraga	
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Cape Kolka and Mersraga	
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Seen at several locations	
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Seen at several locations	
Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Seen at several locations	
Partridge, Grey	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Lubans area	
Grouse, Black	<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>	Saw twice Ziemupe and Kolka	
Diver, Black-throated	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	40+ at Cape Kolka, migrating	
Grebe, Great Crested	<i>Crested Podiceps</i>	Two birds at Stikani Guesthouse	
Grebe, Little	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Kemri NP and Lubans Wetlands	
Grebe, Red-necked	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Kemri NP and Lubans Wetlands	
Grebe, Slavonian	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Saw once at Stikani Guesthouse	
Cormorant, European	<i>Phalacrocorax ssp sinensis</i>	Seen at several locations	
Shag, Eastern	<i>Phalacrocorax demarestii</i>	Seen at Kolka and Mersraga	
Egret, Great White	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere	
Stork, Black	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Saw twice Ziemupe and Lubans	
Stork, White	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Saw only one at Kolka	
Buzzard, Common	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Seen daily , 50+ at Kolka	
Buzzard, Honey	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	One seen at Kolka	
Eagle, Spotted Lesser	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Seen in three different areas	
Eagle, White-tailed	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Kemeri NP , 7 in Lubans area	
Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Seen at several locations	
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Seen mostly at Kolka , migrating.	
Harrier, Hen	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	One bird seen north of Ziemupe	
Harrier, Marsh	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere	

Long-tailed Duck at Cape Kolka

Velvet Scoter at Cape Kolka

Honey Buzzard distant bird at Cape Kolka

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Harrier, Montagu's	Circus pygargus	3 birds at Nagli ponds.
Kite, Red	Milvus milvus	2 birds near Riga
Hobby	Falco subbuteo	One bird at Kolka
Kestrel, Common	Falco tinnunculus	Seen daily almost anywhere
Falcon, Red-footed	Falco vespertinus	One bird at Kolka
Coot, Eurasian	Fulica atra	Seen daily almost anywhere
Moorhen, Common	Gallinula chloropus	Seen daily almost anywhere
Lapwing, Northern	Vanellus vanellus	Seen daily almost anywhere
Plover, Ringed Little	Charadrius dubius	Kolka and Mersraga
Plover, Ringed	Charadrius hiaticula	Kolka and Mersraga
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	Mersraga 100 +
Godwit, Bar-tailed	Limosa lapponica	Kolka and Mersraga
Godwit, Black-tailed	Limosa limosa	Kolka and Mersraga
Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	Mersraga one bird
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	Mersraga one bird
Sanderling	Calidris alba	Mersraga 10+
Sandpiper, Green	Tringa ochropus	Seen at several locations
Sandpiper, Marsh	Tringa stagnatilis	One bird at Nagli Ponds
Snipe, Common	Gallinago gallinago	Two birds seen at Nagli Ponds
Snipe, Great	Gallinago media	Several seen at a Lek
Stint, Temminck's	Calidris temminckii	One bird at Mersraga
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	One bird at Mersraga
Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	One bird roadside near Kolka
Gull, Baltic	Larus f. intermedius	Several Kolka and Mersraga
Gull, Black-headed	Larus ridibundus	Seen daily almost anywhere
Gull, Great Black-backed	Larus marinus	Seen at several locations
Gull, Herring	Larus argentatus	Seen at several locations
Gull, Lesser black-backed	Larus fuscus graellsii	Seen at several locations
Gull, Little	Larus minutus	KemerINP and Lubans
Tern, Black	Chlidonias niger	KemerINP and Lubans
Tern, Black White-winged	Chlidonias leucopterus	KemerINP and Lubans
Tern, Common	Sterna hirundo	Seen daily almost anywhere
Tern, Sandwich	Sterna sandvicensis	100+ at Cape Kolka
Tern, Whiskered	Chlidonias hybrida	KemerINP, several birds
Dove, Collared	Streptopelia decaocto	Kolka and Lubans area
Dove, Stock	Columba oenas	Several birds in Lubans
Dove, Turtle	Streptopelia turtur	One bird at Kolka
Pigeon, Wood	Columba palumbus	Seen daily almost anywhere
Cuckoo	Cuculus canoris	Seen daily almost anywhere
Owl, Pygmy	Glaucidium passerinum	Found at one site only
Owl, Tawny	Strix aluco	Seen in headlights near Kolka
Nightjar, Eurasian	Caprimulgus europaeus	Seen in headlights at Kolka
Swift, Common	Apus apus	Seen daily almost anywhere
Woodpecker, Black	Dryocopus martius	One bird at hotel Kemer NP
Woodpecker, Great Spotted	Dendrocopos major	Seen at several locations
Woodpecker, Grey headed	Picus canus	One bird at hotel Kemer NP
Woodpecker, Mid. Spotted	Dendrocopos medius	One bird seen near Riga
Wryneck, Eurasian	Jynx torquilla	One bird seen , Lubans Wetlands
Lark, Sky	Alauda arvensis	Seen at several locations
Martin, House	Delichon urbicum	Seen daily almost anywhere
Swallow, Barn	Hirundo rustica	Seen daily almost anywhere
Pipit, Meadow	Anthus pratensis	Seen daily almost anywhere
Pipit, Tree	Anthus trivialis	Several birds seen
Wagtail, Citrine	Motacilla citreola	Saw one bird at Mersraga
Wagtail, Grey	Motacilla cinerea	Individuals, Ziemupe / Riga
Wagtail, White	Motacilla alba	Seen at several locations
"Grey-headed" Yell.Wagtail	Motacilla flava thunbergii	50+ at Kolka migrating
Blackbird	Turdus merula	Seen daily almost anywhere



Montagu's Harrier at Nagli Ponds



Marsh Sandpiper at Nagli Ponds



Little Gull at Lubans Wetlands



Pygmy Owl



Citrine Wagtail at Mersraga

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Thrush, Mistle	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Nightingale, Thrush	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Thrush, Song	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	One bird at Kolka
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i> <i>svecia</i>	One bird at Kolka
Redstart, Black	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Redstart, Common	<i>Phoenicurus phoen.</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Wheatear, Northern	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Two birds at Kolka
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Warbler, Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus colly. abietinus</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Warbler, Garden	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	3 birds seen at Kolka
Warbler, Icterine	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Warbler, Marsh	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Two birds seen near Riga
Warbler, Reed	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Warbler Reed, Blyth's	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	1 bird seen in Lubans Wetlands
Warbler, Reed Great	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Warbler, Savi's	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	4 birds seen in Kemer NP
Warbler, Sedge	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Warbler, Willow	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Warbler, Wood	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Whitethroat, Common	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Whitethroat, Lesser	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Flycatcher, Pied	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Flycatcher, Red-breasted	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	2 birds seen at Kolka
Flycatcher, Spotted	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Tit, Blue	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Tit, Crested	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	One seen at Cape Kolka
Tit, Great	<i>Parus major</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Tit, Long-tailed	<i>Aegithalos cau.</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Tit, Penduline	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	Seen at Kemer NP and Lubans
Tit, Willow	<i>Poecile montanuskleinschmidtii</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea caesia</i>	One bird at hotel Kemer NP
Shrike, Grey Great	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Saw birds at three locations
Shrike, Red-backed	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Crow, Hooded	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Jay	<i>Gar.glandarius</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Sparrow, House	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Sparrow, Tree	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Ziemupe hotel / Kolka
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Several at Kolka
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.
Crossbill, Common	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Saw several times over week
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Saw several times over week
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coc.</i>	Saw several times over week
Linnet, Common	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Redpoll, Mealy	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	One bird Ziemupe hotel
Rosefinch, Common	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Serin, European	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Seen daily almost anywhere
Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	Saw several birds over week
Bunting, Corn	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Saw one bird in Lubans area
Bunting, Reed	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Kemer NP and Lubans
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Seen daily, in suitable habitat.



Whinchat at Kemer NP



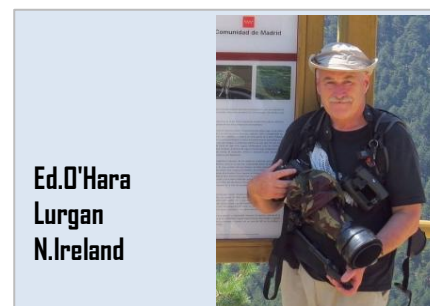
Wood Warbler at Kemer NP



Penduline Tit at Lubans Wetlands



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