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Photos: Tawny Owl (Gina Nichol), Syrian Woodpecker (Gina Nichol), Eastern Imperial Eagles (Steve Bird), Little Owl (Paul Wolter), Pygmy Cormorant (Steve Bird), Long-eared Owls (Gina Nichol)



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Day 1 - 14 Jan: The first of us arrived in Belgrade on a beautifully sunny morning made brighter by a fresh, fluffy blanket of snow. Our local agent Dragana was there to meet us and give us our first lessons in Serbian geography and culture. She pointed out when we crossed over the Sava River officially into the Balkans. We settled into our **historic hotel** in the heart of Belgrade and welcomed Steve when he arrived later in the day. We celebrated our arrival with a delicious dinner and anticipated our impending Serbian adventure.



Day 2 - 15 Jan: After breakfast we met Milan and Dragana and embarked upon a walking tour from our hotel to Kalemegdan Park and the Belgrade Fortress. Along the way, Dragana continued



our education about the history of Belgrade while Milan interjected notes of nesting Alpine, Common, and Pallid Swifts right in the city center during the warmer months of the year. He made sure to point out the National Museum, the largest and oldest museum in Belgrade built in 1844. We gazed at the entrance area with twin columns leading up to a large green dome. Atop the clock in front of the dome was a **sculpture of an Eastern Imperial Eagle, Serbia's national bird**. Little did we know that this may have been a sign of things to come.

A Red Squirrel greeted us as we entered Kalemegdan Park. We slowly walked along and ticked our first official birds of the trip: Common Wood-Pigeons, Coal Tit, Eurasian Blue Tit, a number of Great Tits, Hooded Crow, Common Chaffinch, and Black Redstart. Excitement ensued when, all at once, a pair of **Hawfinches** landed in trees nearby offering great views.



We arrived at the Fortress and took in the view of Veliko Rano Ostrvo, the “Great War Island” situated in the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers. Dragana pointed out the floating bars and nightclubs on the west side of the Sava River. There were Pygmy Cormorants (a lifer for Paul and Maureen) perched near the shore just where the rivers met and also we spotted several diving in the river. The Great Cormorants were in attendance and offered a great comparison of size and flight pattern.



We spent some time bird watching at the Sava and Danube confluence taking in that we were indeed in the very heart of Belgrade. This area is an official IBA (Important Bird Area) and one of the best birdwatching sites in Serbia. Milan also noted that White-tailed Eagles had been nesting in the area (12 pairs!) on the Great War Island at the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers, the only records of this species nesting in a city. Talk about Urban Birding! Thank you to David Lindo for enlightening us about Serbia and convincing us to come. A few minutes later Gina spotted a large bird flying up the Sava River toward the island. It was a second year White-tailed Eagle!



From the overlook at the fortress we had flyover Black-headed Gulls, a Yellow-legged Gull, Eurasian Coot, Eurasian Magpie, and a distant Grey Heron. On the top of the fortress, we chased down the call and had great looks at **Syrian Woodpeckers** (lifer!) and a Great Spotted Woodpecker.

We moved on to another spot a little downstream overlooking on the Danube and were greeted by about two dozen Mute Swans at the water edge. In the river we had more Pygmy and Great Cormorants, a dozen or so Common Pochard, a Common Gull (European) among the many Black-headed, another Grey Heron, and a high flying Common Buzzard.



It was time for a “snack” so we went to Dragana’s house and enjoyed a variety of traditional Serbian fare along with nice brandy and Vana’s special Turkish coffee. Later on we walked to the bohemian section of Belgrade, Skadarlija, for dinner. Town was relatively quiet and we had a room in the restaurant to ourselves with visits from local musicians and artists.

Day 3 - 16 Jan: We packed up and departed Belgrade as the sun was rising on another clear, crisp, gorgeous day. Sunday morning traffic was light and soon we were in the outskirts of the city where we made our first stop at a canal that was filled with

Pygmy Cormorants. Another fresh layer of snow had fallen over night and as we drove along the snowy road, Grey Herons kept emerging out of the reeds and our first Common Moorhens were seen.



We arrived at a gate to a farm where Milan had connections to get us into the private property which included a large fishing pond, several pools, a small farming operation and a nice trail that wound around a larger lake. The Grey Herons and Pygmy Cormorants looked nice in the morning mist. We heard a Green Sandpiper fly by and then looked at one perched on the side of one of the pools. We spent some time working on some gulls and identified Caspian and Yellow-legged.

We looked over the lake and saw some birds in the distance so decided to embark upon what we later

realized was an ambitious walk around the big, mostly frozen lake. Fortunately the trail was flat and the weather perfect so the 5.5 mile walk was quite a birdy and enjoyable way to work off the amazing meals we had been enjoying so far. As we started down the trail, a number of Common Pheasants seemed to be running ahead of us and there were trees full of Common Buzzards and Wood Pigeons and small groups of Reed Buntings flying around. There were a couple of Marsh Harriers about including a close flyover and a lovely adult White-tailed Eagle drifted by. A tree along the trail held a few European Greenfinches. Meanwhile, we kept hearing **Bearded Reedlings** getting closer to the trail and finally saw a small group feeding on the tops of the reeds. They were busy and eventually came right up to the side of the trail allowing great views. Around the same time, some large skeins



of Greater White-fronted Goose (more than 1100) with about twenty Greylags mixed in flew over the lake.

On the other side of the trail, a Common Kingfisher flew by quickly as we were working on finding the **Penduline Tits** we had been hearing. During the walk, we found several old Penduline Tit nests and finally came upon a flock of birds at the edge of the trail where a couple of nice males showed really well. Along the walk we had a couple of Eurasian Robins, Eurasian Collared-Doves in numbers, about two dozen Common Buzzards (both light and dark morphs, plus a single tree that held eight individuals), Reed Buntings, and at least 45 Grey Herons.



Finally we were rounding the lake to get close to that original group of birds that had enticed us. A Eurasian Kestrel appeared as did a Sparrowhawk. As we neared the birds in the open water, we first noted about 60+ Common Snipe in the shallows and in spectacular light. Beyond them were about two thousand Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) with a few Common Shelduck and a Northern Shoveler or two mixed in. A lone Water Pipit was seen and there were thousands of Black-headed Gulls in the distance.



After a stellar morning, we found lunch in a local restaurant in our own designated area away from other people and enjoyed some excellent soup that warmed us up nicely. We continued driving on to Novi Sad checking Great Egrets, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Eurasian Kestrel, and Eurasian Magpie along the highway. In Novi Sad, we did a short tour of Petrovaradin Fortress as the sun was going down. Looking over the river we could see thousands of Gulls flying up the Danube to roost, mostly Black-headed (5000+) with a few Yellow-leggeds mixed in. A group of Great Cormorants and more than 80 Rooks also joined the parade against the backdrop of a gorgeous sunset over Novi Sad city.



We continued to Kikinda in the dark and entered the town in a thick ground fog. The fog was freezing to the tree branches creating a gorgeous frosted look accented by the lights of the city. We walked a short distance along the pedestrian mall to our lovely hotel in the heart of Kikinda. After settling in, we met for dinner and to review of list of our spectacular day.

Day 4 - 17 Jan: When we woke up this morning there were 10 **Long-eared Owls roosting in the trees right outside our windows**. Perched in leafless trees, they were easy to see and even easier from our second floor bedrooms. Leaving the curtains open, I got back into bed to see if I could see them from my bed. I could! Amazing! After breakfast, we walked around the town square and found 53 Long-eared Owls in an hour. The excitement of the owls roosting in the crystalline frosted tree branches added a special magic touch to the morning.





We checked the nearby school yard which accommodated several Long-eareds roosting in open birch trees and then inspected a variety of evergreens to find our quarry. The birds were perched 20 feet or more high, so out of reach but in good view. They did not seem interested in us rather they were puffed out for warmth and most had their eyes closed, resting from the previous night's hunt.

Milan was just as excited as we were about the spectacle and shared his knowledge and many stories about what he had experienced with the birds. Some of the buildings had **owl motifs** built into them indicating that this phenomenon had conceivably been going on for a long time. There were information boards around the square (and still many holiday decorations) and the local people seemed to enjoy our infatuation with the birds sometimes pointing to the birds as they passed.



With dozens of owl sightings under our belts, we decided to explore some other local areas. The first park offered a number of Common Moorhens walking on some grass near a frozen stream. The birds moved toward the stream and skated off into the reeds as we approached only to walk back out onto the grass as we passed. Several Rooks were around and seemed to be watching us and there were three Mute Swans on a mostly frozen pond.



The second park was quite quiet except from some Eurasian Blackbirds and a Sparrowhawk. A flock of Hawfinch flew among the tree tops as we walked to the far end of the park. Milan was pointing out some holes in a tree trunk and telling us about the bats that used them in the warmer months. Gina followed the trunk up and found a roosting **Tawny Owl** in a higher cavity. Milan was quite excited about this unexpected bird, a first for him at this park in Kikinda. The bird was a reddish morph and quite tucked in but we managed some decent photos.

Before heading back to the hotel for lunch, we toured the “House of Owls”, an internationally recognized and awarded destination that combined some historical architecture and owl décor.

In the afternoon we explored a little further afield heading toward the village of Mokrin. We made a stop just outside of town for a **Little Owl** perched in a chimney of a private home. Looking mean, the bird peered out of its chimney glaring at us with big yellow eyes. We continued into town and visited four different Long-eared Owl roost sites in close proximity near the center of town. The streets were quiet so we could hear and track down two Great Spotted Woodpeckers.



From Mokrin, we headed out to survey the farm fields and make stops for birding. Both male and female Hen Harriers showed well coursing over the open habitat. Common Buzzards, Magpies, Eurasian Kestrels, several Rooks and Hooded Crows were all in attendance as was a Fieldfare and 11 Common Cranes that flew over. At the Hen Harrier stop, Milan pointed out a Steppe Mouse nest and told us about their neat natural history.

Later on we headed back to Kikinda for the afternoon owl show. As the sun went down it cast a gorgeous pink sky over the town. We met in the town square and checked the Long-eared Owls that began to stretch and fly out of their daytime roost trees eventually leaving town to hunt. We tallied nearly 20 birds just from our vantage point near the “owl” sign.



We had started and ended the day with owls. What could be better!

Day 5 - 18 Jan: We awoke to another sunny, cold morning and another bunch of Long-eared Owls in the trees outside our windows. After breakfast, we checked the owls in the town square and had at least a dozen in the pine tree right in front of the hotel. We drove to Bašaid Village and checked the trees in the village. In the school yard, there were 34 Long-eared Owls perched together soaking up the morning sun. We inspected the trees to count the birds while local people were making their morning visit to the local grocery. Did they know that a Long-eared Owl was perched in a tree right above the doorway?





When we tore ourselves away from the owls, we noted a Eurasian Sparrowhawk around and a few Eurasian Jackdaws. A lone Greater White-fronted Goose flew over and a flock of nearly 50 Common Cranes whirled in the sky above the village. We walked through an archway to the back of the building where a **Black Redstart** was posing nicely on the roof.



Outside of Bašaid Village, we surveyed the grasslands and fields finding more Greater White-fronted Geese and Common Cranes. A Eurasian Marsh-Harrier made an appearance as did a Hen Harrier, Common Buzzard, and kiting Eurasian Kestrels. The usual Eurasian Magpies were around as were Rooks and Hooded Crows and this was the only place that we had European Starlings on the tour. Our first Brambling was seen and there were flocks of Eurasian Linnets and European Goldfinch. A Corn Bunting did its best to hide in a bush and we had about six Reed Buntings along the road.

We stopped at a canal bridge for a quick look and had our first Little Grebe and then went on to our main attraction, the **Slano Kopovo Special Nature Reserve**. This unique reserve is one of the last preserved salt land marshes in Vojvodina and holds important habitat for both breeding birds and wintering cranes and geese. Looking out over the expansive grassland habitat to a distant frozen pond, we surveyed the area and planned our walk as Milan told us about the birds of the reserve. He counselled us to look out for Eastern Imperial Eagles as he had hoped to further document their presence here.



Not long after we started out, two large birds appeared in the sky – **Eastern Imperial Eagles!** The two birds proceeded to put on a show that included flying together, rolling in the sky, talon locking, falling, and then rolling again. What a sight! As we watched the two, we could see that one had a satellite tracker on its back. Plumage told us that these were immature birds and, as we marvelled at their antics, a third Eagle flew in! Three in one place! What an incredible spectacle. We were in awe and enjoyed a National Geographic moment, a show like no other. The birds eventually flew away, over the fields across the road from where our van was parked.



We could see the ice covered pond in the distance with lots of Greater White-fronted Geese (1000+). There were even more Common Cranes (3000+) flying in all directions over and beyond the pond. A couple of White-tailed Eagles flew in and put up some of the birds. As we scoped the ice, Milan spotted another Eastern Imperial Eagle feeding on a carcass on the ice – a fourth bird for sure as the others had exited stage right! Wow! Four Eastern Imperial Eagles in the space of an hour and a half. What a place!

We continued to scan adding Roe Deer to our mammal list and more raptors including Eurasian Marsh-Harrier, Hen Harrier, Common Buzzard, and Eurasian Kestrel. Meadow Pipits were seen in the grasses and flying over the open fields and a group of Brambling showed well in a bush as we returned to the van.

After another great morning, we found a soup lunch in town and then got our Great Grey Shrike near Tisa. Thanks to Gorin's excellent driving skills we all had great views of the birds from the van.

We stopped near a lock to scope the Tisa River and had Great Cormorant, Grey Heron, six Little Grebes, Coots, Moorhens, and another Eurasian Sparrowhawk.

On to **Fantast Castle** we checked the trees and found Eurasian Collared-Doves, Common Chaffinch, a larger flock of Brambling, and a few European Greenfinch. The evergreens near the castle held 4 roosting Long-eared Owls and a Little Owl flew out of an old stable building.



On the way back toward Kikinda, we stopped at Novi Bečej and found 20 Long-eared Owls roosting in one tree in the back courtyard of the local museum. Our last stop of the day was at another section of Slano Kopovo Special Nature Reserve at sunset. The bright orange sun lit up the thousands of Common Cranes (5000+) coming in to feed in the fields and roost for the night. There were skeins of Greater White-fronted Goose flying in to roost as well and a couple of White-tailed Eagles drifting by.



We drove back to Kikinda toward a pink full moon low on the horizon looking huge! At dinner we reviewed another fabulous day and made plans for our trip to western Serbia for the remainder of the tour. As I packed my bags after dinner, I realized how hard it was going to be to leave this magical place. But there was more adventure ahead.

Day 6 - 19 Jan: We awoke to another lovely winter day complete with owls outside of our windows. We took some time to visit the Terra Museum and summer workshop and birded the grounds of both spots. Syrian Woodpecker was the star here with at least three around in a territorial dispute with a Great Spotted Woodpecker. A short stop at a fishing canal and frozen pond offered our first Long-tailed Tits as well as more Hawfinch, and a couple of Penduline Tits working the reeds. Overhead there were several Great Cormorants along with large flocks of whirling Common Cranes and Greater White-fronted Geese.



Along the drive south and west to Zlatibor, we had our only Red Fox of the trip sat up on some silage rolls. Little Owls were spotted on buildings in the villages and Hen Harriers roamed over the fields. We enjoyed another gorgeous red sunset followed by a large pink full moon. We enjoyed a delicious dinner near Milan's home town and arrived late in the evening in snowy Zlatibor.

Day 7 - 20 Jan: This morning we headed out of the snowy town of Zlatibor into the mountains. At the River Uvac Bridge we enjoyed our first views of the beautiful winding gorge that is the symbol of this area. At Zlatar Lake, the water level was low and there were houseboats moored reminiscent of warmer days. At Radoinja Lake, we birded around some cabins under the pines at the lake edge. Birds were thin on the ground but we added Wren and Mistle Thrush.



Later in the morning we arrived at Serbia's only **Griffon Vulture colony** and a feeding station set high on a hilltop. There were many carcasses of farm animals being picked clean by Common Ravens and Magpies but it was the massive Eurasian Griffon Vultures that stole the show. They seemed to be everywhere in the skies above soaring effortlessly about the stunning landscape. We scoped the hillside and counted about 75 vultures, some with wing tags. At one point, a couple of birds flew right over our heads as if to check us out. Were we standing still for too long? Did we look like a meal?

After watching the vultures for a while, we explored the area and Gorin once again demonstrated his superior driving skills getting us up a snowy hill to look at a town that is much more alive in summer.

We stopped for lunch at a quiet, roadside restaurant and were immediately welcomed in and offered home-made plum brandy. The brandy warmed us up while we watched a **Eurasian Green Woodpecker** perched on a tree in the back garden. There were more Mistle Thrush around and some Chaffinches working any bare ground areas they could find. The owner of the café, a man named Njejos, told us the story of how he found an injured Griffon Vulture some years back and nursed it back to health for six months. His name was Njejos, as were the name of the vulture he saved and the name of his café.



Day 8 - 21 Jan: We awoke to another 6” of snow covering the “Golden Pine” town of Zlatibor. After breakfast, we began our journey back toward Belgrade ascending through the mountains and along the River Drina. Gorin expertly navigated the snowy roads into the mountains as we enjoyed more stunning landscapes. We stopped to take a look at the Kadinjača Monument memorializing the 29 November 1941 Battle on Kadinjača. The imposing white granite monoliths of the monument as well as the 'bullet hole' were covered with snow and looked massive and resilient perched on top of the hill.



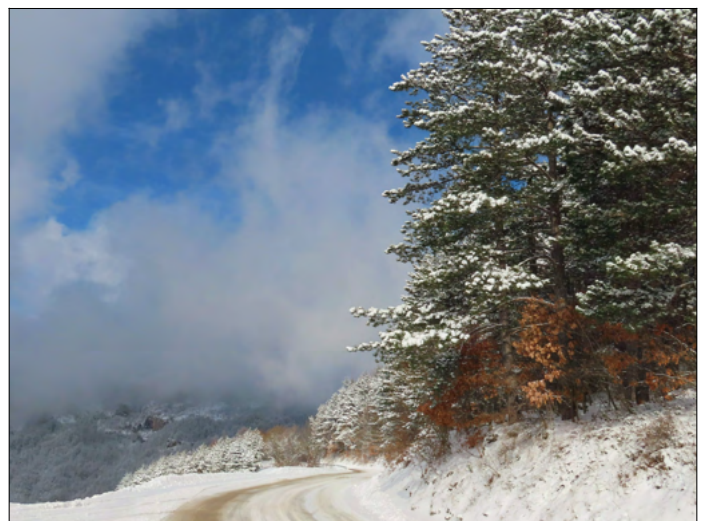
We headed down to the Drina stopping to look at the famous “House on Drina”, the subject of an award winning photograph in National Geographic. The wooden cabin is thought to provide respite for tired swimmers but there was no swimming today as the snow blew sideways across the river. Looking to the other side of the river, we took in views of Bosnia-Herzegovina, another country that was once part of the Yugoslavia. Birds in the snow included Common Ravens and Hooded Crows.



As we gazed at the House, a Grey Wagtail flew up the river in the sideways snow flying into the whiteout. The snow didn't seem to bother the Great Cormorants that were flying up and downstream. We stopped at a nearby café which had possibly the best hot chocolate in Serbia. Outside a group of Long-tailed Tits flew along the river edge and the usual Great and Blue Tits and Chaffinch were seen from the viewing platform. Further up the river, a pair of Common Mergansers was working the far shore. Was that in Serbia or Bosnia?

Our route took us up over the mountains via snow covered roads and more gorgeous scenery.

We found lunch in a small restaurant to sample some local fare not offered in the city and then continued back to Belgrade ticking Great Grey Shrike, Great Egret, Grey Heron and several Eurasian Kestrels along the way.



Back in Belgrade in the evening, Dragana met us for our final dinner in Serbia. We enjoyed her warm hospitality and another lovely meal before retiring to our rooms to prepare for our journey home.

Day 9 - 22 Jan: This morning after breakfast we transferred to the airport of Belgrade again in the snow. We said good bye to wonderful Serbia looking forward to future visits and taking with us many memories of the owls and other special moments.



Photos by Gina Nichol, Steve Bird, Paul Wolter, & Maureen Wolter.



BIRD LIST SERBIA 2022

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	Common name	Scientific name	# days seen	High count	Notes
1	Greylag Goose	Anser anser	1	20	Flock flying over Veliko Blato
2	Greater White-fronted Goose	Anser albifrons	4	1100	Numbers at Slano Kopovo as well as flyovers in many areas
3	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	6	23	Largest group seen in the Danube in Belgrade
4	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	1	7	Veliko Blato
5	Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	1	1	One at Veliko Blato
6	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	5	100	
7	Gadwall	Mareca strepera	1	NC	Distant across Danube River
8	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca	1	2000	Concentrated in the open water at Veliko Blato
9	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina	1	11	Danube River from Belgrade
10	Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	1	NC	Distant across Danube River
11	Common Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	1	10	Running ahead of us on the trails at Veliko Blato
12	Rock Dove	Columba livia	7	nc	Common around cities and villages.
13	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	4	250	Most seen at Veliko Blato
14	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	4	65	Seen around villages
15	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	4	24	Walking on grass and then frozen canal at park in Kikinda
16	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	4	150	Many in Sava River seen from Kalmagden Park
17	Common Crane	Grus grus	6	5000	Many feeding and flying over at Slano Kopovo.
18	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	2	4	In canal at Tisa
19	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	1	60	Many foraging in mudflats at Veliko Blato
20	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	1	2	At the edge of the fish pools at Veliko Blato
21	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	5	10,000	in Novi Sad coming in to roost at dusk
22	Common Gull	Larus canus (European)	1	1	In the Danube River at Belgrade
23	Caspian Gull	Larus cachinnans	1	2	On the ice with Yellow-

					leggeds at Veliko Blato
24	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	3	25	Seen around water at Veliko Blato and the Danube and Sava Rivers
25	Pygmy Cormorant	Microcarbo pygmaeus	2	200	Many in the canal on the way to Veliko Blato. Also perched around fish pools
26	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	6	50	Sava River and mixed with Pygmys at Veliko Blato
27	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	7	50	At least 50 at Veliko Blato around ponds and in canal
28	Great Egret	Ardea alba	3	6	Seen along the road in open fields near water
29	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus	1	75	Conservative count at Vulture reserve near Zlatibor
30	Eastern Imperial Eagle	Aquila heliaca	1	4	Amazing views at Slano Kopovo. Two talon locking, a third flying in to the two, and the fourth on the ice feeding on a carcass.
31	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	6	4	Over open fields and also hunting in town parks.
32	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	3	4	Good views at Veliko Blato
33	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	4	3	Two flying over fields near Mokrin
34	White-tailed Eagle	Haliaeetus albicilla	4	4	First seen flying up Sava River toward River Island. Others seen at Slano Kopovo
35	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	7	25	Many at Veliko Blato. Trees full of them!
36	Little Owl	Athene noctua	3	1	Best views on chimney of private house
37	Long-eared Owl	Asio otus	4	75	A spectacle in Kikinda as well as a few other small towns in the area.
38	Tawny Owl	Strix aluco	1	1	Perched in tree cavity in park in Kikinda
39	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	1	1	Veliko Blato
40	Syrian Woodpecker	Dendrocopos syriacus	3	3	First seen at Belgrade fortress, then again at Terra in Kikinda.
41	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major	5	2	Best views at Belgrade Fortress
42	European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis	1	1	Perched behind a cafe in the mountains.
43	Common/Eurasian	Falco tinnunculus	5	4	Seen kiting over fields

	Kestrel				
44	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	1	1	One seen at Slano Kopovo
45	Great Grey Shrike	Lanius excubitor	2	1	Perched on corner near Tisa River
46	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	4	2	In park in Kikinda
47	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	7	20	Common, daily sighting
48	Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	5	12	Around villages
49	Rook	Corvus frugilegus	6	2000	Big congregation around BEG airport
50	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	5	150	Numbers around various villages and in farm fields
51	Northern Raven	Corvus corax	3	75	Seen in more remote areas
52	Coal Tit	Periparus ater	4	4	In flocks with other tits in wooded areas
53	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	6	10	In flocks with other tits in wooded areas
54	Great Tit	Parus major	6	6	In flocks with other tits in wooded areas
55	Eurasian Penduline Tit	Remiz pendulinus	2	8	Nice views at Veliko Blato
56	Bearded Reedling	Panurus biarmicus	1	12	Nice views at Veliko Blato
57	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis	1	1	Heard mostly, seen flying
58	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	1	1	Heard, brief views
59	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus	2	11	group at fishing camp moving in trees
60	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	2	2	Skulky around reedy areas
61	Common/Eurasian Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	1	9	Distant views at Slano Kopovo
62	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	5	3	Seen in the mountains in the south mostly
63	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	6	3	Singing in Kikinda after dark. Seen in parks.
64	Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	2	1	Flying around fields outside Basaid
65	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	2	6	Seen along trail at Veliko Blato
66	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros	2	2	Best views on roof behind grocery store at Bašaid Village
67	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	3	30	Largest group at Veliko Blato in reeds
68	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	4	12	Mixing with Tree Sparrows and also around villages
69	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	1	1	River Drina near "House" in river
70	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	1	1	Kalmagden Park in Belgrade

71	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	1	16	Groups flying at Slano Kopovo
72	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	1	1	One bird foraging mudflatst at Veliko Blato
73	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	6	8	Seen in village parks
74	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	2	4	In bushes at Slano Kopovo
75	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	4	7	Nice views at Belgrade fortress
76	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	4	6	At Sebeš Canal and a few other spots
77	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	2	20	Flock flying around fields outside of Basaid
78	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	3	50	Large flock flying around fields outside of Basaid
79	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	1	1	Heard flyover
80	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	1	1	Single bird in fields outside Basaid
81	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	3	20	Nice views on bushes outside Basaid and at Slano Kopovo
MAMMALS					
1	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	3	25	In fields along the road and also at Slano Kopovo
2	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>	1	2	In Kalemegdan Park on the first day
3	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	1	1	Seen along the road sitting on a silage roll on the day we headed south from Kikinda.
4	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	3	3	Often running in fields



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