



Sunrise Birding, LLC

POLAND SPECIES LIST

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SPECIES		SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMENTS
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	One seen by Ann at Dojlidy fish ponds, Another seen by Nina.
2	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Two superb breeding plumage birds at Dojlidy fish ponds.
3	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Seen on 4 days with maximum of 8 on one day.
4	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Seen flying over on 5 days with biggest group of six on the last morning in Goniadz.
5	Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba alba</i>	Seen on 4 days with a huge count of 200 in the wetlands at Rus.
6	Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Seen in small numbers up to 10 on 7 days.
7	Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Several birds heard giving their "Booming" call from large reedbeds on 3 days. One seen by Bernie flying over a marsh.
8	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Seen on 4 days with max of 8 at various sites including Rus, on the 29 th .
9	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Common. Many seen every day including several close nests with young.
10	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Seen in small numbers on 7 days.
11	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	One with a numbered neck band seen at Pulwy.
12	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	A few seen on 3 days.
13	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	A lone bird was seen at Pulwy.
14	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Just the odd one or two seen on 4 days
15	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Singles seen on two days.
16	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Common and seen most days.
17	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	An excellent duck to see. We had some good views and saw this species on 4 days
18	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Up to 3 seen on on 3 days.
19	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Seen on 4 days with a maximum of 6 birds.
20	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Four were seen well on Dojlidy fish ponds.
21	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	A female flew quickly over the forest in the evening while we looked for Beaver on 28 th .
22	European Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Seen on 2 days with best views near entrance gate to restricted reserve at Bialowieza.
23	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	One seen in flight after leaving Wojde.
24	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	A rare bird here. We saw one flying around at Siemianowka.
25	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Seen on 5 days with some excellent sightings of both adults and immature birds.

			Max 4 on one day.
26	Western Marsh-harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Seen in small numbers every day with maximum of 8 seen on the 30 th .
27	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Single males seen on 3 days. Also 3 birds on the 30 th .
28	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	One seen flying around with flock of Starlings at Zbojna and another near Tykocin.
29	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Very brief views for some of a female flying across the track in front of bus at Bialowieza.
30	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Small numbers seen on 7 days.
31	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Seen on 3 days with best views of a bird perched on a small bush one morning at Bialowieza.
32	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	One seen hovering along road as we left Warsaw.
33	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Three birds seen well around meadows at Zbojna.
34	Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Heard on several days. Heard within 20 feet while watching Great Snipes at lek.
35	Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	We heard one individual close but in deep sedges while walking back at Mscichy.
36	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Seen on 2 days.
37	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	A few seen on 3 days.
38	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	Seen on 5 days with up to 50 on the 29 th .
39	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	One seen very well at Brzostowo and another on rail track at Siemieniakowszczyzna.
40	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	As many as 10 seen on every day.
41	Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Up to 6 seen in evening of first day while looking for Beaver and another 3 when we were looking for Pygmy Owl on 2 nd
42	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	One of the highlights of the trip! After a wet walk at dusk we scanned a rise in the reed bed and eventually got superb views of up to 4 birds displaying. It would have been nice to be 7ft tall!
43	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Great to see and hear birds performing their display flights on 4 days.
44	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Seen on 5 days with scope views of breeding birds at Rus and Mscichy.
45	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	A few seen on 3 days with 4 flying past at Lawki Marsh.
46	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Seen displaying on 3 days with 6 at Mscichy.
47	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	One bird seen before lightning stopped play at Siemianowka.
48	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	One seen from tower hide at Mscichy.
49	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	One seen flying away at Siemianowka.
50	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	One seen Zigmund August Lake. Small groups seen in flew over Siemianowka.
51	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Common and seen every day with highlight of hundreds of raucous birds breeding at Dojlidy fish ponds. The chicks were cute!

52	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Seen on 5 days with best count of 20+ at Pulwy.
53	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	Up to 6 seen fishing over marsh at Siemianowka.
54	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	Seen on 4 days with biggest count of 40 at Rus.
55	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Numerous on 5 days with biggest count of this stunning tern being 250 at various sites including Rus and Pulwy on 29 th .
56	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Seen on 5 days with superb views of up to 50 birds at Rus and Pulwy.
57	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	Two seen flying past on the 2 nd .
58	Feral Pigeon	<i>Colomba livia</i>	Seen on most days of trip.
59	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Seen every day of tour.
60	European Turtle-dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Two birds flying away at Tykocin were too quick to make it onto most people's lists.
61	Eurasian Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Seen around habitation on 5 days of tour.
62	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Heard on 7 days but we struggled to get perched views and only saw birds in flight on 4 days.
63	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	A very obliging chick showed off perched atop of a small pile of brush in the restricted reserve at Bialowieza.
64	Eurasian Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>	This one proved tough with flight only views on two days near Bialowieza. Also heard calling.
65	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Seen everyday.
66	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	After checking the quarry at Tykocin which was abandoned we were lucky to find a flock of 8 birds on wires at Dubiny. Seen on 2 days there!
67	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	A lone bird performed well on telegraph wires at a site on our return to Warsaw.
68	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	One heard calling at Zbojna and a distant bird seen perched on a fence post at Wolka.
69	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	One was heard on our last day and one seen well by half the group who were visiting a church in Bialowieza.
70	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	One bird showed well perched on the side of a small tree just inside the gate to the restricted reserve at Bialowieza.
71	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>	One seen well on morning walk and a pair seen later that day at a nest hole in the restricted reserve in Bialowieza.
72	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Seen on 2 days.
73	Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>	A pair visited their nest hole twice while we watched in the restricted reserve, Bialowieza.
74	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	A pair of these magnificent birds came to their nest hole near the zoo at Bialowieza.
75	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	A single bird flew past before we reached the gate at the restricted reserve but I think only Gina and myself saw it.

76	Gray-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	A single bird flew over and landed on a tree for reasonable views before visiting its nest hole and then disappearing in Bialowieza.
77	Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	We saw several on our first day around hotel at Nowogrod and also at Zbojna.
78	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Mostly heard singing on at least 6 days, but seen well on the ground at Mscichy.
79	Sand Martin/Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Seen in sandy areas including the quarry on 3 days.
80	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common and seen everyday.
81	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	Seen around towns and villages every day.
82	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	One seen at quarry at Tykocin and a couple more singing at stops on our return to Warsaw.
83	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	One seen well on a fence post at Wolka.
84	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	A few seen but best were around boardwalk at Lawka Marsh.
85	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Common and seen in small numbers every day.
86	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Seen in quite good numbers near wetlands on at least 5 days.
87	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Two were seen on our long walk at Mscichy.
88	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Heard on one day at Bialowieza. We then had superb views of a bird singing for 5 minutes at the restricted reserve, Bialowieza.
89	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	One seen at Kosy Most, Bialowieza.
90	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	A few seen on 3 days around Bialowieza.
91	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	We heard this species singing on most days and saw it well on a few days during the morning walks.
92	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Some excellent views were had at Osowiec and also seen near Tykocin.
93	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Seen on 6 days in and around towns.
94	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	A nice male showed well at Zbojna perched on wires.
95	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Seen on 4 days including 3 at Pulwy.
96	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	One seen on rocky waste ground near Brzostowo
97	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Seen in small numbers every day.
98	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Common and seen every day.
99	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Seen on 3 days with plenty around Palace Park, Bialowieza.
100	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Seen in fields on our return to Warsaw.
101	Common Grasshopper-warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Heard calling on 3 days.
102	River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	Heard once and then seen by most at Kosy Most, Bialowieza.
103	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	Good views of up to 5 birds on our long walk at Mscichy.
104	Aquatic Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>	Up to 4 were heard and seen well through scope from boardwalk at Lawki. Another showed at the Great Snipe lek

105	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Seen on 4 days we had some very good views especially at Dojlidy fish ponds.
106	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Heard on a few days and eventually a few seen well at Zigmond August lake.
107	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	We saw a couple at Nowogrod and also at Tykocin and near Bialowieza.
108	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Seen on 5 days with some very nice views of this noisy bird at Dojlidy fish ponds and along the Narew and Biebrza rivers.
109	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Seen on 6 days at a variety of sites with many good views.
110	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Seen on 3 days with some good views.
111	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Heard more than seen but we had some good views on three days.
112	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Seen well and recorded on 4 days.
113	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	One of the first and last species we saw on the trip seen on 5 days.
114	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	Just one singing bird on early morning walk at Bialowieza.
115	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	We heard a few and saw this species on 3 days.
116	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	After hearing them for 5 days we eventually got good views of a singing bird near the Snipe lek.
117	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	We had good views around Bialowieza, including the Palace Park.
118	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	We heard one singing at Kosy Most but could not see it.
119	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Seen on 3 days with plenty around Bialowieza area.
120	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	We saw 3 males in the restricted reserve, Bialowieza as well as one near the zoo.
121	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	A superb male showed well in the restricted reserve, Bialowieza.
122	Marsh Tit	<i>Parus palustris</i>	A few were seen on our final morning walk in the Palace Park, Bialowieza.
123	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>	A family of 4 birds showed well in the palace Park on our final morning.
124	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	A few seen on 5 separate days.
125	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Seen around Nowogrod and also at the Palace Park, Bialowieza.
126	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Several birds including a family party showed well in the restricted reserve, Bialowieza.
127	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Seen on 2 days with best views of one at Kosy Most, Bialowieza.
128	Eurasian Penduline-tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	We heard plenty and saw a bird briefly at a nest in Osowiec. Superb views at a nest in Dojlidy fish ponds.
129	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Heard on at least 5 days with several views including a male perched in dead tree at Nowogrod.
130	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio [cristatus]</i>	Fairly common and easy to observe on wires and scattered shrubby areas. Seen on 7 days.
131	Great Gray Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Seen on 3 days including feeding young at

			Wolka.
132	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Seen on 3 days with best views on final morning walk at Palace Park, Bialowieza.
133	Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Fairly common and seen every day.
134	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Common and seen every day everyday.
135	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Not too many but seen on 4 days.
136	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Plentiful and easily seen on most days.
137	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Singles and pairs seen on 4 days.
138	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common and seen every day.
139	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Seen around habitation every day.
140	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Common and easily seen every day.
141	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Seen in small numbers every day.
142	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Seen every day with some nice close views around Bialowieza.
143	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	A few seen on 4 days.
144	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Always a stunner, we saw a few on most days.
145	Eurasian Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Seen most days with good numbers at Pulwy.
146	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Heard a lot on 6 days and seen some nice males seen at various sites.
147	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	A couple flew over calling at Kosy Most but not really tickable views!
148	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Seen in flight a few times and eventually seen feeding on a track in the restricted reserve, Bialowieza.
149	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Common and seen in small numbers every day.
150	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	One seen well on wires at Brzostowo and another seen at disused quarry near Tykocin.
151	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	A few seen at reed bed sites on 5 days.
152	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	Seen well around Nowogrod at start of tour.

MAMMALS

1	European Beaver	<i>Castor fiber</i>	Some fresh gnawings and a couple of dams seen but no animals.
2	Elk	<i>Alces alces</i>	A very distant one at Lawki Marsh from boardwalk and another close one but pretty much ears only at Bialowieza.
3	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	A few seen on 4 days around Bialowieza.
4	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	Seen on 2 days including a nice view at Kosy Most in morning.
5	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	Seen on 4 days and often just ears sticking up in a field.
6	Martin?	<i>Martes or Mustela?</i>	A Martin species ran across the road one morning near Bialowieza. Too far away to identify it could have been Pine Martin, Beech Martin or even a Mink.

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>	Found twice around Bialowieza.
2	Edible Frog	<i>Rana esculenta</i>	Many seen in wetlands throughout the tour.

3	Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>	Heard in evening at Nowograd.
4	Fire-bellied Toad		Heard at many fish ponds but not seen.
5	Sand Lizard	<i>Lacerta agilis</i>	Saw a few at Pulwy and at Siemianowka.
6	Slow Worm	<i>Anguis fragilis</i>	Henryk found a dead one on the road.

Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	Singles seen on 4 days.
2	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Seen on 4 or 5 days.
3	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	Seen on a few days.
4	Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>	Common and seen most days.
5	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	A pair were seen at Kosy Most.
6	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	Several at Kosy Most.
7	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	A few seen around Kosy Most.
8	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	Just one at Kosy Most.
9	Large Copper	<i>Lycaena dispar</i>	One seen at Siemieniakowszczyzna.
10	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>	A few seen around Osowiec.
11	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>	Seen at Roller site.
12	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	Widespread and seen at many sites.
13	Poplar Admiral	<i>Limenitis populi</i>	A really good find we had one at entrance gate to restricted forest. I scoped it perched on tree. This butterfly is very hard to connect with as it only has one brood a year and adults are on the wing for only 8 - 12 days and need fine weather!
14	Peacock Butterfly	<i>Inachis io</i>	Singles seen on a few days.
15	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atlanta</i>	One on Sarah's foot and a couple of others seen.
16	Map Butterfly	<i>Araschnia levana</i>	Just one seen well at Kosy Most.
17	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>	A couple at Roller site.
18	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	A few seen around meadows.
19	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>	One or two near Roller site.
20	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	Widespread and seen on most days.
21	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	Seen in and around woodland glades on 5 days.
22	Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>	Several seen and photographed at Kosy Most.
23	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>	A few seen on at least 3 days.

Dragonflies

1	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	Very common and seen everywhere.
2	Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx vergo</i>	Good numbers seen.
3	Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	Widespread and plenty seen.
4	Common Bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>	Widespread and common.
5	Variable Bluet	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>	Widespread and common.
6	Azure Bluet	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>	Widespread and common.
7	Large Redeye	<i>Erythromma najas</i>	Seen on many wetlands including Narew River and different fish ponds.
8	White-legged Damselfly	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>	Several seen at Nowograd.

9	Green-eyed Hawker	<i>Aeshna isoceles</i>	Also called Norfolk Hawker these were common on wetlands especially around Bialowieza.
10	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>	One or two seen including Kosy Most.
11	Hairy Hawker	<i>Brachytron pratense</i>	Common and widespread with countless sightings including mating pairs at Osowiec.
12	Common Clubtail	<i>Gomphus vulgatissimus</i>	Seen by Lock Gate and also Osowiec.
13	Downy Emerald	<i>Cordulia aenea</i>	Very common and literally hundreds seen hawking insects over forest clearing around Bialowieza, in particular Kosy Most.
14	Brilliant Emerald	<i>Somatochlora metallica</i>	None confirmed except a dead one in the mouth of a White Wagtail.
15	Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>	Seen on 4 or 5 days and common around Bialowieza.
16	Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>	Just a couple seen.
17	Blue Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>	Reasonably common at Kosy Most.
18	Yellow-spotted Whiteface	<i>Leucorrhinia pectoralis</i>	Seen in good numbers at several sites including Pulwy.



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