

Bulgaria 2012

Colby to Heathrow (Norfolk, England, United Kingdom)

10/06/2012 06:22 to 10/06/2012 14:00
For Bulgaria trip

Common Buzzard [sp] (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	1
Common Kestrel [sp] (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	2
Eurasian Skylark [sp] (<i>Alauda arvensis</i>)	2

Sofia to Gabarevo (Bulgaria)

10/06/2012 14:00 to 10/06/2012 17:00
Dry sunny and wram

Arrive Sofia 13:40 local time after 2 1/2 hour flight British Airways Heathrow. Then 3 hour drive with Tisho guide to hotel for the week in Gabarevo

Eurasian White Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>)	23
Common Buzzard [sp] (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	1
Long-legged Buzzard [sp] (<i>Buteo rufinus</i>)	1
Eurasian Collared Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)	1
Common Cuckoo [sp] (<i>Cuculus canorus</i>)	1
European Bee-Eater (<i>Merops apiaster</i>)	1
Hoopoe [sp] (<i>Upupa epops</i>)	1
Eurasian Wryneck [sp] (<i>Jynx torquilla</i>)	1
Crested Lark [sp] (<i>Galerida cristata</i>)	1
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	3
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	15
White Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla alba</i>)	1
Grey Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>)	1
Song Thrush [sp] (<i>Turdus philomelos</i>)	4
Eurasian Blackbird [sp] (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	1
Common Nightingale [sp] (<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>)	1
Isabelline Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>)	2
Eurasian Nuthatch [sp] (<i>Sitta europaea</i>)	1
Red-backed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius collurio</i>)	1
Eurasian Magpie [sp] (<i>Pica pica</i>)	5
Common Starling [sp] (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	2
House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	3
Eurasian Tree Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer montanus</i>)	1
Chaffinch [sp] (<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>)	2
European Greenfinch [sp] (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	1
European Goldfinch [sp] (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	3
Hawfinch [sp] (<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>)	1
Corn Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	2
Cirl Bunting (<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>)	1

Gabarevo (Bulgaria)

11/06/2012 05:38 to 11/06/2012 18:19
Dry sunny clear and hot after morning mist

Arrive water garden hide 8am. There till 12:15. Break for lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon more photography.

Common Buzzard [sp] (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	1
Eurasian Collared Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)	2
Common Cuckoo [sp] (<i>Cuculus canorus</i>)	1
European Bee-Eater (<i>Merops apiaster</i>)	2
Hoopoe [sp] (<i>Upupa epops</i>)	1
Syrian Woodpecker (<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>)	2
Green Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Picus viridis</i>)	1
Crested Lark [sp] (<i>Galerida cristata</i>)	1
Eurasian Skylark [sp] (<i>Alauda arvensis</i>)	3
Wood Lark [sp] (<i>Lullula arborea</i>)	1
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	10
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	5
White Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla alba</i>)	2
Yellow Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla flava</i>)	
Eurasian Blackbird [sp] (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	1
Common Nightingale [sp] (<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>)	5
Sombre Tit [sp] (<i>Poecile lugubris</i>)	2
Great Tit [sp] (<i>Parus major</i>)	4
Common Blue Tit [sp] (<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>)	1
Eurasian Nuthatch [sp] (<i>Sitta europaea</i>)	2
Eurasian Golden Oriole [oriolus] (<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>)	2
Red-backed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius collurio</i>)	6
Woodchat Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius senator</i>)	3
Eurasian Jay [sp] (<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>)	1
Hooded Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus cornix</i>)	1
Common Starling [sp] (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	4
House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	5
Eurasian Tree Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer montanus</i>)	5
Chaffinch [sp] (<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>)	2
European Greenfinch [sp] (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	8
European Goldfinch [sp] (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	3
Common Linnet [sp] (<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>)	2
Hawfinch [sp] (<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>)	14
Corn Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	6
Black-headed Bunting (<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>)	2

Tazha (Bulgaria)

12/06/2012
Dry sunny and hot

All day in portable hides with break for lunch

Eurasian White Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>)	4
Long-legged Buzzard [sp] (<i>Buteo rufinus</i>)	1
Little Plover [sp] (<i>Charadrius dubius</i>)	2
Stock Dove [sp] (<i>Columba oenas</i>)	1

European Turtle Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>)	1
Common Cuckoo [sp] (<i>Cuculus canorus</i>)	5
Common Swift [sp] (<i>Apus apus</i>)	2
European Bee-Eater (<i>Merops apiaster</i>)	10
Hoopoe [sp] (<i>Upupa epops</i>)	3
Eurasian Wryneck [sp] (<i>Jynx torquilla</i>)	6
Wood Lark [sp] (<i>Lullula arborea</i>)	3
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	10
Red-rumped Swallow [sp] (<i>Cecropis daurica</i>)	1
White Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla alba</i>)	1
Eurasian Blackbird [sp] (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	2
Common Nightingale [sp] (<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>)	1
Isabelline Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>)	10
Great Reed Warbler [sp] (<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>)	2
Eurasian Golden Oriole [oriolus] (<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>)	5
Red-backed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius collurio</i>)	5
Woodchat Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius senator</i>)	2
Eurasian Magpie [sp] (<i>Pica pica</i>)	1
Hooded Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus cornix</i>)	2
Common Raven [sp] (<i>Corvus corax</i>)	1
Common Starling [sp] (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	25
House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	2
Chaffinch [sp] (<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>)	1
European Greenfinch [sp] (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	1
European Goldfinch [sp] (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	1
Corn Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	5

Tazha (Bulgaria)

13/06/2012

Dry, sunny and hot

Bee Eater photography in the morning then Susliks in the afternoon

Little Plover [sp] (<i>Charadrius dubius</i>)	
Eurasian Collared Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)	1
Common Cuckoo [sp] (<i>Cuculus canorus</i>)	2
European Bee-Eater (<i>Merops apiaster</i>)	10
Hoopoe [sp] (<i>Upupa epops</i>)	1
Crested Lark [sp] (<i>Galerida cristata</i>)	1
Eurasian Skylark [sp] (<i>Alauda arvensis</i>)	2
Wood Lark [sp] (<i>Lullula arborea</i>)	1
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	3
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	5
Isabelline Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>)	10
Great Reed Warbler [sp] (<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>)	1
Eurasian Golden Oriole [oriolus] (<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>)	1
Red-backed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius collurio</i>)	3
Lesser Grey Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius minor</i>)	1
Woodchat Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius senator</i>)	1
Hooded Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus cornix</i>)	1
Common Starling [sp] (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	15
Eurasian Tree Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer montanus</i>)	1
Chaffinch [sp] (<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>)	1
European Greenfinch [sp] (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	1
European Goldfinch [sp] (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	1

Hawfinch [sp] (<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>)	1
Corn Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	3

Tazha (Bulgaria)

14/06/2012

Overnight heavy thunderstorm cleared by morning. Cloudy start then sunny and warm

Great Reed Warbler to start with then White Stork nest and Susliks. After lunch garden hide for Hawfinches.

Black Stork (<i>Ciconia nigra</i>)	2
Eurasian White Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>)	8
Little Plover [sp] (<i>Charadrius dubius</i>)	1
Eurasian Collared Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)	1
Common Cuckoo [sp] (<i>Cuculus canorus</i>)	2
European Bee-Eater (<i>Merops apiaster</i>)	1
Great Spotted Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendrocopos major</i>)	3
Syrian Woodpecker (<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>)	2
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	2
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	2
White Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla alba</i>)	2
Eurasian Blackbird [sp] (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	1
Common Nightingale [sp] (<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>)	2
Isabelline Wheatear (<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>)	2
Great Reed Warbler [sp] (<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>)	2
Great Tit [sp] (<i>Parus major</i>)	3
Eurasian Golden Oriole [oriolus] (<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>)	1
Red-backed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius collurio</i>)	1
Eurasian Jay [sp] (<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>)	1
Hooded Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus cornix</i>)	3
Common Raven [sp] (<i>Corvus corax</i>)	1
House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	20
Spanish Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>)	4
Eurasian Tree Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer montanus</i>)	6
Chaffinch [sp] (<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>)	2
European Greenfinch [sp] (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	6
European Goldfinch [sp] (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	1
Hawfinch [sp] (<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>)	5
Corn Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	4

Tazha (Bulgaria)

15/06/2012

Clear sunny calm morning later cloud and stiff breeze from the north

Bee Eaters in the morning then general photography later

Eurasian White Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>)	
Northern Goshawk [sp] (<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>)	1
Common Cuckoo [sp] (<i>Cuculus canorus</i>)	1
Hoopoe [sp] (<i>Upupa epops</i>)	3
Eurasian Wryneck [sp] (<i>Jynx torquilla</i>)	1
Crested Lark [sp] (<i>Galerida cristata</i>)	4
Wood Lark [sp] (<i>Lullula arborea</i>)	1
Collared Sand Martin [sp] (<i>Riparia riparia</i>)	1

Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	3
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	6
White Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla alba</i>)	1
Yellow Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla flava</i>)	3
Eurasian Golden Oriole [oriolus] (<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>)	3
Red-backed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius collurio</i>)	2
Lesser Grey Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius minor</i>)	1
Woodchat Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius senator</i>)	3
Eurasian Magpie [sp] (<i>Pica pica</i>)	1
Hooded Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus cornix</i>)	1
Common Starling [sp] (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	10
House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	3
Eurasian Tree Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer montanus</i>)	2
European Greenfinch [sp] (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	1
European Goldfinch [sp] (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	1
Hawfinch [sp] (<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>)	1
Corn Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	2

Tazha (Bulgaria)

16/06/2012

Dry sunny and clear

Woodchat Shrike and Bee Eater photography with photography from vehicle window in afternoon

Eurasian White Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>)	5
Northern Goshawk [sp] (<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>)	1
Long-legged Buzzard [sp] (<i>Buteo rufinus</i>)	2
Booted Eagle (<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>)	1
Common Quail (<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>)	1
Eurasian Collared Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)	1
Common Cuckoo [sp] (<i>Cuculus canorus</i>)	1
Eurasian Scops Owl [sp] (<i>Otus scops</i>)	1
European Bee-Eater (<i>Merops apiaster</i>)	15
Hoopoe [sp] (<i>Upupa epops</i>)	1
Crested Lark [sp] (<i>Galerida cristata</i>)	2
Eurasian Skylark [sp] (<i>Alauda arvensis</i>)	1
Wood Lark [sp] (<i>Lullula arborea</i>)	
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	6
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	1
Red-rumped Swallow [sp] (<i>Cecropis daurica</i>)	1
White Wagtail [sp] (<i>Motacilla alba</i>)	3
Eurasian Blackbird [sp] (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	2
Common Nightingale [sp] (<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>)	2
Great Reed Warbler [sp] (<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>)	1
Eurasian Golden Oriole [oriolus] (<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>)	1
Red-backed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius collurio</i>)	6
Woodchat Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius senator</i>)	4
Hooded Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus cornix</i>)	2
Common Starling [sp] (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	4
House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	2
Eurasian Tree Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer montanus</i>)	1
European Greenfinch [sp] (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	1
European Goldfinch [sp] (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	1
Hawfinch [sp] (<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>)	1

Corn Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	5
Ortolan Bunting (<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>)	1
Black-headed Bunting (<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>)	1

Gabarevo to Sofia (Gabarevo, Bulgaria)

17/06/2012 06:42 to 17/06/2012 11:25

dry sunny and hot

Depart Gabarevo 09:15 for flight back to the UK Sofia. Stopped briefly en route.

Eurasian White Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>)	2
Long-legged Buzzard [sp] (<i>Buteo rufinus</i>)	2
Common Kestrel [sp] (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	1
Eurasian Collared Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)	1
Common Swift [sp] (<i>Apus apus</i>)	4
Eurasian Skylark [sp] (<i>Alauda arvensis</i>)	3
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	5
Northern House Martin [sp] (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	2
Common Nightingale [sp] (<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>)	1
Whinchat (<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>)	2
Marsh Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>)	1
Eurasian Golden Oriole [oriolus] (<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>)	1
House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	3
Spanish Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>)	2
European Goldfinch [sp] (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	3
Corn Bunting [sp] (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	1