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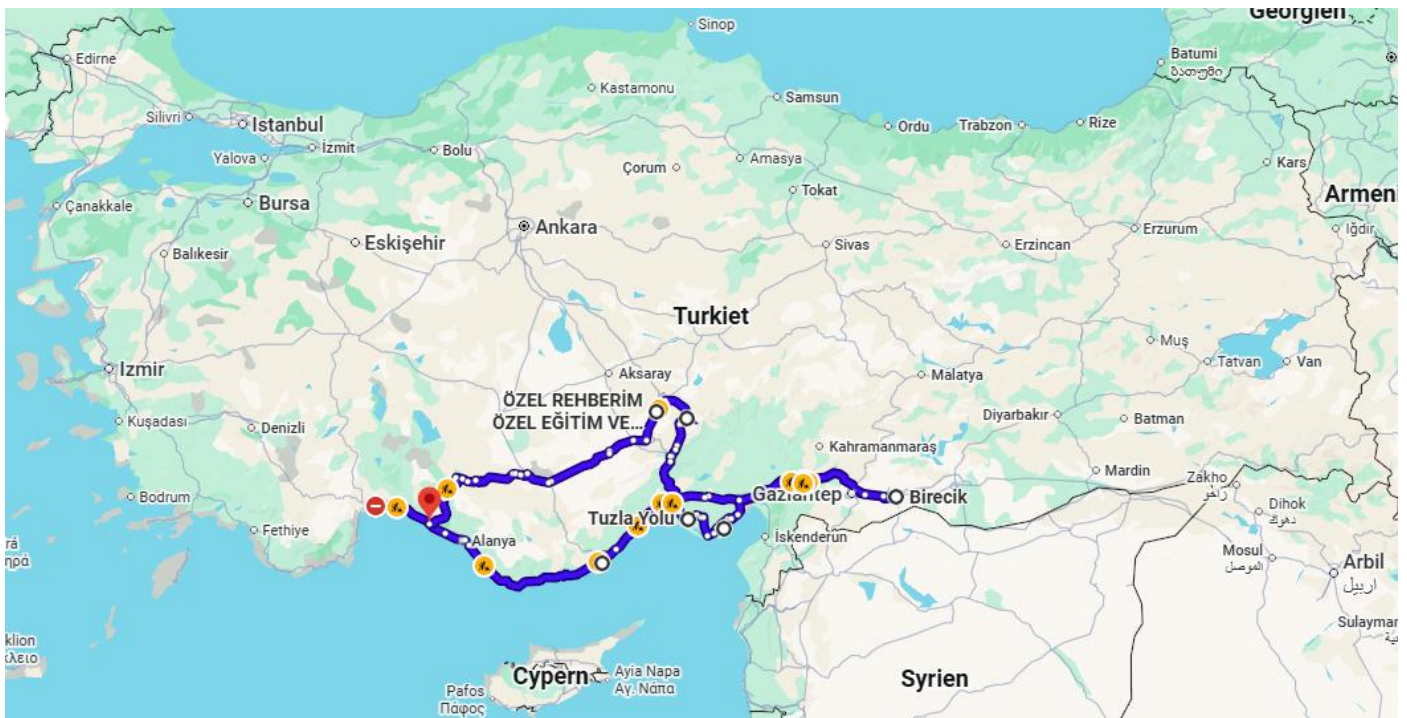


Birding at the base of the Aladaglar mountains

Introduction

The initial plan for this week's trip was to visit Jordan, but due to the ongoing conflict in the middle east we had to reschedule for Turkey instead, which turned out to be nothing but a success. The planning was a bit rushed, but we decided on flying to Antalya and birding our way east to Birecik, near the Syrian border. Turkey is a very easy country to bird, if you rent a car. The English is good in the larger cities, but very poor further east and around smaller villages, which was to be expected. The people are nice and very helpful; the language barrier could easily be worked around. The food we had the few times we visited restaurants was very good. The weather varied a lot between days and places, from 24 degrees and blazing sun to snow, hail and heavy thunderstorms. The landscape and scenery are breath-taking in most places, however there is severe littering in some good birding spots. Overall, we would absolutely recommend birding in this part of Turkey.

Visited locations



Above is an overview of the roads we took, throughout the report there are also GPS-coordinates to all major visited locations.

Diary

Note: the diary is written by Kasper, therefore when “I” have observed something it means Kasper has.

Saturday 28.3 - Sunday 29.3

The trip started with my train to Arlanda being almost two hours late, I ended up having to take a taxi the last hour and arrived at the airport just four minutes before the baggage check-in closed. Quite stressful, but it felt good to finally sit on the plane a short while later. The rest of the traveling was painless but slow and at 04:30 Sunday morning we had acquired the rental car and were on our way eastwards. There was a big thunderstorm in the Antalya-area, which followed us along the mediterranean sea. The sun rose when we passed Alanya and we saw the first birds of the trip: **Spur-winged lapwing** on the side of the road, a flock of **Pygmy cormorants** overhead and a **Palm dove** on a pole.

At 08:00 we had just passed the village Zeytinada and we made a stop to change drivers. Outside there was full activity in the slope by the road and Oscar quickly laid eyes on a superb male **Rüppell's warbler!** After 30 minutes of looking through the area we had also found the following:

Rüppel's warbler: 6

Eastern subalpine warbler: 5+

Collared flycatcher: 15

Pied flycatcher: 5

Stonechat: 2

Chiffchaff: 30+

Lesser whitethroat: 20

Common whitethroat: 2

Eastern orphean warbler: 1

Alpine swift: 100+

Pallid swift: 1

Skylark: 1

Red-rumped swallow: 10



Roadside east of Zeytinada

After gaining some energy from the birds we made a quick stop to buy some food and water in Anamur and then continued driving east along the sea. On the way we saw the first **Short-toed eagle**, **Glossy ibis** and **Black stork** of the week, with many more to come.

At 13:00 we arrived at the Göksu delta, huge lagoons surrounded by farmlands and villages on the north side and large sand dunes on the south side. At this time, we were quite tired from driving all night and morning but gained lots of energy from all the birds in the delta! We started birding through the bushes and small buildings on the western corner and found a lot of nice passerines:

Sand martin: 10

Red-rumped swallow: 25+

Yellow wagtail: 100+, mostly feldegg

Common redstart: 5, with at least one ssp samamisticus

Black redstart: 2

Northern wheatear: 10

Isabelline wheatear: 5

Eastern black-eared wheatear: 2

Finsch's wheatear: 1

Graceful prinia: 10

Eastern orphean warbler: 1
Eastern subalpine warbler: 5
Rüppel's warbler: 1
Cetti's warbler: 3
Eastern bonelli's warbler: 1
Lesser grey shrike: 1
Spanish sparrow: 5
Serin: 2
Cretzschmar's bunting: 6
Ortolan bunting: 2
Corn bunting: 5



Birding in Göksu delta

There were of course lots of other common migrants in the area, such as lesser and common whitethroats, willow warblers, chiffchaffs etc. The absolute craziest thing we saw was an enormous flock of **Garganeys** resting on the sea and flying around the area. We made an estimated count of ten thousand (10 000) birds!



Garganeys

After birding through all the white and yellow wagtails on the sand dunes we went back to the car to continue northeast towards the Taurus mountains. Oscar spotted a big kettle of birds from the road, when we stopped to have a look, it turned out to be all white pelicans, about 1200 of them!



White pelicans

Our next goal was a true Turkish special in the western palearctic, the brown fish owl. We arrived at a fish farm in a previously known location around 18:30. After walking around for a bit the owner of the farm walked up and told us to leave. Around that time, it started to rain increasingly. We walked around for a while, hearing a **Tawny owl** and a **White-throated dipper**, but had to escape into the car when the rain suddenly increased even more and turned into hail. According to the forecast it wouldn't get better anytime soon, and we realised continuing to search for the owls in the thunderstorm after no sleep would be hopeless. We decided to give up for the day and drove to a gas station to refuel the car. When we got there, we saw that we had a flat tire, our owl-mission really couldn't get any worse. No point in grieving, we quickly changed to the spare tire, drove to a quieter place and finally slept for the first time in almost 40 hours.

Monday 30.3

We woke up around 06:00 to the sound of a singing **Eastern bonelli's warbler**. The goal of the day was to get as far east as possible to then slowly bird our way west again the following days. After a couple hours of driving, we noticed a lot of raptors kettling over the fields just outside Tatarli, Adana area. At this point we were hungry for some birding and decided to stop and get our scopes out. Most of the birds migrating were **Lesser spotted eagles** and **White storks**, and after about an hour of birding we had seen the following:

Great spotted cuckoo: 2

Common crane: 1

Black stork: 45

White stork: 150

Glossy ibis: 30

Osprey: 1

Short toed eagle: 10

Lesser spotted eagle: around 800

Booted eagle: 13

Western marsh harrier: 4

Pallid harrier: 1

Black kite: 20

Common/steppe buzzard: 50

Long-legged buzzard: 1

Lesser kestrel: 2

Common kestrel: 15

Peregrine falcon: 2

At 10:00 we continued driving and one hour later we arrived at Kirmitli kus Cenneti (37.16755236486559, 36.13154973191308), a lush delta-like area by the Ceyhan River. Upon arrival a **White-throated kingfisher**

flew by just above our heads, calling loudly. We walked around the area for a bit and see **Eurasian penduline tits**, **Syrian woodpeckers**, **Pygmy cormorants**, **Spotted cuckoos**, lots of **Hoopoes**, more **White-throated kingfishers**, an **Egyptian mongoose** and a crab which we later identified as a **Levantine freshwater crab**.



Levantine freshwater crab



Ceyhan River

At 12:30 we continued the drive and I spotted what I first thought was a male pallid harrier, but when the bird made a turn we both realised it was a stunning **Black-winged kite!** We later passed the large city Gaziantep and Oscar spotted an **Egyptian vulture** together with a large group of black kites.

We made a stop in Nizip to book a hotel room, then continued to Birecik to arrive there at 16:00. We went straight to the Cinar tea garden (37.02059839241578, 37.97468322701255) to look for the Pallid scops owls, which we unfortunately couldn't find even after an hour of searching. We then headed to an area by the river south of the town (37.00455990940152, 37.96744143040819) and found **Desert finches, Red-headed pochards, Slender billed gulls, Bald ibis** and a **Brey headed swamphen**. Before heading back to our hotel, we had döner for dinner while watching alpine swifts.



Long-eared hedgehog

Tuesday 31.3

Breakfast at 06:00 at the hotel and then another failed attempt to find the pallid scops owls in Birecik, they most likely hadn't arrived yet. We drove by the large Bald ibis' colony and by the river we also saw **Little swifts** and a **Pied kingfisher**. We continued to the hills east of Birecik and found a few **Calandra larks** on the top of a hill and a *Coutellii*-water pipit migrating overhead.

At 11:30 we arrive at a delta-like area by Euphrat northwest of Birecik (37.04890338966403, 37.95923427399924) and immediately hear **Iraq babblers** calling! We start birding through the reeds and ponds and find a male **Menetrie's warbler**, lots of **Dead Sea sparrows, Desert finches, Bluethroats** and a **Wryneck**. Over the ponds a **Black tern** is feeding with a flock of **Whiskered terns** and just east of the first stop we find another **Grey headed swamphen**, a **Eurasian bittern** and a **European roller**.



Iraq babbler



Dead Sea sparrow

At 13:00 we drove towards the Hancagiz dam (36.953860022671236, 37.84083152105632) and arrived there an hour later. It was a large dam located just south of Nizip; this time of the year it held a lot of water and large wet meadows surrounded the northwestern part of the dam. There was unfortunately severe littering as

it is most likely a common place for people to have a picnic or party. However, we still found some nice birds! By the water a few **Black-winged stilts**, **Little ringed plovers**, **Spur-winged lapwings**, 50 **Ruff**, 12 **Hoopoes** and 3 stunning male **Citrine wagtails** were feeding. Behind us a **Common quail** was calling, and a few **Calandra larks** were singing in the sky. A couple **Desert finches** and a **Pied kingfisher** flew by as well.

After lunch in the form of sandwiches, we drove west again, past Gaziantep to the town Isikli, to find a nice camping spot in preparation of the next day's mission. After finding a good spot while we still had sunlight, we went back to Gaziantep for a warm dinner and on our way back to the camping spot we found two **Little owls** on a pole.



Little owl

Wednesday 1.4



Nizip

Finally, time for the first *real* morning of birding. We woke up at 05:40, shoved the tent and our sleeping bags into the car and drove to the base of the mountains south of Isikli (37.138237614658024, 37.18985684162646). Before we had even opened the car doors, we heard an **Eastern rock nuthatch** calling from the mountain above us. We got super excited and started the walk towards the top. We went along the bottom of a steep cliffside, on and along the cliff we saw an **Eastern black-eared wheatear**, a couple more **Eastern rock nuthatches**, a **Blue rock thrush** and lots of **Western rock nuthatches**. It was a truly special feeling to hear all the calls from the nuthatches along with the prayer at sunrise from the mosque. We entered a trail going further up the mountain and a few hundred metres later entered what looked like a completely different world. It was a relatively green plateau surrounded by large rock formations and quite a few flowers and small bushes in between. In the nice morning light, there was a stunning male **Finsch's wheatear** singing, along with more nuthatches, a flock of **Sombre tits**, a **Hoopoe**, **Black redstarts** and a **Blue rock thrush**. Amongst all the birds Oscar spotted a dark wheatear sitting on top of a small rock formation, when looking through the scope we realised it was a female **Kurdish wheatear**! We enjoyed the birds for another half hour before heading further up the mountain to find a spot to eat our breakfast. Just as we stopped to take our backpacks, we heard a dunnock-like call from behind us, and on the very top of a cliff 10 metres away in perfect lighting there is a **Radde's accentor**! It seemed our luck had finally turned after dipping both rare owls the previous days! During our breakfast 8 **steppe eagles** passed overhead, mostly adult birds. When we had finished eating, we started birding our way down the mountain again. In the bushes on the cliffsides there were large numbers of **Chiffchaffs**, a **Syrian woodpecker**, two more **Radde's accentors** and a probable hybrid **Pied x collared flycatcher**. Further down the train there was a part with quite steep rocky sides, on the right

side we stopped to enjoy another **Radde's accentor** showing very nicely. While I was photographing the accentor we heard a strange song which Oscar quickly found the root of. On the opposite side of the trail as the accentor there was a superb male **Kurdish wheatear**! The wheatear sang and gave us amazing views for a while before flying further up the cliffside, a sign that we should probably continue back down. On the way down we also had a couple **Ortolan buntings** sang from the small bushes on the cliffside.



Radde's accentor



Kurdish wheatear

At 11:00 we reached the car and started driving towards the mediterranean sea. Three hours later we arrived at the Yumurtalik lagoon outside Adana (36.67852824808501, 35.62296331694531). It's a huge lagoon, a bit like the Göksu delta, and we quickly found hundreds of **Flamingos**, ducks, **Black tailed godwits** and thousands of **Ruff** foraging in the shallow water. On our way out to a tower for birdwatching, we found two **Black-winged kites** nesting by the side of the road, as well as a couple **Pied kingfishers**, **Common kingfishers**, **Common reedwarblers**, **Isabelline-** and **Eastern black eared wheatears**. When watching from the tower we found a **Little stint**, **Terek sandpiper**, **Spoonbills**, tens of **Kentish plovers**, **Gull billed terns**, **Caspian terns** along with all the flamingos. When looking south towards the sea we saw that flocks of **White pelicans** were migrating and after only a few minutes we had counted over 1100 along with 37 **Black storks**.

The wind then started to pick up quite a bit, and we decided to head towards Tarsus where we had found a decent hotel. On our way there we spotted a **Black francolin** on the side of the road, when we stopped and rolled down the windows, we heard it calling as well. A few kilometres later we drive along a canal where we counted over 200 **Cattle egrets**, 150+ **Black-crowned night herons** and an **Egyptian mongoose**.

We arrived in Tarsus at 19:00, checked in at the hotel and had dinner at a local restaurant before heading to bed.

Thursday 2.4

We slept for an extra hour, had breakfast at 07:00 and drove north towards the Aladaglar mountains. We arrived at a village just below the snowline around 11:00 and quickly found a flock of larks on the rocky fields above the village. It was around 30 **Horned larks** ssp **penicillata**, two **Greater short toed larks**, 15 **Rock sparrows** and of course a few **Isabelline** and **Finsch's wheatears** that foraged in the desolate landscape. When looking to the sky we saw a couple **Alpine coughs**, **Long-legged buzzards** and adult **Golden eagles**. We drove a bit further and stopped at the beginning of a trail leading up towards the mountains through the bottom of a huge ravine with at least 100m straight up on each side. This was another truly magnificent place, on the sides there were many nice male **Black redstarts** ssp **ochruros** singing, **Blue** and **Common rock thrushes**, **Western rock nuthatches**, a pair of **Rock buntings** and a **Chukar** (which we only saw flying though). On the very top of the ravine, we saw a group of **Ibex**, **Alpine jackdaws** and a pair of **Peregrine falcons** which had a breeding ceremony there. The most amazing thing was the eerie calls of the **Caspian snowcocks** (ssp **tauricus**) echoing through the ravine! Unfortunately, we never saw any but hearing them was cool enough.

After the walk we had a couple sandwiches and then drove west through the vast steppes until we reached Nigde. Just south of the city was the Akkaya dam (37.92716509932172, 34.62491930422773) where we found **Ferruginous ducks**, **Red-headed pochards** and a **Female white-headed duck**. On the dunes next to the dam

there were at least six **Turkestan short toed larks** singing and foraging, together with **Greater short toed larks**, **Isabelline wheatears** and **Hoopoes**.



Turkestan short-toed lark

At 17:00 we continued driving south, stopped in Eregli to have dinner at a burger restaurant, and stopped by a dam outside Karaman where we went to sleep in the car.

Friday 3.4

We woke up at 06:00 and headed southwest for Manavgat. We made a quick stop by a river outside Murtici where we saw **Collared flycatchers**, **Common kingfisher**, **Green woodpecker**, **Great spotted woodpecker** and **Eastern bonelli's warblers**. Due to sand from the Saharan desert the rain and clouds were a dark orange color, very interesting!

We arrived in the Manavgat area around 12:00, on a flooded field by the side of the road we found a **Marsh sandpiper**, a couple **Squacco herons**, **Red throated pipits** and lots of **Yellow wagtails**, mostly ssp **feldegg**. A male **Montague's harrier** and a female **Hen harrier** also flew over the fields. Down by the sea we found lots of nice passerines, **Woodchat shrikes**, **Moustached warbler**, **Eastern subalpine warblers**, an **Eastern orphean warbler**, **Bee-eaters**, **Common nightingale** and the three common species of wheatears. There was also a group of 20 **Purple herons** in the reeds and many hundreds of swallows and pipits migrating, the interesting ones for us were of course all the **Red-throated pipits**, **Tawny pipits** and **Red rumped swallows**.

We also met the first birder of the trip here, who showed us where we could find a masked shrike. He was right, about a kilometer away we found the nice adult **Masked shrike** together with a few **Woodchat shrikes!**

At 15:30 we continued west towards Antalya to not be too far away from the airport the day after. We made a stop by the side of the road at another flooded field where we found lots of **Garganeys**, **Black-winged stilts**, a **Marsh sandpiper**, a **Spotted redshank**, a couple **Collared pratincoles**, **Dunlins** and **Black-tailed godwits** along all the **Ruff**.

Around 18:00, after driving through the large hotel area by Antalya we reached a big closed off sand area (36.85305798051102, 30.836008624698806) with lots of pine trees, bushes, canals and small marshes in which we birded for a short time before the sun went down. It was quite empty, but we still found a couple **Eastern subalpine warblers**, an **Eastern orphean warbler** and **Woodchat shrikes**. We parked the car right by the beach and went to sleep there.

Saturday 4.4

We woke up at 06:20 to a bit of rain and went out to walk around in the sand area again. It was pretty quiet at first due to the rain and it being early in the morning, but we still managed to flush a **Common quail** from the ground. When the sky got a bit clearer, we started finding a bunch of warblers such as **Eastern bonelli's warblers**, **Rüppel's warblers**, **Eastern subalpine warblers**, lots of **Cetti's**, **Common** and **Lesser whitethroats** and chiffchaffs. There were also a couple **White-throated-** and **Common kingfishers** feeding in the canals in the area.



Rüppel's warbler

We had also somehow managed to get a second flat tire which we quickly and cheaply fixed at a local tire repair shop. We then cleaned out the car, packed down our scopes and cameras and arrived at the airport just after 12:00 to return the car. Everything went smooth and at 14:30 we were in the air on our way home from a pretty much maxed out week in southern Turkey!

Checklist summary

216 species of birds observed, along with at least 7 unique subspecies. Scops owl was only heard by Oscar and grey wagtail was only seen by Kasper.

Birds

1. **Common shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna*
2. **Ruddy shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*
2 birds in Göksu delta
3. **Garganey** *Spatula querquedula*
10 000+ individuals observed in Göksu delta 29.3
4. **Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*
5. **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*
6. **Eurasian teal** *Anas crecca*
7. **Red-crested pochard** *Netta rufina*
8. **Common pochard** *Aythya ferina*

9. **Ferruginous duck** *Aythya nyroca*
10. **White-headed duck** *Oxyura leucocephala*
1 in Akkaya baraji
11. **Black francolin** *Francolinus francolinus*
1 male on road S of Adana
12. **Caspian snowcock** *Tetraogallus caspius tauricus*
4 at least heard from Aladaglar - Cimbr Bogazi
13. **Common quail** *Coturnix coturnix*
1 ex calling Hancagiz dam, 1 ex near last morning near airport
14. **Chukar** *Alectoris chukar*
15. **Little grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
16. **Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*
17. **Great white pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
1200 ex migrating over mountains W of Mersin, 1150 ex migrating Yumurталik
18. **Great cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
19. **Pygmy cormorant** *Microcarbo pygmeus*
Common near the coastal areas
20. **Eurasian bittern** *Botaurus stellaris*
1 in wetland NW of birecik
21. **Black-crowned night heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
150 at least along few km road near Seyhan river S of Adana
22. **Western cattle egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
23. **Squacco heron** *Ardeola ralloides*
24. **Little egret** *Egretta garzetta*
25. **Great egret** *Ardea alba*
26. **Grey heron** *Ardea cinerea*
27. **Purple heron** *Ardea purpurea*
Common along the trip
28. **White stork** *Ciconia ciconia*

29. **Black stork** *Ciconia nigra*
45 ex migrating near Tatarli adana area, 37 ex migrating Yumurtalik
30. **Glossy ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*
31. **Northern Bald ibis** *Geronticus eremita*
Common around birecik
32. **Eurasian spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia*
33. **Greater flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus*
34. **Egyptian vulture** *Neophron percnopterus*
1 from highway E of Gazinstep
35. **Golden eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos*
Few seen on our way and around aladgar
36. **Lesser spotted eagle** *Aquila pomarina*
800 ex migrating near Tatarli adana area, Seen a few on other days
37. **Steppe eagle** *Aquila nipalensis*
8 ex migrating over Isikli
38. **Short-toed snake eagle** *Circaetus gallicus*
39. **Booted eagle** *Aquila pennata*
40. **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*
41. **Black kite** *Milvus migrans*
42. **Black-winged kite** *Elanus caeruleus*
1 ex near Osmaniye, 2 ex on nest Yumurtalik
43. **Western marsh harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*
44. **Hen harrier** *Circus cyaneus*
45. **Montagu's harrier** *Circus pygargus*
46. **Pallid harrier** *Circus macrourus*
47. **Long-legged buzzard** *Buteo rufinus*
48. **Common buzzard** *Buteo buteo* probably *ssp vulpinus*
49. **Eurasian sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*
50. **Common kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

51. **Lesser kestrel** *Falco naumanni*
52. **Red-footed falcon** *Falco vespertinus*
1 male mountains north of Mersin
53. **Eurasian hobby** *Falco subbuteo*
54. **Peregrine falcon** *Falco peregrinus*
55. **Common moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*
56. **Eurasian coot** *Fulica atra*
57. **Grey-headed swamphen** *Porphyrio poliocephalus*
1 ex wetland S of birecik, 2 ex wetland NW of birecik
58. **Common crane** *Grus grus*
59. **Eurasian oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*
60. **Black-winged stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*
61. **Eurasian stone-curlew** *Burhinus oedicephalus*
12 near Manavgat, 2 last day near Antalya
62. **Collared pratincole** *Glareola pratincola*
2 ex on flooded field near Belek, antalya area
63. **Little ringed plover** *Charadrius dubius*
64. **Common ringed plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*
65. **Kentish plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*
66. **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*
67. **Spur-winged lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus*
Common along the coast and east
68. **Ruff** *Calidris pugnax*
69. **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*
70. **Little stint** *Calidris minuta*
71. **Wood sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*
72. **Green sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*
73. **Common sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

74. **Terek sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*
1 ex at Yumurtalik
75. **Common redshank** *Tringa totanus*
76. **Spotted redshank** *Tringa erythropus*
77. **Common greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
78. **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*
79. **Black-tailed godwit** *Limosa limosa*
80. **Bar-tailed godwit** *Limosa lapponica*
81. **Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata*
82. **Common snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*
83. **Black-headed gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
84. **Slender-billed gull** *Chroicocephalus genei*
85. **Yellow-legged gull** *Larus michahellis*
86. **Armenian gull** *Larus armenicus*
Common around Euphrates river Birecik
87. **Lesser black-backed gull** *Larus fuscus fuscus*
88. **Caspian tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*
89. **Sandwich tern** *Thalasseus sandvicensis*
90. **Gull-billed tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*
91. **Common tern** *Sterna hirundo*
92. **Black tern** *Chlidonias niger*
93. **Whiskered tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*
94. **Rock dove** *Columba livia*
95. **Common wood pigeon** *Columba palumbus*
96. **Eurasian collared dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*
97. **European turtle dove** *Streptopelia turtur*
98. **Laughing dove** *Streptopelia senegalensis*
Common along the coast and eastern part

99. **Greater spotted cuckoo** *Clamator glandarius*
100. **Tawny owl** *strix aluco*
101. **Little Owl** *Athene noctua*
102. **Eurasian scops owl** *Otus scops*
103. **Alpine swift** *Tachymarptis melba*
104. **Common swift** *Apus apus*
105. **Pallid swift** *Apus pallidus*
106. **Little swift** *Apus affinis*
A few seen along Euphrates River
107. **Common kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*
108. **White-throated kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrensis*
4 Kiritli kus Cenneti, 1 near Antalya
109. **Pied kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis*
Many around the canals of Yumurtalik, Few along the Euphrates river and Hancagiz dam
110. **European bee-eater** *Merops apiaster*
111. **European roller** *Coracias garrulus*
112. **Eurasian hoopoe** *Upupa epops*
113. **Rose-ringed parakeet** *Psittacula krameri*
114. **European green woodpecker** *Picus viridis*
115. **Great spotted woodpecker** *Dendrocopos major*
116. **Syrian woodpecker** *Dendrocopos syriacus*
117. **Eurasian wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*
118. **Eurasian skylark** *Alauda arvensis*
119. **Crested lark** *Galerida cristata*
120. **Woodlark** *Lullula arborea*
121. **Greater short-toed lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla*
122. **Turkestan short-toed lark** *Alaudala heinei* ssp *aharonii*
6 singing at Akkaya baraji

123. **Calandra lark** *Melanocorypha calandra*
Common on the Anatolian plateau
124. **Horned lark** *Eremophila alpestris penicillata*
At least 30 Aladaglar
125. **Sand martin** *Riparia riparia*
126. **Barn swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
127. **Western house-martin** *Delichon urbicum*
128. **European red-rumped swallow** *Cecropis rufula*
Common throughout the whole trip
129. **Tawny pipit** *Anthus campestris*
130. **Water pipit** *Anthus spinoletta*
131. **Meadow pipit** *Anthus pratensis*
132. **Tree pipit** *Anthus trivialis*
133. **Red-throated pipit** *Anthus cervinus*
134. **White wagtail** *Motacilla alba*
135. **Western yellow wagtail** *Motacilla flava*
spp feldegg, flava, thunbergi, dombrowskii
136. **Citrine wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*
3 males at the Hancagiz dam
137. **Grey wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
138. **Eurasian wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*
139. **White-throated dipper** *Cinclus cinclus*
140. **Radde's accentor** *Prunella ocularis*
3 at least Isikli
141. **Song thrush** *Turdus philomelos*
142. **Mistle thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*
143. **Common blackbird** *Turdus merula*
144. **Blue rock thrush** *Monticola solitarius*
145. **Rufous-tailed rock thrush** *Monticola saxatilis*

146. **European robin** *Erithacus rubecula*
147. **Common nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos*
148. **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*
149. **Common redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* ssp *samamisticus, phoenicurus*
150. **Black redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros* ssp *ochruros*
151. **Northern wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*
152. **Isabelline wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina*
Common throughout the trip
153. **Eastern black-eared wheatear** *Oenanthe melanoleuca*
Common throughout the trip
154. **Finsch's wheatear** *Oenanthe finschii*
Common throughout the trip
155. **Kurdish wheatear** *Oenanthe xanthopyrma*
2 ex at Isikli
156. **Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra*
157. **European stonechat** *Saxicola rubicola*
158. **Delicate prinia** *Prinia lepida*
Common along the coast and Birecik
159. **Cetti's warbler** *Cettia cetti*
160. **Garden warbler** *Sylvia borin*
161. **Eurasian blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*
162. **Greater whitethroat** *Curruca communis*
163. **Lesser whitethroat** *Curruca curruca*
164. **Eastern orphean warbler** *Curruca crassirostris*
A few seen along the stops near the coast
165. **Sardinian warbler** *Curruca melanocephala*
166. **Ménétris's warbler** *Curruca mystacea* ssp *rubescens*
1 male wetland NW Birecik

167. **Rüppell's warbler** *Curruca ruppeli*
Many seen along the stops near the coast
168. **Eastern subalpine warbler** *Curruca cantillans*
Many seen along the stops near the coast
169. **Moustached Warbler** *Acrocephalus melanopogon*
1 Manavgat
170. **Common reed warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*
171. **Great reed warbler** *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*
172. **Savi's warbler** *Locustella luscinioides*
173. **Willow warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*
174. **Wood warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
175. **Eastern bonelli's warbler** *Phylloscopus orientalis*
176. **Common chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*
177. **European pied flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*
178. **Collared flycatcher** *Ficedula albicollis*
179. **Great tit** *Parus major*
180. **Coal tit** *Pariparus ater*
181. **Eurasian blue tit** *Cyanistes caeruleus*
182. **Sombre tit** *Poecile lugubris*
12 at Isikli
183. **Eurasian penduline tit** *Remiz pendulinus*
184. **Eurasian nuthatch** *Sitta europaea*
185. **Western rock nuthatch** *Sitta neumayer*
At least 14 Isikli
186. **Eastern rock nuthatch** *Sitta tephronota*
At least 12 Isikli
187. **Lesser grey shrike** *Lanius minor*
188. **Woodchat shrike** *Lanius senator*

189. **Masked shrike** *Lanius nubicus*
1 Manavgat
190. **White-spectacled bulbul** *Pycnonotus xanthopygos*
Common along the coast
191. **Iraq babbler** *Turdoides altiristris*
At least 2 wetland NW Birecik
192. **Eurasian magpie** *Pica Pica*
193. **Eurasian jay** *Garrulus glandarius atricapillus group*
194. **Western Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula*
195. **Red-billed chough** *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*
196. **Yellow-billed chough** *Pyrrhocorax graculus*
197. **Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*
198. **Hooded crow** *Corvus cornix*
199. **Common raven** *Corvus corax*
200. **Common starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*
201. **House sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
202. **Spanish sparrow** *Passer hispaniolensis*
203. **Dead sea sparrow** *Passer moabiticus*
30 wetland NW Birecik
204. **Rock sparrow** *Petronia petronia*
205. **Common chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*
206. **Common linnet** *Linaria cannabina*
207. **European goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*
208. **European greenfinch** *Chloris chloris*
209. **Eurasian siskin** *Spinus spinus*
210. **European serin** *Serinus serinus*
211. **Desert finch** *Rhodospiza obsoleta*
Many around wetland NW and S of birecik, also at the Hancagiz dam

212. **Common reed bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*
213. **Ortolan bunting** *Emberiza hortulana*
214. **Cretzschmar's bunting** *Emberiza caesia*
7 Göksu delta
215. **Corn bunting** *Emberiza calandra*
216. **Rock bunting** *Emberiza cia*
2 Aladaglar

Other animals observed

Bezoar ibex *Capra aegagrus*

Asian minor ground squirrel *Spermophilus xanthoprimum*

Wild boar *Sus scrofa*

Red fox *Vulpes vulpes*

Egyptian mongoose *Herpestes ichneumon*

Long-eared hedgehog *Hemiechinus auritus*