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Getting there

No problems what so ever leaving Landvetter airport – as long as you arrive in time and book through Super Saver Travel – be there in the morning around 5 a.m. get the information that your seats are cancelled, and wait till the travel agency open their telephone-line at 10 a.m. Then wait for them to get new seats in a later flight. We got one as early(!) as 5 p.m??????

Our plan was to fly from Gothenburg (Landvetter) to Istanbul (Atatürk Intl) direct. Unfortunately this was impossible, we had to change flight “half way”. We choosed the best price at the Internet a couple of months ahead. Best price for our period was 310 euros (2850 SEK) per person, tax included. We booked it through Super Saver Travel. This agency however made an disasterus mistake by cancelling our seats – without informing us! Well – they probably did their best to put things back in order, but we ended up awaiting another flight for almost 11 hours!

Currency

A New Turkish Lira (YTL) is close to 0,6 euro. At the time of our visit you had to pay 5,53 SEK for 1 YTL.

Accomodation

Harem Hotel (***) was reserved in the Internet at www.haremhotel.com. Room price for 3 beds (2 separate rooms), balcony with view over Bosphorus and Eminönu: 1230 euro (11380 SEK) in total. Breakfast was included.

Getting around

Taxi is cheap and convenient if you are going to the Camlica hills. It costs around 6 euro (12 YTL) from Harem Hotel to the hills one way.

Ferry over the Bosphorus is between 1- 1,50 euro one way.

Car rental could easily be arranged with short notice through the hotel reception. A mid-size car cost 182 euro (1680 SEK) for three days.

Diesel is around 2.40 YTL/Litre (petrol is 2.90 YTL).

Fast ferry from Yalova to Istanbul cost 48 YTL for a car and three passengers (29 euro or 267 SEK).

Food

The Harem area (were our Hotel is situated) is not a busy tourist and restaurant district. But some restaurant is there, and at the ferry station also some small kebab stands.

Uludag: October is not the peak season, but we saw two restaurants open and tried one of them.

We had a reasonable dinner for 20 YTL each.

Yalova ferry: Food is served on board.

Black Sea coast: We tried a nice restaurant in Agva situated on the west bank of the river, enjoying kingfishers passing by. We also found the meal tasty for 15-20 YTL each.

Eminönu: There is a tiny restaurant lane close (5 min walk) to the ferry station, also some hamburger bars nearby.

Kadiköy district: We saw lots of shops and what seemed to be a good number of busy and nice restaurants, when we passed one late evening.

The price for a “big” dinner, including a large beer, was between 15 to 20 YTL per person (9 to 12 euros).

Weather

Most days were sunny with some clouds. At midday we had a temperature between 20 and 25 degrees C. It was between 10 and 15 in the evening. We had no rain during our visit. Good weather and rather high temperature (+15 C), even at high altitude on Uludag.

Itinerary

2 oct: Schiphol airport Amsterdam.

3 oct: Harem harbour, Büyük Camlica (taxi), Harem area.

4 oct: Harem harbour, Büyük Camlica (taxi), Harem area.

5 oct: Kadiköy railway area – park – harbour (walk from Harem), ferry over Bosphorus to Eminönü and back to Harem.

6 oct: Trip to the North and the Black Sea on the Asian side; Sile – Agva – Kandira – Karasu (till 10 kmW). Rented car.

7 oct: Trip to SE; Izmit – Bursa – Uludag – Karacabey – Kus Gölü. Back by ferry from Yalova. Rented car.

8 oct: Küçük Camlica at mid day. Went to the European side in the afternoon; Büyükçekmece. Rented car.

9 oct: Büyük Camlica (taxi), later Harem harbour.

10 oct: Küçük Camlica (taxi), later Harem area and Eminönü (by ferry).

11 oct: Early flight back to Amsterdam/Gothenburg. No birding.

Travel report

3 october – Nice early morning with 150 Mediterranean shearwaters and our first Laughing Dove. Took a taxi to Büyük Camlica at 9:30 a.m. Tried the Park area around the outdoor café, near the big flag, at first. Found that the steady wind from NNE (5-8 m/s) made the migrants take a more northerly route. We therefore positioned us on a slope close to the many telegraph/radio masts in the northern part of the mountain. Good numbers of Steppe Buzzards and among them at least 30 Long-legged Buzzards. Best day for Lesser Spotted Eagles with a total of 650. We also got our only Eleonora’s Falcon. Many of the raptors were seen quite close.

Back at the hotel we had a male Red-footed Falcon flying by near our balcony a good numbers of Alpine Swifts.

4 october – Same procedure as the day before – but this time we took directly to the slope in the north hill of Büyük Camlica. The wind direction was constantly NE. A decrease in number of raptors – but more Short-toed Eagles this day. We tried the Southern slope of the mountain in the afternoon and had a stunning 45 red-breasted Flycatchers – they were everywhere!

5 october – We did spend the entire day scanning the Bosphorus, piers, harbours and industrial grounds close to the water. Spectacular with all Shags standing near the waterline on the seaside of the piers! We counted them from the ferry between Kadiköy and Eminönü – cormorants on top of the same piers, most of them visible from land. We had small numbers of migrating raptors gliding east over the Marmara Sea. In Kadiköy harbour was our only Black-necked Grebe, a Mediterranean Gull, Grey Wagtail and Alpine Swifts. There was one Red-throated Pipit on passage.

6 october – Went to the North coast in a rented car. Our aim was to see if we could find any Caspian Gulls and to see what the lakes in the map between Sile and Karasu could produce. We

didn't find any Caspian Gulls – and we couldn't even find any lakes! But we found some good birds.

At Sile we had three Lesser Black-backed Gulls, two adult birds with grey-pinkish legs. Interesting. We took a swim at the same spot together with seven Mediterranean Gulls. Also in Sile area good numbers of passerines - a Rüppel's Warbler was the gem.

Further east we encountered Kingfisher, Hoopoe, Siberian chiffchaff and a browner "version" of a chiffchaff with similar call - all at Agva. Later would the latter be determined as the Turkish race of Chiffchaff.

Near the dunes W from Karasu we discovered some Black-headed and Cirl Buntings, Crested Larks and a pale Great Grey Shrike. Our only Olivaceous Warbler was found SW from the shore.

7 october – Early morning start heading for Uludag and later Kus Gölü. On our way up the mountain we had one of Turkey's few Black Woodpeckers – it was our first bird at low elevation on the west side among the houses!

Not far from the park entrance we stopped for Krüper's Nuthatch, Short-toed Treecreeper, Crossbills and a Syrian Woodpecker.

Well on site at the winter resort with its hotels we instantly saw a group of Red-fronted Serins. Later we saw some Water Pipits and Black Redstarts. We continued further up as far as the car could take us – but not "high enough" for Alpine Accentor or Choughs.

On our way to Kus Gölü we passed Karacabey and our only confirmed Collared Doves – but instead no less than 30 of them.

At Kus Gölü we understood the time was too short to make a thorough "investigation" – at 5 p.m. the light was poor and the distance to the lake was long. But – we saw incredible numbers of Great White Pelicans, 2 Dalmatian Pelicans and lots of Flamingos and ducks. We also had a Syrian Woodpecker, our only Yellow Wagtail, Cetti's Warbler and some Firecrests.

8 october – Early start to the smaller mountain in Asian Istanbul - Küçük Camlica. Took us some time to find the entrance, but finally we found our way to the top near the restaurant. We had a most fascinating day – there were obvious differences in calls from three different types of Chiffchaff. One chocolate brown – first we thought it was Caucasian Chiffchaffs – with a call similar to the Siberian race, straight and slightly down-curved at the end. Later – consulting literature – this must have been the 'brevirostris' form of Chiffchaff. The Siberians were there as well – perfect for comparison – with its completely straight call. We also had the more familiar abietinus race – with also totally different call ("hu-it"). Another Phylloscopus was also present – an Eastern Bonelli's Warbler, calling up-curved and more pronounced at the end, low in the middle "huu-itt". A couple of days earlier we heard this species with a more straight, not so distinct, but "blurred" call reminding of House Sparrow (as it also says in Collins guide).

In the afternoon we found our way over the Bosphorus to Büyükçekmece – a pleasant surprise. The southern shore, close to Marmara Sea produced Pygmy Cormorant, Black Stork, overflying Mediterranean Gulls and a Citrine Wagtail. Late afternoon we took the road west of the lake – midway there were some Dunlins, Grey Plovers, Greenshanks and a bunch of Red-throated Pipits. At the Northern Shore – just before sunset - we found some Great White Pelicans, Great Egrets and a Little Egret. All white at the end, then – even at dawn.

9 october – No rented car, instead taxi up to Büyük Camlica to check the migration status. Still good numbers of Buzzards, a few Levant Sparrowhawks and Short-toed Eagles, our second Red-footed Falcon, a Black Redstart and a passing Citrine Wagtail.

10 october – Back again to Küçük Camlica, just to confirm a decline in raptors, apparently a bit from the peak migration calendar. Still good number of Chiffchaffs left.

List of birds seen during our trip

- Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* 5 Kadiköy harbour/Bosporus 5.10, common Kus Gölü 7.10, 250 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Pintail** *Anas acuta* 200 Kus Gölü 7.10.
- Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* 9 Kus Gölü 7.10.
- Teal** *Anas crecca* 300 Kus Gölü 7.10.
- Pochard** *Aythya ferina* 6 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Great rested Grebe** *Pociceps cristatus* 12 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Black-necked Grebe** *Pociceps nigricollis* 1 Kadiköy harbour 5.10.
- Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 1 Karasu (40 km W) 6.10, 7 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Mediterranean Shearwater** *Puffinus yelkouan* 150 Harem harbour/Bosporus 3.10, 250 Harem harbour/Bosporus 4.10, 750 Kadiköy harbour/Bosporus 5.10, 110 Harem harbour 8.10, 12 Büyükçekmece 8.10. (90 % of all seen, were flying N-NE, direction Black Sea).
- Great White Pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* 20000 (approx) Kus Gölü 7.10, 2 ad + 8 1cy Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Dalmatian Pelican** *Pelecanus crispus* 2 ad Kus Gölü 7.10.
- Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* Between 150-200 at Harem harbour daily and 300 Kadiköy harbour 5.10. 5 Sile 6.10. Were often positioned on the upper parts of the piers in Istanbul/Bosporus.
- Shag** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii* 10-50 Harem harbour, seen daily, 1200 Kadiköy harbour 5.10, 30 Sile 6.10. Were often positioned on the lower parts of the piers in Istanbul/Bosporus.
- Pygmy Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax pygmeus* 12 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* 1 Kus Gölü 7.10, 1 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Great Egret** *Egretta alba* 3 Kus Gölü 7.10, 8 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* 1 Harem harbour 3.10, 1 Harem harbour 4.10, 11 Kadiköy harbour/Bosporus 5.10, 1 Sile 6.10, 24 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia* 1 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 2 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 1 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra* 75 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 3 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 4 Büyükçekmece 8.10.
- Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber* 1500 Kus Gölü 7.10.
- Lesser Spotted Eagle** *Aquila pomarina* 650 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 320 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 2 Harem hotel 5.10, 3 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 4 Büyük Camlica 9.10.
- Spotted Eagle** *Aquila clanga* 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 7 Büyük Camlica 9.10.
- Short-toed Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus* 3 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 25 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 5 Kadiköy harbour/Harem hotel 5.10, 2 Sile 6.10, 3 Büyük Camlica 9.10.
- Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus* 1 (white) Büyük Camlica 4.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10,
- Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* 2 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 4.10.
- Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus* 1 1cy Sile 6.10, 1 1cy Kus Gölü 7.10.
- Long-legged Buzzard** *Buteo rufinus* 30 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 4.10.
- Steppe Buzzard** *Buteo buteo vulpinus* 3000 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 300 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 75 Kadiköy harbour/Harem hotel 5.10, 3 Sile 6.10, 750 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 125 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 4 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
- Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus* 15 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 5 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 2 Büyük Camlica 9.10.
- Levant Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter brevipes* 30 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 12 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 11 Kadiköy harbour/Harem hotel 5.10, 5 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 8 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 8 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
- Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* 2 Kus Gölü 7.10, 1 Uludag 7.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10.
- Red-footed Falcon** *Falco vespertinus* 1 ad male Harem Hotel 3.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10.

Hobby Falcon *Falco subbuteo* 2 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 1 Sile 6.10, 1 1 cy Küçük Camlica 8.10, 2 Büyük Camlica 9.10.

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora* 1 Büyük Camlica 3.10.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* 1 Uludag 7.10.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus* 1 Agva 6.10.

LittleCrake *Porzana parva* 3 Agva 6.10.

Moorhen *Gallinago chloropus* 12 Sile-Karasu 6.10.

Coot *Fulica atra* 250 Kadiköy harbour/Bosporus 5.10, 5000 Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* 1 Sile 6.10, 13 Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* 1 Sile 6.10.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* 15 Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Redshank *Tringa totanus* 1 Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* 15 Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Curlew *Numenius arquata* 3 Kus Gölü 7.10.

Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* 2 Kus Gölü 7.10.

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus* 500 Harem harbour/Bosporus 3.10, 2500 Harem harbour/Bosporus 4.10, 500 Kadiköy harbour/Bosporus 5.10, common Kus Gölü 7.10, 4500 Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus* 1 Harem harbour/Bosporus 3.10, 1 3cy + 1 1cy Kadiköy harbour/Bosporus 5.10, 1 3cy + 1 2cy + 5 1cy Sile 6.10, 15 Kus Gölü 7.10, 200 (ad domin.) Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michaellis* 1000 Harem harbour/Bosporus 3.10, 10000 Harem harbour/Bosporus 4.10, 5000 Kadiköy harbour/Bosporus 5.10, 2000 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 3500 Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* 2 ad (pink-legged) + 1 1cy Sile 6.10.

Little Gull *Larus minutes* 2 ad Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis* 20 Harem harbour/Bosporus 3.10, 125 Harem harbour/Bosporus 4.10, 30 Kadiköy harbour/Bosporus 5.10, 140 Büyükçekmece 8.10.

Black/White-winged/Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias sp* 1 Harem harbour/Bosporus 3.10, 1 Kus Gölü 7.10.

Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* 500 Harem harbour/Bosporus 3.10-10.10.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* 30 Karacabey 7.10.

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis* 5 Harem Hotel 3.10, 5 Harem Hotel 4.10, 10 Harem area 5.10, 5 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 30 Izmit-Karacabey 7.10, 2 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 2 Büyük Camlica 9.10.

Swift *Apus apus* 1 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 2 Büyükçekmece 8.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 10.10.

Alpine Swift *Apus melba* 130 Harem area 3.10, 20 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 45 Kadiköy harbour 5.10, 15 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 25 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 40 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 15 Küçük Camlica 10.10.

Hoopoe *Upupa epops* 2 Agva-Karasu 6.10.

Kingfisher *Alcedo attis* 4 Agva 6.10.

Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* saw some nest-holes in Agva 6.10.

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* 8 Eminönu 10.10.

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius* 1 Uludag 7.10.

Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis* 2 Sile 6.10.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopus major* 2 Uludag 7.10.

Syrian Woodpecker *Dendrocopus syriacus* 2 Kus Gölü 7.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 10.10.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopus minor* 1 Sile 6.10, 1 Agva 6.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata* 21 Karasu (30-40 km W) 6.10, 20 Izmit-Karacabey 7.10

Woodlark *Lullula arborea* 2 sing Kandira (W) 6.10.
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* 5 Kadiköy harbour 5.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 90
Büyükcekmece 8.10.
Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* 11 Uludag 7.10.
Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 4 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* 1 Kadiköy harbour 5.10, 2 Sile 6.10, 2 Uludag 7.10, 55
Büyükcekmece 8.10.
Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava ssp* 1 Kus Gölü 7.10,
Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* 1 Büyükcekmece 8.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10,
White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* 3 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 350 Büyükcekmece 8.10, 10 Büyük Camlica
9.10.
Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* 3 Harem Hotel 3.10, 7 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 5 Kadiköy harbour
5.10, 4 Sile-Karasu 6.10.
Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* 2 Agva 6.10, 3 Uludag 7.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
Dunnock *Prunella modularis* 1 Uludag 7.10.
Robin *Eritacus rubecula* 3 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 5 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 10
Küçük Camlica 10.10.
Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* 2 Harem harbour 3.10, 6 Kadiköy railway area 5.10, 20 Sile-
Karasu 6.10, 4 Uludag 7.10, 2 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10.
Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ocruros* 6 Uludag 7.10, 1 male Büyük Camlica 9.10.
Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina* 1 Karasu (30 km W) 6.10.
Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* 2 Kadiköy railway area 5.10.
Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* 2 Sile (SE) 6.10, 6 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 5 Büyük Camlica 9.10,
3 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* 5 Uludag 7.10, 2 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 5 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
Blackbird *Turdus merula* 1 Harem harbour 3.10, 12 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 7 Büyük Camlica 9.10,
Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin* 3 Sile-Agva 6.10.
Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* 2 Kadiköy railway area 5.10, 12 Sile-Karasu 6.10.
Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca* 1 Harem harbour 3.10, 3 Sile (SE) 6.10.
Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* 3 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 2 Kadiköy railway area 5.10, 25
Sile-Karasu 6.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10.
Rüppel's Warbler *Sylvia rueppelli* 1 Sile (SE) 6.10.
Whitethroat *Sylvia communis* 2 Kadiköy railway area 5.10, 1 Sile (SE) 6.10.
Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti* 1 Kus Gölü 7.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10.
Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* 1 Agva 6.10.
Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais pallida* 1 sing Kandira (N) 6.10.
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis* 1 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 1 Büyük Camlica
4.10, 2 Kadiköy (park area) 5.10, 6 Agva-Kandira 6.10, 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 1 Büyük
Camlica 9.10.
Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trocilus* 10 Sile-Agva 6.10.
Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita abietinus* 1 Büyük Camlica 3.10, 3 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 4
Kadiköy (park area) 5.10, 7 Sile-Agva 6.10, 5 Kus Gölü 7.10, 3 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 1
Büyük Camlica 9.10, 9 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita tristis* 2 Agva 6.10, 1 Kus Gölü 7.10, 1 Uludag 7.10,
8 Küçük Camlica 8.10.
'Turkish' Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita 'brevirostris'* (Turkish form) 1 Agva 6.10, 4 Küçük
Camlica 8.10, 6 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
Firecrest *Regulus ignicapillus* 8 Agva 6.10, 2 Kus Gölü 7.10, 15 Uludag 7.10, 3 Küçük Camlica
8.10, 2 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 3 Küçük Camlica 10.10.
Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* 3 Kus Gölü 7.10.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva* 45 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 1 Kadiköy (park area) 5.10, 15 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 30 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 2 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 2 Küçük Camlica 10.10.

Great Tit *Parus major* common Kadiköy (park area) 5.10, common Sile-Karasu 6.10, 10 Uludag 7.10, 15 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 8 Büyük Camlica 9.10.

Coal Tit *Parus ater* common 15 Uludag 7.10, 5 Küçük Camlica 8.10,

Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus* common Kadiköy (park area) 5.10, common Sile-Karasu 6.10, 25 Uludag 7.10, 10 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 15 Büyük Camlica 9.10.

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus tephronotus* (Turkish race) 4 Uludag 7.10, 15 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 8 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 8 Küçük Camlica 10.10.

Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 4 Küçük Camlica 10.10.

Krüper's Nuthatch *Sitta krueperi* 12 Uludag 7.10.

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla* 1 Uludag 7.10.

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio* 3 Sile-Karasu 6.10.

Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor pallidirostris* (Central Asian race) 1 Karasu (30 km W).

Magpie *Pica pica* 15 Kus Gölü 7.10.

Jay *Garrulus glandarius* 5 Agva 6.10, 4 Küçük Camlica 8.10, 7 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 10 Küçük Camlica 10.10.

Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* 200 Harem area/Istanbul 3-10.10.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* 15 Agva 6.10.

Hooded Crow *Corvus corone cornix* 150 Harem area/Istanbul 3-10.10.

Raven *Corvus corax* 2 Agva 6.10, 3 Uludag 7.10.

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* 100 Harem area 3.10, common Kadiköy railway area (and park area) 5.10, 10 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 7 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 10 Eminönu 10.10.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* 200 Harem area 3-10.10, 100 Sile-Karasu 6.10, common Izmit-Karacabey 7.10, 200 Büyükcekmece 8.10, 20 Büyük Camlica 9.10.

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis* common Kus Gölü 7.10.

Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* 1 Küçük Camlica 8.10.

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* common Kadiköy (park area) 5.10, 100 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 30 Uludag 7.10, 300 Büyük Camlica 9.10, 30 Küçük Camlica 10.10, 200 Eminönu 10.10.

Linnet *Carduelis cannabina* 3 Sile-Agva 6.10.

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* 50 Sile-Karasu 6.10, 5 Büyük Camlica 9.10.

Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris* 15 Sile-Karasu 6.10.

Siskin *Carduelis spinus* 5 Sile-Karasu 6.10.

Red-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus* 24 Uludag 7.10.

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* 1 Harem area 3.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 4.10, 1 Kadiköy harbour 5.10, 1 Büyük Camlica 9.10.

Common Crossbill *Loxia pytyopsittacus* 5 Uludag 7.10.

Ortolan/Cretzmar's Bunting *Emberiza hortulana/caesia* Call heard from 1 ind passing Büyük Camlica 10.10.

Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus* 18 Sile-Karasu 6.10.

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala* 6 Kandira (N) 6.10.

Bunting *Emberiza sp* 1 Büyük Camlica 4.10.

Corn Bunting *Miliaria calandra* 4 Kandira-Karasu 6.10.

Total # of species: 134

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