

SLOVENIA & CROATIA ***9th – 17th June 2007***



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Daily Diary:

Saturday 9th June

Arrival

Sunny & warm, isolated torrential shower

We all duly met at Stansted despite the apparent chaos at check-in, and with the flight time at just under two hours and the drive to Lake Bohinj also just under two hours, we arrived at our first hotel at the head of the lake in good time for dinner.

Sunday 10th June

Lake Bohinj & Mount Vogel

Misty to start, becoming sunny & warm after breakfast, thunder & heavy showers pm

We gathered in the restaurant for a 7:30 breakfast, looking forward to our first exploratory walk from the hotel along the lake shore. Dippers were bringing food for young in a nest under the wooden bridge across the nearby River Savica, although we quickly became distracted by the good array of meadow plants along the path. The meadows alongside the footpath were a mass of Yellow Rattle, amongst which such plants as Harebell and Spotted Orchids thrived. A Common Twayblade was found in the shade of a thicket right on the lake shore as others were watching a rather fine Black Redstart gathering food. Looking up to scan the high peaks above us, we spotted a Golden Eagle just as it crested the ridge, being mobbed by a rather diminutive Kestrel. A second eagle, presumably the mate, then appeared and both drifted along until out of sight. As the path followed the contour along a rather steep hillside, just above the water's edge, a Western Bonelli's Warbler was singing, and a little later we managed some good views of this small warbler. At the same spot, there were a mass of Common Pinks, a few European Cyclamen and as butterflies should not be left out, we found Pearly Heath, Large Skipper and Woodland Brown. At this point, we retraced our steps, again being distracted by further butterflies, and a very fine Dark Red Helleborine, with Greater Dodder entwined around it. A nice Arran Brown was flying around us, but only perched briefly each time it landed. A very pale but well marked butterfly, though landing for long periods allowing good views through our optics but with wings always closed, was probably a female Pale Clouded Yellow (not Berger's as originally identified). We crossed the bridge again, with a Southern White Admiral landing at our feet and the Dippers still very industrious, and met up with Tibor with the vehicle outside our rooms.

We had a few minutes to gather our stuff before loading up and heading up the Savica valley. A brief walk up the zigzag path through some lovely forest produced a brief snatch of song from a Red-breasted Flycatcher, though unfortunately no sign of the bird once we'd climbed up to its own level. At this point the first of the showers arrived so we descended back to the vehicle for our sandwiches and welcome cups of coffee or tea. We then headed for the ski-lift to take us up almost 1,000m to Mount Vogel. At 1,540m, the air was cooler but still very pleasant. Alpine Clematis, Roseroot, Alpine Rose, Mountain Avens, Alpine Pasque-flower kept our eyes to the ground, but a fine Ring Ouzel singing loudly from a dead tree and a pair of Crossbills nest-building at the top of a conifer soon brought us back on track! Dunnocks were nothing special for us but of course here, as elsewhere in Europe, this is a mountain species. A ringlet which was

flushed from the path landed again and we eventually found it with wings closed but laying flat against the stones in Grayling fashion. Photographs later showed this to be Dewy Ringlet. It really surprised us how such small clouds could produce such rain, but we eventually turned around and headed back towards the ski-station and yet another welcome tea-break. Thunder could be heard from across the valley and we descended soon after 5pm through yet another shower, meeting up with Tibor parked right outside the lower station. We were back at the hotel for 5:30, arranging to meet up an hour later for the call-over and to talk through tomorrow's planned itinerary before dinner.

Monday 11th June **Mostnica Valley, Pokljuka plateau, south to Cerknica**
Misty to start, becoming sunny & warm after breakfast, showers pm

We gathered for a 7am breakfast, to be away soon after 8am. Our first stop was to explore the Mostnica valley to the north of Lake Bohinj. We walked through a mixed habitat of woodland and small flowery meadows. Butterflies and flowers predominated, with both Spotted and Fragrant Orchids, many Common Twayblade and lovely stands of the orange Carnic Lily. There were some excellent Clouded Apollos on the wing and we found a mating pair of Assmann's Fritillaries. There were numerous Woodland Ringlets also on the wing, some decidedly tatty. Pride of place though must go to a stunning male Purple-edged Copper which perched for ages on an *Astrantia* flower-head, and a little later, we also photographed Purple-shot Copper. Returning to the vehicle, we then drove up on to the Pokljuka plateau, stopping first at a wet bog set within the spruce forest. A stunning male Firecrest welcomed our arrival, and there were good numbers of the Marsh Orchid, *Dactylorhiza majalis*, most being rather short and stocky and with broad and very heavily spotted leaves. We drove on to find a suitable place for our picnic, just finishing as the first of the afternoon's showers arrived. We did several walks, down the road and along side trails, finding several Crested Tits and a nice family party of Crossbills. A male Tree Pipit performed well for us from the top of a spruce, with loud song and several display flights. There were several Narrow-leaved Helleborines, *Cephalanthera longifolia*, along the roadside, and a nice Large Yellow Foxglove. Butterflies included good numbers of Mountain Green-veined Whites and a single Large Wall Brown.

Time was getting on so we returned to the vehicle and headed directly to our next hotel near Cerknica, in the south of Slovenia, arriving just short of two hours later at around 5:30pm, in good time to settle in and reconvene for the call-over before an excellent dinner.

Tuesday 12th June **Cerknica Lake, Postojna Caves, Nanos massif**
Misty to start, showers but heavy rain during lunch & cave trip

We took our usual 7:30 breakfast, departing by 8:30, and headed to the seasonal lake near Cerknica where at our first stop we found the Ashy-headed race of Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava cinereocapilla* on territory. In fact, the first male we watched singing from the top of a small willow was joined by a singing Marsh Warbler. Walking on we then came across a Wryneck which gave brief views, and both Red-backed Shrike and Barred Warbler on territory. The Barred Warbler was singing regularly but only showed itself briefly to a few of the group. A Quail called from further out in the meadow and a breeding-plumaged Black Tern was hawking back and forth over the open water. We drove on round the lake, finding only Great White Egret and good numbers of Whinchats on territory. We then headed for the Postojna Caves to have our sandwiches and, just as we were finishing, the rain started. We then headed for the 1pm 'train' into the cave system which is one of the largest in Europe. There were fantastic stalagmite and stalactite formations, and an artificial tank in which we could view several of the blind and colourless cave salamander, the Olm. An hour and a half later we emerged into absolutely

torrential rain, back to the vehicle and we headed for the Nanos massif. As we approached, the weather cleared and at the road works we watched a Great Banded Grayling on the grass verge opposite us. We climbed the zigzag road into increasingly pleasant weather, and with Silver-washed Fritillaries and Marbled Whites much in evidence. As we reached the plateau, we left the vehicle to walk along the road where Orange Lilies were fantastic, and many Pearly Heaths and Twin-spot Fritillaries, and both Niobe and a rather worn and faded Marsh Fritillary were all noted. A Rock Thrush was found right in the far distance on the skyline and a second stop further on produced a nice Golden Eagle which ultimately perched on the hillside for us, and a lone Chamois sitting quietly on the edge of some scree. We eventually tore ourselves away and headed back to base, stopping briefly halfway down.

Wednesday 13th June**Skocjan Caves, Secovlje Salt pans & into Croatia****Sunny with high cloud, occasional shower whilst driving**

We had our usual 7:30 breakfast and were away an hour later. Our first main stop this morning was at the Skocjan Caves. Whilst some of the group waited to join the guided walk through the cave system, a nice Honey-buzzard flew over and there were at least a half dozen Alpine Swifts circling. The rest of us explored around the rim, and at the viewpoint we looked directly down into one of the sink holes with a number of Alpine Swifts circling below us. We could hear several Rock Buntings calling and had excellent views of a male perched just over the path. A male Serin perched next to it allowing everyone to view it as well through the telescopes. A little further on, the path opened out on to the edge of a small paddock. Painted beehives were positioned over in the far corner and butterflies included numerous Marbled Whites. Further on, the path again opened out on to the edge of high cliffs. Here a Peregrine flew by and two pairs of Ravens were circling over the far ridge. A Crested Tit came and checked us out, perching at one point right next to us in a small pine. A Short-toed Treecreeper was calling further on but we failed to find it, so we then returned back to the viewpoint. A lovely Dalmatian Algeroides, a lizard resplendent with its blue head and brick-red flanks, was sunning itself on the wall. Returning to the entrance complex for welcome ice-creams, we met up with the 'cavers' who were really enthusiastic with what they had seen. The cave system was even more impressive than the Postojne Caves from yesterday. We then headed on in the vehicle, stopping briefly at Loka, immediately under the carst escarpment for lunch. Checking the rim high above us we quickly found a Blue Rock Thrush and a Short-toed Eagle cruised back & forth. Several butterflies were drinking moisture from the ground, a Scarce Swallowtail was there all the time we ate our sandwiches, and a Wood White was very taken by a damp piece of charcoal. There were several Small Coppers and a lone female Adonis Blue was photographed. Two more pairs of Short-toed Eagles were seen from the vehicle as we headed on to the border area, going through the Slovenian passport control, so officially in no-man's land, before turning off to the Secovlje Salt pans. Here Black-winged Stilts were nesting, a well-grown but still downy chick being seen, and also a Kentish Plover with two small chicks. Common & Little Terns were fishing the various pans and good numbers of European Shags were offshore on the many buoys round a fish farm. There were also several excellent Sand Lizards along the path. Just before 4pm, we again boarded the bus and once through the Croatian border control, we headed directly for Lovran, arriving at our hotel just under two hours later, in good time for dinner.

Thursday 14th June**Island of Cres****Hot & sunny**

We spent the day on the Island of Cres. Whilst waiting for the ferry, a Subalpine Warbler showed well and Sardinian Warbler was calling. A Southern White Admiral and Scarce Swallowtail

were both noted. Once on the island, we stopped quite quickly for a Honey-buzzard circling overhead, and again to view two male Cirl Buntings showing well in the telescopes. Pulling off at a road junction, we had views down on both sides of the narrow isthmus, and views of nice male Red-backed Shrikes on both slopes. A male Rock Bunting was also found and various Griffon Vultures drifted over and indeed below us at one point. We took this turning and had time before lunch to visit the Vulture Eco-Centre, where their work protecting and rescuing the remaining very small population of Griffons was explained. A pair of Honey-buzzards circled overhead, followed by Common Buzzards and Ravens. After lunch and coffee, we took a walk along one of the trails, following the contours along the hillside. The track was bounded by stone walls and was largely under trees. Further Spectacled Warblers played hard to see, and we arrived at a lovely pool fringed by bulrushes. There were masses of newly emerged Blue Emperors, Broad Scarlets and Azure Damselflies, and we were kept amused by the antics of the large Marsh Frogs as they leapt out of the water attempting to catch passing dragonflies. A small Grass Snake swam across the pond, sometimes having to crash-dive as it was swooped on by the large Emperors, and a little later, a second slightly larger and darker Grass Snake swam back. We also found a spectacular male Dalmation Wall Lizard basking on rocks nearby. Birds included Golden Oriole calling in the background, and various finches coming down to drink. We returned to the vehicle, finding a Hawfinch on the ground under some trees near the car parking area. Heading back up the road, we stopped again at the junction, this time finding a newly-fledged Tawny Pipit on the roadside. As it was in danger from the passing traffic, we ushered it across the road and it half flew a little way down the hill, to be joined by one of the adults. A couple of male Black-eared Wheatears were chasing each other at the top of the slope and all had views through the telescopes. We headed back for the ferry, stopping briefly to walk a short distance down a side trail, finding further Ilex Hairstreaks, Subalpine Warblers, Broad Scarlets and a large beetle, *Cerambyx cerdo*. We arrived back at the hotel in good time for the checklist and dinner.

Friday 15th June**Gacka Valley, Plitvicka Lakes, Starigrad****Hot & sunny, up to 28°C**

We had quite a long drive today, exploring the broad valley of the R. Gacka and up into the Plitvicka Lakes N.P., before finally reaching our hotel near the coast at Starigrad. Our first stop was to check out a shallow lake at the western end of the valley. Good numbers of Little Grebes were here with several Coots. We heard Quail calling and a family group of Common Whitethroat in the scrub edging the hay fields was a new species for the trip, as were several of the Balkan form of Lesser Spotted Fritillary. We then headed eastwards along this lovely valley which was left devastated by the last Balkan war. Both Lesser Grey and Red-backed Shrikes were plentiful and during our lunch stop, we heard Corncrake nearby. There were still many signs of the war with many derelict and/or bullet-ridden buildings, and much of the land was still not cleared of mines but these areas were well signed and did not pose a problem to us (unlike the local population!). We then headed for the Plitvicka Lakes National Park, though unfortunately, we could only spend a couple of hours here as time was, as usual, getting on. We did manage a short walk around the central part of this fantastic series of lakes and cascades, the boardwalks taking us over and around the various waterfalls and cascades. We then had to return to the vehicle and headed along the highway direct to our next hotel near Starigrad, on the coastal side of the Paklenica National Park.

Saturday 16th June**Paklenica N.P. & Vrana Lake****Hot & sunny, up to 29°C**

Our only pre-breakfast trip this week was to drive up to the peaks of the mountain range of the Paklenica National Park behind the hotel, our target bird was Rock Partridge. Leaving at 5:30am,

we were in position just before 6am, and during the next hour we found Blue Rock Thrush, Rock Nuthatch, Black-eared Wheatear, Orphean Warbler and Red-backed Shrike, but not the bird! We heard one on the scrubby slope below us but it did not show. We had to leave at 7am to return for breakfast and had boarded the vehicle and just started downhill when we came across a female with three chicks on the side of the road. We watched as she shepherded them away from us, then across the road and up on to some rocks before disappearing into the scrub – brilliant (and a sigh of relief from the leaders that we had avoided the need to return after dinner this evening!). After breakfast, we then headed to a ‘small’ gorge leading into the National Park. It was already getting hot, birds were very quiet though we did see Orphean Warbler and Hoopoe and had excellent views of two male Golden Orioles. Butterflies abounded with Scarce Swallowtail in the majority. They were all very flighty in the high temperatures but we did add Holly Blue and Sloe Hairstreak to the week’s list. Returning to the vehicle, we next headed along some minor roads, ultimately reaching the Vrana Lake for lunch. Passing through one village, there was a steep-sided pit in the ground, surrounded by a wire fence. The pit sides were peppered with holes and at least 25 Bee-eaters were present, either sitting on the fence or a nearby olive tree.

We had our sandwiches and coffee under some pine trees in a camping site on the edge of the lake. As we arrived, a well marked Italian Wall Lizard scuttled across the grass and paused a little way up a tree trunk. In the distance, we could make out Pygmy Cormorants, Whiskered Terns and Great Crested Grebes. Having walked along the shore to close the distance as much as we could, better views were had, plus the occasional Purple Heron flying across. A Woodchat Shrike came down to bathe in the shallow water’s edge, becoming very muddy in the process. It then spent the next five minutes or so trying to preen itself back into shape – I bet it wished it hadn’t bothered in the first place! A very smart Spotted Fritillary and an equally smart Bladetail (an endangered member of the Gomphidae family) were also seen. ‘Tattoo-Man’, who decided to skinny-dip right beside us, had the desired effect and we headed back to the vehicle to check out the nearby canal. Several Great Reed Warblers were singing from different areas of reeds and several Purple Herons flew over. A Penduline Tit suddenly appeared at the top of some reeds and it stayed long enough for everyone to view it through the telescopes. We spent some time in the shade of the veranda, near a rather rickety tower hide, eventually seeing several Great Reed Warblers and a brief Eurasian Reed Warbler flying across in front of us. Moving on, we stopped again for two nice male Montagu’s Harriers quartering the fields. Passing again the Bee-eater colony, we turned off down a side road through some fields and orchards. Woodchat and Red-backed Shrikes were again on the wires, with Corn Buntings and Spanish Sparrows. Then a Black-headed Bunting was found, again on the wires conveniently strung across roadside fields.

We headed back along the highway, coming off at Starigrad, and stopping where the coastal road bends round an inlet of the sea. Here we had previously noticed a number of hirundines feeding over the water and nearby slopes, and we were not disappointed as two Red-rumped Swallows were found. Our final stop for the last half hour or so was at the ‘large’ gorge leading into the Park. The cliff faces here were very impressive, and much beloved by climbers. However, Blue Rock Thrush and Rock Nuthatch welcomed us at the car park, and there was a chattering flock of Alpine Swifts and smaller numbers of Crag Martins further on. We returned to the hotel in good time to pack for tomorrow’s travel day and a welcome cup of tea.

Sunday 17th April Hot & sunny, clouding over in Slovenia

Departure

We had a 7am breakfast and were away soon after 8am. We used the highway and headed north, stopping only for fuel and restrooms. Before reaching Zagreb, we turned north and crossed into

Slovenia, having lunch in the hills soon after. Good numbers of butterflies included a Map butterfly, our final new species and causing a minor confusion as it was a summer brood adult looking more like a miniature White Admiral, and nothing like the spring brood found earlier in the year. We then headed for the highway which took us round Ljubljana and to the airport. We bade farewell to Attila and Tibor and with an easy check-in and the flight on time, we headed for home.



Purple-edged Copper (Attila Steiner)



Dalmatian Algyroides (Attila Steiner)

Species Lists:

The various species lists below use the following references:

Birds: We use the worldwide English names and systematic order as recommended by the I.O.C., and published in *Birds of the World – Recommended English Names* (Gill, F. & Wright, M., 2006,).
Also: *Collins Bird Guide* (Svensson, L., Grant, P.J., Mullarney, K. & Zetterström, D., 1999).

Mammals: We use the suggested worldwide English names and systematic order as found in *Mammals of the World, A Checklist* (Duff, A. & Lawson, A., 2004).
Also: *Collins Field Guide: Mammals of Britain & Europe* (Macdonald, D. & Barrett, P., 1993).

Amphibians and Reptiles: *Collins Field Guide: Reptiles & Amphibians of Britain & Europe [second edition]* (Arnold, E.N. & Ovenden, D.W., 2002)

Butterflies: *Butterflies of Europe, New Field Guide & Key* (Lafranchis, T., 2004)

Dragonflies: *Field Guide to the Dragonflies of Britain & Europe* (Dijkstra, K-D.B., 2006)

Flowers: *Collins Pocket Guide: Alpine Flowers of Britain & Europe* (Grey-Wilson, C. & Blamey, M., 1995)
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Alternate names are separated by ‘/’ and optional names are enclosed by ‘[.]’.

BIRDS - AVES

GROUSE, PHEASANTS & allies - Phasianidae

Rock Partridge *Alectoris graeca* : one heard plus a female with 3 chicks seen on 16th.

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix* : heard on 2 days, on 12th & again Gacka Valley on 15th.

Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* : heard at Secovlje salt pans on 13th is our only record.

GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS - Anatidae

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* : noted on 2 days with a family group L Bled on 9th, 2 Gacka valley on 15th.

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* : 5 Secovlje salt pans on 13th is our only record.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* : noted most days.

GREBES - Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* : at least 20, Gacka valley, on 15th is our only record.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* : several, Vrana Lake, on 16th is our only record.

STORKS - Ciconiidae

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* : noted en route on 2 days, with a nest with youngsters on 12th, & another nest with adult & feathered youngsters on 17th.

HERONS & BITTERNS - Ardeidae

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* : noted on 4 days with 1 en route on 9th, 2 on 12th, several on 13th, 1 on 16th.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* : several, Vrana Lake, on 16th is our only record.

Great [White] Egret *Ardea alba* : noted on 2 days with 2 on 12th, several on 13th.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* : noted on 3 days with 1 on 12th, several on 13th, 2 on 16th.

CORMORANTS - Phalacrocoracidae

Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus* : at least 6, Vrana Lake, on 16th.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* : 1 on river near Slovenia border.

European Shag *Leucocarbo aristotelis* : noted on 2 days with at least 35 offshore from Secovlje salt pans on 13th, 2 on 15th.

FALCONS & allies - Falconidae

Common/Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* : several birds noted each day.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* : 1 seen plus its mate heard Skocjan on 13th.

HAWKS, EAGLES & allies - Accipitridae

European Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus* : noted on 2 days with a pair Skocjan on 13th, 2 Cres on 14th.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* : at least 8 on Cres on 14th.

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* : noted on 2 days with 5 on 13th, 1 on 16th.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* : at least 3 on 16th is our only record.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* : up to 6 noted each day but at least 45 en route on 17th.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* : noted on 2 days with 2 over hotel, Bohinj, on 10th, 1 Nanos on 12th.

RAILS, CRAKES & COOTS - Rallidae

Corn Crane *Crex crex* : heard Gacka valley on 15th.

Eurasian/Common Coot *Fulica atra* : noted on 3 days with 1 on 12th, several on 15th & 16th.

STILTS & AVOCETS - Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* : noted on 2 days with several plus chick, Secovlje salt pans on 13th, 1 Vrana Lake on 16th.

PLOVERS & LAPWINGS - Charadriidae

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* : 1 Secovlje salt pans on 13th is our only record.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* : several adults plus 2 chicks at salt pans on 13th.

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES & allies - Scolopacidae

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* : heard, Cerknica, on 12th is our only record.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* : 1 Secovlje salt pans on 13th is our only record.

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS - Laridae

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis* : noted on 6 days in varying numbers.

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus* : noted on 2 days with at least 25 on 12th, several on 13th.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* : several at Secovlje salt pans on 13th is our only record.

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons* : several at Secovlje salt pans on 13th is our only record.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* : at least 4 at Vrana Lake on 16th is our only record.

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* : 1 in breeding plumage, Cerknica, on 12th is our only record.

PIGEONS & DOVES - Columbidae

Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* : noted on 5 days, with Feral Pigeons around the villages and some very nice, apparently pure Rock Doves in the mountains and gorges.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas* : 1 en route on 11th is our only record.

[Common] Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus* : several en route on 15th is our only record.

European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur* : noted on 2 days with 2 Secovlje salt pans on 13th, several on 16th.

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* : noted on 5 days, less common than expected.

CUCKOOS - Cuculidae

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* : heard on 4 days, on 10th - 13th.

SWIFTS - Apodidae

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* : noted on 4 days with at least 12 Skocjan on 13th, several Cres on 14th, several Starigrad on 15th, screaming parties of at least 20 in gorge on 16th.

Common Swift *Apus apus* : noted on 6 days with several en route on 9th, good numbers overhead on 12th, many around hotel on 13th, many on 14th, many Lovran on 15th & 16th.

BEE-EATERS - Meropidae

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* : at least 25 round breeding colony plus others during day on 16th is our only record.

HOOPOES - Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* : noted on 2 days with a family group of 4 plus 1 en route on 15th, 1 on 16th.

WOODPECKERS - Picidae

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* : noted on 3 days with at least 2 on 12th, heard Cres on 14th, several on 16th.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* : noted on 4 days with 2 outside hotel on 12th, heard on 13th, heard Cres on 14th, 1 Lovran on 15th.

European Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis* : 1 Plitvicka Lakes on 15th is our only record.

SHRIKES - Laniidae

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio* : regularly noted on 6 days with several en route on 11th, at least 7 during day on 12th, 2 Cres on 14th, good numbers Gacka Valley on 15th, regularly seen on 16th, many on roadside fences on 17th.

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* : good numbers in Gacka Valley on 15th.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* : several noted near Vrana Lake on 16th.

OLD WORLD ORIOLES - Oriolidae

[Eurasian] Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus* : noted on 4 days with birds heard & seen briefly on 13th, several heard Cres on 14th, heard on 15th, 2 seen well plus others during day on 16th.

CROWS, JAYS & MAGPIES - Corvidae

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* : noted most days.

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica* : noted on 5 days.

Western Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* : several en route on 15th is our only record.

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix* : noted most days.

Common Raven *Corvus corax* : noted on 6 days with a pair briefly in roadside meadow on 9th, a pair briefly over Mt Vogel on 10th, 4 Skocjan on 13th, several pairs Cres on 14th, several en route on 15th, 2 in roadside field on 17th.

TITS & CHICKADEES - Paridae

Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris* : noted on 5 days with several around hotel on 9th & 10th, heard on 11th, several Skocjan on 13th, family group Plitvicka Lakes on 15th.

Willow Tit *Poecile montana* : 1 on 11th is our only record.

Coal Tit *Periparus ater* : noted on 4 days with several around hotel on 9th & 10th, also 11th & 13th.

[European] Crested Tit *Lophophanes cristatus* : noted on 2 days with at least 2 on 11th, 1 on 13th.

Great Tit *Parus major* : noted most days.

Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus* : noted on 4 days, on 10th, 11th, 13th & 14th.

PENDULINE TITS - Remizidae

Eurasian Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus* : 1 seen well Vrana Lake on 16th is our only record.

SWALLOWS & MARTINS - Hirundinidae

Sand Martin / Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* : noted on 2 days with 1 Secovlje salt pans on 13th, 1 on 16th.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* : noted each day.

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* : at least 12 in the 'large' gorge on 16th is our only record.

[Common] House Martin *Delichon urbicum* : noted most days.

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* : noted on 2 days with 2 on 16th, 1 on 17th.

BUSHTITS, LONG-TAILED TITS - Aegithalidae

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus* : noted on 3 days with several near hotel on 10th, also heard on 12th & 13th.

LARKS - Alaudidae

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata* : noted on 3 days with 1 en route on 13th, several Starigrad en route on 15th, several on 16th.

Eurasian/Common Skylark *Alauda arvensis* : noted on 2 days with several Cerknica meadows on 12th, several Gacka Valley on 15th.

CISTICOLAS & allies - Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* : noted on 3 days with several on territory Secovlje salt pans on 13th, 1 singing Gacka Valley on 15th, several watching singing on territory on 16th.

OLD WORLD WARBLERS - Sylviidae

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti* : noted on 2 days with heard Secovlje salt pans on 13th, heard on 16th.

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* : at least 6 either seen or heard, Vrana Lake, on 16th is our only record.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* : noted on 2 days with several Cerknica on 12th, heard singing Secovlje salt pans on 13th.

[Eurasian] Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* : heard singing & seen briefly, Vrana Lake, on 16th is our only record.

Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris* : nice views of a singing male, Cerknica, on 12th.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* : noted on 6 days.

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* : one seen well plus another singing near our hotel, Bohinj, on 10th is our only record.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* : noted most days.

Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria* : a male giving good but brief views, Cerknica, on 12th is our only record.

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca* : noted on 2 days with one heard singing Mt Vogel on 10th, heard singing on 12th.

Orphean Warbler *Sylvia hortensis* : 1 seen pre-breakfast on 16th is our only record.

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis* : several Gacka Valley on 15th.

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* : several on 14th is our only record.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* : heard whilst waiting for ferry on 14th is our only record.

CRESTS & KINGLETS - Regulidae

Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla* : an excellent male on 11th, Pokljuka plateau.

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* : birds heard singing on 3 days, on 10th, 11th, & 17th.

WRENS - Troglodytidae

[Winter] Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* : noted on 4 days, on 10th, 11th, 13th, & 15th.

NUTHATCHES & WALLCREEPER - Sittidae

Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* : noted on 3 days with birds heard calling on 10th, around hotel on 12th, heard on 13th.

Western Rock Nuthatch *Sitta neumayer* : several seen & heard on 16th is our only record.

TREECREEPERS - Certhiidae

Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* : heard near hotel on 10th is our only record.

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla* : heard briefly, Skocjan, on 13th is our only record.

STARLINGS - Sturnidae

Common/European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* : noted on 6 days.

THRUSHES - Turdidae

Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus* : a nice male watched singing Mt Vogel on 10th is our only record.

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula* : noted each day.

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* : noted most days.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* : ones or twos noted on 5 days.

OLD WORLD CHATS & FLYCATCHERS - Muscipidae

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula* : noted on 5 days.

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos* : noted on 3 days with heard singing Secovlje salt pans on 13th, 2 heard singing on 15th, several heard singing around hotel on 16th.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* : several, Bohinj, on 10th is our only record.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* : noted on 3 days with several males on territory on 12th, a nice male Gacka Valley on 15th, several on 17th.

European/Common Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola* : noted on 2 days with a female, Nanos plateau, on 12th, 1 en route on 13th.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* : a male near old industrial site on 16th is our only record.

Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica* : noted on 3 days with several Cres on 14th, 2 pre-breakfast on 16th, 1 on roadside fence on 17th.

Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* : a speck half way to Moscow (!) on 12th is our only record.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* : noted on 3 days with 1 on top of escarpment, Loka, on 13th, 1 on cliffs near ferry on 14th, several including nice views in the gorge on 16th.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* : noted on 2 days with 1 near hotel on 10th, 2 Loka on 13th.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva* : 1 singing briefly Savica valley on 10th is our only record.

DIPPERS - Cinclidae

White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus* : noted on 2 days with a pair bringing food for young in nest near hotel on 10th & 11th.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS & allies - Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* : noted most days.

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis* : many, Vrana Lake, on 16th is our only record.

ACCENTORS - Prunellidae

Dunnock / Hedge Accentor *Prunella modularis* : several Mt Vogel on 10th is our only record.

WAGTAILS & PIPITS - Motacillidae

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* : noted on 4 days with several of the Ashy-headed race, *M. f. cinereocapilla*, on 12th, several Secovlje salt pans on 13th, 1 Gacka Valley on 15th, several on 16th.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* : noted on 5 days with 1 en route on 9th, 1 near hotel on 10th, 2 on 11th, 1 on 13th, 1 Plitvicka Lakes on 15th.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* : noted most days.

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* : adult and fledged juvenile, Cres, on 14th is our only record.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* : noted on 3 days with 2 singing males seen well on 11th, several singing on 12th, singing Gacka Valley on 15th.

FINCHES & allies - Fringillidae

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* : noted each day.

European Serin *Serinus serinus* : noted on 5 days, on 12th - 16th.

European Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris* : noted most days.

Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus* : several heard on 11th is our only record.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* : noted on 4 days, on 10th, 12th, 13th, & 16th.

Common Linnet *Carduelis cannabina* : several en route on 16th is our only record.

Common/Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* : noted on 2 days with a pair nest-building Mt Vogel on 10th, family group feeding in tree top on 11th.

Eurasian Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* : calls heard on 11th is our only record.

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* : noted on 3 days with 1 from vehicle en route on 12th, nice views of 1 Cres on 14th, 1 Lovran on 15th.

BUNTINGS, NEW WORLD SPARROWS & allies - Emberizidae

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra* : noted on 2 days with several Gacka Valley on 15th, several Vrana Lake on 16th.

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella* : several birds noted on 3 days, on 12th, 13th, & 15th.

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia* : noted on 3 days with several Nanos on 12th, a nice male plus others Skocjan on 13th, 2 nice views Cres on 14th.

Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirius* : noted on 4 days with heard singing Secovlje salt pans on 13th, 2 nice males Cres on 14th, several heard singing on 15th, several on territory round hotel on 16th.

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala* : a nice male near Vrana Lake, plus another glimpsed, on 16th.

MAMMALS - MAMMALIA

European Mole *Talpa europaea* : mole hills were noted on 12th.

Brown/European Hare *Lepus europaeus* : 1 seen by Tibor, our driver, on 16th is our only record.

Eurasian Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris* : 1 seen by Tibor from hotel balcony on 15th is our only record.

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* : 1 seen by Tibor in hotel garden on 12th is our only record.

Beech Marten *Martes foina* : droppings noted on 14th were probably this species.

Chamois *Rupicapra rupicapra* : 1 seen well though distantly on the Nanos plateau on 12th.

AMPHIBIANS - AMPHIBIA

Alpine Salamander *Salamandra atra* : one dead on path on 11th is our only record.

Marsh Frog *Rana ridibunda* : noted on 4 days with heard on 12th, many in the pool on Cres on 14th, several Plitvicka Lakes on 15th, heard on 16th.

REPTILES - REPTILIA

Slow-worm *Anguis fragilis* : a young one, Nanos, on 12th is our only record.

Dalmatian Algyroides *Algyroides nigropunctatus* : noted on 2 days with 1 photographed Skocjan on 13th, several Cres on 14th.

Sand Lizard *Lacerta agilis* : several noted on the path, Secovlje salt pans, on 13th.

Green Lizard *Lacerta viridis* : 1 Skocjan on 13th is our only record.

Dalmatian Wall Lizard *Podarcis melisellensis* : a nice specimen photographed by the pool, Cres, on 14th is our only record.

Common Wall Lizard *Podarcis muralis* : noted on 3 days with 1 near hotel on 10th, Skocjan on 13th, Cres on 14th.

Italian Wall Lizard *Podarcis sicula* : 1 at lunch stop, Vrana Lake, on 16th is our only record.

Grass Snake *Natrix natrix* : 2 in the pool, Cres, on 14th is our only record.

BUTTERFLIES - LEPIDOPTERA

APOLLOS & SWALLOWTAILS - Papilionidae

Clouded Apollo *Parnassius mnemosyne* : several nice views on 11th.

Swallowtail *Papilio machaon* : noted on 2 days with 1 near hotel on 10th, 1 on 16th.

Scarce Swallowtail *Papilio podalirius* : noted on 4 days with 1 during lunch at Loka on 13th, several Cres on 14th, 1 on 15th, several on 16th.

WHITES, YELLOWS & SULPHURS - Pieridae

Black-veined White *Aporia crataegi* : noted on 3 days with good numbers Skocjan on 13th, 1 Cres on 14th, several on 15th.

Large White *Pieris brassicae* : noted on 2 days with 1 on 10th, 1 Skocjan on 13th.

Small White *Pieris rapae* : noted on 5 days.

Green-veined White *Pieris napi* : noted on 2 days with 1 on 16th, several on 17th.

Mountain Green-veined White *Pieris bryoniae* : several on 11th.

Orange-tip *Anthocharis cardamines* : several on 10th.

Brimstone *Gonepteryx rhamni* : noted on 5 days.

Pale Clouded Yellow *Colias hyale* : a female near hotel on 10th is our only record.

Clouded Yellow *Colias crocea* : noted on 3 days with 1 Skocjan on 13th, 1 on 15th, several on 16th.

Wood White *Leptidea sinapsis* : noted on 5 days with 1 Loka on 13th, 1 Cres on 14th, 1 on 15th, 1 on 16th, several on 17th.

BRUSH-FOOTED BUTTERFLIES - Nymphalidae

Browns, Ringlets & Satyrs - subf: Satyrinae

Arran Brown *Erebia ligea* : 1 near hotel on 10th is our only record.

Woodland Ringlet *Erebia medusa* : many on the wing on 11th.

Dewy Ringlet *Erebia pandrose* : 1 Mt Vogel on 10th is our only record.

Marbled White *Melanargia galathea* : commonly noted on 4 days.

Grayling *Hipparchia semele* : 1 photographed, Cres, on 14th is our only record.

Great Banded Grayling *Brintesia circe* : noted on 5 days with 1 on roadside below Nanos on 12th, good numbers all day on 13th, many on 14th, several on 16th, 1 on 17th.

Ringlet *Aphantopus hyperantus* : 1 on 17th is our only record.

Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria* : noted on 2 days with many on the wing on 11th, several on 14th.

Wall Brown *Lasiommata megera* : several noted on 3 days, on 13th, 14th, & 16th.

Large Wall Brown *Lasiommata maera* : noted on 3 days with 1 on 11th, 1 on 12th, 1 on 13th.

Woodland Brown *Lopinga achine* : 1 near hotel on 10th is our only record.

Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina* : noted on 2 days with several on 14th & 15th.

Pearly Heath *Coenonympha arcania* : noted on 5 days with 1 near hotel on 10th, several on 11th, many Nanos on 12th, good numbers on 13th, several on 15th.

Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus* : noted on 4 days with several on 11th & 14th - 16th.

Pashas, Gliders, Emperors - subf: Charaxinae, Limenitinae & Apaturinae

Southern White Admiral *Limenitis reducta* : noted on 3 days with 1 near hotel on 10th, 1 whilst waiting for ferry on 14th, 1 on 16th.

Vanessids & smaller Fritillaries - subf: Nymphalinae

Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta* : 1 on 11th is our only record.

Painted Lady *Vanessa [=Cynthia] cardui* : noted on 4 days with several near hotel on 10th, several on 11th, 1 on 13th, several on 14th.

Small Tortoiseshell *Aglais urticae* : noted on 2 days with several near hotel on 10th, 1 on 11th.

Comma *Polygonia c-album* : noted on 5 days with 1 near hotel on 10th, several on 11th, several on 13th, 1 whilst waiting for ferry on 14th, 1 on 15th.

Map butterfly *Araschnia levana* : 1 (summer brood) at the lunch stop on 17th is our only record.

Marsh Fritillary *Euphydryas aurinia* : 1 worn and faded specimen, Nanos, on 12th is our only record.

Assmann's Fritillary *Mellicta britomartis* : a mating pair photographed on 11th is our only record.

Nickerl's Fritillary *Mellicta aurelia* : several individuals photographed on 11th.

Lesser Spotted Fritillary *Melitaea trivia* : several, Gacka Valley, on 15th is our only record.

Spotted Fritillary *Melitaea didyma* : 1 fresh adult, Vrana Lake, on 16th is our only record.

Larger Fritillaries & Heliconians - subf: Heliconiinae

Niobe Fritillary *Argynnis niobe* : noted on 4 days with 1 photographed Nanos on 12th, good numbers on 14th, 1 photographed on 16th, 1 on 17th.

Silver-washed Fritillary *Argynnis paphia* : several as we climbed Nanos on 12th.

Twin-spot Fritillary *Brenthis hecate* : many on the Nanos plateau on 12th.

METALMARKS - Riodinidae

Duke of Burgundy Fritillary *Hamearis lucina* : 1 near hotel on 10th is our only record.

HAIRSTREAKS, COPPERS & BLUES - Lycaenidae

Ilex Hairstreak *Satyrion ilicis* : good numbers on Cres on 14th.

Sloe Hairstreak *Satyrion acaciae* : 1 photographed on 16th is our only record.

Purple-shot Copper *Lycaena alciphron* : 1 photographed on 11th is our only record.

Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeas* : noted on 2 days with several Loka on 13th, several on 16th.

Purple-edged Copper *Lycaena hippothoe* : 1 photographed on 11th is our only record.

Small Blue / Little Blue *Cupido minimus* : several noted on 6 days, 12th - 17th.

Holly Blue *Celastrina argiolus* : noted on 2 days with 1 photographed on 16th, several on 17th.

Reverdin's Blue *Plebejus argyrognomon* : 1 found halfway down Nanos on 12th.

Silver-studded Blue *Plebejus argus* : a male photographed on path round our feet near hotel on 10th.

Brown Argus *Aricia agestis* : 1 photographed on 14th is our only record.

Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus* : noted on 2 days with a bright male photographed on 11th, another photographed on 12th.

Adonis Blue *Lysandra bellargus* : noted on 2 days with several Cerknica Lake on 12th, 1 photographed Loka on 13th.

SKIPPERS - Hesperidae

Mallow Skipper *Carcharodus alceae* : 1 photographed on 13th is our only record.

Small Skipper *Thymelicus sylvestris* : noted on 5 days with 1 on 12th, then several 13th - 16th.

Large Skipper *Ochlodes sylvanus* : noted on 3 days with 1 near hotel on 10th & 11th, several on 17th.

DAMSELFLIES & DRAGONFLIES - ODONATA

DEMOISELLES - Calopterygidae

Beautiful Demoiselle *Calopteryx virgo* : noted on 3 days with 2 as we climbed Nanos on 12th, 1 on 13th, many Plitvicka Lakes on 15th.

BLUE-TAILED & RED DAMSELFLIES - Coenagrionidae

Azure Bluet/Damselfly *Coenagrion puella* : many at the pool on Cres on 14th.

HAWKERS & EMPERORS - Aeshnidae

Green-eyed/Norfolk Hawker *Aeshna isoceles* : several at Plitvicka Lakes on 15th.

Blue Emperor [Dragonfly] *Anax imperator* : noted on 2 days with several Secovlje salt pans on 13th, good numbers on Cres on 14th.

Lesser Emperor *Anax parthenope* : 1 Secovlje salt pans on 13th is our only record.

CLUB-TAILED DRAGONFLIES & allies - Gomphidae

Bladetail *Lindenia tetraphylla* : 1 on the shore during lunch plus another near the tower hide, Vrana Lake, on 17th.

DOWNY EMERALDS & allies - Corduliidae

Downy Emerald *Cordulia aenea* : c.5 Lake Bohinj near hotel on 10th is our only record.

CHASERS, SKIMMERS & DARTERS - Libellulidae

Broad-bodied Chaser *Libellula depressa* : several at the pool on Cres on 14th.

Black-tailed Skimmer *Orthetrum cancellatum* : 1 Plitvicka Lakes on 15th is our only record.

White-tailed Skimmer *Orthetrum albistylum* : 1 at the pool on Cres on 14th is our only record.

Broad Scarlet [Darter] *Crocothemis erythraea* : many at the pool on Cres on 14th.

MOTHS & OTHER INSECTS

Hummingbirdbird Hawkmoth *Macroglossum stellatarum* : noted on 3 days with 1 on 11th, several Secovlje salt pans on 13th, several on 14th.

Cerambyx cerdo : the large beetle found on the trail before the ferry off Cres on 14th was this species.

SELECTED PLANTS

Just those we particularly noted, mainly from the mountains of Slovenia
(corrections and additions very welcome)

SLOVENIA (nos. on right refer to Grey-Wilson & Blamey's *Alpine Flowers of Britain & Europe*)

<i>Silene nutans</i>	Nottingham Catchfly	36.2
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Champion	36.6
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	Sweet William	38.10
<i>Dianthus plumarius</i>	Common Pink	42.8
<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Christmas-Rose (not in flwr)	54.3
<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	Globeflower	54.7
<i>Aconitum lycoctonum</i>	Wolfsbane	56.4
<i>Anemone nemerosa</i>	Wood Anemone	58.3
<i>Pulsatilla alpina</i>	Alpine Pasque-flower	60.1
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Hepatica (not in flwr)	60.6
<i>Clematis alpina</i>	Alpine Clematis	62.4
<i>Thalictrum aquilegifolium</i>	Great Meadow-rue	70.1
<i>Lunaria rediviva</i>	Perennial Honesty	82.6
<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>	Roseroot	100.4
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i> (= <i>A. vulgaris</i>)	Goatsbeard Spiraea	118.3
<i>Rosa pendulina</i> (= <i>R. alpina</i>)	Alpine Rose	120.4
<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	Mountain Avens	124.5
<i>Geum montanum</i>	Alpine Avens	124.6a
<i>Geum rivale</i>	Water Avens	124.7
<i>Alchemilla</i> sp.	Lady's Mantle sp.	130.-
<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Laburnum	136.6
<i>Genista tinctoria</i>	Dyer's Greenweed	138.3
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Bloody Cranesbill	158.3
<i>Geranium pratense</i>	Meadow Cranesbill	158.4
<i>Geranium sylvaticum</i>	Wood Cranesbill	158.5
<i>Geranium phaeum</i>	Dusky Cranesbill	158.8
<i>Linum perenne</i> agg.	Perennial Flax	164.1
<i>Viola biflora</i>	Yellow Wood Violet	178.10
<i>Astrantia major</i>	Greater Masterwort / Mountain Sanicle	184.7
<i>Cyclamen purpurescens</i> (= <i>C. europaeum</i>)	European Sowbread	210.10
<i>Cuscuta europaea</i>	Greater Dodder	212.11a
<i>Gentiana</i> sp.	Gentian sp.	218.-
<i>Onosma</i> sp.	Golden-drop sp.	222.-
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	224.4
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	Common Comfrey	226.1
<i>Symphytum tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Comfrey	226.1a
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Meadow Clary	232.4
<i>Verbascum chaixii</i>	Mullein	246.4a
<i>Verbascum lanatum</i>	Lanate Mullein	246.5
<i>Digitalis ambigua</i> (= <i>D. grandiflora</i>)	Large Yellow Foxglove	248.1
<i>Pedicularis verticillata</i>	Verticillate Lousewort	256.4
<i>Pedicularis rosea</i>	Pink Lousewort	256.4a
<i>Rhinanthus</i> sp.	Yellow Rattle sp.	260.-
<i>Lathraea squamaria</i>	Toothwort	260.8
<i>Pinguicula alpina</i>	Alpine Butterwort	264.5
<i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i>	Common Butterwort	264.9
<i>Orobanche gracilis</i>	Slender Broomrape	268.8
<i>Phyteuma ovatum</i>	Dark Rampion	276.8b
<i>Campanula rapunculoides</i>	Creeping Bellflower	280.4
<i>Campanula persicifolia</i>	Peach-leaved Bellflower	280.5

<i>Campanula alpine</i>	Alpine Bellflower	280.7
<i>Knautia dipsacifolia</i>	Wood Scabious	286.6
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	Mountain Cornflower	310.9
<i>Veratrum album</i>	White False Helleborine	326.1
<i>Lilium bulbiferum</i>	Orange Lily	328.2
<i>Lilium carniolicum</i>	Carnic Lily	328.3
<i>Maianthemum bifolium</i>	May Lily	330.10
<i>Polygonatum</i> sp.	Solomon's Seal sp.	332.-
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily of the Valley	332.4
<i>Paris quadrifolia</i>	Herb Paris	332.5
<i>Iris spuria</i>	'blue' Iris	336.-
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsia</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	340.8
<i>Epipactis atrorubens</i>	Dark Red Helleborine	342.8
<i>Listera ovata</i>	Common Twayblade	344.4

CROATIA (nos. on right refer to Blamey & Grey-Wilson's *Mediterranean Wild Flowers*)

<i>Linum nodiflorum</i>	'yellow' Flax	773
<i>Linum suffruticosum</i>	White Flax	786
<i>Onosma echinoides</i>	Golden-drop	1359
<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	-	2012
<i>Utricularia</i> sp.	Butterwort sp.	-

Well done to all of you who made this trip the success it was, and I hope to see you all on another trip, sometime in the not-too-distant future.

Keith Grant, June 2007