HUNGARY – Kiskunsag National Park SPECIES LIST Monday 10th May – Sunday 16th May 2010

	SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMENTS
1	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	Seen on 4 days with excellent views of several starting to perform their courtship display o muddy fish ponds
2	Black-necked Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	Seen on 3 days with an adult and chicks seen on Churchill lakes.
3	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	Up to 12 seen on 2 days at Churchill lakes. Note these birds were the subspecies <i>sinensis</i> which nest in trees on lakes in Easten Europe.
4	Pygmy Cormorant	Phalacrocorax pygmeus	Lots seen on Churchill lakes sat in trees and flying around and several seen closer at mud pond 2 where we had very nice views
5	Great Bittern	Botaurus stellaris	Heard only on 2 days, with 2 birds each time and loud booming heard on marsh near canal.
6	Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus	Single birds seen on 3 days with female showing well in reedy ditch on our way to the lodge and mazingly 3 birds seen on a rainy day.
7	Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Seen on 4 days with several flying around fish ponds during the day and others out feeding in the open. Maximum count of 6 in one day
8	Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides	Seen on 2 days with 2 flying over lakes at Churchill and 4 sheen well at mud ponds 1 & 2
9	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	Seen in small numbers every day around ponds or wetlands
10	Great Egret	Egretta alba	Seen everyday around ponds and wetlands with maximum count of around 25 together
11	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	Seen on 6 days mostly flying over. Maximum of 30 in one day at Churchill lakes and fish ponds
12	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	This often skulky species was seen on 6 days with most in flight but others showing well in wetlands. A maximum of 8 on day 2 was good
13	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	A scarce bird we saw individuals on 2 days with superb views of one as it flew toward and over us a wetland reserve and another at fish ponds
14	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	This widespread bird was seen every day and included many close views plus several posing for photographs on nest and even one on a wire!
15	Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia	Seen on 5 days we had lots of good views with singles and pairs in full breeding plumage flying overhead. Maximum of 10 around fish ponds
16	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	A few birds seen on 4 days around wetlands
17	Greylag Goose	Anser anser	Small groups and scattered pairs seen near wetlands and fields on 6 days
18	Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	Just 2 seen by a few of us by tower on wetland reserve
19	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Widespread and small numbers seen every day
20	Gadwall	Anas strepera	The odd pair seen on 4 days on ponds and pools
21	Shoveler	Anas clypeata	3 seen at Churchill lakes on one day
22	Common Teal	Anas Crecca	Five birds seen distantly on just one day
23	Garganey	Anas querquedula	Seen on 3 days with 3 on roadside pools on 2 days and others in wetlands on one other day
24	Pochard	Aythya ferina	Fairly common and seen on ponds on 5 days

			with maximum of 60 in one day
25	Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina	An unexpected find as scarce in this part of Hungary we had one male bird fly out marsh
26	Ferruginous Duck	Aythya nyroca	Seen on 4 days with good views at several areas including Churchill lakes. Max of 8 in one day
27	White-tailed Eagle	Haliaeetus albicilla	2 sub adult birds seen flying low over forest at Churchill lakes
28	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	Widespread and common and seen every day
29	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus	Seen on a 2 days with best views of 3 together over fields on one day. 2 males and a female
30	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	3 birds seen on 2 days with one notable bird seen circling amongst a flock of bee-eaters
31	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	Widespread and common we saw several on each and every day of the trip
32	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	Seen on every day of the trip
33	Red-footed Falcon	Falco vespertinus	Seen on 4 days we had superb views of small groups with a max of 10 on one day, Males and females seen hunting and perched. Fantastic!
34	Hobby	Falco subbuteo	One seen well flying over mud pond 1
35	Saker Falcon	Falco cherrug	An excellent species we had a female flying low and landing on electric pylons where one held a nest that had 4 chicks whic occasionally showed
36	Grey Partridge	Perdix perdix	A good spot by Julie of a pair beside the road that never ran off and allowed superb views
37	Quail	Coturnix coturnix	Heard calling their distinctive song on 4 days
38	Common Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	Seen in small numbers every day of the trip
39	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus	Heard only briefly on one day at mud pond 1
40	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	Seen on 4 days with max of 2 on or near ponds
41	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	Max of 3seen on ponds on 4 days of trip
42	Great Bustard	Otis tarda	Up to 9 birds were seen in grassy fields as we drove towards lodge. Walking the hillside in the open and 2 seen in flight were impressive. Another 6 were seen at another site but distant
43	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	Up to 5 seen on 3 days of the trip. Several at wetlands including a few birds on nests
44	Avocet (Pied)	Recurvirostra avosetta	Good views of up to 8 on 4 days in wetlands
45	Stone-curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus	Seen on 3 days we had distant views at a gravel workings but superb views at a roadside pool
46	Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola	5 birds were scoped in arable fields where they were seen perched, flying and even copulating!
47	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius	Up to 4 were seen distantly at gravel workings
48	Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	Widespread and common and a distinctive sight and sound of the lowlands. Fantastic calls!
49	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	Up to 60 flew into pool on first day and included several males in full dress of black and chestnut, a few others seen at at fish pond
50	Dunlin	Calidris alpina	Just 2 seen in full summer plumage in roadside pool on first day as we travelled toward lodge
51	Little Stint	Calidris minuta	1 was scoped amongst ruff in roadside pool as we travelled toward lodge on the first day
52	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	Seen on 2 days we had up yo 30 on a roadside pool as we drove toward lodge on the first day
53	Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus	Seen on 3 days the best views were 2 almost in full bredimng plumage seen on a roadside pool on the first day as we drove toward lodge

54	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus	Seen on 5 days with most birds noisy and and
55	Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa	showing well either feeding or in display flights A single bird on first day was in in full breeding
56	Black-headed Gull	Larus ridibundus	colours, and another was seen at a nesting area Common and widespread we saw many on
57	Mediterranean Gull	Larus melanocephalus	every day of trip with a max of 80 on one day Distant views on 2 days with scope views of
58	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus cachinnans	adults including up to 4 at gravel workings Small numbers seen on 4 days
59	Common Tern		Seen on 4 days with up to 10 flying over ponds
60	Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybridus	The commonest marsh tern seen on 5 days with up to 25 together over wetlands and ponds
61	White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus	A very smart tern in its breeding cplumage we saw maximum of 8 on 3 days over wetlands
62	Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	Maximum of 3 seen together over wetlands and recorded on 3 seperate days
63	Feral Pigeon	Colomba livia	A common sight and seen on most days
64	Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	Wdespread and common and seen every day
65	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	Common around villages and seen every day
66	European Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur	Seen on 5 days we only had a few brief sightings apart from one scoped on tree top
67	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	Surprisingly common with several sightings every day. Good views of many, plus many more heard and one Rufous bird seen.
68	Tawny Owl	Strix aluco	We had excellent views of one on a short night walk from lodge. Others were heard calling
69	Little Owl	Athene noctua	A really good find by Gina on day 2 of a bird sat on an electricity pylon
70	(European) Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus	WE had spotlight views of one perched and flying on ashort night walk from the lodge
71	Common Swift	Apus apus	Only one or two on day 1 then up to 20 in the rain on our second to last day
72	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	One seen well by just a few of us on fish ponds and probably the same bird very distant by all
73	European Bee-Eater	Merops apiaster	Recorded on 6 days we heard plenty flying over, but the best was near the lodge where we had fabulous views of birds perched and hawking!
74	European Roller	Coracias garrulus	Seen on 6 days these stunning birds were nearly always on wires, in ones and pairs
75	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	We saw on 2 day and heard other! Frank was particularly happy with our first sighting of a bird that flew right past us over open meadows
76	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	This species was very much wanted and eventually we got fantastic views of one bird singing from a dead tree top
77	Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis	Seen on 3 days, bar a couple of fly past we got very good views of 2 different birds perched
78	Black Woodpecker	Dryocopus martius	One bird called in gave stunning views perched on a dead tree. This was a highlight for all. Another attending a nest was seen by gabor
79	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major	One or two birds were seen on every day of the trip
80	Syrian Woodpecker	Dendrocopos syriacus	One gave good but brief views to most of group before disappearing and not relocated
81	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos medius	One got away from all but alan, then a pair showed well, and finally another showed very well near our singing wryneck

82	White-backed Woodpecker	Dendrocopus leuotos	Poor views of a bird that disappeared and showed again very briefly in the Bukk hills may have been this species
83	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	Suprisingly few seen with ones or twos on 5 days of the trip
84	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis	Seen mostly in song flight on 6 days it became a familiar part of the Hungarian countryside
85	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	Ones or twos seen on 4 days, a small colony seen well and over a 100 hunting on a rainy day
86	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Widespread and common seen every day
87	House Martin	Delichon urbica	A few seen around villages on 5 days
88	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris	3 birds were seen on 3 seperate days
89	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis	Excellent views of just one bird perched showing all id features prior to a thunderstorm
90	Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava flava	Good numbers seen on 6 days. The birds were of the Central European subspecies <i>flava</i>
91	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	One bird seen near stream in the Bukk hills
92	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	Common and seen in small numbers every day
93	Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	Heard a couple of times and seen close to lodge
94	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	Just a couple of skulking birds seen on 2 days
95	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	Recorded on 6 days, mostly singing we did get
			varying views of at least 3 birds
96	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros	Seen around the lodge and other settlements on 6 days
97	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	One pair proved elusive in the lodge gardens
98	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	Only 2 seen with best views of 1 at Bustard site
99	Common Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	Widespread and easily seen every day of the trip
100	NorthernWheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	Up to 4 seen on 1 day in arable fields
101	Eurasian Blackbird	Turdus merula	Widespread and seen in small numbers each day
102	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	Seen on 5 days with maxium of 4 on one day
103	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	A tricky bird was seen on and off at the lodge over 5 days, eventually giving good views to all
104	River Warbler	Locustella fluviatilis	Heard once by the corncrake fields, and one bird was seen well singing in mosquito forest
105	Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides	Two separate birds gave brief but stunning close views in reeds at mud pond 1
106	Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	Several seen very well on 5 days around wetlands, reedbeds and edge of fish ponds
107	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	Seen on 3 days some bird were out in the open and singing from reeds at edge of fish ponds
108	Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	One of our commonest warblers seen well and heard a lot on 6 days anywhere near reeds
109	Icterine Warbler	Hippolais icterina	2 were seen and heard singing in the woods beside the corncrake fields
110	Barred Warbler	Sylvia nisoria	1 bird singing near our lodge on early morning walk and then another two also singing near mud pond 2 and the corncrake fields
111	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca	Just one seen by a few in morning by the lodge
112	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis	1 seen singing from dead bush by fish ponds
113	Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	Widespread and heard on 6 days with a few sightings at a variety of habitats
114	Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin	Heard in mosquito forest on our first day
115	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	1 bird seen pretty well by half the group and

			heard singing in woodlands on 3 other days
116	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	Seen and heard at several sites on 6 days
117	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	Small numbers at a variety of sites on 6 days
118	Collared Flycatcher	Ficedula albicollis	Excellent views of a bird nesting on day one in mosquito wood and then 2 more on our last dayin the Bukk hills
119	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus europaeus	Good views of family parties on 2 days. These birds were the Central European race <i>europaeus</i>
120	Blue Tit	Parus caeruleus	Only a few seen on just 3 days
121	Great Tit	Parus major	Widespread, seen in small numbers on 6 days
122	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea	Recorded on 2 days in mosquito wood with 3 birds on one day
123	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla	A pair seen feeding 3 yound at mosquito wood gave great views and we were amazed to see the strange behaviour of the young huddled together
124	(Eurasian) Penduline Tit	Remiz pendulinus	Fantastic looks at one collecting nesting mataerial plus sightings on 3 other days where birds gave superb views. Nests were also seen
125	Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	Super looks at male sat in dead tree and others seen flying over. Recorded on 6 days the calls were heard almost everywhere we went
126	Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio	Fairly common and seen at a variety of sites on 5 days, with a maximum of 12 seen in 1 day
127	Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor	Superb looks at several birds in full breeding plumage on 2 days. Maximum of 6 on one day
128	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	Recorded on 3 days with a couple near the lodge
129	Black-billed Magpie	Pica pica	Widespread and common and seen everyday
130	Eurasian Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	Seen on 3 days with biggest group of 20 birds
131	Rook	Corvus frugilegus	A few seen on 3 seperate days
132	Hooded Crow	Corvus corone cornix	Widespread and common and easily seen every day
133	Common Raven	Corvus corax	Just one seen by Frank on one day
134	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Common and widespread and seen everyday
135	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Common and widespread and seen everyday
136	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	Reasonably common and seen in small numbers at many sites on 6 days
137	Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	Seen in small numbers on everyday
138	European Serin	Serinus serinus	At least 4 seen in small town when searching for Syrian Woodpecker
139	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	A few seen on 5 seperate days
140	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	Ones and twos seen at various sites on 6 days
141	Eurasian Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	A pair at mud pond 2 eluded almost everyone
142	Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes	Seen on 5 days including bird feeding in mosquito forest, one near lodge, also flew over at mud pond 2, and seen near corncrake fields
143	Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	Seen on 3 days the best views were near lodge
144	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia	A very nice male was scoped in the Bukk hills
145	Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	Just 2 birds were seen at two sites during tour
146	Corn Bunting	Miliaria calandra	Common and widespread and seen everyday

MAMMALS

1.	Roe Deer	Capreolus capreolus
2.	Brown Hare	Lepus capensis
3.	European Souslik	Spermophilus citellus
4.	Northern Mole	Talpa europaea

BUTTERFLIES – Names follow Collins Butterfly Guide

1.	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon
2.	Large White	Pieris brassicae
3.	Orange tip	Anthocharis cardamines
4.	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea
5.	Wood White	Leptidea sinapis
6.	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas
7.	Green-underside Blue	Glaucopsyche alexis
8.	Reverdin's Blue	Plebejus argyrognomon
9.	Silver-studded Blue	Plebejus argus
10.	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus
11.	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta
12.	Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui
13.	Comma Butterfly	Polygonia c-album
14.	Glanville Fritillary	Melitaea cinxia
15.	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus
16.	Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria
17.	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera
18.	Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus malvae
19.	Mallow Skipper	Carcharodus alceae
20.	Dingy Skipper	Erynnis tages
21.	Small Skipper	Thymelicus sylvestris
22.	Large Skipper	Ochlodes venatus

MOTHS

1	Poplar Hawk Moth	Laothoe populi
2	Pale Tussock	Calliteara pudibunda
3	White Ermine	Spilosoma lubricipeda
4	Clouded Border	Lomaspilis marginata
5	Mother Shipton	Callistege mi
6	Lattice Heath	Chaiasmia clathrata

REPTILES

1.	Sand Lizard	Lacerta agilis
2.	Grass Snake	Natrix natrix
3.	European Pond Terrapin	Emys orbicularis
4.	Red-bellied Toad	Bombina
5.	Common Spadefoot	Pelobates fuscus
6.	Green Toad	Bufo viridis



Hares were seen many times especially when driving past the many grassy meadows.This one was sat on the track near our lodge



Green-underside Blues were found just a short walk away



Plenty of Day flying Burnet Companion moths were seen

7.	Common Tree Frog	Hyla arborea
8.	Edible Frog	Ranus esculenta

DRAGONFLIES - Names follow Dragonflies of Britain and Europe - Lewington

1.	Banded Demoiselle	Calopteryx splendens
2.	Common Bluetail	Ischnura elegans
3.	Variable Bluet	Coenagrion pulchellum
4.	Azure Bluet	Coenagrion puella
5.	Large Redeye	Erythromma najas
6.	Blue Featherleg	Platycnemis pennipes
7.	Green-eyed Hawker	Aeshna isosceles
8.	Blue Emperor	Anax imperator
9.	Hairy Hawker	Brachytton pratense
10.	Downy Emerald	Cordulia aenea
11.	Four-spotted Chaser	Libellula quadrimaculata
12.	Blue Chaser	Libellula fulva
13.	Black-tailed Skimmer	Orthetrum cancellatum

FLOWERS - provided by Keith Powrie

14.	Bugle	Ajuga reptans
15.	Large Blue Alkanet	Anchusa azurea
16.	Birthwort	Aristolochia clematitis
17.	Hungarian Milk-vetch	Astragalus asper
18.	Flowering Rush	Butomus umbellatus
19.	Shepherd's Purse	Caapsella bursa-pastoris
20.	Marsh Marigold	Caltha palustris
21.	Peach-leaved Bellflower	Campanula persicifolia
22.	Musk Thistle	Carduus nutans
23.	Cornflower	Centaurea cyanus
24.	White Helleborine	Cephalanthera damasoniumm
25.	Greater Celandine	Chelidonium majus
26.	Chicory	Cicorium intybus
27.	Forking Larkspur	Consolida regalis
28.	Lily of the Valley	Convallaria majalis
29.	Green Houndstongue	Cynoglossum germanicum
30.	Houndstongue	Cynoglossum officinale
31.	Teasel	Dipsacus fullonum
32.	Storksbill	Erodium cicutarium
33.	Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum
34.	Herb Bennet	Geum urbanum
35.	Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea
36.	Dusky Cranesbill	Greaniumphaeum
37.	Hairy Herniaria	Herniaria hirsuta
38.	Water Violet	Hottonia palustris
39.	Нор	Humulus lupulus



Downy Emeralds were hard to photograph as they were only ever seen in flight over the ponds



On one of the fish ponds we saw lots of female Scarce Chasers, also known as Blue Chaser



This White Helleborine was a good find by Keith near one of the fish ponds

40.	Yellow Iris	Iris pseudacorus
41.	Siberian Iris	Iris sibirica
42.	Ox-eye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare
43.	Perennial Flax	Linum perenne
44.	Common Flax	Linum perenne Linum usitatissimum
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46.	Ragged Robin	Lychnis flos-cuculi
47.	Common Mallow Ribbed Melilot	Malva sylvestris
48.		Melilotus officinalis
49.	Water Forget-me-not Water Chickweed	Myosoti scorpioides
50.		Myosoton aquaticum
51.	Yellow Water-Lily	Nuphar lutea
52.	Early Spider Orchid	Ophrys sphegodes
53.	Bug Orchid	Orchis coriophora
54.	Green-veined Orchid	Orchis morio
54. 55.	Toothed Orchid	Orchis tridentata
	Star of Bethlehem	Ornithogalum umbellatum
56.	Rough Poppy	Papaver hybridium
57. 58.	Childing Pink	Petrohagia nanteullii
	Greater Plantain	Plantago major
59.	Large Milkwort	Polygala major
60.	Solomon's Seal	Polygonatum multiflorukm
61.	Meadow Buttercup	Ranunculus acris
62.	Yellow Rattle	Rhinanthus minor
63.	Dog Rose	Rosa canna
64.	Great Water Dock	Rumex hydrolapathum
65.	Silver Sage	Salvia argentea
66.	Meadow Clary	Salvia pratensis
67.	Salad Burnet	Sanguisorba minor
68.	Biting Stonecrop	Sedum acre
69.	Sand Catchfly	Silene conica
70.	Small-flowered Catchfly	Silene gallica
71.	Flaxfield Catchfly	Silene linicola
72.	White Sticky Catchfly	Silene viscosa
73.	Bladder Campion	Silene vulgaris
74.	Bittersweet	Solanum dulcamara
75.	Marsh Stitchwort	Stellaria palustris
76.	Comfrey	Symphytum officinale
77.	Dragon's Teeth	Tetragonolobus maritimus
78.	Stinging Nettle	Urtica dioica
79.	Common Field Speedwell	Ver5onica persica
80.	White False Helleborine	Veratrum album
81.	Purple Mullein	Verbascum phoeniceum
82.	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Veronica serpyllifolia
83.	Guelder Rose	Viburnum opulus
84.	Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca
85.	Yellow Vetch	Vicia lutea
86.	Field Pansy	Viola arvensis
87.	Dwarf Pansy	Viola kitaibeliana



There were plenty of good flowers to find and this nice Bug Orchid was one of many



And another Orchid this Lady Orchid was a very attractive additional to the flower list

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