

## **BIRD LIST (Estonia 2006)**

### **Red-throated Diver** *Gavia stellata*

c10 past Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>; one in flight off our Haademeeste hotel on 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Black-throated Diver** *Gavia arctica*

Five past Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>; one in summer plumage on the sea off our Haademeeste hotel gave superb views on 31<sup>st</sup> and was also seen on 1<sup>st</sup>; finally, another in summer plumage was found on Rapina lake on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

One at Haapsalu on 28<sup>th</sup>; another heard in a reedbed pool at Pikla on 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*

Up to five recorded at four locations during the week.

### **Red-necked Grebe** *Podiceps grisegena*

Summer plumage birds at Sutlepa (on 29<sup>th</sup>), off our Haademeeste hotel (two on 31<sup>st</sup>), and Aardlapalu (on 2<sup>nd</sup>).

### **Slavonian Grebe** *Podiceps auritus*

A pair on a small pond at Vonnu were much enjoyed, one bird being seen on the nest.

### **Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Widespread along the coast, with a colony being seen on rocks off Haademeeste.

### **Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris*

We had super views (from above) of a flying bird from the tower at Sutlepa.

### **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*

Common and widespread, max. c30 at Haapsalu.

### **Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra*

We had an impressive six sightings of this species which nests deep in the forests. One at Avaste Forest, four at Nigula Forest (three on 31<sup>st</sup>, one on 1<sup>st</sup>) and one from the raptor watchpoint at Laeva.

### **White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia*

Seen daily in small numbers. We had impressive views of birds in fields right by the tracks, of others on nests, and perhaps most splendidly of birds soaring high in the sky before tumbling down to earth (feet outstretched!).

### **Mute Swan** *Cygnus olor*

Common and widespread, with some large gatherings.

### **Whooper Swan** *Cygnus cygnus*

12 in a field at Uulu on 30<sup>th</sup> were unexpectedly late birds.

### **White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons*

One with Greylags at Haeska on 28<sup>th</sup> was another bird which should have departed earlier in the month.

**Greylag Goose** *Anser anser*

Common in the Haapsalu area.

**Barnacle Goose** *Branta leucopsis*

Hundreds (of the thousands present in early May) remained at Pogari on 28<sup>th</sup>, but the number had dropped to c80 by 30<sup>th</sup>. Five flew over our seawatching point at Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>, seemingly lost in the fog.

**Shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna*

Seen in very small numbers in a variety of coastal areas.

**Wigeon** *Anas penelope*

c10 Haeska; up to three Ilmatsalu; one Rapina.

**Gadwall** *Anas strepera*

Small numbers seen on five dates.

**Teal** *Anas crecca*

Six at Haeska, one at Vonnu pond.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Common and widespread.

**Pintail** *Anas acuta*

c10 Haeska.

**Garganey** *Anas querquedula*

A good showing: a drake at Puise, six at Haeska, another drake at Haversi and finally three at Aardlapalu.

**Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*

c10 in the Matsalu area; one at Pikla; five at Aardlapalu.

**Pochard** *Aythya ferina*

c30 in Matsalu area and another ten in Haapsalu Bay.

**Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*

Two Puise; ten in Haapsalu Bay; six Ilmatsalu.

**Scaup** *Aythya marila*

Five from the seawatching point at Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>, with four more off Haademeeste on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Eider** *Somateria mollissima*

c10 from the cliffs at Paldiski on 27<sup>th</sup>; small numbers at Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Long-tailed Duck** *Clangula hyemalis*

c10 from the seawatching point at Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>, with a female on the sea off our Haademeeste hotel on 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Common Scoter** *Melanitta nigra*

c30 from the seawatching point at Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>, and three on the sea off our Haademeeste hotel on 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Velvet Scoter** *Melanitta fusca*

c20 from the seawatching point at Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Goldeneye** *Bucephala clangula*

A common sight during the trip. Large flocks of drakes were seen offshore at various places (apparently birds at post-breeding moult sites). Much more memorable, however, was the female with ducklings on a roadside pond in Soomaa Forest.

**Smew** *Mergellus albellus*

Seven, including a drake, from the tower at Haeska on 28<sup>th</sup> were considered unusually late birds.

**Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator*

Four off Puise on 28<sup>th</sup>; numerous at Poosaspea on 29<sup>th</sup>; four off our Haademeeste hotel on 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Goosander** *Mergus merganser*

Seen regularly in small numbers throughout the trip.

**Honey Buzzard** *Pernis apivoris*

Singles from our elevated watchpoint in Avaste Forest and in a clearing at Laeva were both relatively distant.

**White-tailed Eagle** *Haliaeetus albicilla*

We had several splendid views of this huge raptor, with singles at Haeska, Haapsalu Bay, near Poosaspea, in Soomaa Forest and at Ilmatsalu, whilst we found two at Rapina including an adult which gave a magnificent flypast.

**Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*

Seen in small numbers at suitable sites.

**Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*

A male over a roadside field in Avaste Forest showed well, whilst a ringtail in Nigula Forest was more distant.

**Montagu's Harrier** *Circus pygargus*

We saw a dozen during the week, all of which were males, max. five in the Matsalu area on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*

Singles near Paldiski, in Leidissoo Forest and Avaste Forest were largely unmemorable.

**Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*

Common and widespread.

**Lesser Spotted Eagle** *Aquila pomarina*

One flew high over Haeska tower causing panic amongst the ducks. Later in the week we had cracking views of two in Soomaa Forest, one of which was mobbing a White-tailed Eagle, whilst three were located in the Laeva area including two from the *Hollywood* watchpoint. Finally, another pair was well-watched at our lunch spot near Rapina. All were adults.

**Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos*

Two over a clearing in Avaste Forest were reward for our persistence!

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*

One over a clearing near Laeva was first seen distantly but eventually flew right past us carrying a fish.

**Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

Three singles of this scarce Estonian breeder were noted – near Uulu, at Haademeeste and Aardlapalu.

**Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*

We had spectacular views of at least ten hunting in the late afternoon at Sutlepa, and noted singles at four locations later in the week.

**Hazel Grouse** *Bonasa bonasia*

This species frustrated us in many places. The nearest we got was one bird calling in response to a tape and another flying across a track, both in Nigula Forest.

**Black Grouse** *Tetrao tetrix*

We had great views of 18 at the Kasari lek, with a Rackelhahn (hybrid with Capercaillie) stealing the show by feeding in a roadside tree! Single females were seen in flight in Avaste and Nigula Forests later in the week.

**Grey Partridge** *Perdix perdix*

Two at Ilmatsalu were reward for those who chose to walk the track by the ponds!

**Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus*

One was heard in the reedbed at Pikla.

**Corncrake** *Crex crex*

We heard at least ten during the week and were delighted to see one which walked through a trackside field near Avaste Forest.

**Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*

One at Vonnu was at a regular 'stake-out' whilst another at Rapina was unexpected. This species is very scarce in Estonia.

**Coot** *Fulica atra*

Noted in numbers at Haapsalu Bay, Sutlepa, Pikla and Soomaa.

**Crane** *Grus grus*

Noted on six dates, generally in ones and twos, the most memorable sightings being a distant calling flock over Pogari, the two on territory in a bog from our watchpoint in Avaste Forest and one very close to a track near our Haademeeste hotel.

**Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*

Fairly common along the coast.

**Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Six at Pogari on our first visit.

**Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*

Noted at Puise (one), Haversi (two) and Laeva (two).

**Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*

Widespread along the coast with flocks of 30+ at Pogari and Haversi.

**Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*

20 Pogari, 50 Haeska, four Haversi, and migrating flocks totalling 120 off Haademeeste on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*

Common and widespread.

**Knot** *Calidris canutus*

22 at Pogari on our first visit; one at Haversi.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*

One at Haversi was in summer plumage so was well-studied!

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*

Two at Haversi to compare with the preceding species.

**Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*

Singles at Pogari on our first visit and at Haversi.

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*

Up to 50 noted at Pogari, Haversi and Haademeeste.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus*

14 were counted and much enjoyed at Haversi amongst the great variety of small waders there.

**Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*

Singles at Leidisoo and Avaste Forests (drumming) were soon forgotten but the sight of an adult with two chicks by the road near Soomaa information centre will live long in the memory.

**Great Snipe** *Gallinago media*

We were privileged to witness at least 10 birds at the Karavere lek on two successive evenings – one of the real highlights of the trip.

**Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*

Three chose to land on the forest track in front of our bus as we drifted along after dark in Nigula Forest and gave incredible views in the headlights. We also saw two roding birds north of Tartu.

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*

12 in a flooded field near Rapina were a welcome addition to the list.

**Curlew** *Numenius arquata*

Seen in ones and twos on five dates.

**Redshank** *Tringa totanus*

Common along the coast in the Haapsalu/Matsalu areas.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*

First noted in Avaste Forest where three adults were seen/heard overhead. In Nigula Forest we saw two in trackside ditches one of which was accompanied by a chick. A number of others were seen subsequently in similar locations.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

One along the river at our Soomaa lunch spot and another at Ilmatsalu on our second visit there.

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*

One at Pogari was seen very well but all too briefly on a pool by the road; one was seen more distantly there on our return visit. We also noted two others at Haeska but the 20+ at Haversi were much more impressive.

**Little Gull** *Larus minutus*

c50 from the tower at Sutlepa were impressive. Singles were subsequently noted at Haademeeste and Aardlapalu before we 'scoped at least five on nests at Rapina near the park.

**Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*

Common and widespread throughout.

**Common Gull** *Larus canus*

Fairly common and widespread throughout.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*

An adult in a field at Ilmatsalu on the last morning was our final new bird.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*  
Common and widespread throughout.

**Great Black-backed Gull** *Larus marinus*  
Widespread along the coast.

**Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia*  
We saw one at Pogari and two at Puise on our first full day but none thereafter.

**Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis*  
Seen only off Haademeeste, with up to five noted daily.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*  
Fairly common and widespread throughout.

**Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea*  
Seen well at Puise and Poosaspea allowing comparisons to be made with the preceding species.

**Little Tern** *Sterna albrifrons*  
Two at Puise with two more at Haeska.

**Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger*  
We had some great views at Sutlepa (c10), Aardlapalu (15 pairs) and Rapina (c10).

**Black Guillemot** *Cephus grylle*  
The detour to Paldiski en route to Haapsalu was well worth it as we found four of this distinctive auk below the cliffs there.

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia*  
Common and widespread.

**Stock Dove** *Columba oenas*  
Seven in fields near Uulu; two in Nigula Forest; two near Rapina.

**Woodpigeon** *Columba palumbus*  
Noted most days in small numbers.

**Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia turtur*  
Just one, on a roadside wire at Uulu.

**Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*  
Common in all forested areas, and we saw at least two 'brown phase' birds.

**Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium passerinum*  
One called in response to a tape in Soomaa Forest mid-morning on 1<sup>st</sup> but frustratingly didn't show itself.

**Long-eared Owl** *Asio otus*

An adult gave excellent flight views at Karavere, the Great Snipe lek site, on both visits. In addition a young bird was heard calling at 11 pm outside our Tartu hotel on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Nightjar** *Caprimulgus europaeus*

We had stunning views of two birds which landed on a forest track north of Haademeeste – the ‘eye-shine’ was impressive!

**Swift** *Apus apus*

Very common especially in the south of the country.

**Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*

c10 were heard calling during the week, and birds were seen well in the monastery garden at Padise and in roadside trees near Avaste Forest.

**Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus*

We had brief views of one by the roadside pool at Vonnu on 28<sup>th</sup> and superb prolonged views of two birds in a clearing in Nigula Forest on 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Black Woodpecker** *Dryocopus martius*

One was heard in Avaste Forest; the following day we saw at least one adult and two youngsters in a nest in Nigula Forest; finally, one was seen briefly in Soomaa Forest: a very good showing.

**Great Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopus major*

The commonest woodpecker, with up to three seen most days.

**Middle Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopus medius*

We had wonderful ‘scope views of an adult in Rapina Park – this species is a very rare breeding bird in Estonia.

**White-backed Woodpecker** *Dendrocopus leucotus*

A male gave magnificent views in the same clearing in Nigula Forest as the Grey-headed and Black Woodpeckers – a fine trio. In addition one was seen briefly in flight near Laeva.

**Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopus minor*

To complete a superb haul of woodpeckers we found a female in Nigula Forest and two along the river at Aardlapalu, one of which perched up on reeds on several occasions.

**Woodlark** *Lullula arborea*

Two by the roadside at Poosaspea gave excellent views; we saw four later the same day in the forest at Leidissoo.

**Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*

Abundant in all suitable habitat.

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*

First seen at Haeska, then regularly recorded although less common than the following two species.

**Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

Very common throughout Estonia.

**House Martin** *Delichon urbica*

Commonly seen during the trip.

**Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis*

Heard frequently and seen occasionally in all forest areas.

**Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*

First noted at Pogari, then recorded in small numbers most days in wetland and other suitable open areas.

**Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*

Noted at Pogari, Haversi, Aardlapalu and near Rapina – at the second and third sites we had good 'scope views: different birds showed characteristics of *M.f.thunbergi* (Grey-headed Wagtail) and *M.f.flava* (Blue-headed Wagtail)

**Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*

A pair at Aardlapalu on 2<sup>nd</sup> gave us some super views at close range, although they spent much of the time hidden in vegetation. This species is expanding its European breeding range westwards.

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*

Very common and widespread.

**Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Odd ones were heard singing in Nigula Forest.

**Dunnock** *Prunella modularis*

Heard on four dates in various forest areas; we finally saw one en route to the airport on the last day.

**Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*

Noted most days in small numbers; more often heard than seen.

**Thrush Nightingale** *Luscinia luscinia*

The song of this species was one of the abiding memories of the trip. We heard several every day and also had super views from time to time, the first being in the monastery garden at Padise on the first afternoon.

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Noted in ones and twos at Paldiski, Puise and around our Haademeeste hotel.

**Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Several pairs were located in the cemetery at Haapsalu. Thereafter very few were noted but we were pleased to find a nest in the park at Rapina.

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra*

Very common in the large amount of fallow grassland we travelled through.

**Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Common and widespread.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula*

Common, mostly in forest areas.

**Fieldfare** *Turdus pilaris*

Noted daily; seemed to be the commonest thrush in the north-west in particular and we enjoyed watching fledged juveniles at several sites.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos*

Singles heard in Leidisoo and Nigula Forests; we heard good numbers at dusk in the forest north of Tartu en route to the Great Snipe lek.

**Redwing** *Turdus iliacus*

Surprisingly scarce – fewer than ten were noted during the week and only a couple were seen.

**Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*

We saw three in Leidisoo Forest and two on both visits to Nigula Forest.

**Grasshopper Warbler** *Locustella naevia*

We had superb views of singing birds at Kasari, near Avaste Forest, Haademeeste and Ilmatsalu, and heard several others.

**River Warbler** *Locustella fluviatilis*

During the week we heard a dozen, so it was a relief to have 'scoped our third songster, at Nigula Forest – it co-operatively sang in full view without any encouragement!

**Savi's Warbler** *Locustella luscinioides*

One called and showed briefly from the tower at Sutlepa. Several were heard singing in the reeds on our dusk visit to Pikla, one of which gave stunning close views, completing a fine trio of *Locustellas*.

**Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Fairly common in suitable locations.

**Blyth's Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus dumetorum*

The first of seven singing birds gave excellent views in a forest clearing at Nigula; others were glimpsed later.

**Marsh Warbler** *Acrocephalus palustris*

We were able to enjoy listening to this species singing on a daily basis, and had wonderful views in several places including bushes behind our Haademeeste hotel and vegetation on our Corn Bunting twitch at Laeva.

**Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Heard and occasionally seen in reedbeds throughout the trip.

**Great Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

Recorded daily. Most were 'heard-only' but we had superb views at Pikla, on our dusk visit, and at Aardlapalu south of Tartu.

**Icterine Warbler** *Hippolais icterina*

We enjoyed super views in the monastery garden at Padise on our first afternoon, and in Rapina park later in the trip. Others were heard in the forests every day.

**Barred Warbler** *Sylvia nisoria*

We had fabulous views of a singing bird near Haeska on our first full day, and heard another nearby. Another was seen near Avaste Forest (where we saw Corncrake) and this species was also noted near Rapina.

**Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca*

Nowhere common, but heard most days and seen well at Haademeeste by those who were determined!

**Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*

Very commonly seen and heard throughout the trip.

**Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin*

Odd birds were seen during the trip; many others were heard singing.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Despite being heard regularly every day, this species was never seen despite serious attempts to do so!

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

After much searching, one was located by its song in the forest at Nigula on 31<sup>st</sup>. It was clearly on a circuit, and once we worked out its regular perches we had reasonable views, but you had to be lucky to get it in the 'scope.

**Wood Warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Heard every day, and seen well in a roadside copse near Pogari on our first full day and in Nigula Forest.

**Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*

Commonly noted throughout the trip.

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Commonly noted throughout the trip.

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus*

Heard regularly in the coniferous forests, and seen well near our Poosaspea sea-watching site.

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*

Noted daily; easier to see than most of the other woodland species. It was good to find that this species was fairly common in Estonia as it clearly isn't in the UK.

**Red-breasted Flycatcher** *Ficedula parva*

We had good views of an immature male in the cemetery at Haapsalu on 28<sup>th</sup>: this bird was clearly on migration and had gone by the following day. We were then delighted to connect with an adult male in Leidissoo Forest on 29<sup>th</sup>, on our post-lunch walk. We noted six others during the course of the week – all our birds were in song.

**Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Commonly heard throughout the trip, and we had several good views.

**Bearded Tit** *Panurus biarmicus*

At least three males were seen well on our dusk visit to the Pikla reedbeds; another was heard near Haademeeste.

**Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus*

We had superb views of two white-headed birds of the northern race in Avaste Forest; another was heard near Laeva.

**Marsh Tit** *Parus palustris*

Seen well in Haapsalu cemetery; odd ones recorded later in the week.

**Willow Tit** *Parus montanus*

Singles at Avaste Forest and Soomaa Forest both showed well for prolonged periods.

**Crested Tit** *Parus cristatus*

At least two gave super views in the open pine forest near our Poosaspea sea-watching site.

**Coal Tit** *Parus ater*

Singing birds in Nigula and Soomaa Forests were both heard-only.

**Blue Tit** *Parus caeruleus*

Seen in ones and twos on six dates.

**Great Tit** *Parus major*

Common and widespread.

**Nuthatch** *Sitta europaea*

Birds in Soomaa Forest and the town park in Rapina were well-watched; the European race is much whiter on the underparts than the one we are familiar with in the UK.

**Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris*

Seen well near our pit stop in Nigula Forest; odd ones seen and heard elsewhere, but not common.

**Penduline Tit** *Remiz pendulinus*

After much searching, we had cracking views of a male at its nest at Ilmatsalu on our last morning.

**Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus*

Birds were heard in five places but views were, typically, mainly of birds flying overhead.

**Red-backed Shrike** *Lanius collurio*

A common roadside bird in the north-west; perhaps less numerous in other areas, or perhaps we simply stopped noticing it.

**Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*

Seen in small numbers throughout the trip, mostly in flight as we drove through the forests.

**Magpie** *Pica pica*

Common throughout.

**Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula*

Widespread and fairly common.

**Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*

Locally common in the north and east.

**Hooded Crow** *Corvus corone*

Very common and widespread.

**Raven** *Corvus corax*

Seen most days in small numbers, max. six together at Avaste. It seemed strange watching Ravens in forest clearings with no mountains or cliffs around.

**Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Very common and widespread.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

Widespread in suitable locations but nowhere common.

**Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*

Widespread and fairly common.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*

Very common and widespread.

**Serin** *Serinus serinus*

A singing male was well-watched a few km south of our Haademeeste hotel on 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris*

Widespread in small numbers.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*

Widespread in small numbers.

**Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*

Recorded most days in the forests; we had some good views but most were fly-overs.

**Linnet** *Carduelis cannabina*

Noted in small numbers between Paldiski and Haapsalu; two more were found at Laeva.

**Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*

Seen on four dates, max. 10 in Nigula Forest. All were fly-overs.

**Scarlet Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*

After a run of immatures early on, we saw our first adult male in Avaste Forest, and thereafter this species was a common sight in the south and east. We became very familiar with the 'pleased-to-meet-you' song.

**Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Two were seen briefly in Leidissoo Forest near our sea-watching point; in addition, on our last day a male showed well to some at our lunch spot en route to the airport.

**Hawfinch** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

This species is common in Estonia but proved typically elusive at the height of the breeding season. We saw just three, in Nigula Forest, and few of us got a good view.

**Yellowhammer** *Emberiza citrinella*

Very common and widespread.

**Ortolan Bunting** *Emberiza hortulana*

This is a very local species in Estonia so we were pleased to locate at least four singing males at Vonnu, south-east of Haapsalu, on 28<sup>th</sup>: we enjoyed prolonged 'scope views. Another was heard at Kasari the following morning.

**Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Seen in ones and twos in most suitable locations.

**Corn Bunting** *Miliaria calandra*

Our rarest bird of the trip: we successfully twitched the singing male at Laeva on 2<sup>nd</sup> much to Antero's delight!

Total 186 species

## **BUTTERFLIES**

**Small White** *Artogeia rapae*

**Green-veined White** *Artogeia napi*

**Orange Tip** *Anthocharis cardamines*

**Brimstone** *Gonepteryx rhamni*

**Wood White** *Leptidea sinapis*

**Mazarine Blue** *Cyaniris semiargus*

**Camberwell Beauty** *Nymphalis antiopa*

**Peacock Butterfly** *Inachis io*

**Map Butterfly** *Araschnia levana*

**Small Heath** *Coenonympha pamphilus*

**Speckled Wood** *Pararge aegeria*

**Chequered Skipper** *Carterocephalus palaemon*

**Northern Chequered Skipper** *Carterocephalus silvicolus*

Total 13 species

## **DRAGONFLIES**

**Azure Damselfly** *Coenagrion puella*

**Downy Emerald** *Cordulia aenea*

**Four-spotted Chaser** *Libellula quadrimaculata*

**Broad-bodied Chaser** *Libellula depressa*

**Black-tailed Skimmer** *Orthetrum cancellatum*

Total 5 species

## **MAMMALS/OTHER SPECIES**

**Moose (Elk)** *Alces alces*

**Roe Deer** *Capreolus capreolus*

**Fox** *Vulpes vulpes*

**Brown Hare** *Lepus europaeus*

**Wild Boar** *Sus scrofa*

**Otter** *Lutra lutra*

**Red Squirrel** *Sciurus vulgaris*

**Northern Bat** *Eptesicus nilssonii*

**Pine Hawk Moth Caterpillar** *Hylocius pinastri*