

HUNGARY TRIP 12TH – 19TH MAY 2007

12th May – We left Edinburgh on a 6am flight by KLM to Amsterdam then an onward flight by Malev to Budapest arriving at 3pm. Our guide Roy and our driver Laslo with a minibus and car met us. The drive to our hotel in Eger The Villa Volgy took about 1 ¾ hours. After checking in at reception we went for a walk round the hotel before dinner.

12th May – walk round hotel area

Sparrowhawk – female	Buzzard
Hobby	Pheasant
House Martin	White Wagtail
Red-backed Shrike	Stonechat
Black Redstart	Nightingale – 2 seen well
Blackbird	Song Thrush
Blackcap	Chiffchaff
Swallow	Collared Dove
Turtle Dove	Cuckoo –heard
Syrian Woodpecker	Blue Tit
Great Tit	Jay
Magpie	Starling
House Sparrow	Tree Sparrow
Hawfinch	Chaffinch
Goldfinch	Siskin – 1 male
Scops Owl – heard	Common Nighthawk
Willow Warbler	

13th May – walk from 6am to 8.30am Alma Forest

Golden Oriole	Song Thrush
Blackbird	Robin
Wren	Jay
White Wagtail	Cuckoo
Blackcap	Chiffchaff
Marsh Tit – 2	House Martin
Chaffinch	Pheasant
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Black Woodpecker
Raven	Short-toed Treecreeper – heard

Butterfly – Marbled White

13th May – after breakfast we went to Bukk Hills National Park

Black Redstart	Collared Flycatcher – male and female
White Wagtail	Grey Wagtail - pair
House Martin	Swallow
Linnet – pair	Yellowhammer
Red-backed Shrike	Turtle Dove
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Middle Spotted Woodpecker
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker – Eleanor only	Nuthatch – pair at nest hole
Hawfinch	Marsh Tit
Raven	Buzzard

Honey Buzzard – 2

13th May – Menosbel Village

White Stork – on nest

13th May – Beaaptafalba

Bee-eater – c18

Stonechat – 1 male

River Warbler – heard

Red-backed Shrike

Short-toed Eagle – 2

Buzzard

Rock Thrush – pair displaying only known pair in Hungary

White Wagtail

14th May – walk from 6am to 8.15am Novaj

Golden Oriole

Cuckoo

Red-backed Shrike

Nuthatch

Swallow

House Martin

Starling

Greenfinch

Goldfinch

Pheasant – heard

Tree Sparrow

Yellowhammer

Green Woodpecker

Great Spotted Woodpecker

Hoopoe

Blackcap

Nightingale River Warbler – seen

Hawfinch

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker – Roy only

Roadside

Turtle Dove

Eger

Linnet

14th May - after breakfast Novaj

Great Spotted Woodpecker

Cuckoo

Serin

Blackcap

Raven

Song Thrush

Blue Tit

Great Tit

Chiffchaff

14th May - Nosvaj

Marsh Harrier – male

Magpie

Corn Bunting

Tree Sparrow

Red-backed Shrike

Turtle Dove

Nightingale – heard

Barred Warbler

Yellowhammer

14th May – Mezokovosed Lake

Black Tern – 3

Common Tern

Whiskered Tern – 1

Cormorant

Great White Egret

Grey Heron

Lapwing

Spotted Redshank – 2

Redshank

Mallard

Great Reed Warbler

Olivaceous Warbler

14th May – lunch stop at Hungarian restaurant

Black Redstart – male in restaurant

Honey Buzzard – 6 on route

14th May – Mezokovesed

Coot

Great Crested Grebe

Sand Martin

Crested Lark – 2

Great Reed Warbler

Yellow Wagtail

Marsh Harrier

Turtle Dove

Penduline Tit – pair at nest

Moorhen

Bittern – booming

Red-backed Shrike

Cuckoo

Whitethroat

White Wagtail

Bee-eater

Collared Dove

Long-tailed Tit – race with white head

14th May – Hotel Villa Volgy

Syrian Woodpecker

Blackbird

Serin

Wryneck

Song Thrush

On route to hotel

Blackcap

Stonechat – pair

14th May - Visit to 2 wine cellars in Eger for sampling and a drink or two

15th May – after breakfast Heves Plain

Kestrel – seen on route

Hooded Crow

Lesser Grey Shrike

Saker – 2 seen at nest box on pylon

Marsh Harrier

Skylark

White Stork

Rook

Common Buzzard

Hobby

Corn Bunting

15th May – on route to Lake Tiza

Roller – 1 in flight

Golden Oriole

Kestrel

Lake Tiza

Black Tern

Grey Heron

Squacco Heron

Mallard

Cormorant

Great Crested Grebe

Marsh Harrier

Penduline Tit – pair

Savi's Warbler – heard

House Martin

Whiskered Tern

Night Heron

Great White Egret

Coot

Greylag Goose

Cuckoo

Red-backed Shrike

Bearded Tit – family group

Yellow Wagtail

Swallow

15th May – Hortebagy

White-winged Black Tern – 1
 Avocet
 Spotted Redshank
 Wood Sandpiper
 Grey Heron
 White Stork
 Magpie
 Moorhen

Ruff
 Lapwing
 Redshank
 Great White Egret
 Little Egret
 Black-winged Stilt
 Rook

15th May – Hortebagy

Red-footed Falcon – colony of at least 20 seen well flying round trees and on nest boxes

Rook

Magpie

15th May – Hortebagy reed beds

Purple Heron
 Grey Heron
 Pochard
 Great Crested Grebe
 Yellow-legged Gull
 Sedge Warbler
 Reed Warbler
 Sand Martin
 Swallow

Spoonbill
 Great White Egret
 Ferruginous Duck
 Pygmy Cormorant
 Black-headed Gull
 Great Reed Warbler
 Savis Warbler – seen

16th May – walk before breakfast 6am to 8.30 am – Nosvaj

Spotted Flycatcher
 Great Spotted Woodpecker
 Starling
 Red-backed Shrike
 Great Reed Warbler
 Golden Oriole
 Corn Bunting
 Marsh Harrier
 Turtle Dove
 Common Whitethroat
 Blue Tit

Blackcap
 Barn Swallow
 Yellowhammer
 Cuckoo
 House Martin
 Goldfinch
 Blackbird
 Common Buzzard
 Wryneck
 River Warbler

Roadside on the way back

Tree Sparrow
 Black Redstart
 Honey Buzzard
 Chiffchaff - heard

Robin
 Wood Pigeon
 Collared Flycatcher

16th May – left at 9.20 after breakfast Nosvaj

Lesser Spotted Eagle – 2
 Golden Oriole
 Red-backed Shrike
 White Wagtail

Buzzard
 Tree Sparrow
 Turtle Dove
 Swallow

16th May – Cserarfalv

Golden Oriole
Yellowhammer
Chaffinch
Swallow
Pheasant

Great Tit
Greenfinch
Starling
Red-backed Shrike
Buzzard

16th May – Tard Bee-eater Quarry

Bee-eater – c40 birds nesting in quarry seen well perched and in flight

Black Redstart
Tree Pipit
Tree Sparrow
Spotted Flycatcher
Marsh Harrier

Wryneck
Goldfinch
Stonechat
Lesser Whitethroat – heard

16th May – Geleg Fish Ponds

Black-necked Grebe – 2
Great Crested Grebe
Gadwall – pair
Coot
Great White Egret
Little Bittern – 1
Whiskered Tern
Bearded Tit
Great Reed Warbler
White-tailed Eagle – 2
Hobby – 3
Magpie
Little Ringed Plover

Red-necked Grebe –1
Mallard
Ferruginous duck
Grey Heron
Little Egret
Black Tern
Cuckoo
Reed Bunting
River Warbler
Marsh Harrier – mobbing eagles
Hooded Crow
Yellow Wagtail
Black-headed gull

17th May walk from 6am

Common Redstart
Great Spotted Woodpecker

Spotted Flycatcher

17th May – after breakfast stop at a vineyard

Woodlark – 1 singing
Red-backed Shrike
Buzzard

Reed Bunting
Bee-eater

17th May – Mesokovesd Airfield

Quail – heard
Lesser Grey Shrike – 2
Tawny Pipit – 2
Tree Pipit
Hoopoe – seen in scope
Collared Dove
Kestrel – 2
Hooded Crow

Roller – perched in scope
Red-backed Shrike
Corn Bunting
Stonechat
Turtle Dove
White Stork
Buzzard

17th May – Erdoteleki Arboretum

Icterine Warbler – 1	Song Thrush
Backbird	Chaffinch
Greenfinch	Goldfinch
Serin	Golden Oriole
Nightingale – heard	Blackcap
Great Reed Warbler	Starling

18th May – Hotel Villa Volgy

Syrian Woodpecker

18th May – on route to Bukk Hills

Lesser Spotted Eagle

Bukk Hills National Park

Red-breasted Flycatcher – 1 singing and seen	
Rock Bunting – 1 male seen in scope singing	
Great Tit	Long-tailed Tit
Cuckoo	Chaffinch

18th May – Horgazsto Lake

Redshank	Lapwing
Mallard	Turtle Dove
Great Reed Warbler	Grey Heron
Mole	

18th May – on route

White Stork	Marsh Harrier
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18th May – Borsodivanka Lake

Great White Egret	Grey Heron
Night Heron	Spoonbill
Little Grebe	Coot
Moorhen	Mallard
Pochard	Garganey – female

18th May – on route

Purple Heron	White Storks – on nests
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18th May – near Tizavalk

	Black Stork – in flight
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Crossed the River Tisza on a ferry and had fish soup in a restaurant on the other side

18th May – Hortebagy

White stork	Kestrel
Great White Egret	Hooded Crow
Red-footed Falcon	Great Bustard – 7 males

Aquatic Warbler – several seen well in the scope singing

18th May – wetland beside road

Wood Sandpiper
Ruff

Spotted Redshank
Black-winged Stilt

19th May – walk from 6am to 8.30 am Bukk Hills National Park

Middle Spotted Woodpecker – 2
Lesser Whitethroat – 1 seen

Goshawk – 1
Hawfinch

19th May – we left the hotel at 10am for the drive back to Budapest. The flight left on time as did the onward flight from Amsterdam to Edinburgh..

Weather: The weather was dry sunny and warm to hot from the 12th to the 17th with a cool rainy day on the 18th back to warm and sunny the last day.

Mammals

Red Squirrel
Wildcat
Mole

Forest Snake
Fox