



ROMANIA

**The Danube Delta &
The Carpathians**

9th-23rd May 2009

TRIP REPORT

Monday May 11th The party travelled in two groups – seven by train and four by air. Istvan, our guide, joined us on the train for the last leg, and George, houseboat owner and organiser, met us on arrival. The centre of Bucharest is very leafy, with a Champs-Elysees and Arc de Triomphe, though parts of the old city were demolished under Ceausescu to build his palace. Communist era flats mar the outer fringes.

The train group waited in the Village Museum in Bucharest for a few hours, where we were able to do some bird watching. A Nightjar was spotted lying on a branch, and we had good views of Syrian Woodpecker – similar to Great Spotted but with different head markings and a softer call. The museum was interesting, but there was no access to the house interiors while we were there. The party then travelled by minibus (driver Mirca) to our comfortable hotel in Amara.

Tuesday May 12th The hotel in Amara is adjacent to some lakes, where early morning birders heard Great Reed Warblers, Quail and Cuckoos and had views of Ferruginous Ducks, Little Bitterns and Whiskered Terns. A Little Owl displayed itself on a pole. Transfer to the Delta by minibus included a lunch stop at Babadag Forest, an area of limestone grassland and scrub. The sun shone, butterflies danced among the flowers, while Nightingales, Icterine Warblers and Ortolan Buntings sang. Orchids included many Green Winged, plus smaller numbers of Toothed Orchid, Lady Orchid and Monkey Orchid. The lovely Nodding Sage was just coming into flower. We also encountered our first ticks here!



Caroline Caddick

Scarce Swallowtail butterfly



Nick Owens
Monkey Orchid



Nick Owens
Nodding Sage

A second stop close to the delta allowed views over Lake Saraturii near Murighiol with our first sightings of Pygmy Cormorant and good views of Ruddy Shelduck.

We embarked on the tug which took us to our houseboat, and moved upriver for the first night at Uzlina. We had our first taste of the excellent food on board, which was to include Catfish, Carp, stuffed Pike, Shark, Greylag Goose and Wild Boar!



Nick Owens
Houseboat *Kingfisher*



Nick Owens
Tug *Papurisul*



Nick Owens
Dining room



Nick Owens
Bob

Wednesday May 13th

We took a leisurely cruise to the remote village of Sfantu Gheorghe, and were able to watch many of the typical birds of the delta from the top deck, such as egrets, pelicans, herons, harriers, gulls, Bee-eaters, Rollers and three White Tailed Eagles! We also saw the lovely Pallas' Gull, which is suspected of breeding in the delta. Continuous sunshine added to the enjoyment.



Nick Owens

Birdwatching from the top deck:
Bob, Peter, Frankie, Sue, Martin, Caroline
Elizabeth, Judy, Istvan & Jude



Nick Owens

Frankie sees a bird!



John Caddick



Nick Owens

Dalmatian Pelicans

In the afternoon we walked through the village and out to the edge of the Black Sea. The village has no road access though a few cars have now been brought in. The roads are unmetalled, leading to typical Romanian wood and plaster houses, often with thatched roofs with wood decorations. The gardens are used for growing vegetables, keeping poultry and growing vines.



Judy Lim

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Nick Owens

Scenes at Sfantu Gheorghe

The walk out to the beach produced views of Lesser Grey Shrike, Red-backed Shrike and two Stone Curlews.



Caroline Caddick

View from the houseboat 14/05/09

Thursday May 14th

Istvan had heard a Little Crake calling during the night, and took some of the birders for an early morning walk to a lily-covered inlet, where Little Crakes had been seen. Much calling was heard, but no sign until one miraculously revealed itself in John's telescope for a few seconds, before disappearing into the reeds.

The main excursion of the day was to the beautiful Sacalin Island, which lies at the mouth of the Sfantu Gheorghe channel, bordering the Black Sea. We were deposited on the island by means of small boats, pulled ashore through the muddy shallows by George! Many birds were on the move, and just one small bush harboured Thrush Nightingale, Red-backed and Lesser Grey Shrikes and Spotted Flycatcher. A Nightjar was seen coming in from the sea. Large groups of White Pelicans fished in the shallow lagoons. We spotted the white Petunia which is only found in the Danube Delta and in the USA.



John Caddick

Lesser Grey Shrike



John Caddick

Red-backed Shrike



John Caddick

White Pelicans



Nick Owens

The white Petunia

A walk in the evening near the village took us to a marshy field containing large numbers of waders, including around 500 Curlew Sandpipers and similar numbers of Little Stints. A Broad-billed Sandpiper was located by Istvan and provided quite good views. A further surprise was a pair of Black-headed Buntings, which behaved as if they were breeding.



Nick Owens

The group in action on Sacalin Island

Friday May 15th

The houseboat departed at 6.30am for the entrance to the Dranov channel, so we awoke to find ourselves on the move! After an early lunch we moved to the tug, since water levels were too low to allow the houseboat up the channel. We spotted Roe Deer from the boat but there were no signs of Jackals or Boar. We transferred to small boats to get close to the cormorant colony.

Finally we emerged on a shell beach where we had excellent views of Red-breasted Flycatchers.



John Caddick



Nick Owens



Nick Owens



Nick Owens

On the cormorant trail: 440 nests of Great Cormorants were counted.



Caroline Caddick

Fisherman's hut seen from the small boats

Saturday May 16th

We moved upriver to make a trip up the Perivolovca channel. The lakes around the channel provided excellent views of Red-necked Grebes, Great-crested Grebes and terns. Savis and Great-reed warblers called everywhere. The latter is the main host of the Cuckoo in the delta, according to Istvan, and the Cuckoo population appeared to be very healthy. We also discovered a Tawny Owl juvenile watching us from a willow. John managed to photograph it!



John Caddick

Little egret



John Caddick

Squacco heron



John Caddick

Red-necked Grebe



John Caddick

Great Reed Warbler



John Caddick

Tawny Owl

Sunday May 17th

The boat returned to our starting place at Uzlina, giving us a base to explore some remote lakes in the area. This entailed pushing our way through the reed beds to discover isolated lily-covered lagoons. Hundreds of Whiskered Terns were building nests or courting on the lily pads. We saw around 200 Pygmy Cormorants, 1000 White Pelicans, 20 Dalmatian Pelicans and 100 Mute Swans. Coots were rather few and a reason was suggested by the discovery of a drowned coot in an illegal fishing net – of which there were many. In the evening we took a walk along the banks and had good views of Black Woodpeckers attacking rotting branches.



Caroline Caddick

View from the top of the houseboat, 17/5/09



Nick Owens

Common Terns



Caroline Caddick

Returning to the Tardis

Monday May 18th

We said goodbye to our excellent host, George, and the lovely houseboat, and set off for the long drive to Zarnesti in the Carpathian Mountains. Our first stop was a Bee-eater colony in cliffs by the roadside, where we also had excellent views of a Lesser-spotted Eagle. The drive then took us via Tulcea to the Macin Mountain range, where we stopped for lunch. Here we watched Isabelline Wheatears hovering over the grassland and spied their pied relatives far up on the rocky outcrops.

The flowering ash trees had attracted scores of butterflies, including Painted Lady, Dark Green Fritillaries and Swallowtails.



Painted lady *Vanessa cardui* ♂

Caroline Caddick

Painted Lady butterfly



Dark green fritillary ♂
Argynnis aglaja

Caroline Caddick

Dark Green Fritillary butterfly

The ferry across the Danube transported everything from oil tankers to horses. After the crossing we headed for Buzan and then Brasov, negotiating the eastern Carpathian foothills. We arrived at Zarnesti, nestling below the Piatra Craiului Mountains, for a late supper at Pension Elena.

Tuesday May 19th

We drove to the Gorge of Zarnesti in a quest for the elusive Wallcreeper. One was spotted briefly fairly soon, looking like a butterfly high against the vast rock face. Further up the gorge however, we were treated to excellent views at a nest site. The visiting bird had some material tangled on its foot and spent several minutes trying to extricate itself, while we watched. The botanists found some excellent plants too.



Nick Owens

Zarnesti Gorge



John Caddick

Wallcreeper

After an early meal we set off for the bear hides in the forest. After a long wait, one of the two groups was lucky enough to see three bears cross a clearing.

Wednesday May 20th

We drove to the Stramba Valley near Sinca, which contains lovely unspoilt meadows. The botanists sped off to look for orchids while the birders enjoyed sightings of Wryneck, Woodlarks, Middle and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers and breeding Fieldfares. The

excursion ended in a violent hailstorm which struck just after all were safely back in the vehicle. Unfortunately the weather put a stop to the barbeque of our final evening. Some of us made a late visit to nearby fields to listen for corncrakes, and heard a chorus of at least ten birds.

Thursday May 21st

The drive back to Bucharest took in a Marsh Warbler site, which provided good views and songs of several birds. Honey was purchased from a roadside stall – a souvenir for an outstanding holiday.

Nick Owens
June 2009

BIRDS

	ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
Family Podicipedidae (Grebes)														
mb	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			4				4	20				
mb	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisigena</i>							4	6				
mb	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>			3					1				
mb/rb	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			4									
Family Pelecanidae (Pelicans)														
mb	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>			20	200	300	20	300	1000	50			
mb	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>				10	1	2	4	20				
Family Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)														
rb	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			10	1089	2000	440 nests	X	300	X			
rb/mb	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmaeus</i>			5	50	1	2	30	200				
Family Ardeidae (Hérons)														
rb/mb	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>				1	1h	1	h					
mb	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			2		2	1						
mb	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				6	200	30	20	20	X			
mb	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola rolloides</i>			2	10	5	10	20	30	X			
mb	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			10	25	X	2	X	30	X			
mb/rb	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>			1	3	20	5	10	3				
mb	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			6	20	50	10	20	20	X			
mb	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			2	12	15	10	20	6				
Family Ciconiidae (Storks)														
mb	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			40	1	3	2	1	2	60		2	
mb	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>							1				1	
Family Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)														
mb	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			2	6			40	20				
mb	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>							8	10	4			
Family Anatidae (Ducks, Geese and Swans)														
rb	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			50	20	40		100	100	4			
rb/mb	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			10	20	19	5	15	3				
rb	Swan Goose (feral)	<i>Anser cygnoides</i>						6						
rb	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			4	1	30		6					
mb	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			4					1				
mb/rb	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>			1									
rb	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			X	30	X	12	X	X	X			
rb	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>			4	5	20	3	1	4				
mb/rb	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			2									
mb	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>					10	1						
rb/mb	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>				10				4				
rb/mb	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			X	1	X		4	50				
rb	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			4	6	12	10	10	12				
Family Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles and Vultures)														
mb	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	1											
wv/mb	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			1									
mb	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			1	20	20	20	3	3	1			
rb	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		X							1		1	
mb	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>			1				1		2		1	
mb	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			1						1	2	1	
rb	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			2						5	2	6	
rb	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>				3		2	2	1				
mb	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>									1		3	
mb	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraeetus pennatus</i>									2			

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Family Falconidae (Falcons)														
mb	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>			1		10	40	5	X	X			
rb	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			2	3	4	4	3	X	4	1		
mb	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			2	12	20	20	5	X	X			
rb	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>										1		
Family Phasianidae (Pheasants and Partridges)														
rb	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>											2	
mb	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>			H									
Family Rallidae (Rails and Crakes)														
mb	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>											H	
mb	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>					1							
rb	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>					h							
mb	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			X	1	3			2				
rb	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			X	2			3	20				
Family Haematopidae (Oystercatchers)														
mb	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			1		10							
Family Burhinidae (Stone-curlews)														
mb	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>				2								
Family Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)														
mb	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			6		12		2					
mb	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			50	10	75	2	8					
Family Charadriidae (Plovers)														
pm	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				30	20							
mb	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				H	2							
pm	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>					7							
mb	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			10	6	20	6	5					
Family Scolopacidae (Sandpipers)														
pm	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>					4							
pm	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			4		500							
pm	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>					20							
pm	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			16	15	500							
pm	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>					1							
pm	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				3	20		20					
mb	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>			4									
mb	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			H									
pm	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					5							
pm	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					2							
pm	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				20	4		5					
mb	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					2							
rb/mb	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>					1							
Family Laridae (Gulls)														
mb	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>			200	1	2	12	2					
rb/mb	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>					X							
rb	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>			X	X	X	4	X	X	X			
mb	Great Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>				6		7	2					
pm/wv	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	X											
rb	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		X										
pm	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cacchianans</i>			X	100	X	X	X	X	X			
pm/wv	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	X											
Family Sternidae (Terns)														
mb	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>				H	25	2						
mb	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			X	X	X	20	X	X				
mb	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>			X	X	X		5	X				

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mb	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>						3			X			
mb	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>			X	X	X	10	10	300	10			
Family Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)														
rb	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>										X	X	
mb/rb	Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			1	5	4	10	4				5	
mb/rb	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>				1			1					
rb	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>			X	X	X							
mb	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			4	30	1	15						
Family Cuculidae (Cuckoos)														
mb	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			10	20	20	20	20	20	X	H	H	
Family Strigidae (Owls)														
rb	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			1									
rb	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>								1				
Family Caprimulgidae (Nightjar)														
mb	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>		1			1							
Family Apodidae (Swifts)														
mb	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		X		20	X				10			
mb	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>									2			
Family Upupidae (Hoopoes)														
mb	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				11	3	2	2	2		2		
Family Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)														
rb	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				10		4	3	3	H			
Family Meropidae (Bee-eaters)														
mb	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			6	50	20	40	30	4	300			
Family Coraciidae (Rollers)														
mb	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>			10	5	2	50	10	50	5			
Family Picidae (Woodpeckers)														
mb	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>											1	
rb	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	1					1	1	4		1		
rb	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>				1		1	1					
rb	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	X											
rb	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					1	1	5	H	1		3	
rb	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		X		X								
rb	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>											4	
rb	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>						H	H	H			2	
Family Alaudidae (Larks)														
rb	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>			4									
rb	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			X						20			
rb	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	X		X						1		X	
mb	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>											2	
Family Hirundinidae (Swallows and Martins)														
mb	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			2	X	20	X			X			
mb	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>										6		
mb	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			X	500	500	X	X	X	X	X		
mb	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>			X	X	20				X	X	X	
Family Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)														
mb	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>											20	
mb	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			4						4			
mb	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (alba) alba</i>			6	20	X	X	20	X	X	X	2	
mb	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava (inc dombrowsii)</i>			2	2	30		1					
rb/mb	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>									4		2	
Family Cinclidae (Dippers)														
rb	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>									1			

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Family Tichodromadidae (Wallcreeper)														
rb	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>										2		
Family Certhiidae (Treecreepers)														
rb	Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>						1	1	1				
Family Laniidae (Shrikes)														
mb	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			6	3	12	4	2				10	
mb	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				1	15	8	6		X			
Family Sturnidae (Starlings)														
rb	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			X	X	X	X	300	X	400	X	X	
Family Oriolidae (Orioles)														
mb	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			2	1	12	5	1	H	1		X	
Family Corvidae (Crows)														
rb	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>			X	X	4	6	X	2	X	X	2	
rb	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>										2	1	
rb	Rook	<i>Corvus frugeligus</i>			X	X		X						
rb	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>			X	X					X	X		
wv	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>												X
rb	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>			X	X	100	X	X	X	X		X	X
rb	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>										3	3	
Family Passeridae (Sparrows)														
rb	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			X	X					X	X	X	
rb	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>			20									
rb	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				X	X	X	10	X	X	X	X	
Family Fringillidae (Finches)														
rb	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			X	H	1	H	1	H	X	2	4	
mb	Serlin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>											X	
rb	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			X						3			
rb	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			X	2	4	X	4	2	X		X	
rb	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>			X				H	1	X			
rb	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>										H		
rb	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>											2	
Family Emberizidae (Buntings)														
mb	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>			2						H			
rb	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>									H		20	
rb	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					51			H				
mb	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>					2							
rb	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>									H			
rb	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>			6						1			
List compiled by Nick Owens & John Caddick														
(rb = resident breeder, mb = migrant breeder, pm = passage migrant, wv = winter visitor)														

Reptiles

Eastern Green Lizard
Balkan Wall Lizard
Grass Snake
Snake-eyed Skink
European Pond Terrapin
Hermann's Tortoise

Amphibians

Marsh Frog
Fire-bellied Toad
Yellow-bellied Toad
European Tree Frog
Spring Frog

SELECTED PLANTS

	ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	NOTES
	Salicaceae		
	Willows	<i>Salix spp.</i>	3+ species, Delta
	Viscaceae		
	Mistletoe	<i>Viscum album</i>	Delta
	Polygonaceae		
	Japanese Knotweed	<i>Polygonatum cuspidatum</i>	Delta
	Common Sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Delta
	Caryophyllaceae		
	Greater Stitchwort	<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Delta
	Sticky Catchfly	<i>Viscaria vulgaris</i>	Stramba Valley
	Ranunculaceae		
	Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Brassicaceae		
	Treacle Mustard	<i>Erysimum cheiranthoides</i>	Delta
	a yellow cress	<i>Rorippa sp</i>	Delta
	Sea Kale	<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Delta
	Cuckoo Flower	<i>Cardamine pratense</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Perennial Honesty	<i>Lunaria rediviva</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Saxifragaceae		
	Alternate-leaved Golden Saxifrage	<i>Chrysosplenium alternifolium</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	a saxifrage	<i>Saxifraga cuneifolia</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Oxalidaceae		
	Wood Sorrel	<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Rosaceae		
	Rock Bramble	<i>Rubus saxatilis</i>	Delta
	Fabaceae		
	False Indigo	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Delta. Alien, from North America
	Geraniaceae		
	Dusky Crane's-bill	<i>Geranium phaeum</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Linaceae		
	Perennial Flax	<i>Linum perenne</i>	Delta
	Euphorbiaceae		
	a spurge	<i>Euphorbia nicaeensis ssp cadrilateri</i>	Delta
	a spurge	<i>Euphorbia dobrogensis</i>	Delta
	Violaceae		
	Dog Violet	<i>Viola canina</i>	Stramba Valley
	Yellow Wood Violet	<i>Viola biflora</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)		
	Sea Holly	<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Delta
	Ericaceae		
		<i>Bruckenthalia spiculifolia</i>	The small 'heather', Zarnesti Gorge
	Primulaceae		
	a snowbell	<i>Soldanella sp</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Cowslip	<i>Primula veris</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Oleaceae		
	Russian Olive	<i>Eleagnus angustifolia</i>	Delta
	Apocynaceae		
	Lesser Periwinkle	<i>Vinca minor</i>	Babadag Forest
	Rubiaceae		
	Woodruff	<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Zarnesti Gorge

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	Boraginaceae		
	a comfrey	<i>Symphytum sp</i>	blue flowers, Delta
	a comfrey	<i>Symphytum vulgare</i>	yellow flowers, endemic. Zarnesti Gorge
	a comfrey	<i>Symphytum cordatum</i>	yellow flowers, heart-shaped leaves, endemic. Zarnesti
	Hound's Tongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Delta
	a lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria rubra</i>	Red-pink flowers, Zarnesti Gorge
	Lamiaceae		
	Nodding Sage	<i>Salvia nutans</i>	Babadag Forest
	Meadow Clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Babadag Forest
	Wild Thyme	<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	Babadag Forest
	Water Mint	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Delta
	Balm-leaved Archangel	<i>Lamium orvale</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Yellow Archangel	<i>Galeobdolon luteum</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Solanaceae		
	Wild Petunia	<i>Petunia parviflora</i>	Delta
	Scrophulariaceae		
	a cow-wheat	<i>Melampyrum biharensis</i>	Strambe Valley, endemic
	Dipsacaceae		
	Common Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Delta
	Campanulaceae		
	Spreading Bellflower	<i>Campanula patula</i>	Stramba Valley
	Asteraceae (Compositae)		
	Colt's Foot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Delta
	Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane	<i>Doronicum columnae</i>	Big yellow composite, Zarnesti Gorge
	Butterbur	<i>Petasites sp.</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Amaryllidaceae		
	Pheasant's Eye	<i>Narcissus poeticus</i>	Babadag Forest
	Liliaceae		
	Yellow Flag	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Delta
	Siberian Blue Iris	<i>Iris sibirica</i>	Zarnesti Gorge
	Herb Paris	<i>Paris quadrifolia</i>	Stramba Valley
	White False Helleborine	<i>Veratrum album</i>	Stramba Valley
	Orchidaceae		
	Green-winged Orchid	<i>Orchis morio</i>	Babadag Forest; Stramba Valley
	Toothed Orchid	<i>Orchis tridentata</i>	Babadag Forest
	Monkey Orchid	<i>Orchis simian</i>	Babadag Forest
	Lady Orchid	<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Babadag Forest
	Marsh Orchids	<i>Dactylorhiza spp</i>	2 species, Stramba Valley
	Lesser Butterfly Orchid	<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>	Stramba Valley
	White Helleborine	<i>Cephalanthera damasonium</i>	Stramba Valley
	Narrow-leaved Helleborine	<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Stramba Valley
	Fragrant Orchid	<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i>	Stramba Valley