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TRIP REPORT NORTHERN GREECE BIRDWATCHING HOLIDAY 3-10 APRIL 2015

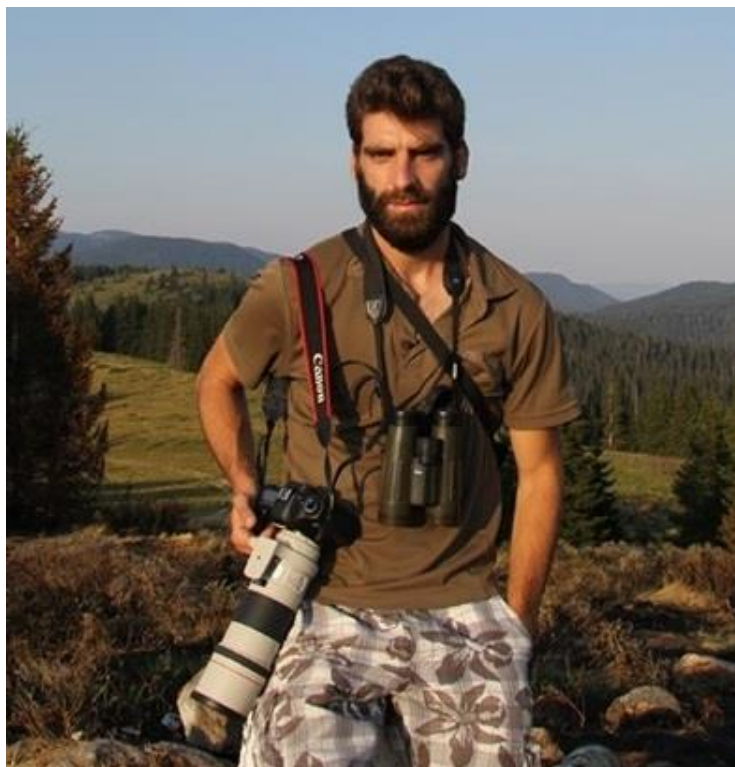
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"We would all like to thank you for brilliant well organised birding holiday. We all really enjoyed it, George was great, the families at the hotels looked after us very well and the birding was fantastic. We will recommend "Natural Greece" to our friends. Thank you again."

Keith, Hazel and Michael
UK



Trip report 3-10 April 2015 of the [Northern Greece Birdwatching Holiday](#) that Keith, Hazel and Michael from the UK enjoyed with our expert bird guide Georgos Spiridakis.



The birdwatching sites visited during this 8-day trip starting from Thessaloniki include: Lake Kerkini, Mount Belles, Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufli forest, Evros Delta, Lake Ismarida, Porto Lagos, Nestos.



Apart from numerous fantastic species they observed a rarity for Greece too: the Velvet scoter (*Melanitta fusca*), a black seaduck!







Species list (scientific name)

1. *Podiceps nigricollis*
2. *Podiceps cristatus*
3. *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
4. *Pelecanus crispus*
5. *Phalacrocorax carbo*
6. *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*
7. *Botaurus stellaris*
8. *Nycticorax nycticorax*
9. *Ardeola ralloides*
10. *Egretta garzetta*
11. *Casmerodius albus*
12. *Ardea cinerea*
13. *Ardea purpurea*
14. *Ciconia ciconia*
15. *Ciconia nigra*
16. *Plegadis faldnellus*
17. *Platalea leucorodia*
18. *Phoenicopterus roseus*
19. *Cygnus olor*
20. *Anser anser*
21. *Tadorna tadorna*
22. *Anas platyrhynchos*
23. *Anas strepera*
24. *Anas acuta*
25. *Anas clypeata*
26. *Anas penelope*

27. *Anas crecca*
28. *Anas querquedula*
29. *Aythya retina*
30. *Aythya nyroca*
31. *Melanitta fusca*
32. *Bucephala clangula*
33. *Mergus serrator*
34. *Gyps fulvus*
35. *Aegypius monachus*
36. *Neophron percnopterus*
37. *Haliaetus albicilla*
38. *Pandion haliaetus*
39. *Aquila pomarina*
40. *Circus galli*
41. *Milvus migrans*
42. *Circus aeruginosus*
43. *Circus cyaneus*
44. *Circus pygargus*
45. *Circus macrourus*
46. *Buteo rufinus*
47. *Buteo buteo*
48. *Accipiter nisus*
49. *Falco tinunculus*
50. *Falco subbuteo*
51. *Coturnix coturnix* (heard only)
52. *Rallus aquaticus*
53. *Porzana parva*
54. *Gallinula chloropus*
55. *Fulica atra*
56. *Haemantopus ostralegus*
57. *Recurvirostra avosetta*
58. *Charadrius alexandrinus*
59. *Pluvialis squatarola*
60. *Vanellus vanellus*
61. *Vanellus spinosus*
62. *Calidris alpina*
63. *Tringa glareola*
64. *Tringa ochropus*
65. *Tringa totanus*
66. *Tringa erythropus*
67. *Tringa nebularia*
68. *Tringa stagnatilis*
69. *Limosa limosa*
70. *Numenius arquata*
71. *Numenius phaeopus*
72. *Gallinago gallinago*

73. *Philomachus pugmax*
74. *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
75. *Ichthyaetus melanocephalus*
76. *Larus michahellis*
77. *Sterna sandvicensis*
78. *Sterna hirundo*
79. *Hydroprogne caspia*
80. *Columba palumbus*
81. *Streptopelia decaocto*
82. *Streptopelia turtur*
83. *Clamator glandarius*
84. *Bubo bubo*
85. *Athene noctua*
86. *Apus apus*
87. *Apus melba*
88. *Upupa epops*
89. *Alcedo atthis*
90. *Picus viridis*
91. *Picus canus* (heard only)
92. *Dendrocopos major*
93. *Dendrocopos syriacus*
94. *Jynx torquilla*
95. *Alauda arvensis* (heard only)
96. *Galerida cristata*
97. *Lullula arborea*
98. *Calandrella brachydactyla*
99. *Melanocorypha calandra*
100. *Riparia riparia*
101. *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*
102. *Hirundo rustica*
103. *Hirundo daurica*
104. *Delichon urbica*
105. *Anthus campestris*
106. *Anthus trivialis*
107. *Motacilla alba*
108. *Motacilla flava*
109. *Erithacus rubecula*
110. *Luscinia megarhynchos*
111. *Luscinia svedca*
112. *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*
113. *Phoenicurus ochruros*
114. *Oenanthe oenanthe*
115. *Oenanthe hispanica*
116. *Saxicola rubetra*
117. *Monticola solitarius*
118. *Turdus philomelos*