

Estonia 13-21 May 2011 – a short trip list

For all migrating species, see the excel-file from our seawatching observations

1. **Red-throated diver** *Gavia stellata*
Common on migration.
2. **Black-throated diver** *Gavia arctica*
Common on migration.
3. **White-billed diver** *Gavia adamsii*
1 ad in summe plumage migrating 16/5 at Ristna.
4. **Horned grebe** *Podiceps auritus*
1 ind. at Haapsalu.
5. **Great crested grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*
Common, both migrating and resting.
6. **Red-necked grebe** *Podiceps grisegena*
Regularly seen on migration.
7. **Great cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
Common.
8. **Great white egret** *Egretta alba*
1 ind. at Matsalu 20/5.
9. **Grey heron** *Ardea cinerea*
Common.
10. **White stork** *Ciconia ciconia*
Common on mainland.
11. **Mute swan** *Cygnus olor*
Common.
12. **Whooper swan** *Cygnus cygnus*
6 ind. passing by Lihula 18/5.
13. **Greater white-fronted goose** *Anser albifrons*
4 ind. at Matsalu 20/5.
14. **Bean goose** *Anser fabalis*
Ssp. rossicus 1 ind. at Käina laht.
15. **Greylag goose** *Anser anser*
Common.
16. **Barnacle goose** *Branta leucopsis*
Common.
17. **Brent goose** *Branta bernicla*
Common.
18. **Shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna*
Common.
19. **Mallard** *Anser platyrhynchos*
Common.
20. **Gadwall** *Anas strepera*
Fairly common.
21. **Pintail** *Anas acuta*
Common.
22. **Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*
Common.
23. **Wigeon** *Anas penelope*
Fairly common.

24. **Common Teal** *Anas crecca*
Common.
25. **Garganey** *Anas querquedula*
Several seen, even on migration along with Common Scoters.
26. **Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*
Common.
27. **Red-crested Pochard** *Netta rufina*
4 ind. (3 males, 1 female) at Matsalu 20/5.
28. **Greater Scaup** *Aythya marila*
Common. Over 500 on ferry from Hiiumaa.
29. **Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*
Common.
30. **Common Eider** *Somateria mollissima*
Common.
31. **Steller's Eider** *Polysticta stelleri*
A total of 7 ind. migrating.
32. **Common Scoter** *Melanitta nigra*
Common.
33. **Velvet Scoter** *Melanitta fusca*
Common.
34. **Long-tailed Duck** *Clangula hyemalis*
Common.
35. **Goldeneye** *Bucephala clangula*
Common.
36. **Smew** *Mergellus albellus*
4 ind. at Matsalu 20/5.
37. **Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser*
Common.
38. **Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator*
Common.
39. **White-tailed Eagle** *Haliaeetus albicollis*
Common.
40. **Lesser spotted Eagle** *Aquila pomarina*
1 adult a few miles southeast of Pivarootsi 18/5, 1 adult from the road to Haeska 20/5, 1 adult from Haeska 20/5.
41. **Greater spotted Eagle** *Aquila clanga*
1 3cy+ a few miles east of Haapsalu 13/5.
42. **Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*
Common.
43. **Hen harrier** *Circus cyaneus*
A total of two individuals at Tahkuna 15/5.
44. **Montagu's Harrier** *Circus pygargus*
A total of ten birds on the mainland.
45. **Rough-legged Buzzard** *Buteo lagopus*
A few migrating at Hiiumaa.
46. **Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*
Common.
47. **Honey Buzzard** *Pernis apivorus*
Common.
48. **Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*

Common.

49. **Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

Relatively common.

50. **Red-footed Falcon** *Falco vespertinus*

1 adult male migrating at Tahkuna 15/5.

51. **Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*

Common.

52. **Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*

1 adult female migrating at Virtsu 20/5.

53. **Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*

1 ind. at Matsalu 20/5.

54. **Coot** *Fulica atra*

A few at Kärddla and Matsalu.

55. **Crane** *Grus grus*

Common.

56. **Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*

Common.

57. **Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Common.

58. **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*

Common.

59. **Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*

Common.

60. **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Common.

61. **Golden Plover** *Pluvialis apricaria*

1 ind. at Kärddla, together with grey plovers 17/5.

62. **Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*

Common.

63. **Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*

8 ind. at Kärddla.

64. **Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*

Common.

65. **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*

Several at Matsalu, Kärddla, and so on.

66. **Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*

2 ind. at Kärddla 17/5, 1 ind. at Pogari sassi.

67. **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*

1 ind. at Tahkuna 15/5, 6 ind. at Kärddla 17/5.

68. **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

Common.

69. **Redshank** *Tringa totanus*

Common.

70. **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*

1 ind. at Kärddla 17/5.

71. **Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*

Common.

72. **Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*

2 ind. at Kärddla 17/5.

73. **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*

Several.

74. **Curlew** *Numenius arquata*

Pretty common in good breeding habitats.

75. **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*

Common.

76. **Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*

Several displaying at evenings and nights.

77. **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*

1 ind. displaying at Hiiumaa.

78. **Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*

Common. For example over 200 ind. at Haapsalu laht!

79. **Arctic Skua** *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Common on migration.

80. **Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*

Common.

81. **Common Gull** *Larus canus*

Common.

82. **Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*

Common.

83. **Caspian Gull** *Larus cachinnans*

1 2cy at Ristna 16/5. Showing well when flying by. Classic individual without any markings in the "armpits", big black tailband, heavy neck markings, long bill with pinkish base, white head, dark secondaries, inner 4-5 primaries two-coloured, and outer very dark, etc.

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

Several. 1 adult light-mantled individual at Lihula 17/5.

85. **Greater Black-backed Gull** *Larus marinus*

Common.

86. **Little Gull** *Larus minutus*

Common. A total of 50 birds at Kärddla laht.

87. **Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons*

Several pairs in good habitats.

88. **Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis*

Mainly on the mainland. Not as common in Hiiumaa.

89. **Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*

Common.

90. **Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea*

Common.

91. **Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia*

Common.

92. **Black Tern** *Chlidonias nigra*

30-40 ind. at marshes southeast of Pivarootsi.

93. **White-winged Black Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus*

2 adults coming in from the sea at Haeska birdtower 21/5.

94. **Black Guillemot** *Cephus grylle*

Several at along the sea at Hiiumaa.

95. **Common Guillemot** *Uria aalge*

Several migrating at Ristna.

96. **Razorbill** *Alca torda*

Several migrating at Ristna.

97. **Feral dove** *Columba livia*

Common.

98. **Wood Pigeon** *Columba palumbus*

Common.

99. **Stock Dove** *Columba oenas*

Several birds seen. Not as common as wood pigeon.

100. **Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*

1 ind. flying by at Virtsu 18/5.

101. **Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*

Common in the mainland.

102. **Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*

1 ind. coming in from sea at 16/5.

103. **Common Swift** *Apus apus*

Common.

104. **Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*

Several singing.

105. **Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*

Common.

106. **Woodlark** *Lullula arborea*

1 ind. at Ristna 14/5.

107. **Bank Martin** *Riparia riparia*

Common.

108. **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

Common.

109. **House Martin** *Delichon urbica*

Common.

110. **Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*

Common.

111. **Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis*

Common.

112. **Rock Pipit** *Anthus petrosus*

A pair at Tahkuna 15/5.

113. **Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*

Common.

114. **Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*

Common.

115. **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

1 ind. migrating at Virtsu 21/5.

116. **Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Common, mainly at Hiiumaa.

117. **Waxwing** *Bombycilla garrulus*

14 ind. migrating past Ristna 14/5.

118. **Dunnock** *Prunella modularis*

Common.

119. **Robin** *Erythacus rubecula*

Common.

120. **Nightingale** *Luscinia luscinia*

Common during the last days at Virtsu and Pivarootsi.

121. **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*

1 female at Tahkuna 15/5.

122. **Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Common.

123. **Black redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

A total of 2 ind. at Hiiumaa.

124. **Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Common.

125. **Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra*

Common.

126. **Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos*

Common.

127. **Redwing** *Turdus iliacus*

Common.

128. **Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*

Common, mainly at Hiiumaa.

129. **Fieldfare** *Turdus pilaris*

Common.

130. **Blackbird** *Turdus merula*

Common.

131. **Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin*

Common.

132. **Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Common.

133. **Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca*

Common.

134. **Common Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*

Common.

135. **Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

A few at the wetlands and lakes.

136. **Grashopper Warbler** *Locustella naevia*

3 singing ind. at Matsalu 20/5, 1 singing from the road same place as the LS-eagle 21/5.

137. **Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

1 singing at Matsalu 20/5.

138. **Great Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

A few at the wetlands and lakes.

138. **Icterine Warbler** *Hippolais icterina*

Several singing from 20/5-21/5.

139. **Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Common.

140. **Wood Warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

A few singing from 19/5-21/5.

141. **Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*

Common. Singing at every stop. 1 ssp. *tristis* singing at Tahkuna 15/5, 1 ssp. *tristis* calling at Virtsu 19/5.

142. **Kinglet** *Regulus regulus*

Common.

143. **Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*

Common, mainly during the last days.

144. **Red-breasted Flycatcher** *Ficedula parva*

1 ind. at Virtsu 18/5.

145. **Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Common.

146. **Great Tit** *Parus major*
Common.
147. **Blue Tit** *Parus caeruleus*
Common.
148. **Willow Tit** *Parus montanus*
1 ind. calling at Ristna 16/5.
149. **Bearded Tit** *Panurus biarmicus*
2 ind. flying by at Haapsalu laht 13/5.
150. **Red-backed Shrike** *Lanius collurio*
1 male at Matsalu 20/5.
151. **Magpie** *Pica pica*
Several at the mainland.
152. **Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*
A few seen off road.
153. **Nutcracker** *Nucifraga caryocatactes*
1 ind. flying by the car 15/5.
154. **Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula*
Common.
155. **Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*
Common.
156. **Hooded Crow** *Corvus (corone) cornix*
Common.
157. **Carrion Crow** *Corvus (corone) corone*
1 ind. at Ristna 15/5.
158. **Raven** *Corvus corax*
Common.
159. **Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*
Common.
160. **Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus*
1 ind. singing at Virtsu 18/5, 1 young male at Virtsu 20/5, 1 ind. singing at Matsalu 20/5.
161. **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
A few around villages and cities.
162. **Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*
A few around villages and in cities.
163. **Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*
Common.
164. **Linnet** *Carduelis cannabina*
Common.
165. **Common Redpoll** *Carduelis flammea*
Common.
166. **Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*
Common.
167. **Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris*
Common.
168. **Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*
Common.
169. **Serin** *Serinus serinus*
1 ind. at Virtsu 18/5.
170. **Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*
Common.

171. **Hawfinch** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

Common.

172. **Common crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*

1 ind. at Virtsu 20/5.

173. **Common rosefinch** *Carpodacus erithrynus*

Common, especially during the last days of the trip. Over hundreds!!

174. **Reed bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

A few at Kärddla laht and Haapsalu laht.

175. **Yellowhammer** *Emberiza citrinella*

Common.