TRIP TO ANTALYA (TURKEY) - BRIEF REPORT 31 March – 5 April 2015

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This was a short holiday trip to Antalya area (Turkey). Although binoculars were always ready, it was not specifically focused on wildlifewatching. Nevertheless, we visited some interesting spots for birding and we managed to find some nice mammals and reptiles. The aim of this brief report is to inform about two apparently good spots (at least in April) for Wild Goat and Persian Squirrel. The area seems to have more potential for intensive wildlife-watching trips.

Flights

Barcelona - Antalya via Istanbul, with Pegasus Airlines. 930 Euro (round-trip flight).

Car hire

Renault Clio with "Side Rent a Car" company. 116 Euro (4 days). Good service.

Accommodation

Ancient Side: Beach House Hotel (recommended): www.beachhouse-hotel.com

Places visited

- Side (ruins)
- Termessos National Park
- Antalya
- · Çamlitepe Road
- Manavgat River Mouth
- Akseki: Walled Plantation, Gosney's Site 4, Cemikoy Valley

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Mammal List

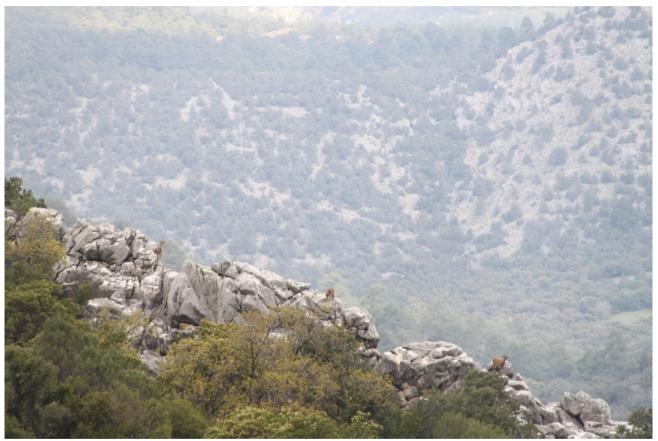
Latin	English	Comments
Erinaceus concolor	Eastern European Hedgehog	1 roadkilled animal 14 km south of Akseki
		Akseki: 3 sightings. The first two sightings at Gosney's Site 4 (3+1 individuals), in rocky
Sciurus anomalus	Persian Squirrel	outcrops among pinewood. The third sighting near the village of Cemikoy.
		Termessos National Park: 3 sightings of 12-3-5 individuals. The two first sightings
		between the gate and the parking area (from the road), from km 3 and 6. The third
Capra aegagrus	Wild Goat	sighting from the Theater, on the opposite slope.

Other Interesting Species (Birds – Reptiles)

Latin	English	Comments
Ciconia nigra	Black Stork	1 flying overhead, Çamlitepe Road
Vanellus spinosus	Spur-winged Lapwing	2, Manavgat River Mouth
Dendrocopos medius	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	Akseki (Walled Plantation + Akseki Cemetery)
Dendrocopos minor	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	Termessos NP, Akseki (Gosney's Site 4)
Oenanthe finschii	Finsch's Wheatear	1, Akseki (Cemikoy area)
Poecile lugubris	Sombre Tit	1, Akseki (Gosney's Site 4)
Sitta krueperi	Krüper's Nuthatch	Akseki (Gosney's Site 4 + Akseki village)
Sitta neumayer	Western Rock-nuthatch	Akseki (Cemikoy area)
Sylvia rueppelli	Rüppell's Warbler	Side Ruins, Termessos NP
Phylloscopus orientalis	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	Termessos NP, Akseki (Walled Plantation)
Ficedula semitorquata	Semi-collared Flycatcher	Akseki (Walled Plantation)
Lanius nubicus	Masked Shrike	1 seen, Side Ruins
Serinus pusillus	Red-fronted Serin	Akseki (Cemikoy area)
Emberiza caesia	Cretzchmar's Bunting	Several, Side Ruins
Testudo graeca	Spur-thighed Tortoise	2 different individuals in Manavgat River Mouth
Chamaeleo chameleon	Mediterranean Chamaleon	1 seen Çamlitepe Road
Laudakia stellio	Starred Agama	1 seen Ancient Side

Total bird species recorded: 95

Photos



Wild Goat: 3 individuals seen from the access road (km 6). Termessos National Park, 2 April 2015





Wild Goats. Termessos National Park, 2 April 2015



Termessos Theatre: 5 Wild Goats seen from here on the opposite slope



Persian Squirrel habitat (Akseki, Gosney's Site 4)



Persian Squirrel. Akseki, 4 April 2015







Chameleon crossing the Çamlitepe Road (left) and Spur-thighed Tortoise at Manavgat River Mouth (right). 3 April 2015

