

TRIP TO ANTALYA (TURKEY) - BRIEF REPORT

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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 wildlife-watching. 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
<i>Erinaceus concolor</i>	Eastern European Hedgehog	1 roadkilled animal 14 km south of Akseki
<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>	Persian Squirrel	Akseki: 3 sightings. The first two sightings at Gosney's Site 4 (3+1 individuals), in rocky outcrops among pinewood. The third sighting near the village of Cemikoy.
<i>Capra aegagrus</i>	Wild Goat	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 sighting from the Theater, on the opposite slope.

Other Interesting Species (Birds – Reptiles)

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

