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Introduction

Following the recent publication of *Birding in Eastern Europe* by Gerard Gorman there is now a lot of useful information available on birding in Eastern Europe. This coupled with the availability of cheap flights to many eastern European cities makes long Bank Holiday weekends birding in Eastern Europe an excellent alternative to crowded roads & predictably boring birding in the UK.

This combined with the possibility of seeing Raccoon Dog encouraged me to visit Estonia and to be honest it was one of my best birding trips in Europe, only surpassed by an 8-owl trip to Sweden in 1990.

Highlights included breeding Red-necked Grebes & Whooper Swans, White-tailed & Lesser Spotted Eagle, Hazelhen, Capercaillie, Crane, Corncrake, lekking Great Snipe, White-backed & Black Woodpecker, Blyth's Reed, Marsh, River, Savi's, Icterine & Barred Warblers, Thrush Nightingale, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Red-backed Shrike, Citrine Wagtail, Golden Oriole, Common Rosefinch, two Raccoon Dogs & Elk (Moose). Many of the passerines were common!

Estonia offers great birding in superb undisturbed forest (one morning I walked a trail for 6 hours without seeing anyone else) & good roads with little traffic & no speed cameras etc. I only wish I had stayed for longer and visited additional sites on the Baltic coast to the SW of Tallinn.

Logistics

Flights - Many airlines fly to Tallinn including Easyjet. I booked flights from Stansted to Tallinn five days before I travelled & still only paid £120.

Car hire - I hired an Opel Corsa from Europcar for £156 for 6 days. The main roads are tarred, in good condition and relatively free of traffic. Most of the minor roads are gravel but even these are generally in good condition although care is required particularly after rain. The speed limit varies from 50-70 kph in built-up areas and 90-100 kph in rural areas. You can easily maintain speeds of 100 kph and most of the locals seem to drive well in excess of 100 kph.

Local guides - Contrary to the suggestions in some trip reports you definitely do not need to hire a local guide and although you might miss one or two more difficult species, most notably owls, you can see almost everything else on your own. In any case it's far more satisfying finding your own birds. In many places, including most hotels, locals speak English so there are few language difficulties. All the sites are easy to find,

Accommodation / Food - Hotels can be booked in advance on the internet, or as you go. The Lonely Planet guide is a useful starting point.

I stayed at the following hotels.

- **Hotel Rehe** on the Voru road on the outskirts of Tartu (booked in advance on the internet for £30 per night for a double room, unfortunately all the single rooms £24 per night were already taken). Overpriced but conveniently located and Corncrakes & Grasshopper Warbler singing by the car park.
- **Peetrimois Villa Spa Hotel** www.peetrimoisavilla.ee in Viljandi. An excellent hotel, a single room costing £30 per night.
- **Hotel Parnu**, a Best Western in the centre of Parnu. Totally overpriced but convenient

Most hotels include breakfast in the price but breakfast is normally served from 0700-1000 when I was in the field so I bought breakfast & lunch from garages and supermarkets (most large supermarkets are open from 0900-2300). I tended to have dinner in a restaurant between 1700 & 1800 and be back out in the field until it got dark.

The food was generally good. In most towns you can find restaurants offering local food and in the larger towns, e.g. Tartu, Viljandi & Parnu there are fast food & western options, e.g. the Pappa Pizza chain or McDonalds. The Lonely Planet guide is again useful for locating restaurants although some of the street maps, e.g. the one for Parnu are at best confusing, or at worst totally wrong. In Tartu the Italian restaurant La Dolce Vita is highly recommended but eat early as it gets very busy later on and you may have to wait for a table.

Weather – Mostly dry with temperatures in the high teens & little wind although temperatures reached 28C on the 28th. There were amazing storms on two afternoons with an incredible light show and torrential rain and hail lasting an hour.

Birding - It was light enough to go birding from 0400 (possibly earlier but 0400 was early enough) until 2230 so you can cover a lot of ground in a day. As mentioned previously the forest sites were largely devoid of other people other than the trail at Endla which was quite busy on the Saturday afternoon. Haadameeste on the coast was busier probably due to its proximity to Parnu & the fact that the weather was so good that evening.

Mosquitoes were a serious problem at some forest/bog sites and repellent is essential. I left one trail after 10 minutes because they were so bad. Tapes were useful for attracting the more skulking species. If birding in Nigula be careful around the Estonian Native Cattle. Although allegedly 'curious and good-natured' I encountered a herd with an extremely aggressive bull. I ended up sitting in a tree for an hour and a half while the bull pawed the ground and bellowed just below me with the rest of the herd watching from a few metres away. An interesting experience to say the least.

Sites

Birding in Eastern Europe is the essential guide to the sites & should be consulted for directions but the following information may also be useful.

- **Karevere Slid** – take the track just east of the houses on the north side of the road. Great Snipe can easily be seen from the observation posts. They started calling at 2145 but only started showing at about 2215 at c.50 metres range. A minimum of 5 birds displayed while I was there. **Do not go closer than the observation posts.** Great Reed Warblers are common on the south side of the main road.
- **Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail** – From Ilmatsalu you can actually complete a full loop rather than returning the same way. There are several information boards showing the trail. Take the track WSW from the car park at the end of the road in Ilmatsalu out as far as the picnic site marked on Gorman's map. Return east for about 200 metres & then walk north towards Karevere. After a few hundred metres there is another parking spot at a junction with a driveable track. Turn right here & follow this track until you reach a crossroads where you are directed to the right. Follow this track past a pool on the right & then back out across open fields to the car park in Ilmatsalu. The initial riverside trail is excellent with Raccoon Dog, White-backed Woodpecker, Great Reed Warbler, River Warbler, Thrush Nightingale etc. The fishponds themselves were rather quiet although there was a Black-throated Diver on the large lake to the south of the observation tower. The trail back through the forest had White-tailed Eagle & calling Capercaillie & Black Woodpecker.

- **Alam-Pedja** – the walking trails here were extremely bad for mosquitoes.
 1. The gravel road from near Laeva to the Selli-Sillaotsa Bog Trail produced Hazelhen in the evening & Capercaillie in the morning but no owls despite considerable effort. This road continues to a car park about 10 km from the main road. Alternatively you can also bear left after c.5 kms and follow a loop that returns to the main track. This track held Green Sandpiper, River Warbler, Red-backed Shrike etc.
 2. The second road from Puurmani to Kirna now ends at the hamlet of Kirni where the 7-km Kirna Meadow Trail starts. I tried walking this trail twice but the mosquitoes were horrendous. The area around the bridge at the start of the trail was excellent for Corncrake, River Warbler & Thrush Nightingale & I also heard Black Woodpecker here.
- **Endla** – Driving north from Jogeve turn left after c.20 km along a track sign-posted to Endla Nature Reserve a few kms after the turn to Endla itself. Follow the signs to the car park & obtain a trail map at the visitor centre. I only walked as far as the first observation tower on the Männikjärve Bog Trail due to the heavy rain. The bog itself was disappointing but the lake along this trail held breeding Red-necked Grebe & Whooper Swan. The area around the car park held Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Blyth's Reed Warbler & Icterine Warbler.
- **Taevaskoja** – the track to the Saessare car park is on the right hand side of the road 2-3 km east of the railway crossing. From here a number of trails go in to the forest. Although I visited on a Sunday morning I had the place to myself until about 0930 but as Gorman suggests it then started to become busier as I was leaving with several cars & two coaches arriving around 1000. I covered the area both sides of the river to the SE of the car park & saw Black Woodpecker & Red-breasted Flycatcher as well as a number of commoner woodland birds but could not find any Greenish Warblers (it's possible that they had not arrived).
- **Aardla** – the directions in Gorman are slightly misleading. I suggest taking the following route. Take the E263 south from Tartu towards Voru. After 3-4 kms turn left on a gravel road sign-posted to Aardla. Follow this road east & bird the marshes either side of the road for wildfowl, wagtails, warblers etc. The rubbish tip is visible to the south. Follow this road to a T-junction checking the small copse & scrub on the left hand of the track just before the T-junction for Marsh Warbler. Turn left at the T-junction & then turn left again at the next T-junction. Follow this road until you see some reedy pools to the right of the road & the lake to the left of the road. At this point a track runs south towards the lake. Take this & park by the lake birding the lake edge for Citrine Wagtail & Great Reed Warbler. I also saw Black Tern & Little Gull here.
- **Soomaa** – Soomaa can be accessed from Kopu in the south-east, Kildu in the east or Joesuu in the west. I birded from the vehicle along the three roads seeing Elk (Moose) along the road south of the visitor centre at Kortsu-Totamaa & along the road towards Kildu. I also saw Lesser Spotted Eagle along the Kildu road where Corncrake, River Warbler etc were common particularly near the observation tower at Oksa Meadow. There are a number of trails in to the forest but I did not have time to walk any of these.
- **Nigula** – I birded two areas here.
 1. Pikksaare Crane Watchtower sign-posted to the west of the road running south to the visitor centre from the Haadameeste-Tali road. This was good for mammals including Raccoon Dog, Wild Boar & Roe Deer & I saw 19 Cranes from here at dusk. I also saw 26 Cranes west of Tali & 2 south of the visitor centre & Lesser Spotted Eagle along the road south of the visitor centre.
 2. The second area was reached by taking the road south out of Tali towards Veelikse. Turn right off of this road towards Lanksaare & on reaching Lanksaare turn right on a rough track down to a bridge. Explore the area beyond the bridge. I saw Red-backed Shrike, Icterine Warbler & Barred Warbler here shortly before my encounter with the aggressive bull.
 3. The following website gives details of the main trail referred to by Gorman <http://www.loodus.ee/nigula/reserve.html>.
- **Pikla Ponds** – slightly disappointing with few migrants around but Savi's Warbler was easy by the first observation tower.

- **Haadameeste** – I only birded the birding platform accessed from the village itself & other than several species of wildfowl offshore it was disappointing with few waders on the meadows.

References

- ***Birding in Eastern Europe*** (Gerard Gorman) – the essential guide to birding sites in Estonia. Published by www.wildsounds.com £17.99.
- Jana Seta ***Road Atlas Baltic countries & Kalingrad region*** – available for £6.25 from www.stanfords.co.uk.
- ***Lonely Planet – Estonia, Latvia & Lithuania*** £14.99.
- ***Bird-watching in Estonia 31 May to 10 June 2006*** (Morten Brendstrup-Hansen) – a useful trip report with details of additional coastal sites that I did not visit. Available at www.netflug.dk/trip_reports/europe/Estonia_2006_MB-H.pdf.
- www.fatbirder.com/links_geo/europe/estonia.html – a website with useful links to Estonian websites.

Itinerary

- 24th Early morning departure from Stansted. Arrived Tallinn late morning, collected hire car & drove to Tartu arriving mid-afternoon. Caught up on sleep & after dinner spent evening in area around Karevere Slid & along Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail. Night Hotel Rehe.
- 25th Morning along Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail. Afternoon/evening in Alam-Pedja where mosquitoes were particularly bad around Kirna Meadow Trail. Night Hotel Rehe.
- 26th Early morning Alam-Pedja. Late morning/early afternoon Endla. Evening Alam-Pedja. Night Hotel Rehe.
- 27th Early morning Taevaskoja. Late morning/early afternoon Aardla & then drove to Viljandi. Evening Soomaa. Night Peetrimoisa Villa Spa Hotel.
- 28th Morning Nigula. Afternoon drive to Parnu then late afternoon/evening birding Pikla Ponds, Haadameeste & Nigula. Night Hotel Parnu.
- 29th Early morning drive through Soomaa on route to Tallinn for lunchtime flight to Stansted.

Birds

Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	One Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Pair Endla.
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Widespread.
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Widespread.
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Three Aardla, common Pikla Ponds, Haadameeste & Tallinn.
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Four Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, pair plus two young Endla, one Haadameeste.
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Two Aardla.
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Small numbers Haadameeste.
Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Endla.
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	One Aardla.
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	One Endla.
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Widespread.
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	One Aardla, two Pikla Ponds.

Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Two Pikla Ponds.
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Small numbers Karevere Slid & Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	100+ Haadameeste.
Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Small numbers Alam-Pedja, Endla & Taevaskoja.
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	One Haadameeste.
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Female Leevijoe, female plus 14 young Taevaskoja.
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	One Soomaa.
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Adult Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Singles Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Endla, Aardla, Soomaa & Nigula.
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Singles Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, south of Jogevea & near Kaarapere.
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	One Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Widespread.
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Singles Soomaa (imm) & Nigula (adult).
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	One Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	One Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Capercaillie	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	Male Alam-Pedja, heard Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Hazelhen	<i>Bonasa bonasia</i>	Male Alam-Pedja.
Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Pairs on route from Tallinn to Tartu & south of Tartu.
Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	One Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, 26 west of Tali, a pair & a flock of 19 at Nigula.
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	One seen at Alam-Pedja where commonly heard. Also commonly heard at most other sites & even from moving vehicle while driving along main roads & by Hotel Rehe in Tartu.
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Aardla & Pikla Ponds.
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Widespread.
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	One Karevere Slid.
Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Roding birds Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Alam-Pedja, Soomaa & Nigula.
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	5+ lekking at Karavere Slid.
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Drumming Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Alam-Pedja, Soomaa & Nigula.
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	One near Tammiku.
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Common Haadameeste.
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	One heard Pikla Ponds.
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	One Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, pair Alam-Pedja.
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Singles Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Alam-Pedja & Taevaskoja.
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Widespread.
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Common Aardla, small numbers Haadameeste.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Small numbers Haadameeste.

Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Aardla, Nigula, Pikla Ponds & Haadameeste.
Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>	One Aardla.
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Widespread.
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Four Aardla.
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Alam-Pedja & Soomaa.
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	One Alam-Pedja.
Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Heard Alam-Pedja.
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Widespread.
Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	One Taevaskoja.
Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	Singles Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Endla.
White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>	Pair Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	1-2 Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Endla, Taevaskoja & Nigula.
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	Two Taevaskoja, one Nigula, heard Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Alam-Pedja.
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Small numbers Taevaskoja & Nigula.
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Small numbers Taevaskoja & Aardla.
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Common Ilmatsalu Fishponds, Karevere Slid & Taevaskoja where nesting in cliffs.
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Widespread.
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	Widespread.
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Widespread.
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Pair Aardla.
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	'Grey-headed' - one Endla, common Aardla, small numbers Haadameeste.
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Nigula.
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Small numbers Aardla, Nigula & Haadameeste.
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Widespread.
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Widespread.
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Endla, Taevaskoja & Nigula.
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Small numbers Taevaskoja & Nigula.
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Small numbers Alam-Pedja, Paevaskoja & Nigula.
Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	One seen near Pari. Heard Tartu, Aardla, Soomaa, Nigula & Haadameeste.
River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	Seen well at Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Alam-Pedja & Soomaa. Commonly heard at these sites & Endla, Aardla & Nigula.
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	One seen well Pikla Ponds.
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Widespread.
Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	One Aardla.
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	One Endla.

Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Two Aardla.
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Seen at Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Pikla Ponds, also heard Karevere Slid & Aardla.
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Singles Endla & Nigula, heard Haadameeste & near Nurmsi.
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Common Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Endla, Taevaskoja & Nigula.
Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Widespread.
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Heard Endla.
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	One Nigula.
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Widespread.
Chiff Chaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Widespread although less common than Willow & Wood Warbler.
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Seen at Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Taevaskoja, Soomaa & Nigula, commonly heard elsewhere
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Up to 4 Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Endla & Taevaskoja.
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Two Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & one Taevaskoja.
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Singing first summer male Taevaskoja.
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Only seen at Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail.
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	Seen well at Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Alam-Pedja. Widely heard even in the centre of towns, e.g. Viljande.
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Widespread.
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	One Endla.
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	One Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, heard Endla.
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Widespread at forest sites.
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	One Taevaskoja.
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Seen Karevere Slid, also heard Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Alam-Pedja, Endla, Taevaskoja, Soomaa & Nigula.
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Singles Alam-Pedja, Vana Kuuste & Soomaa, seven Nigula. All males bar one.
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Widespread.
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Widespread.
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Widespread.
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Widespread.
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Alam--Pedja, Taevaskoja & Aardla.
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Widespread.
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	One Alam-Pedja, common Nigula & surrounding area.
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Aardla, Nigula, Pikla Ponds & Haadameeste.
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Widespread.

Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Small numbers Karevere Slid, Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Endla (heard), Aardla, Soomaa & Nigula.
Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Heard Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Taevaskoja.
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Nigula.
Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Two Nigula.
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Taevaskoja.
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	One Nigula.
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	One Parnu.
Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Small numbers Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, Endla & Nigula.

Mammals

Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Three Soomaa, one north of Suure-Jaani.
Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>	One Taevaskoja.
Vole sp		One Soomaa.
Raccoon Dog	<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>	Amazing close range views of one along the riverbank at Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail at 0730 one morning. On view for 5 minutes. Another watched hunting for over 20 minutes at dusk from Pikksaare Crane Watchtower at Nigula. Singles Endla & Nigula.
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Six from Pikksaare Crane Watchtower Nigula.
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Two singles Soomaa
Elk (Moose)	<i>Alces alces</i>	Three on route from Tallinn to Tartu, one Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail, three Alam-Pedja, six Soomaa & six Nigula.
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	

Reptiles

Pond Frog	<i>Rana lessonae</i>	Common Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail & Alam-Pedja.
Moor Frog	<i>Rana arvalis</i>	One Alam-Pedja & two Taevaskoja.

Miscellaneous

Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	One Ilmatsalu-Karevere Birding Trail
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