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SYRIA TRIP REPORT

19 March to 1 April 2001

Systematic List

Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*)

2 Al Jabbul (27/03), 55 Muhaymiddah, Suspension Bridge (29/03); Euphrates (28/03)

Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*)

25+ Al Jabbul

Black-necked Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

20+ Al Jabbul

Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

1 Al Jabbul (27/03)

Pygmy Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax pygmeus*)

16 flying over across Suspension bridge Deir es Zor (29/03)

Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*)

1m,1f Muhaymiddah (28/03); 1m,3f Suspension bridge Deir es Zor (29/03)

Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

2 flying North in the dusk near Muhaymiddah (28/03); 33 (incomplete count) Suspension bridge (29/03), 116 Suspension bridge (29/03)

Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*)

1 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 6+ Muhaymiddah (28/03); 1 Mutar, Euphrates (29/03)

Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

8 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 1 Yarmuk reservoir (21/03); 6 Abou Driecha (26/03); 4 Al Jabbul (27/03); 6 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 2 Euphrates (28/03); 12 Mutar, Euphrates (29/03)

Great White Egret (*Casmerodius albus*)

50+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 4 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 2 Mutar, Euphrates (29/03)

Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

1 Al Jabbul (27/03), 3 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

1 Abou Driecha (26/03); 15+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 3 Euphrates (28/03); 9 flying North Suspension bridge (29/03)

Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*)

1 Hama flying N (23/03); 3 Abou Driecha flying N (26/03)

White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*)

2700+ flying N Hama (23/03); 1100+ flying N between Hama and Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (seen from taxi!, 24/03); 40 N Abou Driecha (26/03); 20 Al jabbul (27/03); 1 Suspension bridge (29/03); 1 Mutar, Euphrates (29/03)

Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*)

18 Abou Driecha

Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*)

500+ Abu Driecha (26/03); Al jabbul (27/03)

Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)

500+ Abu Driecha (26/03); Al Jabbul (27/03); 7 N Suspension bridge (29/03)

Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

5 Al Jabbul (27/03); 16 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Teal (*Anas crecca*)

5 Al Jabbul (27/03); 35 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)

1m Al jabbul (27/03); 2m Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

2m Al Jabbul (27/03); 10 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Pintail (*Anas acuta*)

50+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 20+ Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*)

30+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 50+ Muhaymiddah (28/03); 4 Euphrates (28/03)

Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)

25+ Al jabbul (27/03), 16 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Marbled Teal (*Marmaronetta angustirostris*)

1 Al Jabbul (27/03); 16 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*)

2m,2f Al Jabbul (27/3)

Pochard (*Aythya ferina*)

50+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 10+ Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*)

23 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*)

1m Muhaymiddah (28/03)

White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*)

2m,1f Al Jabbul (27/03); 3m,4f Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)

Daily, top counts 43 N Apamea (22/03) and 64 N Deir es Zor (29/03)

Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*)

1 N Deir es Zor (29/03) ; 2 Palmyra Sabchat (31/03) ; 1 Palmyra mountains in the east (31/03)

Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*)

1 migrating N Hama (22/03) ; 11ad., 1 nestling Palmyra mountains (31/03)

Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)

1m,1w yarmuk valley (21/03); 1onv. Apamea (22/03); 1m,1f Abou Driecha (26/03); 10+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 2 Muhaymiddah (28/03), 8m,1f Suspension bridge (29/03), 1 Mutar, Euphrates, 3 Hamad (31/03); 3m Hamad (01/04)

Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)

1f Abou Driecha (26/03); 1f bus Deir es Zor – Palmyra (30/03); 1f sulfite well Palmyra (01/04)

Pallid Harrier (*Circus macrourous*)

1m,2f Bosra (20/03); 1m Abou Driecha (26/03); 1f Al Jabbul (27/03); 4m,4f Suspension bridge migrating N (29/03); 1m Mutar, Euphrates (29/03); 2m N Der es Zor (30/03); 2m,1f Hamad (30/03); 3m,2f Hamad (31/03); 2f Hamad (01/04)

Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*)

1m Hamad (01/04)

Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*)

1 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 1 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 2 Hama (22/03); 1 Apamea (22/03); 1 Hama (23/03); 2 Al Jabbul (27/03); 1 Muhaymiddah (28/03); Der es Zor 6 migrating N

Steppe Buzzard (*Buteo (buteo) vulpinus*)

Nearly daily

1 (20/03); 8 (21/03); 4 (22/03); 10 (23/03), 12 (24/03); 3 (26/03); 10+ (27/03); 18 (28/03); 2244(!) Der es Zor migration count (29/03); 34 Mutar, Euphrates (29/03); 162 from bus Der es Zor to Palmyra; 4 Palmyra (31/03)

Long-legged Buzzard (*Buteo rufinus*)

3 Deir es Zor Suspension bridge (flying N) (29/03); 3 Palmyra mountains (31/03); 2 desert 10 km beyond camp 3 (31/03)

Lesser-spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*)

5 N Hama (23/03); 1 Palmyra ruins (30/03)

Steppe Eagle (*Aquila nipalensis*)

1 imm. N Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03); 1 imm. Sitting Palmyra (31/03)

Steppe/Lesser Spotted Eagle (*A. nipalensis/pomarina*)

1 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 1 Abou Driecha (26/03); 5 Al Jabbul (27/03); 1 N Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03); 2 Bus ride Der es Zor-Palmyra (30/03)

Booted Eagle (*Hieraaetus pennatus*)

1 Lake Al Muzayrib (flying N); 3 flying N Suspension bridge (29/03); 1 Palmyra sulfite well (01/04). All observed birds belonged to the dark fase.

Short-toed Eagle (*Circaetus gallicus*)

1 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 1 Hamad (31/03)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

1 fl. N Apamea fishing ponds (22/03)

Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*)

2m Der es Zor fl. N; 1m Hamad (01/04)

Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

common

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

2m,1w Abou Driecha (26/03); 1 Abou Driecha (27/03); 1 Euphrates (28/03)

Chukar (*Alectoris chukar*)

1 Bosra fields (20/03)

Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*)

Mostly heard

Apamea, Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (3 seen), Abou Driecha, Muhaymiddah; 1 Hamad desert (01/04)

Water Rail (*Rallus aquaticus*)

1 Abou Driecha irrigation channel (26/03); several heard Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Spotted Crake (*Porzana porzana*)

2 Abou Driecha irrigation channel (26/03)

Little Crake (*Porzana parva*)

1 Abou Driecha irrigation channel (26/03)

Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)

common on all waters

Coot (*Fulica atra*)

common on all major waters; 200+ Al Jabbul (26/03); 150 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 75 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio porphyrio*)

1 Al Jabbul (27/03)

Common Crane (*Grus grus*)

1 fl. N Hama Hotel (24/03); 13+25 fl. N from taxi between Hama – Quasr-Ibn-Wardn

Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*)

5 Al Jabbul (27/03)

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*)

8 Abou Driecha (26/03); 4 Al Jabbul (27/03); 30 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 15 temporary pond Palmyra mountains (31/03); 2 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

Avocet (*Recurvirostra avocetta*)

5 Abou Driecha (26/03); 3 Al jabbul (27/03)

Stone Curlew (*Boerhinus oediconemus*)

1 Palmyra sabchat (31/03/01)

Cream-coloured courser (*Cursorius cursor*)

4 ,10 km South of camp 3 (31/03/01 Hamad region)

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*)

50 Abou Driecha (26/03); 7 Yarmuk storage reservoir (21/03); 21 Euphrates (28/03); 6 Palmyra mountains temporary pond (31/03); 11 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)

15 Abou Driecha (26/03, 27/03); 25 Al Jabbul (27/03); 3 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*)

100+ Abou Driecha (26/03); 10 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

Greater Sand Plover (*Charadrius leschenaultii*)

3 Abou Driecha salt lake (26/03); 2 displaying Hamad 10km south of camp 3; 1 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

White-tailed Plover (*Chettusia leucura*)

32 Muhaymiddah territorially!!! (28/03)

Spur-winged Plover (*Hoplopterus spinosus*)

2 Al Jabbul (26/03); 6 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*)

200+ Abou Driecha (26-27/03), 100+ Al Jabbul (village pond); 2 Palmyra mountains temporary pond (31/03); 24 Hamad temporary pool (01/04)

Temmincks Stint (*Calidris temminckii*)

5 Al Jabbul small pond in the village (27/03)

Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)

200+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 2 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)

4 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 3 Apamea fish ponds (22/03); 10 Abou Driecha (26/03); 2 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 5 Euphrates (28/03); 2 Palmyra temporary pond (31/03); 2 Palmyra sulfite well (01/04)

Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*)

30 Abou Driecha (26/03); 1 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)

5 Al Jabbul (27/03)

Spotted Redshank (*Tringa erythropus*)

1 Al Jabbul (27/03); 6 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Redshank (*Tringa tetanus*)

10+ Abou Driecha (26/03); 5 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*)

3 Abou Driecha (26/03); 4 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 1 Palmyra mountains temporary pond (31/03); 2 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)

5 Abou Driecha (26/03); 5 Euphrates (28/03)

Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)

4 Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

5000+ Abou Driecha (26/03); 500+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 32 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 2 Palmyra mountains temporary pond (31/03); 33 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

1 Al Jabbul (27/03); 1 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 1 Euphrates (28/03); 2 Palmyra mountains temporary pond (31/03)

Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*)

1 Bosra (20/03); 2 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 1 Apamea fish ponds (22/03); 20+ Abou Driecha (26/03); 5 Muhaymiddah (28/03); Der es Zor Suspension bridge; 32 Palmyra mountains temporary pond (31/03); 4 Hamad temporary pond (01/04); 2 Palmyra sulfite well (01/04)

Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*)

19 Abou Driecha (26/03)

Slender-billed Gull (*Larus genei*)

500+ Abou Driecha (26/03); 500+ Al Jabbul (27/03); 20 Suspension bridge (29/03)

Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*)

100+ Al Jabbul (26/03); 3 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 9 Euphrates (28/03); 3 Suspension bridge (29/03); 4 Hamad temporary pond (01/04); 40 Mutar Euphrates (29/03)

Great black-headed Gull (*Larus ichthyaetus*)

1 2j Al jabbul (27/03)

Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus cachinnans*)

1 Al Jabbul (27/03); 4 Euphrates (28/03); 22 Suspension bridge (29/03); 20 Mutar, Euphrates (29/03)

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

20+ Abou Driecha (26/03); 10+ Al Jabbul (26/03)

Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*)

21 Al Jabbul (27/03)

Wood Pigeon (*Columba palumbus*)

10 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Rock Dove (*Columba livia*)

common

Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)

4 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 5 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*)

common near settlements

Little Owl (*Athene noctua*)

2 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 1 Al Jabbul (26/03); 5 Euphrates (28/03); 1 Palmyra ruins subsp. 'lilith' (30/03); 1 Hamad temporary pond (01/04); 1 wadi west from Palmyra (01/04)

Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)

20+ possibly breeding Yarmuk valley (21/03); 1 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Alpine Swift (*Apus melba*)

15+ Yarmuk valley (21/03); 10 Aleppo (25/03); 2 Abou Driecha (26/03); 10 Palmyra mountains (31/03)

Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*)

100 Apamea (22/03); 100 Krak des Chevaliers (23/03)

Common Swift (*Apus apus*)

50+ Damascus airport (19/03); 1 Bosra (20/03); 100+ Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 10 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 10 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 200+ Aleppo (25/03); 50 Abou Driecha (26/03); many Muhaymiddah (28/03)

Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

2 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 1 Abou Driecha (26/03); 1 Al Jabbul (26/03); 2 Euphrates (28/03)

Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*)

2 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 8 Al Jabbul (26/03); 2 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 4 Euphrates (28/03); 1 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*)

2 Bosra (20/03); 6 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 1 Al Hamra (near QIW) (24/03); 2 Abou Driecha (26/03); 2 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03); 2 Bus ride Der es Zor-Palmyra (30/03); 3 Hamad (01/04) ; 1 Hamad temporary pond (01/04) ; 1 Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04)

Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*)

1 Yarmuk valley (21/03)

Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*)

common near settlements

Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*)

2 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 20 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 10 Bus ride Der es Zor-Palmyra (30/03); 10 Palmyra sabkhat dunes (salt lake) (31/03); 5 Hamad (01/04); 3 Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04)

Lesser short-toed Lark (*Calandrella rufescens*)

2 Abou Driecha (26/03);

Calandra Lark (*Melanocorypha calandra*)

30 singing Bosra fields (20/03); 25 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 5 Bus ride Der es Zor-Palmyra (30/03)

Temminck's Horned Lark (*Eremophila bilopha*)

20 Palmyra sabkhat dunes (salt lake) (31/03); 10 desert 10 km beyond camp 3 (31/03); 30 Hamad (01/04); 5 Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04); 10 wadi west from Palmyra (01/04), commonest bird in Hamad-region.

Desert Lark (*Ammomanes desertii*)

1 desert 10 km beyond camp 3 (31/03); 1 Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04)

Bar-tailed Desert Lark (*Ammomanes cincturus*)

1 Hamad (01/04)

Thick-billed Lark (*Ramphocoris clotbey*)

1 Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04)

Hoopoe Lark (*Alaemon alaudipes*)

1 Bus ride Der es Zor-Palmyra (30/03); 25 Palmyra sabkhat dunes (salt lake) (31/03); 10 desert 10 km beyond camp 3 (31/03); 5 Bedouin camp Hamad (31/03); 3 Hamad (01/04); 3 wadi west from Palmyra (01/04)

Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*)

100+ NW Abou Driecha (26/03); 10 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 75 N Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03); 4 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

Red-rumped Swallow (*Hirundo daurica*)

2 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 2 N Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

2 N Damascus airport (19/03); 50 Bosra (20/03); Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 10 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 25 Apamea

(22/03); 10 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 50 Abou Driecha (26/03); many Muhaymiddah (28/03); 8 N Hamad (01/04); 7 Hamad temporary pond (01/04); 5 Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04)

House Martin (*Delichon urbica*)

15 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 70 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03); 2 N Hamad (01/04)

Water Pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*)

50 Apamea fish ponds (22/03); 100+ Abou Driecha (26/03)

Tree Pipit (*Anthus trivialis*)

2 N Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*)

15+ Damascus airport (19/03); 10 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 20 Apamea (22/03); 30 Bus ride Der es Zor-Palmyra (30/03)

Red-throated Pipit (*Anthus cervinus*)

1 Yarmuk reservoir (21/03); 15 Abou Driecha (26/03); 5 Abou Driecha (27/03); 1 Al Jabbul (26/03); 3 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*)

1 Bosra (20/03); 5 Apamea fish ponds (22/03); 5 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 20 Al Jabbul (26/03); 1 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 2 Euphrates (28/03); 3 Bus ride Der es Zor-Palmyra (30/03); 2 Palmyra mountains temporary pond (31/03)

Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*)

1 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*)

M. flava flava

5 Abou Driecha (26/03)

M. flava beema

2 Abou Driecha (26/03); 2 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

M. flava feldegg

5 Al Jabbul (26/03); 50 Al Jabbul (26/03); 2 Hamad temporary pond (01/04)

M. flava superciliaris

5 Abou Driecha (26/03)

Citrine Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola*)

1m Abou Driecha (26/03); 5m,1f Muhaymiddah (28/03)

White-throated Robin (*Irania gutturalis*)

1 beautiful male, wadi west from Palmyra (01/04)

Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*)

L. svecica svecica

1m Abou Driecha (26/03), 1f sulfite well Palmyra (01/04)

L. svecica cyanecula

5 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 1m Abou Driecha (26/03); 1 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03); 1 Mutar, Euphrates (28/03); 1f Bedouin camp Hamad (31/03); 2f sulfite well Palmyra (01/04)

Common Redstart (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*)

1m desert 10 km beyond camp 3 (31/03); 2m,1f Bedouin camp Hamad (31/03)

Black Redstart (*Phoenicurus ochruros*)

5 Bosra (20/03); 2 Apamea (22/03)

Common Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*)

1m Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03);

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*)

1m Yarmuk valley (21/03); 1 Apamea (22/03); 10 Palmyra ruins (30/03); 10 Palmyra sabkhat dunes (salt lake) (31/03); 7 Hamad (01/04); 5 Hamad temporary pond (01/04); 2 wadi west from Palmyra (01/04)

Isabelline Wheatear (*Oenanthe isabellina*)

4 Bosra fields (20/03); 5 Palmyra ruins (30/03); 5 Palmyra sabkhat dunes (salt lake) (31/03); 5 desert 10 km beyond camp 3 (31/03); 10 Hamad (01/04); 4 wadi west from Palmyra (01/04)

Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*)

1 couples Bosra cemetery, 15 cpls Bosra fields (20/03); 10 cpls Yarmuk valley (21/03); 1 cpl Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 1m Muhaymiddah (28/03); 15 Palmyra ruins (30/03); 3 Hamad (01/04); 1 cpl wadi west from Palmyra (01/04)

Cyprus Pied Wheatear (*Oenanthe cypriaca*)

10m one singing! Palmyra ruins (30/03); 2m Palmyra sabkhat dunes (salt lake) (31/03) ; 1m sulfite well Palmyra (01/04)

Mourning Wheatear (*Oenanthe lugens*)

10m Palmyra ruins (30/03); 1m Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04)

Blue Rock Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*)

1m,2f Bosra cemetery (20/03)

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)

1m Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 5 Hama (22/03); 1f nestbuilding Hama (24/04)

Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*)

1 Yarmuk valley (21/03);

Savi's Warbler (*Locustella luscinioides*)

2 singing Muhaymiddah (28/03);

Graceful Prinia (*Prinia gracilis*)

50+ singing Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 15 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 1 Apamea (22/03); 5 Krak des Chevaliers (23/03); 5 Abou Driecha (26/03); 10 Al Jabbul (26/03); Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*)

10+ Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 1 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 4 Euphrates (28/03)

Great Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*)

2 singing Muhaymiddah (28/03); 1 sulfite well Palmyra (01/04)

Sedge Warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenabaenus*)

3 Muhaymiddah (28/03);

Marsh Warbler (*Acrocephalus palustris*)

2 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 1 Euphrates (28/03); 1 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*)

20+ Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 10 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 5 Hama (22/03); many Muhaymiddah (28/03);

Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03); 3 Mutar, Euphrates (29/03)

Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca*)

2 Bosra fields (20/03)

Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*)

1m,1f Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 2 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*)

4 Damascus airport (19/03) ; Bosra ; 5 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 5 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 15 Abou Driecha (26/03); many Muhaymiddah (28/03); 5 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03); 5 Bedouin camp Hamad (31/03); 1 Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04); 5 sulfite well Palmyra (01/04)

Collared Flycatcher (*Ficedula albicollis*)

1f Suspension bridge park, Der es Zor (28/03)

Penduline Tit (*Remiz pendulinus*)

3 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 10 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Great Tit (*Parus major*)

1 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 2 Krak des Chevaliers (23/03)

Iraq Babbler (*Turdoides altirostris*)

2 Muhaymiddah (28/03); 7 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Palestine Sunbird (*Nectarinia osea*)

1m Yarmuk valley (21/03);

Yellow-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus xanthopygos*)

10+ Yarmuk valley (21/03); 2 Krak des Chevaliers (23/03);

White-cheeked bulbul (*Pycnonotus leucogenys*)

3 Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Great Grey Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*)

1 bus ride Damascus- Bosra

Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*)

2cpls, 1m Bosra fields (20/03)

Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)

2 Al Jabbul (26/03); 1 Al Jabbul (26/03);

Magpie (*Pica pica*)

15 Al Jabbul (26/03); Euphrates (28/03); Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Common raven (*Corvus corax*)

1 Palmyra mountains (31/03);

Hooded Crow (*Corvus corone cornix*)

10 Damascus (19/03); 5 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 5 Hama (24/03); 10 Aleppo (25/03); 1 Al Jabbul (26/03); Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

common

Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*)

1m Bosra; 5 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 100 Abou Driecha (26/03); 100+ Bus ride Der es Zor-Palmyra (30/03);

Dead Sea Sparrow (*Passer moabiticus*)

100+ (!) Abou Driecha irrigation channel (26/03)

Pale Rock Sparrow (*Petronia brachydactyla*)

15 Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04)

Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*)

5 Lake Al Muzayrib (21/03); 1 Krak des Chevaliers (23/03); 5 Abou Driecha (26/03);

Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*)

5 Damascus airport (19/03); 15 Bosra (20/03); 10 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 5 Krak des Chevaliers (23/03) ; 5 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); Suspension bridge Der es Zor (29/03)

Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)

2 Yarmuk valley (21/03)

Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*)

3 Bosra fields (20/03); 10 Yarmuk valley (21/03); 5 Krak des Chevaliers (23/03)

Desert Finch (*Rhodospiza obsoleta*)

30+ Bosra fields (20/03); 2 Abou Driecha (26/03);

Trumpeter Finch (*Bucanetes githagineus*)

2m,1f Ghadir Sjaejb al'halba temporary pond SE mountains from Palmyra (01/04)

Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*)

50 Apamea (22/03); 15 Krak des Chevaliers (23/03) ; 20 Quasr-Ibn-Wardn (24/03); 50 Abou Driecha (26/03)

Cretzschmar's Bunting (*Emberiza caesia*)

25+ Yarmuk valley (21/03)

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