

ESTONIA IN SPRING / BIRDLIST

x – difficult

xx – possible

xxx - easy

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| 1. Mute Swan | <i>Cygnus olor</i> | xxx |
| 2. Bewick`s Swan | <i>Cygnus columbianus</i> | xx - first half of May |
| 3. Whooper Swan | <i>Cygnus cygnus</i> | xxx |
| 4. Bean Goose | <i>Anser fabalis</i> | xxx – first half of May |
| 5. Pink-footed Goose | <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i> | x |
| 6. White-fronted Goose | <i>Anser albifrons</i> | xxx – first half of May |
| 7. Lesser White-fronted Goose | <i>Anser erythropus</i> | x - first week of May |
| 8. Greylag Goose | <i>Anser anser</i> | xxx |
| 9. Canada Goose | <i>Branta canadensis</i> | xx |
| 10. Barnacle Goose | <i>Branta leucopsis</i> | xxx |
| 11. Red-breasted Goose | <i>Branta ruficollis</i> | x |
| 12. Common Shelduck | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> | xxx |
| 13. Wigeon | <i>Anas penelope</i> | xxx |
| 14. Gadwall | <i>Anas strepera</i> | xxx |
| 15. Teal | <i>Anas crecca</i> | xxx |
| 16. Mallard | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | xxx |
| 17. Northern Pintail | <i>Anas acuta</i> | xxx |
| 18. Garganey | <i>Anas querquedula</i> | xxx |
| 19. Shoveler | <i>Anas clypeata</i> | xxx |
| 20. Common Pochard | <i>Aythya ferina</i> | xxx |
| 21. Tufted Duck | <i>Aythya fuligula</i> | xxx |
| 22. Scaup | <i>Aythya marila</i> | xxx |
| 23. Common Eider | <i>Somateria mollissima</i> | xxx |
| 24. Long-tailed Duck | <i>Clangula hyemalis</i> | xxx |
| 25. Black Scoter | <i>Melanitta nigra</i> | xxx |
| 26. Velvet Scoter | <i>Melanitta fusca</i> | xxx |
| 27. Goldeneye | <i>Bucephala clangula</i> | xxx |
| 28. Smew | <i>Mergus albellus</i> | xx |
| 29. Red-breasted Merganser | <i>Mergus serrator</i> | xxx |
| 30. Goosander | <i>Mergus merganser</i> | xxx |
| 31. Hazel Grouse | <i>Bonasa bonasia</i> | xx |
| 32. Black Grouse | <i>Tetrao tetrix</i> | xxx |
| 33. Capercaillie | <i>Tetrao urogallus</i> | xx |
| 34. Grey Partridge | <i>Perdix perdix</i> | xx |
| 35. Common Quail | <i>Coturnix coturnix</i> | x - arrives later |
| 36. Red-throated Diver | <i>Gavia stellata</i> | xxx |
| 37. Black-throated Diver | <i>Gavia arctica</i> | xxx |
| 38. Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | xx |
| 39. Crested Grebe | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> | xxx |
| 40. Red-necked Grebe | <i>Podiceps grisegena</i> | xxx |
| 41. Slavonian Grebe | <i>Podiceps auritus</i> | xxx |
| 42. Great Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | xxx |
| 43. Great Egret | <i>Egretta alba</i> | xx |
| 44. Grey heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | xxx |
| 45. Bittern | <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> | xx |
| 46. Black Stork | <i>Ciconia nigra</i> | xx |
| 47. White Stork | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | xxx |
| 48. European Honey Buzzard | <i>Pernis apivorus</i> | xxx |
| 49. White-tailed Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i> | xxx |
| 50. Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | xxx |
| 51. Hen Harrier | <i>Circus cyaneus</i> | xx |
| 52. Montagu`s Harrier | <i>Circus pygargus</i> | xxx |
| 53. Northern Goshawk | <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> | xx |
| 54. Eurasian Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter nisus</i> | xxx |

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| 55. Common Buzzard | <i>Buteo buteo</i> | xxx | |
| 56. Rough-legged Buzzard | <i>Buteo lagopus</i> | x | |
| 57. Lesser Spotted Eagle | <i>Aquila pomarina</i> | xx | |
| 58. Greater Spotted Eagle | <i>Aquila clanga</i> | x | |
| 59. Golden Eagle | <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> | xx | |
| 60. Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | xx | |
| 61. Common Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | xxx | |
| 62. Merlin | <i>Falco columbarius</i> | xx | |
| 63. Eurasian Hobby | <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | xxx | |
| 64. Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | x | |
| 65. Water Rail | <i>Rallus aquaticus</i> | xxx | |
| 66. Spotted Crane | <i>Porzana porzana</i> | xx | |
| 67. Little Crane | <i>Porzana parva</i> | x | |
| 68. Corncrake | <i>Crex crex</i> | xx | - arrives in second |
| half of May | | | |
| 69. Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | xxx | |
| 70. Common Coot | <i>Fulica atra</i> | xxx | |
| 71. Common Crane | <i>Grus grus</i> | xxx | |
| 72. Eurasian Oystercatcher | <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> | xxx | |
| 73. Avocet | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> | xxx | |
| 74. Little Plover | <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | xxx | |
| 75. Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | xxx | |
| 76. Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> | xxx | |
| 77. Grey Plover | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> | xxx | |
| 78. Northern Lapwing | <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> | xxx | |
| 79. Knot | <i>Calidris canutus</i> | xx | |
| 80. Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | xx | |
| 81. Temminck`s Stint | <i>Calidris temminckii</i> | xxx | |
| 82. Curlew Sandpiper | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | xx | |
| 83. Dunlin | <i>Calidris alpina</i> | xx | - arrives in April |
| 84. Broad-billed Sandpiper | <i>Limicola falcinellus</i> | xx | |
| 85. Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | xxx | |
| 86. Jack Snipe | <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i> | x | |
| 87. Common Snipe | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> | xxx | |
| 88. Great Snipe | <i>Gallinago media</i> | xxx | |
| 89. Eurasian Woodcock | <i>Scolopax rusticola</i> | xxx | |
| 90. Black-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa limosa</i> | xxx | |
| 91. Bar-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa lapponica</i> | xx | |
| 92. Curlew | <i>Numenius arquata</i> | xxx | |
| 93. Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | xxx | |
| 94. Spotted Redshank | <i>Tringa erythropus</i> | xxx | |
| 95. Common Redshank | <i>Tringa totanus</i> | xxx | |
| 96. Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | x | |
| 97. Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | xx | |
| 98. Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | xx | |
| 99. Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | xx | |
| 100. Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | xxx | |
| 101. Ruddy Turnstone | <i>Arenaria interpres</i> | xx | |
| 102. Red-necked Phalarope | <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> | xx | |
| 103. Arctic Skua | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> | xx | |
| 104. Little Gull | <i>Larus minutus</i> | xxx | |
| 105. Black-headed Gull | <i>Larus ridibundus</i> | xxx | |
| 106. Mew Gull | <i>Larus canus</i> | xxx | |
| 107. Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i> | x | |
| 108. Herring Gull | <i>Larus argentatus</i> | xxx | |
| 109. Great Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus marinus</i> | xxx | |
| 110. Caspian Tern | <i>Sterna caspia</i> | xxx | |
| 111. Arctic Tern | <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> | xxx | |
| 112. Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | xxx | |

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| 113. Sandwich Tern | <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> | xx |
| 114. Little Tern | <i>Sterna albifrons</i> | xx |
| 115. Black Tern | <i>Chlidonias niger</i> | xxx |
| 116. White-winged Tern | <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> | x |
| 117. Razorbill | <i>Alca torda</i> | xx |
| 118. Black Guillemot | <i>Cephus grylle</i> | x |
| 119. Rock Pigeon | <i>Columba livia</i> | xxx |
| 120. Stock Pigeon | <i>Columba oenas</i> | xxx |
| 121. Wood Pigeon | <i>Columba palumbus</i> | xxx |
| 122. Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | x |
| 123. Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> | xx |
| 124. Common Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus canorus</i> | xxx – arrives in the |
| middle of May | | |
| 125. Eagle Owl | <i>Bubo bubo</i> | xx |
| 126. Pygmy Owl | <i>Glaucidium passerinum</i> | xx |
| 127. Tawny Owl | <i>Strix aluco</i> | xx |
| 128. Ural Owl | <i>Strix uralensis</i> | xx |
| 129. Long-eared Owl | <i>Asio otus</i> | xx |
| 130. Short-eared Owl | <i>Asio flammeus</i> | x |
| 131. Tengmalm`s Owl | <i>Aegolius funereus</i> | x |
| 132. European Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i> | xxx - arrives in |
| second half of May | | |
| 133. Common Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | xxx – arrives in the |
| middle of May | | |
| 134. Common Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo atthis</i> | xx |
| 135. European Roller | <i>Coracias garrulus</i> | x |
| 136. Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | x |
| 137. Eurasian Wryneck | <i>Jynx torquilla</i> | xxx |
| 138. Grey-headed Woodpecker | <i>Picus canus</i> | xxx |
| 139. Black Woodpecker | <i>Dryocopus martius</i> | xxx |
| 140. Great Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | xxx |
| 141. Middle Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos medius</i> | xx |
| 142. White-backed Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i> | xx |
| 143. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos minor</i> | xxx |
| 144. Three-toad Woodpecker | <i>Picoides tridactyla</i> | xx |
| 145. Wood Lark | <i>Lullula arborea</i> | xxx |
| 146. Skylark | <i>Alauda arvensis</i> | xxx |
| 147. Sand Martin | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | xxx |
| 148. Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | xxx |
| 149. House Martin | <i>Delichon urbica</i> | xxx |
| 150. Meadow Pipit | <i>Anthus pratensis</i> | xxx |
| 151. Tree Pipit | <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | xxx |
| 152. Tawny Pipit | <i>Anthus campestris</i> | xx |
| 153. Yellow Wagtail | <i>Motacilla flava</i> | xxx |
| 154. Citrine Wagtail | <i>Motacilla citreola</i> | xxx |
| 155. White Wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | xxx |
| 156. Wren | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | xx |
| 157. Hedge Accentor | <i>Prunella modularis</i> | xxx |
| 158. Robin | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | xxx |
| 159. Nightingale | <i>Luscinia luscinia</i> | xxx |
| 160. Black Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i> | xxx |
| 161. Common Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | xxx |
| 162. Whinchat | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i> | xxx |
| 163. Northern Whetear | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | xxx |
| 164. Blackbird | <i>Turdus merula</i> | xxx |
| 165. Fieldfare | <i>Turdus pilaris</i> | xxx |
| 166. Song Trush | <i>Turdus philomus</i> | xxx |
| 167. Redwing | <i>Turdus iliacus</i> | xxx |
| 168. Mistle Trush | <i>Turdus viscivorus</i> | xxx |

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| 169. Common Grasshopper Warbler middle of May | <i>Locustella naevia</i> | xxx - arrives in the |
| 170. River Warbler | <i>Locustella fluviatilis</i> | xx - arrives late May |
| 171. Savi`s Warbler | <i>Locustella luscinioides</i> | xxx |
| 172. Sedge Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus schoebaneus</i> | xxx |
| 173. Eurasian Reed Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i> | xxx |
| 174. Marsh Warbler middle of May | <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i> | xxx - arrives in the |
| 175. Blyth`s Reed Warbler middle of May | <i>Acrocephalus dumetorus</i> | xx - arrives in the |
| 176. Great Reed Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i> | xxx |
| 177. Icterine Warbler | <i>Hippolais icterina</i> | xxx |
| 178. Blackcap | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | xxx |
| 179. Garden Warbler middle of May | <i>Sylvia borin</i> | xx - arrives in the |
| 180. Barred Warbler | <i>Sylvia nisoria</i> | xx - arrives late May |
| 181. Lesser Whitethroat | <i>Sylvia curruca</i> | xxx |
| 182. Common Whitethroat | <i>Sylvia communis</i> | xxx |
| 183. Greenish Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i> | xx - arrives late May |
| 184. Wood Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i> | xxx |
| 185. Willow Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | xxx |
| 186. Spotted Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa striata</i> | xxx |
| 187. Red-breasted Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula parva</i> | xxx |
| 188. Pied Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i> | xxx |
| 189. Goldcrest | <i>Regulus regulus</i> | xxx |
| 190. Bearded Tit | <i>Panurus biarmicus</i> | xxx |
| 191. Long-tailed Tit | <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i> | xx |
| 192. Marsh Tit | <i>Parus palustris</i> | xxx |
| 193. Willow Tit | <i>Parus montanus</i> | xxx |
| 194. Crested Tit | <i>Parus cristatus</i> | xxx |
| 195. Coal Tit | <i>Parus ater</i> | xx |
| 196. Blue Tit | <i>Parus caeruleus</i> | xxx |
| 197. Great Tit | <i>Parus major</i> | xxx |
| 198. Wood Nuthatch | <i>Sitta europaea</i> | xxx |
| 199. Eurasian Treecreeper | <i>Certhia familiaris</i> | xxx |
| 200. Penduline Tit | <i>Remiz pendulinus</i> | xxx |
| 201. Golden Oriole | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i> | xxx |
| 202 Great Grey Shrike | <i>Lanius excubitor</i> | xx |
| 203. Red-backed Shrike | <i>Lanius collurio</i> | xxx |
| 204. Eurasian Jay | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i> | xxx |
| 205. Black-billed Magpie | <i>Pica pica</i> | xxx |
| 206. Spotted Nutcracker | <i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i> | xx |
| 207. Eurasian Jackdaw | <i>Corvus monedula</i> | xxx |
| 208. Rook | <i>Corvus frugilegus</i> | xxx |
| 209. Hooded Crow | <i>Corvus cornix</i> | xxx |
| 210. Raven | <i>Corvus corax</i> | xxx |
| 211. Common Starling | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | xxx |
| 212. House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | xxx |
| 213. Tree Sparrow | <i>Passer montanus</i> | xxx |
| 214. Chaffinch | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | xxx |
| 215. Brambling | <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i> | xx |
| 216. Greenfinch | <i>Carduelis chloris</i> | xxx |
| 217. Goldfinch | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> | xxx |
| 218. Serin | <i>Serinus serinus</i> | xx |
| 219. Siskin | <i>Carduelis spinus</i> | xxx |
| 220. Linnet | <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> | xx |
| 221. Common Redpoll | <i>Carduelis flammea</i> | xx |
| 223. Common Crossbill | <i>Loxia curvirostra</i> | xx |
| 224. Parrot Crossbill | <i>Loxia pytyopsittacus</i> | x |

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| 225. Common Bullfinch | <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i> | xxx |
| 226. Hawfinch | <i>C. coccothraustes</i> | xx |
| 227. Yellowhammer | <i>Emberiza citrinella</i> | xxx |
| 228. Reed Bunting | <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i> | xxx |

Observations of rare birds in Estonia in May of 2008:

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| 1. Grey Wagtail | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | breeding pair in Hiiumaa 25.05 Saaremaa, 1 ind |
| 2. Collared Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula albicollis</i> | few breeding pairs in Saaremaa |
| 3. Ferruginous Duck | <i>Aythya nyroca</i> | 3.05 Matsalu NP, 1 ind |
| 4. Black-necked Grebe | <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> | 3.05 Silma NR, 1 ind |
| 5. Red-crested Pochard | <i>Netta rufina</i> | 7.05-16.05 Haapsalu 2 ind 15.05 Kuressaare, 2 ind |
| 6. Pallid Harrier | <i>Circus macrourus</i> | 10.05 Läänemaa |
| 7. Crested Lark | <i>Galerida cristata</i> | 10.05 Läänemaa |
| 8. Blue-winged Teal | <i>Anas discors</i> | 11.05-28.05 Pärnumaa, 1 ind |
| 9. Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | 18.05, Tartumaa 2 ind |
| 10. Terek Sandpiper | <i>Xenus cinereus</i> | 19.05 Pärnumaa, 1 ind |
| 11. Whiskered Tern | <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> | 19.05 Silma NR, 1 ind |
| 12. Yellow-billed Diver | <i>Gavia adamsi</i> | 23.05 Saaremaa, 1 ind 31.05 Saaremaa, 1 ind |
| 13. Lesser Grey Shrike | <i>Lanius minor</i> | 30.05 Hiiumaa, 1 ind |
| 14. King Eider | <i>Somateria spectabilis</i> | 30.05 Hiiumaa, 1 ind |