

Check-list of the most interesting birds of Slovenia and when to see them

ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	BEST TIME TO SEE
Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	Jan-Feb (rare)
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	All year round
Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Dec-Mar
Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	Dec-Mar
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	All year round
Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus muta</i>	All year round
Capercaillie	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	All year round; best in spring
Black Grouse	<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>	All year round; best in spring
Hazel Grouse	<i>Bonasa bonasia</i>	All year round; best in autumn
Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>	All year round; best in spring
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Mid May – July
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Nov-Mar
Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Nov-Mar
Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Dec-Mar
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	All year round; best in winter
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	May-Nov
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	All year round
Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	All year round
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Apr-Sep
Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Mar-Sep
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	All year round (rare)
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Apr-Sep
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Apr-Sep
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Mar-Sep
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Apr-Sep
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Apr-Sep (rare)
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	All year round; best in summer
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	All year round
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	All year round
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Mid Mar-Sep
Black Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Apr-Sep
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	During migration; best Mar-Apr (rare)
Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	May-Sep
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Mid Apr-Jun
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Nov-Mar
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	Mid Mar-Sep
Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>	Mid Mar-Sep
Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	During migration; best Mar-Apr
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Mid Mar-Sep
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	All year round
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Winter
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Apr-Sep
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	Apr-Jul
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Apr-Jul
Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Apr-Sep
Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	All year round
Ural Owl	<i>Strix uralensis</i>	All year round
Tengmalm's Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>	All year round; best in spring and autumn
Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>	All year round; best in spring and autumn
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Dec-Apr
Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	Mid Mar-Aug

Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Apr-Sep
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	Mid Mar-Sep
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Apr-Aug
Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	May-Sep
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	All year round
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	All year round
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>	All year round
White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>	All year round; best Mar-Apr
Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>	All year round
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Apr-Sep
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	All year round
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cercopis daurica</i>	Apr-Sep
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	All year round
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	May-Sep
Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>	All year round
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Apr-Sep
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	During migration; best Aug-Sep
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Apr-Oct
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Mar-Oct
Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	May-Aug
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	May-Aug
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	All year round
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	Apr-Sep
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	During migration; best Mid Mar-Apr
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	All year round
River Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	May-Jul
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	All year round
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Mid Apr-Sep
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	May-Aug
Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	Apr-Aug
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	All year round
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	May-Aug
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	Mid Apr-Aug
Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	All year round
Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	Nov-Mar
Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	All year round; best in late winter
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	All year round; best in winter
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Oct-Mar
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	Mid May-Aug
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	May-Sep
Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	All year round; best in autumn
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	All year round
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	May-Sep
Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	All year round
Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>	All year round; best in summer
Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Mar-Oct
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	All year round
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Mid May-Jul
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	May-Jul
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	All year round
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	All year round