

# Moscow, Russia

12th - 27th July 2006



*St.Trinity Church, Polenovo, S Moscow 16<sup>th</sup> July.*

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## ***Itinerary***

*Travelling with my family, wife Natasha and children Alexander 14 and Nina 11 to Moscow on a family trip with some birding. The children leaves for a few days at grand fathers datja in the small village of Strelino near Solnitchnogorsk, when I did some birding in the surroundings of Moscow. Later on we together made a few excursions outside Moscow.*



## ***Diary***

### **13th July**

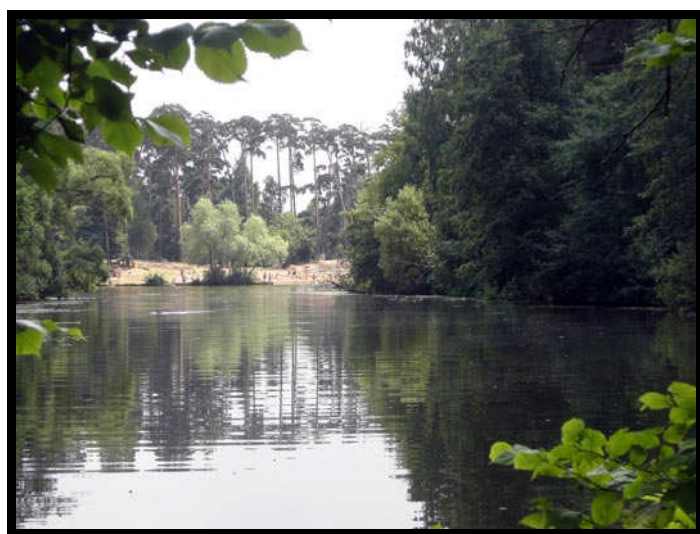
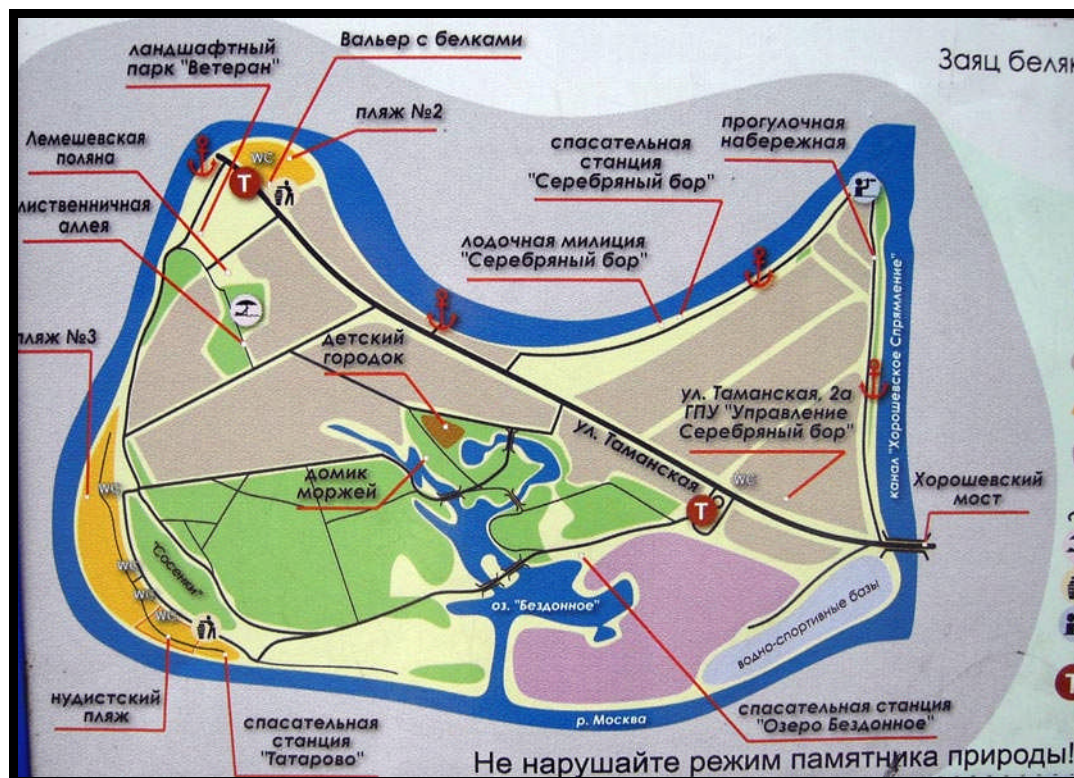
**Serebrenij Bor, Moscow** 12:35-13:20

*My second visit to this great park in Moscow.*

Blackcap 5  
Greenish Warbler 1 singing near the fire  
defence building  
Mallard 10  
Common Chaffinch 5  
Chiffchaff 1 singing  
European Reed Warbler 1 singing  
Willow Warbler 1  
Hooded Crow 1

Common Raven 1 Strange to have this species  
in the town.  
Great Tit 2  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow 5  
Great Spotted Woodpecker 2  
Fieldfare 2 juvenile  
Spotted Flycatcher 2  
Golden Oriole 1  
Common Swift 15  
Garden Warbler 1





## 14th July

**Fili park, Moscow** 10:50-13:30

*I paid a long visit to the Fili park near the Moscow river.*

Common Chaffinch 10 A few 1k  
Great Tit 15 Lots of 1k  
Blackcap 2 singing  
Feral Pigeon 10  
Eurasian Nuthatch 5  
Wood Warbler 7 including 1 adult and 3 juveniles  
Song Thrush 1  
European Robin 5  
Hooded Crow 8

White Wagtail 8  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow 5  
Eurasian Blue Tit 5  
Thrush Nightingale 1 adult + 1 juvenile  
Common Swift 50  
Mallard 27 adult + 4 juvenile  
Spotted Flycatcher 1  
Pied Flycatcher 2 female + 8 juvenile in two broods  
Red Squirrel 1

## 15th July

Ismailovski park 12:50-14:05

Took the train to this park in the outskirts of Moscow.

Common Raven 1  
European Goldfinch 4  
Common Whitethroat 4 in one family group  
Wood Warbler 2  
Spotted Flycatcher 2  
Eurasian Nuthatch 3

Common Goldeneye 1 female  
Mallard 16 including 5 pulli  
Greenish Warbler 1 singing  
Hooded Crow 5  
Fieldfare 1





## 16th July

### Moscow-Ciderova 07:00-08:45

*Driving to Ciderova where my wife's brother has his datja. Then visiting the picturesque village of Polenova, near river Oka, the place of the great artist Polenov. Also visited Byokhovo St. Trinity Church nearby.*

Common Buzzard 1  
Barn Swallow 10

Sand Martin 2  
Rook 2

### Ciderova 08:45-09:30

Golden Oriole 1 female + 1 male excited pair  
Great Spotted Woodpecker 1  
Great Tit 5  
Fieldfare 2  
Common Magpie 2

Icterine Warbler 1  
Eurasian Nuthatch 1  
Black-headed Gull 2  
Red-backed Shrike 1 female

### Polenovo 11:10-14:30

Greenish Warbler 1 singing  
European Greenfinch 2  
Great Spotted Woodpecker 1  
Red Kite 1

Blackcap 3  
Spotted Flycatcher 10  
Common Whitethroat 3  
Common Tern 2



### Ribolov fishing ponds (ca. 5 km S Moscow border) from the car 19:20

Little Tern 1  
Herring Gull common  
Mew Gull common

Black-headed Gull common  
Willow Tit 2

## 17th July

**Lesnie Dali** 12:00-18:00

*Resort near the Moscow river, where friend Irina and Sergej stayed.*

Goldcrest 10  
Song Thrush 4

Eurasian Bullfinch 1  
Spotted Flycatcher 20



**Borki** 19:00-22:00

*The newly build village where Irina and Sergej are building their new very nice house.*

Eurasian Hobby 1  
Goldcrest 5

European Reed Warbler 2 warning at river  
Istra



## 18th July

**Strelino, Solnechnogorsk** 17:30-22:30

*The small datja area outside Solnechnogorsk where my wife's father Vladimir has his datja.*

Common Swift 50  
European Robin 2  
Common Raven 3

Bluethroat 1 male warning  
Common Grasshopper Warbler 2 singing in the garden of Vladimir's datja!



## 19th July

**Strelino, Solnechnogorsk** 09:15

*Went for a walk in the surroundings.*

Bluethroat 1 male at river Istra  
Fieldfare 23  
Common Linnet 1  
Spotted Flycatcher 4  
Great Tit 2  
Willow Warbler 1  
Common Magpie 2  
Hooded Crow 2

Common Rosefinch 5 juvenile + 1 singing  
River Warbler 1 juvenile yellow gape. Called "chek"  
Redwing 5  
Willow Tit 2  
Pied Flycatcher 2  
Barn Swallow 4  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow 5



**Melechnivo 15:55**  
Montagu's Harrier 1 male

**Istra reservoir (Lamishino) 17:00-17:15**  
Black Kite 1 gliding towards the reservoir  
Mew Gull 50  
Herring Gull 10

Common Tern 20  
Spotted Flycatcher 1

**Lamishino 18:30-19:50**  
*The place of Tanya's datja.*

Whinchat 10 including adult with young  
Tree Pipit 2

White-backed Woodpecker 1 juvenile seen  
well warning in grove near small pond  
Song Thrush 1 juvenile



*In the groove behind the White-backed Woodpecker sat.*

**20th and 21st July**  
**Bigovia, Moscow**  
*From the flat of Vladimir.*

Greenish Warbler 1 singing from birch grove

**25th July**  
**Moscow 06:00**  
*A walk in the city.*

Common Raven 1 heard  
Lesser Whitethroat 1

**27th July**  
**Bigovia, Moscow 06:00**  
*From the flat of Vladimir.*

House Sparrow 5



## Species list

### Birds

1. **Mallard** Gräsand *Anas platyrhynchos*  
10 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 27 adult + 4 juvenile Fili park, Moscow 14th July and 16 including 5 pulli Ismailovski park 15th July.
2. **Common Goldeneye** Knipa *Bucephala clangula*  
1 female Ismailovski park 15th July.
3. **Black Kite** Brun glada *Milvus migrans*  
1 gliding towards the reservoir Istra reservoir (Lomiehono) 19th July.
4. **Red Kite** Röd glada *Milvus milvus*  
1 Polenovo 16th July.
5. **Montagu's Harrier** Ängshök *Circus pygargus*  
1 male Melechnivo 19th July.
6. **Common Buzzard** Ormvråk *Buteo buteo*  
1 Moscow-Ciderova 16th July.
7. **Eurasian Hobby** Lärkfalk *Falco subbuteo*  
1 Borki 17th July.
8. **Black-headed Gull** Skrattnås *Larus ridibundus*  
2 Ciderova 16th July and common Ribolov fishing ponds (ca. 5 km S Moscow border) from the car 16th July.
9. **Mew Gull** Fiskmås *Larus canus*  
Common Ribolov fishing ponds (ca. 5 km S Moscow border) from the car 16th July and 50 Istra reservoir (Lomiehono) 19th July.
10. **Herring Gull** Gråtrut *Larus argentatus*  
Common Ribolov fishing ponds (ca. 5 km S Moscow border) from the car 16th July and 10 Istra reservoir (Lomiehono) 19th July.
11. **Little Tern** Småtärna *Sternnula albifrons*  
1 Ribolov fishing ponds (ca. 5 km S Moscow border) from the car 16th July.
12. **Common Tern** Fisktärna *Sterna hirundo*  
2 Polenovo 16th July and 20 Istra reservoir (Lomiehono) 19th July.
13. **Feral Pigeon** Tamduva *Columba livia domesticus*  
10 Fili park, Moscow 14th July.
14. **Common Swift** Tornseglare *Apus apus*  
15 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 50 Fili park, Moscow 14th July and 50 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 18th July.
15. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** Större hackspett *Dendrocopos major*  
2 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 1 Ciderova 16th July and 1 Polenovo 16th July.
16. **White-backed Woodpecker** Vitryggig hackspett *Dendrocopos leucotos*  
1 juvenile seen well warning in grove near small pond Lamishino 19th July.
17. **Sand Martin** Backsvala *Riparia riparia*  
2 Moscow-Ciderova 16th July.

18. **Barn Swallow** Ladusvala *Hirundo rustica*  
10 Moscow-Ciderova 16th July and 4 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
19. **Tree Pipit** Trädpiplärka *Anthus trivialis*  
2 Lamishino 19th July.
20. **White Wagtail** Sädessärla *Motacilla alba*  
8 Fili park, Moscow 14th July.
21. **European Robin** Rödthake *Erithacus rubecula*  
5 Fili park, Moscow 14th July and 2 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 18th July.
22. **Thrush Nightingale** Näktergal *Luscinia luscinia*  
1 adult + 1 juvenile Fili park, Moscow 14th July.
23. **Bluethroat** Blåhake *Luscinia svecica*  
1 male warning Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 18th July and 1 male at river Istra Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
24. **Whinchat** Buskskvätta *Saxicola rubetra*  
10 including adult with youngs Lamishino 19th July.
25. **Fieldfare** Björktrast *Turdus pilaris*  
2 juvenile Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 1 Ismailovski park 15th July, 2 Ciderova 16th July and 23 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
26. **Song Thrush** Taltrast *Turdus philomelos*  
1 Fili park, Moscow 14th July, 4 Lesnie Dali 17th July and 1 juvenile Lamishino 19th July.
27. **Redwing** Rödvingetrast *Turdus iliacus*  
5 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
28. **Common Grasshopper Warbler** Gräshoppsångare *Locustella naevia*  
2 singing in the garden of Vladimirs datja! Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 18th July.
29. **River Warbler** Flodsångare *Locustella fluviatilis*  
1 juvenile yellow gape. Called "chek" Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
30. **European Reed Warbler** Rörsångare *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*  
2 warning at river Istra Borki 17th July and 1 singing Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July.
31. **Icterine Warbler** Härmsångare *Hippolais icterina*  
1 Ciderova 16th July.
32. **Common Whitethroat** Törnsångare *Sylvia communis*  
4 in one family group Ismailovski park 15th July and 3 Polenovo 16th July.
33. **Garden Warbler** Trädgårdssångare *Sylvia borin*  
1 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July.
34. **Blackcap** Svarthätta *Sylvia atricapilla*  
5 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 2 singing Fili park, Moscow 14th July and 3 Polenovo 16th July
35. **Greenish Warbler** Lundsångare *Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
1 singing near the fire defence building Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 1 singing Ismailovski park 15th July, 1 singing Polenovo 16th July and 1 singing from birch grove Bigovia, Moscow 20th and 21st July.

36. **Wood Warbler** Grönsångare *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*  
2 Ismailovski park 15th July.
37. **Chiffchaff** Gransångare *Phylloscopus collybita*  
1 singing Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July.
38. **Willow Warbler** Lövsångare *Phylloscopus trochilus*  
1 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July and 1 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
39. **Wood Warbler** Grönsångare *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*  
7 including 1 adult and 3 juveniles Fili park, Moscow 14th July.
40. **Goldcrest** Kungsfågel *Regulus regulus*  
10 Lesnie Dali 17th July and 5 Borki 17th July.
41. **Spotted Flycatcher** Grå flugsnappare *Muscicapa striata*  
2 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 1 Fili park, Moscow 14th July, 2 Ismailovski park 15th July, 10 Polenovo 16th July, 20 Lesnie Dali 17th July, 4 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July and 1 Istra reservoir (Lomiehono) 19th July.
42. **Pied Flycatcher** Svartvit flugsnappare *Ficedula hypoleuca*  
2 female + 8 juvenile in two broods Fili park, Moscow 14th July and 2 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
43. **Willow Tit** Talltita *Parus montanus*  
2 Ribolov fishing ponds (ca. 5 km S Moscow border) from the car 16th July and 2 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
44. **Eurasian Blue Tit** Blåmes *Parus caeruleus*  
5 Fili park, Moscow 14th July.
45. **Great Tit** Talgoxe *Parus major*  
2 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 15 Lots of 1k Fili park, Moscow 14th July, 5 Ciderova 16th July and 2 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
46. **Eurasian Nuthatch** Nötväcka *Sitta europaea*  
5 Fili park, Moscow 14th July, 3 Ismailovski park 15th July and 1 Ciderova 16th July.
47. **Golden Oriole** Sommargylling *Oriolus oriolus*  
1 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July and 1 female + 1 male excited pair Ciderova 16th July.
48. **Red-backed Shrike** Törnskata *Lanius collurio*  
1 female Ciderova 16th July.



Female Red-backed Shrike at Ciderova 16<sup>th</sup> July.



49. **Common Magpie** Skata *Pica pica*  
2 Ciderova 16th July and 2 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
50. **Rook** Råka *Corvus frugilegus*  
2 Moscow-Ciderova 16th July.
51. **Hooded Crow** Kråka *Corvus corone*  
1 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 8 Fili park, Moscow 14th July, 5 Ismailovski park 15th July and 2 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
52. **Common Raven** Korp *Corvus corax*  
1 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July; strange to have this species in the town., 1 Ismailovski park 15th July, 3 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 18th July and 1 heard Bigovia, Moscow 27th July.
53. **House Sparrow** Gråsparv *Passer domesticus*  
5 sand bathing Moscow 25th July. Seen almost all days of the visit.



54. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** Pilfink *Passer montanus*  
5 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 5 Fili park, Moscow 14th July and 5 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
55. **Common Chaffinch** Bofink *Fringilla coelebs*  
5 Serebrenij Bor, Moscow 13th July, 10 A few 1k Fili park, Moscow 14th July.
56. **Common Linnet** Hämpling *Carduelis cannabina*  
1 Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
57. **European Goldfinch** Steglits *Carduelis carduelis*  
4 Ismailovski park 15th July.
58. **European Greenfinch** Grönfink *Carduelis chloris*  
2 Polenovo 16th July.
59. **Common Rosefinch** Rosenfink *Carpodacus erythrinus*  
5 juvenile + 1 singing Strelino, Solnechnogorsk 19th July.
60. **Eurasian Bullfinch** Domherre *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*  
1 Lesnie Dali 17th July.

## Mammals

- Red Squirrel** Ekorre *Sciurus vulgaris*  
1 Fili park, Moscow 14th July.