

# Mallorca

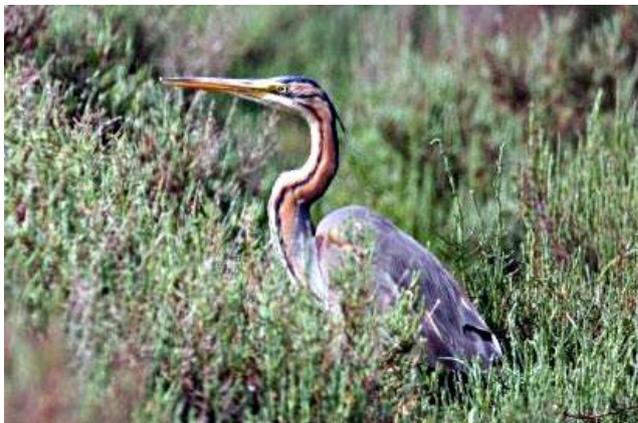
Naturetrek Tour Report

20 - 27 April 2013

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Marbled Duck



Purple Heron



Swallowtail



2013 Naturetrek Tour Group

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## Tour Summary:

One of the joys of spring holidays is the anticipation of migrants to add to the local birdlife. We were not disappointed on the Naturetrek Mallorca Spring Birding tour as we recorded 123 species, many seen well. Some of the highlights include three vulture species, Cinereous, Griffon and Egyptian, beautiful Bee-eaters which are always good value with their bright colours and lovely bubbling flight call, a Red Kite 'dancing' in the wind and the constant bird song around the hotel from Nightingales, Cetti's Warblers, Zitting Cisticolas and Serins. The weather could have been kinder to us but we managed our outings without getting wet as we were lucky to be in the vehicles when showers passed by. Thanks must go to all the group members for working together to make it a productive, enjoyable and rewarding week on a lovely island.

## Day 1

Saturday 20th April

Palma Airport to Alcudia; Hotel grounds and hide overlooking S'Albufereta Marsh

Weather: High cloud, sunny intervals, fine and warm. High 19 degrees C

Naturetrek's Mallorca tour is one where we try and accommodate departures from regional airports. Whilst this often helps with the UK arrangements, it does require a little patience and flexibility upon arrival because group members inevitably land at Palma airport at different times. On this tour the majority of members, including leaders Dave and Alan, arrived on morning flights from Bristol, Exeter and Leeds/Bradford. The morning arrivals had met up by 11.45am so first stop was cafeteria near the terminal building for a light lunch. First sightings were far from inspirational but for completeness we did record the ubiquitous House Sparrow and also Blackbird. After baguettes and drinks we located the vehicles, loaded the luggage, and at 12.45pm Dave's minibus departed heading for Alcudia in the north-east of Mallorca. Meanwhile Alan waited for the afternoon arrivals. The Gatwick contingent were slightly late arriving at Palma airport and by the time they had met Alan and loaded their luggage it was 4.15pm before the second minibus was heading towards Alcudia.

The route for both vehicles initially headed towards Palma then turned right and eventually headed north-east crossing the island to the opposite coast. En route a few birds were spotted including Black Kite, Kestrel, Yellow-legged Gull, Swift, Swallow, House Martin, Cattle Egret, Little Egret and Collared Dove. On the outskirts of Alcudia we turned left and followed Pollenca Bay towards Puerto Pollenca and our home for the week, the Pollentia Club Resort, ideally placed on the coast road between the resorts, overlooking Pollenca Bay and backing onto S'Albufereta Marsh.

Once the morning group had been checked in and bags deposited in rooms it was time to get acclimatised to Mediterranean bird-watching. Dave took the group for a walk around the hotel and to the hotel hide overlooking S'Albufereta Marsh. Here we heard our first sounds of Nightingale and Cetti's Warbler and the zitting of Zitting Cisticola (Fan-tailed Warbler). New birds were quickly being added to our trip list including Osprey, Marsh Harrier, Red-crested Pochard, Purple Heron, Black-winged Stilt, Hoopoe and Yellow Wagtail of the *iberiae* race (Spanish Wagtail). In the overflow car park area we located Small-flowered Tongue Orchid.

At 6.15pm the whole group meet outside the hotel café. Everyone introduced themselves and Dave and Alan talked over the prospects for the week ahead and our daily 'Birdbrain' quiz was introduced. We were delighted when an Audouin's Gull circled overhead allowing excellent views of this rare gull. We then adjourned to the restaurant and enjoyed a splendid evening meal with the atmosphere buzzing in anticipation of the week to come. After dinner most of the late-arriving group went with Dave and Alan to the hotel hide to catch up on a few species and watch dusk settle over the marsh. The group were lucky to see 5 Grey Herons dancing in the sky for several minutes and watch several Black-crowned Night Herons drift by as the light was fading. At the same time bats had become active feeding on the emerging insects and using Dave's Bat Detector they were identified as Pipistrelles. The last sounds were of Stone Curlew drifting over the marsh. After early starts it was time to adjourn with the prospect of a good day to follow.

## Day 2

Sunday 21st April

### Bocquer Valley and S'Albufereta Marsh

Weather: Cloudy morning. Mostly sunny afternoon. Cooling breeze all day. High 20 deg. C

Our first pre-breakfast gathering in the hotel hide overlooking S'Albufereta Marsh was enjoyable and helped group members become more familiar with the sights and songs of the many species of birds around the hotel. There was the constant serenade of Nightingale, Cetti's Warbler and Serin. Herons and Egrets were in good numbers and there were many swifts and hirundines over the marsh. We added a few new species to our list including Great Cormorant and Goldfinch, and we heard the squeal of Water Rail.

After breakfast we set off on our first expedition and after collecting the ingredients for our picnic lunch, reached the car park at the bottom of the Bocquer Valley about 9.30am. In the adjacent field we added Meadow Pipit before setting off towards the finca at the start of the path up the valley. Just before the finca we enjoyed fabulous perched and flight views of a Booted Eagle which we hoped was a good omen for the day. Looking down from the front of the finca to the fields below things got even better as we watched a splendid male Blue Rock Thrush together with Spotted Flycatcher, Common Redstart and Stonechat. We then added our first sighting of Stone-curlew and an unusual find for the area, a Carrion Crow.

Near the Fig orchard we also spotted a Brown Hare. As we followed the path up the valley there were more Booted Eagles together with Northern Wheatear, Raven, Peregrine Falcon, Crag Martin and Cirl Bunting. It was nearing midday as we reached the end of the valley and our picnic spot. Thankfully the cloud began to move away and we could feel some warmth from the sun although the breeze remained cool. Looking down to the sea we were greeted to an amazing sight of hundreds of Yellow-legged Gulls and about a hundred Cory's Shearwaters in the bay close in to land. There were two big rafts of Shearwaters on the surface of the sea and others patrolled nearby showing their 'shearing' technique. Whilst the group continued to check the area Dave and Alan prepared our picnic which we all enjoyed, eating al-fresco in a lovely setting.

After lunch we searched the surrounding scrub for Balearic Warbler. Bob and Richard spotted two warblers which appeared to fit the bill but they disappeared out of sight before anyone else could see them. We moved to get a different view into the area and two birds were again briefly seen but well enough to be identified as Balearic Warbler. Unfortunately the view for some was fleeting and despite more searching the birds didn't show again from the thick vegetation. Our walk back down the valley was quieter but still enjoyable.

About 2pm we were back at the vehicles and set off to the S'Albufereta Marsh, stopping on the Puerto Pollenca sea front to add Shag to our growing list, and a comfort stop as we passed our hotel. We reached S'Albufereta Marsh and as we looked over the first pool we saw Great Egret and Red-crested Pochard. Then a Stone-curlew flew across in front of us. At the edge of the woods we found Mirror Orchid and Small-flowered Tongue Orchid which turned out to be more numerous than in previous years. Once at the mound we had a reasonable viewing point to look into the marsh. Our time there was accompanied by the constant song of Corn Bunting and Zitting Cisticola. Herons, Egrets and Harriers were in good numbers but the star turn was Purple Swamphen. Four individuals were seen. Surprisingly only one butterfly was spotted, a Painted Lady.

We returned to the hotel at 5pm in time to allow everyone to freshen up before meeting at 6.30pm to talk over a most enjoyable first full day. We did a roll-call of sightings and the plan of action for the next day was outlined. We then adjourned to the dining room for another tasty meal where the two most popular choices were Spanish vegetable paella, and roast beef and yorkshire pudding.

## Day 3

Monday 22nd April

### S'Albufera Nature Reserve

Weather: Mainly cloudy and still with sunny intervals after noon. High 18 deg. C

For our pre-breakfast birding we walked from the hotel in the direction of Alcudia. In the adjacent sandy scrub we spotted Corn Bunting, Cirl Bunting and a pair of Stonechat. Once we reached S'Albufereta Torrent we set up the telescopes and scanned. There were good numbers of herons and egrets and we had 'scope' views of perched Squacco Heron and of Marsh Harrier. Around the Torrent we found both Little Ringed Plover and Kentish Plover and we took some time to study the birds and look at the identification features and differences. This was a useful exercise as we were to see many more of both species later in the day.

Back to the hotel and we enjoyed a good breakfast before we set off for the S'Albufera Reserve, collecting picnic food on the way. As we left the car park to follow the path to the entrance we found a Pied Flycatcher.

At the entrance we stopped at the information map and Dave outlined the reserve and our proposed route. The pathway down to the reception centre was quiet until we reached the egret tree roost which livened up our walk. There were good numbers of Little Egrets and Cattle Egrets interspersed with Night-Herons and a Squacco Heron whilst on the waterway we saw our first Northern Shoveler. We then made a stop near the first bridge to scan the extensive reedbeds and were rewarded with a showy singing Great Reed Warbler which was seen in the telescopes. There was also a fleeting Moustached Warbler which was frustrating for some. From there the access to the boardwalk was blocked so we continued straight to the visitor centre area. After a comfort stop we headed to the Sa Roca hide. From the hide there were good numbers of Black-winged Stilt, Little Ringed Plover, Kentish Plover and Wood Sandpiper. Other sightings included Ruff, Greenshank and Common Snipe. At one point four Purple Swamphens emerged from the reeds to chase each other. We then moved to the Es Ras hide which overlooked the same lagoon but from a different angle before walking to the Observation Hill, spotting Great Tit and Blackcap en route. Scanning from the hill we added Reed Bunting and Red-eared Terrapin. Next stop was the pool behind the hill where we saw our first Red-knobbed Coot and a Swallowtail butterfly.

As it was past midday we then returned to the visitor centre area for our picnic lunch. Once replete we set off on our afternoon route, first stopping at a new area where specimens of nine species of orchid found on the reserve had been moved. Some were in flower including a splendid specimen of Balearic Orchid *Ophrys balearica*, a speciality of the area. Our first stop was Bishop 2 Hide and it was a joy to watch many birds at close quarters in good light. We added to our list Spotted Redshank, Common Shelduck and Gull-billed Tern. The tern was initially on the ground but as it rose in flight it was immediately harassed and chased back and forth in front of us by a Little Ringed Plover. We then moved to Bishop 1 Hide where we saw a group of 8 Curlew Sandpiper in various stages of moult from winter to breeding plumage. Another new bird was a single Starling feeding around the feet of four lovely white horses. All too soon it was time to head back to the car park but one more treat was in store for some of the group who had remarkably close views of a Nightingale singing at head height just six feet away – too close to use binoculars! Back at the vehicles we made our return journey to the hotel.

We met before dinner to review the day and our sightings following which we adjourned to the restaurant for our evening meal. 8.30pm saw some of us back at the hotel hide. With clear skies and plenty of insects on the wing the marsh was alive with Common Swift. Four Marsh Harriers came into the marsh and we heard Water Rail and Little Owl. As the light was beginning to fade an Eleanor's Falcon made a low run across the length of the marsh before being lost from view. A good end to an excellent day!

## Day 4

Tuesday 23rd April

### Cuber Reservoir and Lluc Monastery

Weather: Mainly sunny. Some high cloud and a strong cold wind with a 12 deg. C high in the mountains.

The group met up at 0700hrs for the pre breakfast gathering in the hotel hide. Marsh Harriers showed well and there were large numbers of Common Swifts and Barn Swallows over the marsh. A highlight was two Purple Herons landing in the pool in front of the hide giving a superb photographic opportunity. After breakfast and our supermarket stop, we made the scenic journey through the Tramuntana Mountains to Cuber Reservoir for our planned day's birding. The route was made more interesting by the large number of cyclists on the twisty mountain roads.

Our half-way stop at Escora was very productive with overhead sightings of Black Vulture, Booted Eagle and Raven. As we moved on to Cuber we made two more stops, one for another Black Vulture and one for a Griffon Vulture. We parked in Cuber car park then set off for our walk around the reservoir. Although it was mainly sunny a very strong wind was blowing but we did enjoy quality rather than quantity. We set off down the tarmac track towards the dam end of the reservoir and soon had to stop for a superb Red Kite giving us a close-up aerial acrobatic display. A little further and after some scanning we located a Tawny Pipit and later some members saw a Moltoni's Warbler. When we got to the dam wall we had a number of interesting sightings including Blackcap, Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Robin, Redstart and two superb Nightingales. Below the dam we also saw Iberian Water Frogs.

We then moved on to the quarry and saw a single spike of Loose-flowered Orchid blooming in the usual location on the quarry wall, and we also saw in flower the minute Balearic Cyclamen (also known as Balearic Sowbread). On the return journey Swallowtail and Common Blue butterflies were spotted, and Bob found a splendid Balearic Woodchat Shrike. Blue Rock Thrush and Gull Bunting were heard, and near the end of our walk a Little Ringed Plover was spotted. By the time we got back to the vehicles it was about 2pm and we were more than ready for another substantial Naturetrek picnic. We had one last thing to do before moving on...with a little help we secured another new bird for some members, a superb Firecrest which showed well close to us in the pine trees.

On the return journey we stopped at Lluç Monastery for a welcome coffee and for some a quick cultural visit. The rest of the journey was uneventful except for lots more cyclists to pass and an overhead view of a Booted Eagle. It was just after 5pm by the time we got back to the hotel. We met again at 6.30pm to discuss the day's events then went for an early dinner as we had plans to look for owls at dusk. Most of the group reconvened at 8.30pm and we drove along a track on the lower wooded slopes of Mount Sant Martí. As darkness fell we heard the eerie call of Stone-Curlew then at last came the distinct call of a Scops Owl which, unfortunately, stayed a distance away. As it was getting late we had to be satisfied with recording it as 'heard' and returned to the hotel.

## Day 5

Wednesday 24th April

Formentor Peninsular and S'Albufereta Marsh

Weather: Mainly cloudy with a very strong cooling wind. High 18 deg. C

We started the day with a pre breakfast gathering in the hotel hide which turned into a real 'purple patch' when we had spectacular views as an Eleanora's Falcon flew low directly over the hide. Shortly afterwards a Montagu's Harrier was spotted and we watched it fly the length of the marsh. Together with sightings including 4 Marsh Harriers and another Purple Heron landing in the hide pool, the early risers went for breakfast very happy.

After breakfast we set off towards Puerto Pollença along the coast road. There was a very strong onshore wind and we stopped to watch the spectacle of over 1000 Cory's Shearwaters and hundreds of Yellow-legged Gulls close to shore about 300 metres away. The Shearwaters were very active and we watched them performing their 'shearing' action as they glided back and forth. Continuing on we made our usual daily shopping stop for picnic provisions then continued through Puerto Pollença and onto the Formentor Peninsular, arriving at the Lighthouse car park before most of the daily throngs of tourists.

We had expected to be windswept but our lookout was in the lee of the peninsular. The sea was fairly calm and the wind light. We set up station to look down on the sea and were not disappointed as a steady stream of Cory's Shearwaters passed slowly by allowing plenty of opportunity to see the identification features and watch the 'shearing' motion from a different angle. This proved useful as we were then more easily able to pick out the smaller number of Balearic Shearwaters passing by. By 11.30am the small car park was overflowing so we moved on, stopping at Cases Velles to check the surrounding fields. There were lots of interesting birds to see and we found Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Common Redstart, a charm of 17 Goldfinches feeding on thistles, Chaffinch, Willow Warbler and a passing Black Kite. New birds for the trip included Whinchat and Red-legged Partridge.

Lunchtime was approaching so we moved the short distance to our picnic location at Formentor car park. Besides the picnic we enjoyed watching the insect hunting antics of a Pied Flycatcher, and before we left we were joined by an inquisitive Firecrest. After our pleasant interlude we made our way to the Mirador de Albercutx in search of further spoils. The main issue here was that at this point the on-shore wind was too strong to comfortably watch the sea and cliffs so, after Helen had made the return climb to the lookout, we moved on. We made a brief comfort stop whilst passing our hotel, then revisited the mound at S'Albufereta reserve where, despite the wine, we added Sand Martin to our trip list. By 4pm some of the party made an early return to the hotel whilst Alan stayed a little longer watching over the marsh, returning with the rest of the group just before 5pm. We had our usual pre-dinner meeting and log call before moving to the dining hall for our evening meal.

## Day 6

Thursday 25th April

### Salinas de Levante

Weather: Overnight rain. Cloud all day with heavy rain late afternoon. High 16 deg. C

After overnight rain the day dawned with a heavy cloud cover and a brisk wind from the sea. Some of the group gathered from 7am at the hotel hide but the conditions meant it was generally quiet until just before we left for breakfast when we had views of two Eleanor's Falcons. Today we had our longest journey, heading south to Salinas de Levante. We departed at 8.45am and after a stop to collect picnic makings and a comfort stop near Manacor we entered some rural roads in the centre of the island to look for farmland birds. Soon we saw our first Thekla Lark, a new bird for many on the tour. Further on we saw two Stone-curlews in flight. We stopped to 'scope' an area and watched good numbers of Corn Buntings, Stonechat, Whinchat and a Northern Wheatear.

We reached the Salinas at 11.45am. The sky was dark and threatening but we set off defiantly to see what we could find. With the overnight rain the tracks were muddy. We reached the first lagoon and were treated to a feast of birds including Avocet, Ruff, Greenshank, Redshank, Little Stint, Kentish Plover, Little Ringed Plover and Common Shelduck. On the vegetation we saw Linnets and Spanish Yellow Wagtails. We had a magic moment when a group of five Red-rumped Swallows circled us giving fabulous views. We then moved round to a shelter formed from an old building in the middle of the salt pans. Viewing the pans we were rewarded with Whiskered Terns, White-winged Black Terns, a Curlew and Bob saw a Water Rail. Delighted with our sightings and the fact we were still dry we returned to the vehicles to drive to the opposite side of the Salinas for our picnic.

We chose a picnic spot overlooking a different part of the works and as we arrived we saw another new trip bird, a Ruddy Turnstone. As lunch was being prepared group members checked the area finding Greater Flamingo. After enjoying another Naturetrek picnic it was decided to spend some more time at the salt pans rather than the drive to the southern lighthouse as we had already had good views of the birds we were likely to see there. We walked along the road and in the fields opposite had excellent views of four Hoopoes. Other things seen included; Sand Martin, Spotted Flycatcher, Whinchat, Common Sandpiper and briefly a Tawny Pipit.

Back at the vehicles our plan was to stop again at the farmland on our return journey. As we set off the back vehicle saw two Turtle Doves on a line which unfortunately flew before the other vehicle could return. As we neared Manacor it started to rain so we decided to abandon the farmland idea and stop for a coffee. As we pulled up at Es Cruce Restaurant near Manacor the rain became torrential and we waited in the vehicles for it to ease. Inside the restaurant was buzzing with many locals. Even at 4pm lots of meals were being served including snails and there was wine and beer on the tables. It was interesting to see another aspect of local culture as we found a corner for our drinks. It was still raining when we came out so our journey was back to Alcudia and our hotel. As we neared Alcudia the rain stopped and it was fine as we arrived back to the hotel at 5.30pm. After our daily meeting to discuss today's sightings we adjourned to the restaurant for dinner reflecting on another good day's birding and how lucky we had been with the weather and missing the rain in the field.

## Day 7

Friday 26th April

Southern end of S'Albufera Marsh – S'Illot (Old Salt Pans), Depuradora (Water Works) and 'Lone Pine' walk

Weather: Cloudy, calm and some hazy sunshine till mid afternoon when the wind freshened and a thunderstorm passed by. Brighter for a while then rain 6pm – 9pm. High 19 deg. C

We had almost a full group for our last pre breakfast visit to the hotel hide. Richard and Bob produced a Common Swift which appeared to have flown into their patio door and died. Dave took the opportunity to go through the feather groups and explain the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) system for age recording. Scanning from the hide we had a full complement of Heron and Egrets including super close views of Squacco Heron. Just before adjourning for breakfast Liz spotted a Golden Oriole which only a few managed to see before it flew into some trees and, frustratingly, disappeared from view.

After breakfast we made our way to the southern end of S'Albufera Reserve. Our first stop was at S'Illot, the old salt pans. As we approached the pans a small duck took to flight, our first sighting of Marbled Duck. We also saw Little Grebe, another new bird for the tour. As we walked down the track we could hear Cuckoo and Hoopoe calling and we searched for Moustached Warbler without success. On the return walk we struck lucky with three sightings of Moustached Warbler. Other sightings included Blue-tailed Damselfly, Bee Orchid and Early Purple Orchid. Back at the pans the Marbled Duck had returned allowing everyone scope views.

Next we drove round to the lane leading to the Depuradora (Water Works), first stopping in Can Picafort to collect our picnic makings. As we drove down the lane toward the works we spotted a Bee-eater. There were more on the nearby wires so we exited the vehicles and enjoyed the spectacle of about 40 Bee-eaters perched, in flight and making their wonderful bubbling call; a real sign of spring.

In the sky we spotted Eleanora's Falcon and Montagu's Harrier, and on a distant gate a white object that looked very owl-like but the angle and the view made us uncertain as to what exactly it was. Dave drove his vehicle closer and confirmed it was, in fact, a Barn Owl. It was 12.40pm before we reached Son Bosc observation platform overlooking the Depuradora. There were lots of birds on and around the ponds including Marbled Duck, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Red-crested Pochard, Common Pochard, Whiskered Tern and Black Tern. A Spanish Terrapin was also seen.

Whilst Dave and Alan prepared the picnic the group continued looking for birds and added Common Whitethroat to the trip list. After we had eaten we went back onto the platform for some more birding. In the surrounding bushes and scrub sightings included Great Reed Warbler, Northern Wheatear, Nightingale, Chiffchaff and Great Tit. We had been looking down and when we scanned the skies we were amazed to see an Egyptian Vulture. There were several butterflies on the wing including very fresh Swallowtails together with Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Speckled Wood, Clouded Yellow and Common Blue. It was really the first time all week we had been aware of butterflies in reasonable numbers.

At 3pm we drove round to the Depuradora entrance and parked the vehicles. We were just about to set off for a walk to the 'Lone Pine' entrance gate when there were rumbles of thunder and the rain started to fall. We got back into the vehicles and waited a few minutes until the edge of the storm had passed then we walked to the locked 'Lone Pine' gate and scanned the back of the reserve. We spotted a Purple Swamphen, Great Egret, Northern Wheatear and a good number of Stonechats and Whinchats. Some of the group made a small detour on the return walk to see a massive Robust Marsh Orchid standing a metre tall. Going back along the lane Richard spotted a Stone-Curlew, and two Marsh Harriers and a Montagu's Harrier passed overhead.

We had a steady drive back to the hotel, arriving at 4.30pm to give everyone time to sort out their belongings in preparation for our departure the following day. We met up at 6.30pm for our last log call. Alan also gave the answers to the last of our daily bird trivia quiz and Colin and Diane were crowned as 'Bird Brains' of the week. Thanks were said to Dave and Alan for a good week's birding and to the group for all joining in and enhancing the 'group' experience. Everyone had the opportunity to give their birding highlight which ranged from the Liz's views of Shearwaters and Colin and Diane's Hoopoes to Richard's Blue Rock Thrush because of the endeavours necessary to take its photo. We then moved to the restaurant and an ample repast was enjoyed.

## Day 8

Saturday 27th April

### Puerto Pollenca to Palma Airport

Weather: Cloudy and still. High 15 deg. C

Group members had departures from Palma Airport at various times during the day so Dave left the hotel at 7am with the early leavers whilst Alan followed on at 8.45am with the later ones. Both vehicles took the same route across the island. A few species were seen en route including Common Sandpiper, Red-legged Partridge, Kestrel and Egrets. Alan's vehicle also saw a Hoopoe, a fitting end for Diane and Colin! At the airport farewells were said as group members departed for their various flights back to the UK. Thanks to everyone for their patience and tolerance with accommodating different arrival and departure times at Palma airport on the first and last days of the tour. Thanks to all for a wonderful week and for your companionship!

## Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	April							
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>					8	2	H	1
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			2	4		50	20	
3	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	4	1	10		2		6	
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	20+	20+	30+	15	25+	20+	30	12
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			4			10	2	
6	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>							15	
7	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			20					
8	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	2	2	20		2		15	
9	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							10	
10	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>		100				1500		
11	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>					15			
12	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							4	
13	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>						3		
14	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	4		12	1			2	
15	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1	1	3		1		2	
16	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	7	10	20	20	30	6	15	12
17	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	5	5	10		1	1	1	
18	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	5	2	5	2	6	2	2	
19	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	2	3	4		1		3	
20	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	25	15	30+	20	30	15	40	1
21	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		2						
22	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		5	2		5	8	1	
23	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	4	1	1			1	1	
24	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>				1				
25	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1				1			
26	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>							1	
27	Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>				2				
28	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>				5				
29	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	8	6	10	4	7	4	10	
30	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>					1	1	2	
31	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2							
32	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		5		2				
33	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	3	2	1	3		6	2	1
34	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonorae</i>			1		1	2	3	
35	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		2						
36	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		2H	2H	H		1+5H	H	
37	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		4	6		6		2	
38	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	2	2	4	1	2	2	3	
39	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		8	6	1	5	2	3	
40	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>			10					
41	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	2H	5	6	5	2H	2	1	
42	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>						1		
43	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	15	20	50	10	20	60	20	
44	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>						70		
45	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			12	1		4	3	
46	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	2		15		1	12		
47	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			3					

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48	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>						1		
49	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			2					
50	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	3		1			4		
51	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1	1	4	H	2	4		
52	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	3	3	15	2	1	4		
53	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1		3			2	4	1
54	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>						1		
55	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>						5		
56	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			8					
57	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	4		2			27		
58	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>	1	6	2	1	4		1	1
59	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	20	200	10	200	500	20	20	20
60	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			1					
61	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>						5	2	
62	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>						3		
63	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>							2	
64	Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia (feral)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	8	20	30	10	25	20	20	12
66	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>						2		
67	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	1	2		5		10	2	1
68	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>							H	
69	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>							1	
70	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			H					
71	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>				H				
72	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	50+	50+	180	200	150	100	200	
73	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>							40	
74	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1	1	2			6	3+1H	1
75	Balearic Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator badius</i>				1			2	
76	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>							1	
77	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		1						
78	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		4		2	3			
79	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		2	1	3	2		2	
80	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>				1				
81	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>						6		
82	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					2	20	50	
83	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	100+	100+	20	100	50	50	50	20
84	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		20						
85	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	4	50	6			12	15	
86	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>						5		
87	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	3	10	20	5	5	4	6	H
88	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	1	1		1	1		1	
89	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	1		1		1		1	
90	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>			1				2+1H	
91	Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>			3				3+2H	
92	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	2	4	5		3	4	10	
93	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			1	2	1		1	
94	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>							2	
95	Balearic Warbler	<i>Sylvia balearica</i>		2						
96	Moltoni's Warbler	<i>Sylvia moltonii</i>				1				
97	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	2	10	4	6	5	12	6	
98	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>				1	1		1	

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99	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				H	1+1H			
100	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			1					
101	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	10	10	6	6	5	6	6	2
102	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		2						
103	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				1				
104	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	1+12H	1+6H	2+4H	4H	2H	1+3H	H
105	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		2		1	7			
106	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>					1	8	12	
107	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	3	6	2		1	10	10	
108	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1				1	3	
109	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		3		2H	3			
110	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		2		30+	10+	2		
111	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		2	1	1	2		1	
112	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			1					
113a	Spanish Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>	3	1	1			5	10	
114	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				1		1		
115	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		2	1					
116	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>				50	6		H	
117	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	10	20	10	20	6	6	6	
118	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	10	20	10	3	10	4	10	H
119	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		6	2	2	20	8	6	
120	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>						5	4	
121	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	2	6	2	H	3	15	3	
122	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		4		H	3H			
123	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			2					

## Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
2	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>							✓	
3	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>				✓			✓	
4	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>							✓	
5	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓					✓	
6	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			✓		✓		✓	
7	White sp.			✓	✓				✓	

## Dragonflies

1	Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>							✓	
2	Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>			✓					
3	Green Eyed Hawker	<i>Aeshna isosceles</i>							✓	

## Reptiles and Amphibians

1	Iberian Water Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>		H	H	✓			H	
2	Spanish Terrapin	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>							✓	
3	Red-eared Terrapin	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>			✓					

## Mammals

1	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>						✓		
2	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		✓						

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3	Common Pipistrelle Bat	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	✓		✓					✓	

### Insects

1	Beetle	<i>Oxythyrea funesta</i>		✓					✓	
2	Buff-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus terrestris</i>			✓					
3	White-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>					✓			
4	Pill Millipede	<i>Glomeris marginata</i>							✓	

### Orchids

1	Mirror Orchid	<i>Ophrys speculum</i>		✓			✓			
2	Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys apifera</i>							✓	
3	Early Purple Orchid	<i>Orchis mascula</i>							✓	
4	Loose-flowered Orchid	<i>Orchis laxiflora</i>				✓				
5	Robust Marsh Orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza praetermissa</i>							✓	
6	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	

### Other flora of Note

1	Barbary Nut Iris	<i>Gynandris sisyrinchium</i>					✓			
2	Balearic Cyclamen	<i>Cyclamen balearicum</i>				✓				
3	Field Gladiolus	<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Tassel Hyacinth	<i>Muscari comosum</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
5	Common Asphodel	<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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