

Mallorca

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

Spring birding is always a joy. Early breeding birds are busy feeding their young, many males are in full voice and displaying whilst others have paired-up and are nest building, and then there is the anticipation of migrants passing through on their way north. We were not disappointed on the Naturetrek Mallorca Spring Birding tour as we recorded 115 species, many seen well. Some of the highlights included Cinereous (Black) and Griffon Vultures in the mountains, a Golden Eagle being mobbed by five Marsh Harriers, excellent views of Nightingale a metre above our heads singing for all it was worth, in the reed beds Great Reed Warbler and Moustached Warbler in full voice, and the constant bird song around the hotel from Cetti's Warblers, Zitting Cisticolas and Serins. The weather was generally kind to us with one exception when we had a morning where the roads became rivers with a passing storm. Birding that morning was aborted but the afternoon proved to be some of the best birding of the week. Thanks must go to all group members for working together to make it a productive, enjoyable and rewarding week on a lovely island

Day 1

Saturday 19th April

Palma Airport to Alcudia; Hotel grounds and Torrent s'Albufereta Marsh

Weather: Fine and Sunny. Strong Easterly wind. High of 23 deg. C

Naturetrek's Mallorca tour is one where we try and accommodate departures from regional airports. Whilst this often helps with UK arrangements for group members, it does require a little patience and flexibility upon arrival because inevitably members land at Palma airport at different times. On this tour the earlier arrivals were on flights from Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Leeds/Bradford.

After meeting at the airport and greeting one member who had arrived on Mallorca previously, refreshments were taken at a cafeteria and then the group was transported by Dave to our hotel base in the north-east of the Island. Meanwhile Alan waited for others arriving on later flights from East Midlands and Gatwick and again, after refreshments, the second contingent headed towards Pollenca Bay. First sightings were far from inspirational but for completeness we did record the ubiquitous House Sparrow and also Blackbird at the airport.

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, Red Kite, Kestrel, Yellow-legged Gull, Swift, Hoopoe 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.

Check-in was fairly painless and after finding our rooms, both groups set off on an orientation tour of the hotel grounds and along to the nearby Torrent s'Albufereta. It was good to get our first taste of Mediterranean bird-watching. We listened to the explosive call of Cetti's Warbler and the zitting of Zitting Cisticola (Fan-tailed Warbler). New birds were quickly being added to our trip list including Stonechat and Marsh Harrier. On our way to the Torrent we stopped to look at the Small-flowered Tongue Orchids and once there both Little Ringed Plovers and Kentish Plovers were spotted together and the differences between them explained. With a strong easterly wind there were lots of kite-surfers on the sea opposite the Torrent. Back in the grounds we visited the Hotel Hide set in the Marsh. At the entrance gate we looked at the new Information Boards then set off along the boardwalk. In the adjacent water channel two Viperine snakes were spotted, then at the hide sightings included Black-winged Stilt, Common Sandpiper and Osprey. We left at 5pm for everyone to unpack cases and freshen up before our first evening meeting.

At 6.15pm we reconvened at Bar Triton located between our rooms and the restaurant. Dave and Alan talked over the prospects for the week ahead and we did the first of our regular nightly log-calls to record our sightings. Following this we adjourned to the restaurant and enjoyed a splendid evening meal with the atmosphere buzzing in anticipation of the week to come. Being Easter weekend there was some doubt about the availability of food shopping on Easter Sunday for our picnic lunch so after dinner Dave and Alan went in search of an open supermarket for provisions. For others, after early starts, it was time to adjourn with the prospect of a good day to follow.

Day 2

Sunday 20th April

Bocquer Valley and S'Albufereta Marsh

Weather: Heavy morning cloud clearing to afternoon sunshine. Strong wind mid-afternoon. High 24 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 Cetti's Warbler, Greenfinch 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 a brief glimpse of Eleanor's Falcon for the lucky few as it quickly passed over the marsh and away.

After breakfast we set off on our first expedition. Near Puerto Pollenca we stopped to look at Audouin's Gull on a torrent to the sea, and then on a new road bypassing the resort beach area we saw Corn Bunting and heard our first Nightingale. After collecting fresh bread to go with the previous night's shopping, we reached the car park at the bottom of the Bocquer Valley about 9.15am. Before setting off along the path we checked the adjacent field and were greeted with superb views of a Wryneck perched in the open on a nearby tree, an excellent start to our walk. As we followed the track towards the Finca located at the start of the path up the valley we saw Spotted Flycatcher, Pied Flycatcher, Blue Rock Thrush and a Holly Blue butterfly. Looking down from the front of the Finca to the fields below was also productive and we added Stone-Curlew and Linnet. As we followed the path up the valley we saw Kestrel and Crag Martin and several pairs of Booted Eagles. A Firecrest was found in a nearby bush which showed well. Other interesting sightings included a Glow-worm larva and a Moorish Gecko.

It was late morning by the time we reached the end of the valley and the view opened to the sea. Looking down to the sea we had distant views of Cory's Shearwaters, Great Cormorants and Yellow-legged Gulls. On the nearby vegetation there was Stonechat and good numbers of Sardinian Warblers but with disturbance from the growing number of walkers, no other species were seen. Our walk back down the valley was quieter but still enjoyable with good views of an Osprey.

Back at the vehicles Dave and Alan prepared lunch and then we enjoyed our first Naturetrek picnic of the week. As we were eating Speckled Wood and Clouded Yellow butterflies flew by. After lunch we drove through Puerto Pollenca and along the seafront where we saw several more Audouin's Gulls and added Shag to our trip list. After a comfort stop as we passed our hotel we arrived at s'Albufereta Marsh at 2.15pm. In a field near the start of the path to the mound we saw another Stone-Curlew and near the trees a small patch of Mirror Orchids. Once at the mound we had a reasonable viewing point to look into the marsh. Our time there was accompanied by the song of Corn Bunting and Zitting Cisticola and sightings included several Marsh Harriers, Grey Heron, Balearic Woodchat Shrike, Greenshank, Black-winged Stilt and Common Shelduck. Back at the vehicles we inspected the carcass of a dead bird which had probably been killed by a vehicle on the track. After some deliberation due to its condition it was later identified as a Spotted Crake.

We returned to the hotel in time to allow everyone to freshen up before meeting at 6.15pm 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 evening meal where the two most popular choices were vegetable paella, and roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. After dinner we spent an hour at a viewpoint behind the hotel overlooking the marsh. Alan used his Bat Detector to identify the many bats as Common Pipistrelle, and we listened to the haunting song of Stone-Curlew as darkness fell.

Day 3

Monday 21st April

Salinas de Levante and South Mallorca

Weather: Thunder, lightning and heavy rain pre-breakfast clearing to clear, sunny skies for the rest of the day. High 24 deg. C

The day dawned calm and fine and some of the group gathered at the hotel hide at 7am. Black-crowned Night Heron, Grey Heron and Marsh Harrier were amongst the sightings.

We watched as dark clouds began to mass over the mountains and just as we thought it might be worth getting back to the hotel the first drops of rain fell and then there was a deluge. We stayed in the hide to avoid getting wet and as we watched through the rain we saw a Purple Heron. After 10-15 minutes the rain clouds continued eastwards along the line of the mountains with the following sky clearing and the sun began to shine. With this change we all headed back to the hotel for breakfast.

Today was our day in the south of the island. We set off from the hotel at 8.45am and stopped in Alcudia for Dave and Alan to collect makings for our picnic. Making good use of the time, we scanned the nearby conifer trees and were rewarded with views of Crossbill. We then headed south via Santa Margaleda and Manacor near where we made a comfort stop before entering some rural roads in the centre of the island to look for farmland birds. There were lots of Corn Buntings and Stonechats and soon we saw our first Thekla Lark, a new bird for many on the tour. We stopped to 'scope an area and were rewarded with excellent views of Greater Short-toed Larks in flight and singing close-by. Red-legged Partridge and Balearic Woodchat Shrike were also spotted and as we continued our journey a Booted Eagle was spotted in the sky.

We reached the Salinas at 11.45am and set off on foot to see what we could find. Soon we were enjoying excellent views of Avocet, Dunlin, Little Stint, Redshank, Greenshank, and over 50 Greater Flamingos. Heading back to the vehicles we identified a Bath White butterfly and saw Red Kite, Stone-Curlew and Hoopoe. Delighted with our sightings we drove to the opposite side of the Salinas for our picnic lunch. We chose a picnic spot overlooking a different part of the works. New birds included Curlew Sandpiper and Turtle Dove, whilst in the vegetation a Crimson Speckled Moth was found. After enjoying another Naturetrek picnic we set off again driving to the most southerly point near the lighthouse at Cap de Salinas. Watching the sea we were rewarded with more Audouin's Gulls and Cory's Shearwaters together with our first Balearic Shearwater. As we walked back to the vehicles we found Hoopoe feeding young which most of the group were able to see in the telescopes. Happy with our day in the south of Mallorca we drove back to our hotel, arriving at 5.35pm.

We met briefly at 6.45pm to discuss our plans for the following day then, after dinner, met again for those who wanted to partake in a log-call to record the day's sightings. As night fell we had a quick look over the marsh and were rewarded with more Night Herons and Common Pipistrelle Bats.

Day 4

Tuesday 22nd April

Cuber Reservoir and Lluc Monastery

Weather: Fine, clear and sunny with cloud developing in the afternoon. High 22 deg. C

We met up at 0700hrs for the pre breakfast gathering in the hotel hide. Marsh Harriers showed well and we had good views of Purple Heron and Spotted Flycatcher. 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 who had to be passed on twisty mountain roads. We arrived at Cuber car park at 10.15am and as we were making our way to the start of our circular walk we stopped for excellent close scope views of a male Crossbill. The weather was perfect in the mountains with clear skies and only a light breeze. As we set off from the information boards we scanned the skies and were rewarded with our first view of Cinereous (Black) Vulture.

Then we checked an area of scrub prior to the reservoir and managed to find two Tawny Pipits. We kept scanning the skyline and had several views of both Cinereous and Griffon Vultures and it was useful to be able to compare them in flight to see the colour differences. When we reached the dam wall we had a number of interesting sightings including Spotted Flycatcher, Pied Flycatcher and Willow Warbler whilst we listened to the lovely song of the Nightingale. Below the dam we also saw Iberian Water Frogs.

We moved on to the quarry area and saw several spikes of Loose-flowered Orchid blooming in their 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 Booted Eagle, Raven and Red Kite were spotted in the sky and Little Ringed Plover on the water's edge. Nearing the end of our circuit both European Pond Terrapin and Spanish Terrapin were found and it was useful to see the differences. As we rounded the last corner we could see dark clouds developing in the west but it stayed clear for us to complete our walk.

We got back to the vehicles at 1.15pm, more than ready for another substantial Naturetrek picnic. Once refreshed we retraced our route down the mountains and stopped at Lluc Monastery. As we got out of the vehicles we could hear a Firecrest calling from an adjacent tree and were delighted when it showed well for the group. We then walked to the monastery where some chose to make it a cultural visit and looked around the monastery itself whilst others passed the 16th Century Porxets used by pilgrims and walked to the rear to visit the botanical garden which, although a little overgrown, had a charm of its own. Our route through the garden was accompanied by the songs of Nightingale, Blackcap, Chaffinch and Great Tit. Most people then met up at the café for refreshments before our return leg. From the cafe a Raven was spotted. The rest of the journey was uneventful except for lots more cyclists to pass.

It was almost 5pm by the time we reached the hotel. We met again at 6.15pm to discuss the day's events before dinner. Most of the group reconvened at 8.30pm at the marsh lookout point where we were captivated by a Night Heron flying back and forth and twice landing momentarily a few yards in front of us. We also saw three Purple Herons and heard several Stone-Curlews calling. As the night was clear and the stars shining, Harry led a discussion on Jupiter and its moons, three of which were visible through optics.

Day 5

Wednesday 23rd April

S'Albufera Nature Reserve; Evening visit below Mount Sant Marti

Weather: Sunny, still and hot. A little afternoon cloud and breeze quickly clearing. High 24 deg. C

For our pre-breakfast birding we again visited the hotel hide from 7am. Today we had some different things to record. We saw a distant Red-legged Partridge on the roof of a low building, heard the pig-like squeal of a Water Rail and also the distant song of Great Reed Warbler. After breakfast we left the hotel at our regular time of 8.45am and after calling to collect our picnic makings in Alcudia reached the S'Albufera Nature Reserve car park at 9.30am. After an orientation explanation at the information board we set off along the access driveway. We were soon spotting Night Heron, Cattle Egret and Little Egret roosting in the trees on the opposite side of the waterway, and further on scanning from a gate near the bridge we saw both Great Reed Warbler and Little Bittern in the extensive reed bed. Both showed well in telescopes.

From there we mounted the boardwalk with a slightly raised view over part of the marsh and spotted Red-crested Pochard and Great White Egret. Next we checked-in at the Information Centre and made use of the comfort facilities. Near the toilets a mating pair of Hornet Clearwings (moths) and also a spike of Bee Orchid were found. We then moved to the Sa Roca hides area. We scanned from the gate before moving to the hides. Due to the size of our party we split into two groups, half to each hide. We had a good array of sightings. The ducks were mainly Common Shelduck and Mallard whilst the waders included Little Ringed Plover, Kentish Plover and Wood Sandpiper. We were also captivated as a Peregrine was spotted and we watched it stoop, dive and land momentarily nearby. Our next stop was the mound viewpoint giving an elevated view. From here we added Great Crested Grebe and Teal to our growing list of sightings. Moving to the pond behind the mound we again heard Great Reed Warbler, a few members of the group spotted a Moustached Warbler which showed briefly, but the star turns were a Purple Swamphen which walked across the path beside us before going into the water, and a Red-knobbed Coot which swam right up to us and was within touching distance as it waited for us to move as we appeared to be blocking it's exit path from the water channel.

After an exciting morning it was time for lunch and we made our way back to the Information Centre area for our picnic. At one point during lunch we were joined by a Swallowtail butterfly. Once replete we set off on our afternoon route, passing a relatively new area where specimens of nine species of orchid found on the reserve had been moved. It was our intention to spend the afternoon at the Bishop Hides. As we made our way there along a woodland glade a Nightingale flew into a tree and started to sing in the open right above our heads for several minutes which was a magical experience. As we crossed the river bridge we could see several Terrapins on a branch at the edge of the water. We then spend a pleasant couple of hours at the Bishop Hides which look north over the reserve and interesting sightings included Spotted Redshank, Dunlin, Snipe, Ruff, Little Stint, White Wagtail, Hoopoe and Northern Shoveler. All too soon it was 4pm and time to set off walking back to the car park and return to our hotel.

We had our usual log call and meeting at 6.15pm before dinner then reconvened at 8.15pm to go 'owling'. We drove to a quiet area on the wooded slopes below Mount Sant Marti. We heard the hoot of a Scops Owl and eventually just as night was falling we had two come into the trees above the vehicles and we could see them moving around. It was a lovely experience to listen to the mechanical sound of three Scops Owls in the area enhanced by the calls of Stone-Curlew and a Barn Owl.

Day 6

Thursday 24th April

Formentor Peninsular and S'Albufereta Marsh

Weather: Sunny, still and hot. A little breeze developing in the afternoon. High 25 deg. C

We started the day with our usual pre breakfast gathering in the hotel hide which was productive. Our good sightings included Cetti's Warbler, Marsh Harrier, Great White Egret, Night Heron and Purple Heron.

After breakfast we set off towards Puerto Pollenca along the coast road. The sea was flat calm and the air was still. We made our usual stop for picnic provisions then continued through Puerto Pollenca and onto the Formentor Peninsular, arriving at the Lighthouse car park at the end of the road before most of the daily throngs of tourists.

We set up station overlooking the sea and almost immediately there was a call of 'Dolphin!' by Neil. Eventually most of the group managed to see up to three Bottle-nose Dolphins about 1000 metres distant. There were seabirds in the same area and soon people managed to pick up both Cory's and Balearic Shearwaters flying low over the surface of the sea on stiff wings. Dozens more were seen streaming past the lighthouse point, the north-easterly corner of the island, heading towards the same area where we assumed shoals of fish were attracting them.

By 11.00am the small car park was overflowing so we moved on, stopping at Cases Vellas to check the surrounding fields. There were lots of interesting birds to see and we found Pied Flycatcher, Common Redstart, Crossbill, Firecrest, Raven, Red-legged Partridge and our only Song Thrush of the tour. Lunchtime was approaching so we moved the short distance to our picnic location at Formentor car park. Our picnic was disturbed several times with a passage of interesting birds passing overhead including 2 Cinereous Vultures, 2 Griffon Vultures, 10 Raven, 8 Red Kite and 1 each of Kestrel, Booted Eagle and Marsh Harrier. After our pleasant interlude we made our way to the Mirador de Albercutx in search of further spoils. Another distant raft of Shearwaters was spotted and a Peregrine passed close by at eye level giving brilliant views. We also saw several Crag Martins and a Blue Rock Thrush which landed on a rock pinnacle below us.

Next we made our way back to the hotel for a brief comfort stop before revisiting the mound at s'Albufereta Reserve. It was an opportunity taken by some to opt out and spend the afternoon at the hotel enjoying the facilities, and to visit the Old Town of Alcudia. Those members of the group who visited the mound enjoyed sightings including Stone-Curlew, Sand Martin and a flock of 25 Wood Sandpipers.

We had our usual pre-dinner meeting and log call at 6.15pm where the entertainment was a Mallard trying to land on a table in the middle of a group of cyclists who were on the patio. After dinner some of the group again met on the marsh viewpoint where sightings included an Eleanora's Falcon, a Purple Heron, 4 Night Heron and several Common Pipistrelle Bats.

Day 7

Friday 25th April

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

Weather: Cloudy with periods of thunder, lightning and torrential rain till early afternoon then clearing to fine and sunny. Morning 9 deg. C, afternoon 17 deg. C

After overnight rain it was fine but cloudy as the early birders made the 7am visit to the hotel hide. A Marsh Harrier showed well but with the sky darkening and threatening we left early for breakfast, getting to the restaurant just before rain started to fall.

We set off from the hotel at our usual time of 8.45am and made our way to the supermarket at Alcudia. Although raining, we hoped it would pass but things got worse with heavy rain, thunder and lightning. We adjourned to the cafe at the supermarket and waited over coffees. Unfortunately the rain got heavier and the road outside started to flood. At 10.30am we decided to abandon the morning and go back to the hotel. At noon we met under the cover of Bar Triton for our picnic but thunderstorms continued.

As it was our last afternoon Dave and Alan said that whatever the weather, they would take anyone who wanted to go to the southern end of S'Albufera for the afternoon. Most of the group decided to accompany them which was a good decision as soon the rain stopped, the skies cleared, there was some late afternoon sun and the birding was excellent.

First stop was at S'Illot, the old salt pans. In light drizzle we checked the ponds and there was an interesting selection of ducks including Marbled Duck, Common Pochard, Common Shelduck, Red Crested Pochard and Gadwall. Further along the track the rain stopped and we enjoyed watching a Moustached Warbler on a reed, singing and preening.

Back at the vehicles we drove around to the rear of the reserve and on the lane leading to the Depudora (Water Works) we spotted Northern Wheatear, Linnet, Turtle Dove, Hoopoe and Spotted Flycatcher. Next stop was Son Bosc observation platform overlooking the Depuradora. There were lots of birds on and around the ponds including Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Common Pochard, Spanish Wagtail, Nightingale, Night Heron and Osprey. Looking up we were entranced to watch a Golden Eagle circle overhead whilst being mobbed by five Marsh Harriers which it dwarfed. After a wonderful hour at the platform we returned to the vehicles to retrace our steps along the access road and found a Greater Short-toed Lark and a new bird for the trip – four European Bee-eaters which had been a target for many of the group. Although the views were distant they were cherished.

After a magical afternoon we headed back to the hotel. Meeting again at 6.15pm we had our last log-call and debriefed a wonderful week of birding sights and magnificent scenery. Thanks were said to Dave and Alan for a good week's birding, and thanks to the group for all joining in and enhancing the experience. Everyone then had the opportunity to give their birding highlight of the tour which ranged from Red-knobbed Coot to the Bee-eaters. We enjoyed our last evening meal and most people had a last look over the marsh with dusk creeping in. Five Night Herons were spotted together with our last new bird of the tour, a Spoonbill which flew over the hotel and our heads and landed in the marsh for the night. All too soon it was time to retire with an early start for some the next day...

Day 8

Saturday 26th April

Puerto Pollenca to Palma Airport

Weather: Cloudy and still. High 15 deg. C

Everyone had departures from Palma Airport at various times during the day so Dave left the hotel at 7.15am with the early leavers whilst Alan followed on at 9am with the later ones. A few species were seen en route including Common Swift, Kestrel, Stonechat, Hoopoe and Audouin's Gull. At the airport farewells were said as group members departed for their various flights back to the UK.

Thanks to everyone for your patience accommodating different arrival and departure times, and for your companionship and a wonderful week in Mallorca!

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Crimson Speckled Moth by Alan Miller



Bug Orchid by Alan Miller

Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	April							
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			6	2	2	8	2	
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		3	25	1	30		15	
3	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>		4	2	2	20	6	6	2
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	12	30+	20+	20+	30+	20+	50+	12
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>					2		3	
6	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>							5	
7	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					5			
8	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>		1			25	1	12	
9	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							10	
10	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>		25	10+				150	
11	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>			2				103	
12	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					3			
13	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					2			
14	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>			59					
15	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>							1	
16	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					4			
17	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1		4	5	7	5	6	1
18	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					1			
19	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1	6	15	6	25	6	25	12
20	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	2	3	2	4	1		
21	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1		1	2	5	2	1	
22	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		1	1		1	1		
23	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	6	30	15	10	25	6	25	12
24	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		2	2			8		
25	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1	6	4	6	2	9	5	6
26	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1	2		1		3	1	
27	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>							1	
28	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	3		1	1		8		
29	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1	1					1	
30	Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>				2		2		
31	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>				6		2		
32	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	3	5	7	3	5	5	20	
33	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		5	1	5		3		
34	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	4	2	4	1	3	1	2	2
35	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>	1	1			1	1		
36	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1			2	2	1	
37	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			1		H	H	H	
	Spotted Crane	<i>Porzana porzana</i>		Dead						
38	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>					8	2	H	
39	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1	2	3	2	5	5	5	1
40	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	1	40	1	1	12	20	6	1
41	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>					5			
42	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	1	2	3	2	3H	1	5	
43	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	5	25	30	6	40	30	15	6
44	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			40				1	
45	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			1					
46	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					6			

	Common name	Scientific name	April							
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
47	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	3	2	1	2	12	2	1	
48	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	4	5	8		18	2		
49	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	H				3			
50	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					3			
51	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		H	6		3	1		
52	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		2	5		5		4	
53	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>					2	25		
54	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1	2	1	3	3	2	3	
55	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			1		1			
56	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			2					
57	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			1		4			
58	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>					1			
59	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					1		4	
60	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>		8	10		2	2	2	2
61	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	25	20	50+	60	20	200+	100+	25
62	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>						3		
62a	Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia (feral)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	5	10	20	6	15	5	50	10
64	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			4				2	
65	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	7	2	2	2	1		10	4
66	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>					H			
67	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>					2+1H			
68	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	200+	80+	150+	12	30	70	400+	50
69	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>							6	
70	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	2		7		2		3	1
71	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		1		1+3H				
72	Balearic Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator badius</i>	1	1	2				1	
73	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		2	2	5		15	5	
74	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	2	2	3	10	5	5	3	
75	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>				4				
76	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>			4				1	
77	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>			6					
78	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>						2	12	
79	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	40	50	25	10	8	45	200+	
80	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		30				5		
81	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	1	10	15	4		1	15	
82	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	3	7	6	4	10	6	6	2
83	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				1		1		
84	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					2+6H		H	
85	Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>					2		1+2H	
86	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	3	6	8	2	6	4	6	2
87	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				5	1	H		
88	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	3	20	15	2	2	3	3	2
89	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		1		5		2H	3H	
90	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H		H				
91	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	4
92	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>						1		
93	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	3H	4+20H	6+10H	H	1+6H	
94	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		2		1		2		
95	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1					2	
96	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	4	4	20	4	2	6	12	1

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97	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>								2	
98	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		2		H		2			
99	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		2		4		2	4		
100	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		3		1		6			
101	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>								1	
103	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>						1			
103a	Spanish Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>	1	2	6	1	6			1	1
104	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					1				
105	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				4					
106	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		1							
107	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		H		30		10			
108	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	6	10	2	6	8	10	6		
109	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	1	40	5	6	6	6	10	4	
110	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		6	10	4	6	4	10		
111	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		3	3		4	6	2		
112	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			3	4		3			
113	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		3	25			2	2		
114	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		H							
115	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					1				

Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	3	2	1		2	1		
2	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		1			1		1	
3	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>						2		
4	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		1		2	15		1	
5	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>					1		1	
6	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>					1		1	
7	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>			1					
8	White sp.				20			6		
9	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				2				
10	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>				2		1		
11	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		1			1	1	1	

Dragonflies

1	Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	1				4			
2	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>					3			
3	Green Eyed Hawker	<i>Aeshna isosceles</i>					2		2	
4	Southern Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>	1	1						
5	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>					1	1	4	

Reptiles and Amphibians

1	Iberian Water Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>	H	1	H	2	2	H	H	
2	Spanish Terrapin	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>				1	4			
3	Red-eared Terrapin	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>					1			
4	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>				1				
5	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		1	1					

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Mammals

1	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			2		2			
2	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		1	1					
3	Stoat	<i>Mustela erminea</i>				1				
4	Common Pipistrelle Bat	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	20	20	20	20			20	2
5	Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>							3	
6	Rat sp.				1					

Insects

1	Glow-worm larva	<i>Lampyrus noctiluca</i>		1						
2	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>		1				2	1	
3	Crimson Speckled Moth	<i>Utetheisa pulchella</i>			1					
4	Blue Sand-grasshopper	<i>Sphingonotus caeruleus</i>	1			1				
5	White-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>				3				
6	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>				2				
7	Hornet Moth (Clearwing)	<i>Sesia apiformis</i>						2		
8	Passenger Moth	<i>Dysgonia algira</i>								1
9	Chafer beetle	<i>Oxythyrea funestra</i>								4

Orchids

1	Mirror Orchid	<i>Ophrys speculum</i>		✓					✓	
2	Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys apifera</i>						✓	✓	✓
3	Bug Orchid	<i>Orchis coriophora</i>						✓		✓
4	Loose-flowered Orchid	<i>Orchis laxiflora</i>				✓				
5	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓

Other flora of Note

1	Dwarf Fan Palm	<i>Chamaeraps humilis</i>		✓					✓	✓
2	Balearic Sowbread (Cyclamen)	<i>Cyclamen balearicum</i>				✓				
3	Hedgehog Plant	<i>Astragalus balearicus</i>		✓		✓			✓	
4	Common Asphodel	<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Path to the Hotel hide by Alan Miller