

Picos and Plains - The Best of Northern Spain

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

This may be the last time that this tour sails from Portsmouth to Bilbao, as P&O are going to take the Pride of Bilbao away for a refit and probably send her to one of the northern routes as she is an ice-breaker. With that in mind we were looking forward to some days in the bay hopefully seeing some large cetaceans. However as with previous years the Bay was quiet probably due to the lack of fish (the Spanish Government had reduced their sardine fishing) and also there had been no Atlantic gales to blow seabirds into the bay.

Mainland Spain was sunny and hot and we managed to have a good day in the Picos Mountains followed by some hot days on the plains, where the order of the day was out before dawn and siesta mid to late afternoon during the hottest part of the day.

Day 1

Thursday 5th August

Depart Portsmouth on the Pride of Bilbao

Peter and Byron met the entire group at Portsmouth ferry terminal and boarding passes and cabin allocations were sorted. We waited for our turn to board and were soon headed towards our cabins. Peter arranged to do a quick tour of the vessel, pointing out the important areas such as the restaurants, bars and of course the heli-deck on deck 11, where we were to spend the next day looking for cetaceans and seabirds. After the tour everyone was free to do their own thing, be it trying the food, drink or watching the departure from Portsmouth at approximately 9.40pm before settling down for the night.

Day 2

Friday 6th August

At sea on the Pride of Bilbao

The sun rose at 6am and Peter and Byron headed for deck 11 by 6.30am. It was an overcast day with a moderate south-westerly wind and moderate swell. The viewing conditions were not ideal throughout the day and as we turned towards Biscay rounding the island of Oussant at around 11:30am, the wind direction made it difficult to view from the starboard (right) side of the ship so most were crammed on the port side with a few wise watchers staying in the viewing lounge on deck eight. It was difficult to find anything during the early morning, only Gannets and one or two Fulmar putting in an appearance. However as we turned the corner towards Biscay, two nice Ocean Sunfish sailed down the port side like dinner plates with fins and there was calls of Bottle-nosed Dolphin and Storm Petrel but not seen by our group.

As the afternoon continued, a few more Gannets and occasional Bonxie or six, kept us entertained until we reached the deep water shelf at around 5:30pm. Then there were at least 12 Pilot Whales 'logging' past the boat, followed by an almost continual movement of Common Dolphins giving some great close views as they approached the ship. A rough 'guestimate' would be at least 450 animals!! Best of all were two Sperm Whales, their 45 degree blows signalling their presence followed by a tremendous fluke display as they both deep-dived never to be seen again. Some of the group stayed on well into the evening when more Pilot and Sperm Whales were seen. A fantastic end to the day! ...and yes the wind dropped, the cloud cleared and some also managed to see a Storm Petrel or two!! We finished the night with a briefing for the next day and then bed for the early arrival into Bilbao.

Day 3

Saturday 7th August

Bilbao port to Espinama, via Santoña Marsh

It was still dark when some made their way for an early breakfast before docking at Bilbao. The debarkation was relatively easy and the hire car rep was soon located. The weather was clear and sunny and after a few checks and loading the luggage we were heading west on the motorway towards Santander. First stop, after around 40 minutes was at the hide that overlooks Santoña Marshes. The group took some time here to check for waders and herons whilst Peter and Byron went into the town to purchase the picnic. After about 90 minutes, with a few wading specialities on the list we headed west again, pausing for a brief comfort stop and then inland into the Picos de Europa.

The journey took us through the beautiful Hermida Gorge and Panes town before we headed to the small church of Sa. Helena de Lebeña. Here we found a new snack shop had appeared where we usually have our picnic but the owner had three nice tables which he allowed us to use if we bought some drinks. (Cold water, juices and even beers sufficed) Before and after the typical Naturetrek lunch of local meats cheeses and bread, we started logging new species for the trip. Griffon and Egyptian Vultures were seen high above the ridges, Alpine Swifts screamed overhead and a nice male Cirl Bunting was tempted from the olive groves. It was the butterflies which were more numerous, Spanish Chalkhill and Common Blues everywhere, Grizzled and Chequered Skippers, Scarce (Spanish) Swallowtail and some fast flying fritillaries which would not land. We continued south towards our hotel, making a short detour to the village of Brez, high on the hillside where a number of Red-backed Shrikes were seen and a Honey Buzzard flew past enabling good views of all the ID features.

It was getting very hot, 30 degrees plus, so we headed to the hotel to be greeted by Santi and shown to our rooms. Most of the group explored the area around the Nevandi Hotel in Espinama, finding more butterflies and new birds for the list such as Crag Martin. Peter, Byron and Tom were staying in the adjoining village of Pido, so joined the group for dinner later. The dinner that night was a typical Picos area dish, with 'mountain' soup of meats, sausage, black pudding followed by pork ribs and chips, salad and a selection of home made cheese cakes, apple slices and custard, all washed down with local red and white wine. The log completed and the next day prepared everyone retired to bed after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Day 4

Sunday 8th August

Fuente Dé

We gathered for breakfast at 7:30am ready to head to the cable car at 8:15. The weather was overcast and dull with low cloud over the mountains but this can be deceiving. We arrived in good time at the cable car station and Jo decided she would spend the day painting. Peter got the tickets and we were the second car to the top. As we set off, we quickly disappeared into the cloud and could see nothing, then suddenly we came out above it with the breath taking scenery of the Picos above us and the 'sea of cloud' below. After taking the required photos of the scenery we checked the ground in front of the 'bird observatory' to find a couple of Alpine Accentors and a number of Alpine Chough.

We then started the slow walk along the tracks arriving at the buttress of Peña Vieja where the track splits to Espinama and into the mountains. We took the latter which is a nice flat walk along the scree. Peter had seen a Snowfinch fly over the 'saddle' and down towards the scree and we managed to get a brief flight view as it flew further up the mountain pass. Very little else was seen as we arrived at the known Wallcreeper site (apart from Black Redstart, Northern Wheatear, Water Pipits, Large Wall Brown butterflies, Piedmont Ringlets, Spanish Chalkhill Blues and Dew moths!!!). Peter pointed out the nesting cave of the Wallcreeper and within 30 minutes Stephanie had seen one leave the cave and Peter picked up the Wallcreeper moving along the cliff face. The initial views were great as it flew right over us carrying food and then moved up the scree to another cave when a second Wallcreeper appeared and was fed. The first bird came back and the group were then entertained while Peter and Byron set about preparing the picnic lunch. We must have been the envy of many a Spanish walker as they eyed our picnic spread which was made much more enjoyable having seen the Wallcreeper (and again while we were eating).

We headed backed at around 1pm and stopped at the 'saddle' where most got further flight views of up to five Snowfinch which crossed the boulders, before continuing down to the cable car and eventually back to the lower station, where we were reunited with Jo. After a short refreshment break we headed back down the valley aiming for the village of Pambes.

The high road at Pambes enabled glorious views down into the wooded meadows and there were many birds of prey circling including Black Kite, Common Buzzard and Egyptian Vulture. A Cirl Bunting showed itself very well after some gentle persuasion and we managed to get brief views of a Middle Spotted Woodpecker found by Byron in some close trees. This was a refreshing and rewarding stop and we then headed back to the hotel to further explore the village and prepare for dinner and another typical Picos meal.

Day 5

Monday 9th August

Travelling day to Zamora

A later start this morning with breakfast arranged for 8am, then the vans were packed and we said goodbye to Santi and the Nevandi Hotel by 9am. We stopped briefly at Potes where Peter and Byron bought the picnic whilst the group explored and came back with tales of Dippers and we also fuelled up here before starting to climb to Puerto de San Glorio. Unfortunately we drove into thick cloud and the road works of last year were more extensive and both these caused us to carry on south. However as we crossed the summit the cloud disappeared to bright sunshine so we found a nice little spot to stop, further down the valley, where we had lots of good butterflies, including Blue-spot Hairstreak, Queen of Spain Fritillaries and some nice Large Coppers. Here also were Dunnock, Chiffchaff and Rock Bunting added to the list.

Continuing on, the sun was hot, and the usual picnic lay-by did not look inviting, so we carried on and Byron spotted a nice area with a table (and barbeque) next to the river in the village of Verdiargo. During the picnic both Bonelli's Warbler and Iberian Chiffchaff sand was seen, together with a Spotted Fritillary which suspiciously flew out of the grill of one of the minibuses!

We then travelled further to Villafáfila where the heat hit us like opening an oven door as we left the vehicles. The small pool near the tower hide had Green Sandpiper and a Gull-billed Tern feeding, probably on the millions of baby Marsh Frogs. We managed to see at least ten Great Bustards in the alphalpa fields but the heat seemed to be keeping all other life hidden. We called at a service station close by for a comfort stop and drink before heading to Zamora, arriving at the hotel at 6pm. We enjoyed a nice three course meal with wine and discussed the day's sightings, including Tom's walk along the river where he had seen Penduline Tits, Hobby and other warblers, which wetted everyone's appetite for the next day.

Day 6

Tuesday 10th August

Fariza and Miranda areas

We gathered at 6am with our packed breakfast and were on the road heading for Peter's favourite watering hole to watch the wildlife come in to drink. We arrived just before 7am and set up the telescopes before tucking into the sandwiches, coffee, tea and fruit juices. The first birds to arrive were Crested Larks, and all around us were the calls of Bee-eaters as they came out of their roost. The flocks in the distance looked well in excess of 100 birds each. Back at the watering hole both Cirl and Rock Bunting came down to drink whilst around the scrubby bushes sat both Woodchat (common) and a Southern Grey Shrike. A Western Bonelli's Warbler showed well, fly-catching from a small tree and Golden Orioles gave brief glimpses as they flew past.

As the temperature started to warm up we set off for a circular walk around the stone-walled fields. Soon after starting we saw a Booted Eagle sat in a field, later in a tree and a nice Black-eared Wheatear (one of three we saw that morning). Further along a Hoopoe was seen briefly but better were some Woodlarks and an obliging Melodious Warbler. A few scrub warblers started to call and we managed to see Common Whitethroat, a Dartford Warbler in flight and a pair of Subalpine Warblers feeding in a tree. Time was starting to creep along as we enjoyed all these species and the temperature began to rise so we completed the circular route to the vans and set off for Miranda do Douro in Portugal.

We parked in our usual place opposite the supermarket and café, allowing the group to visit this pleasant town whilst Peter and Byron bought the day's picnic. After a refreshing drink we headed north along the edge of the Douro Gorge to Aldeia Nova, where there is a pleasant picnic site on the edge of the gorge to enjoy another Naturetrek lunch. Along with lunch we had Booted Eagle, Alpine Swifts, Streaked Grayling butterflies and a young Bonelli's Eagle which Jo spotted.

Following lunch we paid a short visit to the dam for the Almendre reservoir where we had good views of nesting Griffon Vultures and some extremely large carp next to the dam wall, before heading back to Zamora by 5pm to get refreshed and some visited the town or walked the river. Another nice Spanish meal that night was followed by the log and a briefing for the following days hunt for the elusive Little Bustard!

Day 7

Wednesday 11th August

Castonuño

We gathered again at 6am with our packed breakfast this time hoping to get to an Azure-winged Magpie's roost before dawn and watch them leave. The first part of the plan worked and we were on the road on time, but the magpies were not there (or we could not find them). A European Nightjar did some wing clapping overhead as a consolation. We left there and headed for the bustard areas on the plains to have breakfast. While eating, parties of bulky Calandra Larks flew by showing their diagnostic black underwings, and three Great Bustards were seen in the distance, but the morning walk produced little else except a Little Owl, Woodchat Shrikes and small parties of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse flying over (one was seen on the ground but at a great distance and some had to be persuaded it was even a bird!!). As it got warmer a number of butterflies were found such as Bath White and Esher's Blue and we were fascinated by the variety of colourful shield bugs on the plants.

We returned to the mini buses and drive along some of the farm tracks in search of bustards but none could be found and in fact a local person driving past made some comment about no birds (Hmmm was he a hunter?). We did see a Montagu's Harrier with wing tags from a study and a nice party of Bee-eaters performed in front of us actually catching bees! We did a round trip on the tracks and returned to La Bovina de Toro where we stopped briefly to buy lunch before a visit to a pleasant bar in Castonuño for cool refreshments. The lunch was prepared and eaten near to the Duero River (the same one we had seen in Portugal but renamed) where there were Blackcaps, Willow, Reed and Melodious Warblers feeding in the trees.

After the leisurely lunch we drove round to the other side of the river to check for Little Bitterns and although none were found, some interesting insects were seen such as White Featherleg damselfly, Violet Carpenter Bees and a nice (if not raggy) Cardinal butterfly. We got back to Zamora at around 4.30pm and it was time to relax or walk the river before our last dinner and checklist in the hotel.

Day 8

Thursday 12th August

Journey to Bilbao

We had our breakfast at the hotel by 6.30am before loading the cars and bidding farewell to the staff. We headed north towards Villafáfila stopping at a small pool first to see what was there. Only Little Grebe was new for us but there were Tree Sparrows, Stonechats and Yellow Wagtails about and a Marsh Harrier flew past.

We arrived at Otero de Sariegos where the water area was reduced to a small pool on the far side of the marsh and through telescopes we could make out Gadwall, Teal and Lapwing amongst the hundreds of Mallard. Little Owls entertained as they do every year in the disused pigeon coop, and a Lesser Kestrel was seen briefly near to its nest site. Driving the tracks we had good views of up to three Tawny Pipits, Fan-tailed Warblers, both Southern Grey and Woodchat Shrike, a Melodious Warbler out of habitat and Great Bustards in the distance and close by in flight. As we left the area on route to Bilbao, we had good views of Short-toed Eagles. The rest of the day was taken up with the journey to Bilbao, broken up by a shopping visit for the lunch at Villalón de Campos, which was eaten on a motorway rest area, arriving at the Nervion Hotel at 4 pm. The rest of the evening was given over to the group to find an evening meal and sample the delights of Bilbao, some joining Peter at his favourite pizzeria.

Day 9

Friday 13th August

Bay of Biscay

We all sampled the excellent breakfast buffet at the hotel and loaded the vehicles by 10:30pm to head for Santurtzi to board the Pride of Bilbao. The weather had changed to occasional drizzle as we arrived at the port. We got our tickets and we soon on board ready to sail. The journey was extremely quiet for the first few hours with brief sightings of three Cuvier's Beaked Whales until around 6pm when a total of five Sperm Whales (not all seen by the group) passed the boat with supporting Common Dolphins and Pilot Whales. There were no seabird sightings apart from an early Gannet and a few Lesser Black-backed Gulls. That evening we gathered in the Green Room to do our final logs and discuss the tour overall and it was agreed that it was a successful and most enjoyable journey albeit without a few of the specialities of the area, but this was improved by the friendship and camaraderie of the participants.

Day 10

Saturday 14th August

English Channel into Portsmouth

The day started quite bright with sightings of Gannet, Manx Shearwater, Arctic and Great Skuas for those who visited the upper deck. The weather then deteriorated as we progressed up the Channel and watching was restricted to anywhere where there was shelter on the boat. The sun came back out as we rounded the Isle of Wight. The ferry arrived just ahead of time into Portsmouth and we said our farewells with promises to meet again, maybe on another trip...

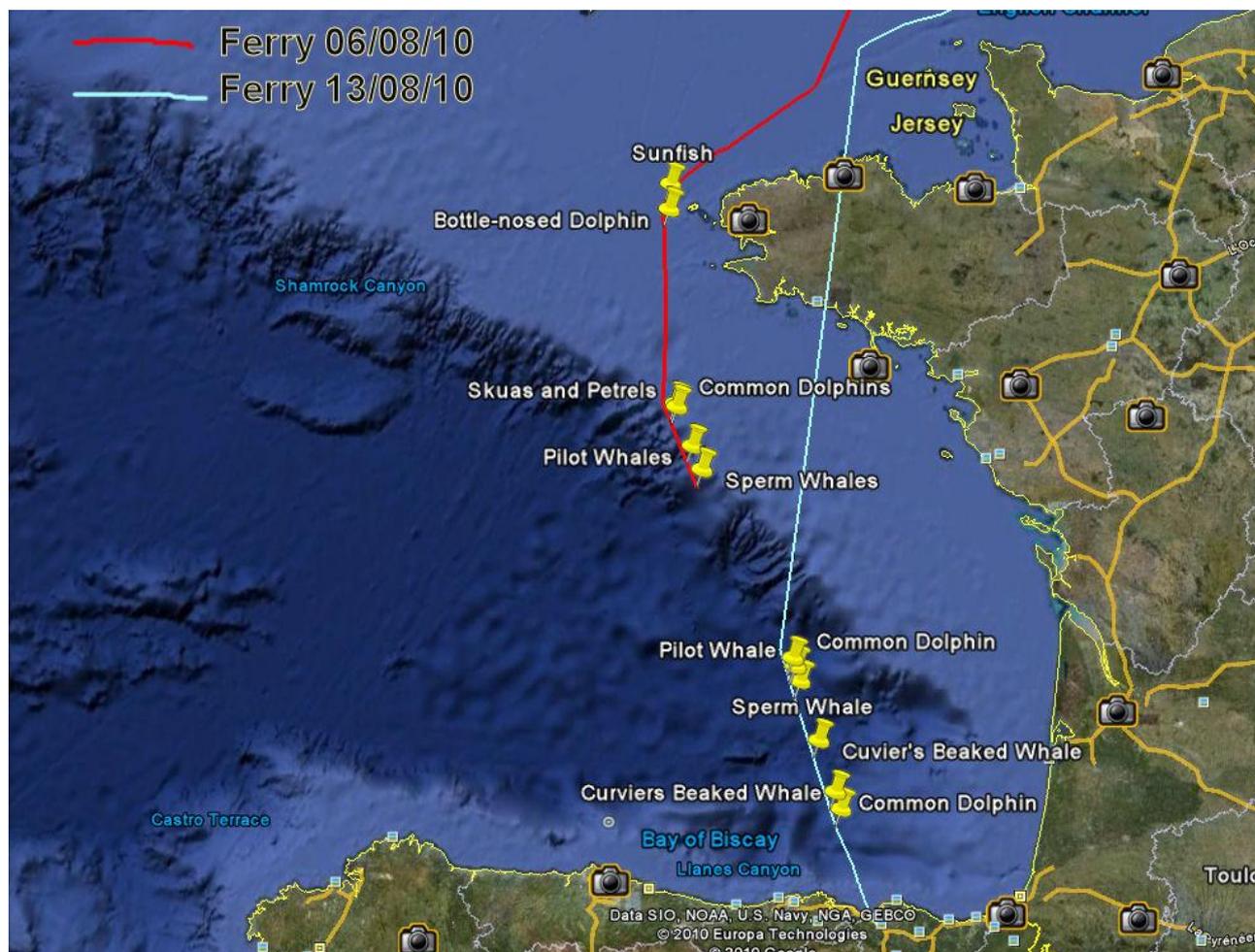
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Ferry journey with some of the highlights - note big whales over deep water



Species Lists

Birds (✓ regularly recorded or common)

| | Common Name | Scientific Name | August | | | | | | | 13 | 14 | |
|----|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|----|---|----|----|----|----|-----|----|---|
| | | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | |
| 1 | Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| 2 | Great Crested Grebe | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 3 | Northern Fulmar | <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i> | 10 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Sooty Shearwater | <i>Puffinus griseus</i> | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Manx Shearwater | <i>Puffinus puffinus</i> | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | European Storm Petrel | <i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i> | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Northern Gannet | <i>Morus bassanus</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | | 1 | ✓ |
| 8 | Great Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | | 3 | | | | 1 | 5 | | 3 | |
| 9 | European Shag | <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| 10 | Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | | ✓ | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 11 | Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Eurasian White Stork | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 14 | Eurasian Spoonbill | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i> | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Greylag Goose | <i>Anser anser</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Gadwall | <i>Anas strepera</i> | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 17 | Eurasian Teal | <i>Anas crecca</i> | | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| 18 | Mallard | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | 11 | ✓ | 500 | | |
| 19 | Shoveler | <i>Anas clypeata</i> | | | | | | 2 | | | 3 | |
| 20 | European Honey Buzzard | <i>Pernis apivorus</i> | | 1 | | 2 | | | | | | |
| 21 | Red Kite | <i>Milvus milvus</i> | | | | | | 6 | 1 | | 2 | |
| 22 | Black Kite | <i>Milvus migrans</i> | | 10 | 2 | 3 | ✓ | 10 | ✓ | | | |
| 23 | Egyptian Vulture | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i> | | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Eurasian Griffon | <i>Gyps fulvus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 3 | | 5 | | |
| 25 | Short-toed Eagle | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i> | | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| 26 | Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | | | | 1 | | | | | 4 | |
| 27 | Montagu's Harrier | <i>Circus pygargus</i> | | | | | | 1 | 3 | | 3 | |
| 28 | Common Buzzard | <i>Buteo buteo</i> | | ✓ | 5 | ✓ | | | 1 | ✓ | | |
| 29 | Spanish Imperial Eagle | <i>Aquila adalberti</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 30 | Bonelli's Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i> | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 31 | Booted Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i> | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | 1 | |
| 32 | Lesser Kestrel | <i>Falco naumanni</i> | | | | 10 | | | | | 30 | |
| 33 | Common Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 3 | | ✓ | |
| 34 | Eurasian Hobby | <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 35 | Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 36 | Red-legged Partridge | <i>Alectoris rufa</i> | | | | | | | | | 30 | |
| 37 | Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | | | | 2 | | | | | 1 | |
| 38 | Coot | <i>Fulica atra</i> | | 2 | | | | | | | 3 | |
| 39 | Great Bustard | <i>Otis tarda</i> | | | | 10 | | | 3 | | 6 | |
| 40 | Lapwing | <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 41 | Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | | 7 | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Little Plover | <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | | 20 | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Eurasian Curlew | <i>Numenius arquata</i> | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 46 | Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | | 4 | | 5 | 2 | | | | | |

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| 47 | Dunlin | <i>Calidris alpina</i> | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 48 | Great Skua | <i>Stercorarius skua</i> | 10 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 49 | Arctic Skua | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| 50 | Black-headed Gull | <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| 51 | Black-legged Kittiwake | <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> | 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | Yellow-legged Gull | <i>Larus michahellis</i> | | ✓ | | | 1 | | | | 1 | ✓ | |
| 53 | European Herring Gull | <i>Larus argentatus</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 54 | Great Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus marinus</i> | 2 | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 55 | Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i> | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 10 | |
| 56 | Mediterranean Gull | <i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i> | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 57 | Gull-billed Tern | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 58 | Pin-tailed Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles alchata</i> | | | | | | | | 12 | | | |
| 59 | Feral Pigeon | <i>Columba livia 'feral'</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 60 | Common Wood Pigeon | <i>Columba palumbus</i> | | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 61 | Eurasian Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | | | | 3 | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 62 | Tawny Owl | <i>Strix aluco</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 63 | Little Owl | <i>Athene noctua</i> | | | | | | | 1 | 6 | | | |
| 64 | European Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i> | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 65 | Alpine Swift | <i>Tachymarptis melba</i> | | 3 | | | | 12 | | | | | |
| 66 | Common Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | | 6 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 67 | European Bee-eater | <i>Merops apiaster</i> | | | | | | 300 | 70 | | | | |
| 68 | Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| 69 | Middle Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos medius</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 | Great Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | | | |
| 71 | Iberian Green Woodpecker | <i>Picus viridis sharpei</i> | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 72 | Calandra Lark | <i>Melanocorypha calandra</i> | | | | | | | 40 | | | | |
| 73 | Crested Lark | <i>Galerida cristata</i> | | | | 3 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 74 | Wood Lark | <i>Lullula arborea</i> | | | | | | 4 | | | | | |
| 75 | Sand Martin | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 76 | Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 77 | Eurasian Crag Martin | <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i> | | 2 | ✓ | 10 | 6 | | | | | | |
| 78 | House Martin | <i>Delichon urbica</i> | | 3 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 79 | Red-rumped Swallow | <i>Cecropis daurica</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 80 | Tawny Pipit | <i>Anthus campestris</i> | | | | | | | | | 3 | | |
| 81 | Meadow Pipit | <i>Anthus pratensis</i> | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 82 | Water Pipit | <i>Anthus spinoletta</i> | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 83 | White Wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | | 2 | | ✓ | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| 84 | White Wagtail [alba] | <i>Motacilla alba alba</i> | | | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| 85 | Yellow Wagtail | <i>Motacilla flava</i> | | 1 | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 86 | Grey Wagtail | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 87 | White-throated Dipper | <i>Cinclus cinclus</i> | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 88 | Winter Wren | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | | 1 | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | |
| 89 | Alpine Accentor | <i>Prunella collaris</i> | | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| 90 | Dunnock | <i>Prunella modularis</i> | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 91 | Mistle Thrush | <i>Turdus viscivorus</i> | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 92 | Eurasian Blackbird | <i>Turdus merula</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 93 | European Robin | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | | 1 | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 94 | Black Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i> | | | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| 95 | Common Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 96 | Common Stonechat | <i>Saxicola torquatus</i> | | 2 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| 97 | Northern Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | | | 3 | 6 | ✓ | | | 1 | | | |

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| | | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | |
| 98 | Black-eared Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe hispanica</i> | | | | | 4 | | | | |
| 99 | Spotted Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa striata</i> | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| 100 | Common Firecrest | <i>Regulus ignicapilla</i> | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 101 | Zitting Cisticola | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> | | | | | | | 3 | | |
| 102 | Cetti's Warbler | <i>Cettia cetti</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 103 | Eurasian Reed Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i> | | | | 1 | 2 | 7 | | | |
| 104 | Melodious Warbler | <i>Hippolais polyglotta</i> | | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 105 | Willow Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | | | | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | |
| 106 | Common Chiffchaff | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 107 | Iberian Chiffchaff | <i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i> | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 108 | Western Bonelli's Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i> | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| 109 | Blackcap | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | | 3 | | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| 110 | Common Whitethroat | <i>Sylvia communis</i> | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | |
| 111 | Dartford Warbler | <i>Sylvia undata</i> | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 112 | Subalpine Warbler | <i>Sylvia cantillans</i> | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 113 | Sardinian Warbler | <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i> | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 114 | Willow Tit | <i>Poecile montanus</i> | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 115 | Coal Tit | <i>Pariparus ater</i> | | | 1 | ✓ | | | | | |
| 116 | Great Tit | <i>Parus major</i> | | 1 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 1 | | |
| 117 | Blue Tit | <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i> | | | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 118 | Eurasian Penduline Tit | <i>Remiz pendulinus</i> | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| 119 | Eurasian Nuthatch | <i>Sitta europaea</i> | | | 3 | | 3 | | | | |
| 120 | Wallcreeper | <i>Tichodroma muraria</i> | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| 121 | Eurasian Treecreeper | <i>Certhia familiaris</i> | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 122 | Short-toed Treecreeper | <i>Certhia brachydactyla</i> | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 123 | Eurasian Golden Oriole [orioleus] | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i> | | | | | 11 | 3 | | | |
| 124 | Red-backed Shrike | <i>Lanius collurio</i> | | 6 | | | | | | | |
| 125 | Southern Grey Shrike | <i>Lanius meridionalis</i> | | | | | 6 | | 1 | | |
| 126 | Woodchat Shrike | <i>Lanius senator</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 127 | Eurasian Jay | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i> | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| 128 | Eurasian Magpie | <i>Pica pica</i> | | ✓ | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | |
| 129 | Yellow-billed Chough | <i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 130 | Red-billed Chough | <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 131 | Eurasian Jackdaw | <i>Corvus monedula</i> | | 5 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 132 | Carrion Crow | <i>Corvus corone</i> | | ✓ | 2 | ✓ | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 133 | Common Raven | <i>Corvus corax</i> | | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| 134 | Spotless Starling | <i>Sturnus unicolor</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 135 | House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 136 | Tree Sparrow | <i>Passer montanus</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 1 | | |
| 137 | Rock Sparrow | <i>Petronia petronia</i> | | | | | 7 | | | | |
| 138 | White-winged Snowfinch | <i>Montifringilla nivalis</i> | | | 6 | | | | | | |
| 139 | Chaffinch | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | 1 | | |
| 140 | Blue Chaffinch | <i>Fringilla teydea</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 141 | European Greenfinch | <i>Carduelis chloris</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 142 | European Goldfinch | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> | | 2 | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 | | |
| 143 | Common Linnet | <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> | | | 6 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 144 | European Serin | <i>Serinus serinus</i> | | | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | 2 | | | |
| 145 | Cirl Bunting | <i>Emberiza cirlus</i> | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | | | | |
| 146 | Rock Bunting | <i>Emberiza cia</i> | | | | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| 147 | Corn Bunting | <i>Emberiza calandra</i> | | | | | | 15 | | | |

Heard only species:

Quail, Crossbill and Azure-winged Magpie

Cetaceans

| | Common Name | Scientific Name | August | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| | | | 6 | 13 | 14 |
| 1 | Long-beaked Common Dolphin | <i>Delphinus capensis</i>) | 300 | 20 | |
| 2 | Long-finned Pilot Whale | <i>Globicephala melas</i>) | 18 | | |
| 3 | Striped Dolphin | <i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>) | | 6 | |
| 4 | Bottlenose Dolphin | <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>) | 20 | | |
| 5 | Sperm Whale | <i>Physeter catadon</i>) | 4 | 5 | |
| 6 | Cuvier's Beaked Whale | <i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>) | 1 | 3 | |

Mammals

European Rabbit, Brown Rat, Pipestrelle, various unidentified bats, voles and shrews

Butterflies (Thanks to all he group)

| | | |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Swallowtail | <i>Papilio machaon</i> |
| 2 | Scarce Swallowtail | <i>Iphiclides podalirius</i> |
| 3 | Small White | <i>Artogeia rapae</i> |
| 4 | Green-veined White | <i>Artogeia napi</i> |
| 5 | Bath White | <i>Pontia daplidice</i> |
| 6 | Pale Clouded Yellow | <i>Colias hyale</i> |
| 7 | Clouded Yellow | <i>Colias crocea</i> |
| 8 | Brimstone | <i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i> |
| 9 | Cleopatra | <i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i> |
| 10 | Brown Hairstreak | <i>Thecla betulae</i> |
| 11 | Blue-spot Hairstreak | <i>Strymonidia spini</i> |
| 12 | Large Copper | <i>Lycaena dispar</i> |
| 13 | Sooty Copper | <i>Lycaena tityrus</i> |
| 14 | Long-tailed Blue | <i>Lampides boeticus</i> |
| 15 | Lang's Short-tailed Blue | <i>Leptotes pirithous</i> |
| 16 | Brown Argus | <i>Aricia agestis</i> |
| 17 | Escher's Blue | <i>Agrodiaetus escheri</i> |
| 18 | Spanish Chalk-hill Blue | <i>Lysandra albicans</i> |
| 19 | Common Blue | <i>Polyommatus icarus</i> |
| 20 | Peacock Butterfly | <i>Inachis io</i> |
| 21 | Small Tortoiseshell | <i>Aglais urticae</i> |
| 22 | Comma Butterfly | <i>Polygonia c-album</i> |
| 23 | Cardinal | <i>Pandoriana pandora</i> |
| 24 | Silver-washed Fritillary | <i>Argynnis paphia</i> |
| 25 | Queen Of Spain Fritillary | <i>Issoria lathonia</i> |
| 26 | Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary | <i>Clossiana selene</i> |
| 27 | Weaver's Fritillary | <i>Clossiana dia</i> |
| 28 | Knapweed Fritillary | <i>Melitaea phoebe</i> |
| 29 | Spotted Fritillary | <i>Melitaea didyma</i> |
| 30 | Heath Fritillary | <i>Mellicta athalia</i> |

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|----|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 31 | Marbled White | <i>Melanargia galathea</i> |
| 32 | Iberian Marbled White | <i>Melanargia lachesis</i> |
| 33 | Spanish Marbled White | <i>Melanargia ines</i> |
| 34 | Rock Grayling | <i>Hipparchia alcyone</i> |
| 35 | Tree Grayling | <i>Neohipparchia statilinus</i> |
| 36 | Striped Grayling | <i>Pseudotergumia fidia</i> |
| 37 | Great Banded Grayling | <i>Kanetisa circe</i> |
| 38 | Common Brassy Ringlet | <i>Erebia cassioides</i> |
| 39 | Piedmont Ringlet | <i>Erebia meolans</i> |
| 40 | Gatekeeper | <i>Pyronia titbonus</i> |
| 41 | Spanish Gatekeeper | <i>Pyronia bathseba</i> |
| 42 | Small Heath | <i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i> |
| 43 | Speckled Wood | <i>Pararge aegeria</i> |
| 44 | Wall Brown | <i>Lasiommata megera</i> |
| 45 | Large Wall Brown | <i>Lasiommata maera</i> |
| 46 | Grizzled Skipper | <i>Pyrgus malvae</i> |
| 47 | Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper | <i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i> |
| 48 | Dingy Skipper | <i>Erynnis tages</i> |
| 49 | Chequered Skipper | <i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i> |
| 50 | Small Skipper | <i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i> |
| 51 | Silver-spotted Skipper | <i>Hesperia comma</i> |
| 52 | Large Skipper | <i>Ochlodes venatus</i> |

Moths

Dew Moth, Hummingbird Hawk Moth, Plain Golden Y, 5-spot Burnett, and pug species. Hawk-moth sp. caterpillar

Other taxa

Violet Carpenter Bee, Shield bug species, *Bombus pascuorum*, *B. hortorum*, *B. lapidarius*, Blue Flashwing Grasshoppers, Great Green Bush Cricket, Stick Insect, Crab species (Santoña marsh)

White Featherleg, Blue Emperor, Common Darter, Scarlet Darter, Ruddy Darter

Iberian Wall Lizard, Marsh Frog