

# Picos and Plains - The Best of Northern Spain

Naturetrek Tour Report

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European Tree Frog



Great Bustard



Greater Short-toed Lark



Little Owl

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## Summary

Spain is a country of contrasts with mountains, rivers, woodland, steppe, gorges and high crags. We enjoyed all of the habitats, getting the best out of our time by meandering along them, amused by the fantastic wildlife and breathtaking landscape! The ferry crossing added an exciting experience to our adventure...

### Day 1

**Sunday 3rd August**

#### Ferry journey from Plymouth to Santander

The entire group met at Plymouth Ferry Terminal where a brief explanation of the planned activities during the week ahead was given. We then boarded the Pont Avent, a good-sized vessel which crosses the northern sea several times weekly. Once on board we found our cabins and some of us headed to the dining room for lunch. At 6pm we gathered on deck 9 to begin our marine wildlife watching. The sea looked calm and the sun was generous and shining. We had views, some briefly, of Common Dolphin, Northern Gannet, Northern Fulmar, and Great, Cory's and Manx Shearwaters. We then adjourned for dinner before retiring to bed.

### Day 2

**Monday 4th August**

#### Bay of Biscay to Santander Port – Unquera – Lebeña – Espinama – Pambes

We met early on the main deck on an overcast but dry day. Cory's Shearwater, Great Shearwater, Northern Fulmar and Northern Gannet were seen, and we also saw a group of at least seven Long-fin Pilot Whales and several Common Dolphins.

As the ferry was approaching Santander, its final destination, we collected our luggage and after docking, we left the vessel and started our mainland tour. Our co-leader Laura was already waiting for us at the ferry station and after collecting our vehicles we were ready to leave Santander and head toward the mountains. We stopped for

lunch in the village of Unquera where we enjoyed a delicious sandwich by the river Deva. Here we saw our first mainland birds including Common Sandpiper, Blackcap, European Kingfisher and White Wagtail.

We then continued our journey, making a stop in the village of Lebeña to check the crags which surround this medieval village. Here we had excellent views of birds such as Griffon and Egyptian Vultures, Golden Eagle, Eurasian Kestrel, Short-toed Snake Eagle and Crag Martin. We arrived at the village of Espinama where we checked in to our rural hotel then headed to the village of Pambes. The weather was dry and a little overcast, and once there, we saw a good array of local birds such as Common and Black Redstarts, Red-backed Shrike, Serin, European Jay and a very nice Middle Spotted Woodpecker. After enjoying this nice site, we drove back to our hotel and enjoyed a delicious local-style dinner.

## Day 3

Tuesday 5th August

### Fuente Dé and cable car to the top of the Picos de Europa (Peña Vieja trail)

After an early breakfast we set off to the top of the Picos de Europa, taking advantage of the perfect weather conditions of this wonderful day! We took a picnic with us, and at the village of Fuente Dé we caught one of the first cable cars up to the very top of the massive and impressive crags. Once on top, we enjoyed the superb views, and in the distance a group of Alpine Chough. We started our walk, checking the rocky and grassy hills where Black Redstarts were flitting around. We then spotted a single Alpine Accentor which was very obliging and came close to us: then another one joined him to give us spectacular views of this lovely localised alpine bird. A juvenile White-winged Snowfinch was spotted nearby but it flew as soon as some of us put our binoculars on him. We continued our walk getting great views of Water Pipit, Black Redstart, Linnets flying over, Northern Wheatear, flocks of Alpine and Red-billed Choughs, and some Griffon Vultures which started to fly around. We also spotted a number of individual Chamois which kept us amused for a while as they were very relaxed by the rocky hills.

Continuing along the path, a pair of Alpine Accentor kept us busy for a while, as did the many species of butterflies and alpine flowers we saw along the rocky track. Once at the top of the main trail, we enjoyed views of the Liebana Valley while Alpine Choughs landed on the rock boulders next to us as if we had invited them to pose for a photo session. We continued walking on the upper track to where the trail comes to a concealed part of the gully and large boulders make a perfect habitat for the enigmatic and most-wanted Wallcreeper. The bird was spotted nearby moving actively in search of food for youngsters which were crying for some succulent large insects to eat. We set ourselves in front of their favourite rocky wall where we soon spotted the first individual and got great views of it. Then the task became even easier when two juveniles and a male came much closer to us, moving around the boulders right in front of us; amazing! We all had wonderful views of this lovely bird.

We had lunch at this lovely spot and the Wallcreeper came even closer giving great views through our binoculars and scopes! After enjoying this lovely bird, we started to walk back to the starting point, watching more Chamois and the beautiful landscape of the glacier. We spotted more White-winged Snowfinch in flight so we walked off the trail up to a hill and saw a number of these beautiful Snowfinch flying right in front of us.

We finally got back to the cable car station and took a break, enjoying the views from the top, before taking the cable car back down to the car park. Our timing was perfect as we spotted a juvenile Lammergeier flying by the cable car across the mountain crags giving some of us superb views from the cable car. We kept looking for him

once we reached the car park and found it amongst several Griffon Vultures, and then even perched...superb! This was an extra bonus as Lammergeier (or Bearded Vulture) was reintroduced to the mountains and just four individuals are known about.

After enjoying our full day in the heart of the Picos de Europa, we drove back to our hotel in Espinama in order to take a good break and get ready for supper.

## Day 4

Wednesday 6th August

### Brez – San Glorio Pass – Potes

We started the day with an early breakfast before setting off to the mountain village of Brez. We stopped before the village to check a very nice meadow surrounded by pristine oak forest at the bottom of the valley. We saw a handsome Cirl Bunting soon after getting out of the vehicles, and Red-billed Choughs were feeding on an adjacent field very close to us. Griffon Vultures were perched on the cliff tops waiting for good thermals on which to start flying with less effort. We also found Red-backed Shrike, Goldfinch, Serin, and several pairs of European Stonechat. Back in the vehicles, we continued driving up the hill to the end of the road where the village of Brez lies amongst concealed high mountain crags, and from where we saw a great array of wildlife including Common and Black Redstarts, Short-toed Eagle, Black Kite, Booted Eagle, Common Buzzard, Eurasian Kestrel, and a few European Honey Buzzards. The variety of butterflies here was superb and we certainly enjoyed watching different species, and sorting out the tricky ones as well!

The morning was going by and we continued our day heading north through Potes and diverting on to a parallel road which took us to the San Glorio Pass. The high areas were brilliant for butterflies, and interesting birds included a group of Citril Finches, one of the highlights of the day! We enjoyed our lunch here, also enjoying the sunshine and gorgeous landscape. After lunch we walked around the pine forest and alpine meadows following the ranger tracks. We spotted interesting butterflies including the endemic Chapman's Ringlet, and bird sightings included Griffon Vulture, Serin, Coal Tit, Goldcrest, Firecrest, and superb views of a Short-toed Snake Eagle. We walked back to where our vehicles were parked and drove down the valley and back to Potes where we took a break and time to explore this picturesque little village.

After a good afternoon, we drove back to Espinama and after a break we did our daily checklist followed by another delicious supper.

## Day 5

Thursday 7th August

### Espinama – Piedrasluengas Pass (1,575 m) – Salinas de Pisuergra – Zamora

Today we were heading towards the plains, but not yet leaving the mountains behind as we still had a few hours of the morning to enjoy them! We had a good breakfast, packed our bags and checked out of our Espinama hotel. We then drove southwards to the town of Zamora. Crossing the Piedrasluengas Pass, we made a stop which produced some very interesting wildlife. We had great views of Linnets, Northern Wheatear, White Wagtail, Marsh Tit and Black Redstart in the meadows. Interesting butterflies were also spotted but the highlight of the morning was superb distance views of European Wildcat spotted walking along in one of the valley fields: it was so nice to see one of these felines which was enjoyed by everyone!

We continued our journey southwards to the foothills along the river Pisuerga and made a stop in the little village of Salinas de Pisuerga. Here we walked around the river Pisuerga spotting Griffon Vulture, Red and Black Kites, White-throated Dipper, superb views of two Cetti's Warblers, Short-toed Treecreeper, Cirl Bunting, Garden Warbler, Iberian Chiffchaff, and a good selection of interesting butterflies. We enjoyed our lunch here while watching village life and the interesting scenery of this nice spot. The sun was strong as we finished our lunch; a good time to 'hit the road' for the two-and-a-half hours drive to the city of Zamora where our next hotel was located. Once at the hotel we checked in and retired to our rooms for a break. Some enjoyed a cold drink as it was still hot. Later we enjoyed a delicious dinner in the hotel's restaurant to finish the evening.

## Day 6

Friday 8th August

### Villafafila plains – River Esla

The weather on the plains was great and temperatures were in the high twenties and early thirties. After an early breakfast we left our hotel and headed north, admiring the sunny early morning along the road to Castronuevo, and then Villafafila where we were just in time to see our very first group of Great Bustards grazing in the empty barley fields. We had great views of this peculiar big bird. We also had fantastic views of two pairs of Montague's Harriers hunting along the opposite fields. Marsh Harrier, White Stork, Spotless Starling, Greater Short-toed Lark and Crested Lark were also spotted here; and a group of Little Bustards along the road was a very lucky encounter! We continued by driving to the end of the area and to the abandoned village of Otero de Sariegos where we took a stroll around the village which produced interesting species such as Little Owl, Eurasian Kestrel, Marsh Harrier, and Black Redstart. We also had great views of Rock Sparrow, and Lesser Kestrels feeding youngsters on the roofs of the old buildings. After a pleasant morning, we found a very nice spot amongst big poplar trees where we set up our picnic lunch.

The sun was shining brightly as we drove 15 minutes west towards the river Esla area. Surrounded by a pristine Dehesa habitat, the river Esla is one of the main water points in Zamora province and the main tributary of the river Duero; it provides a water supply and landscape to the transitional region of plains and mountains. We explored the old bridge from where we saw Black Kite, Great Cormorant, Little and Great Crested Grebes, Mallard, and lovely views of Golden Eagle soaring over the rocky hilltops. We then drove to one of the river shores spotting Serin, Greenfinch, Corn Bunting, Linnet and Cirl Bunting on the way. Scanning the waters and the rocky cliffs we found a very elusive Blue Rock Thrush and managed scope views. The temperature was hitting its peak around 30 degrees and wildlife was hiding so it was time to drive back to our hotel and cool down in our rooms or by the swimming pool, after a very long day and early start.

## Day 7

Saturday 9th August

### Duero International Park (Fariza)

After an early breakfast, we left our hotel and headed towards the Portuguese border and the Duero basin area. We went to a watering hole in the dry scrubland close to the small village of Fariza. There were signs of activity at the water point but it was drier than usual, perhaps due to the scarce rainfall of the late spring. We went for a walk through the scrub and cork oak habitat. With the sun set the early morning was very refreshing but with a chilly temperature. A lot of bird calls could be heard in the vast area; Corn Bunting, Sardinian and Dartford Warblers, Greenfinch, and then the distinctive call of Bee-eaters. The first birds to be seen were buntings, then

adult Woodchat Shrikes feeding a hungry and demanding chick, Iberian (Southern) Grey Shrike, and Crested Lark. Turtle Doves flew over and the first of a number of Eurasian Hoopoes flew past. As the sun started to warm the air we were entertained by ten Red-rumped Swallows and a number of Barn Swallows hawking over the adjacent fields of the dehesa.

Next we drove to another area to take a stroll and a pair of Thekla Larks turned up, giving us great views, followed by excellent views of Dartford Warbler, Short-toed Treecreeper, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Iberian Grey Shrike, and fabulous views of Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. We started to walk back to the vehicles and a group of raptors caught our eyes. We carefully checked them; there were lots of Griffon Vultures, a pair of Cinereous (Black) Vultures flying amongst them, and a Booted Eagle. After enjoying the walks we stopped at the village of Fariza for a drink which was very nice, not just for the break itself but also to see this little village's life and its people!

We then continued a short distance to our lunch spot near a village hermitage at the edge of a gorge which splits Spain from Portugal. Here we enjoyed a nice walk through the scrubby area and had great views of more Griffon and Egyptian Vultures, Short-toed Treecreeper, Dartford and Sardinian Warblers, Eurasian Hoopoe, Linnet and Red-rumped Swallows. We set our lunch in the hermitage's gardens and enjoyed the fantastic weather and the views. Some also enjoyed a fabulous display of Common Swallowtail and Spanish Swallowtail butterflies at the church's hedges!

After lunch we returned to Zamora where some of the group explored this very nice city, and others took a break in the hotel's grounds.

## Day 8

Sunday 10th August

Zamora – Villalpando \_ Las Tuerces – Santander

Today we had a long journey back to the city of Santander. The day was nice and sunny with blue skies, great for driving while enjoying the pristine landscape of the plains! We travelled north on the main motorway heading to Palencia and bearing left to the Villalpando area where we looked for a few more species. Then straight to Las Tuerces where we had lunch at the river Pisuerga, enjoying a few interesting birds such as White-throated Dipper, White Wagtail, European Bullfinch, Crag Martin and Iberian Chiffchaff; not to mention the lots of butterflies which we enjoyed as much as the birds! We also found an American Mink drifting up and down the river.

We left the very sunny Mediterranean side of the Cantabrian Mountains and eventually crossed to the sea side where the weather was wet as we arrived in Santander. We checked in to our hotel in time for a relaxing late afternoon and evening.

## Day 9

Monday 11th August

Santander – ferry to Portsmouth

After having enjoyed the lovely surroundings of Santander the previous night, we had planned to explore the reed beds at Sardinero but unfortunately the weather was too inclement to do so. We checked out from our hotel

and walked across the main avenue to the ferry terminal to catch our ferry to Portsmouth. We said good bye to our co-leader, Laura who was heading south to her home town of Palencia. We then boarded the vessel and started the crossing in fairly calm waters.

## Day 10

Tuesday 12th August

### English Channel into Portsmouth

Some of us gathered on deck 9 to look for marine wildlife. We spotted some Gannets, Cory's and Manx Shearwaters, and Northern Fulmar. It was productive for marine mammals as we saw Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Pilot Whale, Minke Whale, and Common Dolphin.

Eventually we went back indoors to eat and then we gathered together as we berthed and disembarked in Portsmouth where it was a warm and sunny afternoon. We all said our goodbyes and headed home with great memories of some of the best parts of northern Spain along with its wildlife, countryside, food and beautiful places!

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## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	August											
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>						✓						
2	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>						✓						
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				
4	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	✓	✓									✓	
5	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	
6	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	✓										✓	
7	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>										✓		
8	Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	
9	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓					
10	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓										
11	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓				
12	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>						✓						
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓			✓	✓		✓				
14	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						✓						
15	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓										
16	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	
17	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		✓										
18	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓								✓	✓		
19	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			✓	✓			✓					
20	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				
21	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
22	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		✓		✓			✓					
23	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
24	Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>			✓									
25	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		✓										
26	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
27	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						✓		✓				
28	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						✓		✓				
29	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
30	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓				
31	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>						✓		✓				
32	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
33	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>				✓								
34	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓			✓							
35	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>					✓	✓		✓				
36	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>						✓						
37	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						✓	✓					
38	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						✓						
39	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						✓						
40	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>						✓						
41	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							✓	✓				
42	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							✓					
43	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓				✓		✓				
44	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓										
45	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓									✓		
46	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓	✓										
47	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	

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48	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓								✓	
49	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓									
50	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>										✓	
51	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		✓								✓	
52	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>											✓
53	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>		✓									
54	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			
55	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
56	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>							✓				
57	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓			
58	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>									✓		
59	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						✓					
60	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
61	European Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓			✓				✓		
62	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>						✓	h				
63	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					✓	✓	✓				
64	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>							✓				
65	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		✓		h							
66	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					✓		h				
67	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis sharpei</i>		h									
68	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓		✓	✓						
69	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>							✓				
70	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>							✓				
71	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>							✓				
72	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓				
73	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>					✓						
74	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>			✓	✓	✓				✓		
76	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>			✓								
77	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>						✓	✓	✓			
78	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
79	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		
80	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>				✓	✓						
81	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>				✓	✓						
82	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>							✓				
83	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓		✓	✓	h	✓				
84	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>					h	✓	✓				
85	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				✓	✓						
86	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>									h		
87	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>						✓					
88	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>									✓		
89	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓			
90	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>							✓				
91	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>							✓				
92	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>									✓		
93	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							✓				
94	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
95	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓					
96	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
97	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>						✓	✓				
98	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓			

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
99	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>						✓				
100	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>						✓				
101	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>					✓			✓		
102	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>				✓			✓			
103	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>								✓		
104	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						✓	✓	✓		
105	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>							✓	✓		
106	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>						✓	h	✓		
107	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
108	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>					✓					
109	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>						✓	✓			
110	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>							✓			
111	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>							h			
112	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>				✓						
113	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>				✓						
114	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				✓			h	✓		
115	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			✓		✓		h			
116	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>			✓							
117	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>					✓		✓			
118	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
119	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
120	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		h		✓	✓	✓		✓		
121	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>							✓			
122	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
123	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		✓			✓					
124	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		
125	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
126	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>							✓			
127	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓								
128	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		✓								
129	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>				✓	✓					
130	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
131	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>						✓	✓			
132	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>							✓			
133	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>			✓							
134	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>			✓							
135	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>					✓					
136	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>					✓					
137	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
138	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						✓				
139	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			✓	✓						
140	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				✓						
141	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>			✓							
142	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
143	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
144	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓			✓		✓			
145	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
146	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>				✓						
147	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓			
148	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>					h					
149	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>								✓		

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150	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓			✓							
151	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>					✓			✓				
152	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			h					h				
153	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>				✓	✓		✓					

## Mammals

1	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			1								
2	Roof Rat	<i>Rattus rattus</i>						✓					
3	Chamois (Izard)	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>			5								
4	Cuvier's Beaked Whale	<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>										3	
5	Long-finned Pilot Whale	<i>Globicephala melaena</i>		7									
6	Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	6	8								✓	✓
7	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>						✓		✓			
8	Stoat	<i>Mustela erminia</i>		✓									
9	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				✓					✓		
10	European Wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>					✓						
11	Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>						✓					
12	Geoffroy's Bat	<i>Myotis emarginatus</i>						✓					
13	American Mink	<i>Neovison vison</i>									✓		

## Butterflies

1	Continental Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>										✓	
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclydes podalirius</i>								✓	✓		
3	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>			✓	✓							
4	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
5	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
6	Green-veined White	<i>Aporia napi</i>		✓								✓	
7	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>										✓	
8	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>							✓				
9	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
10	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias australis</i>			✓								
11	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓		
12	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>										✓	
13	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓									
14	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>				✓							
15	Blue Spot Hairstreak	<i>Strymonia spini</i>										✓	
16	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>				✓							
17	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>		✓									
18	Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>				✓							
19	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>						✓			✓		
20	Turquoise Blue	<i>Plebicula dorylas</i>				✓							
21	Spanish Chalk-hill Blue	<i>Lysandra albicans</i>			✓						✓		
22	Mazarine Blue	<i>Polyommatus semiargus</i>			✓								
23	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>				✓							
24	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓									
25	Foster's Furry Blue	<i>Polyommatus dolus</i>										✓	
26	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>				✓						✓	
27	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>		✓									
28	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>				✓	✓						
29	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>				✓							
30	Twin-spot Fritillary	<i>Brenthis hecate</i>				✓							

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31	Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>									✓		
32	Iberian Marbled White	<i>Melanargia lachesis</i>				✓	✓				✓		
33	Western Marbled White	<i>Melanargia occitanica</i>		?									
34	Rock Grayling	<i>Hipparchia alcyone</i>						?	?				
35	Grayling	<i>Hipparchia semele</i>							?				
36	Tree Grayling	<i>Neohipparchia sttilinus</i>								?			
37	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisa circe</i>									✓		
38	Common Brassy Ringlet	<i>Erebia cassioides</i>			✓								
39	Chapman's Ringlet	<i>Erebia palarica</i>				✓							
40	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>			✓								
41	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>			?								
42	Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>				✓	✓						
43	Southern Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia cecilia</i>									✓		
44	Spanish Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia bathseba</i>				?							
45	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>								✓	✓		
46	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>				✓	✓						
47	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>								✓	✓		
48	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>					✓			✓	✓		
49	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>				✓	✓				✓		
50	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>			?	?				?			
51	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>								✓			
52	Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>									✓		
53	Marbled Skipper	<i>Carchrodus lavatherae</i>									✓		
54	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓					
55	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>				✓	✓				✓		
56	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>									✓		

## Other Taxa

24	Sunfish	<i>Mola mola</i>		✓									
25	Red-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>		✓									
	Blue-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caeruleascens</i>				✓							
26	Viviparous Lizard	<i>Zooteca vivipara</i>			✓	✓							
27	White-tailed Bumble Bee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>			✓	✓							
28	Iberian Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta spp.</i>					✓						
29	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>					✓				✓		
30	Iberia Water Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>						✓					
31	Iberian Rock Lizard	<i>Lacerti granadensis</i>						✓			✓		
32	White Featherleg Damselfly	<i>Platycnemis latipes</i>						✓					
33	Common European Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>								✓			
34	Iberian Frog	<i>Rana iberica</i>								✓			
35	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emis orbicularis</i>								✓			
36	Iberian Bluetail	<i>Ischnura grellsii</i>								✓	✓		
37	Small (Scarce) Damselfly	<i>Ischnura spp.</i>								✓			
38	Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>								✓	✓		
39	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>									✓		
40	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>									✓		
41	Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>									✓		
42	Western Damselfly	<i>Ischnura spp.</i>									✓		
43	Small Red Damselfly	<i>Ceriagrion tenellum</i>									✓		