

Picos and Plains - The Best of Northern Spain

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

We started this new adventure from the port of Plymouth, returning to Portsmouth after ten exciting days in mainland Spain, drifting along majestic cliffs and gorges around Picos de Europa (Cantabria & Asturias), followed by the lush slopes and steppes of Zamora province (Castilla y Leon), getting the best of northern Spain in our pockets! The contrast in landscape gave us a good taste of the different wildlife we all had, a good mix between the deep sea, the high mountains and the plains. We had the chance to see the north of Spain from a different perspective, from the real countryside to their ancient and picturesque cities. The weather was very kind to us throughout our trip, quite variable during the crossing – as usual – and very fresh and pleasant once in land! We experienced an array of habitats and the proper Iberian climate and its wildlife from the sky-high Picos de Europa to the warmer Mediterranean-influenced plains and rivers of Castilla y Leon based in Zamora. It was indeed a great experience for all of us who came to this tour to enjoy the highlights of the Picos & Plains!

Day 1

Sunday 7th August

Ferry journey from Plymouth to Santander

The entire group met in the ferry terminal in Plymouth. After a introducing ourselves we proceeded to check-in and had a brief explanation of the activities to be done in the week ahead. We then started a rather easy boarding of the Pont-Aven which was ready to take us offshore in our one-night crossing to the beautiful city of Santander. Once on board, we retired to our cabins to settle in and once we hit the deep ocean we gathered together on the main deck in order to check the sea, where we managed to see a Northern Fulmar, Northern Gannets, and a few Manx and Cory's Shearwaters. We went back within the boat in order to have dinner before retiring to bed.

Day 2

Monday 8th August

Bay of Biscay and arrival into Santander Port – Unquera – Espinama – Pembro

We agreed to meet up on the main deck early on this rather nice morning. We soon started scanning the waters, having fruitful results as we had great close views of a Fin Whale which was near the boat with possibly two calves. A few Minke Whales were also seen, alongside a flock of Cory's Shearwaters and a Sooty Shearwater amongst them. a Sabine's Gull was also seen on this morning, and plenty of blowing in the distance was likely to be Cuvier's Beaked Whales. Some of us had also views of Bottle-nosed Dolphins.

As the ferry was approaching to its final destination, Santander, we got our stuff ready and left the vessel together in order to start our mainland tour. Our co-leader Laura met up with us at the ferry terminal and, after sorting out our vehicles, we started our driving towards Picos de Europa, making a lunch stop in the village of Unquera. We then continued on the road to Potes making a stop at the Santa Maria Church in the outskirts of the village of Lebeña, where we had a few Griffon Vultures, Common Buzzards and Common Swifts, amongst others. It was a very sunny and hot afternoon, so we continued to the village of Espinama afterwards.

As the weather was good and cooling down, we decided to take the vehicles and take a short drive to the village of Pembro, from where we saw very interesting birds such as Northern Goshawk, Middle Spotted Woodpecker,

and plenty of passerines such as Common Blackbirds, Blackcaps, and Blue and Great Tits enjoying a feast on a cherry tree. After this, we returned to our hotel in order to enjoy a delicious local-style dinner.

Day 3

Tuesday 9th August

Brez – Lon/Quintana – Mogrovejo

We started the day with a delicious breakfast, setting off afterwards to the mountain village of Brez, making a stop before the village in order to explore a very nice meadow surrounded by pristine oak forest. We had a few handsome Cirl Buntings as soon as we got off the vans; a large number of Red-billed Choughs were also seen flying and landing on the meadows nearby, giving us fantastic views of this lovely birds. We also had several Griffon Vultures perched on the cliff tops waiting for good thermals, to allow them start flying around with less effort. We also saw plenty of European Goldfinch, Common Redstart, White Wagtail, Black Redstart and European Stonechat. We then started our walk up the meadow, reaching the top from where we saw the beautiful valley and also a few interesting birds such as Firecrest, Short-toed Treecreeper, Egyptian Vulture, and Booted Eagle.

The drizzly morning didn't change our plans and we carried on to the village of Brez, from where the views of the valleys are superb and raptors can be seen eye level. Here we had great views of Egyptian Vulture, Northern Raven, Griffon Vulture and Red-billed Chough. We also had great views of Eurasian Jay, and a female Red-backed Shrike feeding a youngster. Lunch time was around the corner so we found a suitable place where we had a nice shelter to enjoy our picnic lunch, taking a nice stroll nearby afterwards. We then drove down the main road to the village of Quintana from where we had a nice walk along the river Deva. This produced good views of Grey Wagtail, Short-toed Treecreeper, and a fabulous White-throated Dipper. After this walk, we drove around various viewpoints ending up in the beautiful and picturesque village of Mogrovejo from where we had great views of Egyptian and Griffon Vultures and various Booted Eagles, amongst other wildlife. At the end of the day, and driving back to our hotel in Espinama, a sudden stop had to be made when a Middle Spotted Woodpecker was spotted by the main road; we had great views of this rather elusive bird.

We then drove back to our hotel in Espinama in order to get ready for another delicious supper.

Day 4

Wednesday 10th August

Cable car to Picos de Europa National Park

After our usual breakfast, we set off on a short drive to Fuente De where we got ready for our full day up in the heights of Picos de Europa National Park. It was very foggy and cold when we reached the top at nearly 2,000 metres altitude, but we already started to get great views of some of our target birds such as Alpine Accentor, White-winged Snowfinch and Alpine Choughs. We soon got our layers on and started our walk along the main track where plenty of Black Redstarts, Linnets and Northern Wheatears were seen very well. A few Chamois were spotted in the distance on the western area of the mountains, whilst a lovely Water Pipit was spotted feeding on a patch of grass nearby.

The track-side rocky areas had a few interesting alpine flowers left that we enjoyed looking at every now and again. We then suddenly heard a Wallcreeper calling in the distance, and there it was, not far off really, so we

managed to get fantastic views of this fantastic bird species, one of the most sought-after species in Europe. Happy with the results of our morning, we decided to walk back to the cable car station in order to find some shelter to eat our lunch, alongside delicious coffee and hot chocolate, ideal to relieve the cold morning blues!

The weather improved dramatically after lunch so we took another stroll over the rocky grassy hills, finding more interesting wild flowers, butterflies and more birds; we were particularly impressed with the number of White-winged Snowfinch we saw, numerous flocks of over 30 individuals!

By the late afternoon, we took the cable car back to Fuente De and then drove back to Espinama in order to have a break and get ready to do our checklist of the day, followed by another great and delicious supper.

Day 5

Thursday 11th August

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

We started the morning ready to move on towards the plains, leaving the mountains behind and making a few stops along the way. We had a good breakfast and then we packed up and checked out of our hotel in Espinama in order to drive southwards to Zamora, crossing through the Piedrasluengas Pass, where we made a quick stop to stretch our legs and also to check the sky, the pristine beech forest and the meadows. Unfortunately the weather wasn't as good as we were expecting, as it was a bit overcast up here, so we moved on and continued our journey southwards. We made a stop in the little village of Cervera de Pisuegra where we visited an ancient hermitage, which also produced great views of Yellowhammer and Red-backed Shrike. We then continued to the village of Salinas de Pisuegra where we took a stroll along the river, which produced some interesting wildlife, followed by a picnic lunch by the river.

After lunch, a two-and-a-half drive got us to our hotel located by the river Duero in central Zamora. We checked in and retired to our rooms for a break and to enjoy very cold drinks as the heat was hitting. Later on we went to enjoy a delicious dinner in the hotel's restaurant to finish the evening.

Day 6

Friday 12th August

Villafafila plains – River Esla

The weather in the plains was great and, unlike previous years, it was cool with fairly good temperatures during the afternoon, not unbearably hot - just right! After an early breakfast, we left our hotel heading north and admiring the sunrise of the very early morning. We arrived at Villafafila just in time to see our very first group of Great Bustards grazing in the empty barley fields and we had great views of this peculiar, big bird. We also had fantastic views of two pairs of Montagu's Harrier hunting along the opposite fields; alongside them Marsh Harrier, White Stork, Spotless Starlings, and Crested Larks. We continued by driving to the other end of the area and into the abandoned village of Otero de Saregos, where we took a stroll around the village which produced interesting species such as Little Owl, Red-legged Partridge, plenty of Common Kestrel, Marsh Harrier, and Black Redstarts. We had also great views of Lesser Kestrels feeding youngsters on the roofs of the old buildings and playing on the dry fields. We also found one of the main marshes full of water and this produced a few interesting waders, such as Pied Avocet, Northern Lapwing, Black-winged Stilt, Dunlin and Black-tailed Godwit, amongst others.

We then continued to another area with a small pond of water where we found a few Zitting Cisticola, Common Chiffchaff, Crested Larks, more Great Bustards, and a family group of Eurasian Golden Oriole; the raptors were everywhere: Marsh Harriers, Common Kestrels, Montagu's Harriers, Booted Eagle, Common Buzzards and Griffon Vultures, amongst others. After a nice and pleasant morning, we made a comfort stop in one of the local bars, followed by lunch in a very nice spot amongst big poplar trees, where we set up our picnic lunch while enjoying the surrounding fields of the plains.

The sun was up and shining bright and it was time for us to drive west a good fifteen minutes 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 great water supply and landscape to the transitional region of plains and mountains. We chose to explore the old bridge, from where we saw Black Kites, European Bee-eaters, European Kingfisher, Squacco Heron, Purple Heron, and Sardinian Warbler. We then drove to one of the river shores spotting some Serin, Linnets, Cirl Bunting and Crag Martins. Scanning the waters and the rocky cliffs where we found a very elusive Blue Rock Thrush. He was very hard to spot but we managed to put the scope on him in spite of the distance away. The day was hitting its peak of heat and it was hard to find more wildlife around; the temperature was around 30°C, so it was time to drive back to our hotel and cool down in our rooms. We gathered later on for a very well-deserved break after a very long day and early start.

Day 7

Saturday 13th August

Fariza (Duero International Park and Arribes del Duero)

After a very early breakfast, we left our hotel and headed off at dawn towards the Portuguese border to the Duero basin area. The Mediterranean forest quickly became one of our favourite habitats of the trip due to its unique and pristine condition and for the very rural and wild sensation that it brought to us. We made our first walk along this habitat which quickly produced interesting birds such as Sardinian and Dartford Warblers, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Serin, Woodchat Shrikes, Iberian Chiffchaff, Short-toed Treecreepers, Crested Tits, Wood Lark, Turtle Doves, Common Whitethroat, lovely views of Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, amongst the distinctive calls of European Bee-eaters. There were also Iberian (Southern) Grey Shrike, Crested Lark, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Red-rumped Swallows and a striking pair of Booted Eagles, both dark and pale morph, flying over our heads!

After the mid morning, we took a break for facilities and refreshments at the village of Fariza, from where we continued our exploration, finding a water pond where we saw a good variety of birds coming to feed on insects, or simply just to refresh themselves as the sun was hitting hard. We had great views here of Crested Tit, Cetti's Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Sardinian Warbler, Greenfinch, Melodious Warbler, Chaffinch, Common Chiffchaff, Cirl Bunting, Serin and others. The pond was also full of Iberian Water Frogs (*Rana perezi*) and dragonflies, a feast for a hunting Viperine Snake (*Natrix maura*) we saw in the water.

Lunch time was around the corner so we drove a short distance to where the village's hermitage is, right at the edge of the gorges which split Spain from Portugal; here we enjoyed of a nice walk through the scrubby area, having great views of more Griffon Vultures, Linnets and Red-rumped Swallows. We set out our lunch in the hermitage's gardens in order to enjoy the fantastic weather and the views; some of us were also enjoying a fabulous display of Common Swallowtail and Scarce Swallowtail at the church's hedges. After lunch, we drove

across the border into Portugal where we made a stop at the river Duero mirador, in the outskirts of the little town of Miranda Do Duoro, where we saw a large flock of Alpine Swifts, Crag and House Martins, and Pallid Swifts. The temperature was increasing and it became a bit too hot so we drove into town to have some refreshments and a little break.

We then finally returned to Zamora for a good break followed by a dinner.

Day 8

Sunday 14th August

Villafáfila – Toro – Fuentes de Nava – Aguilar de Campoo

An early and last exploration to the plains of Villafáfila was made on this morning, having fantastic views of dozens of Great Bustards, Montagu's Harriers, Crested Larks, Lesser and Common Kestrels, Common Buzzards, and Black Kites. We then returned to our hotel in order to have a relaxing breakfast before loading our vehicles and start our journey to the north. The day was nice and sunny with blue skies, great for driving while enjoying the pristine landscape of the plains! We headed towards the town of Toro where we made a stop on the way in order to have great views of Iberian Magpies. We then continued northwards heading to Tierra de Campos where we made a stop at the marshes of Fuentes de Nava. Here we found some interesting species such as Western Marsh Harriers, Ruff, Little Ringed Plover, Purple Heron, and many more. We enjoyed our picnic lunch here and continued our journey north to the small town of Aguilar de Campo, arriving at our hotel in time for a relaxing late afternoon and evening.

Day 9

Monday 15th August

Santander – ferry to Portsmouth

We started the day early with a short drive out of town to the geological reserve of Las Loras, where we had a stroll which produced lovely butterflies and birds such as Great Banded and Rock Graylings, and Rock Buntings, Wood Larks, Black Redstarts, Iberian Chiffchaff and Tree Pipit. After enjoying the surroundings of this interesting reserve, we drove back to our hotel in Aguilar de Campo in order to have breakfast, pack up and go to Santander where our ferry was waiting to take us to Portsmouth.

Once on board and after two hours of sailing, we reached the Bay of Biscay where we had great views of Northern Minke Whales, Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Arctic Skua, Balearic Shearwater and Great Skua, amongst others. We all stayed until it was quiet, enjoying the beautiful sunset in the horizon on this gorgeous early evening.

Day 10

Tuesday 16th August

English Channel into Portsmouth

Again, we gathered together on deck 9 in order to keep looking for some marine wildlife but it was a bit quiet, apart from some Northern Gannets and Northern Fulmars we saw. We went back indoors to eat something and then we gathered together to catch up with our checklist before disembarking in Portsmouth.

We arrived to Portsmouth in the early afternoon where we went our separate ways back home, keeping great memories of some of the best parts of northern Spain along with its' wildlife, countryside, food and beautiful places visited! And of course, we all enjoyed the warm camaraderie of making new friends in wildlife....Adios Spain!!!

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	August								
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>						✓			
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>						✓		✓	
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>								✓	
5	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>						✓	✓	✓	
6	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	✓	✓							✓
7	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris borealis</i>	✓	✓							✓
8	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		✓							
9	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	✓	✓							
10	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>									✓
11	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓				
12	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>							✓		
14	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		✓						✓	✓
15	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						✓		✓	
17	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>						✓	✓		
18	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓					✓		
19	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓							✓
20	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓
21	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
22	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			✓			✓			
23	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>				✓					
25	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		✓							
26	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						✓		✓	
27	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>					✓	✓		✓	
28	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓	

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29	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
31	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>							✓		✓	
32	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>									h	
33	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>								✓	✓	
35	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>										✓
36	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>							✓		✓	
37	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>							✓			
38	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							✓		✓	
39	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>									✓	
40	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>									✓	
41	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>							✓			
42	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>									✓	
43	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	
44	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>							✓			
45	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>							✓		✓	
46	Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>		✓								
47	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓
48	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓									✓
49	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓								✓
50	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓					✓		✓	
51	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>							✓			
52	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>										✓
53	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>										✓
54	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>								✓		
56	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>							✓			
58	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		h						✓		
59	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓		✓
60	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>								✓		

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
61	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>						✓	✓	✓		
62	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>									✓	✓
63	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>						✓	✓	✓		
64	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>								✓		
65	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		✓	✓							
66	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			h	✓				✓		✓
67	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>			h							
68	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>							✓		✓	
69	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓							
71	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			✓			✓				
72	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>						✓	✓	✓		
73	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>							✓	✓		
74	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>							✓	h	✓	
75	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓		
76	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>									✓	
77	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>			✓	✓						
79	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>				✓						
80	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
81	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
82	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>								✓		
83	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
85	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>							✓	✓		✓
86	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>							✓	✓		
87	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>							✓	✓	✓	
88	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							✓			
89	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
91	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>								✓	✓	

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
93	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>								✓	h	h
94	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>						✓				✓
95	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>								✓		✓
97	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		✓						✓		
98	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>									✓	
99	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>								✓		
100	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>							✓		✓	
101	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓			✓				
102	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>							✓	✓		
103	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>								✓		
104	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>							✓	✓		
105	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			✓							
106	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				h		✓		h		
107	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		h						✓		
108	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>				✓						
109	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓					✓		
110	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
112	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	✓			✓				
113	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓							✓
114	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>								✓	✓	✓
115	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
116	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			✓							✓
117	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>							✓			
118	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	
120	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			✓							✓
121	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
122	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>							✓			
123	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>				✓						
124	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>				✓						

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125	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>					✓					
126	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>									✓	
127	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓		✓					
128	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>										✓
130	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>				✓						
131	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	h		✓			✓	✓	✓
132	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>								✓		✓
133	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>				✓			✓	✓		
134	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
135	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>					✓			✓	✓	✓
136	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>							✓			
137	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>					✓					
138	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>										✓
139	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			✓				✓	✓		

Mammals

1	Black (Roof) Rat	<i>Rattus rattus</i>			✓							
2	Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>				✓						
3	Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>		✓								
4	Cuvier's Beaked Whale	<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>										✓
5	Northern Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>		✓								✓
6	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>		✓								
7	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>								✓	✓	
8	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>							✓			
9	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>			✓							✓

Other Taxa

1	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>		✓								
2	Bedriaga's Skink	<i>Chalcides bedriagai</i>			✓							
3	Viviparous Lizard	<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>				✓	✓					
4	Iberian Rock Lizard	<i>Iberolacerta monticola</i>					✓					

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5	Viperine Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>								✓		
6	Iberian Water Frog	<i>Rana iberica</i>							✓	✓		
7	Humming-bird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		✓								
8	Jersey Tiger Moth	<i>Euplagia quadripunctaria</i>			✓							
9	Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>							✓			
10	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>							✓			
11	Small Red-eye Damselfly	<i>Erythroma viridulum</i>							✓			
12	Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>							✓			
13	Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>								✓		
14	Scarlet Darter	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>								✓		
15	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>							✓			
16	Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>									✓	
17	Southern Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>										✓

Butterflies

Swallowtail , *Papilio machaon*

Small White , *Pieris (Artogeia) rapae*

Long-tailed Blue , *Lampides boeticus*

Escher's Blue , *Agrodiaetus escheri*

Red Admiral , *Vanessa atalanta*

Iberian Marbled White , *Melanargia lachesis*

Grayling , *Hipparchia semele*

Great Banded Grayling , *Kanetisa circe*

Speckled Wood , *Pararge aegeria tircis*

Wall Brown , *Lasiommata megera*

Large Skipper , *Ochlodes venatus*

Scarce Swallowtail , *Iphiclides podalirius*

Mountain Small White , *Pieris (Artogeia) ergane*

Lang's Short-tailed Blue , *Leptotes pirithous*

Common Blue , *Polyommatus icarus*

Silver-washed Fritillary , *Argynnis paphia*

Western Marbled White , *Melanargia occitanica*

Tree Grayling , *Neohipparchia statilinus*

Mountain Ringlet , *Erebia epiphron*

Speckled Wood , *Pararge aegeria aegeria*

Meadow Brown , *Maniola jurtina*

Large White , *Pieris brassicae*

Clouded Yellow , *Colias crocea*

Brown Argus , *Aricia agestis*

Mother-of-pearl Blue , *Polyommatus nivescens*

Comma Butterfly , *Polygonia c-album*

Rock Grayling , *Hipparchia alcyone*

Dryad , *Minois dryas*

Gatekeeper , *Pyronia tithonus*

Large Wall Brown , *Lasiommata maera*

Grizzled Skipper , *Pyrgus malvae*