

# Spain - Extremadura & Gredos Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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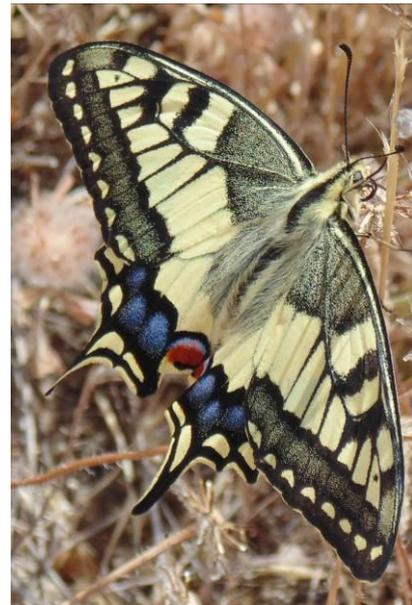
European Roller



Iberian Wall Lizard



*Aquilegia dichroa*



Swallowtail

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## Day 1

Monday 12th May

Heathrow- Madrid- Talavera- Vina Las Torres. Sunny - 30 degrees C

After our flight from Heathrow we collected together and picked up our vans for the week, and set off on our way into the Madrid traffic and out into the wide open roads of Spain heading towards Extremadura. As we drove along the roads, the first of the wildlife drifted into view in the shape of White Stork, Black Kites and Red Kites along the road side with the occasional Kestrel for good measure. We soon found ourselves pulling into a petrol station outside of Tallavera where Crested Lark scurried around the forecourt, with the local House and Spanish Sparrows were diving out of their high-rise flats in the bottom of the local Storks nests, while Swallows and Red rumped Swallows flitted back and forth.

After a stretch of our legs we carried on towards Trujillo and our home for the next couple of days, we turned up the track to the hotel where Corn Buntings sat along the walls and soon we were at Vina la Torres and enjoying the warm welcome of our hosts for the next few days. We settled in and met for welcome drinks and a wonderful meal before getting a good night's sleep ready for the day ahead.

## Day 2

Tuesday 13th May

Trujillo - Belen Steppes. Sunny 30+ degrees

Everyone was up for a pre-breakfast amble on a beautiful sunny morning in and around the grounds of the hotel. As we walked along we were met by the local Iberian Magpies bouncing around in the bushes around us, and soon heard the warbling of Golden Orioles from the Olive trees around giving brief but frustrating glimpses.

A Sardinian Warbler was flitting back and forth then finally a Golden Oriole was seen sitting out and singing for the group. After this we headed back for breakfast, and just as we were heading through the gate a large finch flitted by us, which was picked up again and under the cherry were two Hawfinches. After breakfast we headed

off down towards Trujillo to pick up supplies and everyone was dropped off at the Bull ring where a few Lesser Kestrels glided around. Then we walked down to the local park where the Serins jangled away, before setting out towards Belen and the steppes beyond. As we drove out to the plains we stopped for a scan of the area ahead, soon picking up on a Short toed Eagle circling round. We headed down the road stopping by a stream, where once again the Short toed came back into view - this time with a snake in tow or should I say “toe”! As well as this a few Griffin Vultures were coming into view, circling up on the thermals, whilst a Zitting Cisticola was seen around the fields on either side of us. Our attention was soon drawn to a pool along the road where European Pond Terrapins sat basking in the sun, with a few Marsh Frogs as well.

We drove on, seeing Corn Buntings along the fence line, before pulling over again to scan the area where Black Kites drifted around over the nearby farm buildings and a few Calandra Larks flitted back and forth over the field and farm tracks. A mass group of two hundred plus Swifts were swirling around us feeding for insects, and as fast as they came they disappeared. We were still looking for Bustards...yet still none! We reached the crest of a hill and a crossroad where we decided to go along a dirt track for a bit in search of our quarry and to find a little shade for lunch. As we drove up the track a Booted Eagle was startled off the side of the track, and then some heads popped out of the grass in the shape of Great Bustards! We stopped as a group of birds marched back and forth through the grass, frustratingly never coming close or over the brow of the hill nearer to the main road...but still well worth the trek up. We stopped for lunch and continued to scan round, a large eagle came in to view through a group of Vultures – it was a Spanish Imperial Eagle which soon drifted back away into the distance. At the same time a Marsh Harrier drifted low along the broom bank we had driven along, and dragged everyone away from the butterflies which were around our picnic area. We finished up lunch and headed back to the road and on through the plains.

We drove along checking the larks and Corn Buntings on the side of the road and soon again we went on to dirt tracks, where we pulled over and scanned for anything moving around. Some butterflies bouncing around included Clouded Yellow, Brown Argus and Small Copper. The group soon spotted a few White Storks circling up with a Black Stork in the mix, giving everyone a chance to get to grips with the two species. A couple of Southern Grey Shrikes were in the broom bushes, and we headed on still scanning the fence-line and the fields when soon another two Great Bustards came into view, and we also had a brief view of a Little Owl and some Kestrels. The local Foxglove (*Digitalis thapsi*) was flowering along the side of the track. We turned towards Madonera and a rougher track where we came across a Tawny Pipit up on the fence showing well. Carrying on down the track we picked up on another movement in the Broom which soon popped out properly in the shape of a Greater Spotted Cuckoo – it showed well for the group. We moved on again running into two more Greater Spotted Cuckoos before finding a family of Stonechats flitting either side of the track and once again the Marsh Harrier of earlier which this time showed much better. We returned to Vina la Torres and enjoyed dinner, before a well-earned sleep ready for the next day.

## Day 3

Wednesday 14th May

Madonera- Rio Almonte- Monfragüe National Park (Castile- Pena falcon- Rio Taja- Visitor centre-Teitar). Sunny, Windy, 30 degrees plus

Everyone was up early for breakfast, before setting out for the day. We stopped at Madonera for some bread which gave the group a chance to look at some Stork nests, before getting to grips with the Pallid Swifts that nest in the village. Just as we reached the outskirts of Monfragüe a large raptor caught our attention pulling - a

Spanish Imperial Eagle which drifted around before heading off. We headed on to the Castile, and once parked we started the trek up to the top, with Wall Browns and Speckled Woods and Linnets flitting around. On arrival at the top we headed to the top of the Castile for the incredible view, with two Alpine Swifts passing by and Griffon Vulture. We came down to the lower observation platforms where Vultures were passing by at head height, including Egyptian Vultures, while a little further off Peregrine Falcon and Black Storks drifted round. We tore ourselves away to carry on through the park, stopping on the way down for great perched views of Griffon Vulture and Blue Rock Thrush. We then went to Pen falcon rock where we looked up at the rock face and saw the spectacle of all the vultures on the face dropping off, with a few Black Storks occasionally doing a fly by, while the peregrines took on and harangued their vulture neighbours! We moved on through the park stopping briefly at the bridge at the Rio Taja to view the amazing House Martin colony and the chance to see Alpine Swifts as well as the fishing Black Kites.

After our picnic at the visitor centre we headed on to the Rio Tietar along the winding roads through the reservoirs and soon reached our goal, pulling up in the shade we walked back to the observation point where we were greeted by Spanish Imperial Eagles flying round with the occasional vulture to boot. In the scrub around Rock Bunting and Sardinian Warbler gave us the occasional view. We started the trek back trying little stops along the way which produced Deer, Egyptian Vulture on the nest, Sub-alpine Warbler and Black-eared Wheatear. We soon found ourselves back at Vina la Torres for a great meal and to talk over all we had seen that day.

## Day 4

Thursday 15th May

Santa de Magasca Plain- Monroy Road- Rio Magasca, Caceres plain- Trujillo. Sunny – Windy 35 degrees plus

With an early breakfast we set out on our way to the Santa de Magasca plain and at our first stop we disembarked and started walking through the plain with Corn Buntings singing around us with Calandra Larks flitting out in the fields while a couple of Southern Grey Shrikes sat on the broom bushes in front of us. We carried on up with the “raspberrying” of a Little Bustard which was ahead amongst the long grass calling away. Carrying on up the little growls of Sand Grouse were soon heard and a large mixed group passed by us, mainly Pintail but one or two people picked up on some Black Bellied! As we walked back down the track Cleopatra, Meadow Brown, Southern Gate Keeper and Clouded Yellow started to emerge as well as a Thread winged Ant Lion. We moved on, finding perched Bee eaters and Crested Lark.

We headed up towards the Monroy road where we stopped and watched several pairs of Montagu’s Harriers drifting back and forth over the fields, and dropped back down in to the gully for a spot of lunch. While setting up lunch, everyone had a look around the river gully where European Pond Terrapins bathed on the rocks below us, and broom bushes held Ilex Hairstreak and also Blue-spot Hairstreaks. We finished lunch and moved on heading up on to the Caceres plains where we were met by a Golden Eagle drifting back and forth low over the hill side. No sooner were we getting to grips with this bird when our first Rollers of the trip were seen along the wires. We travelled on down the road slowing and stopping to watch the Kestrels and Rollers on the wires before turning off the road where there was the chance once again to get great views of Monty’s. We drove up the track and found a fine Hoopoe posing for photos. Next we approached where we had seen the Monty’s - a male and female drifting back and forth...but our attention was drawn to a dark shape sat on the fence which seemed to be a bird of prey, it soon took off and joined the two Monty’s and much to our surprise it was a dark

morph Montagu's Harrier which glided back and forth across the field before landing again this time in the grass. After this we headed back towards Trujillo and had a chance to look around the town itself. Every one took in the historic town and the local White Storks on the castle. We then headed back to the hotel for dinner and a good night's sleep ready for the move the next day.

## Day 5

Friday 16th May

Madonera- Arracampo- Rio TietarPeutro de Gredos- Hoya Espino. Sunny 35 degrees

Most rose early for a quick morning walk before breakfast, which turned up Iberian Magpies picking on the local cat as normal, the Hoopoes put on their normal show, as did the Sardinian Warblers. We had breakfast and said our farewells and headed on our way to Arracampo. We stopped briefly at the visitors centre where we were greeted by Sand Martins and Swallows. From there we headed out on to the reserve and at the first hide we started seeing Reed Warblers as well as hearing Great Reed and the first Purple Herons started to appear. A Little Bittern was shooting in and out of the reed beds as well.

After this great start we moved on to the next hide, moving slowly along the track Zitting Cisticolas popped out the grass while Crested Larks flitted off the dirt track. At the next hide a group of Cattle Egrets popped out of the grass from around a group of cattle, Little Egrets worked the edge of the reed beds, Great Crested Grebes appeared on the water, while Gull-billed Terns flew back and forth along the edge. As we headed back, a Purple Swamp hen came into view as it clambered up the reeds. While everyone got to grips with this elusive bird another spectacular sight came into view as a huge mixed flock of vultures lifted from the cattle fields opposite and drifted over us. We then loaded up and drove around to the next hide.

On arrival we soon had more Gull-billed Terns around, with Southern Grey Shrike popping up on the scrub nearby and a Black-crowned Night Heron made an appearance for the group. We carried our trek on through the reserve and while we set up our picnic lunch we had a look around and picked up on a Savis Warbler reeling in the reed bed. The occasional Swallowtail Butterfly was drifting around in the grass with a few Black Percher and Moorland Hawkers moving back and forth through the grass and scrub. Jean and Gaynor saw a Bittern briefly pop its head out of the reeds before dropping back down again.

We moved on to the last hide and scrape and as we disembarked from the van two ducks flew up and dropped at the back of the pool - the first was a cracking male Garganey and the other much to our surprise was a male Blue winged Teal (a first for Extremadura). There were good numbers of Black-winged Stilts nesting on the scrape with a female Garganey with young at the pools edge. Our attention was drawn to some smaller waders on the edge - one being Common Sandpiper and the other being a Ringed Plover much to the groups surprise (which was well checked for Semi-P after jokes of it being in the company of Blue winged Teal!) also around the edge Bee-eaters flitted around calling away. We went for a small stroll up the track before loading back into the vans and heading on our way towards the Gredos.

The occasional Iberian Magpie flew over the road and it wasn't long before we stopped at the Rio Teitar for a stretch of our legs. We had Golden Orioles and Blackcaps singing in the nearby trees, and on the river along the edge we found Little Ringed Plover and Green Sandpiper moving amongst the pebbles, with Terry and Dave picking up on a Greenshank as well, and good numbers of Swallows darted back and forth along the river.

Leaving the river we headed on starting our climb up into the Gredos - the scenery started to change with Pine trees taking over from the Oaks, and we wended our way up the mountain side to the top where we pulled in to take in the amazing view back down the valley to the plains from the Puerto de Gredos. We found a few good butterflies with Lang's short tailed Blue, Long tailed Blue, Knapweed Fritillary, Green underside Blue and Queen of Spain Fritillary to name a few, but the time was ticking on and we had to leave this great area and head on to our final destination of the Milano Real. Once everyone settled in we sat down for a lovely evening meal and then had a good night's sleep.

## Day 6

Saturday 17th May

Hoyas Espino- Campsite- Plataforma. 28 degrees. Sunny

We walked out the village with Black Redstarts calling on the roofs and Coal Tits from the gardens which were soon joined in song by a Nightingale and Melodious Warblers. We headed up the hillside and found our first Bonelli's Warblers singing in the pines while Woodlarks perched and sang on the ground around us.

We headed back down for breakfast and then slowly drove down the valley into the pine woods below. Pulling up across the way from a campsite by the river, we soon found Iberian Wall Lizards and carried on along the track where Nuthatches and Coal Tits were calling with the jangling of Serins from the outer edge of the woods. We carried on up the road, slowing for a few Wheatears and Yellow Wagtails along the road side and headed out of cow pasture meadows and up into the broom covered mountain sides. We stopped to enjoy a view over a mountain river junction before moving on to our goal of the Plataforma car park where we had lunch. While we ate our lunch a Rock Thrush sang from the rock faces above.

Once lunch was done we headed up the rocky track to the top, with Ortolan Buntings and Rock Buntings singing off the boulders around. Near the top the first sightings of Ibex appeared but kept their distance. We walked along the scrub edge with a lucky few catching a glimpse of a Schreiber's Lizard, before tracking over the top to a bridge where we watched pools and waterfalls off the mountain side.

Terry found a Red Underwing Skipper amongst the grass as well as Clouded Yellows dancing around. We walked over towards the refuge finding Skylarks amongst the grass, and dropped back down in to the scrub with the occasional Dunnock popping up. Next we found a stunning male Blue throat, sneaking up and through the under growth. We slowly headed back down the path with the occasional view of Dipper dashing back down the mountain stream, and on reaching the vans we started the slow drive back down the mountain side. Carrying on down, we soon came to a quick halt again when we saw a pair of Red backed Shrikes alongside the road. Driving on a little further we stopped at a little café which soon turned up Pied Flycatcher. We also found Queen of Spain Fritillary showing well by the road side, while the local Serins flitted around the edge of the trees. We returned to the hotel and enjoyed a great dinner and a chat about the day.

## Day 7

Sunday 18th May

Paradore- Bonellis wood- Lower Paradore. 30 degrees sun and cloud

The morning started with a pre-breakfast trip to the Paradore hotel up the road, where Black Redstarts and Serins with a few Coal Tits were flitting around the conifers and some Crested Tits put in an appearance, but sadly no Citril Finch. After breakfast we headed out through the mountain roads to Bonelli's Wood - just before

we reached our destination, Jean and Gaynor spotted a raptor sat on the wires, once we re-found the bird we only saw it from behind, the bird did not quite click with any of us, so we drove back down the hill and found the mystery bird which turned out to be a Leucosticte Red Kite - it looked quite ghostly sat on the wires before flying off.

We drove on finally reaching our destination and disembarked for a lovely walk round the woods. The Bonellis Warblers were singing all around in good numbers and our attention was also drawn to the Peonies growing through the wood. Soon the butterflies like Spanish Festoons were flitting back and forth along the track with the occasional scurrying in the leaf litter of Large Psamadroma, as well as Provence Orangetip, and Southern Gatekeepers to name a few. Terry once again hit gold with a Spotted Fritillary which showed well on his finger for everyone. Walking round into open wooded pastures two Cirl Buntings hopped along the stone wall but once again our attention was drawn back to the butterflies with more Spanish Festoon and Knapweed Fritillary flitting around. The group picked up on a stunning Cardinal sitting on a leaf. Carrying on we came across more Peonies with Aquilegias alongside and as we walked back into the open we came across a dark phase Honey Buzzard. We carried on back to a great picnic sight in the woods, and sat and enjoyed lunch in the sun.

We then moved to the other side of the wood, from the broad leaved tree side to the pine woodland side and the welcoming site of the Pasque flowers carpeting the bank in front of us. We tracked back up through the woods with one or two Red Squirrels popping out, and reaching the top we stopped and had a quick look again at the Paradore before heading to the hotel and our last evening meal together.

## Day 8

Monday 19th May

Madrid – Heathrow. 30 degrees sun, cloud

We said our farewells to our hosts and set off on our way through the mountains - once again passing the ghostly Red Kite on the side of the road and on down to the flatter countryside with the occasional Black Kite, White Stork and of course Corn Bunting along the way. We carried towards Madrid and the bustle of the city, and soon reached the airport. We then said our farewells with some great memories of the last eight days.

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## Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>				✓				
2	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
3	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>					8			
4	Blue winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>					1			
5	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓			
6	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		1	7					
7	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>					1			
9	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					5			
10	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1		1	✓	✓			
11	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			
12	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					✓			
13	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			2		✓			
14	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1				✓			
15	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>							1	
16	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
17	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			6					
19	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		7	10+	2	2	1		
21	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		2		3			1	
22	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1			2			
23	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				10				
24	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		3	5	3	✓	1	1	✓
25	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>		1	3					
26	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				1				
27	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>		2		3	3	3	5	
28	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		✓	✓	✓				
29	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
30	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			2					
31	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>		6		1				
32	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>				1	1			
33	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>					2			
34	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		1						
35	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		2			✓			
36	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				12	20+			
37	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		3	2	1	2			
38	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					1			
39	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					1			
40	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					1			
41	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					2			
42	Gull billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					20+			
43	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>				25				
44	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>				3				
45	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia feral</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	1		H					

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			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
48	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>		3	1	1				
50	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	H		✓	✓	H	
51	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		H	H					
52	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>			1					
53	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1						
54	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			7					
55	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
57	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				10				
58	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			2	1	2			
59	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
60	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						✓	✓	
62	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>							✓	
63	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
64	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
65	Red backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>						2		
66	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		5	2		H		✓	
67	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>						✓	✓	
68	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
69	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>								
71	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>						✓	✓	✓
75	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>							✓	
76	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		4		✓				
79	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
80	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>						✓		
81	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>						✓	H	
82	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					✓			
83	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓	✓		✓		
85	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			H	H	H			
88	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			H	H	H		✓	
89	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						✓	✓	✓
90	Grasshopper warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>								
91	Savi's warbler	<i>Locustella lusciniodes</i>					1			
92	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					✓			
93	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					✓			
94	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>			1			✓	✓	✓
95	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓			
96	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>					H	✓	✓	✓
97	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			H					
98	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>						✓	✓	✓

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99	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			6					
100	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		2			✓			
101	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						H	H	
102	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>						✓	✓	
103	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1		H	✓		✓	✓	✓
104	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>						✓	✓	
105	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			2			1	✓	
106	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						1	1	
109	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>						✓	✓	✓
110	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>						1		
111	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
112	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓		1	✓	✓	✓
113	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1							
114	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					1	✓	1	
116	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			3		2	1		
117	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>						2		
118	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			✓	1				
119	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>						2	1	
120	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>						2		
121	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
122	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓						
123	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>			2			2		
124	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>						✓		
125	Yellow (Iberian) Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava (iberiae)</i>						✓	✓	✓
126	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>					1	✓		
127	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		1						
129	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		H				✓	1	
130	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>						✓		
131	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
132	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
133	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓		✓			
134	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
135	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>		2	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
136	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>							H	
137	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		2	1					
138	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓
140	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>						✓		
141	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>							2	
142	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓						

## Mammals

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>						✓	✓	
2	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>					✓			
3	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
4	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			✓					
5	Spanish Ibex	<i>Capra pyrenaica</i>						✓		

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6	Bat sp		✓	✓	✓	✓				

## Reptiles and amphibians

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis pityusensis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Schreiber's Lizard	<i>Acanthodactylus schreiberi</i>						✓	
3	Large Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus algirus</i>							✓
4	European Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>							✓
5	Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		

## Butterflies (with thanks to Terence Thomas)

1	Southern Swallowtail	<i>Papilio alexanor</i>				✓	✓		
2	Spanish Festoon	<i>Zerynthia rumina</i>							
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Southern Small White	<i>Artogeia manni</i>					✓		
6	Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>						✓	
7	Dappled White			✓					
8	Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>							✓
9	Provence Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis euphenoides</i>					✓	✓	✓
10	Sooty Orange-tip	<i>Zegris eupheme</i>						✓	
11	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>							✓
13	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>			✓	✓	✓		
14	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>							✓
15	Spanish Purple Hairstreak	<i>Quercusia quercus</i>							✓
16	Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium ilicis</i>			✓	✓	✓		
17	Blue spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium spini</i>				✓			
18	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>					✓		
20	Langs Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>					✓		
21	Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>							✓
22	Holy Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓	✓			
23	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>					✓		
24	Black-eyed Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche malanops</i>							✓
25	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓		✓			
26	Spanish Argus	<i>Aricia morrenensis</i>					✓		
27	Two-tailed Pasha	<i>Charaxes jasius</i>			✓				
28	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychlorus</i>					✓	✓	✓
29	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓				✓
30	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>							✓
31	Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>							✓
32	Queen Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>					✓	✓	✓
33	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>					✓	✓	✓
34	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>							✓
35	Spanish Fritillary	<i>Eurodryas desfontainii</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
36	Iberian Marbled White	<i>Melanargia lachesis</i>		✓					
37	Dusky Meadow Brown	<i>Hyponphele lycaon</i>							
38	Oriental Meadow Brown	<i>Hyponphele lupina</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
39	Southern Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia cecilia</i>		✓		✓			

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40	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
41	Dusky Heath	<i>Coenonympha dorus</i>							✓	
42	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>				✓				
43	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓	✓				
44	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
45	Red Underwing Skipper	<i>Spilia sertorius</i>						✓		
46	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>			✓		✓			
47	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>				✓				

## Moths

1	Chimney Sweeper	<i>Odezia atrata</i>						✓	✓	
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## Dragonflies

1	Black Percher	<i>Diplacodes lefebvrii</i>				✓				
2	Moorland Hawker	<i>Aeshna juncea</i>				✓				
3	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>		✓						
4	Common Hawker	<i>Aeshna juncea</i>		✓						

## Insect

1	Thread winged Antlion	<i>Nemopteridae sp</i>				✓				
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## Plants

**Scientific Name****Common Name****GYMNOSPERMAE****CONIFERS****Cupressaceae****Cypress family***Juniperus communis*

Common Juniper

**Pinaceae****Pine family***Pinus pinea*

Stone Pine

*Pinus scotia*

Scots Pine

**ANGIOSPERME****FLOWERING PLANTS****Fagaceae****Oak family***Quercus suber*

Cork Oak

*Quercus coccifera*

Kermes Oak

*Quercus rotundifolia*

Holly Oak

*Quercus pyrenaica*

Pyrenean Oak

**Betulaceae****Birch family***Betula pendula*

Silver Birch

**Urticaceae****Nettle family***Urtica dioica*

Stinging Nettle

*Parietaria judaica*

Pellitory Of The Wall

**Rosaceae****Rose family***Geum sylvaticum**Rosa canina*

Dog Rose

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Dock family</b>
<i>Rumex scutatus</i>	French Sorrel
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink family</b>
<i>Silene alba</i>	White Campion
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-Flowered Catchfly
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	<b>Thrift family</b>
	White Thrift
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercup family</b>
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup
<i>Ranunculus abnormis</i>	
<i>Aquilegia dichroa</i>	
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppy family</b>
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	Long-Headed Poppy
<b>Fumariaceae</b>	<b>Fumitory family</b>
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Ramping Fumitory
<b>Paeoniaceae</b>	<b>Peony family</b>
<i>Paeonia officinalis</i> ssp. <i>humilis</i>	
<i>Paeonia broteri</i>	
<b>Saxifragaceae</b>	<b>Saxifrage family</b>
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Meadow Saxifrage
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop family</b>
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop
<b>Cruciferae</b>	<b>Cress family</b>
<i>Lsatis tinctoria</i>	Woad
<i>Cardaria draba</i>	Hoary Cress
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish
<i>Erucaria hispanica</i>	
<b>Leguminosae</b>	<b>Pea family</b>
<i>Genista hispanica</i>	Spanish Gorse
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia
<i>Cytisus multiflorus</i>	White Broom
<i>Cytisus striatus</i>	Yellow Broom
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White Melilot
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Large Disk Medick
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-Foot Trefoil
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	<b>Geranium family</b>
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-Leaved Cranesbill
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-Stalked Cranesbill
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<b>Aceraceae</b> <i>Acer monspessulanum</i> <i>Acer campestre</i>	<b>Maple family</b> Montpelier Maple Field Maple
<b>Malvaceae</b> <i>Malva sylvestris</i>	<b>Mallow family</b> Common Mallow
<b>Cistaceae</b> <i>Cistus ladanifer</i> <i>Tuberaria guttatum</i> <i>Helianthemum appeninum</i> <i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	<b>Rockrose family</b> Gum Cistus Spotted Rockrose White Rockrose Common Rockrose
<b>Hypericaceae</b> <i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	<b>St. John's-wort family</b>
<b>Salicaceae</b> <i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow
<b>Apiaceae</b> <i>Ferula communis</i> <i>Daucus carota</i>	<b>Carrot family</b> Giant Fennel Wild Carrot
<b>Ericaceae</b> <i>Arbutus unedo</i> <i>Erica lusitanica</i> <i>Erica arborea</i>	<b>Heath family</b> Strawberry Tree Portuguese Heath
<b>Primulaceae</b> <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> <i>Anagallis foemina</i> <i>Primula elatior</i>	<b>Primrose family</b> Scarlet Pimpernel Blue Pimpernel Oxlip
<b>Oleaceae</b> <i>Fraxinus ornus</i> <i>Olea europaea</i> <i>Sorbus</i>	<b>Olive family</b> Flowering Ash Olive Rowan
<b>Labiatae</b> <i>Ballota nigra</i> <i>Acinos arvensis</i> <i>Lavandula stoechas</i> <i>Verbascum nigrum</i> <i>Verbascum pulverulentum</i> <i>Misopates orontium</i> <i>Digitalis thapsi</i> <i>Parentucellia viscosa</i> <i>Bellardia trixago</i>	<b>Mint family</b> Black Horehound Basil Thyme French Lavender Dark Mullein Hoary Mullein Lesser Snapdragon Spanish Foxglove Yellow Bartsia Bellardia
<b>Plantaginaceae</b> <i>Plantago media</i>	<b>Plantain family</b> Hoary Plantain
<b>Boraginaceae</b> <i>Echium vulgare</i> <i>Echium plantagineum</i> <i>Borago officinalis</i>	<b>Borage family</b> Vipers Bugloss Purple Bugloss Borage

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b> <i>Viburnum tinus</i>	<b>Honeysuckle family</b>
<b>Campanulaceae</b> <i>Campanula rapunculus</i> <i>Campanula patula</i>	<b>Bellflower family</b> Rampion Bellflower Spreading Bellflower
<b>Compositae</b> <i>Bellis perennis</i> <i>Bellis sylvestris</i> <i>Erigeron canadensis</i> <i>Evax pygmaea</i> <i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i> <i>Centaurea cyanus</i> <i>Scolymus hispanicus</i> <i>Tolpis barbata</i> <i>Lactuca serriola</i>	<b>Daisy family</b> Daisy Southern Daisy Canadian Fleabane Evax Corn Marigold Cornflower Spanish Oyster Plant Tolpis Prickly Lettuce
<b>MONOCOTYLEDONS</b>	
<b>Liliaceae</b> <i>Asphodelus albus</i> <i>Gagea fistulosa</i> <i>Gladiolus italicus</i> <i>Scilla verna</i> <i>Scilla hispanica</i> <i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	<b>Lily family</b> White Asphodel Gagea Field Gladiolus Spring Squill Star Of Bethlehem
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b> <i>Narcissus rupicola</i>	<b>Daffodil family</b> Rock Narcissus
<b>Iridaceae</b> <i>Gladiolus italicus</i> <i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	<b>Iris family</b> Wild Gladiolus Yellow Flag
<b>Orchidaceae</b> <i>Orchis mascula</i> <i>Dactylorhiza incarnata</i>	<b>Orchid family</b> Early Purple Orchid Early Marsh Orchid