

Spain – Extremadura & the Gredos Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Sunday 17th April

Heathrow, Madrid, Trujillo

After leaving Heathrow and reaching Madrid, the group gathered and went for coffee while we picked up our vehicles which, with Easter, took a little longer than normal. We set out of Madrid where the traffic was a little heavier than normal, with everyone coming back into Madrid. So we headed on driving, along with a few White Stork, Black Kite and one or two Booted Eagle along the route.

After a couple of hours, we reached Trujillo and got closer to our final destination and home for the next few days. On turning onto the Monroy Road, we were soon greeted with a Great Spotted Cuckoo on the side of the road, which showed for a short while before flying off over the hill. We carried on to Las Canteras, where we were given a warm welcome by Paco and his mother and the other members of the group who had come from other destinations. After settling in and our evening meal we made our plans for where we would venture the next day.

Day 2

Monday 18th April

Las Canteras, Campo Lugar, Alcollarin

The morning started with a walk at sunrise around the grounds of the hotel, where the group were greeted by the chattering of the local White Storks' bills, and Thekla's Larks flicking round in the scrub, as well as getting ourselves accustomed to Corn Buntings. The biggest surprise of the morning walk was a Spanish Imperial Eagle drifting through just before breakfast.

After breakfast we loaded into the minibuses for our first real trip out into rural Spain to look for wildlife, heading south to Campo Lugar. Turning onto the road we slowly tracked along looking and soon came up trumps with our first Great Bustards marching through the fields. We stopped and scoped this impressive bird while other birds teased us such as Calandra and Crested Larks coming out the grass. Then suddenly another call: Black bellied Sandgrouse came hurtling by with not long after another group appearing, while a Marsh Harrier moved through as a distraction, as well as a brief Little Bustard flying through. We headed further up the road, soon coming across a few Rollers along the power lines, which showed well, before we moved a little further on. Here we picked up on some quite tricky Short-toed Larks in a ploughed field, while on the edge a Whinchat and Stonechat tag-teamed along the fence.

Moving on, we headed to Alcollarin Dam, stopping below, where the group got great views of a pale-phase hunting Booted Eagle while listening to the cacophony of Nightingale, Great Reed Warbler and Serin with the back sound of the Bee eaters overhead. Heading on along the track we ended up at the picnic site. While their picnic lunch was being prepared, the group looked over the second dam which held Purple Heron, Cattle Egret, Little Egret and Great Egret as well as Spoonbill.

After a spot of lunch with Iberian Magpie and Sardinian Warbler, we headed round the back of the dams in the hope of some waders, but sadly, none were around. We were also teased by very close Quail that sadly wouldn't show. We headed back round and over the dam towards the main road and back towards our digs doing a quick stop at Vina los Torres to have a check round for a few other species before heading back for a lovely evening meal where we were watched by the resident Moorish Gecko before heading to bed.

Day 3

Tuesday 19th April

Las Canteras, Almonte, Monfragüe National Park, Monroy Road.

Started the morning with a quick stroll at the hotel before breakfast. After breakfast we headed off towards Monfragüe. Heading through the Cork Oak dehesa, we dropped down into a valley at the edge of the park where we stopped at the Rio Almonte for a walk, where we were welcomed by the crescendo of Iberian Pond Frogs. As we wandered along, we listened to the calls of Cetti's Warbler, Nightingale and Great Reed Warbler, and the first few vultures started to circle up. A lucky few saw a Bedriaga's Skink. We headed on into the park and towards the Castillo, heading up the winding road to the parking.

We walked up the steps to the top to the viewing platforms where we looked across to Peña Falcon rock where the Griffon Vultures drifted across past us, with several Black Vultures drifting over as well. The local Peregrine glided over the rock, with two Egyptian Vultures gliding through and three Black Storks high above them. Dragging ourselves away we headed on to the Rio Tajo to view the amazing House Martin colony with several Alpine Swift passing through. Moving on, we stopped at the visitor centre where some of the group went for a wander and others enjoyed a coffee while lunch was being prepared. After lunch we moved further into the park, heading to the furthest point at the Rio Tietar where we stopped and viewed more vultures drifting over but they were upstaged by the male Blue Rock Thrush moving round in the rocks. Sadly, the Eagle-Owl was not in his normal area, although several groups were searching.

We headed back through the park stopping and getting tantalising views of Black-eared Wheatear and a Red Deer crossing the road. We headed back, taking a "slight" detour round part of the Monroy road. The first half was slow, but then a Black-eared Wheatear flicked across, sadly missed by most. However, this was soon followed by several Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, which flicked off the floor and did several fly-bys. We moved further along, soon finding several Little Bustards and yet more Pin-tailed Sandgrouse in large flocks, unexpected and slightly unprecedented but welcome to see. We headed back, dragging ourselves away and back in time for dinner, during which the group got to see Stripeless Tree Frog - for the record, not in the dinner but amongst the plants! We then settled down for a good night's sleep.

Day 4

Wednesday 20th April

Las Canteras, Trujillo, Belen plain, Caceres plain.

The morning walk started with a Little Bustard and Great Bustard as well as two Egyptian Vultures. After breakfast, we headed to Trujillo where the group went for a look round the town and do a little essential shopping. Once we met back up, we headed off to Belen plain, where we drove slowly, stopping from time to time to see what was around. The group once again got great views of Bee-eaters (the 'bird of the trip' for some),

as well as a few Iberian Grey Shrike and extremely good views of a dark-phase Booted Eagle harassing the local Iberian Magpies. Tracking on through the open plains and Cistus scrub, with the buzz of Larks all around, some of the group picked up two Golden Eagle soaring round.

Once off Belen we headed to Via Sin Nombre Caceres, where we once again slowly moved along the roads, stopping at a pool for a quick look where once again we could hear Iberian Water Frogs. Trailing on slowly down the road, we checked along the lines, finding several Kestrel and Lesser Kestrel, but sadly this year, only one Roller along the route. The occasional Zitting Cisticola was along the fence line. We dropped down into the river valley where we stopped for a look round, and the group had good views of Crag Martin passing low. We headed up the other side of the valley and through the village of Santa Marta de Magasca and back to the Monroy Road and Las Canteras for our evening meal while we watched the Moorish Geckos and Tree Frogs.

Day 5

Thursday 21st April

Las Canteras, Magasca Plain, Jaraicejo Mauret de Dehesa, Orchid Site, Arracampo, Rio Tieter, Hoyas Del Espino.

So, our last morning walk at Las Canteras before breakfast and loading up the Minibuses and saying farewell to our Hosts and heading on down the road to Magasca Plain for one last look for Bustards. On arrival we headed down a dusty track where we pulled up and scanned the surrounding grass plains where we picked up on a Great Bustard and as the group scanned across hoping for a few more a Golden Eagle circling over Santa Marta Village, heading back to the main road we headed on along to a view point where we picked up on two Little Bustards displaying amongst the grass.

Heading out onto the main road we travelled north doing a detour to just outside of Jaraicejo where pulling up in the Cistus Heathland we went for a slow walk down through the valley through an old area of Cork Oak woodland. Here we were greeted by the calls of Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Nuthatch and Short-toed Treecreeper, and the beautiful fluid song of Golden Oriole, with a male finally breaking cover and showing its self to the group, appearing and disappearing in and out of the oaks (for some, the 'bird of the day' if not trip). Out on the heath several Woodlarks sang and a few Small Heath Butterflies flitted around, as well as some very fresh Spanish Festoon.

Heading back to the motorway, we carried on north, stopping in a small Olive grove where a few orchids were still in flower in the very dry conditions. These included Naked Man, Champagne, Woodcock, both Serapias and a single Mirror orchid. Meanwhile, nearly going unnoticed, a Bonelli's Eagle drifted over. Driving down from there, we headed to Arracampo for lunch. While lunch was being prepared, the group went and looked over the wetland. After lunch we explored a little more, with the occasional Clouded Yellow whizzing through, but other great goodies showed for the group, including several Glossy Ibis, Spoonbills, Red Crested Pochard a high, hovering, fishing Kingfisher. Before leaving the area, we tried for one last of the locals; with a slight detour we found and watched two Black-winged Kites, probably one of the prettiest birds of prey around.

We said our farewells to Arracampo and carried on towards the Gredos, passing through plenty of Oak Dehesa. We had a quick leg stretch at the Rio Tieter before heading up the winding roads of the Gredos. The stop gave

us the only Little Ringed Plovers of the trip, as well as plenty of Iberian Wall Lizards along the walls of the old Roman bridge.

We headed up the Gredos' winding roads where the Oak dehesa gave way to Pine trees and rocky outcrops as well as stunning views. As we came round one bend, we had a Spanish Ibex on the side of the road ... maybe a warning of the weather to come. Heading over the top, we headed on to our hotel the Milano Real, where on arrival the group settled in and ate dinner looking over the snow-capped mountains the other side of the valley, before retiring for a good night's sleep after a long day on the road.

Day 6

Friday 22nd April

Hoyas del Espino, attempt to Plataforma and Lower woods

The morning walk, a little chillier than the last few, was welcomed with Crossbills overhead and a couple of showy Rock Buntings. We headed back to the warm and breakfast, after which we loaded up the minibuses and headed slowly up into the mountain pass, dropping down into the woodlands. On the edge of the village, we ran into a small group of Citril Finch and had brief views of Iberian Green Woodpecker. Dropping over the river and with the rain starting, some of the group picked up on White-bellied Dipper. We slowly trekked up the mountain, starting to pass through Alpine meadows where we picked up on Iberian yellow Wagtails along the fences.

Moving up further, the rain switched to sleet, with not far from the top turning into full-on snow. We needed to get the vehicles back down as it was apparent the weather had also caught the local snow ploughs off guard, as this route was normally clear. After about 20 minutes of team work from the whole group, making sure the vehicles got back to a turning point carefully as the snow closed in, we headed back down the mountain where the snow turned back to rain. We returned to the hotel for a snack and a nice warm coffee or tea.

Later that day some of the group decided to stay at the hotel while others headed out. We explored the lower forest where we chanced upon another, larger, flock of Citril Finch, Crossbill and Serin, with several Citril Finch hopping round the vehicles, feeding on the road edges. We headed back and enjoyed a lovely meal and made plans for the next day.

Day 7

Saturday 23rd April

Hoyas del Espino, Bonelli's Wood, Lower wood and Plataforma

Our last full day! We headed out for the morning walk to be greeted by the whole valley being white. Wandering down towards where we had seen Citril Finch before, the group was rewarded with Cirl Bunting, Rock Sparrow, Tree Sparrows and a rather cold-looking Wheatear, probably questioning if he was in Spain at that moment in time. After breakfast we headed off towards Bonelli's wood.

On arrival the wood seemed quiet at first; there was a chill in the air but no snow. We picked up on a Roe Deer moving through the trees, with the occasional Bonelli's Warbler giving a little burst of song and a quite showy

Short-toed Treecreeper. A little further round we saw a very obliging Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. We managed to find both species of Peony but, sadly, not quite in flower yet, due to the cold weather.

After our picnic lunch we headed over to the other side of the wood, where we found the yellow form of the Alpine Pasque Flower, as with the Peonies not quite out yet. We headed back over to the lower woods where we ran into a few more Rock Buntings. The weather was clearing, so the decision was made to try for the Plataforma again. We headed up through the Alpine meadows, being greeted by Wheatears and Iberian Yellow Wagtails. As we headed up, there was that feeling of nervousness in all as we reached the now deeper and lower snow line, but soon seeing that the ploughs had been in, we carried on. We soon picked up on a Cinereous Vulture looking a little out of place, trying to walk round in the snow, and then a proper herd of Spanish Ibex. They were digging the snow away to reach the grazing below the snow and just doing that ibex thing of posing on the rocks, jumping streams and just making it look easy. On reaching the car park, the snow was in places two metres deep round the sides and sadly, we couldn't carry on further up, due to paths not being visible. However, everyone just went and got better views of Ibex. We headed down and back to the hotel and our last dinner together as a group, discussing all we had seen and the highlights.

Day 8

Sunday 24th April

Parador, Madrid and Heathrow

So, after breakfast overlooking the stunning views of the mountains, we said our farewell to the hotel team and headed off back towards Madrid. We made a stop at the Parador for one last little bit of birding where the group had showy Crested Tit, Serins, Rock Buntings and a couple more Citril Finch: a nice way to end. The drive back did end up picking up a Short-toed Eagle as well as a Bonelli's Eagle before Madrid, the drop at the airport, our flight home and farewells.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	April 2022							
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			✓					
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>			✓					
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>		✓						
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓		✓				
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>								
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>					✓			
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					✓			
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		H			✓			
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>						✓		
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			✓					
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>		7		1	1			
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>		1	7	1	2			
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	1							
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	✓	✓	✓	H	H	
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>			90+					
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>		20+						
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			H					
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓		✓				
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓			✓			
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓						
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓						
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	✓	✓			✓			
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			7					
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓			✓			
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis facinellis</i>					✓			
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			✓		✓			
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		✓			✓			
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓			✓			
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓			✓			
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>					2			
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			4	2				
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>								✓

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Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>		1	1					
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				2	1			
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>					1			
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					1			
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1	4	3	1			
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>						H		
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		✓		✓				
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓	H		✓			
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>								
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>						H		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						✓	✓	✓
Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>						✓	✓	✓
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			✓					
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓					
Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		H	H		✓			
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>						✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>					H	✓	✓	✓
European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>							✓	✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		✓						
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					✓			
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		✓	✓					
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		✓	✓		✓		H	
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						H	✓	✓
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		H	✓					

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Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					H			
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>					✓	H		
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>					H			
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓		H	H		
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>								
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Western Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca iberiae</i>				H				
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>							✓	
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						H		
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>						H		
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				H	✓		H	
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					✓		✓	✓
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>					✓		✓	✓
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>						✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						✓	✓	
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>						✓	✓	✓
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>						✓	✓	✓
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				✓				
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			✓					
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>				✓				
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>						✓	✓	
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				H		✓		
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>							✓	
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Adavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>		✓						
Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>						✓		
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>						✓	✓	✓
Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>						✓	✓	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>				✓		✓		
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			H	✓	✓	✓	H	✓
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>					H	H	✓	✓
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Citrl Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>						17		5
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>						✓	✓	

Other taxa

		April 2022							
Common name	Scientific name	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Mammals									
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>				✓				
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>							✓	
Spanish Ibex	<i>Capra pyrenaica</i>					✓		✓	
Roe Deer	<i>Caperolus capreolus</i>							✓	
Reptiles and amphibians									
Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>						✓		
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		✓	✓		✓			
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>			✓			✓		
Stripeless Tree Frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>			✓		✓			
Iberian Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax perezi</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Spanish Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus hispanicus</i>			✓	✓				
Bedriaga's Skink	<i>Chalcides bedriagai</i>			✓					
Butterflies									
Spanish Festoon	<i>Zerynthia rumina</i>			✓	✓		✓		
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>			✓		✓	✓		
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓		✓	✓		
Green-striped White	<i>Euchloe belemia</i>						✓		
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>						✓		
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>			✓			✓		
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓			✓		
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>				✓				
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			✓					
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			✓	✓		✓		
Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>			✓					
Odonata									
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>						✓		
Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>			✓					

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name
Class Gymnosperms	
Pinaceae	Pine family
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine
Cupressaceae	Cypress family
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Juniper
Class Angiosperms	
Order Dicotyledons	
Fagaceae	Oak family
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak

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<i>Quercus rotundifolia</i>	
<i>Quercus pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean Oak
Urticaceae	Nettle family
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle
Caryophyllaceae	Pink family
<i>Silene alba</i>	White Campion
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-Flowered Catchfly
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold
Paeoniaceae	Peony family
<i>Paeonia officinalis</i> ssp. <i>humilis</i>	
<i>Paeonia broteri</i>	
Papaveraceae	Poppy family
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	Long-Headed Poppy
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Ramping Fumitory
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop family
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop
Fabaceae (Leguminosae)	Pea family
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom
<i>Cytisus multiflorus</i>	White Broom
<i>Cytisus striatus</i>	Yellow Broom
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Large Disk Medick
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-Foot Trefoil
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover
Malvaceae	Mallow family
<i>Althaea officinalis</i>	Marsh Mallow
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow
<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Cretan Mallow
Cistaceae	Rock-rose family
<i>Cistus ladanifer</i>	Gum Cistus
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose
Cactaceae	Cactus family
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Prickly Pear
Apiaceae	Carrot family
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel
Ericaceae	Heath family
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree

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<i>Erica lusitanica</i>	Portuguese Heath
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather
Primulaceae	Primrose family
<i>Lysimachia (Anagallis) arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel
<i>Lysimachia (Anagallis) foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel
<i>Primula elatior</i>	Oxlip
Oleaceae	Olive family
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Flowering Ash
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive
Boraginaceae	Borage family
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Vipers Bugloss
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Bugloss
Lamiaceae	Mint family
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender
<i>Salvia verbenacea</i>	Wild Clary
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullein
<i>Verbascum nigrum</i>	Dark Mullein
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Lesser Snapdragon
<i>Digitalis thapsi</i>	A Foxglove
Campanulaceae	Bellflower family
<i>Campanula patula</i>	Spreading Bellflower
Asteraceae (Compositae)	Daisy family
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Cornflower
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis
Order Monocotyledons	
Asparagaceae	Asparagus family
<i>Muscari commosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Star Of Bethlehem
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil family
<i>Narcissus bulbocodium var. nivalis</i>	Hoop Petticoat Narcissus
<i>Narcissus triandrus</i>	Angel's Tears
Asphodelaceae	Asphodel Family
<i>Asphodelus albus</i>	White Asphodel
Iridaceae	Iris family
<i>Moraea (Gynardiris) sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut
Orchidaceae	Orchid family
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Early Purple Orchid

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<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man/ Italian Orchid
<i>Anacamptis morio</i> ssp. <i>champagneuxii</i>	Champagne Orchid
<i>Ophrys scolopax</i>	Woodcock Orchid
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid
<i>Ophrys speculum</i>	Mirror Orchid