

Spain – Extremadura & Gredos Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

19th – 26th April 2023



Great Bustard



Shrieber's Lizard



European Roller



Griffon Vultures

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Day 1

Wednesday 19th April

Heathrow to Madrid to Las Canteras

20-25 degrees C, sunny

The day started meeting most people at Heathrow and heading to Madrid where on landing we met up with Nicola and soon got on our journey towards Trujillo and our home for the next few nights.

As we travelled out of Madrid we picked up on one Monk Parakeet flying over the road. We soon headed out of the city and through the rural landscape of central Spain with the occasional Black Kite and White Stork. At just over the halfway point, we stopped for a little leg stretch and our first real taste of the wildlife of Spain with Spanish Sparrows nesting in the bottom of a White Storks nest. While Crested Larks ran round the forecourt of the of the garage and Corn Buntings jangled away from the nearby bushes. Getting underway again, we travelled through the changing scenery from agricultural to Oak Dehesa until we reached Trujillo standing out on the hillside. Turning off, we headed down the country road through the scrubby boulder filled fields until we came out on to the plains and to Las Canteras and a nice home cooked meal and our beds for the night.

Day 2

Thursday 20th April

Las Canteras, Trujillo, Alcollarin Dam, Campo Lugar, Madrgalejo, Madronera.

10-28 degrees C, sunny

The morning started with a dawn walk along the road as the plains started to come to life, with the Corn Buntings and larks being the first awake as well as a couple of Iberian Hare. As the sun rose on the hillside against the red sky, a large group of Griffin Vultures sat taking in the morning sun before starting to take to the skies. While this happened, we picked up on a calling male Little Bustard and after a little searching we found the bird along the sky line flicking his head back before we then picked up a Greater Spotted Cuckoo flicking through the scrub. Just as we got back for breakfast, our first group of Pintail Sandgrouse shot by heading out into the plains.

After breakfast, we headed to Trujillo where the group got to grips with Spotless Starling and Lesser Kestrel, while in the local park, the group found Iberian Water Frog, Iberian Pond Terrapin and Viperine Snakes.

Heading down to Alcollarín village we reached the dam where we were welcomed by Bee-eaters perched on a fence. Stopping at the first dam, the group scanned the water where they picked up on three grebe species including Black-necked. Other species included Common Sandpiper, Spoonbill and Great White Egret. We trekked down the dirt track to our next destination - the picnic site by the second dam which could only mean one thing - our first picnic lunch of the week! While lunch was being prepared the group was welcomed by the local Woodchat Shrikes, Great Reed Warbler and Nightingales. While enjoying the lunch, the group managed to spot two Pied Flycatcher and a Kingfisher.

After lunch, we headed out from the dam to Campo Lugar where the pool at the first stop produced some Black-winged Stilts, as well Lesser Emperors and Red veined Darters flitting over the water. Whilst two bulls in fields opposite side of the road had a stand-off shouting over to each other, we were soon distracted by a Bonelli's Eagle being mobbed by a Lesser Kestrel.

We headed back to the road and drove slowly along looking for other species, soon running into the first Rollers of the trip along the powerlines. Further on we soon found a small flock of Greater Short-toed Larks with a nice side cast of Whinchat and Wheatear.

Moving on, we went down to Madrigalejo where we checked some small pools where we found a few Purple Herons, Reed Warblers and a Water Rail squeaking away.

Driving back towards the hotel, we stopped in Madronera where the group had a "Shandy Break" while watching Crag Martins and Pallid Swifts before heading back for a nice evening meal.

Day 3

Friday 21st April

Las Canteras, Monfragüe National Park and the Rio Almonte

8-22 degrees sun and cloud

We started once again with a pre-breakfast walk where the group started to get their heads round the different larks with Calandra trying to drown everything out while the Thekla's and Crested teased us on their ID. Here we had our first proper views of Cuckoo flying round.

After breakfast, we headed out through the Oak Dehesa to Monfragüe National Park where our first stop of the morning was the Castilla, towering over the ravine. On the opposite side, the vultures circled the top as it warmed. The magic started to happen as both Griffin and Black Vulture drifted by at head height giving close views with Crag and House Martins whizzing by as one of the group pointed out there was a swift amongst them which soon caused panic as the leaders realised it wasn't just any swift - it was a White rumped Swift! In addition, our first Blue Rock Thrush adding a little colour to the day.

Dragging ourselves away, we headed on making a stop at a large House Martin colony where we were welcomed by a Western Subalpine Warbler singing in the trees. Scanning through the House Martins the group found another good swift with seven Alpine Swifts giving very good flybys up and down the valley.

Moving on we went to the visitor centre where the group went for a coffee and a picnic lunch, after which we headed to the far end of the park at the Rio Tietar where we sadly we missed the Eagle Owl by five minutes but did catch up with Spanish Imperial Eagle and a Black Stork. Starting to head back, we headed up a little further into an area of Cork Oak where we could hear Short-toed Treecreeper and Woodlark and a few caught a glimpse of a Golden Oriole. Driving back along the valley we stopped where the group could watch an Egyptian Vulture on the nest before carrying on along the road where a Red Deer crossed our path, soon disappearing into the Gum Cistus. We tried two sites for Black-eared Wheatear with the second site coming up trumps with a cracking male which sat out for the group.

Our last stop in Monfragüe was Pennifalcon rock which was a different view of an area we had looked over at the start of our trip, where lots of Griffin Vultures drifted over our heads and we found Black Stork nesting in the rocks.

We said our fair well to the park and headed off stopping at the Rio Almonte where the group found Viperine Snakes, Iberian Water Frog and Iberian Pond Terrapin. The group also found Western Clubtail and Blue-eyed Damselfly as well as Green and Common Sandpiper, Little ringed Plover and Hawfinch. We then headed back to the hotel for the night.

Day 4

Saturday 22nd April

Las Canterass, Santa Marta de Magasca, Santa de Marta, Cacerres Palain, Trujillo

10-20 degrees C, sun and cloud

Rain overnight meant the birds were a little subdued compared to previous days. Most noteworthy was a Black Vulture sat on a rock while a very healthy-looking Fox was hunting the fields.

After Breakfast we headed out on to Santa de Marta. As we travelled, the plain seemed quiet apart from four Pin-tailed Sandgrouse powering across the skyline. We turned down a dirt track where the Thekla's and Calandra Larks put on a show. Stopping to speak to a group of birders, we got onto Great Bustard which although distant, were very welcome. A couple of the group picked up on a Little Bustard sneaking through the cattle and out of sight. We walked up another track in the hope of better views of the Little Bustard as we walked up, we had a few Clouded Yellow and Small Heath flitting round. Much to our shock, the Great Bustard seen earlier had taken off and had come round and dropped down about one hundred meters from the group seemingly unaware of us and giving stunning views before it realised we were there and took off again, giving an amazing flyby showing quite how big they really are.

Walking further up the track, we managed to re-find the Little Bustard. While walking back to the bus, Nicola found a stunning Owl Fly which got a lot of attention, more than the Small Coppers and western Dappled Whites. While two Short-toed Eagles drifted over.

We drove onto Santa de Marta for a spot of lunch and a coffee stop before moving on down into a river valley where Crag Martins buzzed round over the bridge and Iberian Pond Terrapins lounged on the rocks. Moving up the other side of the valley, onto Cacerres Plain, we slowly drove along picking up great views of more Rollers along the telegraph poles. We turned up a side track seeing two more Greater short-toed Lark as well as a Hoopoe trying to be part of a very fancy gate and a Short-toed Eagle up off the deck where it had been hunting.

We left the plain and headed back to Trujillo for a look round the lovely old town before heading back for dinner and to get ready for our move the next day.

Day 5

Sunday 23rd April

Las Canteras, Monroy road, Meseta de delitossa, Orchid reserve, Arracampo, Rio Tietar and Hoyas del Espino.

10-22 degrees sunny

On our last morning here, most of the group went for little wanders by themselves before breakfast. After breakfast we packed our vans and said farewell to our fantastic host Paco and Pila for their great hospitality. And headed off up the Monroy Road and onto the Gredos mountains. Not long into our journey, a Little Bustard took flight from the side of the road so we pulled over to re-find the bird amongst the sheep. Here we found a second bustard amongst the sheep but also a bird that had up to now eluded us with a stunning male Montagu's Harrier drifting effortlessly across the plain. We moved on and wasn't long before we picked up on another Little Bustard calling. Stopping once again, we gain great views amongst the sheep on a mound in the morning light. All of a sudden a call could be heard as a large group of forty five Pin-tailed Sandgrouse shot across the skyline low. As we came to grips with this, there was the sudden realisation the Little Bustard we heard wasn't the one we had been watching as on the opposite side of the road - there was another much closer. Dragging ourselves away we moved a little further on before stopping for another quick scan round this time picking up on two Great Bustards strutting round. While watching, we had another two groups of Pin-tailed sandgrouse come through totalling approximately ninety birds as well as four Black-bellied Sandgrouse dropping in sadly out of site. We moved on again making one more stop which paid off with the only Stone Curlew we had managed to see, and finally a Pin-tailed Sandgrouse that landed in view of the group truly showing how beautiful these birds really are.

We headed on to Mesta de Delitossa - a lovely area of French Lavender and Gum Cistus and Cork Woodland. A small walk down into the wood produced Short-toed Treecreeper, Iberian Magpies and Woodlark as well as a slightly tricky mumbling Orphean Warbler. Insects seen included Queen of Spain Fritillary and Spanish Fesoon. We quickly tried on the way out for Dartford and Spectacled Warbler sadly no luck.

We headed on to an Orchid reserve outside of Almaraz but sadly due the drought Spain is having, the orchids were over with just the remnants of Naked Man Orchid. We went onto our picnic stop at Arracampo wetland reserve.

After a little lunch we headed into the reserve where a Little Bittern was found stalking through the reeds. Other highlights included Gull-billed and Whiskered Terns, Squacco Heron, Red Crested Pochard, Purple Swamphens and plenty of Purple Herons as well as a Savi's Warbler singing. As we left the area we picked up on a Black-shouldered Kite.

We Headed north towards the Gredos having a quick stop along the Rio Tietar. By now the habitat around us starting to change. At this stop there was Common Sandpiper and Western Subalpine Warbler as well as Lesser Emperors buzzing round the bushes.

We got into the mountains up the winding road to the top with the habitat starting to change quite dramatically from Cork and Kermis Oakes to pines. As we went up some of the group soon picked up on their first Spanish

Ibex on the side of the road. We were soon over the top and heading to our final destination of the day Hoyas del Espino and the Milano Real, we finally reached the hotel where we settled in for the night and a good sleep.

Day 6

Monday 24th April

Hoyas del Espino, Plataforma and Hoyas del a Pino

8-25 degrees C

The morning started with a pre-breakfast walk in the village which turned up some nice surprises and a true testament to the change in habitat with, Cirl Bunting, Tree Sparrow, Firecrest, Black Redstart and Crossbill to name a few before heading back for breakfast.

After breakfast we headed down the road slowly heading up the mountains slowly picking a few bits on route including two Snipe, and Spanish Yellow Wagtail. As we headed up further, we soon found Ortolan Bunting singing along the roadside. We reached the Plataforma and set about making our packed lunch to take up with us while being serenaded by a Common Rock Thrush on the rocks around us. We slowly walked up the track Rock Bunting and wheatears sang around us, while several Petti-hoop Narcissi were holding on in flower. We looked for the Bluethroats but sadly, none seemed to be this low down the mountain. But across the plateau several of the old men of the mountain sat on the rocks in the form of Spanish Ibex. We walked over to our picnic site where we sat and ate our lunch while a young group of Ibex paid a lot of attention to us. While behind us Cyrene's Rock Lizard and Schreiber's Lizard put on a show. We slowly headed back to the carpark and back down the mountain where we stopped in the edge of the pine woods for a look, where we found Wall Lizard and Queen of Spain Fritillary. Walking further we noted some Spiney Toads in the river and several Nuthatch and Short-toed Treecreeper before heading back to the hotel for dinner.

Day 7

Tuesday 25th April

Hoyas del Espino, Parador, Bonelli's Wood, Lower Parador

8-25 degrees sunny

We started the morning with a walk back down into the village picking up Cirl Bunting, Tree Sparrow and Nightingale to start the day.

After breakfast we headed out towards Bonelli's Wood stopping at the Parador where we picked up on Crested Tit and brief views of Citril Finch. Reaching our destination, we went for a walk where we noted the Peony's were just starting to come into flower. Butterflies included Small Pearl-bordered, Queen of Spain, Knapweed, Marsh Fritillary, Small Blue and Spanish Festoon to name a few, while birds included Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and Pied Flycatcher as well as one or two Bonelli's Warblers. We did our final picnic before the group walked to the other side of the wood where the group viewed Pasqueflower. We headed back and stopped for a coffee where Red and Black Kites swooped round the other side of the road. After coffee we drove on to below the Parador where we checked around a picnic site where we found two Black-bellied Dipper and a Schreiber's Lizard on a tree.

We slowly headed back to the hotel for our last night dinner.

Day 8

Wednesday 26th April

Hoyas del Espino, Parador, Madrid, Heathrow

7-23 degrees

We started the morning with a walk with the usual suspects after breakfast we said our fair wells to the staff and headed off to the Parador where sadly we didn't pick up on any Citril Finches but got a cracking Ocellated Lizard before we headed to Madrid and our goodbyes and back to the UK thinking about the great things we saw.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	April 2023							
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		✓						
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		✓	✓					
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓		✓				
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		✓						
Red Crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>					1			
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					H			
Black necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		1						
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓						
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓						
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			3					
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					1			
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					1			
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>		✓			✓			
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					1			
Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		✓						
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓			✓			
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>					1			
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			2					
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				3		2	1	
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			1	✓	1	3	4	2
Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>			2					
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			2					
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		1						
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>					1			
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>				2	2			
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>		1		1	4			
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		H			H			
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>					4			
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓			✓			
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓			✓			
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		H			2			
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓						
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		1	4	3				
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>						2		

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Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			2					
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		1	1		1			
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					✓			
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>					3			
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>		14		4	130			
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>				H	4			
Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>		1		1	2			
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>						H	H	
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			2	1	1			
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			7					
White rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>			2					
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		✓		✓				
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		5		7				
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1						
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	1							
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						✓	✓	✓
Lesser spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>							1	
Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>						✓	✓	✓
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			1		H			
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓				✓	✓
Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</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>					✓	✓	✓	✓
European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>						H	✓	✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			H		✓	✓		
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>						✓		
Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		14		2				
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

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Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓
Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						✓	✓	✓
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		1			1			
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		H						
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>					H			
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓		H	✓	✓	✓
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>								
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1				✓	✓	✓
Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>					1			
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			✓		✓			
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						✓	✓	✓
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>							H	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			H		H	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>						✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>						✓		
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			H		✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>								
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			H			H		
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓		H		✓	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>						✓	✓	✓
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		2			1	1	✓	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		2		1		✓	✓	✓
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					1			
Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>						1		
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			3			1		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		2						
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			2					
Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>								
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>							2	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>						✓	✓	✓
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>						1		
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>						✓	✓	✓
Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		H				✓	✓	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						✓	✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>								
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>						H		
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>							H	

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Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			1					
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>						✓	✓	✓
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Citrl Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>							3	
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>						✓		
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirius</i>			1			✓	✓	✓

Mammals

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		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Spanish Mole	<i>Talpa occidentalis</i>							1	
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>				1			2	
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	1							
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>							1	
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			1					
Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>		3						
Spanish Ibex	<i>Capra pyrenaica</i>					1	26		
Soprano Pipistrelle Bat	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>		14	15					
Free Tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida teniotis</i>		1	7					

Reptiles & Amphibians

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		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Viperine Water Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>		3	2					
Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis gaudarramae</i>						3		
Cyrens Rock Lizard	<i>Iberolacerta cyreni</i>						1		
Schreiber's Lizard	<i>Acanthodactylus schreiberi</i>						1	1	
Large Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus algirus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Ocelated Lizard	<i>Timon lepidus</i>								2
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	6	5	3	2				
"Perez" Iberian water Frog	<i>Pelophylax perezi</i>		✓	✓				✓	
Spanish Pond Terrapin	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Spiney Toad	<i>Bufo spinosus</i>							4	
Stripeless Treefrog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>	1		2	1	1			

Invertebrates

		April 2023							
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Butterflies									
Spanish Festoon	<i>Zerynthia rumina</i>					✓		✓	
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>						✓	✓	✓
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>				✓			✓	✓
Provence Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis euphenoides</i>						✓	✓	✓
Western Dapple White	<i>Euchloe simplonia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>							✓	
Holy Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓			✓		
Black-eyed Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche malanops</i>		✓		✓				
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>				✓	✓		✓	
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>						✓		
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>						✓		
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais polychloros</i>						✓	✓	
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>						✓		
Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>							✓	
Queen Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Provincial Fritillary	<i>Mellicta dejone</i>							✓	
Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>							✓	
Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>							✓	
Small Pearl bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>							✓	
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>						✓	✓	
Spanish Marbled White	<i>Melanargia ines</i>		✓						
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓			✓			
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Moths compiled by Micheal Dale									
Yellow Belle	<i>Aspitates ochrearia</i>								
	<i>Udea numeralis</i>								
	<i>Phaiogramma etruscaria</i>								
	<i>Mirificarma eburnella</i>								
	<i>Metopoceras felicina</i>								
	<i>Isophrictis lineatellus</i>								
	<i>Idaea minuscularia</i>								
	<i>Idaea longaria</i>								
	<i>Eupithecia pantellata</i>								
	<i>Ethmia terminella</i>								
	<i>Enolmis acanthella</i>								
	<i>Dysspastus fallax</i>								
	<i>Dyspessa ulula</i>								
	<i>Coscinia chrysocephala</i>								
	<i>Cleonymia diffluens</i>								
	<i>Acrobasis obliqua</i>								

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	<i>Bryotropha sattleri</i>								
	<i>Agnoea detrimentella</i>								
Dragonflies									
Blue eye Damselfly	<i>Erythromma lindenii</i>			✓					
Iberian Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura graellsii</i>			✓					
Large Red Damselfly	<i>Pyrhosoma nymphula</i>						✓	✓	
Western Clubtail	<i>Gomphus pulchellus</i>			✓					
Red veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Banded Groundling	<i>Brachythemis impartita</i>					✓			
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>		✓			✓			
Others									
Owl fly	<i>Libelloides ictericus</i>			✓					
Owl fly	<i>Libelloides hispanicus</i>							✓	
Ayres Stone Grasshopper	<i>Eumigus ayresi</i>					✓			
Fat Bellied Saddle Bush Cricket	<i>Pycnogaster jugicola</i>							✓	
Oil Beetle	<i>Ber bomeloe majalis</i>				✓			✓	

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name
Class Gymnosperms	
Pinaceae	Pine family
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine
Cupressaceae	Cypress family
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	
Class Angiosperms	
Order Dicotyledons	
Fagaceae	Oak family
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak
<i>Quercus rotundifolia</i>	
<i>Quercus pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean Oak
Urticaceae	Nettle family
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory Of The Wall
Caryophyllaceae	Pink family
<i>Silene alba</i>	White Campion
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-Flowered Catchfly
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup
<i>Ranunculus abnormis</i>	
Paeoniaceae	Peony family
<i>Paeonia officinalis</i> ssp. <i>humilis</i>	

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<i>Paeonia broteri</i>	
Papaveraceae	Poppy family
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy
Fumariceae	Fumitory family
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Ramping Fumitory
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop family
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop
Rosaceae	Rose family
<i>Geum sylvaticum</i>	
Leguminosae	Pea family
<i>Genista hispanica</i>	Spanish Gorse
<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>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover
Geraniaceae	Geranium family
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-Leaved Cranesbill
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge family
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge
Aceraceae	Maple family
<i>Acer monspessulanum</i>	Montpelier Maple
Malvaceae	Mallow family
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow
Hypericaceae	St. John's-wort family
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	
Cistaceae	Rockrose family
<i>Cistus ladanifer</i>	Gum Cistus
<i>Tuberaria guttatum</i>	Spotted Rockrose
<i>Helianthemum appeninum</i>	White Rockrose
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rockrose
Cactaceae	Cactus family
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Prickly Pear
Umbelliferae	Carrot family
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel
Ericaceae	Heath family

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<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree
<i>Erica lusitanica</i>	Portuguese Heath
<i>Erica arborea</i>	
Primulaceae	Primrose family
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel
<i>Anagallis foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel
<i>Primula elatior</i>	Oxlip
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift family
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	
Oleaceae	Olive family
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Flowering Ash
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive
Gentianaceae	Gentian family
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-Wort
<i>Centaurium maritimum</i>	
Boraginaceae	Borage family
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Vipers Bugloss
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Bugloss
Labiatae	Mint family
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender
<i>Verbascum nigrum</i>	Dark Mullein
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle family
<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	
Campanulaceae	Bellflower family
<i>Campanula patula</i>	Spreading Bellflower
Compositae	Daisy family
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Cornflower
<i>Pulstilla vulgaris</i>	Pasque Flower
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish Oyster Plant
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis
Order Monocotyledons	
Liliaceae	Lily family
<i>Asphodelus albus</i>	White Asphodel
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus
<i>Scilla verna</i>	Spring Squill
<i>Scilla hispanica</i>	

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Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil family
<i>Narcissus rupicola</i>	Rock Narcissus
<i>Narcissus bulbocodium</i> Var. <i>nivalis</i>	Hoop Petticoat Narcissus
<i>Narcissus triandrus</i>	Angel's Tears
Iridaceae	Iris family
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Wild Gladiolus
<i>Moraea (Gynandiris) sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut
<i>Iris lusitanica</i>	Spanish Iris
Orchidaceae	Orchid family
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Early Purple Orchid