

Spain – Extremadura & Gredos Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

8th – 15th May 2023



Ortolan Bunting



Spanish Festoon



Spanish Ibex



Violet Dropwing

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Day 1

Monday 8th May

Heathrow – Madrid - Las Canteros

20 degrees sunny

With most of the group managing to meet at Heathrow, we set off on our adventure. On arrival in Madrid, we collected the vans and headed south on our way to Extremadura. Once out of Madrid and into more rural countryside we soon picked up few White Storks nesting along the roadside as well as Black Kites drifting over the road, with a few being lucky enough to see a Black-winged Kite.

We stopped at a service station for a leg stretch and our first proper taste of the sounds of Spain with Corn Buntings jangling away from the bushes, as well as the local House and Spanish Sparrows making their home in the bottom of the local White Stork's nest. Getting back to the vans, we headed further south towards our home for the next few days, passing through Oak Dehesa and the plains before turning off the motorway just short of the hilltop town of Trujillo. We drove down the country lane to Las Canteros where we were greeted by Paco and his mother Pila and a lovely home cooked meal and a good night's sleep.

Day 2

Tuesday 9th May

Las Canteros – Trujilo - Alcollarín Dam - Campo Lugar - Madrigalejo

19-33.5 degrees sun and cloud

We started the morning with a pre breakfast walk where we attempted to get our heads around Crested and Thekla's Lark identification, as well as hearing Sardinian Warbler and of course plenty of Corn Bunting, before heading back for a spot of breakfast.

After breakfast, we headed into Trujillo where the group went to the Bull Ring and got great views of Spotless Starling and a few Lesser Kestrel, followed by a slow saunter to the local park where as well as the local wildfowl, they picked up on Iberian Pond Terrapin, several Viperine Snakes and Iberian Water Frog.

We headed south to Alcollarín and the dam where we were greeted with a few Bee-eaters flitting around. Along the edge of the water, we noted Great, Little and Cattle Egret as well as Spoonbills feeding on the far side. Carrying on along the dirt track to the picnic site, we were greeted by the sound of Nightingale and Great Reed Warbler. Walking out on to the upper dam, we saw a few Egyptian Geese and a Marsh Harrier while along the edge, the group watched Blue-eyed Damselflies and a stunning Violet Dropwing. Moving down to the water's edge below the dam, the group found a couple of Redshank and a Little Ringed Plover feeding on the mud with Spanish Yellow Wagtail and White Wagtail as well as Lesser Emperor and Banded Groundling. We headed back to the vans where the group their first Naturetrek picnic in the company of Iberian Magpie and Woodchat Shrike while overhead, a Bonelli's Eagle drifted over as well as several Black Kite and Griffin Vultures.

After lunch, we had a quick look around the back of the dam before heading back to the road and down through Campo Lugar where we picked up on a couple of distant Rollers as well as a couple of Short-toed Eagles. Moving on, we found a small flock of Greater Short-toed Larks including several singing birds. Dropping out of Campo Lugar, we headed down to Madrigalejo to a small wet area on the edge of the fruit fields where we heard Penduline Tits and saw several Purple Herons, with a few Butterflies putting in an appearance including Small Copper and Lang's Short tailed Blue. We then headed back to Las Canteros and dinner.

Day 3

Wednesday 10th May

Las Canteros - Monfragüe National Park- Rio Almonte

13-30 degrees sun and wind

The day started with our morning walk along the road where we saw a Cuckoo as well as four Great Spotted Cuckoos passing through the scrub, much to the annoyance of the local small bird population...mainly the Corn Buntings.

After breakfast, we headed north towards Monfragüe National Park with our first stop being the Castillo, where on getting out the vans, some of the group were lucky enough to see Hawfinches which were not giving themselves up easily. On the walk up, we saw several Speckled Woods as well as Ilex Hairstreaks. At the top, we headed to the viewpoint with some going up to the Castillo itself. The winds seemed to be against us with just House and Crag Martins buzzing around us, and a Blue Rock Thrush putting in several appearances. A sudden switch in the wind and the real reason for us being there became apparent with Griffin Vultures and Cinereous Vulture drifting by, while at the rock face Egyptian Vulture drifted around.

After this, we dragged ourselves back and headed into the park, stopping at a bridge across where we looked at the huge House Martin colony and picked up on several Alpine Swifts nesting under the bridge, hearing their shrill call as they whizzed by.

We went to the visitor's centre where the group had for a coffee while we set up the picnic lunch. After lunch we headed further into the park, and around to the Rio Tiétar. Watching from the viewpoint, the group watched the Griffon Vultures bring food into their young, while two White-rumped Swifts were caught briefly around the top of the rocks. A couple of Black Storks drifted over while both Short-toed and Booted Eagle were seen and Turtle Doves called in the background. We moved slowly back along the valley, stopping at a viewpoint where an Egyptian Vulture sat on the nest while a Western Subalpine Warbler sang just down the road. Heading back through, we stopped at Pennifalcon Rock where we enjoyed further amazing views of vultures coming and going, as well as several Black Storks on the nest. Finally dragging ourselves away, we headed out of the park with one final stop at the Rio Almonte for a small walk where everyone spread out to see what they could find. This included Viperine Snake, Great Reed Warbler and Southern Gatekeeper to name a few.

We then headed back to the hotel for the evening.

Day 4

Thursday 11th May

Las Cateros - Santa Marta de Magasca Plain - Santa Marta - Cáceres Plain -Trujilo

10-29 degrees sunny

We started the morning with a walk which turned up Iberian Grey Shrike, Magpie, Egyptian Vulture drifting over us and the local Little Owl on the stone walls.

After breakfast we headed out to Santa Marta de Magasca Plain where at the first stop, we scanned the grassland seeing plenty of Calandra Larks buzzing around but sadly no bustards. We headed onto our next location where we stopped several times along the track with plenty of Calandra, Thekla's and Crested Larks with Bee-eaters and Corn Buntings thrown in. At one stop, we scanned around and picked up a call - two Pin-tailed Sandgrouse! We headed out for a walk up a track where we found Small Copper and Brown Argus as well as an Owl Fly in the long grass before heading back down. Once again, no bustards, but we did pick up on a large dark shape in the form of a Spanish Imperial Eagle.

Driving around to the village of Santa Marta, we pulled into a local park for lunch and the group went around to the local café while it was being prepared.

After lunch, we dropped out of the village to the river valley where we stopped for a quick look where several Iberian Pond Terrapins basked on the rocks and Crag Martins buzzed up and down the valley. Heading up the other side on to Cáceres Plain, we quickly picked up on two eagles. Stopping the vehicles, we realised we were watching two species with a young Spanish Imperial and a Golden Eagle. Moving a little further up, we found a Roller on the wires near the road while a Swallowtail flitted through. Moving down the road, we found several other Rollers on the wires as well Lesser Kestrels. Sadly, one of the tracks we took was closed, so the group had a quick look over the pools where Zitting Cisticolas bounced around the edge of the grass. As we headed towards the main road, something moved by a rock near a pylon. On closer inspection, we saw that it was a Great Bustard. After viewing for a while, we moved on and found another two Great Bustards!

We headed to Trujilo for a spot of site-seeing around the old town for an hour. As we went to leave, we stopped by a small park where a Scops Owl was trying to get a few hours' sleep in before keeping the locals up all night! We then headed back to the hotel for our final evening meal at Los Canteros.

Day 5

Friday 12th May

Los Canteras - Monroy Road - Maestra Deleitosa – Arracampo - Hoyas del Espino

13-25-3 degrees sun cloud rain snow

A few of us went out for the morning walk before setting out on our way with plenty of Calandra Larks, and the local Hoopoe putting in appearance. The highlight was a Stone Curlew that flew over. Even though we had heard them every day, this was the first one to give itself up. As we sat at breakfast, a lovely view a Great Spotted Cuckoo was enjoyed in the trees in the garden - almost as if to say goodbye.

We packed the vans up and said farewell to our hosts and headed on our way up the Monroy Road. We slowly tracked up the road, checking either side with plenty of Calandra Larks on show. The second van stopped. On realisation, the first van slowly rolled back to join them. Much to everyone's amazement, a bird that had avoided us the last couple of days was no more than ten meters from the van in the shape of a Little Bustard (probably the best views I've ever had!). After a good 45 minutes, we dragged ourselves away....it was not an easy decision. Heading down the road a short distance, we pulled off to a viewpoint where we picked up three Great Bustard and while there, a flock of twenty Pin-tailed Sandgrouse flew through. We also found two species of Antlion, one species of Owl Fly and more Swallowtails.

We had a few more stops for other species – but nothing as obliging as the Little Bustard. Heading on, we stopped at Maestra Deleitosa where we were greeted by singing Woodlark. We strolled down through the Gum Cistus into the stunning little piece of Cork Oak woodland where we got good views of Short-toed Treecreeper moving amongst the trees with several Nuthatches. At the same time, the liquid call of Golden Oriole trickled through the wood with most of the group managing to get a glimpse of these incredibly colourful birds that just disappeared into the foliage, with also a few Iberian Magpies working their way through the wood as well. While the butterflies included Ilex and False Ilex Hairstreaks as well as Lang's Short tailed Blue amongst the bushes.

Once again, we just had to drag ourselves away to carry on north to our next stop of Arracampo wetland reserve, which also served as our picnic stop. While food was being prepared, the group went and had a look over by the first hide before walking back for some lunch. After lunch we went to a couple of the hides where the group got to grips with Purple Swamphen, Gull-billed Tern, Little Bittern, Squacco Heron, Glossy Ibis as well as a few less seen species in the form of Black crowned Night Heron, Common Tern and Bearded Tit, while on the dragonfly side, we had Banded Groundlings and Western Clubtail. But like many of the sites we had been to, we reluctantly had to leave and carry on.

We headed on with the weather starting to change with passing rain showers. The habitat changed too from rolling arable land to Oak dehesa. As we climbed up into the Gredos, the types of trees changed with more pines starting to appear. On reaching the top, we headed towards our home for a few nights in Hoyas Del Espino. The rain showers started to become a little more sleety, with the mountain tops starting to go a little white and the temperature gauge on the van dropping to single figures for the first time all week! We soon reached the hotel - The Milano Real and to a warm welcome where we settled in for the night.

Day 6

Saturday 13th May

Hoyas Del Espino- Plataforma

3-13.5 degrees sun and cloud

We woke up in the morning to a cooler temperature than we had been used to, but still pleasant enough, and headed out for the morning walk. Our mornings were now being greeted by calls from Black Redstarts and Firecrests. As we wandered down into the edge of the village, we found Wheatears and Cirl Buntings as well as a small flock of Tree Sparrow feeding on the tracks. We headed back for breakfast before getting ready for our trip up to the Plataforma.

We started the drive up the road, slowly looking either side for wildlife. Heading through the mountain pastures, we soon found Spanish Yellow Wagtails along the fence line. As we ascended, the habitat started to change again slowly becoming rockier and we picked up a call from the scrub. We stopped and found a singing Ortolan Bunting in the bushes nearby, and a buck Roe Deer sporting his green grass Mohican (quite obviously making a fashion statement). We drove on to the carpark and set about making a packed lunch while scanning the ravine where Rock and Ortolan Buntings were singing, as well as a rather striking singing Rock Thrush male. We headed on up the path with the occasional glimpse of Black-bellied Dipper zipping back and forth on the river. Approaching the top, we stopped for a breather and a scan around seeing plenty of Wheatears. Then we heard a quick snatch of call and managed to find a male Bluethroat. We headed towards the bird - which proved to be quite elusive only giving brief views, while Dunnocks kept popping out to tease us. We managed some fantastic views of Spanish Ibex just chilling out around the scrub. We headed over to our picnic site, looking over the mountain stream. While we ate, we found a stunning Cyrene's Rock Lizard as well as a Schreiber's Lizard basking on the rocks. We walked slowly back across and down towards the vans where we picked up on several Water Pipit and two Red-billed Chough up on the rocks. We headed down the mountain and through the meadows to a café for an impromptu ice cream stop. Here we found a pair of Crested Tit nesting in a box above the cars in the carpark. After this, we had a little wander in the woods by the river where we found a Pied Flycatcher. Before heading to the other side for another look around, we found Sooty Copper, Green-underside Blue, Wall Lizard and Large Psamadroma.

We then returned to the hotel for dinner and a good night's sleep.

Day 7

Sunday 14th May

Hoyas Del Espino - Parradore- Bonelli's Wood - Navarredonda de Gredos

5 -17 degrees

We started the morning with a walk up above the village where we found Woodlark and a few showy Bonelli's Warbler as well as a Rock Sparrow as we dropped back down into the village.

After Breakfast, we set out for the day, stopping at the Parradore where we found Crested Tit and the briefest of views of Citril Finch which quickly shot off and into the trees. We carried on down the valley and across to the next valley to Bonelli's Wood where we on arrival, it was slightly cloudy and cold, but both species of Peony were a bit of vibrant colour in the wood, but with the temperature, it seemed quiet until we started looking at the tops of the White Asphodel where we suddenly found good numbers of Knapweed Fritillary, sat motionless, giving everyone fantastic views. Suddenly it started to warm up and the true magic of the wood started to happen as all the butterflies started to appear including Queen of Spain, Provincial Fritillary, Cardinal, Provincial Orange-tip, Wood White and of course the stunning Spanish Festoon. But these weren't the only things to put in an appearance with a couple of very showy Golden Orioles in the woodland pastures. We sat in the woods having our final picnic lunch together with much of the group chasing butterflies around the lower part of the picnic area including more festoons.

After lunch we popped around the other side of the wood to see the Pasque Flowers which were putting on a beautiful show amongst the pine trees.

We headed back below the Parradore, for a walk to see what we could find. As we were going to step through a stile, we picked up on a stunning little Lataste's Viper trying to hide, which gave great views. We then took a little walk around the edge of the river where a few of the group spotted a Stream Frog on the edge. After a while we moved on through the wood to the last stop of the day for another little walk before heading back to the hotel for our final evening.

Day 8

Monday 15th May

Parradore - Madrid- Heathrow

10-26 degrees sunny

We had our final breakfast together and loaded the vans up, said farewell to our hosts and headed off. We stopped at the Parradore but sadly no Citril Finch but did once again have Crested Tit and just before we left, a Nightjar started churring somewhere up above in the rocks! We then headed to the airport where we said our farewells and headed for home.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	May 2023							
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		✓						
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		✓						
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	✓	✓						
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					7			
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>								
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓		✓				
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓						
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			8					
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					2			
Black crowned Night heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</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>		✓			✓			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓			✓			
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					4			
Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		✓						
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1							
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			8	3	4			
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		2	2	6	2			
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		2	2	1	1	4	4	1
Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>				2				
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				1				
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		2						
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>				3	3			
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>					1			
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>					6			
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓			✓			
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>		H	H	2	1			
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		4						
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		1	1					
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		2						
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		1	1					
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					✓			

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		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					7			
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>				2	20			
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			H		2			
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>			4		1			
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>				1			H	
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>			H					
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1		H	1	1			
Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>								2H
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			6					
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		✓		✓	✓			
White rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>		2						
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		2		4				
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1	1		1			
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					H		H	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						✓	H	
Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>							H	
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>			H		2		5	
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>						3		
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>						3	✓	✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		H						
Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>					1			
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>		8	1	2	2			
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	✓		✓			
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						✓	✓	✓
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		H	3		✓			
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		H			✓			
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>						✓	✓	✓
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>		H			✓			
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>						✓	✓	✓
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>								
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>						1		
Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>						H		
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			1					
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						✓	✓	✓
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>							H	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			H		✓			
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					2			
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			H			✓	✓	✓
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>						2		
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	H	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>						✓	H	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>							✓	
Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>						✓		
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			6					
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						✓	✓	
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			3					
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>						1	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>			H				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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>						✓		
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			5					
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>							4	
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			1			✓	✓	✓
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>						✓		
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			1	1		✓		



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Others

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Mammals									
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>						1		
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			1	3	3			
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓	✓		2	1			
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			6		2			
Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>		2	3	2				
Spanish Ibex	<i>Capra pyrenaica</i>						30		
Saprano Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>		20	✓	✓	✓			

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Free tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida teniotis</i>		6	✓	✓	✓			
Reptiles and amphibians									
Lataste's Viper	<i>Vipera latastei</i>							1	
Vinerine Water Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>		5	1					
Cyren's Rock Lizard	<i>Iberolacerta cyreni</i>							1	
Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis pityusensis</i>				1		1	1	
Schreiber's Lizard	<i>Acanthodactylus schreiberi</i>						✓		
Large Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus algirus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		6	3	2	2			
Iberian Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax perezi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		H	
Iberian Pond Terrapin	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Large Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus algirus</i>							✓	
Stream frog	<i>Rana iberica</i>							1	
Stripeless Tree frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Butterflies									
Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>						✓	✓	
Oberthur's grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>							✓	
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>			✓					
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>							✓	
Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>		✓		✓				
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio alexanor</i>				✓	✓			
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclidides podalirius</i>		✓	✓					
Two-tailed Pasha	<i>Charaxes jasius</i>		✓						
Spanish Festoon	<i>Zerynthia rumina</i>		✓	✓				✓	
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>			✓					
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>		✓	✓					
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Green-striped White	<i>Euchloe belemia</i>				✓				
Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>							✓	
Provence Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis euphenoides</i>							✓	
Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>							✓	
Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrus ilicis</i>		✓						
False Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrus esculi</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>						✓	✓	
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>							✓	
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>			✓	✓				
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓						✓	
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>							✓	
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>						✓		
Southern Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>							C	

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Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>						✓	✓	
Provincial Fritillary	<i>Mellicta dejone</i>							✓	
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>						✓	✓	
Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>							✓	
High Brown Fritillary	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>							✓	
Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>							✓	
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Spanish Heath	<i>Coenonympha dorus</i>			✓					
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata mergera</i>						✓	✓	
Striped Hawkmoth	<i>Hyles livornica</i>			✓					
Chimney Sweep	<i>Odezia atrata</i>							✓	
Latticed Heath	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>							✓	
Feathered Footman	<i>Coscina striata</i>							✓	
	<i>Isturgia famula</i>			✓					
Dragonflies									
Iberian Bluetail	<i>Ischnura graellsii</i>			✓					
Blue eyed Damselfly	<i>Erythromma lindenii</i>		✓	✓					
Western Clubtail	<i>Gomphus pulchellus</i>					✓			
Red Veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓						
Violet Dropwing	<i>Tritemis annulata</i>		✓						
Banded Groundling	<i>Brachythemis leucosticta</i>		✓			✓			
Broad bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>				✓				
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>		✓						
Southern Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna affinis</i>		✓						
Other Insects									
Thread wing Antlion	<i>Nemoptera bipennis</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Antlion	<i>Myrmeleon formicarius</i>					✓			
Owl fly	<i>Libelloides ictericus</i>				1	✓			
Carpenter Bee sp				✓					
Carder Bee sp			✓						
Oil Beetle sp			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Firebug sp			✓	✓					
Wart Bitter					1				

Flora (Plant list compiled by Kathryn Kilner)

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Achillea millefolia</i>	Yarrow
<i>Aegilops geniculata</i>	Goat grass
<i>Allium</i> sp.	Wild onion sp.
<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	Green winged orchid
<i>Anagallis foemina</i>	Blue pimpernel
<i>Anarrhinum bellidifolium</i>	Daisy leaved toadflax
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn chamomile

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<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet vernal grass
<i>Anthyllis montana</i>	Mountain kidney vetch
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry tree
<i>Arenaria grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered sandwort
<i>Arenaria montana</i>	Mountain sandwort
<i>Aristolochia paucinervis</i>	Green flowered birthwort
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Thrift
<i>Asphodelus albus</i>	White asphodel
<i>Astragalus lusitanicus</i>	Astragalus
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Bearded oat
<i>Barbarea sp.</i>	Wintercress sp.
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Common daisy
<i>Biscutella laevigata</i>	Buckler mustard
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking grass
<i>Briza minor</i>	Small quaking grass
<i>Bromus hordaceus</i>	Soft brome
<i>Bromus sterilis</i>	Barren brome
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Calendula
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh marigold
<i>Campanula lusitanica</i>	Lusitanian bellflower
<i>Campanula rapunculus</i>	Rampion bellflower
<i>Carex hirta</i>	Hairy sedge
<i>Carex nigra</i>	Common sedge
<i>Carex leporina</i>	Oval sedge
<i>Carex riparia</i>	Greater pond sedge
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Cornflower
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	Greater knapweed
<i>Centaureum maritimum</i>	Centaury
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky mouse ear
<i>Cerastium sp.</i>	Chickweed sp.
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater celandine
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown daisy
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	Corn marigold
<i>Cistus ladanifer</i>	Gum cistus
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily of the valley
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort
<i>Cynara humilis</i>	Artichoke thistle
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda grass
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Hound's tongue
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	Bristly dog's tail
<i>Cynosurus effusus</i>	Dog's tail sp.

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<i>Cytisus multiflorus</i>	White broom
<i>Cytisus oromediterraneus</i>	Pyrenean broom
<i>Datura sp.</i>	Thorn apple sp.
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild carrot
<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>	Wavy hair grass
<i>Dianthus lusitanicus</i>	Lusitanian pink
<i>Digitalis thapsi</i>	Spanish foxglove
<i>Echium italicum</i> subsp. <i>Pyrenaicum</i>	Pale bugloss
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple viper's bugloss
<i>Eleocharis sp.</i>	Spike rush
<i>Erica lusitanica</i>	Portuguese heath
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Musk storksbill
<i>Erodium sp.</i>	Stork's bill sp.
<i>Erucaria hispanica</i>	Eruca
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngium
<i>Euphorbia sp.</i>	Spurge sp.
<i>Evax pygmaea</i>	Evax
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Fennel
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Ramping fumitory
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common fumitory
<i>Gagea sp.</i>	Yellow star of Bethlehem
<i>Galium sp.</i>	Bedstraw sp.
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining cranesbill
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's foot cranesbill
<i>Geranium pusillum</i>	Small-flowered cranesbill
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Bloody cranesbill
<i>Geum sylvaticum</i>	Geum sp.
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field gladiolus
<i>Helianthemum apenninum</i>	White rock rose
<i>Helichrysum arenarium</i>	Immortelle
<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	European heliotrope
<i>Herniaria glabra</i>	Rupturewort
<i>Hordeum marinum</i>	Wall barley
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Spanish bluebell
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St John's wort
<i>Jasione montana</i>	Sheep's bit
<i>Jasminum fruticans</i>	Wild jasmine
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Juniper
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field scabious
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly lettuce
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Meadow vetchling
<i>Lathyrus sphaericus</i>	Rund seeded vetchling
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French lavender

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<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary cress
<i>Lepidium</i> sp.	Pepperwort sp.
<i>Linaria elegans</i>	Purple toadflax
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale flax
<i>Logfia minima</i>	Small cudweed
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial rye grass
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's foot trefoil
<i>Lotus hispidus</i>	Hairy bird's foot trefoil
<i>Luzula</i> sp.	Woodrush sp.
<i>Lythrum hyssopifolia</i>	Grass-poly
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common mallow
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Pineapple weed
<i>Medicago denticulata</i>	Toothed medick
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	Ribbed melilot
<i>Melitta melissophyllum</i>	Bastard balm
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	Pennyroyal
<i>Mentha</i> sp.	Lemon mint
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Feather hyacinth
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	Water forget-me-not
<i>Myosotis</i> sp.	Forget-me-not sp.
<i>Nardus stricta</i>	Mat grass
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Watercress
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock water dropwort
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch thistle
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Early purple orchid
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	White star of Bethlehem
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	Yellow serradella
<i>Ornithopus perpusillus</i>	Bird's foot
<i>Orobancha minor</i>	Common broomrape
<i>Orobancha rapum-genistae</i>	Greater broomrape
<i>Oxalis articulata</i>	Pink oxalis
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Yellow sorrel
<i>Paeonia broteri</i>	Peony
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny fleabane
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Rough poppy
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common poppy
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow bartsia
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the wall
<i>Paronychia capitata</i>	Algerian tea
<i>Pedicularis sylvatica</i>	Heath lousewort
<i>Phalaris</i> sp.	Canary grass sp.
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common reed
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buckshorn plantain

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<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's foot plantain
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary plantain
<i>Polygala sp.</i>	Milkwort sp.
<i>Polygonatum odoratum</i>	Solomon's seal
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Beard grass
<i>Polypogon viridis</i>	Water bent
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken
<i>Pulicaria sp.</i>	Fleabane sp.
<i>Pulsatilla alpina</i> ssp. <i>apifolia</i>	Yellow pasque flower
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes oak
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm oak
<i>Quercus pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean oak
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork oak
<i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i>	Water crowfoot
<i>Ranunculus bulbosa</i>	Bulbous buttercup
<i>Ranunculus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered buttercup
<i>Ranunculus scleratus</i>	Celery leaved buttercup
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild radish
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White mignonette
<i>Rhynchospora alba</i>	white beak sedge
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog rose
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's sorrel
<i>Ruta montana</i>	Mountain rue
<i>Salix sp.</i>	Willow sp.
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild clary
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad burnet
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Meadow saxifrage
<i>Scilla verna</i>	Spring squill
<i>Scleranthus annuus</i>	Annual knawel
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish oyster plant
<i>Scolymus maculatus</i>	Golden thistle
<i>Sedum album</i>	White stonecrop
<i>Senecio sp.</i>	Ragwort sp.
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field madder
<i>Silene alba</i>	White campion
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Pink catchfly
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered catchfly
<i>Silene sp.</i>	White cathfly sp.
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish broom
<i>Spergularia rubra</i>	Red sand spurrey
<i>Taraxacum agg.</i>	Dandelion
<i>Thapsia villosa</i>	Thapsia

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<i>Thesium humifusum</i>	Bastard toadflax
<i>Thymus capitatus</i>	Mediterranean wild thyme
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis
<i>Torilis japonica</i>	Upright hedge parsley
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goatsbeard
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow clover
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Hare's foot clover
<i>Trifolium leucanthum</i>	Clover sp.
<i>Trifolium medium</i>	Zigzag clover
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red clover
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed clover
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry clover
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Subterranean clover
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted rockrose
<i>Ulmus sp.</i>	Elm sp.
<i>Umbellifera rupestris</i>	Navelwort
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common nettle
<i>Valeriana tuberosa</i>	Valerian sp.
<i>Valerianella sp.</i>	Cornsalad sp.
<i>Verbascum nigrum</i>	Dark mullein
<i>Verbascum pulverulentum</i>	Hoary mullein
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Great mullein
<i>Vicia benghalensis</i>	Purple vetch
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Hairy tare
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow vetch
<i>Vicia onobrychioides</i>	Sainfoin vetch
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush vetch
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder vetch
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common dog violet
<i>Viscum album</i>	Mistletoe