

Spain's Coto Donana & Extremadura

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-winged Stilt



Iberian Lynx



Black Kite



European Bee-eater

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Day 1

Tuesday 5th May

Arriving in Seville mid-morning, the group met Simon and Amy at the airport where Pallid Swifts swirled around the car park buildings. With the promise of fine weather all week, we excitedly headed south-west towards El Rocio, enjoying our first sightings of White Stork and Black Kite along the way. Upon reaching the beautiful town of El Rocio, its sandy streets lined with stunning houses and their verandas, we checked into our hotel. Amy and Simon did a quick trip to the local shop for fresh supplies and then we gathered by the adjacent lagoon, La Madre de las Marismas, where we tucked into a delicious picnic lunch including local cheeses, meats, fresh bread and wine, whilst being treated to sightings of a variety of wonderful wetland species right in front of us including Greater Flamingo, Black-winged Stilt and hundreds of Whiskered Terns.

Following lunch, we travelled a short distance to La Rocina where we were able to enjoy a walk in the shade of the woodland and visit various hides. Surrounded by the song of Serins, we also managed to get many good views of Spotted Flycatcher, Short-toed Treecreeper and nesting Tree Sparrows amongst the trees. In the hides we had excellent views of Red-crested Pochard, Glossy Ibis, White Stork, Gadwall and Little Grebe, and we could hear Reed Warbler and Savi's Warbler in the reedbeds surrounding us. Walking to the next hide we had wonderful views of Black Kite, Eurasian Spoonbill, Booted Eagle, and Melodious Warbler singing in the vegetation next to us!

On our way back to the hotel we stopped off on the outskirts of El Rocio where we were surrounded by a large group of European Bee-eaters hawking all around us. Some individuals perched close to us and in the late afternoon sun were displaying their colourful plumage at its best; clear views determining the males from females.

After a good start to the trip, the day ended with dinner in the hotel restaurant, providing us with panoramic views of the lagoon where Night Herons and Red Deer were appearing as the light faded. Just as we headed off for a well earned rest, a Purple Swamphen popped up out of the reed bed in front of the window, leaving us with a great image as we turned in for the night!

Day 2

Wednesday 6th May

We started the day by awakening to views of the beautiful lagoon, and then enjoying a filling breakfast followed by a spot of birding in front of the hotel. After this we headed up the road to explore Acebron heathland, which was wonderfully peaceful first thing in the morning. Surrounded by various beautifully coloured wild flowers spreading across the sandy areas between the Broom and Gorse, and coupled with the scent of Heather, we enjoyed the sound of warblers from every direction around us. It wasn't long before we started to see the individuals to which the songs belonged, and fantastic views of Dartford Warbler, Sardinian Warbler and Crested Lark were had by all. We were also treated to our first views of Hoopoes in flight, calling as they went, and a pair of Woodchat Shrikes perching close to us on a fence line.

After this we carried on to explore the woodlands around Acebron Palace, finding the last flowering Tongue Orchids of the season, and being blown away by incredibly clear views of a male Common Cuckoo singing at the top of a tree against a clear blue backdrop. Moving on into the main woodland, we sighted Crested Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper, Common Nightingale, Melodious Warbler, and heard Savi's, Eurasian Reed and Great Reed Warblers and an Iberian Chiffchaff. The weather had also encouraged out Iberian Wall Lizards, basking in the sun, and an array of mostly Clouded Yellow butterflies which flitted around us as we walked.

After a relaxing morning walk, our next stop was a picnic area amongst the trees at Acebuche where we enjoyed the close company of the scavenging Iberian Magpies. Following this we explored the Acebuche wetland area, which was actually rather dry due to the lack of rain in the previous winter. Walking back through the olive trees, we could hear Golden Orioles calling in the nearby trees, but it proved difficult to see them as they were determined to stay amongst the thicker canopy of the trees that had bark hosting lichen which resembled a colour close to that of the bird itself! After a bit of patience, we were treated to views of this beautiful bird, which was well worth it! We were also lucky enough to come across a Hoopoe nest close to the visitor centre, and we enjoyed a coffee whilst watching the parents flying by with food for the chicks. We also watched a nesting White Stork, Red-rumped Swallows swooping about the courtyard, and Spotless Starlings showing off their call imitation skills. En route back to El Rocio, we stopped on the other side of the lagoon so we could look back over to the town. Here we had close views of the Black-winged Stilts and we also had a distant view of the only nesting Spanish Imperial Eagle in the area.

Back at the hotel we freshened up before completing our bird log, accompanied by a drink and a nice view of a Booted Eagle. This was followed by dinner, again with wonderful views of the lagoon. After dinner, those that wanted to headed out at dusk, back to Acebron Heath, and finished the day with an unforgettable view of Red-necked Nightjar, followed by large flocks of Greater Flamingoes passing overhead, flying towards the deep red and orange sunset to roost for the night.

Day 3

Thursday 7th May

Today we had a slightly earlier start as we were to meet our local guide who would be taking us into the heart of the Parque Nacional. We began by driving slowly through the Stone Pine areas of the park with the hope of catching a glimpse of the rare Iberian Lynx. Coming across some fresh footprints in the sand, perhaps from only about 20 minutes before, we scoured the shadows for a sighting but the secretive mammal eluded us. As the sun appeared in full and the temperature increased we left the forest and travelled into the centre of the park to explore the steppe and wetland habitats. Our first stop allowed us to see Red-rumped Swallow, Black Kite, Collared Pratincole, Zitting Cisticola and fantastic views of Crested Lark. Antony also spotted his sought after Dark Spreadwing damselfly, newly emerged and showing well, the blue colours bright in the morning sun.

Driving further along the road, we headed towards the Jose Valverde Visitor Centre, but before reaching it we got out and walked through the wetland area which surrounds the centre, taking everything in at a slower pace. This proved to be an area with some of the best birding of the day as groups of Collared Pratincoles, Whiskered Terns and Black-winged Stilt surrounding us and numerous Black Kites and White Storks flew overhead. The next section of reed bed proved extremely exciting, with highlights being fantastic views of Great Reed and Savi's Warblers singing, Black-necked Grebe, Greater Flamingoes flying over our heads, Great Bittern booming, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse calling overhead, and a close flyby from a Little Bittern. As we walked along the road

further we were surrounded by butterflies, the Swallowtails being particularly striking, and also additional dragonfly species such as Scarlet Darter.

Arriving at the visitor centre, we then had the pleasure of combining relaxing with refreshments in the cafe with the chance to take in the species residing in the ibis and heron colony. Right in front of us were Black-crowned Night Heron, Purple Heron, Grey Heron, Squacco Heron, Glossy Ibis, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Little Grebe and Great Crested Grebe alongside other wildfowl species. We also managed another clear view of Purple Swamphen!

After leaving here we drove up the road and spotted a Red-knobbed Coot emerging from the reeds, and had a good view of both a Spanish Sparrow and Lesser Kestrel colony. Then it was time to head back into El Rocio for lunch at a local restaurant, leaving a bit of spare time in which to explore the town and see the magnificent church, or to enjoy a quick siesta.

Gathering to meet our guide once again, we set off late afternoon to another part of the park. We drove to an area to seek views of Spanish Imperial Eagle. We scoured the area but the birds had flown high on the thermals, meaning we could not spot them. We did however, have close views of Booted Eagle, Short-toed Eagle and Griffon Vulture, alongside more Black Kite and White Stork sightings than we could keep up with! As the sun began to lower and the temperature cooled slightly, we headed back into the Stone Pine area where we had begun our day. As we drove we saw Common Magpie, Iberian Magpie, Eurasian Jay and a lovely view of a Hoopoe perched so close we could almost touch it; but we weren't sure we would see our target species. Then, as we rounded a corner, Simon exclaimed 'Lynx!' in a shocked and excited voice as it padded across the sandy path in front of the vehicle. After this initial outburst the group fell totally silent and we were fortunate enough to have about half an hour watching the incredibly beautiful feline stalking amongst the wispy vegetation, finally settling next to us to with her ears twitching gently in response to the slightest sounds. You could have heard a pin drop as we experienced this magical moment together, and as she lay down to sleep, we bade her farewell; smiles plastered across our faces. Over the moon with this sighting, we drove back to the hotel for dinner and drinks, celebrating the fantastic end to our day!

Day 4

Friday 8th May

On our final day in Donana we travelled to the east of the park and the other side of the Rio Guadalquivir. As we neared our destination, we stopped to watch a pair of breeding Montagu's Harriers. The birds were very obliging and effortlessly glided around the fields in front of us alongside a swirling group of Common and Pallid Swifts, before they headed over the peak of the rolling green pastureland. We carried on to our next stop, the salinas at Bonanza, where we were able to add more wading species to our ever increasing lists as groups of passage and breeding birds fed in front of us in the shallows. These included Sanderling, Dunlin, Little Stint, and flocks of Curlew Sandpiper in various stages of moult, enabling us to compare the salient characteristics of the species. Avocet, Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers and Kentish Plover were found on the banks of the pools, with groups of Greater Flamingoes feeding alongside. One of the water outlets attracted many gull species, and a flock of the delicate looking Slender-billed Gulls fed in front of us with Little Terns swooped down amongst the group to fish, whilst behind us a couple of Audouin's Gulls were spotted amongst the groups of Yellow-legged and Black-headed Gulls. Sardinian Warbler, Iberian Yellow Wagtail and Crested Lark also appeared at regular

intervals along the fence lines and tracks, and an amazing aerial display from a Booted Eagle trying to deter a Yellow-legged Gull from stealing its prey unfolded in the sky above us.

As the temperature rose we moved on to our lunch spot in the pine woods of Laguna de Tarelo. Whilst the picnic was prepared, the group walked down to the lake where they had great views of displaying White-headed Ducks surrounded by groups of Red-crested Pochard and another colony of herons and egrets.

Returning to the western side of the Rio Guadalquivir, we visited the Dehesa de Abejo reserve. We enjoyed refreshments in the visitor centre before moving on to the hides in front of the lagoon. As we walked down the path we passed towering White Stork nests with pairs displaying by bill clacking, and then as we reached the hides we were treated to good views of the wonderful Marbled Ducks that reside on the lagoon alongside groups of other wildfowl.

Back at El Rocío, we enjoyed our last meal, finishing with a delicious dessert whilst we took in the final views we would have of sunset over the lagoon; and Amy exclaimed "Purple Swamphen" as one emerged in front of us in the failing light.

Day 5

Saturday 9th May

Today we began the second leg of our trip, taking us to Extremadura. A later start allowed us to pack the minibus with our luggage and top up picnic supplies. Driving north, we stopped for coffee as we entered Extremadura, then carried on again until we reached the hydrodam of Embalse de Alange. The dam was surrounded with groups of Pallid Swifts, Red-rumped Swallows and House Martins swirling about, and we had clear views as they banked next to us whilst we looked down on their nesting colonies. As we finished our picnic lunch, we were treated to a cracking view of two superb adult Bonelli's Eagles, swooping right over our heads and rising up onto a thermal, and being joined by a Booted Eagle. The rocky outcrop behind provided us with good views of Blue Rock Thrush and a stunning Black Wheatear, whilst down by the water Gull-billed Terns swooped behind us, and Eurasian Reed and Great Reed Warblers were heard in the surrounding valley.

Carrying on, we eventually reached our next place of residence, Vina Las Torres. Once we had settled into our wonderfully spacious rooms we explored the grounds and surrounding area encountering Iberian Magpie, Hoopoe, Zitting Cisticola, and a Subalpine Warbler singing in the garden shrubs. As temperatures were reaching the highest for the year so far, a dip in the pool seemed like a good end to the walk; after which dinner was served. We enjoyed our first experience of Belen's delicious home cooking and Juan-Pedro's excellent wine choice and description of its origin in Spain.

Day 6

Sunday 10th May

Today was set aside to explore the surrounding steppe. After breakfast, as we loaded the minibus, we were greeted by sightings of Hoopoe and a brief Golden Oriole in front of the house. Setting off, we headed north-west of Trujillo towards the plains of Santa Marta Magasca, stopping along the way to pick up extremely close views of a Thekla Lark. Moving on we came across a group of people on the side of the road, seemingly staring at a wall on the other side of a field. Stopping to look towards their point of focus, we were delighted to get our first sighting of a Great Bustard! Five minutes before our arrival it had flown from the cover of the long grass,

across the road and into this field. After everyone had enjoyed views through the telescope, we moved on hoping to get more views of other individuals. As we travelled we had fantastic views of Calandra Lark, Hoopoe, and Corn Bunting, and heard Black-bellied Sandgrouse. Carrying on, a Little Bustard was spotted in the next field so we moved to a better vantage point and were able to get good views as it moved thorough the grass. Its head was popping up and down like a periscope, and finally it stood on the brow of the hill in full view! As the temperature crept up, we moved on to the nearby village and stopped in a local cafe where there was a large group of displaying and nesting Spanish Sparrows which provided much entertainment as we sipped our drinks and tried the local tapas snacks.

Our next stop was in the peaceful Rio Magasca valley where we had our picnic alongside sightings of Red-rumped Swallow and Crag Martin, and the song of Cirl Bunting. Western Whip Snakes and European Pond Terrapin provided views in the river valley. Moving on we travelled across another section of plain, with an enthusiastic couple of female Dutch birders following us closely! Here we had wonderful views of Montagu's Harriers; a few different individuals gliding around us in the heat haze whilst we stood amongst swathes of beautiful wildflowers and with poppies lining the roadsides and covering the fields.

We stopped at Trujillo to refuel and enjoy a bit of history and culture. Sitting in the stunning central square we enjoyed the sight of White Storks attending nests and bill clacking, whilst Pallid Swifts swirled around the buildings, and Booted Eagle and Griffon Vulture glided above the commotion. Next we moved to the bull ring where a colony of Lesser Kestrels were nesting. The birds were not as active as they sometimes can be, but after a short wait a male and female appeared and against a clear blue sky the detail on these delicate looking birds was unforgettable.

The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring Belen Plain, and even though temperatures were reaching record heights for the time of year, we enjoyed an afternoon filled with some of the best views of European Bee-eater, Crested Lark and a particularly good view of Zitting Cisticola which Joan will never forget as it sat alongside her as we pulled up in the vehicle!

After returning to our hotel for the evening, some of the group again felt the need for a dip in the pool. Accompanied by a Firecrest singing in the surrounding trees and Iberian Magpies hopping around the garden, we cooled off ready to enjoy another delicious evening meal.

Day 7

Monday 11th May

Our seventh day was one that Martin had been looking forward to the most, as we were heading to the wonderful Monfrague National Park for the day. After stopping quickly in Trujillo to pick up some delicious fresh bread we headed onwards; stopping again at Rio Almonte. This beautiful little spot by an old stone bridge was particularly peaceful, with the last drops of morning dew shimmering amongst the wild flowers in the heightening sun. Here we spotted Iberian Yellow Wagtail and Red-rumped Swallow, and had a fabulous display from a Melodious Warbler perched and singing on top of the scrubby vegetation.

Following on from this we made our way into the national park, stopping first at Pena Falcon cliffs where we weren't disappointed as a large number of Griffon Vultures surrounded us: some perched on the cliffs, some flying below us just above the water, and some circling up around us high on the thermals. We had views from

all angles, and some were so close you could see every detail in the plumage. Amongst this raptor fest there were many other species to be seen on the surrounding cliffs including Rock Bunting, Blue Rock Thrush, Black Redstart, Red-rumped Swallow, Crag Martin and nesting Black Stork. A Cinereous Vulture also made an appearance, floating on the thermals with the Griffon Vultures, followed by two more individuals a short time after. The group felt like staying there all day but we had more to explore, so we reluctantly left the spectacle and headed further into the park.

As we moved deeper into the national park, each turn on the winding road provided another new spectacular view, and stopping for refreshments at a small village nestled in the park, a Booted Eagle drifted overhead. Another stop gave us the chance to watch an incredible aerial display from two battling Egyptian Vultures, whilst Sardinian Warbler and Black-eared Wheatear sang behind us. The star here was Thekla Lark that was seen in song flight and very close on top of a shrub and we were able to sequentially go through each of the subtle identification features. Our picnic spot was next to the Rio Tietar where we were joined by Iberian Magpies, more sightings of Egyptian Vultures, Griffon Vultures on nests, and a Red Deer swimming across the river.

Our last destination in the park was Potilla del Tietar where we were hoping to find Spanish Imperial Eagle. As we exited the vehicle, we found ourselves in the lucky position of having a view right into one of the few nests in this region of Spain! Thinking we may be in for a long wait to see one of these birds in flight, we were incredibly excited when, after only ten minutes or so, an adult eagle came gliding over the trees right in front of us towards the nest, showing clearly the white leading edge of the wings, the light inner tail feathers and the powerful looking bill. Upon landing the other adult became evident and a single white ball of fluff came clearly into view: an Imperial chick! MEGA! It was hard to contain our excitement as we watched the pair of eagles attending the nest. Feeling incredibly fortunate to have experienced such a wonderful sighting, it seemed appropriate to head up the road to celebrate with ice cream, after which we made our way back though the park and to Castilla Monfrague. From this beautiful old building we enjoyed spectacular views of the Pena Falcon rock from above, with Griffon Vultures, Ravens and Black Kites gliding just below us and Blue Rock Thrush sitting next to us as we surveyed the surroundings.

Later in the evening and after dinner, just as the sun was setting, most of the group headed to the centre of Madronera to try our hand at Scops Owl spotting! After being surrounded by the owls calling to one another, we eventually had a few sightings of them swooping from one tree to another and also perching silhouetted in the smaller branches in the centre of the park: a lovely end to a fantastic day!

Day 8

Tuesday 12th May

Today was our last full day in Extremadura and we headed back to the plains of Santa Marta de Magasca, aiming to arrive before the temperatures got to their peak for the day. We planned to go straight there, but ended up stopping as two Pin-tailed Sandgrouse were spotted in full view having come to drink at a pool of water only metres from the side of the road. With the morning sun still low, we had beautiful light in which to view the pair and were able to see all the colours in full, watching them until they disappeared into the surrounding vegetation.

After this wonderful sight, we happily carried on to the plain and quickly found four female Great Bustards foraging in the adjacent fields. With good views, we watched them interacting for a while and even saw one in flight; the black and white patterning in the wings displayed clearly. Moving along the track we had a distant view

of an elusive Little Bustard hiding in long grass in its breeding territory, and wonderful point blank views of Montagu's Harrier. Further up the track, as we came over the brow of a hill, we were treated to a group of ten male Great Bustards parading about on the horizon and looking at their finest!

After this fine sighting we passed through La Cumbre and stopped to take a walk along the road to view the European Rollers. They were perching on the overhead power lines, and utilising the nest boxes provided for them, occasionally swooping down to catch insects in mid-air and then returning to their perches. Following this we escaped the heat for a while with refreshments on the outskirts of Trujillo before moving on, taking the road out of Madronera onto higher ground. Stopping at the top of the hill overlooking the town we enjoyed our final picnic lunch with an incredible view of the vast area of plains we had been exploring over the last few days. Enjoying the view and the shade, we sipped a refreshing glass of sangria under trees full of Linnets flitting about with Cirl Buntings singing alongside.

During the afternoon we drove on to explore the road between Madronera and Garciaz. The trees came as a welcome shade from the heat as we watched Corn Buntings and Short-toed Treecreepers, heard Cuckoo and Wryneck, and spent some more time getting sporadic views of the elusive Golden Oriole! The bottom of the valley had a small river and we explored the area around the bridge finding Grey and White Wagtails and Common Kingfisher by the water, with European Bee-eater, Booted Eagle, Griffon Vulture and Black Kite above us against the blue skies. Upon further investigation, the group spotted various dragonfly and damselfly species including Emperor and Iberian Bluets. Common Toads caused some confusion due to being halfway through metamorphosis; hanging in the water at the surface as giant tadpoles having grown only front legs. Also Iberian Marsh Frogs periodically broke into a cacophony of noise all around us!

Driving back along this stretch of road, we stopped for a final drink in Madronera and then carried on to the hotel for a final dip in the pool, and a chance to pack for the following day. We then enjoyed a relaxing final evening remembering all the highlights of the trip and enjoying the superb food, wine and entertainment provided for us by Belen family.

Day 9

Wednesday 13th May

Following a very early breakfast, Simon and Amy packed the minibus and after saying goodbye to our wonderful hosts, the group sleepily climbed aboard for the final time. The sun rose as we drove to the airport in Madrid and we began to see the first movements of birds either side of the road. Just as we completed the last leg of the journey we managed to add Barn Owl and Monk Parakeet to our lists on the outskirts of Madrid, completing a fabulous week full of unforgettable experiences!

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May								
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	3	10+	10+		5				
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>								1	
3	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	2+	2+	6	4	2				
4	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	20+	✓	✓	✓	✓	4+	4+	10+	
5	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>				2					
6	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	15+	6+	✓	✓	10+				
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	10+	10+	✓	✓	6				
8	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>				10+					
9	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			✓			2+	1		
10	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						2H		1H	
11	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	4		6	10+	2	4	2+	3	
12	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			15+	20+	10+				
13	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				8	4				
14	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	c100	150+	✓	✓	20+				
15	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			1		1	4			
16	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	50+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10+	✓	
17	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	20+	30+	✓	10+	✓				
18	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	15+	70+	✓	✓	10+				
19	Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>			H						
20	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			2						
21	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1	2	50+	30+	6				
22	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			4	2					
23	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	2+	4+	✓	✓	✓	20+	2	35+	
24	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	2	5+	2	3+	2	2+	1+	
25	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			6						
26	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	5+	10+	✓	✓	20+				
27	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>					2		3		
28	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			4+		10+	30+	80+	4+	
29	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>					2	1	5	1	

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
30	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			3+		1	2	1		
31	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1	2	4+	2	5	15+	3		
32	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>		1					3		
33	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>					2				
34	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1			1				
35	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			1	1		10		2	
36	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	1	2	5+	1	2	2			
37	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
38	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			1			1	2		
39	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>						1		15	
40	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>						1		1	
41	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			H						
42	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	1	1H	4	2	1				
43	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	2H	3+	✓	✓	2	2			
44	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>			1	1					
45	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	50+	✓	✓	✓	10+			5+	
46	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	100+	100+	150+	200+	50+			10+	
47	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				✓					
48	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			1						
49	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			20+	10+					
50	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							1		
51	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>				2+					
52	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>				1					
53	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				10+					
54	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>				150+					
55	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				1					
56	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				50+					
57	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				20+					
58	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	2+	60+	200+	30+					
59	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>				50+					
60	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				1					
61	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>				2					

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
62	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	4+			✓						
63	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					1					
64	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>				50+						
65	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	150+	150+	200+	50+	50+					
66	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>									2	
67	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>						5+				
68	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
69	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		1	15+	2	2		5	7		
70	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		1	3	1H						
71	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	10+	5+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
72	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		1+	2			1H	2H	2		
73	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>										1
74	European Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>									4	
75	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						1	1H			
76	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>		2								
77	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>					70+					
78	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		2		2	2		1	5+		
79	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	20+	80+	10+	20+		
80	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>									4	
81	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>									1	
82	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	17	20+	70+	50+	20+	50+	10+	20+		
83	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		5+	20+	20+	10+	20+	5+	10+		
84	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>									1H	
85	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1H								
86	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>			30+		1	20+	5+	30+		
87	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						1				
88	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		2+	2	1		5+	4	3		
89	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	2	3+	5+	1	2	3+	2	15+		
90	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		2+				1	3	3+		
91	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			1							
92	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	6+	30+	20+	3+	50+	50+	20+	20+		
93	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	1+	2	10+	5+	✓	10+	5+	5+		

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94	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	5+			20+	50+	30+	✓	✓	
95	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>							1	2	
96	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			6	2+	2	10+	3		
97	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>							1		
98	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	3+	2+	3+	1			1H		
99	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	1+	5+	6		2		3	2	
100	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	2+	3+			1	5+	2	2	
101	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	2H								
102	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		1H				1	1H	1H	
103	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>						2	1		
104	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		10+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
105	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>						150+		50+	
106	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		10+	5+	6					
107	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	50+	✓	✓	10+	
108	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					20+	20+	30+		
109	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
110	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	2	4+	6+	2	5	10+	15+	2	
111	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	1H	5+	2H	1H	1H	1	2H	2H	
112	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	6	5+			5H		4		
113	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>	2	1H	1H					1H	
114	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	1H		10+	1	1H				
115	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	3+	4	3		1				
116	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>				1H					
117	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	4+	10+	8+				1	2	
118	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	2H		2	1					
119	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	3	1	✓	✓	5+	6+	3+	5+	
120	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	2		1				2H	1	
121	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>		c6					2+		
122	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>					1H		3		
123	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		10+	✓	✓	5+	10+	10+	3+	
124	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		2	1		3+	1	2	1	
125	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>								2	

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126	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	5+	10+	20+	2+	2		5+	5+	
127	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	2+	5	✓	✓	5	2	20+	✓	
129	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	6	5							
130	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							1		
131	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	1H	10+	15+	✓	4+	
132	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>							6	1	
133	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					5		2		
134	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>					1				
135	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	1+	10+	✓	✓	3	15+	3	5+	
136	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>							1H		
137	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>					1				
138	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
139	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>			20+			✓	2+		
140	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	6	5+							
141	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>	1	5+	30+	10+					
142	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>								2	
143	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>						1	3	1	
144	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		1							
145	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	10+	✓	✓			3	✓	✓	
146	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	1	2	10+		3+	5+	✓	5+	
147	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		2	10+	20+	4+		10+	20+	
148	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
149	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
150	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		30+	50+	5+	✓	✓	✓	✓	
151	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>							2		
152	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		1				1H	3H	1H	
153	Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>									10+

Mammals

1	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			✓						
2	Iberian Lynx	<i>Lynx pardinus</i>			✓						

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3	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓		
4	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>			✓							

Butterflies

1	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>							✓			
5	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>					✓					
6	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					✓					
7	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓		✓							
8	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>					✓					
9	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
10	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>			✓							
11	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>						✓	✓	✓		
12	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
13	Small Pearl Boardered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>					✓					
14	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓							
15	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓		

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
2	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓			
3	Iberian Marsh Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
4	Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>									✓	
5	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>						✓			✓	
6	Western Whip Snake	<i>Hierophis viridiflavus</i>									✓	

Damselflies & Dragonflies

1	Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>			✓							
2	Dark Spreadwing	<i>Lestes macrostigma</i>			✓							

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3	Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>								✓		
4	Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>									✓	
5	Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>									✓	
6	Iberian Bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>									✓	

Other sightings

1	Fiddler Crab	<i>Uca tangeri</i>					✓					
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Slender-billed Gull



Crag Martins