

# Spain's Coto Donana & Extremadura

Naturetrek Tour Report

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25 Turtle Doves by Javier Elorriaga



European Roller by Javier Elorriaga



Spanish Sparrow flock by Javier Elorriaga



View from Monfragüe by Jim Andrews

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## Day 1

Wednesday 4th May

London Gatwick – Seville – El Rocío

The group reached Seville airport after an uneventful flight, sorted the vehicles and headed east towards El Rocío, the flagship town in the Doñana National Park. As we left the airport we saw the first groups of Pallid Swifts, Spotless Starlings, Monk Parakeets crossing the highway and, once in the outskirts of El Rocío, several Iberian Magpies. We reached our hotel in the late afternoon and were welcomed with cheese, fruit and refreshments. Just on the doorstep of the accommodation, the always spectacular “Charco de la Boca” lagoon (also known as “Laguna Madre”) showed a remarkable array of waterbirds including numerous Greylag Geese, Greater Flamingo, Glossy Ibis, and Black-winged Stilt, predicting good birding in forthcoming days!

After this first introduction to the Doñana bird community, we enjoyed a very tasty local dinner and wine.

## Day 2

Thursday 5th May

El Rocío – El Acebuche – La Rocina – Palacio del Acebrón

We started the day with a pleasant walk visiting the different bird hides at El Rocío Lagoon. Waterfowl were numerous and varied with good numbers of Graylag Goose, Gadwall, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Mallard, Red-crested Pochard and Common Pochard. Common Moorhens were very abundant in the surrounding meadows and large numbers of Flamingos added an exotic touch of colour and sound. Next, we drove to the nearby El Acebuche Visitor Centre. Here, Iberian Magpies were very well represented. We found a pair of Red-rumped Swallows around their nest, next to the cafeteria where we had lunch.

During the second part of the day we visited La Rocina and El Acebrón area, in the outskirts of El Rocío. We easily found Short-toed Treecreeper and Tree Sparrow and heard Firecrest in the woods. Next, in the Mediterranean scrub, we took a short walk and observed Dartford Warbler and Thekla Lark, Southern Grey Shrike, Hoopoe, Woodlark, Woodchat Shrike and the much-wanted Bee-eater!

Within the riparian forest around El Acebrón Palace we managed to observe and hear Iberian Chiffchaffs and Western Bonelli's Warblers.

After a nice day, we returned to El Rocío with time to rest and visit the charismatic village before having a very tasty dinner.

## Day 3

Friday 6th May

Brazo del Este – Salinas de Bonanza

The day dawned with clouds and showers at El Rocío but we kept to the plan to explore the eastern shore of the Guadalquivir River and the outskirts of Doñana. Before we reached the river, we got to observe the first Red-legged Partridges of the trip, along with Squacco Heron, Great Egrets and several Western Marsh Harriers, among large numbers of Lesser Black-backed, Yellow-legged and Black-headed Gulls in the rice paddies.

We used the barge at Coria del Río as the most direct and charming way to cross the Guadalquivir. Indeed, this is the transport pilgrimage brotherhoods from Seville use to reach El Rocío. Once in the opposite shore, as we approached El Brazo del Este estuary, the sky began to clear. The river meanders hold an impressive assortment of waterbirds. Up to 50 Western Swamphens (a new name for Purple Swamphen, which has been split) gathered along the edge of a reed bed. Not far away, notable groups of waders including Curlew Sandpiper and Ruff in all possible plumage states, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Common Ringed Plover, Kentish Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Spotted and Common Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Red Knot, Dunlin, Sanderling and Little Stint filled the flooded pastures and riverbanks. Not one, but two, locally rare Temminck's Stints completed the list. Flamingos, Eurasian Spoonbills, Glossy Ibises, Grey, Purple and Squacco Herons along with numerous Great, Little and Cattle Egrets were enjoyed by the group. However, the biggest show was provided by hundreds of Whiskered Terns foraging all over the area, among which several Black, Common and Little Terns were easily picked up. Gull-billed Terns were well represented as well, with several noisy groups flying overhead. The icing on the cake was a highly unexpected White-winged Black Tern in striking, full summer plumage. El Brazo del Este region holds a well-established and expanding community of exotic species, of which we saw several Black-headed Weaver and Common Waxbills.

After a picnic lunch outdoors, we kept moving south to reach Salinas de Bonanza in Cádiz. Here we easily found our main targets, including Collared Pratincole, White-headed Duck and Slender-billed Gull. As we were planning to head back to El Rocío, a nice-looking Marbled Teal, the only missing local speciality, came out of the reeds at very close range, to the delight of the group. This was an excellent way to end up an intense and fruitful birding session. We reached the hotel in time for dinner and had a well-deserved rest.

## Day 4

Saturday 7th May

### Doñana National Park

After a rainy night, the weather eased off just in time for the 4x4 visit to the core area of Doñana National Park. First, we explored the sandy trails of the Royal Track. A Black Kite had not yet left its night roost in a Rock Pine and provided excellent views. Several Red-legged Partridges showed equally well before hiding in the dense vegetation at the edge of the trail. An elegant White Stork, standing on its huge nest atop a dried tree, gained the attention of the group. As we approached the open pastures, two Pin-tailed Sandgrouse flew in front of the vehicles and a Short-toed Eagle flew overhead. Next, in the marshes, we enjoyed watching the huge breeding colonies of Cattle Egrets and Glossy Ibises. Better hidden within the dense Tamarisks, several Night Herons, Little Bittern, Purple Heron and Squacco Heron were present too. Raptors included Griffon Vulture, Red Kite, Black Kite, Common Buzzard and an immature Egyptian Vulture. Back in El Rocío we enjoyed a nice meal in a local restaurant and had some rest before returning to the National Park. Several Red Deer and Wild Boar showed up in the woods. We were surprised to find 25 Turtle Doves perched in a same tree, a rare sight these days for this declining species. An immature Egyptian Vulture showed up and turned out to be the same individual we had seen in the morning. On our way back to El Rocío, we had a very close encounter with a Booted Eagle, resting on the ground.

After dinner, we decided to give a try for Red-necked Nightjars in the outskirts of El Rocío. Due to the rainy weather our expectations were not high. However, just after sunset we could hear the unmistakable call of one individual, which encouraged us to pursue our search. Soon after, we found two individuals standing on the road and providing superb views. Greatly satisfied we went back to the hotel for a restful sleep.

## Day 5

Sunday 8th May

### Dehesa de Abajo – Merida – Alange - Trujillo

The day broke with rain in El Rocío and we headed to Dehesa de Abajo Reserve in Doñana. Here we found shelter in the excellent hides overlooking the lagoon, which hold a good level of water and a varied community of waterbirds. Hundreds of adult Greater Flamingos, Glossy Ibises, Eurasian Coots, Spoonbills and Cattle and Little Egrets filled the edges of the lagoon, and numerous Great Crested and Black-necked Grebes in full summer plumage provided excellent views. Two Red-knobbed Coots showed at very close range, to the delight of the group. Hundreds of Common Swifts were foraging low over the water and a highly unexpected Little Swift was observed by part of the group. A Western Olivaceous Warbler made yet another remarkable highlight. While we were enjoying this varied array of species, the sky cleared, and as we left the hides a very showy Squacco Heron caught a Newt, offering striking views through the scopes.

We had lunch in the very convenient picnic facilities in Dehesa de Abajo Reserve before saying goodbye to Doñana. Next, we headed north towards Trujillo. Once in Extremadura, part of the group visited the Roman archaeological ensemble of Merida, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993. Meanwhile, the rest of the group visited the nearby Alange dump. There, we easily found a Black Wheatear and a Rock Bunting feeding a recently fledged offspring. A single Black Kite and numerous Gull-billed Terns flew around the dump. The Alange dump holds the largest colony of Alpine Swifts in Extremadura and we enjoyed their aerobatic flights as they entered and left their nests. House and Crag Martins were present in good numbers as well. Next, we reunited the group in Merida and drove to Trujillo. At 6.30pm we arrived at our hotel Viña Las Torres where our host Juan Pedro and his family gave us a warm welcome! We enjoyed our first delicious dinner before retiring for a well-deserved night's sleep.

## Day 6

Monday 9th May

### Alcollarín

After breakfast, we visited the bullring in Trujillo where a vivid colony of Lesser Kestrels occurs. This morning, probably due to rather cold and wet weather, the birds were not as active as usual. However, we managed to find some in the area. Next, we visited a little pond and had a good time observing the tiny fledgling Coots and Mallard.

Then we headed to Alcollarín reservoir where the group had a walk to profit from the improvement in the weather. We heard the first Quail of the trip. Among the abundant wildfowl on the reservoir we added Pintail and the exotic Egyptian Goose to the trip list. Here, we got additional observations of Gull-billed Terns and a Golden Oriole. We had a tasty picnic lunch in the shade of a Cork Oak, including different varieties of Spanish cheese, before we headed to Campo Lugar plains. A flock of Great Bustards grabbed the attention of the group. However, multiple encounters with several obliging Rollers should be considered the highlight of the day. We continued driving to the rice paddies around Madrigalejo where the only remarkable sightings involved Little Ringed Plovers, Calandra Larks, Lesser Short-toed Larks, Thekla Lark and Crested Lark. Already in our way back to Trujillo, we entered a dehesa, and we were delighted to find a very large and compact group of many hundred Spanish Sparrows. Soon after, the first and much-enjoyed Black-winged Kite of the trip showed very well, followed by a striking Short-toed Eagle, beautifully illuminated in a stormy sky. Indeed, while driving back to our accommodation we were caught by an intense hailstorm that gave way to a nice and clear evening.

Before reaching our accommodation, we visited a nearby park in an attempt to observe Scops Owls. Carefully scanning the dense Horse Chestnuts, we got striking views and pictures of this cryptic species.

Back in Viña Las Torres we had some rest followed by an extraordinary dinner and some live music (Beethoven and Chopin) played by the very talented daughter of the hotel managers.

## Day 7

Tuesday 10th May

### Trujillo – Monfragüe National Park

The seventh day of the trip was fully dedicated to exploring Monfragüe National Park, one of the most remarkable natural sites in the Mediterranean region. At our first stop we scanned the impressive cliffs of El Salto del Gitano (Gypsy's Leap), also known as Peñafalcón, emerging from the Tajo river. Dozens of soaked Griffons were stretching their wings to get dry, looking rather like Cormorants. Among them, several Cinereous Vultures were present too. An adult Peregrine flew over the cliff while its three offspring were standing on a former nest of a Raven. A Black Stork had laid its clutch in its traditional nest in the base of the cliff. Rock Buntings and Black Redstarts performed beautifully in the nearest bushes while a pair of Red-rumped Swallows repeatedly flew overhead. Our next spot was the equally charismatic Portilla del Tiétar. Our main target here, the local pair of Spanish Imperial Eagles, did not disappoint and one of the adults was perched close to its nest. Soon after, a superb adult Bonelli's Eagle crossed the valley, gliding overhead within a large Griffon Vulture kettle. Not far away, an adult Egyptian Vulture was calmly sitting on its nest in a small cliff by the bank of the river. A showy Nightingale permitted nice views through the scope while calling within the dense vegetation.

We then focused our birding attention at different forested areas including Cork Oak and Holm Oak dehesa, Mediterranean evergreen forest and pine wood. This produced Cuckoo, Nuthatch, Eurasian Treecreeper, Eurasian Hoopoe, Golden Oriole, Woodchat Shrike, Southern Grey Shrike, Eurasian Jay, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Woodlark, Blackcap, Subalpine Warbler, Robin, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Linnet and Greenfinch, among others.

Next, we moved to Villarreal de San Carlos for lunch and coffee. The rain interrupted our walk around Villarreal. However, we had the time to find several Tongue Orchids. Our next stop was the bridge over the Tajo River, where Alpine Swifts breed together with hundreds of House Martins. Next, we visited the Moorish Castle of Monfragüe. On the way up to the castle a Hawfinch and a Jay crossed the trail. The low clouds retained in the nearby cliffs together with the intense green colour of the vast surrounding dehesas resulted in dramatic scenery. Suddenly, a light breeze sprang up and with it tens of Griffons took off from the cliffs and glided along the ridge, providing amazingly close, eye-level views. Two adult Cinereous Vultures taking up the group's rear were especially enjoyed by the group.

On our way back to Trujillo, the sky cleared up beautifully and we made a last stop at the Arroyo de la Vid River. Here tens of Crag Martins were perched on a ledge of the bridge preening and sun bathing. On the banks of the river, White Wagtails, Red-rumped Swallows, Bee-eaters and Spanish Sparrows were seen beautifully. Over the hills a Hobby chased a group of swifts and a Sparrowhawk flew past too. This warm and sunny end of the day was especially appreciated by the group after a rather rainy day.

## Day 8

Wednesday 11th May

### Trujillo – Magasca Planes

The plan of the day involved exploring the plains between Trujillo and Cáceres, which hold one of the most important communities of steppe and grassland birds in Europe. We soon left the asphalt to follow a trail across the fields where we easily connected with different groups of Great Bustards. Finding Little Bustards turned out more demanding, but we did it successfully. A small group of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse showed up briefly and Calandra Larks were widespread. Regarding raptors, we observed an adult Spanish Imperial Eagle flying low over the ground, several Booted Eagles, Black and Red Kites and a single Montagu's Harrier. This interesting array of species made time fly.

We had picnic lunch in a very convenient park in the outskirts of Santa Marta de Magasca. Here we found an (unfortunately) dead Iberian Worm Lizard, a rare reptile which rarely appears above ground. A Booted Eagle of the pale morph dived for prey in a field right next to our position. As we were finishing our lunch, we observed a large group of vultures descending to the ground not far from us. We decided to approach the area and, as expected, we found a group of Griffons feeding on a carcass. Among them, two striking Cinereous Vultures stood out for their powerful presence. Next, we continued towards the nearby plain of Cáceres. Tens of nest boxes have been set in the posts along the road to improve the population of European Roller and, thanks to these, we got excellent views of several individuals of this colourful species. Scanning the plains, we got additional views of Great Bustard and Spanish Imperial Eagle.

We finished the day visiting the old town of Trujillo, one of the most important historic towns in Spain and famed for its strategic involvement in the discoveries of the Americas by the so-called "Conquistadores".

We then drove back to the lovely Viña Las Torres rural house for the last and well-deserved dinner!

## Day 9

Thursday 12th May

### Trujillo - Arrocampo Dump – Madrid Airport

After breakfast, we said goodbye to our fabulous hosts, Belen and Juan Pedro, stowed our luggage in the minibuses and calmly headed towards Madrid airport.

We made a final birding stop at Saucedilla in the outskirts of Monfragüe National Park and visited the hides overlooking the Arrocampo dump. Savi's Warbler, Great Reed Warbler and Zitting Cisticola were among the first species we noted. A Water Rail was calling from the dense reedbed while a Little Bittern and a Kingfisher both showed briefly in flight. A Little Tern was vigorously diving in front of the observatory and several Gull-Billed Terns and Purple Herons flew over the area. Walking along the edge of the marshes we found numerous Tongue Orchids and observe two striking Common Waxbills

A large kettle of Griffons and Cinereous Vultures were thermalling in the distance and a Red Kite, a Marsh Harrier and a Booted Eagle shared the skies. A very tame Great Egret provided excellent views and, not far away, a Night Heron caught a large Sharp-ribbed Salamander, which it wasn't able to swallow and finally discarded. We visited the local information centre before resuming our journey towards the airport.



As we drove across Toledo, an adult Spanish Imperial Eagle flew over the highway carrying a catch on its talons and made the last bird of the tour. We reached the Barajas airport in the early afternoon, where the group said goodbye to Javi and continued to London with Jim, in an uneventful flight that reached London on time.

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European Bee-eater by Javier Elorriaga



Black Kite by Javier Elorriaga

## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May									
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓		✓						
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			✓							
3	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>							✓			
4	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓				
7	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>						✓				
8	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>			✓							
9	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
10	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
11	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>			✓							
12	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			✓	✓		✓			✓	
13	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						H			H	H
14	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			✓		✓	✓				✓
16	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					✓					
17	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
18	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>								✓		
19	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
21	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
22	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		✓		✓						✓
23	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
24	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			✓	✓	✓					✓
25	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓
28	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
29	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
30	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓					✓				✓
31	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>						✓				
32	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>						✓				
33	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>				✓				✓		
34	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				✓		✓		✓		
37	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	
38	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>								✓	✓	
39	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>								✓		
40	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
41	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			✓		✓	✓			✓	
42	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>						✓			✓	
46	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>									✓	
47	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>										H



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48	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
49	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
50	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>						✓				
51	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
52	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>							✓			
53	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			✓	✓						
55	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓						✓
56	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			✓	✓						
57	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							✓			
58	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			✓							
59	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>		✓	✓							
60	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			✓							
61	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓	✓	✓						
62	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓							
63	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓				✓				
64	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>			✓							
65	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			✓							
66	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			✓							
67	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>			✓							
68	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			✓							
69	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			✓							
70	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>			✓							
71	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	✓		✓							
72	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			✓							
73	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			✓							
74	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>			✓							
75	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>			✓			✓				
76	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			✓							
77	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓		✓
78	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			✓							✓
79	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			✓							
80	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>		✓	✓							
81	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>			✓			✓				
82	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>			✓							
83	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>					✓				✓	
84	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			✓	✓	✓				✓	
87	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>									✓	
89	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	H	✓		H	H	H	H	
90	Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	✓					✓				
91	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>								✓		
92	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>					✓					
93	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>						✓		✓		
94	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>					✓					
97	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>							✓		✓	
98	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>										✓

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99	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓							
102	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>		H							
103	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
104	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			✓				✓		
106	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>							✓		
107	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
109	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>						✓	✓	H	H
110	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>							✓		
111	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
112	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
114	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓
115	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓
116	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
117	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓	
120	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
121	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>						H			
122	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>						✓		✓	
123	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>			H	✓		✓		✓	
124	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			✓		✓				
125	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
126	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					✓		✓		
127	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	H	H		H	H		
130	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓		H		✓			
131	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>								✓	
132	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>		✓							
133	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		✓							
134	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	H	H	✓	✓	H	H			H
135	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	H	✓	✓	✓					✓
136	Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>					✓				
137	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		✓				✓	✓		
138	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>		✓							✓
139	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
140	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H					✓		
141	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>		✓							
142	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>							✓		
143	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
144	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		H							
145	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓		H	H	✓	✓	H	✓
146	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>							H		
147	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		✓		✓			H		
148	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
149	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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150	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓	✓							
151	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		H						✓		
152	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	H	H	H	✓	✓	✓	H	H
153	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>								✓		
154	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
155	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>					✓					
156	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
157	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
158	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓								
159	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				✓						
160	Black-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>			✓							
161	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>			✓							✓
162	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>		✓								
163	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		✓	✓	✓						
164	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>								✓	✓	✓
165	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
166	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>				H				✓		
167	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		H	✓	H		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
168	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
169	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
170	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
171	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
172	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>					✓			✓		
173	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>							H			

## Mammals

1	Granada or Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>						✓				
2	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
3	Wild Cat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>								✓		
4	Egyptian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>				✓						
5	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus elaphus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
6	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		✓		✓				✓		
7	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>					✓					

## Amphibians

1	Edible Frog	<i>Pelophyla kl esculentus</i>					✓					
2	Sharp-ribbed Salamander	<i>Pleurodeles waltl</i>					✓				✓	

## Odonata

1	Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixt</i>					✓					
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## Butterflies

1	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			✓	✓						
2	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>				✓						
3	Green veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
4	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓						
5	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>				✓						
6	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>								✓		

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Notable Plants

1	Champagne Orchid	<i>Anacamptis morio champagneuxii</i>					✓				
2	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	<i>Serapias parviflora</i>			✓		✓				
3	Sword-leaved Helleborine	<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>			✓		✓				
4	Spanish Foxglove	<i>Digitalis thapsi</i>				✓	✓	✓			
5	Field Gladiolus	<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>					✓				



Booted Eagle by Jim Andrews



Red Deer by Javier Elorriaga



Black-crowned Night Heron with Sharp-ribbed Salamander by Javier Elorriaga