# Spain's Coto Doñana & Extremadura

Naturetrek Tour Report

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## Day 1

# Saturday 13th April

London Gatwick - Seville - Dehesa de Abajo - El Rocío

We started very early this morning in order to catch our flight to Seville, arriving in this very picturesque Andalusian city at the scheduled time! The group reassembled after collecting our luggage and, once our vehicles were sorted, we drove away from the airport heading west and towards the village of El Rocio, making a quick stop in La Dehesa de Abajo where we had great views of European Bee-eaters, Serin, Glossy Ibis, Eurasian Spoonbill, Little Egret, Common and Red-crested Pochards, Marsh Harrier, Ferruginous Duck, and plenty of White Storks. We then continued our drive to El Rocio where we had a delicious lunch and a break after checking into our lovely hotel. We then gathered together for a birding session right behind our lodge which produced plenty of Greater Flamingo, Black-winged Stilt, Collared Pratincole, Black Kites and Black-crowned Night-Heron, amongst many others.

After a very long day, we retired to our rooms in order to get ready for dinner.

## Day 2

# **Sunday 14th April**

El Acebron Palace - La Rocina - El Acebuche

The early morning looked promising despite a cloudy start. The temperature though looked perfect for our birding activities, so we set off to the area known as El Acebron, making a stop by the main access overlooking some nice Mediterranean scrub which produce great birds for our checklist such as Thekla's Lark, Dartford Warbler, European Bee-eaters, Common Cuckoo, Southern Grey Shrike, Corn Bunting and Woodchat Shrike. We continued in the vans to the main car park of El Acebron Palace from where we took a walk along a beautiful Mediterranean forest where we found Short-toed Treecreeper, Crested Tit, Common Nightingale, Pied Flycatcher, Eurasian Hoopoe, the Iberian race of Long-tailed Tit, and had great views of Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Carrying on with the walk and nearer to the palace, we found Cetti's Wabler, more Common Nightingale and a singing Iberian Chiffchaff of which we had amazing close views. Once at the palace, we made use of the facilities and took a quick look at the museum and the terrace from where we had great views of the surroundings. We then continued towards the car park enjoying the lovely song of Common Nightingales, European Bee-eaters, Woodchat Shrikes and Serins that we found along the track.

We drove just five minutes to La Rocina where we had our picnic lunch enjoying close views of Short-toed Treecreeper, Eurasian Spoonbill, and Iberian Magpies. After lunch, we got onto the main road in order to get to another visitor centre, El Acebuche, watching European Hoopoe and Iberian Magpies near the picnic tables. We then took a stroll along the boardwalks which produced great views of Red-rumped Swallows and Iberian Magpies hanging around the cafe; we also had more Short-toed Treecreepers, Black-winged Stilts, Common Sandpipers, Little and Cattle Egrets, White Storks, Little Grebes, Black Kites, and great views of Golden Oriole.

After this nice day, we retired to our hotel in order to take a break followed by a very tasty local dinner

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## Day 3

# **Monday 15th April**

Doñana National Park (Royal Track – Hierba Buena – FAO Visitors Centre)

We awoke to a very misty morning for out early start in El Rocio, followed by an excursion within the core and restricted area of Doñana National Park. We took the main access known as the *Camino Real* (Royal Track) and explored it intensively during the first hour, looking for any signs that might find the very rare Iberian Lynx for us, and we found one which proved tricky to see, and unfortunately only a few of us managed to see it. The labyrinth of sandy tracks took us to the edge of the Mediterranean forest and the Marisma (flooded heathland) from where we had a herd of Red Deer, Booted Eagle, and lots of kites, finding one single Red Kite amongst the numerous Blacks. We continued in our 4x4 vans into the open marisma, checking the eucalyptus stamps where European Stonechats and a male Marsh Harrier was seen; then, another stop produced lots of White Storks, Crested Larks, Corn Buntings, Glossy Ibis and a few pairs of Griffon Vultures, Zitting Cisticola and Blackwinged Kite, amongst others. We continued our drive back along the Royal Track to the spot known as Hierba Buena, a beautiful Dehesa habitat (cork oaks and meadows) where we had great views of Short-toed Snake Eagle, Booted Eagle, Spanish Sparrow, Sardinian Warbler, and Iberian Grey Shrike, amongst others. By noon, we drove back to El Rocio in order to enjoy a very nice and delicious local lunch followed by a break before going out again on our afternoon excursion.

We drove back to the Royal Track and into the national park, passing areas which produced plenty of Little, Great and Cattle Egrets, Eurasian Spoonbills, Zitting Cisticola, and lots of Spanish Yellow Wagtails. We took a stroll along the Marisma which was drier than usual this year, but it still produced a great amount of birds such as Purple Swamphens, Barn and Red-rumped Swallows, Sand Martins, Great Reed Warbler, and great views of Eurasian Penduline Tit. We also had great long close views of a nice Ladder Snake. We then arrived at the visitors centre where we had good views of lots of Greater Flamingos, Glossy Ibis, Red-crested and Common Pochards, Black-backed Stilts and more. At the end of our walk our 4x4 vehicles were waiting for us in order to take us back to El Rocio, checking the tracks on the way and finding several Red Deer. We arrived back at El Rocio just in time to get ready for dinner.

## Day 4

# **Tuesday 16th April**

Doñana National Park (Isla Mayor – Dehesa de Abajo – FAO Visitors Centre)

It was another lovely start to the day. We set off after an early breakfast heading towards the north-eastern entrance of Doñana National Park and through Villamanrique and Isla Mayor. We found a good amount of birds along the roads such as Iberian Magpies, Woodchat Shrikes, Linnets, Goldfinch and White Stork, amongst others. We made our first planned stop in the Dehesa de Abajo where there were lots of Purple Swamphens, Red-crested and Common Pochards and two pairs of the rare Marbled Duck! We then continued our drive towards Isla Mayor where we drove onto a dirt track which took us within the national park where we made several birding stops which produced lots of good birds, such as Greater Short-toed Larks, Spanish Yellow Wagtail, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Calandra Lark, Northern Wheatear, and the elusive Lesser Short-toed Lark. We continued further along the long dirt tracks making a stop near a very nice flooded area from where we took a walk along the track in search of many key species; Great Reed Warblers, Purple Herons, Marsh Harriers and large flocks of Spanish Sparrows were seen.

The sun was coming up and the temperature was pleasant, with a nice gentle breeze, so we took a stroll a bit further up stopping near a small old building which is the home of nesting Lesser Kestrels - an ideal location for them to breed successfully. We brought the vehicles to this point and drove from here to the Valverde Visitors Centre where we enjoyed watching dozens of nesting Black-crowned Night-Herons, Glossy Ibis, Cattle Egret, Eurasian Coot, Little Egrets. Two Squacco Herons were spotted near the *Tamarix spp.* and Purple and Grey Herons and Greater Flamingos were also around here. We took advantage of this visit and the place by setting up our picnic lunch in the car park under a nice warm sun!

After lunch, we left the visitors centre and drove over the dirt tracks, making a stop by the abandoned rangers houses which produced a vast amount of interesting birds such as Lesser Kestrels, Little Owl, Spotless Starlings, Whitethroat, Garden, Melodious and Eurasian Reed Warblers, Woodchat Shrike, Marsh Harriers, and a young adult Black-winged Kite. After enjoying the sightings, we called in again at the visitors centre for a comfort stop before starting our drive back to El Rocio in order to take a break after a long day in the field and get ready for another delicious dinner, followed by a restful sleep.

## Day 5

## Wednesday 17th April

Dehesa de Abajo – Seville – Santa Olalla – Madroñera (Extremadura)

We started this morning with a relaxing breakfast and packed all our belongings as we were leaving El Rocio behind in order to start our near four-hour journey to Trujillo, Extremadura. We split the driving by making a few birding stops on the way and the first one was made at Dehesa de Abajo, a lovely lake located in the northern portion of Doñana National Park. We didn't find the amount of waterfowl species we were expecting, and there were no signs of the two rarities we were looking for either (White-headed Duck & Marbled Teal), but we had great views of a Purple Swamphen, lots of Little, Great-crested and Black-necked Grebes, Greater Flamingos, Grey and Purple Herons, Red-crested and Common Pochards, Mallards, Gadwall, Ferruginous Ducks, and many others. There were also lots of European Bee-eaters, Black Kites, Common Buzzards and a male Montagu's Harrier flying above us. We then found three pairs of Marbled Teal in an adjacent pond which we all enjoyed! We left this spot and Doñana behind heading towards Seville where we changed a faulty van for a better one and made our way towards Extremdura, making a lunch stop followed by second one in the area of Santa Olalla which produced Thekla's Lark, Corn Bunting, Sardinian Warbler, and interesting invertebrates and wild flowers.

After these stops, we hit the motorway for a good couple of hours drive towards Madroñera, a small town located to the south of Trujillo, where our lodge is located and our hosts gave us a very warm welcome! We enjoyed our first delicious dinner and went for a restful and well deserved night sleep.

## Day 6

# **Thursday 18th April**

Santa Marta de Magasca - Cáceres Plains - Monroy Road

After a delicious breakfast, we started the day in picturesque Extremadura, driving to the area known as Santa Marta de Magasca where we started well by finding several Great Bustards in a field next to the road, with some males still displaying marvellously; not far from them, several Calandra Larks were seen too. We then drove a short distance on a dirt track which produced more Great Bustards, European Stonechat, Crested and Thekla's

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Larks, more Calandra Larks, Corn Buntings and a flock of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse that landed in a nearby field allowing us to have great views of them through the scope.

Despite the sunshine, there was a chilly wind blowing in the plains this morning, so we decided to continue onwards, making a stop in the village of Santa Marta de Magasca itself where we enjoyed fresh coffee and other drinks, and some of us some local pork scratchings, and then a heavy shower hit the area so we waited until it eased off a bit. After this nice break we continued onto the Monroy – Caceres road checking the area known as Campos de Caceres where we spotted a nice but shy pair of European Rollers which we enjoyed watching. There was also lots of Griffon Vultures perched on the pylons and soaring around, alongside pairs of Cinereous Vultures, Northern Raven, Eurasian Hoopoe, Western Jackdaw and a pair a Short-toed Snake Eagles perched on the top of a pylon. We found more European Rollers together with Little Owls, Lesser Kestrels and Western Jackdaws and we then move to an area with lots of Griffon Vultures, Black and Red Kites flying around. After a great show offered by the latter species, we drove back to the village of Santa Marta in order to have our picnic lunch and enjoy the surroundings of the village. After lunch we continued on our circular route, driving along the Monroy road and making a short stop by the River Magasca were we found very interesting species such as Cirl Bunting, Sardinian Warbler, Serin and Crag Martins. We also saw plenty of Spanish Terrapin by the river shore.

We continued to the junction which leads back to Trujillo where we made a stop to enjoy great views of groups of Spanish Sparrows, Eurasian Hoopoes, Iberian Magpies, amongst others. We then decided to drive back to our rural house in order to take a break and a rest, and to get ready for another delicious dinner!

Day 7 Friday 19th April

#### Monfragüe National Park

We had another very sunny and beautiful morning - ideal to drive a good forty minutes north of Trujillo in order to explore the popular Monfragüe National Park. We started the visit making a stop in the always productive Peña Falcon (Salto del Gitano) where we enjoyed watching dozens of Griffon Vultures soaring around the impressive rocky cliffs and also a few Cinereous Vultures amongst them; a Peregrine Falcon joined them at times flying in and out from the cliff tops. There were also lots of Crag Martins flying very close to us and a beautiful Blue Rock Thrush right on the horizon and in the closest pinnacle. A handsome Rock Bunting perched on a boulder really nicely and in the lovely sunlight, we enjoyed it very much. Other birds such as Black Redstart, Serin, Blackcap, Blue and Great Tits were seen here too. We found three pairs of Black Storks on the opposite side of the crags nesting near the water and they seemed very obliging and relaxed, one of them flying in and out of the nest at times – this really was a wonderful spot!

We then drove a very short distance and made a quick stop right over the River Tajo bridge from where we had a few pairs of Alpine Swift flying amongst hundreds of House Martins; we all had great views of them against the clear blue sky. We continued our birding day around the national park, having a coffee break in the village of Villareal de San Carlos, follow by a birding stop in a nice gulley which was a great spot for very important species such as Dartford and Subalpine Warblers, and Thekla's Lark. Soon after this stop, we drove to the edge of the dam where the hydroelectric power station is located spanning the River Tajo and River Tietar in one massive dam. We had lunch in this lovely spot watching the lovely Iberian (Azure-winged) Magpies around us, hoping to get a few bits of our delicious picnic lunch!

After lunch, we continued to the spot known as Portilla del Tietar from where we had great views of Griffon Vultures nesting alongside Blue Rock Thrush and the always impressive Spanish Imperial Eagle which we saw very well, both in flight and perching on the top of boulders at times. This produced great views of both male and female, highlighting their plumage details and behaviour - absolutely amazing views of this Iberian endemis! After enjoying this spot, we drove back towards Peña Falcon, making a quick stop near Villareal de San Carlos to see Black-eared Wheatear, followed by a last check of Peña Falcon which produced more Griffon Vultures, Cinereous Vultures, Subalpine Warbler, Blue Rock Thrush, a distant Bonelli's Eagle, and great views of Egyptian Vultures flying really close to us and eye-level!

We had a great day birding in the famous Monfragüe, so we drove back to our lodge near Trujillo in order to get ready for a well-deserved dinner!

## Day 8

# Saturday 20th April

Campo Lugar – Madrigalejo – Almendralejo Dam – Trujillo

Today we drove south from Trujillo to the plains of Campo Lugar where we found a group of Great Bustards in one of the fields and a male nearby on its own. A pair of Little Bustards was also spotted displaying very closely, while a pair of Eurasian Hoopoes showed very well in one of the fields amongst the noisy Calandra Larks which helped us to find two Stone Curlews in the adjacent field. We all enjoyed all these birds such as Crested Larks, Meadow Pipits, Corn Buntings, Marsh Harrier, and a dark morph Montagu's Harrier. We jumped in the van going back to the main road and drove to the area of Madrigalejo where we made a quick stop in order to check the rice fields full of Zitting Cisticolas, European Stonechat, a large number of Spotless Starlings, European Beeeaters, Eurasian Reed Warbler and Eurasian Kestrel, amongst others. We made a coffee break stop near the village before we continued with our drive to the Almendralejo Dam where we had lunch while watching a few interesting birds and the surrounding landscape. After lunch, we saw many Iberian Magpies, a pair of elusive Eurasian Cuckoo, European Pied Flycatcher, and a Western Bonelli's Warbler.

We then drove towards Trujillo in order to have a couple of hours visiting the highlights of this small town, the cradle of the "Conquistadors", taking a nice stroll around the main plaza and the fortress and enjoying the views of the plains. After this visit, we drove back to our lodge in order to start to get ready for our long journey the following day, and to enjoy the last dinner at the lovely Viña Las Torres. In the evening and after dinner, we went out to see two lovely Eurasian Scops Owl of which we had great views.

# Day 9

# Sunday 21st April

### Trujillo – Madrid Airport

We started today having a nice relaxed breakfast before getting ready to set off towards Madrid airport. Some of us took a little stroll around the lodge grounds for a short birding check. We then set off and hit the main motorway to Madrid's airport in order be there in time to catch our flight to the UK. We made a final stop in the outskirts of Madrid to grab a snack and fuel for the vans, arriving in time to catch out flight from Barajas T2 to Gatwick airport, where we arrived in time and with all our luggage and belongings with us.

We had a brilliant tour exploring two of the most wonderful areas of Spain, its birdlife, wilderness and people...and the delicious food and drink this lovely land and its people produced for us! It was a brilliant

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experience for everyone and we all keep those memories in our minds in order to relive them every time we talk about Spain...

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# **Species Lists**

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

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

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	Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
48	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
49	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
50	Eurasian Stone-curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus								✓	
51	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
52	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta					✓				
53	Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa	✓		✓	✓	<b>✓</b>				
54	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus	h								
55	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	<b>✓</b>								
56	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus			✓						
57	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>	
58	Ruff	Calidris pugnax					<b>√</b>				
59	Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola	<b>-</b>		<b>✓</b>						
60	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>				<b>✓</b>
61	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis			•	•	· /				· /
	Gull-billed Tern				<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>▼</b>			<b>✓</b>	Ť
62		Gelochelidon nilotica	<b>-</b>		<b>∨</b>	<b>∨</b>	<b>∨</b>			<b>V</b>	
63	Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	<b>-</b>		<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>				-
64	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	Pterocles alchata						<b>√</b>			
65	Rock Dove	Columba livia	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<u>.</u>
66	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius						✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus			h	✓	✓	✓	h	h	
70	Little Owl	Athene noctua				✓		✓			
71	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba							✓		
72	Common Swift	Apus apus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus	✓	✓			✓				
74	European Roller	Coracias garrulus						✓		✓	
75	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	✓			✓					
76	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
78	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	h	h							
79	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Dryobates minor		<b>✓</b>							
80	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		<b>√</b>							
81	Iberian Green Woodpecker	Picus sharpei			<b>√</b>						
82	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
83	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>						
84	Merlin	Falco columbarius			_	•	•		•	· ✓	<u> </u>
85	Peregrine Falcon								<b>√</b>	, v	
		Falco peregrinus  Lanius meridionalis	<b>/</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>▼</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
86	Southern Grey Shrike		<b>▼</b>	<b>∨</b>	<b>∨</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>∨</b>	<b>∨</b>	<b>∨</b>	<b>∨</b>	<b>∨</b>
87	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator	· ·		<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>	V	_
88	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus		✓							-
89	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius							✓		
90	Iberian Magpie	Cyanopica cooki	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
92	Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone					✓			✓	✓
94	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	European Crested Tit	Lophophanes cristatus		✓							
96	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Great Tit	Parus major	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Eurasian Penduline Tit	Remiz pendulinus			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	h				

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99	Woodlark	Lullula arborea		✓			h				
100	Thekla's Lark	Galerida theklae		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
101	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla				✓					
103	Calandra Lark	Melanocorypha calandra						✓		✓	
104	Lesser Short-toed Lark	Alaudala rufescens				✓					
105	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
106	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris					✓	✓	✓	✓	
108	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓
109	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
110	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	h	✓	
111	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus		<b>√</b>			<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		
112	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus								<b>√</b>	
113	Iberian Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus ibericus		<b>√</b>							
114	Western Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli								<b>√</b>	
115	Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	h		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>				
116	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	h	<b>✓</b>	· ·	· /	· /			h	
117	Sedge Warbler		h	•	, v	•	_			- 11	
		Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	11	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>					
118	Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta			<b>∨</b>						
119	Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides		h	<b>∨</b>	h ✓		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
120	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	<b>√</b>		<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	✓	<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>	
121	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	✓	✓					h		
122	Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin				<b>√</b>					
123	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis				✓					
124	Dartford Warbler	Sylvia undata					h		<b>✓</b>		
125	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans							✓		
126	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala			✓		✓		✓		
127	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		✓	h				<b>✓</b>	✓	
128	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla		✓					✓		
129	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
131	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula		✓							
132	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		✓	h		h		h	h	
133	European Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca		✓	✓					✓	
134	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros				✓	✓		✓		✓
135	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius							✓		
136	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra			✓	✓				✓	
137	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
138	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe				<b>✓</b>					
139	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica							✓		
140	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
141	Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
142	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>	
143	Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild		<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>	
144	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava iberiae	<b>/</b>	<u> </u>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			<u> </u>	
145	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	+ ·		_			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
	-							<b>∨</b>	<b>,</b>	, v	<u> </u>
146	Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>∨</b> ✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
147	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	<b>Y</b>		<b>V</b>			<b>'</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>'</b>	_
148	Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes		✓						<b>✓</b>	<u> </u>

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150	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina				✓			✓	✓	✓							
151	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
152	European Serin	Serinus serinus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
153	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
154	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia							✓									
155	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus						✓										

#### Mammals

1	European Rabbit	Oryctolagus cuniculus		✓	✓			✓		✓	
2	Iberian Lynx	Lynx pardinus			✓						
3	Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes				✓					
4	Red Deer	Cervus elaphus elaphus	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
5	Fallow Deer				✓						
6	Brown Rat	Rattus norvegicus			✓						
7	Wild Boar	Sus scrofa				✓					
8	European Weasel									✓	

#### **Butterflies**

Spanish Festoon, Zerynthia rumina
Small White, Artogeia rapae
Dappled White, Euchloe crameri
Small Copper, Lycaena phlaeas
Painted Lady, Vanessa cardui
Brimstone, Gonepteryx rhamni
Large Tortoiseshell, Nymphalis polychloros
Spanish Marbled White, Melanargia ines

Other Species

Egyptian Locust, *Anacridium aegyptium* Spanish Terrapin, *Mauremys leprosa* Iberian Water Frog, *Rana perezii* Iberian Wall Lizard, *Podarcis hispanicus*  Large White, Pieris brassicae
Green-striped White, Euchloe belemia
Clouded Yellow, Colias crocea
Red Admiral, Vanessa atalanta
Small Heath, Coenonympha pamphilus
Speckled Wood, Pararge aegeria
Lang's Short-tailed Blue, Leptotes pirithous
Silver-studded Blue, Plebejus argus

Dung Beetle sp, *Scarabaeinae sp*Spiny-footed Lizard , *Acanthodactylus erythrurus*Ladder Snake, *Rhinechis scalaris*