

Spain's Sierra de Guara - Land of the Lammergeier

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Lammergeier



Wryneck



River Vero canyon



Black-eared Wheatear

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Day 1

Monday 5th May

London Stansted – Zaragoza – Alquezar

We left from Stansted airport and arrived at Zaragoza airport in the evening. Laura was already waiting for us at arrivals; we gathered the whole group together and started our trip towards Alquezar. Heading northeast and through La Hoya de Huesca (Alto Aragon), the main gateway of the Sierra de Guara Mountains, we got to the medieval village of Alquezar at midnight, and checked into our very comfortable hotel before going straight to bed.

Day 2

Tuesday 6th May

Alquézar – La Clusa – Las Balsas de Balsacun

Some of us took an early look around the Alquezar before breakfast. It was a sunny beautiful morning in the village, and amongst the small streets and ancient architecture we were introduced to a range of common local birds including some migratory Honey Buzzards, Nightingale, Black Redstart, European and Alpine Swifts, Serin, Griffon Vultures, Lesser Kestrel, Blue Rock Thrush, Egyptian Vulture, and Red-billed Chough, amongst others. We walked around the impressive building of La Colegiata. The River Vero basin was pristine with views down to the southern basin of the River Ebro. We had stunning views of flying Egyptian and Griffon Vultures from here with very close eye-level flights of both species. In a ravine we spotted a single Melodious Warbler and a noisy Nightingale which we saw well through the telescope; plus some very interesting butterflies and other invertebrates.

After this village stroll, we took a little break and then we drove out of the village, just a short distance, up to the area of Las Clusas where we had our picnic lunch by the shade of ancient almond trees and enjoyed the many wildflowers and butterflies around the lush fields and lime stone mountains. We saw Western Bonelli's Warbler, Common Kestrel, Buzzard, and more Griffon and Egyptian Vultures from this spot.

After lunch, we took a serious walk up to the highest point and towards the summit of the Pico de Quizans, spotting some butterflies and also nice birds such as Western Bonelli's Warbler, Cirl Bunting, Red-billed Choughs, and more vultures soaring around the top of the peaks. Once at the top, the views of the valleys were breathtaking; with incredible views of the Pyrenees. Griffon and Egyptian Vultures emerged from the many limestone crags with snowy mountains in the background! We also saw a triplet of singing warblers on the way back to the vehicles; Subalpine Warbler, Western Orphee and Western Bonelli's Warblers. As the afternoon turned into early evening, we decided to drive back to our hotel in order to have a break, followed by nibbles and drinks at the hotel's bar, checklist, and enjoyed a delicious local dinner at Casa Gervasio Restaurant.

Day 3

Wednesday 7th May

Santa Cilia Vulture Station and F.A.B. Visitors Centre

After breakfast, we drove up out of Alquezar towards the village of Santa Cilia. The main reason to drive to this area was to witness a very unusual and unique experience. We were offered the chance to watch feeding vultures accompanied by local vulture expert and Fondo Amigos del Buitre's co-founder Manu Aguilar. His vast and unparalleled knowledge of these birds has made him a very well respected naturalist and pioneer (together with late colleague David Garcia) on the ethology and ecology of vultures, especially on Lammergeiers. Manu brought with him more than 200 pounds of meat collected from local farms. We drove to the car park and walked up the hill towards the feeding point. Manu's helper and visitors centre manager Teresa also brought a few hen eggs, an Egyptian Vulture's favourite food (they break the eggs using a small rock held with their beaks and hammering till eggs split apart!).

After walking about 500 metres from the car park, we were allocated strategically around the limestone steep hill and waited. Over 250 Griffon Vultures landed on the carcasses straight away, while six Egyptian and three Bearded Vultures (Lammergeiers) soared above them waiting for their turn. Some Red Kites were vagrants which didn't miss the opportunity to grab some bits too. An Egyptian Vulture was very keen on the eggs but he was not confident enough to show us his peculiar way of breaking them. After this spectacular wildlife show, we walked down to the visitors centre and finally we were invited to the FAB's interpretation centre in order to see the fantastic results of their hard work through years of effort and also to see a slideshow of their amazing collection of images recorded by a remote camera located in the site where the vultures are watched from...amazing! We had our picnic lunch at the hamlet's mirador which overlooks the vulture's feeding station, with our telescopes pointing at the site where two Lammergeiers were still around the leftovers. We had wonderful telescope views of these wonderful birds, handsome vultures indeed!

The sun was hitting hard as we finished our delicious picnic lunch and it became very slow birding-wise. We left the hamlet of Santa Cilia behind, heading to a local bar in order to enjoy some cold drinks, which certainly helped a lot! After this refreshing stop, the afternoon's temperature increased, so we decided to drive back making a couple of stops by the River Alcanadre where we saw a few interesting birds such as Sardinian Warbler, Corn Buntings, Nightingale, Melodious Warbler and plenty of Goldfinches. We drove back to our hotel to get ready for the species checklist, food and bed!

Day 4

Thursday 8th May

River Vero – Colungo - Lecina

After breakfast, we drove up out of Alquezar towards the village of Colungo heading north, making a stop by the old Moorish bridge where we had a good stroll around the River Vero - this produced fantastic views of Golden Oriole, Woodchat Shrike, Corn Bunting and very interesting flowers and butterflies. We continued our drive towards the point known as La Palomera, stopping by the bridge where we found plentiful of *Saxifrage longifolia*, and interesting birds such as Linnets and wild Rock Doves. We continued through Las Gargantas making a stop on the top of the pass. A few interesting birds such as Firecrest and Spectacle Warbler were spotted here. We then drove for a few minutes to the main mirador of El Brranco, on the same route of the River Vero. Many Griffon Vultures were seen as well as Alpine and European Swifts, Crag and House Martins, Egyptian Vulture, and a very elusive Peregrine Falcon.

Lunch time was around the corner so we drove to the beautiful village of Lecina where we enjoyed lunch in the main square of the village, followed by a walk into the oak woodland above the village which produced a few birds' species such as Short-toed Treecreeper, Firecrest, Booted Eagle and singing Golden Orioles and Eurasian Cuckoo. Some nice wildflowers were also found along this walk. The heat was hitting the area so we started to head back to Alquezar, making a quick stop to get a lovely Crested Tit, the icing on the cake of a lovely day! Once in Alquezar, we got ready for the usual nibbles and drinks, followed by a well deserved supper at Casa Gervasio restaurant.

Day 5

Friday 9th May

Alquezar – Monte Aragon Castle – Nocito

We woke to another sunny morning in the village of Alquezar before starting our journey to the northern slope of the Sierra de Guara based at the hamlet of Nocito. We had a few stops to make on the way with Monte Aragon Castle the most relevant of the day. Located just thirty-five minutes from Alquezar on the outskirts of Huesca, the castle is highly vulnerable to erosion. We stopped at the base of the narrow road which leads to the castle in order to take some photos of the highly contrasted landscape, and also to look for some wildlife, especially at the base where we start our walk up to the castle itself. A great variety of species was seen here, such as Black-eared, Northern and Black Wheatears, Thekla and Crested Larks, European Bee-eaters, Rock Sparrows, Corn Bunting, European Bee-eaters and Eurasian Hoopoe. We also saw a pair of Egyptian Vultures and several Black Kites flying around, with some Griffon Vultures soaring in the background. After reaching the top of the hill where the castle lies, we walked back down to the vehicles and continued towards the northern slope of Sierra de Guara making a lunch stop on the way. We had a short walk once we reached the heart of the Sierra from the northern slope. A few interesting species were found here, such as Red-backed Shrike, Stonechat, Eurasian Cuckoo, and several flowers including lots of orchids. Our final stop was made at 1,000 metres and above the village of Nocito where our mountain hostel was waiting for us; but before checking in, we enjoyed refreshing drinks at the village bars while our host, Mari, kindly allocated us our cosy rooms! We took a break and some of us a short stroll around the village before we gathered together in the bar next door, where we did our checklist over some drinks, followed by a nice supper! Some of us went for a night walk around the village after dinner, which paid off with fantastic close views of Eurasian Scops Owl...wonderful!

Day 6

Saturday 10th May

Nocito to Used

Today, we managed to take an early pre-breakfast walk around the village, attracted by the beautiful landscapes and the 'garden' birds accompanied by a glorious sunny morning! We walked by the river track finding nice species such as Short-toed Treecreeper, Eurasian Nuthatch, Great Spotted and Green Woodpeckers, Coal Tit, and heard a singing Golden Oriole. We enjoyed wonderful views of Garden Warbler, Crested Tit and Eurasian Wryneck. We walked back to our lodge for breakfast.

After that, we drove to a point near to the Monastery of San Urbez where we left our vehicles and walked along the track that leads to the village of Bara, overlooking the Tozal de Guara. We saw beautiful birds here such as Golden Oriole, a pair of Red-backed Shrikes, White Wagtail, Black Redstart, Corn Bunting, Short-toed Treecreeper, Firecrest, Orphean Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Iberian Green Woodpecker and others were also seen. A highlight of the morning was the stunning view of a single Booted Eagle soaring in the blue sky whilst a pair of Common Buzzards chased it away; and also, a pair of Short-toed Eagles.

We then arrived at the village of Used where we enjoyed our picnic lunch in the grounds of this partially abandoned hamlet, admiring the buildings which were left behind back in the late 1950's. We saw a few other birds such as Hoopoe, Chiffchaff, Serin, Firecrest, and Nuthatch nesting in the tree under which we were having our lunch! After our picnic meal, we continued our exploration along the road alongside a pine woodland where we saw Short-toed Treecreeper, Marsh Tit, Coal Tit, Pied Flycatcher, amongst others. As the bird activity slowed down, we drove back to Nocito in the late afternoon where we had a drink at the local bar, followed by a delicious dinner!

Day 7

Sunday 11th May

Nocito Pass - Bara (Biban Trail & River Alcanadre)

After breakfast, we checked the area above Nocito making a stop at the pass, where we saw many interesting species such as Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Crested Tit, Red Crossbill and Wood Lark. We then drove towards the hamlet of Bara to walk along the River Alcanadre where many birds such as Stonechat, Red-backed Shrike, Short-toed Eagle, Tawny Pipit, Eurasian Hoopoe, Subalpine Warbler and other interesting wildlife were seen on the way. The bushy terrain produced butterflies and a variety of flowers, including orchids such as Early Purple, Fly and Burnt Tip, also some Dipsadi or Brown Bluebell, *Ramonda myconi*, and many more! The walk led up to an area which produced fantastic views of the river basin from the top of the trail.

As lunch time was around the corner, we walked back towards Bara where we found a spot along the river to enjoy our picnic lunch. The activity became slow as the afternoon was hot, so we drove back towards Nocito, taking a detour towards the pass again, and on to the river. We had more great views of Eurasian Cuckoos, Rock Bunting, Serin, Booted Eagle, alongside many interesting flowers that Laura found for us. We drove back to Nocito in the late afternoon in order to relax and to get ready for our evening meal. Some of us went for a night walk in order to try to see European Nightjar – we heard one, but did not see it.

Day 8

Monday 12th May

Nocito – Belchite (El Planeron Reserve) – Zaragoza

After a leisurely breakfast we left the lovely Nocito and made our way towards the Zaragoza area. A diversion not far from the town took us to the upper River Ebro basin. Our first stop was made at the village of Jaulin where we had our picnic lunch just before going into Belchite. A few Skylark, Turtle Dove, Serin, and Crested Larks were seen here. We then continued towards Belchite going through the village of Fuendetodos, the birthplace of the famous Goya, and then to the arid area of El Planeron. We saw larks such as Calandra, Greater Short-toed and Lesser Short-toed Larks (but no signs of the elusive Dupont's), and had great views of Montague's Harrier, Black Kite, White Stork, Iberian Grey Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Marsh Harrier, amongst others. We also found a bank where plenty of European Bee-eaters were nesting. Later in the afternoon we made our way towards Zaragoza airport in order to catch our flight back to the UK.

It was a very nice holiday indeed around this fantastic part of north-eastern Spain, and I enjoyed sharing it with a great group of keen nature lovers!

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The stunning village of Alquezar!

Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May						
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>							✓
2	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>				✓			✓
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>							✓
4	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
5	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>					✓		✓
7	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
8	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>		✓	✓				
9	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>							✓
11	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>							✓
12	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	✓						✓
14	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
15	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓				
16	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓					✓
17	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
18	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			✓				
19	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							h
20	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>							✓
21	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			✓				
22	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
24	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		✓	✓				✓
25	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		h	h	✓	✓	✓	h
26	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>					h	h	
27	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>			h	✓			
28	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	✓		✓				
29	European Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓
31	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓		✓			✓
32	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		?				h	
33	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>				h	h	✓	
34	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						✓	
35	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Picoides minor</i>			h			✓	
36	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
37	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓			✓	✓	
38	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>							✓
39	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				✓			✓
40	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida Theklae</i>				✓			
41	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>							✓
42	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>							✓
43	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
44	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						h	

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
47	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓
48	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
50	Spanish (Yellow) Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>						✓	
51	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	h	✓	h	✓	✓	✓
52	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>						✓	
53	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓	h	✓	✓	
54	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		h			✓		✓
56	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓			
58	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>				✓			
59	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>				✓			
60	Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>						✓	
61	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	✓		✓				✓
62	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>					✓	✓	
64	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			✓				h
65	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>							✓
66	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	✓	✓					✓
67	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>					✓		
68	Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	✓	✓				✓	
69	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		h	✓	h	h		
70	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	h				
71	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	✓		✓			✓	
72	Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
73	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			h	h			
74	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>			✓		✓		
75	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>						✓	
76	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>					✓	✓	
77	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓	✓	
78	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>			✓		✓	✓	
79	Marsh Tit	<i>Parus palustris</i>					✓		
80	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>					✓		
81	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
83	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					✓		
84	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓		✓		
85	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	h	✓	h	h	h	h	
86	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>					✓	✓	✓
87	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		
88	Southern (Iberian) Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		✓					✓
89	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
90	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
91	Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax Pyrrhocorax</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓
92	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>							✓
93	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			✓		✓		
95	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
96	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				✓			

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97	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>			✓				
99	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓
101	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
102	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		
104	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓
106	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	✓	✓					
107	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>						?	

Butterflies & Moths

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	✓						
2	Scarce (Spanish) Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>					✓	✓	
6	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidae</i>	✓						
7	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Moroccan Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis belia</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	
9	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓		✓			✓
10	Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias hyale</i>	✓			✓	✓		
11	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias australis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
12	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
13	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx Cleopatra</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
14	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
15	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	
16	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓				✓	✓
17	Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>			✓				
18	Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>				✓			
19	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopteryx alexis</i>				✓	✓	✓	
20	Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>	✓	✓	✓				
21	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>				✓		✓	
22	Amanda Blue	<i>Polymmatu amandus</i>					✓		
23	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>	✓						
24	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
25	Black-eyed Blue	<i>Glaucopteryx melanops</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
26	South White Admiral	<i>Limentitis reducta</i>		✓	✓				
27	Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>						✓	
28	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓				
29	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>						✓	
30	Queen-of-spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓					
31	Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Closiana dya</i>						✓	
32	Western Marbled White	<i>Melanargia occitanica</i>				✓			
33	Spanish Marbled White	<i>Melanargia ines</i>				✓		✓	✓
34	De Prunner's Ringlet	<i>Erebia triaria</i>							✓
35	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>							✓
36	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓		✓	

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
37	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
38	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
39	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>					✓		
40	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>	✓				✓	✓	
41	Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>			✓				
42	Rosy Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus onopordi</i>				✓			
43	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>						✓	
44	Six-spotted Burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>		✓					
45	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>				✓			

Other Taxa

1	Large Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus algirus</i>	✓			✓			
2	Bush Cricket sp.		✓						
3	Locust Grasshopper sp.		✓						
4	Iberian Rock Lizard	<i>Iberolacerta monticola</i>				✓	✓	✓	
5	Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>			✓	✓	✓		
6	Iberian Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta schreiberi</i>					✓		
7	Water Scorpion sp.	<i>Nepidae sp.</i>					✓		

Plants recorded

Pinaceae

Pinus halepensis , Aleppo pine

Pinus sylvestris , Scots pine

Pine family

Pinus nigra , Austrian pine

Cupressaceae

Juniperus communis , Common juniper

Juniperus oxycedrus , Prickly juniper

Cypress family

Juniperus phoenicea , Phoenician juniper

Cupressus sempervirens L, Italian cypress

Fagaceae

Castanea sativa , Sweet chestnut

Quercus ilex , Holm oak

Quercus pyrenaica , Pyrenean oak

Oak family

Quercus coccifera , Kermes oak

Quercus pubescens , Downy oak

Moraceae

Ficus sycomorus , Wild fig

Mulberry family

Urticaceae

Urtica dioica , Nettle

Nettle family

Loranthaceae

Viscum album ssp austriacum , Mistletoe

Mistletoe family

Polygonaceae

Silene vulgaris , Bladder campion

Saponaria ocymoides , Rock soapwort

Stellaria media , Common chickweed

Minuartia verna , Spring sandwort

Dock family

Silene rupestris , Rock campion

Petrorhagia saxifraga , Tunic flower

Cerastium arvense , Field mouse-ear

Paronychia capitata,

Ranunculaceae

Helleborus viridis , Green hellebore

Caltha palustris , Marsh marigold

Ranunculus bulbosus , Bulbous buttercup

Ranunculus amplexicaulis , Amplexicaule buttercup

Thalictrum tuberosum,

Buttercup family

Helleborus foetidus , Stinking hellebore

Hepatica nobilis , Hepatica

Ranunculus pyrenaicus , Pyrenean buttercup

Aquilegia vulgaris , Common columbine

Fumariaceae*Fumaria officinalis*,**Papaveraceae***Papaver rhoeas* , Field poppy*Arabis hirsuta* , Hairy rockcress*Arabis glabra* , Tower mustard*Draba azoides* , Yellow whitlow-grass**Resedaceae***Reseda lutea*, Mignonette**Crassulaceae***Sedum album* , White stonecrop*Umbelicus rupestris* , Navelwort**Saxifragaceae***Saxifraga granulata* , Meadow saxifrage**Rosaceae***Geum pyrenaicum* , Pyrenean avens*Fragaria vesca* , Wild strawberry*Amelanchier ovalis* , Amelanchier**Leguminosae***Astragalus sempervirens* , Mountain tragacanth*Astragalus purpureus* , Purple vetch*Vicia pyrenaica* , Pyrenean vetch*Ononis fruticosa* , Shrubby restharrow*Medicago sativa* , Lucerne*Trifolium montanum* , Mountain clover**Geraniaceae***Geranium sylvaticum* , Wood cranesbill*Euphorbia helioscopia*, Sun spurge**Linaceae***Linum narbonense* , Beautiful flax*Linum campanulatum*,**Polygalaceae***Polygala nicaeensis* , Nice milkwort**Thymelaceae***Daphne laureola* , Spurge laurel**Violaceae***Viola pyrenaica* , Pyrenean violet**Cucurbitaceae***Bryonia dioica* , White bryony**Cistaceae***Helianthemum nummularium*, Common rockrose*Helianthemum apenninum* , White rockrose*Fumana ericoides*,**Cornaceae***Hedera helix* , Ivy**Ericaceae***Vaccinium myrtillus* , Bilberry*Rhododendron ferrugineum* , Alpenrose**Fumitory family****Poppy family***Cruciferae* , Cress family*Arabis turrita* , ower cress*Capsella bursa-pastoris* , Shepherd's purse*Iberis sempervirens* , Evergreen candytuft**Mignonette family****Stonecrop family***Sedum acre* , Biting stonecrop**Saxifrage family***Saxifraga hirsuta*,**Rose family***Potentilla crantzii* , Alpine cinquefoil*Alchemilla alpina* , Alpine lady's mantle*Sanguisorba minor* , Salad burnet**Pea family***Astragalus monspessulanus* , False vetch*Vicia cracca* , Tufted vetch*Lathyrus pratensis* , Meadow vetchling*Ononis natrx* , Large yellow restharrow*Trifolium alpinum* , Alpine clover*Onobrychis viciifolia* , Sainfoin**Geranium family***Geranium robertianum* , Herb Robert**Spurge family****Flax family***Linum suffruticosum ssp salsaloides* , White flax**Milkwort family***Polygala calcarea*,**Daphne family****Violet family****Cucumber family****Rockrose family***Helianthemum n. ssp pyrenaicum*, Pink rockrose*Helianthemum canum* , Hoary rockrose**Dogwood family****Heath family***Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* , Bearberry*Calluna vulgaris* , Ling

Primulaceae*Primula elatior* , Oxlip*Primula hirsuta*,**Plumbaginaceae***Armeria maritima* , Mountain thrift**Oleaceae***Fraxinus excelsior* , Ash*Olea europaea* , Olive**Convolvulaceae***Convolvulus cantabrica* , Pink bindweed**Boraginaceae***Lithodora fruticosa* , Shrubby gromwell*Lithospermum arvensis* , Corn gromwell*Echium vulgare* , Viper's bugloss*Anchusa officinalis* , Alkanet**Labiatae***Ajuga chamaepitys* , Ground pine*Salvia pratensis* , Meadow clary*Melittis melissophyllum* , Bastard balm*Thymus vulgaris*,*Rosmarinus officinalis* , Rosemary**Scrophulariaceae***Chaenorhinum oreganifolium*,*Erinus alpinus* , Fairy foxglove*Verbascum thapsus* , Aaron's rod*Veronica persica*,**Gesneriaceae***Ramonda myconii* , Ramonda**Globulariaceae***Globularia repens*,**Plantaginaceae***Plantago media* , Hoary plantain**Orobanchaceae***Orobancha gracilis* , Slender broomrape**Caprifoliaceae***Lonicera pyrenaica* , Pyrenean honeysuckle*Sambucus nigra* , Elder**Valerianaceae***Valeriana montana*,**Campanulaceae***Jasione montana* , Mountain sheepsbit**Dipsacaceae***Knautia dipsacifolia* , Wood scabious**Compositae***Artemisia herba-alba* , Pyrenean wormwood*Bellis perennis* , Daisy*Silybum marianum* , Milk thistle*Tragopogon pratensis* , Goatsbeard*Santolina chamaecyparissus* , Lavender cotton**Primrose family***Primula veris* , Cowslip**Thrift family****Olive family***Ligustrum vulgare* , Privet**Bindweed family****Borage family***Lithodora diffusa* , Scrambling gromwell*Buglossoides purpureocaerula*,*Cynoglossum creticum* , Blue hound's-tongue**Mint family***Origanum vulgare* , Marjoram*Lamium amplexicaule* , Hen-bit deadnettle*Thymus pulegioides* , Large thyme*Lavandula angustifolia* , Lavender*Marrubium vulgare* , White whorehound**Figwort family***Antirrhinum majus* , Snapdragon*Scrophularia canina* , Alpine figwort*Cymbalaria muralis*,**Gloxinia family****Globularia family***Globularia punctata* , Common globularia**Plantain family***Plantago lanceolata*,**Broomrape family****Honeysuckle family***Lonicera etrusca* , Etruscan honeysuckle**Valerian family****Bellflower family****Teasel family****Daisy family***Filago vulgaris* , Common cudweed*Tussilago farfara* , Coltsfoot*Lactuca perennis* , Blue lettuce*Helichrysum stoechas* , Curry plant

Liliaceae**Lily family***Aphyllanthes monspeliensis* , Blue aphyllanthes*Veratrum album* , White false helleborine*Fritillaria pyrenaica* , Pyrenean snakeshead*Muscari neglectum* , Grape hyacinth*Allium moly* , Yellow onion*Asphodelus albus* , White Asphodel*Brimeura amethystinus* , Pyrenean hyacinth*Muscari comosum* , Tassel hyacinth**Iridaceae****Iris family***Gladiolus illyricus*,**Caryophyllaceae***Stellaria holostea*, Greater Stitchwort**Orchidaceae****Orchid family***Ophrys apifera* , Bee orchid*Ophrys scolopax* , Woodcock orchid*Orchis purpurea* , Lady orchid*Orchis champagneuxii* , Champagne orchid*Cephalanthera longifolia* , Sword-leaved helleborine*Ophrys insectifera* , Fly orchid*Orchis mascula* , Early purple orchid*Orchis ustulata* , Burnt tip orchid*Himantoglossum hircinum* , Lizard orchid*Epipactis* sp.,

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