

Spain's Sierra de Guara - Land of the Lammergeier

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Living with the vultures!



A beauty on the rocks! (*Ramonda pyrenaica*)



Ladder Snake



Pyrenean encrusted saxifrage (*Saxifraga longifolia*)

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Day 1

Tuesday 5th May

London Stansted – Zaragoza – Alquezar

Part of the group arrived on a sunny afternoon at Zaragoza from Stansted airport. We met up with our other two fellow group members who were already travelling around central Spain and then set off towards Alquezar. The motorway was fairly quiet along La Hoya de Huesca (Alto Aragon), main gate to the Sierra de Guara Mountains. The scenery became increasingly impressive across the mountains, but most impressive was the arrival at the lovely, medieval village of Alquezar, our base for the next four nights. We checked-in at our superb and very comfortable hotel located in the heart of the village before walking down the narrow streets towards Casa Gervasio Restaurant where we enjoyed a delicious first dinner together.

Day 2

Wednesday 6th May

Alquézar – Meson de Servil – River Vero

It was a great morning with the sun dazzling and we were all well after a very restful night followed by a delicious breakfast that we enjoyed a lot! We then walked along the small streets full of ancient architecture till we arrived to this impressive 'backstage' of the village; a jaw-dropping landscape full of big crags and rocky cliffs, an ideal home for key species such as Alpine Swift, Red-billed Chough, and Griffon and Egyptian Vultures. Other birds seen here were Black Redstart, European Swift, Rock Dove, and Crag and House Martins. We walk around the impressive building of La Collegiata which has a remarkable presence and a matching contrast to the landscape, alongside the stone cliffs and granite rocky hills in the background. The River Vero basin looked pristine from our vantage point as we managed to see Bajo Aragon, the 'meseta' down in the lowlands and the southern basin of the River Ebro and the region of Los Monegros. We walked around the main village gulley spotting and listening to the noisy Nightingale and flying Red-billed Choughs, and admiring the beautiful eye-level flight of Griffon Vultures using the nearby thermals; and they were not the only birds taking advantage of this as Black and Red Kites did the same.

After this in-town stroll we had a break before driving a short distance out of the village up to the Meson de Servil and towards the Pico de Quizáns, located above Alquézar; an ideal place for lots of good wildlife, especially birds. We found a nice place to set our lunch while watching more Griffon Vultures and Red-billed Choughs, and a very nice Egyptian Vulture. We also had great views of Booted Eagle, Western Orphean Warbler, Red Kite and Woodchat Shrike. After lunch we set off on a long walk taking one of the hill tracks into the lower portion of the Pico de Quizáns, finding a nice view point which overlooks the two main gorges of Alquézar. Plenty of Griffon Vultures and a pair of Egyptian Vultures were nesting across the huge rocky wall full of many crags. We enjoyed watching them coming up and down and drifting through those impossible rocky gaps; fascinating creatures and great flyers! We were expecting to see Lammergeier here but none were to be seen before it was time to move on. We then walked back to our vehicle finding Short-toed Treecreeper, Woodchat Shrike, Red Kite, and many interesting butterflies on the way down. We left this area and drove further down the main road making a stop at the old Moorish bridge over the River Vero, known as La Albarda or Campanachal Bridge. Here we explored the surroundings starting with the old bridge itself which is very attractive and from

where we managed to see Nightingale, European Serin, Rock Sparrow, Barn Swallow, House Martin, and a pair of Viperine Snakes crossing the river. We continued walking along the river listening to a nearby Eurasian Wryneck, eventually seeing two Wrynecks well.

As the afternoon turned in to early evening the temperature was still very pleasant as we walked back to our hotel for a break before having dinner at Casa Gervasio Restaurant.

Day 3

Thursday 7th May

Santa Cilia de Ponzano – River Alcanadre

It was another lovely morning in Alquézar surrounded by the noise of Nightingales calling from the various bushes around the village, and vultures constantly cruising the open blue sky. After another delicious breakfast we set off towards Santa Cilia de Ponzano, a little village located in the heart of Guara, truly a land of vultures, where we accompanied local vulture expert and 'Fondo Amigos del Buitre's' co-founder Manu Aguilera feed vultures. His vast and unparalleled knowledge of these birds has made him a well respected naturalist and pioneer (together with late colleague David Garcia) on the ethnology and ecology of vultures, especially the Lammergeier. Manu brought with him about 200 pounds of meat, mainly sheep legs and a few goose and hen eggs, all collected very early in the morning from local farmers keen to help with the cause of helping the vultures of the area.

We drove to the car park in the village and walked up the hill towards the feeding point where a cloud of dozens of vultures, the majority Griffons, covered the sky and some of them were patiently waiting, perched on the rocks nearby. Once we were in the right spot, Manu directed where we should wait before nearly two hundred Griffon Vultures landed on the carcasses. A pair of Egyptian Vultures and two immature individuals soared above them, waiting for their turn to land in search of the goose eggs Manu has brought to them. Some Red and Black Kites were also around, awaiting the opportunity to grab some bits too, but they didn't really have a chance with all the Griffon Vultures around; but a few pairs of Northern Ravens managed to sneak through. Then Manu sat amongst the 'local' Griffons, individuals he had been watching over the 25 years, and with dedication and patience he fed some of them with eggs and pieces of sheep guts using his hand! As we watched, a Lammergeier flew over our heads but continued on. As we walked back down the main track a pair of them were seen, soaring above our heads with a few Griffon Vultures. After enjoying the show delivered by these lovely birds, we thanked Manu very much. He was very grateful for the contribution made by our valuable visit to this nice part of Guara.

It was lunch time so we set our picnic in the middle of the village at the little mirador (viewpoint) which overlooks the feeding patch on the limestone. We enjoyed our lunch before continuing our excursion, exploring the bridges and poplar areas which produced lovely birds such as Firecrest, Garden Warbler, Nightingale, and others. Next we started our drive back to Alquézar making a few birding stops on the way along the River Alcanadre basin where we found a few interesting birds such as Golden Oriole, Subalpine Warbler, European Serin, Hoopoe, Turtle Dove, and the lovely European Bee-eater.

Back at the hotel we had a break followed by drinks and nibbles, doing our checklist, and enjoying another delicious local supper at Casa Gervasio's Restaurant.

Day 4

Friday 8th May

Colungo – Lecina

After a delicious breakfast we drove out of Alquezar, heading north through the village of Colungo to the ancient village of Lecina. Our first stop was at the fascinating bridge of El Palomar where deep gorges dominated the surroundings and showed a gorgeous carpet of wild flowers, including the endemic and very precious Pyrenean Saxifrage (*Saxifraga longifolia*). We found lots of them in bloom with beautiful long white flowers. We continued on, making another stop at the highest part of the road where a lovely Crested Tit was found alongside some Linnets and Subalpine Warblers. We walked along the main road to the gorge (or barranco) Mirador del Rio Vero; an impressive gorge, perfect for nesting Griffon Vultures, Crag and House Martins, and Alpine and European Swifts. We could see a few Griffon Vultures nesting along the ledges of the cliff; we clearly saw two looking after one chick each. We could also see the ancient village of Lecina from this mirador. We then drove to this village to enjoy its surroundings and peaceful grounds: and so we did by setting up our lunch in the main plaza and enjoying the lovely sunny weather!

After lunch we walked along the trail which leads to the village of Betorz which produced a nesting Eurasian Nuthatch, Black Redstart and White Wagtail around the village, and then we followed a pair of Golden Orioles and managed to see them amongst the trees and flying around. Some of the orchid sites were very dry, but despite this we managed to find plenty of butterflies and a field with interesting flowers too. After a good walk making a loop back to the village, we started our drive back to Alquezar, making a couple of photo stops along the way. We eventually arrived back at our hotel for a well deserved break before a fantastic supper.

Day 5

Saturday 9th May

Alquezar – Montearagón Castle – Lusera – Nocito

It was another beautiful morning as some of us took a final walk around the village before our delicious breakfast. We left Alquezar, heading to the northern slope of Sierra de Guara to our next three-night base: Nocito. Our route took us through the impressive landscape of the Somontano. We made a quick stop for bread at Adahuesca and continued to the main road and to our first stop of the morning, Montearagón Castle. This amusing building lies on the plateau between the region of Los Monegros to the south and Los Mallos or Riglos to the north. The surroundings of the castle show sandy rock formations of rose puddingstone, highly vulnerable to erosion, which has created sugar loaf forms. We stopped at the base of the narrow road which leads to the castle to take some photographs of the highly contrasting landscape, and to look for some wildlife - and we found lots! We saw a good variety of butterflies and important bird species including the three species of wheatears distributed in Spain: Black-eared, Northern and Black Wheatears, all seen very well around the castle. We also found Thekla and Crested Larks, European Bee-eaters, Linnet, Red and Black Kites, Corn Bunting, Griffon Vulture, and fantastic views of Rock Sparrow and Blue Rock Thrush.

We reached the top of the road and at the castle entrance we enjoyed fabulous views of the Sierra de Guara, the town of Huesca and the surrounding fields and crags. We then walked back to our vehicle and continued our journey towards the northern slope of Sierra de Guara, taking part of the motorway to Jaca and turning off through the village to the dam of Arguis. We stopped on top of the pass where we enjoyed our picnic lunch, and the location offered terrific views of the Belsué valley. A few interesting birds were found here such as Short-

toed Snake Eagle, Western Orphean Warbler, Red-backed Shrike and Black Redstart. We continued along the bendy mountain road, amused by the dramatic landscape and making short stops to see a few interesting butterflies and wild flowers. We made a final stop at the top of the valley of Nocito where we enjoyed a nice stroll which produced interesting wildlife but mostly gorgeous landscape, especially the northern face of the impressive 2,055 metres Tozal de Guara.

We finally arrived at the picturesque and peaceful village of Nocito and checked-in at our B&B. Some of us took a short stroll around the village before we gathered together to enjoy a cold beer and do the day's checklist, followed by a nice mountain-style supper!

Day 6

Sunday 10th May

Nocito – Used – Bara

It was a glorious morning as we enjoyed the wonderful views of the sierra de Guara, and all the birds singing and calling around. We enjoyed a nice breakfast before driving a short distance along the Bara road, leaving our vehicle not far from Nocito and walking to the village of Used. We had fantastic birds along the way including Eurasian Cuckoo, Eurasian Wryneck, Stonechat, Rock Bunting, Wood Lark, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Hoopoe, Subalpine Warbler, and a very close Short-toed Snake Eagle. We also found a few elusive large lizards which were hard to see as they quickly dashed in the bushes; though we had great views of a beautiful Ladder Snake found on a large rock, basking under the sun. We then arrived at the village of Used where we enjoyed the beautiful and peaceful landscape alongside our delicious lunch, watching Eurasian Nuthatch and Firecrest nesting in the nearby trees.

After lunch the sun was strong as we drove towards Bara, parking our vehicle not far from the village entrance. We had terrific views of Red-backed Shrike, Western Orphean Warbler, Western Bonelli's Warbler and Stonechat from here. In the village a few Spotted Flycatchers, White Wagtail, Black Redstart and Western Yellow Wagtail were spotted, along with lots of Barn Swallows and House Martins collecting mud to finish their nests. By now it was quite hot and a good time to drive back to Nocito to have a late afternoon break before a delicious local-style dinner, and a night stroll to see the noisy and very elusive Eurasian Scops Owl.

Day 7

Monday 11th May

Ibirque Pass – Nocito

We awoke to another gorgeous sunny day with impressive view of Tozal de Guara Mountain which silently guards the main Guara valleys! After breakfast we drove north to explore more of the upper areas, reaching 1,500 metres at the point known as Ibirque. From here we had fabulous views of the supreme Pyrenees as we walked along the track which leads to the top of the ridge. We found very interesting flowers and butterflies, and many birds such as Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Western Orphean Warbler, Crested Tit, Eurasian Cuckoo, Red Kite, Griffon Vultures, Tawny Pipit, Wood Lark and Tree Pipit. It was a pleasant walk and we enjoyed taking photographs of the lovely landscape. Next we drove down the River Gallego valley to find a nice spot to have our lunch. As it was so hot we drove back up to the cooler, higher grounds of Ibirque and found a pleasant

lunch spot by the road where we enjoyed our local style picnic lunch; and a few interesting flowers and butterflies around the creek.

After this nice experience we drove back to Nocito where we went on a walk alongside the nearby river which we all enjoyed. Soon it was time for a cold drink to cool down on this very warm and sunny afternoon, and take a nice break before gathering together to do our checklist over more cold beers and the gorgeous views of the mountains! We enjoyed our last supper together with plenty of wine (as usual) and great humor, sharing anecdotes and commenting on the great week we've had on this tour.

Day 8

Tuesday 12th May

Nocito – Belchite – Zaragoza

After enjoying our last breakfast in the mountains we got ready to leave the beautiful and peaceful village of Nocito. A noisy Black Woodpecker kept us busy for a few minutes as a pair was hammering and calling from the bottom of the village, allowing us in-flight views and to hear its unique and loud call. We then set off through the mountains. No other traffic was around, something pretty amazing, till we got to the main roads and eventually to the main motorway heading to Huesca and then to Zaragoza. We diverted to the lower plateau of the Bajo Aragon where the village of Belchite lies amongst the impressive rocky formations of El Planeron wildlife reserve. The dramatic dry and red-earth habitat was home to many species of larks such as Crested Lark, Calandra Lark, Greater and Lesser Short-toed Larks, Thekla Lark, Skylark, and even the rare and elusive Dupont's Lark which we heard twice. We also had great views of Black-eared Wheatear, Eurasian Thick-knee (Stone Curlew) and Marsh Harrier.

The temperature was rising and as it approached lunch time we found a nice cool place under the shade in the small village of Codo where we enjoyed some local finger food, salads, fruits, tasty local cheeses and charcuterie. We also saw a few birds such as Water Rail, Common Sandpiper, Little Ringed Plover, Moorhen, more Crested Larks, Collared and Turtle Doves, amongst others. After lunch we drove back to Belchite to see the ruins of the old village bombed and destroyed during the civil war.

Soon it was time to make our way to Zaragoza airport to catch our flight back to the UK. It had been a very nice holiday around this fantastic part of north-eastern Spain, where we all had had unforgettable wildlife experiences alongside good local food, lovely wine and great company...

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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
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓							✓
2	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			✓		✓			
3	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓				✓			✓
4	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓							✓
5	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>								✓
6	Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>			✓					
7	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		✓	✓					✓
8	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓			✓			✓
9	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>					✓	✓		✓
11	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
12	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓							✓
13	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
15	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
16	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>								✓
17	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>								✓
18	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>								✓
19	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
20	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			✓		✓			✓
22	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓			✓			✓
23	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			h		h	✓	✓	h
24	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>						✓	h	
25	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>						h		
26	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
27	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
29	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			✓		h	✓	h	✓
30	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		✓	h		h	✓	h	
31	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>			h					
32	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						✓		
33	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>								✓
34	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>					h	h	✓	h
35	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
36	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				✓				
37	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
39	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			✓	✓		✓		h
40	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>				✓		✓	✓	
41	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
42	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		✓	✓					h
43	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓							
44	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓							✓
45	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>				✓		✓	✓	
47	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>				✓			✓	

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48	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
49	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
50	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					✓	✓	✓	h
51	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>					✓			✓
52	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>					✓			✓
53	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>					✓			✓
54	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								✓
55	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>								✓
56	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		h						
60	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓					
61	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
62	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		✓	✓					
63	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>								h
64	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓		✓	h		
65	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			h		✓	✓		
66	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>		✓	h		✓	✓	✓	
67	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>			✓					
68	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
69	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>			✓	✓				
70	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
71	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			h					
72	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>				✓		✓	✓	
73	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		✓						
74	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>						h	h	
77	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>					✓		✓	
78	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				✓		✓		
79	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		h	h		h	h		
80	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	h	✓		h
81	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>							✓	
83	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					✓			
84	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					✓		✓	
86	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>					✓			✓
87	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>					✓			
88	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>		✓			✓			
90	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>							h	
91	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>						✓		
92	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓
93	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			✓		✓	h	✓	
94	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>							✓	
95	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
97	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓	✓			

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98	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
100	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
101	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>						✓	✓	
102	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		h	h					

Butterflies

Swallowtail, *Papilio machaon*
 Black-veined White, *Aporia cratargi*
 Small White, *Artogeia rapae*
 Bath White, *Pontia daplidae*
 Green-striped White, *Euchloe belemia*
 Clouded Yellow, *Colias crocea*
 Berger's Clouded Yellow, *Colias australis*
 Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*
 Wood White, *Leptidea sinapis*
 Small Copper, *Lycaena phlaeas*
 Green-underside Blue, *Glaucopsyche alexis*
 False Baton Blue, *Pseudophilotes panoptes*
 Adonis Blue, *Lysandra bellargus*
 Idas Blue, *Plebejus idas*
 Duke of Burgundy, *Hamearis lucina*
 Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*
 Pearl-bordered Fritillary, *Boloria euphrosyne*
 Provencal Fritillary, *Melitaea deione*
 Marsh Fritillary, *Euphydryas aurinia*
 Meadow Fritillary, *Boloria bellona*
 Spanish Marbled White, *Melanargia ines*
 De Prunner's Ringlet, *Erebia triaria*
 Pearly Heath, *Coenonympha arcania*
 Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*
 Grizzled Skipper, *Pyrgus malvae*
 Mallow Skipper, *Carcharodus alceae*

Scarce (Spanish) Swallowtail, *Iphiclides podalirius*
 Large White, *Pieris brassicae*
 Green-veined White, *Artogeia napi*
 Western Dappled White, *Euchloe crameri*
 Orange Tip, *Anthocharis cardamines*
 Pale Clouded Yellow, *Colias hyale*
 Mountain Clouded Yellow, *Colias*
 Cleopatra, *Gonepteryx Cleopatra*
 Green Hairstreak, *Callophrys rubi*
 Little Blue, *Cupido minimus*
 Baton Blue, *Pseudophilotes baton*
 Mazarine Blue, *Cyaniris semiargus*
 Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*
 Meleager's Blue, *Meleageria daphnis*
 Peacock, *Inachis io*
 Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*
 Glanville Fritillary, *Melitaea cinxia*
 Heath Fritillary, *Melitaea athalia*
 Marbled White, *Melanargia galathea*
 Western Marbled White, *Melanargia occitanica*
 Grayling, *Hipparchia semele*
 Meadow Brown, *Maniola jurtina*
 Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*
 Wall Brown, *Lasiommata megera*
 Red-underwing Skipper, *Spialia sertorius*
 Dingy Skipper, *Erynnis tages*

Other wildlife

Moorish Gecko, *Tarentola mauritanica*
 Iberian Water Frog, *Rana perezi*
 Spanish Psammodromus, *Psammodromus hispanicus*
 Burnet Companion, *Euclidia glyphica*
 Large Psammodromus, *Psammodromus algirus*
 Ocellated Lizard, *Timon lepidus*
 Common Wall Lizard, *Podarchis muralis*

Egyptian Grasshopper, *Anacridium aegyptium*
 Viperine Snake, *Natrix maura*
 Hummingbird Hawk-moth, *Macroglossum stellaratum*
 Red-winged Grasshopper, *Oedipoda germanica*
 Viviparous Lizard, *Zootoca vivipara*
 Ladder Snake, *Rhinechis scalaris*
 Western Green Lizard, *Lacerta bilineata*

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