

# Spain's Sierra de Guara - Land of the Lammergeier

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Pyrenean Saxifrage



Enjoying the vultures closely!



Black Wheatear



Western Orphean Warbler

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## Day 1

**Tuesday 7th May**

### London Stansted – Zaragoza - Alquézar

Our fellow travellers arrived at Zaragoza airport in the late afternoon in order to start the tour. We then loaded the minibus and set off, heading north-east and up into La Hoya de Huesca (Alto Aragon), main gate of the Sierra de Guara Mountains. The scenery became increasingly impressive across the mountains, but most impressive was the arrival at the lovely and medieval village of Alquezar. We checked in at our superb and very comfortable hotel located in the heart of the village and then walked down the narrow streets towards Casa Gervasio, in order to enjoy a delicious first dinner together.

## Day 2

**Wednesday 8th May**

### Alquézar – Bierge – Ponzano – Rodellar

It was a great morning in Alquezar, although the weather was slightly unsettled, with some grey clouds bringing some early drops of water. After a relaxed and delicious breakfast, we walked amongst the small streets and ancient architecture till we arrived at the impressive 'backstage' of the village, a jaw-dropping landscape full of big crags and rocky cliffs; here, the range of local birds including Serin, Black Redstart, Common and Alpine Swift, Griffon Vultures, Red-billed Chough, Rock Dove, Crag Martin and Blue Rock Thrush. The rain persisted for quite a bit, so we changed our plans and drove off along the river Alcanadre valley, not far from the village of Bierge. Here, a nearby track parallel to the river produced very interesting birds such as Melodious Warbler, Firecrest, Griffon Vulture, Booted Eagle, a group of eight Honey Buzzards, and a Bonelli's Eagle which was an unexpected surprise! We then continued driving along the road reaching the village of Ponzano where we had lunch, enjoying great views of Corn Bunting, Woodchat Shrike, Cirl Bunting and Spotted Flycatcher afterwards.

The afternoon weather settled a little bit so we drove back towards Alquézar, making a diversion towards the area of Rodellar where we had great views of the Black Gorge, one of the most impressive canyon of the Sierra de Guara. We had lovely views of European Bee-eaters, Subalpine Warbler and great views of Western Orphean Warbler. Lower down the track and after a short drive, we found ourselves above a rocky wall where lots of Griffon Vultures were sat, giving us a fantastic spectacle. Dark skies came along threaten with heavy rain in the late afternoon, so we started drifting down the track, heading back to our hotel in order to have a break before checklist and a delicious dinner.

## Day 3

**Thursday 9th May**

### Colungo – Las Gargantas – Lecina

We had a lovely sunny morning today in Alquézar surrounded by the heavy noise of Nightingales calling from the various bushes around the village, and vultures constantly cruising the sky. After another delicious breakfast, we soon got ready to set off, driving up out of Alquezar and heading north of the Sierra, right through the village of Colungo, to the ancient village of Lecina. Our first stop was made at the fascinating Moorish bridge located on the river Vero and known as La Albarda or Campanachal Bridge. This lovely bridge, built between XI and

XII centuries, offers a unique view of the river Vero and is a great spot to find some interesting species. We walked to the top of the bridge to admire the landscape set along this beautiful riparian area where we found Melodious Warbler, Stonechat, loud Cetti's Warbler, and a Woodchat Shrike hunting nearby. We took a walk around the bridge and the river, spotting a gorgeous Red Kite perched quietly on a snag, giving us close views of this lovely raptor, while noisy Nightingale were, as usual, calling from every corner of the area and we managed to find one right in the open of which we had great scope views. A Golden Oriole was calling in the distance, but we could not find any closer to where we were. After this very productive first stop, we continued our drive making the usual 'bread stop' which quickly produced Black and Red Kites, Griffon Vultures, Corn Bunting, and a lovely male Black Redstart.

We then entered the deep gorges and bendy roads from where we spotted the very precious plants of Pyrenean Saxifrage (*Saxifraga longifolia*) which were quite numerous this year, all laid out by this lovely old bridge overlooking the impressive canyons, surrounded by a large number of Common Swifts, Crag Martins, Alpine Swifts, Barn Swallows, House Martins and Red-rumped Swallows, all very active in the sky! We made another stop at the highest part of the road where lovely a Crested Tit and Firecrest were beautifully seen. Then we stopped at the gorge or 'barranco' Mirador del Rio Vero, an impressive gorge perfect for nesting Griffon Vultures, Crag and House Martins, Alpine and Common Swifts. We were sat here relaxed and admiring the beautiful scenery when two pairs of Egyptian Vultures flew nearby and eye-level to us. And as this wasn't enough, a large vulture overflowed our heads very suddenly, it was a gorgeous Bearded Vulture (Lammergeier) drifting in the large canyon to give us amazing views! From this very exciting point, we could see the ancient village of Lecina, and as lunch time was hitting - we were certainly running out of the calories obtain from our very substantial breakfast! - we drove to this ancient village in order to eat our picnic lunch.

The weather looked a bit more promising after lunch, so we decided to take a walk on the track which leads to the village of Betorz, following a Common Cuckoo which was constantly calling around us, lots of Western Bonelli's Warblers, European Bee-eaters, Eurasian Hoopoe and Subalpine Warbler, amongst others. By the end of the afternoon, we drove back to Alquezar, getting there in time for a good break before a delicious dinner.

## Day 4

Friday 10th May

### Santa Cilia de Ponzano - Bierge

Another beautiful morning in Alquezar, so it was ideal to celebrate it with another delicious breakfast. Afterwards, we set off towards the village of Santa Cilia de Ponzano, a little village located right in the heart of Sierra de Guara, truly land of vultures, where we were offered the chance to feed vultures accompanying local vulture expert and Fondo Amigos del Buitre's co-founder Manu Aguilera. 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 a good 200lbs of meat, sheep legs and a few goose eggs, all collected very early in the morning from those local farms keen to help with the cause of aiding the large population of vultures on the area. We drove to the car park and walked up the hill towards the feeding point where a cloud of dozens of Vultures, mainly Griffons, covered the sky, with some of them patiently waiting perched on the rocks nearby.

Once we were in the right spot, Manu directed us where we needed to be. Nearly 200 Griffon Vultures landed on the carcasses straight away, while a pair of Egyptian Vultures soared above them waiting for their turn as they landed in search of the goose eggs Manu has brought to them. Some Red and Black Kites were also around, waiting the opportunity to grab some bits too; they didn't really have any chance with all those Griffons around, but a few pairs of Northern Ravens managed to sneak through. An Egyptian Vulture managed to land on the site taking the eggs straight away from the Griffon Vultures; it was then when two Lammergeiers flew over our heads, checking out how were things going with the feast and waiting their moment to pick their bit. We moved a bit backwards to allow them to come closer or even to land confidently, but they did not trust us that much yet. Hence, we moved out from the site and checked them out from the other side of the gully with much success as they landed to take some bones. They take them somewhere else to be smashed against the ground, making smaller pieces of them so they can swallow the bones more easily. One of them flew beautifully above us, very close, showing off his so-handsome-looking plumage, perhaps too handsome to be classified as a vulture!

After enjoying the show delivered by these lovely birds, we returned to the village in order to visit the Museum Casa del Buitre (Vultures House) in order to enjoy the beautiful display, put together to demonstrate the life cycle and ecology of the area. After this, we thanked Manu very much for his help and moved to the village's mirador in order to have our picnic lunch. Whilst we ate, we kept an eye on the mountain clearing where Manu laid the carcass, finding more Lammergeiers landing in this area, fabulous!

After this little break, we started our drive back to Alquézar, making a stop in the village of Bierge where we had a nice coffee break, followed by a few birding stops which produced interesting birds such as Rock Sparrows, Subalpine Warbler, Serin, and lots of lovely European Bee-eater. We then kept going towards Alquezar where we took a break in our hotel, followed by some drinks and nibbles, checklist and another delicious local supper at Casa Gervasio's Restaurant.

## Day 5

Saturday 11th May

### Monte Aragón Castle – Belsué – Nocito

It was another sunny beautiful and relaxing morning, as some of us took a final walk around the village before breakfast. We left Alquezar heading for our next three nights based at Nocito. As we drove along the narrow country roads along the Somontano, we drove around 40 minutes till we got to Monte Aragón Castle. This interesting building lies on the plateau which is lined up with Los Monegros region to the south and Los Mallos or Riglos to the north. The surroundings of the castle showed formations of rose puddingstone, highly vulnerable to erosion which has here created sugar-loaf forms. We stopped at the base of the narrow road which leads to the castle in order to take some photos of the highly contrasting landscape, and also to look for some wildlife, and we found lots! A good variety of butterflies and important bird species, being the best place to find all the three species of Wheatears distributed in Spain; we found two Black Wheatears first, followed by a pair of Northern Wheatears and then two Black-eared Wheatears just at the base of the castle. We also found Thekla and Crested Larks, Corn Bunting, Black Kite, Griffon Vulture and had fantastic views of Sardinian Warbler.

After visiting the top of the hill where the castle itself lies, we continued our driving towards the northern slope of Sierra de Guara, making a coffee break in the village of Arguis, before continuing to drive to the top of the

brand-new motorway pass, where we enjoyed our lunch in a nice breeze and sunshine with wonderful views of the Pyrenees. Back on track and passing the junction that took us back into the Sierra de Guara Natural Park, we drove down the narrow mountain tracks, already getting terrific views of the Belsué valley. We had a good stroll around followed, by a short drive to one of the highest points of the road (nearly 1,500 metres) where we took a short walk on one of the ancient trails of the area. A few interesting things were found here, such as European Pied Flycatcher, Stonechat, Common Kestrel and Woodchat Shrike, amongst others.

Our next and final stop was made at 920 metres, above the village of Nocito, where we took a nice stroll which produced lovely wildflowers and butterflies. We then drove down to Nocito itself, where we checked into our lodge in order to take a break. Some of us took a short stroll around the village before we gathered together at the local bar for a nice drink where we did our checklist, followed by a nice mountain-style supper! After dinner, we went for a night walk and managed to see a lovely Eurasian Scops Owl.

## Day 6

Sunday 12th May

### Nocito – Used – Bara

Today, we had a nice walk around the village of Nocito, enjoying the views and the chilly start of the sunny morning in the mountains. After a delicious and relaxed breakfast, we drove a short distance, leaving our vehicle not far from Nocito and we walked along the road towards the village of Used. We saw fantastic birds along this pleasant walk, such as Short-toed Eagle, Serin, Cirl Bunting, heard a noisy Wryneck, had great views of Rock Buntings, Western Orphean Warbler, Western Bonelli's Warbler and Stonechat, amongst others. We arrived at Used where we enjoyed looking this small hamlet. We then took another short ride to the end of the track, where the hamlet of Bara is located. We set out our lunch and had a bit of a break overlooking the lovely landscape, a very pleasant time indeed, enjoying the gorgeous sunshine and the many Nightingales, Garden Warblers and Black Redstarts calling around us!

After lunch, we took a trek following the northern bank of the river Alcanadre where we saw more interesting wildlife despite the sunshine which was hitting hard by the time. We then drove back to Nocito in order to have a break in the late afternoon, followed by a delicious local-style dinner.

## Day 7

Monday 13th May

### Nocito – Ibirque

We woke up to another gorgeous day in Nocito, facing the impressive Tozal de Guara Mountain which silently guards the main Guara valleys! After breakfast, we drove up north in order to explore more of the northern slope of Guara, going through high passes which already have the contrast of the supreme Pyrenees in the background, fully snow-covered, which we enjoyed alot! We made a stop at the Ibirque pass which overlooks the whole northern valley of Sobrarbe and the village of Lasaos, from where we saw Common Rock Thrush, Common Cuckoo, Northern Wheatear, Griffon Vulture and Tree Pipit. After enjoying a nice walk around this very interesting area, we carried on drifting down the valley, crossing the river Gállego onto the loop road which connects the Sierra de Guara and the Alto Gállego valley. We made two stops en route, one of which produced gorgeous views of Crested Tit, Tawny Pipit and Rock Bunting, amongst others. As the sun was strong, we

returned to the Ibirque pass where we enjoyed our picnic lunch while getting lots of lovely butterflies in view and a full view of the mighty Pyrenees!

After this nice visit, we returned to Nocito in order to take a break, followed by a nice walk along one of the village tracks where we found very interesting orchids, butterflies and other wildlife. After this, we gathered together to complete our checklist of the day, followed by a delicious local supper.

## Day 8

**Tuesday 14th May**

### Nocito – Belchite – Zaragoza

After our last delicious breakfast in the village of Nocito, we said goodbyes to our hosts Bertrand and Marie and thanked them for their kind and brilliant hospitality. We drove up out of the area in order to head south-west, right to the area of Belchite, more precisely, to the reserve of El Planeron. The dramatic dry and red land habitat was the appropriate place to see many species of larks such as Crested, Calandra, Greater and Lesser Short-toed Larks, Skylark, and Thekla Larks, which we got to see well. We also had great views of Northern Wheatear, Marsh Harrier, Black Kites, Iberian Grey Shrike, and Red Kite. As the temperature rose higher towards lunchtime, we enjoyed our picnic lunch in the old and bombed village of Belchite, taking a close view of the devastation caused to this particular village during the days of the Spanish Civil War.

The time passed by, we started to make 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, where we all had unforgettable wildlife experiences alongside with 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							
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		h						
2	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>								✓
3	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>							✓	
4	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
5	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		h	h	h	h	✓	✓	h
7	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓
8	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>								h
10	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
11	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>					✓			✓
12	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓				✓			
13	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓							
14	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓							
15	Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>			✓	✓				
16	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
17	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓						
18	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
19	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				✓	✓	✓		
20	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		✓						
21	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		✓						
22	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>								✓
23	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
24	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
25	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>					✓	h	✓	
27	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>							h	
28	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		h	✓	✓	h	✓	h	
29	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
30	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		✓	h	h	h	h	h	
31	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						✓	✓	
32	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>						✓	✓	
33	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>					✓			
34	Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>								✓
35	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
36	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		h	h			h	✓	h
37	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
38	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
39	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
40	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>								✓
41	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>						✓	✓	✓
42	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
43	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		h					✓	
44	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>			✓			✓		
45	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
46	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	



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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
47	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			h	✓		h	✓	✓
48	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>								✓
49	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>					✓			✓
50	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>					✓			✓
51	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								✓
52	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>					✓			✓
53	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>								✓
54	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cercropis daurica</i>			✓					
56	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		h	h	h				
58	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓			
59	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>			✓	h	h	✓	✓	h
60	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			h
61	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	h	✓	✓	
62	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		h				✓	✓	
63	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>		✓	h	h	✓	✓		
64	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>							✓	
65	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		✓	✓	✓				
66	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
67	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
68	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	h	h	h	✓	✓	
69	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>						h		
70	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>						✓		
71	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
73	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>						✓		
74	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>							✓	
75	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓				✓		
76	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>					h	✓	✓	✓
77	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		✓	h	h	h	✓	✓	h
78	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>					✓	✓		
79	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>							✓	
81	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		✓			✓			
82	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>						✓		
83	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					✓		✓	✓
85	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>					✓			
86	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>					✓			
87	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
88	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>		✓		✓	✓			
89	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
90	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>					✓		✓	
91	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
94	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓



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97	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>						✓	✓	✓
98	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓				✓	h	

## Butterflies

Scarce (Spanish) Swallowtail, *Iphiclides podalirius*  
 Large White, *Pieris brassicae*  
 Bath White, *Pontia daplidae*  
 Mountain Dappled White, *Euchloe simplonia*  
 Orange Tip, *Anthocharis cardamines*  
 Pale Clouded Yellow, *Colias hyale*  
 Cleopatra, *Gonepteryx Cleopatra*  
 Green Hairstreak, *Callophrys rubi*  
 Baton Blue, *Pseudophilotes baton*  
 Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*  
 Black-eyed Blue, *Glaucopsyche melanops*  
 Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*  
 Small Tortoiseshell, *Aglais urticae*  
 Twin-spot Fritillary, *Brenthis hecate*  
 Provencal Fritillary, *Melitaea deione*  
 Weaver's Fritillary, *Boloria dia*  
 Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*  
 Wall Brown, *Lasiommata megera*  
 Grizzled Skipper, *Pyrgus malvae*  
 Red-underwing Skipper, *Spialia sertorius*

Black-veined White, *Aporia cratargi*  
 Small White, *Pieris rapae*  
 Western Dappled White, *Euchloe crameri*  
 Provence Orange Tip, *Anthocharis euphenoides*  
 Clouded Yellow, *Colias crocea*  
 Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*  
 Wood White, *Leptidea sinapis*  
 Silver-studded Blue, *Plebejus argus*  
 Adonis Blue, *Lysandra bellargus*  
 Escher's Blue, *Polyommatus escheri*  
 Large Tortoiseshell, *Nymphalis polychloros*  
 Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*  
 Cardinal, *Pandoriana pandora*  
 Glanville Fritillary, *Melitaea cinxia*  
 Spanish Fritillary, *Euphydryas desfontainii*  
 Spanish Marbled White, *Melanargia ines*  
 Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*  
 Large Wall Brown, *Lasiommata maera*  
 Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper, *Pyrgus armoricanus*

## Other Wildlife

Red Fox, *Vulpes vulpes*  
 Large Psammodromus, *Psammodromus algirus*  
 Common Wall Lizard, *Podarcis muralis*  
 Orange Footman Moth, *Eilema sororcula*

Roe Deer, *Capreolus capreolus*  
 Moorish Gecko, *Tarentola mauritanica*  
 Viviparous Lizard, *Zootoca vivipara*  
 Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moth, *Hemaris fuciformis*



Violet Limodorum Orchid (Violet bird's-foot)