

# Wallcreepers & Cranes in Northern Spain

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Wallcreeper – a little flash of crimson



Mirador del Vero



Common Cranes at dawn

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## Summary

Not only did this trip deliver Wallcreepers and Cranes in spectacular fashion, but also outstanding wildlife highlights every day – all of them bathed in winter sunshine!

Wallcreepers treated us to prolonged views, on the sheer cliffs of the dramatic Vero Gorge and in the picturesque medieval streets of Alquézar itself! The group got up close and personal with hundreds of Griffon Vultures and had heart-stopping views of a Lammergeier wolfing down a bone. Amongst fabulous Pyrenean scenery, we enjoyed highlights including Red-billed Chough, Egyptian Vultures, Blue Rock Thrush, Hawfinch, Crag Martins and an Alpine Accentor hopping around our feet! Butterflies such as Green Hairstreak and Cleopatra flitted amongst interesting specialist and endemic plants. The stunning crags and gorges gave a perfect backdrop to the delicious hearty grub and characterful decor of our Pyrenean base.

We enjoyed a warm welcome and sophisticated cuisine at Allucant, our accommodation set in the wide-open spaces of Laguna de Gallocanta. We had already seen many hundreds of Common Cranes migrating over the Pyrenees, but we arrived to find plenty left! As the sun rose over the lagoon, we watched 16,000 flying off into the dawn, calling to one another – a beautiful and uplifting experience. As well as the ubiquitous elegance of the Cranes, our days in the Gallocanta area were filled with Great Bustards, Black-bellied and Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, DuPonts Lark singing in the dark, a spectacular roost of Hen Harriers and Short-eared Owls and fields alive with thousands of Corn Buntings, Linnets, and five species of Lark.

## Day 1

**Sunday 23rd February**

Niki and Chris gathered the group at Zaragoza airport, some having arrived from the UK, but several having taken the opportunity to travel by train and explore Europe *en route*. The group were provided with a snack before we loaded up the minibuses and embarked on our journey. The late arrival meant that we made the drive to our first base in the dark. But it at least gave us chance to enjoy the stars as we entered the Pyrenean foothills and left light pollution far behind us!

Our host Gervasio greeted us at our hotel in Alquézar, and we were soon settling into Hotel Maribel's luxurious rooms, in anticipation of the sun coming up and showing us our picturesque surroundings in this pretty medieval village, perched on the edge of the Vero gorge.

## Day 2

**Monday 24th February**

For those with the energy (almost all of us), we rose early and made our first pre-breakfast foray down through the winding village streets, past a Blue Rock Thrush on a rooftop, to a point where we could look out over the precipitous walls of the Vero Gorge. Two Red-billed Choughs greeted us, calling from their perches on the impressive monastic college building. A dawn chorus of European Robins and Blackcaps drifted up from the gorge. Many Crag Martins soon filled the air around us and Rock Petronias squeaked from the crags.

It wasn't long before our first Wallcreeper appeared! It was flitting between rock crevices, showing off its wonderful white-spotted red-trimmed wings. It hung around for so long that we even got distracted for a while by close views of a male Hawfinch! Thankfully this little gem was courteous enough to wait around for us to look at it again!

We headed back up the hill for breakfast while Red Kites and Griffon Vultures left their roosts and soared into the warming air.

After a hearty breakfast of Spanish omelette, bacon, *tostada con tomate*, fruit, bakery goodies and great coffee, we set out for a day of relaxed exploration of the Vero Gorge area of the Sierra de Guara.

By the river, we enjoyed Cirl Buntings and Serins, Great Spotted Woodpecker, and Firecrests in the scrub. As the morning got warmer, we had a steady flow of Griffon Vultures overhead. They collected into a kettle, carrying with them an unexpected early Egyptian Vulture – this normally migrant vulture possibly being one of the individuals that now regularly overwinter in the area.

From a bridge over one of the area's many gorges, we could see examples of *Petrocarpa guarensis* – a rock-growing relative of the Pinks that is endemic to the Sierra de Guara. We could also see succulent rosettes of *Saxifragia longifolia* or Pyrenean Saxifrage – locally known as “Corona del Rey” or “King's Crown”. A Short-toed Treecreeper called loudly from the woods below and, as we were about to get back in the buses, a Golden Eagle flew over, being mobbed by a Northern Raven!

At the Mirador del Vero viewpoint we spent time observing the local Griffon Vulture colony. They were already in full breeding mode and it was touching to see one carefully tending an egg. Throughout our picnic lunch, we enjoyed Peregrine Falcons riding thermals with Griffon Vultures and Common Buzzards.

We took a stroll through mixed woodlands – spotting several Green Hairstreak butterflies - to an area where prehistoric paintings could be seen in the shallow caves. From here it was a joy to look out over the deepest part of the gorge and enjoy the comings and goings of raptors in such a lofty place. There were dozens of Griffon Vultures, some carrying nesting material, and many pairs reinforcing their bond with spectacular parallel flying displays.

A flash of a glossy slate-coloured back and prominent wedge-shaped tail announced the arrival of a Lammergeier! Another was spotted on the walk back as well as another Egyptian Vulture.

An impromptu photo stop overlooking Alquézar brought an unexpected treat – an Alpine Accentor was feeding busily in the car park, practically hopping over our feet for titbits!

Free time in the afternoon was spent for some enjoying a beer, sangria, the hotel's fantastic hot tubs, or wandering around the Moorish/medieval splendour of Alquézar. For others, we returned to the viewpoint and were again treated to prolonged, enthralling views of a Wallcreeper preening, feeding and flashing ruby on the crags opposite.

## Day 3

## Tuesday 25th February

Today we headed out through the beautiful unspoilt landscape of the Sierra de Guara, this 50,000-hectare protected area housing pristine mixed forests, and the eye-popping geology of a vast area sliced into peaks and gorges by six different rivers.

Arriving at the village of Santa Cilia, we met with Manu, the man behind the “Friends of the Vultures” organisation whose conservation aim in the area is to protect and increase the breeding population of Lammergeiers. His research assistant Jose explained to the group that we would follow Manu up into the mountains in complete silence and hopefully enjoy the arrival of his “friends”. They turned out to be over 200 Griffon Vultures, some of which Manu has known for thirty years! Recognising his red jacket and wheelbarrow full of unspeakable titbits, they came down and landed right next to us on a rock plateau! We watched spellbound as they hissed and squabbled over the pieces of offal that Manu was distributing. An unforgettable experience to be so close to such a huge bird and see them spread their enormous wings just metres away!

But the best was yet to come, as two adult Lammergeiers appeared! Circling distantly at first, they gradually came closer to the feeding area. We retreated a little way and one of them came into land! Its magnificent golden torso really shone out and we delighted in watching its “beard” quiver as it wolfed down a whole lamb’s leg!

Back in the village, Jose took the group to see the interesting dioramas in the visitor centre, after which we enjoyed another picnic in the sun, this time with several delicious local cheeses to try, washing them down with water from the local spring (as well as local wine!). Looking up from a clump of pretty Grape Hyacinth, we got our best views yet of two very low Lammergeiers.

Back in Alquézar, we embarked on an exploration of the depths of the Vero Gorge itself. The walk started extremely well when a Wallcreeper appeared at our feet in the middle of the village! Niki and Chris explained the challenges of the route – which involves around 160m of descent and a series of (very sturdy) suspended walkways – but nobody was deterred so we donned hairnets and hard hats and off we went! We were soon rewarded by yet more views of a Wallcreeper feeding on the cliff face above us – mercifully free of Health & Safety precautions!

Descending right into the base of the gorge, we enjoyed the peaceful shady areas full of ferns and the stunning views of the bright yellow gorge walls pierced by turquoise rivers. A steady ascent up the other side brought us back into the village through the ancient olive groves of the monastery gardens. As the sun lowered, Pipistrelle bats took over from Crag Martins as the airborne insectivores.

Our exertions were rewarded by a gorgeous hearty meal courtesy of Gervasio’s mum, Maribel. The many shared courses ensured there was something for everyone, and we tucked into a tasty local bean soup, seasonal salad, lamb stew and grilled chicken. A selection of local liqueurs finished off a splendid day!

## Day 4

Wednesday 26th February

Already it was time to leave our first base, so we said goodbye to Gervasio and began our drive through the patchwork scenery of low intensity agriculture interspersed with Mediterranean scrub, Holm Oak and Wild Olive, and blossoming almond groves.

After an hour we made a very windswept first stop at the sandstone gorge of Piracés. A Thekla's Lark was singing and we had a brief view of Dartford Warbler and Black Redstart in the gorge. A Blue Rock Thrush could be seen perched on a rock. It was distant but still incredibly blue!

As we drove, the farmland was full of treats, and we enjoyed Green Sandpipers and Marsh and Hen Harriers. The fields were alive with flocks of House Sparrows, Common Linnets and European Goldfinches. We stopped for a coffee in the village of Grañén and were greeted by a splendid Golden Eagle overhead.

We stopped for lunch at a rather choppy Laguna de Sariñena. Despite the blowy day, we enjoyed the lovely sunlight and the shapes and forms of the reedbed and scrub that surround the lake. Many Marsh Harriers were on show, and we also picked up Common Snipe, Eurasian Hoopoe, Crested Larks, European Stonechat, Great Egret, calling Penduline Tits, flocks of Northern Shoveler, Eurasian Teal and Mallard, wintering Common Chiffchaffs and a Water Pipit.

We crunched a few motorway miles – grabbing an unseasonal ice-cream on the way - and in no time we were enjoying country roads again, with beautiful afternoon light falling on pink almond blossoms as we made our way to our second base.

Our host Javier soon settled us into rooms at Allucant, a friendly, quirky, bird-themed hotel on the shores of the Laguna de Gallocanta – one of Spain's most important protected wetlands. After some time to relax and unpack we were blown away by the fantastic cuisine of international chef Vipul, who over the next couple of nights treated us not only to delicious local specialities but his own twists on cuisine from all over the world! Not to mention the puddings!

## Day 5

Thursday 27th February

Today we were in for a treat, as we were able to accompany Javi to his family *finca*, a small area of land right at the lake's edge. A tumbledown farmhouse served as a perfect hide and gave us prime seats at dawn for the main event!

In the half-dark in front of us we could see a huge group of Common Cranes, numbering at least 1,700. Other massive groups had gathered around that section of the shore and were calling softly to one another. As the sun rose, their calls became more animated until eventually they started to take off, a few at first and then more and more in massive waves. Having lost a day of migration to yesterday's brisk winds, they were clearly eager to continue their journey, and many headed directly north, straight over the mountains. This spectacular display of sight and sound went on for over an hour, as Corn Buntings and Calandra Larks also awoke around us and added to the soundtrack.

After a warming breakfast, we gathered at the front of the hotel to watch more migrating Cranes leave. These flocks had waited for warmer air to gain height on thermals and make their passage over the mountains easier. Such huge, swirling flocks! Today was the day of the official count, and we were to learn later that over 16,000 Cranes had headed north that morning, and a further 10,000 had arrived from the south! A single Golden Eagle patrolled the lake shore, looking for weaklings...

For the rest of the day Javi showed us around the tracks and paths that wind between the fields and the shore of the lagoon. On either side of a rather breezy picnic outside the official visitor centre, we enjoyed views of many Calandra Larks, Marsh Harriers, Corn Buntings and Hen Harriers as we went. We managed to get close to a large group of Common Cranes grazing and loafing on the farmland, and through telescopes we were able to go through ID features, distinguish adults and young birds, and simply enjoy their elegance! We found a lovely mixed group of Tree Sparrows and Rock Petronias on the roof of a building. We had great views of a Merlin, and also an unexpected Short-toed Eagle – was this an early arrival or an over-wintering individual?

After lunch and a little more exploration, we headed into the village of Bello to have a coffee and give the wind a chance to die down. This worked out extremely well for us - heading back out to an area of taller lakeside vegetation, we were chuffed to find a group of 16 Great Bustards! In this mixed group, one male was already showing displaying behaviour, and he treated us to a great show of jumping-up-and-down, and even a little foam-bathing!

## Day 6

## Friday 28th February

Another pre-dawn start saw us heading out to a nearby steppe site for another of the area's really special birds. Sure enough, even as we arrived at first light, we could hear the haunting song of a Dupont's Lark just metres away from us. We listened as several of these mysterious, seldom-seen birds "creaked" and "swooned" around us. And as the sun came up and the first Eurasian Skylark started its song, this fantastic noise simply faded away!

On the way back for breakfast, we made a stop by a derelict farm building, where we observed many Rock Petronias, Corn Buntings, Common Linnets, and a singing Thekla's Lark.

With still, sunny weather awaiting, today was a relaxed one exploring some other sections of the lake edge habitat.

Mid-morning, we took a stroll through the orchards and trees at the edge of the village, enjoying Tree Sparrows, European Goldfinches, many Common Chiffchaffs, Common Blackbirds, Song and Mistle Thrush and a solitary Fieldfare. We viewed out over the lake from an observation platform, picking up Pied Avocet, Black-tailed Godwits, Common Greenshank, Common Redshank and two Kentish Plovers among the many Northern Shoveler, Eurasian Teal, Common Shelducks and other ducks. Reed Buntings and a Cetti's Warbler called from the reeds and bulrushes. There were many more butterflies in evidence today, including some nice examples of Bath White.

We next patrolled another area of steppe, absolutely covered in Eurasian Skylarks! Thekla's Larks were present too, and we were able to compare the two. A Little Owl flew off from a stone wall by the road and perched briefly on a rock pile, before flying away.

We had a tasty picnic lunch at the Ermita de Buen Acuerdo, a restored chapel on a hill, overlooking the lake. A brief stop by the spring wheat fields near Berrueco yielded lovely views of an Iberian Grey Shrike and six Black-bellied Sandgrouse loafing in the field.

The group had an opportunity for some independent time in the afternoon, to rest, pack, snooze, or wander by the lake shores or in the peaceful village.

Later, we headed out again, approaching the reserve from the Las Cuerlas end. We took up position by an area of pollarded trees and long, rank vegetation. As the sun began to set, Hen and Marsh Harriers began to arrive, and we thrilled as they collected in the area to roost. Two Short-eared Owls joined them, a Merlin perched up on a tree, and we could see a Red Fox and several Roe Deer. Our evening was completed by the sounds and sight of skeins of Common Cranes arriving to roost and refuel for their journey north.

An uplifting and fitting end to our last day! We shared stories and highlights from the trip over our last dinner, for which Vipul pulled out all the stops!

## Day 7

## Saturday 29th February

We said goodbye to our brilliant hosts Javi, Vipul and Monica and set off back towards Zaragoza, ready to break up the journey with some more great sites.

First of all, we visited the ruined town of Belchite. This place was caught up in a huge battle in the Spanish Civil War, and its shell-pocked buildings kept standing as a memorial while the town itself was rebuilt nearby. Now its desolate silhouettes have been completely overtaken by White Storks and Spotless Starlings.

After a comfort break, we moved on to the nature reserve of El Planeron, an incredible steppe habitat nestled amongst low intensity farmland. We were able to enjoy so many Calandra, Crested, Thekla's and Eurasian Skylarks, each in their own subtly different habitat niches. A group of Red-billed Chough fed on a field, and we spotted a group of six Pin-tailed Sandgrouse in flight. A distant Stone Curlew stood incongruously on a rock promontory.

As we shared out our packed lunches, many Lesser Short-toed Larks put on a great show around us and we were able to really get to grips with their song and ID features. Just as it was time to go, we were treated to a brief burst of song from a Duponts Lark! This proved to be the send-off call for Joyce, Tony, Pru and Nick, who were bound for Zaragoza station with Chris, via views of a couple of Black Kites.

The rest of us were bound for the airport and as we left the reserve, we lucked out with fantastic views of a pair of Golden Eagles perched near one another on a derelict farm and a crag. A fine last bird to send us on our way to the airport via the White Stork tenements of the Ebro Delta.

A great trip all round with not only Wallcreepers and Cranes but a wealth of other wildlife to experience! Niki and Chris would like to thank the group for being such good-humoured enthusiastic naturalists throughout!

## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	February					
			24	25	26	27	28	29
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>				10+	✓	6
2	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>						2
3	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				✓	✓	
4	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>			✓	✓	✓	
5	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					2	
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓	✓	
7	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			✓	✓	✓	
8	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>				16		
9	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>						6
10	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>					8	
11	Rock Dove/Feral pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			1		2	
15	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					1	
16	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			✓	✓	✓	
17	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	300+	150+	✓	10000	✓	✓
18	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>				✓		1
19	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				20+	✓	
20	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓	✓	
21	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>					1	
22	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>					4	
23	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			1			
24	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			3		1	
25	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					4	
26	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					4	
27	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				✓	✓	
28	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			✓		5	✓
29	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			20			
30	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>			✓			
31	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>			1			1
32	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			2		10+	
33	Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	2	2				
34	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	2	1				
35	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	300+	200+	10+	1	1	✓
36	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	1		1	1		3
37	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				1		
38	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1				1
39	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			10	20+	✓	3
40	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			1	6+	10+	
41	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	30+	20+	✓	4	✓	✓
42	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>			1			2
43	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	4	✓	✓	✓	2	4
44	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>					1	
45	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>					2	
46	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			2			
47	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	2+					1



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			24	25	26	27	28	29
48	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	4	10+	10+	✓	✓
49	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>		1		1	1	
50	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	2+					
51	Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>					2	
52	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>			✓			✓
53	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrhacorax pyrrhacorax</i>	20+	6	✓			5
54	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		2	2	✓	✓	✓
55	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	12	8	✓	1		2+
56	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	✓					
57	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	
58	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	
59	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	✓					
60	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			1	✓	✓	✓
61	Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>			2	2	✓	✓
62	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>				200+	✓	✓
64	Dupont's Lark	<i>Chersophilus duponti</i>					6	1
65	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>					3	30+
66	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓
67	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>			6			
68	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			4+		1	
69	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	✓	✓				
70	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz penulinus</i>			1			
71	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	1	1	20+		✓	1
72	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓			
73	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>			1			
74	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	1			
75	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	10+	✓				
76	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1	1				
77	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>	1					
78	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	1	2+				
79	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	✓					
80	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			✓			
81	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	1
83	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1	✓	1		✓	
84	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	✓	✓			2	
85	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		10			1	
86	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓			
87	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	5+	✓	✓			1
88	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	1		1			
89	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			6+	✓	✓	✓
90	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				10+	✓	
92	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	6			10+	✓	✓
93	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>			1			
95	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
97	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	1		1			
98	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓

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99	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
101	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	1					
102	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	1					
103	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓	200+	✓	✓
104	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		2				2
105	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	2	✓				
106	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>				2	6+	

### Mammals

1	Pipistrelle spp	<i>Pipistrellus spp</i>	✓					
2	European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				✓	✓	
3	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>					3	

### Butterflies & Moths

1	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>	✓	✓				
2	Blue spp	<i>Polyommata spp</i>		✓				
3	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓				✓	
4	Common Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	✓	✓				
5	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	✓					
6	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	✓					
7	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓			✓	
8	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓			
9	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>					✓	
10	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>					✓	
11	Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			✓			
12	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>	✓		✓			

### Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanicus</i>	✓				✓	
2	Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>			✓			
3	Iberian Pond Frog	<i>Rana iberica</i>					✓	

### Notable Plants

1	Corona del Rey	<i>Saxifraga longifolia</i>	✓					
2	An endemic plant	<i>Petrocarpa guarensis</i>	✓	✓				
3	Grape Hyacinth	<i>Muscari neglectum</i>		✓				
4	Narcissus spp	<i>Narcissus gaditanus</i>		✓				

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