

Wolves & Bustards in Rural Spain

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Ocellated Lizard



Dawn wolf watch



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Queen of Spain Fritillary

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Day 1

Wednesday 11th March

Valladolid Airport – Villafafila – Rio Esla - Villaneuva de Valrojo

The flight from Stansted arrives early at the lovely little airport at Valladolid. Within minutes of gathering together in the terminal we were outside in the fresh air loading up the vehicles and listening to Calandra Larks singing in the arid grasslands around the car park, watching the White Storks adjust their nest on the bell tower opposite, and enjoying nice views of a Common Kestrel hunting low over the surrounding fields. Then we got into the minibuses and headed off. The warm and sunny drive on the seemingly deserted road made for a pleasant trip. We paused briefly in Medina to enjoy more lovely views of White Storks nesting on the rooftops and bell towers, watch the flocks of Spotless Starlings sitting on the overhead lines and to appreciate the architecture and ambience of these ancient rural towns.

Less than 1 hour into our journey and we pulled in at the side just before the lagoons at Villafafila for our first stop. Dave had seen a large flock of Great Bustards in the field alongside the road and we all poured out of the minibuses to take a closer look. There must have been over 250 birds standing around and displaying in the fields immediately around us but as we scanned with our telescopes we started to find numerous other flocks in the fields further away. There were bustards all around us! We stood and watched the birds displaying for a while and generally took in the enormity of this marvellous spectacle before moving on a little way in search of some better views.

A few hundred metres down the road and Dave took us off on a minor detour onto a small agricultural track. Using the minibuses as hides we trundled slowly along the dirt road occasionally stopping to scan for birds and mammals. We saw several Iberian Hares and a number of Red-legged Partridges dash off across the fields and some lovely views of Marsh and Hen Harrier, including one Marsh Harrier that alighted on the ground right next to the minibus. In addition to this, we had some closer views of a large flock of Great Bustard, a huge flock of Golden Plover, two Black-bellied Sandgrouse and a Southern Grey Shrike.

We returned back on the main road and retraced our steps past our first stop before pulling into a viewing point across the northern Villafafila lagoons. Here we found a small gaggle of lingering Greylag Geese and a variety of ducks such as Teal, Gadwall, Shoveler Shelduck and Pintail. We all scanned the shallow margins of the lagoon for Ruff, Ringed and Little-Ringed Plover and Red Shank and were just about to leave when Keith noticed a Spoonbill that suddenly appeared on the island in the middle of the lagoon. We watched it for a little while before heading off.

Our remaining journey took us over a fabulous stone bridge across the Rio Esla where we paused to scan for otters in the water below. There were no otters this time but we had lovely views of dozens of Crag Martins as they flew around the vehicles. We arrived at the hotel in the lovely rural village of Villaneuva de Valrojo just as the light was fading and after a cheery welcome from the landlord we were speedily allocated our rooms. We then gathered together in the hotel dining room to enjoy a meal and a glass or two of the local Tempranillo and discuss the plan of action for the days of wolf watching ahead.

Day 2

Thursday 12th March

Boya (watch point) - Ferreras de Ariba – Cional – Boya (watch point)

An early start and, dressed in our warmest clothes, we gathered under a crystal clear moonlit sky outside the hotel and waited for the ice to clear on the vehicle windscreens. We quietly loaded up and drove the short distance through the adjacent town and headed towards the watch point at Boya. The hotel landlord had introduced us to a local forestry warden in the bar the night before and during a friendly, if somewhat disjointed, conversation in French, Spanish and English he had informed us that Boya was the most likely place to see the wolves at this time.

We took this local knowledge on board and made our way slowly along the forest road to the watch point. We were the only people at the point and as we quietly disembarked from the vehicles we had our first glimpse across the fantastic vista that this watch point affords. Away in the distance the snow capped mountains of the Cabrera were being illuminated by the sun rising above the hill behind us, while in our foreground a rolling mosaic of Erica and Cytisus dominated paramos with a patchwork of plantation pine forest and scrub Pyrenean Oaks was still lying in the darkened shade of the surrounding mountains.

We scanned the vista with our binoculars and scopes and it was not long before we could pick out the shapes of dozens of Red Deer feeding in the heath below. We watched while some of the males jostled lazily with their huge antlers while herds of females grazed in the fields around them. As the sun got higher in the sky it became easier to pick out the smaller shapes of Roe Deer too and we spent a while watching the Dartford Warblers scolding in the bushes in front of us and enjoyed great views of Crossbill, Crested Tit and Rock Bunting as they became more active. Dave and Neil, who had both been scanning the furthest hillside, suddenly alerted the group to two wolves moving steadily through the heather on a distant hillside. We got the scopes on it and most of the group members were lucky enough to watch at least one wolf as it loped its way in and out of the distant bushes heading towards a ploughed field. It was not long before both animals disappeared into a dense thicket and were not seen again.

We took a slow drive back to the hotel for a late breakfast and a chance to explore some of the village while supplies were purchased for the picnic lunch. Most of the group enjoyed lovely views of the Black Redstarts singing from the aeries on every roof and watched the White Storks on the nest opposite the hotel. Some people sat by the river below the hotel and had excellent views of Southern Water Vole, Common and Iberian Wall Lizards and even a single Millets Water Shrew.

We set off late morning to see the old sheep corralas around Ferreras de Arriba, just around the corner from the hotel. We spent a while watching Crested larks, Wood Lark and Black Redstarts around these ancient buildings and had a closer look around the paramos before setting off to a lovely picnic spot by the waters edge at Cional. It was very warm and sunny and we all spent time over lunch watching the Cormorants around the water and watched the Red and Black Kites that regularly passed low overhead. A few of us scanned the water for otters and looking at the numerous otter tracks on the beach and, while no otters were seen, a mink was seen actively hunting along the edge of the water. Along with a variety of other smaller lizards, a huge green Ocellated Lizard decided to grace our picnic with its presence and sat obligingly outside its burrow while we all took turns to photo it. Red-Rumped Swallows, House Martins and Common Swallow were also spotted amidst the Crag Martins that swooped overhead.

We packed up our lunch things and headed back to the hotel for a brief rest and another chance to look around the village. At about 5pm we headed to Boya watch point to follow-up on the tantalizing glimpse we had of wolves that morning. We arrived as the sun was dropping low in the sky and watched more Roe and Red Deer in the Paramos below but there were no sightings of wolves this evening. As the light faded we watched as a family of 7 Wild Boar decided to break cover from the scrub beneath us and trot off through the paramos for their evenings foraging. We returned to the hotel for a relaxing dinner and took stock of everything we had seen that day.

Day 3

Friday 13th March

Ferreras de Arriba (watch point) – Rio Esla – Ferreras de Arriba (watch point)

It was another chilly start to the day as we drove the vehicles slowly to the watch point at Ferreras de Arribas. We paused briefly to watch the herds of Red Deer browsing peacefully in the early morning light and then parked the vehicles on the edge of a plantation, just a little way from the watch point. The short walk along the forest track to the watch point gave us the opportunity to have a close look at the numerous wolf tracks that criss-crossed the path giving us an indication of the size and scale of the animal we had seen, only at a distance, the previous morning. At the watch point, we set up our scopes and got ourselves comfortable and started scanning.

The Red Deer in the fields below appeared relaxed and we listened to the stags bellowing in the distance and watched the females tussling with each other in the fields below. We had nice views of 3 Roe Deer as they browsed the young shoots growing in a ploughed field in front of us. A small group of Ravens alerted Dave's attention to a grassy area along the margins of a plantation (an area known as a location where carcasses are occasionally put out for the wolves) and we all fixed on it only to watch two foxes emerge from the edge of the plantation and disappear into the long grass. No wolves this time but a Firecrest and a Short-toed Treecreeper were spotted on the way back to the vehicles as we headed back for breakfast.

It was starting to get quite warm after breakfast and the bird watching around the village was certainly picking up. Serins and Cirl Buntings were singing in the bushes and Bramblings, Linnets and Siskins were moving along the river valley in good numbers. We had some nice views of several Hoopoes perched in the trees opposite the hotel and some of us watched Chiffchaffs fly-catching over the river. A harsh screeching alerted our attention to 4 Great Spotted Cuckoos that flew hastily overhead with several Magpies in hot pursuit. The very warm weather also meant that there were more butterflies flying too and we watched as Peacocks, Large Tortoiseshells, Queen of Spain Fritillaries and Brimstones paused on the gravel and fluttered around the tiny gardens.

We set off, back towards the Rio Esla, for a chance to look at some different habitats and to find some more birds. Some minor detours along a few agricultural tracks got us some great views of Common Buzzard and Short-toed Eagles perched on pylons and we watched as they hunted over the arable fields. We found another Southern Grey Shrike and as we returned to the main road towards the Rio Esla, a fox ran across the road in front of the vehicles and we paused to watch it as it trotted off into the bushes. A turn off from the main road took us through some fantastic areas of Kermes Oak dominated Maquis and we stopped to watch as many as 5 Black Shouldered Kites flying above our heads and perching in the small trees around us. Venturing just a little way off the track and into the lavender and Cistus scrub a few of the group had a nice view of a Mediterranean Pine Vole as it scuttled off into its burrow.

A few more twists and turns down the track and we stopped at a picnic spot alongside the Rio Esla, just to the south of the Stone Bridge. From here we relaxed a little and watched Red Kites and a juvenile Golden Eagle soaring above the hills on the far bank and enjoyed thrilling views of a Black Kite catching fish in the river in front of us. We saw another mink hunting along the river and some of the group found a large male Iberian Wall Lizard basking on the rocks. We desperately tried to see a Subalpine Warbler that was singing from the dense Cistus scrub on the hill above us but it was reluctant to show. Nonetheless, the butterflies were still very active and we had a nice close view of a Green Hairstreak before we packed away the picnic and set off back to the hotel.

We returned to the hotel and grabbed the chance of a quick coffee before heading back to the wolf watch point at the Ferreras de Arriba again. The wolves in the area were being frustratingly elusive again but we spent a couple of hours scanning the hillsides watching 4 Griffon Vultures circling around in the valley and had nice views of a few Red Deer and a brief glimpse of a fox too before heading back to the hotel for the evening.

Day 4

Saturday 14th March

Boya (watch point) – Ferreras de Arriba – Flechas - Mahide (Meadows) – Boya

Another early start and back to the Boya watch point again. We arrived at the watch point and set up next to the handful of other French and Spanish wolf watchers who had arrived in the area for the weekend. We proceeded to scan the fields and moorland below, picking out the groups of Red and Roe Deer, looking for any sign that they might be nervous. The Red Deer appeared quite settled but a few of the Roe Deer appeared quite nervous. Suddenly Neil alerted the group to a wolf. It was walking along the top of a dry stone wall beyond a small herd of Red Deer and we all desperately tried to fix our scopes on it before it disappeared again. We all watched it briefly as it hopped down off the wall and trotted through a field and disappeared into the heather.

This was a brief but exciting view, at closer range than our previous sightings, and it was Neil's keen eyes that we had to thank for that. We spent the remainder of the morning enjoying the great views of Rock Buntings and Crossbills, singing from the tree tops in front of us, before heading back to the hotel for breakfast.

After a relaxing breakfast we decided to head out in the vans again to visit some of the local sites and to do some light birding. However, 4 of the group opted to head off on foot and take some time to have a long walk and explore some of the forest tracks around the village. The rest of us set off in the minibuses to have a closer look for wolf tracks and trails beneath the Ferreras de Arriba watch point. We wandered slowly along some of the tracks and it wasn't long before we had found some excellent footprints of wolf, Wildcat, Roe and Red Deer and a large wolf spraint filled with Wild boar and Red Deer hair. Although we had not had any close encounters with the wolves on this trip, this opportunity to get a close look at the tracks and trails allowed everyone to get a real sense of scale of the animal we had seen at a distance that very morning.

After a while, we headed off up into the mountains to explore some of the pretty rural villages and look for birds and butterflies in the more sheltered valleys. David led the group to the beautiful little village of Fletchas high up a hidden valley. Here we parked the minibuses and spent a short time admiring the architecture of the old buildings and watching a mass of Holly Blues, Large Whites, Queen of Spain Fritillaries and Carpenter Bees feeding on the flowers of the rosemary growing in the little gardens around the buildings. The very hot temperatures in the valley meant that the birding was quite slow but several Nuthatches were noisily staking out nesting territories along the tree lined margins of the stream that ran through the village and several put in a good show for us. As we returned to the bus, David and Neil also picked out a Goshawk soaring high above the next valley, but as we watched we were rewarded with some nice views as it flew over the village and directly overhead.

At lunch we set out our picnic in some sunny meadows to the west of Mahide, giving everyone a chance to rest and photograph some of the fantastic spring wildflowers such as the tiny Hoop-petticoat Narcissus *Narcissus bulbocodium*, Sand Crocuses *Romulea bulbocodium* and the inconspicuous *Gagea foliosa*. We also found a number of small heath butterflies on the wing too.

On our way back to the hotel we drove leisurely back through the villages, stopping occasionally along woodland margins and alongside gardens to scan the flocks of small birds. We arrived back at the hotel in time for a quick coffee and a final trip out to the Boya watch point. We arrived at the Boya once again to meet with just one of the Spanish wolf watchers who had been painstakingly watching from the point all day. He informed us that he had had no sightings of wolves all day so we set up our scopes in the hope that the wolves would be active that evening. Unfortunately it was not to be, but we spent some time watching the Red Deer in the evening sun and had some great views of Griffon Vulture sitting on the rocks and a huge Wild Boar leisurely strolling along the forest track below us.

Day 5

Sunday 15th March

Villafafilla Lagoons – London Stansted

An early start to our final day and we said our farewells at the hotel, loaded up the vans and headed back towards Valladolid airport. We were scheduled for an afternoon flight, giving us plenty of time to stop and explore more of the lagoons and dovecotes around Villafafilla.

Our first stop gave us a chance for a closer look at a Lesser Kestrel colony in a spectacular old dovecote just outside of Villafafilla. It was a bright sunny morning but a cold wind was blowing across the plains so we didn't stop long. Nonetheless, we had lovely views of kestrels sitting on and hovering over the roof of the dovecote in the morning light and we were able to hear their tern-like calls. We also had nice views of Rock Sparrows perched side by side with House Sparrows on the walls beside the dovecote.

We soon headed off to some more sheltered areas and we stopped in at each of the parking areas around the lagoons to scan the wetlands and the surrounding fields for any new species. The lagoons were buzzing with activity and we finally stopped at the largest of the lagoons 'Salina Grande' for a quick bite to eat and a chance to take a closer look at some of the derelict dovecotes and get a good look over the lagoons from the upstairs of one of the hides. The water was teeming with large flocks of Avocets and there were good numbers of White Storks active in the trees and on the surrounding roof tops and hundred more Great Bustards displaying in the surrounding fields.

A brief walk along the lanes alongside the lagoons also provided the group with some nice views of Hummingbird Hawkmoths feeding amidst the Storks-bills and small Grape Hyacinth flowers that covered the stony banks. A last minute chance for a group photo in front of Salina Grande rounded off our busy trip nicely and we all jumped back into the vans for a short trip back to the airport and our short flight home to Stansted.

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Species lists

Birds (H = heard only)

	Common Name	Scientific Name	March				
			11	12	13	14	15
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓			
2	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓		
3	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓				
5	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓				
7	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓				✓
8	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	✓				✓
9	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓				✓
11	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓				✓
12	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓				✓
13	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓				✓
14	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>			5		
15	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
16	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			3	✓	
18	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓		4	2	
19	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓		✓		
20	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	✓	✓	✓		
21	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		✓	✓		
22	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>				✓	
23	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			✓	✓	
25	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	✓				✓
27	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓				✓
29	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>	500+				300+
30	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					✓
31	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					✓
32	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	✓				✓
33	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	✓				✓
34	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	✓				✓
35	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓	✓			✓
36	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	✓				✓
37	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓				✓
38	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓	✓		
39	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	✓		✓		✓
40	Western Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>					✓
41	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓				✓
42	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	✓				
43	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
44	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓				✓
46	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>				4	
47	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	✓				

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			11	12	13	14	15
48	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
49	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓	✓	✓	
50	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓	✓	✓	
51	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	✓				
54	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
55	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		✓			
56	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		✓			
57	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓		✓	✓	
58	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓		✓		✓
60	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	
61	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
62	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓	
63	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	✓		✓		
65	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	
66	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			✓	✓	
67	Fan-tailed Warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓				
68	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	
69	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>		✓	✓	✓	
70	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia Cantillans</i>			✓ (H)		
71	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	✓	
72	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
73	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			✓		
74	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
75	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
76	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	
77	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓	✓	✓	
78	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			✓	✓	
79	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>				✓	
80	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓	✓	
81	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓			✓	
84	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		✓	✓		
86	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	
87	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
89	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	✓				✓
90	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>			✓	✓	
91	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	
92	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		✓	✓	✓	
93	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
94	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>				✓	
95	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	
96	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓		✓		
97	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	✓		✓	✓	
98	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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99	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	✓		✓		✓
100	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		✓			✓
101	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirius</i>		✓	✓	✓	
102	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		✓		✓	

Mammals (TO = tracks only)

1	Iberian Wolf	<i>Canis lupus signatus</i>		✓		✓	
2	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		✓		✓	
3	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
4	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
5	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		✓	✓		✓
6	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓		✓		
7	Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>	✓				
8	Southern Water Vole	<i>Arvicola sapidus</i>		✓		✓	
9	Mink	<i>Mustela vison</i>		✓	✓		
10	Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>		TO			
11	A Pine Vole	<i>Pitymys spp.</i>			✓	✓	
12	Millers Water Shrew	<i>Neomys anomalus</i>		✓			
13	Common/45 Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus Pipistrellus</i>		✓			
14	Greater Noctule	<i>Nyctalus lasiopterus</i>		✓	✓		

Reptiles and Amphibians

1	a Midwife Toad	<i>Alytes spp.</i>		H			
2	Iberian Frog	<i>Rana iberica</i>		✓			
3	Marsh/Edible Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda/esculenta</i>		✓			
4	Ocellated Lizard	<i>Lacerta lepida</i>		✓			
5	Viviparous Lizard	<i>Lacerta vivipara</i>		✓	✓	✓	
6	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>		✓			✓
8	Iberian Rock Lizard	<i>Lacerta monticola</i>		✓			

Butterflies

1	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓		✓	
2	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>				✓	
3	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Green-veined white	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓			
5	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓	✓	
6	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓	
7	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>			✓	✓	
8	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>		✓	✓		
9	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>			✓	✓	
10	Queen of spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓	✓	✓	
11	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓	

Other Insects

1	(Violet) Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>				✓	
2	Minotaur Beetle	<i>Typhaeus typhoeus</i>				✓	
3	Green Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela campestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	
4	Blue-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda</i>			✓	✓	

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			11	12	13	14	15
5	Small Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Isnura pumilio</i>		✓	✓		

Wildflowers of note

1	A Sand Crocus	<i>Romulea bulbocodium</i>		✓	✓	✓	
2	Hoop-petticoat Narcissus	<i>Narcissus bulbocodium</i>				✓	
3	Yellow Gagea	<i>Gagea foliosa</i>				✓	