

Learn Spanish in Wild Spain! - La Montana Palentina

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Great Bustards



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Wildcat watching

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Day 1

Thursday 11th September

London Stansted – Santander – Cordovilla de Aguilar

A very warm and sunny afternoon welcomed the group as we arrived on time into Santander. Tino and Toño were waiting for us at arrivals with another tour participant who was already in Santander. We all gathered together and started our greeting with a huge “Bienvenidos a España....let’s learn some Spanish!” The Spanish level of the group was really good and all the participants were very familiar with the language, which was a great asset to start our new adventure.

Tino and Toño swiftly went to collect the vehicles from the car park, and then we loaded our belongings and started driving towards Cordovilla de Aguilar using the motorway to Palencia, and a small detour on a back road to enjoy the landscape on such a beautiful afternoon. We then arrived to Cordovilla and settled in to our lovely local-style cottages. We were looking forward to trying the already-famous evening meals cooked by the culinary-wise hands of Tino’s wife, Rosa. After we finished a delicious meal, washed down with several bottles of great local wine, we retired to bed in order to have a good restful night and wake up full of beans the next day!

Day 2

Friday 10th September

Cordovilla de Aguilar – Monte Aguilar

After a restful night, and having enjoyed a great breakfast at our own cottages, we gathered together at the cottages’ car park to start our first walk around Cordovilla. The morning was fantastic - bright and sunny. Soon flocks of birds started to move around us and we had fantastic views of some ‘garden birds’ including Black Redstart, House Martin, White Wagtail, Tree Pipit, Cirl Bunting, a family of Bullfinches, and Great Spotted Woodpecker. As we walked down the track opposite the village, other birds like Whitethroat, Mistle Thrush, Firecrest and a very nice Eurasian Wryneck were seen. We also saw Stonechat, European Jay, Common Buzzard, Booted Eagle, Carrion Crow, Northern Raven, Griffon Vulture, and many Pied Flycatchers. One of the fields was full of Whinchats and Ravens, together with Common Kestrel and Honey Buzzard. Around midday the sun was hot and many butterflies and other invertebrates were spotted along the dirt tracks. It was also perfect for Griffon Vultures which were flying not far from us.

We came back to the cottages to have our picnic lunch in the lush garden, enjoying the sun and the fresh air. We enjoyed the wonderful local cheeses and meats of the area, having a very typical local lunch out in the garden. After lunch and a break we set off in the 4x4 vehicles and drove a short distance in order to spend the rest of the afternoon walking around Monte Aguilar. Despite the lovely weather conditions the activity in the forest was a little slow, but we still managed to spot a few interesting local birds such as Coal, Blue, Long-tailed, Crested and Great Tits, Pied and Spotted Flycatchers, Eurasian Nuthatch and Short-toed Treecreeper amongst others.

We then drove then back to the cottages where we enjoyed nibbles and drinks before another delightful local supper prepared by Rosa.

Day 3

Saturday 13th September

Rabanal de los Caballeros

Today we started a little earlier than the previous day and drove across the upper valley of the river Rubagon, collecting bread from the local bakery in the village of Cillamayor and enjoying its interesting Romanic church while we waited for the very fresh bread. The beautiful morning looked promising as we continued our drive by the buffer areas of the Fuentes Carrionas Natural Park, making our first stop at a high view point on top of a hill which overlooks one of the valleys and the meadows and forest edges. We continued our drive heading north-west into the area of Rabanal de los Caballeros. Many birds were seen including Iberian Green Woodpecker, Rock and Cirl Buntings, soaring Griffon Vultures, and a stunning Short-toed Eagle which flew right above us during our picnic lunch!

After lunch we moved to another viewpoint which was suggested by Toño, who actually lives in the village of Rabanal de los Caballeros with wife Yoly, daughter Violeta...and his 27 horses! The views were brilliant from the very top, and after a few minutes of searching – bingo! Male Wildcat was spotted walking along one of the meadows looking very relaxed. We jumped into our vehicles and drove down the tracks onto the lower dirt roads where we left our vehicles and walked closer to the area where the feline had been seen. We waited patiently and it was worth it...we had great closer view of this lovely Wildcat! “La larga espera valió la pena!!” - (The long waiting was worth it!!)

Very happy and satisfied, we started our drive back to our lodge, making a stop in a local pub in the village of Rueda to enjoy a nice drink to celebrate the successful day! We finished the loop as we arrived back at Cordovilla de Aguilar for a well-deserved break and to enjoy another fantastic dinner that Rosa had cooked for all of us!

Day 4

Sunday 14th September

Amaya (Las Loras Geological Reserve) – Fuentes – Rebolledo de la Torre

It was another beautiful day, and although cooler than the last two it still looked very promising! This time we drove to a very interesting area located a good 45 minutes from our base, to the village of Amaya where the attractive geological reserve of Las Loras emerged from the plateau 1,400 metres above the sea level. We found a beautiful Osprey perched on one of the pylons along the entrance road. We had a good walk through the ruins of the ancient village which was first built by the Los Cántabros tribe in the Iron Age in 1500 BC. It was then occupied by the Romans in the year 300 who founded the city of ‘Amaia’. The Visigoths came later between the

4th and 5th centuries, before the Arabs turned it into a camp in the 8th century. From the 10th century Amaya was re-conquered by the Christians. During the trek we saw interesting birds such as Northern Wheatear, Tawny Pipit, Red-billed Cough, Black Redstart and Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush. The numerous Griffon Vultures were soaring very close to us and even perched on top of the rock tables. It was great habitat for House Martins and the resident Crag Martins of which we saw lots. Other raptors seen here were Peregrine Falcon, Sparrowhawk, Goshawk and Eurasian Kestrel flying together and mobbing each other. A beautiful Bootle Eagle came into view alongside a pair of Egyptian Vulture which we saw very well as they landed at the end of the rock cliff. Numerous and interesting butterflies and moths were spotted along the way back to the vehicles. After enjoying this wonderful walk we drove towards the southern face of the geological reserve, to the middle of nowhere, to an abandon village known as Fuentes - an ideal place to enjoy our delicious picnic lunch!

After lunch and a short break we continued our drive to the village of Rebolledo de la Torre where Tino showed to us a very interesting Romanic church, one of the most important in the area; very interesting indeed! We then took a short walk towards the high rock faces, collecting some fresh seasonal fruit from the old and 'abandoned' fruit trees of the village. A beautiful female Golden Eagle was spotted perched on top of the cliffs and we enjoyed great views of this most-wanted bird of prey! A Peregrine Falcon was also spotted perched on the cliff closer to us. A very dark cloud threatened rain so we walked backed to the vehicles and returned to our cottages, making our usual coffee stop on the way.

Back at the cottages, the group enjoyed nibbles and drinks before Rosa's supper arrived. We also went through some Spanish reviews – as we did every night – in order to learn some useful tips, vocabulary and day-to-day phrases of the language. It was worth waiting for the delicious food Rosa provided. It was superb!

Day 5

Monday 15th September

Tierra de Campos (La Nava Marshes)

Cold and overcast weather was expected in the mountains, a perfect excuse to drive out of them and explore the plains and steppes of the plateau. After an hour's drive we arrived at the plains and made our first stop. We spotted a few Great Bustards and it was great to see this emblematic large bird as soon as we arrived at the steppes. We also spotted a few Zitting Cisticolas flitting amongst the road hedges, and also Whinchat, Yellow and White Wagtails, Montagu's Harrier and Stonechat amongst others. We continued our drive to Fuentes de Nava where an abandoned bridge produced a lot of interesting birds such as European Reed Warbler, Spotless Starling, Whinchat, Stonechat, Marsh Harrier, Red and Black Kites, and hundreds of White Storks heading south on migration.

After a coffee break in the village of Fuentes de Nava we continued our birding along El Canal de Castilla from where we spotted several pairs of Lesser Kestrels getting ready to head south to Africa. The number of raptors we saw perched on the pylons and electric lines was amazing: Eurasian Kestrel, Common Kestrel, Common Buzzard, Black Kite and Booted Eagle. We then arrived at the village of Frechilla where a large colony of Lesser Kestrels breeds alongside other birds such as White Storks, the resident Northern Jackdaw, Spotless Starling and House Sparrow. Following the track to the southern bank of the Canal de Castilla we found a few birds including Melodious Warbler, Common Chiffchaff, Whinchat, and another group of Great Bustards in the distance. We

ended in the village of Guasa where two beautiful Little Owls were spotted. More Lesser Kestrels were seen here alongside a pair of Rock Sparrows.

The weather was very kind to us with the sun shining above the plains; ideal weather to enjoy our picnic lunch at the Ermita de San Jose, a 19th century refurbished church located in the middle of the fields not far from the village of Guasa. We enjoyed our lunch as much as we enjoyed watching a group of over thirty Great Bustards flying in front of us and landing in the adjacent fields, giving us the chance to get – once again – great views of this marvellous bird! We continued our excursion towards the marshes of La Nava where hundreds of migrating White Storks were soaring and picking the thermals in order to continue their long journey south. A good number of waders were also found around the remaining patches of water (the rest of the marshes were already dry due to the hot and sunny summer) including Ruff, Kentish Plover, Little Stint, Ringed Plover, Northern Lapwing, Common and Green Sandpipers, and Dunlin. The visit here was completed by having great views of Willow and Wood Warblers, and the secretive White-spotted Bluethroat which was heard calling from the dry reed beds of the main waterless marsh.

We had been joined around the marshes by lots of mosquitoes so it was time to start our journey back to our lodge and take a break before enjoying another relaxing evening and tasting the delicious food and wine that Rosa and Tino provided!

Day 6

Tuesday 16th September

Monte Mayor – Panporquero (1,800 metres) - Brañosera

Today we started really early, going to the mountain of Monte Mayor and into the Panporquero Valley from where we tried really hard to find the mighty Iberian Wolf. After an hour scanning the area the waiting paid off as we found two fantastic individuals walking along a firebreak. We had great views of them through the telescopes. Very happy and relieved, we continued exploring other spots of this area, watching elusive Dartford Warblers along the way. We stopped for a coffee break at Barruelo de Santullan and then continued exploring the wonderful surroundings of this village and La Montaña Palentina.

After lunch the afternoon weather turned very windy making birding difficult as it was hard to spot the little wildlife in such conditions. Eventually we returned to our rural houses and got ready for another of Rosas's delicious dinners.

Day 7

Wednesday 17th September

Ventanilla – Cervera de Pisuerga – Salinas de Pisuerga – Monte Royale – Aguilar de Campoo

Today the local weather forecast had a warning of rain and wind for the morning. We went to Ventanilla (1,850 metres above the sea level) with the intention of looking for large carnivores but when we got there the weather was very bad. At the top we witnessed a lovely sunrise despite the windy and rainy weather as the sun came up shining over the horizon. It wasn't suitable conditions to explore this area so we drove to Cervera de Pisuerga where we enjoyed warm coffee and local breakfast food. We then visited an archaeological site where Tino explained about anthropomorphic graves and ancient buildings. Next we continued along the river Pisuerga making birding stops along the way which produce some interesting birds and a pair of European Otter. The

wind started to strengthen but at least it was dry and even sunny, a reassuring feeling after the very stormy start earlier in that morning.

We found more Pied Flycatcher, Blackcap, Nuthatch, and Grey and White Wagtails. A big group of Griffon Vultures were soaring above us by the time we returned to the old bridge, and two Booted Eagles and a Goshawk were spotted flying over the forest edge. We arrived at the village of Salinas de Pisuerga where we had our lunch beside the river, enjoying the sunshine whilst White-throated Dipper, Grey Heron, and Grey and White Wagtails were around us.

After lunch we continued to explore Bosque de Aguilar and the Embalse (dam) where we had nice and relaxing walks and enjoyed practising and learning a few more nature-related Spanish terms. We finally drove to Aguilar de Campo to explore the village, giving the group enough time to go shopping or simply enjoying the assets of this beautiful little town. Cetti's and Willow Warblers, Chiffchaff and a tame White-throated Dipper were seen by the river Pisuerga in the town.

We came back to our rural houses in the late afternoon, just in time to get ready for our final and special evening together where drinks and a lot of delicious food came generously for the rest of the evening!

Day 8

Thursday 18th September

Cordovilla – Cervatos – Puente Viesgo Caves (El Castillo) – Santander Airport

Our last morning at the cottages had finally arrived and we were all sad by the time we had to leave, but very satisfied and happy for the lovely time we had spent there. On our way to Santander airport we made a few stops, the first one not far from Aguilar de Campoo at the village of Cervatos, where Tino took us to a very attractive and interesting Romanic church. After this we continued towards the coast where the Caves of Puente Viesgo are located. The magnificent underground formations gave us an idea of prehistory times whilst walking through them and looking at the many original paintings drawn by the humans (mainly Homo sapiens) of that era.

Our last picnic was in the village's old train station before we made our way to Santander airport. Some of the group caught a flight back to the UK whilst others carried on with more adventure days through Spain and France on the way home. We all said farewell each other, happy at having been in one of the most spectacular areas of Europe, sharing all its beauty in such good company and a camaraderie atmosphere!

It was a “HASTA MUY PRONTO MIS AMIGOS, MUCHAS GRACIAS POR ESTE LINDO TIEMPO JUNTOS EN LA BELLA MONTANA PALENTINA”.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	September									
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					✓			✓		
2	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>								✓		
3	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>					✓			✓		
4	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>					✓					
5	Eurasian White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>					✓					
6	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					✓					
7	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>					✓			✓		
8	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				✓						
9	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓								
10	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		✓				✓				
11	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>						✓				
12	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>				✓						
13	Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
14	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			✓							
15	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				✓						
16	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						✓				
17	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			✓							
18	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						✓				
19	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			✓	✓						
20	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			✓	✓				✓		
21	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
22	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
23	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>						✓				
24	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
25	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓		✓						
26	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>				✓	✓					
27	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						✓				
28	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>									✓	
29	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>						✓				
30	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>						✓				
31	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>						✓				
32	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>						✓				
33	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>						✓				
34	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>						✓				
35	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						✓				
36	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						✓				
37	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis Hypoleucos</i>						✓				
38	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>						✓				
39	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						✓				
40	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba 'feral'</i>				✓	✓			✓		
41	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
42	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				h	✓			✓		
43	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		h								
44	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						✓				
45	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>							✓			
46	European Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>								✓		
47	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		h	h							

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48	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	h			✓	✓	✓	
49	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>			✓	h			h		
50	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		✓							
51	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>						✓			
52	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				✓	✓			✓	
53	Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓		✓					
54	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								✓	
55	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓		
56	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				✓					
57	Northern House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
58	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				✓					
59	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓	✓						
60	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
61	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>						✓			
62	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>									✓
63	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>									✓
64	Northern Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		h							✓
65	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓					✓	✓	
66	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		
67	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				✓					
68	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
69	Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				✓					
70	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	White-spotted Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>						✓			
72	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
73	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
74	Eurasian Winchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓				✓	✓		
75	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
76	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
77	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
78	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>						✓			
79	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				h	h			✓	
80	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						✓			
81	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>						✓			
82	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	h				h	✓	
83	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>									h
84	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>						✓			
85	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>						✓			
86	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓		✓			✓	h	
87	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		✓		✓					
88	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>							✓		
89	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		✓							
90	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		✓							
91	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>									✓
92	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
93	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		✓							✓
94	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
95	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	h	
96	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓				✓	h	
97	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		✓		h			✓		
98	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		✓							✓

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
99	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>				✓				
100	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>				✓	✓			
101	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	h			h	
102	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>				✓				
104	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>					✓			
105	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
106	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
109	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					✓			
110	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>		✓			✓			
111	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
112	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>					✓			
113	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓
114	Common Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>		✓	✓					
115	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓					✓
116	Common Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		✓					h	
117	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	✓	✓				
118	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			✓	✓				
119	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>					✓			
120	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			✓				✓	

Mammals

1	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>				✓				
2	Iberian Wolf	<i>Canis lupus signatus</i>							2	
3	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			✓	✓				
4	European Wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris silvestris</i>			1					
5	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>			✓	✓				
6	European Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus sylvilagus</i>					✓			
7	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			✓					
8	Stoat	<i>Mustela erminia</i>				✓				✓
9	Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>						✓		
10	Bank Vole	<i>Myodes glareolus</i>						✓		
11	European Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>								✓
12	Snow Vole	<i>Chionomys nivalis</i>								✓

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>		✓						
2	Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>		✓						
3	Natterjack Toad	<i>Bufo calamita</i>		✓						
4	Schrieber's Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta schreiberi</i>				✓				
5	Viviparous Lizard	<i>Zooteca vivipara</i>								✓

Other Taxa

1	Bush Cricket	<i>Tettigonia spp.</i>				✓				
2	Blue-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caerulea</i>			✓	✓				
3	Red-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>			✓	✓				
4	Dor Beetle	<i>Geotrupidae</i>				✓				

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5	Praying Mantis	<i>Mantodea spp.</i>				✓				
6	Emeperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>					✓			

Butterflies & Moths

1	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>				✓				
2	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓	✓			
3	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
4	Mountain Dappled White	<i>Euchloe simplonia</i>						✓		
5	Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias hyale</i>				✓			✓	
6	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
7	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias sareptensis</i>				✓				
8	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓						
9	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		✓						
10	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus ballargus</i>		✓						
11	Spanish Chalk-hill Blue	<i>Lysandra albicans</i>			✓	✓				
12	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓					
13	Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>				✓				
14	Dryad	<i>Minois dryas</i>				✓			✓	
15	Rock Grayling	<i>Hipparchia alcyone</i>			✓	✓				
16	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisa circe</i>			✓				✓	
17	Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>			✓			✓		
18	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			✓					
19	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
20	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			✓					
21	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓					✓	
22	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellaratum</i>				✓				

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