

# Spain – Extremadura in Winter

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Blue Rock Thrush by Peter Hickson



Great Spotted Cuckoo by Chris Northwood



Great Bustards by Peter Hickson



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## Summary

A trip to Extremadura in Winter is always a beautiful thing, and this one was no exception!

Calandra, Thekla's, Crested and Skylark, Corn Bunting, Zitting Cisticola and Eurasian Stone-curlew provided the soundtrack to some great days of plains exploration. Specialities showed well, with a major highlight of the trip being the huge flocks of both Pin-tailed and Black-bellied Sandgrouse swirling before us! Great Bustards appeared to us both individually and as herds of 20-odd birds together!

Views of Griffon, Cinereous (Eurasian Black) and Egyptian Vultures were breath-takingly close, both on carcasses on the plains and soaring around the cliffs of Monfragüe National Park. Golden, Bonelli's and Spanish Imperial Eagles were delightful too!

In a week full of stunning moments, gems like Great Spotted Cuckoo, Black Stork, Blue Rock Thrush, Rock Bunting and Bluethroat shone out for many. And as well as the warming sun, we had our hosts Paco and Pilar's delicious traditional Extremaduran food to warm us through!

## Day 1

## Saturday 12th February

Niki met Simon and the group at Madrid airport and we were soon loaded into minibuses and on our way west across Castilla-la-Mancha region, glimpsing Red Kites, White Storks, Griffon Vultures and Cattle Egrets as we drove. We could see Common Cranes grazing on Holm Oak acorns in the *dehesa* pasturelands. We made a stop at a service station where we enjoyed a coffee and our first Crested Larks and Black Redstarts!

We arrived at our base for the week at Las Canteras as darkness was falling, and were welcomed by White Storks on their rooftop nests, and also by our hosts Pilar and her son Paco, who settled us into our rooms. Although very cosy by the log burner in the accommodation's conservatory area, some ventured outside and were rewarded with a dusk chorus of Eurasian Stone-curlew and Little Owl!

## Day 2

## Sunday 13th February

We used our first, rather chilly and overcast morning to explore some of the excellent sections of steppe habitat close to our accommodation. After a stop to pick up fresh bread from the best bakery in Trujillo, we headed out to the plains of Belén area.

Here we picked up our first Eurasian Hoopoe and Iberian Grey shrike as well as enjoying an introduction to the varied and vocal farmland bird assemblage here, including Corn Buntings, Zitting Cisticolas, Skylark, and Crested and Calandra Larks. But the stars of the show today were undoubtedly the vultures - they were numerous, strewn about the plains on rocks, in trees and on the ground, usually loitering near flocks of livestock in the hope of some carrion. We got absolutely superb views of hulking Eurasian Griffon and Cinereous (also known as Eurasian Black) Vultures. There were even two Egyptian Vultures, presumably from the area's small overwintering population. Red Kites and Common Buzzards added to the raptor *melée*.

We headed back to the cosiness of Las Canteras for our first picnic lunch, complete with hot soup! While we ate, we were treated to an aria from a Stripeless Tree Frog, who had taken up residence in the conservatory.

As we headed back out to the vans, three Golden Eagles drifted over! We took this as our cue to head to our next section of plains, just up the road towards Monroy. Our first stop allowed us views of flocks of Common Cranes drifting over and some lovely close Serins in the Holm Oak trees. There were Griffon and Black Vultures around us again, so we moved on to the higher section of plain. Here we got our best views yet as they were resting right next to the road! We were able to view them using the vans as mobile hides and get some more fabulous photos. We soon caught up with one of the earlier Golden Eagles, which was causing havoc amongst the smaller birds! This uproar gave us absolutely outstanding prolonged views of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, which swirled around us in a flock numbering in the hundreds. Superb!

## Day 3

## Monday 14th February

Today the sun came out for real, and the assembled nesting White Storks certainly seemed to be celebrating Valentine's Day with *gusto*!

We headed out to the plains of Santa Marta de Magasca to look for more steppe specialities. A brief stop at a roadside spot gave us a good opportunity to compare Crested and Thekla's Larks, which occur together here. There were also Iberian Magpies and Iberian Grey Shrikes to admire, and large flocks of Spanish Sparrows.

Moving on, we found a cacophony of farmland birds once more, with Calandra Larks showing particularly well close to the track amongst Eurasian Skylarks and Corn Buntings. Northern Lapwing and Golden Plover filled the fields. Suddenly there was a group of six Little Bustards in flight! Frustratingly they disappeared just over a ridge and out of reach. Later another group did exactly the same, but this time more people glimpsed them before they went from view.

Two gorgeous Spanish Imperial Eagles were active around a local nest site, giving fantastic flight views of our third Iberian endemic of the trip! We hit another large group of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse and today we also encountered Black-bellied Sandgrouse, both in flight and on the ground, on the right side of the hill!

But it was as we were leaving for a coffee break that our Bustard luck changed! A solitary male Great Bustard was stalking across a hilltop in a stately fashion and we got brilliant views!

After a well-earned coffee break in the charming village square of Santa Marta, we headed for lunch at the Río Tamuja. We viewed down this lovely picturesque, wooded river valley and picked up Common Kingfisher and Grey Wagtail while we tucked into our spread of local olives, salads, cheeses, Iberian hams – and of course wine and chocolate!

Heading onwards we spent the afternoon on the Llanos de Cáceres, a protected Special Bird Area, where we were greeted by another pair of Great Bustards almost as soon as we arrived! A Little Owl peering out of a nestbox charmed the group and we got nice views of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse on the deck. Then, at our very last stop of the day, we hit the Great Bustard jackpot! A flock of over 20 individuals were hanging out together right

next to the road! We delighted in spending time watching and photographing these huge but strangely elegant birds from a respectful distance.

## Day 4

## Tuesday 15th February

Another glorious day awaited our trip to Monfragüe National Park – arguable the scenic jewel in Extremadura's crown. As planned, we arrived to the spectacular cliffs at Peña Falcon just as the air was warming. This area hosts the park's largest Griffon Vulture colony, numbering in the hundreds of pairs. We could see them waiting on the crags for the air to warm. Then, as the thermals began to rise, first dozens, then more and more of these huge birds rose up in transcendental spirals and heading out to the plains to forage. Just spectacular!

As well as the soaring birds, many remained on nests, and were clearly already incubating eggs. Amongst the throng of local Griffons we also saw two Egyptian Vultures, Peregrine Falcon, Common Kestrel, Golden Eagle and scores of Crag Martins interspersed with Barn Swallows and House Martins.

Blue Rock Thrush shone out from the rocks as did Rock Bunting and Cirl Bunting. We also had really good views of Hawfinch, a species that would seemingly accompany us all day.

Pausing for coffee at the restored mountain village of Villareal de San Carlos, we enjoyed more Hawfinch and Serin, Black Redstart and some charming nesting Barn Swallows.

Lunch at Mirador de Tajadilla featured a spectacular fly-past by a stunning adult Bonelli's Eagle! It also featured our Cheese of the Week – the award-winning and extremely memorable Torta de Casar. This aged sheep's cheese is soft, tangy and a fantastic accompaniment to any passing eagle!

We next explored an area of coniferous forest which yielded Hawfinches, Coal Tit, Great Spotted Woodpecker and some intensely pursued and rightfully won views of Short-toed Treecreeper. A Bonelli's Eagle soared over us once again.

At our final stop of the day at Portilla del Tietar, we enjoyed the complete tranquillity of the surroundings, the fascinating crumpled rock formations and the day's best views of Blue Rock Thrush. The day ended with a mirror image of the morning as vultures returned from the plains. We were surrounded by their prehistoric-sounding calls and the rush of their wings as they came in to roost.

## Day 5

## Wednesday 16th February

Today we headed out to the Embalse de Alcollarín, one of the area's reservoirs and a popular site for wintering wildfowl as well as species of pastureland.

We found a great selection, with Egyptian Geese, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon and Eurasian Teal among the many hundreds of wintering Northern Shoveler. A handful of Black-necked Grebes swam alongside their Little and Great Crested counterparts. Eurasian Spoonbills and Great Egrets stalked the water's edge and we picked up a magnificent wintering Black Stork coming in to land.

In the surrounding pastures, we enjoyed a blizzard of Iberian Magpies and some vocal Dartford Warblers as well as Woodlarks in song flight. A highlight for sure was the extraordinary view of a Bonelli's Eagle right overhead.

We had picnic among a grove of Holm Oaks with views of Marsh Harriers hunting nearby, before heading for a coffee break in the nearby town of Zorita.

The afternoon was spent in the rice fields of Fernando V and Vegas Altas, a famed haunt of wintering Common Cranes. Many had already headed north to breeding grounds in France and Germany, but although numbers were lower than we had hoped, we still got some great views and photos of several family groups of these elegant birds.

The reed-fringed ditches were alive with farmland birds and among enormous flocks of Spanish Sparrows we encountered a bunch of Common Waxbills and a glimpsed Red Avadavat. From another ditch came a song which had us foxed for a moment, until we realised it was coming from a Red-billed Leiothrix – another one of the area's introduced species.

At this time of year, birdlife often concentrates into a handful of fields which can take a little searching for! Today was no exception, but we soon found favoured fields which held all manner of waders, including Bar-tailed Godwits, Ruff, Black-winged Stilts, Glossy Ibis, Common Snipe, Eurasian Curlew, Common Redshank, Common Greenshank, Green Sandpipers and more! A particularly welcome addition was a stunning Bluethroat, showing well in a muddy field.

Soon it was time to head back for another one of Pilar's hearty traditional meals by the log burner – tonight the menu featured her famed tomato soup, thickened with thinly sliced Trujillo bread, which takes days to prepare! Well worth the wait!

## Day 6

## Thursday 17th February

For our last full day, we began by exploring another section of the area's fine steppe habitat, up at the plains of Campo Lugar. Despite the sudden appearance of some thick mist – perhaps to remind the group of our imminent return to the UK - we enjoyed lark and bunting song all around us, and some lovely views of ghostly Marsh and Hen Harriers, juxtaposed in the mist. Heading off the beaten track a little we also came across a group of Great Bustards!

We headed off to warm up with a coffee, and those who were brave enough to drink it outside were rewarded with views of another stunning male Hen Harrier.

As we headed back for lunch at Las Canteras, the sun broke through and we were thrilled to spot a Great Spotted Cuckoo in a roadside tree! We carefully snuck from the vans and got absolutely crippling views of this and another nearby individual, calling to each other and showing well in nearby shrubs. The bird of the day for most!

After lunch we ended our day with a trip into historic Trujillo, but not before visiting a small park at the edge of town and adding great views of Little Ringed Plovers to our day!

In the old town, we enjoyed wandering the medieval streets and visiting the impressive Moorish castle at the top of the settlement. We watched White Storks - newly returned and repairing their nests - and Crag Martins coming in to roost on the carved masonry of the magnificent main square.

We celebrated our trip and our last night as always with a delicious meal by Pilar, and a chance to sample the local acorn liqueur!

## Day 7

Friday 18th February

Sadly, our trip to Extremadura in winter was almost at an end, and we said goodbye to Paco, Pilar Chulo the dog and their impressive array of White Storks!

On the way there was time for one last stop at Arrocampo reservoir, a reed-fringed lagoon which provides cooling for the nearby nuclear power station. The morning mist lifted just enough for us to enjoy views of Black-crowned Night Herons, Western Swamphen, and some very cute Penduline Tits!

Then it was time to head to Madrid to catch their flights, with some great memories and photos of the trip!

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## Checklist

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	February 2022						
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>						✓	
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>				2	✓		
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>			✓		2500	✓	
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					✓		
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>					✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>						10	
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			2		✓		
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	3	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	
Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>			24		2	6	
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>			12				
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>						3	
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>		200+	100			✓	
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>			20+				
Feral Pigeon / Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>							1
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			1		✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		1			✓	100	✓
Western Swamphe	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>							3
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	✓	✓		20+	✓	✓	20+
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					✓	✓	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓	✓	
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					✓		
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	4+		1	4	✓	1	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					53	5	✓
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>		200+	✓				
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>						1	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>					2		
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>					12		
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>					51		
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		2		1	✓		✓
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				4		✓	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				1	✓		
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					1		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					2+		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>					✓		✓
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			✓		✓	✓	
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					1		
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	27+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	3	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					8		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>							10
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓



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Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>					2		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>					✓		✓
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1	1					
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		2		2			
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	2	100+	✓	200+	4	✓	✓
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		20+	✓	50+		✓	✓
Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>			2				
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		3		3			
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>				2	1		
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	2		10	1	✓
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		2	1		1	2	
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	✓	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		10+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			1		2		3
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				1			
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>						3	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1		1			
Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	4						✓
Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>				6			
Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>		1	26	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	8	4		2	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>				1			
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		1		✓			
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			1	✓	✓		
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>							4+
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓			2		
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	100+		1	✓	✓
Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		50	✓			✓	✓
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			20+	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>				2			
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			1		✓		✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				✓	✓		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		1	3		✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			1	✓	✓		✓
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dartford Warbler	<i>Curruca undata</i>					2		
Red-billed Leoithrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>					2		
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>							1
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>				3			

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			1				
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				✓	✓		
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			1	✓			
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1		✓			
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>					1		
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				7			
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				2			
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>					✓		
Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>					1		
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			1			1	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			1	✓			
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>				1			
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirrus</i>				1			

## Others

		February 2022						
Common name	Scientific name	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mammals								
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		1					
Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>			RIP				
Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>			1				
Rabbit	<i>Orytolagus cuniculus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	✓			10	2		
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>			5				
European Free-tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida teniotis</i>		1				✓	
Pipistrelle spp	<i>Pipistrellus spp</i>	✓					✓	
Reptiles & Amphibians								
Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanicus</i>						✓	
Red-eared Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>						✓	
Stripeless Tree Frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>		1	1				
Butterflies & moths								
Green-striped White	<i>Euchloe belemia</i>			✓				
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		1			✓		

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Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>			✓				
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					✓		
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>					✓		
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			✓				
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			✓				
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>					✓		
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>				✓			
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>				✓			
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				✓			
Red and Gold (moth)					✓			
Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>						✓	



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