

Spain's 'Big Three': In search of Whales, Wolves & Bears

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Iberian Wolf

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Summary

Northern Spain is one of those hidden jewels of the Western European zone, and particularly the Cantabrian Mountains: its dramatic hidden valleys and sheer rocky mountains offer the most wonderful and unbelievable wildlife! And for us, these wonders were found amongst lush and breathtaking habitats making the experience hugely enjoyable and certainly memorable. The long views of Iberian Wolves playing with each other and coming in and out from their dens; a female Cantabrian Brown Bear foraging with her two young cubs on mountain slopes, and several actively hunting Wildcats, made of this tour a great success! To add to that, we had some close encounters with some very interesting sealife and especially Fin Whales.

The variety of habitats visited produced a great array of birds such as Griffon Vultures, Short-toed Snake Eagles, Dartford Warbler, Northern Wheatears, Firecrest, Whinchats, Great Bustards, White-spotted Bluethroat, Lesser Kestrels and many more, all seen wonderfully!

The weather, the locations, the people, the fantastic gastronomy and atmosphere of the area enhanced the whole experience even more! This is an excursion that is worth taking it so join us next year for another enjoyable adventure in search for Spain's Big wildlife!

Day 1

Sunday 19th September

Ferry crossing Plymouth to Santander

We left the UK on a sunny but windy Sunday afternoon, and after going through the long legal procedures, we got on board the Pont Avent in order to start our expedition in northern Spain. The first hours of the crossing looked fine with plenty of Northern Gannets, Lesser and Great Black-backed Gulls and a few Great and Manx Shearwaters. A pod of Short-beak (Common) Dolphins we're also spotted. The weather became windy and cold towards the late afternoon, so we retired inside the vessel for some dinner and rest.

Day 2

Monday 20th September

Bay of Biscay – Santander – Cordovilla de Aguilar

We had a full morning crossing part of the Bay of Biscay, this produced a few fast Short-beaked Dolphins, plenty of Northern Gannets and two Fin Whales crossing by and performing short breaching by the boat. Some of us manage to see Sunfish and even a Sei Whale which suddenly emerged from under the boat...amazing! The weather became drizzly towards lunchtime and it was quite wet at our arrival to Santander; and after following all the procedures in order to disembark the ferry boat safely and collect a fellow traveler from the local airport, we headed off the mountains making a comfort stop along the motorway. Once crossed the Cantabrian Mountains, we arrived to the small hamlet of Cordovilla de Aguilar, right in the southeast slope of the Montaña Palentina Natural Reserve. Here, we were greeted by our hosts Tino & Rosa who kindly showed us our comfortable rooms, followed by a delicious dinner cooked by the skilful hands of Rosa.

After good food and wine, we retired to bed for a restful night.

Day 3

Tuesday 21st September

Valdepeñas – Rabanal - Celada de Robledo

A very early morning start was needed to give us our best chance to see the very elusive Iberian Wolf; so we jumped on our 4x4's and drove a good 50 minutes towards the spot known as Valdepeñas. Once at the spot, we set ourselves up and enjoyed watching the beautiful mountainous landscape and the shadows the moonlight drew on them. It was a very still and mild morning, and the rutting Red Deer were quite loud from every corner of the valley. Then suddenly Tino spotted three Iberian Wolves coming in and out from a bushy area; they weren't that obvious as their camouflage with the background was amazing. They were fairly active and a fourth Wolf joined the playtime. Several Red Deer stags and females were seen around as well as Red-billed Choughs, Mistle Thrush and Griffon Vultures. After having a good time on this lovely spot, a coffee break was needed so we decided to drive to Cervera de Pisuerga for nice hot drinks which were very welcome!

After this pleasant break, we continued to explore the area by driving a short distance to the hamlet of Rabanal. Here, a good scan by the old church produced great views of a male Wildcat. We also had fantastic views of Sparrowhawk, Bullfinch, Spotless Starlings, European Serin, amongst others. We then moved along driving on different tracks and over the main dam, then along a narrow farmers track near some lush meadows where Tino's sharp eyes spotted a second Wildcat, this time was a gorgeous female. We enjoyed watching her for over half an hour, stalking and hunting 'mole rats' (Water Voles)...it was brilliant!

Happy with the wildlife sightings - and feeling a bit peckish - we found a nice sheltered spot to have our picnic lunch. After enjoying our lunch break, we meandered around the oak woodland above Parapertú where we took a stroll along the tracks finding a rather long Slow-worm and some birds such as Chaffinch, Great and Blue Tits, Stonechats, amongst others.

After exploring these lovely woods, we drove back to our lodge to take a break followed by a delicious dinner!

Day 4

Wednesday 22nd September

Valdepeñas - Lores

After another very early start, we headed to the same valley in search for the elusive Iberian Wolf. It was a drier morning hence a bit colder than the previous early morning. We arrived to the location right at dawn finding a better spot to sit and scan from. The noisy Red Deer stags were heard repeatedly giving the right atmosphere to this glorious early morning, a Dartford Warbler was also spotted on the top of a nearby bush. The sun was starting to rise on the horizon, and the first sunbeams were hitting the ravine we were all watching intently. Then, in a blink of an eye, an Iberian Wolf sat right next to a bush caught my eye! And as soon as I found that one, two more joined him in a playful mood. This time, we all managed to have fantastic views of the three individuals playing with each other and basking under the fresh morning sunshine! We enjoyed watching these beautiful animals for nearly an hour.

After this successful early morning, we drove to Cervera de Pisuerga where we enjoyed hot drinks and chilled watching the locals. After this coffee break, we drove for about 20 minutes north to the valley of Lores, finding a lovely Wildcat hunting on one of the meadows along the way. We stopped quietly and had great views of this beautiful animal! Further up the track, we took a good stroll finding plenty of Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, Stonechats, Pied and Spotted Flycatchers. We had our picnic lunch at one of the shepherd's huts nearby; a very enjoyable experience indeed! After lunch, we took a walk up the track finding plenty of interesting butterflies alongside Griffon Vultures, Eurasian Kestrel, Red-billed Chough, Rock Buntings and a nice Northern Goshawk.

After this lovely and productive walk, we drove back to our lodge in order to take a break followed by another delicious supper!

Day 5

Thursday 23rd September

Cillamayor airfield – Las Tuerces Geological Reserve

After two very early starts in a row (with great results!), we took it easy this morning and went to explore different habitats just south from our village. We started our day visiting the area of Cillamayor taking a stroll along the old airfield; we found here great birds such as Iberian Grey Shrike, Little Owl, Rock Sparrow, Skylarks, Stonechats and a few Whinchats on migration. We also saw plenty of Griffon Vultures and Red-billed Choughs taking off and flying over our heads.

After an enjoyable walk, we continued with our plans driving further south to the fantastic Las Loras & Las Tuerces Geological Reserve. Our first stop was at the ancient settlement of Cildá from where we had astonishing views of Las Tuerces complex; soon, Booted Eagles were spotted alongside Griffon Vultures, which started flying very close to us and some of them drifted so close over us that seems we could touch them...same with all the Crag and House Martins flying so close! We then spotted a fantastic Short-toed Snake Eagle which gave us a great show by hovering and displaying its amazing flying skills. Just fantastic! We also had an interesting briefing about the site by a local archaeologist that happened to be there on that day.

We then drove from this spot over the river Pisuerga reaching the tops of Las Tuerces themselves where we enjoyed of the breathtaking views alongside our delicious picnic lunch! After lunch, we took a nice stroll along the labyrinth-like trails surrounded by rocky canals, viewpoints and mainly Mediterranean vegetation. We found plenty of beautiful butterflies and lizards, also more great views of Griffon Vultures, another Short-toed Snake Eagle, Eurasian Kestrel, Black Redstart and a pair of Woodlarks that showed themselves very well!

After this, we made our way back to the 'casas rurales' in order to take a break followed by some drinks and another delicious supper cooked by Rosa!

Day 6

Friday 24th September

Tierra de Campos – Somiedo Biosphere Reserve

We started today leaving our lovely lodge in Cordovilla de Aguilar in order to start our journey towards the lush Somiedo Biosphere Reserve. We then set off following the southern motorway heading towards the area of Tierra de Campos, a northern patch of plains and marshes with interesting landscapes. We arrived to heavy rain

but this eventually eased off not long after a trio of Great Bustards were spotted. With the rain stopped, we were able to enjoy stunning views of a group of over 20 Great Bustards standing relaxed by an alfalfa field! We then found lots of Corn Buntings, Spotless Starlings, Spanish Yellow Wagtail and others. We then continued towards the village of Frechilla (making a coffee break along the way in Fuentes de Nava) where we found more Great Bustards and a group of Lesser Kestrels getting ready to head south after breeding successfully in this area. By lunchtime, we went to one end of the marshes of La Nava where we had fantastic views of Marsh Harrier, White-spotted Bluethroat, Spotless Starlings, Spanish Yellow Wagtail, Rock Sparrow, amongst others.

After lunch and visiting this interesting area, we hit the road heading north into Asturias and passed through spectacular and varied landscapes as we were entering the Cantabrian Mountains through the Babia Valley, arriving to the village of Pola de Somiedo, in the late afternoon. After checking in and retired to our rooms for a break, we gathered together again to go through our checklist, followed by a delicious local dinner at Casa Miño restaurant.

Day 7

Saturday 25th September

Somiedo Valley (Gua – Aguino – Gua)

We started early this morning and after a yummy breakfast, we headed off to a nearby spot in the hamlet of Gua where we scanned the slopes right across and behind the site, finding a few Red Deer and Chamois but no sign of bears. The weather then started to get a bit drizzly so we moved away from this spot heading north but the rain became heavy. As soon as it had eased off, we moved to the view point known as Aguino from where we had fantastic views of the area of Pola de Somiedo and the adjacent hamlets. We also found more Red Deer stags and a few Griffon Vultures. Another heavy shower hit the whole valley but it was good timing as lunchtime was just around the corner! We drove back to our hotel in order to enjoy our meal and a break afterwards.

By mid afternoon, we drove back to the same spot at Gua where we patiently started scanning the slopes and ravines right across the view point. It looked all calm and tranquil, with the odd Red Deer and Chamois spotted at times - cute creatures to watch. But after nearly three hours of waiting, an unusual motion amongst the hazelnut caught my attention followed by glimpses of a furry beast which turned up to be a bear cub...and suddenly her mother emerged right in the open on the slope, I was so excited and anxious that I rushed to grab everyone and make sure they could see the bears! And we all enjoyed 37 minutes of an amazing spectacle: A female Cantabrian Brown Bear with her two cubs following her as she taught them the art of searching for food...how wonderful! We definitely cherished and enjoyed every single second of this wonderful wildlife moment!

We were so happy and excited that drove back to the village of Pola de Somiedo in order to have a delicious dinner and celebrate the fantastic way our day ended up! So we raised our glasses toasting for these wonderful animals! And of course, another delicious dinner at our local restaurant Casa Miño!

Day 8

Sunday 26th September

Somiedo Valley (La Peral – Castro trail)

We started more chilled today exploring the beautiful tops of the Somiedo Valley, this time we drove up to the village of La Peral. The village is settled in a natural balcony with great views of the whole valley and the mountain crags, both full of great wildlife such as Chamois, Griffon Vultures, Common Buzzards, Eurasian Kestrel and nesting Golden Eagles...and we got great views of all of them! We also managed to grab a hot drink at the café which was very pleasant.

We then drove down the valley towards the point where the Castro trail starts, where we stopped to have lunch under wonderful weather and enjoy the views of the sheer rocky crags around us. After lunch, we took a stroll along the Castro trail which produced beautiful butterflies, Firecrest, Raven, Griffon Vultures, Goshawk, amongst others. We also had great views of the endemic Iberian Rock Lizard.

After this very enjoyable walk, we were back to our vehicle and drove back to Pola in order to take a break, gathering together afterwards for checklist and other paperwork, followed by another delicious dinner at Casa Miño restaurant...sadly our last one.

Day 9

Monday 27th September

Pola de Somiedo – Santander ferry to Plymouth

Our very last morning in the mountains started very foggy and with pockets of drizzle at times, not the best weather for our morning stroll along the village's trails. We then enjoyed our last breakfast and went to check out from our hotel, ready to set off to Santander. We arrived in the coastal city in time to go for a stroll and a visit a café in the city, before heading to the ferry port in time to get on board and to start our sailing back to Plymouth. We had great views of Common (Mew), Herring, Great Black-backed and Lesser Black-backed Gulls, European Shag, Northern Gannets, Sooty and Great Shearwater, Short-beaked Dolphins, amongst others. The weather became cold and slightly wet so we decided to go in for dinner and a restful night.

Day 10

Tuesday 28th September

English Channel – Plymouth

After a calm night on the boat, some of us were up on deck again for some scanning which produced many Gannets, Sooty, Cory's and Great Shearwaters and Great Skuas, and lots of great views of Short-beak (Common) Dolphins. We docked at Plymouth in the evening and we gathered together in order to say our goodbyes and wishing each other all the best after such a varied and enjoyable trip.

Checklists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	Date: 19th-28th September 2021									
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓		✓			✓	
2	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>					h					
3	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	✓									
4	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris borealis</i>		✓								
5	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	✓								✓	✓
6	Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	✓	✓								✓
7	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	✓	✓								
8	European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	✓									
9	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>										✓
10	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓	✓					✓
11	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓								
12	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓								✓
13	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>										✓
14	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓					
15	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>					✓					
17	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>					✓					
18	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			h						✓	
19	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			✓		✓		✓			
20	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>				✓				✓		
21	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						✓				
22	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>						20+				
24	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>						h				
25	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>										✓
26	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓								✓
27	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						✓				
28	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓								✓
29	Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>		✓								✓
30	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓	✓								✓
31	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓								✓
32	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>										✓
33	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓								✓
34	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>										✓
35	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>		✓								✓
36	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	✓									✓
37	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>			h						h	
40	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>					✓					
41	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>					✓					

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42	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			h	h	h			✓	h	
43	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>				h	✓			h	h	
44	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>							✓			
45	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>					✓					
47	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>					✓					
48	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
49	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓		
51	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>					✓					
52	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
54	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>			h	h						
55	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
56	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
57	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>				✓	✓					
58	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>					✓					
59	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓			
60	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	
61	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	
62	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					✓	h				
63	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓	
64	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		✓								
65	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓	✓		✓						
66	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓			✓	✓	h	✓	
67	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>				✓						
68	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						✓		✓		
69	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			h		✓		✓	✓	✓	
70	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			✓						✓	
71	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>				✓						
72	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓				
73	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				✓						
76	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
77	White-spotted Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>						✓				
78	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>				✓						
79	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
80	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
81	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>					✓			✓		
82	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					✓	✓	✓			
83	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>								✓	✓	
84	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>					✓	✓				
86	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	
87	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>	✓									
88	Spanish Yellow	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>						✓				

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	Wagtail											
89	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	
90	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
91	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			✓		✓	✓				
92	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
93	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			✓							
94	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
95	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
96	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
97	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>						✓				
98	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>				✓			✓	✓		
99	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>				✓				✓		

Mammals

		Date:										
	Common name	Scientific name	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
2	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>					✓			✓		
3	Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>				✓			✓	✓		
4	Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>		2								
5	Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>		1								
6	Short-beaked(common) Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	✓	✓							✓	✓
7	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			✓	✓						
8	Iberian Wolf	<i>Canis lupus signatus</i>			4	4						
9	Cantabrian Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos pyrenaicus</i>							3			
10	European Wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>			2	2						

Butterflies

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
4	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>
5	Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>
6	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>
7	Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias hyale</i>
8	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>
9	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias australis</i>
10	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>
11	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>
12	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>
13	Purple Hairstreak	<i>Quercusia quercus</i>
14	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>
15	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>
16	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>
17	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>

	Common name	Scientific name
18	Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>
19	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>
20	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
21	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>
22	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>
23	Escher's Blue	<i>Agrodiaetus escheri</i>
24	Turquoise Blue	<i>Plebicula dorylas</i>
25	Spanish Chalk-hill Blue	<i>Lysandra albicans</i>
26	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>
27	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
28	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>
29	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>
30	Peacock Butterfly	<i>Inachis io</i>
31	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>

Other Wildlife

1	Slow-worm	<i>Anguis fragilis</i>
2	Dor Beetle	<i>Geotrupes stercorarius</i>
3	Dung Beetle	<i>Scarabaeinae</i>
4	Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis sp.</i>
5	Iberian Rock Lizard	<i>Iberolacerta monticola</i>
6	Wasp Spider	<i>Argiope bruennichi</i>
7	Ladybird Spider	<i>Eresus sp.</i>
8	Harlequin Burnet	<i>Zygaena fausta</i>
9	European Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>
10	Southern Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>
11	Great Green Bush Cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>

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