

# Go Slow in Extremadura

Naturetrek Tour Report

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## Summary

This trip was warm and sunny with only the first day not so good. It proved to be a highly successful tour of the west central part of Extremadura. Highlights were many including almost a clean sweep of raptors including Cinereous Vultures every day, some excellent views of Short-toed Snake Eagle, Spanish Imperial Eagle at a nest site and the scarce Bonelli's Eagle.

Unusual for a species heard far more often than seen was a sighting of two Quail. An early morning excursion provided great and Little Bustard plus Black-bellied and Pin-tailed Sandgrouse among other birds seen. Black Stork was seen on two days one involving a flight below the group and up onto its nearby nest ledge. An increasingly scarce bird across Europe; Calandra Lark, was seen in numbers with some fine views. Western Subalpine Warbler was a sought-after bird for several of the group. Red-rumped Swallow showed in several differing sites and provided some great views too. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker was an unexpected delight and though not seen this trip the song of Nightingales surrounded us in some locations.

In addition to the birds there were few butterflies to note but we walked through some beautiful flowery meadows and noted a few interesting species.

## Day 1

**Tuesday 3rd May**

Pete and Jason picked up the group at Madrid airport then Pete drove most of the group to the hotel in Caceres while Jason waited for Richard who had been held up in transit. We stopped at a typical Spanish Roadhouse on the way for refreshments and spotted House Sparrow and Spotless Starling. Black Kite and Booted Eagles were noted on the way. We arrived at our country hotel in late afternoon followed closely by Jason and Richard.

## Day 2

**Wednesday 4th May**

After breakfast we headed south towards Merida then turned off to Garrovilla and onto a small road towards Los Conchales. After about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile we pulled over to see a nearby Bee-eater colony. Corn Buntings were singing around us and a Sardinian Warbler popped up to sing, then above us two Honey Buzzards soared providing great views.

We then drove on to the Embalse Los Conchales, a large reservoir with shallow edges, islands and some marshy areas, grading into farmland. We stopped first at the dam wall with hundreds of House Martins nesting. Nightingale and Cetti's Warbler were singing and briefly a Golden Oriole. A Black Kite over nearby trees was successfully harried away off by an Iberian (Azure-winged) Magpie. Griffon Vulture could be seen towering up on a distant thermal.

We then took the rough track that winds its way around the reservoir, stopping to view occasionally. There were distant Great White Egret and Spoonbills and a close Purple Heron. Where the road was closed for the bird breeding season we parked and followed the track through farmland to a cork oak stand with a large, isolated population of Spanish Sparrows. The group was able to see the many dome shaped nests typical of this species and a single Turtle Dove and Hoopoe in the same grove. Pete and Jason walked back to get the vehicles only to

spot a second summer Montagu's Harrier quartering the field. Pete ran back and alerted the group before returning to the park vans. The group loaded off again the first van put up two Quail at the edge of a field with a few lucky enough to see the birds in low flight over the wheat.

Lunch time was approaching so we drove around to the far side of the Embalse to find a shady spot. Stopping at a shallow area of water near the Embalse we could see a group of Spoonbills feeding nearby along with seven Glossy Ibis. A Ringed Plover and then a Little Ringed Plover were spotted hard on the heels of a Wood Sandpiper and soon after one then another Collared Pratincole landed. It was hard to move on from this spot, but everyone was now getting hungry. We found a shady spot next to the water with some rocks to sit on and Pete and Jason prepared the picnic. After lunch we scoped more Ringed Plovers, Egyptian Geese and a Caspian Tern. Before it was time to 'hit the road' again.

On the road back we encountered a large "kettle" with mainly Griffon Vultures. We managed to pull both vehicles off the road and enjoyed the spectacle that included several Cinereous Vultures low over us as the kettle broke up.

It was time to get back to the hotel.

## Day 3

## Thursday 5th May

Today saw us heading out on the Santa Marta de Magasca road from just east of Caceres. We had soon picked up European Rollers on roadside wires and watched them flying down to the ground and up again feeding. Then up went the shout for a raptor: a Short-toed Snake Eagle drifted over giving us stunning views in the bright morning light. After a while we moved on to where we saw a couple of parked vehicles and birders. Most of us soon got onto the Great Bustard in a roadside field. Unable to stay long we moved on from this fast section of road turning onto a quieter road a little way further on. Here we were able to park both vans safely and scan the surrounding countryside. Another Great Bustard was soon found and all around us Calandra Larks could be seen in flight and perched plus an occasional Crested Lark. Before we left for coffee a female Montagu's Harrier flew slowly past. As we drove off two Red-legged Partridges trotted down the road in front of us.

At Santa Marta we stopped in the town square and sat in the shade of a tree to take our coffee before moving on towards our main site for the day Monfrague National Park. On the way we picked up a Woodchat Shrike on wires then on a low wall two Hoopoe in interaction with each other – crests erect!

At Monfrague we parked up and prepared lunch while the group wandered watching numerous Griffon Vultures back and forth to nests. A Cirl Bunting was singing at close quarters while we ate. After lunch we strolled along the path to find the singing Blue Rock Thrush. Then below us a Black Stork flew red legs and long bill shining out against the black and white as the bird banked and landed on its nest ledge with two young. Opposite we had heard a quiet 'twitter and squeek'. Eventually the bird was spotted: a beautiful delicate Subalpine Warbler. Soon after among the soaring Griffon Vultures we picked out two pale birds, Egyptian Vulture. We moved on then and searched the hillsides for Imperial Eagle nest without luck. Getting to the Tietar Bridge we turned around noting hundreds of House Martin and below us in the water many very large mirror carp.

We then took the faster route back to Caceres.

## Day 4

## Friday 6th May

Heading south again today we took the road towards Roc de la Sierra. At the first stop we walked a little way in the cool of the morning listening to the rattle of corn bunting. We then got reasonably close views of Iberian Magpie and a Woodchat Shrike before moving on. As we walked back to the nearby vehicles a Red Kite flew over.

A little further on our next stop was the old road running parallel and over a small bridge. We dropped the group and drove on a few hundred yards then parked up by the bridge. Nightingales were in full song but hidden as usual. Red-rumped Swallow swooped around and both Serin and Cetti's Warbler were singing, then briefly a Great Reed Warbler – not to be heard again or seen. As we were leaving a Short-toed Tree creeper sang but we could not see the bird,

It was time then for coffee so we stopped at Roca de la Sierra. After which we made for the Sierra San Pedro. Our first stop was near the Rio del Sansustre. Again, Corn Bunting could be heard and a Cetti's Warbler. But soon Jason shouted "Bonelli's" and above us were two Bonelli's Eagles. As they drifted away everyone had got such views as to recognise all the relevant features. We then took a walk towards the river and across a tiny stream into a lightly wooded flowery meadow. In a small pool on the way an American Crayfish was seen feeding on a dead Great Crested Newt while little Scorpion Fish (another alien introduction), were scudding around the pool. Drifting back to the vehicles the group was feeling the heat and it was time for lunch.

Our lunch stop was at a mirador where as usual, Pet and Jason prepared while the group relaxed in whatever shade they could find while enjoying the views. During lunch a Golden Oriole sang and was then seen briefly. Around us we could hear the chatter of Sardinian Warblers as they bounced around the tall cistus surrounding the picnic site. After lunch we drove back to the hotel, noting Crag Martins on the way. The group had time to relax and take advantage of the hotel facilities before a late afternoon trip looking for bustards.

At 5:00 p.m we took most of the group out to the Trujillo end of the Santa Marta de Magasca road. At our first stop there were two Iberian Shrikes, a Cinereous Vulture flew over and several Crested Lark were obvious. We drove on a few hundred yards to a rough track that traversed the rolling grassland. Our luck was good as we found a male Great Bustard showing well in the afternoon light. Then a little further on we could see more bustards just walking over the ridge out of sight. We moved on to find six bachelor Great Bustards together. We had great views plus of a perched singing Calandra Lark. It was then time to head back for dinner.

## Day 5

## Saturday 7th May

Unfortunately, the day did not start well for Richard with breathing difficulties we got him into hospital, where, after many tests he was diagnosed and treated. He was faced with several days in hospital and missed flying home with us. A loss to the group, he is a fine birder and good company. To our relief as I write this report Richard is back home and well.

Today again travelling south towards Merida with the rest of the group, we turned off east towards Arroyomolinos de Montanez hoping for Little Swift at a colony there. None were seen but the group enjoyed the atmosphere in this little town and the early coffee today. We then continued roughly east towards Campo Lugar. Here we stopped and strolled along a quiet lane set between an olive grove and farmland. The grove was home to many Iberian

Magpies. In the distance an Golden Oriole was heard so we stepped off to investigate. In the tall poplars we could see nests of Spanish Sparrow and after a while the Golden Oriole did show, but not for long. The it was a short distance to our main goal Embalse de Alcollarin.

We parked at the dam and walked along with Nightingale and Cetti's Warbler singing below on the 'landward' side and fabulous views of a number of Lesser Kestrels: both male and female, at eye level and below. Along the side of the reservoir then to a shady picnic site among trees, situated near to another smaller dam wall with a small lake and marsh to one side. As soon as the vehicles came to a halt, Pete shouted out Great Reed Warbler and from the dam wall after a while it gave us close views and full song.

Jason went to Alcollarin for some fresh bread while Pete started to prepare lunch. Then another shout went out from the dam wall; identification assistance required. A scope view quickly confirmed the group was looking at two Black-crowned Night Herons perched at the edge of the water. They were on a dead tree below a Grey Heron, upon which tree a Purple Heron then landed.

After lunch we took another look from the little dam wall and found Spoonbill, Little Egret Gadwall and Little Grebes. Below the dam Reed Warbler was in song and a Stonechat came into view. Nightingale were singing in the woodland and on the edge a tree pipit. Pete spotted a Bonelli's Warbler, but it soon headed into the dense scrub woodland not to be seen again.

We then followed the track around the reservoir, spotting Woodchat Shrike and a number of Great crested Grebes and Gadwall on the water.

It was time to head back, the journey broken by some cool refreshments in the little town of Zorita.

## Day 6

**Sunday 8th May**

A different more relaxed day today. However, it was an early start for most of the group as we made for the Trujillo end of the Santa Marta de Magasca road again, aiming to arrive just after first light.

We drove to the track across the plains and stopped a couple of time as the sun rose. At our second stop we soon picked out a displaying Great Bustard and a female in long grass. Soon after, a male and a female Little Bustard flew over, the female landing, but soon getting hidden in long vegetation. It was not long later, after sightings of a close female Montagu's Harrier, Red Kite and several Black Kites that Ann called out "sandgrouse!" A group of six Pin-tailed Sandgrouse flew past us enabling the group to identify them easily.

We moved on again as the sun was getting higher and next spotted Spanish Imperial Eagle in a tree. Scopes were soon on the bird. Not long again and another group of sandgrouse flew by – five Black-bellied Sandgrouse this time. Moving on again we pulled over to view a little owl on the roof of a small stone barn. Then, up popped a fine male Northern Wheatear.

We drove to the final ridge with panoramic views. Another female Montagu's Harrier flew low over the grassland very close to us and then the Black-bellied Sandgrouse flew by again and landed in the distance in an area of shorter

grass. We were able to scope the birds and just about able to see the distinguishing features. Then everyone was looking forward to a big late breakfast!

After a leisurely middle to the day with some of the group again taking advantage of the hotels Spa and some the grounds to stroll, we set off again towards Trujillo. Here we dropped off the group to stroll through the old town to the big square with its equestrian statue. After they had explored, we gathered in the square for refreshments. In the square crag martins flew around and were indeed nesting on some of the old buildings. Common Swift were numerous and among them we managed to pick out a couple of Pallid Swift. On the short walk back to the vehicles had some excellent views of Red-rumped Swallows and on the drive back to the hotel a fine Short-toed Snake Eagle perched beside the motorway was the last bird of the day.

## Day 7

## Monday 9th May

Today we took a long drive past Trujillo and on towards Madrid to the Arrocampo wetland reserve near the small town of Saucedilla. We turned off the motorway onto the access road to the town at 10:00 a.m. and soon stopped when there was a call on the short-wave radio of Black-shouldered Kite. We parked up and scanned only to be told it was on a pylon now. It was a light phase Booted Eagle – still a good call. On then into Saucedilla for a coffee, before exploring the reserve.

We first visited the reserve office to chat to the warden. Then drove the short distance to park and scan the reedbeds and open water. Griffon Vultures could be seen in high in the air now all around us. A Cuckoo called and Reed Warblers were singing in the reeds and the only Willow Warbler of the trip popped out of the reeds into a small willow to give some of the group a view. A Purple Heron flew into land in a suspected nest site in the reeds and we all got a great look at it circling before landing. In the distance common terns were hawking over the water and a Black Tern was obvious in its summer plumage, though distant. Cattle Egret and Great White Egret flew by in squadrons and Lesser Kestrels were in the air. Then a Black Kite flew up to chase one, presumably in an act of klepto-parasitism. It chased hard and long but eventually when a second came into the fray it broke off. A hundred yards from us a Hoopoe flapped by then last delight at this spot was the flashing blue of a Kingfisher going past us down the canal.

We moved on to a further part of the reserve and could see Marsh Harriers quartering the marsh. Across a large body of water, Little Egrets and some perched common and Little Terns could be seen and one fleeting Purple Swamp Hen. Back to the first stop before leaving where Red-rumped Swallows joined the Barn Swallows and occasional Common Swifts picking insects from the water. Just then a Little Bittern flew into nearby reeds as it landed a second took off. Though well camouflaged we could make out the bird standing in the reeds, and we scoped it so that all the group got a view. It was then time to move on towards Monfrague.

Approaching lunchtime, we pulled into a picnic area in the hills. A Short-toed Snake Eagle flew in to land in a distant tree and while Pete and Jason prepared lunch the group scanned this and an obliging Woodchat Shrike. After lunch a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker was heard and after a short while located. We watched the bird for several minutes as it moved from small tree to small tree feeding. Moving on we parked above the the Peurto de Tietar dam in search of Hawfinch but only came up with a calling Great Spotted Woodpecker then down to the dam to scan around, but only distant Griffon Vultures showed here. The next stop at the Tietar bridge was more

productive as two Alpine Swifts flew over and under the bridge with its large House Martin colony. Eventually most of the group were able to see the birds some only as they hunted over nearby hills.

Then it was our second visit to Monfrague. The group was enthralled again by close ups of Griffon Vultures, several Cinereous Vultures and a nearby singing Blue Rock Thrush. A Grey Heron flew down the embalse. Before we started the drive home for the last time this week a Rock Bunting was seen briefly. Then back to the hotel for our last night.

## Day 8

**Tuesday 10th May**

We set off early after breakfast today so we could take in a short visit to Arrocampo again on the way to the airport. We arrived in time for a quick coffee and comfort break before going the short way into the reserve.

As we were starting off three members of the group with Pete saw a Great Bittern fly high across the road in front of the van. At the parking site we scanned the reedbed again. The Little Bittern was hard to see but still present in the same spot, presumably a nest site and then in the trees behind Pete spotted movement and got onto a Spotted Flycatcher. As we watched it became obvious that there were three birds, one of which turned out to be a female Pied Flycatcher – an unusual find here. Then from the reedbed came a raucous call, then another – Purple Swamp Hen. However hard we tried we could not locate the bird which called several times after.

As we scanned around in the growing heat of the late morning, a group of Spoonbills flew past, a Hoopoe and Lesser Kestrels. While the Griffon Vulture were getting up into the air joined by Cinereous Vulture. Swallows including Red-rumped, and swifts flew up and down the water-course. Reed Warbler and Cetti's Warbler were singing and in the background, the incessant call of Zitting Cisticolas. A great end to the holiday.

At the airport we said our goodbyes to Jason, flying home to France and to Ross and Rebecca, who were staying on in Madrid for a couple of days. Then Pete and the rest of the group went to Departures and homeward bound.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

| Common name               | Scientific name               | May 2022 |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
|                           |                               | 3        | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9  | 10 |
| Egyptian Goose            | <i>Alpochen aegyptiaca</i>    |          | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Mallard                   | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>     |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| Gadwall                   | <i>Mareca strepera</i>        |          | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Red-legged Partridge      | <i>Alectoris rufa</i>         |          |   | ✓ |   |   |   |    |    |
| Common Quail              | <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>      |          | 2 |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Little Grebe              | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> |          |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Great Crested Grebe       | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>     |          | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Black Stork               | <i>Ciconia nigra</i>          |          |   | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |    |    |
| White Stork               | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>        | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Glossy Ibis               | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>   |          | 7 |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Eurasian Spoonbill        | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>    |          | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Great Bittern             | <i>Botaurus stellaris</i>     |          |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |    |
| Little Bittern            | <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>     |          |   |   |   |   |   | ✓  | ✓  |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>  |          |   |   |   | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Western Cattle Egret      | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>          |          | ✓ |   |   |   |   | ✓  |    |
| Grey Heron                | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>          | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| Purple Heron              | <i>Ardea purpurea</i>         |          | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   | ✓  |    |
| Great Egret               | <i>Ardea alba</i>             |          |   |   |   | ✓ |   | ✓  |    |
| Little Egret              | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>       |          | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   | ✓  |    |
| Great Cormorant           | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>    |          | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   | ✓  |    |
| Black-winged Kite         | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>       |          | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Egyptian Vulture          | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>  |          |   | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓  |    |
| European Honey Buzzard    | <i>Pernis apivorus</i>        |          | 2 |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Griffon Vulture           | <i>Gyps fulvus</i>            | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Cinereous Vulture         | <i>Aegypius monachus</i>      |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Short-toed Snake Eagle    | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i>     |          |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| Booted Eagle              | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>    | ✓        |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Spanish Imperial Eagle    | <i>Aquila adalberti</i>       |          |   |   |   |   | ✓ |    |    |
| Bonelli's Eagle           | <i>Aquila fasciata</i>        |          |   |   | 2 |   |   |    |    |
| Western Marsh Harrier     | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>     |          | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| Montagu's Harrier         | <i>Circus pygargus</i>        |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |    |    |
| Red Kite                  | <i>Milvus milvus</i>          |          | ✓ |   | ✓ |   | ✓ |    |    |
| Black Kite                | <i>Milvus migrans</i>         | ✓        |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Common Buzzard            | <i>Buteo buteo</i>            | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Great Bustard             | <i>Otis tarda</i>             |          |   | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |    |    |
| Little Bustard            | <i>Tetrax tetrax</i>          |          |   |   |   |   | ✓ |    |    |
| Purple Swamphen           | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>    |          |   |   |   |   |   | LO | H  |



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| Common Moorhen            | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>   |          | h |   |   | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Eurasian Coot             | <i>Fulica atra</i>           |          |   |   |   | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Black-winged Stilt        | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |    |    |
| Collared Pratincole       | <i>Glareola pratincola</i>   |          | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Little Ringed Plover      | <i>Charadrius dubius</i>     |          | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Ringed Plover             | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>  |          | 6 |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Wood Sandpiper            | <i>Tringa glareola</i>       |          | 1 |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Greenshank                | <i>Tringa nebularia</i>      |          | 1 |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Spotted Redshank          | <i>Tringa erythropus</i>     |          | 2 |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Common Redshank           | <i>Tringa totanus</i>        |          | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Common Sandpiper          | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>    |          | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Caspian Tern              | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>    |          | 1 |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Little Tern               | <i>Sternula albifrons</i>    |          |   |   |   |   |   | ✓  |    |
| Common Tern               | <i>Sterna hirundo</i>        |          |   |   |   |   |   | ✓  |    |
| Gull-billed Tern          | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> |          |   |   |   |   |   |    | ✓  |
| Black Tern                | <i>Chlidonias niger</i>      |          |   |   |   |   |   |    | ✓  |
| Pin-tailed Sandgrouse     | <i>Pterocles alchata</i>     |          |   |   |   |   | ✓ |    |    |
| Black-bellied Sandgrouse  | <i>Pterocles orientalis</i>  |          |   |   |   |   | ✓ |    |    |
| Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon  | <i>Columba livia</i>         |          |   |   |   |   | ✓ |    |    |
| Common Wood Pigeon        | <i>Columba palumbus</i>      |          | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |   |    |    |
| European Turtle Dove      | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>   |          | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Eurasian Collared Dove    | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Great Spotted Cuckoo      | <i>Clamator glandarius</i>   |          |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Common Cuckoo             | <i>Cuculus canorus</i>       |          | H |   | H |   | ✓ | H  | H  |
| Little Owl                | <i>Athene noctua</i>         |          |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| Alpine Swift              | <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>    |          |   | ✓ |   |   |   | ✓  |    |
| Common Swift              | <i>Apus apus</i>             | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Pallid Swift              | <i>Apus pallidus</i>         |          |   |   |   |   | ✓ |    |    |
| European Roller           | <i>Coracias garrulus</i>     |          |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |    |    |
| Common Kingfisher         | <i>Alcedo atthis</i>         |          |   |   |   | ✓ |   | ✓  |    |
| European Bee-eater        | <i>Merops apiaster</i>       |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Eurasian Hoopoe           | <i>Upupa epops</i>           |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Lesser Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos minor</i>     |          |   |   |   |   |   | ✓  |    |
| Great Spotted Woodpecker  | <i>Dendrocopos major</i>     |          |   |   |   |   |   | H  |    |
| Lesser Kestrel            | <i>Falco naumanni</i>        |          |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |
| Common Kestrel            | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>     |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |    |    |
| Peregrine Falcon          | <i>Falco peregrinus</i>      |          |   | ✓ |   |   |   |    |    |
| Southern Grey Shrike      | <i>Lanius meridionalis</i>   |          |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Woodchat Shrike           | <i>Lanius senator</i>        |          |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓  |    |
| Eurasian Golden Oriole    | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>       |          | H |   | ✓ | ✓ |   |    |    |
| Eurasian Jay              | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>   |          |   |   |   |   |   | LO |    |
| Iberian Magpie            | <i>Cyanopica cooki</i>       |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Eurasian Magpie           | <i>Pica pica</i>             | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Western Jackdaw           | <i>Coloeus monedula</i>      | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Carrion Crow              | <i>Corvus corone</i>         |          |   |   | ✓ | ✓ |   |    |    |

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| Northern Raven            | <i>Corvus corax</i>              |          |   | ✓ |   |    | ✓ | ✓ |    |
| Eurasian Blue Tit         | <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>       |          |   |   | ✓ | ✓  |   | ✓ |    |
| Great Tit                 | <i>Parus major</i>               |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |   |   |    |
| Crested Lark              | <i>Galerida cristata</i>         |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ |    |
| Calandra Lark             | <i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>    |          |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ |   |    |
| Tree Pipit                | <i>Anthus trivialis</i>          |          |   |   |   | ✓  |   |   |    |
| Barn Swallow              | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>           | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |
| Eurasian Crag Martin      | <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>    |          |   | ✓ | ✓ |    | ✓ | ✓ |    |
| Common House Martin       | <i>Delichon urbicum</i>          | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |
| Red-rumped Swallow        | <i>Cecropis daurica</i>          |          |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |
| Cetti's Warbler           | <i>Cettia cetti</i>              |          | H |   | H | H  |   | H | H  |
| Long-tailed Tit           | <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>       |          |   |   |   | ✓  |   |   |    |
| Willow Warbler            | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>    |          |   |   |   |    |   | ✓ |    |
| Western Bonelli's Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>      |          |   |   |   | LO |   |   |    |
| Great Reed Warbler        | <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i> |          |   |   | H | ✓  |   |   |    |
| Eurasian Reed Warbler     | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>   |          |   |   |   | ✓  |   | ✓ | H  |
| Zitting Cisticola         | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>        |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |
| Eurasian Blackcap         | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>        |          |   |   | H |    |   |   |    |
| Subalpine Warbler         | <i>Sylvia cantillans</i>         |          |   | ✓ |   |    |   |   |    |
| Sardinian Warbler         | <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>      |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |   | ✓ |    |
| Eurasian Wren             | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>   |          |   |   | H |    |   |   |    |
| Short-toed Treecreeper    | <i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>     |          |   |   | H |    |   |   |    |
| Pied Flycatcher           | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>        |          |   |   |   |    |   |   | 1  |
| Spotted Flycatcher        | <i>Muscicapa striata</i>         |          |   |   |   |    |   |   | 2  |
| Spotless Starling         | <i>Sturnus unicolor</i>          | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |
| Common Blackbird          | <i>Turdus merula</i>             |          | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ |    |
| Mistle Thrush             | <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>         |          |   |   | ✓ |    |   |   |    |
| Common Nightingale        | <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>     |          | H |   | H | H  |   | H |    |
| Black Redstart            | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>      |          |   | ✓ |   | ✓  |   |   |    |
| Blue Rock Thrush          | <i>Monticola solitarius</i>      |          |   | ✓ |   |    |   | ✓ |    |
| European Stonechat        | <i>Saxicola rubicola</i>         |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |   | ✓ |    |
| Northern Wheatear         | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>         |          |   | ✓ | ✓ |    | ✓ |   |    |
| House Sparrow             | <i>Passer domesticus</i>         | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |
| Spanish Sparrow           | <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>     |          | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ |    |
| White Wagtail             | <i>Motacilla alba</i>            |          | ✓ |   |   | ✓  |   |   |    |
| Common Chaffinch          | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>         |          | H | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |   | H |    |
| 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>              |          |   |   |   |    |   | ✓ |    |
| Cirl Bunting              | <i>Emberiza cirlus</i>           |          |   | ✓ |   |    |   |   |    |

## Others

|                          |                              | May 2022 |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
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| <b>Mammals</b>           |                              |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Rabbit                   | <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> |          | ✓ |   | ✓ |   |   |   |    |
|                          |                              |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| <b>Other vertebrates</b> |                              |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Iberian Water frog       | <i>Rana iberica</i>          |          |   | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   |    |
| Large Psammadromus       | <i>Psammadromus algirus</i>  |          |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |    |
| Spanish Pond Turtle      | <i>Mauremys leprosa</i>      |          |   | ✓ |   | ✓ |   |   |    |
| Moorish Gecko            | <i>Tarentola mauritanica</i> |          |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |    |
|                          |                              |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| <b>Butterflies</b>       |                              |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Swallowtail              | <i>Papilio machaon</i>       |          | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Clouded Yellow           | <i>Colias crocea</i>         |          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |    |
|                          |                              |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| <b>Other insects</b>     |                              |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Violet Carpenter Bee     | <i>Xylocopa violacea</i>     |          |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |    |
| Red-striped Oil Beetle   | <i>Berberomeloe majalis</i>  |          |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |    |