

Go Slow in Extremadura

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st – 8th May 2023



Little Bittern



Purple Swamphen



White Stork



Griffon Vulture

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Day 1

Monday 1st May

All of those travelling from the UK today had significant delays for their flights. This resulted in us leaving Madrid in the evening and getting to our hotel late at night. The hotel put on a light supper for us then it was bedtime!

Day 2

Tuesday 2nd May

After breakfast Matthew took the group around The Estanque de San Lazaro, a town park and reservoir it is an ideal introduction to some of Extremadura's birds. It also allowed Pete to dash off to the supermarket to get picnic provisions!

The group heard Hoopoe and saw Black Kite, Moorhen, Coot and Little Grebe among other birds. When Pete arrived back, we all headed off to the Plains of Santa Marta about 20 minutes drive.

As soon as we got onto the Santa Marta road we pulled to a stop to admire a pale phase Booted Eagle soaring overhead while Black Kites 'kettled' up on a thermal in the distance. Then it was on to our first stop; a vantage point where we had a 360 degree view. The group were overwhelmed by the variety of species we were able to see in less than an hour. These included: Griffon, Black and Egyptian, Western Marsh Harrier, Lesser Kestrel, Iberian Shrike, Iberian and Eurasian Magpies, Corn Bunting and Crested Lark. To add to this two Red Foxes could be seen hunting on a ridge.

We then moved a short distance up the road and over the ridge to a rough track that snakes its way across the rolling plain. We quickly got good views of both Crested and Calandra Lark and Corn Bunting – all in song. Then on a ridge two large birds were seen; eagles. The scopes were soon honed in on them and we had good views of two Western Imperial Eagles. At virtually the same time very close by a Short-toed Snake-eagle soared over us.

It was now getting towards midday so we moved back onto the road and made for the little town of Santa Marta de Magasca for coffee, then on to the town picnic area for our lunch. During lunch we watched the town church White Storks on the nest and spotted Stonechat and Tree Sparrow.

After lunch we drove on down the road into the valley seeing a number of Woodchat Shrikes briefly from the vehicles. At the bridge over the Rio Magasca we parked up and surveyed the area. We could hear Nightingale singing from deep in the bushes and we saw White Wagtail, Red-rumped Swallow and Linnet. Plus we got stunning views of Eurasian Bee-eaters.

The last part of the trip was across the Plains of Caceres – the 'Roller Road'. We were not disappointed by seven Eurasian Rollers on telegraph wire mainly, near where nest boxes had been erected for them. Near the end we pulled off the road to have a last scan to be treated to a view of a nearby Lesser Kestrel. She was soon joined by a male who proceeded to mate with her, what a show! A fitting end to the day, we then drove back to Trujillo.

A short rest and freshen up before dinner took us down then into the Square for a pre-dinner drink. Crag Martins, Common Swifts and a pair of Pallid Swifts 'joined us'.

Day 3

Wednesday 3rd May

Today we were making for one of the premier bird watching sites in the whole of Spain: Monfrague National Park.

Our first stop about half way to the Park, was at a bridge over the Rio Almonte. Almost immediately on stopping, we heard Cetti's Warbler singing. And soon after, Nightingales. Atop a small tree we could see one of the Nightingales in full view. We could hear others and later were able to see a second singing in full view. Under the bridge, House Martins were nesting and a pair of Red-rumped Swallows swooped over the river. The before we left a Short-toed Snake-eagle soared over above 'kettling' Griffon and Black Vultures. In the morning light as it came nearer, we could pick out all the features on this impressive bird.

Entering the park, we made straight for Pena Falcon and parked the vehicles. The group were enthralled by the number and close views of the Griffon Vultures that breed on the huge cliff here. Pete soon had the group up to a viewpoint with his telescope trained on a Black Stork nest with an adult and tiny young. From that same point we then saw Blue Rock Thrush in song with a few feet away from him a Rock Bunting in song. High on the pinnacle that is Salto Gitano, a Raven stood and as we looked, a Peregrine flew up above it and wheeled around for some time while we watched. Before we moved on Matthew spotted one then another Egyptian Vulture.

We drove a mile or so up the road then to the bridge over the Rio Tietar. We parked up and walked down onto the bridge admiring the many hundreds of House Martins nesting below the bridge. After a bit of a wait and some very fleeting views the group all got to see our largest swift the Alpine Swift. Three birds swooped around over the water a few metres below.

On then, for lunch at the small village of Villareal de San Carlos. At the shady picnic site, we were serenaded by Blue Rock Thrush from roof tops and a television aerial – not what one expects from this species!

Nearby we could hear Golden Oriole. A pair showed briefly then disappeared behind a large tree. Pete took some of the group down to try for them again and they were then treated to the pair flying out and down the valley, a fabulous sight.

After lunch we drove on to the Tietar Dam and up to a small area of pines, A small number of Red Deer were feeding here, but the birds were quiet. One Sardinian Warbler showed briefly. We did see a Common Swallowtail butterfly, Clouded Yellow, Meadow Brown and Small Copper. It was time then for our journey back.

Day 4

Thursday 4th May

Today we had an early morning trip to the Santa Marta Plains arriving in time for dawn breaking.

Already the Calandra Larks were in the air singing. Our first birds were White Stork and a pair of Mallards on a pond. Then some excitement about a 'bustard' in flight turned out to be an Egyptian Goose! Next was a Common Buzzard on a distant fence and then our first Black-bellied Sandgrouse; five flew past quickly but quite near to the group. After a couple of Gadwall landed on the pond and the sun was getting high on the ridge, we decided there would be no Bustard Lek today – perhaps too late in the season. So we moved along the track.

At our next stop there were two distant harriers. Then Pete spotted a Great Bustard flying low over the horizon. It was soon joined high above by two then a third Little Bustard. There followed several Black-bellied Sandgrouse in twos and threes. One group landing in just about telescope view.

After some time spent scanning with Hoopoe and Cuckoo calling beyond our sight, we started back along the bumpy track. At one stop to scan the countryside Pete spotted a male Great Bustard on a ridge only about 400 metres distant. We got our telescopes on the bird and as a cloud past and the haze lifted we got some fine views. In the distance close to a group of Danish Birders we saw three sandgrouse fly in and land near the pond. We were later to discover we had watched three Pin-tailed Sandgrouse. Our last stop before heading back for a big, late breakfast, was for a male Cuckoo sitting on the fence next to the track. It flew down onto the verge and came up with a Great Green Bush-cricket which it sat on the fence and devoured.

After breakfast most of the group took the chance to explore the ancient lanes and buildings of Trujillo from our central base. We met again just before three for a drive a few miles South-east to a shady track near Vina del Torres.

We had barely turned into the entrance lane when two Hoopoes flew up right next to us. One of them stood on a low wall before dropping to the ground and spreading its wings, sunning or potentially ‘anting’ – a practice sometime used by birds to rid themselves of feather mites.

Along the partly shaded track, Sardinian Warblers were singing; but we had to wait until our return to get good views. Corn Buntings were singing very close at the lane side, plus Stonechats and we saw more Hoopoes. A Golden Oriole was in song in the edge of woodland fifty metres or less away and eventually many of the group got to see him. It was then that we saw the first of several Iberian Magpies. Close and closer some were flying very near and one spotted in a small tree where several group members got memorable photographs.

The flowery edges of the track provided some lovely butterflies including Meadow Browns, Small Copper and two Iberian Marbled White butterflies.

Back at the vans Pete and Matthew had produced a light tea – bread, cheese, pickles, fruit and cakes, plus juices and wines for those who chose. In the meantime, we were virtually surrounded by the attractive Iberian Magpies and an obliging male Stonechat. Too soon it was time to drive back to our hotel.

Day 5

Friday 5th May

Today we drove South-east from Trujillo towards our destination at Embalse Alcollarin. We stopped on the way for coffee at the small town of Zorita.

At the embalse we first walked the dam wall. From here we could see numerous Great Crested Grebes and a few Gadwall on the water below. On the landward side we could hear Nightingales and Cetti’s Warbler singing and two Lesser Kestrels were giving us a display. Then a call went up of eagle! In the sky we identified immature Imperial Eagle, our third Imperial Eagle of the trip. Before we strolled back to the vans everyone had some fine views of Bee-eaters perched and saw the Spanish Pond Turtles near the reservoir outlet.

We then drove alongside of the large reservoir to a shady picnic site, seeing Little Egret, Iberian Grey Shrike and Woodchat Shrike on the way.

At the picnic site we first scanned the small upper reservoir. In the small sedge bed beside the reservoir a Great reed Warbler was occasionally in song and some of the group got glimpses of him. Below the small dam we spotted Melodious Warbler, managing to get telescope views and also a Sardinian Warbler showed. Two Purple Herons and White Storks were nesting in the waterside vegetation. Before lunch we were treated to a show. As a male Western Marsh Harrier battled in the sky with a Black Kite, it was joined briefly by a pair of Iberian Magpies.

At lunch we could hear the Little Grebes we had seen earlier 'singing', along with Nightingale and Cetti's Warbler. After lunch below the dam at the water's edge we could see Black-winged Stilts and at one time there were Little Egret, Great Egret and a Grey Heron, in the same telescope view. A group of nine Spoonbills had flown over us earlier. We now picked them up at the water's edge, unfortunately all resting with their heads tucked neatly under their wings.

We then drove more of the edge of the large Reservoir only coming up with Great Cormorant before returning and taking the last part of today's tour: the Campo Lugar road.

We drove the main road through wheat fields and meadows then back around to the old Campo Lugar road now very potholed but still driveable. We eventually managed to pick up one second summer male Montagu's Harrier. Before we reached Alcollarin again, we came into a stand of tall Eucalyptus Trees, our voices almost drowned by the chatter of Spanish Sparrows whose nests could be seen in the trees. A few minutes was spent enjoying this spectacle and a Common Swallowtail butterfly added a little more beauty to the scene. Then back to the hotel.

Day 6

Saturday 6th May

Today we set out a little early for a drive out across the Plains of Belen just a few miles outside Trujillo. It was a warm morning but with a lovely cooling breeze. It was not long before we picked out one, then two more Great Bustards, soon also another. Views were fairly good through the telescopes as no significant haze was present yet. A little further on we got good views of Hoopoe and of a Little Owl stood on a rock pile.

At a crossroads we scanned the plains. Black Kite were numerous, perched on fence posts and in the air and one Red kite flew over us. We moved on down one of the tracks stopping for a walk near to a little old house and garden. We strolled along the small lane with open scrubby grassland either side. Iberian Shrike was our first bird, close views of this were obtained and of the Woodchat Shrike a little further on. Then a Hoopoe caught our eyes before turning back towards the vans. Pete saw a movement to one side and got his binoculars on the star of the morning; a Great spotted Cuckoo. The bird was hopping around the bushes only about thirty metres away and we all got a good look. After it flew we continued on only to be surprised by another that flew across in front of and then past us. Great flight views of this bird.

On then along a stony track to the small town of Torrecillas de la Tiesa. Here we had coffee and a picnic in the square. After, we continued on the road across the plains towards the town of Delietosa. After a very large Solar Farm, Matthew in the leading vehicle came on the radio to say they had seen a feeding group of vultures. Up ahead was a pull-in off the road where we parked to watch the developing spectacle. At one point on the ground and in

the air there were more than 100 Griffon Vultures and probably rather more. We counted up to twelve Cinereous Vultures and four Egyptian Vultures including: an adult, two second year birds and a juvenile. Also in attendance were many Black Kites and a Red Kite. Eventually we dragged ourselves away as the action slowed.

Our last stop was at a crossing of the Rio Almonte. It was a pretty spot beside the river where we pulled over under the shade of the Cork Oaks. Crag Martins and Red-rumped Swallows were breeding under the bridge. Bee-eaters were hunting around and a few perched to let us admire their beautiful 'exotic' plumage. In the trees we found Blue Tit, Great Tit and Long-tailed Tits. A Nightingale and Cetti's Warbler were both, as usual, singing from the depth of bushes before we made our way back to our base.

Day 7

Sunday 7th May

Our last full day took us up the motorway half an hour towards Madrid where we pulled off near the town of Almaraz and drove the road to the little town of Saucedilla, our site for the morning. We stopped on the way to overlook part of the large wetland reserve here: Arrocampo Reserve. At this stop we picked up Cattle, Little and Great Egrets. Reed and Savi's Warbler were both in song but flighty and Zitting Cisticolas were in bouncy flight around us. A couple of Black-crowned Night-Herons flew over and then a flock of seven Glossy Ibis.

On then for coffee at Saucedilla, before walking only a hundred metres into the Reserve. We stopped here and scanned the sedge beds. First to show were Little Bittern. Reed Warblers could be seen at the waters edge. Two of the group heard the unmistakable call of Bearded Reedling (seen a little earlier in the week by some Dutch Birders). Purple Herons could be seen dropping into the beds where they undoubtedly nested.

We then moved on to another part of the reserve next to a hide. From the ramp we found a Eurasian Spoonbill and nearby a Purple Swamphen. However, within a few minutes Matthew had spotted a close pair with two young. These Purple Swamphen were close enough for some good photographs and excellent telescope views.

After this excitement we moved on to the furthest hide in this area. Here we could see Gull-billed Terns on the low dam wall. Now we moved back along the track to a picnic area for lunch.

After lunch, we took a different route back, heading for our second visit to Monfrague National park. Inside the park, we stopped at a little bridge where several Nightingales were announcing their territories with song, on the quiet road this was a delight. On another stop beside the Rio Tietar, a Blue Rock Thrush was in song and Griffon Vultures soared around us. Our last stop was at a cliff viewpoint where Griffon Vultures could be easily seen with chicks in the nest. Then Pete and Matthew heard a drumming of a woodpecker. Some of the group picked up a woodpecker in a small tree. It called and immediately the leaders shouted "Lesser Spotted Woodpecker!" The bird thereafter gave us a great show as it toured the little trees around us searching the bark for food. It was a great end to the day and with the afternoon drawing to a close we made for Trujillo for our last night.

Before dinner we had a last group gathering at a bar overlooking the square. Then it was a farewell dinner and bed.

Day 8

Monday 8th May

On our final day we took breakfast early and then set off for Madrid. We stopped after about half an hour for coffee at Saucedilla and to take a quick look again at the beginning of the Arrocampo Reserve. It was not long before the Little Bitterns were showing and standing atop the sedge allowing great views. Then a lone Purple Swamphen showed at the water's edge, slowly swam across the canal and started to feed within 25 or so metres away. It was a fabulous view, and a few shots were taken by the group members and leaders!

Pete and Matthew drove the vans back to the main roads while others strolled back. These lucky ones came across a Squacco Heron on the canal, getting stunning views of this increasingly rare species. After a visit to the cafe, we made our way back to the motorway and off to get into Madrid airport in ample time for our flights. We said our goodbyes to those staying on got a few days then made our way through security. The flight was more or less on time, and we were on our way home after a really great trip.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

N=Near-endemic I=Introduced		May 2023						
Common name	Scientific name	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Egyptian Goose - I	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		✓	✓	✓			
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>							
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓	✓	✓			
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>							
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>							
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		✓					
Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>							
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓					
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>			✓				
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>			✓				
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>					✓		
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H		H	H	H	
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>		H	✓				
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	✓		✓				
Rock Dove	<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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>							
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓			✓		✓	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓
Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>						✓	✓
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 oedicnemus</i>							
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓	✓		✓	
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>							
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>							
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>							
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>							
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>							
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>							
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>							
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>						✓	
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>							
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>							

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Common name	Scientific name	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						✓	
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓		✓		✓	
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				✓		✓	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>						✓	✓
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						✓	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</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>				✓		✓	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>				✓		✓	
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	✓	✓			✓		
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>							
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 - N	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>	✓			✓			
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>							
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>							
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>							
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			✓		✓		
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>							
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>							
Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>							
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	✓			✓			
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓	✓	✓	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>							
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>						✓	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>							
Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>							
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			✓		✓		
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>							
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓					
Monk Parakeet - I	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>							
Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	

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Common name	Scientific name	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓			✓		
Iberian Magpie - N	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>							
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>				✓	✓	✓	
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>							
European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>							
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			H	✓	✓	✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>							
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	✓	✓					
Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>							
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>							
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	✓		✓		✓		
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</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
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓		
Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>							
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>							
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				✓			
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						✓	✓
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>				✓			
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>						✓	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H					
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>							
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Currucula melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓
Western Subalpine Warbler	<i>Currucula iberiae</i>							
Common Whitethroat	<i>Currucula communis</i>							
Dartford Warbler	<i>Currucula undata</i>							
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>							
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>							
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>							
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>							
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>							
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>							
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	✓	H	H	H	H	

N=Near-endemic I=Introduced		May 2023						
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Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>							
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		✓				✓	
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>							
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>							
Western Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>							
Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>							
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>							
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓				✓		
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Waxbill - I	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>				✓			
Red Avadavat - I	<i>Amandava amandava</i>							
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>							
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>							✓
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>					✓		
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>							
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓		H	✓	✓	
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>							
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓		H	✓	✓	
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>							

Mammals

		May 2023						
Common name	Scientific name	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
West European Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>							
Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>							
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>							
European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>							
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		✓			✓		
Granada Hare - N	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>					✓		
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>						✓	✓
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	✓		✓				
Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>			✓				

Reptiles & Amphibians

Common name	Scientific name	May 2023						
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Iberian Water frog - N	<i>Rana iberica</i>	H	H		✓	H		
Viperine Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>					✓		
Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>							
Ocellated Lizard	<i>Lacerta lepida</i>							
Large Psammadromus	<i>Psammadromus algirus</i>	✓	✓					
Spanish Pond Turtle	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Ladder Snake	<i>Zamenis scalaris</i>	RK						
Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis siculus</i>	✓		✓				

Others

		May 2023							
Common name		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Butterflies & Moths									
Large White		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Small white		✓	✓		✓				
Iberian Marbled white					✓				
Common Swallowtail							✓		
Cleopatra			✓		✓				
Western Dappled White		✓							
Red Admiral					✓				
Meadow Brown		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Small Heath		✓		✓					
Iberian gatekeeper				✓					
Small Copper		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
False Ilex hairstreak			✓						
Holly Blue			✓	✓	✓				
Common Blue				✓					
Lang's Short-tailed Blue									
Purple barred Yellow			✓	✓					
Dwarf Cream wave				✓					
Striped Hawkmoth			✓						
Hummingbird Hawkmoth				✓	✓				
Dragonflies & Damselflies									
Northern Banded Groundling							✓		
Violet Dropwing						✓			
Scarlet Darter						✓			
Emporer Dragonfly						✓			

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Common name		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Other Insects					✓			
Red-striped Oli Beetle			✓		✓			
Egyptian Grasshopper			✓					
Great Green Bush Cricket							✓	