

# Go Slow in Extremadura

Naturetrek Tour Report

6th – 13th May 2026

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Cinereous Vulture



Black Stork



Little Bittern



Iberian Grey Shrike

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## Day 1

Wednesday 6th May

### Transfer day from Seville to Almoharín

Our flight from Gatwick landed in Seville on a pleasant sunny afternoon. Pallid Swifts swarmed around the airport buildings. We picked up the vans and drove 250km north to our hotel near the village of Almoharin, making a quick rest stop en route.

Our route took us north of Seville, over the Rio Guadalquivir, and then north through the spectacular hills of the Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche Natural Park. Leaving Andalucia, we descended onto the plains of Extremadura. We witnessed the landscape changing as we drove north, and started seeing some birds of note, most obviously plentiful White Storks.

We were welcomed by Iva and Paul, our hosts for the week, and settled down to a nice evening meal, and to discuss the week ahead.

## Day 2

Thursday 7th May

### Santa Marta de Magasca – Llanos de Cáceres

Given the forecast for the coming days, we made a slightly “faster” start to this “Go Slow” tour than we normally would, in order to take advantage of the first couple of days of good weather. We set off north to the plains west of Trujillo. Centuries of agricultural activity have created an area of ‘pseudosteppe’ habitat across central Spain. Farmed for cereals and grazed, these traditional agricultural landscapes have support an avifauna more typical of true steppe grassland habitats. Our targets this morning were these species. We quickly became familiar with the abundant Calandra and Crested Larks (subspecies *pallida*) and Corn Buntings, which dominated the soundscape of the plains. We also had our first view of Spanish Sparrow, perched on a fence beside the road. Overhead, a variety of raptors soared, most obviously Griffon Vultures and Black Kites. We also had good looks at several flying Pin-tailed Sandgrouse.

A coffee stop in Santa Marta de Magasca was followed by a visit to the nearby river. Here, we enjoyed fabulous views of four species of hirundines, particularly Crag Martins and Red-rumped Swallows. Several Spanish Terrapins were sunning themselves on the sides of the stream, and a single Nightingale was seen briefly, but heard wonderfully.

Another area of steppe gave us more of the same birds we had seen, and while we heard two Little Bustards, we were unable to locate them in the tall grass. We then headed to buy some lunch and enjoyed a picnic in the village of Santa Marta de Magasca.

We spent an hour after lunch checking an area of steppe west of the village, seeing several Rollers, a couple of Little Owls and several Lesser Kestrels, all of which nest in boxes here. The Rollers were particularly popular, with many photos taken. A dark phase male Montagu’s Harrier gave a good view for Rob’s van.

We headed back to the hotel, where some brave souls used the swimming pool, despite it being a cool afternoon. A pair of Bonelli's Eagles appeared, a sight that would become a daily one, suggesting that they were probably nesting nearby.

## Day 3

Friday 8th May

### Monfragüe National Park – Arrocampo

Monfragüe National Park is located along the Sierra de Corchuelas, where the Río Tajo cuts through ancient rocks, creating some spectacular scenery with impressive cliffs, which are nesting sites for many raptors. The area was also of importance to ancient peoples, having been used since prehistoric times as a strategic location.

We started out around Monfragüe castle. The Mediterranean woodland gave us good looks at a singing male Serin. A Lesser Spotted Woodpecker flew over, and we saw and heard a couple of Hawfinches. A Short-toed Treecreeper was singing and seen a few times feeding on Cork Oaks. Overhead, a steady stream of Griffon Vultures was complemented by smaller numbers of Cinereous Vultures, while several Black Storks flew by. The mixed hirundines were joined by up to four White-rumped Swifts, and we all finally got decent looks at these fast-flying birds. A pair of Black Redstarts of the smart *gibraltariensis* subspecies were watched exploring a cleft in the rock face above us.

The fabulous cliffs of Peñafalcon were our next stop. We enjoyed scope views of Black Storks allopreeening on the nest. Many of the Griffon Vultures had chicks. A female *brookei* Peregrine was repeated flying around the cliff and calling, and we enjoyed scope views when it perched. A Red Deer stag of the *hispanicus* subspecies was grazing a meadow beside the cliff. On our side of the Tajo River, we watched a Rock Bunting carrying nest material, and a fabulous singing Blue Rock Thrush.

We made a stop at the bridge over the Tajo and glimpsed a couple of Alpine Swifts. The woodland here gave us our only Robin of the trip, but of more interest was a Hawfinch drinking at a puddle. After a coffee stop in Vilarreal de San Carlos, where we watched a singing Thekla's Lark in the car park, we headed to Portillo de Tietar for lunch. We picnicked watching the cliffs opposite, and saw a couple of Egyptian Vultures and a Turtle Dove.

The Arrocampo Reservoir has become one of the premier wetland birding destinations in Extremadura. It was a quiet time of day when we called in, but we still enjoyed good views of both Squacco and Purple Herons. It was then time to head home for another wonderful dinner.

We ended the day with a short after-dinner walk near the lodge. As we gathered outside, a Short-toed Snake Eagle flew over, and we saw the two Bonelli's Eagles again over the ridge. We enjoyed seeing Venus and Jupiter as day turned into night. A Leisler's Noctule bat was flying overhead, but the highlight was undoubtedly a pair of Red-necked Nightjars which flew around us for a couple of minutes, foraging and displaying. Their aerial vocalisations and wing-clapping were clearly audible as they were silhouetted against the dusk sky.

## Day 4

Saturday 9th May

### Campo Lugar – Alcollarín

We awoke to menacing skies and rumbles of thunder, so we took a leisurely breakfast before heading out to the steppes of Campo Lugar. It was cool and windy and raining intermittently, which meant that birding was slow, but we enjoyed some nice looks at multiple Hoopoes, two Black-bellied Sandgrouse, and a male Lesser Kestrel, close enough to see his diagnostic white claws! A surprise here was a flock of seven Ruddy Shelducks in flight.

We checked out the rice fields near Palazuelo; although we failed to find many waders (just a few Little Ringed Plovers), we did enjoy good looks at several *iberiae* Yellow Wagtails and a flock of Yellow-crowned Bishops. Perhaps the highlight was a nice fly-by from four Black-bellied Sandgrouse.

We headed to Alcollarín Reservoir for a picnic lunch, some of which was eaten in the vehicles when we were hit by a sudden shower. As we arrived, a flock of six Greylag Geese was a slight surprise. Fortunately, it stopped raining and the sun came out for a bit, allowing us a walk that resulted in hearing at least three calling Quails; despite the wind, we managed to get two brief views of one of them. A Melodious Warbler was also seen, and we enjoyed great looks at a Common Cuckoo. A Spotted Flycatcher also showed up near our picnic site. With the weather looking threatening again we headed back to the hotel and had a restful afternoon.

## Day 5

Sunday 10th May

### Alange – Medellín

It was still cold and wet this morning, so we headed to Alange, timing our arrival just as the rain stopped. About forty Alpine Swifts were seen very well, with the vantage point of the dam allowing close studies of these birds at, or even below eye-level. The cliffs held a pair of Black Wheatears, which gave good views and even sang, as well as more Blue Rock Thrushes and Rock Buntings. A Red-legged Partridge was located and scoped. Various herons were seen commuting over the reservoir, and we enjoyed good views of a few Gull-billed Terns.

Another rain shower coincided with a coffee shop at a local bar. It was easing again by the time we arrived in Medellín. Here we birded along the Guadiana River near the seventeenth-century bridge, and enjoyed our picnic lunch. We found a few Purple Swamphens, a pair of Tree Sparrows and a male Penduline Tit. Unfortunately, a cold, persistent wind made seeing the Great Reed Warbler or Golden Oriole we could hear impossible.

We returned to the hotel for an afternoon rest, before an optional return trip to the steppes of Campo Lugar. Here we were rewarded with four Great Bustards; all were seen well in flight, and one landed distantly, allowing scope views as it walked through a barley field. We also found two Montagu's Harriers and perched Little Owl. An Egyptian Mongoose dashed across the road in front of Rob's van.

## Day 6

Monday 11th May

### Santa Marta de Magasca – vulture hide at Santiago del Campo

We started the day back on the steppe at Santa Marta de Magasca, and soon found our target: an adult Spanish Imperial Eagle. It was flying, but allowed most people to get scope views as it slowly headed towards us. We then enjoyed more views of some of the steppe birds, and a coffee stop.

We arrived at the vulture hide in time for our lunch, and enjoyed fabulous views of up to eighty Griffon Vultures, ten Cinereous Vultures, and over twenty Black Kites feeding just metres away. The Cinereous Vultures were particularly fabulous, and we had several full adults in view, allowing us to appreciate their pink and blue bill bases, bizarre neck feathering, including the erectable ruff feathers, and their deliciously pink feet.

Having had several longish days, we headed back to the hotel for an afternoon of leisure at the hotel. Several people who sat out in the garden become borderline obsessed with the goings on at the Barbary Harvester Ant colony! In the evening, we walked out to see the Red-necked Nightjars, again and also picked up a couple of new bat species.

## Day 7

Tuesday 12th May

### Arrocampo reservoir and surrounds – Trujillo – Campo Lugar

The highlight of the early morning, and undoubtedly moth of the week, was a Death's-head Hawkmoth on the wall of the hotel! An earlyish start saw us arriving at Arrocampo Reservoir in good time to see several Little Bitterns, with scope views of a feeding female, and a male perched high in the reeds. Marcus picked up a singing Savi's Warbler, which we all saw through the scope, and we finally got decent looks at a Cetti's Warbler.

We arrived at our next site just in time for a torrential downpour, so most people waited in the vehicles while Rob and Marcus scouted the area. When the rain stopped, we enjoyed brief scope views of an Eagle-Owl chick, perched in front of a small cave in a cliff. The viewing angle was difficult and it only stayed for a couple of minutes, before deciding it did not like the weather and heading into its cozy cave. A brief stop on a ridge gave us looks at several Western Subalpine Warblers and a Woodlark. After a coffee, we headed to a picnic spot where we managed to see Dartford Warbler and to catch glimpses of a couple of Spectacled Warblers.

We spent some time visiting the historic town of Trujillo, birthplace of Francisco Pizarro, and substantially revamped with the proceeds of his conquest of Perú. The fabulous buildings and impressive statues were complemented by the nesting White Storks and Pallid Swifts.

Some opted to head back to the hotel and have some relaxation time, while others headed for Campo Lugar again, where we were successful in finally getting to see a Little Bustard. We enjoyed watching one feeding and displaying through the scope. We also had more views of Lesser Kestrels, a female Montagu's Harrier, and a few Rollers: it was a great end to what had been a challenging (weather-wise) but successful week. We headed back for a wonderful final dinner.

## Day 8

Wednesday 13th May

### Transfer day Almoharín – Seville

After a leisurely breakfast, we said our goodbyes to Iva and Paul, and headed towards Seville. We made two birding stops, picking up Iberian Green Woodpecker at the first and a wonderful Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin at the second. Some in Rob's van also saw a Black-winged Kite along the motorway. We arrived at Seville in good time for check-in, and to get a snack. Most flew back to the UK, but Rob headed north to meet another group, so we said our goodbyes here.

It had been a successful tour despite the slightly challenging and highly-unseasonal weather conditions. We had ended up recording 139 species of birds, seven mammals, two amphibians, four reptiles, twelve butterflies, three dragonflies, a load of moths and many interesting plants.

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## Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

N=near-endemic, I=introduced	Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Egyptian Goose - I	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				✓				
	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓		✓				
	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		H		✓	H	H	H	
	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>		H	✓			✓		
	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			✓		✓			
	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓						✓	✓
	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>			✓					
	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>		✓			✓			
	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>		H					✓	
	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>						✓		
	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	H	✓	H	H	H	H
	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>		✓				✓		
	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>		H		✓	✓			
	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			✓		✓			
	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	✓		✓	H				
	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			H				H	
	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				✓	✓			✓
	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓				✓
	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>			H		✓		✓	
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓		✓		✓		
	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				✓	✓			✓
	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓		✓			
	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							✓	
	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Thinornis dubius</i>				✓				
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓		H	
	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					✓		✓	
	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>Botaurus minutus</i>							✓	
	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					✓		✓	
	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			✓				✓	
	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea 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>			✓			✓		

N=near-endemic, I=introduced	Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
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	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>						✓		
	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</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>						H		
	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>							✓	
	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>			✓					
	Iberian Green Woodpecker - N	<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	H			H
	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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
	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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis rufula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	H	H	H		2	H
	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			H					
	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			✓					

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Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					H		H	
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			✓	H	✓		H	
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>			✓	✓	H		H	
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>			H				✓	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca iberiae</i>							✓	
Dartford Warbler	<i>Curruca undata</i>							✓	
Spectacled Warbler	<i>Curruca conspicillata</i>							✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			✓				H	
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓					
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				✓				
Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>								✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓					
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	✓	✓	H	H	H	H	H
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓			✓		
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			H					
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			✓		✓		✓	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>							✓	
Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>					✓			
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				✓	✓			
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓				✓		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-crowned Bishop - I	<i>Euplectes afer</i>				✓				
Common Waxbill - I	<i>Estrilda astrild</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>			✓	✓				
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			✓					✓
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>			✓	H	✓			

## Mammals

		May 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Noctule	<i>Nyctalus noctula</i>						✓		
Leisler's Noctule	<i>Nyctalus leisleri</i>			✓					
Kuhl's Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus kuhlii</i>						✓		

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			✓					
Egyptian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>		✓		✓				
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		✓	✓					

## Amphibians & reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Natterjack Toad	<i>Epidalea calamita</i>				✓				
Iberian Stream Frog	<i>Rana iberica</i>		H						
Large Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus algirus</i>			✓	✓				
Ocellated Lizard	<i>Timon lepidus</i>	✓							
Spanish Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanicus</i>				✓		✓		
Spanish Terrapin	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>		✓			✓			

## Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>			✓		✓			
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>							✓	
Western Dappled White	<i>Euchloe crameri</i>		✓		✓				
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>							✓	
Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium ilicis</i>			✓			✓	✓	
Southern Brown Argus	<i>Aricia cramera</i>							✓	
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>					✓		✓	✓
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>							✓	
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓				✓	
Southern Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia cecilia</i>							✓	
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina hispulla</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓

## Moths

Common name	Scientific name
Pale Shoulder	<i>Acontia lucida</i>
Oak Yellow Underwing	<i>Catocala nymphagoga</i>
Grey Tortrix	<i>Cnephasia stephensiana</i>
a micro moth	<i>Chrysocrenbus dentuellus</i>
Bee Moth	<i>Aphomia sociella</i>
Thistle Ermine	<i>Myelois circumvoluta</i>
Scarce Crimson & Gold	<i>Pyrausta sanguinalis</i>
Death's Head Hawk-moth	<i>Acherontia atropos</i>
Striped Hawk-moth	<i>Hyles livornica</i>
Bright Wave	<i>Idaea ochrata</i>
Least Carpet	<i>Idaea rusticata</i>
Dwarf Cream Wave	<i>Idaea fuscovenosa</i>
Portland Ribbon Wave	<i>Idaea degeneraria</i>
Tawny Wave	<i>Scopula rubiginata</i>
Purple Banded Wave	<i>Idaea ostrinaria</i>
Delightful Marbled	<i>Odice jucunda</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Brassy Waved Umber	<i>Menophra japygiaria</i>
a geometrid	<i>Adactylotis gesticularia</i>
a geometrid	<i>Idaea longaria</i>
a geometrid	<i>Nebula ibericata</i>
Foxglove Pug	<i>Eupithecia pulchellata</i>
Brindled Beauty (caterpillar)	<i>Lycia hirtaria</i>
Lydd Beauty	<i>Peribatodes ilicaria</i>
Annulet	<i>Charissa obscurata</i>
Coppery Taupe	<i>Charissa mucidaria</i>
Yellow Belle	<i>Aspitates ochrearia</i>
Common Emerald	<i>Hemithea aestivaria</i>
Jersey Emerald	<i>Pseudoterpna coronillaria</i>
Cream Spot Tiger	<i>Arctia villica</i>
Speckled Footman	<i>Coscinia cribraria</i>
Scarce Footman	<i>Eilema complana</i>
Blackneck	<i>Lygephila pastinum</i>
Beautiful Hook-tip	<i>Laspeyria flexula</i>
Four-spotted	<i>Tyta luctuosa</i>
Small Mottled Willow	<i>Spodoptera exigua</i>
Clancy's Rustic	<i>Caradrina kadenii</i>
Vines Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina ambigua</i>
Barrett's Marbled Coronet	<i>Conisania andalusica</i>
Antirrhinum Brocade	<i>Calophasia platyptera</i>
The Delicate	<i>Mythimna vitellina</i>
a noctuid	<i>Cleonymia baetica</i>
a noctuid	<i>Cleonymia yvanii</i>
a noctuid	<i>Hecatera weissii</i>
an erebid	<i>Eublemma polygramma</i>
The Green Drab	<i>Ophiusa tirhaca</i>
Garlic Borer	<i>Dyspessa ulula</i>
an owlet moth	<i>Metopoceras felicina</i>

## Damselflies & dragonflies

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
a bluetail	<i>Ischnura</i> sp.					✓			
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>		✓						
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓						

## Other invertebrates

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Conehead Mantis	<i>Empusa pennata</i>				✓				✓
Barbary Harvester Ant	<i>Messor barbarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Four-spotted Blisterbeetle	<i>Mylabris quadripunctata</i>				✓				
a beetle	<i>Nustera distigma</i>			✓					
Red-striped Oil Beetle	<i>Berberomeloe majalis</i>	✓			✓			✓	
Jumping Spider	<i>Euophrys sulphurea</i>			✓					

## Selected plants

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bear's Breech	<i>Acanthus mollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mediterranean Linseed	<i>Bellardia triage</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Moroccan Chamomile	<i>Cladanthus mixes</i>	✓		✓			✓		
Wild Carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Spanish Peaks Foxglove	<i>Digitalis thapsi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purple Viper's-Bugloss	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Narrow-leaved Ash	<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boar Thistle	<i>Galactites tomentosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sheep's-Bit	<i>Jasmine montana</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ballast Toadflax	<i>Linaria spartea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Narrow-leaved Lupine	<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smaller Tree Mallow	<i>Malva multiflora</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stone Pine	<i>Pinus pinna</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holm Oak	<i>Quercus rotundifolia ballota</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cork Oak	<i>Quercus suber</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow Bridal Broom	<i>Retama sphaerocarpa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mediterranean Catchfly	<i>Silene colorata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sweet Scabious	<i>Sixalix atropurpurea</i>							✓	
Starry Clover	<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>							✓	
Wall Pennywort	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>							✓	