

Go Slow ... in Andalusia

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Migrating White Stork



Red-necked Nightjar



Tarifa Harbour and Castle



Long-finned Pilot Whale

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Summary

This seven-day laidback exploration of the fascinating wildlife of the Straits of Gibraltar is timed to coincide with the area's spectacular autumn migration event, and it certainly didn't disappoint. From the tranquil surroundings of our base at Huerta Grande Eco-lodge near Tarifa, we were treated to stunning views of migrating raptors simply by looking up from the bar or pool! As the group arrived, a huge migration bottleneck had been building up over several days, and raptors and other soaring birds, including Booted and Short-toed Eagles, European Honey Buzzards, Black Kites, Griffon and Egyptian Vultures and White and Black Storks literally filled the sky as they waited in the Spanish 'departure lounge' for their opportunity to cross the Straits. On our cetacean-watching boat trip, this lucky group had breath-taking close-up encounters with Bottle-nosed and Common Dolphins, as well as a social group of Long-finned Pilot Whales who interacted with the boat for nearly an hour!

Other highlights of mountain, farmland, wetland, inter-tidal habitat and cork oak forest included a Bonelli's Eagle attacking Booted Eagles, Northern Bald Ibis, Blue Rock Thrushes, Firecrests, Short-toed Treecreepers, Crested Tit, Kentish Plover, Greater Flamingoes, Audouin's Gulls, and Cory's and Balearic Shearwaters. As well as being treated to some spectacular migration and cetacean events, the group enjoyed relaxed days in perfect weather, taking in all the gorgeous wildlife, scenery, culture and cuisine Southern Andalucía has to offer..

Day 1

Thursday 27th September

The group arrived on the afternoon flight from Heathrow and were met at Gibraltar airport by Simon and Niki, who had already gathered Ruth and Glynn and were eager to show everyone the delights of the Straits! We made the short 30-minute journey to Huerta Grande, our eco-lodge base, enjoying views of dozens of White Storks circling over Algeciras Bay, as well as many individual Booted Eagles drifting up and down the coast. Afternoon tea awaited us on arrival at the cosy reception area in a clearing in the woods, featuring selection of nibbles and some very generous G&Ts. While 'bag fairies' Simon and Niki whisked luggage away to rooms and woodland cabins, the group enjoyed the sounds of Short-toed Treecreepers and Firecrests in the nearby Cork Oaks, while looking out for Crested Tits on the bird-feeders.

There was time to settle in and enjoy the tranquil surroundings before our first three-course evening meal, which throughout the week would feature light, fresh, original dishes based on authentic Andaluz summer cuisine. We enjoyed a refreshing leaf salad with peach and truffle, followed by Juan Carlos's mouth-watering homemade pasta, which needed no further adornment than his tasty homemade pesto sauce! A huge slice of juicy local watermelon rounded off the meal, and we took our wine outside to continue chatting in the warm night air.

Day 2

Friday 28th September

Recently there had been many days of unrelenting *levante* or easterly winds, meaning that the group had arrived into the middle of a real migration bottleneck. In a crosswind, large soaring birds struggle to cross the Straits to Africa, so the conditions were preventing their onward journey and whipping up a lot of activity from frustrated raptors stuck in the Spanish 'departure lounge'! At Cazalla raptor watchpoint, we could look down over the whole sweep of Tarifa Bay picking up Booted and Short-toed Eagles hanging in the wind. Local knowledge of

how wind conditions affect bird movements is essential in the Straits, in order to ensure close encounters with migrating raptors. After gaging the conditions, we headed down a little closer to the coast.

The decision was the right one, and we were able to view dozens of Booted and Short-toed Eagles, riding the wind just feet over our heads. A Black Stork and an adult Egyptian Vulture appeared together, rare monochrome beauty hanging so low in front of us it felt like you could almost touch it! Heading further down the track, we found several Thekla Larks feeding in a pasture field, interspersed by a flock of *flava* Yellow Wagtails, and a handsome Booted Eagle resting on a telegraph pole for us to admire. As we moved on towards our lunchtime stop, we paused for refreshments and the raptor encounters just kept on coming! Now Black Kites were flowing over our heads.

Up at La Peña raptor watchpoint, Niki and Simon prepared the first of the group's delicious picnic lunches while the group marvelled at the raptors drifting overhead. We were relaxing in the sun when suddenly a Bonelli's Eagle burst into view! As if that wasn't exciting enough, it proceeded to dive towards an unsuspecting Booted Eagle, and then another! It soared directly overhead, causing some to jettison their salads, before taking on yet another Booted Eagle! Just when we thought it was safe to return to our selection of cheeses, a flock of fifty Black Storks swirled by, while at ground level a Two-tailed Pasha butterfly swished past followed almost immediately by a Monarch.

Wine quaffed, cheeses consumed, and raptors nailed, we headed slowly back, pausing for a coffee and an ice cream at the Mirador del Estrecho café, where we could take in the stunning view across the Straits to Africa, just 14 kilometres away.

Day 3

Saturday 29th September

Today we headed west to the farmlands of La Janda – an area of farmland that used to be one of Spain's most important wetlands. Now used for the cultivation of rice and cotton, the wet fields and network of irrigation ditches mean that there are still many wetland birds to be found here, particularly during migration season.

We weren't disappointed! The sky was full of swirling masses of White Storks, with Black Storks in amongst them as well as Honey Buzzards and Booted Eagles. Every field seemed to be patrolled by its own Marsh Harrier, and the first of the winter's Hen Harriers also swept low over the fields. Farmland passerines were also numerous, and the group got their first views of Zitting Cisticolas and Yellow Wagtails. Amongst the noisy flocks of many thousands of Goldfinches, Corn Buntings and House Sparrows, we were able to pick out a few individuals who were clearly the product of Spanish x House Sparrow hybridisation with the bright white cheeks and streaky breasts of the Spanish Sparrow and the grey and brown caps of the House. Green Sandpipers peeped up and down the ditches. Banded Groundlings and Violet Dropwings danced around our feet and perched on vegetation, while the group got to grips with just why the common name of *Ecballium elaterium* is Squirting Cucumber! Further down the road, a stunning little Black-winged Kite flashed by and settled on an irrigation boom, giving us all decent scope views of this gorgeous little raptor.

Moving up the hill to the area of pastureland to the north of the farm, we made a stop for a very special bird! Peering into the undergrowth with our optics, and maintaining complete silence, we searched for several minutes before Niki let out the pre-arranged whistle to announce the bird had been found. There, completely

undisturbed in all its cryptic beauty, was a Red-necked Nightjar! This gorgeous bird remained completely unperturbed just metres from the road, while the group viewed it through scopes in silent glee. Not to be outdone though, Simon found a second bird, this one even closer and in full sunlight! A fantastic experience to see this bird so close but yet completely undisturbed, and one of the highlights of the trip for many.

Heading a little further up the track we took our picnic lunch in the shade of a farm building. Yet again a Bonelli's Eagle hove into view! This time, however, people were better prepared and mostly held on to their salad! Travelling out through the farm to emerge at the Benalup end, we found Wood Sandpipers and Black-winged Stilts on a small pool amongst many dozens of Glossy Ibis. On a stretch of telegraph wire, we found an Ortolan Bunting, an extremely uncommon sighting in these parts!

We wended our way back towards Huerta Grande through Las Alcornacales Natural Park – Europe's biggest Cork Oak forest. We stopped for our daily ice cream in a local café right in its heart, and our guides stocked up on some local delicacies for tomorrow's picnic as well as a wee surprise...

Tonight's meal again blended simplicity with the best quality ingredients and featured a local traditional dish known as *pisto*, a hearty tomato and pepper-based stew adorned with a perfectly-cooked poached egg and mopped up with *pan de Pelayo* – our village's local bread which is only produced in two bakeries in the world!

Day 4

Sunday 30th September

We made a later start today, taking a leisurely breakfast before heading west to Barbate, where an area of disused salt pans now provides a fantastic haven for wildlife.

We made a refreshment and comfort stop at a roadside petrol station, which soon became a birding stop as Honey Buzzards and Black Kites were leaving their roosts and pouring over our heads. In nearby pastureland, huge feeding flocks of Calandra Larks tumbled around, flashes of their black underwings making the flock appear to sparkle.

At Barbate, birding was rich indeed! Along the shores of these disused pans, we enjoyed great views of Common Ringed Plover, Sanderling, Common Greenshank and Redshank and Black-winged Stilt. Over 200 Greater Flamingoes and Eurasian Spoonbills fed in the shallow, food-rich water. Views of four wintering Stone-curlews were a real highlight, as were two Western Ospreys sitting on a perch... On the surrounding pastureland, we had views of Greater Short-toed and Calandra Lark amongst the Crested Larks.

We again enjoyed our picnic lunch in the field, savouring a selection of locally-produced cheeses and hams, salads, olives, allioli, Spanish omelette, crisps, freshly baked bread, fruits, cake, (and of course the mandatory chocolate!) seasoned with olive oil from a 1000-year-old tree and traditionally-produced salt from the Bay of Cadiz. Today we had not one but two birthdays in the group – Ruth and Juliet – so we took the opportunity to wash down our lunch with a glass of bubbly!

After lunch we worked our way further around the shores to find Audouin's gulls amongst the flocks of Yellow-legged Gulls. On the way back, we dropped in to a local golf course, a site we can visit by invitation only. The large amounts of irrigated grassland here attract a very special bird. As we drove up the track, we were thrilled to

catch two Northern Bald Ibis wandering nonchalantly across the driving range, as if completely unaware of their Critically Endangered status! The result of a successful reintroduction programme on nearby sea-cliffs, these birds are amongst the rarest in the world. With only a thousand left in the wild, seeing them is a privilege indeed. We made a sophisticated coffee stop in the clubhouse, then headed back to Huerta Grande, where we surprised the group with yesterday's sneakily acquired birthday cake for Ruth and Juliet! We toasted our birthday girls with another glass of *cava* before taking time to relax and maybe explore the grounds for those who were inclined to stretch their legs before dinner.

Day 5

Monday 1st October

After a number of breezy days, an eerie flat calm prevailed today - ideal conditions to take our boat trip. A mid-morning departure made for a leisurely start, and we enjoyed strolling down through Tarifa Old Town, where we picked up Common Bulbul calling - one of the unusual African quirks of the area.

We headed out of Tarifa harbour and immediately saw many Mediterranean Flying Fish, and huge bizarre Sunfish leaping out of the water. Soon we were out in the deeper part of the Straits, where there were Cory's and Balearic Shearwater and Northern Gannet. At least three Wilson's Storm Petrels also zipped by.

A sudden directional change let us know that the crew had spotted something, and soon we found ourselves amongst 50 or more Bottlenose Dolphins on the surface of the glassy sea. We had amazing views of these breath-taking creatures as they completely surrounded the boat. About 30 Common Dolphins sped by. We were also lucky enough to have an extraordinary prolonged encounter with a social group of around 10 Long-finned Pilot Whales, including a tiny calf which resembled a large rugby ball! They were extremely curious, and played all around the boat, approaching it repeatedly and even swimming right underneath us!

How do you follow such a brilliant, life-affirming boat trip? With an enormous, life-affirming *tapas* lunch! This spectacular spread featured many traditional Andaluz specialities, including manchego and tomato salad, potato *croquetas* with ham, cheese or spinach, prawns wrapped in potato 'pastry', oven-roast green pepper, *patatas bravas*, *tostadas* with tomato, and a vegetable quinoa salad, all washed down with wine, beer, fresh orange juice or perhaps a local sherry! In true Spanish style, we spent a leisurely two hours consuming our delicious lunch! But we still had plenty of time to stroll around the picturesque narrow streets of Tarifa's Moorish Old Town before returning to base.

For the remainder of the afternoon, the group had time to relax in the tranquil surroundings of Huerta Grande. For those that wished, Simon headed up to El Algorrobo watchpoint for a little extra fix of raptor action. Those that went were treated to another fantastic sighting of a Bonelli's Eagle, which earlier in the day had been seen killing and eating a Honey Buzzard! A Swallowtail butterfly also graced their extracurricular expedition.

Day 6

Tuesday 2nd October

The group got another leisurely start today, heading off after breakfast to the seaside town of Bolonia. On the way we made another stop at Cazalla raptor watchpoint. This is an important point from which to assess the wind and plan the day, and we were also lucky enough to encounter a good selection of early-rising raptors, testing the ever-diminishing *levante* for crossing possibilities.

On arrival in Bolonia, we went for mid-morning coffee, the terrace of our chosen café giving us great views out over Tarifa Bay, where we could scan for seabirds. We next headed up into the rocky hills behind Bolonia, where we stopped at the foot of a craggy cliff face – home to the area's largest colony of Griffon Vultures. Around 200 birds nest and roost here, and we were able to watch dozens of them at close hand, soaring over our heads and hissing and screeching at each other from their rockface perches. Many Crag and House Martins were whizzing around, and we could pick out Blue Rock Thrushes perched on the tops of the crags.

We also saw both juvenile and adult Egyptian Vultures and two Bonelli's Eagles – all while we savoured our picnic together in the shade of the hide. Up at the top of the hill, we took in the view over the sweep of Tarifa bay, looking down over the Roman ruins of Baelo Claudia and thinking of all the strong *levante* winds they had withstood over the many centuries!

Then it was time to head back and relax before our final three course meal. Chef Juan Carlos pulled out all the stops, feeding the group an Andaluz *gazpacho*, a delicious *paella* (a traditional Spanish dish of flavoured rice, named for the pan in which it is cooked) with chicken and vegetables and a superb homemade cheesecake. As we rounded off the meal with a glass of local dessert wine, we reminisced about our highlights of the trip, of which there were many!

Day 7

Wednesday 3rd October

Sadly, it was time to say goodbye, but the group's late afternoon flights meant we had time for one last excursion before heading back to the UK.

After breakfast and packing, we went up into the nearby hills to look not for a bird but for a special plant. *Drosophyllum lusitanicum* is a bizarre little carnivorous plant, endemic to the Iberian Peninsula and only present in this one area in Spain. The group enjoyed seeing its strange tufts of spiky leaves covered in sticky globules, with which it traps its prey.

We next headed down to the coast and explored the pastureland and intertidal habitat at Los Lances nature reserve. Here we could see Cory's Shearwater and Northern Gannet out to sea. A single Greater Flamingo grazed in the lagoon, alongside Bar-tailed Godwits, Grey Plover and a Whimbrel, while many Kentish and Common Ringed Plover, Sanderling and Dunlin scurried on the sands.

Then all too soon it was time to leave, so the group said goodbye to the team at Huerta Grande and were whisked away to Gibraltar airport.

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Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	September						
			27	28	29	30	1	2	3
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				1		1	✓
2	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			2		2		
3	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris borealis</i>					30+		✓
4	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>					4		
5	Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>					3		
6	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>				200+			1
7	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		60	20+		c.50	30	4
8	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	c.20		900+		2,000+	15	✓
9	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			300+				
10	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>					2		
11	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				4			
12	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			10+	15			2
14	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		1	15+	4+			3
15	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>					3		✓
16	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				2	1		1
17	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>			1				
18	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		5				2	
19	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		4	3	5	c.20	5+	3
20	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	5+	20+	10+	10+	1	70+	10
21	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	10+	200+	c.15	2	50+	10+	20
22	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	50+	400+	20+	10+	40+	5	10
23	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		1	1		1	2	
24	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	4	20+	10+	c.5	10+	10+	✓
25	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		3	30+	2	3		1
26	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			1				
27	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		1+					
28	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	2	76	20+	c.10		2	
29	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			2		1		
30	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			1				
31	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>				4			
32	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			3	20+			
33	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			30+				
34	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>							2
35	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				10+			50+
36	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>							20+
37	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			4				
38	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>							3
39	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>							1
40	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				3			1
41	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				3			
42	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			2				
43	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			2				
44	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>							2
45	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>				50+			✓
46	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>							4
47	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			1	10+			✓

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			27	28	29	30	1	2	3
48	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>				40+			10+
49	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓
51	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>						1	15+
52	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>				20+			
54	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				1			
55	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
57	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>			2				
58	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		1					
59	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		4			10+	3	
60	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			2	1			
61	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1	1			
62	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					1	1	1
63	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		6	10+		10+	4	3
64	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			2				
65	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>						1	
66	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						1	
67	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓
68	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			2	2		2	1
69	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	2	1	2	2	3	2	3
70	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
71	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>		4+				1	
73	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			✓	✓			✓
74	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				4+			2+
75	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>			1	50+			20+
76	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>						20+	
78	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		2		4		2	✓
79	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			4	2	1+	4	10+
80	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			2	1			1
81	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			1				
82	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			10+	4			5
83	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		2+	3	2	2+	✓	✓
85	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	2	4	3	2	4	3	2
86	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1	3	1	1	1	2	1
87	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>				1			
88	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	1	3	2	2		2	4
89	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		1+	2	4+	1	1	✓
91	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					1	2	
92	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	4	3	3+	1	1	2+	✓
93	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>						3	
94	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		2	✓	✓	2	✓	✓
95	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>							1
96	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>			1+				
98	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	2	10+	✓	30+			

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99	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1	1		4		1	✓
100	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			1			1	1
101	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>							2
102	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>				2	2	2	
104	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>					1		✓
105	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			20+				✓
106	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	2						3
108	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			30+	20+			20+
109	Oortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>			1				
110	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>						1	

Mammals

1	Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>					30+		
2	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>					50+		
3	Long-finned Pilot Whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>					c.10		
4	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			✓				

Insects

1	Southern Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Banded Groundling	<i>Brachythemis leucosticta</i>			✓				
3	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>			✓				
4	Violet Dropwing	<i>Trithemis annulata</i>			✓				
5	Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>						1	
6	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>					1		
7	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		1	2		1		
8	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>					1		
9	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		
11	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
12	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>				✓			
13	Two-Tailed Pasha	<i>Charaxes jasius</i>		1				1	
14	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>						1	
15	Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		✓					
16	Grayling	<i>Hipparchia semele</i>			✓		✓		
17	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		✓	✓				
18	Buff-tip	<i>Phalera bucephala</i>						1	
19	Vestal	<i>Rhodomestra sacraria</i>				✓			
20	Dorset Cream Wave	<i>Stegania trimaculata</i>			✓				
21	Red-flash Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>			✓				
22	Blue-flash Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caerulea</i>						✓	
23	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>				✓		✓	
24	Stick Mantis sp			✓					
25	Dung Beetle sp							✓	

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Mediterranean Tree Frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	1	
2	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarantola mauritanica</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
3	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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			27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	Iberian Pond Tortoise	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>			✓				

Fish

1	Mediterranean Flying Fish	<i>Cheilopogon heterurus</i>					✓		
2	Sunfish	<i>Mola mola</i>					✓		

Plants

1	Portugese Sundew	<i>Drosophyllum lusitanicum</i>							✓
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Greater Flamingo



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Red-rumped Swallow