

Go Slow ... in Andalusia in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

12 - 18 March 2019



Lesser Kestrel



Short-toed Snake Eagle



Northern Bald Ibis

Report by Niki Williamson
Images by Simon Tonkin



Naturetrek

Mingledown Barn

Wolf's Lane

Chawton

Alton

Hampshire

GU34 3HJ

UK

T: +44 (0)1962 733051

E: info@naturetrek.co.uk

W: www.naturetrek.co.uk

Tour participants: Simon Tonkin and Niki Williamson (leaders) with 14 Naturetrek clients.

Summary

The breathtaking spectacle of migration ran through this trip, filling our days with views of many hundreds of raptors arriving on the shores of Europe. Short-toed Eagles and Black Kites came in droves, often exhausted, always spectacular. As well as the huge wonder of it all, we experienced solitary struggles, like the solitary Goldfinch cheeping many miles from land as it sped towards Spain, or the lone Sparrowhawk fighting off seven Yellow-legged Gulls as it struggled to reach land.

Egyptian Vultures, Black Storks, Black-winged Kite and the wonderfully quirky Northern Bald Ibis provided further avian highlights, while our butterfly list included Swallowtail, Green Hairstreak, Cleopatra and Spanish Festoon and we were treated to an impromptu moth-trapping session by our friend and local expert, Dave Grundy.

As well as seabirds like Sandwich and Black Terns and Cory's Shearwaters, our boat trip aboard the plucky *Pirata* brought us Long-finned Pilot Whales and exuberant pods of Bottlenose and Striped Dolphins which swam right under the boat and surfed the waves behind us.

And all of this fitted into relaxing days with plenty of time for coffee and ice-cream stops, and free time to mooch around the historic town of Tarifa and enjoy the peaceful streams and woodlands of our rural eco-lodge base – a Go Slow experience with something for everyone!

Day 1

Tuesday 12th March

Simon and Niki greeted the group's late afternoon flight at Gibraltar airport and we were soon aboard the buses, across the border and travelling our way through the coastal conurbation of La Linea and Algeciras, admiring White Storks both in flight and atop their huge nests on many roadside structures.

Heading out into the wooded expanses of Los Alcornocales National Park, we soon reached our base at Huerta Grande, a beautiful rural eco-lodge set within seven acres of wooded grounds.

We were greeted by owner Katrin and the team, as well as Eurasian Siskins and Crested Tits on the bird feeders. Short-toed Treecreepers and Iberian Chiffchaffs called and sang from the trees as the group relaxed with a glass of wine while bags were whisked away to rooms.

After time to settle into the resort's secluded log cabins and elegant early-twentieth-century houses, we met for dinner, an array of delicious and original salads to start, followed by a superbly cooked entrecote steak, and plenty of local wine!

We drifted off to bed accompanied by the sounds of the resident Tawny Owl family.

Day 2

Wednesday 13th March

We made a leisurely start to the day, taking time over our buffet breakfast and excellent coffee. We enjoyed some of the resident birds around the café-bar area, including Great Spotted Woodpecker, European Serin and Cetti's Warbler

At 10am we headed out to a coastal peninsula known as Punta Carnero, a short drive east of our accommodation. The point at which migrating raptors reach the Spanish coast is heavily dependent on wind strength and direction, and our guides used their local knowledge to take into account the gusty westerly wind and so predict this to be the likely arrival point. Immediately as we turned up, Short-toed Eagles were sweeping across the blue sky towards us. Eagle after eagle came over our heads, many exhausted by the windy crossing and panting heavily. We felt their struggle, and enjoyed a palpable sense of relief as each one made land into Europe.

Black Kites came too in groups, as well as several gleaming Egyptian Vultures. We had fantastic opportunities for size comparisons between the birds as they were joined by dark- and light-morph Booted Eagles and Sparrowhawks, catching thermals and soaring high over the hillside.

Between the immense waves of crossing raptors, we were kept entertained by a showy Sardinian Warbler on a nearby bush, while out at sea we could pick up the odd Northern Gannet. A group of several Common Kestrels displayed and called around the cliff face.

Thrilled with our morning's migration, we dropped down into nearby Getares for coffee, from where we enjoyed an amazing clear view across the Straits to the Jebel Musa mountain in Morocco, wearing a cap of white cloud. Raptors continued to drift over, including several Griffon Vultures.

For lunch we went for a picnic up in the hills at El Bujeo, where we could observe Black Redstart, Short-toed Treecreeper and Eurasian Nuthatch while we scoffed our lavish picnic. A little further up the track we had a look at one of the area's more interesting plants. Portuguese Sundew, *Drosophilum lusitanicum*, is a sinister little carnivorous plant which is endemic to the Iberian Peninsula, occurring only in The Straits and in a few colonies in Portugal. We also enjoyed Barbary Nut iris, Autumn and Sand Crocus, Cuckoo-flower and Sage-leaved Cistus.

The warm weather was serving up some great butterflies, and on our stroll, we got great views of freshly-emerged Spanish Festoon and Green Hairstreak to add to our list, with Speckled Wood, Wall Brown and Painted Lady.

With that, we headed back to the tranquil surroundings of Huerta Grande in time for afternoon tea – or afternoon G&T for some!

Day 3

Thursday 14th March

Today we headed to the salt pans near the fishing town of Barbate, admiring the dramatic windswept Atlantic coastline as we drove.

On the shores of the disused pans, we admired a selection of waders, including Common Ringed, Grey and Kentish Plovers, Sanderling and Common Redshank. Numerous groups of Dunlin were around, beginning to show the black bellies of their summer plumage. One of these was of the Scandinavian *alpina* race, a good 25% larger than the rest with an extremely long bill.

On one of the islands, we could see numerous Stone-curlews, well camouflaged against the ground but given away by their peculiar yellow eyes, bill and legs. Greater Flamingoes grazed in the pools, while Caspian Terns and a Western Osprey hunted overhead.

The air above the surrounding pastureland was filled with song, featuring Crested, Calandra and Greater Short-toed Lark and Zitting Cisticola. Numerous Yellow Wagtails – mostly the local *iberiae* race but also one migratory *flava* on its way to France and beyond – foraged on the turf.

Before our next stop we made time for an ice cream! Then it was on to the hamlet of Barca de Vejer, nestled on the shores of a river at the base of towering cliffs. Here there was a wonderful surprise for the group. A group of Northern Bald Ibis – one of the world's rarest birds – were back on their cliff-face nesting colony by the roadside! With only 1000 individuals left in the wild, it was a real privilege to enjoy the endearing antics of this quirky, strangely beautiful bird, which looks much like a Ralph Steadman cartoon!

Day 4

Friday 15th March

What a treat this morning to be joined by local moth expert Dave Grundy, who had run two Skinner traps for us overnight in the Cork Oak-forested valley. Over coffee and toast we enjoyed exploring the delights of the night's catch, which yielded 50 species of moth and included beauties like Waved Umber, Peach Blossom, Cream-spot Tiger and Accent Gem.

After freshening up, we headed out towards our destination for the day - the rice paddies and wet ditches of farmland at La Janda.

But, as is often the way with the Straits, we were waylaid by a monumental migration event! As we rounded a bend in the coast it became apparent that raptors were streaming in to a point known as Punta Camorro, so a detour was in order!

Many Short-toed Eagles were fighting their way to shore, battling against a strong easterly - or *levante* - wind. Large groups of Black Kites were arriving too, as well as Eurasian Sparrowhawk and Western Osprey. Surprisingly to some, also notable was a steady stream of arriving finches and sparrows.

A coffee-and-cake stop was in order to restore our senses, which we took at a favoured local café-deli, enabling us to take the opportunity to stock up on some excellent local sheep's cheese for our picnic!

This we took in bright sunshine in the relative shelter of Monte Facinas in the Alcornacales Natural Park. We relaxed by the mouth of the local spring, where locals come to collect their drinking water both for its taste and for its reputed health-giving properties. Cirl Bunting and Sardinian Warbler sang nearby and a few Griffon

Vultures drifted overhead. We added Lang's Short-tailed Blue, Cleopatra and Moroccan Orange Tip to our butterfly list.

Our subsequent loo stop at the garage in Tahivilla proved most productive, coinciding as it did with an influx of Black Kites! We counted 74 of them in several large groups, interspersed by Griffon Vultures, Short-toed and Booted Eagles.

After a wonderfully enjoyable detour that had taken the entire morning, we finally arrived at La Janda! Here many White Storks were in the fields. Numerous wet areas in the arable land hinted at the former glory of this erstwhile wetland paradise, which was drained for agriculture during Franco's era. On the muddy pools we picked up Green Sandpipers, Little Ringed Plovers, Water Pipits, and Greater Flamingo, and a Common Kingfisher zipped past along the ditch line. Zitting Cisticolas and Yellow Wagtails were numerous, as were hunting Common Kestrels.

We disturbed several huge Egyptian Locusts and picked up the first Banded Groundling dragonflies of the year. A glimpse of an Egyptian Mongoose was a treat for some, and we enjoyed some light-hearted botany, making each other jump with Squirting Cucumbers!

As if to help us finish the day's birding on a high, as we were leaving a beautiful Black-winged Kite did a full 360-degree loop of the vans, giving us great views of its black wingtips and shoulders, and even a look into its sinister red eyes!

We returned to base with plenty of time to relax with a drink before enjoying perfectly-cooked cod for our dinner.

Day 5

Saturday 16th March

The breezy weather characteristic of the Straits started to calm today, and we were able to make the most of our opportunity to take to the sea on one of the cetacean-watching and research boats belonging to local company, Turmares.

We wandered down to the port through the old town of Tarifa, enjoying the narrow, cobbled streets and medieval churches. We had time also to drop in on the Castillo de Guzman el Bueno, where several of the resident Lesser Kestrel colony showed well on the fort walls.

Soon we were aboard the *Pirata*, the smaller, nippier vessel of the fleet. Hugging the coast, we avoided the strongest of the swell before cutting out into the calmer, deeper waters in the centre of The Straits. We were followed by several gleaming Northern Gannets, and groups of Cory's Shearwaters could be seen skirting the waves. Two Sunfish were visible close to the boat, surfacing to allow gulls to remove parasites.

Out on deck, miles from land, we saw a lone goldfinch, cheeping as it zipped towards Spain. Later we came across a small group heading back the other way, seemingly too daunted to complete the crossing! A solitary Eurasian Sparrowhawk, barely halfway across, was already being harried by Yellow-legged Gulls to within a few feet of the waves.

Then a sudden change in direction let us know that something had been spotted. A Long-finned Pilot Whale! The boat was slowed right down to avoid harassing the creature, and we found ourselves right alongside an enormous male! Two others were on the surface close by and we enjoyed prolonged views. As we watched, a pod of super-curious Bottlenose Dolphins approached the boat, swimming under and around us for many minutes – thrilling!

All the while, Sandwich and Black Terns were around the boat, and there was a noticeable stream of Black Kites and Barn Swallows overhead, making their way to Spain.

Almost as we re-entered the harbour, a cry went up from the group of children at the back of the boat – a pod of Striped Dolphins was surfing behind us! These exuberant cetaceans were literally flinging themselves out of the water, feet into the air! What a joy to watch and a great way to end the excursion.

As we walked back through town, carnival was in full flow, with music and costumes seemingly laid on to welcome the incredible stream of Egyptian Vultures, Black Kites and Black Storks which were now passing overhead!

We headed for a Spanish-style late lunch at the hillside viewpoint of Sanctuario de la Luz. Against the backdrop of Tarifa Bay, we enjoyed views of Black-eared Wheatear and Thekla Lark. As Simon and Niki prepared the picnic, an awesome wave of raptures again pummelled our senses - Black Kites in huge spirals, a group of 15 Egyptian Vultures, Short-toed Eagles and a noticeable increase in the number of Booted Eagles. Who could fail to be uplifted by this experience, relaxing in deck chairs in the sun with a glass of wine, watching wave after wave of raptor stream by!

Day 6

Sunday 17th March

On our stillest morning yet, we headed down to Tarifa bay to explore the coastal pastures and intertidal habitat of Los Lances nature reserve. Strolling through the neighbouring pastureland, we saw numerous Crested Larks and a persistently singing Thekla Lark - unusual for the location. Newly-arrived Greater Short-toed Larks were calling, and we encountered several Yellow Wagtails of the *flava* persuasion – not local birds but which would be heading further north to breed in continental Europe.

Reaching the hide we looked out over pools and scrub on the edge of the white sand beach. Sanderling, Dunlin, Little Ringed and Kentish Plover were foraging busily. Several Sandwich Terns perched on posts embedded in the sand. As we watched, a Eurasian Hoopoe flew in off the sea!

The fresh sea air had piqued our appetites, so we headed back into the beautiful old town of Tarifa to enjoy today's main event - an enormous tapas lunch! Although we started lunch early by Spanish standards, we certainly made it last; we spent two mouth-watering hours devouring cheese croquettes, grilled prawns, quinoa with vegetables, tuna and avocado, tomatoes with truffle oil, cod fritters and roasted green peppers, washed down with plenty of wine!

The group had free time to wander and shop in the picturesque streets of the old town. Back at the car park we found an adorable Little Owl and a Common Bulbul – this is the only place in Europe this bird breeds. Then we headed back to base to sleep it all off in a Spanish-style siesta!

For those that wished, Simon and Niki scheduled one last migration fix, heading back out to Punta Carnero, where we had begun the trip. In the warm afternoon sun at the tail-end of the day, a steady stream of Short-toed Eagles and Black Kites drifted over us, and there was a movement of Sandwich Terns around the coast.

One last moment of drama saw us to the end, when we spotted a small male Sparrowhawk, flying full tilt towards the coast pursued by seven or more Yellow-legged Gulls trying to knock it into the sea. Twice they clumped it from above so hard it clipped the waves. But twice it flipped over, talons bared, and grappled a gull into the sea in return. We couldn't see how it was going to survive this persistent mobbing but the plucky little fellow made it to the coast, and we cheered!

Day 7

Monday 18th March

With an afternoon flight for the group, we had time for those that wanted to explore a little further along the coast, heading to a Griffon Vulture colony in the hills above the seaside town of Bolonia.

Our arrival was perfectly timed, as the air was beginning to warm and thermals were starting to form over the rocks. Many dozens of our resident Griffon Vultures were taking to the air, soaring around the cliff face, warming their wings. They were right over our heads, giving breathtaking views. A Short-toed Eagle was resting on the rocks before continuing on its journey, and an Egyptian Vulture joined the airborne birds – hopefully one of the local breeding pair arrived safely back. Common Kestrels were calling around the rock face and we picked up a Blue Rock Thrush perched high on a pinnacle.

We took one last picnic lunch amongst the Crested Tits and Serins of Huerta Grande before saying goodbye to Katrin and the team and heading back to Gibraltar airport to make our own northerly journey.

Receive our e-newsletter

Join the Naturetrek e-mailing list and be the first to hear about new tours, additional departures and new dates, tour reports and special offers. Visit www.naturetrek.co.uk to sign up.

Social Media

We're social! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and be the first to hear about the launch of new tours, offers and exciting sightings and photos from our recently returned holidays.



www.facebook.com/naturetrekwildlifeholidays



www.twitter.com/naturetrektours



www.instagram.com/naturetrek_wildlife_holidays

Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	March						
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			2	✓	1	1	
2	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>				1			
3	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				1			
4	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris borealis</i>					10+		
5	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>			150+	1			
6	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		5			1+		
7	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓		3	20+	4	3+	10+
8	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			2	3			
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			4	5+		1	
11	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>			10+				
12	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		2			5+	20+	
13	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓	2	✓	3+	✓
14	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			1	1	1		
15	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>				1			
16	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		3		1	c.15	4	2
17	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	10+	30+	15+	40+	✓	10+	70+
18	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		350+	c.20	50+	100+	50+	30+
19	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		10+		2	10+	7	15+
20	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1	4		1	20+	10+	5
21	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		2		3	4	3	2
22	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		50+	3	74	250+	100+	✓
23	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		1	1	1			1
24	Atlas Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus cirtensis</i>						1	
25	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				3			
26	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>			6+				
27	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			10+				
28	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			4				
29	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			✓			1	
30	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			✓			2	
31	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				10+		3	
32	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			20+			10+	
33	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				4			
34	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>						1	
35	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			5+			1	
36	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			2				
37	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				5+			
38	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>						1	
39	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			✓			✓	
40	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			✓				
41	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			5+				
42	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			✓				
43	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyophaga audouinii</i>			30+				
44	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
46	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>			2				
47	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		5+		3+	c.4	31	

	Common name	Scientific name	March						
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18
48	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					1+		
49	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
50	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		2	1		1	1	2
51	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	1	1	1	1		1	1
53	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						1	
54	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>					2		
55	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>						1	
56	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				1			
57	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						1	
58	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	1	1			2	1	1
59	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>							1
60	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>					6+	10+	
61	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		3	2	10+	2	3	2
62	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			1				
63	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>						1	
64	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
65	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		2		4		2	2
66	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	4+	3+	2+	2+	2	3	✓
67	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	1+	✓	✓
68	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	1+	✓	✓
69	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>				1	2	1	1
70	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			✓	✓	1	5+	✓
71	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>			2+			2	
72	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>			10+				
73	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					2		
75	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>				1			
76	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		1		1	2	1	1
77	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			1	1			
78	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>	1	2	1+	2	2	3	3
79	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1	2	5+	10+	2	✓	4
80	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	✓
82	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	2	1	✓	✓	1	3+	✓
83	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1	3	2+	2+	4+	2	✓
84	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		1			1		1
85	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	1	2	1	3	1	1	✓
86	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				1			
88	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>		1		1			
91	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>							3
92	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						1	
94	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>					1		
95	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>			10+				
97	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			1			4	
98	Iberian Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		2	4+	2+		2	

	Common name	Scientific name	March						
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18
99	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓	✓	2	2	3
100	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>				2+			
101	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	1	2+		5			3
104	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
106	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	1	2+	1	2	1		2
109	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓	✓	1+	✓	✓
110	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>				1			2

Marine life

1	Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>					2+		
2	Striped Dolphin	<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>					2+		
3	Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>					4+		
4	Long-finned Pilot Whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>					3+		
5	Sunfish	<i>Mola mola</i>							

Land Mammals

1	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>						✓	
2	Egyptian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>				✓			

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
2	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		✓				✓	
3	Spanish Pond Turtle	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>				✓			
4	Mediterranean Tree Frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>	✓					✓	
5	Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>	✓		✓				
6	Iberian Frog	<i>Rana iberica</i>				✓		✓	

Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>							
2	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
3	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
4	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>					✓	✓	✓
5	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
6	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>					✓	✓	
7	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
10	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓		✓			
11	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>	✓				✓		
12	Spanish Festoon	<i>Zerynthia rumina</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓
13	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				✓	✓	✓	
14	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	✓		✓				
15	Green-striped White	<i>Euchloe belemia</i>			✓			✓	
16	Moroccan Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis belia</i>				✓			

	Common name	Scientific name	March						
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>				✓			

Moths

1		<i>Blastobasis maroccanella</i>			✓				
2		<i>Tortricodes alternella</i>			✓				
3		<i>Eudonia angustea</i>			✓				
4	Rusty Dot Pearl	<i>Udea ferrugalis</i>			✓				
5		<i>Mecyna asinalis</i>			✓				
6		<i>Phyllodesma kermesifolia</i>			✓				
7	Peach Blossom	<i>Thyatira batis</i>			✓				
8		<i>Watsonalla uncinula</i>			✓				
9	Dorset Cream Wave	<i>Stegania trimaculata</i>			✓				
10		<i>Isturgia spodiaria</i>			✓				
11		<i>Rhoptria asperaria</i>			✓				
12	Brown Silver Line	<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>			✓				
13	Dotted Border	<i>Agriopsis marginaria</i>			✓				
14	Waved Umber	<i>Menophora abruptaria</i>			✓				
15	Willow Beauty	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidarius</i>			✓				
16	Sloe Carpet	<i>Aleucis distinctata</i>			✓				
17		<i>Gerinia honoraria</i>			✓				
18	Blair's Mocha	<i>Cyclophora puppillaria</i>			✓				
19	Small Blood-vein	<i>Scopula imitaria</i>			✓				
20		<i>Idaea minuscularia</i>			✓				
21		<i>Idaea eugeniata</i>			✓				
22	Garden Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe fluctuata</i>			✓				
23		<i>Catarhoe basochesiata</i>			✓				
24	Cypress Carpet	<i>Thera cupressata</i>			✓				
25		<i>Horisme scorteata</i>			✓				
26	Oak-tree Pug	<i>Eupithecia dodoneata</i>			✓				
27		<i>Eupithecia cocciferata</i>			✓				
28	Double-striped Pug	<i>Gymnoscelis rufifasciata</i>			✓				
29		<i>Chesias rufata</i> agg.			✓				
30		<i>Nodaria nodosalis</i>			✓				
31	Pinion-streaked Snout	<i>Schrankia costaestrigalis</i>			✓				
32	Accent Gem	<i>Ctenoplusia accentifera</i>			✓				
33	Pale Mottled Willow	<i>Caradrina clavipalpis</i>			✓				
34	Small Angleshades	<i>Euplexia lucipara</i>			✓				
35		<i>Spudaea ruticilla</i>			✓				
36		<i>Conistra haleae</i>			✓				
37		<i>Conistra alicia</i>			✓				
38	Early Grey	<i>Xylocampa areola</i>			✓				
39		<i>Mniotype occidentalis</i>			✓				
40	White Point	<i>Mythimna albipuncta</i>			✓				
41	Clouded Drab	<i>Orthosia incerta</i>			✓				
42	Hebrew Character	<i>Orthosia gothica</i>			✓				
43	Small Quaker	<i>Orthosia cruda</i>			✓				
44	Common Quaker	<i>Orthosia cerasi</i>			✓				
45	Flame Shoulder	<i>Ochopleura plecta</i>			✓				
46	Setaceous Hebrew Character	<i>Xestia c-nigrum</i>			✓				
47		<i>Cerastis faceta</i>			✓				
48	Shuttle-shaped Dart	<i>Agrotis puta</i>			✓				

	Common name	Scientific name	March						
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18
49	Turnip Moth	<i>Agrotis segetum</i>			✓				
50	Ruby Tiger	<i>Phragmatobia fuliginosa</i>			✓				

Other Invertebrates

1	Banded Groundling	<i>Brachythemis leucosticta</i>					✓		
2	Yellow Centipede								

Notable Plants

1	Portuguese Sundew	<i>Drosophilum lusitanicum</i>		✓					
2	Barbary Nut	<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
3	A Sand Crocus	<i>Romulea clusianais</i>		✓					
4	Cuckoo-flower	<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>		✓					
5	Squirting Cucumber	<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>				✓			
6	Gum Cistus	<i>Cistus ladanifer</i>		✓					
7	Sage-leaved Cistus	<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>		✓					