

# Go Slow in Andalucia

Naturetrek Tour Report

23rd – 29th March 2023



Booted Eagle



Common Dolphin



Short-toed Eagle



Booted Eagle

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## Summary

Spring migration started in stunning style for this laid-back break to take in the annual northerly passage of soaring birds across the Straits of Gibraltar. Each year tens of thousands make the crossing of the narrowest stretch of sea between Europe and Africa. Local knowledge put us right at the heart of this natural spectacle, under the flow of hundreds of Booted Eagles, Black Kites, Short-toed Eagles, Eurasian Sparrowhawks, Egyptian and Griffon Vultures, Western Marsh Harriers, Montagu's Harriers, Western Ospreys, flocks of White and Black Storks and more!

Other birds passing through or arriving home included European Bee-eaters, Collared Pratincoles, Greater Short-toed Larks, Black-eared Wheatears, Western Subalpine Warbler, Pallid, Common and Alpine Swift.

Fifty (5-0!) Long-finned Pilot Whales graced our boat trip, alongside Common and Bottlenose Dolphins, Balearic Shearwater and Atlantic Puffin. Wetlands thrilled with birds – again some arriving home, some with further still to travel - and our list included Greater Flamingoes, Eurasian Stone-curlews, Collared Pratincoles, Black-winged Stilt, Common Ringed, Grey and Kentish Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Ruff, Curlew Sandpiper and Little Stint!

Lunchtime picnics featuring the best of local fresh produce and award-winning cheeses and olive oil, and our gorgeous accommodation at a traditional Spanish farmhouse surrounded by open countryside provided a perfect relaxing backdrop for great Andalusian food from chef Felipe. Hello, Spring!

## Day 1

### Thursday 23rd March

Simon and Niki met the group from their flight into Gibraltar airport and we were soon across the border into Spain. Travelling west along the coastal hills and pastures of the Straits of Gibraltar, we saw our first Pallid Swifts, Spotless Starlings and Cattle Egrets as we went.

At Cortijo el Indiviso, we were met by Laura (and the resident nesting White Storks!) and settled into our rooms before heading into our first delicious three course meal, courtesy of chef Felipe.

## Day 2

### Friday 24th March

After a hearty farm breakfast (complete with fresh eggs from the *cortijo's* chickens!), we headed out to the east to seek out our first encounter with the spring migration. This requires local knowledge of wind and weather conditions, which affect the point along the coast at which the migrating raptors make land. Arriving at Punta Camorro, on the hills above Tarifa, it was soon clear that the wind was different to the forecast. Pausing just long enough to enjoy an unusually showy Sardinian Warbler, we hopped back into the vans and headed off, storm-chaser style, to be where the now westerly wind would bring our raptors in!

Western Europe's migratory raptors and storks are all drawn to this point, where the sea between Europe and Africa is narrowest. Reliant on thermals for soaring effortless flight, when over water they must work hard to retain height, hence the need for as short a crossing as possible! The birds can also use the area's easterly and westerly

winds to give them a little lift, hence the variability in what point they arrive at the European coast. Arriving at Punta Secreta overlooking the Bay of Algeciras, it wasn't long before the first speck appeared in the distance as birds began leaving the Moroccan coast, and soon eagles were pouring over our heads! We were now in just the right spot!

This was to be a very big day for Booted Eagles and Black Kites – crossings numbered 345 and 297 respectively. Amongst them, flocks of Black Storks, glorious views of Short-toed Eagles, Eurasian Sparrowhawks, Western Marsh Harriers and a Montagu's Harrier.

Out to sea, Northern Gannets and Sandwich Terns patrolled and we picked up a European Shag perched on the rocks.

After a brief comfort stop, we headed off to enjoy our picnic at El Bujeo overlooking the Tarifa side of the Straits. Griffon Vultures soared overhead, and we enjoyed watching a huge flock of over 200 White Storks arrive into Europe! Around the picnic area we picked up Eurasian Nuthatch, Short-toed Treecreeper, European Serin and Eurasian Siskin.

We headed back via an ice cream stop at the Mirador del Estrecho café, enjoying the spectacular view across to the Jebel Musa rock in Morocco, and picking up Booted and Short-toed Eagles surfing the thermals around us, recovering after the exertions of the day!

## Day 3

## Saturday 25th March

Today we headed to the Marismas de Barbate, disused salt pans now converted into a fabulous saline nature reserve. We were greeted by an eddying mass of Collared Pratincoles! Numbering over 200, they put on a wonderful noisy show for us during our visit as they swirled around their breeding colony on the islands and pastures of the reserve.

As well as Greater Flamingoes and Eurasian Stone-curlews to enjoy, there was a lovely selection of more “conventional”-looking (!) waders to see including Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Common Ringed, Grey and Kentish Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Ruff, Curlew Sandpiper, Sanderling, Dunlin, Little Stint, Common Sandpiper, Common Redshank and Common Greenshank.

Great views also of Greater Short-toed and Calandra Larks, Zitting Cisticolas and a Black-eared Wheatear and a lovely show of migrant passerines on their way through, including Garden and Willow Warbler, Western Subalpine Warbler and Common Redstart.

After a comfort stop (and a sneaky ice-cream for some!) we headed to the wooded area of the nature reserve – *las breñas* - where we enjoyed our picnic of seasonal local produce, which today featured an award-winning local sheep's cheese flavoured with black truffle!

One more stop to complete our afternoon – we dropped in on a local colony of Northern Bald Ibis. This group of ten or so pairs spread out from the main reintroduction project over a decade ago, and today we got to watch these charismatic birds doing parenting on their cliff-ledge nests! We admired their gorgeous plumage shining with all colours in the sun.

## Day 4

## Sunday 26th March

Today the conditions were perfect for our boat trip out onto the Straits themselves. We walked down to the port of Tarifa through the attractive Old Town, making some time for “urban birding” on the way, including Cetti’s Warbler and Common Nightingale in the car park, Lesser Kestrels on the church and the Moorish fort and many Pallid Swifts swooping low over town. Simon also gave the group a potted history of this fascinating place as we wandered.

During our boat trip we were thrilled to encounter many groups of Long-finned Pilot Whales all around us – we saw around fifty in total, which is around 20% of the area’s total population! Among them were several Bottlenose Dolphins, and we encountered a large pod of playful Common Dolphins as well. Groups of Atlantic Puffins scooted by, we picked up Sandwich Tern and Balearic Shearwater and we could see Black Kites migrating overhead.

Later there was time to wander the historic streets of Tarifa, an ever-changing settlement of strategic historic importance since pre-Roman times.

## Day 5

## Monday 27th March

Time for more migration action today, and the easterly wind direction allowed us to explore a different section of the coast in anticipation of the arrival of soaring birds being pushed in to that point. A cool start today meant a slower start to the migration, which allowed time to enjoy our immediate avian neighbours which included Little Owl, Common Cuckoo, Thekla’s Lark, Cirl Bunting and brilliant views of Sardinian Warbler. Out to sea we could spot Long-finned Pilot Whales and bands of Atlantic Puffins.

Then suddenly it was raptor o’clock! As predicted the wind brought them directly over us – hundreds of Black Kites and Booted Eagles, interspersed with Short-toed Eagles, Eurasian Sparrowhawks, Western Marsh Harriers, Montagu’s Harriers and many, many Common Swifts (and a single Alpine!) moving through. The first of the Griffon Vultures came in too – these young adult birds returning from their “coming of age” in Africa to begin searching a place to breed for the first time next season.

We moved to La Peña for our picnic. Magnificent views back across Tarifa Bay were made even more special by the constant migratory flow overhead which included Egyptian Vultures, Western Osprey and even a Long-legged Buzzard alongside the more numerous eagle species. On the ground, Cirl Bunting, Spanish Sparrow, Thekla’s Larks, two stunning Black-eared Wheatears and a transitory Northern Wheatear provided the post-prandial show!

Then it was time to relax back at our accommodation and enjoy the extensive grounds before another delicious three-course meal. The sorbet - made with local *cava* and lemons from the *cortijo*’s own trees felt like a suitably celebratory dessert after a great day!

## Day 6

## Tuesday 28th March

Aiming to finish our trip literally on a high, we headed up to the mountains today, to pay a visit to the Griffon Vulture colony of the Sierra de la Plata. There are around 70 pairs of Griffon Vultures here, and we were able to enjoy many of them on their nests as well as marveling at their aerial capabilities as they soared over us and hung

on the wind. We also got fabulous views of Egyptian Vulture, a pair of which are breeding in amongst the Griffons. We could see Crag Martins around the rock face, and a steady flow of Black Kites passed by.

Heading up a little higher, we looked out across the Straits to North Africa, and down onto the Roman ruins of Baelo Claudia below us – once one of the most important settlements of the empire due to the rich fish resources of the Straits and their function as a trading gateway to the known world.

Our last lunch together was a relaxed, drawn-out, typically Andaluz affair, enjoying *tapas*-style dishes at a friendly local restaurant. The delicious plates kept on coming from the tiny yet magical kitchen of chef Patti, as she fed us plenty of local specialities! We enjoyed *Tomates a la Abuela* - “granny’s tomatoes” - tomatoes dressed with olive oil, garlic and truffle – *croquetas caseras* – homemade cheese, spinach and mushroom croquettes - *pimientos fritos* – fried local green peppers with a liberal sprinkling of Cádiz Bay salt – and cold roast pork from Iberian Black Pigs while we reflected on our trip!

There was time for one last wander in town before heading back to the *cortijo* for some relaxation before our final night. Felipe did us proud once more, and a group of European Bee-eaters gave us a nice flyby during dinner!

## Day 7

Wednesday 29th March

All too soon it was time to say goodbye to Laura and the team at the *cortijo*. Simon and Niki escorted the group back across the border into Gibraltar and to their flights in plenty of time to begin their own northerly migration home.

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## Species lists

### Birds

| Common name              | Scientific name                   | March 2023 |     |     |    |     |    |    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|
|                          |                                   | 23         | 24  | 25  | 26 | 27  | 28 | 29 |
| Common Shelduck          | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>            |            |     | 11  |    |     |    |    |
| Mallard                  | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>         |            |     | 6   |    |     |    |    |
| Red-legged Partridge     | <i>Alectoris rufa</i>             |            |     |     |    | 2   |    |    |
| Alpine Swift             | <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>         |            |     |     |    | 1   |    |    |
| Common Swift             | <i>Apus apus</i>                  |            |     | 2   |    | 300 |    |    |
| Pallid Swift             | <i>Apus pallidus</i>              | ✓          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   |    |    |
| Common Cuckoo            | <i>Cuculus canorus</i>            |            |     |     |    | 1   |    |    |
| Feral Pigeon             | <i>Columba livia domesticus</i>   | ✓          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  |    |
| Common Wood Pigeon       | <i>Columba palumbus</i>           |            |     | 2   | ✓  | ✓   | 8  |    |
| Eurasian Collared Dove   | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>      | ✓          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  |    |
| Greater Flamingo         | <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>      |            |     | 40  |    |     |    |    |
| Eurasian Stone-curlew    | <i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>      |            |     | 2   |    |     |    |    |
| Black-winged Stilt       | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>      |            |     | 45  |    |     |    |    |
| Pied Avocet              | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>     |            |     | 30  |    |     |    |    |
| Grey Plover              | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>       |            |     | 4   |    |     |    |    |
| Common Ringed Plover     | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>       |            |     | 50  |    |     |    |    |
| Kentish Plover           | <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>    |            |     | 30  |    |     |    |    |
| Eurasian Whimbrel        | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>          |            | 1   |     |    |     |    |    |
| Black-tailed Godwit      | <i>Limosa limosa</i>              |            |     | 1   |    |     |    |    |
| Ruff                     | <i>Calidris pugnax</i>            |            |     | 6   |    |     |    |    |
| Curlew Sandpiper         | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>        |            |     | 1   |    |     |    |    |
| Sanderling               | <i>Calidris alba</i>              |            |     | 20  |    |     |    |    |
| Dunlin                   | <i>Calidris alpina</i>            |            |     | 150 |    |     |    |    |
| Little Stint             | <i>Calidris minuta</i>            |            |     | 30  |    |     |    |    |
| Common Sandpiper         | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>         |            |     | 1   |    |     |    |    |
| Common Redshank          | <i>Tringa totanus</i>             |            |     | 15  |    |     |    |    |
| Common Greenshank        | <i>Tringa nebularia</i>           |            |     | 1   |    |     |    |    |
| Collared Pratincole      | <i>Glareola pratincola</i>        |            |     | 200 |    |     |    |    |
| Black-headed Gull        | <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> |            |     | 2   |    |     |    |    |
| Audouin's Gull           | <i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>      |            |     | 7   |    |     |    |    |
| Yellow-legged Gull       | <i>Larus michahellis</i>          | ✓          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  |    |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i>               |            |     | 2   |    |     |    |    |
| Sandwich Tern            | <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>    |            | ✓   |     | 6  | 10  |    |    |
| Atlantic Puffin          | <i>Fratercula arctica</i>         |            |     |     | 23 | 30  |    |    |
| Balearic Shearwater      | <i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>      |            |     |     | 1  |     |    |    |
| Black Stork              | <i>Ciconia nigra</i>              |            | 26  |     |    |     |    |    |
| White Stork              | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>            | 10         | 245 | 6   | 30 | 20  | 10 |    |
| Northern Gannet          | <i>Morus bassanus</i>             |            | ✓   |     | ✓  | 8   |    |    |
| Great Cormorant          | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>        |            | 4   | 2   | 2  |     | 24 |    |
| European Shag            | <i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>        |            | 1   |     |    |     |    |    |
| Northern Bald Ibis       | <i>Geronticus eremita</i>         |            |     | 20  |    |     |    |    |
| Glossy Ibis              | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>       |            |     | 14  |    | 4   | ✓  |    |
| Eurasian Spoonbill       | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>        |            |     | 16  |    |     |    |    |
| Western Cattle Egret     | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>              | ✓          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  |    |
| Grey Heron               | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>              |            |     | 4   |    | 1   |    |    |

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| Little Egret              | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>          |            |     | 2  | 3   |     | 1   |    |
| Western Osprey            | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>         |            | 1   |    |     | 5   |     |    |
| Egyptian Vulture          | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>     |            |     |    |     | 2   | 2   |    |
| Griffon Vulture           | <i>Gyps fulvus</i>               |            | 40  | 10 | 6   | 35  | 200 |    |
| Cinereous Vulture         | <i>Aegypius monachus</i>         |            |     |    |     | 1   |     |    |
| Short-toed Snake Eagle    | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i>        |            | 91  |    |     | 24  |     |    |
| Booted Eagle              | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>       |            | 345 | 2  | 10  | 235 | 50  |    |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk      | <i>Accipiter nisus</i>           |            | 8   |    | 1   | 7   | 2   |    |
| Western Marsh Harrier     | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>        |            | 4   |    |     | 2   |     |    |
| Montagu's Harrier         | <i>Circus pygargus</i>           |            | 1   |    | 1   | 3   |     |    |
| Black Kite                | <i>Milvus migrans</i>            |            | 297 | 1  | 300 | 441 | 70  |    |
| Long-legged Buzzard       | <i>Buteo rufinus</i>             |            |     |    |     | 1   |     |    |
| Common Buzzard            | <i>Buteo buteo</i>               | 1          | 2   |    |     | 2   | 1   |    |
| Little Owl                | <i>Athene noctua</i>             | 1          |     |    | 1   | 1   |     |    |
| Tawny Owl                 | <i>Strix aluco</i>               |            | 1   | 1  |     |     |     |    |
| Eurasian Hoopoe           | <i>Upupa epops</i>               |            |     |    | 1   |     | 1   |    |
| European Bee-eater        | <i>Merops apiaster</i>           |            | 3   | 14 | 6   | 34  | ✓   |    |
| Lesser Kestrel            | <i>Falco naumanni</i>            |            | 10  | 1  | 7   | 12  | 10  |    |
| Common Kestrel            | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>         |            | 2   | 1  |     |     | 4   |    |
| Woodchat Shrike           | <i>Lanius senator</i>            |            |     | 2  | 2   | 4   | 1   |    |
| Western Jackdaw           | <i>Coloeus monedula</i>          |            | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |    |
| Northern Raven            | <i>Corvus corax</i>              |            | 6   | 2  | 2   | 4   | 10  |    |
| Eurasian Blue Tit         | <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>       |            | 4   | 4  | 2   |     | 2   |    |
| Great Tit                 | <i>Parus major</i>               |            | 2   | 2  | 4   |     | 4   |    |
| Thekla's Lark             | <i>Galerida theklae</i>          |            | 1   |    |     | 6   |     |    |
| Crested Lark              | <i>Galerida cristata</i>         |            | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |    |
| Greater Short-toed Lark   | <i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i> |            |     | 4  | 30  |     |     |    |
| Calandra Lark             | <i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>    |            |     | 20 |     |     |     |    |
| Sand Martin               | <i>Riparia riparia</i>           |            |     | 2  |     |     |     |    |
| Eurasian Crag Martin      | <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>    |            |     |    |     |     | 5   |    |
| Barn Swallow              | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>           | ✓          | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |    |
| Common House Martin       | <i>Delichon urbicum</i>          |            | 30  | 10 | 6   |     | 6   |    |
| Red-rumped Swallow        | <i>Cecropis daurica</i>          |            |     | 2  | 4   | 30  |     |    |
| Cetti's Warbler           | <i>Cettia cetti</i>              |            |     | 2  | 2   | 2   | 1   |    |
| Western Bonelli's Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>      |            |     | 1  |     | 1   | 1   |    |
| Willow Warbler            | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>    |            |     | 2  |     |     |     |    |
| Zitting Cisticola         | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>        |            |     | 3  | 4   | 5   | 2   |    |
| Eurasian Blackcap         | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>        |            | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |    |
| Garden Warbler            | <i>Sylvia borin</i>              |            |     | 1  |     |     |     |    |
| Sardinian Warbler         | <i>Curruca melanocephala</i>     |            | 6   | 4  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |    |
| Western Subalpine Warbler | <i>Curruca iberiae</i>           |            |     | 1  |     |     |     |    |
| Eurasian Wren             | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>   |            | 3   | 2  | 4   | 1   | 1   |    |
| Eurasian Nuthatch         | <i>Sitta europaea</i>            |            | 2   |    |     |     |     |    |
| Short-toed Treecreeper    | <i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>     |            | 3   | 4  | 1   |     |     |    |
| Spotless Starling         | <i>Sturnus unicolor</i>          | ✓          | ✓   | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |    |
| Common Blackbird          | <i>Turdus merula</i>             |            | 3   | 5  | 4   | 5   | 4   |    |
| European Robin            | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>        |            | 4   | 1  | 1   | 2   | 2   |    |
| Common Nightingale        | <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>     |            |     | 1  | 3   | 4   | 5   |    |

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| Common Redstart              | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> |            |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |
| European Stonechat           | <i>Saxicola rubicola</i>       |            | ✓  | 4  | 4  | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| Northern Wheatear            | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>       |            |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |
| Western Black-eared Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>      |            |    | 1  |    | 2  |    |    |
| Spanish Sparrow              | <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>   |            |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    |
| House Sparrow                | <i>Passer domesticus</i>       | ✓          | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| Western Yellow Wagtail       | <i>Motacilla flava</i>         |            |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |
| Iberian Yellow Wagtail       | <i>Motacilla flava iberae</i>  |            |    | 4  |    | 3  |    |    |
| White Wagtail                | <i>Motacilla alba</i>          |            | 1  | 1  |    |    |    |    |
| Tawny Pipit                  | <i>Anthus campestris</i>       |            |    | 2  |    | 3  |    |    |
| Meadow Pipit                 | <i>Anthus pratensis</i>        |            |    | 5  | 2  | 10 |    |    |
| Tree Pipit                   | <i>Anthus trivialis</i>        |            | 1  |    |    | 1  |    |    |
| Common Chaffinch             | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>       |            | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| European Greenfinch          | <i>Chloris chloris</i>         |            | 2  | 4  | 3  | 4  | 8  |    |
| Common Linnet                | <i>Linaria cannabina</i>       |            | 10 | 10 |    | 50 | ✓  |    |
| European Goldfinch           | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>     |            | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| European Serin               | <i>Serinus serinus</i>         |            | 10 | 10 | 3  | 15 | ✓  |    |
| Eurasian Siskin              | <i>Spinus spinus</i>           |            | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |
| Corn Bunting                 | <i>Emberiza calandra</i>       |            | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| Cirl Bunting                 | <i>Emberiza cirius</i>         |            |    |    |    | 2  | 1  |    |

## Other vertebrates

| Common name                      | Scientific name              | March 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|                                  |                              | 23         | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| <b>MAMMALS</b>                   |                              |            |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| European Rabbit                  | <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> |            |    |    |    |    | 1  |    |
| Common Dolphin                   | <i>Delphinus delphis</i>     |            |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |
| Bottlenose Dolphin               | <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>    |            |    |    | 4  |    |    |    |
| Long-finned Pilot Whale          | <i>Globicephala melas</i>    |            |    |    | 50 | ✓  |    |    |
| <b>REPTILES &amp; AMPHIBIANS</b> |                              |            |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Iberian Wall Lizard              | <i>Podarcis iberica</i>      |            |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |
| Iberian Marsh Frog               | <i>Rana iberica</i>          | 1          |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |

## Invertebrates

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|                    |                             | 23         | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| <b>BUTTERFLIES</b> |                             |            |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Cleopatra          | <i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i> |            |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |
| Small White        | <i>Pieris rapae</i>         |            | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| Clouded Yellow     | <i>Colias croceus</i>       |            |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |
| Red Admiral        | <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>     | ✓          |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |
| Painted Lady       | <i>Vanessa cardui</i>       | ✓          |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |
| Speckled Wood      | <i>Pararge aegeria</i>      |            |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |    |
| Wall Brown         | <i>Lasiommata megera</i>    |            |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |



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| Small Copper           | <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>      |            |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |
| Spanish Festoon        | <i>Zerynthia rumina</i>     |            |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |
| <b>OTHER INSECTS</b>   |                             |            |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Migrant Hawker         | <i>Aeshna mixta</i>         | 1          |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |
| Red-striped Oil Beetle | <i>Berberomeloe majalis</i> |            |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |
| Egyptian Locust        | <i>Anacridium aegyptium</i> |            |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |