

Dragonflies & Birds of the Camargue

Naturetrek Tour Report

11 - 18 July 2012



Immature male Banded Darter (*Sympetrum pedemontanum*)



Glossy Ibis



European Pond Terrapin



Female Copper Demoiselle (*Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis*)

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Summary:

This tour encompassed visits to both the wetlands of the Camargue and dry areas, such as the desert-like La Crau and the rugged hills of Les Alpilles. A total of 30 species of dragonflies was seen, including many species seen rarely or never in Britain, and huge numbers of various skimmers and darters typical of late summer. Most notable were the discovery of Mediterranean Bluet, Western Spectre, Yellow Clubtail, Orange-spotted Emerald and Banded Darter, and the swarms of Red-veined Darters that accompanied us everywhere we went. Colourful Mediterranean birds like Greater Flamingo, Bee-eater, Roller and Hoopoe were seen on numerous occasions. All the European heron species were seen one afternoon and other highlights such as Lesser Kestrel, Little Bustard, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Caspian Tern and Eagle Owl added to the total of 125 bird species seen. A good range of butterflies accompanied the ever-present buzzing of cicadas and the myriad other insects that makes for a warm, Mediterranean summer.

Day 1

Wednesday 11th July

Hot and sunny; breezy; maximum 28°C

Our early afternoon flight from Gatwick touched down early at Montpellier and our minibuses were soon loaded up and heading east towards Arles in lovely warm sunshine – quite a contrast to the cool, damp summer we had left behind. On the journey we glimpsed our first Flamingos, Glossy Ibis, Black-winged Stilt, Gull-billed Tern, Black Kite, Bee-eater and Hoopoe. On arrival at Hotel des Granges we were greeted warmly by our very attentive hosts, and joined by Dirk and Jaap who had driven down from Holland.

Before dinner there was time for a stroll along the track by the hotel, through the neighbouring farmland, though even before we had left the hotel garden there were dragonflies to be seen: Black-tailed Skimmer and Red-veined Darter, by far the commonest species we were to see in the coming week. We also found a few Small Bluetails, while Rollers flew over – another species we were destined to see every day.

Day 2

Thursday 12th July

Hot and sunny, with a moderate to fresh breeze; maximum 30°C

A pre-breakfast walk along the lane again produced similar species as the evening before, plus a Cuckoo. Our gentle introduction to the local wildlife came at the Roman Aqueduc de Barbegal and its environs. Black-tailed and White-tailed Skimmers were found, caught and examined at ultra-close range. White Featherlegs and a few Willow Spreadwings were found beside a small channel and a Mottled-winged Antlion burst from cover nearby. From rocks overlooking the Vallée des Baux we saw Rollers; Sardinian Warbler and Serin played hide and seek with us; and a Honey Buzzard flew over. Butterflies included Bath White, Southern Gatekeeper, Long-tailed Blue, Woodland Grayling and Southern Marbled Skipper., while a Cleopatra landed near us, turning from bright yellow and orange into a very convincing leaf! A Praying Mantis also did its best to remain hidden.

After lunch and a siesta back at the hotel, we drove to the wooded and rocky Alpilles near La Caume. Despite the presence of fire crews on standby, we were free to walk through the conifers to a viewpoint. Scanning for raptors and insects wasn't as fruitful as we hoped and the noise from Cicadas was so loud it was hard to hear any bird calls, but soon it was time for our evening picnic.

Afterwards we stopped at Les Baux to watch Sparrowhawk, Crag Martin and a flock of Alpine Swifts overhead, before moving on to a regular Eagle Owl site. After waiting patiently, a young bird appeared on the rocks soon after sunset, giving good views through our scopes. A Nightjar also was also seen.

Day 3

Friday 13th July

Hot and sunny, with a pleasant breeze; cloudier evening; 30°C

Today was devoted to the Marais du Vigueirat, a large reserve to the east of the Grand Rhône. We stopped on the way to check sheltered reedy drains and to scan open fields. Dragonflies included Small Redeye, Blue-eye and Blue (Scarce) Chaser, but a Yellow Clubtail was the star here. We also watched Stone Curlews and Rollers in the adjacent field and our first Coypu fed close by. For the rest of the morning we walked around a circuit of the Marais open to the public, though we saw little of note apart from Pond Terrapin, Small Red Damsels and Jersey Tiger.

After a picnic lunch we were met by Christophe, our guide for the afternoon. We had arranged for an exclusive visit into the private part of the reserve. The afternoon was most notable for seeing all the European herons, including Bittern (three sightings), Little Bittern, Night Heron, lots of Great White Egrets and good views of Squacco Heron. Other wetland birds were numerous here, with groups of Spoonbills, and many Mediterranean Gulls breeding on islands. A Lesser Emperor taunted us by appearing occasionally. We were shown dried up areas where the uncommon Dark Spreadwing occurred earlier in the year.

Day 4

Saturday 14th July

Hot and mainly sunny, with a fresh to strong N wind; 29°C

Today was Bastille Day, so we tried to avoid crowds of people by choosing to visit what we hoped would be a quiet area: the stony desert of La Crau. In complete contrast to the wetlands of the previous day, we walked beside the Peau de Meau Reserve, where the arid, sparsely-vegetated 'Cousouls' meet the narrow, lush strip of the Canal de Vergière. From the car park we saw more Rollers and soon afterwards heard and then saw a Pin-tailed Sandgrouse in flight – the most difficult of La Crau's special birds to find. We later located distant Tawny Pipits, Crested Larks, Stone Curlews and both Grey and Red-legged Partridges, though the scope views suffered from heat haze. A fly-by Hoopoe gave us superb views.

We then walked slowly alongside the Canal de Vergière, one of Europe's top dragonfly sites. The main spectacle was provided by scores of iridescent Copper and Banded Demoiselles that sparkled in the vegetation fringing the canal. The rarest sighting was of a mating pair of Mediterranean Bluets alongside Mercury Bluets for comparison. Large Pincertails posed on low perches for photographers, Yellow Clubtails and Blue Chasers were found on bushes and Green-eyed Hawkets vied with Blue Emperors for territory space. There was so much to see that we decided to adjourn to a shady spot for lunch and return later.

Returning to the canal one more dragonfly species was confirmed when we had good views of territorial Western Spectres in the shade of overhanging trees, bringing our site total up to 18 species. But it wasn't all dragonflies: we also saw a small, active species of mantis and (not so good) an alien Red Swamp (Louisiana) Crayfish. The second part of the afternoon was further south in La Crau, where we saw three Little Bustards in flight, more Stone Curlews (and an egg in a nest scrape on the track we walked along) and no less than 40 Lesser Kestrels in the air together – a splendid climax to a good day in one of France's most unusual habitats.

Day 5

Sunday 15th July

Hot and mainly sunny, with a fresh to strong N wind; 29°C

This morning we looked at the northern section of the Camargue: its fresh marshes and paddyfields. Along the road to Albaron we found dense concentrations of Red-veined Darters and good numbers of Wood Sandpipers, Black-winged Stilts and Gull-billed Terns, plus several Melodious Warblers and good views of Bee-eaters. At Mas D'Agon, the marshes were teeming with waterbirds, the highlights being a flock of over 100 Glossy Ibis and three sightings of Little Bittern in flight. Whiskered Terns floated to and fro, while Great Reed Warblers croaked loudly in the reed beds and a Bittern boomed.

We returned to the hotel for a picnic lunch and then walked along the canal in the Vallée des Beaux. Among the dragonflies here was a superb Orange-spotted Emerald that posed well for all to see and the only Four-spotted Chasers of the trip. Knapweed Fritillaries were also found along the pathway, while good views were had of Short-toed Eagle and Purple Heron overhead.

Day 6

Monday 16th July

Hot and sunny, with a fresh to strong N wind; 27°C

Today we took a north-south cross-section of the Camargue, from freshwater through brackish to coastal habitats. Travelling down the eastern edge of the huge Étang de Vaccarès, we saw a concentration of some 300 Great Crested Grebes with perhaps 25 Black-necked amongst them. On the edge, a Water Rail came out to preen and sunbathe, while around the étang were thousands of distant Flamingos.

Further south, we drove out between saline lagoons where large expanses of mud had attracted flocks of waders to feed. Among these were large numbers of Kentish and Little Ringed Plovers and Curlew Sandpipers. The low water levels meant easy fishing for terns and both Little and Common Terns passed us regularly on feeding flights. The breeding colony of Greater Flamingos was but a distant shimmer, though some gave lovely flight views and one – with a leg dangling – posed unsteadily in the wind for photographs.

We took our picnic in the grounds of a restaurant en route to a very breezy viewpoint overlooking the most saline lagoons. Here a Spectacled Warbler gave us the run-around in its typical *Sueda* habitat. Just before reaching the sea, a check through the gull and tern flocks yielded half-a-dozen Slender-billed Gulls, plus a large flock of Avocets, good views of Curlew Sandpipers in their breeding dress and group of about 20 Black Terns. A few members of the group saw a Pallid Swift flying over the beach, accompanied by some of the huge numbers of Swifts that had been feeding over the wetlands earlier.

Day 7

Tuesday 17th July

Hot and sunny, with a fresh to strong N wind; 31°C

The étangs and marshes in the north-western part of the Camargue were our destination today. From the road alongside Étang du Charnier we saw Little Bittern, Tree Frogs and Swallowtail larvae and had close views of Gull-billed Tern fishing. After our picnic lunch at Étang de Scamandre, entertained by a Coypu and Wall Lizard, we walked along the tracks and boardwalks through the wetland areas. However, this proved not very exciting, although a Lesser Emperor finally showed itself to everyone.

Next we looked at the northern-eastern shore of Étang de Vaccarès near Domain de Méjanès, disturbing yet more hordes of Red-veined Darters – it seemed that every suitable perch was taken! Shelduck was added to our list, Whimbrel flew along the shoreline and two Slender-billed Gulls fed offshore, a surprise find so far from the saline lagoons they normally frequent. In fitting climax, a massive Caspian Tern flew past.

We returned to the hotel, after a short stop at Mas d'Agon on the way, to be greeted with afternoon tea and consequently had the typically delicious dinner a little later than usual. After checking the walls of the hotel each evening after dinner for Moorish Gecko, those retiring latest tonight were rather taken aback to see one scurrying up towards the roof.

Day 8

Wednesday 18th July

Hot and sunny; 29°C

On our final morning, we looked at a couple of sites not too far from the hotel, towards Mas Thibert, hoping to add more dragonflies to our list. The first proved disappointing, so we retraced our journey to a likelier-looking spot where streams and damp ditches might hold something of interest...and so it proved, because a trio of the delightful Banded Darter were found: first an immature male, then a female and finally a mature male, sporting lovely pink wing spots. Several Willow Spreadwings were found perched in shafts of sunlight in woodland beside a ditch, A Green-eyed Hawker posed nicely in a roadside tree, Swallowtails flew by and finally a female Lesser Purple Emperor was noticed low down in a tree. Serendipity kicked in nicely!

We returned to Hotel des Granges to collect our luggage and say goodbye to our lovely hosts. We arrived at Montpellier airport in good time for an easy check-in and leisurely lunch. Leaving behind a hot, sunny afternoon, we arrived to a typically cloudy Gatwick, bade fond farewells and made our separate ways home.

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Species Lists

Dragonflies & Damselflies (✓ = recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	July							
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Copper Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis</i>				✓				
2	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
3	Western Willow Spreadwing (Willow Emerald Damselfly)	<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>		✓						✓
4	White Featherleg	<i>Platycnemis latipes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
5	Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Small Bluetail (Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly)	<i>Ischnura pumilio</i>	✓	✓	✓					
7	Small Red Damsel	<i>Ceriagrion tenellum</i>			✓					
8	Small Redeye	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>			✓		✓		✓	
9	Blue-eye	<i>Erythromma lindenii</i>			✓		✓			✓
10	Mercury Bluet (Southern Damselfly)	<i>Coenagrion mercuriale</i>				✓				
11	Mediterranean Bluet	<i>Coenagrion caerulescens</i>				✓				
13	Green-eyed (Norfolk) Hawker	<i>Aeshna isosceles</i>				✓				✓
14	Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>		✓		✓				
15	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>			✓				✓	
12	Western Spectre	<i>Boyeria irene</i>				✓				
17	Yellow Clubtail	<i>Gomphus simillimus</i>			✓	✓				
18	Large Pincertail	<i>Onychogomphus uncatus</i>				✓				
19	Common Goldenring	<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i>				✓				
20	Orange-spotted Emerald	<i>Oxygastra curtisii</i>			✓		✓			
21	Blue (Scarce) Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>			✓	✓				
22	Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>					✓			
23	White-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum albistylum</i>		✓	✓		✓			✓
24	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Keeled Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>				✓				
26	Southern Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum brunneum</i>		✓		✓	✓			
27	Broad Scarlet (Darter)	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Southern Darter	<i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>			✓					
30	Banded Darter	<i>Sympetrum pedemontanum</i>								✓

Birds (H = heard only)

1	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			✓			✓	✓	
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓	
3	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>						✓		
4	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓			✓	✓	
5	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>			✓		H			
6	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			✓		✓		✓	
7	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			✓				✓	
8	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
11	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
12	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
14	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			✓				✓	
16	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	
17	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			✓			✓	✓	
19	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			✓					
20	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>							✓	
21	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>			✓					
23	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>							✓	
24	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			✓					
25	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓	
28	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		✓				✓		
29	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
30	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	✓	✓						
31	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			
32	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
33	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				✓				
34	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				✓				
35	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>				✓				
36	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>				✓				
37	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>						✓	✓	
38	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>						✓		
39	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
40	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
41	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>				✓				
42	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>			✓	✓				
43	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>						✓		
44	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>						✓		
46	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>						✓		
47	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>						✓		
48	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>						✓		
49	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>						✓		
50	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>					✓		✓	
51	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>						✓		
52	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>						✓		
53	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						✓		
54	Ruff	<i>Philoachus pugnax</i>						✓		
55	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>						✓		
56	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			✓			✓	✓	
57	Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>						✓		
58	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
59	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓			✓	✓	
60	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleuca</i>			✓			✓	✓	
61	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>						✓	✓	
63	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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65	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>						✓		
67	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
68	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>						✓	✓	✓
69	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>							✓	
70	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>						✓	✓	
71	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>			✓		✓		✓	
72	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>				✓				
73	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia "feral"</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		
76	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓						✓
78	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>		✓						
79	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>		✓						
80	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓						
81	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>						✓		
83	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			✓		✓		✓	✓
84	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
85	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				✓	✓			
87	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>				H				
88	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			✓					
89	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			✓	✓	✓			
90	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
91	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓						
92	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>						✓	✓	
93	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				✓				
96	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					✓	✓		
97	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>					✓	✓	✓	
98	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓					
99	Fan-tailed Warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		H	✓		✓	✓		
100	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓		H		H	H	✓	
101	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>			✓		✓		H	
102	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			✓		H		✓	
103	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>					✓			
104	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>						✓		
105	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H	H		H	H	H	
106	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓			✓			
107	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilis</i>			✓					
108	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H						
109	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓		✓			
110	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓						✓	
111	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓			
112	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		H			✓			
113	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
114	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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115	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
116	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
117	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					✓	✓	✓	
119	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓						
120	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓					
121	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	✓	✓		H		H	✓	
122	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
123	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>							✓	
124	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>							✓	
125	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓							

Butterflies & Moths (L = larvae)

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>								L	L
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podarlis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
4	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>		✓		✓					
6	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>		✓							
8	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
9	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lamides boeticus</i>	✓	✓			✓			✓	
10	Short-tailed Blue	<i>Everes argiades</i>					✓				
11	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>					✓				
13	Lesser Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura ilia</i>									✓
14	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>			✓		✓				
15	White/Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla/reducta</i>		✓							
16	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓			✓	✓			
17	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>								✓	
18	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>			✓						
19	Comma	<i>Polygonum c-album</i>					✓				
20	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>					✓				
21	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>	✓			✓					
22	Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi</i>		✓	✓				✓		
23	Striped Grayling	<i>Pseudotergumia fidia</i>		✓							
24	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisia circe</i>									✓
25	Southern Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia Cecilia</i>		✓			✓				✓
26	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>						✓			
27	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>						✓	✓	✓	
28	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓		✓				✓
29	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>									
30	Red Underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia sertorius</i>									
31	Southern Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus boeticus</i>		✓							
32	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatum</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	
33	Spurge Hawk-moth	<i>Hyles euphorbiae</i>				L					
34	Jersey Tiger	<i>Euplagia quadripunctata</i>			✓		✓				

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Reptiles & Amphibians

(H = heard; S = shed skin)

1	Stripeless Tree Frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>								✓	
2	Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>		✓							
3	Iberian Water Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	H
4	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>			✓						
5	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>								✓	
6	Western Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta bilineata</i>	✓		✓		✓				
7	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>								✓	
8	Montpellier Snake	<i>Malpolon monspessulanus</i>							S		

Mammals

Bat sp	<i>Chiroptera</i>	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>
Water Vole sp.	<i>Arvicola sadiplus/terrestris</i>		

Sundry species

Wartbiter sp.	<i>Decticus sp.</i>	Mosquito sp.	<i>Culicidae</i>
Great Green Bush-cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>	Bee-fly sp.	<i>Bombyliidae</i>
Red-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>	A large hoverfly	<i>Volucella sp.</i>
Blue-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caeruleascens</i>	Velvet Ant	<i>Mutilla europaea</i>
Field Cricket sp.	<i>Gryllus sp.</i>	Paper Wasp	<i>Polistes gallicus</i>
Saga pedo	<i>Saga pedo</i>	A Sphecid wasp sp.	<i>Sceliphron sp.</i>
Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>	A red and black beetle	<i>Mylabris variabilis</i>
Small praying mantis	<i>Ameles decolor</i>	Wasp Spider	<i>Argiope bruennichi</i>
Minstrel Bug	<i>Graphosoma lineatum</i>	Red Swamp (Louisiana) Crayfish	<i>Procambarus clarkii</i>
A red and black bug	<i>Lygaeus equestris</i>	Ide	<i>Leuciscus idus</i>
Cicada	<i>Cicada orni</i>	Common Carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>
Mottle-winged Antlion	<i>Palpares libelluloides</i>		