

# The Camargue in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-winged Stilt



Greater Flamingo



Spotted Flycatcher



La Crau

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## Summary

The second 'Camargue in Spring' tour of 2018 enjoyed sunshine every day, and the warm, pleasant conditions permitted the group to seek out and identify in excess of 130 species of birds in the marshes, rice paddies and rural areas of this wildlife-rich region. Water-birds dominated with an assortment of herons, terns, gulls and waders which were a mixture of breeding and passage birds. The unique stony plain of La Crau yielded views of Lesser Kestrel, Stone Curlew, Short-toed Lark and a male Little Bustard and not to be outdone, the hedges and scrubby areas resounded to the vibrant songs of Nightingales, Melodious Warblers and many others. The usual glamour birds included European Bee-eaters, Rollers, Hoopoes, Red-backed Shrikes and even a couple of Golden Orioles but a male Dotterel in a field next to our hotel was a surprise!

Other quality birds included Short-toed Eagle, Blue Rock Thrush, Collared Pratincole, Little Bittern and of course plenty of Greater Flamingos. The warm conditions ensured that we also saw a good early selection of odonata, butterflies and other interesting insects as well as small numbers of mammals and reptiles typical of the region. Our hotel proved to be both convenient and comfortable and we enjoyed some very good cuisine at the end of each day

## Day 1

## Sunday 6th May

Eight members of the tour met Neil at Gatwick North Terminal during the early morning. On travelling to our plane, two Peregrines could be seen perched on one of the terminal buildings!

Our Easyjet flight to Montpellier was pretty much on time and after collecting our luggage we met Ian and eventually secured a second minibus. The weather was warm and sunny and despite some travel fatigue, the party elected for some birding en-route to our hotel.

The airport perimeter provided views of Magpie, White Wagtail and a rather stunning male Black Redstart. The shallow lagoons east of Montpellier provided fleeting views of what was to come. The warm weather ensured that Swifts, Starlings and Black-headed Gulls were up in the air harvesting insect blooms. Greater Flamingoes, Grey Herons, Little Egrets and Cormorants were feeding in the shallows as we slowly made our way to the minor road which separates Etang du Charnier from Etang de Scamandre. Those in the first minibus enjoyed a brief sighting of two Little Bitterns alongside the road. Several Red-crested Pochard showed well and a decamp from the vans was a precursor to seeing our first Coypu, two overflying Collared Pratincole, Purple Herons, a 'purring' Turtle Dove and the first Gull-billed Terns and Mediterranean Gulls.

We then drove on to our hotel, seeing a few more birds en-route as well as appreciating the stunning landscape of this region. At Hotel des Granges, Bruno and Marie-Jo were on hand to check us in and show us our rooms. Here we met up with Graham and Katherine and Alice and David who had travelled to the hotel under their own steam.

Following a short period of relaxation, excursions offered included a wildlife walk from the hotel around the fields to the canal or a cultural opportunity to visit the historic centre of Arles. There were takers for both, so Ian

drove into Arles with one group and Neil walked down to the canal to see what was about in the fields. Birds encountered on the walk included European Roller, Black Kite, a pair of Red-backed Shrike, which was a nice surprise, lots of singing Nightingales and a few each of Zitting Cisticola, Crested Lark and Corn Bunting. A group of four migrant Tree Pipits by the canal were unexpected. The singing Western Bonelli's Warbler in a conifer in the hotel grounds refused to show itself!

The remainder of the day was taken up with completing check-lists, preparing for the following day and of course a very enjoyable evening meal.

## Day 2

Monday 7th May

The day started cloudy with a light breeze but changed into a warm, sunny day with just a short period of rain in the evening.

Our 6.30am optional walk from the hotel was not as productive as the previous afternoon but we made special efforts to espy the signing Nightingales and Melodious Warblers in their respective bushes! A Serin and a Black Redstart made it on to the day's list, as did Hoopoe to the delight of many.

After breakfast we motored on the ring road around Arles and took a slow drive along the country lanes towards the tiny rural settlement known as Mas D'Agon, a favourite area for birdwatchers. Initial sightings around the farmsteads provided us with House and Tree Sparrows, Swallow and House Martins, Collared Dove and yet more (mostly hidden) Nightingale. A road-side stop resulted in Common Cuckoo, more Zitting Cisticolas, fleeting views of Cetti's Warbler and a flock of European Bee-eaters - always a splendid sight! Singing larks were both Skylark and Crested Lark and a few Corn Bunting and some early dragon-flies provided more items of interest.

Driving further down the roads we walked a short stretch with water and phragmites reed-beds on both sides. Although often tricky to see through because of the height of the reeds, nonetheless there were plenty of birds here with telescope views of singing Eurasian and Great Reed Warblers perched in the reeds, a couple of furtive Bearded Tits and bigger wetland birds in the shape of Glossy Ibis, Grey and Purple Herons, Mute Swans, Great Crested Grebes and three species of Egrets. Terns were well represented with Common, Gull-billed and Whiskered flying in and out plus a Marsh Harrier and more Red-crested Pochard.

After enjoying ourselves at Mar D'Agon, we then drove to the Parc Ornithologique at Pont du Gau where we enjoyed our picnic lunch whilst serenaded by chirping House Sparrows, anything but melodious Melodious Warblers and of course the powerful lyrics and thumping choruses of the constantly-singing Nightingale! The active heronries, habituated Greater Flamingo and general close proximity to the water birds all helps make this reserve a firm favourite with naturalists and photographers alike. Grey Herons, Little and Cattle Egrets all nest here and in close proximity with each other, so there are always thrills and spills to see! This is the place to see wild Greater Flamingo up close and personal - no need for the telescope here . . .

We took a slow walk around some of the reserve, enjoying views of Avocets, Black-winged Stilts and White Storks. Birds whizzing around included Yellow-legged Gull, Common, Gull-billed and Little Terns and a couple of fly-through Spoonbills. A little extension to the regular walk took us to a strangely-designed bird hide where a

certain amount of flexibility and dexterity was required to see out of it! It was worth it though because the birds in front included close Spotted Redshank and now stationary Gull-billed, Little and Common Terns.

A coffee at the Parc Café was well received and then a little after 5pm we left this area and took a leisurely drive back to Hotel des Granges and began to power up the batteries for another full day out in the Camargue.

## Day 3

Tuesday 8th May

With rain for much of the night and the early morning being very still and misty, we took to a minibus for our excursion before breakfast. A visit to some nearby rice paddies was a poor choice – the coagulated local clay ensured we quickly experienced muddy footwear and a muddy minibus! Scanning the nearby monastery was a much better idea and then we explored a farm track that eventually brought us out next to the hotel. Very atmospheric first thing with shrouded colours in the mist – good for the local mosquitos too! We heard a singing Short-toed Treecreeper and saw European Roller and a Little Owl and a Turtle Dove was ‘purring’ nearby.

Following our breakfast Ian steered us west of the River Rhone and we took a slow drive along minor country lanes towards Etang du Vaccares. The Melodious Warblers were out in force with hidden individuals singing from vegetation alongside the track. With patience it was possible to locate and examine a couple of these fresh-in songsters. Stonechat and Whinchat were next with now familiar birds of the agricultural areas including more Corn Buntings, House and Tree Sparrows, Zitting Cisticola and similar. And there were more Rollers and Bee-eaters, then a female Pied Flycatcher and a Green Woodpecker, followed by a lone Subalpine Warbler. On the shores of the Etang most of the birds on the water were Yellow-legged Gulls, Cormorants and Great Crested Grebes, but birds on the other side of the road included a distant White-winged Tern, a singing Tawny Pipit and several Yellow Wagtail. Black-winged Stilt, White Stork, Greater Flamingo and common herons typified the standard birds on offer here and after a brief comfort stop, we drove inland to the watch-point at Maries des Grenouilles where we took shelter in the back of the mini-buses for our picnic in rather hot conditions. A Red Fox paid us little interest and a Cetti’s Warbler continually shouted at us from his bush! The freshwater lagoon offered only distant views of common water birds.

Further along the same road provided sightings of raptors in the form of Hobby, Marsh Harrier, Kestrel and Short-toed Eagle – at least three of the latter. Two very distant Collared Pratincole were simply a taster of what was to come. An unidentified snake slide past us in a flooded ditch which also hosted Mosquito Fish and Bee-eaters and a Hoopoe entertained us near some farm buildings.

We turned out of this road and headed south, making for Plage du Piemason. We had only travelled a few kilometres when we encountered more Collared Pratincole over the road. Naturally we stopped and enjoyed a wonderful half an hour, watching twenty-five or so of these charismatic birds in flight and resting in the fields. A Short-toed Eagle came right overhead and a Marsh Harrier was quartering in the field and phragmites nearby.

After this delay we again tried heading south to the coast and after a comfort stop and an ice cream we found ourselves at the saltpans and coastal lagoons of Plage du Piemason. Waders stole the show here with views of Curlew Sandpiper (over fifty birds), Sanderling, Dunlin, Common Redshank, Bar-tailed Godwit and both Ringed and Kentish Plovers. Avocets, Greater Flamingo and a fabulous, raucous flock of Sandwich Terns all added to the classic coastal Mediterranean scene. Pink-suffused Slender-billed Gulls could be seen bathing alongside terns,

only to be joined by a small flock of Little Gulls, including a stunning adult summer plumage bird. Sadly time was rather short but just as we were about to come away, a migrant Spotted Flycatcher flew in to some rocks right beside our mini-buses providing excellent views. We drove back to our comfortable hotel and the predicted rain showers arrived in the evening, cooling things down just a little.

Following picnic shopping, check lists and our home-cooked evening meal the day was almost gone, and after a day of great birding, fresh air and warm sunshine, our bodies needed a rest!

## Day 4

Wednesday 9th May

All of a sudden it was our last full day and with sunny, warm conditions right from the start. The early morning walk started with a bang following the discovery of a male Dotterel in the field next to the hotel! With many trips to the region under his belt and never encountering this species before, Ian's words were "that's outrageous"! Anyway this beautiful plover hung around long enough for everyone to see it, sharing the field with a couple of Northern Wheatears and two pairs of Red-legged Partridge. A calling Quail remained hidden but a couple of stunning Rollers did not.

Our main morning excursion took us to the stony plains of La Crau, but not before some road-side birding near the village of La Dynamite! Here we encountered a pair of Rollers at a nest hole, glimpsed one of three calling Golden Oriole and located a female Red-backed Shrike hunting from sprigs and briars. The unique landscape at La Crau quickly provided is with views of Greater Short-toed Lark and Tawny Pipit but the Stone Curlew were elusive. Western Marbled White butterflies fluttered along close to the ground and odonata included Copper and Southern Banded Demoiselle and Blue-tailed and Southern Damselfly. By July the stream here will be attracting a huge variety of dragonflies and damselflies and will understandably be one of the European odonata hotspots! With an ever-increasing heat shimmer affecting our scanning, we left this area and drove to the reserve at Marais du Vigueirat. As usual the resplendent Eurasian Bee-eaters were present alongside the entrance track and the Camargue White Horses were later viewable in the same area.

After consuming our picnic near the reserve entrance, the majority of us went for a walk along the boardwalk that encircles the nearest couple of shallow lagoons. This is one of the best places to see Squacco Heron, and two of these pond herons were on show together with Purple Heron, Great Egret, Little Egret and Grey Heron. Coypus were easy to see here and more dragonflies including Lesser Emperor, Black-tailed and White-tailed Skimmers and Scarlet Darter. Most of the water birds were species we had encountered elsewhere so we made a retreat to the shelter, toilets and cooling refreshments at the main entrance. With our full group assembled, our last site was to visit the southern section of La Crau, a place where we rarely encounter anyone else except perhaps a shepherd or two!

A slow drive along the tracks initially didn't produce much more than plenty of Skylarks but some fortuitous scanning was successful in pinpointing a male Little Bustard. We watched this bird for some time as he postured and conducted a half-hearted display. Stone Curlews were calling from somewhere nearby and a Red Fox came running a little further behind the bustard.

On next to some isolated old Second World War airfield buildings and the site of a Lesser Kestrel colony. About thirty or so of these cracking little falcons were in this localized area and it was possible to appreciate the

sometimes subtle identification features which separate them from Common Kestrel. Whilst enjoying the spectacle of these birds, a couple of Stone Curlew came into view and then two more were picked out a great deal closer! Who said that birding in the afternoon is not as good as birding in the morning!

With an excellent day list of exciting wildlife, we meandered back to our hotel and our last night. Our evening meal was another of Marie-Jo's hallmark traditional Camargue specials.

## Day 5

Thursday 10th May

A cloudy but warm day with sunny periods and dry, our last early morning walk provided nothing that was new for us but did include quality in the form of a male Red-backed Shrike and a calling and then flying male Golden Oriole! And still the Nightingales were signing at full blast!

Betty and John left us first thing in the morning to continue on with their adventures in Southern France and after breakfast Alice and David and Katherine and Graham did much the same. So with our numbers depleted by fifty per cent and our flights back home not until the afternoon, there was still an opportunity for more adventures! Ian took some of our number back into Arles to enjoy the last few hours in a historic setting and Neil took the remainder to Les Baux, a small commune within battlements atop a limestone ridge about 15km north-east of Arles. Both groups reported Black Redstarts and those at Les Baux also managed views of Blue Rock Thrush, Serin, Common Redstart, Honey Buzzard and a nice close Crested Tit.

Lunchtime saw us all back at Hotel des Granges where we polished off the last of the picnic supplies! We then took a pleasant drive back to Montpellier Airport and after a ninety minute delay flew back to Gatwick and concluded a particularly successful tour of the "Camargue in Spring".

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## Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May				
			6	7	8	9	10
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓	✓		
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>		✓			
6	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓
8	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		H		H	
9	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓	✓		H
10	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	H				
11	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓	✓		
12	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
13	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		2			
16	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	2				
17	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			1	1	
18	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
24	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					1
25	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	2	1	5	1	
26	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			1		
27	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1		
28	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1	4	2	
29	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>				1♂	
32	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	H				
33	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	H	✓	
34	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
35	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedichnemus</i>				6	
36	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓		
37	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		✓	✓		
38	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	✓		✓
39	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			✓		
40	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			✓		
41	Eurasian Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>				1♂	
42	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>			✓		
43	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		1			
44	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			✓		
45	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		1			
46	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			✓		
47	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			50+		

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			6	7	8	9	10
48	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			✓		
49	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	2	H	25		
50	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			30		
51	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Little Gull	<i>Hyolcoloeus minutus</i>			6		
53	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
54	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			✓		
57	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		✓	✓		
58	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
59	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chidonias hybrida</i>		✓			
60	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	✓	✓	H	✓	H
63	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓	✓	✓	H	H
65	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>		H			
66	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			1		
67	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</i>					✓
68	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	2		✓	6	✓
70	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	
71	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1	1	4	3	H
72	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			1		
73	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			1	H	
74	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				30	
75	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	1		1		
77	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	2			1♀	1♂
78	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			H	3	1
79	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>					1
84	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓		2
85	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Bearded Reedling/Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	1	2			
87	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					H
88	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	
89	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				✓	
91	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓			
92	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					✓
94	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓			✓
95	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	H
96	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				✓	
97	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	1		H		
98	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	H				



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99	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	H	✓	H	H	
100	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	H	✓	H	H	
101	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	✓	H	H	✓
104	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			1		
105	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
106	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓		
107	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			H		H
109	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			1		
110	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>					H
111	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
112	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1♀		
113	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1	1	H		✓
114	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1♀			1♂
115	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					3
116	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			1	1	
117	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			3	1	
118	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				2	
119	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓	H		
121	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓	✓	H	
122	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
123	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			2	✓	
124	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	4	H			
125	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	H		H	H	H
126	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	H	1		H	✓
129	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓
130	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>					H

## Escapes

1	Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>			1		
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## Mammals

1	Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	✓	✓		✓	
2	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			✓	✓	
3	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			✓	✓	

## Amphibians &amp; Reptiles

1	Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>	✓				
2	Frog sp.			H		H	
3	Moorish Gecko		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Wall Lizard			✓		✓	
5	Snake sp.				✓		

## Others Invertebrates

1	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptum</i>	✓		✓		
2	An owl fly	<i>Libekkoides coccajus</i>					✓

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3	Rose Chafer	<i>Cetonia aurata</i>	✓				
4	Millipede	<i>Diplopoda</i>					✓

## Fish

1	Carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>		✓	✓	✓	
2	Bitterling	<i>Rhodeus amarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
3	Ide	<i>Leuciscus idus</i>				✓	

## Butterflies

1	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓	✓	
2	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>				✓	
4	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓			
5	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓		✓	✓	
6	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓		✓	✓	
7	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>				✓	
8	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>	✓				
9	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				✓	
10	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓	
11	Western Marbled White	<i>Melanargia occitanica</i>				✓	

## Moths

1	Lattice Heath Moth	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>			✓		
2	Ermine Moth sp.			✓			
3	Cream Spotted Tiger	<i>Epicallia villica</i>				✓	
4	Emerald sp. Moth					✓	

## Odonata

1	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>		✓		✓	
2	Copper Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis</i>				✓	
3	Southern Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion mercuriale</i>				✓	
4	Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>		✓	✓	✓	
5	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>				✓	
6	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>		✓	✓	✓	
7	Scarlet Darter	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>		✓		✓	
8	White-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum albistylum</i>				✓	

## Plants

1	Stone (Umbrella) Pine	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	✓		✓		
2	Italian Cypress	<i>Cupressus semipervens</i>		✓			✓
3	Kermes Oak	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>					✓
4	Fig	<i>Ficus carica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Olive	<i>Olea europea</i>	✓				✓
6	Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>	✓				
7	Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	✓				
8	Plane Tree	<i>Platanus sp.</i>	✓				
9	Black Pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	✓				
10	Tamarisk sp.						
11	Mediterranean Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>					

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12	White Robinia	<i>Robinia sp.</i>					
13	Spanish Broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>				✓	✓
14	Yellow Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	✓	✓			
15	Giant Reed	<i>Arundo donax</i>	✓	✓			
16	Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	✓	✓			
17	Poppy sp.		✓				
18	White Rock-rose	<i>Helianthemum appeninum</i>				✓	
19	Mallow	<i>Malva sp.</i>					
20	Fennel	<i>Foeniculum</i>					



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