

The Camargue in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st – 5th May 2023



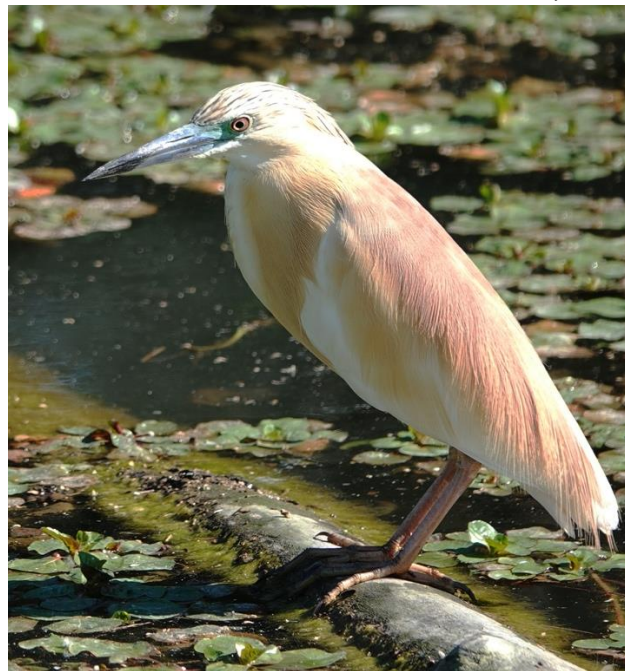
European Pond Turtle



Glossy Ibis



Little Bustard



Squacco Heron

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Summary

A small but very keen group of Naturetrekkers proved to be a lucky group both with the weather and wildlife in and around the Camargue during the first week of May this spring. We packed plenty into our short time away with optional early morning walks from the hotel and evening night drives after our day excursions. We were most fortunate to encounter Little Bustard every day, enjoyed regular sightings of Stone Curlew and there was plenty of evidence of visible migration with Eurasian Bee-eaters bounding overhead, Rollers flying past at tree level and a small movement of Honey Buzzards overhead. Fabulous views were had of a hunting Short-toed Eagle, a fishing Squacco Heron and almost everywhere we went Gull-billed Terns and cracking summer plumage Mediterranean Gulls accompanied us.

A change of scenery at Les Baux provided views of Blue Rock Thrush, Crested Tit, Alpine Swift and Crag Martin and although our night drives were generally quiet, we enjoyed our sighting of a Eurasian Eagle Owl and a brief Nightjar. Early dragonflies and butterflies and the cute Coypu kept us amused as we soaked up the sunshine and consumed our picnic lunches at a variety of locations.

Our hotel of many years again provided high spec accommodation and lovely meals and the quite different habitat at La Crau yielded Copper Demoiselle, Western Marbled White and Bath White butterflies and birds in the shape of Griffon Vulture, Short-toed Lark and Southern Grey Shrike.

All too soon the adventure was over, but the group enjoyed a most enjoyable experience watching some of the special wildlife of this unique region.

Day 1

Monday 1st May

Our five-day adventure in the Camargue commenced with the tour leader meeting all five guests at Marseilles Airport late morning. We purchased some lunch to eat en-route and made our way to the small private aerodrome at de Berre La Fare. It was very windy, but sunny - we were lucky not to experience any rain during this tour with the sun shining every day. At the aerodrome we found our target species – the Little Bustard. Two males were present on the south side of the complex with their regular calling helping us to locate them in the grasses and flowers. It was much too windy for butterflies, but other birds here included Short-toed Eagle, Black Kite, Tree Sparrow and we also heard some Serin calling.

Despite the rigours of travelling, the group were keen to commit to searching for some more wildlife before driving to our hotel, so our next venue was the delightful reserve of Marais du Vigueirat where we ate our makeshift lunch at the picnic tables there.

Following refreshments, we called at the Visitor Centre and then enjoyed a short walk covering about half of the looped trail. It was busy with plenty of wildlife and we delighted in singles of Purple Heron and Squacco Heron, a breeding plumage Great White Egret exhibiting its black back and pink legs and plenty of noisy Gull-billed Terns swooping around us. A Coypu remained distant, but we managed close views of a basking European Pond Turtle, wallowing Carp in the shallows and newly-emerged odonata including Black-tailed Skimmer, Scarlet Darter, Lesser

Emperor, Hairy Hawker and probable Vagrant Hawker and Red-veined Darter. Other insects included Egyptian Grasshopper, Speckled Wood and Scarce Swallowtail butterflies and Blue-tailed Damselflies.

Our careful scanning and checking the shallow lagoons identified migrant Wood Sandpipers in amongst the noisy Black-winged Stilts, a fly-through Spoonbill, a few flocks of formation-flying Glossy Ibis plus Yellow Wagtails, Red-crested Pochard, several Bee-eaters, Black Kite and two Hobbies. We saw our first examples of the Camargue White Horses and fields containing Black Bulls. Common Wall Lizard trotted along the boardwalks in front of us. Although the strong wind funnelled through the hide vents somewhat, we spent a very pleasant couple of hours here and it was an apt introduction to some of the wildlife to be encountered in the Camargue.

We left Marais du Vigueirat at about 4pm and made for our comfortable hotel on the outskirts of Arles. En-route we saw a single Wild Boar piglet running alongside us on one of the main roads – hopefully it found it's mother and siblings somewhere nearby.

After checking in at our regular venue of Hotel des Granges we completed the Naturetrek checklist for the day and had a briefing to plan the coming days and then sat down for our evening meal at 7pm. After being fed by our hosts Christine and Pascal we clambered back into the minibus and took a slow drive to the limestone hills to the north, seeing Bee-eaters and Rollers en-route. At a location close to Les Baux we walked a short distance along a track and straightaway saw and heard our quarry – a superb Eurasian Eagle Owl. This calling bird remained in view at a distance perched on the rounded buttresses of limestone rock, almost certainly where it and hopefully its family reside. Never a guaranteed sighting, this was the icing on the cake for a wildlife-filled first day, and we saw a Nightjar and heard singing Blackcap and Nightingale as the daylight faded into dusk.

We returned to our hotel and settled down for some well-earned sleep to ready ourselves for the following day.

Day 2

Tuesday 2nd May

A very strong wind all day made for difficult viewing conditions. The direction was initially from the west but later switched to the south but the day temperature still reached 24°C and it was sunny all day.

Our optional morning walk commenced at 6.30am as we walked the traditional route from the hotel, along the farm track with fields on either side to the canal and back. This spring the large field behind the hotel was left fallow and the emergent vegetation provided sufficient cover for a pair of Little Bustards to make a breeding attempt. It seemed that other Little Bustards were trying the same thing in fields the other side of the busy main road and we saw three birds on our morning walk. A cracking male Montagu's Harrier slipped by at range a couple of fields away and sadly kept going – it would have been a bird to savour had it been closer and lingered. A female Common Redstart was a hedgerow migrant and Crested Larks and a pair of Tawny Pipit provided intermittent views in the bustard field.

Following breakfast and some picnic shopping we left the hotel at about 9.15am and headed for the general area known as Mas D'Agon. We walked the narrow country road at St Cecile, but the dust and pollen whipped up by the strong wind made it very uncomfortable. Just before our walk we enjoyed fine views of a Marsh Harrier perched on a bare-earth field consuming something it had caught and also a Red Fox in a field nearby. Our blustery walk yielded Tree Sparrow, Crested Lark, Skylark, Wheatear and best of all a flock of Bee-eaters which together with

the Common Swifts were finding it difficult to feed in such powerful weather conditions. We learned from this experience and travelled down to the nearby freshwater étangs where we elected to stay in the minibus which provided some elevation for seeing over the phragmites reeds and protection from the wind. From here we were able to see classic Camargue birds such as Whiskered Tern, Squacco and Purple Herons, Western Swamphen, Red-crested Pochard and a pair of Garganey. A Great Reed Warbler sang from cover, but wasn't visible.

We moved on towards Etang Vaccares and a roadside Roller stayed put for us on the leeward side of a tree. More Bee-eaters and a Hoopoe were in a grass field inhabited by a classic herd of Camargue Black Bulls. We found some waders at Etang Vaccares which included Greenshank, Redshank and Grey Plover and also Little Tern, Short-toed Eagle and Hobby.

The little reserve at La Capeliere seemed a suitable location given the conditions and we tried to hide from the wind whilst we consumed our traditional Naturetrek picnic using the tables there and the minibus rear doors as a windshield – and it sort of worked! The reserve has a little trail with a few hides, and we took the circular route spying yet another Squacco Heron, Spoonbill, a brief Collared Pratincole, Yellow Wagtail and Coot. A Western Green Lizard half way up a bush wiggled into denser cover before the majority of us saw it. It must have been at about this time that the wind direction switched as we suddenly became aware of a flock of medium-sized raptors above us at tree-top height - Honey Buzzards! This first group comprised of nine birds included two strikingly dark individuals. We moved quickly to try and find some sky and it wasn't long before we found more birds flying into the strong headwind. Some Black Kite and Short-toed Eagles also seemed to be caught up in the same movement.

We left La Capeliere and retraced our outward journey, again seeing the roadside Roller which posed for photos, more migrant raptors, better views of Little Tern, Turtle Doves and more White Horses.

We arrived back at the hotel at 5.25pm, completed our checklist at 7pm and enjoyed our evening meal at 7.30pm accompanied by Christine and Pascal's wine and beer selection which included local produce such as the Camargue rice-based beers and a range of white, red and rose wines from the Camargue and Rhone basin.

For those still with stamina, we undertook a night drive in the minibus at 8.45pm driving roads and tracks nearby to see what might be active. All we saw was Red Fox, Rabbit and some unidentified bats. We were back at 10pm and said good-night to the Moorish Geckos on the walls beside the hotel reception.

Day 3

Wednesday 3rd May

Another sunny day with temperatures up to 24°C, still breezy and with wind this time from the north - still good conditions for our day three forays.

As usual the day began with a 6.30am pre-breakfast walk down the track beside the hotel, this time taking a slightly different route. A male Black Redstart was singing from a warehouse roof opposite the hotel as we left and we notched up a male Little Bustard, singing Corn Buntings, a Melodious Warbler singing from a crop of oil seed rape, Red-legged Partridges, Common Buzzard, Kestrels, five Whinchats, a Wheatear and the usual Sardinian Warblers, Crested Larks and Gull-billed Terns hawking over the fields.

After our breakfast, some shopping for our picnic and having refuelled the minibus we left the hotel at about 9.15am departing for the area known as Les Petite Camargue. Roadside birding here included a Purple Heron on a nest, two Black-crowned Night Herons, an excellent view of a photogenic Squacco Heron and the trio of Common, Little and Whiskered Terns. Two Pied Flycatchers and a family of Serin in the bushes were altogether trickier and we glimpsed Kingfisher, Red-crested Pochard and could see four distant Collared Pratincole hawking over the reedbed. A flock of forty or more Spoonbill in flight was good and gaps in the reeds afforded views of Great Reed Warbler and Western Swamphen.

On next to the Scamandre Centre and a walk around provided plenty of dragonflies active in the warm conditions, high-up hunting Short-toed Eagles and numerous Nightingales – at least one of which finally showed well for us! We heard a Western Bonelli's Warbler singing in short bursts, but it didn't show, saw plenty of spawning Carp and lots of egrets. A number of picnic benches were too good an opportunity to miss and we munched our cheeses, cold meats, salad, bread and much more whilst listening to everything around us which included cheeping Tree Sparrows and a calling Hoopoe.

After lunch it was back in the minibus to drive a short distance to enjoy a close White Stork nest atop a tower. Typically, there were other birds nesting in the bottom of the stork nest which included Jackdaw, feral pigeon and House Sparrow. Our next venue took us to the south of the Camargue National Park with a visit to Parc Ornithologique at Pont de Gau. Here we were treated to a spectacle of at least five hundred Mediterranean Gulls, which attracted three Slender-billed Gulls, Spotted Redshanks, great views of Glossy Ibis, Greater Flamingo and various species of heron. Little, Gull-billed and Common Terns added more clamour to the avian spectacle as did breeding Avocets and Black-winged Stilts. A Cuckoo provided a succession of fly-by views over a reed-bed and waders included Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper and two tiny Temminck's Stint. Two Black Swans, Coypus and Melodious Warbler provided further diversity and a confiding Nightingale sang and behaved just like a garden Robin and provided exceptional views. This is always an amazing place to visit but the sheer amount of birdlife on constant display on this occasion was particularly memorable. It was hard to leave this place but at the rather late time of 6.30pm this we had to do, arriving back at our hotel only twenty minutes ahead of our evening meal.

We completed our checklist ritual after dinner and after a long day elected not to try a night drive and instead retired for the evening with a Nightingale serenading us from the hedge-line in the garden.

Day 4

Thursday 4th May

Another day of sunshine with temperatures approaching 25°C and the wind dropping at last to a light breeze provided the ideal conditions for another day of wildlife. The morning track walk provided at least three Little Bustards with plenty of flying around and a brief flight view of a Stone Curlew too. A Quail was heard calling and most of the other birds were regular repeats of previous mornings. Two Rabbits and the musty aroma of Wild Boar was all we could detect mammal-wise.

Following the familiar routine of breakfast and shopping for the picnic off we went to a different habitat. The morning was to be spent at Les Baux, or at least around the medieval village now very much a tourist haunt. En-route to Les Alpilles National Park we spotted lowland birds such as Corn Bunting, Roller, White Wagtail, Crested Lark and Zitting Cisticola. On arrival at Les Baux, we secured views of a singing male Common Redstart, several Black Redstarts and a fabulous pair of Blue Rock Thrush. Cirl Buntings were much more elusive, but we all saw

Serin, Crested Tit, Crag Martin and Alpine Swift. Butterflies included both Swallowtail species as we walked along the rocky path at the base of the cliffs encompassing the village above. Other butterflies seen rather briefly included Western Marbled White and Southern White Admiral. Sulphur Owl-flies wowed everyone with their black and yellow colours, and we saw our only Blue Tit of the trip! Other familiar birds included Common Swift, Blackcap, Great Tit and Raven. Jackdaw, Feral Pigeons and Sardinian Warbler made it onto the day list.

Clambering around and up into the village we treated ourselves to a coffee and a brief retail opportunity to purchase a souvenir or two.

Leaving Les Baux we headed next to the nearby De La Caume area of pine woodland where we secured a concrete bench table to lay out our picnic. Once our appetite was sated, we had time for a short saunter in the nearby woodland where we spotted butterflies again including both species of Swallowtail, Brimstone, Southern White Admiral, Spanish Gatekeeper and Wall Brown. Birds were rather scarce, but we tracked down Chaffinch, Serin and Short-toed Treecreeper and enjoyed good views of fly-over Alpine Swifts and a Black Kite.

Our next task was to return to Hotel des Granges where at 2.30pm we had to say good-bye to Adam who was required to return home a day early. Then the rest of us struck south heading for Plage Piémanson via Salin de Giraud and an extensive saltpan complex. We picked out one or two Caspian Tern out on the islands which also supported plenty of Yellow-legged Gulls and their already-big fluffy brown chicks. Sandwich, Common and Little Terns were also present as were resident Greater Flamingo and a new colony of Spoonbill. Flocks of small waders were mostly Dunlin and Little Stint, but we picked out a Red Knot and two Curlew Sandpipers. The wader numbers were unusually low, and they were mostly distant but we added Redshank, Avocet, Ringed Plover and Kentish Plover. About twenty Slender-billed Gulls gleamed in the afternoon sunshine and we added Great White Egret, Cormorant, Reed Bunting, Yellow Wagtail and Zitting Cisticola. At the beach we peered out to sea whilst Gill enjoyed a paddle! Three Gannets were fishing some way out and in the extreme distance we could see the forms of both small and large shearwaters, but they were just too far away to make a safe identification.

Following our visit to the seaside we headed back, spending a short time at a likely-looking location looking for Spectacled Warblers, but accepted defeat when an army of mosquitoes found us! We notched up Linnet, Skylark, Sardinian Warbler, Corn Bunting, Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper and Gull-billed Tern before making a hasty retreat.

We arrived back at the late hour of 7.15pm and after another long day in the field it was decided not to attempt a night drive. Instead, we relaxed, enjoyed the fruits of Christine's culinary skills and gave in to a little Camargue-induced fatigue!

Day 5

Friday 5th May

Our last day of the tour and our early morning meander along the farm track from the hotel was again productive with two Little Bustards, two or three Stone Curlew, Wheatears, Corn Bunting, Melodious Warbler, Cuckoo, Crested Larks and Mediterranean Gulls. It was sunny from dawn onwards with a little cloud and a pleasant breeze. After our 8am breakfast we checked out of the hotel and left at about 9.10am aiming to spend our last morning at an area known as La Crau. This is a large, flat sea-level area to the east of Arles which supports quite a diverse suite

of wildlife. We took a slow drive along a country road with hay meadows either side and some nice hedgerows and scrubby areas, in one of which we were fortunate to find two more Stone Curlews.

We parked in a small car park next to the managed reserve of La Crau and watched Copper and Banded Demoiselle around the clear water stream there. Butterflies were active and we saw Bath Whites flying in amongst the more numerous Western Marbled White.

Scanning for birds we found a perched Southern Grey Shrike as it moved from bush to bush. Short-toed Larks were singing well and a little further along the track Skylarks rose up to produce their song-flights too. A very smart male Whinchat was a treat and at least one Wheatear was located. Big birds thermaling and initially soaring at range but then overhead included plenty of White Storks and over twenty Griffon Vultures. Green Woodpecker and Turtle Dove were seen nearby.

Time had marched on and at 12 noon we moved off from La Crau and headed to Marseilles Airport via the main roads on the more scenic route, arriving at about 1pm. Here Neil said good-bye to the guests as he was due to stay and lead another tour shortly afterwards.

The five-day adventure provided an introduction to the wildlife on offer in and around the Camargue and we were fortunate to see a significant proportion of it in dry, sunny conditions.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only, GO = guide only)

I = Introduced		May 2023				
		1	2	3	4	5
Common name	Scientific name					
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>			2		
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>		2			
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>		1			
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓		H	H
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>				H	
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			✓	✓	✓
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	1				
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</i>				✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	2♂♂	3	1♂	3	2
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓	H	✓	✓	✓
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		1			1
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓	✓		✓
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		✓	✓		
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>				1	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓		H		
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>				1	c6
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		✓			
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				✓	
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		✓		✓	
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>				1	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				2	
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>			2		
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				✓	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				✓	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	✓ 1				
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			1	1	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓		2	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		✓	✓		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		✓		H	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		1	✓		
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			3	✓	

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Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>		✓	c500	✓	✓
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>				✓	
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>				✓	
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓		✓	✓	
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	GO	✓	✓		
large Shearwater sp.					✓	
small Shearwater sp.					✓	
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	2	✓
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>				3	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	1	2	✓	✓	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			✓		
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1	2	2		
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1	✓	✓	1	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		15+			
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>					20+
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	1	✓	✓		
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1			
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓	✓		✓
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1♂			
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		1			
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	1				
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	H		
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	3	1		✓	✓
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1		✓		
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>					1
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	2	1			
Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>					1
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	H		1		
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>				✓	✓
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>		✓		✓	
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>				1/2	
European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>				✓	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>				1	

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Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓		✓	✓
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>					✓
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	H	H	✓	H	H
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		H	H		
Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		H	H		
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>			1	H	
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		H	✓		H
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		H	✓		
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	H	H	✓	H	✓
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓	H	✓	H	
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>				1	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓				
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		H			
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		✓	GO		
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			1	✓	
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1♀		1♂	
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				2	
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			5		1
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓	1	4	✓
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	GO	✓	✓	H	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓		GO	✓	
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		✓	GO		GO
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	H		1	✓	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓			
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>				1	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	H		✓	✓	✓
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓	✓	✓
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>				GO	
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>				✓	

Others

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Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4	5
Butterflies						
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>				✓	✓

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		1	2	3	4	5
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podarlis</i>	✓			✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>					✓
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>			✓	✓	
Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>				1	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓		
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓		✓	
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wall	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				✓	
Western Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>				✓	✓
a small Blue					✓	
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>				✓	
Spanish Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia bathseba</i>				✓	
Odonata						
Copper Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis</i>					✓
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	✓		✓		
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Scarlet Darter	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>	✓		✓		
Hairy Hawker	<i>Brachytron pratense</i>	✓				
Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>					✓
Mammals						
Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	GO	✓	✓		
Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		1		2	
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		2			
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	1 piglet				
bat sp.						✓
Reptiles/Amphibians						
European Pond Turtle		1		2		
Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>		GO	GO		
Stripeless Tree Frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>			H	H	
Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>	H	H	H		✓
Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>	✓		✓		
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		✓			
Insects						
Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptum</i>	✓	✓			
A red-winged grasshopper	<i>Orthoptera</i>					
Sulphur owl fly	<i>Libelloides coccajus</i>				✓	
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Asiatic Hornet	<i>Polites gallicus</i>				✓	

Flora

Plants	
Stone (Umbrella) Pine	<i>Pinus pinea</i>
Italian Cypress	<i>Cupressus semipervens</i>
A juniper	<i>Juniperus sp.</i>
Kermes Oak	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>
Fig	<i>Ficus carica</i>
A glasswort	<i>Salicornia sp.</i>
A poppy	<i>Papaver sp.</i>
Spanish Broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
Cistus sp.	<i>Cistus sp</i>
Olive	<i>Olea europea</i>
Honeysuckle sp.	<i>Lonicera sp.</i>
Yellow Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
Giant Reed	<i>Arundo donax</i>
Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>