Southern Morocco

Naturetrek Tour Report

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House Bunting

Trumpeter Finch

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Day 1

Thursday 5th April

Friday 6th April

Sun/scattered cloud, warm, breezy

We arrived in Marrakesh in the late morning and after settling into our hotel we went into the city for a restaurant lunch and a guided walk of the bustling and fascinating Jemma el F'na and the adjacent souks. Along the way we opened our bird list with White Storks, Booted Eagles, Pallid and Little Swifts, Common Bulbuls, Olivaceous Warblers and House Buntings.

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Day 2

Sun/scattered cloud and a gentle breeze. Warm low down, cold high up

Common Bulbuls, Spotless Starlings, Serins and Sardinian Warblers greeted us during an early morning exploration of the hotel grounds, and then with breakfast completed, we set off south towards the imposing ramparts of the snow-capped High Atlas. We made a number of stops as we crossed the mountains and against a backdrop of consistently spectacular scenery we noted a range of interesting birds that included Levaillant's Woodpecker, Red-rumped Swallow, "Atlas" Coal Tit, African Blue Tit, Red-billed Chough, Common Raven, Hawfinch and Rock Sparrow. We noted evidence of migration as we travelled too, with more Booted Eagles to follow on from those we saw yesterday over Marrakech, plus several roadside Woodchat Shrikes, a lovely Bonelli's Warbler, a couple of Black-eared Wheatears and good numbers of European Bee-eaters looping their way over the high passes.

In the afternoon we descended into the more arid terrain to the south of the mountains. White-crowned Wheatears began to appear at the roadside and a couple of short stops produced a flock of migrant Collared Pratincoles, a stunning male Seebohm's Wheatear and some neat Short-toed Larks. As the evening closed in we drove the last stretch from Ouarzazate, through Skoura and into the Dades Valley and arrived at our comfortable hotel at El Kelaa a little after sunset.

Day 3

Saturday 7th April

Sun/scattered cloud and a fresh north-easterly wind. Cold at first, becoming warm later

A brisk morning found us out on the wide-open gravel flats of the Tagdilt Plain in search of some special birds. The action began almost immediately and in a very exciting couple of hours we had good views of two Longlegged Buzzards, a Short-toed Eagle, over 30 Cream-coloured Coursers, several Temminck's Larks, a pair of Thick-billed Larks, both Red-rumped and Desert Wheatears and amazingly, a Houbara Bustard which saw us about the same time as we saw it and unobtrusively disappeared over the brow of a distant ridge.

After a break in Boulmane we headed further up the Dades Valley and ate our picnic in a beautiful riverside walnut grove alive with the sounds of Serins and Cetti's Warblers. After lunch we drove on up past stunning rock formations and atmospheric kasbahs to the top of the gorge and took a short walk during which we saw Barbary Ground Squirrels, Blue Rock Thrushes, Crag Martins, Black Redstarts, Black Wheatears and a neat little male Tristram's Warbler. We finished the afternoon with a glass of mint tea at one of the riverside cafes before we made our way back to El Kelaa.

Day 4

Sunday 8th April

Sunny and very warm with a variable breeze

Another morning visit to the stony wastes of the Tagdilt Plain, this time in calm, warm sunshine produced many of the birds that we had seen during the previous morning plus a few new ones. The pick of these were a pair of Lanners involved in a dramatic courtship display and a flock of 14 Black-bellied Sandgrouse on the ground. Also notable this morning were Fat Sand Rats, out in numbers in the fair conditions and as engaging as ever, posing outside their burrows or scuttling around brandishing their bottle-brush tails.

Happy with our success we continued eastwards to Tinerhir making a short stop for a walk up a narrow stony valley to an area that we hoped would produce Maghreb Wheatears. We were in luck, and enjoyed wonderful views of a pair of these handsome little birds attending young in a nest in a crevice in the wall of an old sheep pen. This successful little exploration was augmented by a pair of Desert Larks, some Trumpeter Finches, a Rock Agama and a couple of Dhab Lizards – not bad!

We drank coffee in Tinerhir and ate lunch in some roadside groves and then drove on towards Erfoud through a succession of beautiful desert vistas punctuated by regular White-crowned Wheatears and occasional Southern Grey Shrikes.

In the late afternoon, in bright, hot sunshine, we took a walk on the wide-open Marrha Plain and found a pair of Southern Grey Shrikes, several Bar-tailed Larks, some Spectacled Warblers, a male Montagu's Harrier, 11 Spotted Sandgrouse and a lovely flock of over 50 Thick-billed Larks. As the evening closed in, we drove on through the atmospheric town of Jorf to Erfoud and our hotel.

Day 5

Monday 9th April

Sunny and warm with scattered, thin, high cloud and a gentle breeze (lovely!).

Leaving the hotel well before dawn we set off in our 4x4's towards Merzouga and the golden dunes of the Erg Chebbi. We watched a lovely sunrise over the desert with a Hoopoe Lark singing in the background and then set off in the vehicles to explore. In a hugely satisfying and enjoyable morning which took us through some wonderful desert scenery we saw a very impressive range of birds that included Crowned Sandgrouse, Lanner Falcon, Bar-tailed Lark, Desert, White-crowned and Isabelline Wheatears, Desert Warbler, Brown-necked Raven, Trumpeter Finch and Desert Sparrow. Overall highlights however, came in the form of a superb Houbara Bustard found after much skilful searching by our driver Lahcen, three roosting Egyptian Nightjars, calmly confident in their amazing camouflage, and a thrilling close encounter with a Hoopoe Lark, one of several seen, which kept us entranced for some time with his wonderfully evocative song and bizarre tumbling display flight.

At Merzouga Lake, this year quite extensive after good winter rains, we added Greater Flamingo, Ruddy Shelduck, Marbled Duck, Kentish Plover and Gull-billed Tern to the list and then returned to Erfoud replete with a surfeit of impressions of wonderful birds in glorious surroundings.

Day 6

Tuesday 10th April

Overcast with sunny breaks and a north-westerly wind

A flock of Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters over the hotel provided a great start to the day and with breakfast completed we left Erfoud and headed back westwards on the south side of the Anti-Atlas through a spectacular and varied desert landscape. We searched in vain for Pharaoh Eagle Owls at a couple of regular sites near Rissani but found a troop of Fulvous Babblers and a migrant Rock Thrush by way of compensation. We stopped for morning coffee in bustling Alnif and ate our picnic lunch in an acacia lined oued east of Tazzarine where a range of migrant warblers worked their way through the trees.

During the afternoon we continued westwards and made a short stop by the lush green corridor of the scenic Draa Valley before we tackled the dramatic Tinifift Pass with its remarkable geology. Dropping down into Ouarzazate, we finished the day with a very productive session at the barrage on the edge of town and noted good numbers of birds including 75 White Storks, 10 Spoonbill, 60 Ruddy Shelduck, a drake Garganey, two Marsh Harriers, an Osprey, 30 Black Kites, 30 Collared Pratincoles and over a dozen Black-winged Stilts.

Day 7

Wednesday 11th April

Overcast with sunny breaks and a north-westerly breeze

A "Saharan" Olivaceous Warbler singing in the tamarisks in the hotel garden in Ouarzazate provided a good start to the day. We left the hotel after breakfast, spend another enjoyable hour at the barrage and then continued our journey towards the coast. Our first stop was at the Oued Iriri some little way out of Ouarzazate where we enjoyed a pleasant stroll through the riverside groves and saw a Kingfisher plus a range of migrants which included Golden Oriole, Orphean Warbler, Nightingale and Spotted Flycatcher.

After this we crossed the rugged Tizi n'Bachkoum Pass and crossed a barren plain west of Tazenakht where we watched an immature Golden Eagle, huge and impressive soaring away into the distance. We stopped for coffee in Tazenakht and then for lunch at one of the saffron tea houses in the crocus fields above Talouine. A pair of Bonelli's Eagles and a Short-toed Eagle close overhead in Talouine itself prompted an exciting impromptu break before we dropped down and into the beautiful Argan parkland of the Upper Sous Valley. A walk here was enjoyed by everyone and produced a pair of Barbary Partridges, several Woodchat Shrikes, our first Moussier's Redstarts and an impressive "Orange-spotted" Skink lurking under a rock.

We continued on down the Sous valley in the late afternoon, stopped briefly at the bridge at Aoulouz where a Booted Eagle low overhead continued the day's aquiline theme, and made it to our elegant and comfortable hotel in the city of Taroudant a little before sunset.

Day 8

Thursday 12th April

Sun/scattered cloud and a fresh north-westerly breeze

Leaving Taroudant after breakfast we drove on down the Sous Valley, skirted Agadir and headed north up the coast towards Cap Rhir and Tamri, one of the last outposts for the critically endangered Northern Bald Ibis. Our mission was clear to us, we were on "Ibis Alert" and fairly soon, as we approached Cap Rhir, we located our quarry, a flock of 13, right by the roadside. They were remarkably confiding and we enjoyed some fabulous views of theses remarkable birds as they worked their way across the close-cropped stony heathland. We were able to appreciate every aspect of their extraordinary appearance, from their strange, bald, red heads and untidy ruffs to their iridescent shoulder patches flashing violet or green in the sun. The birds were actively foraging and we saw at least one toss a beetle up in the air and catch it "hornbill style". Eventually the birds were flushed by some passers-by and we took the opportunity to continue on to the estuary at Tamri where we took a stroll along the beach and enjoyed some good views of Audouin's Gulls, a few more Ibis and a range of other birds.

After a tagine lunch in Tamri we returned to Agadir, checked into our hotel and took a brief siesta. In the late afternoon we went down to the nearby Sous Estuary and found a satisfying range of waders plus dozens of Gullbilled and Sandwich Terns, a lone Caspian Tern, a few Mediterranean and Slender-billed Gulls, some Spoonbills and two Bonelli's Eagles, an adult and an immature. As the evening closed in we lingered in the hope of seeing a Red-necked Nightjar but it was cold and windy and we seemed to be out of luck: Stone Curlews called eerily in the distance but there was no sign of any nightjars. Then, back by the bus, just as we were set to leave, one flashed over the track right next to us and made a perfect finale to a rich and satisfying day.

Day 9

Friday 13th April

Sunny with a fresh north-westerly wind

After breakfast we set off from Agadir and made our way south towards Oued Massa, a picturesque river valley and estuary offering a varied mosaic of habitats with a decidedly sub-tropical feel. We spent the morning exploring the stony fields inland from the river and then the groves along the river itself. Despite the brisk, cold wind we had a good time of things with bird highlights including a small group of Glossy Ibis, a flock of 120 migrating White Storks, a Great Egret, a Barbary Falcon, a Little Owl, several Laughing Doves, dozens of European Bee-eaters and two dazzling male Golden Orioles chasing through the riverside tamarisks. Blackcrowned Tchagras, one of the specialities of the region, remained frustratingly heard but not seen in the high wind, but other small birds during the course of the morning included Lesser Short-toed Larks, Iberian Yellow Wagtails, Zitting Cisticolas and lots of handsome Moussier's Redstarts.

After lunch in the shelter of the trees by the national park entrance we drove back through Massa village and explored various pools and fields up-river. This proved very productive and in a short space of time we saw Squacco, Purple and Black-crowned Night Herons, a male Little Bittern, four Plain Martins and a sensational

Little Crake that pottered around at our feet! As we finally drove away a Black-shouldered Kite appeared, hovering over the trackside fields, and provided the perfect finish to the day.

Day 10

Saturday 14th April

Sun/scattered cloud, gentle breeze, warm

After a leisurely breakfast we went back to the Sous Estuary for an hour or so.

Birds were much as during our previous visit but the light was from the other side of the compass and we enjoyed some great views of a host of waders, including several neat Curlew Sandpipers, masses of colourful Greater Flamingos and a few last new birds including a smart adult Whiskered Tern.

After this we returned to the hotel, ate some lunch, explored the souk and then transferred to Agadir airport for our evening flight back to the UK. Everything went smoothly and we all arrived safely and on time at Gatwick a few hours later.

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Species List

Birds (\checkmark = recorded but not counted, h = heard only)

	Common name		April									
		Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis					12	1	1	1	3	
2	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus		20			1		12			
3	Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus								15		
4	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo					2		3	20	12	6
	North African Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus							2	3		
5	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea			1			45	45	10	10	20
6	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea									2	
7	Great Egret	Egretta alba							2		1	
8	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta		1			2	7	10	20	7	5
9	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis		150	75	30		3	12			
10	Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides									1	
11	Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax									2	
12	Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus									1	
13	Eurasian White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	5	75	8	35		70	240	100	120	30
14	Northern Bald Ibis	Geronticus eremita								16		
15	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus									9	
16	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia						10		9	1	1
17	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus					70			150		145
18	Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea					42	60	30			
19	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos						30	15	3		1
20	Garganey	Anas querquedula						1				
21	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata		20			4					
22	Marbled Teal	Marmaronetta angustirostris					55	4	45			1
23	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus						1	1			
24	Black Kite	Milvus migrans		1	4	20	2	30	70	1		
25	Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus							1		1	
26	Short-toed Eagle	Circaetus gallicus			1			1	1			
27	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus						3	2			
28	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus				3			1			

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29	Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufinus			3	3		1	1			
30	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos							1			
31	Bonelli's Eagle	Hieraaetus fasciatus							2	2		
32	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	4	2					2	1		
33	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	5	5	6	8	8	4	12	10	8	4
34	Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus				2	2		1			
35	Barbary Falcon	Falco pelegrinoides				1		1			1	
36	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			1							
37	Barbary Partridge	Alectoris barbara						2	2			
38	Little Crake	Porzana porzana									1	
39	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus					2	1		1	5	
40	Common Coot	Fulica atra		1			50	50	40	25	30	
41	Houbara Bustard	Chlamydotis undulata			1		1					
42	Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus								30		25
43	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus					12	10	7	1		8
44	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta						3		2		12
45	Eurasian Stone Curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus								5h		4h
46	Cream-coloured Courser	Cursorius cursor			30	35			12			
47	Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola		15				30	35			
48	Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola								15		15
49	Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula							2	10		50
50	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius			1	1	4	2	4			
51	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus					12			2		5
52	Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica										12
53	Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus										3
54	Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata								5		5
55	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos								2	3	5
56	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia								1	1	5
57	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola				1		7	5			
58	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus						5	4	1		10
59	Sanderling	Calidris alba										1
60	Little Stint	Calidris minuta				1		2				4

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61	Dunlin	Calidris alpina								4		25	
62	Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea										15	
63	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax								5			
64	Slender-billed Gull	Chroicocephalus genei								4		1	
65	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus						3	2	15		25	
66	Western Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis michahellis								100's	50	50	
67	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus graellsii								1000	50	50	
68	Audouin's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii								6			
69	Mediterranean Gull	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus								5			
70	Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica					2	1	1	50		50	
71	Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia								1			
72	Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida										1	
73	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo										1	
74	Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis								60			
75	Spotted Sandgrouse	Pterocles senegallus				11	12						
76	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	Pterocles orientalis				14							
77	Rock Dove	Columba livia		4	20								
78	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	15	25					5	5	3	5	
79	European Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur		5			1	4	5	5	8		
80	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	20		5	20	10	25	50	20	30	10	
81	Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis			3	1		2	4	1	8	2	
82	Little Owl	Athene noctua		1	1						1		
83	Barn Owl	Tyto alba									1		
84	Red-necked Nightjar	Caprimulgus ruficollis								1			
85	Egyptian Nightjar	Caprimulgus aegyptius					3						
86	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba		1									
87	Common Swift	Apus apus		50	50	10		5		2	4		
88	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus	50	25					75	30	40	25	
89	Little Swift	Apus affinis	10	1						1	1		
90	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis							2				
91	Blue-cheeked Bee-Eater	Merops persicus				2	15	10		1			
92	European Bee-Eater	Merops apiaster		110	100	100	12	20	120		35	10	

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93	Ноорое	Upupa epops		5	3	3		2	5	1	1		
94	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major			1								
95	Levaillant's Woodpecker	Picus vaillantii		2									
96	Greater Hoopoe-Lark	Alaemon alaudipes				1	15						
97	Bar-tailed Lark	Ammomanes cinctura				4	14						
98	Desert Lark	Ammomanes deserti				2		2	2				
99	Thick-billed Lark	Ramphocoris clotbey			2	60							
100	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla		5	30	30	10						
101	Lesser Short-toed Lark	Calandrella rufescens									12	1	
102	Temminck's Lark	Eremophila bilopha			20	15							
103	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata		5		5		2	10	7	10	2	
104	Maghreb Lark	Galerida cristata macrorhyncha					5	2					
105	Thekla Lark	Galerida theklae		3	6	4			2	2	3	6	
106	Plain Martin	Riparia paludicola									4		
107	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia		10				10	20		10		
108	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	50	25	20	30	30	25	30	30	40	10	
109	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris		2	20								
110	Northern House Martin	Delichon urbicum		1	5				4	5	10		
111	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica		6				1	5		2		
112	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris		1							1		
113	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis				1h						1	
114	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	2	1		2							
	Moroccan Wagtail	Motacilla alba subpersonata					2					1	
115	Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava		2		1	5	3	5	4	7		
116	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea		1	1								
117	Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus	12	25	25	15		6	20	20	50	12	
118	Northern Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		2									
119	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	10	10	8	6		2	12	10	10	4	
120	Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis						1					
121	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius			5								
122	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		2	4	2	1		5	1		1	
123	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros			2								

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
124	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus					5		1			
125	Moussier's Redstart	Phoenicurus moussieri							2	3	17	
126	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra					1					
127	Common Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus									1	
128	White-crowned Wheatear	Oenanthe leucopyga		4	1	20	20	30	2			
129	Black Wheatear	Oenanthe leucura			4			1	4			
130	Isabelline Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina					1					
131	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		10		2	7	1	2			
132	Seebohm's Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe seebohmi		1	2							
133	Mourning Wheatear	Oenanthe lugens				2						
134	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica		2		4	5		1	4	7	1
135	Red-rumped Wheatear	Oenanthe moesta			12	10						
136	Desert Wheatear	Oenanthe deserti		1	8	10	1	1				
137	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata							2			
138	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		1					4	10	10	6
139	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		1	3				1		8	
140	Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus		1				2	1			
141	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus			1					1	2	
142	Western Olivaceous Warbler	Hippolais opaca	4	2							5	
143	Saharan Olivaceous Warbler	Hippolais opaca reiseri					2	2	7			
144	Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta				3	3					
145	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus				1	1	1	2			
146	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	1	2	5	4	5	1	2			2
147	Western Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli		1	4	2	3	2	8			
148	Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	1	1	2				1	1		1
149	Western Orphean Warbler	Sylvia hortensis					1		3			
150	Desert Warbler	Sylvia nana					6					
151	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis					1					
152	Tristram's Warbler	Sylvia deserticola			1							
153	Spectacled Warbler	Sylvia conspicillata		1	2	2						
154	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans				5	15		15		3	
155	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	1	1	2	2	1		4	10	12	8

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156	Fulvous Babbler	Turdoides fulva		2				10	4				
157	Atlas Coal Tit	Periparus ater atlas		3									
158	Great Tit	Parus major	1	2					4	1			
159	African Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus ultramarinus		3	5								
160	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus							1		2	1	
161	Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis elegans		1		7	3		7				
	Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis algenensis								6	1		
162	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator		12	2	20	25	10	25	12	1	2	
163	Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus							1		3	1	
164	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		1									
165	Moroccan Magpie	Pica pica mauritanica								10	5	5	
166	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax		2									
167	Brown-necked Raven	Corvus ruficollis					5	20					
168	'North African' Raven	Corvus corax tingitanus		2									
169	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	20	10					10	15	30	10	
170	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	25	30	50	50	50	100	50	50	100	30	
171	Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis									100		
172	Desert Sparrow	Passer simplex					7						
173	Rock Sparrow	Petronia petronia		4									
174	'North African' Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs africana		10	8				5	6	4		
175	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	1	2					4				
176	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		3	10	6			7	8	8	5	
177	Eurasian Linnet	Carduelis cannabina			3				1				
178	European Serin	Serinus serinus	2	3	15	5			5	5	20	5	
179	Hawfinch	Coccothraustes c. burryi		3									
180	Trumpeter Finch	Bucanetes githagineus		4		12	40	1	35		6		
181	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus							1	2			
182	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia		1									
183	House Bunting	Emberiza striolata	12		8	4	1	1	5	5	10	5	
184	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		1							4	1	