

Southern Morocco

Naturetrek Tour Report

4 - 13 April 2013



Common Bulbul



Spotted Sandgrouse



Southern Grey Shrike



Tamri

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Summary

Day 1

Thursday 4th April

London-Marrakech; sunny

Some participants had flown in a few days ahead of the main arrival in order to soak up Marrakech in their own time; the remainder of the group arrived at 5pm to be met by Chris and our driver Mohammed. Common and Pallid Swifts were flying about the airport as we exited the terminal, with more Pallids circling over our hotel, the Kenzi-Farah, located in a smart suburb of the royal city.

A stroll in the hotel gardens before dinner was enlivened by noisy Common Bulbuls with Blackbirds, Western Olivaceous and Sardinian Warblers, Serins and House Buntings all joining in: a typical North African chorus. Two Turtle Doves and a Blackcap are likely to have been passage migrants.

Day 2

Friday 5th April

Over the High Atlas; snow!

After a splendid breakfast, we departed at 8 am in light rain on the Route de Ouarzazate. This was to be our only day of poor weather, with rain becoming heavy as we reached the outskirts of Marrakech and remaining so throughout the ascent to Tizi n'Tichka pass, from where it snowed until we had crossed the High Atlas. Despite the weather, we managed to see some interesting birds, including a Goshawk that Nan promptly pointed out on being alerted to the possibility! Levillant's Woodpecker was another good find in the mixed oak-juniper woodland, along with African Blue Tit and Hawfinch. We also saw some more familiar species, such as Great Spotted Woodpecker, Mistle Thrush, Jay, Coal Tit and Chaffinches, albeit of different races to those at home; some of these are distinct and possibly worthy of being separate species eg. Atlas Coal Tit and African Chaffinch. We appreciated the log fire in Toufliht by which to enjoy our morning coffee.

Once on the southern side of the mountains, the weather improved dramatically. Lunch was a tasty tagine in sunny Amerzgane before we carried on to Ouarzazate where we had two hours birding at the barrage. Highlights here included 500 Ruddy Shelduck, a female Montagu's Harrier, 70 Kentish Plovers, 28 Collared Pratincoles and a lingering Water Pipit. Such is the variety of habitats experienced this day that, by 7pm, as we arrived at the Xaluca Dades Hotel, our tastefully furnished accommodation in Boumalne, we were very satisfied with our first day's birding. Each of us had had a champagne moment to savour.

Day 3

Saturday 6th April

Hamada and Dades; sunny

Early risers gave the wheatear list quite a boost with a proliferation of migrant Northern and Seeborn's near the hotel along with resident Black, Desert and Red-rumped. We were to see more of these after breakfast as we explored the Hamada desert immediately east of Boumalne. Apart from wheatears, this stony desert is renowned for larks and we were delighted to find two of the best, Thick-billed and Temminck's Horned, along with

resident Desert, Thekla and 50 migrant Short-toed Larks. Long-legged Buzzard is another species characteristic of the stony desert where it hunts reptiles, snakes and Fat Sand Rats. These cute rodents excavate a network of holes to which they scamper at the first sign of danger. Red-rumped Wheatears, a locally distributed species in Morocco appear to have a symbiotic relationship with them. The wheatears make their nest in the rodents' ground holes and in return keep watch for buzzards and other predators. We found a nice strip of Spanish Broom and tamarisk alive with trans-Saharan migrants, including our first Wryneck and Western Bonelli's Warblers among Hoopoes, Pied Flycatchers, Redstarts and Woodchats.

After lunch in Boumalne, we followed the scenic Dades valley upriver as far as the mighty Gorge de Dades; from here we walked down 1km to where Mohammed was waiting for us in the bus. Of the many exciting birds we saw in this grand setting, pride of place goes to the little Tristram's Warbler, a most attractive *Sylvia* warbler that is confined to North Africa. Wild Rock Doves, Crag Martins, Blue Rock Thrushes (galore!), Black Wheatears, Black Redstarts and Rock Buntings – all typical species here – were good to see, whilst a soaring Golden Eagle might have been a bit fluky.

Day 4

Sunday 7th April

Boumalne – Erfoud; sunny

Another Bonelli's Warbler was our first migrant of the day, noted as we boarded the bus at 8am. More migrants followed at our first stop, another strip of broom and tamarisks between Boumalne and Imider. We found a similar range of species to yesterday including Wryneck and Hoopoe, plus Rufous Scrub Robin and our first Bar-tailed Desert Lark. We looked hard for Mourning Wheatear but this thinly distributed wheatear was to elude us. Other species of wheatear, including Black, Desert, Northern, Red-rumped and White-crowned, along with Brown-necked Raven, Desert Larks and Trumpeter Finches, kept us pleasantly occupied. Before morning coffee in Tinerhir, we also enjoyed good views of Melodious, Spectacled and Subalpine Warblers.

Lunch on the outskirts of Tinejdad was accompanied by a tall glass of orange juice, freshly squeezed by Hamid, King of Juice, and also by a Rufous Scrub Robin. With an early start tomorrow, we arrived at our hotel in Erfoud in plenty of time to relax by the pool. Having rested well, most of us were keen to explore the area around the hotel before dinner. Behind the hotel, along the Oued Ziz, we found a nice variety of migrants and residents including the recently split, long-billed, Maghreb (Crested) Lark and both Blue-cheeked and European Bee-eaters.

Day 5

Monday 8th April

Tafilalt, Sahara; calm, sunny, not too hot

The big day started with a 4am (!) wake-up call, breakfast from 4.15am and departure in a fleet of jeeps at 4.45am. The first hour of the drive, all in darkness, took us through the back roads of Erfoud and Rissani then deeper into the desert proper. At 5.45am, still half an hour before sunrise, a Cape Hare was caught in the headlights. Small birds, probably Short-toed Larks, would occasionally appear in the headlights, too. New and exciting birds came thick and fast after 6am. At a nomads' campsite, a pair of Desert Sparrows was feeding young. Nearby, Hoopoe Larks and Desert Warblers were in song flight and a Brown-necked Raven flew over. Nesting Desert and White-crowned Wheatears were joined by migrant Black-eared and Northern.

A young nomad guided us to a roosting Pharaoh Eagle-Owl and another nomad to a pair of roosting Egyptian Nightjars, their eyes firmly closed: such is the confidence they have in their camouflage. As we watched the nightjars, three Thick-billed Larks dropped in, giving great views. Leaving the nightjars at 8am, we quickly picked up four Bar-tailed (Desert) Larks and, no sooner had we moved on from them, we came upon a feeding flock of 30 Spotted Sandgrouse, the male delicately patterned in pastel shades of blue on the head and breast and with an orange throat, the female likewise with an orange throat, her back and breast finely spotted black. By 9.35am it was becoming warm.

We set off on a long and exciting drive over the desert sand (Erg) and stone (Reg) towards the vague border with Algeria. More Hoopoe Larks and Desert Wheatears were spotted on the drive, but our eyes were peeled for bigger things. It was Yusef, one of our eagle-eyed drivers who spotted it first: a male Houbara Bustard, tall and stately with a long, narrow neck and surprisingly long tail. Elated by our morning's success, we returned towards Erfoud passing a boy holding a Fennec Fox. A Blue-cheeked Bee-eater was perched on the crossbar of a goal post in Merzouga, where we enjoyed mint tea with our lunch in the Berber Depot, later learning something of wonderful craft and hard graft that goes into making the many and varied Berber carpets.

Five of the party then returned to Erfoud with Said, one of the desert drivers, while the rest of us checked out a temporary lake. In some years Dayet Siri is a large wetland with an amazing throng of water birds; in other years it is bone dry. We found it quite stuffed with birds including c.500 each of Greater Flamingo, Ruddy Shelduck and Eurasian Coot. Forty Little Grebes, 30 Marbled Duck, 200 Black-winged Stilts and smaller number of Avocets, Little Ringed Plovers and Gull-billed Terns added to the impressive collection whilst, among smaller birds, we found Desert Grey and Woodchat Shrikes, wheatears and wagtails.

Day 6

Tuesday 9th April

Erfoud, Oued Draa, Ouarzazate; sunny

The long drive west began with an 8am departure, our first stop coming after just 20 minutes on the outskirts of Rissani where we encountered Barbary Partridge, Night Heron, Turtle Dove and Moroccan Wagtail. Another stop to scan cliff ledges for nesting raptors turned up a Short-toed Eagle and a late migrant Black Kite, as well as a colony of Brown-necked Ravens.

Soon after passing through Tazzarine we explored some riverside palms and acacias finding Long-legged Buzzard, Barbary Partridge, Fulvous Babblers, Orphean and Bonelli's Warblers. Mohammed's family lived nearby so, while we were birding, he was at home with his wife and baby daughter, as well as his mother and father, brother and two cousins. The ladies in our party were invited into the house to meet the female members of Mohammed's family who were busy preparing a very splendid chicken couscous for lunch. In the garden-sized fields below the family house, some of us had a look for migrants, finding a minimum of 10 Rufous Scrub Robins. It was an honour and a privilege to spend time with Mohammed's family and it was with some reluctance that we bid them farewell and continued our journey west to Ouarzazate.

At 4.30pm we passed through Agdz, a busy market town that sits above the verdant Oued Draa, and ten minutes later were crossing the moon-like Tizi n'Tiniffit. Between Erfoud and Ouarzazate we counted 25 White-crowned Wheatears, four Black Wheatears, 14 Woodchat Shrikes and 10 Desert Grey Shrikes. We checked into our hotel at 6pm and were soon out birding again at the Barrage el Mansour Eddahbi where we were pleasantly

surprised to find the Water Pipit still present. The real surprise, however, was seeing an example of the rare, melanistic form of Montagu's Harrier. As thoughts turned towards dinner, thousands of bats were leaving town in the direction of the barrage, rounding off a memorable day.

Day 7

Wednesday 10th April

Saffron, Aoulouz Gorge, Souss Valley; sunny

Before breakfast we returned to the barrage, now with the morning sun behind us: ideal! Three hundred White Storks were roosting in its marshy margins, which also held a variety of herons and shorebirds. In muddier parts, a loosely mixed flock of 70 plovers consisted of 30 Kentish, 20 Ringed and 20 Little Ringed. Curlew Sandpiper, Dunlin and Little Stint were not unusual to see but four Sanderlings were rather unexpected.

After mint tea in Tazenahkt and Saffron Tea in Tinfat, we enjoyed strolling between small fields bordered by fruit trees whose blossom and foliage shaded us from the mid-day sun. We watched a good variety of resident and migratory birds here, including two Melodious Warblers; this was Andy's Garden of Eden. Woodchat and Southern Grey Shrikes perched on top of thorny Argan Trees in the Oued Souss plain. On the cliffs of the Aoulouz Gorge, through which the river flows, we watched a Peregrine and two Long-legged Buzzards then counted 90 Turtle Doves along the drive into Taroudannt.

Day 8

Thursday 11th April

'Murphy's Meadow', Taroudannt, Tamri; sunny

Following an early breakfast, we spent the best part of two hours exploring a scrubby patch of uncultivated land with a surprisingly marvellous abundance of birds, plants and butterflies. Among the former, Quail, Montagu's Harrier, Black-winged Kite, Black-crowned Tchagra and Fulvous Babbler were all worthy of note. Little and Pallid Swifts were over the hotel as left Taroudannt on our way to Tamri.

This is where we looked a long a wild stretch of Atlantic coast for the endangered Northern Bald Ibis, eventually finding 39, some of which we observed at close range as they foraged in the dry, coastal grassland. An Osprey was seen to catch a fish in the Tamri coastal lagoon.

After freshening up at our hotel in Agadir, the first part of the evening was spent at the nearby mouth of the Oued Souss where the Moroccan Open is played on one of the five championship golf courses there. Large numbers of shorebirds here included a Caspian Tern among a flock of 60 Sandwich Terns. As dusk descended, Stone-curlews started moving and, before long, we had seen three Red-necked Nightjars and heard three more; a successful end to the day.

Day 9

Friday 12th April

Oued Massa; sunny with a welcome light breeze pm

An 8am departure was followed by a one-hour drive to the outskirts of Massa, where we stopped to look for yet another species of lark, this time the delightfully understated Lesser Short-toed Lark whose sweet song filled the morning air. This got the day off to a good start and, from there, it was quality birding throughout, with plentiful

Moussier's Redstarts, Moroccan Magpies, Black-crowned Tchagras, Little Owls and Stonechats on our riverside walk through the Sidi Binzaren to the Souss-Massa NP. Migrants included Osprey, Purple Heron, Caspian Tern and Wryneck.

After picnicking with some of the park's wildlife guides, we continued our explorations upriver for a couple of hours finding four Brown-throated or Plain Martins, a species that has become very difficult to see in the Western Palearctic. Having had several long days in the field, and feeling well satisfied with what we had seen today, we headed back to the hotel at 4.30pm to enjoy a cold beer by the pool.

Day 10

Saturday 13th April

Oued Souss – London, Sunny

With Lyndon and Nan on a morning flight, we made our presentation to Mohammed, our excellent driver and picnic provider, at 9.15am before waving them off from the hotel. Between 9.30am and 11.30am, the rest of us enjoyed an unwinding yet remarkably productive couple of hours watching Atlantic breakers spill on to the shore at mouth of the Souss. Initially the light conditions and long range made for challenging birding, which might explain how one of us declared: "This Curlew's pink!" In addition to all the egrets, herons and Flamingos(!), there were many new species for us – 13 in total – which kept things ticking along nicely. They were mostly shorebirds familiar from home but also included Booted Eagle, Pomarine Skua and Lesser Crested Tern. We checked out of our hotel at 12.30pm and flew out of Agadir airport at 3.45 pm.

Thanks very much for being such a fun group, hope we'll meet again.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	April									
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>						2		4		2
2	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>								4	4	
3	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		200		6	500	500	500			
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		20		2	3	8	30			
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		2			2	10	10			
6	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>					30			25		
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>					60					
8	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					30				12	2
9	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		8					4			
10	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>					500			41		20
11	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		100	2			130	300	2	1	
12	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>								39		
13	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>										10
14	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>					10	1	5	20	4	8
15	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1							1	
16	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		4		2	20	2	3	3	1	20
17	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>								12	2	4
18	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		4						1		2
	North African Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus</i>									3	
19	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1						1	1	
20	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>								3	1	
21	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>							1			
22	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>										1
23	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			1							
24	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1							
25	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1								
26	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		2		1						
27	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1				1		1		

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28	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>					1	1				
29	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			1			1	2			
30	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		4	3	2	1	4	10	12	3	4
31	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>							1			
32	Houbara Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>					1					
33	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>								1	6	
34	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		50			500	100	50		4	
35	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>								4	4	2
36	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>										10
37	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		20		11	200	6	20		1	1
38	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		2			5		1			2
39	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>										14
40	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		20				20	20	2		20
41	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		10		6	6	20	20	1		
42	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		70				30	30			8
43	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>							2			
44	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>										2
45	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>										1
46	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>										1
47	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		5					1			
48	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					2					
49	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				1	2	2				
50	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		1					1			
51	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>							10	3	21	2
52	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>										1
53	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		1				4	4			12
54	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		30				12	12			1
55	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>		1								
56	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		10			4	2	6			
57	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		16				2	4			7
58	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>						2				
59	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		28				1	1			

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
60	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	1	8					1	2		2
61	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>								20		5
62	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>										1
63	Western Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis michahellis</i>								✓	✓	✓
64	Western Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>								800		50
65	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		3		1	12				3	
66	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>								1	1	
67	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>										1
68	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>								60		200
69	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		2								5
70	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>										4
71	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>										1
72	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>		2								
73	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>										1
74	Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>					30					
75	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>							h			
76	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			12							
77	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	40	200					1		1	2
78	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	2	2			4	6	90	30	20	10
79	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>					1	3			6	2
81	Pharaoh Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>						1				
82	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		1	h							
83	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>									3	
84	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>								3, 3h		
85	Egyptian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>					2					
86	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>										
87	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	2					50	50	6	2	
88	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	100	100	2		4		100	200	50	20
89	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>							4	3	6	
90	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>									1	
91	Blue-cheeked Bee-Eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>				50	40	10				

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92	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		10	50	60	10	20	20	3	50	
93	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		1	1		1	2	1	2	3	
94	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>			1		1		1		1	
95	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1					1			
96	Levaillant's Woodpecker	<i>Picus vaillantii</i>		1								
97	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>								5	1, 2, 5h	
98	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis algeriensis</i>							6	8	5	1
	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis elegans</i>					4	10				
99	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		6	4	12	10	14	12	2		2
100	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		2								
101	Moroccan Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauritanica</i>		10					1	12	10	20
102	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>				1	50	30				
103	'North African' Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>								4		
104	Atlas Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater atlas</i>		3								
105	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		3					2	1		
106	African Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus ultramarinus</i>		2	1					1		2
107	Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>					10					
108	Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>			2		3					
109	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>				1	4	1				
110	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>			2	3		4	4			
111	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		20	50	10	6		4	2	12	
112	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>									40	
113	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		2				4		2	6	6
114	Maghreb Lark	<i>Galerida macrorhyncha</i>		20		4	10		6			
115	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>			20	4			6	40	20	
116	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>			1							
117	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	20	25	10	2	4	20	20	40	30	40
118	Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>									4	
119	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		30	2			20				
120	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		30	4	10	10	40	15	20	50	4
121	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			20		2	1	2			
122	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		6	4					1		

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
123	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		2		1	1			2		
124	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			2			2	1		6	
125	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		12	4	2	2		1	2	2	
126	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			1			1				
127	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>			2	2	1	2	4		1	
128	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		1				2			2	
129	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		1							2	
130	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida reiseri</i>		2				12	2			
131	Isabelline Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>	10	1		4	4		3	2	6	
132	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>				1			2	2		
133	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>							1	6	20	6
134	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoides fulva</i>						6		4		
135	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	1			1			3	2	4	1
136	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>									1	
137	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>						8	4			1
138	African Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserti</i>					2					
139	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			6	2	1					
140	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>			3							
141	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>		1	1					4		
142	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		1	1	1	6	8	4		2	
143	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	1	2						12	10	10
144	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	10	10					12	50	50	40
145	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	20	10	2	2	3	10	12	10	6	2
146	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		2								
147	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			4	1		1	12		1	
148	Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Erythropygia galactotes</i>				1	1	11	1	1		
149	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		2	4				2			
150	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		2	2	2	1	1				
151	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>		1					1		10	
152	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>									5	
153	Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>			4	1						
154	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		14	3	6	6	1	6	2	1	

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	Seeborn's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe seebohmii</i>			8							
155	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		3			2	1	3	1	3	
156	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>		1	4	2	4	6	4			
157	Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>		1								
158	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>		1		6	12	26	4			
159	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>		6	10	2		4	2			
160	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1	12							
161	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>							2			
162	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1							
163	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
164	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>							1	20		
165	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>					3					
166	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>								3		
	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		20		20	2	50	20			
	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>						2	6		8	
167	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1	3				1			
168	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		3	1							
	Moroccan Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba subpersonata</i>				6	2	2	12	6	1	
169	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		1					1			
170	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			2	2			2		1	
171	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		1				1	1			
172	'North African' Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>		4					12	10	8	8
173	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes c. burryi</i>		2								
174	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>			20	4			6		3	
175	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>							4	8	6	
176	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>									4	
177	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		2								
178	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			3	1			2	2	16	
179	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	4	2	1				6	1	10	10
180	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		1					6	20	3	
181	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			4							
182	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>							1			

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183	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>								1	2	
184	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza sahari</i>	10	1	20	4		1	4	2	6	



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