

Southern Morocco

Naturetrek Tour Report

30 March - 8 April 2017



African Crimson-winged Finch



Crowned Sandgrouse



Tristram's Warbler



Seebohm's Wheatear

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Overview

This is always a trip where it is difficult to select highlights and this trip was no exception. We had good weather, the vast majority of the birds restricted to North Africa were seen well, and a good variety of migrants in several locations provided great birding.

The mountains on our first day (with a bit of effort) provided views of African Crimson-winged Finch, 'Atlas' Horned (Shore) Lark and Seebohm's Wheatear, against a backdrop of the Atlas Mountains. In the deserts around Ouarzazate, wheatears and larks all showed well, and the day in the desert south of Erfoud lived up to expectations with close views of Egyptian Nightjar, African Desert Warbler, flocks of drinking sandgrouse and the oasis at Merzouga full of migrants heading north. On the coast a close flock of feeding Northern Bald Ibis were enjoyed at close range and Black-crowned Tchagra sat in full view, giving prolonged views.

The combination of the birds, wildlife, stunning scenery, a trouble free trip and good company made this a tour to remember.

Day 1

Thursday 30th March

We left Gatwick early morning and arrived in Marrakech on time late morning. Despite improvements at the airport, it still took quite some time to clear customs etc, but this was partly due to one of our bags being missing (but relocated in the evening). We eventually met our local guide Mohammed for the afternoon trip up into the High Atlas and headed towards the snow-covered mountains.

The drive produced some species with which we were to become very familiar: Pallid Swift, Spotless Starling and House Bunting. Our first stops as we started the climb up to Oukaimeden were where our introduction to Moroccan birding began. At the first stop, overlooking cultivated fields by a river, there were some distinctive African Chaffinches, plenty of Serins and a heard, but only glimpsed Levaillant's Green Woodpecker. The second stop however resulted in fine views of a male Levaillant's Green Woodpecker perched on the trunk of a tree, accompanied by three Great Spotted Woodpeckers and two fine African Blue Tits. Another stop in more open habitat produced a stunning male Moussier's Redstart, a Rock Bunting and both light and dark morph Booted Eagles overhead.

We eventually reached the ski resort of Oukaimeden and enjoyed a late lunch accompanied by close-by Red-billed and Alpine Choughs. After lunch, a walk near the ski lifts eventually resulted in some excellent close views of two African Crimson-winged Finches, followed by a flock of 25. After this success we moved location and another walk provided good views of Seebohm's Wheatear and 'Atlas' Horned (Shore) Lark, as well as a couple of male Black-eared Wheatears.

We left Oukaimeden rather late, but still had time to enjoy a fine Dipper by the roadside before returning to the hotel. A trip to the airport to collect our last group member also resulted in locating the lost baggage – a really positive end to a superb day.

Day 2

Friday 31st March

We awoke to the sound of many Common Bulbuls singing in the hotel grounds, but with it only getting light by 7.30am we had no time to look around before heading off. This was a day of travel, up and over the High Atlas Mountains via the Tizi n Tichka pass (2,260 metres).

Magpie and Southern Grey Shrike were new birds spotted along the way to where we started climbing out of the Marrakech plain. Our first stop was a pine wood where we had several low-flying (and one calling) Booted Eagles and many African Chaffinches. We moved on from here to Toufilite and whilst enjoying drinks on the roof of the café, we had displaying Sparrowhawks and a single Goshawk, plus really good views of North African Blue Tit. After drinks we walked along the road, finding another Levaillant's Green Woodpecker, 'Atlas' Coal Tit, several Firecrests and six Hawfinches.

Further on, we stopped for our picnic lunch and whilst our driver Said prepared it for us, we walked up through the juniper scrub and got good views of several Tristram's Warblers and more sightings of Moussier's Redstart.

After lunch we climbed over the pass and then proceeded down towards the desert. We made a short detour off the main road in Amerzgan and walked some semi desert and rocky slopes, finding our first White-crowned (Black) and Desert Wheatears, Desert Lark and Trumpeter Finch. Then it was a short drive down into Ouarzazate. Before going to our hotel we had a very quick look at the barrage, but unfortunately the water levels were very low and the few birds visible were very distant.

Day 3

Saturday 1st April

We left the hotel in Ouarzazate at 8am and headed towards Boumalne before turning down a side road to the edge of the barrage. As we turned off the main road we located a group of Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters that showed extremely well in brilliant light. Our next nice bird was a very confiding Little Owl, followed by several Western Bonelli's and three Eastern Olivaceous Warblers in the bushes, and Spanish Yellow (Iberian) Wagtail and Little Ringed Plover on the shore. In scanning the water we found Osprey, a single Gull-billed Tern and two fly-over Purple Herons. On returning towards our vehicle, two Thick-billed Larks flew over – too fast for some to get on to and the views were not very satisfactory.

We left the barrage, drove to Boumlane and then headed up the Dades Gorge. We stopped on the way to look at three distant Griffon Vultures and then continued to the café perched at the top of the gorge. Here we were greeted by a striking Blue Rock Thrush and whilst waiting for coffee and our picnic, two Bonelli's Eagles, several Crag Martins and a couple of Black Wheatears were seen. After lunch we walked down the hairpins and got prolonged views of a singing Tristram's Warbler.

After leaving the gorge we checked in at the hotel and then went out to the Tagdilt Plain. Our choice of location was the unpleasant rubbish tip area, but this did produce a fantastic Thick-billed Lark, a few Temminck's Larks and a pair of Red-rumped Wheatears; a nice way to end the day.

Day 4

Sunday 2nd April

After leaving Boumlane, we drove a short distance out into the Tagdilt Plain and stopped to scan a small depression that sometimes holds water, but not this year. It did though have several Temminck's Larks, a flock of Short-toed Larks and some much admired Fat Sand Rats.

We left this area and drove further on, stopping when a group of Cream-coloured Coursers and a single Hoopoe-Lark were spotted. The next planned part of the morning was a walk across the stony desert and around some cultivated fields. More coursers, three Southern Grey Shrikes, three flying (and unfortunately distant) Black-bellied Sandgrouse and about 12 Western Bonelli's Warblers were the highlights.

It was now late morning so we headed east, stopping at an escarpment just east of Imidir where one of the group saw a male Maghreb Wheatear, but most saw Trumpeter Finch, several stunning male Desert Wheatears and some fine singing Desert Larks.

The next priority was lunch where, as well as an excellent picnic, we had a male Redstart, male and female Subalpine Warblers and a couple of Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters keeping us company. We still had quite a distance to travel so we moved on, but stopped on the Marrha Plain and found seven Fulvous Babblers, 10 or so Woodchat Shrikes, a single Spectacled Warbler and two very confiding Bar-tailed (Desert) Larks. It was then a quick drive to Erfoud and our hotel.

Day 5

Monday 3rd April

A pre-dawn start today, so we were in the desert as the sun rose, watching one of several singing African Desert Warblers. We then drove further south, seeing three Montagu's Harriers, a range of larks including acrobatic displaying Hoopoe-Lark and a small group of Cream-coloured Coursers.

Our next stop was at a small pool where several hundred Spotted Sandgrouse and about a 100 Crowned Sandgrouse came to drink, along with a single Pin-tailed Sandgrouse. After this fantastic spectacle we had a short drive and then were watching a couple of male and a female Desert Sparrows. We enjoyed these for some time before heading off and meeting Mubarak, who took us to see the stone-resembling Egyptian Nightjars. After seeing the nightjars and whilst having tea, we had four Trumpeter Finches and a couple of Subalpine Warblers come to drink.

The next stop was at Café Yasmina for coffee (and more Subalpine Warblers) and then Mezouga for lunch at the Nomad Depot. After lunch we walked through the Merzouga Oasis which was full of migrants with several Pied Flycatchers, Redstarts, Wrynecks and Turtle Doves, but most unusual of all was a male Collared Flycatcher.

It was now getting late so we headed back to Erfoud and stopped at a small bridge over the Oued (river) close to our hotel. Here a variety of wagtails and waders as well as two Marbled Ducks were appreciated and resulted in most of the group returning back along the river from the hotel in the early evening. On this walk we found a fine summer-plumage Marsh Sandpiper and two male Little Crakes to end a superb day's birdwatching.

Day 6

Tuesday 4th April

We left the hotel about 8am and drove the short distance to the bridge over the Erfoud Oued. Here there was a similar selection of birds as the previous evening, but the star bird was a very obliging Red-throated Pipit that was close and showed very well. After this we headed west, through Rissani and then stopped at the next escapement where a pair of Lanner Falcons were seen well.

We continued west, stopping at Alnif for coffee and just west of Tazerine for lunch. The only other stop was for a circling Long-legged Buzzard. By the time we had finished lunch it was mid-afternoon so we had to keep moving west to Ouarzazate. We reached the hotel just after 6pm and then went for a walk to the barrage, but despite trying we could not get that close to the water's edge. However it was a nice hour and we added a few species to the trip list including a male Ferruginous Duck.

Day 7

Wednesday 5th April

We left Ouarzazate heading west and returned to the minor road south from Amerzgan to have another look for Maghreb Wheatear – unfortunately unsuccessfully. However, we had an interesting walk along rocky outcrops and enjoyed our last Desert Wheatear and Cream-coloured Coursers of the trip.

Our next stop was at Oued Iriri where there were plenty of Western Bonelli's Warblers, Nightingales and our first Western Olivaceous Warbler. Moving on, we stopped for coffee in Tazenkhat and then headed to our lunch stop at the Saffron shop in Tinfat. In the surrounding groves there were plenty of migrants and we had excellent views of Nightingales, Pied Flycatchers, Redstarts, Wryneck and Western Orphean Warbler.

After lunch and another quick look in the groves we moved further west, stopping for a look at the Argan woodland which produced a Melodious Warbler, and then down to the bridge at Aoulouz where a few White Storks and Black Kites were overhead and we found two Squacco Herons along the river bank. It was already getting late so we drove down to the Souss valley to our hotel in Taroudannt.

Day 8

Thursday 6th April

We left Taroudannt in misty conditions that never really completely cleared all day, but it didn't really affect our plans. We travelled down to the coast through the Souss valley and then turned north to Tamri and stopped for coffee overlooking the sea. A small number of Sandwich Terns were feeding offshore with large gulls. These were joined by a smart pale Arctic Skua and there were a few Gannets further out.

On arrival at Tamri a calling Barbary Partridge was found on a ridge above the road, and soon afterwards a couple of Bald Ibis flew from a nearby hillside, heading north towards their cliff nesting site. Several more followed north as we scanned the lagoon and beach, finding a few Audouin's Gulls amongst the Lesser Black-backed Gulls out at sea.

We had lunch and then drove a short distance towards Agadir before we stopped and walked a short way up a slope and found a flock of feeding Bald Ibis, which gave excellent views. After this we headed back to Agadir, checked in at our hotel and took a short break.

In the late afternoon we headed to the Oued Souss on the southern limit of the town and spent a couple of hours watching waders and terns. It was a great selection of waders with an intriguing extremely long-billed curlew to make us consider something unusual – but apart from the bill, it looked just like any other curlew. With the flock of Sandwich Terns were about 20 Gull-billed Terns, and two Caspian Terns flew up and down river. Other species of note were Osprey and a hunting Peregrine Falcon.

Day 9

Friday 7th April

We travelled south down the coast to the Oued Massa in the morning. Our first stop on the road to the river produced excellent views of a singing Spectacled Warbler, a few Lesser Short-toed Larks, groups of Black-bellied Sandgrouse overhead, and a fine Stone-curlew.

We moved down to the river and walked along the track and back. The walk produced some excellent birds and great views of Black-crowned Tchagra, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Western Olivaceous Warbler, Moussier's Redstart and Turtle Dove. There was also a group of Ortolan Buntings, a Wryneck, some smart 'continental' Stonechats and Black-eared Wheatear. It was a great walk!

After this we moved location for lunch and whilst waiting for it to be prepared, we managed to find another of our 'target' species with three Brown-throated Martins over a reed-fringed pool.

After lunch our last location on the Oued Massa produced some close views of Ashy-headed Wagtails, although the males did show a trace of supercilium behind the eye. We then headed back north to the Oued Souss and enjoyed a similar selection of waders, gulls and terns as the previous evening, with a flock of 13 Spoonbills being new.

Day 10

Saturday 8th April

Our last morning in Morocco took us to the Oued Souss and a walk up river from the road. This provided more excellent views of the waders we had seen on previous days, but numbers of Greater Flamingoes had increased and there was a group of seven Marbled Ducks present.

After the Oued we headed up to O'Fella, the old fort above Agadir, and spent a pleasant hour seeing what had become familiar birds: Moussier's Redstart, Black-eared and Black Wheatears and Pallid Swift.

We got back to the hotel late morning, got ready for the journey home and then travelled to a restaurant for an excellent Tagine lunch, which also gave us the opportunity for most of the group to finally get good views of Little Swift; a species that had only been glimpsed so far. Then it was off to the airport and a delayed flight back to the UK.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	March/April 2017										
			30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>									1		
2	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>					1						
3	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>							1				
4	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		50	4		40	20	1	2			
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		3	3			25		1	2	2	
6	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			15			60					
7	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>					2	12		1			7
8	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>						1					
9	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			3		8	10				3	
10	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			30								
11	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>						20		13	22	200	
12	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	1	7	6	3		12	9	1			4
13	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>								30			
14	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>										60	
15	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>										13	
16	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						6				2	
17	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					20		2			4	
18	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1	2	15		2	2	25		15	2	
19	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	1	1			6	2	10	12	2	
20	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			2							1	
21	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			3	15		2	10	8	6	2	
22	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>								6			
23	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		100	100			50		8	4	1	
	North African Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus</i>										1	
24	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			1					1	1	1	
25	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			3								
26	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				2		1					
27	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	6	15		1			2				
28	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>			2			2					

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29	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		6										
30	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1										
31	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			2	2	4							
32	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>					3							
33	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>			1					16		2	3	
34	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>				2		1						
35	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	6	3	6	10	4	4	12	6	4	4	6	
36	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>						2	1					
37	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>									1			
38	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>					2							
39	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						15	8	20				
40	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>							10		10			
41	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>									5	1	1	
42	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>									11	10		
43	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						12	35		10	3	1	
44	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>									4	6	6	
45	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>									20	12	50	
46	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>							10		120	150	100	
47	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			4			10	8	2				
48	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>						1	12		25	50	5	
49	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>								1				
50	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>									15	15	20	
51	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>									4	5	10	
52	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>									3	4		
53	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>									4	1	1	
54	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>						1	1				2	
55	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>									3	6	5	
56	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						8	10					
57	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>						1	3					
58	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						1	1		4	6	1	
59	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>									8		10	
60	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>									4	20		

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61	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>					8	30		6		2
62	Curllew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								15		15
63	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								20	2	10
64	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>								12		1
65	Cream-colored Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>				20	6		6			
66	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>								1	1	
67	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>								20	40	30
68	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>								12		
69	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>								1	1	1
70	Mediterranean Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis michahellis</i>								200	✓	✓
71	Western Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>								40	1	✓
72	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			1					20	25	
73	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>								2	1	
74	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>								60	25	1
75	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>						1		2		
76	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>								1		
77	Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>					350					
78	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>				3					20	
79	Crowned Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles coronatus</i>					80					
80	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>					1					
81	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	25		40							
	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	20	30	60	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	6	6						8	12	4
83	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				1	2		4	6	20	3
84	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	4	12	✓	35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>			6	2	6		4	2	12	
86	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			1							
87	Egyptian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>					2					
88	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>										
89	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	50	200	15	4			100	50	200	120
90	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		1								10
91	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>			15	4	10	15				

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			30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
92	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		120	6	60	70	6	60	15	70	20
93	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2	1		1		3	1	1	
94	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					6		2		1	
95	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	3	2								
96	Levaillant's Woodpecker	<i>Picus vaillantii</i>	2	1								
97	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>									2	
98	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		3					2			
	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis algenensis</i>								3	1	
	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis elegans</i>				4	5	4	6			
99	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		1	4	10	4	6	8	1	1	1
100	Moroccan Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauritanica</i>	1	4					1	5	12	12
101	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	40									
102	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	60									
	Chough sp	<i>Pyrrhocorax sp.</i>	150									
103	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>					5	35				
104	'North African' Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>	1			1				1		
105	Atlas Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater atlas</i>		3								
106	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	2	4					3			2
107	North African Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes ultramarinus</i>	3	6	2							
108	Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>				1	10					
109	Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>			3							
110	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>				2	6					
111	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>		4	4	10		8	15			
112	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>			30	40	60		15			
113	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>									10	
114	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>										2
115	Maghreb Lark	<i>Galerida macrorhyncha</i>		2	4	1	4	4				
116	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>			3	6				4	30	10
	Galerida lark sp	<i>Galerida sp.</i>							25	20		
117	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	2									
118	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>			3	10						
119	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	2	20	10	10	2	12	12	10	20	6

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			30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
120	Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>										3	
121	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			12		40	30				1	
122	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	6	50	100	20	150	80	50	25	50	25	
123	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			15				3				
124	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		1	2	4	2	3	15			10	
125	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>				1			3	3		6	
126	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			1h		1					12	
127	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>					8		4			1	1
128	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		2	1				6				
129	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>			6	12	2	1	30				
130	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>					3	4	6				
131	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>											
132	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida reiseri</i>			4			4	1				
133	Isabelline Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>							10	1		20	
134	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>							1			1	
135	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>								4		15	6
136	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoides fulva</i>				7	1	6					
137	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	2	4			1					1	
138	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>					1		1				
139	African Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserti</i>					3						
140	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>	1	6	1								
141	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>				1						2	
142	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		1		2	12	4	6				
143	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	1	2		1	1			6		15	6
144	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		5									
145	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	2h	2									
146	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	2	10		4			10	40	50	25	
147	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	12	15	6	6	6	2	12	4	10	4	
148	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1										
149	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		2					1				
150	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			4	2			25			1	
151	Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Erythropygia galactotes</i>										1	

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152	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	6	1								
153	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1	1	3	8		6		1	1
154	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>	10	3							10	2
155	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1	1	1			2			
156	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>								1	6	
157	Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>			2	6						
158	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	2	1	5	6	10	2	8		1	
	Seebohm's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe seebohmi</i>	2		1	1			1			
159	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	2		3	2	2			1		2
160	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>		2	4	20	3	3	4		2	
161	Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>				1						
162	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>		5	5	50	15	30	30			
163	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>	5	5	4	2		5	4	1		2
164	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			4							
165	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>					4		6			
166	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedul albicollis</i>					1					
167	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	1									
168	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	25	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	2									
170	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>					4					
171	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	6									
172	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		150								
	Ashy-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava cinereocapilla</i>									3	
	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>			5		2					
	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		2	12		12	30	1			
173	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	4	1					1			
174	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			1		1	1				
174a	Moroccan Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba subpersonata</i>					2	1		3		
175	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		1		1						
176	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>					1		2			
177	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>						1				
178	African Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>	20	25					6		6	

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179	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes c. burryi</i>		6								
180	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>		8		3	4	7	10			
181	African Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys alienus</i>	25									
182	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		4					5	2	6	6
183	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			2						2	
184	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		3								
185	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			1				2		4	1
186	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	10	12	6	12		6	4		6	2
187	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		2								
188	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>							2		2	
189	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	2									
190	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>									8	
191	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	1h								2	
192	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza sahari</i>	12	10	10	10	4	10	12	6	6	3

Butterflies

Brimstone

Moroccan Orange-tip

Painted Lady

Red Admiral

Chapman's Green Hairstreak

Scarce Swallowtail

Small White

Clouded Yellow

Other Taxa

Agama Lizard

Fat Sand Rat

Barbary Ground Squirrel

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