

Southern Morocco

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

This was another really enjoyable March Morocco tour. We started in the Atlas Mountains, explored the stony deserts of the Tagdilt Plain and the sandy and stony deserts south of Erfoud before travelling to the coastal plain and the rivers at Tamri, Agadir and Massa. It was less generally less hot than on some previous tours and the reduced heat haze improved some of the magnificent views of the stunning Moroccan scenery. Bird highlights were the Crimson-winged Finches and 'Atlas' Horned Lark at Oukaimeden; the very close and confiding Levaillant's Woodpeckers in the Ourika Valley; the 'last-minute' find of the male Tristram's Warbler at the Dades Gorge; the three Pin-tailed Sandgrouse on the Tagdilt; and the superb day out in the desert that provided exceptionally close views of Spotted Sandgrouse, Egyptian Nightjar, as well as a supporting cast of Desert Sparrow, Desert Warbler and the usual abundance of Larks and Wheatears. Then there were the Bald Ibis at Tamri (not forgetting the confusing large falcon...), and finally the walk along the Oued Massa, which produced an excellent variety of species in a beautiful setting.

Day 1

Thursday 22nd March

We had a morning of travelling to Marrakech, with five group members travelling on an early flight from Gatwick (two arrived on a later flight, and three of the group were already in Marrakech). The morning flight arrived a little late and, after the usual long progression through customs, we were soon on the road with five of us heading to the Atlas Mountains and the others into Marrakech for a guided tour of the old part of the city.

The Atlas Mountains contingent were soon out of the city and stopped for lunch in a small town, eating on the roof of the building which provided panoramic views of the Marrakech plain and the snow-topped Atlas Mountains. A few birds provided interest as the food was prepared – Sardinian Warbler, Common Bulbul and House Bunting all giving good views. Moving on after lunch, we started climbing through the Ourika Valley, stopping a few times. The first was for a distant, slightly obscured view of a Levaillant's Woodpecker, the second for superb views of a pair of Levaillant's, and the third for a pair of close Black Wheatear. On reaching Oukaimeden we headed just past the second ski lift and, almost immediately, encountered a flock of about 35 Crimson-winged Finch which were coming to feed on and around stalls selling seeds, which gave us close views. After this we walked up a track from the main building area and here found a flock of Rock Sparrow, a few Black Redstart, two more Crimson-winged Finch and three or four 'Atlas' Horned Lark (Shore Lark) that were reasonably approachable. It was already 5.30pm so we started down the road, stopping to watch a couple of Dippers, and then headed back to Marrakech for a meal and an early bed – although the two evening arrivals had been delayed so didn't arrive until 10.45pm.

Day 2

Friday 23rd March

We awoke to the sound of singing Blackbirds and Common Bulbul. The hotel grounds were explored, with a Western Olivaceous Warbler, which showed very well in the morning sunshine, being the highlight. We left the hotel at 8.30am and headed out of Marrakech towards the High Atlas, stopping for good views of a perched Black-winged Kite and a close encounter with a 'Maghreb' Magpie. We left the cultivated flatlands and climbed into the mountains, stopping for coffee and a walk along the road at Toulilite. Here we found 'Atlas' Coal Tit,

Short-toed Treecreeper and Firecrest in the trees, and displaying Sparrowhawk and an adult Bonelli's Eagle overhead. We then continued along the road enjoying the spectacular views of the snow-capped mountains and bright-green terraced fields.

Lunch was a Taggine in Taggdert and then it was up to the Tizi n Tichka pass (2,260 metres) where a short walk produced a few migrating Black Kite, and two Red-billed and two Alpine Chough. We stopped on our descent on the south side of the mountains and watched Hoopoe, but couldn't find a calling Levaillant's Woodpecker. Small groups of Swallows and Martins, including a few Crag Martin, were moving through the valley heading north. We reached Ouarzazate before 6pm, and some of the group went off into the town while others relaxed around the hotel.

Day 3

Saturday 24th March

We left the hotel around 8am and travelled the short distance to the Barrage. The water levels were incredibly low, but we walked through scrubby bushes and then back along a stream. Unfortunately, there was a strong wind that blew the sand about, but we still had a productive walk. We found a group of 10 Cream-colored Coursers running about on the edge of the scrub and along the water, several smart Spanish Yellow Wagtails, a single Red-throated Pipit, small numbers of Green and Wood Sandpipers, Little Ringed Plover and Black-winged Stilt. A new bird for most of the group was Maghreb Lark and it took us quite a long time for all to see the impressive bill length on these birds.

After the Barrage we headed east, not stopping again as the wind was too strong, until our vehicle broke down. A relatively quick repair – whilst we looked at Serins and Subalpine Warbler, and then we continued to our hotel in Boumalne for a picnic and to check in. After lunch we went up the Dades Gorge and walked down the hairpins through the narrowest part. Here we had brief views of a late, wintering Dartford Warbler, several Black Wheatear and finally (last minute!) a male Tristram's Warbler. It was then back down the Gorge and out to the Boumlane rubbish tip for the last hour of light. We soon found a group of Thick-billed and Temminck's Lark and watched them at close range for some time. A pair of Red-rumped Wheatear also showed well – an excellent end to an excellent day.

Day 4

Sunday 25th March

After some initial confusion, due to the clocks changing in Morocco, we set off from the hotel to the Tagdilt Plain at 9am. Our first stop was a small depression which can hold water, which provides a drinking spot for Sandgrouse. There was no water but we had excellent views of two feeding Black-bellied and three Pin-tailed Sandgrouse and more Desert Wheatears. After this we drove further onto the plain and walked for a couple of hours across the stony desert adjacent to some cultivated fields heading to a small area of irrigated fields. We enjoyed some excellent views of Thick-billed Lark, Cream-colored Coursers and our first views of Hoopoe Lark on the desert, and Wryneck, Redstarts, Nightingale and Desert (Southern) Grey Shrike at the fields. After a quick return to the hotel we then headed east, stopping east of Tinghir for lunch (which provided good views of a feeding Wryneck and Woodchat Shrike) and then on to the Maharra Plain. Here a short walk produced some good views of singing Spectacled Warbler and Trumpeter Finches. Then it was on towards Erfoud and our hotel.

Day 5

Monday 26th March

We had an early start today, with a 6.30am departure from the hotel, and headed south into the desert. Our first stop was a walk in to a small dune system to search for Houbara Bustard but, despite finding fresh tracks, we couldn't find any birds. We continued driving and stopped to enjoy an African Desert Warbler which showed well to start with, before it flitted off into the distance. As we continued on, we encountered groups of Bar-tailed Larks, Cream-colored Coursers, Short-toed Larks and several Hoopoe Larks. Our next stop did not produce the drinking sandgrouse we were hoping for, but at the next one a fine pair of Desert Sparrows showed well. After this, we went in search of the missing Sandgrouse and found several groups of very close and confiding Spotted Sandgrouse.

We then travelled on to the Oasis at Merzouga where we walked through the palms and cultivated patches, finding a Western Bonelli's Warbler, three Bluethroats, and several Tree Pipits and Subalpine Warblers. We continued our walk out of the palms and across the tracks to the Nomade Depot for lunch. After lunch it was out again to look for sandgrouse, but we had no luck with finding Crowned. We headed to our last stop, finding more flocks of Thick-billed Larks, and after a bit of a walk, where we found Western Orphean Warbler, Nightingale and Redstart, we located our target species – two Fulvous Babbler. We then returned to the hotel.

Day 6

Tuesday 27th March

Back to a more normal departure time today. We left the hotel around 8am for a short drive to the Oued Zizz. Although it was dry, which is unusual in spring, there was a pool below a dam. Here there was a few waders, including a Ruff. In the surrounding bushes we found a singing Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, a few Sedge Warblers and Nightingale. Overhead, we had some very close views of Pallid Swift alongside Common Swift. Also, two Little Owls showed well. Leaving Erfoud, we drove to the escarpment west of Rissani. Although no Eagle-Owls were present, we had a "head-and-shoulders" view of an Lanner sitting on its nest, another Tristram's Warbler and useful views of Desert Lark to compare with all the Bar-tailed Larks we saw yesterday. After this we began our long drive to Ouarzazate, stopping at Alnif for coffee (and two Western Bonelli's Warblers), and just west of Tazerine for lunch. We then took a walk across the Draa bridge, before reaching our destination around 6.30pm. We just had time for a quick scan of the Barrage area before checking into the hotel.

Day 7

Wednesday 28th March

Today was another long day of travel, but we managed to fit in quite a lot of birding. An early start saw us at the Barrage by 7.30am and we repeated the walk we had done a few days previously, but in much better conditions. We saw similar species to last time, with a few additions - Whinchat and Great Egret. We then began our travel westwards and our first stop was at Amerzegan where we found a super pair of Mourning Wheatear. These showed very well and provoked some discussion as the female was black-throated. Another short drive brought us to the Oued Iriri and the first bird here was an adult Bonelli's Eagle perched on a pylon and then circling low overhead, giving exceptional views. The trees around the cultivated field held small numbers of warblers, including one Western Orphean Warbler, but the best birding was on the river itself where two Purple Heron, a Spotted Crake and four Little Crake were seen.

It was then back to travelling west, with a quick coffee stop in Tazenkhat and lunch at the Saffron Shop in Tinfat (with a few migrants in the fields). After lunch we left the stony deserts and dropped into the Souss Valley, with a quick stop to look at Argan Woodland and another walk across the bridge at Aoulouz, which provided a smart Squacco Heron. Then we travelled down the valley and into Taroudannt by just after 7pm.

Day 8

Thursday 29th March

This morning we had a slightly more relaxing breakfast and a later-than-normal departure, around 8.30am. We headed west down the Souss Valley and then north from Agadir towards Tamri. We stopped for coffee, late morning, and had three Audouin's Gulls, a single Arctic Skua and a few Gannet and Sandwich Terns offshore. After this we reached Tamri and soon saw two Bald Ibis fly over and land with a few others. We found another flock in the distance and on returning to the van for lunch another group of eight, which showed well, on the nearby hillside. Overhead we had two to three flocks of Purple Heron and another of Grey. On the lagoon large numbers of gulls were roosting, including 25 Audouin's Gull. We walked around the bushes and then found an interesting falcon that was in view for some time, but in poor light; its identity remained uncertain at the time, but following discussion and consideration of photos, it proved to be a Barbary. We left Tamri and headed back to Agadir to check in. We then later went to the Oued Souss where we had good views of 17 wader species, a fine fly-past of 60 Spoonbill and were entertained by a juvenile Peregrine chasing Egrets, forcing two of them into the mud from which they struggled to free themselves.

Day 9

Friday 30th March

We left the hotel around 8am and, after negotiating the Agadir traffic, we were soon heading south on the coast road. We arrived in the Oued Massa area around 9am and our first stop was on some semi-desert alongside the approach road. Here a single Crested Lark and several Lesser Short-toed Larks provided interest. After this we moved to the edge of the river Massa and then walked along a track looking down on the river and then through some cultivated fields. This really pleasant walk produced the long-awaited male Moussier's Redstarts, as well as a good range of warblers. Other interest was provided by singing Corn Buntings and a single Moroccan Cormorant. We searched the fields for Black-crowned Tchagra, but it took to the last fields, on the way back, before two were found, which showed very well. Our next stop was our picnic stop and here we found three Brown-throated Martins, but probably more spectacular were the 70 Bee-eaters feeding with them for a short time. After the picnic we walked up-river and then down-river, being collected at another river crossing by Said in the van. This was our final birding on the Massa, ending a very enjoyable visit. After leaving the Massa we headed back to Agadir, stopping for a quick look at the Oued Souss that produced a similar range of waders, but also two Marbled Duck which flew onto the golf-course pool and then off again down-river, so were only seen in flight.

Day 10

Saturday 31st March

We started the morning on the Oued Souss, walking towards the old bridge and then back again. On the walk out, a fine Wryneck showed itself and, at last, Zitting Cisticolas perched for views. On the river similar waders were seen as in the evening visits, but on the way back three fine Great Spotted Cuckoos were found. After the Oued we travelled up to O'Fella, the old hillfort above Agadir, and enjoyed some excellent views of Spectacled Warbler and Moussier's Redstarts, and on the walk down the road two Barbary Partridge were found. It was then

time to head to the hotel, pack, have coffee and update our checklists, before heading to a final Tagine lunch and then on to the airport.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	March									
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>						12				
2	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			3			200	6	4		
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>								3	6	
4	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>									2	
5	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>										2
6	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							1			1
7	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							2	1	1	
8	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>								30	100	30
9	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	7	25	1	30		2	6	6	2	
10	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>								40		
11	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>						1	3			
12	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>								85	2	
13	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						9	7		15	
14	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>							1			
15	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	2	24	50	10	2	1	6	30	12	
16	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			1			15	9	30	10	5
17	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			1	1			2	50	4	
18	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>						2	2	15	3	10
19	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>							2			
20	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>								10		
21	North African Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus</i>									2	1
	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>							3	3	6	
22	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>								2	2	1
23	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		1								
24	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1	3		2	2		4			
25	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		1					1			
26	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	2	4								
27	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1	5				2	4		
28	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			2							

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
29	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		20	25	50		3	25			
30	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			3	1						
31	Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>							1			
32	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>							4			
33	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						14	20		1	
34	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						150		2	6	
35	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>								5		
36	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>								15	10	
37	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			5			4		20	12	4
38	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>						20		1		7
39	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>								50	45	
40	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>								200	150	20
41	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			5		3	3	2	1	3	1
42	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>								15	5	1
43	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			5				5			1
44	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>										2
45	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>								5	5	
46	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>								5	4	4
47	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			2		1	2	1	20	25	6
48	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						1		4	5	2
49	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					2	8				1
50	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			10				6			
51	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			3					3	5	2
52	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>						1	1			6
53	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								10	2	1
54	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>								4		
55	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								30	25	
56	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>								20	3	2
57	Cream-colored Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>				8	20	3	12			
58	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>								2	2	1
59	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>								50	20	10
60	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus audouinii</i>								25		

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
61	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>									10	2	2
62	Western Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis michahellis</i>									✓	✓	✓
63	Western Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>									✓		
64	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			1					2	40	40	30
65	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									20	6	
66	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>											
67	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>											
68	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>									1		
69	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles sp.</i>				3							
70	Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>					90						
71	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>				5							
	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columbia livia (domest)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			2								
73	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	1				2	12	10	4	
74	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			2		1			2	12		
75	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
76	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>		1	5		6	12	2	2	12		
77	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>											3
78	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		3									
79	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1					2				
80	Egyptian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>					1						
81	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		1			2						
82	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			1		20	5	✓	✓			
83	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓	✓	✓	2		3	✓	✓	✓	20	
84	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		2	1						2	2	
85	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>										3	
86	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		4					30	1	90		
87	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2	10	4	1	2	4		3	2	
88	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>				3		1			2	1	
89	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		3		1			1			1h	
90	Levaillant's Woodpecker	<i>Picus vaillantii</i>	3	1h									
91	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	5	6	3	2		1	6	5	4	2	

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
92	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>							1				
93	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>									1		
94	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>									1?		
95	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>										4	
96	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis algenensis</i>									4	2	1
	Desert (Southern) Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis elegans</i>		12	1	4	3	4	1				
97	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>				8	10	6	6			5	1
98	Moroccan Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauritanica</i>		5							20	20	12
99	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax pyrrhonorax</i>	80	2									
100	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax graculus</i>		2									
101	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>					4	45					
102	'North African' Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>	3	2							1		
103	Atlas Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater atlas</i>		4									
104	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	2	2							2	1	
105	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		2								2	2
106	Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>				1	12						
107	Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>			5	15	30						
108	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>				3		1	3				
109	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>					50						
110	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	1	2	2	10				10	10	20	12
111	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>										1	
112	Maghreb Lark	<i>Galerida macrorhyncha</i>			10		2	4	6				
113	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>			8	3							
114	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>			20	40	75			100		30	
115	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	5										
116	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>										4	
117	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	✓	✓	1	✓		6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>										3	
119	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			4				1			5	
120	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	5	20	✓	20	20	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
121	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		15	4				1				
122	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		6	4	1	1	4	5				1

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
123	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		5	1	1					3	2	
124	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	1h						2h	4h	1h	15	
125	Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustells naevia</i>											1
126	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				4	1	2	1	3	2		
127	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		2	1			2	2	4	2	4	
128	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						1	4			4	
129	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							3		1	1	1
130	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida reiseri</i>							1				
131	Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>		2								25	
132	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>								4h	10	10	
133	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoides fulva</i>					2	2					
134	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	2	2						1		6	
135	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>								1		1	
136	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>						1		1			
137	African Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserti</i>						2					
138	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>				3	2			1		2	1
139	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>			1								
140	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>			1		2	1					
141	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>				2							3
142	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			1	1	10	3	12	1	2	2	
143	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	3		2	2			1	6	20	15	
144	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		1									
145	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1h		1								
146	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		1									
147	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	2	✓		1			8	20	20	6	
148	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓		4	20	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	
149	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	1h	1h									
150	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>					3						
151	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>				1	3	2	5	2	6		
152	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>					1		1				
153	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	4	1	1								
154	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				3	6		1		1		

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155	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>							1	1	12	6
156	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			3				1		1	
157	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>				3			1			
158	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>									5	
159	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		6	2	4	2		3			
160	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>			3	10	10		2			
161	Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>							3			
162	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		1		2	4	1		2	4	
163	Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>			3	6						
164	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>	2		6			4	10	1		
165	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>			3	20	6	40	6			
166	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	2									
167	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
168	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>					1		2			
169	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>					2					
170	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	35									
171	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					2					
	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>			10			2	6	2	6	1
172	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	3	1	1							
173	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			8	1			1	2		
	Moroccan Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba subpersonata</i>					2	2				
174	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>							1			
175	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			1		8		1			
176	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>			1				1			
177	'North African' Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>	10	15	2				12	2	10	
178	African Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys alienus</i>	37									
179	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>				8	12	6				
180	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		4		2			4		12	3
181	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	3						2		8	
182	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		1h								
183	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>				2			2		6	
184	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		2	2			2	2	4	1	20

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185	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>										2	
186	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	1		1								
187	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	1	1						1		1	
188	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza sahari</i>	6	8	✓	✓	2	12	✓		6	6	2

Other Taxa

1	Barbary Ground Squirrel	<i>Atlantoxerus getulus</i>		1	4						1	2	
2	Fat Sand Rat	<i>Psammomys obesus</i>			2				1				
3	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		1									
4	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			3								1
5	Small Blue sp				6								
6	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>			1				1				
7	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>							1				
8	Moroccan Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis belia</i>										6	1
9	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>										1	
10	Agama Lizard	<i>Agama impalearis</i>							1				
11	African House Snake	<i>Boaedon fuliginosus</i>									1		
12	Tortoise sp											1	1
13	Gecko sp												
14	Terrapin sp								✓				
15	small lizard sp										1		