# **Spring in Southern Portugal**

Naturetrek Tour Report

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### Day 1

## Wednesday 13th April

With the group arriving on several flights spread over a considerable span of time it was possible to take the early arrivals for a short spell of local birding in the Rio Formosa NP before returning to the airport to meet the later arrivals. Whilst nothing of great significance was seen it was nice to enjoy the warmth and fresh air as we stretched our legs after an early start leaving the UK.

With the final flight arriving on time, we were soon all gathered for a light lunch before we undertook a direct transfer into Alentejo and the historic town of Mertola where we would be staying for the first few nights of the trip. A Black-winged Kite seen on the journey eluded most of the group unfortunately, as we sped along. We arrived in good time to be speedily allocated our rooms before meeting for an aperitif followed by dinner at the hotel. From our rooms overlooking the Guadiana River it had not taken long for the keen birders to note Lesser Kestrel, Pallid Swift and White Storks in the town. After retiring to our rooms after dinner, one lucky group member spotted the local Barn Owl spotlit as it flew around the castle.

## Day 2

## **Thursday 14th April**

We explored the Guadiana NP today, heading first towards the scenic Pulo do Lobo to the north of Mertola. We took a couple of short roadside stops on the way to admire the local flora and scan for birds. The first of these produced the Iberian endemic *Verbascum barnadesii* and *Cleome violacea*, a species confined to Iberia within Europe, with a rising group of vultures consisting of 20+ Griffons and a couple of Cinereous Vultures. As we drove a handsome array of species were seen on the roadside wires comprising European Bee-eaters, Hoopoe, Southern Grey and Woodchat Shrikes and a lone Turtle Dove.

Arriving at the Pulo do Lobo estate we passed through the gates and on down to the river where the pinch point of harder rocks had created an impressive geological spectacle of scalloped rocks from the rushing river water. While admiring this view we also made short work of picking out the special birds of the area with Rock Bunting, Blue Rock Thrush, Crag Martin and Grey Wagtail all soon spotted. After some careful scanning and perseverance, a Golden Eagle was added to the local list, with only Black Stork failing to appear. We spent further time admiring some of the botanical specialities before relocating to a nearby hilltop where we enjoyed our picnic with a view and cooling breeze.

We retraced our route back to Mertola where a few of the group took the option to spend the afternoon exploring the town with most continuing on, travelling east of the town. Our first stop was for a walk, through plantations down towards a small reservoir. On the waters edge Little Ringed Plover, Common Sandpiper and Black-winged Stilts were all present, whilst only grebes and Mallard were on the open water. A fine colony of a species of Tongue Orchid, *Serapias strictiflora*, was found nearby. On our return walk a fine Western Black-eared Wheatear was spotted on the roadside wires.

Our next stop was a short distance further east, where we took a farm track to overlook some open grassland and low hills. On the crest of the hill was one of the breeding towers built for Lesser Kestrels, and there were a number of birds present competing with the local Jackdaws. The grassland proved productive with both species

of Bustard found together with numerous singing Calandra Larks. After a full day we headed back to town to freshen up before dinner.

### Day 3

## Friday 15th April

Today was spent in pursuit of the specialist steppe birds of the Castro Verde SPA. After a short drive from Mertola we took our first stop at a roadside junction to admire the breeding White Storks on their nests complete with both Spanish and House Sparrows nesting within the stork's constructions. We then drove on a short distance to take a walk across an area of open ground to a small raised hillock that provided a good panoramic view. Interestingly, a Northern Wheatear on the track here proved to be the only one of the whole trip. This was followed by an unexpected distant flock of birds flying towards us that resolved to be 24 Glossy Ibis.

A further move took us down a farm track where we paused to scan the open 'steppe' country spread out around us. We soon picked up a small number of strutting Great Bustards with a similar number of widely dispersed individual male Little Bustards. A further move was taken for a short walk alongside a small river where we enjoyed a number of interesting plants. Lunch time was fast approaching so a final move of the morning was taken with the journey into Castro Verde where we visited the home of a local resident who provided us with a splendid meal of four courses washed down with local wines.

Replete, we headed out in the afternoon to the LPN Visitor Centre. It was closed due to the Easter Holiday Good Friday but we were able to find a Roller and lesser Kestrels in the grounds of the centre before moving on. We completed a circuit of back-country roads back to the main road and on back to Mertola.

## Day 4

## Saturday 16th April

This being our transfer day we packed and loaded the vehicles before heading out on a further exploration of the Castro Verde SPA in the southern parts. A roadside stop was followed by a visit to a small reservoir. On the hillside behind the lake a number of vultures were clearly gathered around what had probably been a carcass. They were joined by several Ravens scavenging for scraps. On the rocky outcrops above a pair of Bonelli's Eagles were perched and overhead a Spanish Imperial Eagle was also present in the area.

During our continuing circuit a few other stops were taken during which we connected with both Great and Little Bustards and Black-bellied Sandgrouse before we headed out of the SPA back through Castro Verde and on to the town of Ourique where we stopped for lunch on a hilltop pleasure garden. A bonus here were a pair of fast flying Hawfinches that passed overhead as we ate!

Moving on we headed south to the coast and a visit to Ludo and Salgados Lagoon. Here a mix of small numbers of wildfowl were joined by Greater Flamingos, Eurasian Spoonbill and Audouin's Gull. A short break was taken at a nearby café for drinks and ice-creams before we continued on to Sagres.

## Day 5

## **Sunday 17th April**

We travelled north to visit a range of hills, the Espinacao de Cao, where we spent the morning. The Cork Oak, *Quercus suber*, woodland with Erica and Cistus understory held a different range of birds, several familiar from home that are not widespread in southern Portugal. Our main target was the Iberian Chiffchaff that we only managed to hear singing in a couple of spots but remained unseen. Numerous orchids were seen that included *Epipactis lusitanica, Ophrys apifera* and three species of Tongue Orchid, the highlight being *Serapias cordigera*. Butterflies were rather few but we were very fortunate in finding a single very localised Chapman's Green Hairstreak. We ate our picnic in a shallow valley enjoying the scenery.

We next relocated west via the town of Aljezur where we headed to the coast and the Praia de Amoreira. On arrival we firstly took a walk into the vegetated dune system that holds numerous scarce and endemic plants. Highlights included *Antirrhinum majus subsp. cirrhigerum, Armeria macrophylla, Marcus-kochia littorea, Diplotaxis siifolia subsp. vicentina, Biscutella sempervirens subsp. vicentina* and *Cistus halimifolius* with the star of the show being the diminutive snowflake *Acis trichophylla*. For the birders a couple of Crested Tits and Short-toed Treecreeper were found.

Finally, we continued to the beach café where we enjoyed refreshments as we watched the surf before heading back to the hotel.

## Day 6

## **Monday 18th April**

Travelling east from Sagres we visited the Alvor Estuary and the area of Quinto do Rocha. On arrival we soon picked out the small flock of Greater Flamingos on the inner lagoon. We walked a circuit on the raised seawall checking both the harbour and inner lagoon as we went. We gradually built up a fine list of passage waders joining the breeding Kentish Plovers, Avocets and Black-winged Stilts. Several terns were resting on the exposed sandbars, comprising mostly Sandwich Terns closely followed by Little Terns in numbers with a couple of massive Caspian Terns also. Unusually, a normally skulking Purple Heron was standing in the open within the inner lagoon for a clear and prolonged viewing. As we reached the rear sea wall, we found a couple of roosting Audouin's Gulls on the inner marshes. A couple of singing Greater Short-toed Larks overhead dropped down to settle on the sea wall providing an unbeatable view of these small and cryptically coloured birds.

From the car park we drove the short distance to the A Rocha Foundation Headquarters where we were kindly allowed the use of their garden for our picnic lunch. Amazingly, as we ate a pair of Bonelli's Eagles drifted overhead providing a bit of a panic of dropped sandwiches and searching for bins!

Our next destination was the sheltered and undeveloped valley of Boca do Rio on the southern coast. We began with a walk alongside the large reedbed hoping for a Savi's Warbler. We only managed to catch a few snatches of 'song' from within the reeds and little else. Luckily the flowers were excellent on the track with a range of Ophrys orchids on show. We found almost all the species possible in this area in one short stretch that amounted to *Ophrys apifera, speculum, lutea, bombyliflora* and *fusca!* We then drove on to the coast where the strong wind made things difficult. We did however spot a couple of large individual Moorish Geckos on the walls of a ruined building as we took shelter. The more adventurous in the group picked out a range of interesting coastal plants on the beach and shoreline.

## Day 7

## **Tuesday 19th April**

We remained local today remaining on the peninsular of the Cape of St. Vincent. We began with a visit to the fortified headland of Henry the Navigator. We walked a perimeter circuit at a leisurely pace enjoying he many specialist and localised flowers and small selection of birds that occur in this habitat. We soon spotted Black Redstart, as the delay in waiting for the official opening time meant we could watch the parents of a pair visiting their nest within the building. On the flat exposed limestone pavement, a number of Thekla's Larks were seen and heard. Overhead both Common and Alpine Swifts were arriving on migration and a trio of screaming and tussling Peregrines put on a show of presumably territorial defence. A spell of sea-watching produced sightings of Balearic Shearwaters, Northern Gannets, Sandwich Terns and European Shags. On the cliffs were a number of small groups of very pure-bred Rock Doves that had all the diagnostic features of the species.

Flowers were a feature of the walk once again, with a number of scarce and endemic species on show that included highlights such as *Daucus carota subsp. halophilus*, *Pallenis maritima*, *Echium gaditanum*, *Cistus palhinhae* and *Bellevalia dubia subsp. hackellii*. We regrouped near the entrance to then drove on to the Cabranosa heath where we had a brief attempt in the very strong wind to find Spectacled Warbler. Conditions were far from ideal and we soon decided against further effort wasted. We found some shelter among the pines for our lunch while checking some of the plants around us.

After lunch we took a circular walk through the sandy heath and plantations, taking in the many exciting species of plant as we went. In the continuing strong wind birding was difficult with little seen or heard. A pair of Northern Ravens and Bee-eaters were the highlights. Reaching the dirt road we found a couple of examples of the scarce orchid *Gennaria diphylla* still in flower to admire before reboarding the vehicles for a refreshment stop at a nearby café. Relaxed and refreshed we then continued on back to the hotel.

## Day 8

## Wednesday 20th April

With a similar wide spread of departing flight times as the arrival day a couple of the group left by taxi ahead of the main group for their earlier flight. The main group were able to have a relaxing breakfast before loading and heading for the airport for the remaining flights home.

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## **Species lists**

Birds (H = Heard only)

			April 2022							
	Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		✓
2	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix		Н	Н	Н				
3	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor			2					
4	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna						✓		
5	Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata				✓				
6	Gadwall	Mareca strepera				✓				
7	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
8	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca			✓	✓				
9	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina				✓				
10	Cory's Shearwater	Calonectris diomedea					✓			
11	Balearic Shearwater	Puffinus mauretanicus							<b>√</b>	
12	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>				
13	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	✓			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		
14	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
15	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus			24					
16	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia			3	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		
17	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
18	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		
19	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea						1		
20	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
21	Great Egret	Casmerodius albus		<b>√</b>						
22	Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
23	European Shag	Gulosus aristotelis					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
24	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		
25	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	1		1					
26	Red Kite	Milvus milvus		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				
27	Black Kite	Milvus migrans			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	
28	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus		20		<b>√</b>				
29	Cinereous Vulture	Aegypius monachus		2		<b>√</b>				
30	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>
31	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus			1	<b>√</b>		1		
32	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				
33	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			
34	Spanish Imperial Eagle	Aquila adalberti		1	2	3				
35	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos		1		-				
36	Bonelli's Eagle	Aquila fasciata				2		2		
37	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus			<b>√</b>	<u>-</u> ✓				
38	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni	<b>/</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓				
39	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		-	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
40	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo			√	•		2		
41	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			•		<b>√</b>	<u>∠</u>	3	
42	Great Bustard	Otis tarda		8	20	<b>√</b>	<u> </u>	_		
43	Little Bustard	Tetrax tetrax		4	6	<b>√</b>				
44	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus		•	1	<b>√</b>				

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45	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra				✓				
46	Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus						✓		
47	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus		✓		✓	✓	✓		
48	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta				✓		✓		
49	Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	✓					✓		
50	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius		1		✓				
51	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus						✓		
52	Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus				<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
53	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia						<b>√</b>		
54	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus				2				
55	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		1		3		1		
56	Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	<b>\</b>				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
57	Sanderling	Calidris alba	<b>√</b>			3		✓		
58	Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea						2		
59	Dunlin	Calidris alpina						<u>∠</u>		
60	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus						<b>√</b>		
61	Mediterranean Gull	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus						<b>√</b>		
62	Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus						✓ ✓		
		Larus michahellis	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>1</b>	✓ ✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
63	Yellow-legged Gull		V				V		V	
64	Audouin's Gull	Larus audouinii				3		√ √	/	-
65	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus				4		<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>	-
66	Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica			2	4				-
67	Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia					,	2	,	
68	Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	-
69	Little Tern	Sternula albifrons						<b>√</b>		-
70	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo			_		✓			
71	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	Pterocles orientalis			9	✓				-
72	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓
73	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	European Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur		1						-
75	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius		1	2	1				ļ
77	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		1						
78	Western Barn Owl	Tyto alba	1							
79	Little Owl	Athene noctua				1		1		
80	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Common Swift	Apus apus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
83	European Roller	Coracias garrulus			1					
84	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis			1	1				
85	European Bee-Eater	Merops apiaster		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
86	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
87	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major					<b>√</b>			
88	Iberian Green Woodpecker	Picus sharpei					Н			
89	Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			
90	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator		√	√	√	-			
91	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus		√	<b>√</b>	√	<b>√</b>	Н		
92	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		√	<b>√</b>	√	\ \	<u> </u>		<b>√</b>
93	Iberian Magpie	Cyanopica cooki	<b>/</b>	\ \	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
93 94	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>
9 <del>4</del> 95	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	<b>"</b>	, v	1	٧	2	<b>√</b>	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \

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	Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
96	Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	✓	✓	✓	✓				
97	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
98	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
99	European Crested Tit	Lophophanes cristatus					✓			
100	Great Tit	Parus major			✓		✓			
101	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓		<b>✓</b>	✓	✓		
102	Calandra Lark	Melanocorypha calandra		✓	✓	✓				
103	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla			✓			3		
104	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
105	Thekla Lark	Galerida theklae						<b>√</b>	✓	
106	Woodlark	Lullula arborea		<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	
107	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
108	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris		<b>√</b>						
109	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
110	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	
111	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		Н	<b>√</b>	<b>/</b>	Н	Н	Н	
112	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita						<b>√</b>		
113	Iberian Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus ibericus					Н			
	isonan ommenan	Acrocephalus								
114	Sedge Warbler	schoenobaenus				✓				
115	Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides						Н		
116	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus						Н		
117	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
118	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla			Н		Н			
119	Sardinian Warbler	Curruca melanocephala	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
120	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla						Н		
121	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		Н			Н			
122	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea				<b>√</b>				
123	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla				Н	<b>√</b>			
124	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
125	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
126	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula					<b>√</b>			
127	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		Н	<b>√</b>	Н		Н		
128	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros							<b>√</b>	
129	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
130	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe			1					
131	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica		1						
132	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius		2						
133	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	<b>/</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
134	Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis		✓	✓	<b>√</b>				
135	Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild			1			1		
136	Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava iberiae	<b>/</b>			<b>/</b>	<b>1</b>			
137	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	1	<b>√</b>		Ť	_	<b>√</b>		
138	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>/</b>		<b>V</b>		
139	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris		, v		, v	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
140	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs					✓ ✓	<b>V</b>		
141	European Serin	Serinus serinus		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓ ✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
141	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	Н	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	V	<b>√</b>	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	
143	European Goldfinch	Carduelis critoris  Carduelis carduelis	П	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	<b>/</b>
143	Common Linnet	Carduelis carduelis Carduelis cannabina		✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
144	COMMON LIMBER	Coccothraustes		\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	V	V	V	-
145	Hawfinch	coccothraustes				2				

			April 2022								
	Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
146	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
147	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia		✓							

#### Other vertebrates

#### **Mammals**

Common nameScientific nameRed FoxVulpes vulpes

Egyptian Mongoose Herpestes ichneumon
Red Deer Cervus elephas
Iberian Hare Lepus granatensis
Rabbit Oryctolagus cuniculus

#### Reptiles & Amphibians

Common name Scientific name Common Toad Bufo spinosus Iberian Water Frog Pelophylax perezi European Pond Terrapin Emys orbicularis Moorish Gecko Tarentola mauritanica Large Psammodromus Psammodromus algirus Spanish Psammodromus Psammodromus hispanicus Montpellier Snake Malpolon monspessulanus Horseshoe Whip Snake Coluber hippocrepis

#### Invertebrates

#### **Butterflies**

Common name
Scientific name
Hesperiidae
Red-underwing Skipper
Spialia sertorius

Spanish Festoon Zerynthia rumina
Spanish Swallowtail Iphiclides feisthamelii
Swallowtail Papilion machaon

Pieridae

Large White Pieris brassicae Small White Pieris rapae Bath White Pontia daplidice Green-striped White Euchloe belemia Western Dappled White Euchloe crameri Clouded Yellow Colias crocea Berger's Clouded Yellow Colias alfacariensis Brimstone Gonepteryx rhamni

**Lycaenidae**Callophrys rubi

Green Hairstreak

Chapman's Green

Hairstreak

Small Copper

Lang's Short-tailed Blue

Long-tailed Blue

Southern Brown Argus

Callophrys avis

Lycaena phlaeas

Leptotes pirithous

Lampides boeticus

Aricia cramera

Nymphalidae

Red Admiral Vanessa atalanta

**Butterflies** 

Common nameScientific namePainted LadyVanessa carduiMarsh FritillaryEuphydryas aurina

Satyrinae

Speckled Wood Pararge aegeria aegeria
Small Heath Coenonympha pamphilus

Meadow Brown Maniola jurtina
Spanish Marbled White Melanargia ines

**Odonata** 

Other Invertebrates:

Iberian BluetailIschnura graellsiiBlue EmperorAnax imperatorBlack-tailed SkimmerOrthetrum cancellatum

**Others** 

Giant Centipede Scolopendra cingtulatus

Scorpion Buthus occitanus

**Plants** 

Group/Series English Name (if any)

PTERIDOPHYTES FERNS & ALLIES

Dennstaedtiaceae Bracken Family

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken

PINOPSIDA (GYMNOSPERMS) CONIFERS

CupressaceaeJumiper FamilyCupressus sempervirensItalian CypressJuniperus phoeniceaPhoenicean Juniper

Juniperus turbinata

PinaceaePine FamilyPinus halepensisAleppo PinePinus pinasterMaritime Pine

Pinus pinea Stone or Umbrella Pine

MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS) FLOWERING PLANTS

Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)

Aizoaceae Dewplant Family
Carpobrotus edulis Yellow Hottentot Fig

Drosanthemum floribundum

Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum A Mesembryanthemum

#### English Name (if any)

a Perennial Glasswort

Spear-leaved Orache

**Amaranth Family** 

Shrubby Orache

Sea Purslane

Sea Beet Shrubby Saltwort

Glasswort

#### Amaranthaceae

Arthrocaulon macrostachyum

Atriplex halimus
Atriplex portulacoides

Atriplex prostrata

Beta vulgaris

Caroxylon vermiculatum Salicornia europaea

Suaeda vera

Anacardiaceae

#### **Sumach Family**

Shrubby Seablite

Mastic Tree

A Sumach

Field Eryngo

Pistacia lentiscus Mas

Pistacio terebinthus

Rhus coriaria

Apiaceae Carrot Family

Cachrys siculaSand CachrysCrithmum maritimumRock SamphireDaucus carota subsp. halophilus \*\*Wild CarrotDaucus muricatusa Carrot

Eryngium campestre Eryngium dilatatum

Eryngium maritimumSea HollyFerula communisGiant FennelFoeniculum vulgareFennel

Oenanthe crocata Hemlock Water-dropwort Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherds Needles

Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders
Thapsia minor \* a Thapsia

Thapsia nitida

Thapsia transtagana

Thapsia villosa a Thapsia

Torilis nodosa Knotted Hedge Parsley

#### Apocynaceae Periwinkle Family

Nerium oleanderOleanderVinca difformisa PeriwinkleVinca majorGreater Periwinkle

#### Aristolochiaceae Birthwort Family

Aristolochia paucinervis a Birthwort

## Asteraceae Daisy Family Andryala integrifolia Andryala

Anthemis arvensis Corn Chamomile

Anthemis maritima -

Arctotheca calendula Cape Weed
Bellis annua Annual Daisy
Calendula arvensis Field Marigold

Calendula suffruticosa

Carduus tenuiflorus Seaside or Slender Thistle

Carthamus caeruleus

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Centaurea calcitrapa Red Star Thistle

#### English Name (if any)

Centaurea ornata Centaurea pullata

Centaurea sphaerocephala subsp.

polyacantha -

Cheirolopus sempervirens

Cichorium intybus Chicory
Cotula coronopifolia Button Weed

Crepis capillaris Smooth hawksbeard Crepis vesicaria Beaked Hawksbeard

Cynara algarbiensis \*

Cynara cardunculus Cardoon

Cynara humilis

Dittrichia viscosa subsp. revoluta \*\* -

Dittrichia viscosa subsp. viscosa Stink Aster

Filago germanica Common Cudweed

Filago Iusitanica Evax
Galactites tomentosus Galactites
Glebionis coronaria var. coronarium Crown Daisy
Glebionis coronaria var.discolor Crown Daisy
Glebionis segetum Corn Marigold

Helichrysum italicum

Helichrysum luteoalbumJersey CudweedHelichrysum stoechasCurry PlantHelminotheca echioidesBristly OxtongueJacobaea vulgarisCommon Ragwort

Logfia gallica

Logfia minimaSmall CudweedPallenis maritimaYellow Sea AsterPallenis spinosaSpiny PallenisPhagnalon rupestrePhragnalon

Phagnalon saxatile

Pulicaria odora -

Riechardia gaditana \*

Scolymus hispanicus Spanish Oysterplant

Senecio gallicus

Senecio vulgaris Groundsel Silybum marianum Milk Thistle

Sonchus asper Prickly Sow-thistle
Sonchus oleraceus Smooth Sow-thistle

Tolpis barbataTolpisTolpis umbellataa Tolpis

Urospermum picroides -

BoraginaceaeBorage FamilyAnchusa azureaLarge Blue Alkanet

Borago officinalis Borage
Cerinthe major Honeywort

Cynoglossum creticum Blue Hound's-tongue

Echium gaditanum

Echium plantagineumPurple Viper's BuglossGlandora prostrata subsp. lusitanicaScrambling GromwellNeatostema apulumYellow Gromwell

#### English Name (if any)

Brassicaceae

Biscutella sempervirens subsp. vincentina \*

Cakile maritima

Capsella bursa-pastoris

Diplotaxis siifolia subsp. vicentina \*\*

Iberis procumbens \*

Lepidium didymum Lobularia maritima Marcus-kochia littorea Raphanus raphanistrum

Sisymbrium officinale

Sinapis arvensis

Cactaceae

Opuntia ficus-indica

Campanulaceae

Campanula lusitanica \* Campanula rapunculus

Jasione montana

Caprifoliaceae Lonicera implexa

Scabiosa atropurpurea

Valeriana calcitrapae

Valeriana cornucopiae

Viburnum tinus

Caryophyllaceae

Cerastium fontanum Cerastium glomeratum

Dianthus broteri \*

Dianthus lusitanus \*

Paronychia argentea Polycarpon tetraphyllum

Silene colorata

Silene gallica

Silene latifolia Silene littorea

Silene scabriflora \*

Silene vulgaris Spergula arvensis

Spergularia media Spergularia purpurea Stellaria media

Cistaceae Cistus albidus

Cistus calycinus

Cistus crispus

Cistus halimifolius

Cistus ladanifer

Cistus monspeliensis

**Cabbage Family** 

A Buckler Mustard Sea Rocket Shepherds Purse

Candytuft

Lesser Swinecress Sweet Alison Sand Stock Wild Radish Charlock Hedge Mustard

**Cactus Family** 

Barbary Fig

**Bellflower Family** 

Rampion Bellflower

Sheep's Bit

Honeysuckle Family

A Honeysuckle

Fedia

Laurustinus

**Pink Family** 

Mouse-eared Chickweed

Sticky Mouse-ear

a Pink

Silvery Paronychia

Four-leaved Allseed

a Catchfly

Small-flowered Catchfly

White Campion a Catchfly

**Bladder Campion** 

Corn Spurrey **Greater Sea Spurrey** 

Purple Spurrey Chickweed

**Rockrose Family** 

**Grey-leaved Cistus** 

a Cistus

**Gum Cistus** 

Narrow-leaved Cistus

#### English Name (if any)

a Cistus

Cistus ocymoides

Cistus palhinhae (ladanifer subsp. sulcatus)

Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus Fumana thymifolia Thyme-leaved Fumana Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rockrose Tuberaria lignosa Spotless Rockrose

Cleomaceae

Cleome violacea

Commelinaceae

Tradescantia fluminensis

Convolvulaceae **Bindweed Family** 

Convolvulus althaeoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed Convolvulus tricolor Annual Convolvulus Ipomoea purpurea Common Morning-glory

Crassulaceae **Stonecrop Family** Petrosedum sediforme Pale Stonecrop Wall Pennywort Umbilicus rupestris

Cucurbitaceae **Gourd Family** Bryonia cretica subsp.dioica White Bryony Ecballium elaterium **Squirting Cucumber** 

Cytinaceae

Cytinus hypocistis Cytinus

Ericaceae **Heather Family** Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree

Calluna vulgaris Ling Corema album

Erica arborea Tree Heath Erica australis Spanish Heath Erica lusitanica Portuguese Heath

Euphorbiaceae **Spurge Family** 

Euphorbia characias subsp.characias Large Mediterranean Spurge

Euphorbia exigua **Dwarf Spurge** Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge

Euphorbia paniculata subsp.

monchiquensis \*\* Euphorbia paralias

Sea Spurge

Euphorbia segetalis

Ricinus communis Castor-oil Plant

Fabaceae **Pea Family** 

Acacia longifolia Anthyllis lotoides

Anthyllis vulneraria subsp.maura Mediterranean Kidney-vetch

Astragalus boeticus

Astragalus tragacantha Tragacanth

#### English Name (if any)

Bituminaria bituminosa Pitch Trefoil

Ceratonia siliqua Carob or Locust Tree

Cercis siliquastrum Judas Tree

Coronilla repanda

Coronilla scorpiodes Annual Scorpon Vetch
Coronilla valentina subsp.glauca a Scorpion Vetch

Cytisus arboreus

Cytisus scorparius Broom

Erophaca baetica Iberian Milk-vetch
Genista hirsuta Hairy Spanish Gorse
Genista triacanthos A Greenweed
Lathyrus angulatus Angular Pea
Lathyrus cicera Red Vetchling
Lathyrus ochrus Winged Vetchling
Lathyrus tingitanus Tangier Pea

Lotus creticus Southern Bird's-foot Trefoil

Lotus conimbricensis a Bird's-foot Trefoil

Lotus hirsutus

Lupinus angustifolius Narrow-Leaved Lupin

Lupinus gussoneanusHairy LupinLupinus luteusYellow LupinMedicago littoralisShore MedicMedicago marinaSea MedickMedicago murexSpiny MedicMedicago polymorphaToothed Medic

Onobrychis humillis -

Ononis ramosisima a Large Yellow Rest Harrow
Ornithopus compressus Compressed Bird's-foot

Retama monosperma

Robinia pseudacaciaFalse AcaciaScorpiurus muricatusScorpiurusScorpiurus vermiculatusA ScorpiurusSpartium junceumSpanish Broom

Stauracanthus boivinii Stauracanthus spectabilis

Trifolium angustifolium Narrow-leaved Clover
Trifolium arvense Hare's-foot Clover

Trifolium campestre
Trifolium repens
White Clover
Trifolium resupinatum
Reversed Clover
Trifolium scabrum
Rough Clover
Trifolium stellatum
Starry Clover
Trifolium tomentosum
Woolly Trefoil
Tripodion tetraphyllum
Bladder Vetch

Ulex argenteus subsp. argenteus \*\*

Ulex argenteus subsp. erinaceus \*\*
Vicia benghalensis Purple Vetch
Vicia hirsuta Hairy Tare
Vicia lutea Yellow Vetch
Vicia sativa subsp. sativa
Vicia sativa subsp. segetalis Common Vetch
Vicia tetrasperma Smooth Tare

#### English Name (if any)

#### Fagaceae

Quercus coccifera Quercus rotundifolia \* Quercus suber

Frankeniaceae

Frankenia laevis

Gentianaceae

Centaurium erythraea subsp. grandiflorum

Geraniaceae

Erodium botrys
Erodium cicutarium
Erodium malacoides
Geranium dissectum
Geranium molle
Geranium purpureum

Lamiaceae

Lavendula pedunculata Lavendula stoechas Lavendula viridis Phlomis lychnitis Phlomis purpurea Prasium majus Prunella vulgaris

Salvia verbenaca Stachys arvensis Stachys germanica Teucrium vincentinum \*\*

Thymus camphoratus \*\*

Salvia rosmarinus

**Linaceae** Linum bienne

Lythraceae

Lythrum hyssopifolia Lythrum junceum

Malvaceae Malva arborea Malva durieuri

Malva sylvestris

Molluginaceae Corrigiola litoralis

Moraceae Ficus carica

Myrtaceae

Kermes Oak Spanish Oak

**Beech Family** 

Cork Oak

**Sea Heath Family** 

Sea Heath

**Gentian Family** 

**Common Centaury** 

**Geranium Family** 

Common Stork's-bill Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Dove's-foot Crane's-bill

Little Robin

**Dead-nettle Family** 

French Lavender
Green Lavender
a Phlomis
a Phlomis
Prasium

Prasium Self Heal Rosemary Wild Clary

Field Woundwort Downy Woundwort

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Flax Family

Pale Flax

**Loosestrife Family** 

Grass-poly False Grass Poly

Mallow Family
Tree Mallow

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Common Mallow

**Carpetweed Family** 

Strapwort

**Mulberry Family** 

Fig

Myrtle Family

Group/Series English Name (if any)

Myrtus communis Common Myrtle

Oleaceae Olive Family

Fraxinus angustifolia
Olea europaea Olive
Phillyrea angustifolium Phillyrea latifolia -

Orobanchaceae Broomrape Family

Bellardia trixago Bellardia
Cistanche phelypaea \* Cistanche

Orobanche foetida -

Orobanche ramosa Branched Broomrape

OxalidaceaeWood-Sorrel FamilyOxalis pes-capraeBermuda Buttercup

PaeoniaceaePeony FamilyPaeonia broteri \*a Peony sp.

Papaveraceae Poppy Family

Fumaria capreolataWhite Ramping FumitoryFumaria muralisCommon Ramping FumitoryPapaver hybridumRound-headed Prickly Poppy

Papaver rhoeasCommon PoppyPapaver somniferum subsp. setigerumOpium Poppy

Phyllanthaceae Flueggea tinctoria \*

Plantago serraria

Plantaginaceae Plantain Family

Anarrhinum bellidifolium Daisy-leaved Toadflax
Antirrhinum majus subsp. cirrhigerum Climbing Snapdragon

Linaria algarviana \*\*
Linaria spartea
Misopates orontium
Weasel Snout

Plantago afra
Plantago coronopus
Buck's-horn Plantain
Plantago lagopus
Hare's-foot Plantain
Plantago lanceolata
Ribwort Plantain
Plantago major
Greater Plantain
Plantago maritima
Sea Plantain

Plumbaginaceae Thrift Family

Armeria macrophylla \* -

Armeria pungens Spiny Thrift
Limoniastrum monopetalum Limoniastrum

Limonium ovalifolium

PolygonaceaeDock FamilyRumex bucephalophorusHorned Dock

Rumex intermedius

**Toothed Plantain** 

English Name (if any)

Rumex scutatus
Rumex spinosus

Emex

French Sorrel

Rumex thyrsoides

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Primulaceae

Lysimachia arvensis (Red and Blue)

Lysimachia monelli

Primrose Family Scarlet Pimpernel

Shrubby Pimpernel

Buttercup Family

Ranunculaceae

Ranunculus muricatus

Ranunculus peltatus Ranunculus sceleratus Pond Water Crowfoot

Celery-leaved Buttercup

Resedaceae

Reseda lutea Reseda luteola

Reseda phyteuma

Sesamoides purpurascens

**Mignonette Family** 

Mignonette

Weld

Corn Mignonette

Rhamnaceae

Rhamnus alaternus

Rhamnus lycioides

**Buckthorn Family** 

Mediterranean Buckthorn

Rosaceae

Cydonia oblonga

Crataegus monogyna

Eriobotrya japonica

Prunus dulcis

Pyrus bourgaeana Rosa canina

Sanguisorba hybrida

Rose Family

Quince

Hawthorn

Japanese Loquat

Almond

Iberian Pear

A Dog Rose

a Salad Burnet

Rubiaceae

**Bedstraw Family** 

Crucianella maritima

Rubia peregrina

Sherardia arvensis

Valantia muralis

Wild Madder Field Madder

Wall Valantia

Rutaceae

Ruta angustifolia

Ruta chalepensis

Rue Family

Fringed Rue

Santalaceae

Sandalwood Family

Osyris lanceolata

Scrophulariaceae

Scrophularia auriculata Scrophularia frutescens

Verbascum barnadesii \* Verbascum sinuatum **Figwort Family** 

Water Figwort

Shrubby Figwort

Solanaceae

Nightshade Family

Hyoscyamus albus

White Henbane

Group/Series English Name (if any)

Lycium intricatum -

Solanum linnaeanum Apple of Sodom

Tamaricaceae Tamarisk Family

Tamarix africana a Tamarisk

Thymelaeaceae Daphne Family

Daphne gnidium Mediterranean Mezereon

UrticaceaeNettle FamilyParietaria judaicaPelitory of the WallUrtica membranaceaMembranous NettleUrtica urensAnnual Nettle

Vitaceae Grape-vine Family

Vitis vinifera Grape-vine

#### Liliidae (Monocotyledons)

Alismataceae Water Plantain Family

Alisma lanceolatum Narrow-leaved Water Plantain

Alisma plantago-aquatica Water Plantain

Amaryllidaceae Amaryllis Family

Acis trichophylla Three-leaved Snowflake

Allium ampeloprasum Wild Leek
Allium roseum Rosy Garlic

Narcissus bulbocodiumHoop-petticoat DaffodillNarcissus jonquillaCommon JonquilPancratium maritimumSea Daffodil

Araceae Arum Family

Arisarum simorrhinum Friar's Cowl Arum italicum subsp. neglectum Wild Arum

Arum maculatum Lords and Ladies

Arecaceae Palm Family

Chamaerops humilis Dwarf Fan Palm

AsparagaceaeAsparagus FamilyAgave americanaCentury Plant

Asparagus acutifolius Asparagus albus Asparagus aphyllus

Bellevalia dubia subsp. hackellii \*\*

Dipcadi serotinum -

Drimia maritima Sea Squill

Hyacinthoides mauritanica \*\* -

Leopoldia comosaTassel HyacinthMuscari neglectumGrape Hyacinth

Ornithogalum baeticum Ornithogalum narbonense -

Scilla monophyllos Single-leaved Squill

English Name (if any)

Scilla peruviana

Asphodelaceae

**Asphodel Family** 

**Sedge Family** 

Aloe perfoliata

Asphodelus aestivus

Asphodelus fistulosus

Asphodelus ramosus

Hollow-leaved Asphodel

Cyperaceae

Bolboschoenus maritimus Sea Club-rush Divided Sedge

Carex divisa Cyperus capitatus

Cyperus eragrostis

Cyperus longus Galingale

Common Spike-rush Eleocharis palustris

Schoenoplectus lacustris Bullrush

Schoenus nigricans

Scirpoides holoschoenus Round-headed Club-rush

Dioscoreaceae

Dioscorea communis

Yam Family

Black Bryony

Iridaceae

Iris Family Gladiolus italicus Italian Gladiolus

Gladiolus illyricus

Iris albicans A White Iris Yellow Flag Iris pseudacorus Iris xiphium Spanish Iris Moraea sisyrinchium **Barbary Nut** 

Watsonia meriana

**Rush Family** Juncaceae

Juncus acutiflorus Sharp-flowered Rush

Juncus acutus Sharp Rush Juncus effusus Soft Rush **Dwarf Rush** Juncus capitatus Juncus maritimus Sea Rush

Orchidaceae

**Orchid Family** Anacamptis morio Green-winged Orchid Pyramidal Orchid Anacamptis pyramidalis

Epipactis Iusitanica Gennaria diphylla

Ophrys apifera Bee Orchid Ophrys bombyliflora Bumble Bee orchid Brown Bee Orchid Ophrys fusca Ophrys lutea Yellow Ophrys

Ophrys speculum Ophrys speculum subsp. lusitanica \*

Serapias strictiflora

Heart-flowered Tongue

Serapias cordigera Orchid

Small-flowered Tongue

Serapias parviflora Orchid

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Mirror Orchid

#### English Name (if any)

#### Poaceae

Aegilops geniculata Ammophila arenaria Arundo donax

Briza maxima Briza minor

Cynosurus echinatus
Dactylis glomerata
Hordeum marinum
Hordeum murinum
Lagurus ovatus
Lamarckia aurea
Lolium perenne
Parapholis incurva
Phragmites australis
Spartina maritima
Stipa gigantea

#### **Smilacaceae** Smilax aspera

#### Typhaceae

Typha angustifolia Typha domingensis

#### **Grass Family**

Ovate Goatgrass

Marram Giant Reed

Large Quaking Grass Small Quaking Grass Rough Dog's-tail Cock's-foot Sea Barley Wall Barley Hare's-tail Grass Golden Dog's-tail Perennial Rye-grass Curved Sea Hardgrass

Common Reed Cord-grass

Giant feather Grass

#### **Greenbrier Family**

Common Smilax

#### **Bulrush Family**

Lesser Reedmace Southern Cattail

<sup>\* =</sup> Iberian Endemic

<sup>\*\* =</sup> Portuguese Endemic