

Autumn Birding in Southern Portugal

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Spanish Imperial Eagle



Leaf-cutter Bee



Wasp Spider



Great Shearwater

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Day 1

Thursday 14th September

The weather was warm and sunny as we arrived at Faro mid-afternoon, after flying from the UK. Once the vehicles were sorted, we drove to our lovely waterfront hotel. There wasn't much time left before dinner, but we still manage to glimpse some waders as we drove past the saltmarshes on the way to the hotel including Little Egrets, a few wading Dunlins, Black-tailed Godwit and Black-winged Stilt. As we arrived, a Eurasian Magpie and some Red-rumped Swallows were flying around. The late summer light gave the late afternoon a magical touch, and we were ready for a great week.

Day 2

Friday 15th September

We woke up to the honk of distant Flamingoes, and set out on our pre-breakfast sunrise walk. There was a cool breeze and lovely light as we went to the rear of the hotel to explore the "ria". Several birds were wading such as Bar-tailed Godwit, Oystercatcher, Whimbrel and Grey Plover – some still with very distinctive black bellies. We managed to see Yellow-legged, Lesser Black-backed and Mediterranean Gulls side by side, along with a very pretty Slender-billed Gull feeding in the water. A couple of Kingfishers flew past us, and we got some decent views of a pair of Sardinian Warblers. It was a nice walk, and after a good breakfast we were ready for some more.

Further east in the Castro Marim area, our first stop was a saltpan complex. As soon as we arrived we spotted a hunting Marsh Harrier. The site was a feast for waders with some adult and juvenile Flamingoes, Black-winged Stilts, a nice group of Spotted Redshanks and a flock of 100+ Black-tailed Godwits. Some of the smaller waders were present as well including Dunlin, Common Ringed Plover, Curlew Sandpiper and dozens of Little Stints. Above these, two Little Terns were fishing. As we walked along, one of the group shouted "Bluethroat!", but the rest of us only saw it flying away. We were trying to spot some Zitting Cisticolas when, out of nowhere, a flock of 30+ Stone-curlews lifted from a field full of dry Cardoon Thistles! What a sight, and surely one of the highlights of the trip. We continued walking and a distant raptor was identified as a dark morph Booted Eagle, and not long after that, a pale morph one showed up to scare all the waders. On the way back a lark call caught our attention and, after some searching, Philip found a Greater Short-toed Lark singing way up in the sky.

Next we stopped near the reserve headquarters for our picnic and a stroll afterwards. An Osprey was seen by some flying over the Guadiana River while the picnic was being laid out. The water tanks held a similar diversity of waders, plus a group of seven resting Caspian Terns. On the way back a couple of Winchats reminded us of passerine migration.

Our next visit was to Quinta do Lago and its freshwater lagoon. Walking along the muddy banks of Ria Formosa, numerous Fiddler Crabs were about, as well as a big Wasp Spider. The lovely Sea Squill *Drimia maritima* was in flower nearby. Once at the edge of the lagoon we spotted a couple of Yellow Wagtails and a wonderful blue dragonfly, which proved to be a Long Skimmer. It was not long before we found the first of about half-a-dozen Western Swamphens, with one of them walking on the golf course. Gadwall, Mallard, Pochard and Shoveler were all present, as well as some Little Grebes and a couple of Great Crested Grebes. An unexpected Whiskered Tern was flying around in the far end and, while looking to get a closer look at it, a juvenile Little

Bittern flew across the lagoon. We managed to get a good look at this lovely bird and eventually found two more, one of them hunting no more than ten metres away from us. And in the middle of all this excitement, a Water Vole was calmly chewing away a reed close-by! We then took some time to appreciate the dragonflies present, including Lesser Emperor, Red-veined Darter, Broad Scarlet, Long Skimmer and some lovely Iberian Bluetails next to a Lang's Short-tailed Blue, our only butterfly of the day. Some Iberian Magpies were flying around in the pine woods as we slowly walked back to the vehicles. It had been a promising first full day.

Day 3

Saturday 16th September

This was the day of our trip up-country to the pseudo-steppes of Castro Verde SPA in the Alentejo, so we had an early start and set off in good spirits. After a nice ride amongst scrubby hills, umbrella pine woods and open rugged country, we made our first stop abruptly for some large raptors rising in the blue skies. The first bird was a Cinereous Vulture, unfortunately only seen briefly by those in the first vehicle, then three Griffon Vultures, and right after that, a juvenile Spanish Imperial Eagle. What a start! Crested Larks were singing everywhere, Stonechats and Northern Wheatears were about, and we appreciated the striking scent of the Sting Aster *Dittrichia viscosa* by the side of the road.

Shortly afterwards we made our second stop when four Griffon Vultures were seen rising, and then all of a sudden we heard the purring call of Black-bellied Sandgrouse. As we turned around, eight flew across not that far away. We were spoiled when a Hoopoe then flew in our direction, passing less than ten metres away from us!

Continuing along the track, on our third stop we spotted a Little Owl perched in a pile of rocks. As we turned around, a magnificent adult Spanish Imperial Eagle was very low and close by. What a sight! We admired this spectacular bird for some time as it cruised over our heads and got briefly mobbed by two Ravens, who should have known better. And just before it disappeared out of sight, two Fallow Deer were spotted inside the fence of a nearby big hunting estate, and a marvelous flock of 30+ Black-bellied Sandgrouse was seen even closer than the first one! The morning was being kind to us.

We stopped at a reservoir and found a Dartford Warbler in the nearby bushes, two Mute Swans (a rare bird for Portugal), about 20 Flamingoes and a few wading Wood Sandpipers, Lapwings and Little Ringed Plovers. As we made our way through the back roads to Castro Verde, we made a number of quick scanning stops from vantage points and spotted two more Spanish Imperial Eagles and a dark morph Booted Eagle. We stopped at the LPN visitor centre of Vale Gonçálio for a feast of traditional Alentejo homemade foods and, as it was being laid out, another Spanish Imperial Eagle and another Little Owl were seen. We had lunch surrounded by Common and Red-veined Darters, and some Common Blue and Geranium Bronze butterflies flying around the table.

We then proceeded to what would be a (very short) Great Bustard chase. After some stops and about fifteen minutes later we found two not-so-distant Great Bustards, which provided great views for some time before slowly walking away from us. We were happy! We spent the rest of the afternoon stopping and scanning and found a few more Hoopoes, and a small flock of Calandra Larks flew in front of one of the vehicles. It had been a challenging but successful birding day.

Day 4

Sunday 17th September

This was our transfer day, and we started with a birding walk around the hotel. We wandered between the pines to find small migrants and came across a Pied Flycatcher and our first (and only) Robin of the trip. A couple of Iberian Hares were running around the tracks. We ventured a bit further to the marsh area. A flock of stunningly pink Flamingoes flew over the canals, with the town of Tavira in the background. A few moments later a lone Stone-curlew did exactly the same. On the waterfront, we enjoyed great views of Spoonbills in the morning light, and a good selection of smaller waders. A Caspian Tern was fishing amongst the gulls, and a couple of Whitethroats, undoubtedly passage migrants, were also spotted.

After loading the vehicles we set off, but stopped at the saltpans by the road to the hotel. A group of gulls feeding on one of the tanks included some 15 Slender-billed Gulls, and we were fortunate to view them carefully in the telescope, with Black-headed Gulls for comparison. A selection of small waders was present including a lovely Sanderling, still in summer plumage.

Our next stop was Salgados lagoon in central Algarve, half-way to Sagres. Here in this threatened coastal oasis, and after a strategic stop for coffee and ice-cream, some hundreds of gulls were roosting. We spotted several Audouin's Gulls amongst them, but unfortunately most of the time they had their heads tucked in. A Glossy Ibis was feeding just in front of us. The whole place was alive with Shovelers, Flamingoes, Spoonbills, Grey Herons and more Glossy Ibis. A Western Swamphen was seen swimming amongst Coots and Gadwall. Pintail and Teal were also spotted while scanning the margins. Yellow Wagtails were flying through, and a small flock of Bar-tailed Godwits flew into the lagoon. We could sense that migration feeling in the air. We then enjoyed our picnic while looking for more migrants, and managed to spot a Common Redstart flying in an area of Fig trees.

We then drove west to our lovely new hotel on the cliff top of Sagres, and took some time to relax before dinner.

Day 5

Monday 18th September

The day dawned peacefully and looking out the window, the sea looked rather calm. This was the day of our pelagic trip and we were all excited about it. We went down to the picturesque fishing harbour and got into the rib boats that would take us out. Once on the water, the sea was not flat calm and the north wind was blowing a bit. On our way south there were small numbers of young Gannets, Cory's Shearwaters and European Storm Petrels. Not long after, we came across a small pod of friendly Common Dolphins that stayed with us for some minutes. We were feeling fortunate already.

Continuing south, we found some Great Skuas and another pod of dolphins, this time Bottlenose Dolphins. We came across a big raft of resting seabirds. This was our spot. Next to us were about 300 Great Shearwaters and a smaller number of Cory's Shearwaters. What a sight! Scanning the group, we soon found a couple of Sooty Shearwaters too. Great Skuas were patrolling the group, and some European Storm Petrels were flying around the resting raft. One of the Great Shearwaters has a plastic yellow ribbon entangled on one of its wings – a reminder and proof of the major threat to marine life that plastic pollution is.

We were scanning in the hope of Wilson's Storm Petrel when a Pomarine Skua flew over, and another group of Bottlenose Dolphins approached at full speed and swam along with us for some minutes. Finally at least two Wilson's Storm Petrels were identified amongst the European Storm Petrels flying around. Just before leaving, we spotted a Balearic Shearwater amongst the Great Shearwaters. The return journey was a bit of a bumpy ride as the wind had picked up, but was still a unique experience. By the harbour we stopped at a small islet where nine European Shags were resting and some Turnstones and a Knot were feeding. After thanking the staff we returned to the hotel.

Next we were back in the vehicles and out to the fields of the Cape area to have our picnic and try to see some raptors. As we had lunch, five Booted Eagles and a Marsh Harrier were seen. We then made our way up to the hill of "Cabranosa", the raptor migration watchpoint, and prepared to be there for a while scanning the blue skies. Raptors started popping out of nowhere in all directions. First some more Booted Eagles, then a small group of Black Kites, a Goshawk, five Short-toed Eagles...we didn't know where to look next! A young Egyptian Vulture was spotted far away, and eventually it came quite close to us for some good views. The raptors were circling the area, forming groups, rising and dispersing again. As we watched we saw a couple of Peregrine Falcons, a couple of Honey Buzzards, more Booted Eagles and a very interesting and beautiful melanistic Montague's Harrier. Our necks were hurting but we were really experiencing migration. In about an hour and a half we saw 12 species of raptor. It was a good day.

We then drove to Cape Saint Vincent for a quick view of the landscape. Some found a couple of Black Redstarts. We were feeling lucky and wondering what tomorrow would bring.

Day 6

Tuesday 19th September

We were out before dawn to take a pre-breakfast walk by the headland close to the hotel. The first birds seen were a Blue Rock Thrush sitting on a ruin and a Peregrine Falcon flying in the fresh morning air. We took time to admire some of the local flora like the delicate *Acis autumnalis* and the last Yellow Sea Asters that had clung on. As the morning light got brighter, a Turtle Dove was disturbed by our presence, and some Spotless Starlings were singing. Gannets were flying close by under the rising sun, and we managed to get good views of a Thekla Lark.

After breakfast it was a different scenario as a column of thick fog had come in from the sea and completely covered the peninsula. We continued as scheduled and went birding in the misty fields of Vale Santo, before Cape St. Vincent. We managed to get views of three Hoopoes and a Little Owl by a very old farmhouse. The fog was now so thick that we opted to take a walk in an area of vegetated dunes by the edge of a pine wood. Here, forced by the fog, we turned to the flora and the insect world. It turned out to be a good decision as we contemplated the lovely purple flowers of the endemic *Echium gaditanum*, the little pink *Malcomia littorea*, the scent of local Thyme *Thymus camphoratus*, bushes like the Quermes Oak, the Portuguese Crowberry, and the last of the yellow flowers of *Hallimium hallimifolium*. Apart from a Booted Eagle trying to fly in the fog, and some calls of Wren, Serin and Sardinian Warbler, there were no other birds around. But everyone was busy looking at spiders, ants and snails, trying out macro photography, and following tracks and signs in the wet sand.

The fog was still thick by late morning so we decided to leave the peninsula and explore a reedbed on the south coast, not that far away. Here it was sunny but the wind was picking up. We walked along a lovely valley.

Waxbills were seen flying and Cetti's Warblers were singing. At the start of the walk were wildflowers such as *Colchicum lusitanicum* and *Colchicum filifolium*; two lovely pink autumn bulbs. We had our picnic nearby. Philip caught a delicate green dragonfly, identified as a Western Willow Spreadwing.

We drove back to Sagres and tried our luck back in the fields. The fog had cleared but the wind was now blowing strongly. Apart from some Booted Eagles desperately trying to leave the area, there were few birds about. We sought refuge in the pine woods, hoping some migrants would have done the same. We found a couple of Pied Flycatchers but the north wind was just too strong. Before calling it a day, we went for some coffee and ice-cream. The lovely melanistic Montague's Harrier from the day before flew past us twice, low over the vegetation, looking for a safe place to roost.

Day 7

Wednesday 20th September

This was our last day, but since the flight home was in the afternoon, we still had the morning available. The day was bright and sunny so we tried the fields of Vale Santo once more. Willow Warblers and Northern Wheatears were flying around – it seemed like quite a few small migrants had arrived during the night. A couple of Tawny Pipits flew above us and one landed on a nearby rock. Scanning the fields, we discovered a Peregrine Falcon and a Booted Eagle still warming up. Choughs started gathering to feed and some flew very close by, wonderfully lit by the morning sun. By the farmhouse were now three Little Owls and probably the same three Hoopoes. Finally we spotted two Little Bustards walking along, flying away and landing again next to two others. What a lovely sight! Scanning the area, we also came across one of the oddest sightings of the trip with a Short-eared Owl lying low on the ground a couple of hundred metres away. We moved forward to get a closer view but only managed to see it briefly flying and disappearing in the vegetation again.

After a morning well spent, we went back to the hotel to load up and leave for the airport. Driving through the town, just when we thought the birding was over, people in the first vehicle spotted a Black Stork flying high above Sagres, and a Pallid Swift was seen flying at close range. A wonderful way of saying goodbye!

Before our flight we stopped by the marshes at the end of the runway for a light lunch and some last good views of Waxbills and yet another fine selection of waders. It was then time to return to the UK with lovely memories of birds and special moments in southern Portugal.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	September						
			14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		1	✓	8			
2	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			2				
3	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓		✓			
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	2	✓			
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>		✓		✓			
6	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				1			
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>		✓		✓			
8	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				1			
9	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>					25		
10	Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>					300		
11	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>					1		
12	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>					4		
13	European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>					25		
14	Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>					2		
15	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		6	3	✓			
16	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		2					
17	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	2	60	12	✓			✓
18	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>							1
19	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		2		3			
20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				15			
21	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		40		40+			
22	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		3					
23	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		10	10	6		60	20
24	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	2	1	10	1	2	2
25	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	2	✓	✓	✓			✓
26	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>				2	40	10	
27	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>					9		
28	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		2		10			
29	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1					
30	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					2	2	
31	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>					3		1
32	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>					1		
33	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			8				
34	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>			1				
35	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>					6	1	
36	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1			1		
37	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>					1	1	
38	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					1		1
39	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>					2		
40	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>			5				
41	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		2	2		2		
42	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		2	1	1	10	4	2
43	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			4	4	5	4	6
44	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					2	1	1
45	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>			2				
46	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		6		1			
47	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		3		3			

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			14	15	16	17	18	19	20
48	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓		✓			
49	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		30		1			
50	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		2		1			1
51	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
52	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		8		8			
53	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			3				
54	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		6		6			
55	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
56	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		1	3				
57	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		6	2	6			2
58	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	✓	✓	2	4			
59	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>		6		6			
60	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		4		3			2
61	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		6					
62	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓	✓	1	✓			✓
63	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		2	1	1			
64	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		2	1			1	
65	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		4		3			2
66	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			3				
67	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>		10		8	3		5
68	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>					1		
69	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		1	1	10			3
70	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		50					
71	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		20		5			
72	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
73	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>		1					
74	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓
75	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>		✓		1			
76	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>		2		15			
77	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>				10			
78	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		7		1			
81	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		6		6	3		
82	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>		1					
83	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		2					
84	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>					8		
85	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>					1		
86	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>		40					
87	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		3	2				
89	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>						1	
90	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1	2			1	3
92	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flameus</i>						1	
93	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>							1
94	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		6		1			
95	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		1	10	2	1	3	3
96	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			2		H	H	
97	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		2	✓	2			
98	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>		✓	✓	10		6	✓

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			14	15	16	17	18	19	20
99	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			1
100	Red-billed Cough	<i>Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>					2	50	50
101	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			12	1		2	
102	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>			10				
103	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			2	2		1	
104	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		1					
105	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>			5				
106	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
107	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>						1	
108	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>						2	6
109	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		1				2	1
110	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		1	✓		4	✓	3
111	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
112	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
113	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>						1	
114	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		6	20	2	1	2	6
115	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		1					
116	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓	✓	2	2	2	2
117	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>				2			
118	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>			2				
119	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
121	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	1	✓	1	✓	✓
122	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				1			
123	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>		2					
124	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					2		
125	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				1			
126	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		2			2		
127	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		6	✓	6	1	5	10
129	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>						1	
130	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					1		
131	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		1	2	2		2	1
132	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
133	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>		H		3		6	6
134	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		2	5	6		1	3
135	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		1	1				
136	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			1				2
137	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		2		1		10	
138	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>						3	
139	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		6		2	✓	✓	
140	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			4		2	✓	
141	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>						6	

Mammals

1	Western Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>		2					
2	Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>			1	4			
3	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>					10		
4	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>					20		
5	Water Vole	<i>Arvicola amphibius</i>		1					
6	Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>			2				

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			14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Reptiles & Amphibians

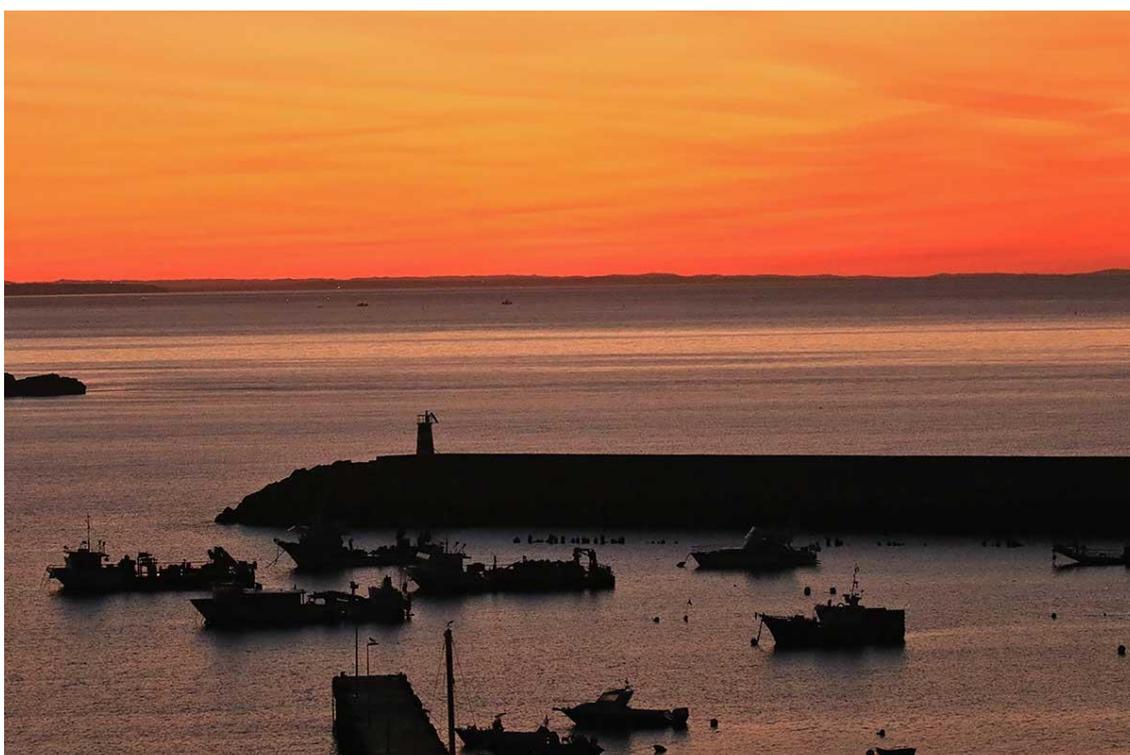
1	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>		✓					
2	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	✓	✓					
3	Large Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus algirus</i>	✓	✓			1		
4	Ocellated Lizard	<i>Lacerta lepida</i>	1						

Dragonflies

1	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>		2					
2	Long Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum trinacria</i>		1				✓	
3	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓	✓	✓			
4	Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>		1					
5	Iberial Bluetail	<i>Ishnura graellsii</i>		4					
6	Black Pennant	<i>Selysiothemis nigra</i>		1					
7	Common Darter	<i>Sumpetrum striolatum</i>			✓	✓		✓	
8	Western Willow Spreadwing	<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>						1	

Butterflies

1	Spanish Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides feisthameli</i>				1			
2	Swallowtail	<i>Papilion machaon</i>					1		
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>						✓	
4	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>					1		
5	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			1		1		
6	Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>			✓				
7	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>		1		1	1		
8	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓	1			
9	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>			✓			✓	



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