

Autumn Birding in Southern Portugal

Naturetrek Tour Report

16th – 22nd September 2021



Black-shouldered Kite



Violet Dropwing



Cory's Shearwater

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Day 1

Thursday 16th September

With Covid-19 restrictions and requirements in place we had some teething problems at the airport before the main group were able to catch their scheduled flight, arriving on time into Faro. Two later arrivals, having been forced to catch a later flight than originally intended, required collecting from the airport. This prevented a short group walk from the hotel as time was unavailable. A few members did, however, have a wander and succeeded in sighting several wader species, flamingos and Spoonbill on the nearby saltpans.

With a sigh of relief that we had all made it safely to Portugal, we enjoyed a pleasant evening meal with our thoughts now on the trip ahead.

Day 2

Friday 17th September

Today was spent exploring the coastal mudflats, saltpans and estuaries of the eastern Algarve coast, beginning with a short drive to Castro Marim on the Spanish border. We began with a walk around the saltpans in the southwestern corner of the park. A fine diverse range of birds were soon picked up on the first pan alongside our vehicle. A small number of Greater Flamingos of a range of ages and sizes grunted among themselves as they dwarfed the mix of wading birds feeding on the areas of exposed mud and in the shallow waters, demonstrating the different feeding strategies of the different species. Among the familiar gull species, a small group of Slender-billed Gulls were picked out and diagnostic features pointed out. On a low hill behind us a few roosting Stone Curlew were found and a Booted Eagle drifted by, followed by a Western Marsh Harrier over the saltmarsh. We continued our walk towards the central workings of the salt pans where we were able to pick out the large roosting flock of Audouin's Gulls, grey and white amongst the white of the salt piles. On an adjacent pan, rather easier to observe, were a number of Pied Avocets, Black-winged Stilts and Black-tailed Godwits.

After a successful morning's walk we returned to the vehicle to drive to the Visitor Centre for lunch. As we were just leaving, we passed a small freshwater pool, formed from the recent rain storm where we picked out a Little Ringed Plover. Once at our lunch site we settled down on the shaded benches for a relaxing picnic. From here we walked a short distance towards a small hillock observation point to scan the eastern pans and Guadiana River. Highlights here included a small party of roosting Caspian Terns, Spoonbill and White Stork. Heading back we walked alongside a belt of young pine trees that held a small number of passage warblers, mainly Willow but also a Western Bonelli's that, with patience, gave some fine views. Back in the vehicle and leaving the carpark, further excitement was provided by a fleetingly glimpsed Bluethroat diving into cover.

Next we undertook a rather lengthy transfer west to the Quinto do Lago lagoon, allowing the group to enjoy a post-lunch siesta as we sped along the coastal motorway arriving at the coast having passed through the wonderland of manicured high level golf resorts alongside. Our walk here followed the recently built wooden boardwalk to reach the reed-fringed lagoon where a fresh mix of birds were on offer. Black-headed Weavers were plentiful on the fairways and reeds. They were a little overshadowed by the spectacle of numerous Glossy Ibis and Cattle Egrets feeding on the course greens and fairways, seemingly indifferent to the golfers trying to

enjoy their games. Feeding over the open water at the back of the lagoon were a number of what, with hindsight, were Whiskered Terns. It was not long before the sharp eyes of the group picked out a Little Bittern on the edge of the reeds that, uncharacteristically, remained in view for some time. The shelter-bed of pines behind the lagoon held a small number of passerine migrants that included both Pied and Spotted Flycatchers.

With our time running out and a 45min transfer ahead of us we returned to the vehicle and a dinner date at our hotel.

Day 3

Saturday 18th September

After an early start, we made good progress with our drive north to the Alentejo. Soon after arriving the first bird that caught our attention proved to be an obliging Cinereous Vulture that drifted close overhead showing its white feet and saw-tooth trailing edge to the wings. We continued on in a large circuit of the Castro Verde SPA with our next stop being a stunning Black-winged Kite using the wires alongside the road as lookout spots. We were able to approach slowly in the vehicle to within 20 metres, providing an unbeatable view. Elated our route then led to a small dammed lake surrounded by a new olive grove. Here were a Green Sandpiper, Little Ringed Plover and Greenshank on the shoreline, whilst feeding constantly over the water during our stay was a Black Tern that closely approached us during its circuits. A dragonfly highlight was the prolific numbers of Violet Dropwings that were perched everywhere allowing for close scrutiny of their characteristic and striking colouration.

After a number of further stops to scan the surrounding open country, that had been proving rather fruitless we stopped on a stretch of road in a prime sandgrouse area. This resulted in a period of several raptor sightings, most notably a couple of Spanish Imperial Eagles, one of which drifted soaring close by to give everyone an eyeful, rather than the distant earlier sighting! Our morning was drawing to a close as we headed into Castro Verde where we were to enjoy a fine lunch of local produce at the home of Maria, a local resident.

Having eaten our fill, we then headed to an area which has previously proved productive in finding Great Bustards sheltering from the heat of late summer. We scanned the shade beneath an open woodland of evergreen oaks without success before heading to our final destination at the Chapel de Aracelis perched on its prominent hilltop giving wide views all around. We were surprised to discover a wedding ceremony just coming to an end with photos of the bride and groom underway. We discreetly scanned the countryside from a distance, once more with little success, although an Algerian Mouse under a stone was an interesting find. After a long day we began the transfer back to the coast pleased with our successes at this tricky time of year.

Day 4

Sunday 19th September

The group enjoyed an early pre-breakfast walk from the hotel to see the sunrise and some pleasant birding on the estuary mudflats of the Canal de Tavira and the scrub surrounding our base. The still morning and bright conditions as the sun rose gave some excellent viewing opportunities. We were able to pick over the ID features of Bar-tailed Godwit, Sanderling and Whimbrel at close quarters while a few passing Sandwich Terns on the estuary joined a few Mediterranean Gulls.

After breakfast we took another walk through the saltmarsh vegetation to the Rio Gilao. Among the regular mix of waders, flamingos and Spoonbills the highlight was a pair of Caspian Terns that flew past close overhead after having alerted us to their presence by their raucous calls. After some time of patient scanning of the various species of *Amaranthaceae* that make up the vegetation we had a brief and rather frustrating glimpse of a Bluethroat darting into cover and again away and out of sight, not to reappear. A peer into the fenced reservoir held a couple of Stone Curlew.

Back at the hotel we headed to our rooms to complete our packing and checkout. Next we drove around to the opposite side of the river to explore the saltpans found there. We were lucky in soon finding our main target species of a single Audouin's Gull roosting among a mix of Mediterranean, Yellow-legged and Lesser Black-backed Gulls. We were able to slowly approach and obtain some wonderful views, demonstrating all the key features for ID to the group, in marked contrast to the large numbers of this species we had previously seen in Castro Marim. With this early success achieved we were able to head out in good time to commence our transfer westward to Sagres.

Having made good time and distance on the motorway, we pulled off to visit Salgados lagoon at Pera where we had a picnic lunch. Once fed we walked the short distance to the viewing screen at the lagoon. Along the way we picked out several migrant Whinchats, Northern Wheatears, Yellow Wagtails and Willow Warblers in the old fig trees and *Retama monosperma* bushes. From the screen we found a splendid variety of waders and waterbirds on show, notably Glossy Ibis, Greater Flamingo, White Stork, Eurasian Spoonbill and our only Ruff of the trip. Another unexpected find was a smart male Spanish Sparrow in the fringing reeds mixed with the commoner House Sparrows. Hunting at the back of the marsh were a couple of Marsh Harriers and a distant Short-toed Snake Eagle was spotted. We walked a section of the wooden boardwalk alongside which were a few flowering examples of Sea Daffodil, *Pancratium maritimum*, and a fleeing Common Redstart shot into cover. The day had now got very warm so we headed back to the vehicle and a short drive to the local café for refreshments before completing our transfer to Sagres. Here we were efficiently allocated our rooms with time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Day 5

Monday 20th September

We awoke the next morning to strong blustery winds that rather hampered our pre-breakfast walk to the adjacent headland overlooking the harbour. Birds were certainly 'keeping their heads down' as we slowly walked along the cliff top. We did get a sighting of the local Peregrine cruising along against the rising sun, whilst at sea, a few Shags and Northern Gannets were seen. In the dry dessicated vegetation we were lucky to find a few examples of the lovely delicate white flowers of *Acis autumnalis* followed by some past their best mix of Sea Lavenders, probably *Limonium ferulaceum*, *virgatum* and *nydeggeri*. A few common migrants were sheltering in the low vegetation joined by a rather unexpected resting Whimbrel.

After breakfast we headed out for the day, firstly with a short drive to the Vale de Santo area. After pausing en-route alongside the semi-derelict farm buildings of the local grazer we were able to admire the buff-coloured Greater Short-toed Larks mixed among numerous Corn Buntings. Once parked up we disembarked and soon picked first the song and then individuals of the isolated population of Skylarks that occur on these far-flung headlands. A walk was taken through the dry ploughed and grazed habitat where we were incredibly fortunate in flushing a party of five Dotterel from close to the path, that flew a short distance to settle in among the dried

thistle and grass stems. It took some patience to pick them out again, but through the scopes, and despite the buffeting wind, we were all able to get a satisfactory view of these charismatic birds! A further highlight was a hunting female Montagu's Harrier that remained distant after coming a little closer on one occasion.

We next relocated for a circular walk through a mix of open pine woodland and rich varied native scrub. Birds were proving thin on the ground, possibly as a result of the wind, but a few interesting plants were found to maintain some interest. The main highlight was the finding of a couple of examples of the very localised False Mallow Skipper, found in Europe only at this extreme southern end of Portugal and Spain. A couple of distant raptors, Ravens and passing Chough were seen with little in the way of small passerine migrants among the sheltering pines.

Our next stop was for our picnic lunch alongside the Cabranosa viewpoint where the local researchers were always present counting and monitoring the migrant raptors. Once we had finished our lunch we joined them in scanning the surrounding area from this vantage point. During our time here we managed a list of 14 different raptors in small numbers admittedly, but several giving excellent views as they glided overhead. Joining them were a party of seven Black Storks that passed by a couple of times as they reassessed their position and direction to take in order to complete their southerly migration! Highlights took the form of four Booted and two Short-toed Snake Eagles and two immature Egyptian Vultures. With things seeming to quieten down with passage diminished the hot sun and strained neck muscles brought on a return to the hotel.

Day 6

Tuesday 21st September

Our day began with a short walk from the hotel to the harbour where we soon boarded our boat for a pelagic trip to the Continental Shelf approximately 10 miles out to sea. We were soon spotting our first few Cory's Shearwaters drifting past the boat and shortly after came to a raft of resting shearwaters and Northern Gannets, presumably after a spell of feeding. Among the many Cory's we were able to pick out a single Great Shearwater and a couple of Balearic Shearwaters that soon moved away. Periodically we would pick out lone predatory Great Skuas on the hunt for victims to bully. As we headed out towards deeper waters we were very fortunate to encounter a single Grey (Red) Phalarope resting on the surface before our approach disturbed it into taking flight. As we travelled, occasional European Storm Petrels were seen distantly skimming the waves, but never approaching closely. We stopped a couple of times to dispense 'chum' overboard in the hope of attracting petrels in closer, initially with little success, but eventually the only petrel of our trip to come close proved to be our main target with the clear identification of a Wilson's Petrel!

Having already had a wonderful close encounter with a pod of Common Dolphins that escorted our boat, leaping and passing underneath us, we were then delighted to come upon a smaller pod of the much larger Bottlenose Dolphins. These can sometimes be a little less 'playful', but amazingly they stayed close by giving fantastic views. We began to speed up, with the result that they followed suit leaping high directly ahead of us creating large splashes to soak the excited group onboard! We were lucky to have a further encounter with more Common Dolphins on our return journey, during which we found further Cory's Shearwaters joined by a single Manx Shearwater, a bird not often seen.

Eventually after an exciting morning, we returned to the harbour for a short rest back at the hotel before heading out for a repeat of yesterday's afternoon. We ate once more close to the Cabranosa viewpoint during which we

were amazed to see single party of 10 Egyptian Vultures overhead, a figure that proved to be a personal record for one of the experienced Portuguese observers, indicating the rarity of a group of this size. As we walked up to the viewpoint, a fast moving pair of birds shot past, proving to be a Peregrine harassing a Goshawk! Things then quietened down considerably with very little passage occurring. We opted to take a loop walk through the pine woods in search of passerines with almost no success at all! With migration at a standstill and few if any birds among the trees we decided to pay a visit to Cape St. Vincent, the most south-westerly point on mainland Europe. Despite the tourist stalls and thinner than usual numbers of tourists, the cliffs and lighthouse here are impressive sights which were enjoyed before the need/desire for ice cream and coffee began to become irresistible. We returned to the café from yesterday for a sampling of the local artisan ice-cream in a range of unusual flavours as well as coffee and beer for some.

Day 7

Wednesday 22nd September

Our final day still allowed plenty of time for further walks and explorations of southern Portugal. We began with a return to Val de Santo for a scan of the grassy heaths in the hope of picking out the very elusive Little Bustards that occur here in a small isolated population. We failed to find any despite scanning one of their favoured areas. Unless they fly it can be very hard to find a tawny brown bird among tawny brown vegetation!

We left the headland of Cape St. Vincent and headed east towards Faro taking a detour and stop en-route to visit the coastal valley of Boca do Rio. Here we took a walk alongside the large reedbed, a rare habitat in this area, where we found and heard a number of birds new to the trip. A few Cetti's Warblers proved to be somewhat less than their usual skulking selves and showed a couple of times in the fringing trees. Within the reeds we picked up a European Reed Warbler and heard a squealing Water Rail while overhead a few Sand Martins passed by among the ever numerous Red-rumped Swallows. A lovely botanical treasure was the discovery of several groups of *Colchicum lusitanum*, among which were a few specimens of what looked like the very similar *Colchicum filifolia*.

Our time was nearly at an end as we drove on to complete the journey in good time to Faro. We drove on to the end of runway alongside the airport perimeter fence where we parked and did a little birding over the estuary mudflats as we ate a light lunch and packed away our scopes. From here we made the quick transfer to the airport and a lengthy queue at check-in whilst our various Covid tests and certification were checked before bag drop. We then were soon boarding our flight home.

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Checklist

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	Date: September 2021						
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>				✓			
2	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓		✓			
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓		✓			
4	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				✓			
5	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>		✓		✓			
6	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			✓				✓
7	Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>						1	
8	European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>						6	
9	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris borealis</i>						✓	
10	Great Shearwater	<i>Ardenna gravis</i>						1	
11	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>						1	
12	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>						2	
13	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓	✓	✓			
14	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
15	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					7		
16	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	1	2	1	3			1
17	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓		✓			
18	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			2
19	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		2					
20	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
21	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓
22	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
23	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>				✓	✓	✓	
24	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>					2		
25	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓		✓		1	
26	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		1	1				
27	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>					2	10	
28	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					✓		

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	Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
29	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>			1				
30	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			2	1	2		
31	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		1		1	4	1	
32	Spanish Imperial Eagle - N	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>			2				
33	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					✓	1	
34	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>					1	1	
35	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1		2	1		
36	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>					1		
37	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>					2		
38	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>					1		
39	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		1			1		1
40	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>							H
41	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓		✓			
42	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓		✓			
43	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		2		2			
44	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓						
45	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
46	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
47	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			✓				
48	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓
49	Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>					5		
50	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
51	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		1	2				
52	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		✓		✓			
53	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1	1		✓	1		✓
54	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>				✓			
55	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
56	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>		✓		✓			
57	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>		2		✓			
58	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>				1			
59	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1						
60	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		✓		✓			
61	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		✓		✓			
62	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		✓		✓			
63	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓		✓			
64	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		2		1			
65	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
66	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		1	1	✓			
67	Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>						1	
68	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>		✓		1			
69	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓			
70	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus audouinii</i>		✓		1			
71	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>		✓		✓			
72	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		14		2			
75	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		4		✓			
76	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		2					
77	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>			1				
78	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>		8					
79	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>						3	

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80	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			✓	✓			✓
82	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>							1
83	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>							2
85	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		2					
86	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1	2	1	1	1		1
87	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
88	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					1		
89	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					1	1	
90	Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		✓	✓	✓			
91	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		1					
92	Iberian Magpie - N	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
93	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
94	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>					1	2	
95	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			1	2			
96	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>			✓	✓			
97	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			✓		✓	✓	
98	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>							✓
99	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>					✓		✓
100	Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>					✓		
101	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>					✓		
103	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							✓
104	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
105	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>						✓	
106	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H					✓
108	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		1		2			
109	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							✓
111	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>							✓
112	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>				1			
114	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>				2			1
115	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
116	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
117	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		2		1		1	
119	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							H
120	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>		1		1			
121	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		3		2	4	✓	✓
122	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>						1	
123	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				1			1
124	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>						2	1
125	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1		✓	✓	✓	✓
126	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>				1			
130	Black-headed Weaver - I	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>		✓					

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131	Common Waxbill - I	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>				✓			✓
132	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		✓	1	✓	✓		✓
133	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>				✓			
134	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
135	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>					✓	✓	✓
136	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>					✓	✓	✓
137	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		1	✓		✓		✓

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name
	Pieridae
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>
	Lycaenidae
Southern Brown Argus	<i>Aricia cramera</i>
Geranium Bronze - I	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>
Adonis blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
	Nymphalidae
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
	Satyrinae
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
	Hesperiidae
False Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus tripolinus</i>

Other

Common name	Scientific name
Mammals	
Granada Hare - N	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>
Short-beaked Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>
Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>
Soprano Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>
Common Bent-wing Bat/Schreiber's Bat	<i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i>
Reptile & Amphibians	
Iberian Water Frog/Perez's Frog	<i>Pelophylax perezi</i>

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European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>
Spanish Terrapin	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>
Large Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus algirus</i>
Spanish Psammodromus	<i>Psammodromus hispanicus</i>
Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>
Dragonflies & Damselflies	
	Aeshnidae
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>
	Libellulidae
Long Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum trinacria</i>
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>
Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>
Violet Dropwing	<i>Trithemis annulata</i>

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name
PINOPIIDA (GYMNOSPERMS)	CONIFERS
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family
<i>Juniperus turbinata</i>	
Pinaceae	Pine Family
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	Maritime Pine
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine
MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS)	FLOWERING PLANTS
Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)	
Amaranthaceae	Amaranth Family
<i>Arthrocaulon (Arthrocnemum) macrostachyum</i>	
<i>Atriplex halimus</i>	Shrubby Orache
<i>Atriplex prostrata</i>	Spear-leaved Orache
<i>Caroxylon (Salsola) vermiculata</i>	Shrubby Saltwort
<i>Salicornia (Sarcocornia) fruticosa</i>	
<i>Salicornia (Sarcocornia) perennis</i>	Perennial Glasswort
<i>Soda (Salsola) inermis</i>	Opposite-leaved Saltwort
<i>Suaeda maritima (albescens)</i>	Annual Seablite
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Seablite
Apiaceae	Carrot Family
<i>Bupleurum fruticosum</i>	Shrubby Hare's-ear
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire

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<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel
Asteraceae	Daisy Family
<i>Carlina hispanica</i>	
<i>Carlina racemosa</i>	Clustered Carlina Thistle
<i>Centaurea sphaerocephala</i>	
<i>Chamaeleon (Atractylis) gummifer</i>	Pine Thistle
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	
<i>Cynara algarbiensis</i>	
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster
<i>Helichrysum luteoalbum</i>	Jersey Cudweed
<i>Limbarda (Inula) crithmoides</i>	Golden Samphire
<i>Mantisalca salmantica</i>	
<i>Pallenis maritima</i>	Yellow Sea-aster
<i>Pulicaria paludosa</i>	
<i>Symphyotrichum (Aster) subulatum (squamatus)</i>	Variable Fleabane
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family
<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	Heliotrope
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family
<i>Dipsacus comosus</i>	
<i>Pycnocomon rutifolium</i>	
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	Mournful Widow
Ericaceae	Heather Family
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree
<i>Corema album</i>	
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family
<i>Euphorbia maculata</i>	
<i>Euphorbia peplis</i>	Purple Spurge
<i>Euphorbia serpens</i>	
<i>Euphorbia terracina</i>	
Fabaceae	Pea Family
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob Tree
<i>Lotus castellanus</i>	
<i>Ononis ramosissima</i>	
<i>Retama monosperma</i>	
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family
<i>Limoniastrum monopetalum</i>	
<i>Limonium ovalifolium</i>	
<i>Limonium vulgare</i>	Common Sea-lavender
<i>Myriolimon diffusum</i>	
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass
<i>Polygonum equisetiforme</i>	

Scientific Name	Common Name
Portulacaceae	Purslane Family
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Purslane
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	White Henbane
<i>Lycium intricatum</i>	
<i>Solanum linnaeanum</i>	Apple of Sodom
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family
<i>Tamarix africana</i>	
Thymelaeaceae	Daphne Family
<i>Daphne gnidium</i>	
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross
Liliidae (Monocotyledons)	
Amarylliaceae	Daffodil Family
<i>Acis autumnalis</i>	Autumn Snowflake
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	Spiny Asparagus
<i>Asparagus albus</i>	White Asparagus
<i>Drimia maritima</i>	Sea Squill
<i>Prospero autumnale</i>	Autumn Squill
Colchicaceae	Colchicum Family
<i>Colchicum (Merendera) filifolium</i>	
<i>Colchicum lusitanum</i>	
Smilacaceae	Greenbriar Family
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	