

Portugal – The Algarve at Christmas

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Audouin's Gull



Purple Swamphens



Rock Bunting



Grey Heron

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Summary

With bright sunshine and terrific birding throughout, this really was a Christmas to remember. Taking in the best of coastal, intertidal, freshwater, farmland, woodland and mountain habitats all around the Algarve, we saw a total of 133 bird species, with highlights including 80+ Great Bustards, Little Bustard, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Alpine Accentor, Blue Rock Thrush, Western Swamphen, Little Bittern, Audouin's Gull and Calandra Lark. Waders included Sanderling, Curlew Sandpiper, Dunlin, Little Stint, Black-winged Stilt, and Common Ringed and Kentish Plovers. We also enjoyed absolutely stunning views of Osprey and Goshawk. All this was topped off by some truly excellent local cuisine and plenty of time to relax and explore at our rural and coastal base hotels.

Day 1

Friday 23rd December

The majority of the group arrived at Faro airport on flights from Gatwick and Manchester, where we were met by very excited Simon and Niki, keen to show us the delights of the Algarve! Others had arrived on earlier flights or understandably chosen to make an extended stay in Portugal. We all gathered together at the hotel later this evening.

On the journey to our superb rural hotel, set in eighteen hectares of orange groves and farmland outside Tavira, we enjoyed glimpses of a selection of farmland and wetland birds from the vehicles, whetting our appetites for the days to come.

Night was falling as we arrived at our lodgings at Hotel Quinta do Marco, signalling that it was time to relax, make use of the pool and sauna facilities, and enjoy the first of our delicious evening meals.

Day 2

Saturday 24th December

The morning brought bright sunshine, illuminating our superb view from the hills of the Algarve region right down to the Atlantic Ocean. After a fantastic buffet breakfast with a wide selection of local foods and breakfast favourites, we loaded the vehicles and enjoyed the antics of the hotel's resident Serins and Sardinian Warblers as we embarked.

Christmas Eve, rather than Christmas Day, is the focal point of Portugal's festive season, and this was indeed to be a special day. Our destination was the Alentejo, a system of plains and farmland a distance north of Tavira, and a real hotspot for star birds.

En route we made several roadside stops, treating us to large flocks of Lapwings and Golden Plovers, many singing and calling Corn Buntings, and our first Iberian Grey Shrike, perched obligingly on telegraph wires by the side of the road.

The morning was spent exploring farmland near Castro Verde. As we alighted from the vehicles, we were delighted to find the fields alive with huge flocks of larks. Among the very numerous Crested Larks, we found a

single Skylark and over 200 Calandra Larks, identified by their ‘crunchy Skylark’ song and dark underwing in flight.

It wasn’t long before we spotted a large head on the end of an elongated neck, sticking up over the brow of a hill. A Great Bustard had appeared! Driving further down the track we were able to observe six individuals, previously concealed in a dip in the landscape. They gave us great, prolonged views, both on the ground and in flight. We were also treated to prolonged views of a distant Spanish Imperial Eagle quartering the plains, and a lone Black-bellied Sandgrouse which flew circuits in front of us for several minutes.

It was then time to head for our traditional Christmas Eve lunch at the home of the wonderful Helena and her family in Castro Verde. On the way we were treated to views of numerous Iberian Grey Shrikes along the roadside, as well as flocks of beautiful Iberian Magpies. Helena did us proud, serving up a delicious lunch of Portuguese tomato soup with bread and eggs, a selection of roast meats and salads and a traditional cod pie. We ate our fill and then headed off to further areas of farmland to enjoy more rich avian pickings!

The next area yielded fantastic views of six Little Bustards and further views of several Black-bellied Sandgrouse in flight. To round off the day we headed to a beautiful chapel on a hilltop, affording a sweeping panoramic view of the Alentejo. All around, we could see scores of groups of Great Bustards roving the fields. It was a real highlight to see 80+ of these magnificent birds dotted around the landscape.

After a superb day, we travelled back to the hotel for our four-course Christmas Eve meal.

Day 3

Sunday 25th December

Christmas morning again brought bright sunshine and clear skies, and we set off in high spirits ready to receive our avian Christmas presents! Today’s destination was Castro Marim, a superb complex of wetlands and salt pans a short drive away near the Spanish border.

Our first stops gave us great views over the salt pans where, among the selection of wildfowl, we saw Great Egret and Spoonbill. Overhead, we were astonished to find Barn Swallows and a House Martin among the gathering flocks of Crag Martins. Everyone agreed what a treat it was to see them on Christmas Day!

On a grassy knoll alongside the wetland, we were thrilled to find two Stone-curlews as well as several Grey Plovers. The pans also yielded some great waders including Sanderling, Curlew Sandpiper, Dunlin, Little Stint, Black-winged Stilt, and Common Ringed and Kentish Plovers. We were also treated to a flyby by a passing Osprey and great views of a quartering Marsh Harrier.

Moving on to the Castro Marim reserve visitor centre, we wandered around to find gems while Simon and Niki prepared a delicious Christmas Day picnic of local meats, wines and cheeses, followed by a traditional Portuguese Christmas cake. We ate on picnic benches in the sunshine while a Marsh Harrier circled overhead and several Common Chiffchaffs foraged in the nearby vegetation. After lunch we explored the reserve and discovered more wetland delights including a group of Greater Flamingoes and several Caspian Terns.

We had an early return to the hotel where several of us took the opportunity for some downtime, relaxing in the hotel pool or making use of the outdoor gym. Those with remaining energy were taken to another excellent saltpan complex a ten minute drive away, just outside Tavira, which forms part of the Ria do Formosa Natural Park. Here, as the sun set on a beautiful Christmas Day, we encountered Avocet, Curlew, Whimbrel, Black-tailed and Bar-tailed Godwits, and some stunning views of Black-winged Stilts in the atmospheric evening light.

Re-joining the rest of the group at the hotel, we completed the outstanding log for the day in the hotel bar before enjoying a leisurely Christmas feast.

Day 4

Monday 26th December

Today we transferred to our second base, the superb Hotel Memmo at Sagres, but not before spending the day exploring the rich wetlands at Quinto do Lago. Driving down through the pristine housing complex, we were pleased to find nature holding its own with great views of Iberian Green Woodpecker and Hoopoe searching for insects amongst the well-manicured roadside lawns.

Our first site for observing the wetlands was at a small sandy bay alongside golf courses and parkland, which provided a pleasant stop with views over the lagoons from well-placed benches and a two-storey wooden hide.

On show on the mud and in the shallow water were many waders including Dunlin, Common Sandpiper, Greenshank, Redshank, Whimbrel, Curlew and Kentish Plover. As well as the wetland species, we had our best views yet of handsome Serins and Sardinian Warblers, bathing in a puddle by the track, and Margaret was able to get some outstanding shots of two extremely obliging Hoopoes foraging at the edge of the adjoining golf course.

A short wander along a track brought us to a parkland lake, where we immediately happened upon six Western Swampheens, which remained in full view for our entire stop, iridescent in the bright sunshine. There were large numbers of wildfowl including Pintail, Gadwall, Mallard, Shoveler, Teal, Tufted Duck, Common Pochard, and Great Crested and Little Grebes. To our delight, a Little Bittern moved in and out of the reeds fringing the lake, giving some fantastic photographic opportunities. A Glossy Ibis loitered with the Western Swampheens, and we glimpsed a Black-headed Weaver in the reeds.

Our picnic was served back at the lagoons, followed by a stop for coffee at a nearby cafe overlooking a lake, where we enjoyed further views of another Little Bittern. We took a short stroll down a path at the side of the cafe through some further intertidal habitat. Here we saw a Grey Wagtail and were able to add Little Ringed Plover to the wader list as they milled about on the mud with Sanderlings and Dunlins. A little further along the boardwalk we had absolutely stunning views of a gorgeous Bluethroat, proudly displaying the white spot set within its bright blue bib, revealing it to be of the southern European *cyanecula* subspecies.

At the end of a very satisfying day, we headed onward to a warm welcome and a superb evening meal at our new hotel.

Day 5

Tuesday 27th December

A slightly cooler start to the day soon gave way to further warm Algarve sunshine, as we headed out to explore our new locale around the cliffs, bays and headlands surrounding Sagres. As we travelled through heaths and

farmland covered in flocks of hundreds of Skylarks, two Peregrine Falcons swooped by, causing us to park up sharply in a handily placed lay-by! The display continued, and the two eventually landed in a close-by field, giving us some superb telescope views. As we watched, a Lesser Kestrel appeared and hovered over the fields, shortly to be joined by a Common Kestrel. As well as being a beautiful sight to behold, this afforded a rare opportunity to compare and contrast these two similar species and go through the identification features which separate them.

As we took our time exploring the cliff top heath area know as Vale Santo by minibus, sightings included two calling Ravens, several Common Buzzards, large flocks of Lapwings and Golden Plovers on the farmland, several White Storks, singing Corn Buntings a-plenty, feeding Red Avadavats, and a gorgeous Little Owl perched obliviously on a rooftop.

A pause by a livestock farm gave us an opportunity to test our new knowledge by examining a perched Kestrel for identification features. Simon added jeopardy by threatening removal of chocolate rations for those who failed the test! Much lively discussion ensued, but thankfully most people's chocolate rations were spared when the Common Kestrel gave us a helpful glimpse of its dark 'toenails'.

Moving on to the spectacular cliff tops at Cabo Sao Vicente, we explored independently while Simon and Niki prepared the picnic. Proceedings were temporarily called to a halt when Hilary wandered over and asked nonchalantly, "Could I have just seen an Alpine Accentor?" Simon rushed over and soon confirmed that yes, there was indeed an Alpine Accentor, and we were treated to great views of this lovely little wintering bird and its fine plumage patterns. After taking our fill of picnic, we indulged in a little sea-watching, which yielded Gannet and four Guillemots out to sea.

Then we made our way back to the hotel. Again, there was the opportunity for some down-time or to freshen up and head down the steps to Sagres harbour. It was time for a gull master class! There were Yellow-legged Gulls of all ages at close hand for the lesson, and we were soon very well-versed in feather topography and how to separate adults from first and second-winter birds. As we 'studied', it was hard not to be distracted by three Red-billed Choughs calling as they came in to roost, the sight of a further Peregrine Falcon perching on a distant cliff face, or the lovely close-up views of Common Sandpiper and Ruddy Turnstone picking over rocks by the quayside. As the sun set on another full day, we re-joined the rest of the group for drinks in the bar and another fine three-course evening meal.

Day 6

Wednesday 28th December

Today was 'Mountain Day', and we were relieved that bright sunshine would accompany our ear-popping journey up to the 900 metre peaks above Monchique, the highest point of the Algarve. En route we made a stop just outside Portimao at a White Stork colony. We had seen several of these huge birds daily on our trip so far, but at this location we were able to see them at close quarters, both bill-clapping on their ungainly nests and flying elegantly overhead. A dashing Kingfisher and a Hoopoe feeding on a nearby farm added more special moments to the stop.

Then it was onwards and upwards to Foia, a 904-metre peak. The chilly breeze at the summit did little to deter us, and we had barely got out of the vehicles when we heard our first Rock Bunting. A little further and we spied

a Blue Rock Thrush sitting on a distant boulder. Sightings proved brief or distant, so we warmed up a bit with a hot chocolate at the mountaintop cafe before making a second pass of the summit area.

Having thawed out, we took a short walk up a nearby track where, sure enough, our luck changed. Not one but two Dartford Warblers were showing extremely well in the heather and flitted back and forth over our heads. This was a real treat, especially for Jane who had been inspired by a picture of a Dartford Warbler in a bird book many years ago and had always wanted to see one! A much closer Blue Rock Thrush soon joined the show, and a flock of five Alpine Accentors were easily viewable flitting amongst the boulders.

As we returned to the vehicles, our elusive Rock Buntings returned. We had fantastic views as several of them perched and calling within metres of where we stood, before they paid a visit to the cafe to forage for crumbs. Our mountain list complete, we headed down to milder temperatures for a picnic, where Firecrests serenaded us as we ate, and Sheila found an absolutely superb Northern Goshawk perched in a nearby tree.

A little further down the hillside we encountered three Crested Tits in the conifers, and had superb views of a ‘promenading’ Short-toed Treecreeper. As the sun set on Mountain Day, we headed back to the hotel but made one last stop, back where we began at the White Stork colony. Now the majority of the birds were roosting in their nests, and their beautiful white neck plumage shone pink in the evening light, providing a photographic opportunity too good to waste!

Day 7

Thursday 29th December

After a relaxed breakfast overlooking the harbour, we headed out to enjoy our last full day of Portuguese sunshine and birdwatching. Today we travelled north from Sagres, enjoying the farmland and seaside of the west coast of the Algarve.

After a brief stop for a passing male Hen Harrier, we spent the morning exploring a peaceful valley full of scrub and low-intensity farmland. It was teeming with life, and sightings included Black Redstart, Corn Bunting, Sardinian Warbler, Grey Wagtail, Common Kestrel, Common Buzzard, Green and Common Sandpipers, Raven, Linnet, Zitting Cisticola, Blackcap, innumerable Stonechats and at least 150 Crag Martins. We also surprised three Egyptian Mongooses playing in a field!

Pausing for a comfort break in the town of Aljezur, we were thrilled to stumble upon a flock of over thirty Common Waxbills feeding in a damp pasture next to the car park! Eve was particularly pleased to finally see these adorable naturalised birds with their quirky red eye masks and squeaky call.

During our picnic stop by a river, we were treated to hunting Peregrine Falcons and Common Buzzards. The enthusiastic Serins singing around us were almost deafening! We then moved on to view some intertidal salt pans, where Grey and Kentish Plovers, Redshank, Greenshank and Curlew abounded. We also had a really close look at a handsome Iberian Grey Shrike perched on a fence, eating a vole. It seemed to be mealtime in the avian world, as minutes later we spotted an Osprey and had outstanding views of it perched on a post, devouring a huge, still-twitching fish!

Reaching the sea on the beautiful Vicentine coast, we saw ten or more Gannets out to sea and Sanderlings scooting up and down the beach. Watching the dune-side scrub was fascinating as we never knew what would pop up next! Among the many chirpy Sardinian Warblers we also had great views of Dartford Warblers and a Cirl Bunting.

The time had flown by on our last day and all too soon it was time to head back for one last delicious meal. After completing the log and a (not overly taxing) trip quiz, we headed to A Tasca; a restaurant in Sagres harbour renowned throughout Portugal for its exquisite fish cuisine, quirky decor and friendly atmosphere. We enjoyed a starter of tuna steak, cooked to absolute perfection, followed by a tasty traditional tomato-based fish stew of cod, skate and mullet. This was accompanied by fine local wines and followed by a special creme brûlée-style dessert made with pumpkin and topped with caramelised sugar.

Day 8

Friday 30th December

The end of the trip was nigh, and it was nearly time to say a fond farewell to Portugal. Simon and Niki collected luggage and loaded the vehicles while we enjoyed our last breakfast, and then it was time to depart. Before heading to the airport, we still had time to enjoy a morning's birding at the renowned Pera Marsh near Faro. This fine wetland complex forms part of the Ria do Formosa natural park.

From comfortable benches behind a well-situated viewing screen, we enjoyed views of large numbers of wildfowl and waders including Western Swamphen, Glossy Ibis, Pintail, Gadwall, Mallard, Shoveler, Teal, Tufted Duck, Common Pochard, Great Crested and Little Grebes, Sanderling, Common and Green Sandpipers, and Black-tailed Godwits. Caspian and Sandwich Terns perched on sandbanks alongside Mediterranean and Audouin's Gulls, while Spoonbills sifted through the mud for invertebrates. We had excellent views of two Bluethroats and a Kingfisher perched in front of the hide.

After one last picnic in the sunshine, the trip was rounded off with more superb views of an Osprey in flight and a perched Peregrine Falcon. We then made our way to the airport, arriving in plenty of time to say fond farewells to Simon and Niki before group members boarded flights back to the UK, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end. A big thank you to the 'Class of Algarve 2016' for their enthusiasm and passion for learning, their friendship and good humour and for making this Christmas such an enjoyable one full of great experiences.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	December						
			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		50+					
2	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>		8	20+				50+
3	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>		1	1				
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		30+	50+		10+	4+	50+
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		100+	70+				20+
6	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		5	10+				150+
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			30+				30+
8	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>			5+				
9	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	✓	✓		3			10+
10	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		15+	20+		1		5+
11	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		5	10+	1			
12	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		6					
13	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	30+	10+	40+	5+	50+	15+	30+
14	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1						
15	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			1				5
16	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		40	2				10+
17	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			2				
18	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		6	10+	3+	2	3	10+
20	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		1					
21	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1	30+	15+	2+	1	5+	10+
22	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>				20+		10+	
23	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	30+	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		2				1	1
25	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		1					
26	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>	1imm						
27	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					1	1	1
28	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1+				1	2
29	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>							1
30	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	15+						
31	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	4+	4+	1+	3+	3+	3+	4+
32	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>	c.80						
33	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	6						
34	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			1				
35	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>			15+				2
36	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1		5+				4
37	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		150	200+				✓
38	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicanus</i>		2					
39	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		1					
40	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		20+					
41	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		6					
42	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	300+	10+		5+			
43	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	50+			50+			30+
44	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		15+	10+			1	
45	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		✓	10+	1+			10+
46	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			4				
47	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		50				7+	5+

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			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
48	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			2+				3
49	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>		1					4
50	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>		5					
51	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		2	3+	1H			
52	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		2	1			1	
53	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓	✓			2+	10+
54	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		4+				1+	1
55	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			1			1	2
56	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		6	7+	3+	1	2	1
57	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>		20+	10+	2			
58	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		10+	c.10			10+	5+
59	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		20+					
60	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		5					
61	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		20+	30+				
62	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
63	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>			6+				3
64	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>		1					3
65	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
67	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		19					1
68	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>							15+
69	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>				4			
70	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	5						
71	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	10+				4	10+	✓
73	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	1H	1H	1H				
75	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	2+	1H	1H	1			
76	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		2	2+		1	2+	1
77	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1	2	4+		1		1
78	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					1+		
79	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>		1	1		1+		
80	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				1m			
81	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	30+	3+	3+	10+	5+	5+	10+
82	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	2			3		1	
83	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>					1		
84	Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	15+	1+				3+	1
85	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>					10+	2+	
86	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓		3+	2+	5+
88	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>				3			
89	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>				6		3	
90	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	1						
91	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	10+			2	1	1	2
92	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>					2		
93	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			2			1	
94	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			2		2+	2+	1
95	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					5+		
96	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	1+			100+			
97	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	3+		✓
98	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	200+						

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			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
99	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		10	1					2
100	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	1+	10+		10+	30+	150+	200+	
101	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>				1		1	1	
102	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			1	1		2H	2	
103	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	4	20+	50+	70+	100+	50+	✓	
104	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1	4	5+	1	1+	1+	3	
105	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			3+	3+	4+	20+	10+	
106	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>					3	2+		
107	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	5+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
108	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>					4+			
109	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			1H		3			
110	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
111	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	5+	4+	20+	30+	10+	15+		
112	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		1		1		2		
113	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	5+	3+	5+	15+	10+	20+	2+	
114	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>			1				2	
115	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	3+	5+		5+	1+	40+	5+	
116	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					1+			
117	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
118	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
119	Black-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>			1+					
120	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>			20+			c.30	4+	
121	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>				4				
122	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>				1	5			
123	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			1	1	2+	2	1	
124	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
125	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	20+	✓	✓	
126	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	1H		3+	20+	5+	10+	20+	
127	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>						4+	2	
128	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	10+	10+	3+	20+		5+	10+	
129	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	20+	20+		✓		✓	✓	
130	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	10+	✓	10+	1+	c.10	30+	20+	
131	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	350+	✓	3+	✓		✓	✓	
132	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>					3+			
133	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>						1		

Mammals

1	Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>		1						
2	Egyptian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>						3		

Reptile & Amphibians

1	Iberian Water Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>						✓		
2	Red-eared Terrapin	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>			✓					

Butterflies

1	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>						✓	✓	
2	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓					✓	✓	
3	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓		✓		✓		
4	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>					✓			
5	Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>					✓	✓		

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			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
6	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓			✓		✓	
7	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓						
8	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>						✓	

Ordonata

	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>						✓	
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