

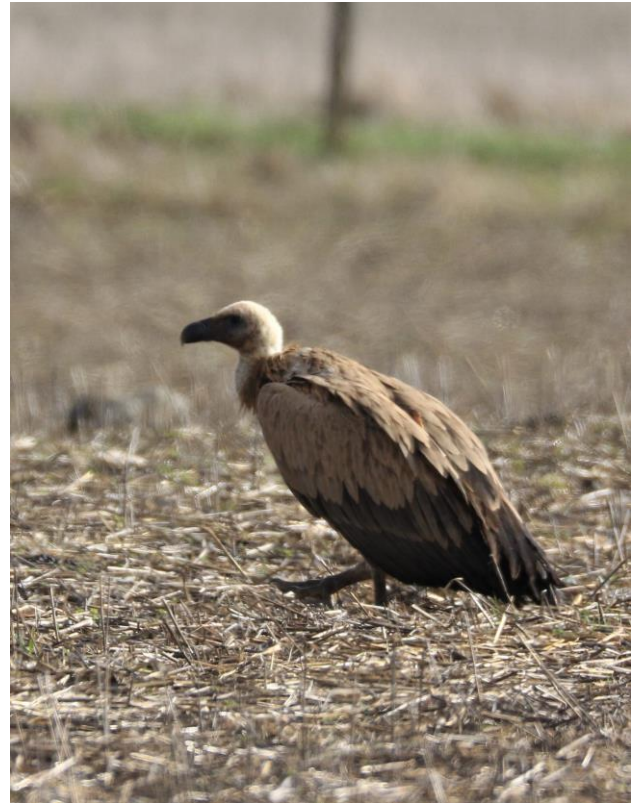
The Algarve at Christmas

Naturetrek Tour Report

23rd – 30th December 2021



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Day 1

Thursday 23rd December

With several different flights bringing the group to Faro it was some time before most were gathered together for a short period of birding within the Rio Formosa National Park adjoining the airport. A good mix of waders were joined by several feeding Spoonbill, a single perched Osprey and a passing Caspian Tern, getting the trip off to a good start.

After a quick lunch at the airport with the last of the 'early' arrivals we headed west towards our first hotel in Sagres. A stop was taken en-route, with a visit to Salgados Lagoon on the coast. Whilst here several of the earlier species were seen by our later arrivals alongside many new diverse and exciting species. Notable finds were a small number of roosting Audouin's Gulls and some obliging Western Swamphens that all showed well. Wildfowl were well represented as were waders. A feature of the trip were the abundant Crag Martins, seemingly everywhere we went, with the lagoon attracting numerous examples zipping over the water surface joined by a small number of wintering Barn Swallows.

Heading on we were fast approaching our final destination when a stop was required to admire a very showy Black-winged Kite near the road perched on pylons. With this final highlight our journey was then completed with check in at Sagres followed by a fine evening meal and a good night's rest in preparation for the days ahead.

Day 2

Friday 24th December

We began our day with a couple of short walks and explorations of the Vale Santo area of the Sagres headland. On the outbound drive we passed a group of semi-derelict farm buildings where a Little Owl was picked out perched on the rooftop tiles surveying the area after having dismissed our vehicle as posing no threat. We were soon parked up and walking through an area of ploughed farmland alongside native heathy vegetation. Overhead a flock of Golden Plover periodically rapidly flew past uttering their plaintive flight call. We were then delighted to find a small group close settled close to the path. Small passerines in the agricultural fields comprised mainly Corn Buntings, Meadow Pipits and a mix of larks.

Next, we drove for a further walk through the pine plantations and native heath. Birdlife was very quiet but we did encounter a fast-moving Merlin alongside some interesting plants. We drove on to eat our picnic lunch at the Cabranosa viewpoint before returning to the hotel for a rest stop and coffee.

Our final excursion was a walk from the hotel, out and around the nearby rocky headland. At sea we picked out Great Cormorant, Shag and Northern Gannet while the cliff-dwelling local Peregrines and Ravens were also seen. Thekla's Lark and Meadow Pipits were resting among the native vegetation.

Back at the hotel we were able to freshen up and dress for the traditional Portuguese Christmas Eve dinner of four courses which all went down very well, especially after the complimentary glass of sparkling wine!

Day 3

Saturday 25th December

This Christmas morning, we headed east after breakfast to drive up towards the highest point of the Algarve, Mount Foia. We paused initially to admire a large White Stork colony next to the road before a second stop off half way up at the Caldas de Monchique, partly in the hope that the low cloud clinging to the summit would clear. The Caldas is a Roman warm water spa resulting in a sheltered valley of lush vegetation with many exotic tender plants mixed among the native trees and shrubs. A rich list of birds were found sheltering in this haven such as Short-toed Treecreeper, Nuthatch, Goldcrest, Siskin, Serin and Cirl Bunting. A Black Redstart sang from the rooftops and a Grey Wagtail fed by the roadside.

We then continued on to the summit of Mount Foia, but were disappointed by the stubborn cloud clinging to the top, shrouding us in mist and reducing visibility considerably. A Blue Rock Thrush put in a brief appearance soon after our arrival, but our walk produced little else of note. We opted to descend once more to eat our lunch in the sun in a roadside picnic area before driving down to the coast and a visit to the Alvor Estuary at Quinto da Rocha. We walked a pleasant circuit on the raised seawall between the estuary and interior flooded saline compartments. Focus was now primarily on the mix of waders and gulls present with a fine supporting cast of Flamingos, Spoonbill and herons. The highlight was the discovery of a wintering Marsh Sandpiper feeding quietly on the lagoons edge, allowing comparison with a few examples of the similar but more heavily-built Greenshank. Roosting gulls contained a small flock of Audouin's Gulls alongside their larger Yellow-legged relatives. A single Great Egret was picked out as we were on the final leg of the walk.

Day 4

Sunday 26th December

Today we travelled north alongside the Cape St. Vincent NP towards Aljezur where we turned towards the coast and visited the vegetated dunes and estuary of Praia de Amoreira. The weather during our journey had been less than great with low misty cloud and drizzly rain falling. Amazingly, as we arrived things began to clear from the west as the cloud passed over. We spent a short time admiring the scenery and beautiful beach with its rocky outcrops before taking a walk through the pine woods a short distance inland. A pair of Cirl Buntings which we unfortunately disturbed as we entered the car park could not be relocated despite some patient searching. Having heard the 'churring' contact calls of Dartford Warbler not long after beginning the walk, we soon were enjoying great views of a bird alongside a couple of Sardinian Warblers. Once we entered the area of pine woodland we almost immediately heard both Crested Tits and Short-toed Treecreeper, and similarly, we were soon able to enjoy some great views of the Tits, rather less so of the Treecreeper as it kept well hidden while it sang from a couple of pine tree tops. As we continued our walk we were able to admire a number of rare and localised plant species growing in this special protected habitat.

Once back at the vehicles we drove south towards Carrapateira where we took our lunch at a pleasant wooded seating area. From Carrapateira itself we took the scenic coastal road circuit. The wild and unspoilt nature of this western coastline was evident to admire as we took a slow relaxed pace with a couple of walks taken at suitable spots. Our first stop took us down a boardwalk to the clifftop overlooking the vast sandy bay of the Praia de Bordeira with a fantastic view up the coast. The usual Northern Gannets and Great Cormorants were seen at sea and on the cliffs with a few Shags and a lone Mediterranean Gull thrown in. Having completed our circuit we returned to the main road and continued back to the hotel in readiness of another fine evening meal.

Day 5

Monday 27th December

Today was transfer day, so we were soon packed after breakfast and on the road heading east. We broke the journey with our first stop at the quiet unspoilt coastal valley and beach at Boca do Rio. Our first walk was out to the cliff edge in search of a Blue Rock Thrush which was found but rapidly departed seen only by a few of the group. We managed to re-find the bird on the cliffs but it remained elusive and distant. The surrounding wooded slopes held Serin, Corn Bunting, Blackcap and Sardinian Warblers that periodically gave reasonable views. Completing a circular walk we returned to the flooded fields at the base of the valley. Here among a few Common Sandpipers we managed to pick out a Green Sandpiper.

We relocated to walk the track running alongside the large reedbed located a short distance inland. Unfortunately, despite the importance of this rare habitat, birdlife was very quiet and we simply enjoyed a pleasant walk with little of note seen. A further short move was taken to the picnic area where we enjoyed a pleasant lunch.

Continuing our journey east, we next called in at the Quinto do Lago golf complex where we walked the boardwalk path alongside the course and the tidal saltmarsh backed by an extensive dune system. Among the waders present were a couple of Eurasian Curlew, a rather uncommon species in this area. As we approached the Sao Lourenco lagoon we spotted a fine crowd-pleasing Hoopoe on the fairway. The lagoon did not disappoint, as during our time spent here numerous exciting species of birds were seen, highlights being Glossy Ibis, Little Bittern and Western Swamphen. A roosting flock of Black-crowned Night Herons were disturbed from the back of the lagoon to fly a couple of circuits before returning to their favoured trees once more. Among the gulls a single Audouin's Gull was picked out as they rose and periodically swirled around the general area. Of the several Black-headed Weavers seen we were unable to find a male, so consoled ourselves with only females and juveniles. A passing Booted Eagle overhead completed our menu for the day.

With our day drawing to a close we made our way back to the vehicles and completed our journey to our hotel in the hills to the north of Tavira where, after some confusion regarding the newly introduced Covid testing requirements, we were able to check in.

Day 6

Tuesday 28th December

An earlier breakfast found us on the road in excellent time in order to undertake our journey north to the Alentejo region and a complete change of scene and avifauna.

We stopped initially at a large dam lake where a few wading birds were feeding on the shoreline, including Black-winged Stilt, Greenshank, Common Snipe and Green Sandpiper. Driving on we undertook a slow circuit through the open grassy steppelands. One stop to scan for anything of interest produced a smart Black-winged Kite using the power line poles as perches that gave the group some fine views. This was soon followed by a Spanish Imperial Eagle appearing and drifting overhead.

After a short drive further along our route a further juvenile Spanish Imperial Eagle entertained us as it struggled to cling to its perch on some thin wire radio mast antenna, all the while a rather unconcerned Griffon Vulture sat opposite in the field disinclined to use any energy taking to flight, so preferred to slowly walk away. After these

great sightings we headed for a farm track where after a little scanning we picked out our first few Great Bustards, two of which were rival males having a face-off, seeing who would back down first. They remained in each others faces some considerable time, so we were never to see who 'won'. A small passing flock of Black-bellied Sandgrouse dropped to the ground here and out of sight before a couple were subsequently seen flying away.

Our morning was soon coming to an end, so we drove on into Castro Verde where we had a lunch date at the home of a local resident who provided us with a massive spread of local dishes. Having done our best to do justice to the many tasty offerings we said farewell and headed out to continue birding. We paused in a residential area of the town to check out a small winter roost of Long-eared Owls in the roadside trees. Amazing views were had of these charismatic birds looking down on us from their secure roost.

We continued driving out through the open country, eventually culminating in a visit to the hilltop Chapel de Aracelis. Here we were afforded an amazing view of the vast agricultural areas all around. Whilst scanning the nearby fields below us we picked up a sizeable flock of Great Bustards illuminated by the late afternoon sun. Nearby a flock of Common Cranes stood proudly in an open field bringing to a close a wonderful day before we began the lengthy journey back to the coast.

Day 7

Wednesday 29th December

Our penultimate day was spent exploring the low-lying coastline of the eastern Algarve, firstly with a visit to the Castro Marim NP on the Spanish border.

Our first walk led around a number of salt pans alongside a small tidal creek and vegetated saltmarsh. Before we had set off we were delighted to encounter a small flock of Common Waxbills feeding on grass stems alongside the vehicle. The open water of the pan held a number of Greater Flamingos, Spoonbill, wildfowl and waders such as Little Stint, Black-tailed Godwit and Shoveler. In the fringing water-filled ditch we were teased by fleeting glimpses of a couple of Bluethroats as they zipped between cover. Our route led towards the actively worked centre of the salt pans where a large roost of Audouin's Gulls could be picked out in the heat haze.

Having completed our first walk we drove round towards Castro Marim town making a short stop opposite some more disused pans where we scanned the low hill opposite picking out several roosting Stone Curlews. Despite our meticulous scanning, when the birds were disturbed by the local farmers tractor bringing bales of fodder for his cattle, we were amazed at how many were actually there! We counted almost 40 birds! We turned our attentions to the waders on the pans behind us finding several Kentish Plovers and Little Stints among more familiar species.

We next drove to the eastern side of the reserve and called in to the Visitor Centre car park and picnic area. This lies alongside the River Guadiana bordering Spain. We ate our lunch in the attractive shaded area provided before walking around the nearby areas. A couple of Osprey were seen perched on posts by the river. The saline pans held several roosting Caspian Terns on the raised earth embankments. A distant pan held a large mixed flock of waders, of which the majority were Pied Avocet and Black-tailed Godwits.

On our homeward drive we still had time in the day to visit the saltpan complex at Tavira. Here we found a good mix of waders including our first Bar-tailed Godwits. Our most sought after bird was Slender-billed Gull and we were fortunate in picking one out on the tidal mud. Luckily this bird took to the air and flew towards us to land in a small pool right next to the path allowing us to admire this delicate and attractive gull from just 10 metres! After enjoying this treat it was time to head back to the hotel and our final evenings meal.

Day 8

Thursday 30th December

A mid-morning homeward flight for most of the group meant an early breakfast and direct drive to Faro Airport where we successfully checked in and headed for home. Only a few early songsters at the hotel were heard before our departure.

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Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted, H = heard only, (i) = introduced/non-native species)

			December 2021							
	Common name	Scientific name	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>						✓		
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓						✓	
3	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	✓				✓		✓	
4	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	✓				✓		✓	
5	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>					✓			
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
7	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓				✓			
8	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓							
9	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	✓				✓			
10	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>					✓			
11	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>						✓		
12	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓				✓	✓		

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			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
13	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓			
14	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓		✓				✓	
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					2			
17	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
18	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					4			
19	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					8			
20	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			1				1	
23	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
24	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
25	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>		✓		✓	✓			
26	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
27	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1						3	
28	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1				1	2	1	
29	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>						1		
30	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>					1			
31	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>						5		
32	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1		1	1		
33	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓					2	2	
34	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>						1		
35	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>						✓		
36	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
37	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>						25		
38	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>						25		
39	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	✓				✓			
40	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓				✓			
41	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓				✓			
42	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>							40	
43	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓		✓				✓	
44	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓		1			2	✓	
45	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	✓						✓	
46	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓					✓	✓	
47	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	✓	✓	✓					
48	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
49	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓	
50	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	✓						✓	
51	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	✓					✓	✓	
52	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	✓						✓	
53	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>							3	
54	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
55	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>					2			
56	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
57	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓		✓			1	✓	
58	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			1					
59	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					1	1		
60	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
61	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
62	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>			✓					

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			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
63	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	
64	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>							6	
65	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓	
66	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>							1	
67	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	
68	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>	5		20		1		30	
69	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	✓		1	1			✓	
70	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
71	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
72	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	3						10	
73	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	
74	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>						5		
75	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
76	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓			✓		
77	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
78	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>						2		
79	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>					H	H	H	
80	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1	H		H	H	H	
81	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1				2			
82	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1		3	✓	1	
83	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				1	1		H	
84	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>		1						
86	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		2						
87	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>				2		✓		
88	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓		✓	✓		
89	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
90	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
91	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>				✓				
92	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			✓			✓		
93	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>						✓		
94	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓				✓		
95	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>				✓				
96	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓					
97	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓					
98	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓						
99	Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>		✓		✓	✓			
100	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
101	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>						✓		
102	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
103	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓			✓	✓			
104	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	H				✓			
105	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
106	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓				✓		✓	
107	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
108	Dartford Warbler	<i>Curruca undata</i>				2				
109	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	
110	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			✓					
111	European Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			✓					
112	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			2					

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113	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			1	1				
114	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
115	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
116	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>					✓	✓		
117	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>						✓	✓	
118	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
119	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>							3	
120	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
121	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			1		1			
122	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
123	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
124	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓					
125	Black-headed Weaver (i)	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>					✓			
126	Common Waxbill (i)	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>							12	
127	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓					
128	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
129	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
130	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
131	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			
132	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
133	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
134	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>			✓					
135	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
136	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
137	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			✓	✓				

Other species

Common name

Scientific name

Butterflies

Pieridae

Large White

Pieris brassicae

Small White

Pieris rapae

Bath White

Pontia daplidice

Green-striped White

Euchloe belemia

Clouded Yellow

Colias crocea

Brimstone

Gonepteryx rhamni

Nymphalidae

Red Admiral

Vanessa atalanta

Painted Lady

Vanessa cardui

Satyrinae

Speckled Wood

Pararge aegeria

Mammals

Western Hedgehog

Erinaceus europaeus

Fallow Deer

Dama dama

Rabbit

Oryctolagus cuniculus

Reptile & Amphibians

Stripeless Tree Frog

Hyla meridionalis

Common name

European Pond Terrapin
 Red-eared Terrapin
 Spanish Terrapin
 Moorish Gecko
 Viperine Snake

Scientific name

Emys orbicularis
Trachemys scripta
Mauremys leprosa
Tarentola mauritanica
Natrix maura

Notable plants

a Juniper
 Stone Pine
 Mastic Tree
 a Marigold
 a Knapweed
 Stink Aster
 Yellow Sea-aster
 Sweet Alison
 Sand Stock
 a Teasel
 Mediterranean Catchfly
 Gum Cistus
 a Cistus
 Strawberry Tree
 Ling
 Tree Heather
 Spanish Heath
 Carob
 Iberian Milk-vetch
 a Restharrow
 Bridal Broom

Juniperus turbinata
Pinus pinea
Pistacia lentiscus
Calendula suffruticosa
Centaurea sphaerocephala
Dittrichia viscosa subsp. revoluta
Pallenis maritima
Lobularia maritima
Marcus-kochia littorea
Dipsacus comosus
Silene colorata
Cistus ladanifer
Cistus palhinhae
Arbutus unedo
Calluna vulgaris
Erica arborea
Erica australis
Ceratonia siliqua
Erophaca baetica
Ononis ramosissima
Retama monosperma
Stauracanthus spectabilis
Quercus coccifera
Quercus rotundifolia
Quercus suber
Lavandula pedunculata
Salvia rosmarinus
Antirrhinum cirrhigerum
Rosa pouzinii
Lycium intricatum
Narcissus papyraceus
Arisarum simorrhinum
Asparagus acutifolius
Asparagus albus
Asphodelus ramosus
Crocus autumnalis
Iris planifolia

Kermes Oak
 an evergreen Oak
 Cork Oak
 a French Lavender
 Rosemary
 a Snapdragon
 a Rose
 a Teatree
 Paperwhite Narcissus
 a Friar's Cowl
 Spiny Asparagus
 White Asparagus
 Branched Asphodel
 a Crocus
 Wide-leaved Iris