

# Spain - Extremadura & Gredos Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Ibex



Schreiber's Lizard



Swallowtail



European Roller

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## Day 1

Tuesday 22nd April

Heathrow-Madrid-services Talavera-Viña de Torres

Sun and cloud: 17- 21 degrees C

After all arriving in Madrid we set forth on our journey out of the city and onto Viña de Torres, as we travelled along the road, the countryside soon changed from buildings to rolling fields with our first birds in the shape of White Stork drifting down into the fields from their nests on the buildings, pylons and trees. The occasional Swallow passed over the road and we saw the occasional Crested Lark too.

Once past Tallervera we pulled into a service station for a leg stretch and our first real feel for the Spanish wildlife, with the local Swallows buzzing round us while Corn Buntings were jangling in the fields nearby. Up behind the service station an old deserted Storks nest acted as a block of flats for the local sparrows, with both House and Spanish being present and showing very well. A small stroll down the path to a flooded area soon produced our first Zitting Cisticola proving hard to see but well heard by all. We headed back to the vans with Crested Larks scurrying around and as we left to continue down to Trujillo a couple of Red rumped Swallows flitted around.

We carried on with a sprinkling of Black Kites drifting back and forth over the roads. Coming off the motor way at Trujillo we turned off towards our final destination and home for the next few days Viña de Torres. As we travelled through the rugged countryside a large shape appeared in the fields as we passed, which turned out to be a Cinereous Vulture watching us head on. Not long after we turned off up the lane to Viña de Torres and had a warm greeting from our host for the next few days. Once all were settled in we met for drinks followed by a wonderful home cooked meal with great local wine, and soon retired to our beds, although a few went out and listened to the chorus outside of Marsh Frogs, Cicadas and Mole Crickets before getting a good night's sleep.

## Day 2

Wednesday 23rd April

Trujillo- Belen steppes- Madonera

Sun, cloud and light showers: 16-21 degrees C

Everyone was up by 7.30 am for a look in the area around the Vinca, the local Nightingale was singing his heart out, and the local Cuckoos sang along with the tinkering of Serins and jangling of Goldfinches. Corn Buntings were around with the local Iberian Magpies making an appearance in the olive groves together with a couple of skulking Sardinian Warblers and as we headed back for breakfast the local Red-rumped Swallows sat on the fences waking up. After a great breakfast we headed out with the first stop being Trujillo and the Bull ring to see the Lesser Kestrels which put on a good show and then we took a stroll down the local park before heading on to our main destination for the day the Belen Steppes.

As we drove on to the plain we were welcomed by three pale-phase Booted Eagles circling around. Driving on a small way we stopped on a high point to survey the grasslands around, Black Kites and Vultures were starting to circle up over the plains. We moved down the road looking all round with Corn Buntings and Crested Larks flicking down off the fences while Calandra Larks buzzed around the fields and the occasional Quail was singing. We drove up the brow of the next hill to be greeted by the sight of a group of Vultures dropping into the fields besides us which were joined by several Black Kites. Eyes were soon averted to the over side of the road by a ringtail Montagu's Harrier quartering the grasslands. Driving on we turned down a dirt track, working our way along where we found Bug Orchids and Champagne Orchids along the track. As we looked through the grasslands we soon picked up on a group of fourteen Great Bustards marching through the grass. We set up lunch, with the Bustards in the back ground!

After lunch we carried on across the plains, slowly tracking around - we soon came to a stop to scan across an area of scrubby grassland, where along the edge of the road we found *Dipicopa* (Brown Blue bell) amongst other plants. Two birds chasing each other through the scrub which were identified as Greater spotted Cuckoo's. Just as we started to load back up Nick picked up on a female Wheatear which on closer inspection turned out to be a female Black-eared Wheatear. We loaded up and moved on along the track looking at Larks flying around with a Tawny Pipit sitting up on wires. We carried on into some broom scrubland coming to a stop as two Greater spotted Cuckoos seen initially on the ground quickly moved up into the broom. One bird moved off while the other posed for a while on the fence before moving away as well but its place was taken over by a Southern Grey Shrike. We then returned to the hotel for a delicious home cooked meal.

## Day 3

Thursday 24th April

Rio Almonte- Monfragüe National Park, the Castile, Puente del Cardinal, Visitors centre, Portilla del Teitar and Pena falcon rock.

Sun, cloud and heavy shower: 10-20 degrees C

After a good night's sleep and breakfast we set off towards Monfragüe National Park. We travelled to the Rio Almonte for our first stop of the day and strolled along the river with its masses of Fresh water Crowfoot, gargling Marsh Frogs, Little Ringed Plover and Common Sandpiper flitting back and forth.

A Kingfisher perched on a branch and the occasional Narrow leaved Lupin was growing along the bank. As we walked back Stephen found a small Viperine Snake and a Sharp ribbed Salamander amongst the rocks. We returned to the vans and moved on as the Vultures started to drift over the valley, up the steep winding track to the Castile. Once parked up, we then walked up the stone steps and were greeted by the amazing views from the top. Griffin Vultures drifted by at leg height looking over at us as if we were out of place, while Black Kites drifted along the edge of the water below, in amongst the Griffins was the occasional Black and Egyptian Vulture as well. After all these amazing views we dragged ourselves away and headed on through the park...

We soon stopped again by the bridge crossing the water to look at the thousands of House Martins with the occasional Alpine Swift amongst them; and went to the Monfragüe visitors centre for a picnic lunch. Once everyone had had enough to eat we drove on to the Portilla Del Teitar while en route we saw several Red Deer along the roadside as well as a Fox on the edge of the picnic site. On arriving we parked the under the Cork Oaks and walked back towards the watch point where we looked over towards the rock face to where the Griffins were dropping off and gliding over. Then over the top a Spanish Imperial Eagle drifted over and gave a good view, and this was joined by the second bird, off the nest for a switch over. We carried on watching the Eagles and scanning the rock face when in one of the little ridges we picked up another nest with a little help from the local birders which had two baby Eagle Owl chicks sheltering from the sun.

We once again had to drag ourselves away from the Teitar and headed back through the park stopping to try for Subalpine Warbler which was brought to an abrupt halt by a heavy rain shower, so we carried on and rain started to let up. We pulled in at Penn falcon rock for a look at the rock face and were met by many vultures all drying out their wings after the rain. A Peregrine patrolled around the rock while a Booted Eagle glided by and a Black Stork sat quietly on its nest...and almost un-noticed if it hadn't been for Margaret, a Bonelli's Eagle drifted over, and then all of a sudden all the Vultures dropped off the cliff face towards the water before pulling up just over the road and circling up on the thermals from the rocks. We left the park after a fantastic day and headed for the hotel and dinner where we discussed the great day we had just enjoyed.

## Day 4

Friday 25th April

Madonera- Magasca Plains- Rio Tamuja- Caceres Plains- Trujillo

Sunny 5-23 degrees C

After breakfast we drove down to Madonera to pick up some bread and take a quick look at the White Stork nests in the local park and the Pallid Swifts in the village. We then drove on to the Magasca Plains where we pulled over and parked up for a walk along the tracks. A Little Bustard came into view in the cow field and as we carried on up a "grupping" call could be heard...quickly after a Pin-tailed Sandgrouse appeared over the horizon and flew round before landing again in distant sandy fields. While everyone watched we picked up on a couple of Greater Short-toed Larks feeding in the field close by. We walked back down with a few butterflies starting to appear on the wing including Black-eyed Blue.

Getting back into the vans we drove on up the road and turned down the dusty track and soon found a male Montagu's Harrier quartering the fields, with a couple of Great Bustards in the back ground - we watched as they took off and flew by us.

Finding a turning point we drove back up the track we found a second group of twelve Bustards trooping across the hillside. We headed on to the Rio Tamuja for a spot of lunch - while prepared the picnic the group had a look round the river valley, where Stephen found a Louisiana Crayfish in the river as well as everyone finding European Pond Terrapin and Marsh Frogs and a few being lucky enough to find Large Psammomachus. The call soon went out as a Golden Eagle drifted low over the valley and a Black Stork glided around over the other side of the valley. Once everyone had enough to eat we packed up and drove up onto the Caceres Plains and back out into the open grasslands.

We soon found more Griffin Vulture in the fields, and while watching them we also soon noticed along the wires European Rollers using the nest boxes along the road. Driving on we came across a couple of Montagu's Harriers drifting back and forth along the road. Just as we were about to leave the Plains a few Larks flipped across the road into a field being ploughed and after a little searching we found them - they turned out to be Lesser Short-toed Lark. Whilst looking, Graham found Barbary nut Iris on the side of the road. We left the Plains and drove down to Trujillo for a wander around before heading back to the hotel for the last night at Viña la Torres.

## Day 5

Saturday 26th April

Arracampo- Campo saucidilla- Rio Teitar- Hoya Del Espino

Cloud, sun and mist. 5-17 degrees C

We packed the vans up and said farewell to our wonderful hosts and set off on our way to the Gredos. Within an hour we found ourselves reaching Almaraz and the Arrocampo wetland reserve, where we tracked round to the first hide and were welcomed by singing Reed Warblers and the reeling of Savi's Warbler around by the hide, along with a few Purple Herons appearing out of the reed beds. We tracked on through the reserve with Zitting Cisticolas zipping around and bouncing above the grassland to the second hide. Even though a little blowy there, a Great White Egret moved along the edge of the reeds, with Gadwall flying back and forth over the water, and a Ferruginous Duck dropping in amongst the reeds before shooting off again. Dragging ourselves away we headed on to the third hide where a White Stork was nesting on top, Gull billed Terns bounded back and forth over the water, and our attention turned to the ditch along from the hide. There was a very aggravated Iberian Grey Shrike and a Grasshopper Warbler calling in the field, while a family of Purple Swamp hens were feeding along the edge, as well a slightly surprised Little Bittern flying through. We drove on to the forth hide and had a spot of lunch before driving on to our next destination Campo Saucedilla.

Never having tried this area before, it took a little bit of searching for, but was well worthwhile with the group finding Naked Man Orchid, Woodcock Orchid and Bee Orchid amongst the Olive groves with Booted Eagle drifting above the hillside and a few Bee-eaters gliding around for a spot of colour in the grey sky. Sadly having to drag ourselves away we headed on towards the Gredos passing past Tallervera and stopping by the Rio Tietar for a quick leg stretch, before heading up the winding mountain road through the mist and the changing scenery of the Spanish steppes and Oak dehesa, to the rockier pine covered slopes before finally going over into the somewhat sunnier Gredos Mountains with its mountain meadows and snow-covered tops, before finally reaching Hoya del Espino and the Milano Real - our hotel for the next few nights.

## Day 6

Sunday 27th April

Gredos National Park - The Plateau forma

Sunny 3 -18 degrees C

We rose early for a small walk near to the hotel, and soon found Rock Sparrows on the roof tops amongst other things including Black Redstarts, whilst the first bird of prey of the day was a Goshawk hunting the valley and Wood Larks displaying above, with a few Bonelli's Warblers and Blackcaps putting in an appearance before we strolled back.

After a great breakfast we headed on our way up the valley towards Plateau forma dropping down into the valley and the Scot pine forests where we stopped for a stroll through the wood. Nuthatches and Coal Tits moved through the trees while on the sunnier rocks Iberian Wall Lizards sunned themselves and a local beckoned us to have a look along his wall where several larger lizards bathed in the sun. We carried on up the mountains as the terrain changed from pine forests into mountain meadows where Wheatears and Spanish Yellow Wagtails sat on the walls and fences. Once again it wasn't long before we left the lush meadows behind for more rocky scrub-covered hillsides, dropping down again into another river valley. We had a quick stop to look over the fast flowing mountain waters with Crag Martins flitting round close to the bridge, while Rock Buntings flitted around between the scrub with the occasional Whitethroat putting in an appearance. We parked up for a spot of lunch before our afternoon walk.

After lunch we headed on up the rocky track to the plateau, picking up a few Rock Thrush and Water Pipit along the route with Spanish Ibex looking down on us from above. Also on the way up, dotted amongst the rocks were Rock Narcissus and the mountain Crocus which added some steady colour between the granite rocks. Once at the top we tried to find the Bluethroats in the low scrub slopes, sadly even though they showed briefly no prolonged views were obtained - unlike the local Dunnock that regularly teased us by popping up as bold as brass. We moved on over the plateau to view the water falls before heading slowly back, seeing the occasional Raven drifting over. On the way down a few of us saw a Black eared Wheatear, which was rapidly moved on by a couple of Wheatears. We started a slow drive back down the valley having to stop for the young Ibex on the sides of the road, and then back down into the pine forest. We stopped by a stream where Crossbills were coming down to drink, with a couple of Short-toed Treecreepers moving through. And then back to the hotel and we enjoyed a great dinner in the dining room, with its amazing back drops.

## Day 7

Monday 28th April

Parador- Bonelli's Wood- Puerto del Gredos- Lower Parador

Sunny 4 -25 degrees C

We rose for first light and drove over to the Parador in the hope of seeing Citril Finch. On arrival it was quite quiet with a male Black Redstart showing well up on the flag pole with Coal Tits and Serins singing all around in the pines. We had the occasional Rock Bunting flitting across the road, but unfortunately even though there were a few frustrating brief glimpses, the Citril Finches eluded us, so we headed back for breakfast and to get ready for the day ahead.

After our breakfast we headed off to Bonelli's Wood, we drove along the roads towards our destination with the occasional Kite drifting by and two Cuckoos sat on the wires together. It wasn't long before we reached the woods and people soon realised why it gets its name, with Bonelli's Warblers singing all around! The oak woods were dotted with Peonies (but not quite in flower) throughout, and as we walked down the woodland track several Spanish Festoons drifted up and down in front of us. As we carried on Aquilegia and Early Purple Orchids were noted in the woody paddocks and two Red Squirrels sat up above us. We soon came out into an open area with a pool full of Marsh Frogs and a singing Tree Pipit before heading back up along the stone walls where we found Iberian wall Lizard and Large Psammmodromus sunning themselves. After this great start to the morning we stopped for our last picnic lunch of the trip in the lovely wooded picnic site in the wood.

After lunch we headed round to the conifer side of the wood, where the group were welcomed by a yellow carpet of Pasque flowers drifting up the hill. We stopped and had a look round the area for a while, with more Festoons and Early Purple Orchids seen. We left Bonelli's Wood and headed back to the road and went to the Puerto del Gredos for a quick look at the fantastic view back down towards the Plains. After the brief stop we drove back to the Lower Parador parking up in the picnic site for another stroll. We worked along the river edges looking for birds coming down to drink, soon having Crested Tits popping into view as well as Red Squirrels running round. After searching further, Nina found a brilliant Schreiber's Lizard sunning itself by the bridge, which was well photographed by all. We made our way slowly back up through the forest before reaching the main road and back to the hotel - but as we reached the hotel and most had gone in, Michael appeared with a little friend on his finger in the shape of a Swallowtail butterfly which showed very well. Once it finally decided to leave us, we went for a great last dinner with lots to discuss about all the things we had seen.

## Day 8

Tuesday 29th April

Paradore- Madrid- Heathrow

Sunny 23 degrees C

We rose early and said farewell to our great hosts and headed on our way for the last time with a quick stop at the Parador where once again Rock Buntings and Serins teased us. We headed on out of the Gredos with one last Rockthrush on the side of the road before dropping down to more open fields. We carried on towards Madrid with the occasional Stork and Kite along the route before reaching the airport for the flight home.

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## Species List

### Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location/Notes
<b>Class Gymnosperms</b>		
<b>Pinaceae</b>		
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Pine family Stone Pine	Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scot's Pine	Gredos
<b>Cupressaceae</b>		
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Cypress family Common Juniper	Gredos
<b>Class Angiosperms</b>		
<b>Order Dicotyledons</b>		
<b>Fagaceae</b>		
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Oak family Cork Oak	managed woodlands
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak	Monfragüe
<i>Quercus ilex subsp. rotundifolia</i>	Western Holm Oak	widespread around Trujillo
<i>Quercus pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean Oak	widespread from Monfragüe to Gredos
<b>Urticaceae</b>		
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle family Stinging Nettle	Trujillo and Gredos
<b>Aristolochiaceae</b>		
<i>Aristolochia paucinervis</i>	Birthwort family a Birthwort	Viña Las Torres and Bonelli's Wood
<b>Santalaceae</b>		
<i>Viscum album</i>	Sandalwood family Mistletoe	Gredos
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>		
<i>Silene alba</i>	Pink family White Campion	steppes around Trujillo
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-Flowered Catchfly	steppes around Trujillo
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Pink Catchfly	steppes around Trujillo
<i>Paronychia capitata</i>	Paronychia	steppes around Trujillo and Gredos
<i>Spergularia purpurea</i>	Purple Sand Spurrey	steppes around Trujillo
<i>Arenaria grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered Sandwort	Monfragüe
<i>Arenaria montana</i>	Mountain Sandwort	Bonelli's Wood
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-mist	track by Almaraz orchid site
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>		
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Buttercup family Celery-leaved Buttercup	Almonte river
<i>Ranunculus abnormis</i>	a double-flowered Buttercup	La Platforma, Gredos
<i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i>	Water Crowfoot	common in rivers
<i>Ranunculus gramineus</i>	Grass-leaved Buttercup	Gredos
<i>Ranunculus ollisiponensis</i>	a Buttercup	in pinewoods at Navarredonda de Gredos
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	Gredos
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Common Columbine	Bonelli's Wood
<i>Pulsatilla alpina subsp. apiifolia</i>	Yellow Alpine Pasque Flower	Bonelli's Wood
<b>Paeoniaceae</b>		
<i>Paeonia officinalis ssp. humilis</i>	Peony family Common Peony	NOT IN FLOWER, Bonelli's Wood



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<i>Paeonia broteri</i>	Western Peony	Bonelli's Wood
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppy family</b>	
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Monfragüe
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	Long-Headed Poppy	Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	Bonelli's Wood
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	roadside verges
<b>Brassicaceae</b>	<b>Cress family</b>	
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish	roadside verges around Trujillo
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Cuckoo Flower/Ladies Smock	Bonelli's Wood
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	Bonelli's Wood
<b>Resedaceae</b>	<b>Mignonette family</b>	
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	roadside verges around Trujillo
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop family</b>	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	Trujillo
<b>Saxifragaceae</b>	<b>Saxifrage family</b>	
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Meadow Saxifrage	Gredos
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Rose family</b>	
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	Gredos
<i>Geum sylvaticum</i>	Wood Avens	Bonelli's Wood
<b>Leguminosae (Fabaceae)</b>	<b>Pea family</b>	
<i>Genista hirsuta</i>	Spiny Greenweed	throughout
<i>Adenocarpus argyophyllos</i>	Spanish Adenocarpus	Monfragüe
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia	Trujillo, Monfragüe
<i>Cytisus multiflorus</i>	White Broom	Monfragüe, Gredos
<i>Lupinus augustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin	beside Almonte river
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Almaraz orchid site
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	Trujillo
<i>Vicia benghalensis</i>	Purple Vetch / Reddish Tufted Vetch	Trujillo
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	Trujillo, Monfragüe
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	a Vetchling	road leading to Viña las Torres
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Viña las Torres
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres, Monfragüe
<i>Trifolium incarnata</i>	Crimson Clover	lunch stop steppes of Belen
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Haresfoot Clover	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Onobrychis humilis</i>	an endemic Saifoin	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Anthyllis lotoides</i>	an endemic Kidney-vetch	steppes around Trujillo
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	<b>Geranium family</b>	
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	throughout
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shiny Cranesbill	Trujillo
<i>Erodium ciconium</i>	Common Storksbill	throughout
<b>Linaceae</b>	<b>Flax family</b>	
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres

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<b>Euphorbiaceae</b> <i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	<b>Spurge family</b> a Spurge	beside Almonte river
<b>Anacardiaceae</b> <i>Pistacio terebinthus</i>	<b>Pistachio family</b> Turpentine Tree	Monfragüe
<b>Malvaceae</b> <i>Malva sylvestris</i>	<b>Mallow family</b> Common Mallow	Almaraz orchid site
<b>Hypericaceae</b> <i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	<b>St. John's-wort family</b> Perforate St John's Wort	NOT IN FLOWER Viña las Torres
<b>Violaceae</b> <i>Viola riviniana</i>	Violet family Common Dog Violet	Hoyos del Espino
<b>Cistaceae</b> <i>Cistus ladanifer</i> <i>Cistus crispus</i> <i>Cistus salvifolius</i> <i>Cistus populifolius</i> <i>Tuberaria guttata</i> <i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	<b>Rockrose family</b> Gum Cistus Wrinkle-leaved Cistus Sage-leaved Cistus Poplar-leaved Cistus Spotted Rockrose Common Rockrose	Monfragüe Almaraz Trujillo Monfragüe Belen/Trujillo Gredos
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b> <i>Bryonia diaica</i>	<b>Gourd family</b> White Bryony	Viña las Torres
<b>Cactaceae</b> <i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	<b>Cactus family</b> Prickly Pear	Trujillo
<b>Umbelliferae (Apiaceae)</b> <i>Ferula communis</i> <i>Daucus carota</i>	<b>Carrot family</b> Giant Fennel Wild Carrot	NOT IN FLOWER Trujillo throughout
<b>Ericaceae</b> <i>Arbutus unedo</i> <i>Erica arborea</i>	<b>Heath family</b> Strawberry Tree Tree Heath	Monfragüe Monfragüe
<b>Primulaceae</b> <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> <i>Anagallis foemina</i> <i>Primula elatior</i>	<b>Primrose family</b> Scarlet Pimpernel Blue Pimpernel Oxlip	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres Llanos Bonelli's Wood
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b> <i>Armeria maritima</i>	<b>Thrift family</b> Thrift	NOT IN FLOWER Gredos
<b>Oleaceae</b> <i>Olea europaea</i>	<b>Olive family</b> Olive	Trujillo to Monfragüe
<b>Convolvulaceae</b> <i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	<b>Bindweed family</b> Mallow bindweed	Almaraz orchid site

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<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Borage family</b>	
<i>Anchusa undulata</i>	Waved-leaved Bugloss	Almonte river site
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Italian Bugloss	Almaraz orchid site
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	widespread
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Almaraz orchid site
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's Tongue	Viña las Torres
<b>Labiatae (Lamiaceae)</b>	<b>Mint family</b>	
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Trujillo, Monfragüe
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Meadow Clary	Almonte river site
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figwort family</b>	
<i>Scrophularia auriculata</i>	Water Figwort	Almaraz wetland site
<i>Verbascum nigrum</i>	Dark Mullein	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Lesser Snapdragon/ Weasel's snout	rest stop near Talavera
<i>Digitalis thapsi</i>	an endemic Foxglove	Monfragüe
<i>Linaria elegans</i>	an endemic purple Toadflax	Gredos
<i>Linaria spartia</i>	an endemic yellow Toadflax	Trujillo
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Trujillo
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	<b>Broomrape family</b>	
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched broomrape	Almaraz orchid site
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	throughout
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>	<b>Plantain family</b>	
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain	throughout
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Bucks-Horn Plantain	Belen/Trujillo
<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflower family</b>	
<i>Campanula rapunculus</i>	Rampion Bellflower	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Campanula lusitanica</i>	an Iberian/N African endemic Bellflower	Llanos de Cáceres lunch stop
<i>Jasione montana</i>	a Sheepsbit	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres
<b>Compositae (Asteraceae)</b>	<b>Daisy family</b>	
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	widespread
<i>Phagnalon saxatile</i>	Mediterranean Phagnalon	Trujillo
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	Lavender Cotton	NOT IN FLOWER Monfragüe
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Camomile	widespread from Trujillo to Monfragüe
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	Corn Margiold	widespread from Trujillo to Monfragüe
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Trujillo to Monfragüe
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Gredos
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis	Trujillo, Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Taraxacum ssp.</i>	Dandelion	throughout
<i>Andryala integrifolia</i>	Andryala	Trujillo
	<b>Order Monocotyledons</b>	
<b>Liliaceae</b>	<b>Lily family</b>	
<i>Gagea nevadensis</i>	a Gagea	Gredos
<b>Xanthorrhoeaceae</b>	<b>Asphodel family</b>	
<i>Asphodelus albus</i>	White Asphodel	Monfragüe
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Summer Asphodel	Bonelli's Wood

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<b>Asparagaceae</b>		
<i>Scilla verna</i>	Spring Squill	Bonelli's Wood
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Star Of Bethlehem	Trujillo
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Viña las Torres, Trujillo
<i>Dipcadi serotinum</i>	Dipcadi	steppes of Belen, Monfragüe
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Spanish Bluebell	Bonelli's Wood
<i>Polygonatum odoratum</i>	Angular/ Scented Solomon's Seal	Bonelli's Wood
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>		
<i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>	Lent Lily	woods near Hoyos del Espino
<i>Narcissus rupicola</i>	Rock Narcissus	Gredos Mts
<i>Narcissus bulbocodium</i>	Hoop Petticoat Narcissus	Gredos Mts
<i>Narcissus triandrus subsp. paldulus</i>	a pale yellow Angel's Tears	Gredos Mts
<b>Iridaceae</b>		
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Wild Gladiolus	Trujillo, Monfragüe
<i>Moraea(Gynardiris) sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	Llanos de Cáceres
<i>Iris lustianica</i>	Spanish Iris	Monfragüe
<i>Crocus carpetanus</i>	an endemic Crocus	Gredos Mts
<b>Orchidaceae</b>		
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Early Purple Orchid	Bonelli's Wood
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man/ Italian Orchid	Almaraz orchid site
<i>Anacamptis morio subsp. champagneuxii</i>	Champagne Orchid	Viña las Torres
<i>Anacamptis coriophora</i>	Bug Orchid	between Belen and Trujillo
<i>Ophrys scolopax</i>	Woodcock Orchid	Almaraz orchid site
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	Almaraz orchid site
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	Viña las Torres and Almaraz wetland site
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	Almaraz orchid site

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

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			✓	✓			H	
2	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		H	H	H	H			
3	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					✓			
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
5	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					✓			
6	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓			
7	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			1	2				
8	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					1			
10	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>				✓	✓			
11	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
12	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					✓			
13	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>					✓			
14	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>					✓			
15	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					✓			
16	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>							1	

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
19	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>							1	
20	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			4	1				
21	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	1	6	✓	5	9	1		
23	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			1	2	1	1	1	
24	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>					3			
25	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1		8				
26	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		1	1	3	2	1	✓	✓
27	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>			1					
28	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		1		1	1			
29	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>			1					
30	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>		5	2	4	2	7	3	
31	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
32	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
33	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			1					
34	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>		15		15				
35	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>		1		1				
36	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>					10			
37	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					✓			
38	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓			✓			
39	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				4	1			
40	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>					3			
41	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			1	2				
42	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					1			
43	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			1		2			
44	Gull billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					✓			
45	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>				14				
46	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia feral</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>								
48	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>		6						
51	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H	H	H	2	H		2	H
52	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>					H	H		
53	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>			2					
54	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1						
55	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartia melba</i>			✓					
56	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>			1	✓				
58	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
59	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>				8				
60	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				H		✓	✓	
62	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>						H	✓	
63	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
64	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
65	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			1					
66	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>							✓	
67	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
68	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>						H		

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70	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
71	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
74	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>						1	✓	
75	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		✓		✓				
78	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				2				
79	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>				5				
80	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
81	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>		✓						
82	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>				✓		✓	H	
83	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				H		✓	✓	
84	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					✓			
85	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓			✓	✓	
87	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			H					
90	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				2	2	2	3	
91	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						✓	✓	✓
92	Grasshopper warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>					H			
93	Savi's warbler	<i>Locustella lusciniodes</i>					✓			
94	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					✓			
95	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					✓			
96	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>							H	
97	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	H	✓	H	1	✓			
98	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				1		✓	✓	✓
99	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>							H	
100	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>						✓	✓	✓
101	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>			✓					
102	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓				
103	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						✓	H	
104	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>						✓	H	
105	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H	H	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
106	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>						✓	✓	
107	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			1			✓	✓	
108	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓				✓			
109	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			1					
112	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			2					
113	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			1			✓	✓	✓
114	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>						2		
115	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	H	H	H	H	H	H
116	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			1		✓	✓	✓	✓
117	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
119	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		1	1			1	3	
120	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>						3		1

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121	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			✓					1	
122	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>								1	
123	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>							1		
124	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
125	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
126	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>							3	2	
127	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			H				✓	✓	✓
128	Yellow (Iberian) Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava (iberiae)</i>							✓	✓	
129	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓				✓	✓	
130	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
131	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		2		1					
132	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>							H		
133	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>								2	
134	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>							3		
135	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
136	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
138	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>						✓	✓		
140	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>							3	✓	
141	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
142	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			✓				✓	✓	

### Mammals

1	Red Fox	<i>Vulpus vulpus</i>			1						
2	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>			7						
3	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	2				1				
4	Spanish Ibex	<i>Capra pyrenaica</i>						✓			
5	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>								6	
6	Pip sp		1								

### Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Viperine water snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>			1						
2	Iberian wall lizard	<i>Podarcis pityusensis</i>			✓			✓	✓		
3	Schreiber's Lizard	<i>Acanthodactylus schreiberi</i>						3	3		
4	Large Psammmodromus	<i>Psammmodromus algirus</i>				1				2	
5	Iberian Ribbed Newt	<i>Pleurodeles waltl</i>			1						
6	Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>		1							
7	Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>			✓	✓	H		✓		
8	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>			✓	✓					
9	Stripe-necked terrapin	<i>Mauremys caspica</i>				1					

### Butterflies & Moths

1	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>								1	
2	Swallow tail	<i>Papilio alexanor</i>								1	
3	Scarce swallow tail	<i>Iphiclidus podalirius</i>								1	
4	Spanish Swallow tail	<i>Iphiclidus feisthamelii</i>				1					
5	Spanish Festoon	<i>Zerynthia rumina</i>								30+	
6	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>								3	
7	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		1		2				2	

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8	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>								1
9	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
10	Green-striped White	<i>Euchloe belemia</i>				3				
11	Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		1						5
12	Provence Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis euphenoides</i>								8
13	Western Dapple White	<i>Euchloe simplonia</i>					2			
14	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>								2
15	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>								4
16	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>				1				
17	Holy Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>								1
18	Black-eyed Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche malanops</i>				1				
19	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓		✓				
20	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>								3
21	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			1	1				1
22	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>			1			1	1	
23	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>								1
24	Queen Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>								2
25	Provincial Fritillary	<i>Mellicta dejone</i>				1				
26	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			5	1				1
27	Spanish Marbled White	<i>Melanargia ines</i>				5	2			
28	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>					1			
29	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓		✓				
30	Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Epicallia villica</i>				1				
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## Other Taxa

Slug sp

Oil beetle sp x2

Rhino Beetle

Tiger beetle sp

Louisiana Crayfish