

# Spain's Coto Donana & Extremadura

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Tawny Pipit



Spanish Imperial Eagle mobbing a Griffon Vulture



The church at El Rocio



Female Lesser Kestrel

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## Day 1

Tuesday 12th April

It was a beautiful day in London when we all gathered for the midday flight to Seville. The plane was announced early and we all boarded quickly and efficiently resulting in an early take-off and thus an early arrival into Seville. We were quickly through immigration and all the bags arrived and, as we exited the secure side, we were greeted by a smiling Laura. Even the weather was with us as the forecasted rain had passed over and the Seville was bathed in sunshine. Two brand new minibuses were hired, bags loaded and we were on our way, heading east, skirting Seville and heading towards Doñana.

A few birds were noted as we travelled the much improved road system: Booted Eagle over the road, many Black Kite and Common Kestrel and good numbers of Barn Swallow. Passing through the Stone Pine "lollipop" trees, we started to see our first Iberian Magpies (once called Azure-winged) and huge White Stork nests adorned many of the pylons.

Our arrival into El Rocío and our hotel Toruño at 6pm coincided with two other birding groups so we enjoyed the fruit, local cheese, juice and the odd glass of port while we waited to check in. Before dinner some looked over the lagoon at the rear where Greater Flamingo, Spoonbill and Glossy Ibis were apparent and continued to be so while we had our first dinner in the restaurant.

Peter and Laura outlined the itinerary for the next few days and we retired to bed in anticipation of our first morning in Doñana.

## Day 2

Wednesday 13th April

The morning started with light rain. Some birds were flying above the lagoon at first light: Glossy Ibis, Black Kites and Little Egret. After breakfast the rain stopped and the weather changed, looking promising. The temperature was perfect and we decided to go to the area known as La Rocina, nice Mediterranean pine forest, a beautiful place, good for species like Common Nightingale, Serin and Long-tailed Tit. We walked to the first hide where we had some interesting birds such as Purple Heron, Spoonbills and Red-crested Pochard.

We continued walking to the second hide; on the way we had fantastic views of a Common Nightingale. Exploring the pines, we had good views of Woodchat Shrike, Cetti's and Bonelli's Warbler and Short-toed Treecreeper. The morning rain had brought in migrants and we watched a big group of Garden Warblers and Blackcaps catching mosquitos. Returning to the car park, we drove to another point, stopping to enjoy a group of European Bee-eaters sitting on a fence, Thekla Lark and Sardinian Warbler.

It was now time for lunch so we returned to the main road and drove to El Acebuche, where we enjoyed our picnic watching Hoopoe and Iberian Magpies. After lunch we had a walk along the paths to a hide, but the marsh was dry so we decided to drive back to El Rocío, first of all stopping in the Café for a nice ice cream.

We stopped on the outskirts of the town to explore the marshes, trying to see Penduline Tits with no success but we saw Collared Pratincole, Black-winged Stilt, Curlew Sandpiper, Ringed Plovers and finally, to our surprise, one of the clients spotted a Chameleon lying in one of the branches of one tree!

A nice day, we returned to our hotel for a break and later enjoyed our dinner!

## Day 3

Thursday 14th April

Another early start, this time we headed to the east to explore the other side of the River Guadalquivir and the Salinas de Bonanza. We drove directly to the Salinas where a good selection of birds were waiting for us. It is a special place because the saltpan lagoons are very important for some birds during the migration and breeding season. Birds included a big group of Curlew Sandpipers, some Little Stint and a few Sanderlings, Eurasian Curlews, Black-winged Stilt and Kentish Plover; the beautiful Slender-billed Gull, sharing territory with Greater Flamingo, and Yellow-legged Gull, Little Terns and Gull-billed Terns that were flying above us.

Zitting Cisticola were everywhere, and a few raptors were in the distance, like Spanish Imperial Eagle, Short-toed Snake Eagle and large numbers of Black Kites.

We drove to the pine woods of the Laguna del Tarelo, where we had White-headed Duck, Squacco and Black-crowned Night Heron, Little Bittern, Western Cattle Egret and Western Swamphen. We found a nice place with tables and shade to prepare the picnic and, whilst enjoying the food, a juvenile Spanish Imperial Eagle passed above us, crossing the sky giving good views of this very distinct bird. We also had good views of Booted Eagle, Short-toed Snake Eagle, Black and Red Kite and Griffon Vulture. What a great spot for raptors!

We made our way back slowly, stopping at some points along the back roads towards Seville. Good views were had of Montagu's Harrier, both female and male, flying above the fields, Common and Pallid Swifts and Red-rumped Swallow crossing the sky of Seville city.

We finally arrived back to the hotel after long day driving, and drinks and the delicious local dinner were very welcome.

## Day 4

Friday 15th April

The day started with a promising clear sky, perfect for our excursion through the Doñana National Park, with our guides Sergio and Alvaro.

The idea was to spend the first hour looking for the Iberian Lynx and after that some walks for birding and to enjoy the fantastic landscape of Doñana. We crossed the main access "Raya Real", and drove through the labyrinth of sandy tracks. No luck with the Lynx, but we found very fresh footprints of one of the males who probably crossed this track a few hours before!

We arrived at the edge of the Mediterranean forest and the Marisma, from where we saw Iberian Shrike, Booted Eagle, Short-toed Snake Eagle, a lot of Black Kites, Red Deer, and Turtle Dove and two Little Owls sitting in a dead Eucalyptus.

We continued driving to the next stop, where we found a male Spanish Imperial Eagle perched on one of the pylons. This was a good spot for raptors, four Short-toed Eagle, Booted Eagle in both colour phases, Griffon Vultures and also two Black Storks flying over the fields - what a surprise!

We returned to El Rocío where we enjoyed a nice lunch in one of the local restaurants and then spent some time later looking for Red-knobbed Coot (neck collared) within a big group of hundreds of Eurasian Coots. A lot of effort and working as a team, we finally saw it! What confused the matter was that we found a Eurasian Coot with a black neck collar!

After our siesta, we returned with our guides first to the open marshes of Doñana where we saw Crested Lark, Common Cuckoo, Greater Short-toed Lark, Northern Raven, Subalpine Warbler and nice views of two Egyptian vultures.

At the end of the afternoon we tried again for the Lynx, driving through the "hot spots", but no success. We arrived at El Rocío just in time for dinner! Another great day in Doñana!

## Day 5

Saturday 16th April

We started the morning with a relaxed breakfast as we were to leave El Rocío and start our journey to Trujillo, The first stop was in La Dehesa de Abajo, a lake located in the Natural Park of Doñana, where we had good views of White-headed Duck, Black-necked Grebe, Red-crested Pochard, Red-knobbed Coot, Western Swamphen and Purple Heron.

After a nice stop in the cafe of La Dehesa, we headed towards Seville, making another stop in Aznalcázar, a nice spot next to the river Guadiana, where we enjoyed our picnic, with great views of a pair Western Olivaceous Warblers building a nest. Just after we finished our lunch the heavy rain started, so was time to go into the minibuses and drive towards Extremadura, making a comfort stop along the way.

Finally we arrived at our hotel, Viña Las Torres, where Belen and Juan Pedro were waiting for us with a welcome drink and a great dinner. It was a long day, so time to relax and rest.

## Day 6

Sunday 17th April

With a promising morning, we headed to the north-west of Trujillo, to explore the plains of Santa Marta de Magasca. The first surprise of the morning was to find five Long-eared Owl chicks sitting in a Tamarisk and had great views of them!

We arrived to the open steppe grassland where we found two Stone-curlew sharing a field with a solitary male Great Bustard. In the next field a few Great Bustards were showing very well, with one of the males displaying. We walked along a track which cuts through the heart of the plains. Lot of Corn Buntings were singing around, also Crested Lark, Thekla Lark and Tawny Pipit were seen here. We heard Black-bellied Sandgrouse in the distance, but we didn't see any of the sandgrouse at this time.

It was time for a very welcome coffee in the village of Santa Marta de Magasca. After our break, we continued to the road of Monroy, checking the area where we finally spotted two male Little Bustards showing their heads above the grass and displaying.

We continued to the junction which leads back to Santa Marta, which we decided was a nice spot to have our picnic, with great views of Montagu's Harriers in the fields around, another male Little Bustard showing nicely in the amazing open landscape and a Swallowtail Butterfly flying around; a perfect place to enjoy our lunch.

After our lunch, we continued to the Monroy-Llanos de Cáceres area, where we saw a pair of European Rollers sitting on a rock in front of us, and some others sitting in the wires: nice birds, beautiful colours. We heard Black-bellied Sandgrouse but we couldn't see them. We also saw male Montagu's Harrier, Booted Eagle and Eurasian Hoopoe.

We decide return to Trujillo, checking the fields for the sandgrouse, but no success again. Once in Trujillo, we stopped at the bullring to see the Lesser Kestrel colony and take beautiful pictures of them in flight!

We arrived back at the hotel with some time to relax and enjoyed our delicious local dinner.

## Day 7

## Monday 18th April

Another day with a good weather forecast, so we headed north to the beautiful Monfragüe National Park.

Our first stop was at the famous place, Peña Falcon, where we enjoyed hundreds of Griffon Vultures soaring around the fascinating cliff with some Cinereous (Black) Vultures and a Peregrine Falcon flying with them. Also there were a lot of Crag Martins and a Black Stork sitting on a nest near the water line! We had good views here of the beautiful Blue Rock Thrush and a brief view of a Rock Bunting. We decided to move to our next stop, driving short distance stopping at the River Tajo, where hundreds of House Martins were flying and we saw few pairs of Alpine Swifts amongst them.

We continued making a coffee stop in Villareal de San Carlos, followed by a birding stop in an area that was burned about ten years ago; the vegetation is now recovering and perfect habitat for us to see Dartford Warbler, Subalpine Warbler, Thekla Lark and, close by, we saw a pair of Black-eared Wheatear!

We drove to the next stop, a Mirador at the edge of the dam that splits the river Tiétar and Tajo. We had lunch in a lovely spot with great views of Booted Eagle, Egyptian and Griffon Vulture flying overhead.

After lunch, we continued towards La Portilla del Tiétar, pausing in the pine forest where we had good views of Crested Tit. At La Portilla, upon getting out of the vehicles, we had incredible views of an impressive adult Spanish Imperial Eagle flying above the cliff, allowing us an excellent opportunity to see this magnificent bird! It was constantly mobbing the nesting Griffon Vultures. We spent some time scanning the cliff and a Bonelli's Eagle came past, allowing us to see the characteristic marking. Later we explored the edges of the river before stopping for refreshment and then driving back to our hotel to get ready for our dinner! It was another good day!

## Day 8

Tuesday 19th April

Our last full day in Extremadura, but the weather forecast wasn't very promising. We decided to head to the north of Trujillo, back to the steppe around Santa Marta de Magasca in search of the sandgrouse. This was a good choice as the rain held off and Paul alerted us to two Black-bellied Sandgrouse flying over the field. We continued walking the track and heard Pin-tail Sandgrouse calling and finally found a group that landed in a field and disappeared among the grass. Noisy Calandra Larks, Corn Buntings and a big group of Great Bustards in the completed the scene, before the rain started and, near a bridge over the Magasca River, we found a male Cirl Bunting, Stonechats and saw, briefly, a Kingfisher.

Even though it had started raining we managed to enjoy our picnic under the sheltered tables in the village of Santa Marta, after which we drove back to Trujillo to spend the afternoon doing some shopping and resting in the hotel.

Before dinner, the rain finally stopped and allowed us to walk around the garden of Viña Las Torres. A pair of Hawfinch was our last surprise of the day which despite the rain, had been a good birding day!

## Day 9

Wednesday 20th April

After packing up our belongings and having breakfast, we drove to the plains of Belén to have our last experience of Extremadura birding. We were rewarded with nice views of male and female Montagu's Harrier and a Little Bustard. We started our journey to Madrid, making a comfort and lunch stop on the way. This was the end of an enjoyable wildlife holiday in the south of Spain and we said goodbye to Laura, Aiden and Emma who were remaining whilst the rest had a comfortable ride back to London where we bid our fond farewells.

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## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	April									
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
2	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		1								
3	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>		3		1	1	2				
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		1								
6	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	1		1	1						
7	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	1									
8	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>		8	✓	3	✓					
9	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
10	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>			3		1					
11	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	1		1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						H		H		
13	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		3	✓		✓	1	1			1
14	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓	1				
15	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					10					
16	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
17	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				2				2		
18	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
20	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
21	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			1							
22	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓	✓	✓	1	1					
23	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			2							
24	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	
25	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	3	✓	1	✓	1	1	1	1	
26	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		6	✓	1						
27	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		5	1		2					
28	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
29	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			3		1		8			
30	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>					1					2
31	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>				2		1	4			
32	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			20	✓	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Cinereous (Black) Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>						5	6	1	1	
34	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	1		1	4	1	3	4			
35	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1	2	6	10	2	6	6	1		
36	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>			2	1			2			
37	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>							1			
38	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>					5					
39	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			6		3	10				2
40	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>				2	1	4	1	4		
41	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1	1	1	2	4	2	1			1
43	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>					1	14		15		
44	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>						3		2	1	
45	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		H								
46	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		4	2	✓	✓					
47	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓	1	2	✓		3			

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48	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
49	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>				1	2					
50	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>						2		H		
51	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓		✓	✓	1		2	✓	
52	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			✓	✓						
53	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			1							
54	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			✓							
55	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		1	✓							
56	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		3	1							
57	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			✓							
58	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				5						
59	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>			2							
60	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			8							
61	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			1							
62	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				2						
63	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			1							
64	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			2							
65	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			✓							
66	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		1	✓							
67	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		3	✓							
68	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		6	✓		3					
69	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			✓							
70	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			1		✓					
71	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>			✓							
72	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			8						2	
73	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>			5							
74	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			✓							
75	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				2						
76	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>						2		32		
77	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>								2		
78	Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
79	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
80	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		2		2					2	
81	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>				2	1	H	H	H	2	
83	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>					1	1				
84	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>						H				
85	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>				2		1			2	
86	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>						5		3		
87	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>		1								
88	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>				1	1		10			
89	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
90	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		2	✓	✓	✓					
91	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>						5				
92	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					1			1		
93	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
94	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		4	1	5	✓	✓	3	10	✓	
95	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1								
96	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>					H					
97	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				1	3	8	5	✓		
98	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓		1	✓	



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			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
99	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					1		2		
100	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	1			3	✓	✓	✓	✓	
101	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>					1				
103	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
104	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	1	4	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloesus monedula</i>		H		2	4	✓	5		✓
106	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	1		2	20	✓	4	2	4	✓
107	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		1					H		
108	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>							1		
109	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		2		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
110	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
111	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		1						1	
112	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>		1				2	✓	✓	2
113	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
114	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				1	1	1		1	
115	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>				1		✓		✓	✓
116	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓		3	✓	1			
117	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>						6	✓	✓	
119	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		16	6	2	✓	6	10	2	✓
121	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	1	1	1		1	H	
122	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus irbii</i>		2			1		2		
123	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>					H				
124	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		1		1					
125	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>			1		1				
126	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		1	2	1	H				
127	Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>					2				
128	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		1		1					
129	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>		3							
130	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		1	✓	3	✓	✓	✓	2	✓
131	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		3			✓		1	H	
132	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		20							
133	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1							
134	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>		2					2		
135	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>				1		H	1	1	
136	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		1	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>							H		
138	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		1		H		1	2		
139	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		2	1	H	H	2	2		1
140	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
141	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
142	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						1	1		
143	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1							
144	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		5	2	H	4	2	2	H	✓
145	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca iberiae</i>					1				
146	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>						2	5		
147	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				1		1			
148	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>							8		
149	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		4		4		6	2	✓	2

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			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
150	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			2			3		1		
151	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>							4			
152	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
153	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
154	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		4				2		2		
155	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>									1	
156	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>		4			1					
157	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>			10	✓	1			1		
158	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						1				
159	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>						2	1	1		
160	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						4		2		
161	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>				1						
162	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
163	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>								2		
164	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		2		✓	✓	✓	✓	2		
165	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			1	4			4			
166	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
167	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
168	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
169	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>							1			
170	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>								1		

## Mammals

1	Granada Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>								2	5
2	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			1	10					
3	Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>		10							
4	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>				8					
5	Red Deer (Maral)	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	2	10		10	10		6		

## Reptiles & Amphibians

Natterjack Toad, *Bufo calamita*

Mediterranean Chameleon, *Chamaeleo chamaeleon*

Spanish Psammmodromus, *Psammmodromus hispanicus*

European Pond Turtle, *Emys orbicularis*

Common Wall Gecko, *Tarentola mauritanica*

Ladder Snake, *Rhinechis scalaris*

## Butterflies & Moths

Spanish Festoon, *Zerynthia rumina*

Western Dappled White, *Euchloe crameri*

Geranium Bronze, *Cacyreus marshalli*

Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*

Speckled Wood [ssp aegeria], *Pararge aegeria aegeria*

Spanish Marbled White, *Melanargia ines*

Swallowtail, *Papilio machaon*

Brown Argus, *Aricia agestis*

Rush Veneer, *Nomophila noctuella*

Large White, *Pieris brassicae*

Clouded Yellow, *Colias crocea*

Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*

Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*

Bath White, *Pontia daplidice*

Large Tortoiseshell, *Nymphalis polychloros*

Small White, *Pieris rapae*

Pine Processionary Moth, *Thaumetopoea pityocampa*

## Other Taxa

Fiddler Crabs, Thick-lipped Grey Mullet, Red Flashwing grasshopper, Black Oil Beetle, Mole Cricket sp. Dung Beetle sp., a froghopper (*Cercopis intermedia*)

## Selected Plants

## Coto Doñana

*Arctotheca caléndula* (Coto Doñana)

*Anthemis mixta* (Coto Doñana)

*Lithodora fruticosa*

*Anchusa officinalis* (El Acebron)

*Lupinus luteus* (La Rocina)

*Cerintho major* (Coto Doñana)

*Onosma erecta* (Coto Doñana)

*Echium vulgare*

*Linaria vulgaris* (La Rocina)

*Leucojum trichophyllum* (Coto Doñana)

## Extremadura:

*Anacamptis morio ssp champagneuxii* (Viña las Torres)

*Tuberaria guttata* (Monfragüe)

*Cistus ladanifer* (Monfragüe)



Young Long-eared Owl



Spanish Festoon