# Spain - Extremadura & Gredos Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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European Roller

European Bee-eater



Red-billed Chough



View towards the Gredos Mountains

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#### Day 1

# Sunday 24th April

Heathrow, Madrid and Trujillo

The tour started with a flight from London Heathrow to Madrid. Once at Madrid airport we collected our bags and then met Laura, who was waiting for us. After collecting our vehicles we set off towards Trujillo. Once we had left Madrid we travelled through rolling countryside and en route spotted a few Black Kites and a White Stork drifted over the road. We stopped at a service station which gave us a chance to look at the local wildlife. As we strolled to a pool the local stork's nest held House and Spanish Sparrows, a Crested Lark ran round the garage forecourt, and Laura spotted some Great Bustards on the other side of the motorway. As we approached the pool a Purple Heron flew off, and several Migrant Spreadwing damselflies were flitting along the edge. As we walked back towards the vehicles, Corn Buntings jangled from the grassland and a Black Stork drifted round overhead. We then continued towards Trujillo.

We soon reached Trujillo and turned off into the countryside. We pulled up at our home for the next few days with lovely views over the olive groves and fields. After a lovely meal we had a look outside and a little searching revealed some Mole Crickets. After watching them, we all headed to bed for the night.

# Day 2

# **Monday 25th April**

Trujillo, Accorrin Dam, Campo Lugar and Madredulia

We started the morning with a walk near our finca. Iberian Magpies drifted amongst the trees while Common Nightingale exploded into song from the garden. After a walk around the olive groves and flower meadows, which held Champagne Orchids and Serapias, we went for breakfast.

After breakfast we headed towards Trujillo and the Bullring were a few Lesser Kestrels were seen flying to the roof. We wandered down to the park where European Serins were displaying. Black-winged Stilts were on the lake while a good show of European Pond Terrapins sunbathed on the large rocks and reed clumps. Some of us were lucky enough to find an Emperor Peacock Moth on a car.

We returned to the vehicles and headed away from Trujillo and through the cork forest to a dam where we stopped to look over the dam and the stunning flower meadows. There were good numbers of egrets and Eurasian Spoonbills on the edge of the water. We walked along a track to the picnic site, enjoying the lovely weather and views with the occasional Crested Lark and European Stonechat along the way. Upon reaching the picnic site we were welcomed by a Woodchat Shrike and, much to our surprise, a family of Long-eared Owls. Four young watched us have lunch! We looked out over the dam where more Eurasian Spoonbill, Common Sandpiper and a family of Egyptian Geese fed, while the White Storks drifted into their nests along the edge. Once lunch was finished we went for a walk along the water's edge where Small Heath and Clouded Yellow butterflies flitted round and the occasional Spanish Festoon fed amongst the thistles. Blue Emperor and Migrant Hawker dragonflies and one or two Western Clubtails were darting back and forth. We walked through the grass and found a pair of Thekla Lark. Whilst walking back along the track we found freshly emerged Black-eyed Blue butterflies.

Once back in the vehicles we returned to the main road where a large raptor drifted across in the shape of a European Honey Buzzard, which circled round and was joined by Common Buzzards. We headed out onto the plains where we came across the first of the day's Great Bustards. As we watched them an Iberian Hare burst from the field in front of us and charged across the field. We continued on, driving slowly up the road and soon came across a European Roller perched on the fence line. We moved on across the plain finding a few more groups of bustards as well as a few species of butterfly including Small Heath, Swallowtail and Spanish Swallowtail. We turned towards Madredulia and the rice fields. As we drove slowly along we enjoyed amazing views of European Bee-eater. As we turned back we spotted a few Collared Pratincoles across the fields and a Squacco Heron hiding at one of the pools.

After a good day we returned to Vina Las Torres and enjoyed another excellent evening meal.

### Day 3

# **Tuesday 26th April**

Rio Almonte - Monfragüe National Park

We woke up to another sunny day and after breakfast, headed off towards Monfragüe National Park. We drove through the open plains and into the Oak Dehesa, soon reaching our first stop at Rio Almonte. The river level was very high but the Edible Frogs were singing, Eurasian Crag Martins skirted along the side of the bridge and Zitting Cisticola 'bounced' over the grass. Once we had managed to drag ourselves away we continued but soon stopping again, this time for a Bonelli's Eagle circling over the road. Moving on again, the first of the day's Spanish Imperial Eagles put in an appearance. After winding round the roads into the national park we turned up the hillside to the Castile and, once near the top, we walked the last bit to the top.

From the top we enjoyed stunning views of the surrounding countryside whilst Red-billed Choughs circled around and Griffon Vultures started to drift up on the thermals and sail past, giving stunning views. As we were about to leave, the Griffon Vultures were joined by a Cinereous Vulture. Moving on, we pulled in at a viewing point where, as well as the stunning views of the Common House Martin colony, a few Alpine Swifts swept through. We then heading into the rolling hillsides of Gum Cistus and briefly called at the visitors centre. We then carried on through the park with some catching a glimpse of a Black-eared Wheatear as well as a few Red Deer, on our way to our lunch stop where we enjoyed our picnic in the company of nesting vultures and a Blue Rock Thrush.

After lunch we headed to the far side of the park. At the Rio Teiter we scanned across the hillside and soon found a Spanish Imperial Eagle on its nest. From time to time she popped her head up to take a look around at the Griffon Vultures drifting over, which were joined by Egyptian Vulture and Black Stork. We started to return through the park, stopping at the Pena Falcon rock where we enjoyed fantastic views of vultures and kites as well as the local Peregrine Falcons. Red-rumped Swallows and Eurasian Crag Martins swept below while Blue Rock Thrush and Black Redstart sang from the surrounding rocks. Amongst the rocks were Rock Buntings which drew our attention to *Digitalis Thapsii*, the endemic Foxglove. We finally dragged ourselves away and headed for home and another lovely dinner.

#### Day 4

# Wednesday 27th April

Madroñera - Santa de Magasca Plains - Caceres Plains - Trujillo

The day started with a quick stop in Madonera to pick up bread, which gave us a chance to get to grips with Pallid Swift and visit the park with its White Stork nests. After a little searching we found a Eurasian Scops Owl roosting in one of the bushes. After enjoying stunning views we headed on, past Trujillo towards the plains where we slowed down and stopped for another surprise: three young Long-eared Owls. As we moved off, two falcon-like birds flew across being mobbed by a magpie, which we realised were Great Spotted Cuckoos. Continuing on, we turned off the main road. After passing a couple of Lesser Short-toed Larks which hopped off the road, we stopped and went for a walk along a dirt track. Fields of flowers were all around with the occasional Clouded Yellow butterfly flitting by and Calandra Larks flying from the grassland. We soon found a few Great Bustards in the grass while the occasional Iberian Lizard ran from the track. Briefly four Pin-tailed Sandgrouse flew across the horizon.

After returning to the vehicles, we drove on to turn around and spotted a Green Lizard on the side of the track and European Bee-eaters sat along the fence. Further on we found more Great Bustards. A Golden Eagle was spotted circling in the sky and showing well. Then on the opposite side of the road a Spanish Imperial Eagle circled, giving a nice comparison. After enjoying great views we moved on, stopping for a coffee at a local café before arriving at a picnic site for lunch.

After lunch we headed out of Santa de Magasca to the Monroy road where we drove a short way and stopped. Scanning the fields, we soon found several Little Bustards calling in the fields, which we enjoyed with a multinational group of birders all enjoying the wildlife of the plains.

Next we drove back through Santa de Magasca, through the Rio Magasca river gorge and out onto the Caceres plain. As we drove slowly across the plain we soon came across several European Rollers sitting along the walls, fences and power lines. We turned down a side track and found a pair of Montagu's Harrier drifting over the fields. They were joined by a Hen Harrier which passed through briefly under the other harriers. We continued to the main road and onto Trujillo where we had some time to look round this beautiful town before heading back to our lodgings for our last night in Extremadura.

# Day 5 Thursday 28th April

Almaraz – Arrocampo – Mombeltran - Puetro de Gredos - Hoyo Del Espino

After packing the vehicles and saying farewell to our great hosts, we headed off towards the Gredos Mountains. We soon arrived at Almaraz and stopped at a small Olive grove on the outskirts of the town. While European Bee-eaters called overhead, the Olive grove itself contained orchids of several species including two forms of Naked Man Orchid, Bee and Woodcock Orchids plus the hybrids, two species of Serapias and Champagne Orchid. Several species of broomrape were dotted amongst the orchids making quite a stunning sight. After the short stop we continued towards the Arrocampo wetlands, briefly stopping to look at more orchids in a small meadow on the edge of the town.

At Arrocampo wetlands we stopped at the information centre. At the first hide we enjoyed great views of Purple Herons coming in and out of the reedbeds. Great Reed and Eurasian Reed Warblers were singing in the reedbeds with the occasional Savi's Warbler putting in a burst or two as well. A few Little Bitterns put in an appearance as well as a Eurasian Penduline Tit hanging from the reed mace. We moved to the next hide to be welcomed by Gull-billed Terns patrolling back and forth along the water's edge. The occasional Western

Swamphen put in an appearance and the grass was full of serapias. Further on we found ourselves alongside the road and got to grips with Savi's Warbler reeling in the reedbeds with several birds on show. Several dragonflies and damselflies were amongst the long grass including Iberian and Small Bluetails and Long Skimmer. Clouded Yellow butterflies were dashing back and forth with a Western Dappled White resting on the grass.

We headed back to the visitor centre for lunch where an Egyptian Locust put in an appearance for the group. After lunch we headed to the last hide where we saw a few pairs of Black-winged Stilt, a single Great Egret and a pair of Red-crested Pochard. Several European Bee-eaters flitted round and were joined by a Collared Pratincole hawking back and forth. Sadly we had to drag ourselves away and head for the mountains.

As we continued the landscape soon changed from the lush Cork Oaks to Stone Pine woodlands as we headed up. We stopped at Mombeltran for a leg stretch and to look at the Castle where, as well as the European Serins, a Common Firecrest called from the trees. The weather started to close in so we headed on, up the winding hillside into the Gredos. As we climbed, the local Spanish Ibex stood on the sides watching us. Once at the top we stopped at the Puerto de Gredos to look down the valley at the amazing view back down the pass. Western Bonelli's Warbler sang from the trees behind us and European Crested Tit teased the group. With time ticking on, we headed to our home for the next couple of nights at the Milano where we had a nice meal with amazing views over the mountain and a stunning sunset.

Day 6 Friday 29th April

#### Plataforma - Gredos campsites

Before breakfast we went for a walk along the edge of the village and saw Common Nightingale singing from the bushes while Black Redstarts called from the roof tops. A few European Serin and Common Whitethroat were dotted along the road as well. After a short stroll we returned for breakfast.

After breakfast we headed up the mountain. We drove through the Pine forest which opened into small mountain pastures where we came across several Yellow Wagtails and Northern Wheatear along the roadside. We continued towards the top where the pastures changed to rocky, Broom-covered mountainsides and then opened up into grass and bolder-covered country where the occasional Ortolan Bunting moved between the rocks. We stopped at the car park and got ready for a walk up to the plateau. Rock Buntings and Dunnocks scurried between the rocks while a Common Rock Thrush sang but stayed elusive. The whole time we were under the watchful eye of Ibex from the tops. Moving on, we soon encountered Hoop Petticoat Narcissus on the edge of the snow line amongst the rocks. Just before we reached the top we stopped by a large scrub patch where a stunning male Bluethroat perched out, periodically singing.

We walked across the top where small numbers of crocuses were breaking though the grass and another slightly older group of Ibex lay watching us. Once across the plateau we reached a stone bridge where we stopped to look up the mountain at the snow-capped tops, and at the waterfall below us. An inquisitive young Ibex came to give us a slightly closer inspection. Sadly we had to head back towards the vehicles. The advance party saw the Common Rock Thrush, which finally showed well for everyone in the car park. Once at the vehicles we headed a short way down the mountain to our lunch spot where we found several stunning Wolf Spiders in their nests, occasionally popping out for a look from their holes before scurrying back in.

After lunch we returned down towards the Pine forest and came across a Red Fox making his way through the fields. Upon reaching the forest we went for a leisurely walk along a track getting to grips with Short-toed Treecreeper and European Crested Tits amongst the Pine trees. The track ran a little closer to the river and a Red Squirrel passed in front of us and up into the Poplar trees, doing its best not to be seen. Whilst watching, a mixed flock of Long-tailed Tits, Western Bonelli's Warbler and Common Firecrest moved along the Willow trees edging the river. Whilst wandering back we came across a rather obliging European Pied Flycatcher in the Scots Pines. We headed to the road bridge for a last look before heading back to the Milano for a lovely dinner and great views over where we had spent the day.

# Day 7

# Saturday 30th April

#### Paradore - Bonellis Wood - Lower Paradore

A few of us rose early and headed to the Paradore to search for Citril Finch. Sadly we had no luck but did manage to see a few Red Crossbills and Rock Buntings as a consolation. Not disheartened, we returned to meet the rest of the group for breakfast before heading back to the Paradore for another try. Again we were unlucky but we did find a family of Eurasian Treecreepers moving through the Pines. We continued to our main destination of the day, Bonelli's Wood, which was not quite in leaf. We parking and went for a walk. Both species of peony were in leaf but sadly not in flower, and lizards could be heard scurrying off the leaf litter as we wondered around. We all got to grips with Western Bonelli's Warblers which were in abundance. Large Psammodromus sun-bathed on the stone walls as we walked down into a nice sunny glade where Spanish Festoon and Provincial Orange-tip butterflies flitted round, and a large number of Edible Frogs congregated round the edge of a small pond. White Storks being harassed by Red Kites gave stunning views. Continuing on, Speckled Wood and Orange-tip butterflies put in an appearance along the track with more festoons flying back and forth, and a Black-eyed Blue added a change in colour.

At the picnic site we had our last picnic lunch together in a lovely sunny wooded glade with stone picnic benches. After eating we moved to the other side of the wood where we came across the local form of Pasque Flower which was just starting to flower, and flowering Angel Tears Narcissus. The wooded glades were quiet but Wood White and Speckled Wood were flitting round.

Next we headed down below the Paradore. We stopped in the car park and headed along the edge of the river through the pine woods where there were obvious signs that Wild Boar had been feeding. We walked over a cattle grid and along the track where we came across Badger tracks along the edge. The moss-covered boulders had good numbers of Rock Narcissus on top and around. We wandered off the track and headed up a gully where Laura found Iberian Frog along the small trickling stream, and towards the top we managed to find the Badger sett. A Booted Eagle drifted over the top of the wood being mobbed by crows. We returned down the gully to the vehicles and then back to our accommodation for our last dinner in the Gredos.

## Day 8

# Sunday 1st May

#### Paradore - Madrid - Heathrow

After breakfast we loaded the vehicles and were seen off by the local Rock Sparrows, Cirl Bunting, Red-rumped Swallows and European Serins. We called briefly at the Paradore for another quick look and once again

European Crested Tit and Short-toed Treecreeper called from the edge of the woods. We left the mountains and were soon in the more agricultural areas. Along the way Black and Red Kites were noted as well as several Booted Eagles and Lesser Kestrels. Also seen were White Storks and Crested Larks, and the ever-present Corn Buntings put on a good show along the roads.

After a couple of hours we found ourselves in Madrid and soon after that we were at the airport. We said our farewells to Laura before catching our flight to Heathrow and our onward journeys home.

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# **Species Lists**

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

					April/May								
	Common name	Scientific name	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1			
1	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna		✓									
2	Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiacus		✓									
3	Gadwall	Anas strepera		✓		✓	✓						
4	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
5	Red-crested Pochard	Aythya farina					2						
6	Tufted Duck	Aythya nyroca	✓										
7	Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa	✓	✓		✓							
8	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix				Н	Н						
9	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis		✓		✓	✓						
10	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus		✓	✓		✓						
11	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	✓	✓	✓								
12	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucordia		✓			✓						
14	Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutes					✓						
15	Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides		✓									
16	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
17	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
18	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	✓	✓			✓						
19	Great Egret	Ardea alba		✓			✓						
20	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	✓	✓			✓						
21	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		✓			✓						
22	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	✓	✓									
23	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus			<b>✓</b>								
24	European Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus		✓									
25	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
26	Cinereous Vulture	Aegypius monachus			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
27	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
28	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
29	Spanish Imperial Eagle	Aquila adalberti			3	1							
30	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos				1							
31	Bonelli's Eagle	Aquila fasciata			1								
32	Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis						1					
33	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus		<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>						
34	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus				1							
35	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus	✓	✓		<b>✓</b>							
36	Red Kite	Milvus milvus	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>			
37	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓			
38	Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufinus				1							
39	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>	✓			
40	Great Bustard	Otis tarda	2	21		30							
41	Little Bustard	Tetrax tetrax				2							
42	Western Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio					<b>√</b>						
43	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus		<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>						
44	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra		<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>						
45	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus					Н						
46	Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola		3			1						
47	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	· /			<u> </u>			

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				April/May									
	Common name	Scientific name	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1			
48	Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus					✓						
49	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula			✓								
50	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		✓			✓						
51	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		<b>✓</b>									
52	Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica		<b>✓</b>			✓						
53	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	Pterocles alchata				4							
54	Rock Dove	Columba livia	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
55	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
56	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
57	Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius				2							
58	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	Н	✓	Н	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
59	Eurasian Scops Owl	Otus scops				1	Н	Н					
60	Long-eared Owl	Bubo bubo		5		4							
61	Tawny Owl	Strix aluco		Н					Н				
62	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba			<b>√</b>								
63	Common Swift	Apus apus	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>			
64	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus			<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>							
65	European Roller	Coracias garrulous		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>							
66	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis		<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>						
67	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>					
68	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	Н	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>			
69	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla				Н	Н						
70	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major				· · ·		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>			
71	Iberian Green Woodpecker	Picus sharpie					<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>				
72	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>/</b>			
73	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
74	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrines			<b>✓</b>					-			
75	Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>						
76	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>			
77	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus		Н	<b>✓</b>	Н	Н		Н	Н			
78	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius				· · ·	✓ ···	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓ ···			
79	Iberian Magpie	Cyanopica cooki	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
80	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>			
81	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax			<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>					
82	Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>			
83	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>			
84	Northern Raven	Corvus corax	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
85	Coal Tit	Periparus ater					<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
86	European Crested Tit	Lophophanes cristatus					· ·	✓ ·	✓ ·	✓ ·			
87	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	· ·	✓ ·	✓	· ✓			
88	Great Tit	Parus major	✓	✓	✓	✓ ·	· /	✓ ·	✓	✓ ·			
89	Eurasian Penduline Tit	Remiz pendulinus	_		_		1		Н				
90	Woodlark	Lullula arborea		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	\ \ \ \	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>			
91	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis				Н	<u> </u>	· ·	•	-			
92	Thekla Lark	Galerida theklae		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	, ·					
93	Crested Lark	Galerida triekiae  Galerida cristata	<b>✓</b>	· ·	· ✓	· ·	· ·			<b>✓</b>			
93	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla	, ·	, ·	, ·	<b>▼</b>	,			ļ ,			
95	Calandra Lark	Melanocorypha calandra		<b>✓</b>		<b>∨</b>							
		Alaudala rufescens		<b>,</b>		<b>∨</b> ✓							
96	Lesser Short-toed Lark					<b>,</b>	<b>✓</b>			-			
97	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>∨</b> ✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	./			
98	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>			<b>V</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>✓</b>			

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99	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
100	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		✓	✓		✓			
103	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus		Н	✓			✓	✓	
104	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus							Н	
105	Western Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli					✓	✓	✓	✓
106	Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus		Н			✓			
107	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus		✓			✓			
108	Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta							✓	
109	Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides					✓			
110	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
111	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		Н	Н		✓	✓	✓	✓
112	Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin					✓		✓	
113	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis						✓	✓	✓
114	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans			✓					
115	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala		✓	✓	✓	✓			
116	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla					Н	✓	✓	Н
117	Goldcrest	Regulus regulus						✓	✓	
118	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea						<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
120	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla			Н	Н	Н	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
121	Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris							<b>✓</b>	
122	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	<b>✓</b>							
123	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
124	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
125	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus						✓		
126	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula						✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
127	Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica						✓		
128	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	Н	Н	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	Н
129	European Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca						✓		
130	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros	<b>✓</b>	Н	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
131	Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis						✓		
132	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius			✓					
133	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra				1				
134	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
135	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		<b>✓</b>			✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
136	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica			✓					
137	White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus						✓		
138	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
139	Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>			
140	Rock Sparrow	Petronia petronia						<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
141	Dunnock	Prunella modularis		Н	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
142	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava iberiae						✓	<b>√</b>	
143	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea				<b>✓</b>		Н	<b>√</b>	
144	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>
145	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris				<b>✓</b>				
146	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis							<b>✓</b>	
147	Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta					<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		
148	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		<b>✓</b>						
149	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>

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150	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	~					
151	Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild		<b>✓</b>											
152	Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra						<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	~					
153	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	_					
154	European Serin	Serinus serinus	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	_					
155	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	v					
156	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia			<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	_					
157	Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortulana						<b>✓</b>							
158	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus	Н					<b>✓</b>							
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	T.	On the second of the second								_					
1	Red Squirrel	Sciurus vulgaris						<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	-					
2	Pipistrelle sp		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	✓					<u> </u>					
3	Bat sp			<b>✓</b>						-					
4	American Mink	Neovison vison		✓						-					
5	Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes	ļ .					<b>✓</b>							
6	European Rabbit	Oryctolagus cuniculus	<b>✓</b>			✓									
7	Red Deer	Cervus elaphus			<b>✓</b>										
8	Iberian Hare	Lepus granatensis		✓			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>							
9	Spanish Ibex	Capra pyrenaica					<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>							
Rep	tiles and Amphibians														
1	Viperine Water Snake	Natrix maura		✓											
2	Iberian Wall Lizard	Podarcis pityusensis			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
3	Schreiber's Lizard	Acanthodactylus schreiberi													
4	Large Psammodromus	Psammodromus algirus				<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>	Т					
5	Iberian Psammodromus	Psammodromus							<b>✓</b>						
6	European Green Lizard	Lacerta viridis				<b>✓</b>									
7	Edible Frog	Pelophylax kl. esculentus	Н	Н	<b>✓</b>	Н	Н	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
8	Iberian Frog	Rana iberica						<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>						
9	European Pond Terrapin	Emys orbicularis		<b>✓</b>		<b>/</b>	<b>✓</b>			$\vdash$					
10	European Tree frog	Hyla arborea	Н	Н	Н	Н				$\vdash$					
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	erflies & Moths		1				1		1	Т					
1	Swallowtail	Papilio alexanor		<b>√</b>											
2	Spanish Swallowtail	Iphiclides feisthamelii		<b>✓</b>						_					
3	Spanish Festoon	Zerynthia rumina		✓					<b>√</b>	_					
4	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni							✓						
5	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	~					
6	Large White	Pieris brassicae	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓			~					
7	Small White	Pieris rapae	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>							
8	Green-veined White	Pieris napi		✓	✓	✓									
9	Orange-tip	Anthocharis cardamines							✓						
10	Provence Orange-tip	Anthocharis euphenoides							✓						
11	Western Dapple White	Euchloe simplonia					✓								
12	Wood White	Leptidea sinapis							✓						
13	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas		✓			✓								
14	Black-eyed Blue	Glaucopsyche malanops		✓					✓						
15	Comma	Polygonia c-album	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓				<b>✓</b>						
16	Peacock	Inachis io							<b>✓</b>						
17	Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria		✓	✓	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>						
18	Spanish Marbled White	Melanargia ines				✓									
19	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>						

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20	Emperor Peacock	Saturnia pyri		✓						

Dragonflies and Damselflies

1	Iberian Bluetail	Ischnura graellsii				✓		
2	Small Bluetail	Ischnura pumilio				✓		
3	Migrant Spreadwing	Lestes barbarus	✓					
4	Western Clubtail	Gomphus quadricolor		✓		✓		
5	Long Skimmer	Orthetrum trinacria				✓		
6	Migrant Hawker	Aeshna mixta		✓				
7	Blue Emperor	Anax imperator		✓				

#### Other Taxa

1	Mole Cricket	Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa	✓						
2	Red Flash Wing Grasshopper	Oedipoda germanica						✓	
3	Egyptian Locust	Anacridium aegyptium				✓			
4	Stag Beetle	Lucanidae sp.						✓	
5	Dung Beetle sp							✓	
6	Oil Beetle	Meloe sp.			✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Iberodorcadion	Iberodorcadion fuliginator					✓		
8	Fire bug	Pyrrhocoris apterus						✓	
9	Wolf Spider (Turantula)	Lycosidae sp					✓		

**Plants** 

Scientific Name Common Name

Class Gymnosperms

PinaceaePine familyPinus pineaStone Pine

Cupressaceae Cypress family

Juniperus communis Juniperus oxycedrus

Class Angiosperms

Order Dicotyledons

FagaceaeOak familyQuercus suberCork OakQuercus cocciferaKermes Oak

Quercus rotundifolia

Quercus pyrenaica Pyrenean Oak

UrticaceaeNettle familyUrtica dioicaStinging NettleUrtica piluliferaRoman Nettle

Urtica membranacea

Parietaria judaica Pellitory Of The Wall

Aristolochiaceae Birthwort family

Aristolochia rotunda

Polygonaceae Dock family

Rumex scutatus

Caryophyllaceae Pink family

#### Scientific Name

#### **Common Name**

White Campion

Small-Flowered Catchfly

Celery-leaved Buttercup

Silene alba

Silene gallica Silene colorata Paronychia capitata

Spergularia rubra Arenaria grandiflora

Clematis vitalba Traveller's Joy

Anemone palmata

Ranunculus sceleratus

Ranunculus abnormis Ranunculus gramineus

Aquilegia dichroa

**Peony family** Paeoniaceae

Paeonia officinalis ssp. humilis

Paeonia broteri

Papaveraceae Poppy family Papaver rhoeas Common Poppy Papaver dubium Long-Headed Poppy

Fumariceae **Fumitory family** Fumaria officinalis Common Fumitory Fumaria capreolata Ramping Fumitory

Cruciferae **Cress family** 

Lsatis tinctoria Woad Cardaria draba **Hoary Cress** Raphanus raphanistrum Wild Radish

Resedaceae Mignonette family

Reseda gredensis

Erucaria hispanica

Crassulaceae Stonecrop family Sedum album White Stonecrop

Sedum ochroleucon

Saxifragaceae Saxifrage family Saxifraga granulata Meadow Saxifrage Rosaceae Rose family

Geum sylvaticum

Leguminosae Pea family Genista hispanica Spanish Gorse Spartium junceum Spanish Broom

Robinia pseudacacia False Acacia Cytisus multiflorus White Broom Yellow Broom Cytisus striatus

Cytisus purgans

Echinospartum lusitanicum

Scientific Name Common Name

Genista hystrix

Lupinus albus White Lupin

Lupinus augustifolius Lupinus hispanicus Astragalus lusitanicus

Psoralea bituminosa Pitch Trefoil
Vicia villosa Fodder Vetch

Vicia benghalensis

Vicia lutea

Lathyrus tingitanusTangier PeaLathyrus aphacaYellow VetchlingMelilotus albusWhite MelilotMelilotus indicusSmall MelilotMedicago orbicularisLarge Disk MedickLotus corniculatusBird's-Foot TrefoilTrifolium stellatumStarry Clover

Trifolium augustifolium Narrow-Leaved Crimson Clover

OxalidaceaeSorrel familyOxalis pes-capraeBermuda Buttercup

Geraniaceae Geranium family

Geranium pusillumSmall-Leaved CranesbillGeranium dissectumCut-Leaved CranesbillGeranium columbinumLong-Stalked Cranesbill

Geranium robertianumHerb RobertGeranium lucidumShiny CranesbillGeranium purpureumLittle Robin

Erodium ciconium

Linaceae Flax family

Linum bienne

EuphorbiaceaeSpurge familyEuphorbia cyparissiasCypress Spurge

AceraceaeMaple familyAcer monspesssulanumMontpelier Maple

Anacardiaceae Pistacio family

Pistacio terebinthus

MalvaceaeMallow familyMalva sylvestrisCommon Mallow

Malva cretica

Lavatera cretica Cretan Mallow

Thymelaeaceae Daphne family

Daphne gnidium

Hypericaceae St. John's-wort family

Hypericum perfoliatum

#### Scientific Name

#### **Common Name**

Cistaceae **Rockrose family** Cistus ladanifer Gum Cistus

Cistus creticus Cistus salvifolius Cistus monspeliensis Cistus populifolius Cistus psilosepalus

Spotted Rockrose Tuberaria guttatum White Rockrose Helianthemum appeninum Helianthemum nummularium Common Rockrose

Cactaceae **Cactus family** Opuntia ficus-indica Prickly Pear

Umbelliferae **Carrot family** 

Eryngium campestre Eryngium bourgatii

Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's Needle

Smyrnium perfoliatum Oenanthe crocata

Ferula communis Giant Fennel

Thapsia parganica Thapsia villosa Daucus carota

Ericaceae **Heath family** Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree Erica Iusitanica Portuguese Heath

Erica arborea

Primulaceae **Primrose family** Anagallis arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel Anagallis foemina Blue Pimpernel Primula elatior Oxlip

Plumbaginaceae Thrift family

Armeria maritima

Oleaceae Olive family Jasminum fruticans Wild Jasmine Fraxinus ornus Flowering Ash Olive

Olea europaea

Gentianaceae **Gentian family** Yellow-Wort Blackstonia perfoliata

Centaurium maritimum

Boraginaceae **Borage family** 

Anchusa undulata Anchusa azurea Echium vulgare

Vipers Bugloss Echium plantagineum Purple Bugloss

Echium flavum

#### Scientific Name

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Borago officinalis

Cynoglossum creticum Omphalodes linifolia Heliotropium europaeum Borage

Blue Hound's Tongue

Labiatae

Ballota nigra Acinos arvensis Thymus capitatus

Rosmarinus officinalis Lavandula stoechas

Salvia verbenacea Marrubium alysson Mint family

Black Horehound **Basil Thyme** 

Rosemary

French Lavender

Solanaceae

Hyoscyamus albus

Potato family

White Henbane

Scrophulariaceae

Scrophularia peregrina Scrophularia canina Verbascum sinuatum

Verbascum nigrum Verbascum pulverulentum Verbascum thapsis

Misopates orontium Anarrhinum bellidifolium

Antirrhinum graniticum

Digitalis thapsi Linaria elegans Veronica polita

Parentucellia viscosa

Figwort family

Nettle-Leaved Figwort French Figwort

Dark Mullein Hoary Mullein Aaron's Rod

Lesser Snapdragon

Parentucellia latifolia

Bellardia trixago

Grey Field Speedwell

Yellow Bartsia

Bellardia

Plantaginaceae

Plantago media Plantago coronopus Plantain family Hoary Plantain **Bucks-Horn Plantain** 

Caprifoliaceae

Viburnum tinus

Honeysuckle family

Campanulaceae

Campanula rapunculus Campanula erinus

Campanula patula Jasione corymbosa **Bellflower family** 

Rampion Bellflower

Spreading Bellflower

Compositae

**Daisy family** 

Bellis perennis Daisy

Southern Daisy Bellis sylvestris Canadian Fleabane Erigeron canadensis

Helichrysum stoechas

Santolina chamaecyparrissus

Lavender Cotton

#### Scientific Name Common Name

Evax pygmaea Evax

Chrysanthemum segetumCorn MargioldChrysanthemum coronariumCrown Daisy

Tanacetum pallidum

Galactites tomentosa Galactites
Silybum marianum Milk Thistle
Centaurea cyanus Cornflower

Centaurea solstitialis Tragopogan porrifolia Pallenis spinosa

Cnicus benedictus Blessed Thistle
Scolymus hispanicus Spanish Oyster Plant

Tolpis barbata Tolpis

Lactuca serriola Prickly Lettuce
Andryala integrifolia Andryala

#### Order Monocotyledons

Liliaceae Lily family
Asphodelus albus White Asphodel

Asphodelus aestivus Anthericum liliago Muscari commosum

Gagea fistulosa Gagea

Gladiolus italicus Field Gladiolus

Fritillaria lusitanica

Scilla verna Spring Squill

Scilla hispanica

Ornithogalum umbellatum Star Of Bethlehem

# AmaryllidaceaeDaffodil familyNarcissus rupicolaRock Narcissus

Narcissus bulbocodium Var. nivalis Hoop Petticoat Narcissus

Narcissus triandrus Angel's Tears

IridaceaeIris familyGladiolus italicusWild GladiolusMoraea(Gynardiris) sisyrinchiumBarbary NutIris lustianicaSpanish Iris

Crocus carpetanus an endemic Crocus

OrchidaceaeOrchid familyOrchis masculaEarly Purple OrchidOrchis italicaNaked Man/ Italian OrchidAnacamptis morio subsp. champagneuxiiChampagne Orchid

Anacamptis coriophoraBug OrchidOphrys scolopaxWoodcock OrchidOphrys apiferaBee OrchidSerapias linguaTongue Orchid

Serapias parviflora Small-flowered Tongue Orchid