

# WINGSPAN BIRD TOURS

## MIGRATION TOUR

IN

## TARIFA, SPAIN

SEPT. 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2025



## TRIP REPORT

# **Places Visited**

## **MONDAY 1ST**

**ARRIVE AT MALAGA AIRPORT LATE AFTERNOON – TRANSFER TO TARIFA, NO BIRDING STOPS!**

## **TUESDAY 2ND**

**PLAYA LOS LANCES - ESTRECHO VIEW POINT – ALGARROBO OBSERVATION POINT – EL BUJEO PARK – CAZALLA OBSERVATION POINT – OJEN VALLEY**

## **WEDNESDAY 3RD**

**LA JANDA – TRACK TO BENALUP – RIO BARBATE – MARISMA DE BARBATE**

## **THURSDAY 4TH**

**CAMINO VECINAL TO EL TRAFICO MIGRATION VIEW-POINT – SIERRA ENMEDIO TRACK**

## **FRIDAY 5TH**

**LAGUNA MEDINA – BONANZA POOLS – BONANZA SALT PANS – LAGUNA TARELO – CHIPIONA MARINA**

## **SATURDAY 6TH**

**PLAYA LOS LANCES PINE WOODS – ALGAROBBO RAPTOR WATCH POINT – CAZALLA WATCH POINT – TARIFA PUERTO DEL RETIRO CAR PARK**

## **SUNDAY 7TH**

**GIBRALTAR ALL MORNING – (EUROPA POINT) PINAR DEL REY WOODLANDS – CAZALLA RAPTOR WATCH POINT**

## **MONDAY 8TH**

**TRANSFER TO MALAGA AIRPORT WITH STOPS IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR RONDA**

## **DAY 1 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

### **ARRIVAL AT MALAGA AIRPORT TRANSFER TO TARIFA**

**WEATHER:** clear blue sky all day and top temperature around 30-32C

Afternoon arrival at Malaga and a drive to Tarifa, I think we saw six or eight species today!! You can blame Ryanair for that!! The flight was delayed by nearly an hour and the baggage collecting belt broke down twice at Malaga! We left the airport around 5pm and with a two hour drive ahead of us we had no time for birding today.....

## **DAY 2 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2035**

### **LOS LANCES BEACH WALK - EL ESTRECHO VIEW POINT - ALGARROBO RAPTOR WATCH POINT - EL BUJEO PARK - CAZALLA RAPTOR WATCH POINT - OJEN VALLEY**

**WEATHER:** clear blue sky all day and top temperature around 30-32C - nice cooling breeze all day.

In complete contrast to yesterday we had a very productive and relaxing day. The weather was perfect, it did reach 30C, but we had a nice breeze all day.

We started at 8:15 after our breakfast at the hotel, a short drive found us at Playa Los Lances, a beach nature reserve just outside of Tarifa. The walk to the beach produced several sightings of passing migrants such as Yellow Wagtails, Swallows, Swifts and House Martins. On the pylons we found a Short-toed Eagle and a Common Kestrel.



you know I am struggling for decent pictures when I show a **Corn Bunting** in my trip report

In the very dry meadows and scrub we found Corn Buntings, Stonechats, Goldfinches and plenty of both Common and Spotless Starlings. Near the beach area we found Spanish Sparrows, Zitting Cisticola and dozens more Corn Buntings. Clouds of Swifts skimmed the beach, we picked out several Pallid Swifts with many more Common Swifts.

The beach pools were fairly dry, only a small area held water, we saw a lot of birds around the main pool. Many Sanderlings were joined by Dunlin, Common Ringed Plovers and Kentish Plovers, we also saw nine Greater Flamingos, four Audouin's Gulls, a single Grey Plover, Little Egrets, Grey Heron and more Yellow Wagtails.



Yellow Wagtail

We continued our walk towards Tarifa, searching the meadows and scrub for larks and pipits. We found two Tawny Pipits and two fly-over Short-toed Larks, on the return journey we added Crested Larks.



Greater Flamingos on Los Lances Beach

From Los Lances we drove to a local Supermarket to buy lunch supplies and then we headed for the hills and the raptor watch-points. We stopped at El Estrecho cafe view-point and logged our first raptors in flight, a Griffon Vulture and a Booted Eagle - just two raptors in the air all morning so far!!

We arrived at Algarobbo View Point around 11am, a little late in the morning but our fortunes changed there. We had raptors galore, HONEY BUZZARDS coming out of our ears!! The birds were high up by



the time they were over the top of us, but we could watch them 'kettling' up from the distant woods. Groups of 50-100 birds came up sporadically, and in between them came Booted, Short-toed Eagles, Griffon and Egyptian Vultures and a very large mass of White Storks.



a small part of the White Stork flock

Below the raptors we watched more swifts, a flock of European Bee-eaters, Swallows and House Martins. A wave of excitement buzzed through the Spanish birders around us as, not one, but two Ruppell's Vultures circled over us, I got my group onto to one of them. As we left, we kicked up a Hoopoe near the car.

We left Algarrobo at 1pm, it was hot and sticky by then, we drove the short distance to the small park area called El Bujeo. Small areas of cork oak, olive trees and eucalyptus surround a natural spring area, where, in the past, we have had some good sightings. We ate our picnic lunch sitting at a picnic table whilst watching many Spotted Flycatchers. We also logged Common Redstart, Willow Warbler and Common Chiffchaff. A Bonelli's Warbler was a nice find too, an even better find was a two-tailed Pasha Butterfly, a huge beast!



we saw at least 20 Spotted Flycatchers in total throughout the day

Walking around the natural spring we found various view-points where we could squat down and watch the wet areas around the spring. We added a few more species to the growing list: Cirl Bunting, Sardinian Warbler, Stonechat, Short-toed Treecreeper, Eurasian Nuthatch (heard), Goldfinches and Blackcap.

A further walk in a dry meadow added Monarch Butterfly to the list as well as Clouded Yellow, Small Blue and a couple of Dragonflies. A pair of noisy Ravens flew over us as we walked back to the car.



my team hard at work at Algarobbo

It was after 3pm when we stopped at Cazalla Viewpoint, we had a great time there too! Not so many raptors but plenty to keep us busy. A very large flock of Black Kites gathered above us, we saw many more Booted and Short-toed Eagles, as well as Egyptian Vultures, Bee-eaters and our first Lesser Kestrel came right over us.



Black Kites over Cazalla

Before we called it a day, we spent some time birding in the Ojen Valley, hoping for a harrier sighting in the open expanse of grassland. We found a very confiding Tawny Pipit, lots of Stonechats, at least three Woodchat Shrikes, another Hoopoe and the dreaded Corn Bunting was everywhere.



**a view of the Strait of Gibraltar from Cazalla. the Rif Mountains of Morocco are easily visible**

We got back to the hotel at 5:30pm it had been a very enjoyable, slow-paced birding day, we saw just under 60 species.

### **DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **LA JANDA - BENALUP TRACK - RIO BARBATE - MARISMAS DE BARBATE**

**WEATHER:** perfect all day, lovely breeze fantastic light. Top temp 32C

We had another superb birding day, visiting the rice-fields of La Janda and the marshes at Barbate, the weather was perfect all day.

An early breakfast saw us out and about at 8:15am, before we left the hotel we had already clocked a few species around the grounds such as: Spotless Starling, House Sparrow, Collared Dove, Blackbird and Serin.

Our first stop was along the approach track leading down into the La Janda basin, ahead of us was a huge flat valley with acres of cultivated fields, rice fields with drainage ditches and supply canals. The whole area was alive with bird-life, we quickly listed many Zitting Cisticolas, Corn Buntings, House and Spanish Sparrows, Goldfinches and some distant White Storks. We stopped at the first rice fields where dozens of White Storks stood along an embankment, with them was a couple Grey Herons and several Glossy Ibis.

HONEY BUZZARDS gave us a real treat, four or five flew over us very low to the ground, they landed on an embankment not too far off, they were stunning in the morning light. We also found several Marsh Harriers and one single Montagu's Harrier (a juvenile).

A flock of about 30 Common Waxbills gave us a thrill as they perched on a fence line just below us. Nearby we saw Green Sandpipers, Black-winged Stilts, Eurasian Coots, a Squacco Heron, a couple of Purple Herons, more White Storks and some Cattle Egrets.





a record shot of two of the Common Waxbills



one of the Honey Buzzards at La Janda

At the central track alongside the main canal we stopped for more birding, from our high vantage position we had panoramic views of the surrounding terrain which stretched out for miles. We added so many species I can't list them all.

Further along the main track we watched Short-toed Eagles on the pylons as well as a Peregrine Falcon and both species of Kestrel. We encountered several Hoopoes along the track, one or two were very confiding and Bernie filled her boots through her camera lens. A single Turtle Dove flew across the track (this was to be our only sighting today) we watched lots more White Storks, Little Egrets, Grey Herons and Spanish Sparrows. A Squacco Heron sat out in the open posing for the cameras.





**If we didn't see a million Common Darters today I will eat my hat.  
This one has the sunlight bringing out the colour in its brand new wings**

We worked our way over to the 'Smelly Farm' where a large bunch of Jackdaws lingered, we added Common Pheasant, Black Kite and Linnet to the list near there. On the track to Benalup we stopped at another rice field which was covered in Glossy Ibis, hundreds of them! Greater Flamingos joined them too. We found Sedge Warbler, Willow Warbler, a Common Whitethroat and Spotted Flycatcher in the hedges, we flushed a Wood Sandpiper which dashed off cursing us. Earlier we had seen a couple of Reed Warblers and both Sue and Bernie clocked a Cetti's Warbler that I missed.



**a single European Bee-eater sat on the wire near the Smelly Farm**

We left the area at Benalup and drove to Barbate via Vejer del la Frontera, in Barbate we stopped to buy lunch it was just after 1pm. We sat on bench overlooking the Rio Barbate near the river mouth, the tide was just turning.



**The Rio Barbate where we sat for lunch**

During lunch we found two Common Sandpipers, a single Ringed Plover and several gull species: Lesser black-backed, Yellow-legged, Black-headed and Slender-billed Gulls. The tide was just dropping, we stood under the bridge out of the sun with a lovely breeze in our backs, we scanned the large expanse of water as the level dropped, it was covered in gulls and the fringes where the mud was beginning to emerge was covered in Signal Crabs and some waders.



**Common Sandpiper hitching a ride on a small boat**



**Spot the difference - two Slender-billed Gulls with two Black-headed Gulls**

Black-winged stilts, Turnstones, Ringed Plovers and Redshanks were listed, an Osprey flew over, we saw Cormorants in the distance and a Whimbrel flew by. On the east side of the bridge we scanned a sandy bay where we found Little Terns, Kentish Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Redshanks, Grey Plover and two more Whimbrel.



**Curlew Sandpipers with a couple of Ruff and an Avocet**

The barbate Marshes were covered in waders and gulls, flamingos and more waders! It was bedlam out there. Hundreds of Curlew Sandpipers, Sanderling, Dunlin, Black-tailed Godwits, Avocets, Little Stints and a few Ruff, Grey Plover, Ringed Plover and Kentish Plover all fed in the first lagoon we came to. Audouin's Gulls were dotted all over too.

A little further on, the main lagoon held a thousand Audouin's Gulls, a few Sandwich Terns stood alongside the star of the show an ELEGANT TERN, wowzah!! We did expect to see that species it had been around for two weeks now, it stood 'elegantly' with a bunch of Sandwich Terns next to the mass of Audouin's Gulls.





**Elegant Tern with a Sandwich Tern surrounded by sleeping Audouin's Gulls**

Two Ospreys were a real treat they quartered the main lagoon and stooped down to fish but never actually dived in! The gulls didn't like them hovering over! A huge flock of Spoonbills dropped in, I counted ninety one, it was magical out there.



**an Osprey - one of four seen today**





**a large flock of Spoonbills came into the marshes behind the bemused Osprey**

We drove around the lagoons searching for Stone Curlew and more waders, we found Whimbrels, our first Greenshank and a solitary Whinchat. We spent a lot of time scanning the islands for Stone Curlew without finding one. A fourth Osprey sat on a distant fence and a few Crested Larks messed about along the track.



**the only Whinchat of the trip so far**

We left at 5:30pm and got back to the hotel some 40 minutes later, it had a been a very productive day, with 85 species in the bag. Tomorrow we are taking our Whale Watching Cruise in the Strait of Gibraltar.

#### **DAY 4 – THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**CAMINO VECINAL TRACK TO EL TRAFICO RAPTOR WATCH POINT - WHALE WATCHING CRUISE FROM TARIFA HARBOUR - A VISIT TO THE BASE OF SIERRA ENMEDIO**

**WEATHER;** hot and sunny all day, top temp 32C with a light breeze.

Even though the weather is very warm we are not feeling hot at any time because there is always a nice breeze to keep us cool. this was the case all day today.

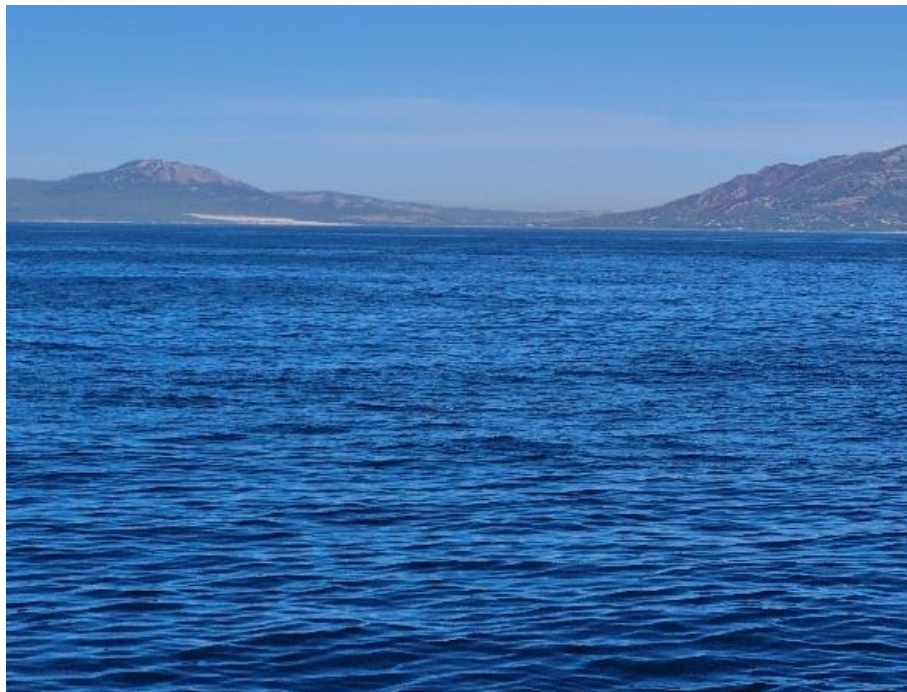
We started our birding along the track that joins Tarifa and the Raptor watch-point called El Trafico, in recent years this has produced some great sightings, but it wasn't to be the case this year. We did see several Spotted Flycatchers; they appear to be everywhere this year. Sardinian Warblers were also out in force, in every bush it seemed. We did see a Common Buzzard on a pole and I found our only Pied Flycatcher of the trip, unfortunately the others never got onto it.

Other birds of note were Common and Pallid Swifts, dozens of them scored the sky with House and Sand Martins and Barn Swallows. We never saw a single raptor in the sky!!

At El Trafico we stood on the cliff top and saw.....not a lot. Cory's Shearwaters could be seen out at sea (but only one or two), an Oystercatcher landed on some flat rocks and a lot more swifts dashed around below us. It was nice to see an Alpine Swift from above as it dashed along the cliffs below us, and our only raptor appeared in the shape of a Marsh Harrier.

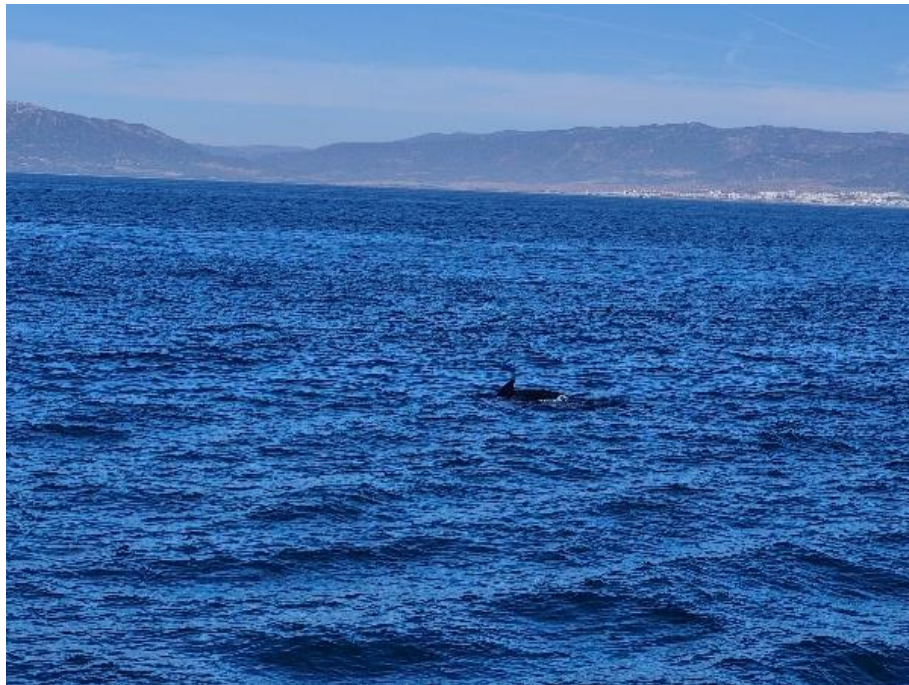
We made our way to the harbour in good time to catch our 12 noon Cruise into the Strait of Gibraltar, all the gulls in the harbour were species we had encountered before.

The sea was flat calm we could see anything that appeared on the surface for miles around us. We were 5 minutes into the cruise when a Cory's Shearwater crossed our bow and then two Bottlenose Dolphins did the same. In fact, this trip was littered with cetacean sightings, I can't remember a period where we weren't watching something out there. We had excellent views of Pilot Whales, Sunfish and two Black Terns, one or two more Cory's Shearwaters flashed by then a long string of White Storks appeared above us, there must have been 60-80 birds making the crossing from Europe to Africa.



A flat calm sea, looking back to Spain from the middle of the Strait





**our first Bottlenose Dolphin**

After spending an hour watching cetaceans we headed back towards Tarifa, ahead of us was a large group of Gulls sitting on the water. Scanning the gulls I picked out a Storm Petrel, two Cory's Shearwaters were sitting on the water with the gulls.



**a pod of four Pilot Whales very close to the boat**

More excitement ran through the buzzing crowd when a small pod of Common Dolphins joined us, they stayed with the boat for 20 minutes, 'bow riding'. Towards the entrance to the harbour we found a

Balearic Shearwater and then four Cory's Shearwaters were sitting on the water and that was our last bird sighting of the trip.



**Common Dolphin 'riding the bow wave'**





**Pilot Whales**



**Yellow-legged Gulls in the Harbour**

We stopped at the supermarket to buy picnic supplies and drove to the Observatory Valle del Santuario which sits below the massive ridge of Sierra Enmedio.





**the view down to Tarifa from the slopes of the Sierra Enmedio**

After eating our late lunch, we spent an hour searching for Black-eared Wheatear and Thekla's Lark. We found the later but not the wheatear, we also found Crested Larks, Sardinian Warblers, Stonechats and a huge flock of Bee-eaters came over us. Other birds of note were Eurasian Hoopoe and a single Griffon Vulture. We called it a day at 5pm and drove down to the hotel some five minutes away, we had seen 36 species today!!!



**Crested Lark with hardly a crest!**

### **DAY 5 – FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**LAGUNA MEDINA - BONANZA POOLS - BONANZA SALT PANS - LAGUNA TARELO - CHIPIONA MARINA**

**WEATHER:** our hottest day yet, top temp. 32C with little or no breeze at times.

We drove inland today to escape the predicted strong winds at Tarifa, it proved to be a successful day despite the high temperature. We took an early breakfast and set out for Laguna Medina, near Jerez, at 7:45am. It took us 1 1/4 hrs to get there we drove non-stop and clocked a few species along the way. The most notable sightings from the car were Turtle Dove, Short-toed Eagle, Cattle and Little Egrets, Jackdaws, Sand Martin and White Storks.



**Ducks galore on Laguna Medina**

Unexpectedly Laguna Medina was full of water and it was covered in birds, thousands of them. We took the main track from the car park and headed towards the hide. Spotted Flycatchers, Stonechat, Cetti's Warbler (heard), Sardinian Warbler, Chiffchaff, Zitting Cisticola and Goldfinches were all seen before we reached the first viewing-point. We also picked out a Red-legged Partridge in the olive groves behind us. We added a Brown Rat to our mammal list and Lesser Emperor to our dragonflies.



**Broad Scarlet**

Scanning the water with our scopes from the raised boardwalk we soon realised that picking out a single Red-knobbed Coot amongst 5,000 Eurasian Coots was going to be an impossible task. We enjoyed finding other species instead: Red-crested and Common Pochard, White-headed Duck, Gadwall, Mallard,



three species of Grebe (Little, Great-crested and Black-necked), Greater Flamingo, Glossy Ibis, Grey Heron, Little Egret and Moorhen.



**White-headed Duck, many were seen on Laguna Medina**

We walked to the raised hide and spent some time sitting there just enjoying the sight in front of us. We picked out half a dozen Ferruginous Ducks, a single female Pintail Duck, a Marsh Harrier flew over the reeds and a Turtle Dove dashed across the water. Common and Pallid Swifts joined Barn Swallows and a few Sand Martins feeding over the water.



**Red-crested Pochard (red bill) with Common Pochard, Gadwall and a Coot**





**Black-necked Grebe with a Common Coot**



**Ferruginous Duck with a Common Pochard in the foreground**

Before we left the area we scanned the three seasonal pools to the north of the lagoon, they held a lot of birds too, one pool held above 100 Glossy Ibis with White Storks, Black-winged Stilts, Green and Common Sandpipers, Ringed, Little Ringed and Kentish Plovers.



**seasonal pool just north of Laguna Medina - showing at least 50 Glossy Ibis**

Moving on we drove across country heading for Sanlúcar de Barameda, we saw lots of Storks over a rubbish tip and also standing on nests along the way. Eurasian Magpies were an addition to the list we also saw some Jackdaws (the former of these two is quite rare in this part of Andalucia).

At the Pools of Bonanza we were again surprised to see that the water level was very high, no muddy margins and no islands. All three pools were quite scarce of birds compared to previous years. The first pool held four Common Coots, a few Moorhens, Little Grebes and Little Egrets, there weren't any ducks. We picked out a single Common Sandpiper, a single Yellow Wagtail and a Common Shelduck.



**one of the Bonanza Pools - full to the brim, no room for waders!**

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The second, a much larger pool, had a few more ducks on it. White-headed Ducks, a single Common Pochard and about 200 Little Egrets were roosting in the tamarisk hedge at the far side. There we also found two Squacco Herons, a few Glossy Ibis and a lot more Little Grebes. The star bird was a Little Bittern, it was found in the reeds not too far away.



**one of the three Squacco Herons seen today**

The biggest Pool and the third one we visited was exactly the same, very few birds were on the water. We saw many Cattle Egrets, some still had chicks in their nests! We finally found a juvenile Swamphen and several Night Herons in the distant bushes. A Kingfisher dashed from a post, seen only by me, we could not find a Red-knobbed Coot on this pool which is usually a certainty. Not a single Marbled Duck was seen on any of the pools!



**Little Bittern**

Bonanza Salt Pans were dire too, a lot of work was going on in many of the pans, we saw a few Greater Flamingos, a single Common Shelduck the odd Redshank and a few Curlew Sandpipers. We parked on the bank beside the Rio Guadalquivir and scanned the river seeing only gulls and one Common Sandpiper. It was too hot to do any walking at this time.

We then drove around to the last Laguna in the area, Laguna Tarelo. Once again the water level was really high and hardly any exposed margins. There we saw hundreds of Shovelers and even more Little Grebes. A few other species sat on the water but nothing new for our day list. We had an encounter with a bunch of Common Waxbills and Bernie got some good pictures of them.

We walked along the track to the edge of the fence line around the laguna and scanned an adjacent body of water, it held over a thousand Greater Flamingos and a good sized group of Spoonbills. On a distant pole we found an Osprey and just before we left a Great Egret flew over us.

Our final port of call, was in fact a port! The small port and marina at Chipiona. There we watched Little Swifts coming and going to their nests in a building next to the water. This colony has been established for about 20 years and is one of very few in Europe, all of them are in Spain, housing this African species. A few Turnstones flew over us, leaving their high-tide roost on the boardwalks of the marina.



**the nesting site of the Little Swift colony at Chipiona Marina**

We left the area around 4:30pm and got back to the hotel at 6pm with 77 species in the bag.

#### **DAY 6 – SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**PLAYA LOS LANCES PINE WOODS - ALGAROBBO RAPTOR WATCH POINT -  
PALMONES NATURAL PARK - CAZALLA RAPTOR WATCH POINT - TARIFA PUERTO  
DEL RETIRO CAR PARK**

**WEATHER:** a very windy day, temp 28C

Last night the wind got up whilst we were at dinner and this morning it was even worse. Strong easterly gusts blasted the hotel as we ate breakfast. A thick cloud base had formed over Tarifa and rain threatened. We decided to visit the pine woods opposite the hotel as there would be shelter there on the western edge.



We found several Hoopoes feeding on the ground, we saw at least two Iberian Chiffchaffs, our first Great Tit and we heard a Short-toed Treecreeper.



**a Praying Mantis was found on Sue's terrace this morning**

Sue and Bernie went down to the beach to take pictures of some flowers and found a Crested lark whilst I stayed in the woods watching Iberian Chiffchaffs, a Zitting Cisticola and some Blue Tits.

From there we drove across the hills above Tarifa to the Raptor watch-point at Algarobbo, thick heavy cloud shrouded the hillsides but we could still see raptors circling above the road. We made a quick detour into Algeciras to have a look for the now-resident House Bunting, a small population thrives in the suburbs of the old town. We failed to find any!

From Algeciras we could see Honey Buzzards rising above the distant hills, this prompted us to abandon our 'bunting' search and head off for Algarobbo. It was a good decision as we were amazed at the number of Honey Buzzards that were passing over despite the very windy conditions. Several hundred Honey Buzzards passed over in the next couple of hours, along with fewer numbers of Black Kites, Booted Eagle, Egyptian Vulture, Short-toed Eagle, Bee-eaters, Swifts and Swallows. A good number of Griffon Vultures were present too and we saw our first Eurasian Sparrowhawk.



**these dots are Honey Buzzards, I wanted to show you the height at which they were flying over today**



**a typical Honey Buzzard shape, broad wings, small head, long tail – as seen through the telescope**

Hunger drew us away as the flow of Honey Buzzard passage slowed down, but it did not stop. We drove down through Algeciras and onto Palmones, where a huge marshland lies between Palmones and Algeciras. The river Palmones flows into Algeciras Bay and the estuary is easily viewed from the promenade which stretches a mile or so along the eastern bank.



Sue and Bernie, standing the promenade at Palmones with Gibraltar in the background

We went straight to a riverside cafe for lunch and coffee before grabbing our scopes and walking along the river. The tide was high and so not much wader activity was noted, the majority of the birds were roosting behind a sandbar and out of sight. We did find a Kingfisher almost immediately and a Whimbrel flew past us.



**a Curlew, two Whimbrel and a Common Ringed Plover**



**Curlew, Oystercatcher, Whimbrel and several Common Ringed Plovers**

Further down river we noticed small areas of exposed sand on the far side of the river, there we found a small number of waders and some gulls. Sue spotted a couple of Sandwich Terns flying upriver and then we scoped four Whimbrels, a dozen Ringed Plover and singles of Dunlin, Oystercatcher, Curlew and Common Sandpiper. A bunch of gulls sat on the water, we found 3 Slender-billed gulls with Black-headed Gulls and quite a few Yellow-legged Gulls.





**Two Slender-billed Gulls with two Black-headed Gulls for comparison, which is which?**

On two or three occasions we saw a large flock of waders flying around but they always seem to settle out of sight, we did get a good look at them and picked out 6 Grey Plover, 3 Curlew Sandpipers amongst a bunch of 20-30 Ringed Plovers. There may have been a Red Knot amongst them, but I can't say for sure.



**our only butterfly species seen today, a Wall**

Scanning the marsh area we saw Greater Flamingos, Grey Herons and more Little Egrets, as we walked back upriver to the car park we noted a large flock of Cattle Egrets sitting on the river bank and a few Honey Buzzards rising on the thermals. A search for an Osprey went unrewarded we left the area just after 3pm.



**Three Slender-billed Gulls**

On the way back to our hotel we stopped at Cazalla Raptor watch point, it was so windy up there that it was hard to stand up, we had to shelter on the lee-side of the buildings. A few birds were milling about in the distance we saw Egyptian Vultures, Griffon Vultures, one or two large flocks of Bee-eaters, Short-toed Eagles and the odd single Black Kite.

From there we drove into Tarifa to visit the car park where in previous visits I have seen Common Bulbuls, it was quite sheltered down there. We spent just under an hour watching a lot of bird movement without seeing a Bulbul. Many birds were eating berries, we saw Spotless Starling, Garden warbler, Blackcap, Sardinian Warbler and lots of House Sparrows. At least 5 Spotted Flycatchers were feeding on the plentiful flying insects, Blackbirds and Collared Doves were the only other species noted. We got back to the hotel at 5:30pm having recorded just 56 species today. Our running total is approaching 150.

#### **DAY 7 – SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **GIBRALTAR (EUROPA POINT AND EAST FACE) - PINAR DEL REY PINWOODS - CAZALLA RAPTOR OBSERVATORY**

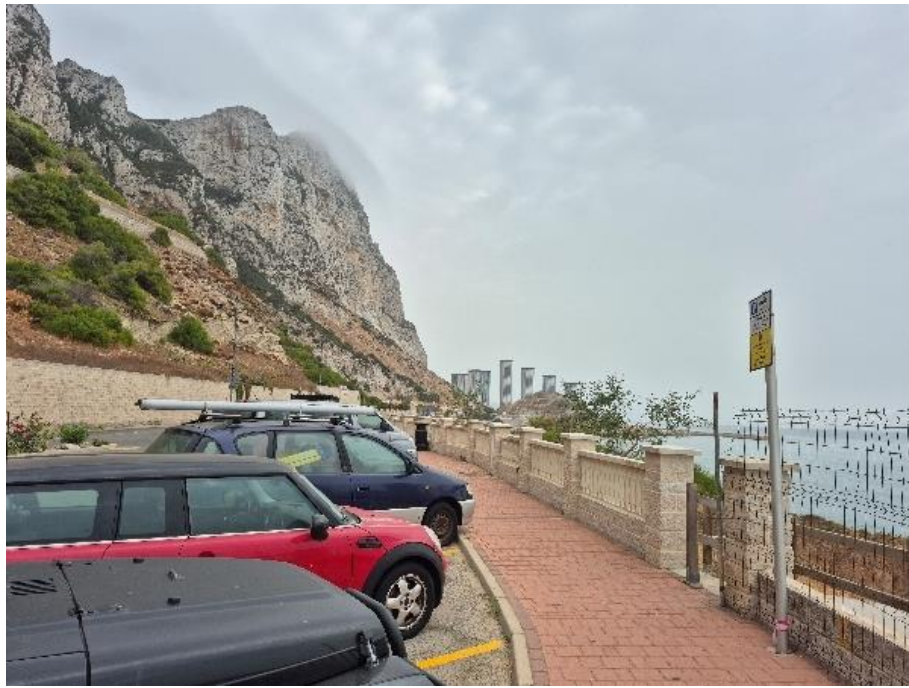
**WEATHER:** overcast for most of the day with very light rain - sunny late afternoon. top temp 26c

We had a perfect last day, migration went into overdrive, we had Honey Buzzards coming out of our ears. The two main raptor watch-points had over 5,000 Honey Buzzard pass over today with plenty of other species, also a **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** was found by a couple of British Birders.

I guessed it was going to be a good migration day, after yesterday's very strong easterly winds, but I never imagined having Honey Buzzards up in the sky as early as 8:30am and as late as 6pm. We left the hotel just after 8am and as we drove towards Tarifa we saw our first raptors in the sky, this continued all the way to Gibraltar.

Once we were through security we made our way along the east face, stopping in a small car park to scan the 'rock' for Barbary Partridges. Sue heard them calling and after a little walk we found two of them on a wall a hundred foot up from the road, they scurried along away from us and were lost to sight. Out in the bay behind us we saw a few Cory's Shearwaters.





**the east face of Gibraltar**

We spent a good hour at Europa Point, mostly looking at low flying Honey Buzzards, we found a few of them perched on the top of bushes high above us. The Blue Rock Thrush was our target species we scanned the rock for one without much luck, we saw Goldfinches, Linnet and more Honey Buzzards.



**we had a lot of low-flying Honey Buzzards this morning**

Walking around the Point we logged a lot more Cory's Shearwaters and at least two Shags, possibly four. The sea was flat and calm we could pick out lots of Bottlenose Dolphins in the Strait with more Cory's Shearwaters in attendance. On land we found a single Willow Warbler, a Sardinian Warbler and lots of



House Sparrows. As we returned to the car park we scanned the rock once again and found more Honey Buzzards perched on the top of bushes and we located a Blue Rock Thrush behind one of them.



**a Honey Buzzard on a bush with a Blue Rock Thrush behind it on the wall!**

Our attempt to get to the Bird Ringing Station was thwarted by no-entry signs, we could have walked up but we knew the station was unmanned this week.



**the cloudy Rock of Gibraltar taken from Europa Point**

We spent the next hour walking into the central shopping area and taking a coffee in 'Main Square' before buying lunch at Morrison's and topping up with cheap fuel nearby. We left Gibraltar, it was 1pm when we arrived at Pinar del Rey, a large area of pine trees with picnic tables and a stream near San Roque.



**I have no birdy pics from Pinar del Rey but we did find this Southern Speckled Wood**

Our birding efforts were rewarded with sightings of Short-toed Treecreeper, a beautiful Firecrest, Crested Tits, Robin, Jay, Pied Flycatcher (only our second one of the trip), Bee-eaters came over along with strings of Honey Buzzards.

A walk to the stream came next, we found Grey Wagtail, a mixed tit flock of Long-tailed, Blue and Crested Tits. We also heard a Wren and a Eurasian Nuthatch.

It was after 3pm when we set off back to Tarifa we saw more raptors along the way. Our last port of call was Cazalla, it was packed with birders, the car park was overflowing and soon we realised why. Hundreds of Honey Buzzards were rising on thermals together with dozens of Black Kites, Booted Eagles and Short-toed Eagles.



**A humongous flock of White Storks emerged from the west, probably a thousand birds!!**



A constant stream of birds filled the sky we saw several Marsh Harriers and at least 14 Montagu's Harriers, two of which were (melanistic) dark morphs, almost black.



**part of a larger flock of White Storks (there are over 300 in this picture)**

It was there when I bumped into two guys that I knew and they told me they had just seen a Blue-cheeked bee-eater, they reckoned it had flown off but produced a picture of it, wowza!!

We continued to watch the mass migration, we must have seen a thousand Honey Buzzards by now and a surprising number of Black Kites too! We had three sightings of Black Storks, a few Egyptian Vultures and a very large flock of Griffon Vultures. Many birds were keeping low, we picked out some perched Honey Buzzards and had many a Monty flying below us, including the two black morphs.



**Griffon Vultures**



At 6pm the birds were still coming over us, but we decided to leave, we certainly had had our fill today, raptors galore, so much better than the last few years here! Back at the hotel we had about 100 Barn Swallows flying around the buildings, they perched on the telegraph wires and we found two or three Red-rumped Swallows with them.



**Red-rumped Swallow**

Tomorrow is our last day, Sue has an afternoon flight to catch from Malaga, I am staying for another week, Bernie is staying in Tarifa for another couple of days.

#### **DAY 8 – MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **TRANSFER FROM TARIFA TO MALAGA AIRPORT WITH STOPS IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR TO RONDA**

**WEATHER:** another overcast morning with light winds. Sunny in the mountains later and the top temp at Malaga was 32C

We said goodbye to Bernie as we departed the Hotel just after breakfast, she was staying on in Tarifa for another couple of nights, whilst we headed for the hills on the way to Malaga. We saw a few raptors as we crossed from Tarifa to Algeciras, mainly Honey Buzzards, but not many.

it took us nearly 90 minutes to reach the first stop some 12km south of Ronda. We parked in a roadside pull-in and scanned the rocky terrain from there. On one side we had a deep ravine with steep rocky sides and on the other we had gently sloping, rocky terrain, with dried up shrubs and flowers. The rocky landscape was ideal for Black Wheatear and we found one after about 5 minutes, it was a cracking male but he moved off before I could set up my scope. Sue then found a Stonechat and a Sardinian Warbler whilst a party of Long-tailed Tits passed by.



**the Valley of the 'Dolmenes de Encinas Borraches'**

The next was in a wide flat-bottomed with tamarisk scrub, some hawthorn bushes and dry pasture with very large cows chewing the cud. We found a Common Redstart just as we passed through the gate onto a dirt track and two Thekla's Larks called and showed themselves ahead of us.



**Common Redstart**

Within ten minutes we had found at least four Northern Wheatears and a family party of Black-eared Wheatears, Sue found the colourful male. Goldfinches and Linnets dashed about more Stonechats appeared.

The Iberian Grey Shrike was an excellent find by Sue then she followed that up with a Black Redstart, this girl was on fire. Whilst admiring the Shrike I picked out a Subalpine Warbler but Sue couldn't get on it with her bins. More larks and a second Common Redstart showed up as we left the track, we scanned the high peaks of the surrounding mountains and found a Blue Rock Thrush, some Griffon Vultures circled over the peaks too. We had seen 5 out of 6 target species so far today so we were well pleased.





**Black Redstart**



**Juvenile Black-eared Wheatear**



**Above is a distant shot of the Iberian Grey Shrike - you can't get near them without some serious stalking!**

We drove to the San Pedro – Ronda road, we stopped at a roadside cafe for a coffee and a last bit of birding. From our seats on an open terrace, we scanned the mountains of Sierra de las Nieves Natural Park. A Short-toed Eagle circled in the distance; we had just logged a Booted Eagle as we approached the cafe.

All of a sudden a huge flock of Griffon Vultures appeared over the mountains, they just kept on coming. We estimated over 100 birds were in the sky, an amazing sight. As we were watching the Vultures a similar sized flock of Bee-eaters appeared much closer, Sue was made up, she loves Bee-eaters.



**there are approx.. 50 European Bee-eaters in this shot**

We continued our journey to Malaga, arriving at the airport at 1:40pm, I dropped Sue off and went off to get myself some lunch. I had a couple of hours to kill before Dawn was arriving so I drove the short distance to Desembocadura de Guadalhorce Natural Park. I only walked along the east bank and listed a dozen or so birds, two of which were new for the trip list: Mediterranean Gull and Monk Parakeet - can I count them now my clients have gone?

I collected Dawn who arrived on time and we drove to our Spanish House in Village of Gaucin, another week of sunshine was ahead of me can I cope!!!



# CHECKLIST OF SPECIES SEEN:- SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> 2025

	SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>
	<b>ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae</b>									
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>					X			
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>					X			
3	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					X			
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			X		X			
5	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas chlypeata</i>					X	X		
6	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>					X			
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>					X			
8	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					X			
9	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>					X			
10	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					X			
	<b>GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae</b>									
11	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			X					
12	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>					X			
13	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>							X	
	<b>PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae</b>									
14	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					X			
15	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					X			
16	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					X			
	<b>PHOENICOPTERIFORMES: Phoenicopteridae</b>									
17	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		X	X		X	X	X	
	<b>PROCELLARIIFORMES: Procellariidae</b>									
18	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>		X		X			X	
19	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>				X				
	<b>CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae</b>									
20	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		X	X	X	X		X	X
21	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>							X	
	<b>PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae</b>									
22	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			X		X			
23	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>					X			
24	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			X		X			
	<b>PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae</b>									
25	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					X			
26	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		X	X		X	X		
27	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			X					
28	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		X	X	X	X	X		
29	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>					X			
31	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			X		X			
32	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					X			
	<b>SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae</b>									
33	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			X				X	
34	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>							X	
	<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae</b>									
35	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			X		X			
	<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae</b>									

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36	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		X				X		
37	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		X	X	X		X	X	X
38	Ruppell's Vulture	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>		X						
39	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X
40	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		X	X			X	X	X
41	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipitor nisus</i>						X		
42	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			X	X	X	X	X	
43	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			X				X	
44	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	X	X	X			X	X	
45	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>				X	X		X	
46	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		X	X			X	X	X
<b>GRUIFORMES: Rallidae</b>										
47	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>					X			
48	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			X		X			X
49	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			X		X			X
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES:Haematopodidae</b>										
50	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>				X		X		
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES:Recurvirostridae</b>										
51	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			X		X			X
52	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			X					
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES:Charadriidae</b>										
53	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		X	X			X		
54	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		X	X		X	X		X
55	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					X			
56	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		X	X		X			
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES:Scolopaciidae</b>										
57	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			X					
58	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		H	X			X		
59	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>						X		
60	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			X		X			
61	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			X					
62	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			X		X			
63	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			X					
64	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			X		X	X		
65	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			X		X			
66	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		X	X					
67	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			X					
68	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			X		X	X		
69	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		X	X			X		
70	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>			X					
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES:Laridae</b>										
71	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			X		X	X		
72	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			X	X	X	X		X
73	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>		X	X					
74	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>								X
75	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
76	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			X	X	X	X		X
77	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			X			X		
78	Elegant Tern	<i>Thalasseus elegans</i>			X					
79	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			X					X



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80	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>				X				
	<b>COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae</b>									
81	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
82	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			X	X	X			
83	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			X		X			
84	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Apodidae</b>									
85	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			X	X				
86	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
87	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	
88	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinus galilejensis</i>					X			
	<b>CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae</b>									
89	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					X	X		
	<b>CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae</b>									
90	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	<b>BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae</b>									
91	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		X	X	X		X		
	<b>PICIFORMES: Picidae</b>									
92	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>				X				
93	<b>FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae</b>									
94	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X
95	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		X						
96	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			X					
97	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>							X	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae</b>									
98	Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>								X
99	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		X						
100	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarias minor</i>							X	
101	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>					X			
102	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula spermogolus</i>			X		X			
103	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		X	X				X	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Paridae</b>									
104	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes</i>		X		X		X	X	X
105	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>						X		
106	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>							X	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae</b>									
107	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>							X	X
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae</b>									
108	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		X	X	X	X	X		X
109	Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>				X				X
110	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		X						
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae</b>									
111	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				X	X			
112	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
113	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Pryonoprogne rupestris</i>								X
114	Northern House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		X	X	X		X		X
115	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica rufola</i>			X				X	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Cettiidae</b>									
116	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			X		X			

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	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae</b>									
117	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilis</i>		X	X				X	X
118	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		X						
119	Iberian Chiffchaff							X		
120	Eurasian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		X		X	X			
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae</b>									
121	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			X					
122	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			X					
123	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hyppolias polyglotta</i>					X			
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae</b>									
124	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		X	X		X	X		
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae</b>									
125	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla mauritanicus</i>		X		H		X		
126	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>						X		
127	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>			X		X			
128	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>								X
129	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>		X		X	X	X	X	X
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Regulidae</b>									
130	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla balearicus</i>							X	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae</b>									
131	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>							H	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae</b>									
132	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		X		H		H	X	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae</b>									
133	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		H					H	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae</b>									
134	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
135	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		X	X					
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae</b>									
136	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae</b>									
137	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		X	X	X	X	X		
138	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>				X			X	
139	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							X	
140	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>								X
141	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		X						X
142	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Montacilla solitarius</i>							X	X
143	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			X					
144	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
145	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>								X
146	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>								X
147	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>								X
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae</b>									
148	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
149	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		X	X					
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae</b>									
150	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>							X	
151	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>							X	X
152	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla f. Iberiae</i>		X			X			



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153	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		X						
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae</b>									
154	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		X					X	
155	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		X						
156	Eurasian Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			X				X	
157	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	
	<b>PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae</b>									
158	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>		X	X					
159	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirius</i>		X						
160	Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	X							X
161	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>			X		X			
162	Black-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>			X					

	BUTTERFLIES/Dragonflies/INSECT SPECIES									
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1	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>							X	
2	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		X						
3	Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		X						
4	Two-tailed Pasha	<i>Charaxes jasius</i>		X						
5	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>				X				
6	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>							X	
7	Small Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		X						
8	Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		X						
9	Wall	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>						X		
10	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>							X	
11	Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>						X		
12	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>					X	X		
13										
14	Epaulet Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum chrysostigma</i>		X						
15	Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>			X					
16	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax oarthenope</i>					X			
17	Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>		X			X			
18	Common Darter	<i>Symeptum striolatum</i>			X	X	X	X		
19	Banded Groundling	<i>Brachythemis leucosticta</i>			X	X				
	MAMMALS/AMPHIBIANS/REPTILES									
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
20	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>					X			
21	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		X	X	X				
22	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>					X			
23	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		X	X					
24	Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>		X						
25	Ocellated Lizard	<i>Timon lepidus</i>					X			
26	Pilot Whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>				X				
27	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncata</i>				X				
28	Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>				X				
29	Sunfish	<i>Mola mola</i>				X				

