

WINGSPAN BIRD TOURS

ON TOUR IN SPAIN

THE PYRENEES AND PICOS DE EUROPA



JUNE 12th – JUNE 20th 2022

TRIP REPORT

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SUMMARY

A small group of five intrepid 'WINGSPANNERS' joined Tour Guide Bob Buckler on this high altitude adventure to the mountains of Spain. We had high temperature weather extremes for most of the week and low temperatures with high winds during our visit to the Picos de Europa.

Our bird tally lacked a few of the specialties synonymous with this trip such as Wallcreeper, Alpine Accentor, Middle Spotted Woodpecker and a few others. Nevertheless, our list total was 150 which is a good average score and comparable to previous tours. We all had favourite sightings, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Citril Finch, Common Rock Thrush and Lammergeier all got a mention. I was just happy that some of the star birds managed to get on the checklist!!

A big thank you goes out to Richard for the use of his wonderful pictures, both in the blog and in this trip report. Some of them are amazing, opportunistic shots, such as my favourite, the Pin-tailed Sandgrouse on day 1.

DAY 1 – SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022

VISIT TO EL PARDO – TRANSFER TO FUENDETODOS WITH STOPS AT LA ALMUNIA & VILLANUEVA DE HUERVA

WEATHER: a beautiful sunny day, with light winds, thunder and lightning throughout the afternoon with very little rain. Top temp 29C

We had superb day today, all of yesterday's stressful travel was behind us, we had had a good sleep and a good dose of birding was needed now. It is such a good idea to arrive a day early and be rested before the tour!

We started our official day in semi-darkness!! We met at 6:30am and walked up to the plaza for breakfast, the only café open was packed so we spent some time walking around the centre of the plaza where some very large fir trees with ash and plane trees can be found. We saw Coal Tit, Great Tit, Monk Parakeet, Spotless Starling, Collared Dove, House Sparrow and the regular White Storks (with three young) were standing on their nest. Dozens of Common Swifts and House Martins whizzed overhead and before we knew it, the cafe was almost empty!

After "café con leche y tostados" we returned to the hotel and loaded up the bus for our exciting tour of the Pyrenees and the Picos de Europa. Before we left Madrid we visited a wonderful country park on the outskirts of the city, called El Pardo. It took 20 minutes to get there and soon we were watching some exciting birds.

From the car park we spotted a pair of Rock Sparrows on a pylon and a few Black Kites in the air, we could hear Reed Warbler, Cetti's Warbler and Common Nightingale, we got to see all three of them in due course. We made slow progress along a fast-flowing stream because so many birds were flitting about. Unmanaged reedbeds and dense riparian woodland covered the area below us and so we had very little open water to look at.



a Great Banded Grayling in flight - taken by Richard Pettett

We soon added Blue and Great Tits, Robin, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Magpie and Barn Swallow to our day list before the goodies started turning up. We saw Iberian Magpie across the stream in a distant field, Penduline Tit in the reedbeds below us. Both Lorna and Linda were finding many birds and the Penduline Tit was one of them, we went on to see at least three juvenile birds.



juvenile Penduline Tit

Around 9:30am it started to warm up and raptors began to appear. First, a host of Griffon Vultures, then more Black Kites, a Black Vulture joined the Griffons and an adult Spanish Imperial Eagle appeared above a distant ridge. Unfortunately, only a couple of us were able to get onto the eagle before it disappeared and never returned. A couple of falcons joined the raptors list when Common Kestrel and Peregrine Falcon appeared, followed by the addition of Booted Eagle, Common Buzzard and Red Kite.



Idas Blue – a fairly common species seen in a few places today

Back down to earth we saw Serin, Tree Sparrow, we had good views of Firecrest, short glimpses of Blackcap and more Rock Sparrows appeared. Before we left, we added Great Spotted Woodpecker, a couple of fly-over Ruddy Shelduck (origin unknown?), Grey Heron, we heard Moorhen but had no sign of Little Bittern or Purple Swamphen.

We then drove into the suburbs of Madrid to visit a supermarket before setting off for the plains near Zaragoza. After a couple of hours of driving we stopped at a motorway café for toilets and coffee. There we watched many Griffon Vultures, Booted Eagle and Black Kite, also Greenfinch, Chaffinch and Serin.



a Common Nightingale

For another hour we drove north-eastward, dark clouds loomed, we could see bouts of rain ahead and we heard thunder and saw flashes of lightning.

As soon as we left the motorway heading towards Belchite we stopped by the side of some cultivated fields to look for Turtle Doves. We spent five minutes looking before we found the first of several Turtle Doves, we also added a few other species to the list. Mistle Thrush was unexpected in this habitat, many Wood Pigeons and Black Kites sat on wires, they must have been aware of the danger of flying around with so much lightning going on.



a Rock Bunting - was a nice surprise - found by Linda

We watched Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Serins, Corn Buntings, Spotless Starlings, a couple of Hoopoes and a pair of Short-toed Larks. Not far along the road we made a second stop where found our first European Bee-eaters.

The next stop was in a village, we parked near a bridge over the Rio Huerva, a Black Redstart flew up from the track just as we got there. Dozens of Common Swifts, Swallows and House Martins were dashing about, we saw both White and Grey Wagtails on the rocks in the river and we heard Common Nightingale.



a Chafer Beetle found in my room

A little walk produced more butterfly sightings than new birds, but we did hear a Wryneck, a Spotted Flycatcher performed well, we had great views of Serins and Common Nightingale, also a few Griffon Vultures drifted over. The thunder and lightning continued during our next two stops where we added Western Black-eared Wheatear (a stunning male), we also found Stonechat, Rock Bunting (a nice surprise), more Bee-eaters and lots of Crested Larks.

Along one section of the road we found Calandra Larks on the road, we got fairly close to them as we edged the bus forward before they flew off. It was 5:30pm when we arrived at our hotel near Belchite. We were all hot and needed a cooling shower before a cold beer and dinner. We sat outside to eat, Golden Orioles called to us as we sat down and enjoyed the warm, but breezy evening.

DAY 2 - MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2022

TRANSFER FROM FUENDETODOS TO HECHO VALLEY WITH STOPS AT EL PLANERÓN – RIO EBRO AT QUINTO – LOS MONEGROS – RIO GAS AT JACA

WEATHER: Very hot today, we recorded 44C in the car and an outside air temp of 38C. a light breeze helped at times.

A short pre-breakfast walk produced nothing much, hundreds of House Sparrows, Collared Doves, Spotless Starlings and some dodgy ducks in the pond. We did hear Common Nightingale and Golden Oriole which did flash by a couple of times. Other species seen included Crested Lark, Greenfinches, Goldfinches, Chaffinches and a Black Kite.

It was already getting warm when we arrived at El Planeròn, we stopped about 50 meters along the entrance track to watch a couple of Greater Short-toed Larks, a Common Buzzard, a pair of Western Black-eared Wheatears and the ever-present Black Kite.



A view of the dry and desolate looking El Planeròn

As we progressed we soon realised how dry and desolate the area was and apart from a few Crested Larks and lots of Rabbits we saw very little for a couple kilometers. We stopped to ‘scope’ an old building and found a Little Owl and more larks appeared, we added Thekla and Calandra Larks to our short list. As we continued nothing was sitting on the track, in the past many larks were noted doing this, including the Lesser Short-toed Lark!



one of the main tracks through El Planeròn completely devoid of birdlife

If it wasn't for the small drinking pool and the photographer's hide we would have come away very disappointed. However, an hour in the 'sweatbox' hide produced some good sightings. A Water Rail was standing out in the open when got there and a little later we found a couple of its' chicks.



a Water Rail taken by Richard Pettett

Larks, Linnets, Corn Buntings and Goldfinches came to drink, we added Lesser Short-toed Lark to our list. Then Richard noted three Black-bellied Sandgrouse dropping into the scrub about 50 meters to our left, we expected them to walk to the drinking pool in front of us, but they never showed again. Then a little later two Pin-tailed Sandgrouse flew up from nearby, but they never came to drink either.



A pair of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, the male in the foreground,
an excellent reaction shot taken by Richard Pettett

We added Hoopoe and Bee-eater to our list and more larks appeared but that was it, a few Moorish Geckos lined the ceiling of the hide and we saw a few dragonflies and butterflies outside.



Moorish Gecko taken by Mike Taylor



searching for Stone Curlew, by Richard Pettett

On the way off the reserve we searched for Stone Curlew without luck, we found an Iberian Shrike and saw lots of Griffon Vultures, both Red and Black Kites and a very distant Raven called.

Along the road towards Quinto we added Short-toed Eagle, White Stork and not much else until we reached the River Ebro. It was now warming up with the temperature sitting at 29C. We had brief views of Great Reed Warbler and Common Kingfisher when we first arrived at the river. A couple of Purple Herons flew over, Little & Cattle Egrets were seen in the fields, Sand Martins hawked insects above the river and we heard Cetti's Warbler, Reed Warbler, Nightingale, Golden Oriole but did not see any of them.



Lesser Short-toed Lark taken from the hide on El Planeròn by Richard

Our second stop was on a bend in the river, where a shingle bank sits in the water, there we found Little Ringed Plover, Black-winged Stilts, Yellow-legged Gull, both Yellow and White Wagtails and we had more sightings of Kingfisher, Purple Herons, Little Egrets and we had a couple of views of Golden Orioles.



a male Western Yellow Wagtail (*iberiae*) at the Rio Ebro

After our visit to the river we stopped to view a small reed fringed pool where saw a pair of Little Grebes with chicks and we watched a few dragonfly/damselfly species.



Red-eyed damselfly - by Richard

Next, we sat in a park in the centre of the village called 'Pina del Ebro' to eat our picnic lunch we then drove to Los Monegros. I knew it was going to be very hot there but not that hot!! We recorded 38C and tried to find a few birds in the scrub. We never saw much at all except for a beautiful male Montagu's Harrier as we arrived and then an Egyptian Vulture circled over us. Our search for Spectacled and Dartford Warblers went unrewarded, I'm not surprised!!



Thread or Spoon-winged Lacewing taken by Richard

We then put some miles on the clock and drove past Zaragoza, Huesco and Jaca before we stopped for our last birding of the day. We parked in an area sheltered by mature trees next to the Rio Gas and spent a lovely hour, in cooler temperatures watching birds, butterflies, dragonflies and orchids. We added Garden Warbler to the list but had views of many other species including Golden Orioles.



the beautiful Black-veined White Butterfly taken by Richard

Butterflies were everywhere, we added several new species to our list including the lovely Black Veined White shown above.

We arrived at our hotel around 7pm and had an hour to get ready for dinner which was really enjoyed by all of us. A buzz emanated from the table as we talked excitedly of our days ahead in the heart of the Pyrenees Mountains, such fun!

DAY 3 – TUESDAY 14TH JUNE 2022

WALK TO THE RIO ARAGON SUBORDAN – REFUGIO GABARDITO – UPPER HECHO VALLEY

WEATHER: bright start, cloudy later with some very light showers, light wind, humid. Top temp 29C

Our pre-breakfast walk took us along the lane outside the hotel down to the local river. We saw very little in the garden of the hotel although we did hear: Blackcap, Chaffinch, Robin, Wren, Song Thrush and Blackbird. We also heard a Vixen Fox ‘barking’. Along the lane we found a small party of Crested Tits and not a lot else.



the Group under the Hotel Uson sign, depicting a Wallcreeper and a Lammergeier, both of which we hoped to see today!

Our target birds at the river were soon in the bag, a family party of Dippers were located either side of the bridge and both Grey and White Wagtails flitted about on the rocks above the bridge. We saw a Raven on a dead tree and a few Griffon Vultures were waking up and drifting over the mountain tops.

After breakfast our first destination was the well known ‘Wallcreeper Rock-face’ up at the Refugio Gabardito, we had been told that the Wallcreepers were not nesting this year but had moved across the valley. They were now very much harder to locate and very distant too, so we didn’t hold much hope of seeing one.

It was a 9km drive up a winding lane through dense woodland, we saw Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush, Blackbird and several Chaffinches along the way. At the car park next to the Refugio Gabardito a pair of Red-backed Shrikes were there to greet us. We saw nothing else whatsoever in the open area around the car park. Very few flowers were blooming and hardly a butterfly stirred the air.



Red-backed Shrike taken by Richard

It was the same along the walk to the Wallcreeper site, very little bird song, very few flowers and hardly a butterfly. We walked into alpine meadows and found a few signs of life, a Garden Warbler sang from the nearest bush, some butterflies were on the wing such as: Wood White, Large Wall Brown, Painted lady, Brimstone, Cleopatra and Duke of Burgundy.



Large Wall Brown – Richard Pettett

Above us it clouded over and some light rain fell, at this point we heard both species of Chough, Red-billed and Yellow-billed (Alpine), we also saw a few Griffon Vultures drifting along the far side of the valley.

We finally made it to the Wallcreeper Rock-face and spent an hour or so scanning the far side of the valley for the Wallcreepers. We found Black Redstarts on both sides of the valley and a Blue Rock Thrush. We had much better views of the two Chough species, we watched dozens of Crag Martins and a small number of Alpine Swifts, but we never had a sniff of a Wallcreeper.



Firecrest – taken in very poor light – Richard Pettett

The journey back was very pleasant, most of it was downhill and easy walking, we saw a few more butterflies and had good views of Firecrest. Back at the car park we met up with Lorna again, she had decided not to take the ‘Wallcreeper walk’ and had been watching the Shrikes instead.



a Pearly Heath - Richard Pettett

We drove back down to the base of the Hecho Valley and turned eastward to head further along the main valley towards the French Border. We couldn't find a café that was open, so we parked in a large picnic area to eat lunch. From there we spent the rest of the afternoon making our way slowly north/eastwards towards the head of the valley. We passed through some stunning scenery; tiny patches of snow were still visible on the mountain tops.



at least six of these Egyptian Vultures were patrolling up and down the valley all afternoon - Richard Pettett

We saw Red Kites, Egyptian Vultures and to our great delight a pair of Golden Eagles. Hundred of orchids lined the track and many butterflies were on the wing. But, still the birding wasn't as good as it usually is! We never had single sighting of Lammergeier, we searched high and low for them for the remainder of the afternoon.



Southern Marsh Orchid



Lesser Butterfly Orchid

We saw more Red-backed Shrikes, Garden Warblers, one or two Yellowhammers, more Egyptian Vultures, later on we saw a pair of Common Buzzards and a Hobby flew past us at eye level.



the beautiful Yellowhammer nicely captured by Richard

More butterflies appeared throughout the day, a Ringlet species gave us the run-around and would not settle, we saw Idas, Chalkhill and Marzarine Blues, Purple Shot Copper, large Wall, Common Swallowtail, Grizzled Skipper and so many whites it was hard to keep up.



Grizzled Skipper - Richard Pettett

We left the area and drove slowly back down the valley, stopping a few times to search the sky for Lammergeier which did not appear, oh well, there is always tomorrow.

We enjoyed another lovely dinner serve by Lucia and Imanol at the hotel, they are great hosts and of course, Imanol's micro-brewery is still up and running. He made fun of me by presenting us with his 'Lammergeier' beer!

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE 2022

PRE-BREAKFAST WALK – RIO ARAGON - ROAD TO ALASTUEY – CANDANCHU SKI RESORT – FRANCE AT PURETO DE SOMPORT - ASTUN SKI RESORT.

WEATHER: another scorching day, it was very hot today with a light breeze. Top temp 38C

After a terrific thunderstorm in the middle of the night I thought things would have been a lot cooler today but that was not the case. The Humidity had increased, but the cooling rain had evaporated by the time we went out at 7am.

Our pre-breakfast walk today was down the valley towards the nearest tunnel about 500 meters from the hotel. It was once again very quiet, we found a party of three/four Crested Tits, we saw the usual common species and we saw a couple of Siskins in a dead pine tree.

At the tunnel we watched four pairs of Crag Martins visiting their nests inside the tunnel and we watched distant Jays, Song Thrush, a close up Common Buzzard and some very distant Griffon Vultures.



Crag Martin taken by Richard Pettett

After breakfast we drove down the valley to main road and turned towards Jaca, after a kilometer we turned onto a dirt track that led us to a small bridge over the Rio Aragon. As we got out of the bus we heard Blackcap and Garden Warbler and then two Wrynecks flew into a tree not far away, we got the first one in the binoculars but not for very long, they both flew off before we got the scope on them.



a magnificent Short-toed Eagle – Richard Pettett

From the bridge we saw a Common Sandpiper and three Grey Herons flew over, a Short-toed Eagle circled above us not too far away, you could see the intricate markings on the underside of the bird. Several Serins were feeding on the track and we could see a number of Bee-eaters further along.



Bonelli's Warbler in full song – Richard Pettett

A little further along the main road we turned into an oak woodland and after parking the bus in the shade we went for a short walk. It was very quiet, not many birds were singing. We watched a few butterflies before we went walking into the trees.

We saw Red Kite overhead and a Griffon Vulture too. A Kingfisher flew towards us along a narrow track and veered off as we approached. Just then we heard the distinctive trill of the Western Bonelli's Warbler and after a short while we added that one to our growing tour-list.



a Silver-washed Fritillary in flight – Richard Pettett

Further along the lane we stopped near a stream and braved the strong heat and sunlight once again. A Red-backed Shrike was nice to see but not a lot else was on show. We saw more butterflies than birds, we heard a few but not many, it was now 30C with no breeze!

So, we made our way up to the Ski resorts hoping that it would be a little cooler up there, we stopped for coffee at Canfranc Estacion and we ate our picnic lunch by the side of the River Aragon where we watched a family party of Black Redstarts, we also saw Dipper, Grey Wagtail and our first Scarce Swallowtail butterfly.



Scarce Swallowtail – Richard Pettett

At Condanchu Ski resort we drove along the bumpy tracks to the ski slopes and parked the bus. Using the shelter of a hut we scanned the area, there was a nice cooling breeze up there so that helped. We quickly found several Northern Wheatears, White Wagtails and a displaying Water Pipit. But, our search for the Common Rock Thrush went unrewarded, we moved further along the slopes and found more Wheatears, also Linnets, Red-billed Chough and a host of Griffon Vultures.



A displaying Water Pipit parachuting back to earth – Richard Pettett

We then tried a quick visit over the border into France to look at a site where I have seen Citril Finch several times in the past. Unfortunately, the derelict building at the site was now a partially refurbished restaurant with workmen all over it and lots of disturbance. We did see a few butterflies and one in particular that was on my personal wanted lists, the SCARCE COPPER, what a beauty, but it would not settle for a photograph.



A lovely Black Redstart

The Ski centre at Astün was our last hope for Common Rock Thrush we tried two places along the approach road but struck a blank at both of them. We did see a nice Rock Bunting and not much else.

Finally we arrived at the centre and walked down to the base of the ski-slopes where we watched a beautiful male Black Redstart singing from post to post. We also watched Crag Martins, House Martins, White Wagtails, Water Pipits and we saw both Serin and Yellowhammer.

Then we found our target bird, it began singing from the top of a support pole a couple of hundred meters away, it then moved closer to a ski-lift stanchion and we had great views of it, hooray!!



Rufous-tailed or Common Rock Thrush

It was around 4pm when a few raptors started to appear, first we noticed a few Griffon Vultures, then a Red Kite, a Common Kestrel and a distant unidentified falcon. Then at last a Lammergeier appeared in the distance and over the next 30 minutes we watched a pair of them getting tantalisingly closer until eventually they showed very well.



one of many of Richard's shots of the Lammergeier



another bird with a diamond-shaped tail - Raven by Richard Pettett

At last, one of the prized birds was in the bag!! We also saw a few Alpine marmots whilst we were scanning the slopes and many orchids in the grassy banks nearby. We added Clouded Apollo and Mountain Ringlet to our butterfly list.

We set off for our hotel which was an hour's drive from Astún, we made a quick stop at Rio Gas near Jaca but saw very little there, the breeze at the river was like a blast from a furnace. It was after 6pm when got back to the hotel, another full day in the field, my group was tired it had been a hot day indeed with an average temp. of 36C!!

DAY 5 – THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2022

ROAD TO ARRÉS – MONESTERIO DE SAN JUAN DE LA PEÑA – CITADEL DE JACA – RIO GAS – ROAD TO ALASTUEY

WEATHER: the heat is on! Another scorcher with an average temperature of 36C! Not much of a breeze.

We tried to beat the heat by taking a very early breakfast at 6am. This allowed us to be on the road at 6:30am heading down the valley to the Rio Aragon at Puente la Reina de Jaca, from there we took the road to Arrés and parked near a stream to start our birding. More bird song could be heard at this time of the day, but nothing new for the trip except the sighting of a female Cirl Bunting carrying food.

Our main birding stop was about a kilometer further along the lane we spent a good hour there enjoying some decent birding. We found our first Melodious Warbler and quickly followed that with our first Tawny Pipit, both were in song at some point. Stonechats, Cirl Buntings and Corn Bunting could also be heard and a Common Quail called loudly from the wheat field across the road from us.



a distant shot of a Melodious Warbler, taken by Richard

Over the next hour we added Golden Oriole (heard) Turtle Dove, Black and Red Kites, Grey Heron, Serin and many common species. More stops along the lane produced our first Booted Eagle, this bird was perched on a large bush and was being constantly mobbed by Hoopoe, Magpie, Corn Bunting and House Sparrows, it eventually flew off.



the Booted Eagle, a strange plumage perhaps moulting into light morph or partially leucistic? taken by Richard



We searched for Orphean & Sardinian Warblers at two other sites without luck, we had much better views of both Cirl Bunting and Melodious Warbler as well as more Turtle Dove sightings.



Tawny Pipit

We returned to our main stop-off point and spent some time looking out for raptors along the ridge above us. We did get distracted by the profusion of butterflies in the area, about 15 species were dashing about, we added Ilex and Blue-spot Hairstreaks to our list and we found several other new fritillaries.



record shot of the Honey Buzzard, a very distant bird taken by Richard



I love this shot of a Black Kite eyeing up a Corn Bunting, Lunch I hope! taken by Richard



the magnificent Red Kite, a great shot by Richard

Short-toed Eagle, even more Black & Red Kites showed, as well as Griffon & Egyptian Vultures before our main target species arrived, the Honey Buzzard. One individual gave us a nice show and one is all you need! My group were now getting hot, but they were happy as Larry with the buzzard sighting.



Blue-spot Hairstreak, taken by Richard

We drove up the Monesterio by following a long and winding road, forever climbing until we reached the open plateau at the top of a huge area of conglomerate rock formation. We parked in the wooded area and walked directly to the monesterio to take a coffee and cake break.



Southern White Admiral taken by Richard



you very rarely see the orange wing-patch in a photograph of the Cleopatra because it always closes its wings when settled, Richard captured this one nicely in flight, I love these two photos!



After our break we walked to the mirador (look-out point) where we had spectacular views of the countryside and the Pyrenees Mountains. The visibility was quite poor, but we did see the snow-capped peaks. Along the way we saw Jay, Crested Tit, Blue Tit and heard Firecrest and Blackcap and not much else. Again, it was the wonderful array of butterflies and other insects that kept us entertained.



Common Swallowtail, by Richard. You can tell that we hardly saw any birds at the monesterio because of all the photographs of butterflies

Our circular walk took an hour, it was very hot but the shade of the forest helped. We added Jay, Eurasian Nuthatch and more common species but we never had a sighting of Black Woodpecker that we had hoped for. The butterflies were prolific, we saw Southern White Admiral, Common Swallowtail, Cleopatra, Brimstone, Great Banded Grayling, lots of browns, blues and white butterflies, that kept us busy. We also watched Hummingbird Hawk Moths, Bee-Flies and other flying oddities.

Back at the monesterio we ate our picnic lunch sitting at a picnic table under the shelter of the trees and ate ice-cream bought from the cafe, the temperature was once again up the higher 30's.



walking around the moat of the Citadel, you can just see
a Red Deer down in the dry moat area

For our afternoon session we drove down to Jaca on a small road, it was 17 kilometers of tight bends and pot-holes, but at least the air-conditioning in the bus was working well. We parked not far from the 16th Century Citadel in the centre of town and walked across the open lawns to view the moat area and the old walls of this ancient monument. It is a well-known site for watching both Tree & Rock Sparrows.



Rock Sparrow, showing its yellow throat patch, taken by Richard

We had excellent views of both species and saw the herd of Red Deer in the moat area which was being sprayed with fountains of water from sprinklers. The deer stood around the sprinklers to keep cool.

As we walked back, we heard a Scop's Owl call from the trees and then a second bird replied, we walked over and realised that the calls were coming from a couple of trees that were heavily clad in ivy and we had no chance of seeing the birds.

For our last birding of the afternoon we, once again, visited the Rio Gas just a few kilometers north of Jaca. We still had some snacks to eat so we used the shaded picnic tables. Richard and Linda sat on the bank of the river and watched a procession of birds coming to the river to drink, they had amassed an impressive list when we went to join them. Serins, Chaffinch,

Goldfinch, Greenfinch, House Sparrow, Corn Bunting, Spotted Flycatcher, Blackbird and White Wagtail were listed.

Our return to the hotel was planned to be a little earlier than usual because we had requested an early dinner due to our later plans of going out again at 8pm to look for an Eagle Owl. All went to plan, we arrived at the 'owl' site around 9:15pm and waited around for an hour. During our wait we saw a few species but not many, Red Kite, a Honey Buzzard, Griffon Vulture, some House Martins and we heard Cirl Bunting, Blackcap, Garden Warbler and Song Thrush.

Before it got too dark we saw the first of several European Nightjars, this first one flew right over the top of us, it was still light enough to see the small white, wing patches. It called a few times too. Later we heard one or two males churring and we had a few more sightings of both sexes. So, we were successful with the Nightjars but the Eagle Owl did not appear or make a single hoot.

We departed at 10:30pm and got back to the hotel 30 minutes later, it had been a long day indeed. Tomorrow we had requested another early breakfast at 6am, good night!!

DAY 6 – FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2022

HECHO VALLEY – ANSO VALLEY – RONÇAL VALLEY – LARRA-BELAGUA PASS – LA PIERRE SAINT-MARTIN SKI RESORT

WEATHER: sunshine all day, a little cooler today, light winds but still hot. Top temp 33C

Breakfast was taken at 6am and we set off soon afterwards and headed down to the town of Hecho before we turned off towards Anso, the scenery between the two valley was incredibly beautiful and the roads were car free. Once in the Anso Valley we stopped to scan some jagged pinnacles for birds. Some of the group had not seen Blue Rock Thrush yet. We saw zilch on the pinnacles, a Red Kite drifted over us and a few Griffon Vultures sat on nests, Garden Warblers called from the scrub.



A view in the Anso Valley

We drove through the village of Anso and up through a 14km-long gorge to Zorita where we made our second stop. Once again the scenery was breath-taking, just gorgeous. We searched for Black Woodpecker and anything else we could find. Serins, Black Redstarts, Crag Martins, White Wagtails and more Griffon Vultures was all we came away with.



On top of the Belagua Pass

We also stopped in the valley that connects the Anso to Ronçal Valleys, where we once again searched for Black Woodpecker and heard nothing from them. We added Red-backed Shrike, a family party of Ravens and a few Carrion Crows to our day list.



Serin seen at Zorita

Once we were in the Ronçal Valley we climbed up and over the Larra-Belagua Pass, it was amazing, with many switch-backs and low gear driving. We stopped once on the incline to admire our first and only Red Squirrel of the trip. At the top (2,000 meters) we parked near the border with France and began looking for high altitude species.



Red Squirrel taken by Richard from the bus



Both Yellow-billed and Red-billed Choughs were present with the former being the most common. Lots of Water Pipits were still singing, we also saw many Linnets, Serins and at a small pool of water we found our first Citril Finch, a nice male.



Yellow-billed Cough - by Richard above and by me below



A little further along the road we looked for Alpine Accentor and found two pairs of Ring Ouzels both pairs were feeding young not far off the road. Some Citril Finches were feeding on a bare bit of ground next to road, it looked like they were eating grit/mineral salts. We had a great time watching the Choughs at close quarters and many butterflies were on the wing to keep us happy.



Ring Ouzel - taken by Richard above - and by me below



As we progressed further into France we passed through some road works, a Black Woodpecker flew across the road in front of us, this was our most wanted species. It perched on the side of tree for about 10 seconds before disappearing into the woods. Only four of us saw it, we stopped and searched but the bird never returned.



Red-billed Chough taken by Richard

We then drove into the French ski resort at La Pierre Saint-Martin to look for Crossbills and drew a blank, it was now the hottest part of the day at 33C. We saw Black Redstarts, Serins, Coal Tit, Goldcrest (heard) and Chaffinches. We found a café that was open and sat out on the terrace drinking tea/coffee.



Citril Finch by Richard



two more Citril Finches taken by me

For the return trip we visited the same places in the Belagua Pass with the addition of a lunch stop at an old cheese making hut. There we watched Ring Ouzels flying over, carrying food in one direction. Yellow-billed Choughs were ever-present, Northern Wheatears were also seen as well as Linnets and our first Dunnock of the trip.

Our second stop at the Citril Finch site produced more Citril Finches but we drew a blank when we returned to the site where we saw the Black Woodpecker earlier and we never saw an Alpine Accentor either.



Crag Martin by Richard

A second coffee stop on the way back down the into the Ronçal Valley was followed by a fruitless walk in the Belagua Beech Woodland. It was nice and sheltered in there, but we hardly saw a single bird. We got back to the hotel late afternoon, it was a short day after yesterday's mega hours! Richard got off the bus at the Tunnel to photograph Crag Martins and got some good results.

We ate our final dinner at Hotel Uson and enjoyed the food and the camaraderie of Imanol, he is such a joker and he had us all in stitches. The red wine and chocolate mousse went down well (not together I might add!).

DAY 7 – SATURDAY 18TH JUNE 2022

TRANSFER FROM HECHO VALLEY IN THE PYRENEES TO DEVA VALLEY IN THE PARQUE NACIONAL DE LOS PICOS DE EUROPA – WITH OUR MAIN STOP AT EMBALSE DE EBRO.

WEATHER: Sunshine to start, cloudy later with thunderstorms. Top Temp. 32C

After our 8am breakfast we set off for the long journey from the Pyrenees to the Picos de Europa, we planned to spend all day travelling with some stops for coffee, lunch and birding.

We recorded 32 species from the bus whilst we were driving and several more during our stops. Two hours into the journey and just past Longroño we pulled over for a coffee stop. The garden around the services was full of lavender in flower and they were covered in butterflies. We recorded 15 species in about 10 minutes, both Dark Green and Silver Washed Fritillaries were present, as well as two Hairstreak species, Brimstone, Cleopatra, Long-tailed Blue, Large Skipper, lots of whites and some browns.



Silver Washed Fritillary taken by Richard



A Great Banded Grayling with a small part of a Spanish Gatekeeper

Back on the road for another 1 ½ hours found us at our lunch stop, it was very hot by then, but we found some sheltered picnic benches on a side road. We watched Melodious Warblers, lots of finches such as Serin, Linnet, Greenfinch, Goldfinch and Chaffinch. A Common

Buzzard, Red Kite and a Booted Eagle flew over us. A little walk down the lane produced a Turtle Dove sighting and a couple of Wood Pigeons.



Richard saved the day with some quick reaction photography - Booted Eagle



and Turtle Dove

We reached the Embalse de Ebro around 2pm and spent an hour or so stopping at various lookout points, the first of which was at the eastern end where we saw Yellow Wagtail, Skylark, White Stork, Mallards and some Yellow-legged Gulls.

Our next stop produced sightings of Gadwall, Common Coot, lots of Great Crested Grebes, Greylag Geese (a family party) and some more Skylarks. Towards the eastern end of the reservoir (embalse) we added Mute Swan to the trip list, we saw a Black Redstart, Lots of Common Swifts and more Gadwall.

Just before we left it started to rain and we could see flashes of lightning ahead of us. It was a straight 2-hour drive to the hotel from there. We drove through heavy bouts of rain and some sunny periods, arriving at the hotel around 5pm.

Before long most of the group were standing on the bridge near the hotel viewing the River Deva where we saw Dipper, Grey Wagtail, Spotted Flycatcher and lots of common species. We ate a lovely dinner at 8pm and relaxed with a nice chilled glass of red wine.



Spotted Flycatcher taken by Richard from his hotel room balcony

DAY 8 – SUNDAY 19TH JUNE 2022

FUENTE DE CABLE CAR – PEMBES VILLAGE

WEATHER; cloudy with some sunshine later, very windy. Temp 2-5C in the morning and 26C in the afternoon.

Our big day in the Picos de Europa had arrived, we took an early breakfast so that we could be up at the Cable Car in good time before it started running at 9am. All went to plan except for the system had changed, you could now book your tickets online, so there was no need to get there early and wait in line to buy tickets. Doh!! We still managed to get on the first car as not many people turned up anyway.



you can just make out the cable-car (next to the trees) as it rises 800 meters in just over 3 minutes to the top of the mountains

During our hour-long wait before our cable-car trip we found some birds in the pine trees around the cable-car station, our first sighting of Goldcrest was nice, a family party was making a lot of noise high up in the trees. We also saw Coal Tit, Black Redstart, Jay and Chaffinches. High up in the sky we noticed several Griffon Vultures and a couple of Common Buzzard, we noticed that the clouds were whizzing past, not a good sign!.



Jay in the car park taken by Richard

As we emerged from the cable-car station at the top of the mountains we felt a distinct drop in temperature, it was very cold. As feared, it was also very windy, a cold biting wind that took your breath away. So, we battled our way out onto the track and began our walk, a few notes of bird song could be heard, now and again but it was hard to keep your binoculars steady to look for anything.



the scenery at the top is stunning



Richard's picture of the group looking at a Wheatear

Richard saw the back end of a Northern Wheatear disappear over a ridge when we first started the walk and some 15 minutes later we found a couple of Linnets!! A Black Redstart was next and we heard Water Pipits but could not trace them. The only species readily available for viewing was the Alpine Chough, several of them dropped down to be fed.



this Northern Wheatear and the Alpine Choughs were the only birds we saw close enough to photograph, taken by Richard

We eventually reached the base of the high cull where Wallcreeper and Snow Finch both breed, the wind was so strong and cold that you had to hide behind a rock to find any semblance of shelter. From there we did see a couple of Snow Finches flying low, battling the wind to reach their nests on the cliff face. There was no sign of Wallcreeper, or Alpine Accentor and we were frozen!



This is Linda throwing crumbs for Alpine Choughs

Back at the station we had a hot chocolate drink and a piece of cake bought by Linda, we warmed a little but none of us wanted to go out again and battle the elements to look for an Alpine Accentor. It was 12:30pm when we arrived back down at base camp, immediately we began to warm up. We drove a short way up the road near a forest trails and ate our picnic lunch. Periods of sunshine warmed us, it was 20C and rising, what a contrast to the icy conditions at the top.



A short walk in the woodland produced a Bullfinch sighting, but nothing else, we looked for Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Marsh Tit and Common Redstart without luck, we did find lots of common woodland species.

Our visit to Pembroes village in the hills further down the valley was very pleasant, it was warm and sunny and lots of birds were flying around the village. Black Redstarts seemed to be everywhere, Barn Swallows, House and Crag Martins joined hordes of Common Swifts in the sky above us, we also saw Egyptian Vulture and Common Buzzards.



the afternoon sunshine brought out a few butterflies,
this is Long-tailed Blue taken by Richard

Our walk up through this ancient village (many buildings have now been renovated) produced nothing new and a track into the farmland and up to a woodland produced even less. There wasn't any bird song except for Blackcaps and no sign of Common Redstart or Middle Spotted Woodpecker.



a nice male Serin taken by Richard

On the return walk we did see our first Peregrine Falcon of the trip as one swooped down after an afternoon snack. Before we got onto the bus we took another track where we found many Serins and Goldfinches feeding in the grass fields, we saw more Black Redstarts and we found a Red-backed Shrike.

Back at the bus we drove down the lane out of the village and stopped a couple of times but found nothing new. We arrived back at the hotel around 5pm after a very disappointing day. Birding around the hotel and the river Deva across the road produced the usual Dipper, Grey Wagtail and some common species. The Spotted Flycatcher could be seen around the back of the hotel in its usual place.



A young Dipper taken by Richard just outside our hotel

It is a long drive all the way to the Picos de Europa and putting our eggs all in one basket finally proved to be a big mistake! Giving ourselves just one shot at the altitude species seems foolish. Having said that, this is the first time that the weather has stopped us seeing all the goodies of the Picos. This year has had weather extremes, high temperatures and many species have failed to breed or have bred early, all conditions not under our control, “you pay your money and take your chance”! That’s birding for you!

DAY 9 – MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2022

TRANSFER FROM COSGAYA TO MADRID WITH STOPS AT SAN VICENTE DE LA BARQUERA AND ROAD TO SEPULVEDA

WEATHER: rain with low cloud to start, sunny spells later. Temp 12C – 24C

There was no pre-breakfast early morning walk because it was raining, so we all went to breakfast at 7am and had the bus all packed and ready to go before 8am!! It took an hour to drive to the coast along winding, narrow roads through the impressive gorge Desfiladero de la

Hermida which traces the path of the Rio Deva. Some of the group saw a Dipper and a Grey Wagtail in the river and a few other common species.



Grey Wagtail taken near our hotel at Cosgaya by Richard Pettett

At San Vicente the tide was just about to reach its highest point so not much mud and sand was left to scan. Several grassy islands were still visible in the bay and the rocks below the main bridge held quite a few waders. We spent an hour scanning the area and finding many birds, at least nine of them were new to trip list. Out in the huge tidal bay three or four Whimbrels were listed first, followed by 10 Eurasian Spoonbills, two Great Egrets, a single Bar-tailed Godwit and just below us a single Dunlin sat on the rocks.



Dunlin - a non-breeder or an adult returning early from the breeding grounds?? By Richard Pettett

A short way across the bridge we scoped the area once again and found a mixed flock of 20+ Dunlin and Common Ringed Plover, we also found five distant Mute Swans, dozens of Mallards and a flock of some 25+ Redshanks. On the other side of the road looking seaward into the large marina we saw a mixed group of gulls sitting on a sandbar that was ever-decreasing in size as the tide came in. We noted Yellow-legged and Great Black-backed Gulls and distantly we saw a sole Black-headed Gull sitting on the water.



Greater Ringed Plover - Richard Pettett

A Grey Heron or two stood motionless adjacent to a reedbed and that I think was all we saw there, no, I remember a Cormorant flying over us.

We then set off and put some miles on the clock, making a coffee stop near Reinosa and a lunch stop just south of Burgos. Along the way we saw, surprisingly, at least three Black Vultures with a large bunch of Griffons and later we saw a single Egyptian Vulture, a couple of Black kites, several Common Buzzards and a Common Kestrel.



some of the group on the Bridge over the causeway at San Vicente de la Baquera

We made a short stop about 90km from Madrid on a road leading to Sepulveda, we had intended to look for Iberian Magpies, but we were distracted by a pair of Montagu's Harriers. These birds performed so well that we did not want to leave them. They even performed a 'food pass' and although they were fairly distant it was great to watch them.

We arrived at Madrid Airport at 3:20pm in good time for Gerald to catch his 6:15 flight. I dropped Richard and Linda at Hostal Viky before parking the bus not far from them. Mike, Lorna and myself had much later flights so we had time to spend in the plaza with Richard and Linda.

At 6pm I dropped Mike and Lorna at the Terminal and drove off to return the bus, I was back at the terminal before 7pm. Our flight to Bristol was on time and we parted ways around 11pm in Bristol Airport. The trip was over, it had been hard work in a range of temperatures and weather conditions, I felt exhausted at times and slept like log most nights despite the heat.

27	Short-toed Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			X		X	X		X		
28	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			X							
29	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			X							X
30	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				X						
31	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		X	X		X		X	X		X
32	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		X							X	
33	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			X							
34	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						H				
35	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			X							
36	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		H								
37	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>								X		
38	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			X							
39	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>										X
40	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			X							
41	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>										X
42	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>										X
43	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				X						
44	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponicus</i>										X
45	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>										X
46	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>			X			X		X		X
47	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>								X		
48	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marina</i>										X
49	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>										X
50	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>			X							
51	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>			X							
52	Rock Dove /Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		X	X					X	X	X
53	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		X	H			X		X		
54	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		X	X			X	X	X		X
55	Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
56	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		X	H			H				
57	Scop's Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>						H				H
58	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			X							
59	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						X				
60	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>				X						
61	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
62	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		X								
63	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			X		X					
64	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		X	X		X	X				
65	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		X	X			X		X		
66]	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridus</i>				X		H				
67	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>		X		X	X			X	H	X
68	Black Woodpecker	<i>Drycopus martius</i>							X			
69	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquatta</i>		H			X					
70	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>								X		
71	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		X	X							
72	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		X	X			X				X
73	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>			X							
74	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		X	X							
75	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>			X							
76	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			X							
77	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
78	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
79	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
80	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						X				

81	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>					X		X		X	
82	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
83	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>			X					X		
84	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		X		X	X			X	X	X
85	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>				X	X			X	X	X
86	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>							X			
87	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
88	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		X	X		H	H				
89	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
90	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		X	X		X	X		X		
91	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					X		X		X	
92	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		X	X							
93	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	H
94	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		X	X	X			X			
95	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
96	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>							X		X	
97	Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				X						
98	Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>					X					
99	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			X	X	H	X	H	H		
100	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		X	X	H	H	X	H	H	X	H
101	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		X				X				
102	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		X	X		H					
103	Great Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>			X							
104	Eurasian Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		X	H							
105	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>						X		X		
106	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>					X					
107	Eurasian chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus colybita</i>		H			H	H				
108	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>				H	H		H		X	
109	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>		X		X						
110	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				H	H	H	H		H	
111	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		X				X		X	X	
112	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
113	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		X	X	X			X		X	
114	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		X		X	X	X	X		X	X
115	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>				X	X	X				
116	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>						X				
117	Eurasian Penduline-Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		X								
118	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			H			X				
119	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		X								
120	Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>			X							
121	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>				X	X	X	X	X	X	
122	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>						X				
123	Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cyana</i>		X								
124	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
125	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>				X	X	X	X	X	X	
126	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		X								X
127	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>				X	X		X			
128	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>				X			X		X	
129	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
130	Common or Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			H	X	X		X		X	
131	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		X			X	X		X		X
132	Eurasian Golden-Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		H	X			H				X
133	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
134	Spanish Sparrow	<i>P. domesticus hispaniolensis</i>			X							

