

# Wingspan Bird Tours

## Trip Report

### Extremadura & Sierra de Gredos

15th - 22nd May 2012



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## **DAY 1 - MAY 15TH 2012**

### **MADRID AIRPORT TO TRUJILLO WITH STOPS AT JARAICEJO HEATHLAND AND THE 3 BRIDGES**

What a great start to our 7 day tour of Extremadura, the weather was superb, bright and sunny, with nice temperatures of around 25C.

The group assembled at Madrid airport, Ken, Lilian came with me from Andalucia, I collected Peter from a Barajas Hotel whilst Bill, Rita, Ann and Barbara arrived at Barajas airport, we all met up fairly easily and were on the road by 11:30am.

A comfortable and eventful ride found us at Jaraicejo by 1pm. We had stopped for coffee and toilets and during the trip we had logged: Both **Eurasian** and **Azure-winged Magpies**, as well as **Black** and **Red Kites**, **Griffon** and **Black Vultures**. At the Heathland, near Jaraicejo, we found **Dartford Warbler** and a very showy **Spectacled Warbler**. Other birds noted were **Crested Lark**, **Corn Bunting**, **Blackcap** and **Linnet**.

Next we stopped at the "three bridges" found just below Jaraicejo, where we spent a nice hour or so listing many good species. A **Common Nightingale** showed well as did **Woodchat Shrike**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Kingfisher**, **White Stork**, **Grey Heron** and **Grey Wagtail**. We heard a **Cetti's Warbler** and a **Common Cuckoo** and watched a lovely **Short-toed Eagle** circling above us. All in all, it was a great scenic place to visit with plenty of birds to see.

We arrived at Finca Santa Marta after a shopping trip to Trujillo, the grounds, the ambiance and the wild flowers of this secluded place make it something very special, this year it did not disappoint. We had a lovely warm welcome and arrival 'drinks on the house' were supplemented by a pep talk from the owner Henri, a really charming man and a wonderful experience for us all.

We could hear **Golden Orioles** from our rooms, a **Hoopoe** flew across the yard and **Azure-winged Magpies** flitted from olive tree to almond bush. **Serins**, **Spotless Starlings** and **Sardinian Warblers** joined the nesting **White Storks** onto our 'Finca' list.

A superb dinner was taken at 8pm then we all retired after a long and exciting day, welcome to Extremadura.

## **DAY 2 - MAY 16TH 2012**

### **BELEN PLAIN – LLANOS DE TRUJILLO – SANTA MARTA DE MAGASCA – MONROY – TALAVAN RESERVOIR – CASARES PLAIN**

Another day of hot, sunny weather, again the mid-afternoon heat was a little too much but we kept out of the sun as much as we could.

Our first early morning excursion found us at the Belen Plain just as it was getting light at 7am. Our first stop produced **Little Owl**, **Hoopoe** and lots of larks. The air was full of bird song. **Thekla Larks** were very numerous as were **Calandra Larks**, **Corn Buntings**

and the **Hoopoe** seemed to be calling from all directions. Our second stop, which was on a higher ridge, gave us a good vantage point from which to scan the open grassland and it wasn't long before we located our target species, first the **Little** and then the **Great Bustards**. Several male **Little Bustards** were displaying, giving their 'raspberry' call from all over the grassy meadows, some were even taking to the air and performing their flight display. The **Great Bustards** just strolled around majestically; their displaying season was over by now. Our largest find was a flock of twenty of these magnificent beasts.

**Black Kites, White Storks** and **Lesser Kestrels** roamed the fields and several **Southern Grey Shrikes** were sitting on tops of bushes and a single **Stone Curlew** was seen in flight. Soon it was time to leave this magical place and head off back to the finca for breakfast.

The rest of the morning was spent in the region of Trujillo, we visited the Llanos and the pool area where we found **Black-winged Stilts** and a **Little Grebe**, a short stop at an old bridge that spanned the old Casares road was quite productive. We all had super views of a **Great Reed Warbler**, it was singing from a large bush over the water. A **Cetti's Warbler** was also quite showy and a pair of **Common Kingfishers** perched nicely for us, but it was a **Lesser Kestrel** that stole the show as it perched on a nearby pylon and gave us excellent views, what a little gem.



We then we drove towards Santa Marta and stopped to view the open fields there. Our best sightings included a flock of a dozen or so of **Black-bellied Sandgrouse**, a couple of **Montagu's Harriers, Short-toed Larks** and more **Great Bustards**.

The next couple of hours were spent visiting various bridges over the Rio Almonte and the reservoir at Talavan. The river produced great views of **Alpine Swifts**, they were visiting their nests under the bridge, we also saw a pair of **Black Wheatears** and a distant **Rock Bunting**. At Talavan we added a good assortment of birds to our list, all three grebes were found there as well as **Collared Pratincole, Great Reed Warbler, Redshank, Little Ringed Plover, Black-Winged Stilts.** a **Lapwing** and some **Gadwall**. Many **Hoopoes, Bee-eaters, Crested Larks** and **Black Kites** made up the numbers.

We drove home via Casares and stopped on the Santa Marta road to view **Rollers**, there were many that had taken over the nest boxes put up for them along a line of telegraph poles, super birds with superb colours. This concluded our first full day out so we set off back to the finca to prepare for another great dinner taken with a selection of local wines.

After dinner we took a short walk up through the olive groves and almond orchards to look for night birds. Just as it was getting dark we saw a **Red-necked Nightjar** flying around and we heard at least 4 **Scops Owls** and 1 **Tawny Owl** but we couldn't locate them in the trees.

### DAY 3 - MAY 17TH 2012

#### **FINCA SANTA MARTA 'LANES' - PRESA SIERRA BRAVA - MADRIGALJO RICE FIELDS - VEGAS ALTAS RICE FIELDS - BELEN PLAIN**

We enjoyed another hot day with a nice breeze but it did begin chilly as we set off at 7am for a walk around the grounds of the finca.

We found many birds along the hedges and fields and added **Linnet** and **Greenfinch** to our tour list but we failed to find **Hawfinch** which is usually quite common in the area. Many **Azure-winged Magpies**, **Woodchat Shrikes**, **Sardinian Warblers**, **Serins**, **Golden Orioles** and **Hoopoes** were enjoyed by the group.

After breakfast we set off southward to the rice fields but first we stopped at the dam of the Embalse Sierra Brava. Along the way to the dam we found **Roller**, **Common Buzzard**, **Little Bustard**, **Calandra Lark** and lots of **Corn Buntings**, a party of some 20+ **Lesser Kestrels** were seen along the telegraph poles.

At the dam we added lots of species to our day list; **Common Pochard**, **Great Crested Grebe**, **Little Grebe**, **Great Reed Warbler**, **Jackdaw**, **Marsh Harrier**, **6 Hoopoes**, **Thekla Lark**, hundreds of **Mallards** and a huge roost of **Cattle Egrets**.

A couple of hours were spent in the area of Madrigalejo, we drove along the tracks adjacent to the rice fields. The rice had just been planted so the fields were in the process of being flooded. At a bridge we had a nice time watching **Common Waxbills**, **Melodious**, **Cetti's**, **Reed** and **Great Reed Warblers**. A few **Golden Orioles** flitted in the trees, a **Tree Sparrow** sat obligingly on a dead branch and a lovely **Little Bittern** flew out of the reeds just below us. At another stop we watched a flock of **Red Avadavats**, some **Collared Pratincoles** and lots of **White Storks**. But the bird life was not as good as usual due to the fact that all the hedgerows and ditch vegetation had been burnt away.

We ate our picnic lunch on another bridge near Vegas Altas where we watched a superb male **Penduline Tit** feed on reed mace, we also saw **Common Nightingale**, several **Reed** and **Great Reed Warblers**, and another party of **Red Avadavats**.

For the next hour or so we drove through the area south of Vegas Altas and at last found some flooded fields with bird life. A **Squacco Heron** caught our attention and this led us to a little haven. We found **Ringed Plovers**, **Dunlin**, **Little Ringed Plovers**, **Greenshank**, **Little Egret** and lots of **Black-winged stilts**, the birds had amassed in a newly flooded field that was obviously producing lots of insect food.

It was now 4pm so we drove back to the finca and dropped half of the group off and the rest of us went out to Belen Plain to try to see **Great-spotted Cuckoos**. We failed again but had a lovely time watching many of the birds we saw last time including **Little Bustards!**

### DAY 4 - MAY 18TH 2012

#### **MONFRAGUE NATIONAL PARK**

This is always my favourite part of the tour, Monfrague is a truly wonderful place and a very special global area for raptors, we just had the most perfect weather for our day there. An early breakfast was followed by a 45 minute drive to the park and our first stop was the Castillo de Monfrague.

We parked just below the Castillo and no sooner had we got out of the bus when a shout of '**White-rumped Swift**' went up. Sure enough a couple of these rare breeding swifts were circling high above us! Well what a start to the day. On the cliffs just above us several **Griffon Vultures** were perched, a **Blue Rock Thrush** sang from higher up and it performed its display flight a few times.

The walk up to the Castillo produced more excellent views of up to 3 **White-rumped Swifts** and, at times, the sky was full of **House Martins, Crag Martins, Barn and Red-rumped Swallows, Common Swifts** and **Pallid Swifts**. From the top near the Castillo the views were absolutely amazing, the light was just fantastic and a lovely cool breeze wafted over us. You could see for miles over rolling hills and rivers, 'dehesa' stretched as far as the eye could see in several directions.

The huge rocky outcrop called 'Salto del Gitano' (roughly translates to Gypsy's leap) was covered in Vultures. We watched many **Griffon** and **Black Vultures** drift over the cliff face, they were joined by the occasional **Black Stork** and **Egyptian Vulture**. It was hard to draw ourselves away from this magical place but we did and we drove round to the car park at the base of Salto del Gitano. From there we found a **Rock Bunting**, more **Blue Rock Thrushes** and we could see into a few nests of the **Griffon Vultures**.

A couple more stops around the park before lunch produced **Turtle Dove, Golden Oriole, lots of Azure-winged Magpies, Long-tailed Tits**, but generally the woods were very quiet. But the lack of ground species was compensated for by raptors in the sky, everywhere you looked you could see birds over every hill. We often saw all three vultures soaring with the ubiquitous **Black Kite**, sometimes joined by **Red Kites** and the odd **Booted Eagle**. Twice we found **Bonelli's Eagle** soaring on high but never saw a falcon other than **Common Kestrel**.



We ate our lunch at Portilla del Tietar which is another similar rocky outcrop to that found at Salto del Gitano, however this area has been famous for hosting breeding **Eagle Owls** and **Spanish Imperial Eagles** over the years. This year both were present, we had outstanding views of the **Spanish Imperial Eagles** visiting their nest to feed a well developed chick, they gave superb views as they drifted in and out of view.

We couldn't locate a roosting **Eagle Owl** so after we had eaten our picnic lunch we walked into some oak woods, it was now getting warm so the shelter of the trees was

most welcomed. Our walk produced some good birds, **Golden Orioles, Hoopoe, Woodchat Shrikes, Long-tailed Tit, Eurasian Nuthatch, Short-toed Treecreeper, Mistle Thrush, Robin, Bonelli's Warbler, Blackcap** and several common species.

Before we set off for the finca we decided to have another look for the owl, it was a good decision because one of the chicks was in view, it stood at the entrance to a small cave and looked quite comical as it blinked at us, its grey and white downy feathers were falling off to reveal a deeper brown colour underneath, it looked a total mess! Whilst we watched the owl a **Subalpine Warbler** put on a superb display for us as it sang from an open perch, excellent!

Over drive back was interrupted by a stop at the bridge over the river Almonte, it was lovely in the late afternoon light to watch several species in and around the clear water. **White Wagtail, Zitting Cisticola, Grey Heron, Cattle Egret, Little Egret** and many **Corn Buntings** were seen there and also along the route back to Trujillo.

We arrived back in the early evening and spent a relaxing time before dinner, some went for a short walk whilst other sat drinking tea outside their 'casitas' whilst others went swimming in the cool water of the finca's swimming pool, a perfect end to a fantastic day.

## **DAY 5 - MAY 19TH 2012**

### **ALMAREZ - ARROCAMPO NATURE RESERVE - TRUJILLO-MONROY-SANTA MARTA PLAINS**

OH MY GOD - IT'S RAINING. After a perfect day yesterday we awoke this morning to thick cloud and rain. This is not on!! We drove 60 kilometers north-east towards Madrid and stopped at the turning to Almaraz, the rain had more or less stopped and we could see brighter patches in the sky. A short walk in an oak wood produced excellent views of our first **Orphean Warbler** as a pair showed well in the canopy. We also saw **Common Cuckoo, European Bee-eater** and **Stonechat**.

The drive to the Arrocampo nature reserve took 10 minutes from the wood. This reserve is centred around a huge man-made lake created adjacent to a nuclear power station but the birds don't seem to mind!

We had a great time there, I had set a target of 12 new species for the list and we found 11 of them! We walked to the first pool and quickly found **Purple Heron, Purple Swamphen, Little Bittern** and **Gull-billed Tern**. Lots of **Cattle Egrets, Little Egrets, Grey Herons** and **White Storks** were also present. A single **Eurasian Spoonbill** dropped into the distant reed beds as we continued our walk. We spent half an hour looking for a 'reeling' **Savi's Warbler**, this delightful little fellow decided to show itself wonderfully just a few meters from us, everyone got great views of it in the scope.

A pair of **Common Kingfishers** entertained us for a while whilst were watching the terns, **Common Tern** was a nice surprise, **Whiskered Tern** joined them and a couple of pairs of **Little Terns** were fishing nearby. Our next good sighting was of a **Squacco Heron** that flew over us and then we found a must-see species for this trip, **Black Shouldered Kite**. One was sitting on the top of a large oak in a field behind the pool, it looked cold, wet and miserable. We walked nearer as the rain subsided and the sky brightened, the Kite took off and began hunting low over the field, what a great sight, it was joined by a second bird, we watched for a good while before they disappeared into a tree.

Next we walked to another section of the lake where the **Eurasian Spoonbill** landed, we failed to find it again but we had fun watching other species such as: **Cetti's Warbler**, **Gadwall**, **Common Nightingale** and we got lovely views of a pair of **Zitting Cisticolas**. Several pairs of **White Storks** had built nests in the pylons, they were feeding chicks and we enjoyed watching their arrival at the nest, **Spanish Sparrows** had built their nest inside the storks nest and it looked like one big happy community.

The rest of the afternoon was spent driving along the lanes between Trujillo, Monroy and Santa Marta Magasca in search of **Great Spotted Cuckoos** and **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**. It took a couple hours but we found the cuckoo, in fact, a pair of them was seen at the side of the road in broom bushes. What a great find we watched them for a while, then they flew off over the fields, just as the sky opened up - we all got a soaking as we ran back to the bus!!

An hour later the sky cleared up, birds of prey were on view once more: **Griffon Vultures**, **Black Vultures**, **Black Kites**, **Red Kites** and the odd **Marsh Harrier** were on show. We found a low flying **Hobby** as we searched for sandgrouse, many **Hoopoes**, **European Bee-eaters**, **Calandra Larks**, **Crested larks**, **Corn Bunting** joined huge flocks of **Spanish Sparrows** out in the fields.

We concluded this part of the tour around 4pm which gave us time to pack ready for our departure in the morning to the Gredos Mountains! Different scenery, different habitats with the hope of lots of new species!

## **DAY 6 - MAY 20TH 2012**

### **TRANSFER DAY - FINCA SANTA TO THE PARADOR DE GREDOS VIA TRUJILLO - MONFRAGUE PARK -PLASENCIA AND JERTE VALLEY**

After an early breakfast we said goodbye to Finca Santa Marta and headed off towards Trujillo in dull overcast cloud. We travelled quickly and within an hour we had passed through Monfrague noting **Griffon** and **Black Vultures**, **Black Kite**, **Booted Eagle** and a new bird for our list a **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** which was seen on the northern edge of the park.

We stopped at a bridge over the Rio Jerte north of Plasencia and found **Grey Wagtail** and **Dipper**, both new birds for our tally. A few kilometers further along the valley road we turned off and entered some oak woodland. We spent an hour or so searching for new species but only came up with brief views of **Great Spotted Woodpecker** but better views of **Garden Warbler**, **Golden Oriole**, **Robin**, **Long-tailed Tit**, **Cirl Bunting** and lots of **Chaffinches**.

We drove a little higher up to the tree-line where the temperature had dropped to 5C and was a little chilly. We found a **Pied Flycatcher** along the way and **Rock Bunting**, **Blue Rock Thrush** and it was so cold that there was snow in the air at the top. A couple of **Booted Eagles** and a **Griffon Vulture** were noted above us. Our journey back down was uneventful and just before the town of El Barco we stopped for lunch on a bridge over a small river. The sun shone through hazy cloud but rain was not too far away so we hurried. Birds seen during our picnic were **Golden Oriole**, **Bonelli's Warbler** ( an extremely confiding little beauty which foraged just a couple of meters below us) we also saw **Booted Eagle**, our first **Honey Buzzard**, **Red Kite** and a **Bonelli's Eagle**, I'm sure Mr Bonelli must have been here!!

We checked into our hotel at 1:30 – it was the Parador de Gredos and is situated on the edge of a huge pine forest, all the upper rooms have views over the forest and of the distant mountains. After an hour settling in we took walk around the grounds, our first bird was a superb male **Black Redstart**, it was singing from the roof. Next we saw **Rock Bunting**, **Coal Tit** and **Serin**. Our walk produced a few more species but it was very cold so we decided to drive to a nearby river.

At Navarredonda we parked near the concrete 'bull-ring' and viewed the open meadows. We listed **Yellow Wagtail**, **Northern Wheatear**, **Carrion Crow**, **Rock Sparrow**, **Tree Sparrow**, **Linnet** and we heard a **Green Woodpecker**. Further down the road we stopped to look for another **Green Woodpecker** that flew up into a pine copse, but instead we found some nice orchids. A



short walk from there produced some really good species, we hit a small purple patch. Firstly a summer plumaged **Water Pipit** was seen then 3 **Ortolan Buntings** and beside them were two **Citril Finches**, well what excitement for the group.

Next we drove along a track for several kilometers which brought us to a bridge where we parked and took our last walk of the day. The sky had brightened a little and it wasn't long before we were watching a party of **Common Crossbills**, some 20+ birds were seen. We also found **Long-tailed Tit**, **Short-toed Treecreeper**, **Mistle Thrush**, a **Great Spotted Woodpecker** flew over us and lots of **Chaffinches** were in song.

At 5:30pm we called it a day and drove back to the Parador for a shower in readiness for dinner at 8pm.

## **DAY 7 - MAY 21st 2012**

### **PARADOR GARDENS - PLATFORMA DE GREDOS**

Our last day started with great disappointment! We had arranged to meet in the hotel lobby at 7am for a walk around the gardens before breakfast but when we met we could see a thick mist outside, despite this we still went for a walk, the mist was patchy and cleared at times so we did see some birds: **Black Redstart** singing from the hotel roof was the first, **Chaffinch**, **Rock Bunting**, **Serin**, **Jay** and a single **Common Crossbill** was the grand total for our efforts.

After breakfast we set off for the Plataforma de Gredos which meant a 12 kilometer drive, up to 2,000 meters, through a lush green valley of mountain streams, pine woods and alpine meadows. The mist had cleared and blue sky appeared but it was only 3C so gloves, hats and coats were necessary. We stopped at several places along the valley, the first of which was to look for a 'probable' **Rock Thrush** that was seen by some from the back of the bus but we failed to find the suspect during our search. However we did see **Common Whitethroat**, **Linnet** and several **Dunnocks** - this caused quite a surprise to the group as they never expected to see this species high up in the mountains, it is also quite a dark morph race too!

Further up we encountered lots of **Rock Buntings**, **Ortolan Buntings**, more **Dunnocks**, a few **Ravens** and the odd **Black Kite**. At the car park near the top we parked up and set



off on foot for the climb towards the 'Cirque de Gredos'. The pathway took us up through a rocky valley with steep sides having cliff faces and large boulders, ideal habitat for **Rock Thrushes**. We failed to find one but saw many **Black Redstarts**, **Rock Buntings**, **Ortolan Buntings**, **Northern Wheatears** and the odd **Griffon** or **Black Vulture** would drift over. We saw a huge herd of **Spanish Ibex** high up on the cliff top, some 70 individuals of the '*victoriae*' sub-species, the males having spectacular,

huge horns.

After an hour of walking the valley opened out and gorse and broom scrub appeared on the grassy slopes, this is the habitat of the **Bluethroat** our target species. Well, what a show, we saw two males and the closest one performed its song flight and sat out in the open for us, singing from the top of the gorse. The group loved this sighting it was a superb showing by this beautiful little gem. During this time we also saw several **Northern Wheatears**, **Ortolan Buntings**, **Dunnocks**, **Water Pipits**, a flock of some 50 **Red-billed Chough** and a couple more **Ravens**. The temperature rose to about 6C and we felt quite warm when the cold breeze stopped.

We descended back to the car park and drove down into the village of Hoyos de Espino to buy lunch and then headed back into the valley to eat it at a picnic spot near a camp site. As we sat at picnic tables in a pine wood adjacent to a babbling brook we saw several species: **Grey Wagtail**, lots of **Chaffinches**, **Eurasian Nuthatch**, **White Wagtail** and a small flock of **Citril Finches** were seen briefly by one of the group.

The next two hours were spent walking along the tarmac road back up the valley looking into copses of pine and open meadows, we had a great time. The first birds we encountered were a flock of **Common Crossbills**; they were coming down to a puddle to drink, as we watched them we also found a small party of **Citril Finches** doing the same. During this period we also saw lots of **Black Redstarts**, the males looking exquisite in their summer garb. A couple of **Common Cuckoos** provided some great entertainment as the male sat on a post near the female and displayed to her by fanning out its wings and tails and issuing incessant 'cuckoo' calls, she didn't seem to be responsive but he kept on trying!

Next we found 3 or 4 **Pied Flycatchers**, which was another surprise for the group as they didn't expect to see **Pied Flycatchers** high up in the mountains breeding in pine woods. The birds were very obliging as they 'hunted' from fences and low branches. Many **Mistle Thrushes** were busy gathering food for chicks, some were in song too. Brightly coloured **Yellow Wagtails** littered the meadows and **Carrion Crows**, **Jays**, **Common Magpies**, **Spotless Starlings** appeared from time to time and **Green Woodpeckers** called from afar.

Photographs of both the male and female **Pied Flycatcher**



Back in the pine woods we found **Short-toed Treecreeper**, **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (briefly) and more flycatchers, a few **Robins**, **Serins** and **Coal Tits** were added to the day



list. But all in all, the group really enjoyed this last birding session, the scenery was just spectacular and the weather superb (despite the cold). Our last birding effort was during the drive back to hotel, we stopped a couple times to watch a pair of **Honey Buzzards** on the ground feeding on a grassy slope, **Red** and **Black Kites** drifting over and we

watched more **Serins**. One of the group went for walk along this valley and found **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** and a **Hobby** to add to our list.

The birding holiday was over as we arrived back at the hotel, we had to pack ready for a 9am departure for Madrid in the morning, but not before another delicious meal in the Parador!

## DAY 8 - MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2012

### **PARADOR DE GREDOS - BARAJAS (MADRID AIRPORT)**

It was changeover day today, I took the group back to Madrid for their departure to the UK and I collected my new group for a repeat of last week's tour and so it DAY 8 for group 1 and DAY 1 for group 2.

But before all that there was a little birding done at the Parador before breakfast, a nice list of species was amassed before we set off for Madrid. **Black Redstart, Coal Tit, Jay, Rock Bunting, Raven, Long-tailed Tit, Common Crossbill, Serin, Short-toed Treecreeper, Blackcap & Blue Tit** were all seen in the hotel grounds.

We set off at 9am and arrived at Barajas Airport at 11:30am one group departed whilst I met up with Paul (our second driver for the second tour) and with 2 mini-buses we drove to Barajas town to collect the second group, 12 members of the Cheltenham Bird Club, they had arrived the night before and were now waiting for us to collect them from their overnight hotel. Let the fun begin!

### **BIRDS RECORDED OVER THE TWO WEEK-LONG TOURS ARE SHOWN FOR COMPARISON**

**WK 1 May 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

**WK 2 May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2012**

	<b>SPECIES</b>		<b>WK 1</b>	<b>WK 2</b>
1	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	√	
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	√	√
3	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	√	√
4	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	√	√
5	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	√	√
6	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>		√

7	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	√	√
8	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	√	√
9	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	√	√
10	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	√	√
11	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	√	√
12	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutas</i>	√	√
13	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	√	√
14	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	√	√
15	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	√	√
16	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	√	√
17	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	√	√
18	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		√
19	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	√	√
20	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		√
21	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	√	√
22	Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	√	√
23	Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	√	√
24	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	√	√
25	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	√	√
26	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	√	
27	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	√	√
28	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	√	√
29	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>	√	√
30	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>	√	√
31	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		√
32	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	√	
33	Short-toed Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	√	√
34	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		√
35	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	√	√
36	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	√	√
37	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	√	√
38	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	√	√
39	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	√	√
40	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	√	√
41	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		√
42	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	√	√
43	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	√	√
44	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	√	√
45	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyryla porphyryula</i>	√	<b>H</b>
46	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>	√	√
47	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	√	√
48	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	√	√
49	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedienemus</i>	√	√
50	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	√	√
51	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	√	
52	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	√	√
53	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	√	√
54	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>	√	
55	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	√	
56	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	√	√

57	Little Stint	<i>Calidris Minuta</i>		√
58	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	√	√
59	Common Snipe	<i>Galinago galinago</i>		<b>H</b>
60	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	√	√
61	Gull-billed Tern	<b><i>Sterna nilotica</i></b>	√	√
62	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	√	
63	Common Tern	<i>Terna hirundo</i>	√	
64	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	√	
65	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	√	√
66	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	√	√
67	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	√	√
68	Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	√	√
69	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	√	√
70	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	√	√
71	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	√	
72	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>H</b>
73	Scop's Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>H</b>
74	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	√	√
75	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>	√	<b>H</b>
76	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaea</i>		√
77	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	√	√
78	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	√	√
79	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	√	√
80	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	√	√
81	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	√	√
82	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulous</i>	√	√
83	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	√	√
84	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	√	√
85	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridus</i>	√	√
86	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>	√	<b>H</b>
87	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	√	√
88	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	√	√
89	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		√
90	Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	√	√
91	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	√	√
92	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	√	√
93	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	√	
94	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>	√	√
95	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	√	√
96	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	√	√
97	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	√	√
98	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		√
99	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	√	√
100	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	√	√
101	(Spanish)Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>	√	√
102	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	√	√
103	White Throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	√	√
104	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	√	√
105	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	√	√
106	Great Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	√	√

107	Eurasian Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	√	√
108	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	√	√
109	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	√	√
110	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	√	√
111	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	√	√
112	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	√	√
113	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	√	√
114	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	√	√
115	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	√	√
116	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	√	√
117	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>	√	√
118	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	√	√
119	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>		√
120	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	√	√
121	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	√	√
122	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	√	
123	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>	√	√
124	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	√	√
125	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	√	√
126	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	√	√
127	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	√	√
128	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	√	√
129	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		√
130	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	√	√
131	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	√	√
132	Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>		√
133	Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	√	√
134	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	√	√
135	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	√	√
136	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	√	√
137	Eurasian Penduline-Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	√	
138	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>		√
139	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	√	√
140	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	√	√
141	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	√	√
142	Eurasian or Wood Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea caesia</i>	√	√
143	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	√	√
144	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	√	√
145	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	√	√
146	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	√	√
147	Azure-winged Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cyana</i>	√	√
148	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	√	√
149	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	√	√
150	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	√	
151	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	√	√
152	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	√	√
153	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	√	√
154	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	√	√
155	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	√	√
156	Spanish Sparrow	<i>P. domesticus hispaniolensis</i>	√	√

157	Eurasian Tree-Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	√	√
158	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	√	√
159	Eurasian Golden-Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	√	√
160	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	√	√
161	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	√	√
162	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	√	√
163	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	√	√
164	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	√	√
165	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	√	√
166	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>	√	√
167	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		√
168	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	√	√
169	Eurasian Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	√	√
170	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	√	√
171	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	√	√
172	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	√	√
173	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirrus</i>	√	√
174	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	√	√
<b>Totals</b>			<b>158</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>H = Heard only</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>