



Trip Report

The Gredos Mountains and Monfragüe

6th to 12th May 2007

Day 1: Sunday 6th of May

As Bill, Wendy and Roy had arrived in Madrid a few days earlier, we met in town and then headed off to the airport to collect Albert and David. Their flight was right on time and we set off straight away to the Cuenca Alta del Manzanares, situated to the north of Madrid on the foothills of the Guadarrama Mountains. Wonderfully green and carpeted with brightly coloured flowers, these rolling hills studded with western holm oaks and beautiful specimens of prickly juniper were a good location for our first picnic and to start our trip. We were greeted by corn buntings and woodchat shrikes, birds that we would meet many times throughout the trip. During a short walk after lunch, we had our first sightings of Bee-eaters, Griffon and Black Vultures, Booted Eagles, Buzzards, Black Kites and Ravens, as well as Hoopoe, Greenfinch, Eurasian Jay and Common Swift. We could hear Nightingale and Golden Oriole but they remained elusive. Flowers such as the Narrow-leaved Lupin, the Star of Bethlehem and Tassel Hyacinths, among many others, adorned the sides of the path.

Having a long drive ahead of us, we set off around 05:00 pm, driving past the austere monastery of the Escorial, through the cluster pine woods of the High Alberche and stopping briefly in the medieval walled town of Ávila with its hundreds of swifts circling overhead, together with its many white storks, spotless starlings, house martins and barn swallows. We finally arrived at our small country hotel in the heart of the Gredos, the “Cruz del Gallo”, in the village of Navalperal, our base for the following two days. After enjoying Lola’s dinner and completing our checklist of birds for the day, we retired to our rooms early after this first day of long travel.

I was thankful for the great weather having had many rainy and cold days until this time and I was relieved by the good weather forecast for the rest of the week.

Birds of the day: White Stork, Mallard, Black Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Black kite, European Sparrowhawk, Common Buzzard, Booted Eagle, Common Kestrel, Red-legged Partridge (h.o.), Common Wood Pigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Cuckoo, Common Swift, European Bee-eater, Hoopoe, Barn Swallow, House Martin, Woodchat Shrike, Black Redstart, Rufous Nightingale (h.o.), Balckbird, Cetti’s Warbler (h.o.), Great Tit, Corn Bunting, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, European Serin, Common Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Spotless Starling, Golden Oriole (h.o.), Common Raven, Carrion Crow, Magpie, Azure -winged Magpie, Eurasian Jay

Day 2: Monday 7th of May

Albert and I met at 07:00 for an early morning walk which proved very rewarding. We saw Great Spotted Woodpecker, Black Redstart, Robin, Rufous Nightingale, Melodious Warbler, Blackcap, Bonelli’s Warbler, Goldcrest, Pied Flycatcher, Blue and Great Tit, Long-tailed Tit, European Nuthatch, Short-Toed Treecreeper, Cirl Bunting, Greenfinch, Godfinch, European Serin, Mistle Thrush and Rock Sparrow. We also heard the call of a Tawny Owl. Many of these species were seen by the rest of the group later in the day.

We all gathered for one of Javier’s hearty breakfasts at 08:30 and were on our way by 09:30, setting off for a walk from our hotel down towards the river Tormes. Bonelli’s Warbler, Common Chaffinch, European Serin,



Long-tailed Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper, Buzzard, Booted Eagle, Raven and a pair of European Sparrowhawks in ascending flight were seen at leisure.

We reached a beautiful viewing point on top of small cliffs over the river, from where we saw the first of many Griffon Vultures sitting on rocks on the other side. We also watched Crag Martins flying below us. We made our way back to the hotel, stopping to admire butterflies (Spanish Festoon Butterfly, Clouded Yellow, Meadow Brown, Little Blue), a Large Psammodromus (lizard), and, as during the rest of the trip, a vast number of beautiful wild flowers. We then hopped into our van and drove down to the river bank. As soon as we got there, we had our first glimpse of a Dipper. White and Grey Wagtails were around, as well as Bee-eaters, Barn Swallows, Wren, Nightingale, Common Whitethroat and Rock Bunting. We finally managed to see the Golden Oriole that we had heard all the way, half hiding among the alder trees and the poplars of the river bank, but it wasn't until we were heading back for the car by the bridge that he gave us a gorgeous display. He stayed perched on a low branch about 50 metres away from us, displaying his magnificent plumage with his tail fanned out. Before this spectacle, we had also enjoyed watching the acrobats of a pair of hobbies catching and eating insects in flight right above our heads. The blackcap was also showing itself boldly, catching insects in flight above the river. During this short walk, we spotted a Schreiber's Green Lizard as well as the common Iberian Wall Lizard.

Reluctantly, we had to leave this beautiful spot to have our lunch in the nearby village of Hoyos del Espino. From our award-winning restaurant, "La Mira", we watched a number of Red and Black Kites, frequently mobbed by Carrion Crows.

After a sumptuous meal, we headed towards the pine wood area of Navarredonda. Our energy was dwindling, as was the bird activity. On the edge of the Scots pine woods, we spotted Northern Wheatear, Stonechat, the omnipresent Spotless Starling and a Yellow Wagtail. In the forest, not much other than some Eurasian Jays, Great, Blue, Coal and Long-Tailed Tits, Bonelli's Warbler, Short-Toed Treecreeper manifested.

Having had enough for the day, we headed back towards our village on a cattle drover's path following the river Tormes for a while. We stopped at some enchanting small waterfalls in the hope of seeing the dipper which didn't show up but a pair of Mallards flew above our heads, an unexpected addition to our list of birds! We also had a look at the ruins of an old water mill.

From the terrace of the hotel, the Common Cuckoos put on a show for us. We saw several at a time in a Pyrenean Oak about 50 metres away from the house. At one point, Albert even saw three cuckoos in a single tree. We could also hear a turtle dove but could not see it. After this final spectacle, we went in for dinner after which we were ready for bed once again!

Birds of the day: White Stork, Mallard, Griffon Vulture, Red Kite, Black kite, European Sparrowhawk, Common Buzzard, Booted Eagle, Hobby, Common Wood Pigeon (h.o.), European Turtle Dove (h.o.), Common Cuckoo, Tawny Owl (h.o.), Common Swift, European Bee-eater, Hoopoe (h.o.), Green Woodpecker (h.o.), Great Spotted Woodpecker, Barn Swallow, House Martin, Crag Martin, White Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Yellow Wagtail, Dipper, Wren, Common Stonechat, Northern Wheatear, Black Redstart, Robin, Rufous Nightingale, Mistle Thrush, Blackbird, Melodious Warbler, Blackcap, Common Whitethroat, Bonelli's Warbler, Goldcrest, Pied Flycatcher, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Long-tailed tit, European Nuthatch, Short-toed Treecreeper, Cirl Bunting, Ortolan Bunting (h.o.), Rock Bunting, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, European Serin, Common Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Rock Sparrow, Spotless Starling, Golden Oriole, Common Raven, Carrion Crow, Magpie, Eurasian Jay.

Day 3: Tuesday 8th of May

Another early walk for Albert and me during which female and male Golden Orioles entertained us. The walk was not as productive as that of the previous day but we still managed to see the Great Spotted Woodpecker, Wood Lark and Cetti's and Bonelli's Warblers.

We spent the morning travelling along a small mountain road, mainly across high altitude scrub and grassland, stopping along the way at "hotspots". At our first stop, we were delighted to see a Black Vulture flying low over our heads for a good few minutes. Throughout the morning, we spotted Tawny Pipit, Wood



Lark, Sky Lark, large numbers of Griffon Vultures in the distance, Raven, Booted Eagle (the pale and the dark phase), Common Buzzard, Common Wood Pigeon, Common Cuckoo, Yellow Wagtail, Dunnock, Common Stonechat, Northern Wheatear, Melodious Warbler, Blackcap, Common Whitethroat, Rock Bunting, Linnet, Goldfinch, Serin, Tree Sparrow and Raven. A Red Fox crossed the road in front of our van and stood by the road to watch us pass-by.

Two of us were lucky enough to have a short glimpse of a male and a female Rock Thrush from the car. As we had seen no Bluethroats we decided to head for the central massif of the Gredos Mountains in the afternoon, after a picnic and a rest at our hotel.

Leaving our van at the place known as the Plataforma, we slowly made our way up the steep slope to an area of pasture land and Gold Broom (*Cytisus purgans*) where we were rewarded with clear views of Bluethroats perched on the tops of bushes and displaying in flight. We also had very close looks at the Ortolan Bunting and saw a number of Red-Billed Choughs. On our way back, both a male Schreiber's Green Lizard and a Dipper posed for us for a good few minutes. We continued enjoying close encounters with the common Rock Buntings, Dunnocks, Northern Wheatears and more Ortolan Buntings. Bill was especially delighted with the interesting geology of the area and we all admired the almost fluorescent green lichen (*Rhizocarpon geographicum*) which covers the huge flat rocky expanses, the boulders and the screes of granite giving this gorge a very special character, especially in the late afternoon light.

On our drive to the Plataforma and back we also spotted Common Kestrel and Collared Dove (the first sighting of this species in the village of Navaceda, an evidence of its expansion through the country) but most excitingly we "met" several groups of female Spanish Ibex with their young, as well as a young male ibex, perched on the large granite boulders of the steep banks of a mountain stream.

Our last meal at the Cruz del Gallo was merrily topped off with a bottle of Cava provided by Albert to celebrate David's Birthday! We bade farewell to our hosts Lola and Javier before retiring for the night as we were going to set off early the next morning without seeing them.

Birds of the day: White Stork, Black Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Black kite, Common Buzzard, Booted Eagle, Common Kestrel, Common Wood Pigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Cuckoo, Common Swift, European Bee-eater, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Wood Lark, Sky Lark, Barn Swallow, House Martin, Crag Martin, Tawny Pipit, White Wagtail, Yellow Wagtail, Dipper, Wren, Dunnock, Common Stonechat, Northern Wheatear, Rock Thrush, Black Redstart, Robin, Rufous Nightingale (h.o.), Bluethroat, Blackbird, Cetti's Warbler (h.o.), Melodious Warbler, Blackcap, Common Whitethroat, Bonelli's Warbler, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Long-tailed tit, Ortolan Bunting, Rock Bunting, Goldfinch, Linnet, European Serin, Common Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Spotless Starling, Golden Oriole, Common Raven, Carrion Crow, Magpie, Red-billed Chough.

Day 4: Wednesday 9th of May

Breakfast at 07:00 and leaving by 07:30 gave us time for another wander in the pine woods and a second chance of seeing pine forest birds. After hearing a Tawny Owl right at the start of our walk, we succeeded in seeing a Crested Tit, had a brief glimpse of Crossbills and a Pied Flycatcher, had no luck with the Citril Finch but had wonderful views of Goldfinch (male and female) and a Peregrine Falcon. David made friends with horses grazing in the forest who came to have a close look at us and we watched a group of mares being rounded up by their owner. We also enjoyed a good view of a Red Squirrel jumping from one tree to another. Of course, we saw the other more common species of birds: Coal Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit and Short Toed Treecreeper, as well as Black Redstart and Crag Martins by the National Parador.

As the cafeteria of the Parador did not open before 11:00 we decided to head south, over the pass called the Puerto del Pico which has wonderful views of the Southern Plains and from which a well preserved Roman Road winds all the way down to the valley below. We were entering a strikingly different type of landscape and typically Mediterranean vegetation - terraced fruit groves with olive, fig and cherry trees, and in the villages, palm trees, roses and bougainvillia. Finally, western holm oak dehesas appeared near the small town of Arenas de San Pedro. It was already 12:00 so after a quick drink at the local bar we went for a short walk along the river Tiétar. The temperature was suffocatingly hot making for a rather poor number of birds



observed. Nevertheless, we still saw Corn Buntings, Crested Larks, Woodchat Shrikes (mating), Azure-Wing Magpies, Common Sandpiper, White Wagtail, Common Chaffinch, Great Tit, White Storks gliding high up in the sky and a Short-toed Eagle.

We continued our journey to Candeleda where we ate our picnic in a striking gorge, typical of the steep slopes of the southern side of the Gredos. Albert and I briefly saw a BIG Ocellated Lizard which we hoped would reappear during our picnic but it didn't! Bill delighted us by describing some of the geological characteristics of the ravine, we observed an azure-winged Magpie in her nest in one of the elm trees in the car park and then discovered two nests of Red-rumped Swallows whilst watching the Swallows coming in and out of their nests. Loud raucous cries caught our attention and we saw two male Golden Orioles apparently fighting. Again, a feast of flowers and butterflies such as Swallowtails, Moroccan Orange Tip and damselflies.

We then drove on for the last leg of the journey, entering the region known as La Vera. We arrived at our beautifully located hotel and collapsed in our rooms for a well-deserved rest.

Because of the failure of the hotel management, some of our number had cold showers but they didn't dampen enthusiasm and we met again in the evening for a short walk before dinner.

The calls of the common, tree and stripeless tree frogs were almost deafening but they didn't seem to prevent anyone from sleeping!

Birds of the day: White Stork, Griffon Vulture, Red Kite, Black kite, Common Buzzard, Booted Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Common Kestrel, Common Sandpiper, Common Wood Pigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Cuckoo (h.o.), Tawny Owl (h.o.), Common Swift, European Bee-eater, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Wood Lark, Sky Lark, Barn Swallow, Red-rumped Swallow, House Martin, Crag Martin, White Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Woodchat Shrike, Wren, Dunnock, Common Stonechat, Black Redstart, Robin, Rufous Nightingale, Blackbird, Cetti's Warbler, Blackcap, Bonelli's Warbler, Goldcrest, Pied Flycatcher, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Crested Tit, Long-tailed tit, European Nuthatch (h.o.), Short-toed Treecreeper, Corn Bunting, Goldfinch, Linnet, European Serin, Common Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Spotless Starling, Golden Oriole, Common Raven, Carrion Crow, Magpie, Azure-winged Magpie, Eurasian Jay.

Day 5: Thursday 10th of May

We spent all morning by the extensive reedbeds of the stretch of water of Arrocampo and were delighted with the appearances of Purple Herons, Little Bittern, Night Heron, Great White Egret, Cattle Egret, Great Reed Warbler, Reed Warbler, Savi's Warbler, Cetti's Warbler, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Black-Winged Stilt, Purple Gallinule, Kingfisher, Spoonbill, Marsh Harrier and Gull-Billed Tern among other birds.

During a brief stop at the nearby village of Saucedilla, we saw Lesser Kestrels and Jackdaws.

After a picnic in the high grass under the shade of a holm oak, we decided to drive to our next hotel "El Alcaudón" in the small village of Serrejón nearby for a rest from this second unusually hot day, even by local standards! I think all of us collapsed on our beds again for a couple of hours.

During our evening walk in the nearby dehesas of the village, we saw mainly Wood Lark, Crested Lark, Common Chaffinch, Great Tit and Woodchat Shrike

Our day ended with a lovely meal Flushed with Bill's VSOP brandy, we still managed to update our checklist!

Birds of the day: Great-crested Grebe, Great Cormorant, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Cattle Egret, Great White Egret, Night Heron, Little Bittern, White Stork, Eurasian Spoonbill, Mallard, Black Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Red Kite, Black kite, Common Buzzard, Marsh Harrier, Lesser Kestrel, Moorhen, Purple Gallinule, Coot, Black-winged Stilt, Gull-billed Tern, Eurasian Collared Dove, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Common Cuckoo (h.o.), Common Swift, Common Kingfisher, European Bee-eater, Hoopoe, Crested Lark, Wood Lark, Barn Swallow, House Martin, Sand Martin, White Wagtail, Southern Grey Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Common Stonechat, Black Redstart, Rufous Nightingale (h.o.), Mistle Thrush, Blackbird, Cetti's Warbler, Savi's Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Reed Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Fan-tailed Warbler (h.o.), Blue Tit, Great Tit, Corn Bunting, Goldfinch, European Serin, Common Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Spotless Starling, Common Raven, Carrion Crow, Eurasian Jackdaw, Magpie, Azure-winged Magpie.



Day 6: Friday 11th of May

Albert and I went off for our usual early morning walk near the village.

After a wonderful breakfast with cereals, hot bread rolls, minicroissants and other delicacies, and Bill's own special traditional homemade marmalade which he'd been lugging all through the trip in his suitcase, we set off for a great day in the National Park of Monfragüe.

Starting off at the Portilla del Tiétar where the Eagle Owl and its fairly grown-up chick turned up trumps by being there for us as anticipated, together with a large number of Griffon Vultures (chicks observed in nests), Egyptian Vulture, Short-Toed Eagle, Red-rumped Swallows, Crag Martins, Ravens, Great Cormorant, Wren, and others.

A bit further along, we observed the first black stork's nest of the day containing an adult and a large white chick.

At La Tajadilla, the Black Kites were very active and vocal, going in and out of the pine trees opposite. We spotted one on its nest. They were also often chased by Carrion Crows. A couple of Egyptian Vultures were perched for a long time on the rocky face opposite the viewing point. Of course, as everywhere else in Monfragüe, many Griffon Vultures were circling over our heads or perching on the rocks. A Dartford Warbler was spotted here too.

Having spent several hours at just these two sites, we drove to Torrejón el Rubio for a "proper" lunch and in the afternoon stopped at the Salto del Gitano, to delight in the acrobatic flights of a couple of Bonelli's Eagle over and beyond Peña Falcón. We also watched male and female Blue Rock Thrush, Black Vultures, Black Storks, Rock Bunting and Crag Martins.

Alpine Swifts were spotted by the bridge over the river Tajo, flying among the scores of house martins that nest under the bridge.

After a brief stop at another one of Monfragüe's viewing points where we saw another Blue Rock Thrush, we headed back towards the Portilla del Tiétar for a final pause before returning to our hotel. The site proved even more productive than in the morning, enabling us to add a pair of Spanish Imperial Eagles, Dartford Warbler, Sardinian Warbler and Subalpine Warbler to our sightings.

On the return journey to our Hotel in Serrejón, we saw young fighting bulls grazing in the dehesas as well as catching an amusing rear glimpse of over 50 Iberian pigs feeding at a long trough.

We were back at our hotel early enough to enjoy a drink in its delicately jasmine-scented patio before yet another splendid dinner prepared by Pepe.

Having updated our daily checklist over a glass of Bill's special brandy, we set off in the van to look for red-necked nightjars and other night birds. Unfortunately, our route was cut short by gates which were locked and so we were prevented from reaching our destination. Nevertheless, we managed to hear the Red-necked Nightjar and Scops Owl. We also saw a herd of red deer grazing peacefully and a Badger that trotted along the path in our headlights for a few meters before disappearing into the bushes - all of this under an awesome star-filled night sky.

Birds of the day: Great Cormorant, White Stork, Black Stork, Mallard, Black Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Egyptian Vulture, Red Kite, Black kite, Common Buzzard, Bonelli's Eagle, Booted Eagle, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Short-toed Eagle, Common Kestrel, Common Wood Pigeon, European Turtle Dove (h.o.), Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Cuckoo (h.o.), Scops Owl (h.o.), Eagle Owl, Red-necked Nightjar (h.o.), Alpine Swift, Common Swift, European Bee-eater, Hoopoe, Crested Lark, Wood Lark (h.o.), Barn Swallow, Red-rumped Swallow, House Martin, Crag Martin, White Wagtail, Southern Grey Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Wren, Common Stonechat, Blue Rock Thrush, Rufous Nightingale (h.o.), Mistle Thrush, Blackbird, Sardinian Warbler, Subalpine Warbler, Dartford Warbler, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Corn Bunting, Rock Bunting, Goldfinch, Linnet, European Serin, Common Chaffinch, House Sparrow, Spotless Starling, Common Raven, Magpie, Azure-winged Magpie, Eurasian Jay, Red-billed Chough (h.o.).



Day 7: Saturday 12th of May

We decided to seize our last opportunity for birdwatching at the Arrocampo Reservoir for another chance to see some of the wonderful birds observed there a couple of days before and to increase our chances of seeing the Black Shouldered Kite, often seen at this location.

On our last drive through the dehesas, we also wanted to spot a Hoopoe for Bill who hadn't managed to get a good look at one, and Great-Spotted Cuckoos for Albert and David who hadn't seen any yet. Our first wish was granted (although the best final sighting of a hoopoe was from the motorway between Oropesa and Madrid) but sadly we had no luck with the second.

At Arrocampo, we saw little bittern again, had wonderful views of a couple of Kingfishers who "posed" for us, Purple Gallinule, Purple Heron, Little Egret which surprisingly we had not seen yet, Savi's, Cetti's, Reed and Great Reed Warblers, Crested Lark, Corn Buntings, Marsh Harriers (male and female), and Black Kite. It was soon time to start heading back to Madrid. We stopped at Oropesa for some tapas and a look at its beautiful medieval castle and arrived at Madrid Airport spot on time. We said "au revoir" to Albert and David and the rest of us drove to the city centre, Bill for an additional day in Madrid, and Roy and Wendy for another week in the Gredos.

Birds of the day: Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Little Bittern, White Stork, Mallard, Black Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Red Kite, Black kite, Marsh Harrier, Common Kestrel, Purple Gallinule, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Cuckoo, Common Swift, Common Kingfisher, European Bee-eater, Hoopoe, Crested Lark, Barn Swallow, House Martin, White Wagtail, Southern Grey Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Common Stonechat, Black Redstart, Rufous Nightingale (h.o.), Cetti's Warbler, Savi's Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Reed Warbler, Fan-tailed Warbler, Corn Bunting, Goldfinch, House Sparrow, Spotless Starling, Common Raven, Magpie, Azure-winged Magpie.

All in all, we were very tired but happy with the week's tour, having seen and heard 121 species of bird but most particularly having enjoyed fully the beauty and diversity of this little known part of Central Spain and, of course, one another's company.



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SPECIES LIST

BIRDS

Great Crested Grebe
Great Cormorant
Grey Heron
Purple Heron
Cattle Egret
Little Egret
Great White Egret
Night Heron
Little Bittern
White Stork
Black Stork
Eurasian Spoonbill
Mallard
Black Vulture
Griffon Vulture
Egyptian Vulture
Red Kite
Black Kite
European Sparrowhawk
Common Buzzard
Bonelli's Eagle
Booted Eagle
Spanish Imperial Eagle
Marsh Harrier
Short-Toed Eagle
Peregrine Falcon
Hobby
Lesser Kestrel
Common Kestrel
Red-legged Partridge (heard only)
Moorhen
Purple Gallinule
Coot
Black-Winged Stilt
Common Sandpiper
Gull-Billed Tern
Feral Rock Dove
Common Wood Pigeon
European Turtle Dove (heard only)
Eurasian Collared Dove
Great Spotted Cuckoo
Common Cuckoo
Scops Owl (heard only)
Tawny Owl (heard only)
Red-Necked Nightjar (heard only)
Alpine Swift
Common Swift
Common Kingfisher
European Bee-eater
Hoopoe

Green Woodpecker (heard only)
Great Spotted Woodpecker
Crested Lark
Wood Lark
Sky Lark
Barn Swallow
Red-rumped Swallow
House Martin
Crag Martin
Sand Martin
Tawny Pipit
White Wagtail
Grey Wagtail
Yellow Wagtail
Southern Grey Shrike
Woodchat Shrike
Dipper
Wren
Dunnock
Common Stonechat
Northern Wheatear
Rock Thrush
Blue Rock Thrush
Black Redstart
Robin
Nightingale
Bluethroat
Mistle Thrush
Blackbird
Cetti's Warbler
Savi's Warbler
Great Reed Warbler
Reed Warbler
Melodious Warbler
Blackcap
Sardinian Warbler
Common Whitethroat
Subalpine Warbler
Dartford Warbler
Fan-tailed Warbler
Bonelli's Warbler
Goldcrest
Pied Flycatcher
Blue Tit
Great Tit
Coal Tit
Crested Tit
Long-tailed Tit
European Nuthatch
Short-toed Treecreeper
Corn Bunting
Cirl Bunting
Ortolan Bunting
Rock Bunting

Greenfinch
Goldfinch
Linnet
European Serin
Common Chaffinch
House Sparrow
Tree Sparrow
Rock Sparrow
Spotless Starling
Golden Oriole
Common Raven
Carion Crow
Eurasian Jackdaw
Magpie
Azure-winged Magpie
Eurasian Jay
Red-billed Chough

Total species: 115
(+ 6 heard)

MAMMALS

Red Squirrel
Spanish Ibex
Red Fox
Red Deer
Rabbit
Badger

BUTTERFLIES

Spanish Festoon
Clouded Yellow
Orange Tip
Moroccan Orange Tip
(Scarce?) Swallowtail
Brimstone
Meadow Brown

REPTILES

Ocellated Lizard
Shreiber's Green Lizard
Large Psammodromus
Iberian Rock Lizard
Iberian Wall Lizard

AMPHIBIANS

Common Frog
Tree Frog (heard only)
Stripeless Tree Frog (heard only)
Common Toad (eggs only)



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