

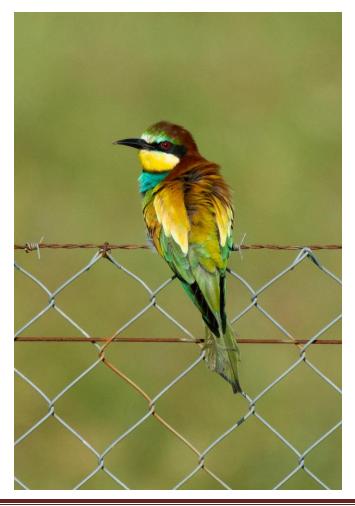
A Tropical Birding set departure tour

SOUTHERN SPAIN: The Europe Introtour

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Introduction

For European birders, there is nowhere better to take a birding trip than the Iberian Peninsula. A region largely overlooked by North American birders in the past, it boasts some of THE best birding on the continent, it's certainly not to be missed.

We visit the outstanding regions of Extremadura and Andalucía on this tour, making our way through breathtaking mountainous landscapes, through rolling steppes and spectacular marismas. With many participants visiting the Old World for the first time, it promises a wealth of lifers, great food, fantastic people and an easy-going introduction to the Mediterranean way of life.

One of the many beauties of this tour is that we only have two bases. Starting in Madrid, we make our way through the beautiful Spanish countryside, passing vineyards and castillos to get to wildflower-carpeted Extremadura. Here we enjoy the Belen Steppe, Caceres Plains and the exceptional Monfragüe National Park, encountering incredible birds such as Eurasian Griffon, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Great Bustard and Iberian Magpie. From here we head south to our next base in the picturesque pilgrimage town of El Rocío; I love this charming place, with its sandy roads, wonderful bird-filled marshes and charismatic people. We use this as our base for visiting the renowned Doñana National Park and its surrounds. This area produces some fantastic views of specialties such as Black-winged Kite, Audouin's and Slender-billed Gull and White-headed Duck.

We accrued a list of 146 species during our tour, with highlights including **Spanish Eagle**, **Penduline Tit**, **Long-tailed Tit**, **Little Tern**, **White-headed Duck** and our **three** birds of the trip, **Iberian Magpie**, **Great Bustard** and our cover-bird, **European Bee-eater**.

If Europe is on your list, this has to be the tour to get you there.

April 1 – Madrid

Our tour started in the grand capital city of Madrid. With some participants, including myself, arriving off the back of the Morocco tour and others arriving at various times, there was no birding as such today. Having said that, some made their way in to the city to explore the beautiful architecture and city parks and started picking up their first species.

We met for an early dinner and enjoyed getting to know each other over a good meal. We hit the hay fairly soon after dinner to give those who needed it a chance to get over their jetlag and of course in anticipation of our Iberian adventure!

April 2 – Madrid to Trujillo

Leaving the hectic city of Madrid behind us, we made our way into the truly breathtaking countryside of Extremadura. Straightaway we were picking up **Eurasian Magpie**, **Eurasian Kestrel**, **Common Wood Pigeon**, **White Stork** nesting on almost every telegraph pole and our first distant **Eurasian Griffon** riding the thermals. Arriving at our Trujillo hotel in time for lunch, we took a short break before heading out of an afternoon of birding.

First up, a small roadside pond provided us with views of delightful Little Grebe, Eurasian Moorhen, Black-winged Stilt, gorgeous Little Ringed Plover and Spanish Pond Turtle. We enjoyed an aerial display from Barn and Red-rumped Swallow, as well as both Black and, my personal favorite, Red Kite. Our first of many Corn Bunting made an appearance and a frustratingly distant Eurasian Hoopoe.



Next up, a stroll down a favorite country lane of mine allowed us to acquaint ourselves with the local residents. We had not been out of the van two minutes before we had scored ourselves the much sort



after regional endemic, **Iberian Magpie**. This stunning corvid showed off their dazzling azure-blue wings and they were everywhere! Fantastic! We became acquainted with an array of small passerines, including **Eurasian Blue Tit**, their larger counterparts, **Great Tit**, beautiful redmasked **European Goldfinch**, **European Serin** and eye-

catching **Sardinian Warbler**. Further down the lane we encountered suave **European Stonechat**, **Eurasian Blackbird**, glossy **Spotless Starling** and a firm favorite, **Woodchat Shrike**. After our distant views earlier that afternoon, I had promised to deliver another **Eurasian Hoopoe** (Next page – photo by Pat Crawford), luckily, it got the memo and sat perfectly upon a post, invertebrate in beak and calling for us all to appreciate! We enjoyed views of our first **Crested Lark** and even had an extremely fast flyby from a



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Common Cuckoo! Perhaps most impressive, a kettle of **Eurasian Griffon** soared just above us, they were joined by an absolutely stonking **Cinereous Vulture**, **Red Kite** and **Common Raven**! Brilliant! The surrounding paddocks made home for **Iberian Hare** and **European Rabbit**, whereas the entomologists amongst us got very excited over an intriguing **Red-striped Oil Beetle** (Previous page).

Upon leaving the lane and making our way back to Trujillo, we made a quick stop and bagged ourselves a striking **Iberian Gray Shrike**. There was still enough light before dinner to enjoy a stroll around the historic town. Fantastic views of nesting **White Stork** at eyelevel were had, as well as **Eurasian Crag Martin**, **Common House Martin**, **Eurasian Jackdaw** and **Lesser Kestrel**.

After what had been a brilliant afternoon and evening introducing our participants to some great Old World species, we tucked into a delicious feast of local food and wine at our traditional Spanish hotel.



April 3 – Balen Steppe & Monfragüe National Park

This day is one of my favorite days of the tour, we explored two vastly contrasting environments, both equally as impressive and rewarding. Our first destination was the stunning Belen Steppe. As we approached, we could appreciate the vastness of the rolling grasslands and historic stone walls as the golden sunlight kissed the land. We stopped regularly as we made our way through the open steppe, augmenting our list with specialist species such as beautiful **Calandra Lark**, **Northern Wheatear**, **Meadow Pipit**, **Stock Dove** and **Spanish Sparrow**, who can often be found taking up residence in the bottom of **White Stork** nests. **Eurasian Marsh Harrier** worked the paddocks and the distinctive call of **Common**



Quail could be heard in the grasses but frustratingly they would not show themselves. We had come to this area for some much larger species though, bustards, and bustards we got! We were treated to spectacular scope views of lekking Great Bustard 'bubble bathing', this is where males appear to turn their feathers inside out and look as if they're in the tub! What a sight to behold, although we certainly seemed more impressed than the females, poor chaps! From

the Great to the Little, there were also a few Little Bustard in the area that allowed for brilliant views, the males truly are striking.

After a magnificent morning, it was time to make our way to one of my all-time favorite lunch spots, Peña Falcón in the picturesque Monfragüe National Park.





I couldn't wait to get the National Park and share this place with the tour participants and I don't think they were disappointed! As we sat and ate our delicious picnic lunch, binoculars in hand (not that they're needed here) we had spectacular, arms-length views of **Eurasian Griffon**, **Cinereous Vulture**, nesting **Black Stork**, **Osprey**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Red** and **Black Kite** and a flyby **Egyptian Vulture**. Despite this rockface being home to some of the largest birds in the area, there are also some wonderful smaller species to be found here, including dazzling **Blue Rock Thrush**, striking **Black Redstart**, **Common Chaffinch**, **European Serin**, gorgeous little **Subalpine Warbler** and **Eurasian Crag Martin** with their incredible aerial displays. I really can't think of a better place to witness some of these mind-blowing birds, we could have stayed at this site all day but it was time to move on see what else the National Park had to offer us.

The scenery is breathtaking as you make your way through mountains, forests and heath-like habitats. We worked the park, making several stops throughout the afternoon, scoring us great views of **Short-toed Treecreeper** (Next page - photo by Pat Crawford), unbelievably co-operative **Common Cuckoo** and

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It was time to make our way out of the National Park and head back to Trujillo. As we drove through Cork Oak plantations, we disturbed a **Red Fox**, had more great views of **Eurasian Hoopoe** and a flock of vibrant **European Bee-eater**, what a treat!

breeding **Egyptian Vulture**, Fantastic! Our main target for the late afternoon was another regional endemic, Spanish Eagle. We waited at a site that I know a pair hangout at, no eagles, but we did see **Gray Heron**, **Sardinian Warbler**, **European Robin** and heard our first **Cetti's Warbler**. Just as it became worryingly quiet, one of the participants, Pom, called out. I knew straight away by her tone she had it. There is was, **Spanish Eagle** soaring above us! YES! What an absolutely fantastic score!



April 4 – Cacares Plains & Aracampo Marshes

After a great morning out on the steppes the previous day, we headed to the equally beautiful Cacares Plains, where we hoped to pin down some more targets. We had great views of **Iberian Magpie**, **Woodchat Shrike**, **Eurasian Hoopoe**, the ever-present **Corn Bunting**, **Calandra** and **Crested Lark**. A quick scan found us **Little Bustard** and taking one of the trails off the main road we came across yet more

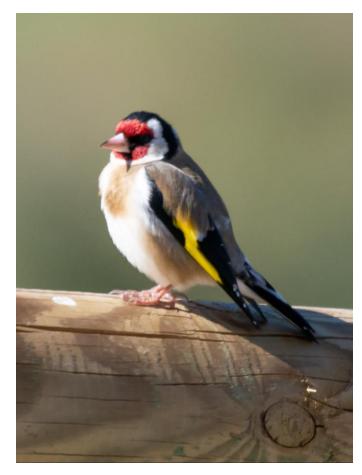


Watching Great Bustard and listening out for Sandgrouse on the Caceres Plains - Photo by Donna Giberson

fantastic **Great Bustard**! As we waited for our main target of the morning on the plains, we had distant views of **Common Buzzard**, **Eurasian Griffon** and **Cinereous Vulture**, then, I could hear the unmistakable babbling of our bird. Flying high, the bright white belly flashed above us, **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**!

Unfortunately, they didn't land or come around again so we continued on our way to see if we could track down another flock. We didn't catch up with them again but we did gain views of vivid **Red-legged Partridge** and more stunning shrikes and beautiful **European Goldfinch** (Next page).

Our lunch was to have a different view today and we tucked in to great picnic at the Aracampo Marshes. We swapped the raptors for **Bank**, **Red-rumped** and **Barn Swallow**, **Pallid Swift** and an array of water birds. As we ate, **Zitting Cisticola** displayed above us, **Eurasian Marsh Harrier** lapped its wings and **Eurasian Reed Warbler** called from the reedbeds, **Western Swamphen**, **Eurasian Moorhen** and **Eurasian Coot** worked the reed edges, but there were a couple of gems hiding inside. Just as I was stuffing my face



with an Iberian Ham sandwich, I caught sight of a **Water Rail**! Making some kind of weird noise I managed to attract everyone's attention and we waited to see if we could coax it out of hiding again. It showed for a couple of seconds but then was gone, deep into the reeds, what a bird though! To top it off, we then had multi-colored **Little Bittern**, that lifted from the reedbed to reveal itself, awesome!

We birded the marshes for the rest of the afternoon, going from hide to hide, we were topping up the list left, right and centre. Adding Eurasian Spoonbill, Purple Heron, Great, Little and Cattle Egret, calling Savi's Warbler, Green-winged Teal and Common Sandpiper to the list. One site produced our first tern species, Gull-billed Tern, Black-headed Gull were also plentiful, as were Great Cormorant. It was

the glimpses of **Cetti's Warbler** that were getting me all excited though. Our last site at Aracampo was undoubtedly the best. As we scanned a small pond, I heard a familiar high-pitched call and called out "There's a PENDULINE TIT!!!". I scanned the far reedbed and there is was, a **Eurasian Penduline Tit** (Next page)! It was incredible! We all hurried down to the other end of the pond and managed to pick it up flicking about it the trees. It was then that one of the participants, Donna, called me over and said she'd found a bird's nest. It wasn't just any bird's nest, it was the unmistakable namesake nest of the Penduline Tit, yes Donna! We watched from a distance as it brought nesting material over and continued to build its perfect birdhouse-like nest, what an honor to be able to watch. Whilst we were observing the Penduline Tit another very distinctive song was being sung right by us, **Common Nightingale**. Now, Common Nightingale are notorious for having a beautiful and elaborate song, yet call from deep inside foliage and rarely show themselves. I, however, refuse to be outsmarted by a Nightingale and after much searching finally managed to lock eyes with the beast and thankfully I managed to get everyone else on it too.



After a fantastic afternoon we made our way back to Trujillo, but we had one last stop of the day to make, the Bull Ring. Home to a colony of **Lesser Kestrel**, we didn't wait long before we had great views. A surprise **Great Spotted Cuckoo** flew past us at high speed and wasn't stopping for anyone. The sun was beginning to set, we headed back to our hotel for our last Extremaduran feast.





Eurasian Penduline Tit building its beautifully intricate nest from rushes and reeds - photo by Donna Giberson

April 5 - Trujillo to El Rocío

One of the many great things about this tour is that we only have two bases. Today was the day we had to leave the beautiful Extremadura behind us and make our way down country to our next destination, El Rocío, in Andalucía. It's true what they say, the rain in Spain falls mainly on the plains, we certainly had our fair share of torrential rain during our drive. We still spotted some great birds despite the weather, including **Thekla's Lark**, **Eurasian Kestrel**, **Black Kite**, **Common Raven** and **Eurasian Magpie**.

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I absolutely love bringing people to El Rocío, it's like nowhere else I know and certainly like nowhere else in Spain. You feel as if you've just stepped in to the wild west, the streets are sand, there are more places to park your horse than your car and the atmosphere is electric. The marismas are what we really come for though, they dominate the backdrop to this picturesque town and also create sanctuary for some much-desired species.

We arrived a little before lunch and took the chance to settle into our nature-themed hotel. Some chose to make the most of the view and spotted **Booted Eagle** flying over the marshes and **Melodious Warbler** was heard singing from a nearby reedbed. After a delicious lunch it was time to see what the marshes had to offer us. We weren't disappointed, the marismas were alive with birds, **Graylag Geese** with hatchlings dominated the islands, flocks of **Northern Shoveler** patrolled the waters, flamboyant **Greater Flamingo** danced for their dinner and **Eurasian Spoonbill** (Photo by Donna Giberson) scythed for crustaceans, some of them successfully!

At the other end of the marshes we enjoyed great views of **Glossy Ibis**, **Whiskered Tern**, a single male **Northern Pintail**, **Green-winged Teal**, **Common Swift** and the insanely vibrant **Western Yellow Wagtail**.

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Whilst we still had enough light to enjoy some evening birding we headed over to another marsh and woodland. This area delivered some fantastic species, one of the favorites being incredibly striking **Redcrested Pochard, Common Pochard**, cute (I know, I'm sorry) **Long-tailed Tit**, **Common Chiffchaff**, **Short-toed Treecreeper** and singing **Song Thrush** and **Eurasian Wren**.

We were back in the El Rocío in time to enjoy the sun set over the marismas as we tucked into our dinner. To end this great day a herd of Red Deer provided us with a beautiful sight as they walked through the waters of the marshes in the tangerinelavender light of the sunset.

April 6 – Doñana National Park

Today was dedicated to Doñana National Park, boasting some of the birding in this part of the world we were eager to see



what it had in store for us. We spent the morning working our way through the park, stopping at creeks, roadside ditches, woodlands, marshes, paddocks and orchards. We saw many now familiar species, including European Bee-eater, Eurasian Hoopoe, Red-legged Partridge, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting and Great Tit. Our species list also began to grow by adding Greater Short-toed and Wood Lark, which gave spectacular roadside views, Eurasian Linnet, stunning European Greenfinch and better views of Common Buzzard to our list. We also heard Dartford Warbler calling from roadside bushes but unfortunately it would not show itself. We had much better luck with Cetti's warbler near a

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creek, the whole group got to have fantastic views of this often skulky species. As we neared some marshes, we could hear the scratchy song of **Great Reed Warbler**, after some searching, we locked on to one on the other side of a pool giving good views. The waterways gave rise to both **Green** and **Wood Sandpiper** as well as more **Purple Heron**, **Glossy Ibis**, **Little Grebe** and absolutely stunning **Great Crested Grebe** pairs in breeding plumage.



We took our lunch of traditional meats, cheese, bread and tasty strawberries at one of Doñana's many visitor centers and enjoyed views of waterfowl as we ate. The water was teeming with life and we had great views of **Common Shelduck**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Gadwall**, **Red-crested Pochard**, **Common Pochard** and an absolutely stunning male **Garganey**. The water's edge was filled with **Black-winged Stilt**, **Greater Flamingo** and one of my favorites, **Bar-tailed Godwit**. **Eurasian Marsh Harrier** worked the reedbeds and an **Egyptian Mongoose** was seen running across the road near our lunch spot.

Activity usually dies down a little during the afternoon, so we made our way to another favored site to see if we could seek out some new species. As we drove the dirt tracks, we were delighted to see a large **Black-crowned Night-Heron** roost, this was soon completely out done by absolutely stonking views of **Black-winged Kite** (Photo by Donna Giberson)! A fantastic spot and it perched on top of a shrub just long enough for everyone to get fantastic views of this ghostly raptor.

As we neared our last stop for the day, I could hear the tantalizingly close call of **Common Quail** from some tall grasses across a creek, but they weren't coming out and the grasses were too high. The site provided us with much of the same species, including huge rafts of **Eurasian Coot**, sadly none of them were Red-Knobbed, more **Great Crested Grebe** showed off their plumage but the star of the show was

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Ferruginous Duck, a rare bird for this area! As we made our way back to the van, we picked up some scope views of **Pied Avocet** and **White Stork** (Next page) made for fantastic photography from their surprisingly low nest sites.

We headed back to the hotel after a long, full on day and watched the sun set over the wild horses crossing the marismas as we tucked in to our Spanish feast.

April 7 – Odiel Marshes & Doñana National Park

We started out early this morning to make our way to the tidal-dependent, Odiel Marshes. This area less popular than Doñana but hails some fantastic species, in particular gulls and waders. We began our morning's birding by working our way along a track with mudflats to one side and saltpans to the other.



All sorts of new species for the tour were enhancing our list, including some fantastic shorebirds. We were quickly picking up **Common Redshank**, **Dunlin**, **Common Ringed Plover**, **Black-bellied Plover**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Sanderling**, **Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Common Greenshank** and **Whimbrel**, who towered over all of them. Of course, **Greater Flamingo** and **Eurasian Spoonbill** were also present, as were **Common Shelduck**, **Little Egret**, **Gray Heron** and **White Wagtail**. An **Osprey** perched near a nest platform and **Black-headed**, **Lesser Black-backed**, **Yellow-legged** and **Audouin's Gull** were present throughout the area.

As we made our way down to the base of the spit, we came across a flock of gulls on a sandbank and bagged us elegant **Slender-billed Gull**. Nearby, rested a flock of **Sandwich Tern** completely dwarfing the ten or so **Little Tern** that sat with them. As we drove along the spit road, I spotted one of my favorite shorebirds of the tour, **Kentish Plover**, they were close enough for everyone to enjoy brilliant views.

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After a picnic lunch in the sand dunes we attempted some sea watching to see what the Mediterranean had to offer us; I say attempted because the winds were so high by this point it was hard to pick out anything through the waves and spray. Though we did manage to add a distant **Northern Gannet** to our list.

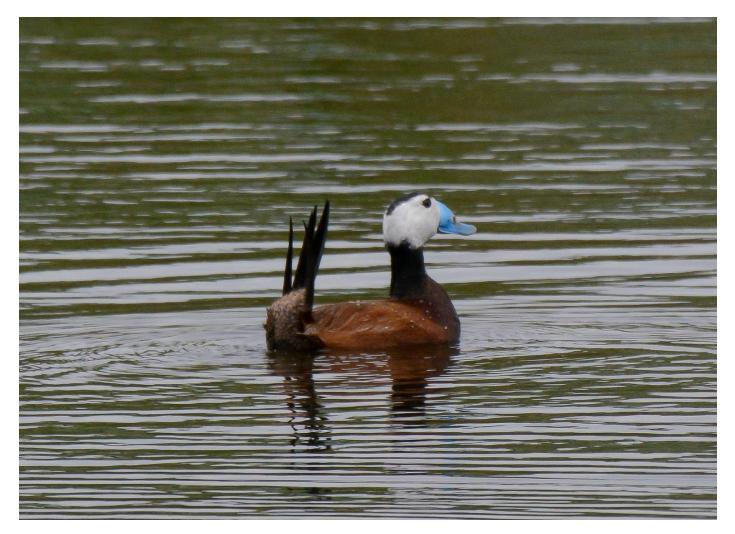
The afternoon was spent in a popular area of Doñana National Park, El Acebuche. It's easy to see why it's so popular with locals and visitors alike, with its beautiful boardwalks through evergreen and deciduous woodlands, brilliant blinds and a great café. Our afternoon there was a little wet to say the least, but spending time in and around the hides we saw some more beautiful birds. We had more fantastic **Iberian Magpie** from the carpark and Common Chaffinch called from the trees and Common House Martin and **Common Swift** wheeled over the visitor center and marshes. We took a stroll



around the boardwalk and to the blinds, producing some fantastic species, including stunning male **European Stonechat**, a surprisingly showy **Common Nightingale**, albeit quick, **Sardinian Warbler** and another flock of those gorgeously gaudy **European Bee-eater**. Much of the same species were seen in the marshes, including **Red-crested** and **Common Pochard**, **Gadwall**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Little** and **Great Crested Grebe**, but it was a Common Snipe who got us all excited! The rain was torrential late afternoon, so we made our way back to El Rocío, where the participants could enjoy a little free time to make the most of this ornate town. We took dinner at our marisma-side restaurant, where Pom made another fantastic discovery, **Squacco Heron**! What a great bird to end the day on.

April 8 – East Doñana

The last day of the tour had come around too fast, but we weren't finished yet! We left our sandy home for the last few nights early and made the drive to the eastern side of Doñana. It can be lengthy, depending on traffic, but my goodness it's a great way to end the tour. As we drove through farmland, we encountered a stunning male **Montagu's Harrier**, who came a little too close to the vehicle for my liking but what a view nonetheless.



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Arriving at a secret pool where we hoped to find our one remaining target, I was excited to show everyone what we had come for. There they were right on cue, endangered White-headed Duck!!! They were fantastic and showed beautifully, they're also surprisingly tame and can come pretty close which allowed everyone to take some great photographs. Once we had had our fill of these blue-billed beauties, we spent the remainder of the morning at a blind on the edge of the National Park. Here we enjoyed many species that we had previously seen, including **Graylag Goose**, **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, **Little Egret**, **Western Swamphen** and even more **White-headed Duck**! Fantastic! Our last new bird of the trip was **Eared Grebe**, or Black-necked Grebe as we like to call it in this part of the world, and with that it was time to head to a great seafood restaurant overlooking the National Park for lunch. We ended what had been a fantastic tour on a high and made our way to Sevilla to sadly say our goodbyes to those who couldn't join us on our Northern Spain adventure.



Bird List

The taxonomy of the bird list follows: *Clements, James F., White, Anthony W., and Fitzpatrick, John W. The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World. Cornell, 2007.* This list is up to date with the major changes published by Cornell up until August 2018.

A total of 146 species of bird were seen over the nine-day tour, with four heard only (H). Column two depicts the species status with accordance to the IUCN Red List.

		Anatidae (Ducks, Geese and Waterfowl)		
1		Graylag Goose	Anser anser	
2		Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	
3		Garganey	Anas querquedula	
4		Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata	
5		Gadwall	Anas strepera	
6		Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	
7		Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	
8		Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	
9		Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina	
10	VU	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina	
11		Ferruginous Duck	Aythya nyroca	
12	EN	White-headed Duck	Oxyura leucocephala	
		Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse and Allies)		
13		Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix	Н
14		Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa	
		Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)		
15		Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	
		Podicipedidae (Grebes)		
16		Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	
17		Great-crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	
18		Eared Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	
		Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)		
19		Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	
		Stock Dove	Columba oenas	
20		Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	
21		Eurasian Collarded Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	
		Pteroclidae (Sandgrouse)		

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22	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	Pterocles alchata
aa \	Otididae (Bustards) VU Great Bustard	Otis tarda
20	Little Bustard	Tetrax tetrax
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25	Cuculidae (Cuckoos) Great Spotted Cuckcoo	Clamator glandarius
25 26	Common Cuckcoo	Cuculus canorus
26	Apodidae (Swifts)	Cuculus cullorus
27	Common Swift	Apus apus
27 28	Pallid Swift	Apus apus Apus pallidus
28	Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules and Coots)	
29	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus
29 30	Eurasian Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus
30 31	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra
31	Western Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio
32	Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)	i orphyno porphyno
33	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus
33	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta
54	Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)	
35	Black-bellied Plover	Pluvialis squatarola
36	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus
37	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula
38	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius
	Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)	
39	Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus
40	Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica
41	Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres
42	Sanderling	Calidris alba
43	Dunlin	Calidris alpina
44	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago
45	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
46	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus
47	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola
48	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia
49	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus
	Laridae (Gulls and Terns)	
50	Slender-billed Gull	Chroicocephalus genei
51	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus
52	Audouin's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii
53	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis

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54		Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus
55		Little Tern	Sternula albifrons
56		Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica
57		Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida
58		Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis
		Ciconiidae (Storks)	
59		Black Stork	Ciconia nigra
60		White Stork	Ciconia ciconia
		Sulidae (Gannets)	
61		Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus
		Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)	
62		Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo
		Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets and Bitterns)	
63		Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus
64		Gray Heron	Ardea cinerea
65		Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea
66		Great Egret	Ardea alba
67		Little Egret	Egretta garzetta
68		Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
69		Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides
70		Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax
		Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)	
71		Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus
72		Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia
		Pandionidae (Osprey)	
73		Osprey	Pandion haliaetus
		Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles and Kites)	
74		Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus
75	EN	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus
76		Cinereous Vulture	Aegypius monachus
77		Eurasian Griffon	Gyps fulvus
78		Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus
79	VU	Spanish Eagle	Aquila adalberti
80		Eurasian Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus
81		Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus
82		Red Kite	Milvus milvus
83		Black Kite	Milvus migrans
84		Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo
		Upupidae (Hoopoes)	
85		Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops

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		Meropidae (Bee-eaters)	
86		European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster
		Falconidae (Falcons)	
87		Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni
88		Eurasian Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus
89		Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus
		Laniidae (Shrikes)	
90	VU	Iberian Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis
91		Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator
		Corvidae (Crows, Jays and Magpies)	
92		Iberian Magpie	Cyanopica cooki
93		Eurasian Magpie	Pica Pica
94		Eurasian Jackdaw	Corvus monedula
95		Carrion Crow	Corvus corone
96		Common Raven	Corvus corax
		Alaudidae (Larks)	
100		Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla
101		Calandra Lark	Melanocorypha calandra
102		Wood Lark	Lullula arborea
103		Thekla's Lark	Galerida theklae
104		Crested Lark	Galerida cristata
		Hirundinidae (Swallows)	
105		Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia
106		Eurasian Crag-Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris
107		Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
108		Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica
109		Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum
		Paridae (Tits)	
110		Coal Tit	Periparus ater
111		Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus
112		Great Tit	Parus major
		Remizidae (Penduline-Tits)	
113		Eurasian Penduline Tit	Remiz pendulinus
		Aegithalidae (Long-Tailed Tits)	
114		Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus
		Certhiidae (Treecreepers)	
115		Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla
		Troglodytidae (Wrens)	
116		Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes
		Cettiidae (Bush Warblers)	

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117	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	
	Phylloscopidae (Leaf Warblers)		
118	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	
	Acrocephalidae (Reed Warblers and Alllies)		
119	Melodious Warbler		Н
120	Eurasain Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	Н
121	Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	
	Locustellidae (Grassbirds and Allies)		
122	Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides	Н
	Cisticolidae (Cisticolas)		
123	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	
	Sylviidae (Sylviid Warblers)		
124	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans	
125	Sardinian Warbler	Sylia melanocephala	
126	Dartford Warbler	Sylvia undata	
	Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)		
127	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	
128	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	
129	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros	
130	Blue Rock-Thrush	Monticola solitarius	
131	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola	
132	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	
	Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)		
133	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	
134	Eurasian Blackbird	Turdus merula	
	Sturnidae (Starlings)		
135	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	
	Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)		
136	Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	
137	White Wagtail (British)	Motacilla alba yarrellii	
138	Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis	
	Fringillidae (Finches)		
139	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	
140	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	
141	Eurasian Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	
142	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	
143	European Serin	Serinus serinus	
	Emberizidae (Old World Buntings)		
144	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	
	Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)		

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Additional Species

Mammals			
Cervidae (Deer)			
Red Deer	Cervus elaphus		
Leporidae (Rabbits and Hares)			
Iberian Hare	Lepus granatensis		
European Rabbit	Orytolagus cuniculus		
Herpestidae (Mongooses)			
Egyptian Mongoose			
Reptiles	Herpestes ichneumon		
Geoemydidae (Pond Turtles)			
Spanish Pond Turtle	Mauremys leprosa		
Invertebrates			
Meloidae (Oil Beetles)			
Red-striped Oil Beetle	Berberomeloe majalis		