

Birding Extremadura and Casa Rural El Recuerdo

REPORT ON WINTER HOLIDAY FOR DEREK AND HELEN

Itinerary (8th January – 15th January 2015)

8th January 2015: Transfer from Madrid Airport to Casa Rural El Recuerdo, with lunch at Miravete Pass and stop at River Almonte

9th January 2015: Exploring the plains between Trujillo and Santa Marta de Magasca

10th January 2015: Monfragüe National Park.

11th January 2015: Montánchez and Trujillo

12th January 2015: Ricefields south of Madrigalejo, Moheda Alta, Sierra Brava reservoir, Palazuelo and Alcollarín

13th January 2015: Plains of Campo Lugar, Villuercas Mountains and Belén Plains

14th January 2015: City of Mérida

15th January 2015: Arrocampo and return to Madrid

Trip Report

Day 1: 8th January 2015: Transfer from Madrid Airport to Casa Rural El Recuerdo

Derek and Helen arrived at Madrid airport exactly on time and by about midday we were heading for the ring-road to take us to the south-west of the city and thence to the motorway heading for Extremadura. It was a bright, sunny winter's day with not a cloud in the sky. We left the city behind us and headed across the dry arable plains of Castille La Mancha. A **Cattle Egret** was the very first bird seen, but soon we were having regular sightings of wintering **Red Kite**. After about a hundred kilometres we passed a landfill site where throngs of **Red Kites** were evident, along with gulls and a few **White Stork**. At about halfway on the journey we stopped for coffee at a typical roadside cafeteria/bar, with curious and very friendly patrons and **Crested Larks** in the forecourt. Soon afterward as we entered Extremadura, we encountered banks of fog, common at this time of the year with settled anti-cyclonic weather. The planned lunch stop was aborted and we took our picnic instead to the Miravete Pass. Here at 666 metres above sea-level, we were not only above the fog, but could enjoy glorious sunshine and a magnificent view across to the snow-peaked Gredos Mountains. As we had our lunch a mixed winter party of small birds stopped for a few minutes in view: **Crested Tits**, **Short-toed Treecreeper**, **Great and Blue Tit** and **Common Chiffchaff**. A **Serin** sang nearby and a fine **Black Redstart** also graced us with his presence. We took a short walk through Mediterranean scrub, dominated by Gum Cistus, its scent rising in the sunshine. White Broom was also in flower. We stood and watched **Crag Martins**, **Griffon Vultures** and a couple of the enormous **Black Vultures** gliding above us.

We then continued, following a section the old highway, to a place where it crossed the River Almonte. Here we stood on the old stone bridge looking up to the two successive more modern bridges, whilst beside the water there was a wonderful medley of species, such as **Grey and White Wagtails**, **Water Pipit**, **Stonechat**, a **Kingfisher** and numerous **Chiffchaffs**. These delightfully fed actively, fly-catching close to the water.

From here it was just twenty minutes or so to our destination, Casa Rural El Recuerdo, which we reached at about 17.30.

Day 2: 9th January 2015: Plains and river valleys near Santa Marta de Magasca

It was a bright, crisp and frosty morning as we left shortly after 09.00. We drove north, enjoying a magnificent view of Trujillo in morning sunshine and then headed west on the old road to Cáceres. We took the turn to Santa Marta de Magasca, passing through a belt of *dehesa* before reaching the edge of open country. Here we stopped and started the birding for the day. A heavy hoar frost covered all of the vegetation, giving a silver-grey coating to every surface. An **Iberian Grey Shrike** sat atop a bush, giving its squeaky song, whilst **Crested** and **Thekla Larks** foraged nearby. Parties of **Azure-winged Magpies** moved through the edge of the woodland. We heard a **Corn Bunting** singing and across in the field ahead of us, standing huddled against the cold was a small party of **Little Bustard**, the low morning sun catching their white bellies. Along the lane, a mixed flock of sparrows were attracted to some cattle pens, mainly **Spanish Sparrows**, but there were a few **House Sparrows** and we had good views of two **Rock Sparrows** as well. We paused on an area of high ground, where **Calandra Larks** chased each other across a wide field and we also got views of them on the ground. **Red Kites** sat on trees behind us and as we stood a party of **Great Bustard** flew across the road and down on hidden pastures behind the trees.

We stopped at the top of a wide dirt track and walk slowly along it. **Chiffchaffs**, as yesterday, delighted us with their busy foraging, behaving rather like Dunnocks on the ground as they flicked their wings. An obliging pair of **Thekla Larks** were also seen, but the highlights of this walk were undoubtedly three groups of **Great Bustard**, the last one in perfect sunshine and at close range, and a mixed flock of **Pin-tailed** and **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** feeding unconcernedly nearby, again in wonderful light. By now the sun had become warm enough to change the colour of the terrain, gone was the grey frost, now the fields were green, although in some the evidence of the dry winter, with frosts each night for the last week, was telling with the grass becoming tinged brown.

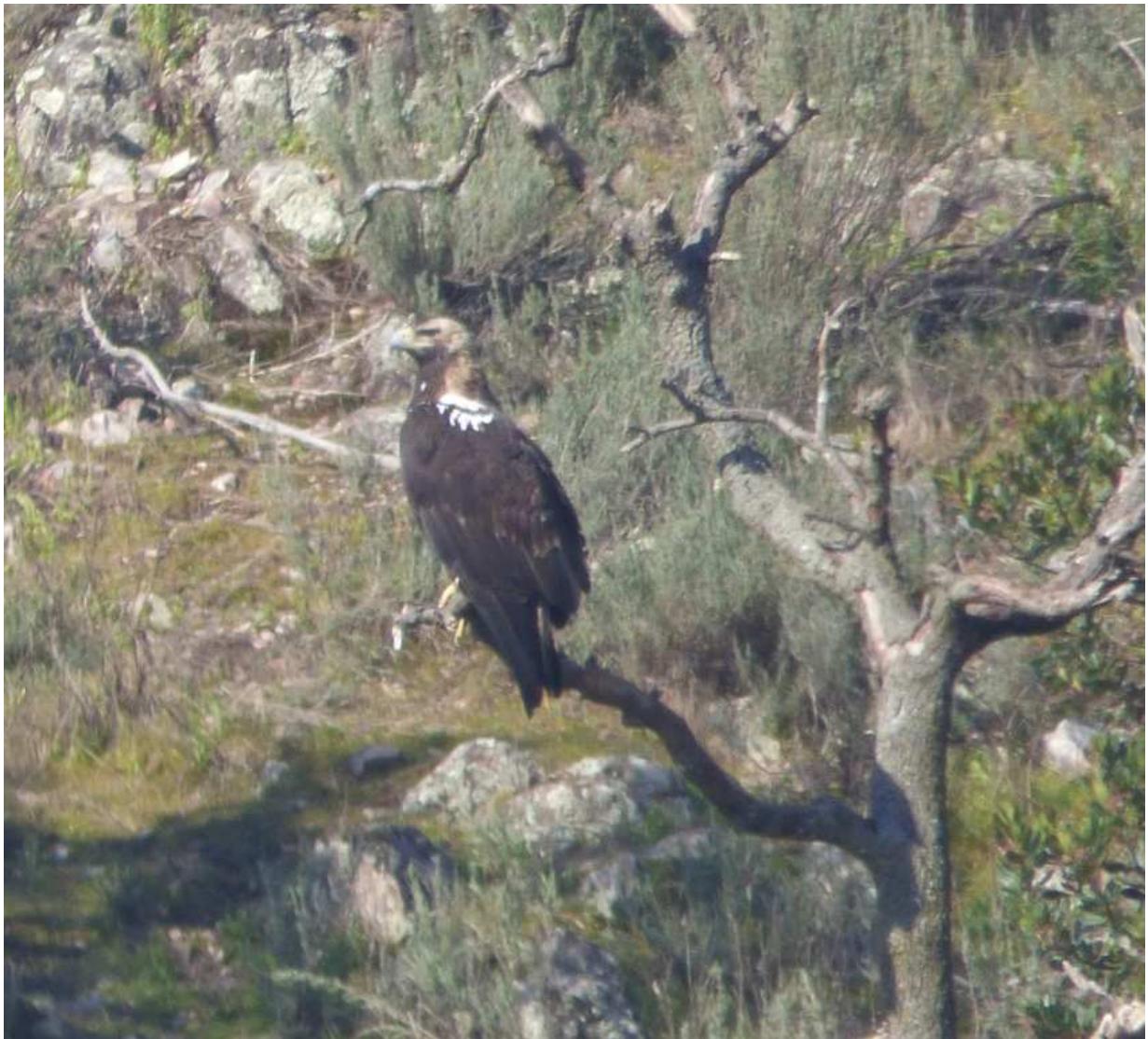
We stopped for coffee in the village of Santa Marta de Magasca, seeing a **Dartford Warbler** briefly en route. We surveyed the beautiful Tamuja river afterwards, watching **Red Kites** gliding over the ridge tops, before then stopping beside the River Magasca for our picnic. The sunshine was deliciously

warm in this sheltered spot. A **Kingfisher** was seen whilst several **Griffon Vultures**, **Black Vultures**, **Red Kites** and **Ravens** were in the sky together downstream from us. At one point we were alerted to the urgent croaking call of a **Raven** and saw it purposefully fly directly across the valley: it had certainly spotted something. Moments later it returned mobbing a second year **Golden Eagle**, which made its way along the ridge top towards us, before veering off.

After lunch we returned to the plains and made a walk along a drovers trail. It was calm and mild and in the afternoon sunshine a **Clouded Yellow** butterfly moved above the grass at the side of the track. Flocks of **Skylarks**, **Linnets** and **Goldfinches** abounded, as well as groups of **Calandra Larks** and the ubiquitous **Chiffchaffs**. At one point a male **Hen Harrier** glided, albeit rather distantly, past us. On the road back to Trujillo we stopped to admire an old water mill fed by an aqueduct. In Trujillo, we made a stop at the San Lazaro Park where there were **Little Grebe**, **Mallard** and a **Shoveler**, but most engaging were the **White Wagtails**, about fifty or so, most of which were daintily catching flies low over the water surface, making dainty hovers, their tails just brushing the water surface. We made a final stop at the old (19th century) *lavadero* or communal laundry.

Day 3: 10th January 2015: Monfragüe National Park

The early frost was not as heavy as yesterday and it was bright and sunny as we set off, stopping first just south of Trujillo to photograph the view of the town. We then continued northwards, dropping from the granite batholith to the vast expanse of undulating *dehesa* landscape, broken only by the deep River Almonte valley. As we approached the Monfragüe National Park we entered fog which had formed deep in the Tajo gorge and as we drove through the park, we were in fog most of the time. We saw three **Red Deer** crossing the road and entering a belt of woodland en route. We stopped at the Portilla del Tiétar viewpoint, with light mist still obscuring most of the cliff face opposite. As we waited for the mist to clear, the scene was one of great beauty and periodically a **Griffon Vulture** would drift overhead, high enough to be in sunshine. By mid-morning the mist had gone completely and we settled down to further enjoy the spectacle before us. We did not have to wait long before we heard the barking call of a **Spanish Imperial Eagle**. It drifted across the cliff face, and then perched in a dead tree, affording us superb views.



It flew across to the hillside and, as had been doing several **Griffon Vultures**, collected a twig to carry back to its nest tree. En route it was spotted by **Ravens** and the mobbing forced it to drop the material. However, during the course of our stay we watched it several times collect material from the same zone and these times it successfully returned to the nest tree. On one of these occasions, we became seriously spoilt for choice because an **Otter** had appeared in the river below us. We watched enthralled as it fished and then moved upstream. There beside a **Grey Heron** and a watching **Kingfisher**, it spent some time out of water, before returning to swim a little way downstream before returning to the bank, this time clambering up and disappearing into the bushes, presumably where it had a holt.



It had been a wonderful morning and reluctantly we drew ourselves away and for coffee at the nearby bar. From here we would see large numbers of **Common Cranes** feeding on maize stubble.

We then retraced our steps through the park, this time taking in the scenery which had been fogbound on our arrival. We had lunch beside the river, watching **Azure-winged Magpies** coming to visit the picnic area. We then made a couple of stops beside the Tajo river, where amongst soaring **Griffon Vultures** we were fortunate to watch a pair of **Bonelli's Eagles**, as well as getting glimpses of **Hawfinch**, but better views of **Blue Rock Thrush** and **Rock Bunting**. Finally we stopped opposite the vast cliff of Peña Falcon, where we could admire the comings and goings of large numbers of **Griffon Vultures**, as well as several **Black Vultures**. A perched **Peregrine** was an additional bonus.

On the way home we stopped at the River Almonte, where we enjoyed watching the large numbers of **Chiffchaffs** darting out to fly-catch over the water surface.

Day 4: 11th January 2015: Montánchez and Trujillo

A slightly milder morning than yesterday and with wisps of high cloud. We enjoyed another beautiful sunny day. We headed south-west of Trujillo, through a changing landscape of plains and *dehesa* to reach the Seirra de Montánchez where we parked at the edge of the small town of Montánchez. Walking though the narrow streets we came across a small flea market in the Main Square. After some browsing and purchases there, we continued our walk up to the Moorish fort. Here we took in magnificent views of the village, the surrounding

hills and the wider landscape beyond, right through to the Gredos Mountains, some 120 kms to the north-east.



Around the fort there were a number of birds such as **Crag Martins** sunning themselves, **Blue Rock Thrush**, **Thekla Lark**, a fine **Black Redstart** and the highlight: three **Alpine Accentors**.

We dropped back down to the town and after coffee in a typical small bar, returned to the car and then drove along a small road into the hills where we stopped for a short walk beside a belt of deciduous oak. Here there was a large flock of wintering **Chaffinch** (including one **Brambling**), as well as large numbers of **Blackcaps**, some **titmice** and **Nuthatch**. After lunch there we then drove back to Trujillo.



We then spent a very pleasant afternoon exploring the wonderful medieval town of Trujillo, starting at the main square and then walking up through the early medieval *villa* to the huge moorish castle. **White Storks** were bill-clacking from their nests, **Crag Martins** flew around the churches and **Chiffchaffs** fed on the ground near the castle walls. After refreshments back in the Main Square we returned to Casa Rural El Recuerdo.

Day 5: 12th January 2015: Ricefields south of Madrigalejo, Moheda Alta, Sierra Brava reservoir, Palazuelo and Alcollarín

It was another glorious sunny winter's day, with a light breeze in the morning which calmed during the afternoon. Today we switched direction and headed south, crossing after a kilometre the divide to enter the Guadiana River basin. Passing through the plains south of Zorita (where we drove beside a hunting male **Hen Harrier**), we descended to the irrigated agricultural lands near Madriagelejo and south of that town we left the main road to spend a couple of hours exploring the grid of dirt roads near the village of Vegas Altas. This gave us continuous opportunities to watch throngs of **Common Cranes** feeding on the maize and rice stubble.



Their bugling calls provided a sound backdrop throughout the visit. Parties of wintering **Greylag Geese** showed their heads and necks above the stubble – the rest of their bodies hidden. We saw a distant group of about 20 **Great Bustard** and then just minutes later a flock of about 80 flew majestically overhead and we watched them land amongst parties of **Common Crane**. Nearby we passed a roost of **Stone Curlew**, seeing about 40 birds standing and in flight in perfect sunshine. One of the most remarkable sights however were the flocks of thousands of **Spanish Sparrows**, forming extraordinary murmurations as they rose and descended above a crop of unharvested rice. We also enjoyed the sight of a male **Hen Harrier** and a **Marsh Harrier** quartering an area of scrub together.

We paused beside the River Gargaligas, obtaining brief views of **Red Avadavat** and hearing **Water Rail** and **Moorhen** before stopping for coffee in the village of Obando. Nearby we visited the Moheda Alta reserve where from an observation tower we saw many hundreds of **Greylag Geese**, as well as many more **Common Cranes** and parties of **White Stork**. A couple of **Great White Egrets** were also present. Returning through a belt of *dehesa* we had good views of **Woodlark**. We picnicked at the edge of the wood, with a nice array of woodland species: **Great and Blue Tits**, **Blackcaps**, **Chiffchaffs** and other species.

We then returned to pass through an area of rice production where more geese and cranes were present, before making a stop beside the great Sierra Brava reservoir. There was the sheer spectacle of tens of thousands of resting duck,

including huge rafts of **Shoveler** and **Pintail**, as well as **Mallard**, **Gadwall** and **Teal**. West of this reservoir, lay more rice fields and passing the village of Palazuelo we found a series of muddy fields where waders were feeding. The commonest wader appeared to be **Little Stint** followed by **Kentish Plover**, with good numbers of **Ringed Plover** and **Dunlin** as well. But without doubt the highlight was a very obliging male **Bluethroat** that was coming out to feed on damp mud at the edge of the field beside us.

From here we completed the afternoon at the Alcollarín reservoir, where again there were many thousands of waterfowl, including **Wigeon**, **Tufted Duck** and **Pochard**, as well as some very fine **Black-necked Grebes**. Several **Great White Egrets** were present as well as a party of **Spoonbill**. We reached the shallow end of the reservoir just before 18.00 and from across the water, coming from granitic crags we heard the sonorous hoot of **Eagle Owl**. Quite quickly we located the bird against the skyline and we enjoyed a full half an hour watching it as it moved from one perch to another, there being enough light to see its pale throat. Finally it flew on its broad wings along the skyline before landing where the visibility was less good and that was our cue to head home.

Day 6: 13th January 2015: Plains of Campo Lugar, Villuercas Mountains and Belén Plains

It was a mild morning with light cloud which quickly cleared to give us another sunny and calm day. We visited first of all the plains near the village of Campo Lugar. Here at our very first stop we found a **Little Owl** and a group of about 15 **Great Bustards**. The latter we watched in excellent light as they rested and preened. Rather further away was a group of six **Little Bustard**. A single **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** was also observed, whilst others flew overhead. Along the plains we had good views of birds such as **Zitting Cisticola** and **Calandra Lark**, whilst on a couple of small pools there was a good range of species present such as **Teal**, **Wigeon**, **Shoveler** and **Mallard**, as well as a **Common Sandpiper**. At the edge of the village we had superb views of a **Stone Curlew** roost, with perhaps 60 birds present, scattered across two small fields. Following coffee nearby, we then drove east to the Villuercas mountains, passing through the town of Cañamero, and through different types of woodland before stopping in a cork oak grove. There was a range of small birds present, including **Nuthatch** and **Short-toed Treecreeper**, but there was little movement, so we moved on to the River Almonte gorge, where we had our picnic. Whilst **Griiffon Vultures** glided overhead, beside the river we found **Grey Wagtail** and **Blue Rock Thrush** and just before we left a party of about twelve **Siskins** arrived to feed on the alders. Nearby is the village of Cabañas del Castillo, where we walked to a vantage point between two crags to enjoy the breath-taking views across the valleys and ridges to the east.

We then spent the afternoon on a very productive drive across the Belén Plains back to Trujillo. As well as four **Little Owls** and about 30 **Great Bustards**, we had superb views of an adult Black Stork, in flight as well as standing in a pasture. Rather more distant was a male **Merlin** sitting on an outcrop. The reason for its presence was obvious: the plains supported large numbers of

larks, buntings and pipits, the flocks of **Calandra** and **Skylarks** in particular were highly memorable.

Day 7: 14th January 2015: City of Mérida

The weather had changed overnight to an overcast, mild and slightly damp morning. We travelled south-west to the capital of Extremadura, Mérida, which had also been the capital of the Roman province of Lusitania. The day was spent visiting some of the key Roman sites such as the Theatre, Amphitheatre, Circus, thermal baths and temple of Diana, as well as the extraordinary Museum of Roman Art. We had a tapas lunch in a typical little bar, adorned with old posters of bull fights.



The afternoon was spent in the Moorish Fort and on the Roman Bridge, the longest in the world. Here we had a brief view of an adult **Whiskered Tern** in winter plumage, and a fine **Purple Swamphen**, as well as **Coot**, **Moorhen** and many **Black-headed Gulls**.

Returning from Mérida we made a stop just west of Trujillo to admire the fine aspect of the town from that point.

Day 8: 15th January 2015: Arrocampo and return to Madrid

It was misty and damp as we left Casa Rural El Recuerdo at about 09.30, the first real break in the fine settled weather of the week. The journey to Trujillo and then on the motorway was largely in fog, but by the time we had arrived at the Arrocampo reservoir the mist was starting to clear. The reservoir provides

cooling water for the Almaráz nuclear power station and has a fairly constant water level. There is a good fringing vegetation of reed mace, rushes and some reeds. We stopped in one area and had brief views of **Purple Swamphen**, as well as **Marsh Harrier**, whilst **Water Rail** and **Cetti's Warblers** called from the vegetation in front of us. At a next stop, we heard **Kingfisher** and **Little Bittern**, and in a nearby tree a female **Sparrowhawk** sat, affording us an excellent view. We then drove north of the village of Saucedilla, finding a perched **Black-winged Kite**. Following a stop at the Information Centre, we then checked another area, just in time to see a **Great Bittern** fly across the road in front of us.

The mist thickened again and a drizzle was developing so we headed back onto the motorway and drove onto the village of El Gordo where we stopped for our sandwiches looking across a part of the Valdecañas reservoir. There was a good selection of waterfowl, including **Pochard**, **Pintail**, **Gadwall** and **Greylag Geese**, as well as large numbers of **Common Coot**. By now it was time to proceed with the journey, although we had time for a quick coffee stop with a sighting shortly afterwards of a **Black-winged Kite** hovering beside the motorway. From then on, the weather improved as we approached Madrid and we clocked the final sightings of birds like **White Stork** and **Red Kite**. We reached the airport shortly after 15.00 with ample time for the check-in.

Annotated List of Birds Seen

For a week which combined birdwatching with some sight-seeing in towns and villages, we recorded a very satisfactory total of 128 species.

1. **Little Grebe:** Seen at San Lazaro park in Trujillo, Alcollarín reservoir and at Campo Lugar.
2. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen at Sierra Brava and Alcollarín reservoirs.
3. **Black-necked Grebe:** At least six seen at Alcollarín on 12th January.
4. **Great Cormorant:** Seen at Monfragüe and on all reservoirs visited.
5. **Great Bittern:** One at Arrocampo on 15th January.
6. **Little Bittern:** A male seen briefly and heard at Arrocampo on 15th January.
7. **Cattle Egret:** Seen most days, including large numbers following the plough in the rice fields.
8. **Little Egret:** Seen most days.
9. **Great Egret:** Seen almost everyday.

10. **Grey Heron:** Seen every day.
11. **Black Stork:** One on Belén Plains on 13th January.
12. **White Stork:** Seen almost every day, including flocks of birds probably on migration.
13. **Spoonbill:** Six at Alcollarín on 12th January.
14. **Grey Lag Goose:** Hundreds present on both the rice fields near Madrigalejo on 12th January and at Valdecañas reservoir on 15th.
15. **Egyptian Goose:** Pairs at Alcollarín and at Campo Lugar.
16. **Wigeon:** Seen at Sierra Brava and Alcollarín on 12th, and a pair on pool near Campo Lugar on 13th January.
17. **Gadwall:** Seen at Sierra Brava, Alcollarín and Valdecañas.
18. **Teal:** Seen at Sierra Brava, Alcollarín and Campo Lugar.
19. **Pintail:** Seen at Sierra Brava and Valdecañas.
20. **Mallard:** Seen almost every day.
21. **Shoveler:** Seen on most days and thousands at Sierra Brava.
22. **Pochard:** Seen at Alcollarín and Valdecañas reservoirs.
23. **Tufted Duck:** Double figures present at Alcollarín on 12th January.
24. **Black-winged Kite:** One near Saucedilla and one on motorway to Madrid on 15th January.
25. **Red Kite:** Seen every day with large numbers seen on journey from Madrid on 8th and near Trujillo on 9th January.
26. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen almost every day.
27. **Black Vulture:** Seen almost every day.
28. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen on several days, especially on rice fields and at Arrocampo.
29. **Hen Harrier:** A male north of Trujillo on 9th January and three males and a female near Madrigalejo on 12th January.
30. **Sparrowhawk:** One seen at Miravete on 8th January and one at Arrocampo on 15th.

31. **Common Buzzard:** Seen every day.
32. **Spanish Imperial Eagle:** Excellent views of a bird nest-building in Monfragüe on 10th January.
33. **Golden Eagle:** A sub-adult near Santa Marta de Magasca on 9th January.
34. **Bonelli's Eagle:** A pair in Monfragüe on 10th January.
35. **Common Kestrel:** Seen every day.
36. **Merlin:** One on Belén plains on 13th January.
37. **Peregrine Falcon:** One seen in Monfragüe.
38. **Red-legged Partridge:** Seen almost daily.
39. **Water Rail:** Heard on Rio Gargaligas and Arrocampo.
40. **Moorhen:** Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo, and heard on Rio Gargaligas.
41. **Purple Swamphen:** One seen in Mérida on 14th January and two at Arrocampo on 15th.
42. **Common Coot:** Seen at Alcollarín, Mérida and Arrocampo.
43. **Common Crane:** Seen almost daily, with many thousands on rice and maize fields near Madrigalejo on 12th January
44. **Little Bustard:** Seven seen near Santa Marta de Magasca on 9th January and six near Campo Lugar on 13th.
45. **Great Bustard:** About 30 seen near Santa Marta de Magasca on 9th January, at least 80 seen on 12th January south of Madrigalejo and about 40 on Belén Plains on 13th.
46. **Stone Curlew:** About 40 at roost near Madrigalejo on 12th January and at least 60 near Campo Lugar on 13th.
47. **Ringed Plover:** About 12 near Palazuelo on 12th January.
48. **Kentish Plover:** About 40 near Palazuelo on 12th January.
49. **Golden Plover:** Seen on rice fields, as well as plains near Santa Marta de Magasca and Campo Lugar.
50. **Lapwing:** Seen every day.
51. **Dunlin:** About 30 near Palazuelo on 12th January.

52. **Little Stint**: About 50 near Palazuelo on 12th January.
53. **Common Snipe**: Seen on rice fields and at Arrocampo.
54. **Greenshank**: Two or three near Palazuelo, one at Campo Lugar and heard at Arrocampo.
55. **Green Sandpiper**: Seen on several days.
56. **Common Sandpiper**: One at Campo Lugar on 13th January.
57. **Black-headed Gull**: Seen on several days, especially on the rice fields.
58. **Lesser Black-backed Gull**: Seen on several days.
59. **Whiskered Tern**: An adult on Guadiana River, seen from Roman Bridge Mérida on 14th January.
60. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse**: Seen near Santa Marta de Magasca and Campo Lugar.
61. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**: Seen near Santa Marta de Magasca.
62. **Feral Pigeon**: Seen daily.
63. **Wood Pigeon**: Seen on several days.
64. **Collared Dove**: Seen almost daily.
65. **Ring-necked Parakeet**: Two seen in Mérida on 14th January.
66. **Eagle Owl**: A bird watched calling at sunset at Alcollarín on 12th January.
67. **Little Owl**: Three seen during day near Santa Marta de Magasca, one near Campo Lugar, four on Belén Plains and one near Trujillo.
68. **Kingfisher**: Seen almost daily.
69. **Hoopoe**: Seen daily.
70. **Great Spotted Woodpecker**: Heard at Monfragüe.
71. **Calandra Lark**: Seen on open plains and on rice fields.
72. **Crested Lark**: Seen almost daily.
73. **Thekla Lark**: Seen almost daily.
74. **Woodlark**: A party of five at Moheda Alta on 12th January.

75. **Skylark**: Seen on plains and rice fields.
76. **Crag Martin**: Seen almost daily.
77. **Meadow Pipit**: Seen daily.
78. **Water Pipit**: One seen beside River Almonte on 8th January.
79. **Grey Wagtail**: Seen almost daily.
80. **White Wagtail**: Seen daily in large numbers.
81. **Wren**: Recorded most days.
82. **Dunnock**: Heard on several days.
83. **Alpine Accentor**: Three at Montánchez on 11th January.
84. **Robin**: Seen almost daily.
85. **Bluetroat**: Seen near Palazuelo on 12th January and briefly at Arrocampo on 15th.
86. **Black Redstart**: Seen daily.
87. **Stonechat**: Seen almost daily.
88. **Blue Rock Thrush**: Seen in Monfragüe, Montánchez and Villuercas Mountains.
89. **Blackbird**: Seen daily.
90. **Song Thrush**: Seen almost daily
91. **Mistle Thrush**: Recorded on two days.
92. **Cetti's Warbler**: Recorded on several days.
93. **Zitting Cisticola**: Seen on rice fields and Campo Lugar.
94. **Dartford Warbler**: Seen on several days.
95. **Sardinian Warbler**: Seen almost daily.
96. **Blackcap**: Seen daily.
97. **Common Chiffchaff**: Seen daily in large numbers and in every habitat.
98. **Firecrest**: Heard in Villuercas Mountains.

99. **Long-tailed Tit**: Seen on several days.
100. **Crested Tit**: Seen at Miravete on 8th January.
101. **Blue Tit**: Seen daily.
102. **Great Tit**: Seen daily.
103. **Nuthatch**: Heard at Montánchez and Villuercas.
104. **Short-toed Treecreeper**: Seen at Miravete and Villuercas.
105. **Penduline Tit**: Heard only at Arrocampo on 15th January.
106. **Iberian Grey Shrike**: Seen almost daily.
107. **Jay**: Recorded on several days.
108. **Azure-winged Magpie**: Seen daily.
109. **Magpie**: Seen daily.
110. **Jackdaw**: Seen on several days.
111. **Raven**: Seen almost daily.
112. **Common Starling**: Seen near Campo Lugar.
113. **Spotless Starling**: Seen daily.
114. **House Sparrow**: Seen daily.
115. **Spanish Sparrow**: Seen almost daily.
116. **Tree Sparrow**: Seen at Moheda Alta on 12th January.
117. **Rock Sparrow**: Two near Santa Marta de Magasca on 9th January.
118. **Red Avadavat**: Seen on the rice fields
119. **Chaffinch**: Seen daily.
120. **Brambling**: One at Montánchez on 11th January.
121. **Serin**: Seen almost daily.
122. **Greenfinch**: Seen almost daily.

123. **Goldfinch:** Seen almost daily.
124. **Siskin:** About twelve seen in Villuercas Mountains on 13th January.
125. **Linnet:** Seen almost daily
126. **Hawfinch:** Seen briefly on three days.
127. **Rock Bunting:** Recorded at Monfragüe.
128. **Corn Bunting:** Seen almost daily.

Mammals seen

Red Deer
Otter
Rabbit

Butterflies

Clouded Yellow
Small Copper
Red Admiral
Small White
Green-striped/Western Dappled White
Speckled Wood