HOLIDAY REPORT FOR DEREK, ZENA, PHYLLIS, JOHN AND PETER Casa Rural El Recuerdo & Birding Extremadura "Orchids and birds in early spring"



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TOUR REPORT

20th March 2016: Transfer from Madrid airport to Casa Rural El Recuerdo

Due to an air traffic control dispute in France, the incoming flight from Gatwick was delayed by several hours. Martin met the team at about 19.00 and we set off in the early evening light around the southern side of Madrid and then onto the A5 motorway for Extremadura. Just outside Madrid, we stopped for a bite to eat and then continued onto Casa Rural El Recuerdo, arriving at about 23.00.

21st March 2016: Exploring the plains west of Trujillo

It was a wet morning, with quite persistent heavy rain. Luckily it cleared up by lunch and the afternoon, although overcast, was dry. We made a first stop at the edge of the

plains to the west of Trujillo where we found a small group of Little Bustards (a male with two females). Nearby, on the Los Cerralbos track, we watched Black-bellied Sandgrouse on the ground and four Great Bustards. The presence of both Crested and Thekla Larks gave us the opportunity to refresh our skills at separating these two very similar species. By then the rain had started and as Black Kites sought the refuge of pylons to sit on, we repaired to a cafeteria and coffee, along with the traditional Easter Torrijas, which were delicious.

We returned to the plains, seeing **Lesser Kestrels** using the nestboxes erected for Rollers, and thus getting a head start. For our picnic, we stopped at an ancient drovers' trail and in the improving weather took the opportunity to start our orchid odyssey, finding three species (**Pink Butterfly**, **Champagne** and **Sawfly**) with specimens that were rather damp! Another **Little Bustard** was seen flying overhead we had superb views of a male **Hen Harrier**. Indeed, as the weather bettered, so more raptors were seen: all **three species of vulture** and a **Booted Eagle**. A **Western Dappled White** butterfly also made a brief appearance. On our way back to Trujillo we were delighted to find an **Eagle Owl** and we were entertained by big flocks of **Spanish Sparrow**. We paused to admire the flora amongst the granite outcrops, north of Trujillo, especially the delightful **Yellow Toadflax** and whilst pottering round there, we had great views of a **Great Spotted Cuckoo**, whilst a **Common Cuckoo** was calling in the background.

We made a final stop beside the bull ring at Trujillo, where **Lesser Kestrels** were coming in to land on the roof, and already using the nestboxes placed there for them.

22nd March 2016: Arrocampo Reservoir, Charco Salado and Cerro Almaráz

It was mainly overcast in the morning but we did have some sunny spells, although there was a fresh westerly wind.

As we arrived at our first birding area, the Arrocampo Reservoir, we had good views of a **Black-winged Kite**, perched on a roadside pole. We stopped at a hide overlooking the marsh, using the ramp to give us extra height. Here we saw three **Spoonbill** and several **Purple Swamphen**, whilst **Sedge** and **Cetti's Warblers** sang. A **Bearded Tit** was also heard. As we drove on, we had good views of a male **Subalpine Warbler**. At the next site we had excellent sightings of **Little Bittern** and **Purple Heron**, whilst a **Savi's Warbler** sang, but rather elusively.

Following coffee in the village of Saucedilla, we drove beyond the village, having another sighting of **Black-winged Kite** and then stopped for lunch at the beautiful setting of Charco Salado. Here a shallow body of water lies surrounded by holm oak *dehesa*. **Sawfly Orchids** were in profusion as we arrived at the site and the picnic site itself gave us views of a good range of duck.



Sawfly Orchid



Mirror Orchid



Woodcock Orchid

The afternoon was spent at the Cerro Almaráz, where we saw no fewer than seven more orchid species, including **Tongue**, **Woodcock**, **Mirror** and **Conical**, but it was the profusion of **Naked Man Orchids** that were quite breath-taking.



Naked Man Orchids

23rd March 2016: Vulture Hide and Monfragüe National Park

There was light mist when we set off before dawn (at 6.15) to be met at Torrejón el Rubío by the owners of the hide that we would be using for the morning. Just north of the town we parked and walked a couple of hundred metres to the small outbuilding which had been converted to a photographic hide. We were settled in by 07.30, just as the mist was starting to lift. In front of us was a goat's carcass and various other pieces of offal, and in the distance the rocks of Monfragüe National Park, where we hoped the vultures would be coming from. Within just a few minutes two Ravens had arrived and by 07.40, Spotless Starlings and Great Tits were also pecking at the offerings. The **Ravens** in particular were feeding on the exposed fat on the goat, taking large chunks in their bills. At 07.48, Black and Red Kites were coming in, along with more Ravens. The Kites, especially the Reds, were intent in swooping in and taking off morsels in their feet as they passed. At 07.54 two Griffon Vultures had settled on the ground close by, and a White Stork came in at 08.00 to feed and five minutes later an Egyptian Vulture. We then only had to wait another 10 minutes, before the first Black Vulture arrived, coming in to land in a tree beside a Griffon. Thereafter the action became continuous. We had many memorable highlights, including the appearance of squadrons of vultures coming in from the rocks, making a direct line of flight to the site.



We watched **Egyptian Vultures** seize eggs and toss them to the ground, eventually breaking them. The large vultures came in to feed *en masse*, a huge squabbling commotion, during which the entire goat's carcass was pushed and shoved. We watched cheeky **Ravens** jump onto the backs of the **Griffon Vultures**.

For all of us it had been an amazing experience and by late morning the vultures had more or less finished and became disturbed by some distant sound or movement and almost all of them then departed. We called the owners and on their arrival we walked back to our van.

After coffee in Torrejon el Rubio, we drove into the Monfragüe National Park, stopping at the Portilla del Tiétar where we saw the **Spanish Imperial Eagle** sitting on its nest. The male appeared flying quite high and away and from us, only to reappear and settled on a tree beside the cliff. It then pulled off some twigs and flew to the nest, enabling the female to take a short break from her incubation duties. On the banks beside us grew **Hoop Petticoat Narcissus**.

We then stopped beside some bare **Nettle Trees**, and quickly found the eponymous butterfly. The afternoon ended with a pleasant walk beside the Tajo River, and we were rewarded by sightings of **Large Tortoiseshell**.

24th March 2016: Zafra

It was a sunny and mild day with just a light breeze. We drove south towards the town of Zafra with orchids being the main focus of the day. We stopped first of all in an area east of the town where in a small almond grove, about two kilometres walk from the car, we found a magnificent diversity of species, including **Early Spider**, **Sombre**, **Hill**, **Naked Man**, **Conical**, **Champagne** and **Sawfl**y.



Sombre Orchid



Tongue Orchid

But by far the most memorable and spectacular sight of the walk was a vast colony, numbering tens of thousands, of **Pink Butterfly Orchids** in a flamboyant show on a patch of rough ground.



Pink Butterfly Orchids



Early Spider Orchid

After lunch, during which we watched **Short-toed Eagles**, we checked another site which was less rewarding, but where there were some fine specimens of **Pheasant's Eye**. We then drove west of Zafra to an olive-growing area near an old quarry of Alconera.



Here we found some fine specimens of **Giant Orchid**, and on the rocky slopes and clearings, some **Hill Orchid**, as well as **Mirror**, **Conical**, **Naked Man** and **Sombre**.



Hill Orchid



Conical Orchid

25th March 2016: Plains of Campo Lugar, the area near Madrigalejo, Moheda Alta and Casas del Hitos.

Another day of sunny spells with some light cloud and a bit of a breeze. We returned to steppe habitat at the start of the morning, this time south of the town on Zorita. Here we found a small group of male **Great Bustards** and had superb views of two in full display. As we watched them we were constantly serenaded by lark song: **Calandra** and **Thekla** mainly.

We moved onto lower ground and stopped beside the River Ruercas. Here in the *Typha*-filled water channel, **Cetti's Warblers** sang and a **Willow Warbler** was present feeding on the sallows, along with Common **Chiffchaffs**. A pair of **Marsh Harriers** were active and a brief glimpse was had of **Water Rail**.

We then visited an old gravel pit near Madrigalejo where two **Red-crested Pochard** drakes were present, as well as **Little Grebe**. On the rough meadow nearby, several **Tongue Orchids** were in flower.

Beside the Gargaligas River, **Water Rails** again were vocal from the *Typha* and the habitat also proved attractive for **Marsh Harrier**.

After coffee, we drove onto the picnic area at Puerto Peña, where we enjoyed the impressive scenery of the massive cliff beside the Guadiana River. As well as **Griffon Vultures**, we saw several **Black Stork** and a couple of **Red-billed Chough**. We then spent most of the afternoon having a lovely walk through the flower-rich *dehesa* of Moheda Alta. On a pool there were about 200 **Black-winged Stilt** and as many **Cattle Egret**. During the walk we heard the first **Bee-eaters** of the spring passing overhead. **Yellow Anemones** were in flower and we found a small clump of **Green-winged Orchid**, as well as finding **Sawfly** and **Pink Butterfly**. On our return to the van, in the picnic area which was quite full with Easter revellers, the **Barbary Nut Irises** were in full bloom.



Green-winged Orchid

We finished the day, in the rice fields at Casas del Hitos where we found several **Water Pipit**, most of them in full breeding plumage.

26th March 2016: Plains west of Trujillo, River Tozo, Jaraicejo and Alcollarín Reservoir

It was a misty start to the day and it remained overcast all day with a fresh westerly wind. At the end of the afternoon there was some light rain.

Before we left the house, a **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** was drumming somewhere in the garden. We drove to pay a short second visit to the plains west of Trujillo where as well as an amazing total of 43 **Great Bustard**, we were also rewarded by good views of four **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**. We then headed north-east and stopped to walk beside the River Tozo, to a small reservoir, through *dehesa*. There were **Common Jonquils** starting to come into flower and we had good views of **Woodlark**, whilst on the reservoir there were a good selection of duck. We found a few **Sawfly Orchids** under the trees.

We enjoyed watching two **Booted Eagles** at our coffee stop and then paid a visit to the Miravete Pass. It was quite windy at the site, but we managed to hear **Crested Tit** calling and see a **Rock Bunting**. After lunch beside the little reservoir of the Arroyo de la Vid, we walked across the heath of Jaraicejo and into a grove of Cork Oak. **Dartford Warblers** and numerous **Thekla Larks** were present on the open ground, whilst in the woodland, **Nuthatches** and **Short-toed Treecreepers** were present. **Angel's Tears Narcissus** were still in flower.

We ended the day at the Alcollarín Reservoir, where several duck species were present, including **Wigeon**, **Pintail** and **Shoveler**, as well as **Common Shelduck** and **Egyptian Geese**. There were also a party of **Spoonbill**.

27th March 2016: Free day in Sierra de Los Lagares

Easter Sunday and the group spent the day on local walks. Between them sightings included **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** in the garden and a fine show of **Lusitanian Fritillaries** and **Champagne Orchids**.

28th March 2016: Alange, Sierra de Utrera, Roman Bridge Mérida and Búrdalo Reservoir

It was an overcast day with a few sunny spells in the afternoon. We drove south, passing Mérida and reaching the spa town of Alange, which lies beside a huge reservoir and a rocky outcrop on top of which is a Moorish castle. We met Jose Antonio who kindly took us first to the northern slopes of the outcrop where amongst the olive trees we found a wonderful diversity of orchids, nine species in total, including the very rare **Bumblebee Orchid**.



Bumblebee Orchid

Quail called as we ambled back to the village. Jose then showed us the breath-taking Utrera valley, where there were countless **Lusitanian Fritillaries** in flower, thousands of **Green-winged** and **Champagne Orchid**



Champagne Orchids

and where we found some excellent specimens of **Heart-flowered Serapias.** It was a very beautiful area. We then had lunch beside the dam, where most of us saw **Black Wheatear**, as well as **Gull-billed Tern**, **Alpine Swift** and **Blue Rock Thrush**.



Heart-flowered Serapias

We then repaired to Mérida for a walk on the Roman Bridge. Here we had excellent views of **Penduline Tits**, as well as **Glossy Ibis** flying past.

We made a visit to check a site for another orchid, the Dense Flowered, but again as elsewhere, just basal leaves were present. However, a **Common Cuckoo** was in fine voice.

On the way home we visited the new Burdalo Reservoir and a very productive time we had. Highlights included a pair of **Garganey**, a splendid **Black-eared Wheatear**, a lone juvenile **Common Crane**, a **Little Stint** and a party of **Ruff**.

29th March 2016: Free day in Sierra de Los Lagares

The group spent the day enjoying the environs of the Sierra de Lagares with sightings of **Short-toed** and **Booted Eagles**, **Great Spotted Cuckoo** and an **Orange tip** butterfly.

30th March 2016: Cerro Almaráz and return to Madrid

After bidding our farewells at Casa Rural El Recuerdo, we left at about 09.15 and made a short stop at the Cerro Almaráz to enjoy again the orchid spectacle, finding this time some magnificent specimens of **Yellow Bee Orchid**, as well as more **Mirror Orchids**. Parties of **Bee-eaters** flew over as we pottered around and a **Nightingale** was singing in a rather tentative way.



Yellow bee Orchid

We then made a short visit to the Valdecañas valley, where **Sawfly Orchids** were in flower and a group of raptors including **Griffon** and **Egyptian Vultures**, **Short-toed** and

Booted Eagles gave us a fitting send off from Extremadura. Back on the motorway we made a stop for coffee and last minute purchases before continuing on our journey to airport which we reached at about 14.15, in excellent time for check-in.

Annotated List

- 1. Grey Lag Goose: One at Charco Salado on 22nd March
- 2. **Egyptian Goose**: Two at Madrigalejo on 25th March and also at Alcollarín and Tozo Reservoirs on 26th and at Búrdalo on 28th.
- 3. Wigeon: Seen at Alcollarin on 26th March and at Búrdalo on 28th.
- 4. Gadwall: Seen at Alcollarín, Búrdalo and Charco Salado.
- 5. Teal: Seen at Alcollarín, Búrdalo and Charco Salado.
- 6. Mallard: Seen almost daily.
- 7. Pintail: Several at Alcollarín on 26th March and at Búrdalo on 28th.
- 8. Garganey: A pair at Búrdalo on 28th March.
- 9. Shoveler: Seen on all large water bodies.
- 10. Tufted Duck: Several at Charca Salado.
- 11. **Red-crested Pochard**: Two males near Madrigañejo on 25th March, two pairs at Alcollarín on 26th.
- 12. Common Pochard: Seen at Alcollarín, Búrdalo and Charco Salado.
- 13. Ferruginous Duck: One at Charco Salado on 22nd March.
- 14. Shelduck: Six at Alcollarín on 26th March and four at Búrdalo on 28th.
- 15. Red-legged Partridge: Seen on several days.
- 16. Quail: One calling at Alange on 28th March.
- 17. Little Grebe: Seen almost daily.
- 18. Great Crested Grebe: Seen on all large water bodies.
- 19. Black-necked Grebe: Four at Alcollarín on 26th March.
- 20. Great Cormorant: Seen almost daily.
- 21. Little Bittern: Three seen at Arrocampo on 21st March.
- 22. Cattle Egret: Seen almost daily. Over 200 at Moheda Alta on 25th March.
- 23. Little Egret: Seen almost daily.
- 24. Great Egret: Seen most days.
- 25. Grey Heron: Seen almost daily.
- 26. **Purple Heron**: Two seen at Arrocampo on 22nd March.
- 27. Black Stork: 3 6 seen in Puerto Peña 25th March.
- 28. White Stork: Seen daily.
- 29. Glossy Ibis: One from Roman Bridge, Mérida 28th March.
- 30. **Spoonbill**: Six seen at seen at Arrocampo and Charco Salado on 22nd March, 13 at Alcollarín on 26th.
- 31. Black-winged Kite: Two at Arrocampo on 22nd March.
- 32. Black Kite: Seen daily.
- 33. Red Kite: See almost daily.

- 34. **Egyptian Vulture**: Seen near Santa Marta de Magasca, and near Monfragüe (six at vulture hide)
- 35. Griffon Vulture: Seen almost daily (120 at vulture hide).
- 36. Black Vulture: Seen almost every day (18+ at vulture hide).
- 37. Short-toed Eagle: Seen on three days.
- 38. Marsh Harrier: Seen at Arrocampo and on rice fields.
- 39. Hen Harrier: One male near Santa Marta de Magasca on 21st March.
- 40. **Sparrowhawk**: One at Monfragüe on 23rd March.
- 41. Common Buzzard: Seen daily.
- 42. Spanish Imperial Eagle: Two seen in Monfragüe National Park.
- 43. Booted Eagle: Seen almost daily.
- 44. Lesser Kestrel: Seen almost daily.
- 45. Common Kestrel: Seen almost daily.
- 46. Water Rail: Recorded at Madrigalejo and Arrocampo.
- 47. Moorhen: Seen on several days.
- 48. Purple Swamphen: Seen at Arrocampo.
- 49. Common Coot: Seen on large water bodies.
- 50. Common Crane: One juvenile at Búrdalo on 28th March.
- 51. Little Bustard: Four near Santa Marta de Magasca on 21st March.
- 52. **Great Bustard**: Four near Santa Marta de Magasca on 21st March, 16 near Campo Lugar on 25th March and 43 near Santa Marta de Magasca on 26th March.
- 53. Black-winged Stilt: Seen on several days with over 200 at Moheda Alta on 25th March.
- 54. Little Ringed Plover: Seen near Madrigalejo and Búrdalo.
- 55. Little Stint: One at Búrdalo on 28th March.
- 56. Ruff: One at Moheda Alta on 25th March and 6 at Búrdalo on 28th.
- 57. Common Snipe: Seen on rice fields and Arrocampo.
- 58. Greenshank: Singles at Tozo and Búrdalo-
- 59. Green Sandpiper: Seen on rice fields and Arrocampo.
- 60. **Common Sandpiper**: One at Charco Salado on 22nd March.
- 61. Gull-billed Tern: Three seen at Alange on 28th March.
- 62. Black-headed Gull: Seen almost daily.
- 63. Lesser Black-backed Gull: Seen on two days.
- 64. Black-bellied Sandgrouse: 20 seen on plains on 21st March.
- 65. Pin-tailed Sandgrouse: Four seen on plains on 26th March.
- 66. Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon: Seen daily.
- 67. Wood Pigeon: Seen almost daily.
- 68. Collared Dove: Seen daily.
- 69. **Great Spotted Cuckoo**: One seen on plains on 21st March and two at Tozo on 26th.
- 70. Common Cuckoo: Recorded almost daily.
- 71. Scops Owl: Heard almost daily.

- 72. Eagle Owl: One on plains on 21st March.
- 73. Little Owl: Recorded almost daily.
- 74. Alpine Swift: Seen at Puerto Peña and Alange.
- 75. Pallid Swift: Seen in Trujillo.
- 76. Kingfisher: Seen on two days.
- 77. Bee-eater: Heard at Moehda Alta on 25th March and two groups seen at cerro Almaráz on 30th.
- 78. Hoopoe: Seen daily.
- 79. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker: Drumming at Pago de San Clemente on most mornings and seen in garden on 27th March.
- 80. Iberian Green Woodpecker: Calling at Pago de San Clemente on 27th March.
- 81. Calandra Lark: Seen on plains, with over a hundred on 21st March.
- 82. **Short-toed Lark**: Two on plains on 21st March.
- 83. Crested Lark: Seen daily.
- 84. Thekla Lark: Seen almost daily.
- 85. Woodlark: Seen on two days: excellent views beside River Tozo.
- 86. Sand Martin: Seen at Alcollarín, Mérida and Arrocampo.
- 87. Crag Martin: Seen most days.
- 88. Barn Swallow: Seen daily.
- 89. Red-rumped Swallow: Seen daily.
- 90. House Martin: Seen daily.
- 91. Meadow Pipit: Seen almost daily.
- 92. Water Pipit: Seen on rice fields on 25th March.
- 93. Grey Wagtail: Seen at vulture hide on 23rd March.
- 94. White Wagtail: Seen almost daily.
- 95. Robin: Seen on several days.
- 96. Nightingale: One singing at Cerro Almaráz on 30th March.
- 97. Black Redstart: Seen in Monfragüe.
- 98. Stonechat: Seen almost daily.
- 99. **Black-eared Wheatear**: One en route to Mérida on 28th March and another at Búrdalo on same day.
- 100. **Black Wheatear**: One at Alange on 28th March.
- 101. Blue Rock Thrush: Seen at Monfragüe and Alange.
- 102. Blackbird: Seen daily.
- 103. **Song Thrush**: Seen on 22nd March.
- 104. **Mistle Thrush**: Seen on three days.
- 105. **Cetti's Warbler**: Recorded almost every day. A ringed bird in Mérida on 28th March.
- 106. **Zitting Cisticola**: Seen almost daily.
- 107. **Savi's Warbler**: Singing at Arrocampo on 22nd March.
- 108. **Sedge Warbler**: Several singing at Arrocampo on 22nd March.
- 109. **Dartford Warbler**: Seen at Jaraicejo on 26th March and heard at Sierra Utrera on 28th.

- 110. **Spectacled warbler**: two seen near Zafra on 24th March.
- 111. **Subalpine Warbler**: Seen at Arrocampo on 22nd March and Monfragüe on 23rd March.
- 112. **Sardinian Warbler**: Seen daily.
- 113. Blackcap: Seen daily.
- 114. **Common Chiffchaff**: Seen daily.
- 115. **Willow Warbler**: At least three seen on 25th March and one singing at Tozo on 26th.
- 116. **Wren**: Seen most days.
- 117. **Long-tailed Tit**: Seen on three days.
- 118. **Crested Tit**: Recorded at Jaraicejo.
- 119. Blue Tit: Seen daily.
- 120. **Great Tit**: Seen daily
- 121. **Bearded Tit**: Calling at Arrocampo on 22nd March.
- 122. **Nuthatch**: Calling at Charco Salado and Jaraicejo.
- 123. **Short-toed Treecreeper**: Recorded on several days with sightings at Jaraicejo.
- 124. **Penduline Tit**: Two seen at Mérida on 28th March.
- 125. **Iberian Grey Shrike**: Seen almost daily.
- 126. Woodchat Shrike: Seen almost daily.
- 127. **Jay**: Seen near Jaraicejo.
- 128. **Azure-winged Magpie**: Seen daily.
- 129. **Magpie**: Seen daily.
- 130. **Red-billed Chough**: Two at Puerto Peña on 25th March.
- 131. Jackdaw: Seen on several days.
- 132. **Raven**: Seen almost every day.
- 133. **Spotless Starling**: Seen daily.
- 134. **House Sparrow**: Seen daily.
- 135. **Spanish Sparrow**: Seen daily.
- 136. **Tree Sparrow**: Seen on rice fields on 25th March.
- 137. **Common Waxbill**: Seen on rice fields on 25th March.
- 138. **Red Avadavat**: seen on rice fields on 25th March.
- 139. **Chaffinch**: Seen daily.
- 140. **Serin**: Seen almost daily.
- 141. **Greenfinch**: Seen on several days.
- 142. **Goldfinch**: Seen almost daily.
- 143. **Siskin**: A female at Mérida on 28th March.
- 144. Linnet: Seen most days.
- 145. **Hawfinch**: Seen at Pago de San Clemente on 24th March.
- 146. **Cirl Bunting**: Singing at Cerro Almaráz on 30th March.
- 147. **Rock Bunting**: Seen at Jaraicejo and Alange.
- 148. **Corn Bunting**: Seen daily.

Orchids

- 1. Giant Orchid: Alconera near Zafra
- 2. Bumblebee Orchid: Alange
- 3. Sombre Orchid: East of Zafra
- 4. Early Spider Orchid: East of Zafra, Cerro Almaráz and Alange
- 5. Yellow Bee Orchid: Alange and Cerro Alamaráz
- 6. Woodcock Orchid: East of Zafra, Cerro Almaráz and Alange
- 7. Mirror Orchid: East of Zafra, Alconera, Cerro Almaráz and Alange
- 8. Sawfly Orchid: Widespread
- 9. Hill Orchid: East of Zafra and Alconera,
- 10. Conical Orchid: Widespread
- 11. Champagne Orchid: Widespread
- 12. Naked Man Orchid: East of Zafra, Alconera, Cerro Almaráz and Alange
- 13. Green-winged Orchid: Moheda Alta, Alange, Utrera
- 14. Pink Butterfly Orchid: Widespread
- 15. Heart-flowered Serapias: Utrera
- 16. Tongue Orchid: Cerro Almaráz and Madrigalejo

Butterflies

- 1. Western Dappled White
- 2. Clouded Yellow
- 3. Small Heath
- 4. Swallowtail
- 5. Holly Blue
- 6. Nettle Tree Butterfly
- 7. Large Tortoiseshell
- 8. Speckled Wood
- 9. Comma
- 10. Provence Hairstreak
- 11. Green Hairstreak
- 12. Red Admiral
- 13. Spanish Festoon
- 14. Small Copper
- 15. Painted Lady
- 16. Orange Tip

Other plants

- 1. Barbary Nut Iris
- 2. Yellow Anemone
- 3. Angel's Tears Narcissus
- 4. Hoop Petticoat Narcissus
- 5. Common Jonquill

- 6. Spanish Milk Vetch
- 7. Yellow Star of Bethlehem
- 8. Star of Bethlehem
- 9. Lusitanian Fritillary
- 10. Pheasant's Eye

Mammals

- 1. Rabbit
- 2. Iberian Hare
- 3. Hedgehog
- 4. Swallowtail:

Other wildlife

- 1. Large Psammodromus
- 2. Common Tree Frog
- 3. Stripeless Tree Frog
- 4. Winter webworm (Ocnogyna baetica)
- 5. Stripe-necked Terrapin