

BIRDING EXTREMADURA AND CASA RURAL EL RECUERDO

HOLIDAY REPORT FOR HELEN AND RUTH

EXTREMADURA SPRING

6th April – 13th April 2022



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TRIP REPORT

6th April 2022: Pick-up Madrid and transfer to Casa Rural El Recuerdo

Helen and Ruth's plane landed about half an hour late and we hit some rush-hour traffic as we negotiated the ring-road around the southern side of Madrid. By taking the toll road south-west to meet the Extremadura motorway, we regained time and were soon crossing the vast expanse of the La Mancha, with the Gredos mountains, snow-peaked to the north. Birds such as **Red** and **Black Kite**, and **White Stork** were seen from the car and when we stopped half-way for a meal, there were **Barn Swallows** nesting under the awnings of the bar and **Crested Larks** in the car park. As we entered Extremadura, the sun had set and, in the twilight, we could see a flock of **Cattle Egret** heading to roost and the shapes of **White Storks** on their nests. We arrived just after 10pm at Casa Rural El Recuerdo.

7th April 2022: Monfragüe National Park



View of Gredos Mountains from cork oaks in Monfragüe

The day dawned beautifully clear and during the night **Tawny Owls** had been heard. A **Cuckoo** called constantly at first light. After breakfast we headed north through an endless *dehesa* landscape, a wood pasture of holm oaks stretching as far as the eyes could see, north of Trujillo to the Monfragüe National Park. At our first stop, the iconic viewpoint of Salto de Gitano we look across the Tagus River the huge cliff opposite, festooned by **Griffon Vultures**, waiting for the temperature to rise. It was quite chilly first thing there! We saw a **Black Stork** incubating on its nest, and superbly close views of **Blue Rock Thrush**. A pair of **Egyptian Vultures** made an appearance and

several **Black Vultures** and two **Booted Eagles** were also seen. **Serins** sang joyfully close to where we stood.

At our next stop, at the further end of the park, where again **Griffon Vultures** were nesting, we had lovely views of **Rock Bunting** and **Subalpine Warblers**. **Crag Martins** swung past close by whilst a **Short-toed Eagle** was watching hovering over the hillside.

After a pleasant coffee stop at the Puerta de Monfragüe hotel we walked beside the cork oak parkland, having good views of **Rock Sparrow** and **Western Orphean Warbler**, whilst **Woodlarks** were in song and **Woodchat Shrikes** were perched on bushes. We glimpsed the tail of an incubating **Spanish Imperial Eagle** and had short views of **Bee-eaters** flying over.

Time for a picnic and we stopped at the Tajadilla viewpoint. **Siskins** fed in the trees around us and we had a couple of sightings of **Hawfinch**. A pair of **Bonelli's Eagles** soared overhead with **Griffon Vultures**. Perhaps most impressive was the huge **House Martin** colony at the nearby dam.

We started the afternoon exploring the scrubby hillsides and we rewarded with prolonged views of a pair of **Black-eared Wheatear**, as well as **Dartford Warbler** and **Thekla Lark**. A walk beside the Tagus River yielded **Nettle Tree Butterfly** amongst a handful of other species, **Bosca's Newt** in a small drain where we watched the male attracting a female by flickering its tail. A **Bonelli's Eagle** was watched as it passed close to the path, near a plucking site.

We completed the day back at the first viewpoint, mesmerised by the proximity to the returning **Griffon Vultures**.

8th April 2022: The plains west of Trujillo and near Santa Marta de Magasca.

Generally, it was a cloudy day with sometimes a fresh wind, but that did not discourage the **Nightingale** which heralded the dawn in the garden. We ventured west of Trujillo, stopping first at the edge of the plains (following a brief stop to look at a perched **Short-toed Eagle**). Here there was a magnificent light over the distant snow-clad Gredos Mountains, whilst Trujillo stood proud on its granite outcrop. The birds were good too! Highlight at this stop was a female **Montagu's Harrier**, and we also saw, rather distantly, two **Great Spotted Cuckoos**, as well as **Thekla** and **Crested Larks**, **Woodchat** and **Iberian Grey Shrikes**. Just a wee bit further on, we were enjoying our first views of a male **Little Bustard**, which sometimes proved remarkably adept at disappearing entirely. A **Great Bustard** male was visible at the same time whilst above us spun a flock of **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**. Around us sang **Calandra Larks** and **Corn Buntings**. We enjoyed a long walk down a dirt track, pausing to watch **Bee-eaters** perched on the fence beside us, catching bees, seeing larks and buntings, a male **Montagu's Harrier** and a **Booted Eagle**.

Following coffee and the distraction of nesting **House Martins** in the village of Santa Marta de Magasca, we made a short visit to the plains to the south and were well-rewarded in doing so with Extremadura's first **Rollers** of the year – two beautiful individuals perched not far from the road. We found a group of **Great Bustards** having a siesta and watched two **Short-toed Larks** singing continuously above us.

Lunch was overlooking the Tamuja River, where we saw more **Bee-eaters**, a juvenile **Spanish Imperial Eagle**, a **Short-toed Eagle**, **Kingfishers** and **Serins**. The Magasca river runs north of the village and there we had superb views of **Crag Martin**, **Kingfisher** and **Green Sandpiper** as well as **Spanish Terrapins**. Onward to the plains again, and we spent the rest of the afternoon on a lovely walk along a drovers' trail. Four species of orchid were growing there: **Bug**, **Champagne**, **Mirror** and **Sawfly**. We found a **Western Psammadromus** lizard. Bird wise, apart from the constant accompaniment of **Corn Buntings** and **Calandra Larks**, we saw four **Little Bustards**, a tight flight of 30 **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** and another male **Montagu's Harrier**.

We returned to Trujillo and then onward to Casa Rural El Recuerdo, with time for a walk before dinner.

9th April 2022: Trujillo, Alange, Jabata Valley, Mérida and Trujillo



Scops Owl

We headed off in mist and drizzle, but this had lifted somewhat when we arrived in Trujillo. At a small square at the edge of town we located, after some effort and with the help of Ruth's eagle eyes, a roosting **Scops Owl**, well hidden in the fresh foliage of a Horse Chestnut tree. From there we took the motorway towards Merida, leaving it for

Valverde de Mérida where we stopped to look at orchids growing close to road, as well as **Champagne Orchid**, we found many **Common Tongue Orchids** and a clump of **Slender-lipped Tongue Orchid *Serapias strictiflora***.



Black Wheatear

At the dam of Alange we parked and walked beside the reservoir. **Alpine Swifts** chattered over the dam, whilst a **Rock Bunting** sang above us., Very quickly we found a **Black Wheatear**, perched on the rocks. Soon afterwards we saw a pair, which we watched for some time, able to make a nice comparison of the subtle tones difference of their plumage and to see the male fanning its tail beautifully. A little way further on, yet another male was seen, this time singing. A wonderful morning!

After coffee, we decided to explore the reservoir further and made our way to La Pizarra. There we found a group of **Gull-billed Terns**, amongst which was a fine **Caspian Tern**, towering above them. Beside the reservoir a wonderful selection of waders, including **Little Stint** and some gorgeous **Kentish Plovers**. **Western Yellow Wagtails** were passing through in little flocks.

Lunch was taken in the beautiful Jabata Valley where, with the accompaniment of **Thekla Lark** song, we saw a superb group of **Heart-flowered Tongue Orchids**, as well as **Green-winged Orchids** and numerous **Iberian Fritillaries** and **Yellow Anemones**.



Jabata Valley

The sun came out and we walked across the Roman Bridge in Mérida, where the highlight was a superb female **Little Bittern**, although the parent **Purple Swamphens** feeding chicks came a close second. We had close views of **Glossy Ibis** and **Alpine Swifts**. Two male **Pied Flycatchers** were in an area of park.

Trujillo had had a heavy rainstorm when we returned, but the **Lesser Kestrels** put on a great show at the Bull Ring.

10th April 2022: Campo Lugar plains and Alcollarín Reservoir

Clear blue skies and warm weather throughout, with a breeze throughout the day, which was comfortable rather than chilly. It was a day of two wonderful parts. The morning was spent on the glorious plains of Campo Lugar. At our very first spot, where we spent the good part of an hour glued to the spot, we had the great good fortune and privilege of watching a male **Great Bustard** in full display, two very attentive females close by, culminating in the male encircling very more rapidly one of the females, before she completely disappeared under his swirling and shaking foam bath of white feathers. After the copulation was over the male and female shook their feathers, the male quite quickly resumed his attentions now on the second female. Across the field other male **Great Bustards** were also in display. There was a **Little Bustard** too, as well as two male Montagu's Harriers and a group of foraging **Lesser Kestrel**. A **Quail** called from close besides us whilst constantly we were embraced by the song of **Calandra Larks** and **Corn Buntings**.

Across the plains we had further sightings of both bustards, as well as a flock of **Black-bellied Sandgrouse**, and a pair of **Rollers**. Small flocks of **Bee-eaters** passed overhead. We saw three passage **Northern Wheatears**.

We made a visit to a small pool, where there were **Spoonbill, Great and Little Egret**. We were enchanted by a family party of **Hoopoes**, with one of the parents sitting beside a juvenile, whose bill was barely half the length of its parent.

After coffee in Campo Lugar, we repaired to the Alcollarín Reservoir. Here the colours of the wildflowers amongst the trees were simply breath-taking. We enjoyed several short walks and during the afternoon and saw nearly 70 species of birds. A male **Garganey** was a great find and there were several wader species present such as **Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank** and many **Common Sandpipers**. We had excellent views of **Purple Heron** and a flyover group of **Collared Pratincole**.



Bee-eater

Bee-eaters were starting to excavate nest burrows in the banks beside the track around the reservoir. We had an excellent sighting of a **Viperine Snake**, a fleeting glimpse of a **Montpellier Snake** and a prolonged view of a very large **Large Psammodrommus**.



Viperine Snake

After such a variety all day, and with the afternoon getting warmer, it was time to head back to base for a cold beer in the garden, but not before seeing a gorgeous melanistic **Montagu's Harrier** on the way home.

11th April 2022: Ricefields near Madrigalejo

A fresh wind heralded us at the start of the day, with scattered cloud. As the day progressed the wind picked up, it became cloudier and then the clouds burst just as we were on our way home.

We started just north of the village of Madrigalejo where we came across two pairs of **Black-winged Kites**, both with fledged young. We enjoyed prolonged and outstanding views of these delightful small raptors. One was perched on top of a holm oak close to us and we watch it preening. We also watched birds in flight with their characteristic stiffly held wings. Along the same road we found a large flock of **Bee-eaters** exploring a small gravel pit as a site for their colony. Good views also of **Sardinian Warbler** and numerous tree-nesting **White Storks**.

Further south we stopped at the rice fields near Vegas Altas. Here we saw very briefly on the ground but later in flight a **Red-throated Pipit** that had been discovered two days before. The fields nearby also had small numbers of waders, such as **Ringed** and **Little Ringed Plover** and **Greenshank**.

Following coffee and a little bit of shopping in the village, we paused beside the River Gargaligas where we had a good view of a **Great Reed Warbler**, whilst **Nightingales** and **Cetti's Warblers** provided a chorus.

Beside the River Ruercas where we had our picnic, was another lovely spot, where there were two **Green Sandpiper**, some **Tree Sparrows** and a very fleeting tantalizing

glimpse of a crane, which did not reappear. The sound of **Collared Pratincoles** alerted us to the possibility that some may be coming to land somewhere and true enough we found a field where perhaps a dozen or so were flying around and landing close to us. Magnificent views.



Collared Pratincole

We then spent the afternoon driving across the rice fields near Palazuelo and Puebla de Alcollarín. Almost all of the fields were dry and barren, but of the few that we found that were wet and muddy, some had wonderful collections of birds. These included many **Western Yellow Wagtails** with three subspecies found (the British **Yellow Wagtail**, **Blue-headed Wagtail** and **Iberian Yellow Wagtail**). We were delighted to find a **Water Pipit** in full summer plumage. We watched a **Gull-billed Tern** eating a frog and saw more **Collared Pratincoles**. And then there were a few parties of waders, dominated by **Ringed Plovers**, but also **Kentish Plover**, **Dunlin**, **Curlew Sandpiper** and **Whimbrel**, as well as the lanky **Black-winged Stilts**.

We completed the day, just before the rain started with a return visit to the Alcollarín Reservoir. We saw **Common Waxbills** very well, **Sand Martins** hawked insects over the water where it was sheltered and a flock of **Spoonbills** came in to feed. But most memorable was the sight of the black clouds, the white horses on the main reservoir and the quickening pace of the wind.

12th April 2022: Jaraicejo heath and cork oaks, Miravete Pass, Castañar de Ibor, Belén Plains

It was a day with threatening clouds and dramatic skies, but we managed to dodge most of the rain and the wind was certainly less fierce than it had been the day before. We spent the morning in the area just north of Jaraicejo, in an area of Mediterranean scrub dominated by broom and lavender. We spent an hour or so searching for Spectacled Warbler, in vain, but did have several good views of **Dartford** and **Sardinian Warblers**, as well as **Thekla Larks**. We adjourned to an area of beautiful cork oak, with a wonderful dappled light through the grove. Here Ruth counted no fewer than nine **Short-toed Treecreepers**, and we also saw **Nuthatch** and several **Jays**. Back on the heath, with better light and even a bit of sun, we made contact with **Spectacled Warbler** and had a good view of a singing male.

We then visited the Miravete Pass, where we were rewarded with lovely views of a **Crested Tit**, as well as a female **Cirl Bunting**. Close by, beside the Arroyo de Vid, we had our picnic, surrounded by **Nightingales** and **Woodlarks**. We found a singing **Melodious Warbler** and had good views of a male **Cirl Bunting**.



Sulphur Orchids

Travelling eastwards, we visited a little valley beside the town of Castañar de Ibor. Here, beside a hillside of Sweet Chestnut trees we found scores of the beautiful **Sulphur Orchid**. There were also **Orchis albinensis** as well as a **Wild Peony** in flower. **Robins** and **Nightingales** sang along the track and we had a brief view of a

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. **Orange-tip** butterflies and a stunning **Scarce Swallowtail** were also on the wing.



Robin

We cross the vast *dehesa* landscape westwards back towards Trujillo, completing the journey across the Belén Plains, with **Corn Buntings** on the fence every few metres. Parties of **Lesser Kestrels** were foraging over the fields as we approached Trujillo. There some shopping took place before we returned to Casa Rural El Recuerdo.

13th April 2022: Return to Madrid with stop at Arrocampo Reservoir

Low cloud dissipated through the day to bring sunshine and warmth, but not before granting us some spectacular cloudscapes and mists tumbling over mountain passes. It was indeed a truly atmospheric morning as we left Casa Rural El Recuerdo and made our way north-east up the motorway to Madrid. However, there was time for birding at the Arrocampo Reservoir and we made very good use of the three hours we had to spare.

We spent the first part of the morning beside the marsh near the village of Saucedilla, between two of the viewpoints. Amongst the birds we saw, were a sleeping **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, numerous **Purple Herons**, a pair of **Black-winged Stilts**, all three egret species, a passing **Common Tern** and good views of singing **Savi's** and **Cetti's Warblers** and **Zitting Cisticolas**.

We stopped by the church in the village to enjoy outstanding views of **Lesser Kestrels** and also both **Common** and **Pallid Swift**. The rest of the morning was spent on the western side of the reservoir, where we are happy to find a **Garganey**, and had good

views of a **Purple Swamphen**. But most memorable were some gorgeous views of **Bee-eaters**, in lovely light, lined-up on saplings in an orchard.



Lesser Kestrel

Sadly, it was then time to move on, so we embarked on the motorway run to Madrid. The views across the snow-clad Gredos Mountains were spectacular. Lots of traffic was heading out of Madrid and because of the contraflow in operation to open up a lane for the holiday traffic, we had quite a long time sitting in slow-moving traffic. Heading to the toll road to speed things up had the benefit of adding **Monk Parakeet** to our trip list: four birds which flew low in front of the car. Despite the slow traffic, we made it to the airport on time for the check-in: the end of a very full holiday.

ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRD SPECIES SEEN

1. **Mute Swan**: One at Alange Reservoir.
2. **Egyptian Goose**: Seen at Alange and Alcollarín.
3. **Wigeon**: Seen at Alcollarín.
4. **Gadwall**: Seen on several days.
5. **Teal**: Seen at Alcollarín.
6. **Mallard**: Seen daily.
7. **Garganey**: Seen at Alcollarín and near Arrocampo.
8. **Shoveler**: seen most days.
9. **Red-crested Pochard**: Seen at Alange.
10. **Red-legged Partridge**: Seen most days.

11. **Quail**: Heard on three days.
12. **Little Grebe**: Seen almost every day.
13. **Great Crested Grebe**: Seen on three days.
14. **Great Cormorant**: Seen almost every day.
15. **Little Bittern**: Seen at Mérida and heard at Arrocampo.
16. **Black-crowned Night Heron**: Seen at Arrocampo.
17. **Cattle Egret**: Seen on several days.
18. **Little Egret**: Seen on several days.
19. **Great White Egret**: Seen on four days.
20. **Grey Heron**: Seen daily.
21. **Purple Heron**: Seen on four days.
22. **Black Stork**: Nesting birds at Monfragüe.
23. **White Stork**: Seen daily.
24. **Glossy Ibis**: Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
25. **Spoonbill**: Seen at on several days.
26. **Egyptian Vulture**: Seen at Monfragüe.
27. **Griffon Vulture**: Seen daily.
28. **Black Vulture**: Seen almost daily.
29. **Spanish Imperial Eagle**: Seen at Monfragüe and also near Santa Marta de Magasca.
30. **Short-toed Eagle**: Seen almost daily.
31. **Booted Eagle**: Seen almost daily.
32. **Bonelli's Eagle**: Three seen at Monfragüe.
33. **Black Kite**: Seen daily.
34. **Red Kite**: Seen on four days.
35. **Marsh Harrier**: Seen almost daily.
36. **Montagu's Harrier**: Seen on two days, including one melanistic bird.
37. **Common Buzzard**: Seen daily.
38. **Black-winged Kite**: Six or seven seen near Madrigalejo.
39. **Lesser Kestrel**: Seen most days, spectacular in Trujillo and Saucedilla.
40. **Common Kestrel**: Seen most days.
41. **Merlin**: One seen en route to Monfragüe.
42. **Water Rail**: Recorded on three days.
43. **Spotted Crake**: Seen in flight at Arrocampo.
44. **Moorhen**: Seen most days.
45. **Purple Swamphen**: Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
46. **Common Coot**: Seen on three days.
47. **Little Bustard**: Seen on plains near Santa Marta de Magasca and at Campo Lugar.
48. **Great Bustard**: Seen on plains near Santa Marta de Magasca and at Campo Lugar.
49. **Black-winged Stilt**: Seen almost daily.
50. **Avocet**: Seen at Alange.
51. **Collared Pratincole**: Seen on three days.
52. **Ringed Plover**: Seen on the rice fields.
53. **Little Ringed Plover**: Seen on three days.
54. **Kentish Plover**: Seen on the rice fields and at Alange.
55. **Curlew Sandpiper**: Seen on rice fields.
56. **Dunlin**: Seen on the rice fields and at Alange.
57. **Little Stint**: Seen at Alange.
58. **Ruff**: Seen at Alcollarín.

59. **Spotted Redshank**: Seen at Alcollarín.
60. **Greenshank**: Seen on several days.
61. **Green Sandpiper**: Seen on several days.
62. **Wood Sandpiper**: Seen at Alcollarín.
63. **Common Sandpiper**: Seen at Alange and Alcollarín.
64. **Whimbrel**: Seen on the rice fields.
65. **Caspian Tern**: One seen at Alange.
66. **Gull-billed Tern**: Seen at Alange, the rice fields and Arrocampo.
67. **Common Tern**: One at Arrocampo.
68. **Black-headed Gull**: Seen almost daily.
69. **Lesser Black-backed Gull**: Large numbers at Alange.
70. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse**: Seen at Campo Lugar.
71. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**: Seen near Santa Marta de Magasca.
72. **Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon**: seen daily.
73. **Woodpigeon**: Seen daily.
74. **Collared Dove**: Seen daily.
75. **Common Cuckoo**: Seen daily.
76. **Great Spotted Cuckoo**: Seen near Santa Marta de Magsaca and also on return to Madrid.
77. **Tawny Owl**: Calling at Pago de San Clemente.
78. **Scops Owl**: Seen in Trujillo.
79. **Little Owl**: Seen near Campo Lugar.
80. **Monk Parakeet**: Seen near Madrid.
81. **Alpine Swift**: Seen on three days.
82. **Common Swift**: Seen well on two days.
83. **Pallid Swift**: Seen well at Saucedilla.
84. **Kingfisher**: Seen on three days.
85. **Bee-eater**: Seen almost every day.
86. **Roller**: Seen on three days.
87. **Hoopoe**: Seen daily.
88. **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**: Seen at Castañar de Ibor.
89. **Calandra Lark**: Seen most days.
90. **Short-toed Lark**: Seen most days.
91. **Crested Lark**: Seen almost daily.
92. **Thekla Lark**: Seen almost daily.
93. **Woodlark**: Seen on three days.
94. **Sand Martin**: Seen on two days.
95. **Crag Martin**: Seen almost daily.
96. **Barn Swallow**: Seen daily.
97. **Red-rumped Swallow**: seen on two days.
98. **House Martin**: seen daily.
99. **Tree Pipit**: Seen in flight at Jaraicejo.
100. **Meadow Pipit**: Seen on several days.
101. **Red-throated Pipit**: One seen on rice fields.
102. **Water Pipit**: One seen on rice fields.
103. **Yellow Wagtail**: Examples of three different subspecies seen.
104. **Grey Wagtail**: Seen at Ruercas River.
105. **White Wagtail**: Seen almost daily.
106. **Wren**: Seen almost daily.
107. **Robin**: Seen on three days.
108. **Nightingale**: Seen daily.

109. **Black Redstart:** Seen most days.
110. **Stonechat:** Seen daily.
111. **Northern Wheatear:** Seen on three days.
112. **Black-eared Wheatear:** Seen in Monfragüe.
113. **Black Wheatear:** Seen at Alange.
114. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen at Monfragüe and Alange.
115. **Blackbird:** Seen daily.
116. **Mistle Thrush:** Seen on two days.
117. **Cetti's Warbler:** Seen daily.
118. **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen almost daily.
119. **Savi's Warbler:** Seen at Arrocampo.
120. **Sedge Warbler:** Seen at Mérida and on rice fields.
121. **Reed Warbler:** Seen on three days.
122. **Great Reed Warbler:** Seen at Alcollarín and on rice fields.
123. **Melodious Warbler:** Seen near Jaraicejo.
124. **Dartford Warbler:** Seen on three days.
125. **Spectacled Warbler:** Seen near Jaraicejo.
126. **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen daily.
127. **Western Orphean Warbler:** Seen in Monfragüe.
128. **Garden Warbler:** Recorded on the rice fields.
129. **Blackcap:** Seen almost daily.
130. **Common Chiffchaff:** Seen at Mérida.
131. **Willow Warbler:** Seen at Mérida.
132. **Pied Flycatcher:** Two or three seen at Mérida.
133. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen almost daily.
134. **Crested Tit:** Seen at Miravete Pass.
135. **Blue Tit:** Seen daily.
136. **Great Tit:** Seen daily.
137. **Nuthatch:** Recorded on two days.
138. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Seen on two days.
139. **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen daily.
140. **Woodchat Shrike:** Seen daily.
141. **Jay:** Seen near Jaraicejo and Castañar de Ibor.
142. **Azure-winged Magpie:** Seen daily.
143. **Magpie:** Seen daily.
144. **Jackdaw:** Seen on four days.
145. **Raven:** Seen most days.
146. **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
147. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.
148. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen almost every day.
149. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on two days.
150. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen in Monfragüe.
151. **Common Waxbill:** Seen on two days.
152. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on rice fields.
153. **Chaffinch:** Seen daily.
154. **Serin:** Seen daily.
155. **Siskin:** Seen in Monfragüe.
156. **Greenfinch:** Seen almost daily.
157. **Goldfinch:** Seen daily.
158. **Linnet:** Seen daily.
159. **Hawfinch:** seen in Monfragüe.

160. **Cirl Bunting:** Seen near Jaraicejo.
161. **Rock Bunting:** Seen in Monfragüe and at Alange.
162. **Corn Bunting:** Seen daily.

.MAMMALS

Pipestrelle sp.

Iberian Hare

Red Deer

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Spanish Terrapin

Red-eared Terrapin

Large Psammodromus

Western Psammodromus

Natterjack toad

Iberian water frog

Bosca's Newt

Viperine Snake

Montpellier Snake

BUTTERFLIES

Scarce Swallowtail

Large White

Small White

Western Dappled White

Orange Tip

Clouded Yellow

Cleopatra

Nettle-tree Butterfly

Spanish Festoon

Red Admiral

Large Tortoiseshell

Small Heath

Speckled Wood

Brown Argus

Small Copper

Holly Blue

Common Blue

OTHER INVERTEBRATES

Iberian Blue-tail Damselfly

Red-striped Oil Beetle

ORCHIDS

Champagne Orchid

Green-winged Orchid

Bug Orchid

Sulphur Orchid

Orchis olbiensis

Sawfly Orchid

Mirror Orchid

Common Tongue Orchid

Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid

Slender-lipped Tongue Orchid