

BIRDING EXTREMADURA



SPRING HOLIDAY TO EXTREMADURA FOR ALISON AND PAT

Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura

13th – 20th April 2023



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TRIP REPORT

13th April 2023: Transfer from Madrid and stop at Almaráz Hill

Martin collected Alison and Pat outside Terminal 1 at Madrid airport, beside the Botero statue of a figure on a bull (the former with a distinctly Trumpian quiff). We made very good progress on the ring road around the south of Madrid and we were soon crossing the vast arable plains of Castilla La Mancha, before the landscape started to change halfway on our journey, near Talavera. Now the Gredos Mountains were close to our north and the typical *dehesa* woodland started to appear. We stopped for a filling lunch just west of Talavera and then made a second stop, inside Extremadura, to look for orchids on the hill beside the town of Almaraz. It had been a very hot and dry spring, so that most orchids were no longer at their best, but we found specimens of **Champagne**, **Early Spider**, **Yellow Bee** and **Naked Man Orchids**. **Tassel Hyacinths** were in flower in abundance. We had our first contact with birds of prey in Extremadura, with close fly pasts of **Griffon** and **Black Vultures**. **Black** and **Red Kite** were also seen. It was about 17.30 when we reached Pago de San Clemente where Claudia welcomed us into Casa Rural El Recuerdo.

14th April 2023: Plains near Santa Marta de Magasca

There was a fresh wind which picked up during the afternoon and some cloud developed too, following a morning of clear skies. We headed first to the plains west of Trujillo where we had an outstanding morning. Pride of place was watching a **Great Bustard** male in full display with a female close by. As we watched, the male proceeded to walk in circles around the female and eventually she crouched and he mounted her. Seeing Great Bustards mating is a very rare sight. If that was not all, there was another male in full display behind us and several **Little Bustards** displaying to our right. We had close flight views of **Black-bellied** and **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** as well, the latter being especially good. We had the opportunity of studying at close quarters **Crested** and **Calandra Larks** too. Just before we left a magnificent adult **Spanish Imperial Eagle** glided past us.

We then drove closer to Cáceres and stopping again in open country, with the sound of **Calandra Larks** a constant companion, we watched **Greater Short-toed Larks**, **Little Owls**, **Lesser Kestrels** and three **Rollers**.

We had a coffee at Santa Marta de Magasca and then had our picnic overlooking the River Tamuja, a beautiful valley. Here we saw several **Spanish Marbled Whites** and **Black-eyed Blue** butterflies. Birds including a **Thekla Lark**, perched nearby. Beside the River Magasca, north of the village, we had good views of **Red-rumped Swallow** and **Crag Martin** and several **Spanish terrapins** basking in the sun.



Western Clubtails

Back on the plains we had a superb walk along a drover's trail, the **Calandra Larks** still in full song. We watched **Short-toed Eagles** hunting and parties of **White Storks** feeding on grasshoppers. Despite the harsh spring, we did find three species of orchid, including **Slender-flowered Tongue Orchid**. **Western Psamodrommus** lizards scurried for cover. There were excellent views of several **Western Clubtail** dragonflies, as well as **Broad-bodied Chaser** and **Red-veined Darter**. Butterflies included the exquisite **Panoptes Blue**.



Panoptes Blue

On our return to base, we stopped briefly to watch **Bee-eaters** perched on bushes around us, close to a breeding colony.

15th April 2023: River Guadiana at Valverde de Mérida, Alange, River Guadiana south of Mérida, Roman Bridge Mérida

A warm to hot sunny day and we headed south to the River Guadiana. Our first stop was near Valverde de Mérida where we heard and saw briefly a **Western Olivaceous Warbler**. But perhaps most impressive was the large **House Martin** colony under the bridge, along with **Alpine** and **Pallid Swifts**. We saw **Little Bittern** as well and **Purple Heron**, whilst a pair of **Gull-billed Terns** made a fly-by. From there it was just a short drive to the dam of the Alange Reservoir. We enjoyed a lovely walk there, accompanied again by **Alpine Swifts**. The treat was a pair of **Black Wheatear**, which we watched at length. There was a good supporting cast of birds including **Red-billed Chough** and **Rock Bunting**. **Thekla Larks** were particularly common.

After a welcome coffee break, we stopped for a picnic at the recreational area beside the Guadiana River at the old hydro-electric mill. **Glossy Ibises** passed over in small groups, as did **Little Egret**. **Nightingales** sang on all sides.

We spent the afternoon in Mérida, starting on the Roman Bridge and walking through parkland to the egret colony near the new Lusitania Bridge, where as well as a throng of **Cattle Egrets** and **Glossy Ibis**, we saw a **Black-crowned Night Heron**. In the park there were migrant **Garden Warbler**, **Willow Warbler** and **Western Bonelli's Warbler**. From the Roman Bridge we saw a **Purple Swamphen**, **Common Waxbill** and superb views of **Alpine** and **Pallid Swifts**. A **Booted Eagle** completed our visit in style.

16th April 2023: Madrigalejo area, Campo Lugar plains and Alcollarín Reservoir



Collared Pratincole

It was another hot sunny day, with a light breeze in the morning which had died out by the afternoon. We took the road south, past Zorita and onto the edge of the rice fields near Madrigalejo. We had a very productive morning along a road, with fruit orchards on one side and rough pasture with scattered trees on the other. Here we saw no fewer than five **Black-**

winged Kites, gorgeous small raptors, including two adults and three juvenile birds. A **Great Spotted Cuckoo** obliged us by sitting still in a tree. There were **Iberian Grey Shrikes** and **Bee-eaters**.

We then parked near some ploughed fields and found a small party of **Collared Pratincoles**. A **Common Whitethroat** was also around, a passage bird heading north. On the nearby plains several **Northern Wheatears** and a **Whinchat** were on the same trajectory. A female **Montagu's Harrier** glided past, over a small group of **Great Bustards**. Further along, we watched a **Roller** mobbing a **Lesser Kestrel**.



Bee-eater

After coffee, we stopped beside the Alcollarín River to enjoy the sound of a large **Spanish Sparrow** colony. From there we moved to the Alcollarín Reservoir, pausing first to watch **Bee-eaters** beside their colony, for our picnic and to spend the rest of the day. It was a very productive visit. In the picnic area we had great views of **Purple Heron**, **Spoonbill**, a **Pied Flycatcher** and **Kingfisher**. Nearby we watched singing **Great Reed Warbler** and **Savi's Warbler** in the same dead tree! We surprised an **Iberian Hare**, and it surprised us by swimming across a bay of the lake. In the same area was a wonderful flock of **Collared Pratincoles** and an interesting range of waders, including **Ruff** and **Little Stint**, a **Black-necked Grebe** and a few duck.

We returned late afternoon to Casa Rural el Recuerdo. On the walk at dusk a **Scops Owl** was seen.

17th April 2023: Monfragüe National Park

We drove north, across the vast undulating dehesas, crossing the Tagus River and then entering the Monfragüe National Park beside the Tiétar River, at the Portilla del Téitar. Here rocky crags emerged from wooded hillsides, a place for nesting **Griffon Vultures** and also a nest of **Eagle Owls**, on which we saw, eventually, two chicks. Often they lay low, hidden, but

sometimes, hunchbacked, they would trudge from one side of the ledge to the other. Beautiful. A **Subalpine Warbler** and **Rock Bunting** offered us close views whilst a **Turtle Dove** spurred from the hillside opposite. We had a beautiful view of a **Black Stork**, its neck iridescent. Along the road, in the mixed woodland, a **Wild Peony** was in flower.

We stopped to look at a nesting **Egyptian Vulture** and then had coffee in a small hotel set amongst cork oak trees. Following coffee we made our way southward through the park, making several stops at the well-appointed viewpoints. At all we saw **Black** and **Griffon Vultures**. We had lunch beside the River Tagus, in the shade, with **Robins** and **Nightingales** present and a vast **House Martin** colony, complete with **Alpine Swifts**.

We then went to an area of open Mediterranean scrub, dominated by rock rose, where we saw a beautiful pair of **Black-eared Wheatears**.



Black-eared Wheatear

We completed our visit to Monfragüe with a stop at the famous viewpoint of Salto del Gitano, looking across at the Peña Falcón cliff. Here we watched a **Black Stork** carefully attending its clutch of eggs, **Griffon Vultures** shielding their chicks from the sun, **Peregrine Falcon** and **Raven**, and closer at hand **Blue Rock Thrush**, **Red-rumped Swallows** and some endearing **Crag Martins**.



Griffon Vulture

On our way home we made a stop in Trujillo and found a roosting **Scops Owl**, sitting in a Horse Chestnut tree. A little girl with her mum had also seen it and was fascinated in the photo that we showed her.



Scops Owl

18th April 2023: Heath and cork oakwood near Jaraicejo, Miravete Pass and Castañar del Ibor



The day started with a fresh north-easterly wind, which gradually eased. There was sunshine throughout. We spent the first part of the morning in cork oak groves close to the Arroyo de la Vid. Here we had nice views of a singing **Western Orphean Warbler**, as well as a **Pied Flycatcher**. We then walked across a lavender heath into cork oak woodland further upstream, where to the backdrop of singing **Golden Orioles** we enjoyed lovely views of a **Tree Pipit**, a **Western Bonelli's Warbler** and **Woodchat Shrikes**. Overhead were several **Black** and **Griffon Vultures** and a **Black Stork**. A **Spanish Festoon** butterfly landed on a rock rose. On the heath itself, once the wind had eased, we had brief views of both **Dartford** and **Spectacled Warblers**, as well as **Northern Wheatear**. We then headed for a coffee nearby and ascended to the Miravete Pass for a picnic lunch with a magnificent view.



Sword-leaved Helleborine

From there we drove east into the edge of the Ibor Mountains, to the town of Castañar de Ibor. Here we took a lovely walk on a path through sweet chestnut woodland. **Sulphur Orchids** and **Sword-leaved Helleborines** grew under the trees. We found a superb array of butterflies including **Queen of Spain Fritillary** and **Marsh Fritillary**, **Chapman's Green Hairstreak** and **Sooty Copper**. An **Ocellated Lizard** was seen as well as a **Large Psammodromus**. A **Short-toed Treecreeper** gave us great views as did a **Melodious Warbler** and **Spotted Flycatcher**. Most bizarrely was the extraordinary sight of a **Blackbird** attacking, killing and carrying away a juvenile **Ladder Snake**, almost as long as it was!

19th April 2023: Conquista road, Villuercas Mountains, Belén Plains and Trujillo



Heading south, on another warm sunny day, we stopped close to Conquista in an area of deciduous oak. Our target was **Wryneck**, which was heard singing rather distantly and too briefly to track down. However, we saw **Rock Sparrow** and **Hawfinch** and were accompanied by the beautiful song of **Woodlarks**. **Hoop Petticoat Narcissus** were in flower. Heading south-east we entered the Villuercas Mountains near Cañamero and we stopped beside the Ruercas River for a short walk. Here we saw **Dipper**, **Blue Rock Thrush** and a very fine **Kingfisher**.

We stopped for coffee in Guadalupe, the second most important pilgrimage site in Spain and home of the patron Madonna of the Americas. **Lesser Kestrels** and scores of swifts circled the town. From there we ascended to the peak of the Villuercas Mountains, pausing to look at **Wild Tulips** on the way. At the top, as well as the truly spectacular views, we enjoyed butterflies such as **Queen of Spain Fritillary**, birds like **Rock Bunting**, **Subalpine Warbler** and the Iberian form of **Dunnoek**, treated by some as a separate species. We watched a **Geniez's Wall Lizard**. We had our picnic with a view stretching a hundred kilometres or more, with our feet in sand released by erosion having been carried by continental drift from the other side of the planet.



Geniez's Wall Lizard

We descended into the Almonte valley, beautiful steep woodland and scree slopes, with dramatic rocky outcrops and pretty villages. Crossing the vast *dehesas* took us onto the plains of Belén where **Northern Wheatears** and **Whinchats** were on the wires and **Bee-eaters** were out foraging. We ended the afternoon walking round the historic part of the town of Trujillo, again offered great views from the ancient castle and as we explored the narrow streets, **Crag Martins** and swifts passed overhead.

20th April 2023: Arrocampo Reservoir and return to Madrid



Ferruginous Duck

We bid farewell to Casa Rural El Recuerdo and headed back towards Madrid, but with time to make some birding stops. First of all, we visited the Arrocampo Reservoir, walking beside the marsh and being rewarded with sightings of **Ferruginous Duck**, **Little Bittern**, **Cattle Egrets**, **Glossy Ibis** and **Purple Swamphen**. **Savi's Warblers** were singing and we even had brief views of **Bearded Tit**. **Cetti's Warblers** were much more obliging, sitting out in the open, **Zitting Cisticolas** and Stonechats perched on brambles. **Gull-billed Terns** were in good numbers. Following coffee we followed a track to look at **Bee-eaters** and we also found another **Glossy Ibis**, **Great White Heron** and **Common Shelduck**.



Great White Egret

Beside the town of Almaraz we looked at a meadow of **Lax-flowered Orchids**.



Lax-flowered Orchid

Nearby we stopped in the Valdecañas valley, where **Golden Orioles** were calling, **Griffon** and **Egyptian Vultures** were present and we saw a fine **Swallowtail** butterfly,

Then we continued onto Madrid, reaching the hotel just before 16.00

LIST OF SPECIES SEEN

Birds

1. **Egyptian Goose**: Seen at Alange and Alcollarín.
2. **Gadwall**: Seen on three days, on pools on the plains, also Alange and Alcollarín.
3. **Teal**: Seen at Alcollarín.
4. **Mallard**: Seen most days.
5. **Pintail**: A drake at Alcollarín.
6. **Shoveler**: Seen at Alcollarín.
7. **Common Pochard**: A small party at Alcollarín.
8. **Ferruginous Duck**: Three seen at Arrocampo.
9. **Shelduck**: Two at Arrocampo.
10. **Red-legged Partridge**: Seen on several days.
11. **Quail**: Heard on one day.
12. **Little Grebe**: Seen on several days.
13. **Great Crested Grebe**: Seen at Alange and Alcollarín.
14. **Black-necked Grebe**: One at Alcollarín.
15. **Great Cormorant**: Seen on three days.
16. **Little Bittern**: Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
17. **Black-crowned Night Heron**: One seen at Mérida.
18. **Cattle Egret**: Seen on three days.
19. **Little Egret**: Seen on four days.
20. **Great Egret**: Seen at Alcollarín and at Arrocampo.
21. **Grey Heron**: Seen daily.
22. **Purple Heron**: Seen on three days.
23. **Black Stork**: Seen on three days.
24. **White Stork**: Seen daily.
25. **Glossy Ibis**: Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
26. **Spoonbill**: One seen at Alcollarín.
27. **Egyptian Vulture**: Seen most days.
28. **Griffon Vulture**: Seen every day.
29. **Black Vulture**: Seen almost daily.
30. **Spanish Imperial Eagle**: Seen on the plains.
31. **Short-toed Eagle**: Seen almost daily.
32. **Booted Eagle**: Seen almost every day.
33. **Black Kite**: Several daily.
34. **Red Kite**: Seen almost daily.
35. **Marsh Harrier**: Seen on three days.
36. **Montagu's Harrier**: Seen on the Campo Lugar plains.
37. **Common Buzzard**: Seen almost daily.
38. **Black-winged Kite**: Seen at Madrigalejo.
39. **Lesser Kestrel**: Seen on three days.

40. **Common Kestrel:** Seen most days.
41. **Peregrine:** Seen at Monfragüe.
42. **Moorhen:** Seen on three days.
43. **Purple Swamphen:** Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
44. **Common Coot:** Seen at Alcollarín.
45. **Little Bustard:** Seen on the plains west of Trujillo.
46. **Great Bustard:** Seen on the plains west of Trujillo and Campo Lugar.
47. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen on several days.
48. **Collared Pratincole:** Seen on rice fields and Alcollarín.
49. **Common Ringed Plover:** Seen at Alcollarín.
50. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen at Alcollarín.
51. **Northern Lapwing:** Small group present at Alcollarín.
52. **Little Stint:** Present at Alcollarín.
53. **Ruff:** Present at Alcollarín.
54. **Common Redshank:** Seen at Alcollarín.
55. **Spotted Redshank:** Seen at Alcollarín.
56. **Greenshank:** Seen at Alcollarín.
57. **Green Sandpiper:** Seen at Alcollarín.
58. **Wood Sandpiper:** Seen at Alcollarín.
59. **Common Sandpiper:** Seen at Alcollarín, at Arrocampo and Mérida.
60. **Gull-billed Tern:** Seen on Guadiana River, Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
61. **Black-headed Gull:** Seen on two days.
62. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse:** Seen west of Trujillo
63. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** Seen west of Trujillo.
64. **Feral Pigeon:** Seen daily.
65. **Woodpigeon:** Seen daily.
66. **Collared Dove:** Seen daily.
67. **Turtle Dove:** Seen and heard at Monfragüe.
68. **Common Cuckoo:** Seen or heard most days.
69. **Great Spotted Cuckoo:** Seen on two days.
70. **Monk Parakeet:** Seen on our departure from Madrid.
71. **Scops Owl:** Heard and also seen at Pago de San Clemente, and Trujillo.
72. **Eagle Owl:** Two chicks seen in Monfragüe.
73. **Little Owl:** Seen on plains west of Trujillo.
74. **Alpine Swift:** Seen at Alange and Monfragüe.
75. **Common Swift:** Seen most days.
76. **Pallid Swift:** Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
77. **Kingfisher:** Seen on three days.
78. **Bee-eater:** Seen daily.
79. **Roller:** Seen on plains west of Trujillo and Campo Lugar.
80. **Hoopoe:** Seen almost daily.
81. **Wryneck:** Heard near Garciaz.
82. **Great Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen at Monfragüe.
83. **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen on two days.
84. **Calandra Lark:** Seen on the plains.
85. **Greater Short-toed Lark:** Seen on the plains.
86. **Crested Lark:** Seen most days.
87. **Thekla Lark:** Seen on almost daily.

88. **Woodlark:** Singing at Jaraicejo and Garciaz.
89. **Sand Martin:** Seen at Arrocampo.
90. **Crag Martin:** Seen most days.
91. **Barn Swallow:** Seen daily.
92. **Red-rumped Swallow:** Seen almost daily.
93. **House Martin:** Seen most days.
94. **Tree Pipit:** One seen at Jaraicejo.
95. **Western Yellow Wagtail:** Seen on one day.
96. **Grey Wagtail:** Seen on two days.
97. **White Wagtail:** Seen on two days.
98. **Dunnock:** Seen in Villuercas.
99. **Wren:** Seen on several days.
100. **Dipper:** Seen near Cañamero.
101. **Robin:** Seen on three days.
102. **Nightingale:** Seen daily.
103. **Black Redstart:** Seen daily.
104. **Stonechat:** Seen daily.
105. **Whinchat:** Seen on three days.
106. **Northern Wheatear:** Seen on three days.
107. **Black-eared Wheatear:** Seen on two days.
108. **Black Wheatear:** Two seen at Alange.
109. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen on three days.
110. **Blackbird:** Seen daily.
111. **Mistle Thrush:** Seen on two days.
112. **Cetti's Warbler:** Seen most days.
113. **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen on three days.
114. **Savi's Warbler:** Seen at Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
115. **Sedge Warbler:** Seen at Mérida and Alcollarín.
116. **Reed Warbler:** Seen at Mérida, Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
117. **Great Reed Warbler:** Seen at Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
118. **Western Olivaceous Warbler:** Singing at Valverde de Mérida.
119. **Melodious Warbler:** Seen at Castañar del Ibor.
120. **Dartford Warbler:** Seen near Jaraicejo and in the Villuercas.
121. **Spectacled Warbler:** Seen near Jaraicejo.
122. **Subalpine Warbler:** Seen on two days.
123. **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen on several days.
124. **Western Orphean Warbler:** Seen near Jaraicejo.
125. **Common Whitethroat:** Seen on rice fields and Arrocampo.
126. **Garden Warbler:** Seen in Mérida.
127. **Blackcap:** Seen almost daily.
128. **Western Bonelli's Warbler:** Seen in Mérida and Jaraicejo.
129. **Willow Warbler:** Seen in Mérida and Jaraicejo.
130. **Spotted Flycatcher:** Seen at Castañar del Ibor.
131. **Pied Flycatcher:** Seen on three days.
132. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen on several days.
133. **Blue Tit:** Seen almost daily.
134. **Great Tit:** Seen almost daily.
135. **Bearded Tit:** Seen at Arrocampo.

- 136. **Nuthatch:** Heard or seen on three days.
- 137. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Heard or seen on three days.
- 138. **Golden Oriole:** Heard at Jaraicejo and Valdecañas.
- 139. **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen on three days.
- 140. **Woodchat Shrike:** Seen daily.
- 141. **Jay:** Seen on two days.
- 142. **Iberian Magpie:** Seen daily.
- 143. **Common Magpie:** Seen daily.
- 144. **Red-billed Chough:** Seen at Alange.
- 145. **Jackdaw:** Seen on five days.
- 146. **Raven:** Seen most days.
- 147. **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
- 148. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.
- 149. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen on two days.
- 150. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on rice fields.
- 151. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen on two days.
- 152. **Common Waxbill:** Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
- 153. **Red Avadavat:** Seen at Arrocampo.
- 154. **Chaffinch:** Seen almost daily.
- 155. **Serin:** Seen daily.
- 156. **Greenfinch:** Seen on three days.
- 157. **Goldfinch:** Seen most days.
- 158. **Linnet:** Seen almost daily.
- 159. **Hawfinch:** Seen on two days.
- 160. **Cirl Bunting:** Seen at Jaraicejo.
- 161. **Rock Bunting:** Seen in Villuercas, Monfragüe and Alange.
- 162. **Corn Bunting:** Seen daily.

Other wildlife

Butterflies

- 1. Spanish Festoon
- 2. Southern Scarce Swallowtail
- 3. Swallowtail
- 4. Orange Tip
- 5. Green-striped White
- 6. Bath White
- 7. Western Dappled White
- 8. Small White
- 9. Large White
- 10. Clouded Yellow
- 11. Sooty Copper
- 12. Chapman's Green Hairstreak
- 13. Brown Argus
- 14. Black-eyed Blue
- 15. Panoptes Blue
- 16. Holly Blue

17. Lang's Short-tailed Blue
18. Queen of Spain Fritillary
19. Marsh Fritillary
20. Red Admiral
21. Small Heath
22. Speckled Wood
23. Wall Brown
24. Spanish Marbled White

Dragonflies

1. Red-veined Darter
2. Western Clubtail
3. Broad-bodied Chaser
4. Vagrant Emperor
5. Blueeye Damselfly

Orchids

1. Champagne Orchid
2. Orchis olbenensis
3. Lax-flowered Orchid
4. Bug Orchid
5. Sulphur Orchid
6. Sword-leaved Helleborine
7. Early Spider Orchid
8. Yellow Bee Orchid
9. Naked Man Orchid
10. Mirror Orchid
11. Slender-flowered Tongue Orchid

Mammals

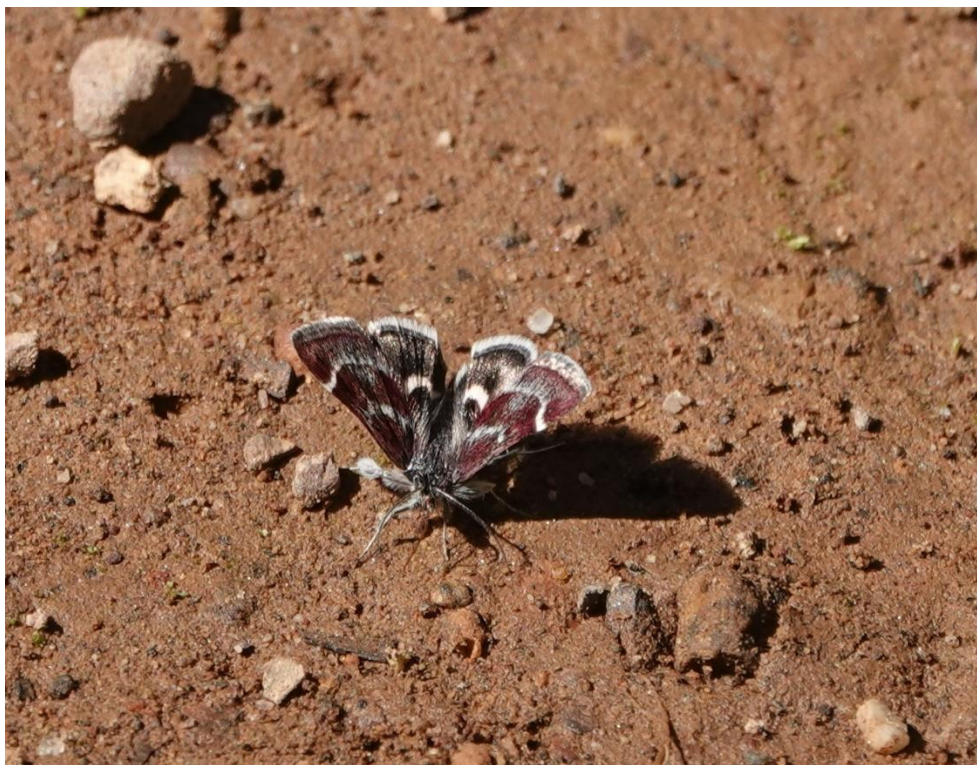
1. Iberian Hare
2. Red Deer

Reptiles

1. Western Psammodromus
2. Large Psammodromus
3. Geniez's Wall Lizard
4. Spanish Terrapin
5. Red-eared Terrapin
6. Ocellated Lizard
7. Ladder Snake
8. Lataste's Viper (dead)

Misc invertebrates

1. Egyptian Grasshopper
2. Red-striped Oil Beetle
3. Moth: *Pyrausta acontialis*



Pyrausta acontialis

Misc flora

1. Tassel Hyacinth
2. Barbary Nut Iris
3. Bellardia
4. Wild Peony
5. Common Asphodel
6. Hoop Petticoat Narcissus
7. Rock Narcissus
8. Wild Tulip