

BIRDING EXTREMADURA



HOLIDAY REPORT FOR JOHN AND PETER

Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura

6th – 15th June 2023



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TRIP REPORT

6th June 2023: Transfer from Madrid.

Martin met John and Peter at Terminal One, following the timely arrival of their flight and ease of getting through baggage reclaim. We headed off out of Madrid just as the late afternoon traffic was building up. On the open road for Extremadura it was then a very smooth run with fine warm and sunny weather. We stopped halfway for refreshments and admired the **Barn Swallows** nesting under the awnings of the service station. En route we also saw numerous **White Storks, Red Kite, Black Kites** and **Marsh Harrier**. We reached Casa Rural El Recuerdo ready to enjoy an evening meal.

7th June 2023: Madrigalejo, Vegas Altas, Palazuelo and Alcollarín

Rain started before breakfast, thwarting plans for a morning walk, so we set off after breakfast in the rain to the rice fields near Madrigalejo, seeing **Rollers** and **Bee-eaters** on the way. Just outside of the small town, we stopped at an old gravel working and by pure chance and good fortune, we found a **Great Bittern** standing in the reedbed. An amazing find.



Great Bittern

Further along the same road, we saw no fewer than six **Black-winged Kites**, two of which were juveniles. **Iberian Grey Shrikes** and more **Bee-eaters** also were on view. Heading then to the rice fields near the village of Vegas Altas, we saw **Iberian Yellow Wagtails**, some passage **Common Ringed Plovers** (probably heading north) and some newly arrived **Green Sandpipers** (heading south!). We watched a **Raven** approach a ploughed field and a pair of **Stone Curlew** sprung into action to try to defend their nest. The **Raven** did however manage to eat one egg in situ and fly away with another.



Raven taking Stone Curlew eggs

We stopped for an excellent coffee and nibbles at the small bar in the village and then drove across the rice fields near Palazuelo, seeing a **Yellow-crowned Bishop** in full breeding plumage, as well as more **Iberian Yellow Wagtails**.



Yellow-crowned Bishop

We had a picnic beside the Alcollarín Reservoir and spent the remainder of the day there, the weather improving all the time. We saw over fifty species of birds there, including **Black-necked Grebe**, **Purple Heron**, **Little Tern**, **Common Ringed Plovers** and **Spoonbill**. There were numerous **Woodchat Shrikes** and **Thekla Larks**. The first butterflies were on the wing too, including **Southern Gatekeepers** and **Lang's Short-tailed Blue**.

8th June 2023: Plains near Trujillo

It was a day for dodging rain, and we certainly succeeded at staying dry throughout! This did mean changing plans, so instead of the intended Ibores Mountains, we focused on the plains west of Trujillo, near Santa Marta de Magasca.

First, we stopped in Trujillo for the homage to the Iberian hams (and to buy some melon plants for planting in the garden later). We made an initial visit to the Belén Plains and then returned to the area west of Trujillo.

With generally heavily overcast and rather windy conditions, it was rather quiet for some of the hoped-for species, however we did see some impressive post-breeding flocks of **Calandra Larks**, a few sightings of **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** in flight, and numerous **Lesser Kestrels**. There was a good supporting cast of birds like **Roller**, **Bee-eater**, **Short-toed** and **Booted Eagle**, **Short-toed Larks** and **Thekla Larks**.

We enjoyed coffee in the village of Santa Marta de Magasca and a picnic overlooking the Tamuja River. Here a **Western Orphean Warbler** was singing.

We spent the afternoon north of the village, spending a good time looking for insects along the wide roadside verges. Several species of butterfly for on the wing, in respites during the weather, and we found at least ten individuals of the bush-cricket *Steropleurus brunneri*.

9th June 2023: Vulture Hide and Monfragüe National Park

We bade farewell from Casa Rural El Recuerdo at 07.45 to be at our rendez-vous in Torrejón El Rubio with Jesús who would take us to the La Cañada vulture hide. Although the skies were overcast, it remained dry. Quite amazingly, as soon as the bait had been laid out, the **Black Kites** and vultures swooped in. An hour later Jesús returned to put more food out for them. The numbers were impressive: 60 **Griffon Vultures**, 19 **Black Vultures**, 5 **Egyptian Vultures** and 18 **Black Kite**. What was especially memorable was the opportunity to watch at such close quarters the inter- and intra-specific aggression between the birds, the spectacle of the rugby scrum as the vultures piled in to feed with birds literally standing on top of others, and the sight of the **Egyptian Vultures** and **Black Kites** behaving almost like farmyard chickens as they pecked at the bare ground afterwards.



Griffon Vulture scrum with Black Vulture onlookers

We also had a nice view of a soaring **Golden Eagle**, which looked as if it might have been interested in coming down too.

After coffee in Torrejón El Rubio, we continued into the Monfragüe National Park, making our first stop at the impressive Peña Falcon viewpoint. Here we could see a nest of **Black Stork** with three chicks, soaring **Peregrines** (at one stage chasing a swift), and the vultures in their true element. Further on in the park, we stopped to look at two chicks and an adult **Egyptian Vulture**.

As we arrived at the northern viewpoint, the Portilla del Tiétar, it was starting to rain. We sat in the shelter there to enjoy our picnic. It was an excellent stay. The two **Eagle Owl** fledglings were in view and it was a privilege to watch them interacting, resting, preening and looking around. An adult **Spanish Imperial Eagle** appeared, soaring together with **Griffon Vultures**. **Turtle Doves** called and a fine **Red Deer** stag, antlers in velvet, came down the road towards us.

We made a final stop at the small viewpoint on the road heading to Plasencia, watching **Black Vultures** passing over against the overcast sky. From there, it was onward to the hotel in Baños de Montemayor, our base for the rest of the holiday.

10th June 2023: Hervás and La Garganta.

It was a generally overcast day, with some sunny spells, especially in the afternoon. We went first to the chestnut forests near Hervás to look for Red Helleborines, but no plants could be found. It has been such an extraordinary spring: hot and dry, followed by cold and wet, that it is hard to ascertain the phenology of many species this year! However, there were other

attractive species such as **Bath Asparagus**. A **Honey Buzzard** was seen briefly and **Heath Fritillaries** were very obliging.

After coffee we ascended to the village of La Garganta where we had a walk just inside the border of Salamanca province. A **Hobby** soared over the pines and an **Iberian Chiffchaff** was singing. Other birds included **Golden Oriole**, **Common Whitethroat** and **Melodious Warblers**. We returned to the Extremadura side and walked beside meadows and scrub. There were not large numbers of butterflies, but **Niobe Fritillary** were dominant, and a few **Dark Green Fritillaries** were also seen. We watched a pair of **Hobby** mobbing a **Booted Eagle**. **Spurge Hawk Moth** caterpillars were on spurge and *Adenocarpus* was in flower. We spent the afternoon in meadows where the beautiful **Black-veined White** was feeding and a few **Skippers** were also seen.



Black-veined White

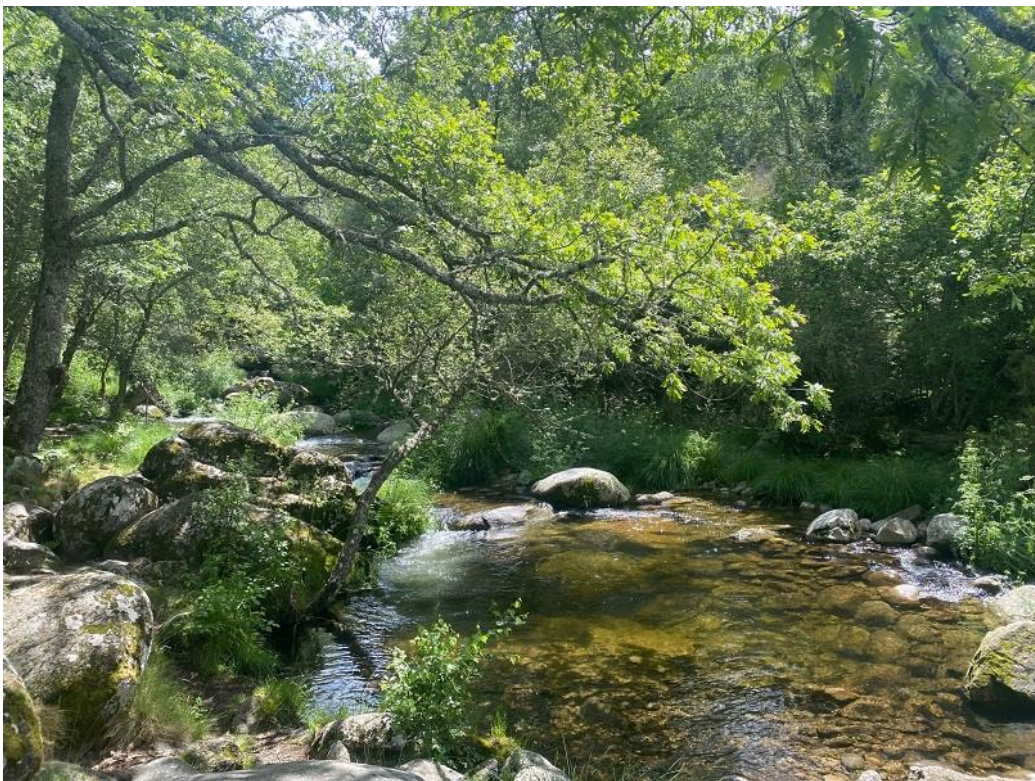
11th June 2023: Candelario area.

It was a dry day, with long sunny spells but with quite a fresh westerly wind. We ascended first to the ski resort of Covatilla, at 1900 metres above sea-level. **Tawny Pipits** and **Dunnocks** were present on the tussocks of broom at the highest ground and above us the song of **Skylarks** filled the air, and as we descended, we also saw **Common Rock Thrush** and **Bluethroat**. A male **Common Rock Thrush** was especially obliging. We had an excellent walk on the lower slopes, where there was an amazing number of **Niobe Fritillaries**, and we had good views of an **Owlfly**.



Common Rock Thrush

After coffee in the historic town of Candelario, we made another ascent to a car park high above the town. Here **Lesser Kestrels** hovered, **Quail** called and **Rock Buntings** were present, we had our picnic here, again with the sound of **Skylarks** above us. Stops for butterflies on the descent to a *dehesa* area yielded an amazing density of **Large Tortoiseshells**, **Brimstones**, **Provençal Fritillary** and a **Guadarrama Wall Lizard**.



Near Candelario

12th June 2023: El Pitolero, Jerte Valley, Honduras pass and Hervás.

A sunny warm day, although it became a bit overcast in the afternoon with a couple of showers. We went first to the Pitolero, above the town of Cabezabellosa. It was an amazing landscape of smooth granite boulders, broom “hedgehogs”, storksills and spotted rock rose. The selection of birds present was also pure quality: both species of rock thrush (**Common** and **Blue**), two species of wheatear (**Northern** and **Black-eared**) and **Thekla Larks** and **Woodlark**.

We dropped into the Jerte valley, passing the terraced cherry orchards, with trees on the higher slopes still laden with fruit. At a cooperative we bought two kilos of delicious ripe cherries. We then ascended to the Honduras Pass, where we had our picnic, but rain set in as we descended on the northern side towards Hervás. We proceeded beyond Hervás onto the small road to La Garganta. The rain stopped, the sun came out and we had a lovely range of butterflies along the lane as it contoured through the oak woods, as well as two species of navelwort in flower. We completed the afternoon beside a small pond where **Broad-bodied Chasers** were mating and **Iberian Water Frogs** were croaking.

13th June 2023: Montehermoso and Las Mestas.

It was a mostly sunny day, although we did hit a heavy shower late morning. We visited the olive-growing area near Montehermoso, where we sought the **Rufous Bush Robin**. After a couple of hours searching we failed to locate any, although we did get great views of **Black-eared Wheatear**, **Thekla Larks**, two **Short-toed Eagles** amongst others. After coffee, we returned to the area, in the sunshine following the shower, and found a singing male that we were able to watch for a long time.



Rufous Bush Robin

We then drove to the northern edge of Extremadura, in an area called Las Hurdes, to the village of Las Mestas, beside the River Ladrillar. There we had a brief view of a **Splendid Cruiser** and **Orange-spotted Emerald**, but much better views of a **Small Pincertail** and **Beautiful Demoiselle**. There were large numbers of hirundines and swifts, and **Grey Wagtails** darted out to catch midges over the water's surface.

14th June 2023: La Garganta.



La Garganta

Today was set for butterfly day and indeed the weather was perfect for our day in the upland meadows of La Garganta. We repeated the walk we had done a few days earlier. **Woodlarks** sang above us and there seemed an amazing number of **Melodious Warbler** present. A **Midwife Toad** was found and a similar selection of butterflies to that found on the first time. Close to where we had parked, we were staggered by the huge number of **Nettle Tree Butterflies** that were coming down to take minerals from the moist grit, there were perhaps a couple of hundred present.



Yellow-banded Skipper

We then focused on the meadow just inside Salamanca province and quite quickly, to our delight, saw a **Yellow-banded Skipper**. It stopped to feed a few times before flying off to the far side of the field, we encountered it again about twenty minutes later. There were also a good supporting cast including **Black-veined Whites**, Rosy-grizzled Skipper and a freshly emerged **Dainty Bluet** damselfly. We also found **Woodlark's** nest.

We completed the afternoon on the Hervas road, where again there were large numbers of butterflies feeding on the ground. Most impressively was the diversity coming to a single square metre of filled-in pothole: **Peacock**, **Red Admiral**, **Southern White Admiral**, **Nettle Tree Butterfly**, **Heath**, **Niobe** and **Dark Green Fritillaries**, as well as **Large Tortoiseshell**: amazing.



Dark Green with two Niobe Fritillaries

We returned to La Garganta at sunset to listen to the **European Nightjars** and **Midwife Toads** calling. At least two species of bats were also present.

15th June 2023: Return to Madrid

After breakfast, as dozens of swifts circled in the skies, we set off on our return to Madrid. As we crossed the border from Extremadura to Castille La Mancha about a dozen **Gull-billed Terns** flew over the motorway. We stopped for an excellent lunch at Las Esparteras service station and then completed the journey arriving in good time at a rather busy Terminal 1 of Madrid Airport.

LIST OF SPECIES SEEN

Birds

1. **Grey lag Goose:** Seen at Alcollarín.
2. **Egyptian Goose:** Seen at Alcollarín and on the plains.
3. **Gadwall:** Seen at Alcollarín.
4. **Mallard:** Seen at Alcollarín and on the plains.
5. **Red-legged Partridge:** Seen on two days.
6. **Quail:** Heard on two days.
7. **Little Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín and on the plains.
8. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín.
9. **Black-necked Grebe:** One at Alcollarín
10. **Great Cormorant:** Seen at Alcollarín.
11. **Great Bittern:** Excellent views near Madrigalejo.
12. **Cattle Egret:** Seen on two days.
13. **Little Egret:** Seen at Alcollarín.
14. **Great Egret:** Seen at Alcollarín.
15. **Grey Heron:** Seen on three days.
16. **Purple Heron:** Seen Seen at Alcollarín and Madrigalejo.
17. **Black Stork:** Seen at Monfragüe.
18. **White Stork:** Seen daily.
19. **Spoonbill:** Seen at Alcollarín.
20. **Egyptian Vulture:** Seen at Monfragüe and La Garganta.
21. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen every day.
22. **Black Vulture:** Seen on three days.
23. **Spanish Imperial Eagle:** Seen at Monfragüe.
24. **Golden Eagle:** Seen south of Monfragüe.
25. **Short-toed Eagle:** Seen on three days.
26. **Booted Eagle:** Seen almost every day.
27. **Black Kite:** Seen almost daily.
28. **Red Kite:** Seen almost daily.
29. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen on three days.
30. **Common Buzzard:** Seen most days.
31. **Honey Buzzard:** Seen on two days.
32. **Sparrowhawk:** Seen on one day.
33. **Black-winged Kite:** Six seen at Madrigalejo.
34. **Lesser Kestrel:** Seen on most days.
35. **Common Kestrel:** Seen on three days.
36. **Hobby:** Seen at La Garganta.
37. **Peregrine:** Seen at Monfragüe.
38. **Moorhen:** Seen at Alcollarín.
39. **Common Coot:** Seen at Alcollarín.
40. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen at Alcollarín.
41. **Stone Curlew:** A pair near Vegas Altas losing eggs to a Raven.
42. **Collared Pratincole:** Seen on rice fields.
43. **Common Ringed Plover:** Seen at Alcollarín and on the rice fields.
44. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen at Alcollarín and on the rice fields.
45. **Kentish Plover:** Seen on the rice fields on two days.

46. **Northern Lapwing:** Four at Alcollarín.
47. **Green Sandpiper:** Seen on the rice fields.
48. **Gull-billed Tern:** A group flying over the motorway on our return to Madrid.
49. **Little Tern:** Three seen at Alcollarín.
50. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** Seen on plains.
51. **Feral Pigeon:** Seen almost daily.
52. **Woodpigeon:** Seen almost daily.
53. **Collared Dove:** Seen daily.
54. **Turtle Dove:** Heard in Monfragüe.
55. **Common Cuckoo:** Seen or heard almost every day.
56. **Great Spotted Cuckoo:** Seen at Madrigalejo.
57. **Eagle Owl:** Two fledged young seen in Monfragüe.
58. **Little Owl:** Seen on plains.
59. **Eurasian Nightjar:** Calling at La Garganta.
60. **Alpine Swift:** Seen at Monfrgaüe.
61. **Common Swift:** Seen daily.
62. **Pallid Swift:** Seen on two days.
63. **White-rumped Swift:** Seen at Las Mestas.
64. **Kingfisher:** Seen at Alcollarín.
65. **Bee-eater:** Seen almost daily.
66. **Roller:** Seen on plains east of Cáceres.
67. **Hoopoe:** Seen almost daily.
68. **Iberian Green Woodpecker:** Heard twice.
69. **Great Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen on three days.
70. **Calandra Lark:** Seen on the plains.
71. **Greater Short-toed Lark:** Seen on the plains and rice fields.
72. **Crested Lark:** Seen most days.
73. **Thekla Lark:** Seen most days.
74. **Woodlark:** Seen on three days.
75. **Skylark:** Singing above Candelario.
76. **Sand Martin:** Seen on the rice fields.
77. **Crag Martin:** Seen most days.
78. **Barn Swallow:** Seen daily.
79. **Red-rumped Swallow:** Seen almost daily.
80. **House Martin:** Seen most days.
81. **Tawny Pipit:** Seen above Candelario.
82. **Yellow Wagtail:** Seen on rice fields and above Candelario.
83. **Grey Wagtail:** Seen at Las Mestas.
84. **White Wagtail:** Seen almost daily.
85. **Wren:** Seen almost daily.
86. **Dunnock:** Seen above Candelario and La Garganta.
87. **Rufous Bush Robin:** Two near Montehermoso.
88. **Robin:** Seen on most days.
89. **Bluethroat:** Seen above Candelario.
90. **Nightingale:** Recorded daily.
91. **Black Redstart:** Seen daily.
92. **Stonechat:** Seen almost daily.
93. **Northern Wheatear:** Seen above Candelario and at Pitolero.

94. **Black-eared Wheatear:** Seen at Montehermoso, Pitolero and above Jerte valley.
95. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen at Monfragüe and Pitolero.
96. **Common Rock Thrush:** Seen above Candelario and at Pitolero.
97. **Blackbird:** Seen daily.
98. **Song Thrush:** Seen between La Garganta and Hervás.
99. **Mistle Thrush:** Seen on three days.
100. **Cetti's Warbler:** Seen on two days.
101. **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen on the rice fields.
102. **Reed Warbler:** Seen on one day.
103. **Great Reed Warbler:** Seen on one day.
104. **Melodious Warbler:** Seen on four days.
105. **Dartford Warbler:** Seen on two days.
106. **Subalpine Warbler:** Seen at Monfragüe.
107. **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen on three days.
108. **Western Orphean Warbler:** Recorded on three days.
109. **Common Whitethroat:** Seen in the mountains.
110. **Blackcap:** Seen on five days.
111. **Western Bonelli's Warbler:** Seen in the mountains.
112. **Iberian Chiffchaff:** Singing above Candelario.
113. **Common Chiffchaff:** Singing above Candelario.
114. **Firecrest:** Singing near La Garganta.
115. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen on two days.
116. **Crested Tit:** Calling at La Garganta.
117. **Coal Tit:** Seen in the mountains.
118. **Blue Tit:** Seen daily.
119. **Great Tit:** Seen almost daily.
120. **Nuthatch:** Seen on two days.
121. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Seen on four days.
122. **Golden Oriole:** Seen almost daily.
123. **Red-backed Shrike:** Seen near Candelario and La Garganta.
124. **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen almost daily.
125. **Woodchat Shrike:** Seen almost daily.
126. **Jay:** Seen on four days.
127. **Iberian Magpie:** Seen almost daily.
128. **Common Magpie:** Seen almost daily.
129. **Jackdaw:** Seen on two days.
130. **Carrion Crow:** Seen near La Garganta.
131. **Raven:** Seen daily.
132. **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
133. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.
134. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen on two days.
135. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on the rice fields.
136. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen on plains and Monfragüe.
137. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on rice fields.
138. **Yellow-crowned Bishop:** Seen on rice fields.
139. **Chaffinch:** Seen almost daily.
140. **Serin:** Seen daily.
141. **Greenfinch:** Seen on most days.

142. **Goldfinch**: Seen most days.
143. **Linnet**: Seen on most days.
144. **Hawfinch**: Seen on two days.
145. **Cirl Bunting**: Seen on four days.
146. **Rock Bunting**: Seen on three days.
147. **Ortolan Bunting**: Seen above Candelario.
148. **Corn Bunting**: Seen daily.

Butterflies

1. **Southern Scarce Swallowtail**: One at La Garganta
2. **Black-veined White**: Seen at La Garganta.
3. **Large White**: Seen on four days.
4. **Small White**: Seen every day.
5. **Green-veined White**: Seen near La Garganta and Hervás.
6. **Bath White**: Seen most days.
7. **Clouded Yellow**: Seen most days.
8. **Brimstone**: Seen near La Garganta and Hervás.
9. **Wood White**: Seen near La Garganta.
10. **Spanish Purple Hairstreak**: Seen near La Garganta.
11. **Small Copper**: Seen almost daily.
12. **Sooty Copper**: Seen near Candelario.
13. **Purple-shot Copper**: Seen near Candelario.
14. **Long-tailed Blue**: Seen most days.
15. **Lang's Short-tailed Blue**: Seen daily.
16. **African Grass Blue**: Seen at Alcollarín.
17. **Geranium Bronze**: Seen at Las Mestas.
18. **Little Blue**: Seen at La Garganta.
19. **Holly Blue**: Seen on three days.
20. **Green-underside Blue**: Seen near La Garganta.
21. **Black-eyed Blue**: Seen on three days.
22. **Brown Argus**: Seen almost daily.
23. **Mazarine Blue**: Seen at La Garganta.
24. **Common Blue**: Seen on two days.
25. **Nettle-tree Butterfly**: Seen at La Garganta, perhaps 200 individuals on 14th June.
26. **Two-tailed Pasha**: Briefly seen at Las Mestas.
27. **Southern White Admiral**: Seen near La Garganta.
28. **Large Tortoiseshell**: Seen on three days.
29. **Peacock**: Seen once near La Garganta.
30. **Red Admiral**: Seen once near La Garganta.
31. **Painted Lady**: Seen near La Garganta.
32. **Small Tortoiseshell**: Seen on four days.
33. **Comma**: Seen on two days.
34. **Dark Green Fritillary**: Seen near La Garganta.
35. **Niobe Fritillary**: Very common near La Garganta and Candelario.
36. **Queen of Spain Fritillary**: Seen on five days.
37. **Glanville Fritillary**: Seen near La Garganta.
38. **Knapweed Fritillary**: Seen on two days.
39. **Heath Fritillary**: Seen on three days.

40. **Provençal Fritillary**: Seen near Candelario.
41. **Marsh Fritillary**: Seen on three days.
42. **Iberian Marbled White**: Seen near La Garganta.
43. **Great Banded Grayling**: Seen on three days.
44. **Piedmont Ringlet**: Seen near Candelario.
45. **Meadow Brown**: Seen almost every day.
46. **Southern Gatekeeper**: Seen most days.
47. **Spanish Gatekeeper**: Seen near La Garganta.
48. **Small Heath**: Seen on three days.
49. **Speckled Wood**: Seen on two days.
50. **Wall Brown**: Seen on four days.
51. **Southern Grizzled Skipper**: Seen near La Garganta.
52. **Olive Skipper**: Seen near La Garganta.
53. **Rosy Grizzled Skipper**: Seen near La Garganta.
54. **Yellow-banded Skipper**: Seen near La Garganta.
55. **Red-underwing Skipper**: Seen near La Garganta.
56. **Essex Skipper**: Seen near La Garganta.
57. **Small Skipper**: Seen near La Garganta.
58. **Large Skipper**: Seen near La Garganta.

Odonata

1. **Beautiful Demoiselle**: Seen at Las Mestas.
2. **Dainty Bluet**: Seen at La Garganta.
3. **Blue Emperor**: Seen near Hervás.
4. **Small Pincertail**: Seen at Las Mestas.
5. **Splendid Cruiser**: Seen at Las Mestas.
6. **Orange-spotted Emerald**: Seen at Las Mestas.
7. **Broad-bodied Chaser**: Seen on two days.
8. **Black-tailed Skimmer**: Seen on one day.

Other wildlife

Other insects

Hummingbird Hawk Moth *Macroglossum stallatarum*

Yellow Oak Underwing *Catocala nymphagoga*

Pale rose saffron moth *Lythia cruentaria*

Spurge Hawk Moth caterpillars *Hyles euphorbiae*

Forester Moth *Adscita* sp.

Chimney Sweeper Moth *Odezia atrata*

Slender Scotch Burnet *Zygaena loti*

Steropleurus brunneri (Bush Cricket)

Egyptian Locust

Red-striped Oil Beetle

Libelloides longicornis (Owlfly)

Hairy Shieldbug *Dolycoris baccarum*

Heliotaurus ruficollis (a beetle)

Mylabris flexuosa (a beetle)

Anthaxia anthrax (a bee-fly)

Hemipentes velutina (a bee-fly)

Dotted Bee-fly *Bombylius discolor*

Hemipenthes morio (a bee-fly)

Migrant Hoverfly *Euopeodes corollae*

Western Demoiselle *Calopteryx xanthostoma*

Reptiles and amphibians

Viperine Snake

Large Psammodromus

Guadarrama Wall Lizard

Moorish Gecko

Midwife Toad

Iberian Water Frog

Mammals

Red Deer

Rabbit

Red Fox

Plants

Navelworts *Umbilicus rupestris*, *U.gaditanus*, *U.heylandianus*

Bath Asparagus *Ornithogalum pyrenaicum*

Adenocarpus complicatus

Marsh orchid *Dactylorhiza elata*