

# BIRDING EXTREMADURA



LATE AUTUMN IN EXTREMADURA FOR JULIE AND GEOFF

Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura

18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024



## Itinerary

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## TRIP REPORT

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Collection from Madrid and drive to Extremadura**

Martin met with Geoff and Julie just before 16.00 at Madrid airport and we were quickly heading out around the southern ring-road. The traffic was not particularly heavy, so we made excellent progress. It was very light once we were on the motorway for Extremadura and we made the journey without needing to stop en route. Birds seen on the way included **Red Kite** and numerous **Spotless Starlings**.

Claudia greeted our arrival at Casa Rural El Recuerdo and an evening meal was quickly prepared.

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Sierra Grande de Hornachos and Chozos de Llera**



*Sierra Grande de Hornachos*

Despite clear skies as we assembled after breakfast, with a **Woodlark** singing, we quickly entered fog and the visibility was poor for the entire journey to the Sierra Grande de Hornachos. We elected to have a coffee before setting off on a walk along the Valley of the Christians, just south of the magnificent castle. One of the first birds we saw was a **Black Wheatear**, quickly followed by its mate. We had superb views. Along the walk we heard a **Bullfinch** and had quick views of **Dartford Warbler** and **Thekla Lark**, but the highlight was a small group of **Ring Ouzels**, which we watched at length. On more than one occasion, one of the Ring Ouzels was perched alongside a **Blue Rock Thrush**: a very pleasing juxtaposition!

We then moved to spend the rest of the day at the viewpoint of the Chozas de Llera, by which time the fog had cleared and we enjoyed largely clear skies. Although we failed in our objective of seeing Iberian Lynx, we had an extremely productive afternoon, with at least five **Spanish Imperial Eagles**, including a sky-dancing pair and interactions between adults and a juvenile. There was a very beautiful immature **Golden Eagle** and **Red Kites** were also magnificent.



*Red Kites fighting over food*

We had several sightings of **Dartford Warblers**, and **Red-billed Choughs** were seen as well as heard. On the mammal front, there was an abundance of **Rabbits** and we had a delightful sighting of three **Otters**.

#### **20<sup>th</sup> November 2024: The plains between Trujillo and Cáceres**

It was generally a bright sunny day but with a fresh and sometimes strong westerly wind, which gave quite a chill factor.

We spent the whole day on the plains between Trujillo and Cáceres, stopping first north of Trujillo on the Monroy Road. We found some amazingly beautiful dew-laden cobwebs on brambles and holm oak saplings which were well worth photographing. Soon afterwards our birding started, with the extraordinary sight of a flock of over 280 **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**, feeding in the sunshine. **Griffon** and **Black Vultures** stood on the sky-line of the same field.

We took a walk along the drovers' trail of Puente Mocha, seeing a juvenile **Spanish Imperial Eagle** and a flock of 40 **Little Bustards**. They rose from a field, gained height, circling a little before disappearing from view above us. Extraordinary. There were several **Small Copper**

butterflies on the wing. A small group of **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** were watched on the ground.



*Small Copper*

After a welcome coffee at Santa Marta de Magasca, we stopped at the top of valley side of the River Tamuja. A **Cirl Bunting** was singing. Soon after we arrived a **Golden Eagle** flew close by. Both species of vultures and **Red Kites** were constantly in the sky. We found a distant pair of **Spanish Imperial Eagles** soaring in a kettle of vultures. A subadult **Spanish Imperial Eagle** glided into closer view. We decided to stay put and have our picnic there and no soon as we had done so, when we heard the barking call of a **Spanish Imperial Eagle** as an adult cruised in close above us. Most dramatically it was then intercepted by a pair of **Bonelli's Eagles** which made it change its course and it disappeared behind us. The **Bonelli's Eagles** continued to soar, moving gradually away to the west. This eagle-fest was quite overwhelming.

We then moved southwards onto the plains to the east of Cáceres. Here we saw yet another juvenile **Spanish Imperial Eagle** plus an adult perched on a pylon. A **Merlin** was watched chasing a small passerine and we were entertained by large flocks of **Calandra** and **Sky Larks**. As we left the track, we found a male **Great Bustard**.

We completed our day on the plains just west of Trujillo. Here we found a flock of eleven **Little Bustards** which were foraging in perfect light in a field close to us to the east. It was remarkable how when they wanted to conceal themselves – by shifting in amongst dead vegetation and sitting on the ground, they disappeared completely from view. A further four **Little Bustard** were seen in flight, making a total of 55 for the day.

## 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024: Alcollarín River, Santa Amalia and the Chozos de Llera

It was an overcast day with a very chilly westerly wind. We started the birding in the garden, with Geoff seeing a **Hawfinch**. However, the rest of us could quickly catch up at our first stop, beside the Alcollarín River, where Julie found one close to the river bank. Also present was a very obliging **Hoopoe**, lots of **Common Chiffchaffs**, some **Spanish Sparrows** and **Little Egrets**, amongst others.

After coffee, we continued to the irrigated farmland near Santa Amalia. There were hundreds of **Common Cranes**, including a good percentage of young birds. Parties of **Red Avadavats** and **Common Waxbills** were in the ditches. We checked through a wet field hosting a large number of **Meadow Pipits** and **White Wagtails**, finding some **Little Ringed Plover**. Later, at a recently ploughed field, there was additional interest in the presence of two **Grey Plover**, several **Common Snipe** and a **Water Pipit**. As we left the area, we saw a fine male **Hen Harrier**.

On the way to our main destination, we saw a hovering **Black-winged Kite**. We reached Chozos de Llera at 14.30 for our picnic at the viewpoint where we had been two days earlier. Again we saw a stunning **Golden Eagle** and three immature **Spanish Imperial Eagles** in the sky together. **Red-billed Choughs** were more evident than they had been earlier, as were **Iberian Green Woodpeckers**. The three **Otters** made a second appearance for us. But the star was a male **Iberian Lynx** which appeared on the dot of five o'clock. We watched it at length as it rose from its siesta, had its ablutions and then crossed a field, marking its territory. It was what we had longed for and we were not disappointed.



*Iberian Lynx*

## 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024: Campo Lugar plains and Alcollarín Reservoir

It was an overcast day with the fresh westerly wind continuing. During the afternoon there was some light rain, but we escaped anything serious. Heading southwards we spent the morning on the plains near Campo Lugar. The light was beautiful, with dark brooding clouds to the east and shafts of occasional sunshine from the south.



*Campo Lugar plains*

**Common Cranes** were seen or heard pretty much continuously and there were some sizeable flocks on the fields. There were also flocks of **Skylarks** and **Calandra Larks**. We enjoyed watching a male **Hen Harrier** carefully quartering the fields below us. A **Merlin** was seen zipping past at low elevation, whilst a **Peregrine** sat stoically on a stone. A distant eagle proved to be an adult **Short-toed Eagle**, a very late record.

A pool held a large number of **Shoveler** as well as a group of **Spoonbill**, and nearby in a field with a large number of **Common Cranes**, we found a party of **Great Bustard**. They looked splendid in the flowering rocket. At the edge of the village of Campo Lugar we stopped to look at a flock of **Stone Curlew** in two fields and as we did so, a male **Pallid Harrier** swept passed in rapid low-level flight. As we got over the delight of that sighting, a passing vehicle caused the **Stone Curlew** to fly up and the true size of the flock was apparent, easily 50 birds.



*Pallid Harrier*

By now it was coffee time, and we also enjoyed some tapas and the chance to get out of the chilly wind.

Onward then to the Alcollarín Reservoir where we spent the rest of the day. Despite the low water level, we found large numbers of duck, as well as three species of grebe (with perhaps twenty **Black-necked Grebe**). Other highlights included two **Woodlark**, seen at close quarters, three **Black Stork** and parties of **Spoonbill**, **Lapwing** and a good selection of waterfowl.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024: Sierra Brava, Madrigalejo, Palazuelo rice fields**

It was a warm and sunny day, with very little wind. All the birds we watched were in beautiful sunshine. We started at the Sierra Brava dam, where there were small groups of **Common Shelduck**, **Grey Lag Geese**, **Mallard** and **Shoveler**. **Crag Martins** hawked insects above us. From the dam, we continued along a service canal enjoying views of a small group of **Woodlark** at close quarters. We crossed an area of rice fields, still to be harvested mainly, at Casas del Hitos and saw our first **Water Pipit** of the day. Groups of **Common Cranes** were present in the fields or flying overhead.

Entering an area of *dehesa*, we spent several minutes watching a pair of **Black-winged Kites**. This was followed by our coffee spot, before we then returned to the rice fields. More **Common Cranes** were on view, as well as groups of **Green Sandpipers**. We found an adult **Greater Flamingo** close to the road. At the River Ruercas we had our picnic, hearing daytime hoots from an **Eagle Owl**.

The rest of the day was devoted to the rice fields. At one stop there were huge numbers of **Black-headed Gulls**, a very obliging **Water Pipit** and flocks of **Greenshank**. A group of **Yellow Wagtails** were a real treat. A male **Hen Harrier** spectacularly flushed a big flock of **Common Snipe** from the stubble fields. We saw from a distance a swirling huge flock of dark birds high in the sky. Scrutiny revealed them to be **Glossy Ibis**. As they created formations in the sky, parties dropped like stones and then swirled close to the ground before landing. Luckily we could approach them and we watched them in perfect light. There were perhaps 1300 present, a truly vast flock.



*Vast flock of Glossy Ibis*

Further to the west, we could see large flocks of waders, also settling in a series of wet fields. Again, we found a place to watch them in excellent light. We were treated with a big flock of **Dunlin** and **Little Stint**, mixed with over 160 **Kentish Plovers**. Amongst them we found three **Temminck's Stint**, which generally kept to themselves.

As we returned a **Merlin** was glimpsed as it came out for its afternoon hunt, and thousands of **Common Cranes** gathered in the fields before their departure to roost. A day of superlative numbers.

#### **24<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Rice fields near Vegas Altas, Moheda Alta and Cubilar Reservoir**

There had been high winds during the night, and these continued for some parts of the day, although by the afternoon, they had dropped in intensity. It was generally sunny in the morning, but with much heavier cloud in the afternoon.

We travelled south of the town of Madrigalejo to enter the arable country near Vegas Altas. Parties of **Common Crane** were present in almost every field and flocks of Spanish Sparrows were also swarm-like in the way they rose from the crops. We came across a small group of



**Great Bustards** and watched them at length as they foraged at the edge of an olive orchard, sometimes picking fruit from lower branches.

We stopped for a coffee in the village of Vegas Altas and then explored the rice fields south of the village. Here we saw a female **Hen Harrier** and had some nice views of **Water Pipit**. Briefer glimpses were had of **Bluethroat** and **Reed Bunting**.

Moving then to Moheda Alta we took a look at the irrigation tank, which had a small number of **Red-crested Pochard**, **Mallard** and **Shoveler**. To the north is the Cubilar Reservoir and where we had lunch and spent the rest of the afternoon. **Common Cranes** were in groups in the *dehesa* and on the open shoreline of the reservoir. We quite quickly found an **Osprey** flying at the far end of the water and then perched. A **Dartford Warbler** showed itself nicely. Amongst **Egyptian Geese** were two **Ruddy Shelduck**. It was when we were scanning carefully though the duck present (mainly **Mallard**, **Shoveler** and **Teal**) we came across a **Marbled Duck**. Initially only Martin got onto the bird, but before it could be seen by Geoff and Julie, all the ducks flew. We then spent over an hour searching through the distant duck with no avail. Then they flew again (perhaps because of the presence of hunters, or perhaps because of a **Marsh Harrier**?). Again, we started a careful scan. Luckily, we found the bird, and watched it join three other **Marbled Ducks**. They then flew and with much relief, came to settle a bit closer where we could have a prolonged view and could manage some digiscoped photos of this rarity.

As we returned home, a fine male **Hen Harrier** was seen quartering the fields and several **Common Buzzards** appeared on posts, to start an evening hunt.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Montánchez Castle and Palazuelo rice fields**



*Alpine Accentor*

The day dawned with a surprise for everyone: torrential rain and rolls of thunder. Luckily it did not last long and, indeed, by 10.00 there was blue sky to the west and as the day progressed we enjoyed more and more sunshine.

We spent the morning at the castle of Montánchez, lying to the west of Trujillo on sierras covered by Pyrenean oak, now dressed in autumn colours. We were looking for **Alpine Accentor** and indeed had a view of one on the castle ramparts as we ascended, but despite careful searches afterwards, it was not relocated. However, even an Alpine Accentor was eclipsed by the prolonged and privileged views that we had of a foraging female **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**. This was indeed a highlight of the day. Around the castle were also **Blue Rock Thrush**, several very attractive **Black Redstarts** and small groups of finches, mainly **Linnets**.



*Lesser Spotted Woodpecker*

We stopped for coffee at Almoharín, the fig-growing centre of Extremadura and then went directly on back to the rice fields near Palazuelo.



*Tree and Spanish Sparrows*

Here we spent a very fulfilling afternoon, enjoying perhaps over ten thousand **Common Cranes** and also large flocks of waders, including some beautiful **Kentish Plovers** (about 165 birds), **Little Stints**, **Spotted Redshank**, as well as **Hen Harriers**, **Marsh Harriers** and small birds like **Water Pipits**.



*Common Cranes*

## 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Arrocampo Reservoir

Although there were some banks of fog close to our destination at Arrocampo Reservoir, it was clearing as we arrived and we enjoyed near-perfect conditions all day, with no wind, and just some high cloud. We spent most of the morning sitting in one of the hides overlooking an area of marsh, where some of the reedmace had been cut, thus allowing good visibility. We enjoyed a wonderful selection of birds during our sojourn there. These included two **Bluethroat**, including a very fine male, several **Purple Swamphens** and a group of **Penduline Tits**. Whilst waiting for such specialities to appear, we were kept entertained by regular good viewings of **Cetti's Warbler** and numerous **Common Chiffchaff**. **Marsh Harriers** were frequently quartering the reeds, whilst across the water we watched a hovering **Black-winged Kite**.



*View from the hide*

After coffee in the village of Saucedilla, we visited an outlying pool, which was reed-fringed. This was highly productive with several **Water Rail** in view, waders including **Ruff**, **Little Ringed Plover**, **Common Ringed Plover** and large numbers of **Common Snipe**. The most extraordinary spectacle was the large number (hundreds) of **Barn Swallows** which were perched on the dead partially submerged trees, and sometimes rising en masse. Amongst them we found two **Sand Martins**.

We returned to the main marsh for our picnic and spent the rest of the afternoon there, combining a walk beside the marsh with another period in the hide. We added a female **Reed Bunting** and **Bearded Tits** to the day's tally, as well as having more good views of the **Bluethroat**.

27<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Garcíáz



*Mixed oak dehesa woodland*

It was a perfect day to ascend to the forests near Garcíáz. The sky was clear and there was no wind. We started with a short walk at the Cordel de Madrigalejo, though mixed holm and Pyrenean oak woodland.

A covey of **Red-legged Partridge** were there where we parked and as we sat in the car to watch them, a female **Cirl Bunting** joined some **Chaffinches** and **House Sparrows** on the track. As we set off a male **Cirl Bunting** started singing on the top of tree by the track.

In the woodland we very quickly encountered three **Firecrests**, part of a loose mixed species flock which also included **Common Chiffchaffs** and **Long-tailed Tits**. On the more open ground were **Woodlark**, a **Hoopoe**, **Mistle Thrush** and a **Black Redstart**.

We then enjoyed a longer walk close to the village. Here we saw species like **Grey Wagtail**, a **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** and saw numerous **Red Kites**, at least three **Common Buzzards** and a distant pair of **Golden Eagles**.



*Cirl Bunting*

After coffee in Garcíáz, we ascended to higher woodland, dominated by Black Pine, Pyrenean Oak, Strawberry Tree and Sweet Chestnut. Here again we were looking for bird flocks. One contained a very obliging **Crested Tit**, whilst a **Brambling** was calling (but remained unseen). We had prolonged views of **Short-toed Treecreepers**. At a second bird party, Martin glimpsed very briefly a **Yellow-browed Warbler**, but despite careful searching for about an hour, the bird was never relocated. Whilst we were looking for it, however, we did see another **Firecrest**, **Short-toed Treecreeper** and **Nuthatch**. Frustrating though that failure to relocate the warbler was, overall the day had been extremely rewarding and in which we were surrounded at all times with beautiful wooded landscapes, with a backdrop of the Villuercas and Gredos Mountains.

#### **28<sup>th</sup> November 2024: The lagoon at Alcázar de San Juan and return to Madrid.**

It was a calm and sunny morning as we bade our farewell to Casa Rural El Recuerdo and ventured to Castilla La Mancha to visit the lagoon at Alcazar de San Juan. For the final third of the journey there was thick fog, but luckily, although overcast, we had reasonable visibility at the site. The shallow water body is fringed by reed beds and provides a haven for waterfowl.

We visited two hides and from each we could see excellent numbers of **White-headed Ducks**, there were also **Black-eared** and **Little Grebes**, large rafts of **Northern Shoveler**, groups of **Common Pochard**, **Red-crested Pochard** and about 50 **Greater Flamingo**. There was a dozen **Marsh Harriers** together over the reeds.

It was a perfect morning and place to complete the tour. After our final packed lunch, we drove the remaining 90 minutes to the airport, reaching the terminal for Julie and Geoff to catch their hotel shuttle bus.

## **BIRDS SEEN**

1. **Grey Lag Goose:** Seen on four days on large water bodies.
2. **Egyptian Goose:** Seen on four days.
3. **Common Shelduck:** A party at Sierra Brava.
4. **Ruddy Shelduck:** Two seen at Cubilar Reservoir.
5. **Eurasian Wigeon:** Seen at Alcollarín and Cubilar Reservoirs.
6. **Gadwall:** Seen at Alcollarín and Cubilar Reservoirs, and at Alcázar de San Juan.
7. **Eurasian Teal:** Seen on four days.
8. **Pintail:** Seen at Alcollarín, Sierra Brava and Cubilar Reservoirs, and at Moheda Alta.
9. **Mallard:** Seen on most days.
10. **Northern Shoveler:** Seen on four days on large water bodies.
11. **Red-crested Pochard:** Seen at Moheda Alta and Alcázar de San Juan.
12. **Common Pochard:** Seen at Alcázar de San Juan.
13. **Marbled Duck:** Four seen at Cubilar Reservoir.
14. **White-headed Duck:** Seen at Alcázar de San Juan.
15. **Red-legged Partridge:** Seen on most days.
16. **Little Grebe:** Seen almost every day.
17. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen on four days.
18. **Black-necked Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín and Alcázar de San Juan.
19. **Great Cormorant:** Seen most days.
20. **Little Bittern:** Heard at Arrocampo.
21. **Cattle Egret:** Seen most days.
22. **Little Egret:** Seen most days.
23. **Great Egret:** Seen most days.
24. **Grey Heron:** Seen every day.
25. **Purple Heron:** A juvenile seen at Santa Amalia.
26. **Black Stork:** One seen flying over the plains north of Trujillo and three at Alcollarín.
27. **White Stork:** Seen almost every day.
28. **Glossy Ibis:** Seen on the rice fields (about 1300 on 23<sup>rd</sup> November).
29. **Spoonbill:** Seen on the rice fields and Alcollarín Reservoir.
30. **Greater Flamingo:** One seen on the rice fields and about fifty at Alcázar de San Juan.
31. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen every day.
32. **Black Vulture:** Seen almost every day.
33. **Osprey:** One at Cubilar Reservoir.
34. **Spanish Imperial Eagle:** An amazing total of between 13 and 16 different individuals seen on first three days.
35. **Golden Eagle:** Seen on four days.
36. **Bonelli's Eagle:** A pair in a dramatic encounter with Spanish Imperial Eagles at River Tamuja.
37. **Short-toed Eagle:** An adult near Campo Lugar on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.
38. **Red Kite:** Seen every day.
39. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen most days.

40. **Hen Harrier:** Seen on five days.
41. **Pallid Harrier:** A male at Campo Lugar on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.
42. **Common Buzzard:** Seen almost every day.
43. **Sparrowhawk:** Seen on four days.
44. **Common Kestrel:** Seen every day.
45. **Merlin:** Seen on three days on the plains.
46. **Peregrine Falcon:** One seen near Campo Lugar.
47. **Water Rail:** Three seen at Arrocampo. Heard on other days.
48. **Moorhen:** Seen or heard most days.
49. **Purple Swamphen:** Seen at Arrocampo.
50. **Common Coot:** Seen on five days.
51. **Common Crane:** Seen almost every day with thousands present on the rice fields.
52. **Little Bustard:** A total of 55 seen on the plains on 20<sup>th</sup> November.
53. **Great Bustard:** Seen on three days.
54. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen at Arrocampo.
55. **Stone Curlew:** A roosting flock seen at Campo Lugar.
56. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen on three days.
57. **Ringed Plover:** Seen on the rice fields.
58. **Kentish Plover:** Seen on the rice fields (including flock of 165).
59. **Golden Plover:** Seen on three days.
60. **Grey Plover:** Seen at Santa Amalia and near Palazuelo.
61. **Northern Lapwing:** Seen every day.
62. **Dunlin:** Seen on the rice fields.
63. **Little Stint:** Seen on the rice fields in large numbers.
64. **Temminck's Stint:** Three on the rice fields on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
65. **Ruff:** One at Arrocampo.
66. **Common Snipe:** Seen on most days.
67. **Black-tailed Godwit:** Seen at Alcollarín and Alcázar de San Juan.
68. **Spotted Redshank:** Seen on rice fields.
69. **Greenshank:** Seen on the rice fields and Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
70. **Green Sandpiper:** Seen every day.
71. **Common Sandpiper:** Seen on four days.
72. **Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Seen most days.
73. **Black-headed Gull:** Seen almost every day.
74. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse:** Seen on two days.
75. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** Seen on plains between Trujillo and Cáceres, with a flock of 280.
76. **Feral Pigeon:** Seen daily.
77. **Wood Pigeon:** Seen most days.
78. **Collared Dove:** Seen daily.
79. **Eagle Owl:** Heard near Palazuelo.
80. **Tawny Owl:** Heard at Pago de San Clemente.
81. **Little Owl:** Seen or heard on four days.
82. **Kingfisher:** Recorded almost every day.
83. **Hoopoe:** Seen daily.
84. **Iberian Green Woodpecker:** Seen at Chozos de Llera.
85. **Great Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen at Garcíáz.
86. **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen at Montánchez and Garcíáz.



87. **Calandra Lark**: Seen on the plains.
88. **Crested Lark**: Seen almost every day.
89. **Thekla Lark**: Seen most days.
90. **Woodlark**: Seen on four days.
91. **Skylark**: Seen on four days.
92. **Sand Martin**: Two at Arrocampo.
93. **Crag Martin**: Seen almost every day.
94. **Barn Swallow**: Hundreds at Arrocampo.
95. **House Martin**: Seen at Hornachos.
96. **Meadow Pipit**: Seen daily.
97. **Water Pipit**: Seen on the rice fields and at Arrocampo.
98. **Grey Wagtail**: Seen on three days.
99. **Western Yellow Wagtail**: Seen on the rice fields.
100. **White Wagtail**: Seen daily.
101. **Wren**: Seen on three days.
102. **Duncock**: Heard at Hornachos and Garcíáz.
103. **Alpine Accentor**: Seen at Montánchez.
104. **Robin**: Seen almost daily.
105. **Bluethroat**: Seen on rice fields and Arrocampo.
106. **Black Redstart**: Seen daily.
107. **Stonechat**: Seen daily.
108. **Black Wheatear**: Seen at Hornachos.
109. **Blue Rock Thrush**: Seen at Hornachos and Montánchez.
110. **Blackbird**: Seen daily.
111. **Ring Ouzel**. Four seen at Hornachos.
112. **Song Thrush**: Seen almost daily.
113. **Mistle Thrush**: Seen on two days.
114. **Cetti's Warbler**: Recorded most days.
115. **Zitting Cisticola**: Seen most days.
116. **Dartford Warbler**: Seen almost every day.
117. **Sardinian Warbler**: Seen every day.
118. **Blackcap**: Seen every day.
119. **Common Chiffchaff**: Seen every day.
120. **Yellow-browed Warbler**: One seen briefly by Martin only at Garcíáz.
121. **Firecrest**: Seen at Garcíáz.
122. **Long-tailed Tit**: Seen at Garcíáz.
123. **Crested Tit**: Seen at Garcíáz.
124. **Blue Tit**: Seen most days.
125. **Great Tit**: Seen most days.
126. **Bearded Tit**: Seen at Arrocampo.
127. **Nuthatch**: Seen at Garcíáz.
128. **Short-toed Treecreeper**: Seen at Garcíáz.
129. **Penduline Tit**: Seen at Arrocampo.
130. **Iberian Grey Shrike**: Seen almost daily.
131. **Jay**: Seen at Garcíáz.
132. **Iberian Magpie**: Seen daily.
133. **Magpie**: Seen daily.
134. **Red-billed Chough**: Seen at Chozos de Llera.

135. **Jackdaw:** Seen on two days.
136. **Raven:** Seen almost daily.
137. **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
138. **Common Starling:** Seen on the plains.
139. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.
140. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen almost daily.
141. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on the rice fields and Arrocampo.
142. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen on plains north of Trujillo.
143. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on the rice fields.
144. **Common Waxbill:** Seen on most days.
145. **Chaffinch:** Seen daily.
146. **Brambling:** Heard at Garcíáz.
147. **Serin:** Seen on several days.
148. **Greenfinch:** Seen on most days.
149. **Goldfinch:** Seen daily.
150. **Siskin:** Seen or heard on two days.
151. **Linnet:** Seen almost daily.
152. **Bullfinch:** Heard at Hornachos.
153. **Hawfinch:** Seen on two days.
154. **Cirl Bunting:** Seen at Garcíáz.
155. **Reed Bunting:** Seen near Vegas Altas and Arrocampo.
156. **Corn Bunting:** Seen daily.

#### **MAMMALS SEEN**

Iberian Lynx

Fox

Otter

Rabbit

#### **REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS**

Stripeless Tree frog

Spanish Terrapin

Geniez's Wall Lizard

#### **INSECTS NOTED**

Small Copper

Red Admiral

Bath White

Small White

Clouded Yellow

Common Darter

Hawker sp (probably Migrant)

Western Willow Spreadwing

*Ronisia barbarula* (a velvet ant)

Common Dronefly

Darkling beetle sp.



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