

## SPRING HOLIDAY FOR BRUCE AND BARB

#### **Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura**

20<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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# **TRIP REPORT**

# 20th April 2024: Pick-up at Cáceres

Martin met Bruce and Barb at their hotel in Cáceres at 16.00 and we travelled east towards Trujillo and then south to the hamlet of Pago de San Clemente, to the Casa Rural El Recuerdo to be welcomed by Claudia and heralded by **Nightingales** in the garden.

# 21st April 2024: Campo Lugar, Madrigalejo rice fields and Alcollarín Reservoir

Bruce accompanied Martin today on a birding introduction to Extremadura. It was a warm and sunny day throughout, with very little wind. A few thundery clouds appeared to the east in the late afternoon but did not affect our birding.

We explored first of the all the plains south of Zorita near the village of Campo Lugar. At our very first stop on this magnificent landscape of flower-rich meadows, we found a male **Great Bustard** and saw a **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** flying overhead. **Calandra Larks** sang around us, and we also had our first looks at **Thekla** and **Crested Larks**. A little further along we had good views of a calling **Little Bustard** and a perched **Short-toed Eagle**. **Lesser Kestrels** and **Rollers** were also present, although rather further away.



We then moved further south, stopping to look at a **Roller**, to take a short road east, near Madrigalejo. We had excellent views of **Iberian Grey Shrikes** and **Iberian Magpies** along this road, but the highlight was a **Black-winged Kite** collecting nesting material. Just a short distance away, in an area of rice fields we found a flock of **Collared Pratincoles** and watched them hawking insects (probably dragonflies), swooping past us at close range. **Black-winged Stilts** were also present.

We continued onto the rice fields, stopping at a wetter field, and finding an amazing total of ten shorebird species, including **Temminck's Stint**, **Whimbrel**, **Ringed Plover**, **Wood Sandpiper** and **Common Redshank**. **Tree Sparrows** and **Bee-eaters** were present around the near agricultural buildings. Nearby, on a the top of a pole, we watched a **Hoopoe** calling.

Stopping at another wader field, which was not as productive as the first, we continued onto the Alcollarín Reservoir. At its entrance we admired an amazing **Bee-eater** colony. We had our picnic in a patch of *dehesa* close to a reedbed, where **Savi's Warblers** and **Great Reed Warblers** were singing and seen well. There were several **Purple Heron** present as well. A **Booted Eagle** put in an amazingly close-range show.

Further along we checked the few egrets present and found the extremely rare **Yellow-billed Egret**, which had been found less than 24 hours previously and had been looked for unsuccessfully by others in the morning. We could admire its features and saw at one stage it alongside a **Little Egret** and a **Great Egret**, demonstrating its "intermediate" appearance.



Retracing our steps along the reservoir, we had excellent views of a group of **Eurasian Spoonbills**, **Little Grebe** and, on the western shore, birds like **Black-necked Grebe** and **Wigeon**. Smaller birds were not forgotten, with a several sightings of **Woodchat Shrike** and **Thekla Larks**.

# 22nd April 2024: Plains near Santa Marta de Magasca, Tamuja River and Trujillo

It was a day of beautiful weather, just a light wind, clear blue skies and warm, but not hot. We traveled just a few kilometres west of Trujillo to take a lovely walk on a track across the plains. The sound of **Calandra Larks**, **Thekla Larks** and **Corn Buntings** filled the skies. Sometimes we heard **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** in flight and obtained a series of views of them. A group of male **Great Bustards** was seen and a distant **Spanish Imperial Eagle**.

After coffee in the lovely little village of Santa Marta de Magasca (before which we stopped to admire a fine male **Spanish Sparrow**), we stood at the edge of the Tamuja valley and watched an interesting array of birds pass, including **Black Stork**, **Short-toed Eagle**, **Red-rumped Swallow** and Crag Martin. A **Western Orphean Warbler** sang at the top of an oak tree close to where we had parked. We then moved north of the village, to stop beside the Magasca River where again there were **Crag Martins** and **Red-rumped Swallows**. Ascending to the plains again, we stopped at a high vantage point and watched a kettle of vultures reach its zenith and drift towards us. From that vast scale to the minute, we then had a superb view of a **Zitting Cisticola** perched close by.



Our next stop was a medieval drover's trail where amongst the absolutely breathtaking cover of flowers, we found two orchid species: *Serapias vomeracea* and *Anacamptis coriophora*.



From then it was a short trip onward to Trujillo. We stopped to admire a roosting **Scops Owl** and then completed the afternoon on a walk around the historic centre of the beautiful town.

# 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024: River Ruercas near Cañamero, Guadalupe, Pico de Villuercas, Castañar del Ibor

It was another dry and sunny, although it felt quite chilly first thing (there was a touch of ground frost even) and the fresh north-easterly wind kept things rather cold in the morning.

We drove southwest, making our first stop along the River Ruercas near the pretty little town of Cañamero. It ran through a narrow rocky gorge, with alder gallery woodland. The gorge created a bit of a wind tunnel, so the birding was not easy, although we were surrounded by singing **Blackcaps**, **Wrens** and **Nightingales**. We tried another site upstream, which was rather more sheltered by pines. Here we saw **Grey Wagtail** and parties of foraging **Common Swifts**.

We then moved to Guadalupe where we visited the extraordinary Basilica, had a coffee in the little square and then roamed a little bit through the narrow old streets. **Barn Swallows** were nesting on the rafters of the balconies of the houses.

From there we ascended to the highest point of the Villuercas Mountains where we were rewarded by amazing views in all directions. The fresh wind and cold morning had made the atmosphere very clear giving us great visibility. There was little birdlife at the summit apart from two engaging **Red-billed Choughs** and some **Ravens**. We found a sheltered spot beside elfin Pyrenean Oak for our picnic. We followed that with a visit to the impressive snow-well, surrounding by flowering rock roses. Pride of place was a small colony of delightful **Wild Tulips** and the fascinating **Cytinus**. A pause near the end of the descent in woodland gave us views of **Western Subalpine Warbler** and we heard **Chiffchaff** and **Firecrest**.

We completed the afternoon with a walk along a trail in sweet chestnut woodland where we found four species of orchid in flower: *Cephalanthera longifolia*, *Dactylorhiza sulphurea*, *Orchis langei* and *Neotinea maculata*. A Golden Oriole was glimpsed and Nightingales sang and foraged around us.

# 24th April 2024: Arrocampo Reservoir, Almaraz and Belén Plains

It was another fine day, barely any wind and just a layer of high cloud developing in the afternoon. We visited the Arrocampo Reservoir, near the town of Saucedilla. At the first viewpoint, overlooking a marsh with a colony of **Purple Herons** we had a very productive hour of birding. Good views were obtained of several species including **Little Bittern**, **Western Swamphen**, **Savi's Warbler**, **Great Reed Warbler** and **Bearded Tit**. After calling into the visitors centre we embarked on an exploration of the hinterland of the lake to the west, and just as we were leaving the town, we spotted two falcons in an interaction. One was a **Lesser Kestrel**, but the other, smaller and more compact, proved to be a male **Red-footed Falcon**, a rare visitor from eastern Europe. As we proceeded, we stopped to watch a **Black-winged Kite** flying close to the car. We found a small water body which yielded three **Ferruginous Duck**, a hovering **Kingfisher** and a swimming **Grey Heron**. At the same spot an **Egyptian Vulture** glided over and we had a brief view of a **Great Spotted Cuckoo**.

We returned to the town for coffee, and then stopped at the edge of the marsh to the east. Here we had a superb view of a **Squacco Heron**, and watched **Northern Banded Groundlings** on the bare earth.

Close to Almaraz was a quarry, where we saw part of (the top part) of an incubating **Eagle Owl**. Our picnic was enjoyed in a beautiful wooded river valley, where **Golden Orioles** were singing (we had brief views of them). We then drove to the plains near Trujillo. Two **Black Vultures** stood in a meadow full of wild flowers. Along a drovers' trail we found both *Anacamptis coriophora* and the rare and localised *Serapias perez-chiscanoi*.



# 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Don Benito, Alange and Mérida

The morning was rather cloudy and cool but that soon cleared so that most of the afternoon we enjoyed blue sky and warm sunshine. We stopped on our way south-westwards at a couple of muddy rice fields near Miajadas where there were nesting **Black-winged Stilts**. Near Don Benito we had a short walk beside an old flooded gravel pit beside the Guadiana River. In the gallery woodland of eucalyptus and willow we had superb views of birds that are normally very elusive: **Nightingale, Cetti's Warbler** and **Golden Oriole**. A **Western Olivaceous Warbler** was singing, but sadly barely gave us a glimpse. We had better luck with a male **Little Bittern**, which posed very nicely for us and flew surprisingly high over the trees. A couple of **Common Waxbills** were watched feeding on the path.

We then drove to Alange, where after coffee, we visited the shore-line of the Alange Reservoir and were rewarded with views of another extremely elusive bird, the **Common Quail**. At a nearby valley, with rocky outcrops and scattered woodland, we saw **Turtle Dove**, **Woodchat Shrike** and watched **Griffon Vultures**.

We returned to the Alange dam for our picnic, watching **Alpine Swifts** there. We then took a short walk and had rather brief views of **Black Wheatear**.

We completed the afternoon in the capital city of Extremadura: Mérida. On the Roman Bridge and nearby parkland, we saw a colony of egrets and **Glossy Ibis**. **Golden Orioles** lined-up on an open branch and **Alpine Swifts** passed overhead. At the extraordinary aqueduct of Los Milagros, **White Storks** were nesting.



## 26th April 2024: Sierra Brava, Campo Lugar, Palazuelo, Alcollarín and Garciaz

It was a much cooler day today with more cloud cover and a fresher westerly wind. We visited first of all the area near the Sierra Brava reservoir. Here we stopped to look for **Stone Curlews** 

and spotted an adult **Yellow-legged Gull** in a field but we were soon distracted by the arrival of huge male **Great Bustard**. At the top of the hill and in full view it proceeded to enter into a full display. The light was superb, the distance not too great and through the telescopes we could watch every step of the display. It was extraordinary. Eventually we did find two distant **Stone Curlew**. We drove in a loop to return to the plains of Campo Lugar, seeing several male **Iberian Yellow Wagtails** on the way. On the plains, we saw **Whinchat**, **Great Short-toed Lark**, **Rollers** and a **Little Owl**.

We checked out the rice fields, but the wader fields had dried out somewhat, although a few **Ringed Plover** were still present. However, we did get to see a **Turtle Dove** on a wire over the road.



We continued to the Alcollarín Reservoir for our picnic, where a **Western Bonelli's Warbler** was singing, although rather elusive. The **Yellow-billed Egret** was still present, and we had views of it standing in the reeds and in flight. On the western shore, we found a **Ruff**.

We completed the afternoon with an excellent visit to the deciduous oak *dehesas* near Garciaz. Here we had excellent views of **Hawfinch** and **Rock Sparrow** and briefer views of **Cirl Bunting**.

## 27th April 2024: Plains east of Cáceres, Parque del Principe and Cáceres centre

It was a much cooler day today, following heavy pre-dawn rain. The wind was a strong westerly and the skies frequently overcast. We spent the morning on the plains east of

Cáceres. Here we had a superb view of a calling Little Bustard, two male Montagu's Harriers, a Roller, a female Great Bustard and a group of Black-bellied Sandgrouse. A good supporting cast included three Black Vultures standing majestically on the ground to diminutive Great Short-toed Larks and Spanish Sparrows in their finery.





After a coffee nearby we proceeded into Cáceres and spent the rest of the morning and our picnic in the Parque del Principe. This beautiful city park gave us superbly close views of **Iberian Magpies** and **Hoopoe**.

Two colour morphs of **Booted Eagles** circled overhead, causing panic amongst the numerous swallows.

We explored the historic centre of Cáceres and visited the city museum, which included an impressive Arab ajibe.

A return visit to the plains did not yield anything new: it was rather blustery still and so we proceeded to Trujillo for some shopping.

# 28th April 2024: Trujillo and Monfragüe National Park

The day dawned clear and we enjoyed fine weather throughout, with somewhat more cloud in the afternoon, and rather chilly conditions first thing.

We stopped first at the edge of Trujillo to watch the wonderful **Lesser Kestrels** close to an old silo building. It was superb watching them wheeling overhead, coming to perch on the building and see both males and females at close quarters. We then drove north from Trujillo through a seemingly endless *dehesa* landscape, passing through Torrejón el Rubio and then entering the Monfragüe National Park. We made our first stop at the Salto del Gitano. Here numerous **Griffon Vultures** were perched on the massive cliff face in front of us, whilst others wheeled overhead. We saw a **Peregrine**, and **Egyptian Vulture**. But perhaps most memorable was watching an adult **Black Stork** attending to its three small chicks. Nearby on the bridge crossing the Tagus River, a pack of **Alpine Swifts** whizzed around through a cloud of **House Martins**.



We had coffee in the hamlet of Villareal de San Carlos and then drove through the park to make a stop beside the Tiétar River where we did a short circular walk, whilst **Black** and **Griffon Vultures** slowly glided overhead. A **Common Cuckoo** was also seen. Further along, beside dramatic rock formations at the Portilla del Tiétar, we watched more **Griffon Vultures**, a **Blue Rock Thrush** and a distant soaring adult **Spanish Imperial Eagle**. **Turtle Doves** purred from the wooded hillside. As we returned to the car we were rewarded by lovely views of two **Otters** in the river.

We had our picnic at another site beside the river and the moved through the park, eventually returning to the Salto de Gitano viewpoint. Here we enoyed more sightings of the **Griffon Vultures**, as well as **Rock Bunting**. As we returned to Trujillo, the views across the *dehesas* with their carpets of wildflowers were outstanding.



## 29th April 2024: Jaraicejo area

A day of wonderful weather with clear blue sky and little wind. The atmosphere was crisp and clean, giving us outstanding visibility. We spent the first part of the day on the lavender and broom dominated scrub on the plateau north of Jaraicejo. The lavender was still in flower and a **Woodlark** sang its sweet and poignant song. Quite quickly we found a singing **Spectacled Warbler** and nearby perhaps two **Dartford Warblers** and we enjoyed good views of both species. We took a walk into a very attractive cork oak grove.



We found a migrant **Garden Warbler** bathing beside an impressive cork oak tree. In the woodland, we found **Short-toed Treecreeper** and had stunning views of a **Crested Tit** bringing food to a nest hole in a slender dead branch. As we left, in the same tree that sheltered the Garden Warbler we saw a **Pied Flycatcher** and a family group of **Short-toed Treecreepers**.

At the nearby Arroyo de la Vid, where we saw an **Iberian Hare** as we arrived, **Nightingales** and **Melodious Warblers** were singing. There was a family party of **Short-toed Treecreepers** and a **Pied Flycatcher**, and we had a good view of two **Western Subalpine Warblers**.

We ascended the Miravete Pass to get excellent views across to the snow-clad Gredos Mountains. As we returned to Jaraicejo, a seasonal pool on a field close to the road was checked and we found two **Black Stork**, along with **Spoonbill**, **White Stork** and **Great White Egret**.

We had our picnic at the beautiful spot just south of the town, beside the Almonte River where three bridges spanned the river, dating from 1450 to 1992. A **Grey Wagtail** was present, as well as recently fledged **Stonechats**.

## 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Return to Madrid

Before dawn we bade farewell to casa Rural El Recuerdo and made our return to Madrid, arriving as planned at 09-45, despite some very slow traffic on the ring road.

#### LIST OF SPECIES SEEN

#### BIRDS

- 1. Grey Lag Goose: Seen at Alange Reservoir.
- 2. Egyptian Goose: Seen on three days.
- 3. Wigeon: Seen at Alcollarín.
- 4. Gadwall: Seen at Alcollarín and on plains east of Cáceres.
- 5. Mallard: Seen almost everyday.
- 6. Northern Shoveler: Seen at Alcollarín and on plains east of Cáceres.
- 7. Ferruginous Duck: Seen at Arrocampo.
- 8. Common Shelduck: Seen at Alange Reservoir.
- 9. Red-legged Partridge: Seen most days.
- 10. Quail: Heard on several days and seen at Alange Reservoir.
- 11. Little Grebe: Seen on three days.
- 12. Great Crested Grebe: Seen at Alcollarín, Alange and Mérida.
- 13. Black-necked Grebe: Seen at Alcollarín.
- 14. Great Cormorant: Seen on five days.
- 15. Little Bittern: Seen at Arrocampo and Don Benito.
- 16. Black-crowned Night Heron: Seen at Arrocampo.
- 17. Squacco Heron: Seen at Arrocampo.
- 18. Cattle Egret: Seen at Mérida, Arrocampo and Alcollarín.
- 19. Little Egret: Seen at Alcollarín, Alange and Arrocampo.
- 20. Yellow-billed Egret: Seen at Alcollarín.
- 21. Great Egret: Seen on five days.
- 22. Grey Heron: Seen on four days.
- 23. Purple Heron: Seen at Alcollarín, Mérida and Arrocampo.
- 24. Black Stork: Seen at River Tamuja, Monfragüe, Jaraicejo and Garciaz.
- 25. White Stork: Seen every day.
- 26. Glossy Ibis: Seen on four days.
- 27. Spoonbill: Seen at Alcollarín and Jaraicejo.
- 28. Black-winged Kite: Seen near Madrigalejo and at Arrocampo.
- 29. Black Kite: Seen daily.
- 30. Red Kite: Seen on four days.
- 31. Egyptian Vulture: Seen in Monfragüe and Arrocampo.
- 32. Griffon Vulture: Seen daily.
- 33. Black Vulture: Seen on five days.
- 34. Spanish Imperial Eagle: Seen on plains and in Monfragüe.
- 35. Short-toed Eagle: Seen on four days.
- 36. Booted Eagle: Seen almost daily.
- 37. Marsh Harrier: Seen almost daily.
- 38. Montagu's Harrier: Seen on three days.
- 39. Common Buzzard: Seen almost daily.
- 40. Lesser Kestrel: Seen on four days.
- 41. **Common Kestrel**: Seen on three days.
- 42. Red-footed Falcon: Seen at Arrocampo.
- 43. Peregrine: Seen at Monfragüe.
- 44. Water Rail: Heard and seen briefly at Arrocampo.
- 45. Moorhen: Seen on four days.

- 46. Western Swamphen: Seen at Arrocampo and Alcollarín.
- 47. Common Coot: Seen at Alcollarín reservoir.
- 48. Little Bustard: Seen on the plains near Campo Lugar and east of Cáceres.
- 49. Great Bustard: Seen on four days.
- 50. Black-winged Stilt: Seen on two days.
- 51. Stone Curlew: Seen near Sierra Brava Reservoir.
- 52. Collared Pratincole: Seen near Madrigalejo.
- 53. Ringed Plover: Seen on the rice fields.
- 54. Little Ringed Plover: Seen on three days.
- 55. Kentish Plover: Seen on the rice fields.
- 56. Dunlin: One seen on the rice fields.
- 57. Ruff: Seen at Alcollarín.
- 58. Common Redshank: Seen on the rice fields.
- 59. Greenshank: Seen at Alcollarín and the rice fields.
- 60. Wood Sandpiper: Seen on the rice fields.
- 61. Common Sandpiper: Seen on the rice fields and Alcollarín.
- 62. Whimbrel: Seen on the rice fields.
- 63. Gull-billed Tern: Seen at Arrocampo, Alange and Alcollarín.
- 64. Black-headed Gull: Seen at Alange.
- 65. Lesser Black-backed Gull: Seen on three days.
- 66. Yellow-legged Gull: Seen near Sierra Brava.
- 67. Black-bellied Sandgrouse: Seen at Campo Lugar and east of Cáceres.
- 68. Pin-tailed Sandgrouse: Seen west of Trujillo.
- 69. Feral Pigeon: Seen daily.
- 70. Woodpigeon: Seen daily.
- 71. Collared Dove: Seen daily.
- 72. Turtle Dove: Seen on the rice fields and Alange.
- 73. Great Spotted Cuckoo: Seen at Arrocampo.
- 74. Common Cuckoo: Recorded most days.
- 75. Scops Owl: Seen in Trujillo.
- 76. Eagle Owl: Seen near Almaráz.
- 77. Little Owl: Seen at Campo Lugar.
- 78. Long-eared Owl: Heard at Pago de San Clemente.
- 79. Alpine Swift: Seen at Alange, Mérida and Monfragüe.
- 80. Common Swift: Seen almost daily.
- 81. Pallid Swift: Seen at Mérida and Trujillo.
- 82. Kingfisher: Seen on three days.
- 83. Bee-eater: Seen almost every day.
- 84. Roller: Seen near Sierra Brava, Campo Lugar and east of Cáceres.
- 85. Hoopoe: Seen almost daily.
- 86. Great Spotted Woodpecker: Recorded on two days.
- 87. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker: Heard at Valdecañas.
- 88. Calandra Lark: Seen on the plains and Jaraicejo.
- 89. Greater Short-toed Lark: Seen on the rice fields, Jaraicejo and the plains.
- 90. Crested Lark: Seen almost every day.
- 91. Thekla Lark: Seen almost every day.
- 92. Woodlark: Seen at Jaraicejo.
- 93. Sand Martin: Seen at Arrocampo and Don Benito.

- 94. Crag Martin: Seen almost daily.
- 95. Barn Swallow: Seen daily.
- 96. Red-rumped Swallow: Seen almost daily.
- 97. House Martin: Seen daily.
- 98. Tawny Pipit: Seen at Campo Lugar.
- 99. Western Yellow Wagtail: Seen on the rice fields.
- 100. Grey Wagtail: Seen on three days.
- 101. White Wagtail: Seen on four days.
- 102. Wren: Recorded most days.
- 103. **Robin**: Recorded on two days.
- 104. **Nightingale**: Seen or heard daily.
- 105. Black Redstart: Seen almost daily.
- 106. **Stonechat**: Seen daily.
- 107. Whinchat: Seen on two days.
- 108. Northern Wheatear: Seen on three days.
- 109. Black Wheatear: Seen at Alange.
- 110. Blue Rock Thrush: Seen at Monfragüe.
- 111. Blackbird: Seen daily.
- 112. **Mistle Thrush**: Seen on two days.
- 113. **Cetti's Warbler**: Seen or heard on three days.
- 114. **Zitting Cisticola**: Seen or heard on three days.
- 115. **Savi's Warbler**: Seen at Arrocampo and Alcollarín.
- 116. **Reed Warbler**: Seen or heard on four days.
- 117. **Great Reed Warbler**: Seen or heard on three days.
- 118. Melodious Warbler: Seen on two days.
- 119. Western Olivaceous Warbler: Heard and seen briefly at Don Benito.
- 120. Dartford Warbler: Seen at Jaraicejo.
- 121. **Spectacled Warbler**: Seen at Jaraicejo.
- 122. **Subalpine Warbler**: Seen on three days.
- 123. Sardinian Warbler: Seen on two days.
- 124. Western Orphean Warbler: Seen at River Tamuja.
- 125. Garden Warbler: Seen at Jaraicejo.
- 126. Blackcap: Seen on three days.
- 127. Western Bonelli's Warbler: Seen at Alcollarín and Jaraicejo.
- 128. **Common Chiffchaff**: Singing in the Villuercas.
- 129. **Firecrest**: Singing in the Villuercas.
- 130. **Pied Flycatcher**: Seen at Jaraicejo.
- 131. Long-tailed Tit: Seen on one day.
- 132. Crested Tit: Seen at Jaraicejo.
- 133. Blue Tit: Seen almost daily.
- 134. Great Tit: Seen almost daily.
- 135. Bearded Tit: Seen at Arrocampo.
- 136. **Short-toed Treecreeper**: Seen at Jaraicejo.
- 137. **Penduline Tit**: Seen at Mérida and Don Benito.
- 138. **Golden Oriole**: Heard and seen on several days.
- 139. Iberian Grey Shrike: Seen almost daily.
- 140. Woodchat Shrike: Seen almost daily.
- 141. **Jay**: Seen at Garciaz and Jaraicejo.

- 142. **Iberian Magpie**: Seen daily.
- 143. **Common Magpie**: Seen daily.
- 144. **Red-billed Chough**: Seen in the Villuercas.
- 145. Jackdaw: Seen almost daily.
- 146. **Raven**: Seen almost daily.
- 147. **Spotless Starling**: Seen daily.
- 148. House Sparrow: Seen daily.
- 149. Spanish Sparrow: Seen almost daily.
- 150. **Tree Sparrow**: Seen on the rice fields.
- 151. Rock Sparrow: Seen at Garciaz.
- 152. **Red Avadavat**: Seen on the rice fields.
- 153. **Common Waxbill**: Seen on the rice fields.
- 154. **Chaffinch**: Seen most days.
- 155. Serin: Seen daily.
- 156. **Greenfinch**: Seen most days.
- 157. **Goldfinch**: Seen daily.
- 158. Linnet: Seen almost daily.
- 159. Hawfinch: Seen at Garciaz.
- 160. **Cirl Bunting**: Seen at Garciaz.
- 161. **Rock Bunting**: Seen in Monfragüe.
- 162. **Corn Bunting**: Seen daily.

Other specie sof note

#### Mammals

Egyptian Mongoose Otter Iberian hare Red Deer

#### **Dragonflies and butterflies**

Blue Emperor Red-veined Darter Northern Banded Groundling Blue-eyes

## Plants

Wild Tulip Cytinus *Cephalanthera longifolia Anacamptis coriophora Dactylorhiza sulphurea Orchis langei Neotinea maculate Serapias vomeracea Serapias perez-chiscanoi*