

# BIRDING EXTREMADURA



LATE AUTUMN IN EXTREMADURA FOR BECKE

Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura

30<sup>th</sup> October – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024



## Itinerary

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## TRIP REPORT

### 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024: Collection from Lisbon, Salinas do Samouco and drive to Extremadura

Becke's flight arrived a little ahead of schedule at Lisbon airport and Martin was there to welcome her as she emerged with her luggage at about 10.00. The morning was sunny and warm, so we elected to do some birding close to Lisbon before our long drive onward to Extremadura.

We visited the Salinas do Samouco, on the eastern side of the Tagus River. We enjoyed a very pleasant walk, seeing a variety of shorebirds such as **Pied Avocet**, **Black-tailed Godwit**, **Common Redshank**, **Greenshank**, **Little Stint** and **Black-winged Stilts**. We had some excellent views of passerines such as **Zitting Cisticola**, **Black Redstart** and **Sardinian Warbler**, and more fleeting views of **Bluethroats**. **Greater Flamingos** we had seen from the motorway bridge were not visible from our walk, but we nevertheless felt rewarded with the stop we had made.

It was a good decision because an hour or so into our journey eastwards it started to rain, and thus was the weather for almost the rest of the journey. We stopped for a light snack at about the halfway point. A few birds were seen on the drive such as **White Stork** (standing on nests built on pylons), **Cattle Egrets**, **Carrion Crow**, **Eurasian Jay** and **Red-rumped Swallows**. As we entered Pago de San Clemente at 18.00, **Iberian Magpies** were forming pre-roost flocks.

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

### 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024: Rice fields near Madrigalejo and Alcollarín Reservoir

There had not been much rain overnight, but the forecast was for some more during the day. We set off after breakfast southwards, passing through the town of Zorita where we stopped to refuel. As we entered the plains south of the town, the clouds were heavy and dark, but apart from some light and occasional showers of rain, we managed to stay dry all day.



*Zitting Cisticola (Becke Sigaty)*

On the plains we stopped to admire a **Little Owl** and just a little to the south we had good views of several **Great Bustards** in flight, along with our first **Common Cranes** of the day. Continuing beyond the town of Madrigalejo, we did a circuit through arable land (rice, corn and fruit trees) where several hundred **Common Crane** were feeding. We had good views of **Spanish Sparrow**. We also checked some sites just north of the town, seeing a roosting flock of about 50 **Stone Curlew**, as well as **Iberian Grey Shrike**.



*Eurasian Wryneck (Becke Sigaty)*

After a stop for refreshments, we moved westwards and were fortunate enough to get a good view of a **Wryneck** beside the road. At the River Ruercas, we saw two **Little Bittern** whilst **Cetti's Warblers** hammered out their songs.

The rice fields were full of wintering **Common Crane** and groups of **White Stork**. We watched a **Red Kite** and male **Hen Harrier** have an aggressive encounter. Stopping for a quick lunch, we continued onto the rice fields, finding a nice selection of shorebirds including **Little Ringed** and **Kentish Plovers**, **Temminck's** and **Little Stints**, lots of **Ruff** and **Common Redshank**. We had distant views of two **Wood Sandpiper** and eventually close range sightings of **Water Pipit**.

We completed our day at Alcollarín Reservoir where as well as a large selection of waterfowl and good numbers of **Spoonbill** and egrets, we watched a pair of **Bonelli's Eagles** leaving the lake after an afternoon hunting trip.



*White Stork (Becke Sigaty)*

**1<sup>st</sup> November 2024: Alcollarín, Miajadas, Santa Amalia, Hornachos, Alange**

We set off under heavily overcast skies, at our first stop there was a heavy shower, but thereafter, the skies brightened, and it remained dry for the rest of the day.

We checked the Alcollarín Reservoir briefly at our first stop, but the weather shortened the visit and we proceeded south-west. Stopping outside Miajadas, we had a pleasant walk beside a small lake in a park where **Black-winged Stilts** were feeding. Onward then to the rice fields at Santa Amalia. Despite the very muddy and soft tracks, we found a **Western Yellow Wagtail**, amongst numerous **White Wagtails** and **Meadow Pipits**. **Red Avadavats** and **Common Waxbills** were in the reed-filled ditches. A field held a wonderful flock of **Kentish Plovers**, as well as a single **Pied Avocet** and a flock of **Northern Lapwing**.

After refreshments at the town, we continued onto Hornachos in the centre of Extremadura. We stopped at the Chozos de Llera where we took a dirt road to give us a view of the river valley. Eventually we found an **Iberian Green Woodpecker** high in a bare tree.

Nearby was a lookout and picnic area. **Thekla's Larks** sang close by. A **Spanish Imperial Eagle** was perched on a tree. A group of **Red-legged Partridge** were foraging in an open area, along with **Rabbits**.



*Thekla's Lark (Becke Sigaty)*

Suddenly we spotted an **Iberian Lynx** jump over a stone wall and then make its way across a field, as the rabbits scattered. It was a wonderful view of this rare endemic mammal.



*Iberian Lynx (Becke Sigaty)*

Shortly afterwards we were further rewarded by watching a pair of **Spanish Imperial Eagle** soaring nearby, as well as an immature **Golden Eagle**.

Following our picnic, we moved to the Sierra Grande de Hornachos for a short walk above the town. Here we found a pair of **Black Wheatear** and male **Blue Rock Thrush**, at times in the same field of view.

We moved on to the dam of Alange to complete the day, as **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** were flying into roost and **Crag Martins** hawked insects above us.

### **2nd November 2024: Plains between Trujillo and Cáceres, Jaraicejo**

It was a warm and sunny day, with very little wind. We spent the first part of the day on the plains to the north-west of Trujillo. Here we were surrounded by the song of **Calandra Larks**, whilst **Northern Lapwing** were dotted in the fields. At one site we came across a small group of **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** on the ground and we saw a few more in flight. Nearby through, on a walk along an ancient drovers' trail, we watched a large flock of perhaps over 120 **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** as they filled the sky with their calls and the flock dissolved into small groups, some of which flew close overhead, giving us very good views.

As we drove across the plains, we had several sightings of both **Cinereous** and **Griffon Vultures** on the ground, on one occasion feeding on a carcase.



*Cinereous and Griffon Vultures (Becke Sigaty)*

We stopped at the River Magasca and then again to overlook the River Tamuja, where we watched an **Otter**. To the south, on the plains again, we had lovely views of **Little Owl** and spectacularly close views of a pair of **Spanish Eagles**.



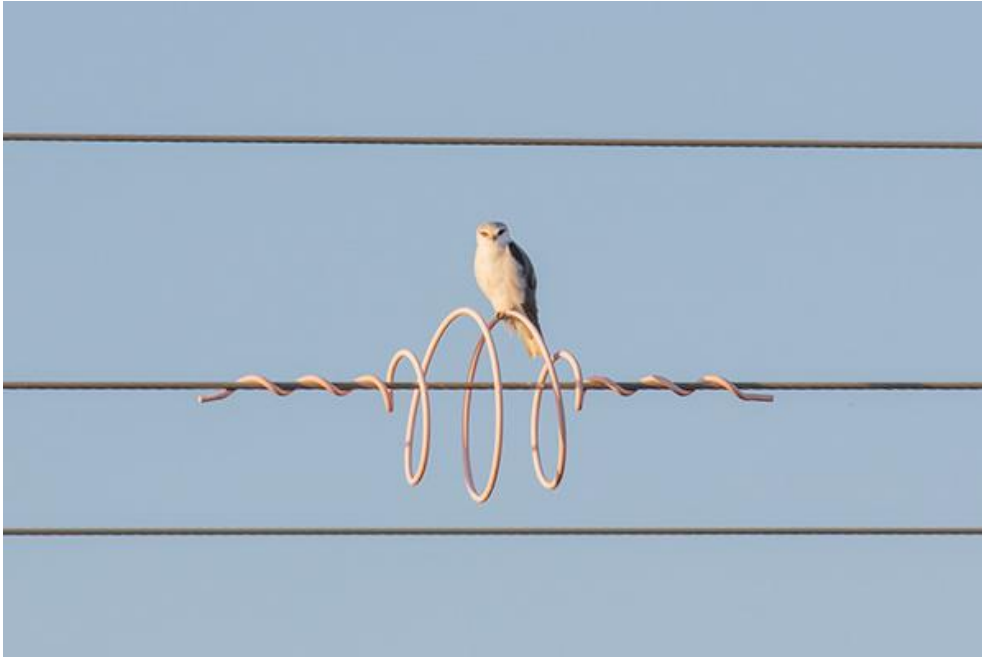
*Spanish Eagle (Becke Sigaty)*

After coffee, we moved to an area of riparian woodland below the dam of the Guadiloba Reservoir. The place was full of **Common Chiffchaffs**, amongst which we also found a rare **Yellow-browed Warbler**. In the same tree a **Brambling** was perched.

After our picnic at that spot, we moved to the heathland and cork oak woodland north of Jaraicejo. Here as well as **Thekla Larks**, we had good views of a pair of **Woodlark** and **Dartford Warbler**. In the woodland, there were **Short-toed Treecreeper**. We heard **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** but could not locate the bird. At stops nearby, we had nice views of **Sardinian Warbler** and heard **Iberian Green Woodpecker**. At our final stop beside the River Almonte, we watched a party of **Rock Sparrows**, initially perched and then foraging on the ground.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024: Madrigalejo and Campo Lugar, Villuercas Mountains, Jaraicejo and plains north of Trujillo.**

We set off a bit earlier than usual to be on the rice fields south of Madrigalejo in the first hour of daylight. Our quest was to find a **Black-winged Kite** and we had magnificent views of one perched close to the road. Parties of **Common Cranes** were heading out of their roosting areas to feed and flocks of **Spanish Sparrows** carried out mini-murmurations over the fields.



*Black-winged Kite (Becke Sigaty)*

We moved back northwards, stopping on the plains near Campo Lugar to be rewarded with fine views of **Little Owl** and of a male **Hen Harrier** mobbing a female **Western Marsh Harrier**. **Calandra Larks** sang around us. It was then a drive to the western flank of the Villuercas Mountains, where we stopped in an area of cork oak woodland. **Eurasian Nuthatches** were calling around us and we must have seen at least six. A single **Firecrest** was also seen. We paid a visit to the village of Cabañas del Castillo where a short walk took us to a place where we could look into the valley to the east, set between spectacular rocky ridges where **Griffon Vultures** soared and a **Peregrine** was watched attempting to hunt **Crag Martins**. Black Redstarts perched on the rocks beside us. At the gorge through which cut the River Almonte, we saw two **Roe Deer**.



*Eurasian Nuthatch (Becke Sigaty)*



We had coffee near Deleitosa and then stopped at various places near Jaraicejo. We had good views of more **Woodlark** and **Thekla Lark** and saw **Red Deer**. Just south of Jaraicejo, beside the River Almonte where it is crossed by three bridges, we saw two **Cirl Buntings** amongst other small birds.

We then moved to the plains north-west of Trujillo. A group of **Stock Dove** was one of our sought-after species and we saw them in flight as well as on the ground. We had good views of **Rock Sparrow**. We spend the final part of the afternoon, walking along the old drovers' trail, retracing our steps from the day before. This time there were no sandgrouse, but we were delighted to find a flock of 55 **Little Bustards**, feeding in a distant field and watched in perfect light.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Malpartida de Cáceres, Roman Bridge Mérida, Guadiana River at Lobón, Alcollarín Reservoir**

It was a mild and calm day with some sunshine breaking through the clouds. We started the day beside a small pool in the granite landscape of Los Barruecos near Malpartida de Cáceres. A **Spotted Redshank** was feeding in front of us, amongst a group of **Eurasian Teal** and some **Black-winged Stilts**. Careful examination of a place where a couple of **Common Snipe** were feeding revealed a diminutive **Jack Snipe**. It was a joy to watch this special bird as it fed, bobbed, preened and dozed.

Southwards we drove to the capital city of Extremadura: Mérida. Parking beside the city park, we walked towards the Roman Bridge. The first bird we stopped to look at was a female **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**, one of the sought-after species this week. On the bridge itself, the longest Roman bridge in the world, we crossed the River Guadiana. In the bushes on river islets were roosting **Black-crowned Night Herons**. We spent some time walking through the parkland on the eastern bank before returning across the bridge, this time seeing a **Western Swamphen** preening right out in the open. As we returned to the car we found a very late **Pied Flycatcher**.

We paused for coffee and then drove west along the River Guadiana, stopping near the town of Lobón. Carefully scanning the hilly slope opposite we found a roosting **Eurasian Eagle Owl**. We enjoyed our picnic, whilst taking looks at the owl as it alternated between sleeping and preening.

From Lobón we returned on the motorway eastwards to complete the afternoon at the Alcollarín Reservoir. Although our hoped-for Black Stork did not materialise, we did see a fine **Bonelli's Eagle** perched on top of a granite boulder and added **Black-necked Grebe** (= **Eared Grebe**) to the week's list. We made a quick visit to the nearby Azud de Canchalejas, just in case the Black Stork had moved there, but it was rather quiet, although very picturesque. Most noteworthy was that along the road on our approach there was the amazing number of **Hoopoes!**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Arrocampo Reservoir and Monfragüe National Park**

It was another mild morning (and it became quite warm in the afternoon), with sunshine and cloud, and a short period of very light rain in the morning. There was no wind.



*Cetti's Warbler (Becke Sigaty)*

We drove north-east to the reservoir of Arrocampo, beside the village of Saucedilla. We spent a few minutes waiting for the information office to open, standing close to a section of the marsh where **Barn Swallows** were feeding. We heard two **Little Bitterns**. Once we had obtained a hide key, we moved to a hide overlooking a section of the marsh and spent an amazing 90 minutes with a procession of birds appearing in front of us. First were great views of **Cetti's Warblers** and **Common Chiffchaffs**, then a male **Bluethroat** made several appearances and sang from the reeds in front of us.



*Bluethroat (Becke Sigaty)*

Incredibly, a **Water Rail** came right out into the open and stood on top of cut reed mace. To crown it all, a male **Penduline Tit** also flew in for a few minutes in full view.



*Water Rail (Becke Sigaty)*

Added to this, were views of **Western Swamphen**, **Water Pipit**, **Western Marsh Harriers** and **Kingfishers**. We explored other areas of the marsh, obtaining views of a male **Hen Harrier**. After coffee, we moved to the western side of the area, seeing a **Black-winged Kite**, an interesting array of waders and some picturesque egrets and **Great Cormorants**.

Onward to the Monfragüe National Park, to have our picnic at the Portilla del Tiétar, where a pair of **Spanish Imperial Eagles** soared amongst **Griffon** and **Cinereous Vultures**.



*Griffon Vulture (Becke Sigaty)*

We made several stops in the park, seeing birds such as **Hawfinch** and numerous **Black Redstarts**, but the real excitement came at our final stop at the Salto de Gitano viewpoint, opposite the impressive cliff of Peña Falcón. Here we were mesmerised by the quantity and proximity of scores of **Griffon Vultures**, as well as excellent views of **Blue Rock Thrush**, **Black Redstart** and flocks of **Crag Martins**.

We completed the day with a brief visit to the historic main square of Trujillo, where there were flocks of **Crag Martins** perched on the stone facades of the houses, along with two **Red-rumped Swallows**.



*Eurasian Crag Martin (Becke Sigaty)*

#### **6<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Alcazar de San Juan and return to Madrid**

It was another mild, calm and sunny day as we bade our farewell to Casa Rural El Recuerdo and ventured to Castille La Mancha to visit the lagoon at Alcazar de San Juan. This shallow water body is fringed by reed beds and provides a haven for waterfowl.

We visited four hides and from each we could see **White-headed Ducks**, there were also **Eared** and **Little Grebes**, rafts of **Northern Shoveler**, groups of **Common Pochard**, **Red-crested Pochard** and **Western Swamphen**.



*Greater Flamingo (Becke Sigaty)*



*White-headed Duck (Becke Sigaty)*



*Western Swamphehen (Becke Sigaty)*

Perhaps 300 **Greater Flamingo** stood roosting in the centre. Five **Western Marsh Harriers** flew together over the reeds. Close to the first hide an obliging **Penduline Tit** came in to forage on a reed stem.



*Penduline Tit (Becke Sigaty)*

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 Becke to catch her hotel shuttle bus at 15.15.

## LIST OF BIRDS SEEN

1. **Grey Lag Goose:** A small party at Alcazar de San Juan.
2. **Egyptian Goose:** Seen at Alcollarín
3. **Common Shelduck:** One at the Salinas do Samouco.
4. **Eurasian Wigeon:** Seen at Alcollarín.
5. **Gadwall:** Seen on four days.
6. **Eurasian Teal:** Seen most days.
7. **Pintail:** Seen at Alcollarín and Alcazar de San Juan
8. **Mallard:** Seen almost every day.
9. **Northern Shoveler:** The most numerous duck.
10. **Red-crested Pochard:** A small group at Alcazar de San Juan.
11. **Common Pochard:** Seen at Alcazar de San Juan.
12. **Ferruginous Duck:** A drake at Alcazar de San Juan.
13. **White-headed Duck:** Over a hundred at Alcazar de San Juan.
14. **Red-legged Partridge:** Seen on two days.
15. **Little Grebe:** Seen most days.
16. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín
17. **Black-necked Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín and large numbers at Alcazar de San Juan.
18. **Great Cormorant:** Seen most days.
19. **Little Bittern:** Seen at River Ruercas and heard at Arrocampo.
20. **Black-crowned Night Heron:** Roosting birds seen in Mérida.
21. **Cattle Egret:** Seen on three days.
22. **Little Egret:** Seen most days.
23. **Great Egret:** Seen on most days.
24. **Grey Heron:** Seen almost every day.
25. **White Stork:** Seen on almost every day.
26. **Glossy Ibis:** Seen on the rice fields.
27. **Spoonbill:** Seen on the rice fields and Alcollarín Reservoir.
28. **Greater Flamingo:** Seen near Lisbon and at Alcazar de San Juan.
29. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen almost every day.
30. **Black Vulture:** Seen on the plains and in Monfragüe.
31. **Spanish Imperial Eagle:** Seen on the plains, at Chozos de Llera. and in Monfragüe.
32. **Golden Eagle:** One seen at Chozos de Llera.
33. **Bonelli's Eagle:** Seen twice at Alcollarín.
34. **Red Kite:** Seen every day.
35. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen every day in a great variety of habitats.
36. **Hen Harrier:** One seen near Campo Lugar, another on rice fields and also Arrocampo.
37. **Common Buzzard:** Seen almost every day.
38. **Black-winged Kite:** One near Madrigalejo on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and one at Arrocampo.
39. **Common Kestrel:** Seen almost every day.
40. **Peregrine Falcon:** One seen at Cabañas del Castillo.
41. **Water Rail:** One seen at Arrocampo and others heard on three other days.
42. **Moorhen:** Seen on several days.
43. **Western Swamphen:** Seen at Mérida, Arrocampo and Alcazar de San Juan.
44. **Common Coot:** Seen on three days.
45. **Common Crane:** Seen almost every day.

46. **Little Bustard:** A flock of 55 seen on plains north-west of Trujillo on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.
47. **Great Bustard:** A small group near Madrigalejo on 31<sup>st</sup> October.
48. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen on five days.
49. **Pied Avocet:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco and also at Santa Amalia.
50. **Stone Curlew:** A roosting flock seen near Madrigalejo on 31<sup>st</sup> October and another near Santa Amalia on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
51. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen on the rice fields and at Arrocampo.
52. **Ringed Plover:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco and on the rice fields.
53. **Kentish Plover:** Seen on the rice fields, with about 90 at Santa Amalia on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
54. **Northern Lapwing:** Seen almost every day.
55. **Dunlin:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco, the rice fields and Arrocampo.
56. **Little Stint:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco and the rice fields.
57. **Temminck's Stint:** Two on the rice fields on 31<sup>st</sup> October.
58. **Sanderling:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco.
59. **Ruddy Turnstone:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco.
60. **Ruff:** Seen on the rice fields and Arrocampo.
61. **Common Snipe:** Seen on five days.
62. **Jack Snipe:** One at Malpartida de Cáceres on 4<sup>th</sup> November.
63. **Black-tailed Godwit:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco.
64. **Spotted Redshank:** Seen on rice fields and at Malpartida de Cáceres.
65. **Common Redshank:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco and the rice fields.
66. **Wood Sandpiper:** Seen on the rice fields on 31<sup>st</sup> October.
67. **Greenshank:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco, the rice fields and Arrocampo.
68. **Green Sandpiper:** Seen on five days.
69. **Common Sandpiper:** Seen on four days.
70. **Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Seen on three days.
71. **Black-headed Gull:** Seen on five days.
72. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse:** Seen on plains between Trujillo and Cáceres on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
73. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** Seen on plains between Trujillo and Cáceres on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
74. **Feral Pigeon:** Seen daily.
75. **Stock Dove:** A small group on plains north-west of Trujillo on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.
76. **Wood Pigeon:** Seen most days.
77. **Collared Dove:** Seen daily.
78. **Eurasian Eagle Owl:** A roosting bird seen near Lobón on 4<sup>th</sup> November.
79. **Little Owl:** Seen on Campo Lugar plains and near Cáceres.
80. **Kingfisher:** Seen most days.
81. **Hoopoe:** Seen almost every day.
82. **Wryneck:** One near Palazuelo rice fields on 31<sup>st</sup> October.
83. **Iberian Green Woodpecker:** Seen at Chozos de Llera on 1<sup>st</sup> November and heard near Jaraicejo.
84. **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen at Mérida and heard near Jaraicejo.
85. **Calandra Lark:** Seen on the plains.
86. **Crested Lark:** Seen almost every day.
87. **Thekla Lark:** Seen most days.
88. **Woodlark:** Seen at Jaraicejo and Monfragüe.
89. **Skylark:** Seen on three days.
90. **Bank Swallow:** A group at Arrocampo on 5<sup>th</sup> November.



91. **Crag Martin:** Seen most days.
92. **Barn Swallow:** Seen at Arrocampo on 5<sup>th</sup> November.
93. **Red-rumped Swallow:** Seen on two days.
94. **Meadow Pipit:** Seen daily.
95. **Water Pipit:** Seen on the rice fields and at Arrocampo.
96. **Grey Wagtail:** Seen on three days.
97. **Western Yellow Wagtail:** Seen at Santa Amalia.
98. **White Wagtail:** Seen on daily.
99. **Wren:** Seen on several days.
100. **Pied Flycatcher:** One seen at Mérida.
101. **Robin:** Seen daily.
102. **Bluethroat:** Seen at the Salinas do Samouco and at Arrocampo.
103. **Black Redstart:** Seen almost daily.
104. **Stonechat:** Seen daily.
105. **Black Wheatear:** A pair at Hornachos on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
106. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen at Hornachos on 1<sup>st</sup> November, in the Villuercas Mountains and Monfragüe.
107. **Blackbird:** Seen almost daily.
108. **Song Thrush:** Seen most days.
109. **Mistle Thrush:** Seen near Jaraicejo.
110. **Cetti's Warbler:** Recorded most days.
111. **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen on most days.
112. **Dartford Warbler:** Seen at Jaraicejo and on plains near Campo Lugar.
113. **Sardinian Warbler:** Recorded every day.
114. **Blackcap:** Seen most days.
115. **Common Chiffchaff:** Recorded every day.
116. **Yellow-browed Warbler:** One at near Guadiloba Reservoir on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
117. **Firecrest:** Seen in the Villuercas Mountains.
118. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen on four days.
119. **Crested Tit:** Heard near Jaraicejo.
120. **Blue Tit:** Seen most days.
121. **Great Tit:** Seen most days.
122. **Coal Tit:** Seen in Monfragüe.
123. **Nuthatch:** Seen in the Villuercas Mountains on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.
124. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Seen near Jaraicejo and in the Villuercas.
125. **Penduline Tit:** Seen at Arrocampo and Alcazar de San Juan.
126. **Bearded Reedling:** Seen at Alcazar de San Juan.
127. **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen almost daily.
128. **Jay:** Seen on three days.
129. **Iberian Magpie:** Seen daily.
130. **Magpie:** Seen daily.
131. **Jackdaw:** Seen on most days.
132. **Carrion Crow:** Seen in Portugal.
133. **Raven:** Seen almost daily.
134. **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
135. **Common Starling:** Seen on the rice fields on 31<sup>st</sup> October.
136. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.
137. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen on several days.

138. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on the rice fields on 31<sup>st</sup> October.
139. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen near Jaraicejo and on plains north of Trujillo.
140. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on the rice fields.
141. **Common Waxbill:** Seen on five days.
142. **Yellow-crowned Bishop:** Seen on the rice fields.
143. **Chaffinch:** Seen most days.
144. **Brambling:** One seen at Guadiloba on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
145. **Serin:** Seen on several days.
146. **Greenfinch:** Seen on most days.
147. **Goldfinch:** Seen daily.
148. **Eurasian Siskin:** Heard in Monfragüe.
149. **Linnet:** Seen on most days.
150. **Hawfinch:** Seen in Monfragüe and at River Tamuja.
151. **Cirl Bunting:** Seen beside River Almonte on 3<sup>rd</sup> November
152. **Reed Bunting:** Seen at Arrocampo.
153. **Corn Bunting:** Seen almost daily.

#### **MAMMALS SEEN**

1. Iberian Lynx
2. Otter
3. Red Deer
4. Roe Deer
5. Rabbit

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS SEEN**

1. Spanish Terrapin
2. Large Psammodromus
3. Western Psammodromus