

# Picos and Plains - The Best of Northern Spain

Naturetrek Tour Report

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## Day 1

**Monday 6th August**

### Portsmouth Ferry Terminal and on-board the 'Pride of Bilbao'

A fine, clear, sunny and warm evening.

By 7pm all the party had met up in the Ferry Terminal at Portsmouth. After introductions and booking-in, there was a short wait to embark. Although boarding commenced at 8.15pm, departure was delayed till 10pm due to the late arrival of the ferry 'Pride of Bilbao'.

At 9pm we met outside the Information Desk on Deck 6 and Peter and Alan took the party in two groups for a tour of the ship, pointing out important features such as the restaurants, lounges and also the observation area on Deck 11 near the top of the boat where many hours would be spent. Following the tour, group members were left to settle in to their new surroundings and watch the sights as the ferry left port at 10pm.

## Day 2

**Tuesday 7th August**

### On-board the 'Pride of Bilbao' crossing the Bay of Biscay

A fine and dry day with light cloud and a slight swell.

At 6.30am Peter and Alan positioned themselves on Deck 11 where they were to spend most of the day. Group members were free to come and go as they pleased and all spent some time on top. Although it was fine, the movement of the ship in open sea meant that there was a fairly strong wind on the Observation Deck due to little shelter. At this time the Ferry was nearing the mouth of the Channel and during the day rounded the Brest Peninsular and headed into the Bay of Biscay.

Initially, the movement of birds was slow, most sightings being of Gannets, but by mid-morning the ferry passed a number of fishing boats, some bringing in nets and having a good following of seabirds. 10 Sooty and 5 Manx Shearwaters were seen. Also a Grey Heron flew past then over the ferry.

By midday the clouds cleared, the sea calmed and the temperature rose to 17 deg C. At 3pm the group were amazed when a Spotted Flycatcher overtook the ferry flying south and shortly afterwards a Great Shearwater passed in front.

The ferry reached the beginning of deeper water about 3.30pm and then cetaceans were more in evidence. 2 Long-finned Pilot Whales passed close by the ship and Fin Whale blows could be seen. A popular sighting was a pod of 150 Common Dolphin closely followed by a pod of 30 Striped Dolphin.

As dusk was approaching people drifted away for dinner and the group convened at 9pm in the Posh Bar to talk over the day's events and do the log call. This got into a routine with Peter reviewing the day and outlining plans for the following day, then Alan recording the day's sightings.

## Day 3

## Wednesday 8th August

Santurtzi Ferry Terminal, Santona Marsh, Hermida Gorge, Brez and Espinama.

Cloudy and overcast with heavy showers along the North coast of Spain. Picos de Europa was cloudy but fine and dry. The lunch-time temperature at 1.30pm was 29 deg C.

The ferry docked at Santurtzi Ferry Terminal near Bilbao at 7am 'ships time', which was 8am local time. After a short wait in the Terminal building the Europcar representatives arrived at 8.30am with two brand new hire vehicles. By 9am we were on the road heading for Santona Marsh.

We drove through two very heavy downpours and the temperature dropped to 16 deg. C, however it faired-up as we arrived at Santona and we headed straight to the public hide and started birding. The tide was coming in and pushing birds towards us. On an island in front of the hide species seen included Spoonbill, Ringed Plover, Whimbrel, Mediterranean Gull and a single Little Stint, Zitting Cisticola was in bushes close by and Black Kites flew overhead.

As we returned to the vehicles at 11.30am an Egyptian Vulture flew overhead giving splendid views. We then set off for the Parque Nacional de Picos de Europa. We drove into the Parque and through the beautiful Hermida Gorge and stopped at the viewpoint near the chapel Santa Maria at Lebena for lunch.

The picnic was a distraction as we watched the sky and saw Griffon Vulture, Short-toed Eagle, Honey Buzzard, Goshawk, Raven and Red-billed Chough.

The verges around the parking area were alive with butterflies including Swallowtail, Scarce Swallowtail, Cleopatra, Heath Fritillary, Common Blue, Lang's Short-tailed Blue, and Clouded Yellow.

After our picnic lunch we continued on towards Espinama, making a stop at Brez. Here we walked through the village and scanned the surrounding pastures. We had good views of Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Nuthatch,

Short-toed Treecreeper, Redstart and many Spotted Flycatchers. Crag Martins were active with a nest containing young under the eaves of a barn in the village.

Shortly after 5pm we left Brez and driving back down to the main road, Peter heard the flight call of Black Woodpecker. A hurried stop, out of the vehicles, and we all had splendid views of the bird flying past us.

We arrived at Espinama at 6pm. We found our rooms in Hostals Nevandi and Maxima and had the chance to settle in before our evening meal at 8pm followed by the log call.

## Day 4

## Thursday 9th August

### Fuente De

A fine, clear, still and cloudless day with good visibility. At 9am at the lower Cable Car station the temperature was 11 deg. C. By noon at the top it had reached 20 deg. C and on return to the bottom at 4.30pm the temperature was 29 deg. C.

After breakfast, we had a short drive of three kilometres or so to the Cable Car base station located at the end of the road. We arrived before the crowds and only had a short wait in the queue before we were whisked the kilometre to the upper station on Fuente De at 1834 metres. The views from the top and the observation area were stunning.

We set off walking out onto the High Plateau and on the trackside saw Alpine Chough, Northern Wheatear, Alpine Accentor and Black Redstart.

At 11.30am we arrived at an area where Peter and Alan had seen Wallcreeper in the past. We set up scopes and began to search the rocks and crags. After 45 minutes the call of 'Wallcreeper' was shouted. We had fleeting views of the bird as it moved around the boulders in the gully below us until it sat on top of a flat rock with a moth in its bill. This allowed the group to get a good view before it flew off towards the opposite scree slope, followed for a short distance by a second bird.

In good spirits the picnic lunch was prepared. Just as we were beginning to eat a Wallcreeper was again sighted in the gully. Again it was hunting around the boulders but this time came much closer and at one point was within 15 yards of the group. A second bird was also seen in the gully and again one flew off to the opposite scree slope and gave excellent flight views. This time the bird was joined by a third from the scree slope and they flew away out of view. Everyone agreed the views had been tremendous and we returned to eating our lunch.

At 2.30pm we set off to return to the cable car, watching Water Pipits, Linnets and Black Redstarts together with Piedmont's Ringlet and Common Brassy Ringlet butterflies. When we reached the cable car station we had superb close views of Snowfinch and Alpine Accentor before queuing to descend back to the vehicles and return to Espinama.

At the log call we all agreed that it had been a wonderful day on the mountain. We finished the day enjoying another typical Spanish meal.

## Day 5

Friday 10th August

Drive from Espinama to Zamora via Puerto de San Glorio, Riano and Villafafila

Fine, sunny and cloudless. It was hotter the nearer we got to Zamora and at 6pm the temperature was 34 deg C.

After breakfast we loaded the vehicles and at 9am said 'goodbye' to Santi at Hostal Nevandi and headed off towards the Plains, first stopping at Potes. Whilst Peter and Alan did the shopping for lunch, those who ventured to the riverbank rather than the café were treated to good views of Dipper and Grey Wagtail.

From Potes we drove further through the Parque and stopped at Puerto de San Glorio, a viewpoint at 1609 metres at the top of a pass. Here we had more good views of Griffon Vulture, Kestrel and Buzzard, and Rock Bunting was added to the list.

We now headed south-west and stopped in a lay-by near Riano for lunch. The verge near the lay-by was alive with butterflies. Sightings included Great Banded Grayling, Silver-studded Blue, Escher's Blue, Dark Green Fritillary, Southern Gatekeeper, Western Marbled White and Small Skipper.

After lunch we continued to Villafafila. White Storks were abundant along the route and we arrived at Villafafila at 4pm. The wires along the approach road held good numbers of Lesser Kestrel and close to the road we enjoyed excellent views of three Great Bustard. Unfortunately our usual road behind Villafafila was closed due to roadworks so we drove round to the observatory at Otera de Sariegas. Following a wet spring, we were delighted that the lake held water and through the heat haze we added to our trip list Avocet, Lapwing, Gull-billed Tern, Black-winged Stilt and Montague's Harrier. Also nearby in an old pigeonry were several Little Owls and Rock Sparrows.

Before heading off to Zamora we made a short stop at a small lake near Villarría de Campos. Although the light was bad with the sun low opposite the viewpoint we saw Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Teal, Shoveler and Black-tailed Godwit.

It was nearing 7pm when we reached our hotel, Hosteria de Zamora, located near the river. The temperature was still 34 deg C. The log call was at 8.30pm and after our evening meal at 9pm most of the group retired to bed, ready for an early start the next day.

## Day 6

Saturday 11th August

Duero Gorge Area (Fariza, Miranda do Douro, Embalse de Almendra)

Fine, sunny and clear. The temperature at 6am was 18 deg C. and mid-afternoon 34 deg C.

The group departed at 6am for the drive to Fariza and a drinking pool near the village of Fornillos. We arrived as dawn was breaking and as we ate our breakfast European Bee-eaters patrolled overhead. We settled down to see what birds would come to the pool to drink and we had good views of Rock Buntings, Woodlark, Crested Lark, Thekla Lark, Southern Grey Shrike and Woodchat Shrike.

Next we did a circular walk about a mile long. Additions to our list included Bonelli's Warbler and Subalpine Warbler, and we had more good views of Shrikes and Hoopoes.

We got back to the vehicles about 11.30am. As we left we checked the rocky areas along the roadside and found Black-eared Wheatear. We then drove the short distance into Portugal to Miranda do Douro where there was an opportunity for coffee whilst lunch provisions were purchased. From Miranda we drove a little way north to the picnic area at Aldeia Nova, which overlooked the Gorge. After lunch we checked the gorge and surrounding area. By this time the temperature had risen to 34 deg. C and we enjoyed good views of Red-rumped Swallow, Golden Oriole and Crested Tit.

Our last stop of the day was at the enormous Embalse de Almendra reservoir. The Griffon Vultures thermalled close to the viewing area to the delight of the photographers, and more Red-rumped Swallows, House Martins and Crag Martins passed nearby.

It was 6pm when we arrived back at our hotel. Log call was again at 8.30pm with dinner at 9pm.

## Day 7

Sunday 12th August

### Castronuno Area (am Plains, pm River Duero)

Fine and sunny with light cloud and a light northerly wind. The temperature at 6am was 19 deg C. and at 2pm 31 deg C.

Again the group was mobile by 6am heading to the plains near Castronuno. As dawn broke we positioned ourselves near a copse and as we got out of the vehicle a European Nightjar churred nearby and was seen by some. We looked over the trees and we all had good views of Azure-winged Magpie. After a good start to the day we headed to a viewpoint for breakfast. As we ate we looked around and there were good numbers of Buzzards and Black Kites. It wasn't long before Pin-tailed Sandgrouse were spotted both flying and distant 'head' views on the ground.

After eating we walked along a farm lane and as the view opened out we had views of Great and Little Bustard and Calandra Lark in flight. After some time we went back to the vehicles and drove around the farm tracks in search of more birds. Three Stone-Curlews were spotted and as we moved on foot to get a better view, a Spanish Chalkhill Blue butterfly was found. As we headed back to the main road, three Pin-tailed Sandgrouse were found in a ploughed area close to the track which gave everyone excellent views. As we left the area an Osprey flew from a ditch beside the road.

Next stop for the group was the café in Castronuno whilst Peter and Alan went for provisions. Then to the River Duero for a picnic lunch. Nearby were Melodious and Olivaceous Warblers, and Small Skipper butterflies. A Purple Heron was on the riverside, and three Stone-Curlews flew low along the river.

After lunch one vehicle was pre-positioned before the group went for a walk with Alan. Peter moved his vehicle to the end then walked back to the group. By this time the temperature had risen to 31 deg. C. Some of the group saw a Penduline Tit in trees near the river, and scanning the reeds on the opposite side revealed Little Bittern.

The group reached the vehicles by 4pm then had the hour-long drive back to the hotel.

Just before log call an interesting butterfly was found in the hotel garden which later research revealed it to be a Geranium Bronze, a South African species believed to have been accidentally introduced into Spain by the importation of pelargonium cultivars in 1990. Log call was again at 8.30pm with dinner at 9pm.

## Day 8

## Monday 13th August

### Travel from Zamora to Bilbao via Villafafila

Fine and clear with light stratus cloud. At 7am the temperature was 14 deg. C with a mid-afternoon high of 27 deg. C.

Today the group had a slightly later start, leaving at 6.30am to be at Villafafila for first daylight. As dawn was breaking we made our first stop at the small lagoon at Villarrin de Campos. The light was perfect and as we breakfasted we watched Spotted Crake close to the viewing screen. Other new sightings included 6 Water Rail together with Little Ringed Plover, Gadwall, Pintail and Sedge Warbler.

Once breakfast was eaten we moved to the observatory at Otero de Sariegos where we had distant views of Dunlin, Ringed Plover, Teal, Greylag Goose, a single Great Bustard and a Peregrine. Montague's Harriers were in abundance including one of the rare localised melanistic form.

Back in the vehicles checking the tracks we saw Woodlark, Skylark and Tawny Pipit. To finish our visit to the Plains we were treated to close perched and flight views of a Short-toed Eagle as we drove out along the exit road.

We left the Plains at 11.30am for the drive back to Bilbao. We stopped at Villalon de Campos for coffee and shopping then continued on our journey. Lunch was at a motorway picnic area and we arrived at Hotel Nervion in the centre of Bilbao at 5pm.

Once rooms had been organised everyone had a free evening to explore. The Guggenheim Museum is located 400 yards from the hotel. Two members of the group visited the museum whilst most went to view the outside with its unique shape, the spider sculpture and the stunning floral cat.

## Day 9

## Tuesday 14th August

### Bilbao, Santurtzi Ferry Terminal and on-board the 'Pride of Bilbao' into the Bay of Biscay

In Bilbao at 8am fine and dry with a high, light layer of cloud. By 10am the temperature was 24 deg. C. As the ferry moved north by 7pm the south-westerly wind began to increase to Gale Force 8 overnight with a heavy swell.

After breakfast the vehicles were packed and the group left for Santurtzi Ferry Terminal, arriving by 10am. Booking-in, security and boarding were completed and by sailing time at 1.15pm local time (12.15pm ship's time) most of the group were settled back on the Observation Deck. We left port with high expectations but the birds were not numerous and the best sightings at sea were of three Gannets and a Little Gull.



After an hour we came to the deeper waters and through the rest of the afternoon had better views including 4 Sperm Whales, a single Cuvier's Beaked Whale, 4 Orcas logging, numerous Fin Whale blows and over 50 Common Dolphins. Just before adjourning for dinner Cory's Shearwater and Great Skua were spotted.

At 9pm the group met in the Green Room on Deck 8 for the final log call and discussions on the trip. This was the last formal get-together so thanks were said. By this time a storm was in full rage with waves crashing against the side of the boat and a heavy roll making standing difficult so by 10pm the group adjourned.

## Day 10

## Wednesday 15th August

On-board the 'Pride of Bilbao' into the English Channel and Portsmouth Ferry Terminal

Clear but overcast; 18 deg. C with light warm breeze. The sea was calm.

The storm had blown itself out overnight and by dawn the sea was calm and conditions pleasant for sea-watching. Members of the group were coming and going from 7am on the Observation Deck and sightings included European Storm Petrels, Great, Cory's and Manx Shearwaters, Great Skua and a fly-past of seven Black-tailed Godwits. Cetaceans were limited to Bottle-nosed Dolphins.

During the late afternoon most interest was in watching the English coastline and spotting familiar places from a different viewpoint at sea. With a favourable tide in the Channel, the 'Pride of Bilbao' berthed just before 5pm to mark the end of another Naturetrek adventure.

## Species Lists

## Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	August									
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		1						3		
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		1					3			
3	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	2								1	8
4	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>										1
5	Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	1								1	2
6	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	9									
7	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	5								1	1
8	European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	3									8
9	Northern Gannet	<i>Sula bassana</i>	√								6	√
10	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		2		14	2	20+				
11	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		1								
12	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	14		6	2	7	6			
13	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						4				
14	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		√			3	1				
15	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		22					56	2		
16	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					1	4				
17	Eurasian White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>				100	263	100	150			
18	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		15								
19	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>								1		
20	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>								25		
21	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				9				5		
22	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		50		6	35	5	250+			
23	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>								1		
24	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>				2				24		
25	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>							2			
26	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		4								
27	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>				1						
28	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		√		12	20	30	20+			
29	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		4	1	1	3					
30	Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		150	30	30	50	6	2			
31	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		2		2		1	1			
32	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				2		1	1			
33	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>						2				
34	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				12	1	12	3			
35	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1	1	3						
36	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1								
37	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		12	4	10+	1	20	30+			
38	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>		2	1	2	5	4	2			
39	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				27				60+		
40	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1		1		6	10			
41	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					2		1			
42	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>				9	2	6	40+			
43	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						1H	1			
44	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>						2H	6			
45	Spotted Crane	<i>Porzana porzana</i>							1			
46	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				1	1	2	1			
47	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		4		12	1		13			

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
48	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>				3		16	1		
49	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>						11			
50	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		1							
51	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				27			15		
52	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				28					
53	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>						6			
54	Northern Lapwing	<i>vanellus vanellus</i>				30+			20+		
55	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		20					24		
56	Little Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>							2		
57	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>							1		
58	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>				2			3	7	
59	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		100+							
60	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		4							
61	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		1							
62	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				1					
63	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				6	1		6		
64	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				10+	1	1	3		
65	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis Hypoleucos</i>		3	1	3	2	1	1		
66	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>				1			1		
67	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		2					1		
68	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		4					20+		
69	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	4								3
70	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>								1	
71	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>								1	
72	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	18							1	2
73	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>		√					14	√	
74	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	6	2		√			2		4
75	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>		√		√			12		
76	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>		7							
77	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>								1	
78	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	12								
79	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>				20+			20+	3	
80	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>		4						1	
81	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				3					
82	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>						50+			
83	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					11				
84	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba 'feral'</i>		√		√	√	√	√		
85	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		2	3	1	√	√	2		
86	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>					20+	1	1		
87	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		2			1	3	√		
88	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>				1					
89	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>				1H					
90	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>				5		1	√		
91	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						1			
92	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</i>		6			50+				
93	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		12		24	24	15			
94	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>					150+	70+			
95	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				2	7	1			
96	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>					1H				
97	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		1							
98	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				1H	1				

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99	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		1								
100	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>							12			
101	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>							3			
102	Crested Lark	<i>Alerida cristata</i>				3	√	√	√			
103	Thekla Lark	<i>Alerida theklae</i>						1				
104	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>								1		
105	Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>						30+		2		
106	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				4	2	2				
107	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		√	12	√	√	√	√			
108	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		10	6	15	20+					
109	Northern House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		20+	12	√	√	√		6		
110	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>						3				
111	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						1		1		
112	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		1								
113	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>			√							
114	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		√	32	32	3	3	1			
115	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		2		1				20+		
116	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			1		1					
117	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>				5						
118	Northern Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		1	1	6	1	1				
119	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>			8							
120	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				8	1					
121	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			2	2						
122	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		5	4	4	2	6	1			
123	Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					1					
124	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		2H	1H		1	2				
125	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			6	6				1		
126	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		2	√		6	3	2			
127	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		5	1	1H						
128	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>				6+	12	8				
129	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			1		3	2	25			
130	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>					2					
131	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	1	10+								
132	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>						1				
133	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		2		2	1		2			
134	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					1H	2				
135	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						1	√			
136	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					1	25				
137	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>						1				
138	Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais opaca</i>						1				
139	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		2		1	8	2	2			
140	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				3	2	5	2			
141	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>					3					
142	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		10+	9	6	2	2		1		
143	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		2H	5	1						
144	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>					3					
145	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>					3					
146	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>					12					
147	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>					3					
148	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			4	2						
149	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>			3	4						

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
150	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>						2				
151	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		6	10	8	4	6				
152	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		2	8	2	3	2				
153	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		2	1	1						
154	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>			3							
155	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		1		1						
156	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					5	6				
157	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		9	2	7						
158	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>				2	6	1				
159	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>				1	√	8		√		
160	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		5	5	3	3					
161	Azure-winged Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cyana</i>							11			
162	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		8		2	4	8	2			
163	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		50+	20+							
164	Yellow-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>			50+							
165	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>						21		1		
166	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		12	1	5	2	4		√		
167	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		3	2	3			1	5		
168	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		40		√	√	√	√	√		
169	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
170	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>						1	20			
171	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				4	40+			8		
172	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>			4							
173	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		2	3	2	√	√		2		
174	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		1				6		1		
175	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		6	1	2	√	√	√			
176	Common Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>			√	10+	√	√		12		
177	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		4	3	9	12	10	4			
178	Common Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			1	1						
179	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		1♂	1f	1	2					
180	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>				3	5					
181	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>						√				

## Mammals

	Common name	Scientific name	August									
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			2							
2	Roof Rat	<i>Rattus rattus</i>			1				1			
3	Mediterranean Pine Vole	<i>Microtus duodecimcostatus</i>										
4	Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>			8							
5	Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	12									25
6	Cuvier's Beaked Whale	<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>										1
7	Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>										4
8	Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>										4
9	Long-finned Pilot Whale	<i>Globicephala melaena</i>	3									10
10	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	8									2
11	Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	200									80
12	Striped Dolphin	<i>Stenella caeruleoalba</i>	30									
13	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>				1						
14	European Weasel	<i>Mustela nivalis</i>				1						

## Butterflies

Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>
Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>
Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias hyale</i>	Heath Fritillary	<i>Mellicta athalia</i>
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	Western Marbled White	<i>Melanargia occitanica</i>
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	Rock Grayling	<i>Hipparchia alcyone</i>
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisa circe</i>
Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	Common Brassy Ringlet	<i>Erebia cassioides</i>
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	Southern Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia cecilia</i>
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>
Escher's Blue	<i>Agrodiaetus escheri</i>	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>
Turquoise Blue	<i>Plebicula dorylas</i>	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>
Spanish Chalk-hill Blue	<i>Lysandra albicans</i>	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>

## Moths

The Magpie	<i>Abraxas grossulariata</i>	Lime Hawk-moth (caterpillar)	<i>Mimas tiliae</i>
Dew Moth	<i>Sentina irroella</i>	Purple-barred Yellow	<i>Lytharia purpuraria</i>
Jersey Tiger Moth	<i>Eupagia quadripunctaria</i>		

## Dragonflies

Common Bluetail	<i>Ischura elegans</i>	White Featherleg	<i>Platycnemis latipes</i>
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>		

## Other Fauna

Bloody nosed beetle	<i>Timarcha asturiensis</i>	Bee-eating Beetle sp.	<i>Trichodes</i> sp.
Chafer sp.	<i>Oxythyrea funesta</i>		
Red Flash-wing Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>	Blue Flash-wing Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caerulea</i>
Field Grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus brunneus</i>		
Shield Bug	<i>Graphosoma italicum</i>	Cicardas sp.	
Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>
Yellow-finned Tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>		

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