

Picos and Plains - The Best of Northern Spain

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Lunch on Fuente De



White-winged Snowfinch



Sooty Copper



Egyptian Vulture

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Day 1

Tuesday 5th August

Portsmouth Ferry Terminal & onboard the Pride of Bilbao

Weather: an overcast evening; slight breeze, 19°C

By 7pm the whole party had met up in the Ferry Terminal at Portsmouth. Booking-in was completed then we waited for the call for embarkation. A new colour-coded system had recently been introduced which appeared to work smoothly, but as we didn't know the order by which coloured boarding passes would be called forward we had a few false starts when black, white, red and yellow ones were announced before our green ones. We were finally called to board our ferry, Pride of Bilbao, at 8.15pm and soon afterwards everyone was on-board and in their cabins.

At 9pm we met outside the Information Desk on Deck 6. Peter and Alan divided the party into two groups and took them on 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 into their new surroundings and watch the sights as the ferry left port at 9.15pm.

Day 2

Wednesday 6th August

Onboard the Pride of Bilbao, crossing the Bay of Biscay

Weather: cloudy but dry; strong winds, initially south-westerly turning to westerly

Sea conditions: a 2-metre swell in the Channel

At 6.30am Peter and Alan headed for Deck 11 only to find access had been barred overnight for safety reasons due to the movement of the ship in the heavy swell.

Deck 11 was opened at 7am and this is 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.

By 7am the ferry was nearing the mouth of the Channel and during the day rounded the Brest Peninsular and headed into the Bay of Biscay. Today's route took us deeper into the Bay to find a smoother passage; deeper water (and therefore a better chance of big whales) wasn't reached till after 4pm, which is later than usual on this route.

Initially, the movement of birds was slow, most sightings being of Gannets, but Fulmar and Lesser Black-backed Gull were seen and a flock of 12 Black-tailed Godwits flew by.

At midday the first cetaceans were seen when a pod of eight Bottlenose Dolphins passed near the boat, closely followed by an Arctic Skua. As the ferry neared the deeper water areas a number of pods of Common Dolphin were seen. Cory's Shearwaters were more in evidence by this stage and two mixed groups were noted with Common Terns. Ocean Sunfish and jumping Tuna were also seen

There was a lack of whales with only a single Minke and a single Fin Whale spotted, so there were high expectations for the return journey.

By 7pm most people had drifted away for dinner. The group met up at 9pm in the Posh Bar to talk over the day's events and do a log call. Plans for our first day in Spain were also outlined.

Day 3

Thursday 7th August

Santurtzi Ferry Terminal, Santona Marsh, Hermida Gorge, Brez & Espinama

Weather: cloudy & overcast with heavy showers along the north coast of Spain. Picos de Europa was cloudy, but dry. Temperatures: 20°C at 10am; 25°C at 2pm

The ferry docked at Santurtzi Ferry Terminal near Bilbao at 7am 'ship's time', which was 8am local time. After a short wait in the Terminal building the Europcar representative arrived and, after sorting out the hire vehicles, we were on our way before 9am and on the road heading for Santona Marsh.

The skies were overcast as we headed along the coast road. By the time we arrived at Santona it was raining steadily and the temperature was 20°C. We made straight for the public hide and started birding. The tide was in, so some birds were relatively close. Opposite the hide we had good views of Mediterranean Gull and were able to compare this species with Black-headed Gull. Also close by were reasonable numbers of Ringed Plover, Dunlin and Whimbrel. A little further out our sightings included Spoonbill, Little Egret and Grey Heron.

We set off about 11.30am for the Parque Nacional de Picos de Europa. Our journey took a little longer than usual due to heavy traffic around Santander and we arrived at the Parque's boundary shortly after 1pm. We drove into the Parque, through the beautiful Hermida Gorge then stopped at the viewpoint near Chapel Santa Maria at Lebena for lunch.

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

The verges round the parking area were alive with butterflies, including Western Marbled White, Small White, Adonis Blue, Long-tailed Blue, Grizzled Skipper and Clouded Yellow.

After our picnic lunch we continued on towards Espinama, making a stop at Brez. We stopped at a viewpoint next to the village and, on scanning the surrounding pastures, had good views of Jay, Red-backed Shrike feeding young birds, Cirl Bunting, Spotted Flycatcher and perched Common Buzzard.

Shortly after 5pm we left Brez and headed to Espinama, our base for the next two nights. We found our rooms in Hostal Nevandi and had the chance to settle in before our evening meal at 8pm, followed by the log call.

Day 4

Friday 8th August

Fuente De

Weather: dry with some mist around the higher peaks. At 9am, lower cable car station it was 16°C; at 4pm it was 24°C. At noon it was 19°C

After breakfast we had a short 3-km drive to the cable car base station, located at the end of the road. We arrived before the crowds and were first in the queue to be whisked the ¾km to the upper station on Fuente De at 1,834 metres. Most of the views from the top and from the observation area were stunning, though some were obscured by mist hanging around the higher peaks.

As we exited the cable car station we had our first higher altitude speciality as an Alpine Accentor showed well, closely followed by an Alpine Chough flying by. We set off, walking out onto the high plateau and on the trackside had good views of Water Pipit and Black Redstart before Peter located a Snowfinch. This was to be the first of many and we all enjoyed good views of the species – some in flocks and some feeding close by.

At 11.30am we were approaching the area where Peter and Alan had seen Wallcreeper in the past when Jill saw one fly onto the scree near the path. Some of the group managed to see an adult and a juvenile bird before they flew off and were not located again, except after lunch by Joan who had gone for a wander.

We enjoyed our picnic lunch while constantly scanning for Wallcreeper, without success, but we were rewarded by a number of good views of Snowfinch and Alpine Chough.

At 2.30pm we set off to return to the cable car. By this time there was a little sun and butterflies had started to fly. There were a good number of Piedmont's Ringlet and we had very good views of a single Large Tortoiseshell. We also saw two Chamois at the top of the scree slope next to the path.

At 3.30pm we descended the mountain and stopped for a well-earned ice-cream at the cafe at the base, before returning to the vehicles.

We drove through Espinama to Las Ilces where we went for a short walk into the woodland. As we crossed the stream Philip spotted a Dipper in flight. Due to the time of day the woods were quiet but we did manage to see a Short-toed Treecreeper. On the trunk of an oak tree we saw a Jersey Tiger Moth. Butterflies were active; sightings included High Brown Fritillary and Sooty Copper. We returned to the hotel at 6pm.

We enjoyed another typical Spanish meal at 8pm before doing our daily log-call to record the day's sightings and talk over the prospects for the next few days in the plains.

Day 5

Saturday 9th August

Drive from Espinama to Zamora via Puerto de San Glorio, Riano & Villafáfila

Weather: fine, sunny & cloudless. Hotter as we approached Zamora; 30°C at 7pm

After breakfast we loaded the vehicles and by 9am we had said 'goodbye' to Santi at the Hostal Nevandi and were heading off towards the Plains. Our first stop was at Potes. While Peter and Alan did the shopping for lunch, the group had the opportunity to spend a short while in this lovely, picturesque town.

From Potes we drove further through the Parque and stopped at the viewpoint just below Puerto de San Glorio. From here the views were stunning and the wild flowers alive with butterflies, including Scarce Copper, Queen of Spain Fritillary and Small Skipper. From there we drove the short distance to Puerto de San Glorio viewpoint which is situated at 1,609 metres, at the top of a pass. While raptors were in short supply, the highlight here was the Crossbill.

We then headed south-west, away from the Picos, and stopped in a layby near Riano for lunch. Griffon Vultures were sitting on the nearby crags and we had good views of them. The verge at the layby was alive with butterflies, including Great Banded Grayling, Iberian Marbled White, Spanish Chalkhill Blue, Pearly Heath; a Common Blue landed on David's leg.

After lunch we continued to Villafáfila, arriving at 4.45pm. Scanning from the public hide we were delighted at the sight of 25 Great Bustards, together with Green Sandpiper, Lapwing, Hoopoe, Crested Lark, Montagu's Harrier and Marsh Harrier. There were lots of dragonflies in evidence over the water, including Blue Emperor and Migrant Hawker.

Before heading off to Zamora we made a short stop at the reserve's Visitor Centre – Casa del Parque 'El Palomar' (named after the pigeons of the area). On and around the lake here were Greylag Geese, Coot, Little Grebe, Dunlin, Redshank, Ringed Plover and Black-tailed Godwit.

It was nearing 7pm when we reached our hotel, the Hosteria de Zamora, which was located near the river. The temperature was still 30°C. Log call was at 8.30pm and, after our evening meal at 9pm, most of the group retired to bed so as to be ready for an early start the next day.

Day 6

Sunday 10th August

Castronuno Area (plains in the morning; River Duero in the afternoon)

Weather: fine, clear, still & sunny. 18°C at 6am; 32°C at 2pm. A little light cloud & wind developed by late afternoon

We were mobile by 6am and heading towards the plains near Castronuño. As dawn broke we positioned ourselves near a copse where Azure-winged Magpie had been seen on the last trip. Despite our best efforts no birds were seen, although we did hear a European Nightjar 'churring'. Not dispirited, we headed to a viewpoint overlooking the plains and before breakfast went for a walk along the track next to a field of set-aside. We saw good numbers of Calandra Lark and, as we were returning to the vehicles, we had good views of two Pin-tailed Sandgrouse flying by.

While eating breakfast and scanning the vicinity, we managed to locate two Great Bustards. When we had finished eating we boarded the vehicles to drive round the farm tracks which cross the area. We saw a Little Owl and a Spanish Chalkhill Blue butterfly, before getting a super view of four Quail in the stubble beside the vehicles. Next, our only Little Bustard of the trip was found – most of the group saw it in the telescope before it disappeared from view.

Nearing midday, it was time to head to Castronuño to buy picnic provisions before the shops closed. En route we were side-tracked when a group of Azure-winged Magpie were heard by Peter; eventually we had good views of them as they came out of the trees to feed in a field of vines.

Next stop for the group was the cafe in Castronuño while Peter and Alan went for provisions. Then we went to the River Duero for a picnic lunch. Nearby were Melodious and Olivaceous Warblers; a pair of Golden Orioles squabbled in the trees above the vehicles.

After lunch the group went for a walk with Peter. By this time the temperature had risen to 32°C. Tree Sparrow and Reed Warbler were seen together with Red-veined Darter and Keeled Skimmer. A scan of the reeds on the opposite side revealed a Little Bittern – everyone was excited to see it flying over the river towards the group. Later, two juveniles were located in the reeds.

As it had been hot work, on the return journey back to Zamora we stopped at the cafe in Castronuño again for more cold refreshments, then we drove back to the hotel, arriving at 6.15pm. Log call was at 8.30pm with dinner at 9pm.

Day 7

Monday 11th August

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

Weather: cloudy all day with a fresh westerly wind. 18°C in the morning rising to 28°C at 4pm

The group departed at 6am for the drive to Fariza to visit 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 which birds would come to the pool to drink but, due to the overcast and cooler conditions today, few birds needed the water. Sightings included Rock Bunting, Turtle Dove, Northern Wheatear, Hoopoe and Woodchat Shrike.

We decided it would be more productive to do the circular walk of about a mile round the fields and this proved to be a good decision. Soon after setting off we had stunning views of a Bonelli's Warbler which nearly flew into the group. Then we had three 'sylvia' warblers in one small bush: Common Whitethroat, Sardinian Warbler and Subalpine Warbler. We also found a juvenile Black-eared Wheatear, Red Kite, Egyptian Vulture and Booted Eagle before spotting good numbers of Woodlark, and a Nightingale which everyone had good views of. On the road back to the vehicles we also saw a pair of Dartford Warblers.

We got back to the vehicles about 11.30am and headed for Portugal to Miranda do Douro where there was an opportunity to have a coffee while lunch provisions were bought. From Miranda we drove a little way north to the picnic area at Aldeia Nova, which overlooks the gorge there. As we arrived, Short-toed Eagles and Egyptian Vultures circled overhead. After lunch we checked the gorge and surrounding area. By this time the temperature had at last started to rise and there was still a westerly wind.

After an enjoyable picnic in stunning surroundings we headed back into Spain for a stop at the enormous Embalse de Almendra reservoir. House Martins and Crag Martins passed nearby, but the star bird was a Bonelli's Eagle which passed overhead. Alex found a Purple Hairstreak butterfly which was struggling with the strong up-currents from the reservoir wall and using it as shelter on the path.

At 4.30pm we started our return journey to Zamora, stopping at the Bar Las Tres Chimenea for coffees and ices. Christine and David were checked the stubble field opposite the bar and found Short-toed Larks and a Thekla Lark which made a fine ending to a good day. We arrived back at the hotel at 6pm.

Log call was at 8.30pm as usual followed by dinner at 9pm.

Day 8

Tuesday 12th August

Travel from Zamora to Bilbao, via Villafáfila

Weather: mixed. 18°C in the morning; 22°C by 5pm in Bilbao

On leaving Zamora at 6.30am there was a fresh westerly breeze and fine drizzle which developed into heavy rain. On reaching Villafáfila it was fine but overcast and cloudy; it stayed that way till Bilbao. Today the group had a slightly later start, leaving at 6.30am to be at Villafáfila for first daylight. As an overcast dawn was breaking, we made our first stop at the small lagoon at Villarrin de Campos. While eating our picnic breakfast we added a number of new species to our trip list, including Water Rail, Spotted Crake, Little Stint, Ruff, Greenshank, Gull-billed Tern, and Gadwall.

After breakfast we drove to the disused buildings at Otero de Sariegos. En route we saw a Montagu's Harrier of the rare localised melanistic form. Around the buildings were numerous Little Owls, a juvenile Lesser Kestrel sat on a roof with its parents clearly visible in the area, and a distant Rock Sparrow.

Two new butterflies were also added to the trip list: a Provencal Fritillary caught by hand by Alex so we got great close-up views, and a Small Copper.

The area in front of the Observatory Otero de Sarriegos had all but dried up so we checked the surrounding lanes and had superb views of a Great Bustard first in flight and then on the ground. All too soon it was time to say goodbye to the plains and start heading back towards Bilbao.

We left the plains at 11.15am and, after a short coffee and toilet stop, we headed north-east. We stopped at Villalon de Campos to collect picnic things then carried on, stopping at a motorway picnic area for lunch. We arrived at the Hotel Nervion in the centre of Bilbao at 5pm.

Once parking and rooms had been organised everyone had a free evening to explore, some visiting the Guggenheim Museum located less than 400 metres from the hotel, others inspecting its unique architecture, including the spider sculpture and the stunning floral cat.

Day 9

Wednesday 13th August

Bilbao, Santurtzi Ferry Terminal & onboard the Pride of Bilbao into the Bay of Biscay

Weather: in Bilbao at 8am it was fine & dry with a high, light layer of cloud. By 10am it was 21°C. In the Bay of Biscay the wind was a westerly force 5

Sea conditions: 4-metre swell

After breakfast the vehicles were packed and the group left for Santurtzi Ferry Terminal, arriving by 10.15am. Booking-in, security and boarding were completed with only a small hiccup as Peter was questioned about his picnic gear (knives etc) and by the time we set off at 1.15pm local time (12.15pm ship's time) most of the group were settled on the Observation Deck. We left port with high expectations, as well as some fears, due to the 4-metre swell.

After an hour we came to the Bay's deeper waters and through the rest of the afternoon enjoyed sightings including two rare Cuvier's Beaked Whales and 21 Fin Whales, some very close to the boat. Bird sightings included Great, Cory's and Manx Shearwaters.

At 8.30pm the group met in the Green Room on Deck 8 for the final log call and to discuss the trip. With the swell increasing most people departed after the meeting for their cabins.

Day 10

Thursday 14th August

On board the Pride of Bilbao into the English Channel & Portsmouth Ferry Terminal

Weather: the sky clouded over at 7.20am and there was a heavy shower. After that it was a mixture of cloud with sunny intervals

Sea conditions: overnight the swell increased to five metres, but by dawn the sea and wind had calmed

The overnight 5-metres swell slowed progress across the northern part of the Bay of Biscay. By dawn we were just passing Ile d'Ouessant but the sea had calmed, making it pleasant for sea-watching. From 6.50am there was a presence on Deck 11. Members of the group were coming and going throughout the morning and sightings included European Storm Petrel, Cory's Shearwater, Great Skua, and a fly-past of five Turnstone and two parties of Dunlin. There was some light entertainment as a Willow Warbler circled the top deck before being lost from view. Cetaceans were limited to a pod of 12 Bottlenose Dolphins.

During the late afternoon most interest was in watching the English coastline and spotting familiar places from the different viewpoint of being at sea. The slow progress across the Bay of Biscay meant a delayed arrival at Portsmouth and the Pride of Bilbao berthed just after 7.30pm to mark the end of another Naturetrek adventure.

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Species Lists

Birds (lo – leaders only, H – heard only, √ - commonly recorded)

	Common name	Scientific name	August										
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				3							
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					4	16					
3	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	3										5
4	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	18									24	2
5	Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>										3	
6	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>										1(lo)	
7	European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	5										3
8	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	√									1	√
9	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		10		12	4						
10	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		10	1		1	1					
11	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					1						
12	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		√									
13	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		15			51						
14	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					4						
15	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>							1				
16	Eurasian White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>				40	√	√	√				
17	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		11									
18	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>				50							
19	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>									10		
20	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		1							2		
21	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		√		√	√	1	100				
22	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		1									
23	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>							2				
24	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		2		√	12	√	√				
25	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		3	1	3		6					
26	Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		√	√	12	1	√					
27	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		5					1				
28	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				2	4			1			
29	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				1	10			12			
30	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1	1	2							
31	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1									
32	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		√	7	√	√	√	8				
33	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>							1				
34	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>					2	2	1				
35	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>								18			
36	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		2		6	√	5	10				
37	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>					16						
38	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>					4						
39	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>					2			3			
40	Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>								1			
41	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				1	2			3			
42	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		2		10	1			1			
43	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>				29	2			2			
44	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>					1						
45	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>								30			
46	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedichnemus</i>				1							
47	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				30				40			

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
48	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		18		15			20		
49	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	12			5			1		
50	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		15							
51	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis Hypoleucos</i>		6		1			6		
52	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				3			6		
53	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>							1		
54	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							3		
55	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				3					
56	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>		3							5
57	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>							1		
58	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		16		12			40		13
59	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>							7		
60	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>									2
61	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	1								
62	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		√			1		15	√	
63	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	1								
64	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		√						√	
65	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>								10	
66	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>									1
67	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	2	4						7	2
68	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>		6						3	
69	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>							3		
70	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	15				1				
71	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>								14	
72	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		5						3	
73	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>					40				
74	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba 'feral'</i>	1	√		√	√	1	50	√	1
75	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		30	2	2	2	√	√		
76	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>						60	4		
77	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				√	√	√	√		
78	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>				1H					
79	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>					8		10		
80	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>					2H				
81	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		10	6			1			
82	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		2		30	√	√	30		
83	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>							2		
84	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>					20	70	1		
85	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				1	1	2	2		
86	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		2	1	1					
87	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				1		1			
88	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis sharpei</i>		2H			1H				
89	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>					100				
90	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>						10			
91	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				9	√	√	√		
92	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>						6			
93	Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>						20			
94	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				1			6		
95	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√		
96	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		30	40	20		25			
97	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		12	20	√	√	√	√		
98	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>						4			

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99	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		2										
100	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>			10									
101	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		6	7	6	4	6	5					
102	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>				1	2		8					
103	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1	2									
104	Black-bellied Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus cinclus</i>		1	1									
105	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			2			2						
106	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>			20									
107	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						1						
108	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			1									
109	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		6	4	6	3	8	5					
110	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>						2						
111	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		1	√		1	2						
112	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>				6	2	√						
113	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			20	√	√	4	11					
114	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>						2						
115	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		4			1							
116	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			1									
117	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				1	1		3					
118	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					1							
119	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>					2							
120	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							1					
121	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					10		3					
122	Western Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais opaca</i>					1							
123	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>					1	5	1					
124	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>					3		2				1	
125	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						2						
126	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			1	2								
127	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>						2						
128	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>						2						
129	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>						4						
130	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>						10						
131	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>				1								
132	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		√	√	1		1						
133	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		√	√	1	1	1						
134	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		1										
135	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			1	2		3						
136	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>			2									
137	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		1H	2									
138	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					2	1						
139	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		14	7	1		1	2					
140	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>				1		3						
141	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>				2	√	√	3					
142	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		6	3									
143	Azure-winged Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cyana</i>					20							
144	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		1		1	1	2	1					
145	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		2	50									
146	Yellow-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>			20									
147	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>				40	8	30	6					
148	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		√	1	√	10	12	10					
149	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		5	1	5			5					

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150	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		15		7	8	10	200		
151	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		2	√	√	√	√	√	√	
152	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>				4		5			
153	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					10	6			
154	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>							2		
155	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>			40+						
156	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		6	2	7		20			
157	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>				4					
158	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>					4	1	1		
159	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		2	2	1	√	30	4		
160	Common Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>			40	50	√	√	8		
161	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		1	1	2		40			
162	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		3		2		2			
163	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>						8			
164	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				40	1	1	2		

Mammals

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>					4				
2	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		1			1				
3	Alpine Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>		1	4	2					
4	Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	1								
5	Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	1							21	
6	Short-beaked Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	45								
7	Striped Dolphin	<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>								3	
8	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	16								12
9	Cuvier's Beaked Whale	<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>								2	

Butterflies

1	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	22	Map Butterfly	<i>Araschnia levana</i>
2	Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>	23	Cardinal	<i>Pandoriana pandora</i>
3	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>	24	High Brown Fritillary	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>
4	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	25	Queen Of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>
5	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias australis</i>	26	Provençal Fritillary	<i>Melictha deione</i>
6	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	27	Iberian Marbled White	<i>Melanargia lachesis</i>
7	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	28	Western Marbled White	<i>Melanargia occitanica</i>
8	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	29	Tree Grayling	<i>Neohipparchia statilinus</i>
9	Purple Hairstreak	<i>Quercusia quercus</i>	30	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisa circe</i>
10	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	31	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>
11	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>	32	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>
12	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>	33	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>
13	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	34	Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>
14	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	35	Spanish Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia bathseba</i>
15	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	36	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>
16	Spanish Chalkhill Blue	<i>Lysandra albicans</i>	37	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>
17	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>	38	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
18	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	39	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>

19	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>	40	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>
20	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	41	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>
21	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>			

Moths

Purple-barred Yellow	<i>Lythria purpuraria</i>	Cinnabar Moth	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>
Dew Moth	<i>Setina irrorella</i>	Red Underwing	<i>Catocala nupta</i>
Jersey Tiger	<i>Euplagia quadripunctaria</i>	Mother Shipton	<i>Callistege mi</i>

Dragonflies

Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	Keeled Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>
Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>
Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>		

Other Taxa

Scorpion	<i>Euscorprios flavicaudus</i>	Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>
Cockchaffer sp.	<i>Melolontha sp.</i>	Great Green Bush Cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>
Red Flash-wing Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>	Blue Flash-wing Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caerulescens</i>
Blue Sand-Grasshopper	<i>Sphingonotus caeruleans</i>	Common Ground-hopper	<i>Tetrix undulata</i>
Shield Bug	<i>Graphosoma italicum</i>	A grasshopper	<i>Podisma pedestris</i>
a Ladybird	<i>Coccidula scutellata</i>	7-Spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>		
Yellow-finned Tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Ocean Sunfish	<i>Mola mola</i>
Iberian Water Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>	Natterjack Toad	<i>Epidalea calamita</i>
Alpine Newt	<i>Triturus alpestris</i>	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>
Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanicus</i>	Large Psammmodromus	<i>Psammmodromus algirus</i>