

Picos and Plains - The Best of Northern Spain

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Chamois



The 2012 Naturetrek Group



Red-backed Shrike



Woodchat Shrike

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Summary:

We started our journey across the Bay of Biscay on an even better and bigger ferry than the one used last year. The weather was very kind to us throughout our trip, quite variable during the crossing but great once on land! The lush scenery of the Picos de Europa Mountains was enjoyed, as well as its wildlife, its people and picturesque villages. The journey down to Zamora involved going through hidden places in the northern Castilla y Leon, the land of the Spanish Crown, impressive mountains and plains, rich wildlife, and fine wine! We experienced two of the most representative habitats and climates of Spain and its wildlife; the sky-high Picos de Europa and the Mediterranean-influenced plains and mountains of Zamora, with its fresh and warmer temperatures - all very enjoyable!

Day 1

Sunday 5th August

Ferry journey from Plymouth to Santander

Byron met the group in the ferry terminal in Plymouth. After our introductions, and a brief explanation of the activities to be done in the week ahead, we boarded the ferry, found our cabins and some of us went to the dining room for lunch. Later on we went up to the deck (despite the weather!), and before dinner and then retiring to bed.

Day 2

Monday 6th August

Bay of Biscay and arrival into Santander Port – Espinama & Pembez

We agreed to meet up on the main deck around 6am this morning. The day started cloudy, overcast with showers but improved a little bit, and although a brisk wind coming mainly from the east persisted, we managed to see some nice wildlife such as Minke Whale, Manx and Cory's Shearwaters, Northern Fulmar, and plenty of Gannets and a few Common Dolphins. We were gradually getting closer to Santander and saw some Lesser Black-backed and Yellow-legged Gulls, and a few Gannets flying by. The day was now sunny and once in the port, we quickly went through customs and our van was already waiting for us to load up our stuff and hit the road towards Picos. At lunch time, we made a stop in one of the local bars to grab a small snack and drinks, continuing to Espinama afterwards.

We arrived at our hotel and checked in, and after a break, we drove up to the area of Pembez, not far from our base, and positioned ourselves at a very nice view point which overlooked the whole valley, a key passage point for raptors and other birdlife. We managed to get fabulous views of Booted Eagle literally flying over our heads, plus Honey Buzzards, Short-toed Eagle, Red-backed Shrike, Black Redstart, Serin and an elusive Middle-spotted Woodpecker. As the evening was getting closer, we made our way back to Espinama to Hotel Nevandi in order to get ready for our first Spanish supper.

Day 3

Tuesday 7th August

Brez – Quintana – Lebeña Church.

A beautiful blue sky on our very first morning in Espinama was very promising! After a relaxed breakfast, we drove up out of Espinama, heading north towards the village of Brez. We made our first stop as soon as we started the climb to the village. A pair of Booted Eagles (pale phase) caught our eye at first, while a few Honey Buzzards were soaring very low just over the forest. A singing Cirl Bunting was easily spotted along with other good birds such as Western Bonelli's Warbler, Griffon Vulture, Tree Pipit, and White Wagtail.

We then decided to take a walk up the old track overlooking and beautiful meadow surrounded by oak and beech woodland. The very first highlight was a vocal Middle-spotted Woodpecker which finally replied well to our call back and perched in one of the trees in front of us. We also had a Short-toed Treecreeper, Eurasian Nuthatch, Cirl Bunting, Robin, Western Bonelli's Warbler, and Blue and Great Tits, flying constantly along the edge of the woods next to us. In the meantime, a large group of Griffon Vultures was soaring the hilltops in the distance, while more Booted Eagles and Honey Buzzards were patrolling our side of the forest. An Egyptian Vulture joined them for a little while too. Once at the top of the meadow, the views across to the village of Brez were fantastic! Lunch time was around the corner, so we decided to find a nice corner along the River Deva and set up our picnic lunch. We found a nice spot along the river in the village of Quintana to enjoy our lunch, and afterwards a walk produced interesting things such as great views of White-throated Dipper and a few species of invertebrates.

The afternoon was reaching its peak temperature so we decided to move fast and down the road towards the village of Lebeña, where an interesting birding area is located, amongst the high limestone cliffs and a 10th Century church. The birding was slow but we still managed to see a few Griffon Vultures and a hovering Short-toed Snake Eagle along the skyline. Some of us took a tour inside the small old church. We then started our drive back to Espinama in order to take a break and get ready to enjoy some drinks, do our checklist and enjoy a delicious local dinner!

Day 4

Wednesday 8th August

Fuente Dé and cable car to the top of the Picos de Europa

We had another morning with glorious sunny weather as we gathered for breakfast at 08:00 and headed to the cable car around 09:00. We arrived in good time at the cable car station and as we admired the breath-taking scenery of the Picos above us and the valley below. After taking the required photos of the scenery we checked the ground in front of the 'bird observatory'; and as soon as we started our walk we found a couple of Alpine Accentors, plus another pair flying by, together with several Black Redstarts and some Water Pipits in the background. A good number of Alpine Choughs started to soar around quite high above our heads.

We started the slow walk along the tracks arriving at the buttress of Peña Vieja from where we spotted our first group of Chamois in the distance, having great views of them through the scope. A bit further up from this point, the track splits to Espinama and into the mountains; we took the latter which is a nice 'flatish' walk along the rocky scenery. We were expecting to see White-winged Snowfinch but it was quiet over the mountain pass. We arrived at our lunch point where we had hopes of seeing a Wallcreeper. This is a site well known to us as a breeding territory of this most wanted bird. We saw Black Redstart, Large Wall Brown butterflies, Piedmont Ringlets, Spanish Chalkhill Blues and Chapman's Ringlets. After we enjoyed our lunch and had a relaxed time enjoying the surrounding scenery, I picked up a Wallcreeper moving along the big boulders in front of us. We walked further up the track to the cliff face and sat there with patience waiting for a Wallcreeper to show up. And finally it did! Our patience paid off with fantastic views of this beautiful bird!!

We headed back at around 2pm and some of us took a longer route down the track and towards the pond in order to see some Alpine Newts, Common Toad and a few species of butterfly including Marbled Skipper and the endemic race of Gavarnie Blue. They also had Northern Wheatear and a migratory Common Cuckoo. The ones walking by the track kept looking for White-winged Snowfinch, but nothing was spotted. Lower down the trail and nearer to the cable car station, an Apollo butterfly was found.

We reassembled with the rest of the group and joined the small queue to catch the cable car which took us down to the car park again, where we enjoyed watching tame European Jays and Nuthatches feeding around the ground. We drove back to Espinama in order to have a break and get ready to do our list and enjoy another great supper.

Day 5

Thursday 9th August

Espinama – Potes – Piedrasluengas Pass (1,875 m) – Monte Aguilar – Monfarrachinos (Zamora)

We had a good breakfast, after which we packed up and checked out of our hotel in Espinama. We set off to the lovely little mountain town of Potes for a stroll while we stocked up our picnic bags for our lunch en route down towards Zamora. Once ready, we reassembled back at the market's car park and headed south crossing the Piedrasluengas Pass, where we made a quick stop to stretch legs and also to check the pristine beech forest and the meadows nearby, where some birds such as Whinchat, Eurasian Kestrel, Goldfinch, Griffon Vulture, White Wagtail, and a shy inconspicuous female Yellowhammer were seen. Just when we were about to jump in our van, a fresh field covered by thistles caught our attention as it was full of butterflies such as Apollo, High Brown Fritillary, Scarce Cooper, Large and Small Whites, Wood White, Bath and Marble Whites, Clouded Yellow, Queen of Spain Fritillary, Cardinal, and Red Admiral, amongst others; it was an incredible patch for butterflies!!

We continued our drive downhill following the River Pisuerga basin and made a lunch stop in Monte Aguilar, where Pied Flycatchers and Coal Tit were spotted, alongside a large Cardinal Fritillary. The temperature was increasing the further south we were getting. We drove from Aguilar de Campoo to our hotel located right in the northern outskirts of Zamora, in the village of Monfarrachinos. We checked in and retired to our rooms for a break and to enjoy cold drinks. Later on we went to dinner in the hotel's restaurant to finish the evening.

Day 6

Friday 10th August

Villafafila plains and west basin of the River Esla

After an early breakfast, we left our hotel heading north at dawn. The pinkish sky in the far horizon was telling us the sunrise was coming! The light was already great when we stopped by the road to watch our very first Great Bustard, not far from us, and we had great views of this peculiar big bird. We continued on to Villafafila, a protected and well-known area in the heart of Zamora province. We found a couple of spots with water ponds which produced a good amount of birds such as Greater Short-toed Larks, Linnets, Northern Wheatear, Crested Lark, Spanish Yellow Wagtail, Common and Green Sandpipers, Eurasian Hoopoe, Water Rail, and Crested Lark, amongst others. A few Melodious Warblers were spotted flitting around the Spanish Broom (*Tamarix* spp.), whilst a few Marsh Harriers and Montague's Harriers were gliding quite low over the steppes. A medium sized group of Great Bustards was also spotted from this point!

We continued our meander around Villafafila checking the site known as Otero de Sariegos. A lovely male Peregrine was spotted along the track into the village but it flew away; nevertheless, we managed to follow him and set up our scopes quickly in order to have a good view of this beautiful falcon. We continued a short drive to the visitors centre and spotting two Little Owls on the banks just by the track. We had great views of both of them from the van as they were really obliging! Once at the visitors centre – and extremely surprised by the skills of the local shepherd dogs when leading a sheep flock! – we had a look around and managed to find a third Little Owl hidden in an old mud-brick building, along with a Black Redstart and Willow Warbler. Some Marsh Harriers, Common Chiffchaffs and Northern Wheatears were also seen in this spot.

The day was passing by, with a pleasant breeze to cool down the high temperatures, so we kept going to another spot at a nearly-abandoned village known as La Tabla. Here, we spotted a pair of Lesser Kestrels who have been nesting regularly together with Spotless Starlings in a smallish pigeon coop. We then continued to the River Esla basin. Surrounded by a pristine dehesa habitat, the River Esla is one of the main rivers in the Zamora province. We chose to explore the old bridge from where we saw Black Kites, Honey Buzzard, European Kingfisher, Great Cormorant, Little and Great Crested Grebes, and Mallard, amongst others. We then drove to one of the river shores (spotting some Serin, Greenfinch, Corn Buntings Linnets, Eurasian Hoopoe and Rock Sparrows on the way!) in order to set up our lunch, whilst searching for wildlife along the river. We managed to see a few other interesting birds at this spot such as Cirl Bunting, a juvenile Melodious Warbler, Subalpine Warbler, Iberian Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Goldcrest, Crag Martin and Rock Sparrow. The sharp eyes of one of our participants led us to a beautiful Short-toed Snake Eagle spotted perched on top of a Holm oak tree. We quickly put this large raptor in the scope and enjoyed him for a while!! After lunch, the wind didn't help to see more birds and we decided to drive back to our hotel for a well deserved break after a long day and early start. We then gathered together later in the evening to enjoy supper.

Day 7

Saturday 11th August

Duero International Park and Arribes del Duero. Zamora and Boya (Iberian Wolf area)

After an early breakfast, we left our hotel and headed off in the dawn towards the Portuguese border, to the Duero basin area. We looked for a favoured watering hole in the dry scrubland outside a small village called Fariza.

We stopped here and began our first walk through the scrub and cork oak habitat. A lot of bird calls could be heard in the vast area; Corn Buntings, Sardinian and Dartford Warblers, Greenfinch, then the distinctive call of Bee-eaters. First birds in were the buntings, then we started to see adult Woodchat Shrikes feeding a hungry and demanding chick, the always nice Iberian (Southern) Grey Shrike, and Crested Larks. Turtle Doves flew over and the first of a number of Hoopoes flew past. As the sun started to warm the air we were entertained by ten Red-rumped and a number of Barn Swallows hawking over the pool and drinking, but to our surprise, a pair of Thekla Larks turned up to give us great views of themselves.

We then visited another site right by the edge of the gorges which split Spain from Portugal, where we enjoyed a nice walk through the scrubby area and got great views of Griffon and Egyptian Vultures, Short-toed Treecreeper, Dartford and Sardinian Warblers, Eurasian Hoopoe and Red-rumped Swallows.

Lunch time was approaching but we needed some fresh bread to go with it. First we found a local bar where we enjoyed some chilly drinks and then we got some fresh bread. Once sorted, we drove to the local hermitage in order to have lunch while enjoying the fantastic weather and the views; some of us were also enjoying a fabulous display of Common Swallowtail and Spanish Swallowtails in the church's hedges! After lunch, we returned to Zamora as some of us wanted to explore this very nice city, while others took a break before trying to find Iberian Wolves in the late afternoon and evening. This involved a 45-minute drive and a late dinner. We enjoyed watching Wild Boar, Red and Roe Deer, European Nightjar and hundreds of European Tree Frogs calling. And finally, we managed to hear a whole pack of wolves howling from this site right at dusk...fantastic!!

Day 8

Sunday 12th August

Zamora to Santander

We had a relaxing breakfast at the hotel before loading the mini buses and heading out of Monfarracinos. We headed north on the main motorway heading to Palencia and bearing north to Santander, but not before making a stop at a small geological area known as Las Tuerces. We explored the rocky boulders which turned out to be great for butterflies. Soon lunch time hit so we went to Aguilar de Campoo to enjoy a snack lunch in one of the local cafes and to see this interesting small town, well known for producing the famous Maria tea biscuits! After this, we hit the motorway again and arrived in Santander in the late afternoon with plenty of time to enjoy our comfy hotel and this beautiful Spanish port/town.

Day 9

Monday 13th August

Santander – Ferry to Portsmouth

After enjoying the surroundings of Santander the previous night, we had the chance to explore more of this fantastic city throughout the morning. After a very nice buffet breakfast at our hotel, some of us either took our free time this morning to walk around the city centre or simply to take a stroll along the El Sardinero beach and boulevard. We gathered together at noon, checked out of our hotel and drove up to the port of Santander (located right in the city centre) and got ready for the crossing.

Day 10

Sunday 14th August

English Channel into Portsmouth

Again, we gathered on board at the deck in order to keep looking for some marine wildlife. Some Gannets, Cory's and Manx Shearwaters and a Great Skua were seen, together with some Northern Fulmars. It was also productive for marine mammals - we saw Minke Whales, Common and Striped Dolphins, and Northern Bottle-nose Dolphins. We went back indoors to eat and later we gathered together to catch up with our checklist before disembarking in Portsmouth. We arrived back at Portsmouth in the afternoon where we went our separate ways, with great memories of northern Spain, its' wildlife, countryside, food and beautiful places visited! And of course, the camaraderie of new found friends....

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Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	August									
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>							✓	✓		
2	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓					✓	✓		
3	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	✓									✓
4	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	✓	✓								
5	Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>		✓								✓
6	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>										✓
7	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓			
8	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							✓			
9	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>						✓		✓	✓	
10	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>								✓		
11	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓								
12	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓								✓
13	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓					✓	✓		
14	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			✓				✓	✓		
15	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>								✓		
16	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>						✓		✓	✓	
17	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
18	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓		
19	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
20	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓	✓				✓			
21	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>							✓			
22	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						✓	✓		✓	
23	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>									✓	
24	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
25	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
26	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>							✓	✓		
27	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	
28	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>							✓			
29	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>							✓			
30	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>							✓			
31	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>							✓			
32	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							✓			
33	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>							✓			
34	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>										✓
35	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓		
36	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>							✓	✓		
37	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>		✓							✓	
38	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓								
39	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>										✓
40	Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>										✓
41	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
42	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
43	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>								✓	✓	
44	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
45	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>					✓					
46	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>							✓			
47	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>								✓		

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
48	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	European Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>							✓			
50	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>							✓	✓		
51	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>							✓	✓		
52	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		✓	✓							
53	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						✓		✓		
54	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis sharpei</i>		h								
55	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓	✓							
56	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>								✓		
57	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>							✓	✓		
58	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
59	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>			✓							
61	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>					✓					
62	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					h		✓		✓	
64	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>					✓	✓			✓	
65	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
66	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
67	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>							✓	✓		
68	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>							✓			
69	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>							✓	✓		
70	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>								✓		
71	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							✓			
72	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					✓		✓	✓		
74	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>								✓		
76	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>							✓			
77	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							✓	✓		
78	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>							✓	✓		
79	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>			✓					✓		
80	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>							✓			
81	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>							✓			
82	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		h	h							
83	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>								✓		
84	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>							✓			
85	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			h					✓		
86	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		h	✓	✓				✓		
87	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>					✓					
88	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓					✓		
89	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
91	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓							
92	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓						✓	✓
93	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
94	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓							
95	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>						✓				
96	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					✓		✓		✓	
97	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			✓					✓		
98	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>						✓				

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
99	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			✓							
100	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>							✓	✓		
102	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>				✓						
103	Duncock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓								
104	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>							✓			
105	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓			
106	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
107	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓							
108	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>				✓						
109	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
110	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓					✓			
111	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>							✓	✓		
112	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
113	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
114	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>									h	
115	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>							✓	✓		
116	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>						✓				
117	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>										
118	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		h	✓				✓	✓		

Mammals

1	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>					✓					
2	Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>				✓						
3	Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>		✓								✓
4	Blue Whale (blow)	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>										✓
5	Orca	<i>Orcinus orca</i>		✓								
6	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>										✓
7	Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>										✓
8	Striped Dolphin	<i>Stenella caeruleoalba</i>										?
9	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>									✓	
10	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>							✓	✓		
11	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>							✓	✓		
12	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>									✓	
13	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>									✓	
14	Iberian Wolf	<i>Canis lupus signatus</i>									h	

Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>					✓		✓			
2	Spanish Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓	✓			✓			
3	Apollo Butterfly	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>				✓	✓					
4	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>					✓	✓				
7	Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias hyale</i>									✓	
8	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>			✓		✓				✓	
9	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias australis</i>			✓						✓	
10	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>			✓		✓	✓			✓	
11	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>				✓	✓					
12	Purple Hairstreak	<i>Quercusia quercus</i>								✓		

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
13	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>							✓			
14	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>						✓				
15	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>			✓							
16	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>				✓						
17	Turquoise Blue	<i>Plebicula dorylas</i>									✓	
18	Spanish Chalk-hill Blue	<i>Lysandra albicans</i>				✓					✓	
19	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓	✓			✓			
20	Gavarnie Blue	<i>Agriades pyrenaicus</i>				✓						
21	Peacock Butterfly	<i>Inachis io</i>				✓						
22	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>				✓	✓					
23	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>				✓	✓					
24	Cardinal	<i>Pandoriana pandora</i>					✓					
25	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>				✓						
26	High Brown Fritillary	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>					✓					
27	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>			✓							
28	Queen Of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>					✓					
29	Heath Fritillary	<i>Mellicta athalia</i>							✓			
30	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>			✓							
31	Iberian Marbled White	<i>Melanargia lachesis</i>									✓	
32	Rock Grayling	<i>Hipparchia alcyone</i>									✓	
33	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Kanetisa circe</i>							✓		✓	
34	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>					✓					
35	Chapman's Ringlet	<i>Erebia palarica</i>					✓					
36	Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>			✓				✓		✓	
37	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
38	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>						✓				
39	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>			✓							
40	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓			✓				
41	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>					✓	✓				
42	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>			✓			✓	✓		✓	
43	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>			✓							
44	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>					✓					
45	Marble Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>					✓					
46	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>							✓			
47	Jersey Tiger Moth	<i>Euplagia quadripunctaria</i>			✓							

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Iberian Rock Lizard	<i>Lacerta monticola</i>			✓	✓						
2	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>			✓							
3	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>			✓							
4	European Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>								h		
5	Alpine Newt	<i>Ichthyosaura alpestris</i>			✓							