

Morocco - Southern Morocco

Naturetrek Tour Report

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White-crowned Wheatear



The Group



Scene near Aoulouz, Sous Valley



White Storks on migration

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Day 1

Friday 27th February

Marrakech. Sun/cloud/sleet 18°c

Peter and Sue were already in Marrakech when the mid-day group arrived and doing their own exploring of the historical city. The mid-day group was met at the airport by Mohammed, the city guide and we were taken to the Kenzi Hotel in Marrakech where we were given our rooms before heading into the old part of the city. A walk of 30 mins brought us to the Jemaa el Fna where we had a traditional Moroccan tajine meal and then a tour of the medina with its souk, various traders producing and selling everything imaginable. The tour lasted around 3 hours and we eventually returned back to Jemaa el Fna as the skies darkened for an oncoming thunderstorm.

After a mint tea, with large numbers of White Storks and Black Kites passing over the city, we quickly walked back to the hotel but we were caught out as a dramatic snow and hail storm hit the streets. A quick sprint and we were back in the comfort of the hotel after a fantastic introduction to the culture of Morocco. We were joined at the evening meal by Peter and Sue and at the end of the meal the later party arrived. We were now a complete tour and ready for what we would find over the next 10 days. After the meal back to our rooms with the lawns covered in a light covering of snow where some several hours earlier there were bikini-clad sunbathers!

Day 2

Saturday 28th February

Marrakech - Quarzazate – Boumalne. Sunny/cloud 18°c

As early morning light crept in and stirred the resident Bulbuls into song we met for breakfast and then the pick-up by Mustafa our driver. By 0730 we were away on the road out of Marrakech and the climb up over the Atlas Mountains with the promise of good weather. We drove past the ancient city walls and then the ascending route past villages and after 1 hour stopped overlooking a coniferous zone. Here we had Crossbill, Cuckoo, Lesser Kestrel, Serin and Barbary Partridge with evidence of where Wild Boar had been digging. Our next stop was at a coffee house where we had Goshawk, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Blackcap and House Bunting.

After a further drive up into the mountains we stopped for lunch at Taddert where we had an excellent lunch of tajine, bread, fruit and mint tea while watching 100 Red-billed Chough soaring over the hillside and a small group of Rock Bunting in a tree below.

The day was now sunny and clear as we left and after a few more kilometres stopped just before the col of the Tichka Pass. The snows had just melted and a number of Crocus and Gentian were appearing. At the same place we found Little Owl and 8 Shore Lark were feeding on the short grassland habitat. From here there were brilliant views of the snow-clad mountains of the high Atlas. From the Tichka Pass we then descended fairly quickly towards Quarzazate which was originally a French Foreign Legion town. We drove around the edge of the town, and onward towards Boumalne our next destination. On route we had a good number of Black Wheatear, White-crowned Wheatear and our first Moussier's Redstarts. We reached the Xaluc Dades Hotel as darkness fell, checked into our rooms and had our evening meal.

Day 3

Sunday 1st March

Boumalne - Tagdilt - Dades Valley. Sunny 18°C

After breakfast we departed from the hotel at 8am and drove a short distance to the Tagdilt Plain, a vast stone desert expanse, to pick up our first desert species. The nearby refuse tip is always worth a visit and here we had Red-rumped Wheatear, Temminck's Lark, Lesser Short-toed Lark and Hoopoe. Away from the tip we drove on to look at an area which sometimes holds a small pool of water. This area was dry this year but a number of Fat Sand Rat were evident outside their burrows, Short-toed Lark, Lesser Short-toed Lark, Desert Wheatear, Lanner Falcon and Long-legged Buzzard. By late morning we left the Tagdilt Plain and drove up the picturesque Dades Valley with Almond and Peach trees under-planted with cereal and fodder crops. There were Barbary Partridge, Crag Martin, Redstart, Blue Rock Thrush, Cetti's Warbler and Serin within the valley as well as a number of Painted Lady butterfly moving through. At the top of a series of zigzag bends Mustafa dropped everyone off to walk back down, we had few birds but the views were excellent. From here we drove back out of the valley and back to the hotel as the sun went down.

Day 4

Monday 2nd March

Boumalne - Tagdilt - Todra Gorge – Erfoud. Sunny 20°C

Another clear, sunny morning as we loaded our luggage and departed from the hotel to drive to our next overnight accommodation at Erfoud near the great sand-dune desert of Erg Chebbi. Leaving the hotel our first stop was again at the tip but no more species than we had the day before. A short drive to the Tagdilt Plain where we had Short-toed Eagle, Lanner Falcon, Long-legged Buzzard, Crowned Sandgrouse and Lesser Short-toed Lark. We drove east and went to the souk in Tinerhir to buy food for the day's picnic. A Barbary Falcon was the highlight over the town before we drove into the scenic Todra Gorge. We drove through vast date plantations to the 300m cliffs at the head of the valley where we had our picnic beside the river. A short walk through the gorge after lunch was rewarded with a high Bonelli's Eagle and Bar-tailed Lark.

From here we drove back out of the gorge and onto the highway east. Due to heavy rains during the winter the stone desert was in bloom with yellow crucifer flowers. Here we had a number of White-crowned Wheatear and Blue Rock Thrush with lots of Painted Lady and Small White butterfly.

Just before Erfoud we stopped at a river bridge and found Green Sandpiper, Little Ringed Plover and Spanish Wagtail before the light faded and we moved on. Shortly after we arrived at the splendid Kenzi Belare Hotel in Erfoud and checked into our rooms as darkness fell. Before dinner we had the final instructions for our early morning desert adventure and after an excellent buffet meal we were off early to bed.

Day 5

Tuesday 3rd March

Erfoud – Merzouga – Erfoud. Sunny/wind 26°c

We all had our early morning room call at 0430, breakfast and then off in the Land Rovers through Erfoud and into the desert on a cool but starry morning. Dawn was just appearing as we sped across the flat-stone desert towards the flickering lights of the café Yasmina which was originally a French Foreign Legion outpost. We assembled at the café with cameras ready for the sunrise over the Algerian border. Changing colours gave some excellent images as a start to the day. The usual small pool at Yasmina was a flooded expanse of water with Coot, Pintail, Ruddy Shelduck, White Stork, Black-winged Stilt and lots of Swallow and White Wagtail leaving their roosts in the Tamerisk. As the sun rose it constantly changed the light on the 100metre dunes beside Yasmina and the warmth brought out a number of Chiffchaff and Subalpine Warbler.

From here we went to the nearby Camel feeding area and had a pair of excellent Desert Sparrow and a couple of Spanish Sparrow. Then a message on a mobile phone alerted the drivers and we were off into the desert to meet with the guide who had found a pair of Houbara Bustard with the male showing its courtship display on a hilltop. We watched for a few minutes and then left them in peace and went to another zone where we had a number of Hoopoe Lark displaying in different directions. Also, a number of Cream- coloured Courser were running about and showing off their distinct head markings. From here we drove to the cultivation blocks at Merzouga and had lunch in the shade of Tamerisk trees.

It was now becoming quite windy as we drove to Dayet Srji, a large shallow lake surrounded by desert. Here we battled against the wind to view Greater Flamingo, Shoveler, Pochard, Ruddy Shelduck, Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Kentish Plover, Sanderling and Little Stint. It was now becoming very dusty with the wind so we drove back to the hotel and a rest before dinner after a very eventful day

Day 6

Wednesday 4th March

Erfoud – Quarzazate. Sunny 28c

An early breakfast and then departed from the hotel and drove towards Rissani which is famous for its Date plantations before turning off west on the long drive to Quarzazate. After a few kilometres we stopped to watch a lone Brown-necked Raven flying towards a tip and then disembarked to walk an area of Tamerisk scrub with disappointingly few birds but Tree Pipit, Trumpeter Finch, Desert Warbler and Tristram's Warbler as the rewards.

Our next stop was for coffee at Alnif where we also bought the picnic lunch. On again and it was now quite hot as we stopped for lunch in a dry stony wadi with Acacia trees for shade. Another excellent buffet lunch provided by Mustafa while watching Tristram's and Sub-alpine Warblers in the trees.

After another driving session we arrived at the Draa Valley and walked across the river bridge with Hoopoe and Laughing Dove evident. Some people bought boxes of dates before we drove off to then cross the Tizi n Tiniffit pass towards Quarzazate. As we climbed the pass there was brilliant views back down the Draa Valley and the desert beyond. After some 2 hours we descended towards Quarzazate and as we drove past the tip there were 100s of White Storks and Black Kites flying over – a real migration spectacle. As we approached the town we turned off to watch the birds descending towards the Barrage El Mansour Eddahbi, all coming in to roost for the night around the edge of the lake. As the sun set over the town we had Marsh Harriers hunting and lots of Eurasian Swift and Barn Swallow. We drove to our hotel in the town where we arrived by 1900 and then dinner and another early night after a long drive.

Day 7

Thursday 5th March

Quarzazate – Tarroudant. Sunny 26°C

Most people were up early to look down over the cultivation plots and the western part of the barrage to view the White Storks that came in to roost last night. Surprisingly hundreds were already rising into the sky to continue their migration north. Most of the Black Kites were still on the ground in a tight group and perhaps waiting for the sun to come up.

After breakfast we loaded luggage onto the mini-bus and drove to the north-west edge of the barrage. Still many White Storks assembling in the sky, Marsh Harriers hunting, Osprey, Little Swift, Pallid and Eurasian Swifts, House Martin and Red-rumped Swallow. We left here by 0930 and drove out on the road to Taroudant. After about one hour we stopped at the bridge over one of the main rivers that flow into the Barrage El Mansour Eddahbi. Here we had Green and Common Sandpiper and Whitethroat.

We were soon on the road again and a fairly long drive before we stopped for lunch at the Saffron Tea House near Taliouine. The peach trees were in full blossom which attracted a number of butterflies as well as Redstart, Black Redstart and Goldfinch. During lunch we sampled Saffron tea which had a curious taste and some people bought packets of Saffron.

After another excellent lunch we were back on the road again and drove on until the start of the Argan woodlands and cultivation before Aoulouz. It was now quite warm with Quail calling in the cereals, Woodchat Shrike, Spectacled Warbler and Corn Bunting. Here there were lots of wild flowers due to plentiful rains early in the year which provided ideal photographic opportunities with the snow-clad Atlas Mountains in the background.

We drove on and down to the Sous Plain with hectares of orange groves, artichokes and other crops. Hundreds of Swallows were feeding over the cereal fields and a lone male Montague's Harrier quartered the fields with a distant Black-shouldered Kite a little further on.

We reached Taroudant and the Palais Salam Hotel by sunset and as the faithful were being called to prayer. The hotel was originally the Pashas old residence set in fragrant gardens and a courtyard with a fountain, all quite splendid.

Day 8

Friday 6th March

Tarroudant – Agadir – Tamri – Agadir. Sunny/wind 26°C

Most people up at 0630 to view out from one of the towers out over the town and original city walls dating back to the 11th century. A few Little Swifts were chasing about, hundreds of Pallid Swift and a few Lesser Kestrels were flying around the hotel.

After breakfast we left at 0800 for Agadir on the Atlantic coast. The journey took about one and a half hours and during this time we had many Moroccan Magpie, small numbers of Red-rumped Swallow, Moussier's Redstart and Corn Bunting.

At Agadir we continued north on the coast road to Tamri, a small fishing village with banana plantations. A few kilometres north of the town we had around 5 Bald Ibis flying along the coast and Moroccan Cormorant. We drove to another area and Mustafa found 20 Bald Ibis feeding on grasshoppers and other insects. It was now quite windy as we watched the birds feeding and after a while decided we had seen enough and drove back into Tamri for a tajine lunch. From here back to Agadir and checked into the Argana Hotel, our accommodation for the next two nights. At 1630 we drove south out of Agadir to the Sous estuary and an area near the King's Palace. We had a number of waders such as Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Grey Plover, Dunlin, Knot, Sanderling, Black-tailed Godwit, Whimbrel and Curlew. A lone Osprey sat on a nearby log and gave really good photographic opportunities. We stopped in the area until dusk with Stone Curlew wailing and flying over and finally Red-necked Nightjar hunting in the now dim light for moths. From the estuary we drove back to the hotel for a quick shower and dinner after another long but eventful day.

Day 9

Saturday 7th March

Agadir – Massa – Agadir. Sunny 24°C

We had breakfast and departed from the hotel for Oued Massa, about a one and half hour drive south from Agadir. We drove to the coastal steppe habitat first and had 2 Little Owl perched on the stone walls, Northern Wheatear and Southern Grey Shrike with again lots of wildflowers in bloom. From here we went to walk and view part of the Oued Massa and had calling Quail, Tchagra, Glossy Ibis, Greater Flamingo, Squacco Heron, Moussier's Redstart and Cetti's Warbler. We drove on to the entrance to the reserve and then walked the edge of the Oued Massa with at least another Tchagra calling, lots of Chiffchaff, Gadwall and Wild Boar on the edge of the reeds. Back to the entrance of the reserve for lunch, where we met up with the people on the Naturetrek Bald Ibis Trip! We exchanged a few sightings over lunch and then drove through Massa village but soon we were all back out to view an adult Tawny Eagle flying over the town, a rare sight in Morocco.

A little further we stopped on the edge of the town to walk the vegetable plots towards the Oued Massa. A we pulled up a Tchagra was right beside the mini-bus and everyone crept out to get excellent views and photographic images. We walked the track through the plots and had more Quail calling, Stonechat, Blackcap and Fan-tailed warbler. It was now quite hot as we drove further south to another river area where we had Kingfisher and two Plain Martins to end the day. Back then north to the hotel and a later evening dinner.

Day 10

Sunday 8th March

Agadir – Marrakech. Cloud 20°c

We were up at 0530 for a quick breakfast, loaded the luggage and off on the four hour journey to Marrakech. We had a couple of Southern Grey Shrike on route, Raven and Calandra Lark. Light rain fell as we stopped at a café for mint tea and coffee. We were soon back on the road and finally arrived back in Marrakech for 1015 to check in at the airport.

We said our goodbyes to Mustafa who had been brilliant throughout the trip and prepared excellent picnic lunches, to Peter and Sue who were continuing their journey through Morocco and to Sandy and Sheila who were having another night in Marrakech.

We all had a really rewarding and eventful trip with good weather.

Thanks everyone for your participation on the trip.

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Species Lists

Birds (h=heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	February/March								
			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							8		
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					1		2		8
3	Gannet	<i>Sula bassanus</i>								10	
4	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>						130	50	30	10
5	Moroccan Cormorant	<i>P. c. maroccanus</i>								2	2
6	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		4	25	20		2	4	20	1
7	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1								1
8	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		10	1	4			2	30	10
9	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	2		1			11	8	50	
10	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodi</i>							8	2	12
11	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1								50
12	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>								20	
13	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	10	25	6	1	10	1000	2000	250	
14	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>					40				3
15	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>							2		
16	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					20	2	30		
17	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>							10		1
18	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>									5
19	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>							25		
20	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					1	20			2
21	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>					15		50		
22	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>									4
23	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>					50				
24	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>								35	
25	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	50			5		350	600	6	
26	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>							1		
27	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				3			3		
28	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>							1		
29	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>							1		
30	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>					2	10	15		
31	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		2							
32	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1				1	2		1
33	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			1						
34	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			13	4		2			
35	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>							2	1	
36	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>				1					
37	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	5								
38	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>									1
39	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>			2	1		1			
40	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>				1					
41	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1	5	5	2	6	6	2	10
42	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	3	15					3	4	2
43	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>		h	1						
44	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							4h	2h	6h
45	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					2				4
46	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					8	50	50	10	25
47	Houbara Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>					2				

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			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
48	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>									10	1
49	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosette</i>								7	5	2
50	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						1		1	20	20
51	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>									3	5
52	Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>						18				
53	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>									20	
54	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					1		2	1	3	
55	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>						30	7	2		
56	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>									10	
57	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						2			6	
58	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>									4	
59	Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>						2			5	
60	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>						2				
61	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>									6	
62	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>									6	
63	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>									1	
64	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>							h	4	30	
65	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>									4	
66	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>										1
67	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					1			1		1
68	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>								2	2	
69	Audouin's Gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>									50	
70	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>						1	50	25	100	
71	Western Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis michahellis</i>									√	√
72	Western Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>									300	
73	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>									25	
74	Crowned Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles coronatus</i>					9					
75	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
76	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaoto</i>		20	10	3	15	6	30	√	√	
77	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>				3		10				6
78	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		20						2	5	2
79	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		h								
80	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>			1							
81	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1								2
82	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>					h					
83	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>									3	
84	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	50	4						5	15	2
85	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	100s	100s		2				100s	100s	100s
86	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>						200	50			
87	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>										2
88	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>					h					
89	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			2	1		1	2	1	2	
90	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1								
91	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		2				5	20	30	√	
92	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>		3	8	6						
93	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>			10	6	15	6	5	6		
94	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>			100	70	25					
95	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cincturus</i>				2		1				
96	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti payni</i>				2	1	5	4			
97	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>										

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			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
98	Shore Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>		8								
99	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>			20	10						
100	Hoopoe Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>					30					
101	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		5			25		30			
102	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>										2
103	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		3	50	50		6	3			
104	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>			3			1	25	5	2	
105	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		2					12	12		
106	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>	5	30	10	10	20	200	1000	50	50	
107	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						2				
108	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>							5	1		
109	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		20	15	25	50	100	100	30	10	
110	Moroccan Wagtail	<i>M. a. subpersonata</i>									2	
111	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		2	3	4		1	1			
112	Yellow Wagtail sp	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				1		1				1
113	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		1		1						
114	Spanish Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>						1	3			4
115	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		h								
116	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	25	25	12	2		7	30	√	√	
117	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		2								3
118	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		1		3			2			25
119	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1	5	1		1	1			2
120	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		1		10		4	1	1	1	
121	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>		3		1		2		8	10	
122	Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					6					3
123	Seebohm's Wheatear	<i>O. o. seebohmi</i>										
124	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>			10	1	10	2	2			
125	Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>			20	20						
126	White-crowned Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>		6		15	8	30				
127	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>		15	8	10		2	5			
128	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1	2	7		4		1	1	
129	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula mauritanicus</i>		10	4	2	1	3	25	√	√	
130	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		h	3h			1h				4h
131	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							1			2
132	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>										5
133	Fan-tailed Warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>										30
134	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	2	1					3	2	2	
135	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>							1			
136	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		h	1	1	2	2		4	8	
137	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				1	1	1	2		1	
138	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		5	2	6	10	10	20	5	√	
139	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>						3				
140	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>							3			
141	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>					8	6	1	2	1	
142	Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserti</i>						2				
143	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoides fulvus</i>						9				
144	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		6	1				2		2	
145	African Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus ultramarinus</i>		1	4							
146	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>										10
147	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis elegans</i>		2		12	5	25				

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			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
148	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis algenensis</i>							6	5	1
149	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>				1			10	1	
150	Moroccan Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauritanica</i>		20						20	20
151	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		100							
152	'North African' Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>									
153	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>						2			
154	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	10	20					1	30	20
155	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>					3	3			
156	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
157	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>					2				
158	'North African' Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>		20					3	10	6
159	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	2	20	4	5			10	6	20
160	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>				2			3		2
161	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis parva</i>		6	4				10	20	30
162	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris voousi</i>		10					20	30	25
163	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>						6			
164	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra poliolegyna</i>		15							
165	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>						1	20	8	1
166	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza sahari</i>	2	4	4	7	2	4	5		3
167	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		3							
168	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>									2

Other taxa

Stripped Ground Squirrel
Bat spp
Terrapin

Fat Sand Rat
Wild Boar

Gerbil
Tortoise

Moroccan Orange Tip
Large White
African Grass Blue
Clouded Yellow
Green-striped White

Painted Lady
Greenish Black-tip
Mallow Skipper
Red Admiral
Swallowtail

Small White
Long-tailed Blue
Small Copper
Dappled White
Hummingbird Hawkmoth spp