

Southern Morocco

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-crowned Tchagra



Black-eared Wheatear



Hunting for Eagle Owls, Rissani



Little Owl

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Day 1

Thursday 12th April

Journey to Marrakech, city tour. Clear sunny and calm

After an early start, we were on our way from Gatwick to Marrakech landing on time at 10am, (the recent change to British Summer time meaning we didn't have to alter our watches). Larbi, our English speaking guide met us and introduced us to Ali – our driver, chef and all-round helpful bloke! Birding started straight away with Pallid Swifts nesting in the airport building and a fine pale phase Booted Eagle overhead. After settling in, most of the group members walked into town for the tour around the souk. House Buntings, White Storks and fantastic views of Pallid and Little Swifts were the birding highlights. Larbi took us for lunch and then through the various different areas of the market with wool, metalwork, leather and spices being the main themes. Snake charmers, DIY dentist, henna tattoos and fortune tellers on show in the square. Paul and Keith had opted for a trip to the high mountain tops at Oukamedien via taxi. This incredible alpine area is just one and a half hours away from where we were but they were seeing Rock Sparrows, Seembohn's Wheatears, Red-billed Chough, Alpine Chough and a Lammergeier! Back at the hotel, we met the remaining five group members who had arrived on later planes and enjoyed the first of many vast meals.

Day 2

Friday 13th April

To El Keelaa via Tizi n Tichka Pass and Ouarzazate including stop at Barrage El Mansour. Warm, sunny, breezy in pm

On the road by 07.30, we headed into the mountains. As we snaked into higher ground, we entered pine forests. A quick roadside stop produced north African Chaffinches, a Redstart and several Booted Eagles. Our next stop was a search for Levaillant's Woodpecker. The March Naturetrek group had seen a pair excavating a hole. Alas, it was too good to be true. Despite a good search and several holes in trees found - no sign of the woodpecker. Crossbill, Goshawk and Great Spotted Woodpecker were some compensation but as the local children started their woodpecker imitations, we decided to retired to a nearby cafe to enjoy some tea and the stunning view.

Our first picnic stop was taken during our decent. Under roadside trees, we enjoyed the first of many fabulous picnics prepared by Ali. Meantime, we scanned the nearby hillside to reveal Black and Black-eared Wheatears, our first Moussier's Redstart and Barbary Ground Squirrels.

We descended still further towards Ouarzazate with things getting a little more desert like – the wheatears were now White-crowned Black Wheatears. We had time to visit the massive Barrage El Mansour where we saw our first Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Squacco Herons and Hoopoe.

Our hotel in El Kelaa was a mixture of impressive and odd – bizarre mock columns perched on a hillside next to the more traditional looking hotel – perhaps something to do with the nearby film studios?

Day 3

Saturday 14th April

Tagdilt plain area am, Dades Gorge pm. Warm, sunny but gusty in the pm

A quick pre breakfast walk produced a few Cape Hares and a couple of Red Foxes. After breakfast, it was a short drive to the Tagdilt Plain where we hoped to find some desert species. It is a big area with several tracks but we hit it right – next to the rubbish dump. Not only did this give us loads of markers to point things out but it seemed the best birding spots were either near rubbish dumps or near working heavy machinery! Here we saw Red-rumped and Desert Wheatears, a few larks - Thick-billed, Lesser Short-toed, Short-toed, Crested, Hoopoe, Bar-tailed Desert Lark (Paul doing a fine job finding them), Cream-coloured Courser, Barbary and Lanner Falcon and flocks of Trumpeter Finches. Not bad at all.

Next was the beautiful Dades Gorge where we stopped in a cafe for drinks and our picnic overlooking the river. As we ate, we saw Pied Flycatcher (we tried hard to turn it into Atlas Flycatcher), Blue Rock Thrush, Cetti's Warbler and Nightingales. Then we walked up through the groves finding Wood Warbler, Black Redstart, Redstart, Bee-eaters, Tree Pipit and Laughing Doves. We then took a leisurely drive back with a few photos stops before returning to the hotel.

Day 4

Sunday 15th April

Tagdilt Plain early am, Todra Gorge, journey to Erfoud with stop at Marra Plain. Warm, sunny, with clouds building throughout the day, windy pm

Even though we had to head further east today, we decided to try a different spot in the Tagdilt Track first thing. Today we saw several Black-bellied Sandgrouse - mostly in flight but finally some on the ground. We also saw a couple of Marsh Harriers alongside the usual larks and wheatears. Onward to Todra Gorge, working our way to the top to search the low scrub for Tristram's Warbler...after a couple of distant possibilities, it was Paul who walked on further and found his prize of a singing Tristram's Warbler which several of us saw. With our thoughts turning to Ali's picnic, we headed back noting the 'traditional' Naturetrek Bonelli's Eagle overhead.

After lunch, we travelled on towards Erfoud leaving time for a walk on the Marra Plain. Here we saw a number of Spotted Sandgrouse, Desert and Hoopoe Larks, Trumpeter Finches and a couple of long-billed Crested (or Margreb) Larks. Here too we saw our first Locust and the fabulous caterpillar of a Barbary Spurge Hawkmoth.

Day 5

Monday 16th April

Desert safari in 4x4s early morning, lunch in Merzouga and back to hotel by four pm. Sunny with some cloud am, very windy from noon.

An early start this morning for our 4x4 desert safari...we left the hotel at 6am and headed south into the gloom. As the sun rose, we started to see the landscape. Our first stop was a seemingly random patch of low scrub. We got out to find singing Desert Warbler – our guide certainly knew the area! We searched similar areas, seeing more Desert Warblers, Desert and Bar-tailed Desert Larks, Hoopoe Larks, Brown-necked Raven, Spotted Sandgrouse and Short-toed Eagle. Most evocative perhaps was a perched Lanner Falcon on a sand dune, the low angle of the sun casting a long shadow.

Onward to our next target of Desert Sparrow. This species has been increasingly hard to find in recent years with House Sparrows moving into their former nest sites. While it is great to hear about House Sparrows doing well in contrast to their UK status, it meant we had to try harder to find the desert version! We were taken to a couple of nesting trees and saw a couple of nests... The wind was getting up and we were getting a little concerned. There then followed a dramatic sand dune drive to a small Bedouin encampment – easier said than done with visibility reducing as the wind kicked the sand up but with minutes to spare, we are all looking into a bush with a male Desert Sparrow in it. We positioned ourselves to view it – the bird fortunately staying in the same spot. The sandy coloured female Desert Sparrow also put in an appearance nearby. Excellent – now time for some food.

We headed off back across the dunes – no idea where really, as by now, we couldn't see more than about ten feet! But we arrived in oasis town of Merzouga to enjoy our picnic lunch inside of a Bedouin trading post who first offered us tea and coffee, followed by Alis picnic and then a presentation of the different types of carpets on offer. We returned to the hotel by four to relax and remove then sand from our hair!

Day 6

Tuesday 17th April

Rissani cliffs am, journey to Ouarzazate via Alnif with stops, Barrage El Mansour pm. Sunny, some cloud, light breezes

Thankfully calmer in the morning, a few of us nipped across the road from the hotel to look at the river before breakfast. Keith has seen a Black Stork and some Ruddy Shelducks from the road and five minutes later we were looking at several Ruddy Shelducks, Great White Egret, Little Ringed and Kentish Plover, Wood Sandpiper, Black-winged Stilt and Little Grebes. Paul and Bob headed to a different stretch and also saw Little Stints and Curlew Sandpipers. A rich little spot!

But breakfast called and we walked back to eat and then back on the road to look for the famous and wonderfully named Pharaoh Eagle Owls. The dramatic cliffs near Rissani are home to several pairs, each of which have several perches (as the numerous patches of white-wash show). Thanks to Lahcen and his band of Eagle Owl spotters and fossil sellers, they found us one bird after about an hour. We walked across a fossil strewn area (John's pockets were substantially heavier when we returned to the bus...), to the base of the cliffs where a sleeping Pharaoh Eagle Owl was perched – fabulous! Also here were Lanner Falcons sparing with a Brown-necked Raven, bizarrely, 2 Ruddy Shelducks perched on top of one of the cliffs and some Spotted Sandgrouse overhead.

After our tea and coffee stop in Alnif (notable for football pundit Terry Venables being on the TV!), we drove until we found a promising bit of acacia and palm and walked into it. Within minutes, we'd stumbled on a group of nine Fulvous Babblers which eventually showed well for us all. By now, our thoughts were turning to another picnic and Ali had a place in mind underneath a tall tree – a beautiful stop and another fine meal. We stopped briefly at the cultivated road junction to Zagora. Here we saw Laughing Dove, Hoopoe and our first of several Rufous Bush Robins. But Ouarzazate called, and we still had some distance to go.

We arrived in time to visit the lake side of the Barrage El Mansour – many Coot and Ruddy Shelduck, Osprey, Night Heron and several Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters...a nice end to the day. During our meal, we met Dutch Birding's Arnoud van den Berg who was doing some sound recording of the Olivaceous Warblers. He told us there were several singing Saharan Olivaceous Warblers singing in Tamarisks at the end of the road near the edge of the lake. Something for tomorrow then!

Day 7

Wednesday 18th April

Barrage El Mansour early morning, journey to Taroudant via Taliouine with stops, Souss river course pm. Warm, sunny and clear throughout.

Away by our customary 7.30 for another look at the barrage. While we scoped the waterbirds, Purple, Night and Squacco Herons, Marbled Ducks, Common Sandpiper and Sedge Warbler, Keith, Paul and Bob walked to the Tamarisks and straight away heard a Saharan Olivaceous Warbler singing. We stopped by on the way back to hear it – quite a different song to Western Olivaceous with a shorter, more regular song and the habit of pumping its tail as it moved and as it sang – thanks Arnoud! But it was onward and westward for us with Taroudant the destination. This was a beautiful but long drive but we managed to see some excellent birds along the way. Firstly were some more Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Desert Wheatears and displaying Desert Larks. But our stop in the lush river course of the Oued Iriri was amazing; Rufous Bush Robins singing from the tops of bushes, Thekla Lark, Bonelli's Warblers, Sub-Alpine Warblers, Spotted Flycatchers and other commoner migrants as well as a good range of butterflies. We could have spent hours here but made do with just the one. Our lunch stop in the Argan Forest was notable for the huge numbers of Spanish Sparrows in the trees. An elusive Western Orphean Warbler led us on a bit of a chase before another relaxed picnic from Ali.

A quick stop at the Aoulouz Gorge crossing was notable for the forty or so terrapins in the river. As we neared Taroudant, the numbers of Turtle Doves increased, mainly perched on roadside wires. We made a quick stop for a small group of Black Kites and a couple of Booted Eagles before arriving at our hotel. Some checked in for a breather before dinner and some went out to the nearby Oued Sousse which was dry but still provided our one and only Black-shouldered Kite (thanks to Paul spying something pale in a tree). We then tried to find a path along the river but ended up in someone's farm. Fortunately, they were more than happy to show us their Moussier's Redstart on the garden fence. We in turn showed them it through our telescopes before returning to the hotel.

Day 8

Thursday 19th April

Journey to Tamri and Cap Rhir area, Agadir, pm visit to Souss River. Warm, sunny, light breezes by coast building in strength in the evening

Today we were heading for the coast to search for one of the world's rarest birds. Aside from a handful of birds in Syria, the northern Bald Ibis is restricted to a small stretch of the Moroccan coast.

We arrived near Tamri firstly to seawatch – Cory's Shearwater, many Gannets, a small group of Common Scoter and Yellow-legged Gulls. Nearer the small estuary south of Tamri Village we found a small group of Bald Ibis coming in to feed. We managed reasonable flight views and then found three others – or maybe the same, feeding in fields on the far hillside. Exploring further to the north, we saw a flock of around 30 Bald Ibis in flight. Returning south, we managed slightly nearer views of the ibis feeding in the fields. All good stuff! Into the village, we sat down at a roadside cafe and enjoyed a tagine.

We had a couple of brief stops on the way back but our aim was to get into our hotel in Agadir for a breather before heading out to the Sousse estuary early evening. On site by 17.30, we found several Stone Curlews eyeing us from the riverside vegetation. There were a fair range of waders; Redshank, Greenshank, Bar-tailed Godwit, Ringed Plover, Grey Plover and a Marsh Sandpiper, as well as a couple of Gull-billed Terns and Spoonbills. Our walk through the scrub gave us excellent views of Sardinian Warbler, Barbary Partridge and Short-toed Lark.

The final aim of the day was to wait until dusk and hope for Red-necked Nightjar. With an eye on the clock for 21.30 (when the hotel stop serving dinner.), we stood in the dusk at 20.30. It was a little breezy so we didn't hear anything but those near the minibus, saw one or two nightjars overhead. Ten minutes later, another view overhead. Good to see them, albeit briefly, but we really had to get back for some food now. We made it with fifteen minutes to spare. No problem!

Day 9

Friday 20th April

Journey to Massa reserve and environs including tow river bridges. Evening visit to Sousse for Nightjars. Warm, clear throughout

Our last day of birding was to the famous Massa reserve south of Agadir. We arrived at the outer reserve entrance just before 9am and walked along the southern bank to see what we could see. This was a really productive walk along the river and in-between irrigated fields and orchards. We saw a few waders including Curlew Sandpipers, Green Sandpiper and Greenshank, a couple of Greater Flamingos overhead, great views of Moussier's Redstart, Little Owl, Stonechat and a real treat of a pair of Black-crowned Tchagras. One bird seemed to be searching for nesting material and carried a twig while bouncing along the edge of a field. A fantastic view of what can be an elusive bird. Fortunately, we were alerted to its presence by its song – a very distinctive down-the-scale whistle. Non avian highlights were Egyptian Mongoose and Plain Tiger. By now, we'd worked our way to the inner reserve entrance where Ali was preparing our picnic.

After eating our fill, we drove back into Massa Town and worked our way to the first bridge. There are several river crossings in the town and they are great places to search for Brown-throated Sand Martin (sometimes called Plain Martin). On this first bridge, we saw a hole in the earth bank, and seconds later, a pair of Brown-throated Sand Martins. They were feeding actively when they were overhead and entering the nest hole on occasion. Great views of a pretty cute little bird (shame on those calling them boring!). We took a walk across fields to the second bridge where we saw Kingfisher and Squacco Heron and a good range of butterflies and frogs.

We returned to the hotel in good time allowing an earlier dinner for those who wished to have an early night or try again for Red-necked Nightjar. Perhaps for the first time, a Naturetrek party recorded a "Sergio Garcia" as a convoy of smart 4x4s passed us on the road back to Agadir. Sharp eyed Keith just managed a quick view from the window.

A small band of us were back at the Sousse for 20.20 where we heard Stone Curlew on arrival and a few minutes later, at least two Red-necked Nightjars calling. We then saw one at 20.30 and were back in the hotel for 21.00 – with the occasional “Tickadeeboo” call coming from one of the party... A great end to the day and indeed the trip!

Day 10

Saturday 21st April

Journey from Agadir to Marrakech along new peage. Overnight and early morning rain clearing nearer Marrakech

Today we woke early for the drive back to Marrakech. The hotel had provided us with breakfast before we met Ali outside for our journey along the newly completed Peage. This road makes this a much quicker journey than normal. We arrived with plenty of time to do our bird log for the previous day before checking our luggage in. We were slightly delayed on takeoff but the tail wind meant we landed on time at Gatwick at 14.00.

Thanks to a fabulous group, ranging from ‘keen as mustard’ birders to creepy-crawly enthusiasts this trip was great! The mix of people worked very well together and ensured good humour throughout the trip. We were blessed with some kind weather for the most and time to explore some excellent and diverse areas. We missed one or two key birds but saw others very easily. We also managed to find some bushes dripping with migrant birds during our holiday and ensured good views of many others.

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Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	April									
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						10	2		2	
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		7				8	6			
3	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>								7		
4	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>								60		
5	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		5				4	4	4	2	
6	North African Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus</i>								1	15	
7	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1				8	15	5	20	
8	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>							5			
9	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			6			2	25	10	6	
10	Great White Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>					1					
11	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		25	45	50		2	2	6	1	3
12	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		2				3	6		1	
13	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						1	6			
14	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>									1	
15	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					1					
16	Eurasian White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	6									
17	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>								50		
18	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>								2	5	
19	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>									2	
20	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					10	120	30			
21	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>										
22	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		3				2	12		6	
23	Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>							7	2		
24	Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>								7		
25	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						1				
26	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>							1			
27	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	1									
28	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>					1					
29	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			2	2	4					
30	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			1							
31	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1								
32	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1								
33	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			1							
34	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	2	5	8	3				1		
35	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>				1						
36	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1	6		1			2			
37	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	5									
38	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>			1		1	2				
39	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>			1							
40	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>		3						5		
41	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		3	1		12	1	1	3	2	
42	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						500	100		20	
43	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>								1	5	
44	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						20		2		
45	Eurasian Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>								3+	5	
46	Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>			2	5						
47	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>								6	1	

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			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
48	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferrunginea</i>						3				
49	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>								15	1	
50	Little Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				2	2	10	3			
51	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>						1				
52	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>								1		
53	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						2	1	1	1	
54	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>								1	1	
55	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>								3	2	
56	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>								1		
57	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>						2				
58	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>								5	10	
59	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>						3				
60	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>						15	15	1		
61	Western Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis michahellis</i>								150+		
62	Western Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>								30+		
63	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>								12		
64	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>								2	2	
65	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>								5		
66	Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>				2	4	h				
67	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>				10			20			
68	Rock/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	20	10	5	15	2	10	15	30	50	10
69	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	2	5	4	2				10		
70	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		1	1	20	1	40	150+	25	40	2
71	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	20	10	10	20		35	30	10	40	20
72	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		2		2		5	1	3	10	
73	Pharaoh Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>						1				
74	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	h									
75	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			1				3	1	4	
76	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>								3	4	
77	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	25					2	10	3	5	5
78	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	80						10	30	4	15
79	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	40							2		10
80	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1							2	
81	Blue-cheeked Bee-Eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>		15	4			8	10			
82	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			2	25		50	20	5	10	
83	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2	6	1		1	2			
84	Levaillant's Woodpecker	<i>Picus vaillantii</i>	h									
85	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1								1
86	Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>			2	3	10					
87	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>			1		6					
88	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>				6	10	15	2			
89	Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>			3							
90	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>			30	5				100		
91	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>			50							
92	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>			15	2						
93	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		20	10	6		8	25	10	15	3
94	Maghreb Lark	<i>Galerida cristata macrorhyncha</i>				2						
95	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>							1			
96	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>									1	
97	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>									3	
98	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			1			1				

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			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
99	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	20									
100	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			20	30						
101	Northern House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		7	3	7		3	10	2	5	
102	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	4									
103	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			1							
104	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			2	3		2		1		
105	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		12		1	1	1		8		
106	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		4	10	2						
107	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	30	20	25	30		10	35	10	15	10
108	Northern Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	2									
109	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	2									
110	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	8	15	3	6		2	5	3	5	1
111	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	2		10	2		1				
112	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	4									
113	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>										
114	Rufous Scrub Robin	<i>Erythropygia galactotes</i>						3	4		1	
115	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	5	2	1							
116	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		2	2	2	1	2	3			
117	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>	1	2		1			1	3	12	
118	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			1	1	1					
119	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>		1							8	
120	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>		18		10	8	5	3			
121	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>	5	12	3	6		10	5	1		
122	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1	3	2			3			
123	Seebohm's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe seebohmi</i>	2									
124	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		6			1			6	5	
125	Red(Buff)-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>			30	5						
126	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>		1	10	4	2	3	2			
127	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>							3			
128	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			3	2						
129	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		2					5	30	40	
130	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		3	6	1			h		3	
131	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							1			
132	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		1					1		1	
133	Isabelline Warbler	<i>Hippolais opaca</i>	10	20	8		3	12	5	25		
134	Saharan Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais opaca reiseri</i>							2			
135	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>				2	1		1			
136	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			1				1			
137	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>			1	1	3				2	
138	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			3		1		1			
139	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>				3		2	5			
140	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>							1	1		
141	Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>					4					
142	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>				1	2			1		
143	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>				1						
144	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			2				6		1	
145	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	3	h		1			4	25	35	
146	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoides fulva</i>						12				
147	Atlas Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater atlas</i>		8								
148	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	4	1					4	2	2	
149	African Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus ultramarinus</i>	6	7	3	3			2	2	1	

	Common name	Scientific name	April									
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
150	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis elegans</i>		3	2	6	4	2	4	3	1	
151	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		9	2		6	1	10	3		
152	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>									5	
153	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		1								
154	Moroccan Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauritanica</i>		3						10	20	
155	Yellow-billed Cough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	50									
156	Red-billed Cough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	200									
157	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>					40	20				
158	'North African' Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>		1						3		
159	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	35	25					6	40	45	30
160	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	50	40	4	35	25	25	30	45	15	10
161	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	4						350		2	
162	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>					2					
163	'North African' Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>	30	20					12	2	15	5
164	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>										
165	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>										
166	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>										
167	Eurasian Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>										
168	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	15	20	2	10		2	5	2	10	4
169	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>				40	20	25	1	10		
170	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		h					1		3	
171	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	20			1						
172	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>								1	1	
173	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>	25	1	50	1		5	10	5	10	4
174	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>							6	5	15	

Mammals

Barbary Ground Squirrel
Jerd sp.

Egyptian Mongoose
Cape Hare

Fat Sand Rat

Butterflies & Moths

Butterflies
Large White
Greenish Black-tip
Clouded Yellow
Scarce Swallowtail
Common Blue
African Babul Blue
Painted Lady
Geranium Bronze

Aden's Skipper
Small White
Brimstone
Berger's Clouded Yellow
Plain Tiger
Long-tailed Blue
Black-eyed Blue
Wall Brown
Desert Fritillary?

False Mallow Skipper
Bath White
Cleopatra
Swallowtail
Small Copper
False Baton Blue
Brown Argus
Speckled Wood
Barbary Spurge Hawkmoth larva

Other Taxa

Terrapin
Long Skimmer
African Desert Locust
Desert Pebble Mantis

Tortoise
Violet Dropwing
Moroccan Green Frog

Epatulet Skimmer
Scarlet Darter
Small-fingered Psammotromus