

Southern Morocco

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Egyptian Nightjar



Levillant's Green Woodpecker



Sandstorm on the Marrah



Lunch at Todra Gorge

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Day 1

Thursday 14th March

Warm, sunny, light breeze and cloud later in afternoon.

Gatwick to Marrakech 08.05-11.00. City tour and lunch 13.45-17.30

Our initial group of seven people took a flight from Gatwick landing at 11am in Marrakech. Once money was changed we met Larbi, our city guide who took us first to our driver and minibus and on to our hotel. A change to the usual hotel and a little further out of town...it was massive! After some welcome mint tea and some fun form filling in, we finally freshened up and drove into the city. Lunch on the terrace was welcome - traditional pizza for one or two... and then our first House Buntings under the table and a few soaring White Storks. Larbi then guided us through the Souks passing snake charmers, henna tattooists and fortune tellers. The maze of streets and alleys selling leather, wood and metal goods was astounding. We enjoyed the Berber medicine shop tour with some of us buying green tea, cumin and saffron etc., then back to the hotel by 17.30. We thanked Larbi and took a break before meeting for dinner at 19.30. Geoff and Jan who had been staying in Morocco for a few days already, met us for dinner. Two late flight arrivals got to the hotel just after 8pm and we were all accounted for. A long day and with an eye on the days ahead, we retired early, ready for the mountains!

Day 2

Friday 15th March

Warm and sunny with increasing cloud and light breeze in the late afternoon

Marrakech to Toufliht 9.30-10.30 woodpecker stop. Cafe stop, plateau stop and summit until 12.35. Lunch 12.45-13.45. Ourazazate north side 15.30-16.30, El Kelaa 17km sign 17.20-17.40, hotel 18.25.

This morning we headed south into the foothills at our woodland stop by 09.30. Being a veteran of several Moroccan tours, Richard felt he had to mention he'd stopped here before and many other places and never seen Levailant's Woodpecker. That was about to change!

By chance, we had parked by a nest site and within a few minutes, we'd seen a woodpecker leave the nest site, offering good but very brief flight views. We concentrated on the other nearby birds such as Atlas Coal Tit, Blue Tit and North African Chaffinch. A party of Crossbills 'chipped' overhead. Then the woodpecker returned to the tree and we were able to set the telescope on it for all to see the differences between Levaillant's Woodpecker and the much more familiar Green Woodpecker from home. It flew into the nearby plantation and was joined by a second. Stephen found one feeding on a tree stump and we were able to enjoy this special species for some time, almost ignoring a pair of Mistle Thrushes nearby! After a celebratory drink (just tea or coffee!), where we could enjoy the amazing views and displaying Goshawks, we continued upward.

A short plateau stop near the summit was amazingly birdless! ...and notable for the sole other parked car playing incredibly loud music with all the doors open! So we carried on and just managed to catch a glimpse of a chough species. We stopped to investigate and rather than the Yellow-billed Alpine Chough, it was a Red-billed Chough carrying nesting material. It was joined by a second bird and both flew into a small tunnel under the road just past the summit cafés. We had another brief stop during our descent for three Long-legged Buzzards. We had opted for a café stop for lunch and enjoyed a relaxing hour with a lovely location and fine tagine food. Our first Moussier's Redstarts afforded great views as did singing Black Wheatear and Thekla Lark. A surprise flyover, summer plumaged Red-throated Pipit was only seen by one or two. A shame it didn't land...

We then put in some driving time to reach Ouarzazate and onto the north side of the barrage by 15.30. Here we spent an hour seeing a selection of water birds - Little Egret, Squacco Heron, Ruddy Shelduck and Kentish Plover. From here we had a short distance to go and stopped off at a random bit of semi desert and saw Hoopoe, Desert and three Thick-billed Larks. Adding in Desert Wheatears and masses of Trumpeter Finches (albeit rather distant), it was a pretty good stop! Arriving to traditional dancing at our hotel, we watched for a few minutes before checking in and enjoying an amazing dinner.

Day 3

Saturday 16th March

Cool, breeze and cloud throughout.

Pre breakfast walk 06.45-07.15 Tagdilt Plain near hotel, Tagdilt Plain 08.40-11.30, 12.00-16.20 Gorges du Dades, 16.30-17.30 Tagdilt Plain

A pre-breakfast party checked out the edge of the Tagdilt Plain, conveniently situated next to our hotel. A Sub-alpine Warbler and three Hoopoes were around the hotel and we saw Northern and Desert Wheatears and a small number of Trumpeter Finches before returning to breakfast. With such a choice of food, it was hard not to eat too much.

Onto the Tagdilt Plain proper, we saw Temminck's Larks, Red-rumped Wheatears, Hoopoe Larks and Black-bellied Sandgrouse. Two Cream-coloured Coursers flew annoyingly away. A second stop yielded a Magnificent Black-eared Wheatear and later brief views of Lesser Short-toed Larks.

Lunchtime and the early afternoon were spent in the Gorge du Dades. We arranged to have our picnic in a café overlooking the gorge which was a great place with Val's Gundi exploring the rubble next to the café, a singing Tristram's Warbler and then, a fine Bonelli's Eagle overhead as we walked back down the road.

As we neared the bus, another singing Tristram's Warbler performed well as did a Cetti's Warbler along the river. A few Blue Rock Thrushes, Crag Martins and Black Redstarts and we were happy to leave - not before a photo stop by the bizarre sandstone rock formations. Dropping a few off at the hotel, the remaining party spent an hour back at some rain pools by the side of the Tagdilt track seeing more Red-rumped and Desert Wheatears and both Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers. Back at the hotel by 17.30, with dinner 19.30.

Day 4

Sunday 17th March

Breezy but sunny am, sunny and windy pm

Pre breakfast walk 06.45-07.15 Tagdilt Plain near hotel, Tagdilt Plain 08.30-10.30, Tinghir café stop 11.15-11.45, 12.15-14.00 Gorges du Todra, Marra Plain 16.08-16.57, Erfoud Hotel 17.30

A pre-breakfast walk started with a flyover Tree Pipit, and then Desert and Thekla Larks, White-Crowned Wheatear and Sub-alpine Warbler in the garden again. We then spent a couple of hours back on the Tagdilt Plain with more brief views of Thick-billed Lark, some Lesser Short-toed Larks, many Red-rumped Wheatears and a Long-legged Buzzard. Our final stop gave us flight views of Black-bellied Sandgrouse. They landed but with only their heads showing. After they crept away, Steve went for a closer view and got it too! Back on the main road by 10.30 we stopped for coffee and bread buying before entering Todra Gorge. At the end, we caught up with a couple of Rock Buntings which showed well eventually, as well as another very obliging Tristram's Warbler.

Our picnic was enjoyed in the main gorge, memorable by the vast numbers of locals enjoying their Sunday with drums and singing. Off again we headed east towards Erfoud. The wind increased slowly and our planned walk on the Marra Plain was looking to be rather poor. Despite the wind, we managed an excellent half an hour with a few Hoopoe Larks, a few Thick-billed Larks, our first Bar-tailed Desert Larks, a Spectacled Warbler and what was to be our only Maghreb Wheatear seen well by Hugh. We felt pretty pleased with that and got to our hotel to wash the sand away, arriving at 17.30.

Day 5

Monday 18th March

Hot and sunny throughout

Desert safari 04.15-10.00 east of Erg Chebbi, Café Yasmina 10.00-10.45, west of Erg Chebbi 10.45-13.00, Dayet Sjrri temporary lake 13.30-13.50, Depot Nomade 14.00-14.56, hotel 15.45, Oued Ziz 17.30-18.30

The day began at 03.45 for us with a light breakfast at 04.00 and off in three 4x4s by 04.15! Our guide had seen a Houbara Bustard recently and wanted to take us there first. We drove through the darkness and arrived at a stoney plain just before light. We spent the next couple of hours searching for this mythical beast, but to no avail. We had managed to see several species of lark including our first Short-toed and also some Spotted Sandgrouse on the ground feeding. Our first Blue-checked Bee-eaters fed nearby and more Black-eared Wheatears. We headed on to a variety of sites bringing Larcan's skill and knowledge to the fore. First were drove around one or two Bedouin dwellings before finding the fabulous Desert Sparrows which were nest building. Also Desert Warblers appeared as required nearby.

We headed to café Yasmina later than intended but were ready for some sustenance and a bit of a rest after four solid hours searching the desert. The nearby Erg Chebbi was an impressive backdrop for this, a rich orange dunes towering above us.

We set off again and our luck started to kick in. First off was a male Seebohm's Wheatear with presumably a female in attendance. Next, Larcan drove to an area with a few tamarisk trees and a shepherd boy perched on a nearby dune. The boy was keeping an eye on a bird he'd seen fly in there earlier. As we neared, a magnificent Pharaoh Eagle Owl flew to the next tree. The two Desert Sparrows which also popped out of the tree didn't get much of a look in with us - nice as they were! We walked nearer and found it again perched in clear view. Wow! Next was to another local, sanding next to a sandy bushy oued. He took up a few metres along and showed us a sleeping Egyptian Nightjar. Wow again! With an eye on time, we opted for a quick visit to the temporary lake behind Merzourga town. Two Booted Eagles were perched at the waters edge, groups of Greater Flamingos and Ruddy Shelducks graced the water with a few waders and Marbled Ducks.

Our lunch was welcome at the Nomade Depot in the town. They provided tea and what they called pizza - a meat and vegetable stuffed bread. Very nice indeed! After a carpet display where they failed (unusually), to make a sale, we headed back to the hotel for a rest. A few of us walked across from the hotel to the Oued Ziz and enjoyed an impressive passage of Blue Cheeked Bee-eaters with around 75-100 birds over. Green Sandpiper, Marbled Duck and Little Owl were also seen. A great end to the day!

Day 6

Tuesday 19th March

Hot, breezy from lunchtime

Oued Ziz 06.30-07.30, cliffs near Rissani 08.45-09.40, various acacia stops either side of Alnif. Café stop 10.50-11.30, Lunch stop Tazzarine 12.50-13.55, Tansikhte T junction 14.52-15.28, Barrage El Mansour 17.30-18.28, hotel 18.45

A few opted to check the Oued Ziz before breakfast and were rewarded with great views of Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, our first Moroccan Wagtail and another Seebohm's Wheatear (trash bird...!). After breakfast, we headed west, stopping for Lanner Falcon which was obligingly sitting on top of the cliffs. As we had seen Eagle Owl the day before, we didn't need to scour the rocks for a roosting bird and continued to Alnif. Unfortunately, our target bird, Fulvous Babbler, failed to show in any of the stops we made including lunch at Tazzarine. Here we saw Bonelli's and Isabelline Warbler and a calling Long-legged Buzzard.

A stop before the Draa Valley gave us European Bee-eaters and Laughing Doves. After a comfort stop, we ascended the pass stopping a few times for photographs before we neared Ouarzazate. We just managed to squeeze in an hour at the Barrage El Mansour but needed at least three! It was bird-filled with waders including Collared Pratincole, Greenshank, Little Stint, Sanderling, Dunlin, Kentish Plovers and Avocets. New wildfowl for the trip included Teal, Shoveler and Pintail. Bizarrely, Nick found a goose flying which turned out to be a White-fronted Goose – a pretty unusual bird in Morocco. A group of 20 or so Gull-billed Terns, around 10 Spoonbills and an Osprey rounded off the day nicely and we headed for our nearby hotel.

Day 7

Wednesday 20th March

Breezy early am but warm and sunny throughout

Barrage El Mansour 08.05-09.15, Oued Iriri 10.10-10.33, Café Tazenakht 11.20-11.48, Saffron Tea Shop and lunch 12.35-13.50, Alouz Gorge 14.45-15.15, Tauroudant groves area (various stops) 15.45-17.30, hotel 18.10.

With quite some ground to cover today, we left promptly before 8am to get some time at the Barrage El Mansour. It didn't disappoint! We walked to the end of a spit to get some better light and managed to get closer views of yesterday's Gull-billed Terns and waders including Sanderling, Little Stints and Kentish Plovers. Here too were a small flock of Short-toed Larks. New birds were Wood Sandpipers and at least one Temminck's Stint. The Collared Pratincoles put on a brief display and we saw a couple of Moroccan Wagtails before leaving this wonderful site. We agreed we could spend the whole day here if time permitted. However, we were on our way to Taroudant with various stops. The first being Oued Iriri which is well vegetated. Western Orphee, Isabelline and Willow Warblers showed in the trees and an obliging Nightingale fed out in the open.

Our lunch stop at the Saffron Tea House was a relaxed affair with a walk in the groves before a rooftop picnic. Here we managed at last to see signing Serins at long last, Moussier's Redstart and our first Corn Buntings of the trip. We had a short wander over the recently christened 'Bridge of brief views' at Alouz. Among us, we managed to see Spanish Sparrow, 3 Black Storks, Osprey, Alpine Swift, Peregrine (Richard failing to turn it into a Barbary Falcon) and Blue Rock Thrush. As we approached the bus, Denise called a bird out which at least gave us prolonged and very good views. A dark phase Booted Eagle which actually circled closer to us and overhead showing us its characteristic 'landing lights' on the front of its wings. Bird of the day so far!

We entered the agricultural area east of the town and had a couple of stops. The first gave us Barbary Partridge and a singing Quail. Over 100 White Storks circled overhead with half as many Bee-eaters. Onward scanning the trees for silver blobs, we soon found a magnificent Black-shouldered Kite at the roadside. It was a little flighty for a minute or too, perching on several bushes but eventually settled for 'scope views. As we'd missed Fulvous Babbler, Richard persuaded Mohamed to try a site mentioned in the Gosney guide. We eventually found the acacia-lined oued but no babblers. However, we had a lovely final half an hour with over 100 Bee-eaters, many perched, another Black-shouldered Kite, Quail, Corn Buntings and Fan-tailed Warblers. We then drove the final 15 miles to Taroudant checking into our extraordinary hotel just after 18.00.

Day 8

Thursday 21st March

Cloudy all am and light on shore breeze, warm

Café stop en route to Tamri, 10.00-10.35, Tamri Estuary 11.00-13.15, Cap Rhir 13.30-13.45, Argana Hotel Agadir 14.15, Sousse Estuary 15.15-19.25, hotel 19.45

After breakfast we loaded up the minibus and headed two minutes around the corner! We took a quick walk onto the city walls to view the surrounding area. The main focus had to be the hundreds of Pallid Swifts around us and entering holes in the walls. It was spellbinding looking down on them with occasional birds whizzing past our heads.

Onward to the coast, we reached Agadir environs and then saw the sea. After a comfort stop and a little sea watching we had added Gannet and Sandwich Tern on the trip list as well as many Yellow-legged and Lesser Black-backed Gulls. We reached the small estuary south of Tamri village by late morning and ready for a stroll. This is one of the best places to see the critically endangered Bald Ibis. March is perhaps a little harder as they are on eggs and there is justifiably no access to the cliffs they breed on. We scanned the estuary and hillsides adding Audouin's Gull to the trip list and our first good view of the white-breasted Moroccan race of Cormorant. Mohamed had left us for a short while to buy picnic provisions and was preparing it on our return to the minibus. We scanned some more... A tantalising distant Raven tried its best... Denise had seen two black birds fly into the estuary so Richard went to investigate. Unfortunately they were, as she suspected, Cormorants. Another scan of the hillside and there they were! Around 30 birds circling above the hillside and quite some distance away. By this stage, the group was rather spread out, so there was some running back and forth to alert everyone (good for burning some calories...). The birds eventually landed, but it took some time to get a good view. But in between mouths of baguette, cheese, olives etc, we managed to see them well. Best however were two which flew along the beach offering much closer views. Phew! Now we had the opportunity to catch our breath, and returned to Agadir and checked in to our hotel early afternoon.

Refreshed with at least half of the group having enjoyed the swimming pool, we drove the short distance to the Sousse Estuary. As the sun set, we saw Stone Curlews, Oystercatchers, Bar-tailed Godwits and some wonderfully strange Greater Flamingo silhouettes against the fading light. Our final bit of bird watching was to be nearer the royal palace. Our usual spot was less than 100 metres away but was blocked by a number of royal guards. Despite our best efforts and some sterling use of French from John and Paul, we failed to gain access. This can happen from time to time depending on whether the king is in residence and apparently, when there is a golf tournament on! Despite this, we waited here and by 19.15 we could hear one or two birds calling. By 19.30, dinner was calling us, and we called it a day. The lure of more 'traditional' food was too great for one member of the group who opted for Pizza Hut instead of the restaurant food. Both options were excellent!

Day 9

Friday 22nd March

Warm and sunny throughout

09.15-09.30 hilltop overlooking Massa, 09.35-11.45 Massa river walk to reserve entrance, picnic until 12.40, first Massa bridge 12.45-13.00, café 13.15-13.45, Third Massa bridge 14.00-14.30, back to hotel via pottery, hotel 16.10. Agadir souk 17.30-18.45

Today, we drove south along the coast towards Massa. After an hour, we had a short stop to check the fields overlooking the valley where we saw both Greater and Lesser Short-toed Larks. Mohamed dropped us on the approach track to the Sousse Massa Reserve so we could enjoy a leisurely walk to the reserve itself. With no deadline but a picnic lunch at the other end of the road, we spent over two hours wandering through the small irrigated fields and bushes searching for birds. We enjoyed Alpine Swifts overhead and a few warblers to look at. Before too long, we heard the unmistakable sound of the Black-crowned Tchagra fluting down the scale. We walked towards a nearby bird and over the next 30 minutes or so, all got great views of this wonderful bird. Here we also saw our first Stonechats including a well-grown juvenile being fed - which seemed a little early. By midday, we'd reached the shade of the trees and our last picnic from Mohamed. A distant Caspian Tern offered such poor views that it didn't detract many from their food!

After our fill, we explored the upper reaches of the Massa with a café stop in between. The second bridge we tried gave us what we had hoped for with a small group of Brown-throated or Plain Sand Martins. With one or two over the water but disappearing into the trees, we went closer and were able to enjoy a group of eight perched on waterside reeds and branches. Opting then to return to the hotel for mid afternoon, we spent a little time in a roadside pottery where we were able to see the potters in action and make a few purchases. After a short siesta, about half the group visited the souk for a bit more haggling. As this was near to the end of the trip, Steve's suitcase had some space in for more rocks having consumed most of the cookies he'd brought with him! Our last dinner was up to the same high standard and rounded off with a few glasses of wine.

Day 10

Saturday 23rd March

Cloudy but bright, cool

08.15-09.30 Agadir seafront, Agadir Oufella 10.45-11.20, fishing port 11.30-11.55, restaurant 12.20-13.00, Sousse Estuary 13.30-14.25, Agadir airport 14.50, Gatwick 23.40

We took it easy this morning with a few relaxing, and a few walking to the sea front. Despite best efforts, we couldn't find any skuas or shearwaters but had great views of Sardinian Warbler and Little Swifts. We were on the road by 10.30 with a first stop on the hillside overlooking Agadir from the Oufella. The views were impressive but we soon turned naturalist again searching the vegetation for butterflies; Greenish Blacktip, Painted Lady, Wall and Small Copper were seen. We spent a few minutes in the docks watching the fisherman process their catch, eyed by the squadrons of large gulls.

It was now time for lunch so Mohamed took us to a restaurant for a tagine meal. We'd managed to avoid lamb for most of the holiday so most opted for that, alongside some excellent tafernout bread cooked on a bed of stones. We had one more stop before the airport which was back to the Sousse, but in readiness for our return to England, it had started raining. In fact, we'd seen the news reports of snowfall across many parts of the UK. When we arrived at the oued, the rain had almost stopped...we scanned the birds to see a group of Sandwich Terns, a few Mediterranean and Audouin's Gulls and Spoonbills - one ringed. The rain started again, we tried another spot further down the road and then another. No waders at all and more rain! Although returning to the airport now would leave us with rather more waiting time than ideal, we agreed that we should, and give Mohamed an earlier getaway to see his first child, born two days ago!

We arrived at the airport at 14.45 only to find our plane delayed by an hour and a quarter. Ahh well...time to explore the airport for a while... After a drink or two, many of us commandeered a corner of the main restaurant and sampled the pretty reasonable pizzas on offer (and chips). Our flight was called and we arrived at Gatwick a little under an hour late which wasn't too bad considering the tales of UK snow cover. We said our goodbyes and got on our way. This was an excellent trip with a great group. We enjoyed some of the unexpected species, some special places, wholesome picnics and lots of laughs. We were perhaps unlucky with the wind direction with little migration on most days and sometimes a bit cool! I think, despite our earlier than expected departure for our desert 4x4 safari, that was the highlight for most. I've only once seen Egyptian Nightjar and that was in the headlights of a 4x4 as it flew. To see one under a bush, a few feet away was amazing. And after eight trips to Morocco, it was certainly notable for me to see two new birds - Levillant's Woodpecker and Seebohm's Wheatear. You may have noticed how pleased I was...

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2013 Naturetrek Group watching Pharaoh's Eagle Owl

Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	March									
			14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		2			6	2			1	
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		42				4	6			
3	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>								6		
4	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		20			4	1		10	2	2
5	North African Cormorant	<i>P. carbo maroccanus</i>								12	2	
6	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		2			2	30	18	8	10	4
7	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		4			1	3	5	2		2
8	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1	100	20	✓		✓	35	2	50	
9	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		1								
10	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>							3			
11	Eurasian White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	35	10	5			100	✓	10		
12	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>								36		
13	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>						9	7		4	20
14	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>					75			41		
15	White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>						1				
16	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		2			35	✓	✓	1		
17	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>						40	20			
18	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		2			2	25	✓	2		
19	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>						7				
20	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>						30	✓			
21	Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>					25	5				
22	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						1	1	1		1
23	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>							3			
24	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>			5	1			2			
25	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			1							
26	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1				2	3			
27	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		3								
28	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		3		1		1				
29	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>			2							
30	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>					2		1			
31	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	2	4	3	4	5	3	12	17	20	3
32	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>						1				
33	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>							1			
34	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>							2	4		
35	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							2h		3h	
36	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						3			3	
37	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		100+			✓	200+	✓	1	2	
38	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>								3		
39	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					50	40	✓			
40	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					1	20	3			
41	Eurasian Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>								2+h		
42	Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>			2		3					
43	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>						4	5			
44	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			1			1	8			
45	Little Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		2	1		3	5	7		1	
46	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		1				15	15	14		
47	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>						6				

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			14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
48	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>									2		
49	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>						1			h		
50	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						1	1			2	
51	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					1	4			1		
52	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>											
53	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						3			1	h	
54	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>								2			
55	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		1			2	2	4				
56	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>						1	1				
57	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>						20	15				
58	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>								1			
59	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						1					
60	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		10									5
61	Western Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis michahellis</i>									✓	✓	✓
62	Western Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>									✓		✓
63	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>									6		10
64	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>											12
65	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>									1		
66	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>						18	20				1
67	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>										1	
68	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>						1					
69	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									1		45
70	Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>					12						
71	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>			12	4							
72	Rock/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
73	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓					10				
74	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>										1	
75	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	50	✓	2	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>			2		2	4	5			3	
77	Pharaoh Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>					1						
78	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		2			1						1
79	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>									h		
80	Egyptian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>					1						
81	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>						3	1			3	
82	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	20				1		10			25	
83	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	45	✓					✓	✓			25
84	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	10	1				4	6	6	4	15	
85	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>										1	
86	Blue-cheeked Bee-Eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>					100+	20					
87	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		1		6		3	100+	24	10		
88	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2	5	4	2	2	2		2		
89	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1					1				
90	Levaillant's Woodpecker	<i>Picus vaillantii</i>		3									
91	Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>		2	2	4	12						
92	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>				6	20						
93	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>		5	1	3	4	6	5				
94	Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>		3		4							
95	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>					2		10		10		
96	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>			5	1	1					3	

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97	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>			6	6						
98	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>		3		1						
100	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>									8	
101	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		8	5		2		4			
102	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1	30	10	2	5	3	20	14	✓	✓
103	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			35	15		1				
104	Northern House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		5	2	2					1	
105	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		6		2			2			
106	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>								2		1
107	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>		1								
108	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				1					3	
109	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>										
110	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	2	1	3	4	8	7	17		2
111	Moroccan Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba subpersonata</i>						1	2			1
112	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			2		2	1	3		1	
113	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		2								
114	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			1	1			3			
115	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
116	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		2								
117	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	1	10	5	1	1	5	✓	5	10	2
118	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			3	2	2		1		1	
119	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>							1			
120	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			4							
121	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		2	1			2	2		1	
122	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>		3					1		6	2
123	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>									5	
124	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>			1	4	10	20	5		1	
125	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>		6	10	3		1				
126	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			6	1	6					
127	Seebohm's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe seebohmi</i>					2	1				
128	Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>				1						
129	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			1		4	2		2	3	
130	Red(Buff)-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>			6	10						
131	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>		2	6	3	5	1	1			
132	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>							2	4	15	3
133	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			3			1	1	h	6	
134	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						2	1		4	
135	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>									2	
136	Isabelline Warbler	<i>Hippolais opaca</i>						1	2		1	
137	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>							1			
138	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				5	2		1		3	
139	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						2				
140	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		1	1	1	2	1		2	1	
141	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>							1			
142	Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>				1	2					
143	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			1							
144	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>			2	1	1					
145	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>				1						

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146	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			1	1	2	2	2		5	2
147	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		2	1				2	5	7	3
148	Atlas Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater atlas</i>		5								
149	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		5					2		4	
150	African Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus ultramarinus</i>		4	1			2				
151	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis algenensis</i>					2	2	9		2	1
152	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		8	1	3	4	8	12	2	2	
153	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>									1+4h	
154	Moroccan Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauritanica</i>	3	3						4	10	5
155	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		2								
156	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>					25	3				
157	'North African' Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>		2					1	3		
158	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	50	✓					3	16	✓	30
159	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	25	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
160	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>							20	✓	1	
161	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>					5					
162	'North African' Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>		✓			1		6	2	2	2
163	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		3								
164	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	1	2		3			4	1	2	
165	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	1		30		1	3	4	6	8	
166	Eurasian Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			1				21		1	1
167	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		h		h		2	10	2	✓	2
168	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>		150	6	2		3	2			
169	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>				2						
170	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>	10		✓	✓		3	2	10	8	1
171	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>										
172	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>							15		3	

Other Taxa

Terrapin

Val's Gundi

Jird

Scarce Swallowtail

Grizzled Skipper

Painted Lady

Small Copper

Red Fox

Fat Sand Rat

Locust

Bath White

Clouded Yellow

Large White

Barbary Ground Squirrel

Desert Squash

Greenish Blacktip

Plain Tiger

Brimstone

Speckled Wood