

# Southern Morocco

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-winged Kite by James Lees



Black-bellied Sandgrouse by James Lees



Dawn on Tagdilt by David Shute



Black-crowned Tchagra by David Shute

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## Day 1

Thursday 27th February

Most of the group arrived in Marrakech late morning, while an afternoon departure arrived later in the evening with our final tour participant. Having left London in dull, rainy conditions it was great to be greeted by clear skies and sunshine. After exchanging money and picking up our bags we met our driver, Mohammed, who drove us to our hotel. We had a quick freshen up before heading out to explore the old town of Marrakech where we met our local guide who led us to a restaurant for lunch. This was our first tastes of the Moroccan cuisine that was going to be a big part of the trip. After our delicious meal of fine Moroccan dishes we began to explore the maze of colourful souks. This is always a highlight of the trip as the style of the town and the culture is so different to ours. We spent the afternoon walking around what seemed like hundreds of small interlaced streets. It looked to be a shopper's paradise with almost everything imaginable on sale. The sound, smells and colours were incredible. We also managed to see a few White Storks flying overhead and some House Buntings singing from the roof tops.

All too soon, it was time to go back to our hotel; some of the group members chose to walk around the hotel gardens with the guides. We managed to see a close Booted Eagle and both Little and plenty of Pallid Swifts. The garden itself held many Common Bulbuls and a flock of Spanish Sparrows. After a quick shower and change we are met for dinner and discussed the plans for the next day.

## Day 2

Friday 28th February

After breakfast, we gathered outside the hotel with our bags ready for our onward journey. We did have a chance to see a few more birds in the hotel grounds like Serin, Blackbird, Blackcap, Wood Pigeon, Common Chiffchaff and more Common Bulbuls. We headed out of the busy city and began to make our way towards the snow-capped High Atlas Mountains. After forty minutes, we stopped in an area of mixed scrub next to some small hills. We were rewarded instantly with a stunning male Moussier's Redstart that gave incredibly close and prolonged views.

There were several Black Redstarts and many Common Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps, but best of all was a rather large flock of Red-billed Choughs that we feeding on the adjacent hill side. We estimated there to be about 200 birds that wheeled overhead making their distinctive calls. African Chaffinch and Sardinian Warbler were also added to the list before we continued on our journey. We began to climb higher and higher and stopped to take some photographs at a view point, where we had a great view looking down on top of a Peregrine. We continued to wind our way up the mountain and stopped for refreshments at Touflint. From the veranda we had panoramic views and were able to look for birds whilst enjoying a Moroccan tea. Some were lucky to see a Levillant's Woodpecker as it flew past calling. We also had a pair of displaying Sparrowhawks and several Crag Martins hawking overhead. The surrounding trees held African Blue Tits, Atlas Coal Tits and African Chaffinches. Like all areas that sell food or drink we were joined by several House Buntings waiting for scraps!

Back in the van we headed even higher up the mountain until we came across a small pine plantation and decided to stop. There was a very close Long-legged Buzzard and at least three Rock Buntings on the stony walls. We went for a short walk in the pines and had super views of at least five Common Crossbills. They were dropping down to pick up fallen pine cones before flying up with them to feed their young. We also studied the local race of Great-spotted Woodpecker with a pair that showed well feeding low down. We stopped on almost the highest part of our journey over the Atlas Mountains at a spot called the Tizi n Tichka Pass. Here our drivers prepared a cracking picnic lunch while we enjoyed some of the spring flowers, a Short-toed Lark and a couple of Alpine Choughs.

After lunch we began our descent down the other side towards Ouarzazate and then continued on towards Boulmane Dades where we would stay for the night. We made several stops to look at birds on the dry mountain sides such as Black Wheatears and Desert Larks. Even a stop at the fuel station produced Blue Rock Thrush, Trumpeter Finch and our first of many White-crowned Black Wheatears. We arrived at our hotel in Boulmane Dades where the dining area was a cultural experience in itself with some lively local music. Most of our group ended up joining in and playing the local drums.

## Day 3

## Saturday 1st March

After breakfast we left our hotel at 8am and headed on to the very close Tagdilt Plains. We spent the morning birding along the many tracks of this stony desert. Many of the birds were close to the roadside like a Long-legged Buzzard and the first of many Temminck's Horned Larks. While we stopped to look at these rather fine looking larks we also discovered both Desert and Red-rumped Wheatears close to the van. The small scrubby bushes were also home to Spectacled Warbler and quite a few Fat Sand Rats. A stop to look at a few Crested Larks was also well worth it, as four Black-bellied Sandgrouse practically flew just over our heads.

Another stop to scan the desert for coursers really paid off with two distant birds spotted. We parked the van and walked over for a closer view. This next hour was one of the best birding slots of the whole trip. We all gathered to look at the magnificent Cream-coloured Courser and soon birds were approaching us from every angle. A Hoopoe Lark came so close to us that many peoples' cameras wouldn't focus on it! The number of Cream-coloured Coursers increased to five and they too began to run towards us. We were also joined by a very showy pair of White-crowned Black Wheatears and Crested Larks. It was wonderful to see birds approaching us in this way and to see them all so well.

We then headed up through the Dades Gorge for our lunch stop. Here we stopped at a restaurant with fantastic views looking down at sheer cliffs below. We were joined at lunch by many House Buntings, Black Wheatears and even two Bonelli's Eagles drifted over. It took a bit of searching but after lunch we were rewarded with super views of a male Tristram's Warbler.

We headed back to our hotel for a couple of hours down time before an evening trip out to the Tagdilt Plains where we spent several hours. We failed to find anything new but had wonderful views of Hoopoe, and Short-toed, Crested and Temminck's Horned Larks alongside a cracking pair of Red-rumped Wheatears lit up by the golden setting sun. We then did the daily log and enjoyed another delicious meal.

## Day 4

## Sunday 2nd March

A little bit of pre-breakfast birding around the hotel produced the first Northern Wheatear of the trip and a few Desert Larks and Trumpeter Finches. After breakfast we made a quick 15 minute stop to fix a punctured tyre. This actually proved to be a reasonable area for birds as it was near a small stream. Many Short-toed Larks came into drink alongside Yellow Wagtails and even a Little Ringed Plover.

We then spent a few hours birding around the Tagdilt Plains hoping to find some Thick-billed Larks but we just couldn't find them anywhere. We did however find our first Lesser Short-toed Larks of the trip - a nice flock of six birds. But best of all were at least three Hoopoe Larks singing and doing their famous display flights. We were all enthralled to watch the males fly up then come parachuting back down with big black and white wings. We then headed east until we reached a dry rocky ridge near the roadside. Our target bird here was Magreb Wheatear and it proved very difficult to track down. A nice lock of 20 Trumpeter Finches were a bonus. We had almost given up hope when a female was spotted! The whole group saw her but unfortunately only a few connected with the male.

We had a fair bit of driving ahead so we pushed on and soon clocked up many kilometres occasionally stopping for a close roadside bird such as a Southern Grey Shrike. Another stop in the stony desert produced another couple of shrikes and five Desert Wheatears. Our final stop of the day was a river just outside our destination of Erfound. It was a very pleasant stroll in the late afternoon sunshine. We found two Moroccan specialties here; two Magreb Larks and two Moroccan Wagtails. The many White Wagtails alerted us to the presence of a fast flying falcon that turned out to be an adult Barbary Falcon. We then settled into our hotel and prepared for a long and exciting day in the Sahara desert the following morning.

## Day 5

## Monday 3rd March

After a very early breakfast we met our 4x4 drivers outside the hotel at 5.30am. We headed out in the dark driving slowly through the desert hoping to see some of the nocturnal bird and animal life. Sadly, there seemed to be none around. We stopped and got out to watch the sunrise over the Sahara to the rather beautiful song of a Desert Wheatear. Our driver then took us to a Berber who knew where an Egyptian Nightjar was roosting. It was incredible to see and took everyone a while to find; its camouflage was just like the rocks in the sand it was sitting next to! After we had all enjoyed exquisite views of this very special bird, we moved on.

We saw many Hoopoe Larks and Desert Wheatears but continued until we met another Berber who was going to show us some roosting owls. Sitting in a couple of small isolated trees were two splendid Pharaoh's Eagle Owls. Again, these huge owls had perfect colours and markings to blend in to this desert landscape. They were also joined by a couple of very attractive Desert Sparrows who were rather annoyed by the presence of the owls.

Back in the 4x4, we soon we came across another new species - the Bar-tailed Desert Lark. There must have been at least ten of these small, sandy larks very close to the vehicles. We stopped for tea and coffee overlooking some very dramatic sand dunes. Their enormous size was highlighted by a herd of Camels that were passing in front. We had lunch at Hassilabied Berber Coop where we also saw examples of Berber carpets and jewellery.

After lunch we left the sand desert behind and entered the very stony desert in the hope of finding some Sandgrouse. We weren't disappointed by several small flocks of Crowed Sandgrouse. These stunning birds allowed us to get out and have great looks at them through our telescopes. We got back to the hotel late in the afternoon and many celebrated a great day in the Sahara with a swim in the hotel pool before dinner.

## Day 6

## Tuesday 4th March

We had two long driving days ahead of us as we had to get from the Sahara Desert all the way across the width of Morocco to the Atlantic Ocean. We broke up the first day of eight hour driving with a stop just outside Tazzarine in a wadi full of palm trees. We were searching for Fulvous Babblers. It took us about an hour of creeping around the vast area of palms but eventually we tracked down a group of ten feeding on the ground in front of us. We then drove through some spectacular scenery with some quite incredible geology.

For lunch our driver Mohammed took us to his family home for a tradition meal. Everyone loved this experience and the local food! We even found a few Hoopoes in the gardens below. After lunch, we continued on and arrived at our hotel in enough time to pop down to the Barrage El Mansour Eddahbi to do some birding before dinner. Sadly the water level was very low this year and most of the birds were very distant. However, we did manage to see a Black Stork, Osprey, Marsh Harrier, thousands of Cormorants and many wildfowl and waders. As the sun began to set we saw thousands of bats streaming out of the city to feed over the open countryside, then went back to the hotel for the evening log and another fine meal before a well-deserved rest.

## Day 7

## Wednesday 5th March

After breakfast, we tried a different part of the Barrage in the hope of finding more water. The dry, dusty road produced three Cream-coloured Coursers very close to the van. We stopped and had excellent views of this stunning desert wader. Unfortunately, when we reached the Barrage there was still hardly any water, but we did find plenty of Great-crested Grebes, and Kentish and Little Ringed Plovers. Driving back towards Ouarzazate we came across a small roadside stream and decided to stop. It proved to be a great stop as we had our first Black Kite of the trip and a wonderful flock of Black-winged Stilts. The stream also held Moroccan and Spanish Wagtails, half a dozen Common Snipe, eight Green Sandpipers and another Little Ringed Plover. We hit the road again and were soon crossing some mountainous and very picturesque landscapes. A low Bonelli's Eagle was certainly worth a stop as it gained height in the cloudless sky.

We reached our lunch stop at mid-day a Saffron house at Taliouine. While our picnic lunch was being prepared we had a chance to explore the lush flowering garden. Here we found plenty of Serins, African Chaffinches, Goldfinches and Black Redstarts. We drank saffron tea with our lunch and some members of the group bought some to take home.

After lunch we continued our drive west and began to drop down into the Argan forests. Here we saw Goats climbing and standing in the tree tops feasting on the nuts of the Argan Trees. Then there was a shout of Black-shouldered Kite and the van screeched to a stop, we all piled out to see the magnificent raptor. We couldn't have hoped for better views as it hovered over us and twice dived at prey very close to us. One or two Southern Grey Shrikes kept us alert as we made our way to our hotel in the very busy town of Taroudant. Driving through the souks and tight streets amongst hundreds of bikes and thousands of people was quiet exciting. We settled in to our very traditional hotel and enjoyed a wonderful French style meal.

## Day 8

## Thursday 6th March

We awoke to the calls of religious prayer and hundreds of Pallid Swifts busily feeding over the town. Careful observation revealed at least four Little Swifts amongst them. There were also a few African Laughing Doves sat on the roof tops. After breakfast we began the last leg of our long westward journey and stopped en route to look at a nice Woodchat Shrike.

We reached the Atlantic Ocean and decided to have a coffee stop... the only problem was the thick fog! Once fuelled with Moroccan tea and coffee we headed north up the coast in search of the Bald Ibis, one of the world's rarest birds. We looked hard but struggled to find them in the thick coastal fog. We next stopped at a bay to look at a congregation of gulls on the beach. It was a nice mixed flock of Lesser Black-backed Gulls, Yellow-legged Gulls and many Audouin's Gulls, plus a couple of Sandwich Terns. Suddenly they all took flight in a panic and out of the mist came an Osprey! We also had nice views of a Spoonbill and a Moroccan Cormorant. Although they were a bit distant, we did eventually find a flock of Bald Ibis close to the sea. Luckily, the entire group were able to enjoy nice views of these rather peculiar birds. We then headed south and checked in at our hotel in Agadir.

In the evening, we had a couple of hours to relax before jumping back into the van for a few hours of birding at Oued Souss. There were plenty of birds to look through including a nice flock of Greater Flamingos. Another flock, this time gulls, revealed good numbers of both Mediterranean Gulls and the rather beautiful Slender-billed Gulls. We had nice views of Moroccan Magpies in the car park and a nice male Moroccan Wagtail. We walked along the beach and saw a Gull-billed Tern and many Sandwich Terns and Spoonbills. We then moved into the low scrub as dusk began to set in. We had stunning views of three Stone Curlews and heard a Red-necked Nightjar singing. After that it was back to the hotel to do the log and relax for the remainder of the evening.

## Day 9

## Friday 7th March

After breakfast we left a fog bound Agadir and headed south. After an hour and a half we stopped in an area of semi sandy desert. Luckily, the fog was now behind us leaving lovely sunshine behind. Here we found another three Stone Curlews and quite a few Black-bellied Sandgrouse and Lesser Short-toed Larks.

But best of all was some very showy warblers that gave great comparison. We had a Spectacled Warbler and at least four Subalpine Warblers. We then had a very short drive to Oued Massa, where our driver dropped us off and we began a lovely walk alongside the river. There were plenty of birds to hear and see. Moussier's Redstarts were very numerous as well as Sardinian Warblers. We then came across a very obliging Thekla Lark and our main target, the Black-crowned Tchagra. This can often be a very elusive species but we were very lucky. We saw at least five individuals and couldn't have asked to have better views of them singing and displaying.

We also came across a freshly ploughed field that was full of bird life. There were loads of Common Chiffchaffs, a pair of Stonechats and a cracking male Cirl Bunting. We saw a few Tree Pipits and a couple of Zitting Cisticola, one of which showed very well sat in a tree top. The good birds kept coming, including really nice views of an Isabelline Warbler singing away from a solitary tree. We then enjoyed our final picnic lunch of the trip in the national park with some extra goodies thrown in as a fair well gift from our drivers. After lunch we drove just past the Massa village and almost immediately found our next target bird, the Plain Martin. There were about eight of these martins hawking for insects with many swallows. Once everyone had had good views we did a bit more birding around the river. Here we found a gorgeous singing Spanish Wagtail sitting up on a branch and allowed everyone to get great looks through the telescope. Having found all the special birds of the area we headed back towards Agadir and made another stop at the Oued Souss. Here we enjoyed more Slender-billed Gulls and Greater Flamingos before returning to our hotel for dinner and the bird log!

## Day 10

## Saturday 8th March

We decided to have a bit of free time in the morning - some of the group stayed around the hotel and pool while others explored the town. A few even did a bit of sea watching and were rewarded with flocks of migrating Spoonbills and a few Gannets. At midday we all walked down to the seafront for a delicious meal at a seafood restaurant. We chatted about the wonderful time we had had in Morocco and all about the stunning wildlife and landscape. After lunch we walked back to the hotel but were quite unprepared for what was about to happen. We saw a Black Kite, then another and then another... soon there were hundreds! We were right in the middle of a mass raptor migration. Sitting outside our Agadir hotel we were quite blown away by the sheer spectacle of huge numbers of birds passing over in active migration. In just over an hour we saw over 1,500 Black Kites, many Marsh Harriers and several Ospreys as well as a few hundred White Storks. All too soon it was time to make our own journey home and we headed to the airport early afternoon for our flight back to London.

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## Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	February/March									
			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>						2				
2	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>						600	20	2		
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>						50				
4	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>						350				
5	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>						30				
6	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>						2	40			
7	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>								30	85	
8	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						1				
9	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>								85		
11	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>								10		85
12	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		6		30	8			70	3	
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		4				✓	✓	10	8	
14	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>									1	
15	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			12			40	10	30	10	
16	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>										6
17	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>						1000		20	30	
18	North African Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus</i>								3	1	
19	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						1		5		
20	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>							1			
21	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1									
22	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>			2				1		1	
23	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		2								
24	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						1			1	10
25	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>							2	2		1500
26	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		1	2		1					
27	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	10	5	2	1	2	1	30	15	20	
28	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1			1			1		
29	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>				1						



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			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
30	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>							1			2	
31	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>							40	2		10	
32	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>									3	4	
33	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>									40		
34	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>							30	14	10	15	
35	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>									40		
36	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>							300		40	30	
37	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>						1		3	20	5	
38	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>								4	15	8	
39	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>								4			
40	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>									30	5	
41	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>									10	10	
42	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>									12		
43	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>								10	1		
44	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>								1		1	
45	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>									40		
46	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>									2		
47	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>									10	5	
48	Cream-colored Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>			4				2	3			
49	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>									10	3	
50	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>							3		200	120	
51	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>									150		
52	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>									15	2	
53	Western Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis michahellis</i>									100	45	
54	Western Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>									3000		
55	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>									1		
56	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>									50	8	12
57	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>			4							12	
58	Crowned Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles coronatus</i>				21							
59	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	10	40							2		
61	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
62	Pharaoh Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>					2							
63	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>									1			
64	Egyptian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>					1							
65	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	300	80					200	300	10			
66	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	6							4				
67	European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>									13			
68	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2			2	4			1			
69	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		2							1			
70	Levaillant's Woodpecker	<i>Picus vaillantii</i>		1										
71	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>										5		
72	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis algenensis</i>				3	6	1	2	10	3			
73	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis elegans</i>					1							
74	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>										2		
75	Moroccan Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauritanica</i>		4							2	15	20	
76	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhacorax</i>		200										
77	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>		7										
78	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>				1	20	20			2	4		
79	'North African' Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>		4										
80	Atlas Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater atlas</i>		5		2								
81	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		3										
82	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		5	1									
83	Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>			4	2	15							
84	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>					15							
85	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>		2	5	9			5	20				
86	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		1	1	10	100	4						
87	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>				6								
88	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			30	15	10	3	20	15	30	4		
89	Maghreb Lark	<i>Galerida macrorhyncha</i>				2		1						
90	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>										3		
91	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>			25	8	4							
92	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	30	20	5	3		10	5	20	30	40		
93	Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>										10		

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			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
94	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>										1	
95	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	2	5	2	6		5	10	200	60	600	
96	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		2	6					2			
97	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		2	4					2			
98	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				1				1	3		
99	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		52				2	60	25	100		
100	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>								1			
101	Isabelline Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>								1			
102	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>									10		
103	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoides fulva</i>							15				
104	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	2	10						10	30	5	
105	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>			1								
106	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>			1	3					1		
107	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>									15		
108	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		1				2	2	3	20		
109	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	30	10				2	60	30	10	60	
110	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1									
112	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		4	2	1		3	2				
113	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>		2		3					12		
114	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>									3		
115	Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>			6	2		1					
116	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				2			2				
117	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>			0	15	50	20	5				
118	Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>				2							
119	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>		15	6	8	10	30	4	2			
120	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>		4	4	3							
121	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1	2						1		
122	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
123	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	10								30		
124	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>					4						
125	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>			3				3		5		

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			27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
126	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1						1			
127	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		10		15			200	10	30	1	
128	Moroccan Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba subpersonata</i>				2					2	1	
129	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>				2				1	2	1	
130	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>										3	
131	'North African' Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>		30						30		3	
132	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>		2	1	24	12	4	10	1			
133	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		1		1				20		5	
134	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>									70	2	
135	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		5									
136	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		10						30		10	
137	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		5	2			5	10	2	20		
138	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		3	2								
139	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>										1	
140	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza sahari</i>	2	12	10	2		5	10	20	12		



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