

Birding Extremadura and Casa Rural El Recuerdo
REPORT ON AUTUMN HOLIDAY FOR CYRIL AND JANET SHELLEY
Itinerary (20th September – 27th September 2014)

20th September 2014: Transfer from Madrid airport to Casa Rural El Recuerdo

21st September 2014: Acollarín Reservoir and the rice fields near Palazuelo and River Ruercas.

22nd September 2014: Surroundings of Madrigalejo, River Gargaligas, Puerto Peña. Orellana Reservoir, Moheda Alta pool and Cubilar Reservoir.

23rd September 2014: Plains near Santa Marta de Magasca and Trujillo.

24th September 2014: Plains of Campo Lugar, Esparragalejo pool, Alange Reservoir and Roman Bridge Mérida.

25th September 2014: Monfragüe National Park and River Almonte.

26th September 2014: Arrocampo Reservoir and surroundings, Arroyo de la Vid near Jaraicejo.

27th September 2014: Trujillo and then return to Madrid.



Trip Report

Day 1: 20th September 2014

The flight from London was slightly delayed, arriving twenty minutes late. Cyril and Janet were met by Martin at the airport and it was approaching 18.30 when we left the airport, heading on the Madrid ring road in a clockwise direction to take the motorway heading for Extremadura. Driving south-west, the low sun was ahead of us most of the journey, but the largely empty highway made progress smooth and easy. Roosting parties of **Jackdaws** and **Spotless Starlings** were seen en route, as well as **White Stork**, **Cattle Egret** and **Common Buzzard**. We arrived at Casa Rural El Recuerdo just as it was getting dark at 21.00 with time to settle in and go through into the dining room for dinner. After a long day, a long night's sleep was most welcome.

Day 2: 21st September 2014

The day dawned bright and the threatened storms in fact held off until the close of the day, meaning that we enjoyed a full day in the field. It was generally sunny and warm all day long. Before breakfast there was an opportunity to enjoy **Red-rumped Swallows** and **House Martins** on the wire beside the house, whilst **Spotless Starlings** chortled and whistled. After a leisurely breakfast we headed south to the recently created reservoir of Alcollarín. The first thing that struck us was the thousands of **House Martins** that were basking in the sunshine on the vast concrete surface of the dam. Occasionally they would take off, as a huge flock. Where had all of these House Martins come from? We spent the morning beside the reservoir. There were good numbers of grebes, including at least one **Black-necked Grebe**, as well as three juvenile **Black Terns** flitting gracefully over the water. **Cattle Egrets**, **Little Egrets** and **Great Egrets** were widespread and there was a party of about 30 **Spoonbill** present as well. The ducks were all in eclipse plumage, mainly **Mallard**, but with **Shoveler** and **Gadwall** also present, as well as a few **Egyptian Geese**. Smaller birds included migrant **Pied** and Spotted **Flycatchers**, **Northern Wheatear** and **Willow Warbler**, whilst **Thekla** and **Woodlarks** sang over the woodland and **Kingfishers** were present by the water's edge.

Overhead soared a pale phase **Booted Eagle**, whilst also seen was a female **Marsh Harrier** and a juvenile **Peregrine** which came to land at the water's edge, as species like **Great Egret** walked nonchalantly past it.

Following coffee near the village of Campo Lugar we then dropped down to the rice growing area near Palazuelo. The rice crop was almost ready for harvesting, the ears of grain hanging heavily. We had lunch at a semi-abandoned picnic area where we had good view of a **Broad Scarlet** dragonfly, otherwise **Red-veined Darters** were abundant. Following farm tracks we saw dozens of **Common Snipe** as well as

passage **Yellow Wagtails**, **Whinchats** and **Green Sandpipers**. In the ditches flocks of **Tree Sparrows** were feeding and we also had good views of the stockier **Spanish Sparrows** and **Red Avadavats**, the males in full breeding plumage. **Azure-winged Magpies** were active in the peach and plum orchards.

We stopped beside the River Ruercas and in the last hour of so of fine weather at the end of the day, enjoyed the presence of a party of **Common Waxbills**, as well as **Spotted** and **Pied Flycatchers**, **Willow Warbler**, **Great Spotted Woodpecker** and **Long-tailed Tits**.

By now thunder was heard and as we returned to Casa Rural El Recuerdo, the skies darkened and the storm, which had luckily kept its distance all afternoon, finally arrived in full force.

Day 3: 22nd September 2014

A fine start to the day, with Cyril and Janet seeing a **Peregrine** passing high overhead before breakfast and **Woodlarks** and **Cetti's Warblers** singing. The day remained dry right through to the evening, when a storm passed bringing some rain.

We headed south again, crossing the plains near Zorita, where we glimpsed some **Great Bustards** from the road, before making our first stop just north of Madrigalejo. Here we enjoyed the sight of a winter roost of **Stone Curlew**, standing preening in the sunshine. We then followed a road through an area of rough pasture with scattered trees, where migrants like **Whinchats** and **Pied Flycatchers** were in evidence. Two juvenile **Woodchat Shrikes** and a **Common Whitethroat** were of particular interest. We continued southward through arable land and rice fields, stopping briefly at a river where there were literally hundreds of **Spanish Sparrows**, making such a noise that even the nearby **Cetti's Warblers** found it difficult to compete. As we stood, a small number of **Griffon** and **Black Vultures** glided over, the latter at close range affording excellent views.

Following coffee, we stopped for lunch at the magnificent viewpoint looking across to the rock face of Puerto Peña, standing above the Guadiana River. Here again we had many sightings of **Griffon Vultures**, as well as a distant **Black Stork**. Small birds were also interesting, including a juvenile **Subalpine Warbler**, **Sardinian Warbler** and **Long-tailed Tits**.

The afternoon's birding started at a bay of the Orellana Reservoir, here we saw no fewer than five **Black Stork**, which appeared, disappeared and then reappeared from a deep channel. As well as over a hundred **Common Pochard**, **Mallard** and **Shoveler**, there were also **Ringed Plover**, **Green** and **Common Sandpiper** feeding at the water's edge. A **Great Banded Grayling** butterfly passed close by, ensuring prolonged views. We then made a stop at a small pool at Moheda Alta beside rice fields where there was a flock of **White Stork** and a selection of waders including **Ruff**, **Little Stint**, **Dunlin**, **Little Ringed Plover** and **Lapwing**. At the edge of the paddy we had good views of a male **Epaulet Skimmer**.

Following a wide irrigation canal, we reached the dam of the Cubilar Reservoir. The highlight here was an **Osprey**, contently feeding on a fish on a dead tree at the back of the water body. A little further on, we had an excellent view of an adult **Short-toed Eagle** on top of a pylon, a typical perch for this species. By now the clouds were darkening and we quickened our pace to return home before the looming storm. We did though pause to admire a second **Short-toed Eagle**, again on a pylon, being mobbed by a **Hoopoe** and **Azure-winged Magpies**.

Day 4: 23rd September 2014

It was a largely overcast days, with passing showers and feeling generally much cooler. We set off northwards, passing through Trujillo and then heading west to the plains lying between the town and the village of Santa Marta de Magasca. One of the first birds we stopped to look at was another **Short-toed Eagle**, looking a little bedraggled after the night's rain. We then stopped at a transition zone between *dehesa* woodland and open country. Here, and indeed right through the day, we saw a multitude of passage migrants: **Whinchats**, **Northern Wheatears**, **Willow Warblers**, as well as resident **Thekla Larks** and **Corn Buntings**. Nearby a party of about 40 **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** flew up and we watched them fly beyond the skyline. **Calandra Larks** chased each other, whilst a **Woodlark** sang over the trees behind us. Appearing out of place, a newly arrived **Robin** sat on a wire fence crossing a meadow.

Following a dirt track, we obtained distant views of a group of **Great Bustard** and watched a party of **Short-toed Larks** feeding in a field, alongside **Calandra Larks** and an early **Meadow Pipit**. Further off a group of vultures attracted our attention, a mixture of **Black** and **Griffon Vultures**. They in turn had been attracted by lambing ewes, feeding on afterbirth and as we watched, on what appeared to be a still born lamb. As they fed, **Ravens** and **Magpies** flew in to join them, dwarfed by the vultures.

We then drove to the village of Santa Marta de Magasca for coffee, seeing a **Red Kite** and **Common Redstart** on the way. Following coffee we stopped at the River Magsaca. We had hoped to find some dragonflies, but apart from two large dragonflies seen as silhouettes above the tree tops, none were active closer at hand, probably because of the cool, dull weather. However, we did see **Kingfisher**, **Crag Martin**, **Blackcap** and briefly a **Rock Bunting**. We stayed for our picnic, finishing just as a belt of rain passed through. We then drove north of the river, seeing more and more **Whinchats** and **Northern Wheatears** and stopped to check some fields with very low sward. Here there were groups of **Calandra** and **Short-toed Larks** together, providing an interesting comparison, and whilst we watched them no fewer than 110 **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** arrived and started feeding in a low area in the field, providing us with good views. A female **Hen Harrier** slowly flew overhead.

We spent a few moments looking at the autumn flowers appearing in the field: **Autumn Snowflake**, **Autumn Squill**, **Serotine Narcissus** and **Autumn Crocus**. Then taking the road back to Trujillo and home, we stopped one last time to admire a

flock of about 50 **Rock Sparrow** feeding in the meadow beside the road. Rain was falling as we reached home, but despite the weather it had been a fascinating day, especially in term of the massive passage of migrants that we had witnessed.



Day 5: 24th September 2014

There had been heavy rain during the night, but it remained dry during the day with the cloudy conditions in the morning lifting to a warm and sunny afternoon.

We started the day on the plains south of Zorita. Here we found at our very first stop two parties of **Great Bustard**, feeding in the tall dry vegetation. On piles of stones in the field, two **Little Owl** also stood motionless. Flocks of **Corn Buntings** and **Calandra Larks** were moving across the fields with a female **Marsh Harrier** also appearing into view. Further along we stopped to watch **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** in flight as well as on the ground, where they shuffled on their short legs. A **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** landing, spotted by Cyril, was the cue to help us find a single **Little Bustard** which we watched at length as it walked across the field. Further **Great Bustards** were in view on the other side of the road. Accompanying all of these sightings, as on other days, were passage **Northern Wheatear** and **Whinchats**.

Following coffee, we drove west through the heart of the rice-growing area of Extremadura to Mérida, the capital. We stopped at a small pool beside the town of Esparragalejo. Here picnic lunch was accompanied by a fine selection of birds including no fewer than 18 **Little Stint**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, over thirty **Spoonbill** and a **Black Tern**. It was a magnificent place, with a flyover **Osprey** to cap it all just as we were about to leave.

We spent most of the afternoon walking beside the Alange reservoir, where we had good views of two male **Black Wheatear**, a **Blue Rock Thrush**, vast numbers of **House Martins**, as well as several **Pied Flycatchers** feeding in the olives. Finally we visited the Roman Bridge in Mérida, spanning the Guadiana River. Here we had superb views of a **Purple Swamphen**, four **Common Waxbills**, as well as a **Reed Warbler**, **Moorhen** and **Common Coot**.

We returned to Casa Rural El Recuerdo after a full and varied day, with a glorious rainbow appearing just before our evening meal.

Day 6: 25th September 2014

In contrast to previous days, the morning was cloudless and it remained so all day. There was a fresh breeze which eased considerably by the afternoon. After a pleasant pre-breakfast walk, the destination today was the Monfragüe National Park. To reach the area, we passed through the historic town of Trujillo and then through a vast *dehesa* landscape, with holm oak wood pasture extending as far as the eye could see. Monfragüe is a series of metamorphosed sandstone ridges, running east to west, through which cuts the Tajo River and its tributary the Tiétar. We stopped first of all opposite the vast cliff of Peña Falcon, beside the Tajo, the longest river in the Iberian peninsular. On the rock face **Griffon Vultures** rested, whilst others were airborne, **Black Vultures** also passed with their immense rectangular form. The sky was also full of hirundines, whilst on the rock beside us, we saw **Rock Bunting**, **Blue Rock Thrush** and **Black Redstarts**. A **Peregrine** appeared briefly as did a **Common Kestrel**. After feasting our eyes at this spot, we then drove through the park to visit the viewpoint at the Portilla del Tiétar. Here again we could watch vultures at close quarters, but we did not have to wait long before a **Spanish Imperial Eagle** appeared soaring beside the vultures. Its mate appeared and then on three occasions we watched the beautiful sky dance, as the eagle somersaulted high above us. It was a memorable sight.

We then took refreshments at a small bar beside a *dehesa* of cork oak trees. A fine **Praying Mantis** settled for few minutes on the car whilst around us we could hear the bellowing of rutting **Red Deer** stags. After coffee, we walked in the area and saw two stags in combat. The cork oaks hosted species like **Nuthatch** and **Rock Sparrow**.



We had lunch in a belt of pines overlooking the Tiétar River, with vultures overhead and a **Pied Flycatcher** feeding in front of us. We then drove slowly back through the park, stopping to get a prolonged view of a **Two-tailed Pasha** butterfly as it prospected a strawberry tree growing on the roadside.

We then enjoyed a very pleasant walk beside the Tajo River, following the old road in the shade of trees, again with strawberry trees present, and several sightings of **Two-tailed Pashas** to boot. However the highlights on the walk was a good albeit distant view of a **Bonelli's Eagle** and at our toes, a dead **Viperine Snake** being hauled across the old road by ants. However, it was a beautifully tame **Willow Warbler** which really stole the show, feeding quite obvious of our close presence.

We made a final stop yet again at the Peña Falcon viewpoint, where more and more vultures were arriving, before returning home. However en route we stopped for about half an hour beside the River Almonte.



Here we had magnificent views of several species of dragonfly including the vividly coloured **Violet Dropwing**, an African species which was only first recorded in Spain in 1979.



Before arriving home we saw both a **Short-toed Eagle** and a **Booted Eagle**, bringing our eagle tally for the day to four species, whilst upon our arrival, the butterfly list was increased too with the sight of several **Cardinal** butterflies enjoying the afternoon sunshine.

Day 7: 26th September 2014

Another fine morning and it remained clear, although a bit breezy all day, with just some light cloud developing in the evening.

Today we visited the reservoir of Arrocampo, created to provide cooling water for the Almaraz nuclear power station. This means that the water level is kept steady, allowing a good growth of emergent vegetation at its fringes, providing habitat for herons, egrets and **Purple Swamphens**. We saw several **Marsh Harrier** and a nice party of eight **Spoonbill**. We spent the first part of the morning checking the hinterland for Black-winged Kite, but sadly we failed to find any. However, we did see a **Glossy Ibis** with a party of **Cattle Egrets**, and had numerous encounters with migrant **Pied Flycatchers**, **Willow Warblers** and **Common Redstart**.



We stopped at a pool set in *dehesa* woodland, where the pasture boasted impressive spreads of autumn crocuses.

We spent the middle part of the day looking for dragonflies, eventually coming across a fine marshy area, which held eight **Common Snipe**. Here we found **Long Skimmer**, **Scarlet Darter**, **Lesser Emperor** and **Red-veined Skimmer**.

On the return home we stopped beside the Arroyo de la Vid, where **Cardinal** butterflies were nectaring and **Spanish Terrapins** were sun-bathing, and yet again the ubiquitous **Pied Flycatchers**.

Day 8: 27th September 2014

The day dawn damp and cloudy, with showers of rain through the morning. Following breakfast, we bade our farewells at Casa Rural El Recuerdo and then drove to nearby Trujillo for an opportunity to visit this beautiful historic town. We stopped first at the Main Square, with the statue of Francisco Pizarro on one side and the palace built by his brother on the other. We then climbed up to the castle, built by the Moors over a thousand years ago and offering incredible views over the terrain. Despite the poor weather conditions, we could still see for at least thirty miles. We explored the narrow cobbled streets in the old quarter of the town. It was then time to start our return journey to Madrid. It was an easy run, with a stop for a snack at about the halfway point. As we approached the airport, a **Northern Wheatear** was evidence of the passage migration still well underway! We reached the airport in good time for the check-in and departure.

Annotated List of Species Seen

1. **Little Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín and Orellana reservoirs, as well as at Esparragalejo.
2. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen on all large water bodies.
3. **Black-necked Grebe:** One at Alcollarín Reservoir on 21st September.
4. **Great Cormorant:** Seen most days.
5. **Cattle Egret:** Seen almost every day.
6. **Little Egret:** Seen almost daily.
7. **Great Egret:** Seen at Alcollarín and at Arrocampo reservoirs.
8. **Grey Heron:** Seen daily.
9. **Black Stork:** A total of seven seen on 22nd September, including five at Orellana Reservoir.
10. **White Stork:** Seen on rice fields and at Esparragalejo.
11. **Glossy Ibis:** One at Cerro Alto, near Saucedilla on 26th September.
12. **Spoonbill:** Parties seen at Alcollarín on 21st September, 34 at Esparragalejo on 24th September and 8 at Arrocampo on 26th September.
13. **Grey Lag Goose:** 6 flying over Arrocampo on 26th September.
14. **Egyptian Goose:** Seen at Alcollarín Reservoir.

15. **Gadwall:** Seen on most days in suitable habitat.
16. **Teal:** Seen at Orellana Reservoir.
17. **Mallard:** Seen daily.
18. **Pintail:** One at Cubilar Reservoir on 22nd September.
19. **Shoveler:** Seen on most days in suitable habitat.
20. **Common Pochard:** 110 present at Orellana Reservoir on 22nd September.
21. **Red Kite:** One on 23rd September near Santa Marta de Magasca and two on 26th September at Arrocampo.
22. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen daily.
23. **Black Vulture:** Seen daily.
24. **Short-toed Eagle:** Seen daily from 22nd to 25th September.
25. **Osprey:** One at Cubilar Reservoir on 22nd September and one at Esparragalejo on 24th September.
26. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen daily.
27. **Hen Harrier:** An adult female seen near Santa Marta de Magasca on 23rd September.
28. **Sparrowhawk:** A pair at Puerto Peña on 22nd September.
29. **Common Buzzard:** Seen daily.
30. **Spanish Imperial Eagle:** A pair displaying in Monfragüe National Park on 25th September.
31. **Booted Eagle:** Seen on 21st, 22nd (four individuals) and 25th September.
32. **Bonelli's Eagle:** One adult seen in Monfragüe on 25th September.
33. **Common Kestrel:** Seen daily.
34. **Peregrine Falcon:** A juvenile at Alcollarín reservoir on 21st September, one flying over Pago de San Clemente on 22nd and one at Monfragüe on 25th September.
35. **Water Rail:** Heard on River Ruercas 21st September.
36. **Moorhen:** Recorded on several days.
37. **Purple Swamphen:** Seen from Roman Bridge Mérida and at Arrocampo Reservoir.
38. **Common Coot:** Present on all large water bodies.
39. **Little Bustard:** One on plains near Campo Lugar on 24th September.

40. **Great Bustard:** Three or four seen from main road south of Zorita on 22nd September, about nine seen on plains west of Trujillo on 23rd September and about a dozen on Campo Lugar plains on 24th September.
41. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen at Alcollarín, Moheda Alta and Esparragalejo.
42. **Stone Curlew:** At least twenty at roost near Madrigalejo on 22nd September.
43. **Ringed Plover:** One seen at Moheda Alta on 22nd September and four at Esparragalejo on 24th September.
44. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen on several days.
45. **Northern Lapwing:** Seen on several days.
46. **Curlew Sandpiper:** Three at Esparragalejo on 24th September.
47. **Dunlin:** Seen at Moheda Alta on 22nd September and four at Esparragalejo on 24th September.
48. **Little Stint:** One at Moheda Alta on 22nd September and 18 at Esparragalejo on 24th September.
49. **Ruff:** Present at both Moheda Alta and Esparragalejo.
50. **Common Snipe:** Good numbers on the rice fields.
51. **Common Redshank:** At least two at Esparragalejo on 24th September.
52. **Greenshank:** One seen at Alcollarín on 21st September.
53. **Green Sandpiper:** Seen most days.
54. **Common Sandpiper:** Seen most days.
55. **Black Tern:** Three at Alcollarín on 21st September and one at Esparragalejo on 24th.
56. **Black-headed Gull:** Seen almost daily.
57. **Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Seen on several days.
58. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse:** One seen on plains west of Trujillo on 23rd September and at least 12 on plains of Campo Lugar on 24th.
59. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** A total of about 160 seen (in two flocks) on plains west of Trujillo on 23rd September.
60. **Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon:** Seen almost daily.
61. **Wood Pigeon:** Seen on several days.
62. **Collared Dove:** Seen daily.
63. **Little Owl:** Seen near Madrigalejo and on plains of Campo Lugar and west of Trujillo.

64. **Pallid Swifts:** Swifts seen over Pago de San Clemente on morning of 21st September would almost certainly have been of this species.
65. **Kingfisher:** Seen on several days.
66. **Hoopoe:** Seen daily.
67. **Great Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen or heard on two days.
68. **Calandra Lark:** Good numbers on the plains west of Trujillo and near Campo Lugar.
69. **Short-toed Lark:** Especially on plains west of Trujillo on 23rd September, small parties, sometimes in mixed flocks with Calandra Lark.
70. **Crested Lark:** Seen daily.
71. **Thekla Lark:** Seen almost daily.
72. **Woodlark:** Singing every morning at Pago de San Clemente.
73. **Sand Martin:** Seen on rice fields on 21st and 22nd September.
74. **Crag Martin:** Seen on several days.
75. **Barn Swallow:** Seen on rice fields on 21st and 22nd September.
76. **Red-rumped Swallow:** Seen daily.
77. **House Martin:** Seen daily. Thousands present at dam of Alcollarín reservoir on 21st September.
78. **Tawny Pipit:** Five seen on plains on 23rd September and one on 24th September.
79. **Meadow Pipit:** Singles seen on plains on 23rd and 24th September.
80. **Yellow Wagtail:** passage birds seen almost every day.
81. **Grey Wagtail:** One on River Magasca on 23rd September and River Almonte on 25th..
82. **White Wagtail:** Seen daily.
83. **Wren:** Recorded daily.
84. **Robin:** Seen most days and present in garden at Pago de San Clemente from 25th September.
85. **Black Redstart:** Seen at Monfragüe.
86. **Common Redstart:** Passage birds seen on three days.
87. **Stonechat:** Seen daily.
88. **Whinchat:** Seen daily, especially large numbers on passage on the plains.

89. **Northern Wheatear:** Seen almost daily.
90. **Black Wheatear:** Two males at Alange on 24th September.
91. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen at Alange and Monfragüe.
92. **Blackbird:** Seen daily.
93. **Cetti's Warbler:** Seen (usually heard) daily, including garden at Pago de San Clemente.
94. **Zitting Cisticola.** Seen on most days.
95. **Reed Warbler:** Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
96. **Subalpine Warbler:** A juvenile at Puerto Peña on 22nd September.
97. **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen daily.
98. **Common Whitethroat:** Passage birds seen on 22nd and 23rd September.
99. **Garden Warbler:** Two passage birds beside River Ruercas on 21st September.
100. **Blackcap:** Seen on several days.
101. **Willow Warbler:** Abundant on passage and seen every day.
102. **Spotted Flycatcher:** Passage birds seen on 21st and 23rd September.
103. **Pied Flycatcher:** Seen daily in good numbers.
104. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen on most days.
105. **Blue Tit:** Seen daily.
106. **Great Tit:** Seen daily.
107. **Nuthatch:** Seen in Monfragüe.
108. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Recorded in Monfragüe.
109. **Southern Grey Shrike:** Seen daily.
110. **Woodchat Shrike:** Two juveniles seen on 22nd September.
111. **Jay:** Seen on 26th September.
112. **Azure-winged Magpie:** Seen daily.
113. **Magpie:** Seen daily.
114. **Jackdaw:** Seen on several days.
115. **Raven:** Seen almost every day.
116. **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
117. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.

118. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen on several days.
119. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on rice fields on 21st September.
120. **Rock Sparrow:** A flock of about 50 birds on plains west of Trujillo on 23rd September, also seen in Monfragüe.
121. **Common Waxbill:** Seen on rice fields and at Mérida.
122. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on rice fields on 21st and 22nd September.
123. **Chaffinch:** Seen on several days.
124. **Goldfinch:** Seen almost daily.
125. **Linnet:** Seen on several days.
126. **Hawfinch:** One at Pago de San Clemente on 21st September.
127. **Girl Bunting:** Seen in Monfragüe.
128. **Rock Bunting:** Seen beside River Magasca and Monfragüe.
129. **Corn Bunting:** Seen daily.

Other wildlife

Mammals

Roe Deer
Red Deer
Iberian Hare

Butterflies

Cardinal
Speckled Wood
Small White
Great Banded Grayling
Meadow Brown
Clouded yellow
Small Copper
Two-tailed Pasha

Holly Blue

Dragonflies

Scarlet Darter
Red-veined Darter
Lesser Emperor
Blue Emperor
Epaulet Skimmer
Long Skimmer
Violet Dropwing
Iberian Bluetail

Reptiles

Spanish Terrapin
Large Psammodromus
Wall Lizard
Viperine Snake