

**Birding Extremadura and Casa Rural El Recuerdo**  
**EARLY SPRING HOLIDAY REPORT FOR DEREK AND HELEN**  
**(17<sup>th</sup> March - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018)**

**Itinerary**

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*Derek and Helen beside Giant Orchids*

## TRIP REPORT

### 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Transfer from Madrid airport to Casa Rural El Recuerdo

Martin collected Derek and Helen at the airport in Madrid at 11.00, amid driving sleet. It had been raining heavily all morning, but fortunately as we were heading away from Madrid on the A5 motorway to Extremadura the rain had eased. The heavily overcast skies slowly lightened and gradually we were rewarded with spectacular views of the Gredos Mountains, with snow cover extending well into the wooded lower slopes.

En route we started to see birds like **Black** and **Red Kites** and **White Storks**. We stopped for coffee about half-way through the journey and shortly afterwards reached the Arrocampo Reservoir, beside the village of Saucedilla, where we had our picnic. It was a fresh south-westerly wind, but from the leeward side of a hide, we could watch birds in reasonable comfort. We had lovely views of a male **Bluethroat**, a **Purple Heron** and a couple of **Purple Swamphens**. **Little Egrets** and **Great Egrets** flew side-by-side, whilst **Griffon** and **Black Vultures** glided low overhead. We came across a very smart pair of **Linnets** bathing and nearby a chance to look closely at both **House** and **Spanish Sparrows** foraging together.

We drove through a farming landscape to the west of the reservoir, most fields with pools of standing water, some with duck such as **Shoveler** and **Teal** present.

From Arrocampo it was then an easy drive onwards to Casa Rural El Recuerdo, reaching there just after 17.00.

### 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Alange, and areas near Zafra.

We enjoyed a day which remained largely dry, just a few light showers on our drive home, and with periods of sunshine, albeit with a fresh westerly wind. We drove south of Mérida to the dam of the Alange reservoir. From the car park, we could see parties of **Alpine Swifts** wheeling over head and **Crag Martins** at lower altitude. As soon as we started our walk beside the reservoir, we had a close view of a **Black Wheatear** and we were to see a second bird further along the path. **Blue Rock Thrushes** sang from the crags above us, teasing us with brief views until at last we found a couple of more obliging birds. We fared better with **Rock Bunting**, but **Thekla Larks** rarely stayed around. We also found an **Alpine Accentor** on the rock face, whilst the bushes were full of small birds: **Serins**, **Goldfinches**, **Greenfinches**, **Blackcaps**. Overhead there was a continuous stream of **Griffon Vultures**. We had lovely views of a pair of **Egyptian Vultures**, as well as a **Bonelli's Eagle** gliding overhead.

As we left a pair of **Short-toed Eagles** appeared, gliding in unison with wings outstretched in courtship flight.

We had coffee south of Almendralejo and then continued driving through the vast landscape of Tierra de Barros, before entering more hilly terrain near Zafra. Here we had a magnificent view of an adult **Golden Eagle**, with a **Booted Eagle** just a few minutes later. We took a walk through almond groves where there were **Thekla Larks** and **Iberian Grey Shrikes**, where we found four species of orchid: **Sawfly**, **Sombre**, ***bilunulata*** and **Hill Orchid**. However, the cold dry weather followed by the recent rain had evidently slowed down flowering because it appeared that the season was barely starting.

After a picnic, we drove to the other side of Zafra, close to the village of Alconera. Here we found magnificent stands of **Giant Orchids** and many **Hill Orchid** also in flower.



*Giant Orchid*

We returned via Alange, seeing there three **Short-toed Eagles** in the sky together and reached Casa Rural El Recuerdo at 18.00

### **19<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Plains near the village of Santa Marta de Magasca and Belén**

A day of struggling against the weather, with periods of rain in the morning and then very high winds in the afternoon. We started first on the plains south-west of the village of Santa Marta de Magasca, getting good views of numerous **Calandra Larks** and flocks of **Golden Plover**. A small pool held several **Gadwall**, **Mallard**, a **Green Sandpiper** and a pair of **Little Grebe**. Standing water was very much a feature across the plains. After coffee in a very friendly bar in Santa Marta de Magasca, we stopped beside the River Magasca to watch **Crag Martins** and **House Martins**. A distant **Black Stork** rose above the sides of the valley and soon afterwards we had good views of an immature **Spanish Imperial Eagle**.

Rising again to the plains, we stopped frequently to scan and on one occasion were rewarded by a male **Little Bustard** and a brief glimpse of a **Little Owl**. Soon afterwards at another stop, we found a **Great Bustard** sitting hunched in quite tall vegetation. We had our picnic in the wonderful granite landscape of the *Berrocal* of Trujillo, enjoying good views of **Thekla Larks**.

We then spent an hour or so on the plains south-east of the village, finding a flock of about 30 **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**. We ended the afternoon on the plains of Belén, seeing a very distant group of **Great Bustard** and a low-flying **Black Vulture**.

### **20<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Monfragüe National Park**

The wind changed overnight to the north and we awoke to clear skies and sunshine. Apart from some light rain in the middle part of the day, as a shower cloud nudged towards us, we enjoyed fine, if at times somewhat windy, weather throughout the day.

We left Trujillo northwards, across vast expanses of *dehesa*, through Torrejón El Rubio, and on to the Monfragüe National Park. Our first stop was the viewpoint opposite the huge and impressive Peña Falcón rock face. Here, appropriately enough, there was a **Peregrine**, but also large numbers of **Griffon Vultures** wheeling over the rock and even more standing perched on the rock face. A **Black Stork** was seen coming into land and a **Short-toed Eagle** passed through.



*View of Gredos Mountains from Portilla del Tiétar*

We then continued through the park to the Portilla del Tiétar viewpoint. Here again we enjoyed excellent views of **Griffon** and **Black Vultures**. A pair of **Egyptian Vultures** settled on the top of the rock face opposite, providing us with a wonderful sight. We had rather distant views of an adult **Spanish Imperial Eagle** high above, somewhat closer views of an adult **Golden Eagle** and good views of a **Booted Eagle** which flew close by. After coffee, returning for a while to the same viewpoint, we had better and more prolonged views of the **Spanish Imperial Eagle**. A **Peregrine** was also seen there.

We made a short stop in some pine woodland, where a **Common Cuckoo** was calling. We saw **Coal Tit** and heard **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, whilst a **Black Stork** was seen in flight.

We had our picnic at the Tajadilla viewpoint. Here we had a rather distant view of a **Bonelli's Eagle**, but an excellent singing **Hawfinch**, quite close to the car. We then continued to the Puerta de Serrania viewpoint. As well as all three species of vulture, we also were fortunate to find an **Eagle Owl**, which we thoroughly enjoyed watching at length.



*Eagle Owl number one*

We took a walk beside the Tagus River, seeing small birds such as **Robin** and **Long-tailed Tit** and were rewarded with superb views of a **Bonelli's Eagle**, making several attempts to pick something up from the water's surface. We then made a second visit at the Peña Falcon viewpoint. This time, vultures were coming into roost and we had great views of the birds flying in to land. A **Blue Rock Thrush** was also seen. Best of all were views of **Black Storks** standing on two nest sites and in flight, wheeling close by to land. On our return journey stopped beside the River Almonte. Parties of vultures drifted overhead, but our attention was focused on a fine adult **Golden Eagle** which was soaring at close range. A **Bonelli's Eagle** also made an appearance, whilst at the water's edge, **Common Chiffchaffs** were coming to forage.

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2018: Plains near Santa Marta de Magasca, Cáceres city, Casar de Cáceres reservoir and Trujillo.**

It was day of sunshine and cloudless skies, with periods of fresh north-westerly winds. We revisited the plains east of Santa Marta de Magasca, which looked wonderful in the sunshine, with a backdrop of the snow-capped Gredos Mountains. **Calandra Larks** sang in full voice. We found a group of 35 **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** in the same place we had seen them a couple of days earlier. Further along, we came across a group of 22

**Great Bustard** and enjoyed magnificent views of them, especially when at least five were in full display. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** were spread across the same field in twos and threes, being joined by groups of **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**. Once the **Great Bustards** had sidled out of view, we withdrew, but not before having excellent views of **Thekla Lark** feeding close-by and a large flock of Azure-winged **Magpies**. An **Iberian Grey Shrike** was collecting sheep's wool to line its nest.

We drove further west and took the road towards Santa Marta de Magasca that is lined by poles bearing nest boxes. Along this we saw no fewer than 10 **Little Owls** and two or three pairs of **Lesser Kestrel**. A pair of immature **Spanish Imperial Eagle** were in display and vultures rose of thermals.

We then drove into the city of Cáceres to visit the historic centre. The weather was perfect for strolling around the fine medieval centre of this World Heritage Site. Of special interest was the small but excellent museum, with many artefacts from the pre-Roman, Roman and Visigoth periods. The Arab Cistern there was also visited.



*Arab Cistern in Cáceres*

Following a tasty lunch of tapas in the Plaza Mayor, we drove to a small reservoir near Casa de Cáceres. It was quite windy, making the surface very choppy, but we saw a few species of duck, a **Common Sandpiper** and **Black-winged Stilt**. Numerous **House**

**Martins** foraged close to the surface of the water, whilst a **Pallid Swift** was seen higher up. We then returned to Trujillo, taking an opportunity to see the town from its western flank and then visiting the San Lazaro park, where **Chiffchaffs** and dozens of **Barn Swallows** foraged.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018: Sierra Brava Reservoir, the Campo Lugar plains and Alcollarín Reservoir.**

It was a dry sunny day, with at times a south-westerly wind. We headed south, past the town on Zorita and then to the dam of the Sierra Brava reservoir. On the way we had lovely views of a group of **Lesser Kestrels** and some **Red-rumped Swallows**. We had good views of an **Eagle Owl**, roosting beside a small cliff and then, amazingly, found its mate, tucked away on a nest. A fine male **Common Kestrel** also gave us very close views. **Magpies** chased a **Great Spotted Cuckoo** and out on the reservoir we spotted a distant **Avocet**.

We then crossed the plains towards the village of Campo Lugar. As soon as we started the drive, we had superb views of a male **Spectacled Warbler**, sometimes eating caterpillars on the road in front of us. There were good numbers of **Calandra Larks** singing and we saw a group of **Great Bustard** in flight. A **Short-toed Eagle** was seen on a tree and a large group of **Griffon** and **Black Vultures** were seen in a field, presumably at a carcass. We saw a total of five **Little Owls**. At a small pool we found about a dozen **Black-winged Stilts** and duck such as **Gadwall**, **Shoveler** and **Teal**.

Leaving Campo Lugar, we had a good view of a male **Hen Harrier** hunting. We had lunch in the attractive picnic area beside the Alcollarín Reservoir. A nice group of herons were present: **Spoonbill**, **Great Egret**, **Little Egret** and **Grey Heron**. We found a juvenile **Greater Flamingo**, resting with some **Cormorant**. On the water a good selection of duck, including a drake **Garganey** and grebes, including **Black-necked Grebe**. Overhead we saw a **Short-toed Eagle** and numerous hirundines, especially Sand Martins, whilst in the woodland we heard **Common Cuckoo** and saw birds such as **Woodchat Shrike** and **Subalpine Warbler**.

As we were leaving, a check through the gathering flock of **Black-headed Gulls** revealed a **Common Gull**: a local rarity.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018: Area south of Madrigalejo, Orellana Reservoir, Moheda Alta and Palazuelo.**

It was a day with increasing cloud, dry until lunchtime and then spells of heavy rain. As yesterday, we headed south past Zorita and onward to Madrigalejo. We spent some time driving through an area of rice fields near the village of Vegas Altas, seeing a newly arrived **Sedge Warbler** and then finding a field with a party of **Kentish Plover** and **Little Ringed Plovers**. There were also two **Water Pipits** present, along with several **Meadow Pipits**. We stopped to look at the River Gargaligas, but the recent rain had caused the river to flatten much of the reed beds there. We drove through more rice



-growing areas and *dehesa* towards the village of Obando. On the way we found a group of nine **Common Crane** and had a fine view of a **Black-winged Kite**.



*Picnic at Moheda Alta*

After coffee in Obando, we made a brief visit to an arm of the Orellana Reservoir, where there were just a few **Mallard** and **Gadwall**, and then returned north to Moheda Alta. At the edge of the woodland there we found a nice group of four **Garganey** on a pool. It was starting to rain so we sought shelter for our lunch in a hide overlooking a strip of rice fields. This proved an excellent decision. There was plenty to see, including groups of waders such as **Ruff**, **Black-tailed Godwit**, **Dunlin** and **Little Stint**, several **Yellow Wagtails** (of the Blue-headed form), a couple of **Bluethroat** and a **Water Pipit**. Dramatically too, we had three fly pasts of male **Hen Harriers** and an interesting interaction between two.



*Hen Harrier*

We then made our way back home, sometimes in heavy rain, taking a route via more rice fields near the village of Palazuelo. Here we found one with many egrets (**Great, Little and Cattle**), some **Ruff** and **Black-tailed Godwit**, and especially interesting, Derek found a **Gull-billed Tern** in amongst the **Black-headed Gulls**.

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Jaraicejo, Arrocampo Reservoir, Almaráz Hill and return to Madrid.**

The final day brought us sunshine but gale-force winds. We set off just after 09.00 from Casa Rural El Recuerdo and stopped at the River Almonte, just south of Jaraicejo, where three bridges from different eras (dating from 1450 to 1992) spanned the river. The high winds made it hard to find birds, but we did see a **Cetti's Warbler**, **Common Chiffchaffs** foraging beside the water and **Crag Martins**. Beyond the village we stopped beside the Arroyo de la Vid briefly. At Arrocampo Reservoir, we stopped first at a hide overlooking an area of water and reedbeds. We had a nice view of a **Purple Heron**, a brief **Spoonbill** and **Marsh Harrier** and eventually **Purple Swamphen**, but it was clear that the high winds were keeping many birds under cover. More productive was the pool to the west of the village of Saucedilla which yielded two **Red-crested Pochard**, two **Ferruginous Duck** and two **Black-winged Stilts**. Another **Spoonbill** flew over as we drove passed Saucedilla.



*Almaráz Orchid hill*

We then visited the hill above the town of Almaráz where in just a tiny olive grove we found five species of orchid in flower: **Naked Man, Conical, Sawfly, Woodcock** and the tiny, exquisite **Mirror Orchid**.



*Naked Man Orchid*

After a coffee, we then started our return to Madrid, reaching at Terminal 4 at our estimated arrival time of 15.00.

### **Annotated List**

Despite the generally windy conditions which made locating small birds very difficult, we managed a good total of 140 species. The weather limited the butterfly list significantly.

1. **Grey Lag Goose:** Two at Alcollarín on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
2. **Egyptian Goose:** Seen at Alcollarín on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
3. **Shelduck:** Three at Alcollarín on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
4. **Wigeon:** Seen at Alcollarín.
5. **Gadwall:** Seen on several days.
6. **Teal:** Seen on several days.
7. **Mallard:** Seen almost daily.
8. **Garganey:** One at Alcollarín on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and four at Moheda Alta on 23<sup>rd</sup>.
9. **Shoveler:** Seen on several days.
10. **Tufted Duck:** Seen at Alcollarín.
11. **Red-crested Pochard:** Two at Saucedilla on 24<sup>th</sup> March.
12. **Common Pochard:** Seen at Alcollarín.
13. **Ferruginous Duck:** Two at Saucedilla on 24<sup>th</sup> March.
14. **Red-legged Partridge:** Seen at Saucedilla on 17<sup>th</sup> March.
15. **Quail:** Heard near Madrigalejo on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
16. **Little Grebe:** Seen at most water bodies.
17. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen at several reservoirs,
18. **Black-necked Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
19. **Great Cormorant:** Seen almost daily.
20. **Cattle Egret:** Seen almost daily.
21. **Little Egret:** Seen almost daily.
22. **Great Egret:** Seen at Arrocampo, Alcollarín and the rice fields.
23. **Grey Heron:** Seen most days.
24. **Purple Heron:** Seen on both visits to Arrocampo.
25. **Black Stork:** Seen near River Magasca on 19<sup>th</sup> and at least three seen at Monfragüe on 20<sup>th</sup> March.
26. **White Stork:** Seen every day.
27. **Spoonbill:** Seen at Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
28. **Greater Flamingo:** One at Alcollarín on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
29. **Black-winged Kite:** One seen near Obando on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
30. **Black Kite:** Seen every day.
31. **Red Kite:** Seen almost every day.
32. **Egyptian Vulture:** Two seen at Alange on 18<sup>th</sup> and several at Monfragüe on 19<sup>th</sup> March.
33. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen almost every day.

34. **Black Vulture:** Seen almost every day.
35. **Short-toed Eagle:** Six seen on 18<sup>th</sup> March and thereafter seen most days.
36. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen most days.
37. **Hen Harrier:** One near Alcollarín on 22<sup>nd</sup> and two at Moheda Alta on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
38. **Common Buzzard:** Seen almost every day.
39. **Spanish Imperial Eagle:** Seen on plains on 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March and one adult in Monfragüe on 20<sup>th</sup> March.
40. **Golden Eagle:** One seen near Zafra on 18<sup>th</sup>, one in Monfragüe and one at River Almonte on 20<sup>th</sup> March.
41. **Booted Eagle:** One seen near Zafra on 18<sup>th</sup> March, with two other sightings later in the week.
42. **Bonelli's Eagle:** One at Alange on 18<sup>th</sup> March, and one in Monfragüe on 20<sup>th</sup>, and another seen at River Almonte on the same day.
43. **Lesser Kestrel:** Seen at Sierra Brava reservoir, Campo Lugar and Santa Marta de Magasca plains.
44. **Common Kestrel:** Seen most days.
45. **Peregrine Falcon:** Seen at Monfragüe on 20<sup>th</sup> March.
46. **Water Rail:** Heard on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
47. **Moorhen:** Seen on several days.
48. **Purple Swamphen:** Seen at Arrocampo.
49. **Common Coot:** Seen at Arrocampo, Alange and Casar de Cáceres.
50. **Common Crane:** A group of nine birds near Obando on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
51. **Little Bustard:** One male north of Santa Marta de Magasca on 19<sup>th</sup> March.
52. **Great Bustard:** Seen near Santa Marta de Magasca (with 22 seen on 21<sup>st</sup> March), Belén Plains and Campo Lugar.
53. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen at Arrocampo, Alcollarín, the rice fields and Casar de Cáceres.
54. **Avocet:** One at Sierra Brava on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
55. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen on rice fields.
56. **Kentish Plover:** Six on rice fields on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
57. **Golden Plover:** Seen on the plains in large numbers on 19<sup>th</sup> March.
58. **Dunlin:** About 15 at Moheda Alta on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
59. **Little Stint:** About six at Moheda Alta on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
60. **Ruff:** About 15 at Moheda Alta and two at Palazuelo on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
61. **Common Snipe:** Two near Palazuelo on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
62. **Black-tailed Godwit:** About 35 at Moheda Alta and two at Palazuelo on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
63. **Greenshank:** One seen in pool south of Santa Marta de Magasca on 21<sup>st</sup> March and heard at Moheda Alta.
64. **Green Sandpiper:** Seen on three days.
65. **Common Sandpiper:** Seen on three days.
66. **Black-headed Gull:** Seen most days.
67. **Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Seen most days.

68. **Common Gull:** One first-winter bird at Alcollarín Reservoir on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
69. **Gull-billed Tern:** One near Palazuelo 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
70. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse:** 18 west of Trujillo on 21<sup>st</sup> and 12 near Vegas Altas on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
71. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** About 30 seen on the plains west of Trujillo on 19<sup>th</sup> and 75 on 21<sup>st</sup> March.
72. **Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon:** Seen every day.
73. **Wood Pigeon:** Seen almost every day.
74. **Collared Dove:** Seen every day.
75. **Great Spotted Cuckoo:** Seen at Sierra Brava on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
76. **Common Cuckoo:** Heard on most days from 20<sup>th</sup> March.
77. **Eagle Owl:** One at Monfragüe on 20<sup>th</sup> and two seen at Sierra Brava on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
78. **Little Owl:** Seen on plains with ten seen near Santa Marta de Magasca on 21<sup>st</sup> March and five at Campo Lugar on 22<sup>nd</sup>.
79. **Alpine Swift:** Seen at Alange on 18<sup>th</sup> March.
80. **Pallid Swift:** Seen on several days.
81. **Hoopoe:** Seen most days.
82. **Great Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen in Monfragüe on 20<sup>th</sup> March.
83. **Calandra Lark:** Seen on plains
84. **Crested Lark:** Seen most days.
85. **Thekla Lark:** Seen most days.
86. **Woodlark:** Seen near Saucedilla on 17<sup>th</sup> March.
87. **Sand Martin:** Seen on several days.
88. **Crag Martin:** Seen every day.
89. **Barn Swallow:** Seen every day.
90. **Red-rumped Swallow:** Seen at Sierra Brava.
91. **House Martin:** Seen every day.
92. **Meadow Pipit:** Seen most days.
93. **Water Pipit:** Seen on rice fields on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
94. **Yellow Wagtail:** Seen at Moheda Alta on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
95. **White Wagtail:** Seen every day.
96. **Alpine Accentor:** One at Alange on 18<sup>th</sup> March.
97. **Robin:** Seen most days.
98. **Bluethroat:** Seen at Arrocampo on 17<sup>th</sup> March and at Moheda Alta on 23<sup>rd</sup>.
99. **Black Redstart:** Seen on several days.
100. **Stonechat:** Seen almost every day.
101. **Black Wheatear:** Two at Alange on 18<sup>th</sup> March.
102. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen in Monfragüe and Alange.
103. **Blackbird:** Seen every day.
104. **Song Thrush:** Seen on several days until 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
105. **Mistle Thrush:** Recorded near Zafra and at Alcollarín
106. **Cetti's Warbler:** Recorded on several days.

107. **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen at Arrocampo and rice fields.
108. **Sedge Warbler:** Seen at rice fields on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
109. **Spectacled Warbler:** A male on Campo Lugar plains on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
110. **Subalpine Warbler:** Seen at Monfragüe and Alcollarín.
111. **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen most days.
112. **Blackcap:** Seen most days.
113. **Common Chiffchaff:** Seen every day.
114. **Wren:** Recorded on two days.
115. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen at Alange and Monfragüe.
116. **Coal Tit:** one at Monfragüe on 20<sup>th</sup> March.
117. **Blue Tit:** Seen most days.
118. **Great Tit:** Seen most days.
119. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Seen at Pago de San Clemente on 21<sup>st</sup> March.
120. **Penduline Tit:** One heard at River Gargaligas on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
121. **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen at Arrocampo and on plains.
122. **Woodchat Shrike:** One at Alcollarín on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
123. **Iberian (Azure-winged) Magpie:** Seen every day.
124. **Magpie:** Seen every day.
125. **Jackdaw:** Seen most days.
126. **Raven:** Seen most days.
127. **Common Starling:** Seen at Arrocampo.
128. **Spotless Starling:** Seen every day.
129. **House Sparrow:** Seen every day.
130. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen most days.
131. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on rice fields on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
132. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on rice fields on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
133. **Chaffinch:** Seen most days.
134. **Serin:** Seen every day.
135. **Greenfinch:** Seen most days.
136. **Goldfinch:** Seen most days.
137. **Siskin:** Seen at Monfragüe on 20<sup>th</sup> March.
138. **Linnet:** Seen most days.
139. **Hawfinch:** Seen at Pago de San Clemente and Monfragüe.
140. **Rock Bunting:** Seen at Alange on 18<sup>th</sup> March and Monfragüe.
141. **Corn Bunting:** Seen most days.

## **Other Wildlife**

Fox

Iberian Hare

Rabbit

Small White

Western Dappled White

Green-striped White

Large Tortoiseshell

Clouded Yellow

Giant Orchid

Sawfly Orchid

Sombre Orchid

*Bilunulata* Orchid

Mirror Orchid

Woodcock Orchid

Naked Man Orchid

Conical Orchid

Jonquill Narcissus

Angel's Tears Narcissus

Hoop Petticoat Narcissus

Common Storksbill

Sand Crocus