

## BIRDING REPORT FOR MARY, JENNY AND TOM

4<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Birdingextremadura & Casa Rural El Recuerdo



*Little Bustards in flight*

*All photos by Tom Wallis*

### **Itinerary**

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## TRIP REPORT

### **4<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Transfer from Madrid Airport to Casa Rural El Recuerdo with stop at Arrocampo Reservoir.**

The trio (Jenny, Mary and Tom) arrived on time at Terminal 4 of Madrid airport where they were met by Martin. We were able to leave by about midday and thanks to the light traffic we headed quickly out of Madrid and onward to Extremadura. As we approached the region, we started to see more birds: **White Storks** and **Red Kites** in particular. Once in Extremadura we stopped at the reservoir of Arrocampo where we had our picnic beside a slightly windswept marsh, with **Barn Swallows** and **Sand Martins** hawking insects around us. We spent a couple of hours at various places near the marshlands there, seeing **Purple Swamphen**, **Glossy Ibis**, **Reed Bunting**, a **Little Bittern** briefly and **Marsh Harriers**. Heading out into farmland and *dehesa* landscapes, we came across **Spanish Sparrows**, **Red-crested Pochard**, **Black-winged Stilts** and **Great Egrets**.

As we left the area to continue towards Trujillo, we saw a **Black-winged Kite** perched on roadside wires. From there it was an easy run to Casa Rural El Recuerdo, which we arrived at by 18.15.

### **5<sup>th</sup> March 2019: The plains between Trujillo and Santa Marta de Magasca**

It was a sunny start to the day, which progressively became windier and more overcast. We started on the plains west of Trujillo, making a first stop to acquaint ourselves with birds like **Thekla Lark**, **Spanish Sparrow** and **Corn Buntings**. But soon we had started to see typical birds of this terrain: flocks of **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** and **Iberian Grey Shrike**. Along a dirt track we stopped to scan around us, finding first a party of **Little Bustards** to our east and then a group of male **Great Bustards** to the west, which promptly started to display. It was a glorious sight. All of the time **Calandra Larks** were singing around us.

After coffee near Sierra de Fuentes we returned to the plains to the south-west of Santa Marta de Magasca, here we spent some time watched over a hundred **Griffon Vultures**, plus a few diminutive corvids, demolishing a sheep carcass. Along the same track we watched a group of **Great Bustards** and two immature **Spanish Imperial Eagles** feeding on the ground, being mobbed by a **Red Kite**.



*Griffon Vulture feeding frenzy*

At our lunch stop overlooking the Tamuja River, we watched both a **Short-toed Eagle** and a **Spanish Imperial Eagle** in the sky together, whilst a **Woodlark** sang directly overhead. Nearby at the Magasca River, we enjoyed the sight of three **Hawfinches** in a tree together, only to be outdone a few minutes later by a group of eight!

Back on the plains we took a walk along a medieval drover's trail, see a flock of **Little Bustard** in flight, as were a large group of **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**, which we subsequently saw, albeit at a distance, on the ground.

We then headed back to Trujillo, seeing large flocks of **Spanish Sparrows** on the roadside brambles, as well as numerous **White Storks** foraging in the fields.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Madrigalejo and the rice fields near Vegas Altas, Moheda Alta and Palazuelo**

The threatened stormy weather arrived overnight and throughout the day we were buffeted by gales, squalls and heavy rain, albeit with some respites of sunny weather. Given the uncertainty of the weather conditions, we had opted to spend the day in open, wet habitats: the rice-growing region in the centre of Extremadura, starting near the town of Madrigalejo. Here we came across a field with many **White Wagtails**, including one **Pied**, as well as two **Yellow Wagtails**.

One of these, a male was seen only briefly but appeared to have the characteristics of the Italian race.



*Cattle Egret*

We explored the rice fields of Vegas Altas, finding parties of **Ringed Plover**, **Little Ringed** and **Kentish**, and then had a welcome coffee at the village. We found a rice fields with a great selection of waders, mainly **Spotted Redshanks**, with **Ruff** and **Black-tailed Godwits**. We then drove across to the *dehesa* of **Moheda Alta** where with heavy rain we took the shelter of the hide there to have our lunch. It proved a good choice because whilst there, Jenny spotted a **Wryneck** coming into land on a branch of a dead tree.

Nearby a small body of water held a nice array of waders, including **Little Stint** and **Kentish Plover**, as well as a few duck, including two **Shelduck**.

Stopping at the River Gargaligas, we watched male **Hen Harrier** in the same field of view as a **Marsh**. We then entered the rice fields of Palazuelo, again finding some waders, **Spoonbill** and most surprisingly a family party of **Common Crane**. Even more surpassing a few minutes later was a flock of nearly sixty **Common Cranes** passing over high above us.

We ended the afternoon at the dam of the Alcollarín Reservoir, where **Black-necked Grebe**, **Great Crested Grebe**, **Shoveler**, **Tufted Duck** and **Black-headed Gulls** all mingled together.



**7<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Madrigalejo, Sierra Brava, the Campo Lugar plains and Alcollarín Reservoir**

We left the house under clear blue skies and ice on the windscreen, but after just a few kilometres we entered dense fog. Fortunately, once at our destination, near the town of Madrigalejo it had lifted a little. Eventually the skies cleared, and we had fine weather the rest of the day. We started beside the River Ruercas, listening to **Cetti's Warblers**, seeing two **Common Cranes** and eventually getting views of both **Red Avadavats** and **Common Waxbills**. Just outside Madrigalejo, we stopped beside a small old gravel pit. Two **Sedge Warblers** were in song and we had good views of a pair of **Great Spotted Cuckoos**.

We revisited the rice fields where yesterday we had seen a large number of wagtails, but there were fewer birds this time, we had the compensation though of a nice view of a newly arrived **Subalpine Warbler**. We then stopped at the Sierra Brava reservoir where the treat was a roosting **Eagle Owl**.



*Roosting Eagle Owl*

After a welcome coffee, we cross the plains of Campo Lugar. Here we saw more **Great Bustards**, had excellent views of **Calandra Larks** and found **Northern Wheatear** on passage. At a series of small ponds, there was a **Wood Sandpiper** and **Black-winged Stilts**. A small party of **Common Cranes** also flew over.

We continued to the Alcollarín Reservoir for our picnic and here we spent the rest of the afternoon. Its beautiful surroundings of *dehesa* woodland had **Hawfinch** and numerous **Thekla Larks**. Duck numbers were quite low, but there were several **Black-necked Grebes** to admire. We also saw overhead a **Black Stork**, together with a **Black Kite** and a **Red Kite**.

As we left the reservoir, we stopped beside the town of Alcollarín to watch a pair of **Lesser Kestrels** at the old medieval palace. Back at base, Jenny and Mary were lucky enough to see the local **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** drumming on its favourite telegraph pole.

### **8<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Monfragüe National Park and River Almonte**

There had been more rain during the night, but the morning dawned fine and we headed north across vast expanses of *dehesas* beyond Trujillo and towards Torrejón El Rubio. There we hit a belt of thick mist, but luckily just to the north of the town, the sky was clear, and we enjoyed wonderful weather throughout the day.

Our first stop was at the hugely impressive rockface of Peña Falcón. There were at least 150 **Griffon Vultures** in view whilst we stood there, and we also saw several **Black Vultures**, an **Egyptian Vulture** and a **Black Stork**. More surprising was two **Common Cranes**, interestingly flying southwards! We did not overlook the small birds present as well: **Blue Rock Thrush** and **Black Redstart**, for example and numerous **Crag Martins**.

We then drove through the park, stopping to admire a **Short-toed Eagle** on a post and then getting to the Portilla del Tiétar viewpoint on the northern side of the park. Here again there were **Griffon Vultures** and three **Egyptian Vultures**, and we also got prolonged views of an adult **Spanish Imperial Eagle** in flight.

We then took coffee at the edge of a beautiful cork oak grove where the highlight undoubtedly was a **Wryneck**, which gave us prolonged views. We then returned through the park, having lunch at the Tajadilla viewpoint, where we saw **Subalpine Warbler** and again good views of **Griffon** and **Black Vultures**. As we continued, we stopped again for an eagle, this time a **Bonelli's Eagle** soaring amidst a vast flock of **House Martins**.

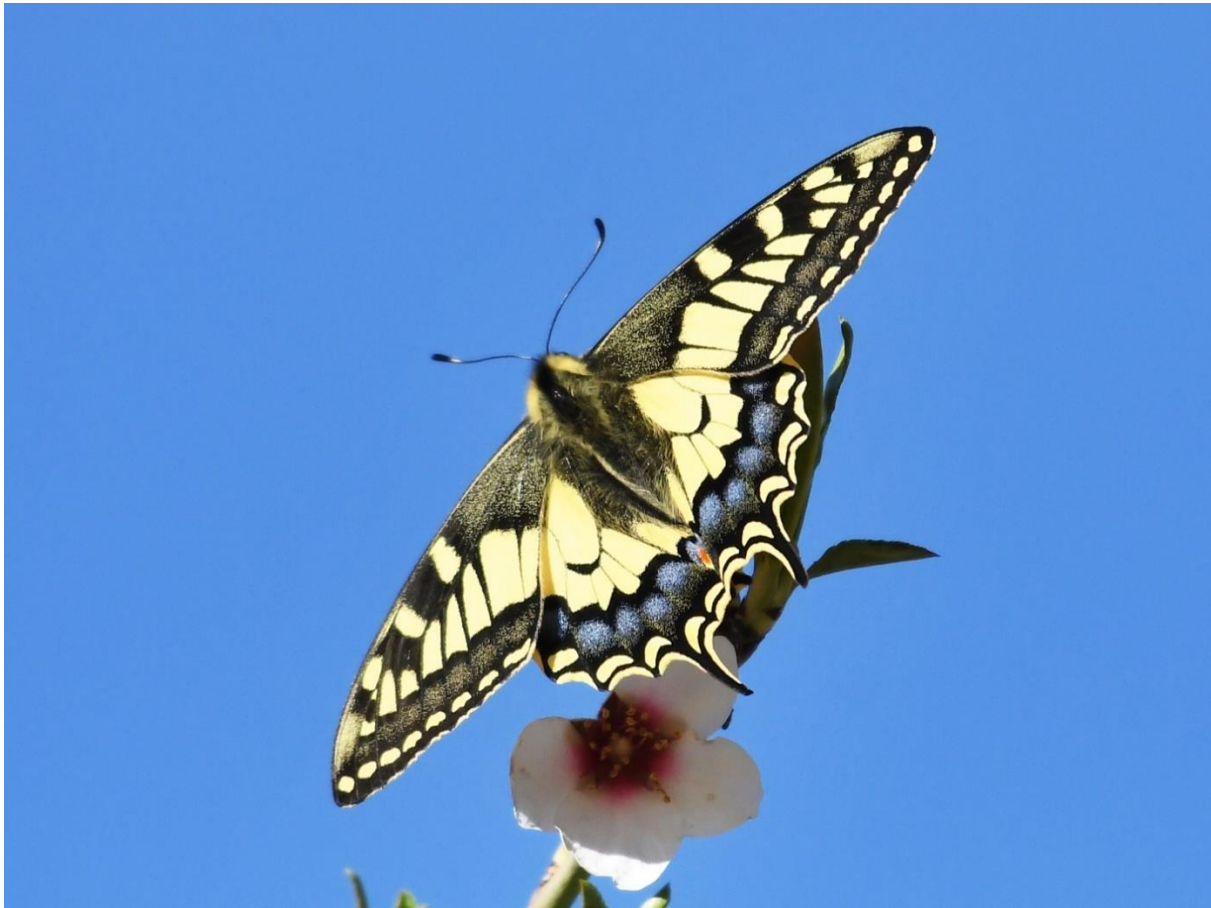
We enjoyed a walk beside the Tagus River, with several butterflies seen including **Large Tortoiseshell** and **Nettle-tree butterfly**, birds included **Short-toed Treecreeper**.

We made a final stop again at Peña Falcón, where two **Black Storks** stood atop the crag and we had very nice views of **Blue Rock Thrush**. On our way back to Trujillo, we stopped beside the River Almonte. Here we had distant views of a **Golden Eagle**.

### **9<sup>th</sup> March 2019: The Villuercas Mountains**

We enjoyed wonderful weather today, with calm and sunny conditions the whole time, indeed it became quite warm in the afternoon. We headed east to the Villuercas Mountains, crossing the extensive *dehesas* near Logrosan first, and then the Pyrenean Oak woodland near Cañamero. Just south of Guadalupe we had a short walk along a wooded valley with a nice range of typical

species, including a singing male **Grey Wagtail**, **Siskins** and a **Sparrowhawk** mobbing a **Buzzard**.



*Swallowtail*

After coffee in Guadalupe, we ascended to the highest point of the Villuercas Mountains, affording us spectacular views across a large part of Extremadura north to the snow-capped Gredos Mountains 80 kms away. As we arrived a pair of **Red-billed Chough** performed aerobatics delightfully. We spent some time walking around the peak and indeed having our picnic there, at 1600 metres above sea-level. There was many **Black Redstarts** and we got glimpses of **Rock Buntings**, whilst overhead soared **Griffon** and **Egyptian Vultures**.

After lunch we descended towards Cañamero and had a lovely walk through pines, watching **Crested Tits**, **Nuthatches** and **Short-toed Treecreepers**, as well as several butterflies including **Spanish Festoon**. We then followed the western flank of the mountain range, stopping at the curious village of Cabañas del Castillo. Here we had breath-taking views of the landscape, as well as an opportunity to study magnificent rock strata. There were several **Blue Rock Thrush** and **Rock Buntings** present, as well as **Egyptian Vulture** and **Black Stork**.



After a stop beside the Almonte River we then travelled due west across the undulating *dehesas*, reaching Madroñera and then Casa Rural El Recuerdo.

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Valverde de Mérida, Alange, Jabata Valley, Mérida Roman Bridge, Canchalejas Reservoir**

It was superb weather with no wind, clear blue sky and warm sunshine. We started a bit earlier than usual, driving south-west across open country to Santa Cruz de la Sierra, with a sighting of **Great Spotted Cuckoo** on the way. Then we joined the A5 motorway, leaving it at Valverde de Mérida to make a stop at old gravel workings beside the River Guadiana. We spent about an hour and a quarter here, getting prolonged views of a **Spotted Crane**, as well as two very fine male **Bluethroats** and an Iberian race of **Yellow Wagtail**.

We then continued to the dam at Alange where dozens of **Alpine Swifts** were circling. We had a pleasant walk beside the rocky outcrop with the water to the south of us. We saw a pair of **Black Wheatear**, **Blue Rock Thrush** and **Thekla Lark**. The olive-covered hillside simply buzzed with the sound of **Blackcaps** and **Goldfinches**.



*Sawfly Orchids*

After coffee we walked on the northern side of the rocky hill, finding many specimens of **Sawfly Orchid** and seeing two more **Black Wheatears**. We then drove east of Alange and took a track



into the Jabata Valley in the Sierra de Utrera. This beautiful area had **Champagne** and **Green-winged Orchids** in flower, as well as **Iberian Fritillaries**. There were numerous **Spanish Festoon** butterflies on the wing.

We started the afternoon with an excellent hour of so on the Roman Bridge in the centre of Mérida. Here we watched a **Penduline Tit** nest-building and had excellent views of **Little Bittern** and **Black-crowned Night Heron**. Just downstream we checked some gulls on a gravel island and saw a **Purple Swamphen**.

We ended the afternoon of the small reservoir of Canchalejas. This beautiful spot had a nice array of ducks and waders: **Ruff**, **Greenshank**, many **Teal**, **Shoveler** and a **Wigeon**. It was then a smooth run back across country to Casa Rural El Recuerdo and a chance to enjoy the last two hours of daylight exploring the lanes, especially for Tom to photograph Sardinian Warbler.



*Sardinian Warbler*

### **11<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Arrocampo Reservoir and return to Madrid**

We departed from Casa Rural El Recuerdo early enough in order to have a short stop at Arrocampo, which we reached at about 08.00. Although the sky was clear as we set off, the windless conditions resulted in fairly dense fog around the marsh itself. We drove around a bit looking for **Black-winged Kite**, with no success, but we did see a drake **Red-crested Pochard**

on a pool. We then spent about half an hour watching the edge of the marsh as the mist cleared and were delighted with superb views of a male **Bluethroat** in full-breeding plumage.



*Bluethroat*

A strong supporting cast included **Purple Swamphen**, **Cetti's Warbler** and **Zitting Cisticola**. Shortly before 09.00 we had to pull ourselves away and had an easy run up to Madrid, stopping briefly for coffee at the halfway point, which offered tremendous views across the Gredos Mountains.

## Annotated checklist

### Birds

- 1) **Egyptian Goose**: Seen at Moheda Alta, Alcollarín and Canchalejas.
- 2) **Wigeon**: Seen at Alcollarín and Canchalejas.
- 3) **Gadwall**: Seen on all large water bodies.
- 4) **Teal**: Seen on all large water bodies.
- 5) **Mallard**: Seen almost daily.

- 6) **Shoveler**: Seen on all large water bodies, and in large numbers at Alcollarín.
- 7) **Tufted Duck**: Seen at Moheda Alta and Alcollarín.
- 8) **Red-crested Pochard**: Seen at Arrocampo.
- 9) **Shelduck**: Two at Moheda Alta on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- 10) **Red-legged Partridge**: Seen on several days.
- 11) **Pheasant**: One at Jabata Valley on 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- 12) **Little Grebe**: Seen on most days.
- 13) **Great Crested Grebe**: Seen at Alcollarín, Sierra Brava and Canchalejas.
- 14) **Black-necked Grebe**: Seen at Alcollarín Reservoir.
- 15) **Great Cormorant**: Seen almost daily.
- 16) **Little Bittern**: Seen at Arrocampo and off Roman Bridge in Mérida.
- 17) **Black-crowned Night Heron**: Seen off Roman Bridge in Mérida.
- 18) **Cattle Egret**: Seen almost daily.
- 19) **Little Egret**: Seen almost daily.
- 20) **Great White Egret**: Seen at Alcollarín and at Arrocampo.
- 21) **Grey Heron**: Seen almost daily.
- 22) **Black Stork**: Seen at Alcollarín, Monfragüe and Cabañas del Castillo.
- 23) **White Stork**: Seen daily.
- 24) **Glossy Ibis**: Seen at Arrocampo and off Roman Bridge in Mérida.
- 25) **Spoonbill**: Seen on rice fields on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 26) **Black-winged Kite**: Two sightings at Arrocampo on 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- 27) **Black Kite**: Seen almost daily.
- 28) **Red Kite**: Seen almost daily.
- 29) **Egyptian Vulture**: Seen at Monfragüe and in Villuercas Mountains.
- 30) **Griffon Vulture**: Seen most days.
- 31) **Black Vulture**: Seen most days.
- 32) **Short-toed Eagle**: Seen near Santa Marta de Magasca on 5<sup>th</sup> March and in Monfragüe on 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- 33) **Marsh Harrier**: Seen almost daily.
- 34) **Hen Harrier**: Male seen on rice fields on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 35) **Sparrowhawk**: Seen on three days.
- 36) **Common Buzzard**: Seen daily.
- 37) **Spanish Imperial Eagle**: Three immatures seen on plains on 5<sup>th</sup> March and an adult in Monfragüe on 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- 38) **Golden Eagle**: Adult seen over River Almonte on 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- 39) **Bonelli's Eagle**: An adult in Monfragüe on 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- 40) **Lesser Kestrel**: A pair at Alcollarín on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- 41) **Common Kestrel**: Seen daily.
- 42) **Peregrine Falcon**: Seen on rice fields and Monfragüe.
- 43) **Water Rail**: Recorded at Valverde de Mérida and Arrocampo.
- 44) **Spotted Crake**: One at Valverde de Mérida on 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- 45) **Moorhen**: Seen on several days.
- 46) **Purple Swamphen**: Seen at Arrocampo at off Roman Bridge in Mérida.
- 47) **Common Coot**: Seen on all large water bodies.
- 48) **Common Crane**: Seen on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- 49) **Little Bustard**: Seen on plains west of Trujillo on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

- 50) **Great Bustard:** Seen in display west of Trujillo on 5<sup>th</sup> March and also on plains near Campo Lugar on 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 51) **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen on several days.
- 52) **Ringed Plover:** Seen on rice fields on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 53) **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen at Arrocampo and on rice fields.
- 54) **Golden Plover:** Seen on plains on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- 55) **Lapwing:** Seen on several days.
- 56) **Dunlin:** Seen on rice fields on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 57) **Little Stint:** Seen at Moheda Alta on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 58) **Ruff:** Seen on rice fields and at Canchalejas Reservoir.
- 59) **Common Snipe:** Seen on several days.
- 60) **Black-tailed Godwit:** Seen on rice fields on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 61) **Common Redshank:** Seen on rice fields on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 62) **Spotted Redshank:** Seen on rice fields on 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- 63) **Greenshank:** Seen on several days.
- 64) **Green Sandpiper:** Seen almost daily.
- 65) **Wood Sandpiper:** One near Campo Lugar on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- 66) **Common Sandpiper:** Seen on two days.
- 67) **Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Seen almost daily.
- 68) **Black-headed Gull:** Seen almost daily.
- 69) **Black-bellied Sandgrouse:** Seen on plains west of Trujillo and heard on Campo Lugar plains.
- 70) **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** About 50 on plains west of Trujillo on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- 71) **Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon:** Seen daily.
- 72) **Wood Pigeon:** Seen almost daily.
- 73) **Collared Dove:** Seen daily.
- 74) **Great Spotted Cuckoo:** Seen near Madrigalejo on 7<sup>th</sup> March, also near Santa Cruz de la Sierra and en route to Madrid.
- 75) **Eagle Owl:** One at Sierra Brava 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- 76) **Little Owl:** Calling at Pago de San Clemente.
- 77) **Alpine Swift:** Seen at Alange and at River Tagus near Almaráz.
- 78) **Kingfisher:** Seen on several days.
- 79) **Hoopoe:** Seen almost daily.
- 80) **Wryneck:** One at Moheda Alta on 6<sup>th</sup> March and another in Monfragüe on 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 81) **Iberian Green Woodpecker:** Heard in Villuercas and at Alange.
- 82) **Great Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen in Villuercas Mountains on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- 83) **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker:** A male drumming at Pago de San Clemente on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- 84) **Calandra Lark:** Seen on the plains near Trujillo and Campo Lugar.
- 85) **Crested Lark:** Seen almost daily.
- 86) **Thekla Lark:** Seen on plains, Alange, Monfragüe and Alcollarín Reservoirs.
- 87) **Woodlark:** Seen near Santa Marta de Magasca and Monfragüe
- 88) **Skylark:** Seen on plains near Campo Lugar.
- 89) **Sand Martin:** Seen at Arrocampo on 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- 90) **Crag Martin:** Seen on most days.
- 91) **Barn Swallow:** Seen daily.
- 92) **Red-rumped Swallow:** Seen on several days.



- 93) **House Martin:** Seen almost daily.
- 94) **Meadow Pipit:** Seen almost daily.
- 95) **Water Pipit:** Seen on rice fields.
- 96) **Yellow Wagtail:** Seen on rice fields on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March, also at Valverde de Mérida.
- 97) **Grey Wagtail:** Seen in Villuercas Mountains on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- 98) **White Wagtail:** Seen almost daily.
- 99) **Wren:** Recorded most days.
- 100) **Robin:** Seen almost daily.
- 101) **Bluethroat:** Seen at Arrocampo; Valverde de Mérida and on rice fields.
- 102) **Black Redstart:** Seen daily.
- 103) **Stonechat:** Seen daily.
- 104) **Northern Wheatear:** One on Campo Lugar plains on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- 105) **Black Wheatear:** Two pairs at Alange on 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- 106) **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen in Monfragüe, Villuercas and Alange.
- 107) **Blackbird:** Seen daily.
- 108) **Song Thrush:** Seen almost daily.
- 109) **Mistle Thrush:** Seen in Villuercas Mountains.
- 110) **Cetti's Warbler:** Recorded most days.
- 111) **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen most days.
- 112) **Sedge Warbler:** Singing birds at Madrigalejo on 7<sup>th</sup> March, also Valverde de Mérida and Arrocampo.
- 113) **Subalpine Warbler:** Seen near Sierra Brava on 7<sup>th</sup> March and at Monfragüe.
- 114) **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen daily.
- 115) **Blackcap:** Seen daily
- 116) **Common Chiffchaff:** Seen daily.
- 117) **Firecrest:** Singing in Villuercas Mountains.
- 118) **Wren:** Recorded on several days.
- 119) **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen on several days.
- 120) **Crested Tit:** Seen in Villuercas Mountains on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- 121) **Blue Tit:** Seen almost daily.
- 122) **Great Tit:** Seen almost daily.
- 123) **Nuthatch:** Seen in Villuercas Mountains on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- 124) **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Seen in Monfragüe, Villuercas Mountains and Pago de San Clemente.
- 125) **Penduline Tit:** Heard at Arrocampo and watched nest-building from Roman Bridge in Mérida.
- 126) **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen daily.
- 127) **Jay:** Recorded in Monfragüe and the Villuercas Mountains.
- 128) **Azure-winged Magpie:** Seen daily.
- 129) **Magpie:** Seen daily.
- 130) **Red-billed Chough:** A pair in Villuercas Mountains on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- 131) **Jackdaw:** Seen most days.
- 132) **Raven:** Seen daily.
- 133) **Common Starling:** Seen on Campo Lugar plains on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- 134) **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
- 135) **House Sparrow:** seen daily.
- 136) **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen almost daily.

- 137) **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on rice fields.
- 138) **Rock Sparrow:** Seen on plains west of Trujillo on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- 139) **Red Avadavat:** Seen on rice fields.
- 140) **Common Waxbill:** Seen on rice fields and at Arrocampo.
- 141) **Chaffinch:** Seen almost daily.
- 142) **Serin:** Seen daily.
- 143) **Greenfinch:** Seen most days.
- 144) **Goldfinch:** Seen daily.
- 145) **Siskin:** Seen in Villuercas Mountains.
- 146) **Linnet:** Seen most days.
- 147) **Hawfinch:** Seen near Santa Marta de Magasca, Monfragüe and at Pago de San Clemente.
- 148) **Girl Bunting:** Singing in Villuercas Mountains.
- 149) **Rock Bunting:** Seen in Monfragüe and Villuercas Mountains.
- 150) **Reed Bunting:** Seen on rice fields and at Arrocampo.
- 151) **Corn Bunting:** Seen daily.

## **Mammals**

- 1) Red Deer
- 2) Rabbit

## **Butterflies**

- 1) Common Swallowtail
- 2) Cleopatra
- 3) Red Admiral
- 4) Large Tortoiseshell
- 5) Clouded Yellow
- 6) Wall Brown
- 7) Small Heath
- 8) Small Copper
- 9) Holly Blue
- 10) Spanish Festoon
- 11) Spotted Wood
- 12) Small White
- 13) Western Dappled White
- 14) Nettle-Tree Butterfly

## **Herpetofauna**

- 1. Large Psammodrums
- 2. Geniez's Wall Lizard
- 3. Bosca's Newt
- 4. Iberian Water Frog
- 5. Spanish Terrapin

## **Dragonflies**

1. Vagrant Emperor

## **Plants**

1. Champagne Orchid
2. Green-winged Orchid
3. Sawfly Orchid
4. Angel's Tears Narcissus
5. Hoop Petticoat Narcissus
6. Rock Narcissus
7. Lusitanian Fritillary