

Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura

Holiday Report for Louis and Gosia

17th May to 29th May 2021



Itinerary

17th May 2021: Transfer from Madrid to Casa Rural El Recuerdo, near Trujillo, Extremadura.

18th May 2021: Monfragüe National Park and Trujillo Bull Ring.

19th May 2021: Plains west of Trujillo, Pico de Villuercas, Cañamero.

22nd May 2021: Valverde de Mérida, Alange, Almendralejo, Mérida and Los Canchales.

23rd May 2021: Campo Lugar plains, Madrigalejo and Alcollarín Reservoir.



25th May 2021: Jaraicejo, Arrocampo and Charco Salado.

28th May 2021: Garganta de Olla, Piornal in Gredos Mountains.



29th May 2021: Arrocampo and return to Madrid.

Annotated List

1. **Grey Lag Goose:** Flock at Alange, probably feral.
2. **Egyptian Goose:** Seen on three days on water bodies of various sizes.
3. **Gadwall:** Seen on three days.
4. **Mallard:** Seen most days.
5. **Shoveler:** A few present at Alcollarín Reservoir.
6. **Common Pochard:** One at Arrocampo on 25th May.
7. **Ferruginous Duck:** One at Arrocampo on 29th May
8. **Red-legged Partridge:** Seen at Pago de San Clemente.
9. **Quail:** Heard on most days.
10. **Little Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
11. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen on three days on large reservoirs.
12. **Great Cormorant:** Seen most days.
13. **Little Bittern:** Seen at Mérida and Attocampo.
14. **Black-crowned Night Heron:** Seen at Mérida and Attocampo.
15. **Squacco Heron:** Seen at Arrocampo.
16. **Cattle Egret:** Seen most days.
17. **Little Egret:** Seen most days.
18. **Great Egret:** Seen most days.
19. **Grey Heron:** Seen almost every day.
20. **Purple Heron:** Seen at Mérida, Arrocampo and Alcollarín.
21. **Black Stork:** Seen at Monfragüe and the Villuercas Mountains.
22. **White Stork:** Seen daily.
23. **Glossy Ibis:** Seen at Mérida, Arrocampo and Alcollarín.
24. **Spoonbill:** Seen on three days.
25. **Egyptian Vulture:** Seen at Monfragüe.
26. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen daily.
27. **Black Vulture:** Seen daily.
28. **Spanish Eagle:** Seen at Monfragüe.
29. **Short-toed Eagle:** Seen on several days.
30. **Booted Eagle:** Seen almost daily.
31. **Bonelli's Eagle:** Seen at Monfragüe.
32. **Black Kite:** Seen daily.
33. **Red Kite:** Seen on four days.
34. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen on four days.
35. **Montagu's Harrier:** Seen near Almendralejo.
36. **Common Buzzard:** Seen almost daily.
37. **Honey Buzzard:** Seen at Monfragüe and Alcollarín.
38. **Sparrowhawk:** Seen at Pago de San Clemente.
39. **Lesser Kestrel:** Seen daily.
40. **Common Kestrel:** Seen on three days.
41. **Peregrine Falcon:** Seen at Monfragüe.
42. **Monk Parakeet:** Seen in Madrid.
43. **Water Rail:** Heard at Madrigelejo and Arrocampo.
44. **Moorhen:** Seen on four days.
45. **Purple Swamphen:** Seen at Mérida and Arrocampo.
46. **Common Coot:** Seen at Alcollarín and Arrocampo.

47. **Little Bustard**: Seen on plains west of Trujillo.
48. **Great Bustard**: Seen on Trujillo and Campo Lugar plains.
49. **Black-winged Stilt**: Seen on three days.
50. **Collared Pratincole**: Seen at Alange and Madrigalejo.
51. **Ringed Plover**: Seen at Alange and Alcollarín.
52. **Little Ringed Plover**: Seen at Alcollarín.
53. **Kentish Plover**: Seen at Alange, Madrigalejo and Alcollarín.
54. **Northern Lapwing**: Seen on rice fields near Madrigalejo.
55. **Whiskered Tern**: Seen at Los Canchales.
56. **Common Tern**: Nine at Los Canchales.
57. **Gull-billed Tern**: Seen at Alange, Los Canchales, the rice fields and Arrocampo.
58. **Little Tern**: Seen at Alange and Los Canchales.
59. **Black-headed Gull**: Seen on three days.
60. **Yellow-legged Gull**: Seen at Alange.
61. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse**: Seen on plains near Trujillo and Campo Lugar.
62. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**: Seen on plains west of Trujillo.
63. **Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon**: Seen daily.
64. **Wood Pigeon**: Seen almost every day.
65. **Collared Dove**: Seen daily.
66. **Turtle Dove**: Calling in Monfragüe.
67. **Great Spotted Cuckoo**: Seen on plains west of Trujillo.
68. **Common Cuckoo**: Seen on several days.
69. **Scops Owl**: Calling at Piornal and Pago de San Clemente.
70. **Tawny Owl**: Calling at Pago de San Clemente.
71. **Little Owl**: Seen at Sierra Brava reservoir.
72. **Red-necked Nightjar**: Seen at Pago de San Clemente.
73. **Alpine Swift**: Seen at Monfragüe and Alange.
74. **Common Swift**: Seen daily.
75. **Pallid Swift**: Seen on three days.
76. **White-rumped Swift**: Seen near Cañamero.
77. **Kingfisher**: Seen on several days.
78. **Bee-eater**: Seen daily.
79. **Roller**: Seen on Campo Lugar plains.
80. **Hoopoe**: Seen daily.
81. **Iberian Green Woodpecker**: Heard at Piornal.
82. **Great Spotted Woodpecker**: Seen on two days.
83. **Calandra Lark**: Seen on the plains of Trujillo and Campo Lugar.
84. **Short-toed Lark**: Seen on the plains of Trujillo and Campo Lugar.
85. **Crested Lark**: Seen daily.
86. **Thekla Lark**: Seen almost daily.
87. **Woodlark**: Seen on several days.
88. **Crag Martin**: Seen daily.
89. **Barn Swallow**: Seen daily.
90. **Red-rumped Swallow**: Seen almost daily.
91. **House Martin**: Seen daily.
92. **Yellow Wagtail**: Seen on the rice fields.
93. **Grey Wagtail**: Seen in Villuercas and Gredos Mountains.
94. **White Wagtail**: Seen almost daily.

95. **Wren**: Seen almost daily.
96. **Dipper**: Seen in Villuercas Mountains and Garganta de la Olla.
97. **Dunnock**: Seen in Villuercas and Gredos Mountains.
98. **Rufous Bush Robin**: Seen near Almendralejo
99. **Robin**: Seen in Monfragüe, Villuercas and Gredos Mountains.
100. **Nightingale**: Seen daily.
101. **Black Redstart**: Seen daily.
102. **Common Redstart**: Singing at Piornal.
103. **Stonechat**: Seen daily.
104. **Black-eared Wheatear**: Seen in Monfragüe.
105. **Black Wheatear**: Seen at Alange.
106. **Blue Rock Thrush**: Seen in Monfragüe, Cañamero and Alange.ç
107. **Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush**: Seen at Pico de Villuercas.
108. **Blackbird**: Seen daily.
109. **Mistle Thrush**: Seen at Charca Salado and Piornal.
110. **Cetti's Warbler**: Seen most days.
111. **Zitting Cisticola**: Seen most days.
112. **Savi's Warbler**: Seen at Arrocampo.
113. **Reed Warbler**: Seen on several days.
114. **Great Reed Warbler**: Seen on several days.
115. **Melodious Warbler**: Seen on several days.
116. **Western Olivaceous Warbler**: Seen at Valverde de Mérida.
117. **Dartford Warbler**: Seen in Monfragüe, Jaraicejo and Piornal.
118. **Spectacled Warbler**: Seen at Jaraicejo.
119. **Subalpine Warbler**: Seen in Monfragüe and Piornal.
120. **Sardinian Warbler**: Seen most days.
121. **Western Orphean Warbler**: Seen in Monfragüe and Jaraicejo.
122. **Common Whitethroat**: Seen at Piornal.
123. **Blackcap**: Seen almost daily.
124. **Western Bonelli's Warbler**: Seen at Piornal.
125. **Firecrest**: Several at Piornal.
126. **Long-tailed Tit**: Seen daily.
127. **Crested Tit**: Seen at Piornal.
128. **Coal Tit**: Seen at Piornal.
129. **Blue Tit**: Seen daily.
130. **Great Tit**: Seen daily.
131. **Nuthatch**: Seen in Villuercas and Gredos.
132. **Short-toed Treecreeper**: Seen on three days.
133. **Penduline Tit**: Seen at Arrocampo.
134. **Golden Oriole**: Seen almost every day.
135. **Iberian Grey Shrike**: Seen most days.
136. **Woodchat Shrike**: Seen daily.
137. **Jay**: Seen on several days.
138. **Iberian Magpie**: Seen daily.
139. **Magpie**: Seen daily.
140. **Red-billed Chough**: Seen at Pico de Villuercas.
141. **Jackdaw**: Seen on several days.
142. **Raven**: seen daily.
143. **Spotless Starling**: Seen daily.
144. **House Sparrow**: Seen daily.

- 145. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen most days.
- 146. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on rice fields.
- 147. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen in Monfragüe.
- 148. **Yellow-crowned Bishop:** Seen on rice fields.
- 149. **Common Waxbill:** Seen on rice fields and Valverde de Mérida.
- 150. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on rice fields and Valverde de Mérida.
- 151. **Chaffinch:** Seen daily.
- 152. **Serin:** Seen daily.
- 153. **Greenfinch:** Seen most days.
- 154. **Goldfinch:** Seen daily.
- 155. **Linnet:** Seen almost every day.
- 156. **Hawfinch:** Seen on several days.
- 157. **Girl Bunting:** Seen on three days.
- 158. **Rock Bunting:** Seen on three days.
- 159. **Ortolan Bunting:** Seen near Piornal.
- 160. **Corn Bunting:** Seen daily.

