

# BIRDING EXTREMADURA



**EARLY SPRING IN EXTREMADURA FOR JULIE AND GEOFF**

**Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura**

**28<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



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### **TRIP REPORT**

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2025: Collection from Madrid and drive to Extremadura**

Martin met with Geoff and Julie just before 16.00 at a very busy Madrid airport and we were quickly heading out around the southern ring-road. However, the Friday afternoon traffic was heavy and progress was slow. After a stop for snacks, we then entered a very long tail-back caused by a truck accident. It was not until an hour from base that the traffic was flowing well again. This meant that we did not reach Casa Rural El Recuerdo until 21.00.

Claudia greeted our arrival, and an evening meal was quickly prepared.

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2025: Garciaz and Madroñera**

There was perfect weather today, being warm and sunny throughout. We had an initial walk near Garciaz, though an open mixed dehesa landscape of Pyrenean Oak and Holm Oak. Here numerous **Nightingales** were singing, we heard two **Wryneck** and also **Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers**. Overhead were displaying **Booted Eagles**, giving their distinctive chipping call. We had views of **Cirl Buntings** and **Woodlarks** were carrying food. Butterflies were a superb distraction, especially the **Spanish Festoons**. The walk was a perfect therapy after the long travel yesterday.



Following coffee in the village, we moved onto pinewoods at slightly higher altitude. Lots of **Angel's Tears Narcissus** in flower. We could take in lovely view of the snow-capped Gredos Mountains to the north. More butterflies were on the wing, including **Black-eyed Blue**. We

paused on way down in a hillside of gum cistus. Here we saw **Dartford Warblers** and **Thekla Larks**. A **Conical Orchid** was in flower. **Spoonbills** on migration passed high overhead.



We completed the afternoon on some meadowland and open woodland near to Madroñera. We enjoyed superb view of **Short-toed Eagle**, several more **Dartford Warblers**. As we reached base, a **Cleopatra** was flying in the garden.





### 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025: Campo Lugar plains and Alcollarín Reservoir

The clocks went forward, so we lost an hour's sleep but gained an hour of birding as we set off at dawn. Our destination were the plains south of Zorita, near the village of Campo Lugar. Here we were heralded by the song of **Calandra Larks** and **Corn Buntings**, one of the latter determinedly singing from a fence post just a few metres from where we stood.



We quickly found some displaying **Great Bustards**, but they were rather a long way away. Our road took us in their direction, but most of them flew as we continued along the road. However, we had much better luck at our next stop. Here we quickly heard the display call of a **Little Bustard** and after a few minutes searching we found the bird. It was an extremely smart-looking male and we watched it for a long time, in superb light, as it called, preened and foraged. It was a sheer privilege to have that moment of magic. The only person we saw during our watch there was a friendly farmer.

As we continued, we had a wonderful view of a newly arrived **Roller**, as well as **Little Owl** and several **Lesser Kestrels**. Another **Little Bustard** was also heard.

Coffee beckoned, so we stopped near the village, watching a multitude of **House Martins** as well as a dozen **Lesser Kestrels** sharing a silo building. Afterwards we stopped at the Alcollarín River, having extremely good views of a singing **Cetti's Warbler** and hearing **Water Rail** calling from the vegetation.

The rest of the day was spent beside the Alcollarín Reservoir. We did an initial scan, finding a small group of **Garganey**, a flock of **Spoonbill** and watching the butterflies start to appear, such as **Green-striped White**. Two passage migrant **Willow Warblers** sang from the tree above us.

Following our picnic, where **Marsh Harriers** were in display, no fewer than three **Short-toed Eagles** were overhead. At our feet were two freshly emerged **African Grass Blue** butterflies. **Southern Speckled Wood** was also seen. In the open dehesa beside the reservoir, we stopped at a small pool and quickly found one of our sought-after species: the **Vagrant Emperor**. There were two present, patrolling opposite sides of the pool and sometimes engaging in chases. Two species of damselfly were also present there, as well as **Spanish Terrapins**.

Along the track, we stopped for another truly wonderful moment of the day, to watch a newly arrived colony of **Bee-eaters**. At one time there were nine together in a tree, whilst others were off finding bees or starting to excavate their burrows.

We completed our visit on the western shore, enjoying the sight of the duck resting on the still expanse of the reservoir. Among the **Shoveler**, **Gadwall** and **Wigeon**, we found a **Red-crested Pochard**. There was a flock of **Greenshank** and a few **Black-winged Stilts** as well.

### **31<sup>st</sup> March 2025: Monfragüe National Park**

It was another warm and sunny day, although with our early start the first hour or two in Monfragüe National Park felt decidedly chilly!

Once at the park, having crossed the vast expanse of dehesa between Trujillo and Torrejón El Rubio, we went directly to the small viewpoint at Puerto de Serrana. Here we were rewarded by very close views of a pair of Egyptian Vultures, and subsequently by at least two **Subalpine Warblers**, in the lovely mixture of tree heath and Strawberry Trees. **Griffon Vultures** were at their nests and **Red-rumped Swallows** flew around us. We then made our way along the Tiétar Valley, having a close encounter with a **Black-eared Wheatear** that was singing on a tree-guard close to the road.



At the picnic area of the Tajadilla, we found a drumming female **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**, at least two **Hawfinches**, and a charming party of **Siskins**. A little further on, in a similar belt of elm which was in seed, we saw more **Hawfinches** and a pair of **Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers**. Our planned coffee stop at the north-eastern end of the park was thwarted since the establishment was closed, which meant a return through the park to the hamlet of Villareal de San Carlos. Here we had a later than planned coffee break, whilst watching a throng of **House Martins** coming to collect mud. A **Black Stork** was seen soaring overhead.

Returning through the park we stopped close to the Portilla del Tiétar. Here more vultures were present and we saw on two occasions a **Spanish Imperial Eagle**. **Subalpine Warblers** again were present. However, the highlight was without doubt our first sighting of a **Chapman's Green Hairstreak**, spotted by Geoff. We had close views of this very localised butterfly. We had our picnic where we had parked, where another Chapman's was present. In all we saw perhaps five or six different ones in the area.



After a short walk through cork oak dehesa, seeing **Spanish Festoons**, and **Woodlark**, we returned through the park. We had a nice walk at the Fuente de Francés, where there were **Bosca's Newt** in the water troughs beside the path. In this area we had further superb sightings of the hairstreak, raising our total to perhaps a dozen individuals. We completed the afternoon at the iconic viewpoint of Salto de Gitano. Here we saw several **Black Stork**, a **Peregrine**, but the main actor here was, as always the large colony of **Griffon Vultures**.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> April 2025: Arrocampo Reservoir, Almaráz El Sierro and Miravete Pass**

It was a calm day, with fine high cloud, so perfect conditions to spend the morning at the Arrocampo Reservoir beside the emergent vegetation fringing the lake. At our first stop, we spent a hugely rewarding 90 minutes watching the comings and goings of a **Purple Heron** colony, with over 35 birds present. They were engaged in nest-building and displaying. There

were also some compelling distractions, such as at least three singing **Savi's Warblers**, some stunning **Ferruginous Ducks**, a beautiful trio of **Red-crested Pochard** and a noisy trio of **Zitting Cisticolas**. Elegant **Great White Egrets** in breeding dress arrived at the marsh as well, and Purple Swampheens clambered clumsily through the reeds.



Pausing at another section of marsh before our coffee, we counted five **Black-crowned Night Herons** and had a lovely view of a male **Little Bittern**. **Water Rails** flew one-way across a small channel and then back again.

Following our coffee, we stopped at the small lake at Cerro Alto. **Cattle Egrets** roosted on submerged trees, whilst **Glossy Ibis** and **Black-winged Stilts** foraged nearby. There was a nice selection of other waders, including **Common Redshank**, **Greenshank**, **Common** and **Green Sandpiper**, **Little Ringed** and **Common Ringed Plovers**. We watched an adult **Black-winged Kite** as it preened on the top of a tree and then sailed away in a stiff glide.

We had a final short walk along the eastern shore of the lake, where we found an early **Red-veined Darter** and saw a few **Vagrant Emperors**. A more distant colony of herons and egrets had a large number of **Cattle Egrets** and a few **Spoonbills** present as well.

We moved southwards to El Sierro beside the town of Almaraz. Here we had our picnic surrounded by a profusion of orchids. There were mainly **Naked Man Orchid**, but there were good number of other species as well: **Conical**, **Champagne**, **Yellow Bee**, **Hairy Bee**, **Woodcock** and **Mirror**. The recent rains had blessed the plants with strength and vigour. The afternoon was rounded off at the Miravete Pass, where we had excellent views of a **Crested Tit**.





## **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025: Campo Lugar plains, Madrigalejo and Palazuelo rice fields**

There was more cloud cover today, although still some sunny periods, but the wind became fresher in the afternoon and there was rain late afternoon.

We crossed the plains south of Zorita, where Julie spotted a **Wild Boar** charging across a field. Turning on to the Campo Lugar road, we stopped and walked beside the road a short while to a good vantage point. Here we saw early on a male **Montagu's Harrier** making its way buoyantly across the field. Later a female also appeared. We had seen **Great Bustards** quite close to our left and others further away, to our right, which included two males which were starting to display. As we stood a large male flew from that direction and landed to our left. We watched it for about an hour as it strode across the field to approach a female. It took some time, but eventually it started a full display, whilst the female stood, rather non-plussed nearby. The light was excellent to view this extraordinary behaviour. Other birds of note included a **Little Owl**, **Hoopoes**, and flyover **Tawny Pipit** and **Short-toed Lark**.

Satisfied with the rewards so far, we continued to check the Sierra Brava reservoir from the dam. The water level was extremely high, but we found a party of **Greater Flamingos**, together with four **Avocet**, standing beside a small island. **Little Ringed Plovers** were displaying on the gravel beside the road.

After an excellent coffee, we stopped at small disused gravel pit. **Purple Herons** were in the reeds, from which **Water Rail** and **Purple Swamphen** also called. **Iberian Grey Shrikes** were perched on the cables beside the road.

Moving just a short distance to the west, we entered an area of rice fields and stopped to watch a group of over ten **Collared Pratincoles** as they hawked insects above the field. There were some very smart **Iberian Yellow Wagtails** also present, and a **Common Ringed Plover**. We



stopped for lunch beside the River Ruercas, where we saw **Kingfisher** and **Reed Warblers** were singing. Another two **Collared Pratincoles** flew over.

The afternoon was spent in the rice fields near Palazuelo. Some of the fields were dry, some stubble, others were wet and muddy. We searched for waders, pretty much without much success, only a couple of **Common Redshank**, **Green Sandpiper** and **Kentish Plovers** were seen. However, we came across a field heaving with wagtails. There must have been about fifty **Yellow Wagtails** of four different races, including the Fenno-Scandinavian **Grey-headed Wagtail**. The majority of those present were migrant **Blue-headed Wagtails**, and there were also a few **Yellow Wagtails** too. A **Water Pipit** was also there, along with some **Meadow Pipits**.



**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025: Palazuelo rice fields, Madrigalejo and Vegas Altas**

There had been rain overnight, but throughout the day, notwithstanding the fresh wind and overcast conditions, it stayed generally dry.

We elected to return to the rice fields, to enjoy again the spectacle of the throng of yellow wagtails and pipits. We found the same four races of **Yellow Wagtail** again on the same couple of fields and also had the wonderful spectacle of a **Stone Curlew** being surrounded by these yellow jewels as it stood, nonchalantly on a bund. There were still very few waders present: we came across a small group of **Common Redshank** and a party of **Little Stint** flew past. However, we did see a **Gull-billed Tern** flying over the fields.

After an excellent coffee at the same bar we frequented yesterday, we moved onto the rice fields to the south of Madrigalejo. Here we had the spectacle of two **Black-winged Kites** hunting over a cereal field and then one mobbing a female **Montagu's Harrier**, quickly joined by a **Kestrel**. An **Egyptian Mongoose** was seen running close to the road.



At our nearby lunch spot, beside the River Gargaligas, we saw a second pair of **Black-winged Kites**, also hunting. The spot proved extremely rewarding with at least two singing **Great Reed Warblers**, a Little **Bittern**, **Purple Swamphen**, six **Collared Pratincoles** flying over, as well as a migrant **Common Whitethroat**.

The first half of the afternoon was spent beside the rice fields near Vegas Altas, with still more sightings of **Yellow Wagtails**, as well as a **Short-toed Eagle**. We completed the afternoon returning to the fields north of Madrigalejo, which we had visited yesterday. Ten **Collared Pratincoles** stood resting on a bund, but the biggest difference was the sheer number of **Yellow Wagtails** present, with several *flavissima* individuals as well as **Blue-headed** and **Iberian** in full glory.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> April 2025: Plains north of Trujillo, Palazuelo and Alcollarín**

The forecast for the day was heavy rain and high winds, so we set off with the frame of mind to play it by ear, be flexible and be make the best of any opportunities. As we passed Trujillo there was a dramatic double rainbow.

We started first on the plains just north of Trujillo, where we saw from the road a small group of vultures (**Black** and **Griffon**) at a carcass, accompanied by diminutive **Magpies** and **Ravens**. At the start of a Drovers' Trail, we found an impressive colony of **Bug Orchids**, alongside **Sawfly** and some **Champagne Orchids**.

By now the weather was quite inclement and so we elected to return to the rice fields to the south, where, if worse happened, at least we could bird from the car. After the obligatory coffee stop we entered the rice fields, finding a couple of fields with **Yellow Wagtails**. **Kentish Plovers** and **Little Ringed Plovers** were present beside the fields. A tractor working a field had a

good attendance of **Black-headed Gulls**, **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** and a couple of **Gull-billed Terns**. There were also **Spoonbill** and several egrets present. Two **Stone Curlew** flew up from the track as we passed and there was a flurry of **Collared Pratincoles**.

We had our picnic, sheltering beside the car and enjoying for another time the wonderful wagtail fields where again the four races that we had initially found two days ago were still present. A **Booted Eagle** passed overhead as we stood.

We spent the afternoon at Alcollarín Reservoir, following an unprecedented second coffee break. It was a very productive short visit, set under dramatic dark skies. Julie found a **Black-necked Grebe** and the **Red-crested Pochard** we had seen a few days earlier was still present. At our final stop, we had a wonderful view of a male **Montagu's Harrier** as well as **Marsh Harrier** too.



#### **5<sup>th</sup> April 2025: Garciaz, Cañamero and edge of the Villuercas**

Apart from a few showers late morning, the day remained dry, with light winds and some breaks in the cloud in the afternoon.

We spent the first half of the morning on two very enjoyable walks in the dehesas near Garciaz. The first was in a landscape dominated by Pyrenean Oak, the trees still in bud. This was an excellent area for **Rock Sparrows** and we had several sightings, including a couple that were quite prolonged. The **Common Cuckoos** were also excellent with perhaps five individuals present. We had several sightings and saw chases involving three birds, as well as mobbing by **Woodchat Shrikes**. **Short-toed Treecreepers** were busy nest-building whilst **Nightingales** sang from every clump of brambles, it seemed. A **Wryneck** was heard but not seen, and drumming of **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** was also heard.





Afterwards we walked through a holm oak dominated dehesa, albeit with some Pyrenean Oak present. This was especially good for **Hawfinch** and **Woodlark**, with lovely views of both obtained.

After an excellent coffee, accompanied by toast with ham and tomato, we drove south to Cañamero. Stopping beside the Ruercas River we went for a short walk, before beaten back by the rain, but we did see several **Grey Wagtails** and a distant **Blue Rock Thrush**. Further upstream we stopped for our picnic at a lovely spot surrounded by pines. Whilst we enjoyed lunch we watched a succession of birds of prey, including a migrating **Montagu's Harrier**, **Short-toed Eagle**, **Booted Eagle** and **Egyptian Vulture**.

Most of the afternoon was spent south of Cabañas del Castillo, where surrounded now by cork oak woodland, we could scan both the sky and a rocky hillside. Again, amongst the common **Griffon Vultures**, there were good views of **Booted Eagle**, **Short-toed Eagle** and **Peregrine**. Closer to us, a pair of **Crested Tits** were collecting food for nestlings. Just as we were about to leave, Julie spotted a distant bird of prey and it proved to be a **Bonelli's Eagle**, which was quickly joined by its mate. Although remaining rather distant, we had a prolonged view of the pair, enough to see its distinctive shape and key plumage features, as well as the significant size difference between them.

It had been a lovely spot, to which we also added sightings of **Orange-tip** and **Provence Orange-tip** to our butterfly list. A brief stop at the River Almonte yielded another **Short-toed Eagle**, a singing **Grey Wagtail** and a **Black-eyed Blue** butterfly.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> April 2025: La Serena and Berenquerencia de la Serena**

Apart from some very light rain as we returned to base at the end of the afternoon, we had a day of superb weather, lots of sunshine, some high cloud and very little wind. It was a perfect day to make the journey southwards to the vast plains of La Serena. But first, at the filling

station at Zorita we watched a **Blue Rock Thrush** singing from a roof top and a **Lesser Kestrel** in a eucalyptus tree.



It took us a further hour or so to reach our first stop. Around us was an immense space, with just distant sierras breaking the horizon. The landscape was green with sheep pasture and fields of cereals, with only the dog' teeth rocky outcrops upsetting the smoothness. At our first stop we watched about twenty **Great Bustards** at a lek spread out over two fields in front of us as well as the field behind us. The light was magnificent as we studied the contortions of the wing and tail and the wobbly inflated orange neck pouch of the displaying males, their whiskers vertically erect. From this vantage point, we also saw our first **Montagu's Harriers** of the day and had a distant view of **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**.

Nearby at our second stop, we also saw **Great Bustard**, but here the highlight was two or three male **Little Bustards** performing fluttering chases above the grass.

After coffee at Cabeza del Buey we moved to a nearby colony of **Montagu's Harriers**. Here we spent a long time watching the beautiful sky-dance of males, involving a twisting of the body in flight in ascent after a dive. There must have been about a dozen birds. As well as the sky-dancing, we watched them in coasting flight at various heights, as well as several birds perched on fence posts. Other stars of the show included a very smart male **Whinchat** and a **Black-eared Wheatear** singing from a boulder close to where we had our picnic.



We completed the afternoon in a very different landscape, walking to the castle of Berenquerencia de La Serena, atop a rocky ridge. The view southwards across an endless undulating terrain of dehesa was breathtaking. On our walk we saw perhaps four different **Black Wheatears** (three males and a female), **Blue Rock Thrush**, **Rock Bunting**, Black Redstart, and over our heads three species of swift: **Common**, **Pallid** and **Alpine**.

In the evening, after such a productive day, Julie and Geoff had their habitual post—dinner walk, this time having lovely views of a **Wryneck** at the edge of the village.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> April 2025: The heathland and woodland near Jaraicejo**

It was a day of perfect weather: sunshine with little or no wind. It was ideal for our visit to the open heathland near Jaraicejo – a beautiful area dominated by white broom and French lavender, both of which were in bloom. We spent the first part of the morning stopping at various places on the heath and taking a short walk. **Dartford Warblers** and **Thekla Larks** were in song. Along a path to a grove of cork oak, we found a singing **Western Orphean Warbler** in a stand of holm oak and were rewarded with excellent views. A little further on we had the surprise of stumbling across a rather faded, late **Provence Hairstreak**, with a **Green Hairstreak** seen just a few minutes later.

Moving onto the coffee, we afterwards stopped beside the Arroyo de la Vid. We were serenaded by several **Nightingales**.





A **Subalpine Warbler** was also present and we also came across a delightful male **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**, excavating a nest hole. **Large Psammodromus** lizards and **Moorish Geckos** were basking on the warm stones of the bridge.





Back on the heath after our picnic on Nightingale alley, we walked a section of the track again. Several **Western Psammodromus** lizards were seen scuttling for cover. We were delighted to find eventually a **Spectacled Warbler** which was singing in subdued fashion in a tree, later showing itself better on broom. It had been a very productive and highly enjoyable day.



#### **8<sup>th</sup> April 2025: Monroy Road, Arrocampo and return to Madrid**

It was such a mild, sunny, beautiful morning that it was very sad that this was the final day, but we made best use of a short opportunity to spend time in the field before heading onward to Madrid. We bade farewell to Claudia and Casa Rural El Recuerdo as **Nightingales** sang in the garden and we travelled north of Trujillo to make a short stop on the plains beside the Monroy road. Here on a drover's trail, as well as enjoying the numerous **Bug Orchids** that were at their finest, we also looked at the colony of **Long-lipped Tongue Orchids** that were just coming into flower. They looked magnificent and it was especially a treat to find a bee sleeping in one of the flowers, showing the pollination mechanism used by the tongue-orchids. Around us, as had been a constant delight on the plains, was the sound of **Calandra Larks** and **Corn Buntings**. We saw two **Greater Short-toed Lark**. A passing male **Montagu's Harrier** was a special bonus, as the species had been such a star of the week. As it crossed our view, it put up a flock of **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**.

We then cut across country to rejoin the motorway and travelled in the direction of Madrid, with just enough time to make a very short stop at Arrocampo, time to see **Purple Heron**, **Pallid Swift**, a briefly in view **Little Bittern**, **Black-crowned Night Heron** and to hear singing **Savi's Warblers**.

The journey onward to the airport was uneventful (in contrast to the outward journey) and we arrived at Terminal 4 shortly after 13.00.



#### **BIRDS SEEN**

1. **Grey Lag Goose:** Seen at Alcollarín.
2. **Egyptian Goose:** Seen on five days.
3. **Wigeon:** Seen at Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
4. **Gadwall:** Seen at Alcollarín and Campo Lugar.
5. **Teal:** Seen at Alcollarín.
6. **Mallard:** Seen on all but one day.
7. **Pintail:** Seen at Alcollarín.
8. **Garganey:** Seen at Alcollarín on 30<sup>th</sup> March.
9. **Shoveler:** Seen at Alcollarín and Campo Lugar.
10. **Red-crested Pochard:** Seen at Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
11. **Common Pochard:** Seen at Alcollarín.
12. **Ferruginous Duck:** Seen at Arrocampo.
13. **Red-legged Partridge:** Seen or heard almost every day.
14. **Little Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín and Campo Lugar.
15. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín.



16. **Black-necked Grebe:** Seen at Alcollarín on 4<sup>th</sup> April.
17. **Great Cormorant:** Seen almost daily.
18. **Little Bittern:** Seen at Arrocampo and River Gargaligas.
19. **Black-crowned Night Heron:** Seen at Arrocampo.
20. **Cattle Egret:** Seen most days.
21. **Little Egret:** Seen most days.
22. **Great Egret:** Seen most days.
23. **Grey Heron:** Seen almost daily.
24. **Purple Heron:** Seen at Alcollarín, Arrocampo and Madrigalejo.
25. **Black Stork:** Seen at Monfragüe and Garciaz.
26. **White Stork:** Seen daily.
27. **Glossy Ibis:** Seen at Arrocampo.
28. **Spoonbill:** Seen on five days.
29. **Greater Flamingo:** Seen at Sierra Brava.
30. **Black-winged Kite:** Seen at Arrocampo and near Madrigalejo.
31. **Black Kite:** Seen daily.
32. **Red Kite:** Seen almost every day.
33. **Egyptian Vulture:** Seen on four days.
34. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen almost daily.
35. **Black Vulture:** Seen most days.
36. **Short-toed Eagle:** Seen most days.
37. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen most days.
38. **Montagu's Harrier:** Seen on five days.
39. **Sparrowhawk:** Seen in Monfragüe.
40. **Common Buzzard:** Seen daily.
41. **Spanish Imperial Eagle:** Seen in Monfragüe.
42. **Booted Eagle:** Seen almost daily.
43. **Bonelli's Eagle:** Seen in the Villuercas.
44. **Lesser Kestrel:** Seen most days.
45. **Common Kestrel:** Seen most days.
46. **Peregrine:** Seen in Monfragüe and the Villuercas.
47. **Water Rail:** Seen or heard on four days.
48. **Moorhen:** Seen on five days.
49. **Purple Swamphen:** Recorded at Alcollarín, Arrocampo and near Miajadas.
50. **Common Coot:** Seen at Alcollarín.
51. **Little Bustard:** Seen at Campo Lugar and in La Serena.
52. **Great Bustard:** Seen at Campo Lugar and in La Serena.
53. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen on four days.
54. **Pied Avocet:** Seen at Sierra Brava.
55. **Stone Curlew:** Seen on the rice fields.
56. **Collared Pratincole:** Seen at Alcollarín and on the rice fields.
57. **Ringed Plover:** Seen at Arrocampo and on the rice fields.
58. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen on six days.
59. **Kentish Plover:** Seen on the rice fields.
60. **Little Stint:** A small flock in flight on the rice fields.
61. **Common Snipe:** Seen on three days, at Arrocampo and on the rice fields.
62. **Common Redshank:** Seen on three days, at Arrocampo and on the rice fields.
63. **Spotted Redshank:** Seen at Alcollarín.

64. **Greenshank**: Seen at Arrocampo and Alcollarín.
65. **Green Sandpiper**: Seen on four days.
66. **Common Sandpiper**: Seen on four days.
67. **Gull-billed Tern**: Seen on the rice fields.
68. **Black-headed Gull**: Seen most days.
69. **Lesser Black-backed Gull**: Seen on five days.
70. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse**: Heard at Campo Lugar.
71. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**: Seen on two days.
72. **Feral Pigeon**: Seen daily.
73. **Wood Pigeon**: Seen daily.
74. **Collared Dove**: Seen daily.
75. **Great Spotted Cuckoo**: Seen near Trujillo.
76. **Common Cuckoo**: Seen or heard almost daily.
77. **Scops Owl**: Heard at Pago de San Clemente on five nights.
78. **Little Owl**: Heard at Pago de San Clemente on five nights.
79. **Alpine Swift**: Seen at Berenquerencia de la Serena.
80. **Common Swift**: Seen at Berenquerencia de la Serena.
81. **Pallid Swift**: Seen on four days.
82. **Kingfisher**: Seen almost daily.
83. **Bee-eater**: Seen daily.
84. **Roller**: Seen on three days.
85. **Hoopoe**: Seen daily.
86. **Wryneck**: Heard at Garciaz on both visits and seen at Pago de San Clemente.
87. **Iberian Green Woodpecker**: Seen at Miravete Pass.
88. **Great Spotted Woodpecker**: Seen or heard on three days.
89. **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**: Seen or heard on four days.
90. **Calandra Lark**: Seen on the plains.
91. **Greater Short-toed Lark**: Seen on three days.
92. **Crested Lark**: Seen almost daily.
93. **Thekla Lark**: Seen almost daily.
94. **Woodlark**: Seen on five days.
95. **Sand Martin**: Seen on two days.
96. **Crag Martin**: Seen most days.
97. **Barn Swallow**: Seen daily.
98. **Red-rumped Swallow**: **Seen daily.**
99. **House Martin**: Seen daily.
100. **Tawny Pipit**: Seen on one day at Campo Lugar.
101. **Meadow Pipit**: Seen on six days.
102. **Water Pipit**: Seen on the rice fields.
103. **Western Yellow Wagtail**: Seen on four days, with four different subspecies.
104. **Grey Wagtail**: Recorded on four days.
105. **White Wagtail**: Seen daily.
106. **Robin**: Seen on three days.
107. **Nightingale**: Recorded daily.
108. **Black Redstart**: Seen daily.
109. **Stonechat**: Seen almost daily.
110. **Whinchat**: One seen at La Serena.
111. **Northern Wheatear**: Seen most days.

112. **Black-eared Wheatear:** Seen in Monfragüe and in La Serena.
113. **Black Wheatear:** Seen at Berenquerencia de la Serena.
114. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen on three days.
115. **Blackbird:** Seen daily.
116. **Song Thrush:** Seen on one day.
117. **Mistle Thrush:** Seen on three days.
118. **Cetti's Warbler:** Seen almost daily.
119. **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen daily.
120. **Savi's Warbler:** Seen at Arrocampo.
121. **Sedge Warbler:** Recorded on two days.
122. **Reed Warbler:** Seen on four days.
123. **Great Reed Warbler:** Seen at river Gargaligas.
124. **Dartford Warbler:** Recorded on four days.
125. **Spectacled Warbler:** Seen on Jaraicejo heath.
126. **Subalpine Warbler:** Seen on four days.
127. **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen daily.
128. **Western Orphean Warbler:** Seen on Jaracejo heath.
129. **Common Whitethroat:** Seen at Almaráz hill and at River Gargaligas.
130. **Blackcap:** Seen on four days.
131. **Common Chiffchaff:** Seen on four days.
132. **Willow Warbler:** Recorded on two days.
133. **Wren:** Recorded on four days.
134. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen on three days.
135. **Crested Tit:** Seen on three days.
136. **Blue Tit:** Seen almost daily.
137. **Great Tit:** Seen almost daily.
138. **Nuthatch:** Seen on four days.
139. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Recorded on five days.
140. **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen most days.
141. **Woodchat Shrike:** Seen daily.
142. **Jay:** Recorded on four days.
143. **Iberian Magpie:** Seen daily.
144. **Common Magpie:** Seen daily.
145. **Red-billed Chough:** Seen at Berenquerencia de la Serena.
146. **Jackdaw:** Seen on four days.
147. **Raven:** Seen almost daily.
148. **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
149. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.
150. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen most days.
151. **Tree Sparrow:** Seen on the rice fields.
152. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen at Garciaz.
153. **Common Waxbill:** Seen on four days.
154. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on four days.
155. **Chaffinch:** Seen on six days.
156. **Serin:** Seen daily.
157. **Greenfinch:** Seen almost daily.
158. **Goldfinch:** Seen daily.
159. **Siskin:** Seen in Monfragüe.



- 160. **Linnet:** Seen almost daily.
- 161. **Hawfinch:** Seen on four days.
- 162. **Cirl Bunting:** Seen at Garciaz.
- 163. **Rock Bunting:** Seen at Berenquerencia de la Serena.
- 164. **Corn Bunting:** Seen daily.

#### **MAMMALS SEEN**

Roe Deer

Red Deer

Wild Boar

Egyptian Mongoose

Red Fox

#### **REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS**

Ladder Snake

Ocellated Lizard

Western Psammodromus

Large Psammodromus

Moorish Gecko

Spanish Terrapin

Iberian Water Frog

Natterjack Toad

Bosca's Newt

#### **BUTTERFLIES SEEN**

Swallowtail

Scarce Swallowtail

Spanish Festoon

Small White

Western Dappled White

Green-striped White

Orange Tip

Provence Orange Tip  
Clouded Yellow  
Cleopatra  
Green Hairstreak  
Chapman's Green Hairstreak  
Provence Hairstreak  
Small Copper  
Lang's Short-tailed Blue  
African Grass Blue  
Holly Blue  
Black-eyed Blue  
Brown Argus  
Large Tortoiseshell  
Red Admiral  
Painted Lady  
Queen of Spain Fritillary  
Small Heath  
Southern Speckled Wood  
Wall Brown

## **DRAGONFLIES**

Iberian Blue-tail  
Vagrant Emperor  
Red-veined Darter

## **ORCHIDS**

Champagne Orchid  
Bug Orchid  
Conical Orchid  
Naked Man Orchid  
Yellow Bee Orchid  
Hairy Bee Orchid  
Mirro Orchid

Woodcock Orchid

Early Spider Orchid

Sawfly Orchid

Long-lipped Tongue Orchid