

# BIRDING EXTREMADURA



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

**Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



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## TRIP REPORT

### 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Collection from Madrid and drive to Extremadura with stop at Arrocampo

Martin collected Julie and Geoff at Madrid Airport shortly after 11.00. It was an overcast day and we had some very light rain early afternoon. There was little traffic and by lunchtime we had conveniently reached a good stop for a meal and refreshments. We were then just a few minutes from the Arrocampo Reservoir where we spent the rest of the afternoon. The afternoon was a bit brighter and we found five species of dragonfly/damselfly active in the dry tall grass near the reeds: numerous **Long Skimmers**, some fine **Red-veined Darters** and a female **Broad Scarlet**, some delightful **Northern Banded Groundlings** and copulating **Iberian Bluetails**. Birds included over a hundred **Glossy Ibis** standing on the concrete breakwater, and **Griffon** and **Black Vultures** passing over head. As we drove through the town of Almaráz there were two **Booted Eagles**. We continued to Casa Rural El Recuerdo, arriving just before 17.30.



*Northern Banded Groundlings*

### 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025: The plains between Trujillo and Cáceres

There was a light touch of mist as we set off after breakfast, but soon we were under mainly blue skies with scattered cloud. There were some slightly more overcast periods at times and a moderate westerly breeze helped to keep the edge off the heat.

We started on the edge of the plains just west of Trujillo, where we found both **Spotted** and **Pied Flycatchers** at the edge of the *dehesa*. A **Subalpine Warbler** was also seen there. We had a good walk along the dirt track to the north, seeing single **Black-bellied** and **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** and the first of good numbers of **Whinchats** for the day. A group of **Lapwing**

crossed the sky. Along the track we found several very smart **Red-veined Darters** and **Broad Scarlets**.

After coffee in the village of Santa Marta de Magasca, where the square was quite busy with family groups enjoying the holiday marking Extremadura Day, we stopped to overlook the Tajuja River for our picnic. We had a superb view of a **Short-toed Eagle** consuming a snake overhead, whilst a group of five were interacting along the valley.



*Short-toed Eagle*

There was a steady movement of vultures overhead, mainly **Griffon Vultures**, but also a few **Black** and a single adult **Egyptian Vulture**. **Kingfishers** crossed the still green water of one of the pools in the dried-up riverbed. **Red-rumped Swallows** and **Crag Martins** hawked around us. We found a very attractive **Digger Wasp**, with bulbous yellow eyes. South of the river, we stopped on the rise to the plains to admire a **Little Owl**, and this pause gave us the chance to watch a pair of displaying **Spanish Imperial Eagles**. A dark-phase **Booted Eagle** was also in the sky. Close at hand a tiny **Potter Wasp** was found. The remainder of the afternoon was spent along the Pulgosa track. Here we saw a total of nine **Great Bustards**, thanks to Julie's keen observation and there were almost double figures of Whinchat. A juvenile **Montagu's Harrier** quartered over the dry landscape. We found a **Western Psammmodromus** basking on a mossy rock. What was especially memorable were the groups of larks, mainly **Greater Short-toed** and **Calandra**, feeding on patches where livestock had been resting. As we returned towards Trujillo, we found a place to stop to admire an adult **Spanish Imperial Eagle** perched in a pylon, above a **Griffon Vulture**, being mobbed by rather diminutive **Common Magpies**.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> September 2025: The Palazuelo ricefields and Alcollarín Reservoir**

The day dawned clear and sunny, with an autumnal freshness, which slowly dissipated during the day as the temperature rose to the high 20s. We headed southwards of Zorita onto the ricefields near Palazuelo, where we focused on an area crossed by *Typha*-filled ditches. There were several male **Yellow-crowned Bishops** singing from high perches and performing chases



of females across the rice crops. **Red Avadavats** in full-breeding plumage were collecting nest-lining. There was a continuous passage of **Sand Martins** and **House Martins**. A juvenile **Purple Heron** flew overhead, as well as a few **Glossy Ibis**. In the ditches we found **Reed** and **Sedge Warblers**, as well as a couple of **Bluethroat**. Harvest had not started on the rice, so there was very little habitat available for feeding waders, but we did find some **Common Snipe**, **Lapwing** and **Green Sandpipers**. There was an abundance of dragonflies, especially **Red-veined Darters** and **Broad Scarlet**.

Leaving the rice fields we stopped to watch tomatoes being harvested by a combine, with large trailers full of tomatoes, whilst a group of **Lesser Kestrel** and **Cattle Egrets** were busy following the machinery to catch any flushed insects.



*Tomato harvest*

We stopped for a late coffee near Campo Lugar and then proceeded to the Alcollarín Reservoir. The main body of water was very low, as the reservoir is being emptied to eliminate an invasive fish. Leaving that area for later scanning, we moved onto the small subsidiary reservoir which had a good volume of water. After our picnic, with **Pied** and **Spotted Flycatchers** present, we spent a couple of hours watching the pool where we found a splendid array of waders including **Black-tailed Godwit**, **Wood Sandpiper**, **Spotted Redshank**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Little Stint** and **Black-winged Stilt**. A fine **Black-necked Grebe** was present too.

At the main reservoir afterwards we saw two **Black Stork**, a flock of over 40 **Spoonbill** and over a hundred **Little Egret**, as well as **Great Egret**, **Grey Heron** and small numbers of **Mallard** and **Shoveler**. Dozens of **House Martins** were flocking overhead.

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2025: The Los Arenales, pools near Malpartida de Cáceres, Valdesalor reservoir and pools near Sierra de Fuentes**

It was quite a fresh start to the day and there was a strong breeze throughout and generally overcast conditions. We spent the day either side of the provincial capital, Cáceres. Our first stop was a pool in the granite landscape of Los Arenales. Here there was a good selection of waders, including **Ringed Plover** and **Redshank**, some duck and egrets. A **Pallid Swift** passed close to us, and there was a cheerful group of **Red-rumped Swallows**. We had an excellent coffee, complete with Portuguese pasteles de Belém at the nearby spa hotel.

We navigated around the construction site of a new by-pass to arrive at another set of small pools just east of Malpartida de Cáceres. Here, as well as a multitude of **Iberian Water Frogs**, was a rich diversity of dragonflies, dominated by **Red-veined Darters** and **Broad Scarlets**. We found **Migrant Spreadwings** and a very beautiful immature male **Black Percher**. **Geniez's Wall Lizards** were out in abundance, and we saw a couple of **Large Psammotriton** Lizards too.

We returned through a rather busy Cáceres and stopped at the Valdesalor Reservoir, which combined a feeling of Extremadura with *dehesa* on one side of the road, and Australia with eucalyptus on the other. The reservoir itself held many **Spoonbill** (perhaps 200 birds) which we enjoyed watching as they foraged energetically in a pack. There were waders present too, such as **Little Stint** and **Dunlin**. Three species of grebe included two **Black-necked**. A juvenile **Greater Flamingo** was asleep amongst some roosting **Spoonbill**.



*At Valdesalor*

We completed the day at some small fishponds near Sierra de Fuentes. **Six Red-crested Pochards** were a bonus, and again there were **Spoonbill**, and several species of wader, as well as a large flock of **Common Coot**. Dragonflies were very common, again mainly **Red-veined Darters**, but also a **Lesser Emperor** and several inquisitive **Northern-banded Groundlings**.

### 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Pago de San Clemente and Monfragüe National Park

No cloud cover today, indeed clear blue skies and rising temperatures, ameliorated a little by the freshness of the westerly breeze again. Julie and Geoff enjoyed a lovely walk along the lanes from Pago de San Clemente, seeing migrant **Pied** and **Spotted Flycatchers**, **Common Redstart** and **Booted Eagle**. Butterflies seen included **Small Coppers** and **Cardinals**. Late morning we set off northwards, across the *dehesa* to Torrejón El Rubio where we had coffee. It was then just a few minutes further to reach the Monfragüe National Park. We made our first stop beside the Tagus River and spent an hour or so watching a wet area in the gallery woodland, where an overflow pipe had created some standing water. On this small drinking pool, we had no fewer than 18 species of birds coming to drink, including **Nightingale**, **Hawfinch**, **Garden Warbler** and **Common Whitethroat**. We had to be careful with our picnic because a habituated **Red Deer** approached very close to us!

We made a short walk afterwards, seeing more **Hawfinches**, flycatchers and had good views of an **Iberian Chiffchaff**. **Two-tailed Pashas**, **Cardinals** and **Speckled Wood** were some of the butterflies seen.

We completed the day at the Salto de Gitano viewpoint, watching dozens of **Griffon Vultures**, as well as **Peregrine** and **Kestrel**. A **Blue Rock Thrush** was present, as were two juvenile **Black Storks**. A distant view was had of a **White-rumped Swift**, amongst a throng of **Crag Martins** and **Red-rumped Swallows**.

### 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Valdecañas Reservoir and pool near Casatejada



*The Gredos from Valdecañas*

It was a rather hot day with clear blue skies and very little wind. We started the day exploring the eastern shore of the large Valdecañas reservoir, which lies just inside Extremadura, in the north-east of the region. As we crossed the open country encircling the water, we came across a fine **Tawny Pipit**, two **Tree Pipits** in flight, several **Whinchats** and **Northern Wheatears**. A large



number of **Yellow Wagtails** were feeding beside cattle at the water's edge. An adult **Yellow-legged Gull** flew close by and on the shoreline there were a few **Ruff** and **Common Sandpipers**. **Red-veined Darters** were the commonest dragonfly present, as well as some **Northern Banded Groundlings** and an **Epaulet Skimmer**. Geoff found a very smart **Swallowtail** butterfly.

In another bay, we came across six **Greater Flamingos** whilst **Pied Flycatchers** were calling everywhere we stopped.



*Black Percher*

After a coffee, we moved onto a small pool near the town of Casatejada. Again, **Pied Flycatchers** were calling from all directions. We also watched a **Common Redstart**. **Red Kite** and **Booted Eagle** were also seen. The main focus of our visit was dragonflies, and we found no fewer than eleven species. This included a very beautiful adult male **Black Percher** and a lovely mating pair of **White Featherlegs**. One **Green Hooktail** was seen perched out in the water. **Lesser Emperors** were mating, and the most common dragonfly of all was the **Violet Drogwing**. It was an extremely rewarding visit and luckily there was shade where we parked and we enjoyed our picnic there, with a very timely breeze present at that moment. By mid-afternoon however, we felt that we had achieved as much as we could and it was best to escape the heat and return to rest at base.

### **13<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Plains of Campo Lugar and Alcollarín Reservoir**

For a day supposed to be overcast (according to the forecast), it was surprisingly sunny the whole time, but the high temperature was tempered by a cooling breeze. Travelling south of Zorita, we entered the plains near Campo Lugar where we spent the morning. At our first stop we saw a single **Great Bustard** and a fly-over **Black-bellied Sandgrouse**, as well as a distant **Little Owl**. But was perhaps most memorable was the huge flock of **Egyptian Geese**, hundreds strong, that were flying onward to the Sierra Brava reservoir to the east. What was very special about the plains this morning was the evidence of migrating passerines. We saw perhaps half a dozen **Tawny Pipits**, **Northern Wheatears** were numerous and we were pleased to find a **Black-**

**eared Wheatear** too: at one moment perched close to the **Northern Wheatear** which enabled an excellent comparison of size and shape.

Dropping from the plains we stopped at a small pool where over two hundred **Glossy Ibis** were present. There were a few duck including a single **Common Pochard**. Careful checking of the bank revealed two Temminck's Stint, which although rather distant, gave us prolonged views.



*Pied Flycatcher*

We stopped for coffee at our regular café just beyond the village and then moved straight onto the Alcollarín Reservoir. After a picnic with Pied Flycatchers present in every direction and a couple of **Willow Warblers** too, we then surveyed the small subsidiary dam. There was a nice selection of waders, mainly similar to those we had seen there a few days earlier, but **Ringed Plover** and **Kentish Plover** were new, as were three **Common Shelduck**. At the main reservoir, now almost empty of water, we found two juvenile **Black Terns** amongst the **Black-headed Gulls**. Three **Black Stork** were present, along with good numbers of **Spoonbill** and **Little Egret**. We made a couple of stops downstream of the dam, along the Alcollarín River. A **Garden Warbler** was a delight to watch, and we also saw an **Iberian Chiffchaff**, several **Willow Warblers**, **Spotted** and **Pied Flycatchers**. There were parties of Spanish Sparrows, the males looking very dowdy at this time of year.

#### **14<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Garcíáz**

Clear skies, no wind and a forecast of hot weather all pointed to the plan to gain some altitude and seek shade. The *dehesas* and woodland near the village of Garcíáz was ideal for this. We started with a short walk at the Cordel de Madrigalejo, though mixed holm and Pyrenean oak woodland. As soon as we started, **Pied Flycatchers** were evident with their calling and during the walk we must have recorded at least 15 individuals. There were some very smart **Common Redstart** too. **Woodlarks** gave their beautiful liquid song from all directions. A **Hawfinch** was seen perched high in a tree. An enchanting group of **Nuthatches** were watched.



Further on toward Garciáz we made a brief stop, hoping for **Rock Sparrow**, which were seen briefly in flight, but **Common Redstart** and **Pied Flycatcher** were here too.

After coffee in Garciáz, we ascended to higher woodland, dominated by Black Pine, Pyrenean Oak, Strawberry Tree and Sweet Chestnut. Although now being early afternoon, it seemed at first encounter rather quiet and hot, we managed to find area of shade to stand in and had a very productive sojourn, both before and after our picnic. Pride of place were **the Two-tailed Pashas**. We saw at least six of these gorgeous butterflies, with their powerful glides over the tops of the Strawberry Trees. The ones we saw perched were all in superb condition. Other butterflies include **Sooty Copper**, **Great Banded Grayling** and a **Bath White**. **Cardinals** were everywhere. Bird wise it was very much a case of quality rather than quantity. We were delighted to find a **Tree Pipit** and a **Turtle Dove**, and we also had good views of **Short-toed Treecreeper**, **Spotted Flycatcher** and **Western Bonelli's Warbler**. Dragonflies were not forgotten, several **Common Darters** were present and two **Western Willow Spreadwings** seen.



*Tree Pipit*

### **15<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Plains north of Trujillo and Castañar de Ibor**

It was an even hotter day today, with temperatures hitting the 40s by the end of the afternoon. We started on the plains north of Trujillo, watching groups of **Pin-tailed** and **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** cross the landscape and settle in fields, hidden from view. A **Black Stork** made a majestic crossing of the panorama to the north of us. A couple of **Red Kites** suggested that perhaps the winter arrival is now underway of this species. Meanwhile, passage migration was very much evident with **Tawny Pipits** and **Northern Wheatears**. **Southern Gatekeepers** darted in the dry grass.

After a short stop at the River Almonte, we had coffee and then headed to the Ibores Mountains, near Castañar de Ibor to walk beside the Ibor River. There were **Keeled Skimmers** present, a **Copper Demoiselle** and various butterflies including **Lang's Short-tailed Blue** and **Long-tailed Blues**, a **Scarce Swallowtail** and **Queen of Spain Fritillary**. Birds included a brief view of **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**, and of course the ubiquitous **Pied Flycatcher**.

Nearby we stopped for our picnic and spent the rest of the afternoon beside a tributary of the Ibor. A highlight here was a **Winter Damselfly** and we also found **Common Blues** and a **Two-tailed Pasha**. The deep wooded valley provided very welcome shade, thanks to the presence of **Portuguese Laurel**, **Strawberry Tree**, **Portuguese Oak** and **Alders**.



*Winter Damselfly*

#### **16<sup>th</sup> September 2025: River Ruercas at Cañamero and Alcollarín Reservoir.**

The heatwave continued and intensified today. We spent the morning enjoying shade along a path beside the Ruercas River near Cañamero. This ribbon of riverine woodland proved fascinating for the variety of small migrant birds present. **Spotted Flycatchers**, **Pied Flycatchers**, **Garden Warblers**, **Willow Warblers** and even **Reed Warblers** were moving through. Over the hillside above us there were **Crag Martins** and **Blue Rock Thrush** and we also obtained good views of two **White-rumped Swifts** which were an excellent bonus.

After a very good café stop in Cañamero we drove back to the Alcollarín Reservoir, to have our picnic in the shade, accompanied, of course by **Pied Flycatchers**. We then spent about an hour checking the small subsidiary reservoir. The range of waders was very similar to that of our previous visits, but we were pleased to see a **Garganey** fly in and then spend a few minutes on the water before heading off again.

The heat by then was getting harder to cope with, so we threw in the towel and headed back to base.

### **17<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Return to Madrid.**

With some industrial action anticipated at the airport, we decided to head straight to Madrid after breakfast, with a stop for coffee just before the halfway point. A couple of **Red Kites** were seen on the journey, along with **Griffon** and **Black Vultures**. We reached the airport just after midday.

### **BIRDS SEEN**

1. **Grey Lag Goose**: Seen on every visit to Alcollarín.
2. **Egyptian Goose**: Seen almost every day, with a huge flock south of Zorita.
3. **Common Shelduck**: Three at Alcollarín.
4. **Gadwall**: Only one seen, at Arrocampo.
5. **Eurasian Teal**: Seen on four days.
6. **Mallard**: Seen on all but three days.
7. **Garganey**: One at Alcollarín on 16<sup>th</sup> September.
8. **Northern Shoveler**: Seen on five days.
9. **Red-crested Pochard**: A group of six near Sierra de Fuentes.
10. **Common Pochard**: One near Campo Lugar.
11. **Red-legged Partridge**: Heard at Alcollarín.
12. **Little Grebe**: Seen on four days.
13. **Great Crested Grebe**: Seen on four days.
14. **Black-necked Grebe**: Seen at Alcollarín and Valdesalor.
15. **Great Cormorant**: Seen most days.
16. **Cattle Egret**: Seen on five days.
17. **Little Egret**: Seen on five days, with a large concentration at Alcollarín.
18. **Great Egret**: Seen at Alcollarín.
19. **Grey Heron**: Seen almost every day.
20. **Purple Heron**: A juvenile seen at Palazuelo.
21. **Black Stork**: Up to three at Alcollarín and one seen over the plains north of Trujillo.
22. **White Stork**: Seen on three days, mainly on the rice fields.
23. **Glossy Ibis**: Large numbers seen at Arrocampo, near Campo Lugar and a few at Alcollarín.
24. **Spoonbill**: Seen on most water bodies, with over 200 at Valdesalor.
25. **Greater Flamingo**: One at Valdesalor and a small party at Valdecañas reservoir.
26. **Griffon Vulture**: Seen every day.
27. **Black Vulture**: Seen almost every day.
28. **Egyptian Vulture**: One seen over River Tamuja.
29. **Spanish Imperial Eagle**: A pair displaying and one perched on plains east of Cáceres.
30. **Short-toed Eagle**: Seen almost daily. At least five over River Tamuja.
31. **Booted Eagle**: Seen almost daily.
32. **Red Kite**: Only seen on three days, mainly in north of the region.



33. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen almost every day.
34. **Montagu's Harrier:** Two juveniles seen on plains on 8<sup>th</sup> September.
35. **Common Buzzard:** Seen on four days.
36. **Lesser Kestrel:** A party attracted to the tomato harvest.
37. **Common Kestrel:** Seen almost every day.
38. **Peregrine Falcon:** Two seen at Monfragüe.
39. **Moorhen:** Seen on three days.
40. **Purple Swamphen:** Heard at Arrocampo.
41. **Common Coot:** Seen on five days, with large flock near Sierra de Fuentes.
42. **Great Bustard:** Seen on three days.
43. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen at every large water body.
44. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen at every large water body.
45. **Ringed Plover:** Seen at Alcollarín and Malpartida de Cáceres.
46. **Kentish Plover:** Seen at Alcollarín.
47. **Northern Lapwing:** Seen almost every day.
48. **Dunlin:** Seen on three days.
49. **Little Stint:** Seen at Alcollarín and Malpartida de Cáceres.
50. **Temminck's Stint:** Two near Campo Lugar.
51. **Ruff:** Seen at every large water body.
52. **Common Snipe:** Seen on three days.
53. **Black-tailed Godwit:** Seen at Alcollarín.
54. **Common Redshank:** Seen on four days.
55. **Spotted Redshank:** Seen on two days.
56. **Greenshank:** Seen on four days.
57. **Green Sandpiper:** Seen on four days.
58. **Wood Sandpiper:** Seen at Alcollarín.
59. **Common Sandpiper:** Seen on five days.
60. **Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Seen at Alcollarín, Valdesalor and Valdecañas.
61. **Yellow-legged Gull:** An adult at Valdecañas.
62. **Black-headed Gull:** Seen almost every day.
63. **Black Tern:** Two at Alcollarín on 13<sup>th</sup> September.
64. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse:** Seen on four days.
65. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** Seen on plains between Trujillo and Cáceres.
66. **Feral Pigeon:** Seen daily.
67. **Wood Pigeon:** Seen almost daily.
68. **Collared Dove:** Seen daily.
69. **European Turtle Dove:** One at Garcíáz.
70. **Little Owl:** Seen or heard on six days.
71. **Pallid Swift:** Seen on two days.
72. **White-rumped Swift:** Seen distantly in Monfragüe and much better near Cañamero.
73. **Kingfisher:** Recorded almost every day.
74. **Hoopoe:** Seen almost daily.
75. **Bee-eater:** Seen almost daily, especially in first half of the stay.
76. **Great Spotted Woodpecker:** Recorded on three days.
77. **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen at River Ibor.
78. **Calandra Lark:** Seen on the plains.
79. **Crested Lark:** Seen most days.
80. **Thekla Lark:** Seen most days.

81. **Woodlark:** Recorded on four days.
82. **Greater Short-toed Lark:** Flocks on the plains east of Cáceres.
83. **Sand Martin:** Seen on four days.
84. **Crag Martin:** Seen on three days.
85. **Barn Swallow:** Seen almost every day.
86. **Red-rumped Swallow:** Seen daily.
87. **House Martin:** Seen almost every day.
88. **Tawny Pipit:** Seen on four days, a good passage.
89. **Tree Pipit:** Two seen at Valdecañas and one in Garciáz.
90. **Water Pipit:** Seen on the rice fields and at Arrocampo.
91. **Grey Wagtail:** Seen on three days.
92. **Western Yellow Wagtail:** Seen almost every day.
93. **White Wagtail:** Seen most days.
94. **Wren:** Seen on several days.
95. **Robin:** Seen on four days.
96. **Bluethroat:** Seen on the rice fields.
97. **Nightingale:** Seen at drinking pool in Monfragüe and at Casa Rural El Recuerdo.
98. **Black Redstart:** Seen on several days.
99. **Common Redstart:** Seen on four days.
100. **Stonechat:** Seen almost daily.
101. **Whinchat:** A strong passage at the start of the weke, but few birds later.
102. **Northern Wheatear:** Seen in good numbers on five days.
103. **Black-eared Wheatear:** One on plains near Campo Lugar.
104. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen in Monfragüe and Cañamero.
105. **Blackbird:** Seen daily.
106. **Song Thrush:** One seen at Cañamero.
107. **Cetti's Warbler:** Recorded most days.
108. **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen most days.
109. **Sedge Warbler:** Seen on the rice fields.
110. **Reed Warbler:** Seen on three days.
111. **Subalpine Warbler:** Seen on the plains.
112. **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen every day.
113. **Common Whitethroat:** Seen at drinking pool in Monfragüe.
114. **Garden Warbler:** Seen on three days.
115. **Blackcap:** Seen on four days.
116. **Western Bonelli's Warbler:** Seen on two days.
117. **Iberian Chiffchaff:** Seen on two days.
118. **Willow Warbler:** Seen almost every day.
119. **Spotted Flycatcher:** Seen almost day.
120. **Pied Flycatcher:** The abundance and ubiquity of this bird was a highlight of the trip.
121. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen on five days.
122. **Crested Tit:** Recorded at Garciáz.
123. **Blue Tit:** Seen daily.
124. **Great Tit:** Seen most days.
125. **Nuthatch:** Seen on four days.
126. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Seen on three days.
127. **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen almost daily.

- 128. **Woodchat Shrike:** One seen at Los Arenales.
- 129. **Jay:** Seen on three days.
- 130. **Iberian Magpie:** Seen daily.
- 131. **Magpie:** Seen almost daily.
- 132. **Jackdaw:** Seen on two days.
- 133. **Raven:** Seen almost daily.
- 134. **Spotless Starling:** Seen daily.
- 135. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.
- 136. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen on two days.
- 137. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen at Garciáz.
- 138. **Red Avadavat:** Seen on the rice fields.
- 139. **Common Waxbill:** Seen on four days.
- 140. **Yellow-crowned Bishop:** Seen on the rice fields.
- 141. **Chaffinch:** Seen almost daily.
- 142. **Serin:** Seen on two days.
- 143. **Greenfinch:** Seen on two days.
- 144. **Goldfinch:** Seen on several days.
- 145. **Hawfinch:** Seen in Monfragüe and Garciáz.
- 146. **Rock Bunting:** Seen in Monfragüe.
- 147. **Corn Bunting:** Seen on five days.

#### **MAMMALS SEEN**

Red Deer

#### **REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS**

Spanish Terrapin

Geniez's Wall Lizard

Large Psammodromus

Western Psammodromus

Schreiber's Green Lizard

Moorish Gecko

Turkish Gecko

Viperine Snake

Iberian Water Frog

#### **ODONATA (18 species)**

Copper Demoiselle

Iberian Bluetail

Winter Damselfly

White Featherleg

Western Willow Spreadwing



Migrant Spreadwing

Blue Emperor

Lesser Emperor

Long Skimmer

Epaulet Skimmer

Keeled Skimmer

Green Hooktail

Common Darter

Red-veined Darter

Broad Scarlet

Violet Dropwing

Black Percher

Northern Banded Groundling

**BUTTERFLIES (24 species)**

Small Copper

Sooty Copper

Holly Blue

Brown Argus

African Grass Blue

Common Blue

Lang's Short-tailed Blue

Long-tailed Blue

False Ilex Hairstreak

Large White

Small White

Bath White

Clouded Yellow

Common Swallowtail

Scarce Swallowtail

Two-tailed Pasha

Cardinal

Queen of Spain Fritillary

Small Heath

Meadow Brown

Southern Gatekeeper

Speckled Wood

Rock Grayling

Great Banded Grayling

### **OTHER INVERTBRATES**

Migratory Locust

Egyptian Grasshopper

Slender Green-winged Grasshopper

Blue Band-winged Grasshopper

Western Pincer Grasshopper

European Dwarf Mantis

Hoverfly Sphaerophoria sp

Hoverfly Villa hottentot

Migrant Hoverfly

A Digger Wasp

A Potter Wasp

A Sand Wasp

A Mud-dauber Wasp

Red-legged Assassin Bug

Tropical tent web spider Cyrtophora citricola

Lobed Orb Weaver

A spider Icius sp

