

BIRDING EXTREMADURA



SUMMER IN EXTREMADURA AND THE GREDOS FOR KAREN, JOHN AND PETER

Casa Rural El Recuerdo and Birding Extremadura

8th June – 18th June 2026



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TRIP REPORT

8th June 2026: Pick up from Madrid, Casatejada and Arrocampo

Martin met Karen. John and Peter at Terminal One at just before 10.00 and we headed off straightway on the motorway to Extremadura, seeing **Monk Parakeets** crossing the ring road as we did so. It was a hot and sunny day and the outbound traffic from Madrid on the Monday morning was quite light, so we made excellent progress. We stopped for brunch at the wonderful Las Esparteras service station.



The Gredos Mountains lay to our north, and although a little bit hazy, we could see some patches of snow still on the peaks. Once inside Extremadura, we proceeded to Martin's favourite dragonfly pool near Casatejada. Here we spent an hour or so. It was a productive visit with great views of several dragonfly species including **Violet Dropwing**, **Northern Banded Groundling**, **Broad Scarlet**, **Long Skimmer** and **Epaulet Skimmer** and several delightful **White Featherlegs**. **Bee-eaters** swooped over the water, doubtless also interested in dragonflies, and we saw **Cattle Egrets** and **Black Kites**. *Cleonia lusitanica* was in flower in the dry grassy banks of the pool.



A Broad Scarlet and Violet Dropwing

We made a brief stop at Saucedilla for refreshments and then a short walk beside the Arrocampo marsh. We enjoyed watching the **Barn Swallows** nesting under a culvert and had fabulous views of a **Squacco Heron**, as well as some **Purple Herons**. A **Booted Eagle** swooped down and seemed to take a swallow. Its appearance caused great alarm amongst the hirundines, especially the **Barn Swallows** and a flock of **Sand Martins** which were also around. There was a fine clump of ***Phalaris acutica***.

Once at Casa Rural El Recuerdo, where Claudia was there to welcome us, it was an opportunity for a rest before dinner, listening to the friendly **Red-rumped Swallows**.

9th June 2026: Mérida and Alcollarín

It was a sunny day with clear skies which became rather hot by the late afternoon. We drove along a country road to Santa Cruz de la Sierra before joining the motorway and then crossing the irrigated arable land beyond Miajadas. On this start of the journey, we saw **Golden Oriole**, **Nightingale**, **Bee-eaters** and a **Hoopoe**: not a bad start for the day. Arriving in Mérida we walked slowly over the Roman Bridge. The centre of attraction here was the swifts: dominated by **Alpine Swifts**, but also fabulous views of **Pallid Swifts** and a few **Common Swifts**. They raced around in small groups, passing below the arches of the bridge one moment and then spiralling skywards the next. The waterway was also a passage for birds such as **Purple** and **Grey Heron**, **Cattle Egrets**, **Glossy Ibis** and a couple of **Black-crowned Night Herons**. A **Little Bittern** was also seen.

We walked through the riverside park, listening to **Golden Orioles** and reaching a colony of egrets and herons. Returning through the park we stopped to watch a **Purple Heron** at very close quarters, sadly with an old damp wipe seemingly attached to its bill.

After coffee in the Main Square, we walked up through the city, passing the Temple of Diana, where groups of **Common Swifts** weaved between the columns, to purchase wines at a well-appointed store close to the Roman Theatre.

After our picnic in the park, beside the river, we returned to base, via Alcollarín Reservoir where we stopped for about an hour. There were a selection of dragonflies and damselflies here, including **Epaulet Skimmer** and **Violet Dropwing**. There were family parties of **Little Grebe**, juvenile **Common Coot**, a party of **Spoonbills** and an obliging **Little Ringed Plover** as well as **Yellow Wagtail** to watch.



Alpine Swift

10th June 2026: Arrocampo, Casatejada, Valdecañas and Arroyo de la Vid

It was again a hot and sunny day, with the temperature reaching the high thirties by mid-afternoon. We started with a return visit to Arrocampo, seeing a **Black-winged Kite** feeding on a prey item on the top of a telegraph post as we arrived. At our first stop, in less than 50 metres we saw 36 species of birds, including a juvenile **Great Spotted Cuckoo**, **Squacco Heron**, **Egyptian Vulture**, **Little Bittern** and **Purple Swamphen**. It was a superb start to the day. We continued with a walk beside the marsh, seeing **Squacco Heron** again, **Little Bittern** and **Booted Eagle**. **Long Skimmers** were in the vegetation beside the track whereas **Northern Banded Groundlings** fluttered around our feet.

After refreshments in the bar in Saucedilla, we made a return visit to the pool near Casatejada, which we had visited on the first afternoon. Again, there were numerous **Violet Dropwings**, interestingly the adult males holding territory beside the water, whereas females and immatures were perched in oaks a few metres from the water. It was here too where we found two **Green Hooktails**: our target species.

We returned to Saucedilla for our picnic. Then as the temperature was rising we went to the woodland near the Valdecañas dam. Here there were the sounds of **Turtle Doves** and **Golden Orioles**. There were **Lulworth** and **Small Skippers** and large numbers of **Southern Gatekeepers**. A **Spoonwing** was a lovely find. We then made a stop beside the Arroyo de la Vid, hearing bursts of **Nightingale** song in the middle of a very hot afternoon.



Green Hooktail

11th June 2026: Castañar de Ibor and River Ibor



Common Goldenring

It was another hot and sunny day, although with quite a strong north-easterly wind in the morning. We drove to the Ibor valley and made our first stop beside the town of Castañar de Ibor. Here we enjoyed a full morning's walk up a track surrounded by Sweet Chestnut groves,

Pyrenean oak and small vegetable gardens. The main focus on the walk was butterflies, and we saw no fewer than 35 species. Highlights included **Southern White Admiral**, three species of **Grayling**, **Cardinal** and **Heath Fritillary**, and a **Scarce Swallowtail**. Dragonflies too drew our attention with **Common Goldenring**, **Copper Demoiselle** and **Beautiful Demoiselle** especially obliging. A **Giant Scoliid Wasp** was also quite stunning. All the time we could hear **Golden Oriole**, **Nightingale** and **Blackcap**.

After a welcome refreshment break just across the road, we drove to a picnic area nearby to the south which afforded us a splendid view across one of the ridges of the mountain range. We then returned to Castañar de Ibor and stopped at the natural swimming pool on the River Ibor. Here we found both **Large** and **Small Pincertail**, along with views of **Western Spectre**. We made a second stop beside a tributary of the Ibor. Here there were more pincertails and mating pairs of **Orange Featherlegs**.

12th June 2026: Vulture Hide and Monfragüe National Park

We set off slightly earlier than usual in order to be met at the entrance of the vulture hide by Jesús at 09.00. It was a warm but breezy morning, with a clear sky presaging another hot day. We settled ourselves in and remarkably in barely a couple of minutes the vultures arrived en masse. Within an hour they had consumed the food that had been put out for them. Over twenty **Black Vultures**, at least fifty **Griffon Vultures** and an **Egyptian Vulture** too, which made off with a goose egg. There were several **Black Kite** and towards the end of the first half of our stay a **Red Kite** too. Peter and Martin also saw a **Golden Eagle** fly across the view and then settled very briefly to the right of the hide. Smaller birds were not neglected, and we had some good views of **Rock Sparrow**.



Ravens

Jesús returned with even more food, and the vultures reappeared even more rapidly. This time we watched three **Egyptian Vultures** together and the **Red Kite** came several times. A pair of

very smart **Ravens** also put on a show. It was a fascinating experience, particularly in watching the behaviour and interactions between the different species. Also, there was a huge contrast between the fighting and turmoil in the midst of the feeding frenzy compared with the vultures resting peacefully together in the shade of the oak trees afterwards.

We thanked Jesús for his work, and then proceeded to Villareal de San Carlos in the Monfragüe National Park for refreshments. We walked to a small pond which had a nice selection of dragonflies and damselflies, including **Dainty Bluet**. Two **Viperine Snakes** were seen. As we returned to the car we saw a female **Red Deer** with her calf.

We moved to the shade beside the River Tagus, opposite the bridge with hundreds of pairs of **House Martins**, for our picnic. A **Two-tailed Pasha** was seen briefly, as were several **Spanish Purple Hairstreaks**. **Hawfinches** were present in the trees, and as we returned to the car we found a **Nettle-tree Butterfly**.

We concluded our visit at the iconic Salto de Gitano viewpoint. Here we watched two nests of **Black Storks**, with chicks, seeing adults come in to feed the young. Likewise, an adult **Griffon Vulture** came in to feed its only chick, now looking quite well-grown. **Grey Heron** nestlings were also well-advanced. We bade farewell to the park and returned, with a brief stop beside the River Almonte to Casa Rural El Recuerdo.

13th June 2026: Plains between Trujillo and Cáceres, ponds at Sierra de Fuentes, Parque del Príncipe in Cáceres and pools near Malpartida de Cáceres.

It was a hot and sunny day and we took advantage of the first hours of daylight to walk along a wide track across the undulating dry plains just a few kilometres to the west of Trujillo. As we arrived, we had a lovely view of a **Little Owl**. **Calandra Larks** were chasing each other over the baked terrain. A couple of **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** fly along the skyline. A **Spanish Imperial Eagle** was soaring on a thermal. **Crested Larks** sat on the posts. But the main joy of the morning was the shrikes. We had excellent views of **Iberian Grey Shrike**, at one time perched in the same field of view as an adult **Woodchat Shrike**. But it was the latter species there were particularly interesting. There were at least two family parties present: one pair with four fledglings and the other with five. We watched the adults hover over the dry grass, dropping frequently to seize a grasshopper or, on one occasion, a **Giant Centipede**. The young birds were being well looked after, thanks to the abundant source of food.

We continued south of the village of Santa Marta de Magasca, pausing to admire the landscape across the Tamuja valley, where a **Short-toed Eagle** sat on a pylon and preened. South of the river, back on the plains, we saw several **Rollers** perched on the wires, another medley of larks, this time including **Greater Short-toed Lark**, and to cap it all two **Great Bustards**.

Refreshments, preferably in the form of cold drinks, were now in order. We stopped at a small service station for cold beers and tapas. Nearby, close to the village of Sierra de Fuentes, were some fishing ponds. We checked these out for dragonflies, seeing several **Long Skimmer**, numerous **Northern Banded Groundlings** and large numbers of damselflies. There were **Common Coot**, a lone **Red-crested Pochard**, and **Little Ringed Plovers** amongst other birds.

Onward to the shade of the Principe Park in the city of Cáceres, where we had our picnic. Enjoying a walk afterwards we had close views of **Hoopoe** and **Iberian Magpies**, a Viperine Snake and then watched two quite flighty **Orange-winged Dropwings**.



Orange-winged Dropwing

Despite the heat, one further destination called. That was the dragonfly pool near Malpartida de Cáceres.



Black Percher

Along a long rough and dusty track we found the pond and had an amazing visit. There were numerous **Migrant Spreadwings** but most especially, we were delighted to find several **Black**

Perchers. These gave us great views, and we were delighted that they were on the wing, given that they are usually appearing a little bit later in June. Pleased by the varied and productive day, we headed back, with the AC on, to Casa Rural El Recuerdo.

14th June 2026: Trujillo, Jerte valley and Hervás

We bade heartfelt farewells to Claudia at Casa Rural El Recuerdo and set off under clear blue skies for the next stage of our holiday. At the edge of Trujillo we stopped for a wonderful watch of the **Lesser Kestrel** colony in the old silo buildings. From where we stood, we could see three chicks that sat in a windowsill beside their nest box and another two chicks squeezing their heads at the same time through their nest hole, which looked just about big enough for one. Adults were returning every few minutes with prey, mainly grasshoppers.

We then drove north across the vast *dehesa* landscape and onward through Monfragüe National Park, seeing **Black-eared Wheatear** and a **Red Deer** stag as we drove through. Past Plasencia, we entered the Jerte valley, the biggest cherry-growing region in Spain. We stopped to watch a pair of **Honey Buzzards** and nearby enjoyed our morning refreshments and an opportunity to buy some cherries. We then ascended to the Honduras Pass where we had our picnic. Here, despite the damage caused by a wildfire last year, there were still some butterflies to be seen and an interesting bee-fly *Bombylius cruciatus*.



Honey Buzzards

We descended on the northern side, making a series of stops. The most productive was between Hervás and La Garganta. Here we saw several species of butterflies including **Marbled Fritillary**, **High-brown Fritillary** and **Spanish Gatekeeper**.



Marbled Fritillary

It was then just a short drive to the Hotel in Baños de Montemayor. We had a tapas supper in the bar as the rain, following a thunderstorm, fell.

15th June 2026: La Garganta



Photographing Yellow-banded Skipper

The rain of the previous night gave a refreshing feel to the morning. The town was full of **Common Swifts** with their energy and zest. We ascended after breakfast to La Garganta, the second highest town in Extremadura. Beyond the town, close to the frontier with Castille y Leon are small meadows and patches of woodland. This is where we spent the morning. There was so much to soak in. **Common Whitethroat** and **Melodious Warblers** were in song. A **Booted Eagle** soared overhead. **Robust Marsh Orchids** were in flower. But it was the butterflies which stole the show. The gorgeous **Black-veined White** glided over the grasses. **Niobe Fritillaries** were everywhere. But the target species eventually gave us numerous opportunities to enjoy watching it. We saw perhaps at least six **Yellow-banded Skippers** and noted the variation in the tone of the yellow bands.



Yellow-banded Skipper

We had our lunch beside the old wolf trap, a place where there were magnificent views over the Sierra de Bejar. The insects around us: bee-flies and bush crickets gave us plenty to admire. We spent the afternoon on a lovely walk, again accompanied by butterflies, but also giving us close views of a male **Red-backed Shrike**.

16th June 2026: La Covatilla and Tormes valley

Seeing the wonderful **Common Swifts** around the church of Baños de Montemayor again provided a superb way of opening the day! Leaving the hotel we drove across the border to entre Castille y Leon. We drove up to the La Covatilla ski station, ascending an excellent road that took us from Pyrenean oak woodland to the broom moorland at the top of the Sierra de Bejar. We were almost the only people there; others were a walker and some maintenance workers. We saw singing **Bluethroat** almost immediately and during our stay we watched perhaps half a dozen birds, including some performing song flights. **Northern Wheatears** were also around whilst **Skylarks** sang above us. We saw a **Tawny Pipit** foraging and heard **Ortolan Buntings**. **(Iberian) Dunnocks** were common. The butterflies were dominated by **Piedmont Ringlets** and a few **Queen of Spain Fritillaries** and **Clouded Yellows**.



Piedmont Ringlet

We descended making a couple of stops, seeing more **Bluethroat** and **Ortolan Buntings**. After coffee near Bejar we stopped at the start of the Covatilla road for our picnic and an opportunity to wander around a bit. This yielded a **Common Tongue Orchid**, a couple of different **Owfly** species and several butterflies.

We then moved onto the Tormes valley, making a stop for a walk to look for butterflies which on the outward leg was very productive with several Fritillary species, **Adonis** and **Long-tailed Blue**. However the clouds that had been gathering since late morning started to yield drops of rain, so we made our way back to the car, avoiding getting wet and seeing a **Woodchat Shrike** as we started to drive away.

We reached Hostel Almansor at just before 18.00, giving us time to relax before dinner, with the sounds of **Western Bonelli's Warblers** and **Scops Owls**.

17th June 2026: La Plataforma and Tormes valley

We enjoyed wonderful weather today: clear skies, calm conditions and warm temperatures. It was perfect for our first destination: the Plataforma of the Gredos. From this high-altitude car park there is a stone path which ascends a valley which is initially steep and rocky and then opens out to more gentle terrain. The flowers were a delight: swathes of **Lusitanian Bellflower**, **Burnet-saxifrage**, alliums and **Spotted Heath Orchid**. **Ortolan Buntings** sang from all sides, **Northern Wheatears** and **Red-tailed Rock Thrushes** performed song flights, **Yellow Wagtails** carried food in their bills. There were large numbers of **Piedmont Ringlets** as well as **Chestnut Heath**. We watched a **Schrieber's Green Lizard** basking and dung beetles rolling balls of Ibex dung.



Schrieber's Green Lizard

We descended to the town of Hoyos del Espino for coffee at the bar from which a panoramic view can be obtained of the Gredos range. We then stopped beside the Tormes River. We took a short walk before our picnic and then a longer walk upstream through the mixed woodland. The butterflies were superb with species such as **Lesser Spotted Fritillary**, **Pearly Heath** being new for the trip. A **Pied Flycatcher** was at its nest hole in a huge pine tree. We watched a **Dipper** preening on a rock. Some commotion in the trees toward the end of our walk revealed a **Jay** feeding on a juvenile Serin, seemingly unconcerned by our presence.

It was then time to return to the hotel, to face packing our bags. We enjoyed a celebratory dinner to complete the end of a very productive stay and Martin's final full day of professional guiding.

18th June 2026: Return to Madrid

As planned, we set off on the dot of 05.00 for our return to Madrid. Dawn was breaking as we left Castille y Leon to enter the Community of Madrid. The traffic, although heavy with the morning rush hour, was moving freely and we arrived with time to spare at about 07.30, just as a **Monk Parakeet** perched on top of a tree at the drop-off bay.

SPECIES SEEN

Birds

1. **Egyptian Goose**: Seen on four days.
2. **Mallard**: Seen on five days.
3. **Red-crested Pochard**: Seen at Sierra de Fuentes.
4. **Quail**: Heard on three days in the mountains.
5. **Little Grebe**: Seen on three days.

6. **Great Crested Grebe:** Seen on two days.
7. **Great Cormorant:** Seen on three days.
8. **Little Bittern:** Seen at Arrocampo and Mérida.
9. **Black-crowned Night Heron:** Seen at Arrocampo and Mérida.
10. **Squacco Heron:** Seen at Arrocampo.
11. **Cattle Egret:** Seen on three days.
12. **Little Egret:** Seen on three days.
13. **Great Egret:** Seen at Arrocampo.
14. **Grey Heron:** Seen on four days.
15. **Purple Heron:** Seen at Mérida, Alcollarín and Arrocampo.
16. **Black Stork:** Seen in Monfragüe.
17. **White Stork:** Seen almost every day.
18. **Glossy Ibis:** Seen at Arrocampo and Mérida.
19. **Spoonbill:** Seen in Mérida and Malpartida de Cáceres.
20. **Egyptian Vulture:** Seen on four days.
21. **Griffon Vulture:** Seen almost daily.
22. **Black Vulture:** Seen almost daily.
23. **Spanish Imperial Eagle:** Seen on the plains near Trujillo.
24. **Golden Eagle:** Seen at vulture hide.
25. **Short-toed Eagle:** Seen on two days.
26. **Booted Eagle:** Seen almost daily.
27. **Black Kite:** Seen almost daily.
28. **Red Kite:** Seen almost every day.
29. **Marsh Harrier:** Seen on four days.
30. **Common Buzzard:** Seen most days.
31. **Honey Buzzard:** Seen in the Jerte valley.
32. **Black-winged Kite:** Seen at Arrocampo.
33. **Lesser Kestrel:** Seen on five days
34. **Common Kestrel:** Seen on two days.
35. **Moorhen:** Seen on three days.
36. **Purple Swampphen:** Seen at Arrocampo.
37. **Common Coot:** Seen at Alcollarín and Sierra de Fuentes.
38. **Great Bustard:** Seen east of Cáceres.
39. **Black-winged Stilt:** Seen at Alcollarín and Malpartida de Cáceres.
40. **Little Ringed Plover:** Seen on three days.
41. **Gull-billed Tern:** Seen in Mérida.
42. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse:** Seen west of Trujillo.
43. **Feral Pigeon:** Seen on three days.
44. **Woodpigeon:** Seen almost daily.
45. **Collared Dove:** Seen daily.
46. **Turtle Dove:** Recorded on one day.
47. **Great Spotted Cuckoo:** Seen at Arrocampo.
48. **Scops Owl:** Heard in the Gredos.
49. **Tawny Owl:** Heard once at Pago de San Clemente.
50. **Little Owl:** Seen on the plains.
51. **Alpine Swift:** Seen in Monfragüe and Mérida.
52. **Common Swift:** Seen daily.
53. **Pallid Swift:** Seen in Mérida and Arrocampo.

54. **Monk Parakeet:** Seen in Madrid.
55. **Kingfisher:** Seen on three days.
56. **Bee-eater:** Seen almost daily.
57. **Roller:** Seen on the plains.
58. **Hoopoe:** Seen almost daily.
59. **Great Spotted Woodpecker:** Seen on five days.
60. **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker:** Heard at Mérida.
61. **Calandra Lark:** Seen on the plains.
62. **Greater Short-toed Lark:** Seen on the plains.
63. **Crested Lark:** Seen almost daily.
64. **Thekla Lark:** Seen at Malpartida de Cáceres.
65. **Woodlark:** Recorded on two days.
66. **Skylark:** Seen in the Gredos.
67. **Sand Martin:** Seen at Arrocampo.
68. **Crag Martin:** Seen on several days.
69. **Barn Swallow:** Seen almost daily.
70. **Red-rumped Swallow:** Seen almost daily.
71. **House Martin:** Seen daily.
72. **Tawny Pipit:** Seen at la Covatilla.
73. **Yellow Wagtail:** Seen at Alcollarín and in the Gredos Mountains.
74. **Grey Wagtail:** Seen on three days.
75. **White Wagtail:** Seen almost daily.
76. **Wren:** Seen on four days.
77. **Dipper:** Seen in Tormes valley.
78. **Dunnock:** Seen in the Gredos Mountains.
79. **Robin:** Seen in the Gredos Mountains.
80. **Bluethroat:** Seen at La Covatilla.
81. **Nightingale:** Recorded almost every day.
82. **Black Redstart:** Seen most days.
83. **Stonechat:** Seen almost daily.
84. **Northern Wheatear:** Seen on the Gredos.
85. **Black-eared Wheatear:** Seen in Monfragüe.
86. **Blue Rock Thrush:** Seen in Monfragüe.
87. **Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush:** Seen in the Gredos.
88. **Blackbird:** Seen almost daily.
89. **Song Thrush:** Recorded in the Gredos.
90. **Mistle Thrush:** Seen on two days.
91. **Cetti's Warbler:** Recorded on three days.
92. **Zitting Cisticola:** Seen almost daily.
93. **Savi's Warbler:** Recorded at Arrocampo.
94. **Reed Warbler:** Recorded on five days.
95. **Great Reed Warbler:** Recorded at Malpartida de Cáceres.
96. **Melodious Warbler:** Seen in the Gredos.
97. **Sardinian Warbler:** Seen on four days.
98. **Common Whitethroat:** Seen in the Gredos.
99. **Blackcap:** Seen almost daily.
100. **Western Bonelli's Warbler:** Seen in the Gredos.
101. **Common Chiffchaff:** Heard near Hostel Almansor and in Tormes valley.

- 102. **Firecrest:** Heard in Tormes valley.
- 103. **Pied Flycatcher:** Seen in the Gredos.
- 104. **Long-tailed Tit:** Seen on two days.
- 105. **Crested Tit:** Seen in the Gredos.
- 106. **Coal Tit:** Seen in the Gredos.
- 107. **Blue Tit:** Seen almost daily.
- 108. **Great Tit:** Seen almost daily.
- 109. **Nuthatch:** Recorded on two days.
- 110. **Short-toed Treecreeper:** Seen on two days.
- 111. **Penduline Tit:** Heard in Mérida.
- 112. **Golden Oriole:** Recorded almost daily.
- 113. **Red-backed Shrike:** Seen at La Garganta.
- 114. **Iberian Grey Shrike:** Seen on two days.
- 115. **Woodchat Shrike:** Seen almost daily.
- 116. **Jay:** Seen almost daily.
- 117. **Iberian Magpie:** Seen daily, apart from in the Gredos.
- 118. **Magpie:** Seen almost daily.
- 119. **Jackdaw:** Seen on four days.
- 120. **Carrion Crow:** Seen in the Gredos.
- 121. **Raven:** Seen almost daily.
- 122. **Spotless Starling:** Seen almost daily.
- 123. **House Sparrow:** Seen daily.
- 124. **Spanish Sparrow:** Seen on four days.
- 125. **Rock Sparrow:** Seen at the vulture hide.
- 126. **Chaffinch:** Seen almost daily.
- 127. **Serin:** Seen almost daily.
- 128. **Greenfinch:** Seen almost daily.
- 129. **Crossbill:** Seen in the Tormes valley.
- 130. **Goldfinch:** Seen almost daily.
- 131. **Linnet:** Seen on five days.
- 132. **Hawfinch:** Seen on four days.
- 133. **Cirl Bunting:** Recorded on four days.
- 134. **Rock Bunting:** Seen on two days
- 135. **Ortolan Bunting:** Seen in the Gredos.
- 136. **Corn Bunting:** Seen on three days.

Mammals

- 1- Red Fox
- 2- Rabbit
- 3- Red Deer
- 4- Roe Deer
- 5- Spanish Ibex

Butterflies

- 1. Swallowtail
- 2. Scarce Swallowtail
- 3. Black-veined White

4. Large White
5. Small White
6. Green-veined White
7. Bath White
8. Clouded Yellow
9. Cleopatra
10. Brimstone
11. Wood White
12. Spanish Purple Hairstreak
13. Ilex Hairstreak
14. False Ilex Hairstreak
15. Small Copper
16. Purple-shot Copper
17. Long-tailed Blue
18. Lang's Short-tailed Blue
19. Geranium Bronze
20. African Grass Blue
21. Holly Blue
22. Green-underside Blue
23. Black-eyed Blue
24. Southern Brown Argus
25. Adonis Blue
26. Common Blue
27. Nettle-tree Butterfly
28. Two-tailed Pasha
29. Southern White Admiral
30. Large Tortoiseshell
31. Peacock
32. Painted Lady
33. Small Tortoiseshell
34. Comma
35. Cardinal
36. Silver-washed Fritillary
37. Dark Green Fritillary
38. High Brown Fritillary
39. Niobe Fritillary
40. Queen of Spain Fritillary
41. Marbled Fritillary
42. Knapweed Fritillary
43. Lesser Spotted Fritillary
44. Heath Fritillary
45. Iberian Marbled White
46. Rock Grayling
47. Grayling
48. Great Banded Grayling

49. Piedmont Ringlet
50. Meadow Brown
51. Southern Gatekeeper
52. Spanish Gatekeeper
53. Small Heath
54. Pearly Heath
55. Chestnut Heath
56. Speckled Wood
57. Wall Brown
58. Yellow-banded Skipper
59. Red Underwing Skipper
60. Mallow Skipper
61. Lulworth Skipper
62. Essex Skipper
63. Small Skipper

Odonata

1. Copper Demoiselle
2. Beautiful Demoiselle
3. Western Demoiselle
4. Migrant Spreadwing
5. Robust Spreadwing
6. Dainty Bluet
7. Blue-eye
8. Small Red-eye
9. Large Red Damselfly
10. Orange Fatherleg
11. White Featherleg
12. Migrant Hawker
13. Blue Emperor
14. Lesser Emperor
15. Western Clubtail
16. Small Pincertail
17. Green Hooktail
18. Common Goldenring
19. Northern Banded Groundling
20. Broad Scarlet
21. Black Percher
22. Broad-bodied Chaser
23. Black-tailed Skimmer
24. Epaulet Skimmer
25. Keeled Skimmer
26. Long Skimmer
27. Red-veined Darter
28. Violet Dropwing

29. Orange-winged Dropwing

Herpetofauna

1. Iberian Water Frog
2. Bosca's Newt
3. Red-eared Terrapin
4. Spanish Terrapin
5. Viperine Snake
6. Guadarrama Wall Lizard
7. Ocellated Lizard
8. Schrieber's Green Lizard
9. Large Psammodromus

Selection of other wildlife

Orchids

1. Bug Orchid
2. Robust Marsh Orchid
3. Spotted Heath Orchid
4. Common Tongue Orchid

Other insects

1. *Pycnogaster jugicola* (the large bush-cricket at Almansor).
2. *Neocallicrania selligera* (Lusitanian Saddle Bush-cricket)
3. Large Green Bush-cricket
4. *Myrmeleon formicarius* (an Antlion)
5. *Nemoptera bipennis* (Spoonwing)
6. *Libelloides longicornis* (an Owlfly)
7. *Libelloides boeticus* (an Owlfly)
8. Red-striped Oil Beetle
9. *Sisyphus schaefferi* (dung beetles)
10. *Chlorophorus trifasciatus* (a black and white beetle)
11. *Oulema melanops* (Cereal Leaf Beetle)
12. *Scolia hortorum* (a scoliid wasp)
13. *Megascolia maculata* (large Yellow-headed Scoliid Wasp)
14. White-banded Digger Bee
15. *Bombylius cruciatus* (a bee-fly)
16. Hummingbird Hawk Moth
17. Broad-bordered Hawk Moth
18. Black-veined Moth
19. White-spotted Black (abundant small moth in the Gredos)
20. Chimney Sweeper
21. Spurge Moth caterpillar
22. *Enoicyla pusilla* (a terrestrial caddisfly)