Birdtrip to Spain 6th – 22th of April 2001

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Introduction

This trip was supposed to be a trip to Israel, but because of inner disturbances there, we decided to change plans and go to Spain instead. The Participants where: Thomas Nielsen from Tønsberg and Oslo, John F. Karlsen, Borre and the writer of this report (Borre and Oslo) all Norwegian. We booked a plane to Madrid with KLM going via Amsterdam from Oslo for 2900 Nkr. (9,60Nkr=1US\$) + taxes, and hired a car (Opel Corsa 1.2) from Avis in advance, costing 3250 Nkr for 16 days. We used several WebPages and birdguides in the preparing for this trip, which will be listed as references in the end. My personal goals with this trip was to update my western palearctic list with some of the specialities from the Iberian Peninsula but also to get a good chance to see a lot of raptors.

Intenerary

- Day 1: Madrid- Cariñena Belchite -Balsa del Planeron Sariñena Huesca Jaca Hecho
- Day:2: Siresa (Hecho) Infierno del Hecho Hecho Camping (Top) Anso valley (Zurisa)-Berdún Siresa.
- Day 3: Infierno del Hecho Monastario San Juan de la Peña Astun (French boarder) Jaca Boltana Graus Tremp.
- Day 4: Tremp Andorra Gironella Deltebre (Ebro)
- Day 5: (Ebro Delta) Deltebre Garxal Deltebre Playa del Eucalyptus La Tankada L'Encannyissada Trabucador L'Alfacada Deltebre.
- Day 6: Deltebre L'Encanyissada A7 El Hondo La Marina (Alicante).
- Day 7: La Marina Salinas de Santa Pola El Hondo Salinas de Cabo de Gata Cabo de Gata Lighthouse.
- Day 8: Cabo de Gata Lighthouse Salinas de Cabo de Gata Salinas de Roquetas E15 Tarifa.
- Day 9: Tarifa Laguna de Medina Brazo del Este Coria del Rio El Rocio.
- Day 10: (Doñana) El Rocio La Rocina Palacio del Acebron Acebuche El Rocio.
- Day 11: El Rocio Valverde inf.center Zalmea la Real (road 435) Sta Ollala Castuera La serena (Farm with dogs).
- Day 12: La Serena Madrigalejo Zorita Trujillo.
- Day 13: Trujillo Arroyo de la Vid (Monfragüe) Castillo Mirador de la Bascula Portilla del Tietar Arroyo del Malvecino Villareal de San Carlos Peñefalcon Trujillo.
- Day 14: Trujillo 10 km W a dirt track going N Sta Marta de Madagasca Monroy CC-912 (direction Caceres)- Junction to left to K 31.0 at N-521- Trujillo
- Day 15: Trujillo Monfragüe.
- Day 16: Monfragüe Madrid.

From Larks to Vultures

Since we arrived Madrid at 10pm we drove as quick as we could in direction of Belchite, which was our first destination. We took some random stops after driving off the E90 south of Zaragoza. This gave us the first two species, first two singing Stone Curlew and a singing Scops Owl. Reaching the track to Balsa del Planeron north east of Belchite we caught 10 Black-bellied Sandgrouse in the headlight of our car. Then we saw one of many Lesser Shorttoed lark in the headlight before we at last right before it became light Dupont's Lark singing! The first five species where historic, I have never had such a start on a bird trip ever before and never heard of anything like it either. As the sun rose we realised we where in "Larkheaven" with all the good larks you can think of in Europe in very good numbers. After spending half of the day on the plains we decided to slowly move north since we had a rather long way up to the Pyrenees that afternoon. We drove the minor roads to Huesca via Sariñena nothing exceptional on the way because of rather bad weather, but about 10 km south of Malos de Riglos, we spotted Two Golden Eagles soaring over a hill, and as we stayed there for a while we saw no less than 350+ Griffon Vultures Heading north, probably daily migration from the plains. At the same spot also 3 Dartford Warblers and a pair of Rock Buntings. We did a pathetic try for Wallcreeper at Malos de Riglos from the road, but ended up only with some Black Whetears an Blue Rock Thrush. From there we drove more or less strait to Siresa right north of Hecho and spent the night on a Hotel. 91 species was seen that day.

Sunny Spain

As we woke up the next day we heard the rain coming down from a grey sky, not exactly what we hoped for but we went out, and lucky for us the rain came in periods and gave us opportunities to watch bird in between. Our first goal this day was the more or less famous Infierno del Hecho some km north of Siresa. The wind where rather hard and there was some rain in the air so it wasn't strange that the Wallcreepers did not show. We drove further up to se what waited for us on the top. As we drove up to a higher altitude we realised that the rain turned in to snow, and there was much joy... But as we arrived the top, the snow probably was on our side. The meadows where filled with birds, Water Pipits, 100+ Ring Ouzel and hundreds of Chough and Alpine Chough. From here we drove down to Hecho and over to the parallel Anso Valley. Much the same birds here but in smaller number. We drove south to Berdún, and some km north of there, at Foz de Biniéz, We eventually saw our first two Lammergeiers, by this time the sun had arrived and things looked kind of better. We drove back to the Hotel after a day of 60 species, we where now up in 115.

Creeping

The next day the weather was good so we decided to try for Wallcreeper again at the Infierno. After a search for 45 min we where almost on the way into our car again when a beautiful male appears right above our heads! The whole trip to Spain was saved because of this little grey bird with its red wing feathers. Minutes after this 2 Lammergeiers appeared on the sky and right before two adults came in and landed on the cliffs some hundreds meters from us and gave excellent view in the scopes. From here we drove to Monastario de San Juan de la Peña, which gave nothing then we took the 330 road to Astun right south of the French boarder in search for Citril Finch, in vain, before living in the direction of Andorra. We drove to Tremp and spent the night there in the bush after a day with 67 species and we where now up to 125 trip species.

Andorra

After been annoyed from a Woodlark singing a couple of meters from where we spent the night we got up and checked the area, this gave us the only Rock Sparrows on our trip and as we drove off to Andorra we found the first Subalpine Warblers on the other side of Tremp. In Andorra there where some traffic chaos but when we came up in the higher meadows it was quite nice, and we found our only Grey Partridge of the trip, Her we also had the only Crossbills near a ski resort. En route down to Ebro from Andorra we had a random stop with some Bonelli's Warblers and a Wryneck. As we arrived Deltebre we saw the first Night Heron from the Hotel. The day gave 62 species and our list of trip species where now up in 137.

Wind

We started the next morning at Garxal, which lies on the northern bank of the Ebro delta. This is a nice spot for vaders, gulls and terns. There where also good numbers of Yellow Wagtail foraging on the mud and a big surprise, Red-throated Pipit. There where also a Lesser Shorttoed lark present but as spent the morning here the wind was building up to at least 15 m/s and going stronger. We made a stop at the information centre in Deltebre. The weekly uppdatet observationlist on the wall where of good help, but the ones working there got just rather sweat when I started to mention warblers of the genus Acrocephalus, but he knew where the locations where... We took one of the funny ferries crossing the Ebro to the southern bank, but the wind that day ruined everything. Some Collared Pratincoles, a Little Crake and and the enormous numbers of Adouin's Gulls where quite nice though. The only song we heard was the annoying "Zit!" from the Fan-tailed warblers. We managed to see 73 species that day and we had 169 trip species.

More wind

The wind kept coming the next day but this time we went strait to the southern bank and got some Great Reed and Savi's Warblers Singing but no Moustached, which we had hoped for. Since the wind kept coming we decided rather quickly to leave the delta and head for El Hondo, a private owned reserve, lying inland from Alicante. What you have to do, visiting this area is to call in advance to enter the reserve. We didn't so we had to do our birding from outside the fences, which worked in a way. I should have learned this from my last visit to the area 2 years ago but... Several Monthy's flew around in the air and the Great Reed Warblers where really dominating. We also had two marbled teals in one of the canals surrounding the area, but as the evening came on we found a small track leading into the area threw a gate made of a old spring madras. As I saw the funny gate I realised that I had been on the exact same track before, remembering an old toothless man who was very friendly to us, and letting us out in the area. As we continued on the track we came to a hut and further on by a pond the same old man sat fishing. When he saw us he raised and came strait to us, just as friendly as the last time. Around his hut we had three singing Moustached Warblers and a foraging probably female, there where also several Savi's and Great Reed Warblers in the area. Ending the day by the friendly man's hut we went out to the coast to La marina, which lies some km south of Santa Pola to spend the night at a hotel after a day with 86 species and a total of 185 species on the trip so far.

Another day in the car

Next morning I took a short trip on my own to the beach of La Marina. Off the beach there flocks of terns and gulls where present and also a Razorbill. Common and Sandwich Terns

where dominating but also good numbers of Little Tern. We went on to the Salinas de Santa Pola, and must striking was the numbers of Shelduck there, counting over a 100 individuals. Apart from that there wasn't very much of interest so we decided to move on via El Hondo for a last try to enter the reserve with no luck. We decided to drive on to Cabo de Gata on the south Eastern part of Spain. When we arrived we first visited the Salinas de Cabo de Gata which held good numbers of waders. From there we went out to the lighthouse. Since this was in a nice afternoon with good weather, the whole area was crowded. In our try to get a little out of public we almost ran strait into a nude beach with div optics and cameras, but we noticed the situation before it became embarrassing. We tried some sea watching that day and was rewarded with a Caspian Tern, there where also some Cory's, one Balearic Shearwater and an Arctic Skua. We had booked the night at a Camping in the mid day but when we arrived in the evening they had given our spot to some young Spanish couples. When I went to the reception to claim our spot back the receptionist pointed at the local football ground. I just claimed all the money back and we went out to the lighthouse area and spent the night there. This day gave 79 species and the trip total was at this point 194.

White heads

We woke up and went almost strait to the lighthouse in hope for some seabirds, only some Cory's, so we just went via the Salinas de Cabo de Gata to Salinas de Roquetas. A hundred meters from the lighthouse we stopped to search for some Trumpeter Finches, it took us about 10 min to find three ind. on a water system for goats. At S.d. Cabo de Gata we had good numbers of waders and a pair of Marbled Teal, and after my brother had finished a bath in the sea, we continued to the Roquetas, which lies on the opposite side of Almeria. At the first try in the first of the Ponds we saw our first White Headed Duck, very distant, but it wasn't alone. All together in the Salinas we had no less than over a hundred of this species, most of them males but also quiet a few females as well. Collared Pratincoles where also present in addition to numbers of waders and ducks. After having spent some hours we went for Mc Donalds for the first time of the trip to get some dinner and headed on the E15 to Tarifa. Our initial plan was to have a Stop at Gibraltar, but we thought of all the tourists and skipped it. We stopped at a viewpoint an route not far from Tarifa and got our species number 200 which was Honey Buzzards coming over the Strait of Gibraltar on migration. We spent the night on a Hotel after a day with 74 species and a total of 200 species, with still one week to go.

Knobbed

On the morning of the 15th we went strait down to the for some seabird, and the first ones we ran in to there where some other Norwegian birders who also had started in Madrid but gone the opposite way. The winds came strong from SW, which for once on our trip was good. Over 300 Cory's and some Balearic Shearwaters going E and W respectively, also flocks with terns, a Great Skua and some Common Scooters. Also a Shot-toed Eagle came in over the sea. After getting a tip for a locality of Crested Coot from the others we went more or less strait to a small reservoir called Laguna de Medina. Going from Tarifa and westwards gave a totally change in the scenery from the dry East and Southeast to the green hills and slopes rich of vegetation. Arriving at Laguna de Medina we first found a Melodious Warbler, before we started to walk the track, which surrounds the lake on the southern end. It didn't take us long to find the first Crested Coot and there where much joy... This was a species we really hadn't counted for, and seeing as many as eight adult individuals was really magnificent. In addition we also had an Olivacious Warbler singing from a wild olive tree. We went on from Laguna de Medina to an area called Brazo del Este, which lies on the eastern bank of Guadalquivir. This was a water system suddenly appearing in the agricultural landscape, which on a first

glance looked kind of dry. The area held several Great White Egrets, a pair of Marbled Teal, lots of Waders and very good numbers of Purple Swamp-hen. Be aware of potholes in the roads, which are huge! We crossed the river by a ferry going over to Coria del Rio, and drove down to El Rocio, and spent the night at a Hotel after a day of 98 species and the total was now up to 208. When we left we had a sat a goal on 200 species and a "Dream-goal" on 220, we realised at this time that this was attainable.

Boar

The next day I started rather early on my own and went to the SEO info centre in El Rocio which also is a watching point over the lagoon on the southern end of the village. Enormous amounts of waders where gathered there and it didn't take long before I saw the first of two Marsh Sandpipers there hat day. From El Rocio we went on to La Rocina and made a walk on the boarder walks to the different hides. This gave a Flock of 15 Squacco Herons, several Sylvia Warblers, some Booted Eagles and Great Spotted Cuckoo. From here we went over to Palacio del Acebron, apart from a non singing Olivacious Warbler, there where very little birds to get here. But as we followed the Boarder Walks we suddenly heard some sniffing noises in a mud hole covered with dried vegetation, just a couple of meters from us, and it appeared to be a flock of Wild Boars, only piglets, searching the mud for things to eat. We just stood still watching them how they rummaged about in the mud. Luckily for us there wasn't any mother in sight, or even better no mother had us in sight... From this close encounter with the Doñana wildlife we went on to the Acebuche Information centre, which lies some km south of El Rocio. Our welcome comity was flocks of Azure Winged Magpies, searching for breadcrumbs near the car Park. With the help of German black rye bread, I managed to get some descent video recordings of them. In the woods following the boarder walks we also had some passerines on migration including the only Wood Warbler on the trip. From here we went back to El Rocio searching the lagoon before ending up in the Hotel room with a couple of beers. That day we had the record count of 108 species in a day and the trip total was now 216 species.

Spanish road signing

We started the next morning in El Rocio, which gave 3 Mash Sandpipers, before living for the Valverde info centre, which lies more or less right east in the heart of the Park From El Rocio. Driving there you can either choose to take a shortcut which requires a 4WD,or as we had to do with our 1,2l Opel Corsa, take a hole lot of small, more or less surfaced tracks around via Villamanrique. The roads had all something in common, insufficient road signs. Either totally missing or they just ceased to appear in a random junction. This made it really difficult find the right way despite good guides to the place. When we finally got there, good numbers of Glossy Ibises and Purple Herons where present and we had the only sighting of a Little Bittern. There was also good numbers of Great Reed Warblers showing very well, when standing inside the centre looking out through the windows. From here we started the journey to Extremadura and the La Serena plains where we spent the night at a dirt track on the eastern end of the plain which ends up at Farm with rather angry and big dogs. This day gave a total of 84 species and we had nearly reached the goal with a trip total of 219 species.

Phantom raspberry blower

Species number 220 on the trip revealed itself before there was any light. An hour before the sun started to appear the first Little bustards started their territorial "song", "PRRT!" It didn't take long before we spotted the first males in the fields stretching their neck as they produced their peculiar farting sound. There was also some Black-bellied Sandgrouses flying by and

several Stone Curlews. And after a while my brother spotted some of what we really came for, Great Bustards. A small flock, almost locking like grassing cattle, walking around in the fields. These was the first of about 25 individuals seen on these plains that day. We also saw some lekking males with their peculiar appearance almost like they turned inside out with white fluffy feathers covering their eyes. We also saw some Collared Pratincoles on the Plains and near Embalse de Zujar we had a pair of Spectacled Warblers. From here we went up to Trujillo via Zorita. South of Zorita there are several steams and wet areas, which can be interesting, but we didn't have any special. Although be aware of not twitching Penduline Tit only on sound there. We got set up by some annoying Red Avadavats in the reedbeds sounding exactly like the former species, they even was attracted by recordings of Penduline Tits. Another thing, use a seatbelt! I was fined with 750 Nkr (80 US\$), not using a seat belt. En route to Trujillo we also had some Rollers. After spending some time in Trujillo we finally managed to find a Hotel with a spear room to a descent price. The first day in Extremadura gave 80 species and the total was now up to 224 (counting Avadavat).

Monfragüe

The next morning we headed for Monfragüe, hoping to see some raptors and maybe some of the other specialities the park can offer. Already going half the way Thomas spotted a large raptor, our first Black Vulture of the trip. It was incredible to have this huge dark raptor soaring right above our heads. The first stop we made in Monfragüe was at boarder of the park, at Aroyo de la Vid. This gave a imm. Black Stork, Dartford Wrbler, Ortolan Bunting in addition to others. There were also some terrapins (Freshwater turtles) and an unspeciatet snake swimming in the water. From here we went around the park via the lower parking of the castle, before ending up at Mirador de la Bascula, a known nesting site for Black Vulture but first of all for Spanish Imperial Eagle. The first raptors, which met us, was a pair of Short Toed Eagles probably nesting nearby, but initially no sign of any Imperials. But suddenly both my brother an I at the same time discovered a raptor coming gliding over the furthermost hill, the first twenty seconds or so it just kept gliding, but when it finally started to soar, I saw what I had hoping to see, an Aquila eagle with white shoulders and forearm! The adult Spanish Imperial had eventually shown off and what a sight. As that wasn't enough, when it passed where we thought the nest to be an other adult bird flew up to meet it, probably it's mate. We saw them for ca 10 min before the first bird took height and started to glide to the East. This was definitely a climax for the trip at the same level as the Wallcreeper in Hecho Valley. About 2 min driving from here in the direction of Portilla del Tietar we came over a sitting Black Vulture at a rather close range, it flew up when we stopped the car but lucky for us it started to soar in our direction less than 50 m above our heads from videostills I could age iton moult to 5th calendar year. The rest of the day we just cruised along in the park Which besides god numbers of raptors gave several Subalpine Warblers, Cirl an Rock Buntings, Alpine Swifts and other standard species. The day gave a total of 77 species with four new to the trip list, which at this time was at 228.

Trujillo-Monroy

The next morning Thomas decided to stay in Trujillo for the day, meanwhile my brother and me thought we could try for some steppe species and hoping to maybe get some new trip species. We found a track going north from the Trujillo-Caceres road ca 10 km west of Trujillo, and after driving 30 meters of the track we got our first trip species, a Tawny Pipit, which we in a strange way hadn't got until now. We had several Little Bustards along this track in addition to two Great. Also Stone Curlews, Quails, Little Owls, Great spotted Cuckoo and very large numbers of Calandra larks. We drove off this track again and continued to

Monroy via Santa Marta de Madagasca. En route we had several Montague's Harriers flying over the cornfields. We ended up at a now more or less famous spot for Black-shouldered Kite. They where found a bit further along the track than described in Muddeman's guide, at our first site we saw them copulating, no doubt of the nesting site. After watched them on distant for a while we went back to the car and drove more ore less strait back to Trujillo. The best bird seen back to the town where some Black Vultures, soaring over a hidden carcass. We had a total of 71 species with two new gave a total of 230 for the whole trip.

A nice evening Atmosphere

Half of the next day went to packing out of the Hotel and to clean and vacuuming the car, it wasn't quite as nice as when we got it to Madrid so we thought it might to be proper to make it look at a little bit cleaner. Then we went up to Monfragüe where we also spent the night. At Aroyo de la Vid we had our first disagreement of the trip regarding speciation of a bird. What me and my brother was agree of was the trip's only Orphean Warbler singing on the top of the northern ridge for >15 minutes. It sang a typical slow round sounded song with short strophes repeated two or three times. We failed to see it even when we tried to lore it with recordings, but failed. Maybe that's what made the third person sceptic. We drove on to the Spanish Imperial place again and saw the adult bird soaring over the ridge, just as magnificent as the first time. Here we also met a nice Danish couple, who gave us a tip on a Eagle Owl site, at Portilla del Tietar. I had read of the place in trip reports but they had actually seen one there briefly the night before. We decided to have a try, and a short while after we had arrived, we heard one calling from the cliffs. We tried to scan the cliffs to find it but with no luck. But suddenly we heard some excitement from a Belgian or German birder and seconds after we saw it flying up on a cliff giving excellent view. This made an enormous chaos with 15-20 people trying to find it and an old lady even went strait to the ground with some minor injuries in the stress that followed after it appeared. My brother found even one, in addition to the one sitting, flying away from the cliffs. This was really a good ending to a long but eventful trip to Spain. We drove back to Mirador de La Bascula and spent the night after a day of 66 species, giving additional 3 trip species.

Golden End

In the morning we packed the car and left Monfragüe in the direction of Madrid on the CC-911 road. Where the road crosses a side river to Rio Tietar we made a final stop and here we got our definite last trip species, 1-2 singing Golden Orioles became our definite goodbye to Spain. After a trip like this you will always have things that you would do different but also thing which was irreplaceable. A good tip is to either do Extremadura and Andalusia together or do Extremadura and northern/eastern Spain in one trip. We drove 483.3 km which was in periods a bit much. Not counting park or cage birds like Mute Swan and Red Avadavat, we ended up with a total of 233 species, which I think is a good count in 16 days. Under you will find the entire species list, with observations of the different species.

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Species list

Little Grebe Tachibaptus ruficollis Dvergdykker

06.04: 1 ind. In the pond near Belchite

11.04:10+ ind. Ebro Delta

12.04: 35+ ind. Ebro Delta and El Hondo (Together)

14.04: 15+ ind. Salinas de Roquetas

15.04: 30+ ind. Laguna de Medina-Doñana

16.04: 20+ ind. Doñana

17.04: 40+ ind. Doñana

18.04: 10+ ind. Roadside from La Serena-Trujillo

Black-necked Grebe Podiceps nigricollis Svarthalsdykker

12.04: 4 ind. El Hondo (2 pairs)

15.04: 75 ind. Laguna de Medina (Ekstreme dense population?)

18.04: 5 ind. Between La Serena and Trujillo.

Great Crested Grebe Podiceps cristatus Toppdykker

11.04: ~10 ind. Ebro delta

12.04: 15 ind. in Ebro Delta and and ~10 El Hondo

13.04: 2 ind. Salina de Sta Pola

14.04: 6 ind. Salina de Cabo de Gata and Salina de Roquetas

15.04: 10 ind. Laguna de MedinaDoñana

16.04: 8 ind. Doñana

17.04: 10 ind. Doñana

18.04: 10 ind. La Serena-Trujillo

Cory's Shearwater Calonectris diomedea Gulnebblire

13.04: 11 ind. migrating NE off Cabo de Gata

14.04: 4 ind. migrating W off Cabo de Gata

15.04: 300+ migrating E off Tarifa (Strait of Gibraltar)

Balearic Shearwater Puffinus mauretanicus Balearlire

13.04: 1 ind. migrating NE off Cabo de Gata

15.05: 15 ind. migrating W off Tarifa (Strait of Gibraltar)

Gannet Sula bassana Havsule

13.04: 4 ind. migrating NE of Cabo de Gata

15.04: 10+ ind. migrating W off Tarifa

Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo Storskarv

11.04: 5 ind. Ebro Delta

12.04: 35 ind. Ebro Delta

13.04: 5 ind. Salinas de Sta Pola and 2 ind. Salinas de Cabo Gata

14.04: 2 ind. Salinas de Cabo Gata, and 3 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

Little Bittern Ixobrychos minutos Dvergrørdrum

17.04: 1 male Valverde information centre in Doñana

Night Heron Nycticorax nycticorax Natthegre

10.04: 1 ind. passing the Hotel in Deltebre

12.04: 1 ind. Ebro delta

13.04: 2 ind. Informationcenter Doñana

Squacco Heron Ardeola ralloides Topphegre

11.04: 5 ind. Ebro delta

12.04: 3 ind. Ebro delta

13.04: 1 ind. Salinas de Sta Pola

14.04: 2 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

15.04: 1 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 15 ind. La Rocina informationcenter

17.04: 1 ind, Valverde, Doñana

Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis Kuhegre

Common in wet- and Farmland max 300+ noted on the 11th.

Little Egret Egretta garzetta Silkehegre

Common in wet- and Farmland max 300+ noted on the 11th.

Great Egret Egretta alba **Egretthegre**

11.04: 5 noted in the Ebro delta, 4 ind. the subsequent day

14.04: 1 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

15.04: 5 ind. Brazo del Este.

Grey Heron Ardea cinerea Gråhegre

Recorded on twelve days maks 25 on the 15th in the Doñana area.

Purple Heron Ardea purpurea Purpurhegre

07.04: 3 ind. (1+2) in two different lakes roadside near Sariñena.

11.04: 10 ind. recorded in Ebro, ~20 the subsequent day.

13.04: 1 ind. El Hondo.

14.04: 1 ind. Salinas de Roquetas.

15,04: 2 ind. Laguna de Medina, 3 ind. Brazo del Este.

16.04: 3 ind. in La Rocina.

17.04: 40+ ind mainly in the Informationcenter of ..., Doñana

Black Stork Ciconia niger Svartstork

19.04: 1 imm and 5 ad. in Monfragüe

21.04: 3 ad Monfragüe

White Stork Ciconia ciconia Stork

Recorded on ten days maximum ~40 noted on the 16th in Doñana.

Glossy Ibis Plegadis falcinellus Bronseibis

17.04: 35+ noted in the informationcenter of Valverde, Doñana

Spoonbill Platalea leucorodia Skjestork

15.04: 4 ind. El Rocio

16.04: 18 ind. El Rocio

17.04: 4 ind. El Rocio

Greater Flamingo Phoenicopterus ruber Flamingo

Recorded in great numbers when present on 6 days, max 1000+ ind, on the 11th in Ebro.

[Mute Swan Cygnus olor Knoppsvane]

14.04: 3 ind. Salinas de Roquetas.

15.04: 2 ind. Laguna de Medina.

Greylag goose Anser anser Grågås

15.04: 4 ind. El Rocio

16.04: 4 ind. El Rocio

Shelduck Tadorna tadorna Gravand

11.04: 4 noted in Ebro, 6 the subsequent day.

13.04: 100+ Salinas de Santa Pola, 40 ind. on the way to Cabo de Gata.

14.04 10 ind. Salinas de Cabo de gata and Salinas de Roquetas

Mallard Anas platyrhynchos Stokkand

Recorded twelve days. Common in every wetland.

Gadwall Anas strepera Snadderand

11.04: ~25 ind. in Ebro, min. 40 ind. the subsequent day.

15.04: 2 ind. El Rocio

16.04: 8 ind. in Doñana

17.04: 10 ind. in Doñana

18.04: 2 ind. by the road from La Serena to Trujillo.

Pintail Anas acuta Stiertand

16.04: 1 m. El Rocio, still present on the 17th.

Shoveler Anas clypeata Skjeand

Recorded seven days with max 15 ind. on the 14th in Salinas de Cabo de Gata/Roquetas.

Common Teal Anas crecca Krikkand

07.04: 2 ind. (m+f) near Sariñena

Garganey Anas querquedula Knekkand

11.04: ~30 ind. Ebro

16.04. 8 ind. Doñana, six the subsequent day.

Marbled Teal Marmoronetta angustirostris Marmorand

12.04: 2 ind. El Hondo

13.04: 2 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata

14.04: 2 ind. Brazo del Este.

Red-crested Pochard Netta rufina Rødhodeand

11.04: 25 recorded in Ebro same count the subsequent day

15.04: 20 ind. Laguna de Medina, 30 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 40 ind. in Doñana aprox. the same on the subsequent day.

Common Pochard Aythya ferina Taffeland

12.04: 40 ind. El Hondo

13.04: 1m Salinas de Cabo de Gata

14.04: 3 ind. (2m+f) Salinas de Roquetas

Common Scooter Melanitta nigra Svartand

15.04: 18 ind. migrating W off Tarifa.

White-headed Duck Oxyura leucocephala Hvithodeand

14.04: 100+ ind. most males Salinas de Roquetas

Lammergeier Gypaetus barbatus Lammegribb

08.04: 2 ind. (ad+imm) Foz de Biniéz, Anso Valley

09.04: 5 ind. (4 ad+imm) Ifierno del Hecho and 3 from the car on the way to 4 ad+imm) Ifierno

del Hecho and 3 from the car on the way to Tremp.

Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus Åtselgribb

08.04: 4 ind. recorded in Hecho/Anso valley(1 subad.)

09.04: 10 ind. recorded from variuos places mainly from the car.

19.04: 6 ind. in Monfragüe

20.04: 1 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

21.04: 8 ind. Monfragüe

Griffon Vulture Gyps fulvus Gåsegribb

Recorded elleven days, max 500+ on the 7th.

Black Vulture Aegypius monachus Munkegribb

19.04: tot. 7 ind., 2 ind on the road from Trujillo-Monfragüe, and 5 in Monfragüe

20.04: 6 ind. from the car Trujillo-Monroy-Trujillo.

21.04: tot.11 ind. 2 ind. over Trujillo, rest on the way to or in Monfragüe

22.04: 1 ind. in Monfragüe

Honney Buzzard Pernis apivorus Vepsevåk

14.04: 3 ind. Comming in over the Strait of Gibraltar

15.04: 4 ind. migrating N over Tarifa

16.04: 10 ind. Doñana.

Osprey Pandeon haleatus Fiskeørn

09.04: 1 ind. Hecho Valley

14.04: 1 ind. Comming in over the Strait of Gibraltar

Spanish-imperial Eagle Aquila adalberti Iberiaørn

19.04: 2 ad on nesting site in Monfragüe also on the 21th.

Golden Eagle Aquila chrysaetos Kongeørn

07.04: 2 ind. (ad+2nd cal)) some km south of Malos de Riglos.

08.04: 2 subad. Hecho Camping (on the top)

09.04: 1 ind. From the car.

Short-toed Eagle Circaetus gallicus Slangeørn

09.04: 2 ind in Hecho valley and two more from the car.

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15.04: 1 ind. migrating N in Tarifa, and 3 ind. roadside Tarifa-Laguna de Medina
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19.04: 3 ind. Monfragüe

20.04: 2 ind. North of Monroy (B-w K. site)

21.04: 4 ind. Monfragüe.

Booted Eagle Hieraaetus pennatus Dvergørn

07.04: 8 ind. (Pale) recorded roadside from Belchite to Hecho.

08.04: 3 ind. (Pale) Hecho/Anso Valley.

09.04: 2 ind. Hecho Valley

15.04: 1 Pale Right north of El Rocio

16.04: 5 ind. (2 dark, 3 Pale) in Doñana

17.04: 1 ind. Doñana

19.04: 4 ind. in Monfragüe

20.04: 1 ind Trujillo-Monroy

Red Kite Milvus milvus Glente

Recorded on 8 days, In the Pyrenees and Extremadura. Max 20+ on the 9th.

Black Kite Milvus migrans Svartglente

Very common and localy abundant, recorded in great numbers on several days.

Black-winged Kite Elanus caeruleus Svartvingeglente

20.04: 2 ind. (m+f coppulating) wellknown site north of Monroy.

Marsh Harrier Circus aeruginosus Sivhauk

07.04: 2 ind. Belchite, 1 ind. near Sariñena.

11.04: ~20 ind. Ebro 10 recorded the subsequent day.

15.04: 2 ind. Laguna de Medina and 4 ind. Brazo del Este.

16.04: 1 ind. El Rocio

17.04: 5 ind. Doñana

18.04: 2 ind. La Serena-Trujillo

Montague's Harrier Circus pygargus Enghauk

07.04: 1 male Belchite

12.04: 9 ind. (8 m+1 2nd cal) El Hondo, 5 ind. subsequent day

17.04: 3 ind. Doñana-La Serena.

18.04: 7 ind. La Serena-Trujillo

19.04: 1 f. Castillo de Monfragüe

20.04: 25+ Trujillo-Monroy (15 ind. over one cornfield)

Common Buzzard Buteo buteo Musvåk

Recorded in singles or small numbers on 10 days, max 7 ind. on the 9th.

Sparrow Hawk Accipiter nisus Spurvehauk

09.04: 1 ind. seen from the car

10.04: 1 ind. near Tremp.

Common Kestrel Falco tinnunculus Tårnfalk

Recorded daily in small numbers, max 30 recorded on thr 30th.

Lesser Kestrel Falco naumanni Rødfalk

07.04: 2 ind. (m+f) not far from Belchite

18.-21.04: several colonies seen around in Extremadura, also singles.

Hobby Falco subbuteo Lerkefalk

11.04: 1 ind. Ebro

14.04: 1 ind. Cabo de Gata

Merlin Falco columbarius Dvergfalk

09.04: 1 female Astun Ski Resort

Peregrine Falco peregrinus Vandrefalk

07.04: 1 Belchite and 1 ind. en route to Hecho.

08.04: 1 ind. Hecho Valley and 1 ind. Anso Valley

Grey Partridge Perdix perdix Rapphøne

10.04: 1 ind. Andorra

Red-legged Partridge Alectoris rufa Rødhøne

07.04: 3 ind. en route Belchite-Hecho

15.04: 1 ind. en route Tarifa-Doñana

16.04: 1 ind. Acebuche information center, Doñana.

18.04: 4 ind. La Serena-Trujillo

20.04: 12 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

Quail Coturnix coturnix Vaktel

11.04: 1 ind. Ebro

15.04: 2 ind. Brazo del Este.

17.04: 2 ind. Doñana

18.04: 6 ind. La Serena and en route to Trujillo

20.04: 10 ind. in severeal cornfields between Trujillo and Monroy.

Water Rail Rallus aquaticus Vannrikse

07.04: 5+ ind. Belchite

12.04: 10 ind. in Ebro, 1 ind on the 11th

13.04: 1 ind. El Hondo

14.04: 1 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

15.04: 2 ind. in Laguna de Medina and 6 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 1 ind. La Rocina

Little Crake Porzana parva Sumprikse

11.04: 1 female, informationcenter of Encañizada

Moorhen Gallinula chloropus Sivhøne

Recorded in good numbers in every wetland, max 800++ recorded on the 15th most of them in the Brazo del Este.

Purple Swamp-hen Porphyrio porphyrio Sultanhøne

11.04: 3 in Ebro, and 1 ind. the subsequent day.

15.04: 100+ most recorded in Brazo del Este.

16.04: 30 ind. Doñana 17.04: 6 ind. Doñana.

Coot Fulica atra Sothøne

Recorded in in every wetland, max 30+ on the 17th in Doñana.

Crested Coot Fulica cristata Knoppsothøne

15.04: 8 ind. in breeding plumage, Laguna de Medina.

Great Bustard Otis tarda Stortrappe

18.04: 25 ind. (25m+5f) La Serena 20.04: 2 ind. (m+f) 10km W of Trujillo

Little Bustard Tetrax tetrax Dvergtrappe

18.04: 12 ind. (males) La Serena and 1 male embalse de Sierra Brava.

20.04: 50+ ind. (males and females) mainly 10 km W of Trujillo, but also at other suitable places Trujillo-Monroy.

Oystercatcher Haematopus ostraelgus Tjeld

11.04: 1 ind. Ebro

13.04: 2 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola

15.04: 5 ind. Tarifa

Avocet Recurvirostra avocetta Avosett

12.04: 150 ind. Ebro, 20 ind. previous day

13.-14.04: Recorded in Salinas de Santa Pola, Salinas de Cabo de Gata/Roquetas

15.04: 6 migrating E off Tarifa and 40 ind. Brazo del Este.

16.04: 50 ind. El Rocio

17.04: 100+ ind. recorded in Doñana

Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus Stylteløper

Recorded in greater numbers than the former on same places, abundant.

Stone Curlew Burhinus oedicnemus Triel

07.04: 2 ind. singing by the junction of Cariñena(E7), and 2 ind. on the Plains Near Belchite.

18.04: 5 ind. La Serena

20.04: 8 ind. 10 km W of Trujillo

Collared Pratincole Glareola pratincola Brakksvale

11.04: 8 ind. Ebro

12.04: 5 ind. El Hondo

14.04: 25 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

15.04: 3 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 5 ind. Acebuche Inf.center, Doñana

17.04: 30 ind. recorded in Doñana

18.04: 75 ind. recorded La Serena, and roadside to Trujillo

Little Ringed Plover Charadrius dubius Dverglo

Recorded on seven days, most common in Ebro, Salinas de Santa Pola/Cabo de Gata/Roquetas.

Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula Sandlo

11.04: 2 ind. Garxal, Ebro

15.04: 25 ind. Brazo del Este

16.-17.04: 60+ ind. El Rocio

Kentish Plover Charadrius alexandrinus Hvitbrystlo

Recorded on seven days, most common in Ebro, Salinas de Santa Pola/Cabo de Gata/Roquetas, max 500+ noted in Ebro on the 11th, smaller numbers in El Rocio, 25+ noted on two days.

Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola **Tundralo**

11.04: 11 ind. Garxal, Ebro, 5 the subsequent day In Ebro.

Sanderling Calidris alba Sandløper

14.04: 15 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata

15.04: 4 ind. off Tarifa

Little Stint Calidris minuta dvergsninpe

11.04: 150+ ind. Ebro, same number subsequent day

13.04: 75+ ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata, same the subsequent day.

16.04: 75+ ind. El Rocio, Same the subsequent day.

Curlew Sandpiper Calidris ferruginea Tundrasnipe

14.04: 1 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata

16.07: 25+ El Rocio, same the subsequent day.

Dunlin Calidris alpina Myrsnipe

13.04: 2 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola

14.04: 25 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata and 25 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

15.04: 15 ind. migrating E off Tarifa

16.04: 300+ ind. El Rocio, same the subsequent day.

18.04: 2+ ind. heard on migration during the night over La Serena.

Temink's Stint Calidris teminckii Teminksnipe

16.04: 3 ind. El Rocio

Wood Sandpiper Tringa glareola Grønnstilk

11.04: 4 ind. Ebro Delta, 1 the subsequent day

14.04: 2 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

15.04: 10 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 5 ind. El Rocio

Green Sandpiper Tringa ochropus Skogsnipe

07.04: 10 ind. recorded mainly near Belchite but also roadside on the way to Hecho.

10.04: 1 ind. Near Tremp

11.04: 1 ind. Ebro, 5 ind. the subsequent day

15.04: 1 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 3 ind. El Rocio

Common Sandpiper Actitis hypoleuca Strandsnipe

10.04: 1 ind. roadside in Andorra

11.04: 2 ind. Ebro, 1 ind. the subsequent day.

14.04: 2 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata

15.04: 5 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 20+ ind. El Rocio, 15 ind. the subsequent day

18.04: 3 ind. La Serena-Trujillo

20.04: 2 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

Redshank Tringa totanus Rødstilk

Recorded in good numbers in Ebro, Salinas de Santa Pola/Cabo de Gata/Roquetas Brazo del Este and in El Rocio.

Spotted Redshank Tringa erythropus Sotsnipe

12.04: 5 ind. La Nòria, Ebro.

13.04: 15 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata

14.04: 1 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

16.04: 1 ind. El Rocio.

Greenshank Tringa nebularia Gluttsnipe

11.04: 50+ ind. Ebro(Mainly Garxal)10 ind. subsequent day in Ebro.

13.04: 5 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata same the subsequent day.

15.04: 4 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 5 ind. El Rocio, 4 ind. the subsequent day.

18.04: 4+ ind. heard on migration during the night over La Serena

Mash Sandpiper Tringa stagnatilis Damsnipe

16.04: 2 ind. El Rocio

17.04: 3 ind. El Rocio

Black-tailed Godwit Limosa limosa Svarthalespove

12.04: 4 ind. Ebro

13.04: 5 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola

16.04: 50+ ind. El Rocio, same the subsequent day.

Curlew Numenius arguata **Storspove**

13.04: 1 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola

Wimbrel Numenius phaeopus Småspove

12.04 1 ind. Ebro Delta

Snipe Gallinago gallinago Enkeltbekasin

07.04: 1 ind. near Belchite

11.04: 1 ind. Garxal, Ebro.

12.04: 2 ind. El Hondo

Ruff Philomachus pugnax Brushane

11.04: 30 ind. Garxal, Ebro

12.04: 50 ind. Ebro

13.04: 50 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata, 40 ind. the subsequent day

15.04: 75 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 40+ ind. El Rocio, same the subsequent day

Turnstone Arenaria interpres **Steinvender**

11.04: 7 ind. Barra del trabucador, Ebro.

17.04: 1 ind. El Rocio

Arctic Skua Stercorarius parasiticus Tyvjo

13.04: 1 ind. (Pale) migrating NE off Cabo de Gata

Great Skua Catharacta skua Storjo

15.04: 1 ind. migrating W off Tarifa

Black-headed Gull Larus ridibundus Hettemåke

Recorded on nine days, inland in Belchite and La Serena-Trujillo. But mainly and in good numbers at the coast.

Slender-billed Gull Larus geneii Smalnebbmåke

12.04: 4 ind. Barra del trabucador, Ebro.

13.04: 75 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola and 10 Salina de Cabo de Gata.

14.04: 20 ind. Salina de Cabo de Gata/Roquetas.

Western Yellow-legged Gull Larus argentatus michaelis Gulbeingråmåke

Recorded in grat numbers near the coast inland, 10 ind. near Tremp.

Audouin's Gull Larus Audouinii Middelhavsmåke

11.04: 500+ La Banya point, Ebro, 10 ind. seen elsevere in Ebro the subsequent day.

13.04: 4 ind. off Cabo de Gata 2 ind. the subsequent day.

15.04: 5+ ind. off Tarifa

Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus Sildemåke

11.04: 1 ind. L'Alfacada, Ebro.

13.04: 2 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

Little tern Sterna albifrons Dvergterne

13.04: 20+ ind. off La Marina and 3 ind. Salina de Santa Pola

15.04: 50+ ind. migrating E off Tarifa.

Sandwich Tern Sterna sandvicensis Splitterne

Common along the coast.

Gull-billed Tern Sterna nilotica Sandterne

11.04: 10 ind. Ebro, 15 ind. the subsequent day.

13.04: 3 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola

15.04: 15 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 4 ind. Doñana

17.04: ~50 ind. Doñana

18.04: 10 ind. La serena-Trujillo

Common Tern Sterna hirundo Makrellterne

11.04: 1 ind. Ebro, 2 ind. the subsequent day

13.04: 150+ off La Marina + "some" NE off Cabo de Gata.

14.04: 30+ on migration NE off Cabo de Gata

15.04: 100+ on migration E off Tarifa

Caspian Tern Sterna caspia Rovterne

13.04: 1 ind. on migration NE off Cabo de Gata.

Black Tern Chlidonias niger Svartterne

15.04: 20 ind. on migration E off Tarifa

16.04: 20 ind. El Rocio

17.04: 30+ ind. in El Rocio + elsevere in Doñana

Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybridus Hvitkinnsvartterne

11.04: 200+ in Ebro (Most in Garxal) ~60 ind. recorded the subsequent day

12.04: 40 ind. El Hondo

13.04: 20 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola and 2 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata

14.04: 3 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata/Roquetas

15.04: 5 ind. on migration E off Tarifa, ~20 ind. at Brazo del Este.

16.04: 75+ ind. at varius places in Doñana, 100+ the subsequent day.

18.04: 1 ind. Embalse del Sierra Brava

Razorbill Alca torda Alke

13.04: 1 on sea off La Marina and 1 ind. migrating W off Cabo de Gata, several sightings of *Alca*

15.04: 3 ind. on migration W off Tarifa, several sightings of Alca sp.

Black-bellied Sandgrouse Pterocles orientalis Svartbuksandhøne

07.04: 11 ind. on the plains near Belchite

18.04: 15 ind. La Serena

Pin-tailed Sandgrouse Pterocles alchata Hvitbuksandhøne

07.04: 14 ind. on the Plains near Belchite

Rock Dove Columba livia Bydue

Common

Stock Dove Columba oenans Skogdue

10.04: 1 ind. near Tremp

Wood Pigeon Columba palumbus Ringdue

Recorded on seven days in samll numbers, max 15 on the 9th roadside from Hecho to Tremp.

Collared Dove Streptopelia decaocto Tyrkerdue

Recorded every day bar one in towns and villages.

Turtle Dove Streptopelia turtur Turteldue

07.04: 1 ind. on the plains near Belchite

16.04: 5 ind. La Rocina/Acebuche, Doñana

17.04: 2 ind. Doñana-La Serena

19.04: 5 ind. Monfragüe

20.04: 2 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

Common Cuckoo Cuculus canorus Gjøk

10.07: 2 ind. near Tremp

12.04: 3 ind. Ebro and 2 ind. El Hondo

13.04: 1 ind. Cabo de Gata

16.04: 6 ind. Doñana, 3 the subsequent day.

18.04: 2 ind. La Serena

19.04: 8 ind. Monfragüe

20.04: 6 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

21.04: 2+ ind. Monfragüe

22.04: 2 ind. Monfragüe

Great Spotted Cuckoo Glamator glandarius Skjæregjøk

16.04: 2 ind. La Rocina, Doñana

20.04: 2 ind. 10 km W of Trujillo and 1 ind. Roadside to Monroy

Tawny Owl Strix aluco Kattugle

09.-10.04: 1 ind. near Tremp

16.04: 1 ind in El Rocio.

Eagle Owl Bubo bubo Hubro

21.04: 2 ind. Portilla del Tietar, Monfragüe

Barn Owl Tyto alba Tårnugle

18.04: 1 ind. in Trujillo

Little Owl Athene Noctua Kirkeugle

07.04: 3 ind. on the plains near Belchite

18.04: 4 ind. La Serena

19.04: 1 ind. 2 km north of Trujillo

20.04: 7 ind. Trujillo-Monroy, most of them 10 km W of Trujillo.

Scop's Owl Otus scops Dverghornugle

07.04: 1 singing male between Cariñena and Belchite

09.04: 4 singing males near Tremp

Swift Apus apus Tårnseiler

1 ind. on the 7th then seen daily from the 11th, max: 10000+ in El Hondo on the 12th.

Pallid Swift Apus pallida Gråseiler

Recorded seven days, max. 40+ El Hondo on the 12th also good numbers on migration Cabo de Gata and Tarifa (14th and 15th) and nesting in Trujillo.

Pallid/Swift Apus apus/pallida Grå/Tårnseiler

Recorded daily from the 12th.

Alpine Swift Apus melba Alpeseiler

08.04: 11 ind. Foz de Biniéz, Anso Valley.

10.04: 1 ind. Andorra

13.04: 5+ ind. Cabo de Gata

19.04: 12 ind. Monfragüe

20.04: 15 ind. near a bridge crossing the river Magasca.

Kingfisher Alcedo atthis Isfugl

18.04: 1 ind. Rio Ruecas near Madrigalejo

Hoopoe Upupa epops Hærfugl

Recorded every day bare one, mostly in up to 10 ind., max 16 ind. driving from Ebro to El Hondo.

Bee-eater Merops apiaster Bieter

07.04: 1 ind. on the plains near Belchite.

13.04: 8 ind. roadside north of Cabo de Gata

15.04: 1 ind. Laguna de Medina, 20+ Brazo del Este

16.04: 100+ recorded in Doñana, same numbers the subsequent day.

18.04: 30+ ind. La Serena-Trujillo

19.04: 50+ ind. Monfragüe

20.04: 60+ ind. Trujillo-Monroy

21.04: Recorded on migration in Monfragüe

22.04: 5 ind. en route to Madrid.

Roller Coracias garrulus Blåråke

18.04: 3 ind. (2+1) recorded en route La Serena-Trujillo.

21.04: 1 ind. Trujillo-Monfragüe

Green Woodpecker Picus viridis Grønnspett

08.04: 1 ind. Hecho Valley

09.04: 3 ind. in the woods surounding Monastario de San Juan de la Peña.

10.04: 1 ind. Andorra.

Great-spotted Woodpecker Dendrocopus major Flaggspett

09.04: 2 ind. in the woods surounding Monastario de San Juan de la Peña.

10.04: 3 ind. recorded en route from Tremp via Andorra to Ebro.

19.04: 1 male in Monfragüe

21.04: 1 ind. Monfragüe

Wryneck Jynx torquilla Vendehals

10.04: 1 ind. at a random stop en route Andorra-Ebro

Skylark Alulla arvensis Sanglerke

10.04: 2 ind. Andorra and 3 ind. en route Andorra Ebro.

20.04: 3 ind. 10 km W of Trujillo

Crested Lark Gallerida cristata Topplerke

Verry common and widespread more conectet to human activity than the next, recorded every day bare one.

Thekla Lark Gallerida Theklae Krattopplerke

Certain identification made of this species in Belchite, El Hondo, Cabo de Gata/Roquetas and in Extremadura. Most of the crested larks fell in the next category...

"Crekla Lark" Gallerida sp. Kratt/Topplerke

Recorded every day exept in the Pyrenees.

Wood Lark Lullua arborea Trelerke

08.04: 2 ind. Hecho Valley

09.-10.04: 3 ind. near Tremp

15.04: 1 ind. north of El Rocio, Doñana

16.04: 2 ind. La Rocina, Doñana

17.04: 1 ind. Doñana

19.04: 8 ind. Monfragüe

20.04: 10 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

21.-22.04: 4 ind. Monfragüe

Short-toed Lark Calandrella brachydactyla Dverglerke

07.04: 75+ ind. Plains near Belchite

17.04: 2 ind. Doñana

(Surpraisingly few sightings, probably overlooked)

Lesser Short-toed Lark Calandrella rufescens Flekkdverglerke

07.04: 250+ ind. on the plains near Belchite

11.04: 1 ind. Garxal, Ebro

15.04: 3 ind. Salinas de Roquetas

Calandra Lark Melanocorypha calandra Kalanderlerke

07.04: 50+ ind. on the plains near Belchite

15.04: 3 ind. Brazo del Este

18.04: 200+ La Serena and en route to Trujillo

20.04: Recorded in great numbers in agrucultural landscape Trujillo-Monroy

Dupont's Lark Chersophilus duponti Nattlerke

07.04: 10 singing males on the plains near Belchite.

Sand Martin Riparia riparia Sandsvale

07.04: 15 ind. near Belchite

11.04: 30 ind. Ebro, 15 the subsequent day.

13.04: 20 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola

14.04: 4 ind. Cabo de Gata

Crag Martin Ptynoprogne rupestris Klippesvale

07.04: 30+ ind. recorded Huesca-Hecho

08.04: 50 ind. recorded Hecho and Anso Valley

09.04 100+ ind. Recorded Hecho-Tremp via Astun ski resort

10.04: Recorded in Andorra

19.04: 100+ in Monfragüe also recorded same place in good numbers on the 21th.

20.04: 50+ ind. Trujillo-Monroy

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica Låvesvale

Recorded daily in good numbers.

Red-rumped Swallow Hirundo daurica Amursvale

15.04: 3 ind. El Rocio, Doñana

16.04: 10+ ind. in Doñana, 5 ind. the subsequent day.

18.04: 11 ind. La Serena

19.04: 100+ in Monfragüe also recorded same place in good numbers on the 21th

20.04: 40+ ind. Trujillo-Monroy

House Martin Delichon urbica **Taksvale**

Recorded almost daily in good numbers.

Tawny Pipit Anthus campestris Markpiplerke

20.04: 3 ind. 10 km W of Trujillo

Water Pipit Anthus spinoletta Vannpiplerke

08.04: 50+ ind., top of Hecho Valley and 25+ ind. top of Anso Valley

09.04: 30+ ind. Astun Ski Resort

10.04: 50 ind. Andorra

Meadow Pipit Anthus pratensis Heipiplerke

07.04: 10 ind. Plains near Belchite

09.04: 3 ind. 10 km. south of Astun

11.04: 4 ind. Garxal, Ebro

Three Pipit Anthus trivialis Trepiplerke

07.04: 3 ind. plains near Belchite

12.04: 1 ind. Ebro

16.04: 1 ind. Acebuche Inf.center, Doñana.

Red-throated Pipit Anthus cervinus Lappiplerke

11.04: 1 ind. Garxal, Ebro.

Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava ssp. Gulerle

(Four subspecies recorded: flava, thunbergi, flavissima and iberiae.)

07.04: 5 ind. near Belchite

11.04: 300+ Garxal, Ebro (1 male English Y.W. recorded.)

12.04: 50+ ind. Ebro

13.04: 25 ind. Salinas de Santa Pola/Cabo de Gata.

14.04: 10 ind. Salinas de Cabo de Gata/Roquetas (ssp iberiae when checked)

15.04: 10 ind. Brazo del Este

16.04: 1 ind. El Rocio

17.04: 20 ind. Doñana, (1 male English Y.W. recorded.)

Grey Wagtail Motacilla cinerea Vintererle

08.04: 20+ ind. in various streams in Hecho/Anso Valley

09.04: 1 ind. Hecho valley and 2 ind. Astun.

10.04: 3 ind. Andorra

19.04: 2 ind. Aroyo de la Vid, 1 ind. same place on the 21th.

White Wagtail Motacilla alba Linerle

Recorded almost daily, in small numbers (ten or less).

Wren Troglodytes troglodytes Gjerdesmett

08.04: 25+ ind. Hecho/Anso Valley

09.04: Recorded on several places.

10.04: Recorded on several places.

16.04: 15 ind. La Rocina/Acebuche Doñana.

Dipper Cinclus cinclus Fossekall

08.04: 2 ind. Hecho valley, 1 ind. Anso valley

09.04: 1 ind. en route to Tremp (south of Astun)

10.04: 1 ind. Andorra

Dunnock Prunella modularis **Jernspurv**

07.04: 1 ind. 10 km South of Malos de Riglos

08.04: 10 ind. Hecho Valley

09.04: 5 ind. Hecho Valley

10.04: 3 ind. en route Tremp-Andorra

Robin Erithacus rubecula Rødstrupe

07.04: 3 ind. Belchite-Hecho Valley

08.04: 40+ ind. Hecho/Anso Valley

9.-10.04 recorded in good numbers Hecho-Andorra.

11.04: 1 ind. Ebro.

Nightingale Lucinia megarynchos Sørnattergal

12.04: 1 ind. El Hondo

15.04: 20 ind. Laguna de Medina, Brazo del Este and El Rocio.

16.04: X recorded in La Rocina, Acebuche and elsewhere in Doñana

17.04: 5 recorded in Doñana

18.04: 15 ind. La Serena-Trujillo

19.04: 20 ind. recorded in Monfragüe, also good numbers 21th-22th.

20.04: "some" recorded Trujillo-Monroy

Redstart Phoenicurus phoenicurus Rødstjert

08.04: 1 male Seresa, Hecho Valley.

14.04: 1 male Cabno de Gata.

16.04: 1 male Acebuche inf.center, Doñana.

Black Redstart Phoenicurus ochurus Svartrødstjert

Very common at high altidude in the Pyrenees.resulting in good numbers 07.-10.04.

13.04: 1 male Cabo de Gata

19.04: 4 ind. Monfragüe

Stonechat Saxicola torquata Svartstrupe

Common widespread in open landscape.

Winchat Saxicola rubetra Buskskvett

07.04: 1 male, plains near Belchite

16.04: 1 female Acebuche inf.center, Doñana.

18.04: 2 ind. South of Zorita.

Northern Wheatear Oenanthe Oenanthe Steinskvett

08.04: 2 males at the top of Hecho Valley

12.04: 1 male Ebro

15.04: 1 male Brazo del Este

16.04: 2 (male+female) Acebuche, Doñana.

17.04: 1 female en route Doñana

20.04: 1 male en route Trujillo-Monroy

Black-eared Wheatear Oenanthe hispanica Middelhavssteinskvett

07.04: 4 ind. plains near Belchite

13.04: 1 male Cabo de Gata

14.04: 4 ind. (2 pairs) Cabo de Gata

18.04: 5 ind. La Serena.

19.04: 1 male en route to Monfragüe

20.04: 5 (3 males 2 females) Trujillo-Monroy

Black Weatear Oenanthe leucura Svartsteinskvett

07.04: 2 ind. Malos de Riglos

13.04: 5 ind. Cabo de Gata, 7 ind. the subsequent day

Blue Rock Thrush Monticola solitarius Blåtrost

07.01: 1 male Malos de Riglos

19.04: 4 ind. Monfragüe, 1 male still on the 21th.

20.04: 1 female where the road crosses the river Magasca.

Song Thrush Turdus philomelos Måltrost

07.04: 2 ind. on the plains near Belchite

08.04: 5 ind. Hecho Valley

09.04: 5 ind. Hecho Valley-Tremp

Mistle Thrush Turdus viscivorus Duetrost

08.04: 25 ind. Hecho/Anso Valley

09.04: 5 ind. Recorded Hecho Valley-Tremp

10.04: 15 ind. Andorra

Redwing Turdus iliacus Rødvingetrost

08.04: 1 ind. Siresa, Hecho Valley

Blackbird Turdus merula Svarttrost

Recorded almost daily in samll numbers.

Ring Ouzel Turdus torquatus Ringtrost

08.04: 100+ at the top of Hecho valley and 25+ at the top of Anso Valley.

10.04: 1 ind Andorra

Blackcap Sylvia atricapilla Munk

07.04: 1 ind. Malos de Riglos

08.04: ~10 ind. Hecho/Anso valley

09.04: 40+ recorded on various places Hecho valley-Tremp

10.04: 10 ind. Tremp-Andorra

16.04: 3 ind. La Rocina/Acebuche, Doñana.

17.04: 1 ind. Doñana

19.04: 6 ind. Monfragüe

Orphean Warbler Sylvia hortensis Mestersanger

21.04: 1 male singing for > 15 min at Aroyo de la Vid, one of the group members was not satisfied whith the observation as this species.

Sardinian Warbler Sylvia melanocephala Svarthodesanger

Recorded eleven days, max 25+ on the 16th in Doñana.

Spectacled Warbler Sylvia conspicilata Maskesanger

07.04: 1 male at the plains near Belchite.

18.04: 2 ind. (male+female) at Embalse de Zujar, La Serena.

Subalpine Warbler Sylvia cantillans Rødstrupesanger

10.04: 2 males 10 km east of Tremp

19.04: 10 ind. Monfragüe

21.04: 5 ind. Monfragüe

Dartford Warbler Sylvia undata Provancesanger

07.04: 3 ind. (2males+female) 10 km south of Malos de Riglos

16.04: 2 males respectively at La Rocina and Acebuche, Doñana.

18.04: 1 male at La Serena

19.04: 1 male en route Trujillo-Monfrag~ue and one male Aroyo de la Vid.

20.04: 1 male north of Monroy

21.04: 2 males in Monfragüe

Zitting Cisticola Cisticola juncidis Cistussanger

Annoyingly common in the right habitat whith their pathetic "zit!", the only warbler singing in 18 m/s wind at Ebro on the 11th.

Cetti's Warbler Cettia cetti Cettisanger

Recorded eight days singing near rivers and streams with rich vegetation.

Savi's Warbler Locustella luscinoides Sumpsanger

12.04: 2 singing males Ebro and 2 singing El Hondo

16.04: 10+ singing males in Doñana

17.04: 2 singing males Donñana.

Moustached Warbler Acrocephalus melanopogon Tamarisksanger

12.04: 3 males and 1 female at El Hondo.

Reed Warbler Acrocephalus scirpaceus Rørsanger

12.04: 8 singing males in El Hondo.

13.04: 2 singing males Salinas de Santa Pola.

14.04: 2 singing males at Salinas de Roquetas

15.04: 1 singing male at Laguna de Medina

Great Reed Warbler Acrocephalus arundinaceus Trostesanger

12.04: 2 singing males Ebro, and 30 singing males El Hondo.

13.04: 2 singing males Salinas de Santa Pola.

15.04: 50+ males heard Laguna de Medina, Brazo del Este and Doñana.

16.04: 10+ males la Rocina/Acebuche

17.04: 30++ heard and seen in Doñana.

18.04: 5 south of Zorita.

Melodious Warbler Hippolais polyglotta Spottesanger

15.04: 1 male Laguna de Medina and 1 male Coria de Rio

Olivaceous Warbler Hippolais pallida Bleikspottesanger

15.04: 1 male (singing) Laguna de Medina

16.04: 1 ind. Palacio del Acebron, Doñana.

Western Bonelli's Warbler Phylloscopus Eikesanger

10.04: 2 males at random stop south of Andorra

18.04: 1 ind. en route La Serena-Trujillo

Wood Warbler Phyloscopus sibilatrix Bøksanger

16.04: 1 ind. Acebuche info.center, Doñana.

Willow Warbler Phylloscopus trochilus Løvsanger

07.04: 1 ind. on plains near Belchite

11.04: 1 ind. Ebro

16.04: 3 ind. Acebuche info.center, Doñana

Chifchaff Phylloscopus collybita Gransanger

07.04: 2 ind. en route Belchite-Hecho

08.04: 3 ind. Hecho Valley

09.04: 5 ind. Hecho Valley-Tremp

16.04: 2 ind. Acebuche info.center, Doñana

Goldcrest Regulus regulus Fuglekonge

08.04: 1+ ind. Hecho Camping (Top)

Firecrest Regulus ignicapillus Rødtoppfuglekonge

08.04: 30+ Hecho/Anso Valley

09.04: 30+ Hecho Valley/en route to Tremp

Spotted Flycatcher Muscicapa striata Gråfluesnapper

21.04: 1 ind. Monfragüe

Pied Flycatcher Ficedula hypoleuca Svart-hvit fluesnapper

16.07: 8 males at La Rocina/Acebuche, both iberian and "northern"

Great Tit Parus major Kjøttmeis

Recorded elleven days in samll numbers

Coal Tit Parus ater **Svartmeis**

08.04: 5 ind. Hecho Valley 09.04: 10+ ind. Hecho/Astun 10.04: 10+ ind. Andorra

Blue Tit Parus caeruleus Blameis

Recorded eight days in samll numbers mainly in Aragon and Extremadura.

Crested Tit Parus cristatus **Toppmeis**

08.04: 3 ind. Hecho valley

09.04: 10+ ind. Hecho/ Monastario de San Juan de la Peña

10.04: 10+ ind. Andorra 15.04: 1 ind. north of El Rocio

19.04: 5 ind. Monfragüe, same on the 21th.

Marsh Tit Parus palustris Løvmeis

08.04: 2 ind. Hecho camping and 1 ind. Anso valley

Long-tailed Tit Aegithalos caudatus Stjertmeis

08.04: 15 ind. Hecho/Anso Valley

09.04: 5 ind. Monastario de San Juan de la Peña

16.04: 2 ind. La Rocina, Doñana 18.04: 10+ ind. South of Zortita

19.04: 20 ind. Monfragüe, 2 ind. on the 21th.

20.04: 2 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

Nuthatch Sitta europea **Spettmeis**

08.04: 1 ind. Hecho valley

09.04: 3 ind. Monastario de San Juan de la Peña

10.04: 1 ind. Andorra

16.04: 1 ind. La Rocina, Doñana

19.04: 3 ind. Monfragüe, 4 ind. on the 21th.

Wallcreeper Tichodroma muraria Murkryper

09.04: 1 male Infierno del Hecho, Hecho valley.

Short-toed Treecreeper Certhia barcydactyla Kortklotrekryper

09.04: 1 ind. Monastario de San Juan de la Peña

16.04: 8 ind. Doñana 19.04: 5 ind. Monfragüe

Whodchat Shrike Lanius senator Rødhodevarsler

12.04: 2 ind. Ebro

13.04: 1 ind. north of Cabo de Gata

15.04: 2 ind. en route to El Rocio

16.04: 8 ind. recorded in Doñana, 10 ind. the subsequent day

18.04: 2 ind. en route La Serena-Trujillo

19.04: 20 ind. Monfragüe, same numbers on the 21th.

20.04: 8 ind. en route Trujillo-Monroy

22.04: 2 ind. Monfragüe

Southern Grey Shrike Lanius meridionalis Krattvarsler

12.04: 1 ind. El Hondo

13.04: 5 ind. en route Salinas de Santa Pola-Cabo de Gata

14.04: 5 ind. en route Cabo de Gata-Tarifa

17.04: 1 ind. Doñana-La Serena

18.04: 3 ind. La Serena

19.04: 3 ind. Trujillo-Monfragüe

20.04: 5 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

21.04: 2 ind. Monfragüe

22.04: 2 ind. en route to Madrid

Azure-winged Magpie Cyanopica cyanus Blåskjære

Recorded daily in moderat numbers (25-30 ind.) From the 16th (Doñana)

Magpie Pica pica Skjære

Common Widespread

Jay Garrulus glandarius Nøtteskrike

08.04: 1 ind. Hecho Valley

09.04: 3 ind. Monastario de San Juan de la Peña

10.04: 2 ind. Andorra

19.04: 7 ind. Monfragüe, 3 ind. on the 21th.

Chough Pyrrochorax pyrrochorax Alpekråke

07.04: 10+ ind. plains near Belchite

08.04: 225+ Hecho/Anso Valley

09.04: 40 ind. Astun Ski Resort

10.04: 5 ind. Andorra

19.04: 2 ind. Castillo de Monfragüe

Alpine Chough Pyrrochorax graculus Alpekaie

08.04: 300+ Hecho Valley (at the top)

09.04: 30+ ind. Astun Ski Resort

Jackdaw Corvus monedula Kaie

Seen daily from the 15th in moderate numbers

Carrion Crow Corvus c. Corone Svartkråke

07.04: 30+ plains near Belchite

08.04: 25 ind. Hecho/Anso valey

09.04: 50 ind. Hecho Valley-Tremp

10.04: Recorded

21.04: 4 ind. North of Trujillo

Raven Corvus corax Ravn

Recorded in small numbers on ten days, max 30 ind. on the 9th.

Spotless Starling Sturnus unicolor Middelhavsstær

Common and widespread in great numbers.

Golden Oriole Oriolus oriolus Pirol

22.04: 1-2 singing males east of monfragüe.

House Sparrow Passer domesticus Gråspurv

Recorded daily, highest altitide at 2200 m above sea level in Andorra.

Spanish Sparrow Passer hispaniolensis Middelhavsspurv

17.04: 10 ind. near a farm in Doñana

18.-21.04: Recorded in good numbers in Extremadura, flock of 250+ ont 20th.

Tree Sparrow Passer montanus Pilfink

07.04: 20 ind. near Belchite

15,04: 3 ind. Brazo del este

16.04: 15 ind. Doñana, 3 ind the subsequent day

Rock Sparrow Petronia petronia Steinspurv

10.04: 10 ind. near Tremp

[Red Avadavat Amandava amandava Tigerastrild]

18.04: 30+ south of Zorita

Chaffinch Fringilla coelebs Bokfink

Noted daily from the 7th-10th and from the 16th to 22th in various numbers

Linnet Carduelis cannabina Tornirisk

Recorded tvelve days, max 30+ on the 9th

Goldfinch Carduelis carduelis Stilits

Recorded daily in variable numbers, common.

Greenfinch Carduelis chloris **Grønnfink**

Recorded nine days in small numbers

Siskin Charduelis spinus Grønnsisik

07.04: 1+ ind. en route Huesca-Hecho

09.04: 5 ind. Hecho Valley

Serin Serinus serinus Gulirisk

Very Common in good numbers, recorded every day bare one

Hawfinch Coccothraustes coccothraustes Kjernebiter

08.04: 1 ind.2 km north of Siresa, Hecho Valley

Common Crossbill Loxia curvirostria Grankorsnebb

10.04: 4 ind. Andorra

Trumpeter Finch Rhodopechys githaginea Trompeterfink

14.04: 2 females and 1 male at Cabo de Gata

Reed Bunting Emberizia schoeniclus Sivspurv

09.04: 1 male Hecho valley (southern end)

12.04: 3 ind. El Hondo, 1 ind. the subsequent day.

Ortolan Bunting Emberizia ortolana Hortulan

19.04: 2 ind. (male+female) at Aroyo de la Vid, Monfragüe.

Yellowhammer Emberizia citrinella Gulspurv

08.04: 10 ind. Hecho/Anso Valley

09.04: 2 ind. Astun Ski Resort

10.04: 5 ind. Andorra

Cirl Bunting Emberizia cirlus Hekkspurv

08.04: 6 ind. Anso valley, (4+2 north and south of Foz de Biniéz)

09.04: 20 ind. Hecho Valley and en route to Tremp

10.04: ~10 ind. Tremp-Andorra

13.04: 3 ind. (pair +male) La Marina

16.04: 2 males Doñana

19.04: 4 ind. Monfragüe

20.04: 1 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

Rock Bunting Emberizia cia Klippespurv

07.04: 2 (male + female) 10 km south of Malos de Riglos

08.04: 4 ind. Hecho Valley and 2 ind. Anso Valley

10.04: 3 ind. en route Tremp-Andorra

19.04: 10 ind. Monfragüe

20.04: 1 ind. Trujillo-Monroy

21.04: 1 ind. Monfragüe

Corn Bunting Millaria calandrella Kornspurv

Recorded twelve days, abundant in agricultural landscape.

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