

HEATHERLEA TRIP REPORT

SPAIN IN EARLY SPRING

SATURDAY 2 MARCH – SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2024



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Saturday 2 March 2024

Garraf Natural Park, Ebro Delta

The group's Easyjet flight from Gatwick arrived at Barcelona airport on time and without much ado we were soon on the southern outskirts of the city, heading south. Plan A was to pay a visit to the Llobregat Delta reserve but the barrier across the access road led us to take to plan B, which was a visit to the nearby Garraf massif. The overcast conditions and the early afternoon timing meant that there was little movement from the birds, but we did manage to get brief views of both Sardinian Warbler and Dartford Warbler, and the first of many European Serins before we moved on to continue the drive to the Ebro Delta.

The Ebro Delta has wetland birds galore, and upon arrival here we were immersed in a different world. Following a route along the northern bay we observed a variety of waders, including our first Black-winged Stilt, an early Curlew Sandpiper, Sanderling, Dunlin, Turnstone, Grey Plover, and Eurasian Curlew. In the drainage channels there were also both Green Sandpiper and Common Sandpiper. Greater Flamingos were numerous, and dispersed in groups around different parts of the bay, although one of the highlights of the afternoon must have been the delightful, pink-flushed adult Slender-billed Gulls floating on the water close to the shore.

A short walk around a reed-fringed freshwater lagoon was ended prematurely because of the strong wind, but nevertheless we managed to observe Red-crested Pochards, numerous Western Swamphens at close range, Great Egret and flights of Glossy Ibis.

Zitting Cisticolas and Crested Larks flanked the track, as we made our way in the general direction of our hotel. Before we left the bay area we also noted the first of several Whiskered Terns, still in its winter plumage, and what is almost a rarity in these parts, a first-winter Common Gull.

As we pulled up at the hotel most were keen to check in after a long day of travel, but the mention of the large roost of Night Herons in the hotel grounds soon saw Sue and Robin eagerly heading in that direction, and later reporting that they had counted more than 100 birds!

Sunday 3 March

Ebro Delta north and south, el Perelló

The pre-breakfast outing we carried out was perhaps the highlight of a very bird-filled day. Before we set off Mike and Mary went to check on the Night Heron roost, which they reported was still there.

The wind was strong again, much stronger than I had predicted from my forecast app – perhaps it was time to look for a new one. Nevertheless, this worked to our favour in some way, as two very interesting target birds had taken refuge in a muddy corner at the intersection of two drainage channels: Bluethroat and Moustached Warbler. It was a little shy at first, but eventually everybody got a view of a handsome Bluethroat almost in full breeding plumage as it came out hopping on the mud. The Moustached Warbler was less satisfying, as it crossed the channel a couple of times,

briefly perching in the open, but still, we can't complain, as this bird is difficult to glimpse at the best of times.

Similar species to the day before were around the bay area, with the addition of Bar-tailed Godwits at close range, and a single Caspian Tern. Unwilling to resist the temptation we returned to look for the Bluethroat and our vigil paid off, not with one, not with two, but with no fewer than three Bluethroats appearing to us, one of which let itself be photographed by the group's photographers, Sue and Mike.

We had a well-earned and relaxed breakfast back at the hotel before venturing out to explore some ricefields. This was a good choice, as we found two Temminck's Stints, Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper and Ruff, as well as more Western Swamphens boldly venturing out into the open.

We headed back to Deltebre and crossed over the River Ebro, to then drive on past seemingly endless expanses of rice to another wetland area. Crag Martins were around in number, and didn't seem to mind not having any crags to buzz about. Black Redstart, Chiffchaff and Reed Buntings flitted about the windblown reedbeds, while in flight we noted small groups of Northern Pintail and Black-tailed Godwits.

The nearby observation tower was a little too exposed to spend much time there, but it was a little time well spent. Two Booted Eagles were in flight over the lagoons, this being the only area in northeast Spain where they can be found overwintering. We also had views of Pied Avocets, Black-winged Stilts, and Western Marsh Harriers, among others.

Audouin's Gulls on a nearby beach provided good photo opportunities until a car parked between them and us! Just a bit of manoeuvring though, and the birds were back in view, and with the correct angle we could see the yellow tips on the bills of these handsome gulls.

Exploration of an abandoned campsite didn't produce any interesting birds, although the more secluded bushes had a more utilitarian appeal for most of the group.

Sunday midday to early afternoon is a busy time around many parts of the Ebro Delta, with the general public wandering around and making time before going off to restaurants and the like for their lunch, so we spent little time along the sandy spit of the Trabucador, or the salt pans where most people stop to see the flamingos. Instead, we checked out a couple of spots around the Encanyissada lagoon, where we spotted a Water Rail (another one which was new for Andy ...) and where Robin came up with the best sighting of a pair of Black-necked Grebes, one of which was in the process of attaining its breeding plumage.

Then we went straight for a quiet lunch spot to consume our picnic lunches. Alas, there was no hungry dog in the vicinity which would have helped us consume the large quantities of food that the hotel had prepared for us, including a large pasta salad each and an oversized ham sandwich.

While battling through the food as best we could we were blessed with observations of another handsome Bluethroat, Black Redstarts, and the comings and goings of a Common Kingfisher. Great! Now, where's the coffee?

Well, we had to abandon the idea of coffee, as the restaurant activity was at its zenith and the waiters looked a little under duress. Fortunately, Andy kindly offered his services as doorman to the group, which eased the entries and exits to the van for the rest of the day.

We decided to head a little inland in the hope of finding some new birds in a different and less windy environment, but the latter was wishful thinking. However, as we were leaving this new landscape of olive and almond groves interspersed with Aleppo pinewood, terraces and dry-stone walls a Short-toed Eagle flew past the van, and created certain divisions between those who had seen it and those who had not, at least until a later date when we would see one well in much calmer conditions.

Monday 4 March

Utxesa, Alfés drylands, River Segre, Lleida

We took our leave of the Ebro Delta, very happy with our experience there, and headed inland towards Lleida. With some 20 minutes still to go before reaching the city we turned off onto the first of many dirt tracks in this area. There to greet us on a cliff face were a pair of adult Eurasian Eagle Owls, sitting on a ledge and readily visible!

While we enjoyed scope views of these impressive birds, we also noted Stock Doves and our first Thekla's Lark, as well as hearing but not seeing a Stone Curlew. Red and Black Kites plied the skies, and Marsh Harriers became more and more regular.

A short drive away was a reed-fringed lagoon where some patience was needed to set eyes on a fly-by Bearded Reedling. Unfortunately, Andy missed this one, and no more came within reach before we had to leave.

Next was Peter's turn to miss the bird of the moment (sorry Peter!), as a male Penduline Tit came into view at the top of a tree, but flew away just before he could get on to it. In the same spot we had surprisingly good views of Iberian Green Woodpecker and tracked down several Firecrests, so the vibes were good as we set off for our picnic site not far from the village of Aspa.

However, before we reached the site our route across the drylands took us past a small flock of Calandra Larks, an Iberian Grey Shrike, a Hoopoe and a flock of Red-billed Choughs.

At the picnic site an unexpected scene unfolded before us: there was a largish gathering of Red Kites circling low over a rocky outcrop, on which were perched more than a dozen Griffon Vultures! But there was more to come, as a juvenile Golden Eagle started flying low over their heads and delighting us all with spectacular views that one rarely got of this species. What a marvellous spectacle for us to watch while we munched on our sandwiches!

After lunch exploration of the surrounding area in the afternoon lull delivered a male and female Merlin, and then we moved on to a different habitat on the edge of the city of Lleida. Following the gallery woodland that denotes the course of the River Segre we could hear but not see a Cirl Bunting and a Short-toed Treecreeper. Then, for our last birding of the day we took a short walk

around a local wetland reserve and had more and better views of Iberian Green Woodpeckers than you would normally get in a whole month!

Tuesday 5 March

Alfés drylands, Santa Anna reservoir, Alcolea, Sierra de Guara

A pre-breakfast excursion hit the nail on the head today. It felt cold outside, but that wasn't preventing the rare Dupont's Lark from singing at its sole site in Catalonia. As expected, we could hear but not see this secretive lark. Calandra Larks were not at all shy, and before we left a Great Spotted Cuckoo alerted us to its presence with its strident call, before flying away into the distance.

We continued around the network of dirt tracks seeing more Calandra Larks and Thekla's Larks and were working our way back towards the hotel when suddenly a Little Bustard jumped up from the edge of the track in front of the vehicle. We were delighted when it landed in view, and then we saw that it had some companions, so that in the end we had ten Little Bustards, one of which was timidly practicing its display in a field, with the backdrop of Lleida cathedral in the picture. Wonderful!

That was not all though: as we stood there admiring the bustards the far-reaching call of the Pin-tailed Sandgrouse came to our ears, and hurried searching of the skies led us to views of a total of ten of these beautiful dryland birds. Now we could go for breakfast!

After breakfast we headed north away from Lleida to limestone crags bathing in the morning sunshine. As we pulled up and scanned the skies, we were treated to one bird after another, in quick succession: two Goshawks, a Peregrine Falcon, a marvellous Short-toed Eagle, numerous Griffon Vultures and two Bonelli's Eagles, which we spotted briefly before they flew away up the gorge. Then to top it all a flock of more than 100 Common Cranes came over calling and flying in their typical flight formation.

A little further on we saw the first Egyptian Vulture of the trip before taking to the road again and heading to a large reservoir where I hoped we'd find a suitable picnic spot. However, the wind had picked up again, making the prospect less than appealing, and the only bird of note we saw here was a single Water Pipit.

However, I was close to my home patch here, and I had alternatives. A little further on we turned off the road to a sheltered spot beside the river, where we enjoyed our picnics in a pleasant sun trap, even though we had to invent ways of eating our yoghourts without a spoon. Then it was on to get a coffee in a village café, but the coffee machine had broken down. That was our second failure in our attempts at coffee: was someone trying to tell us something?

Fortunately, we had some very impressive sandstone cliffs to hand and so we went to see what we could spot. From her side Sue spotted something moving on the cliff face and when we stopped and scanned we found a pair of Black Wheatears, so that was a very good find indeed! Not only that, they crossed paths with a male Blue Rock Thrush, spreading the enjoyment. At the southern edge of the cliffs we stood and watched a single Alpine Swift and a Red-rumped Swallow, the only one of the trip.

A last look visit to the nearby drylands revealed little of interest so we drove the last hour to reach our lovely and welcoming hotel in the Sierra de Guara Natural Park.

Wednesday 6 March

Riglos, Loarre castle, Sierra de Guara Natural Park

It was just over an hour's drive for us after breakfast to reach the amazing rock formations of Riglos, and with all the promise of a beautiful day ahead of us. The sun was shining and everywhere was calm. Now all we needed was a Wallcreeper and the morning would be perfect.

We parked the vehicle as another birding group was leaving theirs, obviously with the same idea as us. They didn't spend any time on friendly chit chat however, so it was fortunate that they had chosen a different route to a point at the base of the rocks from where to stare up and suffer from Wallcreeper neck.

Before we got far Andy had already spotted a rather distant Wallcreeper, and then I saw that there were two, and that they were flying in the direction of the spot where I was intending to lead the group. That was a good start...

This is always a moment of trepidation and anticipation. Would we see the Wallcreeper? How long would it take staring up at the rock face before one appeared? This time though I scarcely had time to worry, as before we got to the spot Mike shouted out from behind me "There's one!" – and of course, he wasn't talking about Griffon Vultures. Sure enough we all looked forwards at a busy Wallcreeper searching the nooks and crannies at only a few metres above the ground. What luck!

We all watched the Wallcreeper as it flitted this way and that, feeding on a cricket that it had captured, and still there by the time that everyone had seen enough and we had decided to move on. Now it's not often that one leaves a Wallcreeper where it was found!

We briefly searched another spot to check for Alpine Accentors but it was only a half-hearted search, as we were all delighted that we had seen the bird that we had come so far to see. This time the local café was open and serving nice coffees, so we took them outside and sat on the terrace, looking at the rocks and enjoying the warm sun on our faces. Then, to top it all, we heard the loud bugling of Common Cranes, and looked up at the blue sky to watch skein after skein flying overhead and past the orange intense rock faces of Riglos. In all there were more than a thousand cranes that contributed to one of the most magical moments of the entire tour.

On the way back to Huesca we spotted a couple of roadside Red-legged Partridges, and then I decided to pay a visit to the castle of Loarre, as everything seemed to be on our side today (maybe it did have something to do with the fact that I was wearing my lucky Wallcreeper pin). With tables, nearby toilets and a memorable view Mary soon assessed the site as an excellent one for a picnic so all we had to do now was to stroll around a bit and make some time. What a stroll it turned out to be! Inside the pinewood we got brief views of a Redwing, with a couple of Mistle Thrushes on the grassy field next to it. Then we watched a couple of Short-toed Treecreepers scaling low down on the trunks of a line of trees. Lovely, but there was more to come: as we reached the parking area

we saw a male Rock Bunting perched on top of a leafless tree and then just moments later we were watching a male Citril Finch pecking at gravel on the edge of the same car park!

We recounted our blessings of that morning as we sat and enjoyed our picnics, accompanied by a singing Woodlark and yet another flock of migratory Common Cranes.

It was almost an hour's drive to our next destination, and the combination of extreme satisfaction with the birds, the scenery and the wonderful weather sent more than one head into the land of nod. Yes, I notice these things!

We passed through a tiny mountain village guarded by two friendly, sleepy dogs and pulled up opposite a vulture feeding station. Before we even got out of the vehicle we had noticed that there were two Lammergeiers flying over the feeding station, which turned out to be a second and a third-year bird. We watched as they chased each other and tumbled in the air before flying away into the distance. However, we didn't have to wait long before an adult appeared, and then another, providing entertainment for us all in between observations of Red-billed Chough, Peregrine Falcon, Sparrowhawk, and the inevitable Griffon Vultures.

We made a couple of more stops as we ambled our way along an empty road in the direction of our hotel. We noted Grey Wagtail on a riverbank, a male Cirl Bunting and an almost endless flow of Song Thrushes on the last walk before we finally retired, almost drunk with our birding success, to our welcoming hotel.

Thursday 7 March

Pyrenees of Huesca, el Portalet

The weather forecast for the coming days was one of approaching rain and snow in the mountains, so we decided to make the drive up to the high Pyrenees and the French border before it got there.

The first river was raging with too much water, so we abandoned the hope of spotting a Dipper there, and at the second stop there was indeed a White-throated Dipper, which sped off around a bend in the river, not to be seen again. We considered that to be so ungrateful that we did not even include it on the tour list.

We took a walk down to and through a section of the Scots Pine wood, getting views of Rock Bunting, Coal Tit and Firecrest, while Michael and I were the only ones to hear the calls of a Eurasian Bullfinch. Sue and Robin reported a pair of Golden Eagles on their watch, and then we continued on up the valley into the snow zone.

The ski resorts were doing good business and the snow lay thick on the ground. Just before we reached the border, we had brief views of a couple of roadside Alpine Choughs, and I parked the vehicle expecting to see them from the mountain pass, but we never did. We made a quick sully into France on foot but were beaten back by the cold wind and the birdless landscape, and then we descended back along the way we had come. Fortunately,

Robin was vigilant, and he alerted us to several Alpine Choughs flying over and around one of the hills. We managed to pull over and watch a few of these birds as they flew over rather distant snow-capped hilltops.

After our roadside picnic we explored a wooded area but with little to report, and then took another look to see if we could spot the Dipper. What happened? Michael was the only one to spot it as it fled as fast as possible around a bend in the river never to return ...

Back on the route to Huesca I made a small detour, announcing that we would be looking for Rock Sparrows at a site I knew. However, there were no Rock Sparrows to be seen, but – the joys of birding – we managed to get close-up views of a striking Crested Tit instead!

Friday 8 March

Candasnos drylands and lake, Alquézar

For our last day of birding the obvious choice was to head down to the plains: firstly, because there were still some interesting birds we could find there and, secondly, because the oncoming rain would reach there later and with less impact.

It was the right choice to make. A quick search of the sandstone cliffs revealed little of interest, but when we got to the plains and started criss-crossing on the dirt tracks we were soon rewarded. First we spotted Calandra and Crested Larks and a male Merlin. Then I stopped the vehicle to scan a field and alerted the rest of the group that there were some sandgrouse in it. I was quite surprised at how quickly the group had picked up on the sandgrouse, until I realized that they were all looking at a couple of Stone Curlews at less than half the distance!

We cautiously exited the vehicle and enjoyed scope views of the Pin-tailed Sandgrouse and Stone Curlews when I heard the unmistakable call of the Black-bellied Sandgrouse. Fortunately, two Black-bellied Sandgrouse flew past us and landed in the same field as their pin-tailed cousins. Great!

Well satisfied we drove away towards our next target bird and before long we had it in our sights: several Mediterranean Short-toed Larks engaged in flight displays, with a juvenile Golden Eagle as a curious backdrop.

A farm building proved useful beyond its original function in this very open landscape, and Andy was almost caught out as we called out a patrolling male Hen Harrier searching for its lunch. Then, as we left the area to the first drops of rain we spotted a Little Owl perched on the roof of an abandoned building.

Lunch was under the shelter of a hide by the side of a reed-fringed lake which held a number of the more common ducks. Peter was on guard though, and he announced a Yellow Wagtail among the White Wagtails on the edge of a reed island. Apparently eBird wasn't too happy about that according to Mike, but in the face of the evidence eBird would have to like it or lump it.

Picnics over and with the rain apparently settling in it was time to leave. We called in at the café to see if the coffee machine had been repaired yet and this time we were in luck. Then we found a car wash to wash off some of the clumps of mud from the vehicle, before returning to the Sierra de

Guara. As a last-minute though I suggested that we take a stroll around the mediaeval walled town of Alquézar, which was universally approved.

It was a fitting way to end what had been a wonderful week with so many birds and the constantly changing scenery that this part of Spain offers. The rain stopped and we walked around the cobbled streets, gawping at the gorges and location, location, location of the unique town, as well as some interesting birds, including Egyptian Vulture, Blue Rock Thrush, and trees full of Blackcaps.

Saturday 9 March

We arranged an early breakfast with the hotel and took leave of the Natural Park, with a 3-hour drive ahead of us before reaching Barcelona airport. It rained most of the way, but that was fine by us: the countryside could use the rain, and we had already exceeded our most ambitious expectations with over 150 species recorded. But it's not all about quantity, is it?

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	SPECIES NAME	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3
1	Mute Swan <i>Cygnus olor</i>			X					
2	Common Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		X					X	
3	Northern Shoveler <i>Spatula clypeata</i>	X	X					X	
4	Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	X	X	X	X			X	
5	Northern Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i>		X						
6	Eurasian Teal <i>Anas crecca</i>		X					X	
7	Red-crested Pochard <i>Netta rufina</i>	X	X						
8	Red-legged Partridge <i>Alectoris rufa</i>					X			
9	Alpine Swift <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>				X			X	
10	Little Bustard <i>Tetrax tetrax</i>				X				
11	Great Spotted Cuckoo <i>Clamator glandarius</i>				X				
12	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles alchala</i>				X			X	
13	Black-bellied Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles orientalis</i>							X	
14	Rock Dove (Feral) <i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	Stock Dove <i>Columba oenas</i>			X	X				
16	Common Wood Pigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17	Eurasian Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	Water Rail <i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		X	H					
19	Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	X	X	X					
20	Eurasian Coot <i>Fulica atra</i>	X	X	X					
21	Western Swamphen <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	X	X						
22	Common Crane <i>Grus grus</i>				X	X			
23	Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		X	X				X	
24	Great Crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		X					X	
25	Black-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		X						
26	Greater Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	X	X						
27	Eurasian Stone-Curlew <i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>			H				X	
28	Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	X	X						
29	Pied Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		X						
30	Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	X	X						
31	Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		X						
32	Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	X	X						

33	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>		X						
34	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>		X						
35	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	X	X						
36	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>		X						
37	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	X							
38	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>		X						
39	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alb</i>	X	X						
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40	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	X	X						
41	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		X						
42	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	X	X						
43	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		X		X				
44	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	X	X	X					
45	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		X						
46	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		X						
47	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	X	X						
48	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	X	X						
49	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	X	X	X				X	
50	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>		X						
51	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	X							
52	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	X	X	X	X	X		X	
53	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	X	X						
54	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		X						
55	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	X	X						
56	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	
57	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	X	X	X	X			X	
58	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	X	X	X					
59	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	X	X	X					
60	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>								
61	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	X	X	X					
62	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	X	X	X	X				
63	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	X	X	X					
64	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	X	X	X					
65	Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>					X			
66	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>				X	X	X	X	
67	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			X	X	X	X	X	
68	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		X	X	X				
69	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		X						
70	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			X			X	X	
71	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>			X					

72	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	X				X	X		
73	Eurasian Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			X					
74	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
75	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>							X	
76	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>			X	X	X	X	X	
77	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>			X	X			X	
78	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
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79	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>							X	
80	Eurasian Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>			X					
81	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	X	X	X		X		X	
82	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		X						
83	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					X	X		
84	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>			X					
85	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
86	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>			X				X	
87	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				X	X		X	
88	Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	X							
89	Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>			X	X			X	
90	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>						H		
91	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
92	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>			X	X	X		X	
93	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>						X		
94	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			X	X		X	X	
95	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>			H	X	X	X	X	
96	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			X	X			X	
97	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>						X		
98	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>						X		
99	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			X	X	X	X		
100	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			H	X	X	X	X	
101	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>			X					
102	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>			X					
103	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					H			
104	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			X	X				
105	Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>			X	X			X	
106	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
107	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>			X	X			X	
108	Dupont's Lark	<i>Chersophilus duponti</i>				H				
109	Mediterranean Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>							X	
110	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Pytonoprogne rupestris</i>		X		X	X	X	X	

150	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>					X			
151	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	X	X	X	X	X		X	
152	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>					H			
153	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				X	X		X	
154	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>					X	X		
155	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			H		X		X	
156	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		X	X				X	

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2 March	Garraf Natural Park Ebro Delta North
3 March	Ebro Delta North and South El Perelló
4 March	Sarroca Utxesa Mas de Melons – Alfés River Segre, Lleida
5 March	Alfés drylands Santa Ana reservoir Alcolea
6 March	Riglos Loarre Castle Santa Cilia Bierge
7 March	Santa Elena El Portalet Arto
8 March	Alcolea Candasnos Alquézar
9 March	Bierge Barcelona airport



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