BIRDING IN SPAIN

Memorable moments

from recent 4-day tours from Barcelona



Imagine ...

- Standing in the pine forest in the Pyrenees, listening to the flight calls of a pair of Black Woodpeckers, and they land on a tree close to you!
- Staring at a vertical rock face and wondering whether the Wallcreeper will appear. Then, a flash of wings, and wait! Not one, but two Wallcreepers!



- Watching an adult Lammergeier scouring a feeding station for bones, and then spotting another approaching from a distant ridge.
- Locating a roving flock of Little Bustards in one of the many fields of Alfalfa there are on the plains of Lleida. The species has declined so much, but fortunately we've managed to find them again.

- Not one but two Eagle Owls at different daytime roosting locations. Finding that bird is no easy feat.
- Waiting for Bonelli's Eagles to appear can try one's patience enormously. Then, when you spot them on a distant crag they fly before you can scope them. Which way will they fly? Away, or over your head?



The Bonelli's Eagle is coming this way!

- The delightful White-throated Dipper is a great little bird to see and watch. Double is the fun when there are two, and what's more, in the company of a Common Kingfisher and a Grey Wagtail.
- A small flock of Common Cranes has just crossed the Pyrenees on their autumn migration. They call and fly in to join others already on the shores of their first stopover site in Spain.
- Iberian Green Woodpeckers are one of the most people-shy birds in the region, and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers are tiny. So, some diligence and patience is required to get good views of these two birds.
- Stone Curlews. That huge, staring yellow eye, or else the bird sitting or standing motionless, eyes closed. One, two, … two hundred? A flock of two hundred Stone Curlews?
- Raptors: Griffon Vulture, Golden Eagle, Eurasian Goshawk, Merlin, Red Kite. Six species of lark. Black Wheatear, Iberian Grey Shrike, Blue Rock Thrush, Little Owl.



ALPINE ACCENTOR

On a good day you'll find two or three while looking for Wallcreepers.



BLACK WHEATEAR

Doesn't seem so special until you see that white in the tail. Then … wow!

- Great Bustards roam a bit between breeding periods, so you may have to cover quite a few kilometres on dusty tracks before you set eyes on them in their last remaining stronghold in the region. Or you may get lucky.



CITRIL FINCH



ROCK BUNTING

It's a misty and rainy day when you venture to the Pyrenees, so it should be quite a thrill to see both Rock Bunting and Citril Finch in the mountain refuge car park!

- You visit an inland wetland, hoping to find a Penduline Tit or two. Yes, but don't forget the Purple Swamphen, Little Gull, and even the Eurasian Spoonbill.

Can you imagine that?

Participants on the last two autumn tours don't have to imagine it. *Because they lived it.*

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