

BLUE ROCK-THRUSH (*Monticola solitarius*) – The blue of the males really stood out against the gray background of the rocks.

WHINCHAT (*Saxicola rubetra*) – One bird in Andújar.

EUROPEAN STONECHAT (*Saxicola rubicola rubicola*) – Always beautiful!

BLACK WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe leucura*) – Our stop at the Alange dam aiming to see this species was successful. When flying, the white rump and base of tail are very distinctive.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – Good numbers and good views higher up in the Gredos mountains.

BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe hispanica*) – A surprisingly beautiful bird! We saw both male and female in Monfragüe NP.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

MISTLE THRUSH (*Turdus viscivorus*) – More common in the woodland of Sierra de Gredos but never numerous.

SONG THRUSH (*Turdus philomelos*) – The Song Thrush welcomed us with a song in the Jerte valley.

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD (*Turdus merula*) – An every day bird.

Sturnidae (Starlings)

SPOTLESS STARLING (*Sturnus unicolor*) – Very common. Maybe the most numerous bird recorded on this tour.

Prunellidae (Accentors)

DUNNOCK (*Prunella modularis*) – Only higher up in the scrubland of the Gredos mountains.

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

GRAY WAGTAIL (*Motacilla cinerea*) – The rivers in the Sierra de Gredos maintain a good population of Gray Wagtails.

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL (IBERIAE) (*Motacilla flava iberiae*) – We saw the Iberian subspecies with the white throat and bright supercilium at various places.

WHITE WAGTAIL (*Motacilla alba*) – Recorded more frequently in the second half of the tour.

WATER PIPIT (*Anthus spinoletta*) – Displaying on their breeding grounds higher up in the Sierra de Gredos.

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

COMMON CHAFFINCH (*Fringilla coelebs*) – A very colorful every day bird.

HAWFINCH (*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*) – Hard to find but eventually we succeeded.

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH (*Chloris chloris*) – Omnipresent.

EURASIAN LINNET (*Linaria cannabina*) – Maintains a low profile, nevertheless seen almost every day.

RED CROSSBILL (*Loxia curvirostra*) – Common in the pine woodland around the hotel in the Sierra de Gredos.

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH (*Carduelis carduelis*) – We recorded the European Goldfinch everywhere except in the Sierra de Gredos mountains.

CITRIL FINCH (*Carduelis citrinella*) – We struggled hard to find this rare species, but eventually we had a good view of a nice male.

EUROPEAN SERIN (*Serinus serinus*) – An every day bird.

Emberizidae (Old World Buntings)

CORN BUNTING (*Emberiza calandra*) – Present in virtually all the habitats visited during this tour. It's hard to avoid hearing this bird.

ROCK BUNTING (*Emberiza cia*) – Superb views of this stunning bird in the Sierra de Gredos.

CIRL BUNTING (*Emberiza cirrus*) – At one moment, we had to choose between Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Wryneck or Cirl Bunting. You can't look at them all at the same time. Fortunately we had seen the Cirl Bunting on more than one occasion.

ORTOLAN BUNTING (*Emberiza hortulana*) – Fantastic views of this delicate bird with rosy pink bill and legs.

REED BUNTING (*Emberiza schoeniclus*) – While searching for the Bearded Reedling in the Tablas de Daimiel NP we discovered some Reed Buntings.

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*) – Very, very common.

SPANISH SPARROW (*Passer hispaniolensis*) – Seen well in Coto Doñana and in Extremadura. They were even breeding in the hotel next to Monfragüe NP.

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW (*Passer montanus*) – We saw some Tree Sparrows that were breeding in the nest-boxes in Doñana.

ROCK SPARROW (*Petronia petronia*) – Next to our hotel in Sierra de Gredos.

MAMMALS

OLD WORLD RABBIT (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) – Frequently seen, specially in the Andújar mountains. The Rabbit is the main food for Spanish Eagle and Iberian Lynx and therefore the key to success of these predators.

EUROPEAN RED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus vulgaris*) – One sighting in the pine woodland next to our hotel in Gredos.

RED FOX (*Vulpes vulpes*) – A grayish Red Fox was discovered while driving through the Sierra de Gredos.

WILD BOAR (*Sus scrofa*) – Seen on several occasions. In Coto Doñana the Wild Boars were not afraid and allowed close views.

FALLOW DEER (*Dama dama*) – A large group in Sierra de Andújar.

RED DEER (*Cervus elaphus*) – Good numbers recorded in Sierra de Andújar and in Coto Doñana.

SPANISH IBEX (*Capra pyrenaica*) – Excellent observations of Spanish Ibex high up in the Gredos mountains.

MOUFLON (*Ovis musimon*) – We saw some nice groups of impressive Mouflons in the Sierra de Andújar.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 205 bird taxa and 8 mammal taxa