

# Spain

Extremadura & La Mancha

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*Trip photos (clockwise, from top left): Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Griffon Vulture, Dotterel and Little Owl © Fernando Enrique Navarrete / Limosa*

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Extremadura and La Mancha, the wild heart of Spain, need little introduction to most birdwatchers. The huge open plains, the vast tracks of *dehesa* and the numerous wetlands delighted us once again with the spectacle of thousands of cranes, bustards, sandgrouse and a density of raptors that is difficult to find in any other European country. Couple this birding bonanza with excellent local food and wine and you can understand why this is one of the best autumn birding destinations in this part of the world.

### Monday 18th November

After a trouble-free flight the group arrived on time at Madrid Airport. With luggage collection completed, we hit the open road, destination Extremadura. We stopped for an enjoyable 'tapas' style lunch en route, although we had to postpone the lunch momentarily because there was a group of Black Vultures and Red Kites enjoying their own meal in the fields behind the restaurant. But soon it was our turn for lunch, after which we decided to check the fields again, but instead of finding the vultures, we found a juvenile Spanish Imperial Eagle flying against the snow-covered mountains. The group agreed that this was a good way to start a trip...

We made one more roadside stop, at a large pool on the outskirts of Peraleda de la Mata. Common Cranes were the first birds seen, as small groups flew over and past us on their way to roost, followed by a group of Great Bustards and a couple of Little Bustards. The pool itself revealed several duck species and a few passerines, including Black Redstart, several Stonechats, a Grey Wagtail and Iberian Grey Shrike. We continued on to Trujillo arriving at Viña las Torres to a warm welcome and an enjoyable first evening.

### Tuesday 19th November

After breakfast we spent a short time birding outside the front of the guest house, with the highlight being a very obliging Hawfinch, after which we set off for our destination of the day, Monfragüe National Park. Monfragüe is without any doubt the flagship of natural Extremadura. The national park encompasses a series of low, rocky hills along the Tagus River, with remnants of dense Mediterranean forest on its north-facing slopes. We had chosen today to visit the park based on the prediction of poor weather for the next few days, which could have affected the movements of the raptors that make this place so special. We continued to the park, stopping at the Peña Falcon watch point. Here the vultures, both Griffon and Black, put on an impressive show, circling in numbers in excess of one hundred birds, high above and around their annual breeding site. The excitement didn't stop there with at least two male Blue Rock Thrush, Short-toed Treecreeper and several Hawfinches also showing up.

We headed on to the visitor centre in the middle of the park for a coffee followed by a short drive to La Tajadilla picnic area. Here we found a nice selection of raptors, including both species of vultures, Red Kites and a Marsh Harrier. But the star of the lunch was an unexpected Black Stork, a common summer visitor to the park, but very rare at this time of the year. Several Red Deer herds were a non-avian distraction as we travelled along. After a brief visit to Portilla del Tietar, we headed to the northern edge of the park. A hoped-for species in this area of the park was Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and we got lucky with a showy male bird performing admirably for us, a real bonus and for UK birders an increasingly scarce bird! In the open fields behind us we also found a nice male Merlin and a family of Egyptian Mongeese. With time ticking on, we turned and headed back to the hotel for another welcome and enjoyable evening meal.

### Wednesday 20th November

We woke to a damp start to the day and after breakfast we set off to the plains between Trujillo and Caceres. We took a circular route, entering the plains on the road north towards Santa Marta de Magasca and then heading east to rejoin the road back to Trujillo. Rain was in the air as we drove along but we managed to avoid it for most of the day. Initial sightings included some of the regions more typical commoner species, such as Iberian Magpie, Crested Lark, Corn Buntings and Southern Grey Shrike. But it didn't take long until we found our first hoped-for target species, a flock of 24 Little Bustards and several Great Bustards were side by side and allowed amazing views. Both species of sandgrouse were next on the list and, only a few minutes later, we came across several flocks of these sought-after birds, with Black-bellied Sandgrouse seen in bigger numbers than usual. Then a couple of large birds on top of a tree caught our attention. A look through the telescope revealed a pair of Spanish Imperial Eagles. We drove further into the plains in order to get better views of this endemic species, allowing us to enjoy or the key ID features.

Calandra Larks, Black Redstarts, Stonechats, Golden Plover and Lapwings were added to our ever-growing list.

Before we knew it, the morning had gone and we headed to Santa Marta de Magasca for a welcome coffee and facilities break before lunch. At lunch time we found another pair of Spanish Imperial Eagles - and then the news arrived... A small flock of Dotterel had been found nearby. Dotterel is a scarce migrant in Extremadura but extremely rare at this time of the year. We drove the short distance to the site, where we found more Great and Little Bustards, Black-bellied and Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, several flocks of Stock Dove but no Dotterels.... We were just leaving the place, when we found them running around close the path and providing excellent views for all of us. The group was in a very good mood and we all decided to pay a visit to the beautiful town of Trujillo. We took a walk around the old town centre and the castle, finishing in front of the statue of Francisco Pizarro, conqueror of Peru. Returning to the hotel we showered and changed, then carried out the day's log before enjoying another lovely dinner.

#### **Thursday 21st November**

Another cloudy and slightly wet start to the day was apparent as we appeared for breakfast. We boarded the bus and this morning drove south. This time our destination was the rice and maize fields near Vegas Altas, where thousands of Common Cranes spend the winter every year. We continued south, arriving at the rice fields where we were met with the sight of Common Cranes in their thousands and seemingly literally everywhere we looked! Cattle and Little Egrets and White Storks were also seen as were several buzzy groups of Waxbills and Red Avadavats. These exotics birds are now one of the most common features in the local avifauna, the latter being a result of wedding releases, which seemingly at one time was a popular thing to do!

We drove around the rice fields on the western side of the main road, making regular stops to check the fields for new species and enjoy the spectacle of the sheer number of birds present! Birds seen included more Great Bustards both feeding on the ground and in flight, a Black-winged Kite and Zitting Cisticolas. We lunched in one of the hides overlooking the dehesa and rice paddies at Finca Moheda Alta reserve which proved to be a good move when the rain started. Highlights from our sheltered position included several Marsh Harriers, an elegant male Hen Harrier, a brief Bluethroat, Great Egrets, Cetti's Warbler and another Egyptian Mongoose.

Our next stop was Cubilar Reservoir, though unfortunately the wintering Osprey didn't show up. The expected collection of ducks, including some Egyptian Geese plus Serins, Dartford Warbler and Grey Wagtail were also nice, before making one last stop at the Campo Lugar road, where we had great views of two Little Owls and another Hen Harrier.

#### **Friday 22nd November**

Unfortunately, the weather forecast was right this time and it was pouring with rain when we left the hotel. Under torrential rain we drove the short distance to our next destination, the Alcollarin Reservoir, a change of habitat and hopefully some new birds. This certainly proved to be the case with the reservoir itself having flocks of thousands of ducks, mainly Shoveler, Teal and Mallard with smaller numbers of other species. Hundreds of Great Crested and Little Grebes were found amongst them and closer inspection revealed that several Black-necked Grebes were present. But it was raining so hard that we all agreed to go back the hotel and wait for better weather conditions.

With some spare time, we quickly organized a lovely lunch in Trujillo at a nice restaurant overlooking the main square. Luckily for us, the weather improved dramatically after lunch and we didn't waste the chance and headed out to the Belen plains, where we enjoyed the sun and a nice variety of steppe birds, including Great and Little Bustards, good numbers of Golden Plovers and hundreds of larks of several species. We returned to base where we showered, changed and carried out the log before our last dinner in Extremadura.

#### **Saturday 23rd November**

A transfer day today so, having breakfasted and packed our bags in the buses, we said our farewells to Angeles and her family and reluctantly left her excellent hospitality and left this wonderful corner of Extremadura. Our destination today was La Mancha, but on the way there we made several stops. The first stop was at Embalse de Arrocampo, a large, reed-fringed reservoir complete with hides and a small visitor centre. We were close to the visitor centre when a white bird flew over the van and landed on the power line next to us, a Black-winged Kite, one of our target birds in this area. We enjoyed prolonged views of this local speciality and headed to the visitor centre where we collected a key to access the hides plus some maps. We visited two of the hides on the reserve that looked out onto the edge of the reservoir and the reedbeds. Birds seen included Western Swamphen, Great Egret, brief views of a Bluethroat, a flock of Common Waxbills and a fine male Red Avadavat, while both Cetti's Warbler and Water Rail were heard. After returning the key to the visitor centre we hit the road, destination La Mancha.

After a long and uneventful drive, we arrived at Alcázar de San Juan, where we visited La Veguilla, one of the most important wetlands in La Mancha. In the lagoon we found a nice selection of ducks including Red-crested Pochards, Common Teal, Tufted Duck and hundreds of Shoveler. Other birds noted were Shelduck, Water Pipit, Western Swamphen and good numbers of Greater Flamingos. But the spectacle was yet to come... This place is famous for the amazing spectacle of thousands of birds coming from all directions to roost in the lagoon. By the time it was so dark that we couldn't keep counting, we had estimated more than 700 White Storks, 90+ Marsh Harriers and hundreds of jackdaws, wagtails and sparrows. What a place! After a long day we arrived at our hotel surrounded by vineyards in the heart of La Mancha.

### **Sunday 24th November**

Fuelled with an ample breakfast and with a promising weather forecast ahead, we set off to our next destination, Laguna de Navaseca, this being one of the most important places for White-headed Duck in the region. We first stopped at the small hide where we got a general impression of the wetland and its birds. Dozens of White-headed Ducks were close to us, allowing excellent views of this endangered species, with males showing their diagnostic white face, while females were more subtly coloured. Tufted Duck, Shoveler, Gadwall, Teal and Wigeon were also present in good numbers. We then decided to spend the rest of the morning walking around the lagoon; birds seen included two Pied Avocets, several Black-necked Grebes, many Western Swamphens, a couple of Bluethroats, amazing views of a Penduline Tit, Water Pipits, Bramblings and a hoped-for Iberian Green Woodpecker, amongst many others, for a list of over 70 species before lunch. On walking past a reed-fringed area by the path, a 'tacking' call could be heard - a Moustached Warbler! We stood waiting and eventually the bird showed itself briefly.

Returning to the bus and after a nice lunch at a local restaurant, we headed on to our next destination, Las Tablas de Daimiel, an area of 3,030 ha and the smallest of Spain's 15 national parks. Unfortunately, the park wasn't showing its best aspect due to the severe drought of the last couple of years. We parked and followed a route out along the marked boardwalk trails. We still had an enjoyable and productive walk round though, with the elevated hide/viewing area allowing us panoramic views out over the park. Here we noted Common Cranes, White Storks and Greylag Geese in huge numbers. And again, great numbers of Marsh Harriers, a couple of Black-winged Kites, a male Hen Harrier and numerous Dartford Warblers.

With a couple of hours of light left, the group decided to visit La Veguilla and enjoy again the birding bonanza we witnessed last night. The number of birds was mind-blowing once again and we estimated even more White Storks this time, for a total of nearly 900 birds. It was already dark when we left the place and Jupiter and its four Galilean satellites were visible through the telescope. The cold was very intense and we decided to call it a day. And what a day it was! We arrived to our hotel in time for one last lovely dinner and a well-earned rest.

### **Monday 25th November**

We only had limited time this morning, so we decided to pay a quick visit to some of the plains and lagoons near Alcazar. Carefully scanning across the plains we found a female Merlin chasing the numerous flocks of Skylarks and Calandra Larks, while a small flock of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse filled the air with their unique call. Our next destination was the lagoon of Camino de Villafranca. A huge saline lagoon with exposed mudflats and a perfect habitat for waders. Here we found a nice selection of Black-winged Stilt, Dunlin, Little Stint and a big flock of Pied Avocets. Two Ruddy Shelducks were an unexpected addition to the list, we found these distinctive ducks amongst the more numerous Common Shelducks, allowing direct comparison between the two species, a very rare opportunity in this part of the world. Several Water Pipits were seen on the edge of the lagoon as we drove out of the site. On the way back, a quick scan at La Veguilla produced the usual array of birds.

Before leaving La Mancha we had an appointment with a Firecrest at a local park, a tiny bird that had eluded us during the week despite our efforts to find one. Finally we found a cooperative individual surrounded by inquisitive Red Squirrels. On the way to Madrid we enjoyed one last lunch at a local restaurant which was served with amazing speed and efficiency. That's what you want when you have a plane to catch! Successfully navigating Madrid, we arrived at the airport with ample time to say our farewells and relax before the flight back to the UK and the end of a very enjoyable and successful trip to Extremadura and La Mancha.

Thanks to all party members for such a good trip, made even more enjoyable by the great birds, your humour and enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing you all again on another Limosa tour very soon!

**ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED**  
**(Total species – 125)**

**Greylag Goose** *Anser anser*

A few birds near Navalmoral, common on most wetlands in La Mancha.

**Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

A dozen birds at Cubilar reservoir and a small flock at Alcollarin

**Shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna*

Common on most wetlands in La Mancha.

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*

One of the most abundant birds of the trips..

**Gadwall** *Mareca strepera*

Common. Seen on most wetlands.

**Eurasian Wigeon** *Mareca penelope*

Common. Seen on most wetlands.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Very common and widespread. Seen on most days.

**Eurasian Teal** *Anas crecca*

Very common. Noted on most days.

**Red-crested Pochard** *Netta rufina*

Good numbers noted at La Veguilla and Navaseca.

**Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*

Common at La Veguilla and Navaseca lagoons.

**Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*

Three birds were noted at Navaseca.

**White-headed Duck** *Oxyura leucocephala*

Conservative estimate of 70+ birds at Navaseca on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Red-legged Partridge** *Alectoris rufa*

Small numbers noted on four dates.

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Common on most wetlands.

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*

Common on most wetlands, especially in Alcollarín.

**Black-necked Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis*

Small numbers at Alcollarín and Navaseca.

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus*

Common on most wetlands in La Mancha with several hundred noted.

**Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra*

One bird at Monfragüe NP.

**White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia*

A couple of birds noted in the rice paddies of Vegas Altas. Very common in La Mancha, where we counted more than 700 birds coming to roost at La Veguilla.

**Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*

Noted on four dates, especially common around the rice paddies.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*

Seen on most wetlands and rivers

**Great Egret** *Egretta alba*

Small numbers of overwintering birds on three dates.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*

Common, seen on most wetlands

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Seen daily.

**Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus*

We had great views of six different birds on three dates.

**Griffon Vulture** *Gyps fulvus*

Very common, seen daily in Extremadura. Huge numbers in Monfragüe

**Cinereous (Black) Vulture** *Aegypius monachus*

Common, seen daily in Extremadura. Good numbers in Monfragüe

**Spanish Imperial Eagle** *Aquila adalberti*

A juvenile bird at lunch time on the first day and four adults on the plains between Trujillo and Cáceres..

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*

Only one bird on route to La Mancha.

**Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*

Common, especially at La Veguilla, with more than 80 birds coming to roost. Seen daily

**Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*

A male and a female on 21<sup>st</sup> and single birds in Daimiel NP.

**Red Kite** *Milvus milvus*

Common. Seen on most days

**Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*

Common. Seen on most days

**Great Bustard** *Otis tarda*

One of the highlights of the trip. Nearly 50 birds were seen on four dates.

**Little Bustard** *Tetrax tetrax*

Despite the decline in numbers of this species, we managed to find 60+ birds on three dates.

**Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus*

Heard a few times at Tablas de Daimiel and Navaseca.

**Western Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Two birds seen at Arrocampo. Common at Navaseca and La Veguilla.

**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*

Seen on most wetlands

**Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra*

Seen on most wetlands

**Common Crane** *Grus grus*

A major feature of the holiday, with wonderful views and sounds of these birds on a daily basis.

Especially common near Vegas Altas, where several thousand were noted feeding on the rice fields.

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*

One bird at Navaseca and at least a dozen birds on the last day.

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Two birds at Laguna de Navaseca and one at Laguna del Camino de Villafranca.

**Northern Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*

Very common. Seen daily

**European Golden Plover** *Pluvialis apricaria*

Not as common as on previous years. Noted on two dates.

**Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*

A few in the rice paddies.

**Eurasian Dotterel** *Charadrius morinellus*

A flock of eight birds was a nice surprise in the plains near Cáceres.

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*

A flock of 5 birds at Navaseca.

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*

Good numbers at Laguna del Camino de Villafranca.

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*

Several birds noted at Laguna del Camino de Villafranca.

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*

Seen on most wetlands.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

One to three birds on five dates.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*

Small numbers seen on most wetlands.

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*

A couple of birds in the rice paddies.

**Black-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Common. Seen daily.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*

Very common. Seen daily.

**Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** *Pterocles alchata*

At least 50 birds seen in the Santa Marta plains.

**Black-bellied Sandgrouse** *Pterocles orientalis*

Great year for this species, with nearly 70 birds noted on two dates.

**Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia*

Seen daily.

**Stock Dove** *Columba oenas*

A flock of 25 birds near Santa Marta de Magasca.

**Common Wood Pigeon** *Columba palumbus*

Common throughout the trip.

**Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*

Seen daily.

**Little Owl** *Athene noctua*

Seven individuals noted on three dates.

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*

Seen on most wetlands.

**Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*

Common. Seen daily.

**Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** *Dryobates minor*

A very obliging male seen at Monfragüe.

**Iberian Green Woodpecker** *Picus sharpei*

One bird at La Veguilla and another one at Tablas de Daimiel.

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

Common, seen daily.

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*

A nice male at Monfragüe and female near our hotel in La Mancha.

**Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*

Single birds noted on two dates.

**Iberian Grey Shrike** *Lanius meridionalis*

Seen daily, especially common in Extremadura.

**Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*

A few seen at Portilla del Tietar, Monfragüe and single birds on two more dates.

**Iberian Magpie** *Cyanopica cooki*

Winter flocks of this bird can be impressive and on at least a couple of occasions we watched parties of 30 or so birds trailing through the oaks near our hotel.

**Eurasian Magpie** *Pica pica*

Very common. Seen daily

**Western Jackdaw** *Coloeus monedula*

Common, seen almost daily.

**Northern Raven** *Corvus corax*

Small numbers noted on a daily basis.

**European Crested Tit** *Lophophanes cristatus*

A single bird showed well at Monfragüe.

**Eurasian Blue Tit** *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Common

**Great Tit** *Parus major*

Common

**Eurasian Penduline Tit** *Remiz pendulinus*

Several birds heard at Arrocampo and one bird showed amazingly well at Navaseca.

**Eurasian Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*

Good numbers seen on most days.

**Thekla Lark** *Galerida theklae*

Seen daily in Extremadura

**Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata*

Common, seen daily

**Calandra Lark** *Melanocorypha calandra*

Very common in Extremadura, with flocks of several hundred birds on the plains around Trujillo.

**Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*

Very abundant this year, especially in Monfragüe.

**Cetti's Warbler** *Cettia cetti*

Heard almost daily with a few birds seen.

**Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus*

Several family parties recorded on three dates.

**Common Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*

Very common. Seen daily.

**Moustached Warbler** *Acrocephalus melanopogon*

A bird briefly seen at Navaseca with a second bird noted as heard only.

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*

Small numbers noted on six dates.

**Eurasian Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Common

**Dartford Warbler** *Sylvia undata*

Several birds noted on four dates. Especially common at Las Tablas de Daimiel.

**Sardinian Warbler** *Sylvia melanocephala*

Common. Seen or heard daily.

**Firecrest** *Regulus ignicapilla*

Excellent views of a bird at Alcazar de San Juan.

**Eurasian Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Heard daily in Extremadura. One bird seen at Monfragüe.

**Eurasian Nuthatch** *Sitta europaea*

One bird calling in Monfragüe.

**Short-toed Treecreeper** *Certhia brachydactyla*

A few seen very well at Monfragüe.

**Common Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Small numbers amongst Spotless Starlings on most days.

**Spotless Starling** *Sturnus unicolor*

Very common, seen daily.

**Common Blackbird** *Turdus merula*

Common.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos*

Seen on most mornings around our hotel in Extremadura.

**Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*

A few birds seen in Extremadura.

**Eurasian Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*

Common

**Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica*

One bird was briefly seen at Arrocampo and a couple of them showed well at Navaseca.

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Common, seen daily

**Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitaria*

Half a dozen birds provided excellent views in Monfragüe.

**European Stonechat** *Saxicola rubicola*

Very common. Seen daily

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

Very common.

**Spanish Sparrow** *Passer hispaniolensis*

Very common with flocks of several hundred near Trujillo and around the rice fields.

**Rock Sparrow** *Petronia petronia*

A couple of birds seen at Monfragüe and a single bird on the plains.

**Common Waxbill** *Estrilda astrild*

Seen around Vegas Altas.

**Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava*

Common. Several flocks seen around Vegas Altas, Moheda Alta and Arrocampo.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

One to three birds on three dates.

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

Very common. Seen daily.

**Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*

Very common. Seen daily.

**Water Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta*

Small numbers seen daily in La Mancha.

**Common Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*

Common in forested areas

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*

A flock of 8 birds at Laguna de Navaseca.

**Hawfinch** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

Common in Extremadura, with excellent scope views of several birds at Monfragüe and around our hotel.

**European Greenfinch** *Chloris chloris*

Common. Seen daily.

**Common Linnet** *Linaria cannabina*

Common. Seen daily.

**European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*

Common. Seen daily.

**European Serin** *Serinus serinus*

Common. Seen almost daily.

**Corn Bunting** *Emberiza calandra*

Common, seen daily.

**Cirl Bunting** *Emberiza cirrus*

A couple of birds near Deleitosa, including a singing male.

**Common Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Small numbers seen at Arrocampo and La Mancha.

**BUTTERFLIES**

Clouded Yellow *Colias croceus*

**REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS**

Spanish Terrapin *Mauremys leprosa*

Geniez's Wall Lizard *Podarcis virescens*

Natterjack Toad *Epidalea calamita*

**MAMMALS**

Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris*

European Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

Egyptian Mongoose *Herpestes ichneumon*

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*

Red Deer *Cervus elaphus*

Mouflon *Ovis orientalis*