

# Morocco: Autumn Birding in Southern Morocco

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Trip photos (clockwise, from top left): One of the Moroccan specialities, a **Bald Ibis** on the coast • A very obliging **House Bunting** poses for the photographers • Male **Desert Wheatears** always seem to pose nicely • The green-backed **African Chaffinch** is another sought-after species • Who will forget the excitement of the **Great Knot** (second from right) at Oued Sous • A great photo of a **Cory's Shearwater** from our pelagic © five photos by tour participant Jo Latham, [wildlifephotocards.co.uk](http://wildlifephotocards.co.uk), bottom left (Great Knot), Robin Chittenden, [robinchittenden.co.uk](http://robinchittenden.co.uk)

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## Trip Diary

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### Tour Summary

#### Tamri

Heading north from Agadir towards Tamri we were soon scanning through gulls that were roosting on the beaches. Amongst the numerous Lesser Black-backed and Yellow-legged Gulls were hundreds of Audouin's Gulls. An absolute fantastic sight considering they used to be a very scarce 'Mediterranean' gull. At a couple of spots we found several African Chaffinches and admired the fabulous green backs of the males. The first Atlas Long-legged Buzzard of the tour drifted over. Other special birds included Desert Grey Shrikes and a handful of Moussier's Redstarts, including at least one sparkling male. Stopping for a loo break was unexpectedly good with two Black-crowned Tchagras, four House Buntings, Black Wheatears and some gorgeously striped Spanish Sparrows.

We visited the Bald Ibis breeding cliffs north of Tamri and this offered not only a taste of trekking over sand dunes but also the only Barbary Falcon of the tour. On the cliffs were several White-breasted Cormorants and Great Cormorants but more excitingly the extremely vulnerable Moroccan Shag. Exploring an area nearby we came across an adult Bald Ibis feeding on maggots by a well-rotted carcass. The bird was very close and views allowed an amazing appreciation of its vivid sheen and punk hairstyle.

Heading back to our hotel we spotted a Glossy Ibis in flight over the reedbed at Tamri river mouth and a little further south stopped for a pair of North African Ravens, which gave their distinctive soft non-Raven like call. A stop in the hills nearby produced a rather skulking Tristram's Warbler.

#### Agadir pelagic

The boat trip off Agadir turned out to be extraordinarily good. We had benign conditions so we were able to scan easily from the boat, as we cruised along, spotting a few Cory's, Scopoli's, Balearic and Manx Shearwaters as we went. Then a Madeiran Storm Petrel flew directly past. Later we nudged up to some resting Cory's and Scopoli's Shearwaters and started chumming. A bit of a feeding frenzy ensued with the larger shearwaters cruising in right by the boat and occasionally a Manx would join in. Then suddenly there was a Great Shearwater right at the bow: this bird loafed about throughout the chumming process coming in regularly to feed. An Arctic Skua and Great Skua cruised by, checked out proceedings, before moving on.

#### Oued Souss

As soon as we arrived at the estuary several Maghreb Magpies perched right by our bus showing off their intense blue facial skin. On the estuary were a selection of waders: Greenshank, Kentish, Little Ringed, Ringed and Grey Plovers, both Godwits, etc., but also there were five peachy Slender-billed Gulls, up to six Moroccan Wagtails, a group of Spoonbills and about 100 Greater Flamingos.

#### Sidi Bibi

Heading south to the desert area around Goulmime, we stopped off at Sidi Bibi and it wasn't long before we saw a posse of 13 Little Swifts leave their nests and flutter around.

#### Oued Massa

On the way to Oued Massa it was a joy to watch six Cream-coloured Coursers strutting about the dry habitat. At the river itself we watched two Egyptian Mongooses picking their way along the riverbank;

the Moorhens kept a wary eye on them. A Crag Martin zipped through along with a few Swallows. One area was particularly fruitful for migrants with a Black and Common Redstarts, Pied and Spotted Flycatchers. On the river itself was a Squacco Heron.

On the return visit we saw a Bluethroat that popped out rather too briefly a couple of times, but there was some compensation with the saturated colours of a Spanish Wagtail to enjoy plus two Spoonbills, two Black-crowned Tchagras and a Desert Little Owl.

### **Barrage Youssef**

A detour off the main road produced two Barbary Partridge.

### **Goulimime**

Starting the day in the Asrir area things seemed a little slow to begin with. But then a Thick-billed Lark flew over and was seen to land some distance away. Walking and scanning finally revealed eight more that gave great views. While we were admiring these hefty billed beasts, several parties of Black-bellied Sandgrouse belted over and were later 'scoped on the ground. In the village itself we found our first White-crowned Black Wheatears, a male Blue Rock Thrush, as well a pair of Red-rumped Wheatears and a female Desert Wheatear.

Nearby in a scrubby area we watched a male Spectacled Warbler, two distance perched Lanners plus a very brief Saharan Scrub Warbler. Three Fulvous Babblers were more obliging, perching in the open and squabbling with a Desert Grey Shrike. After lunch we dropped by some reservoirs where we saw at least 20 Ruddy Shelducks, a very close fly over Atlas Long-legged Buzzard and a hunting Lanner. The wind had become too voracious for easy viewing.

In the strong wind it was with some trepidation we ventured out onto a flat plain. But beautiful birds began to reveal themselves. First a flock of c. 100 Lesser Short-toed Larks discretely feeding just in front of us, plus many Short-toed Larks mixed in. Then we became aware of a few Cream-coloured Coursers and as the dust cleared and the wind dropped it soon became apparent there were as many as 40 of these fascinating birds. Magically, there were also several Hoopoe Larks, which we watched feeding and getting into occasional scraps, revealing their striking wing patterns. The desert was alive with birds, an amazing spectacle.

An early morning exploration of the scrub and after a little persistence we found a Saharan Scrub Warbler perching out in the open allowing all to see and even 'scope. A second visit to the 'lark' fields was very productive with several Temminck's Larks and Bar-tailed Desert Larks as well as a couple of Cream-coloured Coursers, two Hoopoe Larks and six or so Thick-billed Larks. As a 'parting gift' a group of Trumpeter Finches flew in and perched right in front of us. Another quick look at the reservoirs revealed eight Marbled Ducks and four Little Stints, which must have been out of view, sheltering from the winds on the previous day.

### **Aglou**

Heading back to Agadir we stopped for lunch at Aglou seafront and while we waited for the meal a mini-seawatch ensued. The most unexpected birds passing were three Marbled Ducks. Other nice finds were five Balearic Shearwaters, a Great Skua, Audouin's Gull and a flock of 40 Common Scoter.

### **Immouzzar**

On our penultimate day we headed into the mountains to Immouzzar. Stopping on the way and with a bit of persistence we were soon watching a surprisingly showy Tristram's Warbler, which then flew across a small gully to reveal two more. Also there was a singing Black-crowned Tchagra and a couple of Rock Buntings. On the return visit all with any type of camera managed to photograph a tame House Bunting.

At Immouzer itself it wasn't long before we saw a few Moroccan Crossbills flying about but then two were found low down which gave fabulous views. The African Blue Tits were not as showy but two Bonelli's Eagle circled low over us and one of this pair was later perched on a nearby tower.

### **Oued Souss again**

Our final morning was spent at Oued Souss and what an unusual morning it would turn out to be. Scanning for waders the only additions from the first visit were Curlew Sandpiper, Knot and a little later Whimbrel. We then moved to another area and there right before us was a Great Knot with six Red Knot. With 'scope views and photographs it was possible to pick out the identification features. A super vagrant and only the second ever record for Morocco. What a way to end a tour.

*Robin Chittenden*

## **SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED** (*Arnoud van den Berg*)

### **Barbary Partridge** *Alectoris barbara*

On 4/11, seen both at the Oued Massa reserve entrance and along the road to the barrage. On 7/11, flocks of six and nine were found along the road up to Immouzer.

### **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*

On 5/11 and 6/11, up to 20 were present at the reservoir south of Goulimime at Boukila.

### **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*

On 3/11, two were swimming at the pond of the palace ground at the Oued South mouth. On 8/11 six were seen at Oued Souss.

### **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*

On 3/11, one male was swimming at the pond of the palace ground at the Oued South mouth.

### **Marbled Duck** *Marmaronetta angustirostris*

On 6/11, six were present at the Boukila reservoir south of Goulimime, and three flew past south over the seashore at Aglou Plage.

### **Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*

On 4/11, one male was seen at Oued Massa.

### **Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*

On 4/11, one male was seen at Oued Massa.

### **Common Scoter** *Melanitta nigra*

On 2/11, one flew south at sea near Tamri. On 3/11, a flying flock of 20 was photographed during our pelagic off Agadir. On 6/11, 50 flew south off Aglou Plage.

### **Great Shearwater** *Puffinus gravis*

On 3/11, probably the same bird returned several times to our chumming along our boat off Agadir.

### **Manx Shearwater** *Puffinus puffinus*

On 3/11, during our pelagic off Agadir, c 10 individuals were seen and photographed.

### **Balearic Shearwater** *Puffinus mauretanicus*

On 2/11, one was seen off Tamri. During our pelagic on 3/11, about six were seen. On 6/11, we watched six flying past Aglou Plage.

### **Cory's Shearwater** *Calonectris borealis*

On 2/11, c 20 were seen off Tamri. On 3/11, a total of c 250 were present at sea off Agadir, several coming to our chum near the boat.

### **Scopoli's Shearwater** *Calonectris diomedea*

On 3/11, up to 200 were present at sea off Agadir, several coming to our chum near the boat.

**Madeira Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma castro***

Probably the same storm petrel was seen a few times flying past our boat off Agadir. The photographs may not be good enough for a positive identification but we still wait for two expert's opinions.

**Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis***

Up to six were seen in the pond of the royal palace near the Oued South mouth on 3/11 and 8/11. One was seen at the Boukila reservoir on 6/11. At Oued Massa, up to 20 were present on 4/11 and 6/11.

**Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus***

A flock of more than 100 was present at Oued Souss on 3/11 and 8/11.

**European White Stork *Ciconia ciconia***

At Oued Souss mouth, one and three were seen on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively.

**Northern Bald Ibis *Geronticus eremita***

On 2/11, we had breath-takingly close views of a single adult eating insect from a carcass at a houses near the Tamri river.

**Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus***

On 2/11, one flew about the Tamri river mouth.

**Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia***

One of two adults at Tassila, Oued Massa, wearing colour rings from the Netherlands was photographed on 6/11. It was ringed as a young on the nest at Onderdijk on 30 June 2009 by Leon Kelder and it was seen as a juvenile at several sites that year, last at Somme, France, on 16 September. It was not reported between September 2009 and 6 May 2014, when it was back at Fochteloo, the Netherlands, where it stayed until at least 26 July. On 3/11, a group of 12 was roosting at Oued Souss.

**Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides***

On 4/11, twice one bird was seen at Oued Massa.

**Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis***

Common south of Agadir from 4/11 to 6/11.

**Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea***

Common at river mouths and seen on every day except 5/11 (Goulimime).

**Little Egret *Egretta garzetta***

Very common at river mouths and seen on every day except 5/11 (Goulimime).

**Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus***

Rather numerous at sea and seen on all days we were looking over the Atlantic shore (eg, 2/11 and 6/11), with more than 200 during the pelagic off Agadir on 3/11.

**Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis***

On 2/11, four were seen at the Tamri cliffs. On 3/11, several were present at Agadir harbour. On 8/11, several were roosting at Oued Souss.

**White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus/lucidus***

On 2/11, two were seen at the Tamri cliffs. On 3/11, several were present at Agadir harbour. On 4/11, a few were watched at Oued Massa. On 6/11, one flew past Aglou Plage. On 8/11, several were roosting at Oued Souss.

**Moroccan Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis riggenbachi***

On 2/11, two adults were photographed at the Tamri cliffs.

**Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus***

Common and at least a few up to 30 seen on every day.

**Lanner *Falco biarmicus erlangeri***

On 5/11, two and one were seen south of Goulimime.

**Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus***

On 8/11, one was seen at Agadir.

**Barbary Falcon *Falco pelegrinoides***

On 2/11, two were photographed at the Tamri cliffs.

**Osprey *Pandion haliaetus***

On 6/11, a juvenile was seen above Tassila. On 8/11, one flew about Oued Souss.

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus***

On 4/11, one was seen at Oued Massa.

**Atlas Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus cirtensis***

In total, 14 were seen on three days: one at Tamri, three at the Asrir village area on 5/11, three at the Boukila area on 5/11, and seven in the Goulimime area on 6/11.

**Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciata***

On 7/11, two adults were present at Immouzer.

**Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus***

On 4/11 and 6/11, c 15 were seen at Oued Massa.

**Common Coot *Fulica atra***

On 2/11, more than 50 were swimming at the Tamri mouth. On 4/11 and 6/11, more than 30 were seen at Oued Massa.

**Eurasian Stone-curlew *Burhinus oediconemus***

On 3/11, one was heard during the afternoon at Oued Souss.

**Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus***

At Oued Souss mouth, four were watched on 3/11 and 10 on 8/11.

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

At Oued Souss, up to 20 were seen on 3/11 and 8/11, and one was noted at Oued Massa on 4/11.

**Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola***

At Oued Souss mouth, one and two were seen on 3/11 and 8/11.

**Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula***

At Oued Souss mouth, up to 50 were counted on 3/11 and 8/11. At the Boukila reservoir south of Goulimime, more than 20 distant individuals were foraging, possibly Little Ringed.

**Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius***

At Oued Souss mouth, up to 30 were counted on 3/11 and 8/11. At the Boukila reservoir south of Goulimime, more than 20 distant individuals were foraging, possibly Common Ringed. On 6/11, one was noted at Oued Massa.

**Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus***

On 3/11, one was watched at Oued Souss.

**Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago***

On 4/11 and 6/11, one and three were seen at Oued Massa.

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

At the Oued Souss mouth, 12 and 50 were counted on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively.

**Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica***

At the Oued Souss mouth, two and five were found on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively.

**Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus***

At the Oued Souss mouth, three and one were found on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively.

**Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata***

At the Oued Souss mouth, five and three were found on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively. One was seen at Oued Massa on 4/11.

**Common Redshank *Tringa totanus***

Common at the Oued Souss mouth on 3/11 and 8/11.

**Greenshank *Tringa nebularia***

At the Oued Souss mouth, three and 15 were found on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively. On 4/11, one was seen at Oued Massa.

**Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus***

A total of six were seen on four days: at Oued Souss and Oued Massa.

**Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos***

A total of 13 were seen on five days.

**Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres***

On 3/11, one was present at Oued Souss mouth.

**Red Knot *Calidris canutus***

On 8/11, 15 were present at Oued Souss mouth.

**Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris***

On 8/11, a first-winter was seen in a flock of Red Knots at Oued Souss mouth, constituting (only) the second record for Morocco and northern Africa (the first had been at Oued Souss as well).

**Sanderling *Calidris alba***

On 2/11, five flew past the Tamri coast. On 8/11, one was seen at the mouth of Oued Souss.

**Little Stint *Calidris minuta***

On 6/11, four were present at the distant side of the Boukila reservoir. On 8/11, one was seen at Oued Souss.

**Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea***

On 8/11, three were seen at Oued Souss.

**Dunlin *Calidris alpina***

At the Oued Souss mouth, 100+ were present on 3/11 and 8/11. On 4/11, five were seen at Oued Massa.

**Ruff *Calidris pugnax***

On 4/11, two were seen at Oued Massa.

**Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor***

On 4/11, a flock of six was foraging above Oued Massa. On 5/11 and 6/11, up to 40 were found along the Tan Tan road south of Goulimime.

**Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei***

At the Oued Souss mouth, five and six were found on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively.

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

At the Oued Souss mouth, c 100 and c 50 were present on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively. On 4/11, two were seen at Oued Massa.

**Audouin's Gull *Ichthyaeos audouinii***

On the beaches between Agadir and Tamri, roosting flocks of 50, 350, 200 and 300 were seen on 2/11. On 3/11, two immatures flew over the boat during the pelagic off Agadir. On 6/11, one flew past Aglou Plage.

On 7/11, 50 were seen near Agadir. On 8/11, one was roosting at the Oued Souss mouth.

**Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus***

On 2/11, an adult and an immature were found in roosting flocks of Audouin's Gull between Agadir and Tamri. At the Oued Souss mouth, 10 and four were roosting on 3/11 and 8/11, respectively.

**Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis***

Numerous and seen on every day except on 5/11 at Goulimime.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus graellsii/intermedius***

Numerous (more so than Yellow-legged Gull) and seen on every day except on 5/11 at Goulimime.

**Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia***

On 4/11, one was present at Oued Massa mouth.

**Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis***

At the Oued Souss mouth, up to 20 were present on 3/11 and 8/11. During the pelagic off Agadir in the morning of 3/11, c 10 were seen. On 6/11, up to 50 were counted passing the coast of Aglou Plage.

**Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus***

On 3/11, a fresh juvenile was photographed during the pelagic off Agadir.

**Great Skua *Stercorarius skua***

On 3/11, a moulting adult was photographed during the pelagic off Agadir. On 6/11, one flew past Aglou Plage.

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

In the morning of 5/11, a total of c 70 in four flocks were seen in the Asrir area.

**Rock Dove *Columba livia***

Noted on almost all days.

**Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus***

On 6/11, 15 were seen at Oued Massa. On 7/11, c 50 were noted along the road to Immouzer. On 8/11, several were found at Oued Souss.

**Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto***

Numerous and seen on every day, in every settlement.

**Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis***

On 2/11, three were seen during our lunch at Tamri. At Oued Massa, three and 10 were found at Oued Massa at 4/11 and 6/11, respectively.

**Desert Little Owl *Athene noctua glaux/saharae***

On 4/11, one was heard and, late in the afternoon of 6/11, one was seen and photographed at Oued Massa.

**Common/Pallid Swift *Apus apus pallidus***

One flew overhead along the coast south of Aglou Plage.

**Little Swift *Apus affinis***

At a breeding colony in a garage between Agadir and Oued Massa, 13 flew out of several nests on 4/11.

**Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis***

A total of five individuals were seen and/or heard on five days.

**Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus***

A total of 10 were seen and/or heard on five days, including two during our lunch at Tamri on 2/11. We had superbly close views of one or two at Oued Massa on 6/11 and at the fossil shop along the road to Immouzer on 7/11.

**Desert Grey Shrike *Lanius elegans algeriensis***

Seen on every day, with a maximum of 10 noted on 4/11.

**Jay *Garrulus glandarius***

On 7/11, two were seen and a few heard at and near Immouzer.

**Moroccan Magpie *Pica mauritanica***

Common and, at Oued Souss, numerous. Not seen around Tamri on 2/11 and Goulimime on 5/11.

**North African Common Raven *Corvus corax tingitanus***

A pair was seen along the road from Agadir to Tamri on 2/11.

**Coal Tit *Periparus ater***

On 7/11, one was seen and a few were heard at and near Immouzer.

**Great Tit *Parus major***

Noted on four days; not at Oued Souss and not at Goulimime (5/11).

**African Blue Tit *Cyanistes teneriffae ultramarinus***

A total of three were found at Immouzer.

**Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris***

On 4/11, one flew past at Oued Massa. On 5/11, three were seen near Goulimime. On 6/11, one was foraging at cliffs south of Aglou Plage. On 7/11, a handful occurred at Immouzer.

**Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica***

Common and quite a few seen on every day except on 7/11.

**Northern House Martin *Delichon urbicum***

Two were noted both on 5/11 at Goulimime and 6/11 south of Aglou Plage.

**Hoopoe Lark *Alaemon alaudipes***

A remarkable total of 12 were found along the Tan Tan road south of Goulimime on 5/11; also, two were seen here on 6/11.

**Bar-tailed Lark *Ammomanes cinctura***

On 5/11, a total of six were seen along the Tan Tan road south of Goulimime.

**Thick-billed Lark *Ramphocoris clotbey***

On 5/11, a total of eight were found in the Asrir area. Four were seen at each of two sites along the Tan Tan road south of Goulimime on 5/11 as well. At the latter area, six were watched in the morning of 6/11.

**Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla***

On 5/11, three were found in the Asrir area and 20 along the Tan Tan road south of Goulimime.

**Lesser Short-toed Lark *Alaudala rufescens***

On 5/11, 100+ were seen foraging along the Tan Tan road south of Goulimime. On 6/11, another two were seen here.

**Temminck's Lark *Eremophila bilopha***

On 6/11, nine and five were found along the Tan Tan road south of Goulimime.

**Crested Lark *Galerida cristata***

At Oued Souss, a few were noted on 3/11 and 8/11.

**Thekla Lark *Galerida theklae***

Common and seen on every day.

**Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus***

Numerous and seen (and heard) on every day.

**Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis***

Keeping quiet and, therefore, not many seen. Noted at Oued Massa (only two and four on 4/11 and 6/11, respectively) and at Oued Souss (only one on 8/11).

**Scrub Warbler *Scotocercaettia cetti***

On 5/11, one presented a few glimpses in the Asrir area (not seen by all). In the morning of 6/11, two singles were well seen south of Goulimime.

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

One was vocal now and then in the gardens near our Agadir hotel. One was seen at Oued Massa on 4/11, where a few were heard on 6/11 as well.

**Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus***

On 2/11, two were seen in a reedy ditch north of Agadir.

**Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon***

At the Tassila bridge, one called a few times on 6/11 but was not seen.

**Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita***

Common and many seen on every day.

**Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla***

A few were seen on most days, also at the Agadir hotel.

**Tristram's Warbler *Sylvia deserticola***

On 2/11, a male was seen by a few of us at Alma near Agadir. On 7/11, two males and a female were lured into view near a fossil shop along the road to Immouzer.

**Spectacled Warbler *Sylvia conspicillata***

On 5/11, two males and a female were seen south of Goulimime.

**Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin***

On 3/11, one was seen at the Moulay Bousselham camping. On 4/11, one was noted at the Zaers.

**Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala***

Common and a few were seen on every day (and more were heard).

**Fulvous Babbler *Turdoides fulva***

On 5/11, three were found in the Asrir area.

**Spotless Starling *Sturnus unicolor***

Numerous and seen on every day, except in the Goulimime area on 5/11.

**(Moroccan) Blackbird *Turdus merula mauritanicus***

Common to numerous and seen on every day.

**European Robin *Erithacus rubecula***

Singles seen at Alma on 2/11 and at the Agadir hotel on 3/11. On 4/11, perhaps up to 20 were heard and three seen at Oued Massa. Many were present along the road to and in the area of Immouzer on 7/11.

**Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica***

On 6/11, one gave brief views along the reeds of the Massa river near Tassila.

**Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros gibraltariensis***

On 4/11, a male was seen at Oued Massa and another was noted at Lakhsass along the low pass of the Atlas hills on the way to Goulimime.

**Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus***

Singles were seen at Oued Massa on 4/11 and at Immouzer on 7/11.

**Moussier's Redstart *Phoenicurus moussieri***

Common and seen on every day except, curiously, at Oued Souss mouth on 3/11 and 8/11. On 5/11, only one male was found in the Goulimime area.

**European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola***

Common to numerous and seen on every day.

**Red-rumped Wheatear *Oenanthe moesta***

Common in the Goulimime area with up to 10 on 5/11 and 6/11.

**Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe***

On 2/11, four were noted along the coastal road from Agadir to Tamri. A handful was seen at Oued Massa on 4/11 and 6/11. It was the most numerous wheatear in the Goulimime area with 50+ on 5/11.

**Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti***

On 5/11, three males and a female were found in the Goulimime area. On 6/11, two were watched south of Goulimime.

**White-tailed (White-crowned Black) Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga***

On 5/11, nine were seen in Asrir village. On 6/11, one perched on the fence of the Boukila reservoir south of Goulimime.

**Black Wheatear *Oenanthe leucura***

On 2/11, three were seen at our lunch restaurant. On cliffs between Oued Massa, Tifnit and Goulimime, eight were noted on 4/11. Along the road from Goulimime to Aglou Plage, at least 15 were noted on 6/11. Along the Immouzer road, 10 were found on 7/11.

**Blue Rock-thrush *Monticola solitarius***

On 5/11, a male was perched on a building in Asrir. On 7/11, a female was perched on the electricity wire above the fossil shop at the base of the road to Immouzer.

**Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata***

On 4/11, one was seen at Oued Massa.

**Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca***

Singles were seen at the Agadir hotel on 2/11 and at Oued Massa on 4/11.

**House Sparrow *Passer domesticus***

Common to numerous and seen on every day.

**Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis***

On 2/11, a flock of 20 was seen at the lunch restaurant in Tamri. Large flocks were present near Goulimime at Asrir and along the Tan Tan road on 5/11 and 6/11.

**Spanish Wagtail *Motacilla cinereocapilla iberiae***

On 6/11, a male was seen at Oued Massa.

**Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea***

More than 10 were seen on five days. A single bird was present at the Agadir hotel garden on 3/11 and 4/11. A couple was noted at Tassila on 6/11 and a handful was seen at Immouzer on 7/11. At Oued Souss mouth, several were present on 8/11.

**Moroccan Wagtail *Motacilla (alba) subpersonata***

On 3/11, we found twice a pair along the Oued Souss mouth.

**Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis***

A few seen on every day except 5/11 (Goulimime) and 7/11 (Immouzer).

**North African Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs africana***

Numerous and seen (or heard) on every day except 5/11 (Goulimime).

**European Serin *Serinus serinus***

At Oued Souss mouth, a flock of 20 were seen on 3/11 and 8/11. It was also noted at Oued Massa (one on 4/11), at Lakhsass (three on 4/11) and Immouzer (one flying past on 7/11).

**European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris voousi***

Seen on four days: more than 10 at the Tamri road on 2/11, 15 at Lakhsass on 4/11, at Immouzer on 7/11 and at Oued Souss on 8/11.

**European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis parva***

Up to 10 were seen at Oued Massa on 4/11 and 6/11. A flock was present at the Asrir area on 5/11.

**Common Linnet *Linaria cannabina***

Noted on 2/11 (Tamri) and 4/11 (Oued Massa).

**Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus***

On 6/11, first three and then eight were found along the Tan Tan road south of Goulimime.

**Moroccan Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra poliogyna***

On 7/11, more than 50 were noted at Immouzer.

**Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra***

On 5/11, a flock of 10+ were present at the Asrir area.

**Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia***

On 7/11, three were seen along the road to Immouzer.

**Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus***

On 2/11, a female and a singing male were found along the road between Agadir and Tamri. A singing male was also seen at Oued Massa on 6/11. Others were heard on 4/11 (at Lakhsass) and 7/11 (at Immouzer).

**House Bunting *Emberiza (striolata) sahari***

Common and seen on nearly every day, also at the Agadir and Goulimime hotels. Very confiding at a fossil shop along the road to Immouzer on 7/11.

**Mammals****Barbary Ground Squirrel *Atlantoxerus getulus***

Common at Massa on 4/11 and 6/11.

**Egyptian Mongoose *Herpestes ichneumon***

On 4/11, two were walking along the Massa, giving prolonged views.

**Fat Sand Rat *Psammomys obesus***

One was seen at Goulimime on 5/11.

**Turtles****Spanish Turtle *Mauremys leprosa***

Common at Oued Massa on 8/11.

**Butterflies and dragonflies (*Robin Chittenden*)****Plain Tiger (African Monarch) *Danaus chrysippus*****Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*****Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*****Red-veined Darter *Sympetrum fonscolombii*****Red-veined Dropwing *Trithemis arteriosa*****Orange-winged Dropwing *Trithemis kirbyii***