



Birdwatching Holidays in Spain, Morocco & more...

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BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

TOUR Iberian Lynx Andalucia	DATES January 10th to 16th 2010
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Party:

Mike & Annie Robinson , David Fuller, Neil & Marjorie Hutchin
 Ernest & Janice Leahy

Tour Leader : Josele J. Saiz

Total Number Species : 114 of birds and 11 mammals

Weather & Sites:

Day 1 –	Madrid – Ciudad Real - Snowing
Day 2 –	Wet, Cloudy and Foggy Tablas de Daimiel – Andujar Natural Park –
Day 3 –	Raining all day Jandula Reservoir and Andujar Natural Park
Day 4 –	Cloudy , rainy and windy El Encinarejo – Andujar Natural Park
Day 5 –	Cloudy, windy , showers and sunny Andujar Natural Park – El Zoñar – Doñana National Park
Day 6 –	Cloudy and sunny Doñana National Park , Isla Mayor
Day 7 –	Sunny Isla Menor - Seville

RECOMMENDED SIGNS:

Vista/Seen (X) Oida/Heard (H) Abundant (XXX) Common (XX) Rare (+) Juvenile (Juv) Immature (Inm) Adult (ad) Female Male

English Name	Latin Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				X			
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				X			
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	X				X		
Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>				X			
Gannet	<i>Sula basana</i>				X			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		X	X	X	X		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			X	X	X		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				X	X		X
Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>				X	X		X
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					X		
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					X		
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>				X	X		
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					X		X
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>					X		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	X			X	X		X
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	X						
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					X		
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					X		
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	X				X		
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>					X		
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				X	X		
White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura</i>				X			
Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>			X	X			
Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			X	X	X		
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>			X				X
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>							X
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>				X	X		
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraeratus pennatus</i>							X
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		X	X				
Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>		X	X				
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	X		X	X			
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	X			X	X		X
Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>					X		X
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>					X		
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			X	X			
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>				X			
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	X			X	X		
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	X	X	X	X			
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	X						
Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	X			X	X		
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyryula porphyryula</i>					X		
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				X	X		

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Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				X			
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	X			X	X		
European Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>					X		
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>					X		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					X		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>			X		X		
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					X		
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>					X		
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>					X		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>				X	X		
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>				X	X		
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>				X	X		
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sanvicensis</i>					X		
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>					X		
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		X					
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia feral</i>		X		X	X		
Common Wood-Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	X	X	X	X	X		
Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			X				
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					X		
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	X	X			X		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		X	X				
Eurasian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	h	h	X	X	X		
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			X		X		
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	X				X		
Eurasian Crag-Martin	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>		X					
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>					X		
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					X		
House-Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>					X	X	
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>					X		
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>					X		
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	X	X	X	X	X		X
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		X	X	X	X		
Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	X		X	X	X		
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		X			X		
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					X	X	
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		X	X	X	X		
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	X	X	X	X	X		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			X	X	X		
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>					X		
Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	X	X			X		
Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	X	X	X				
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	X	X	X	X	X		
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	X	X	X	X	X		
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Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>					X		

Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		X	X	X			
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	X	X	X	X	X		
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	X	X	X	X	X		
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caedatus</i>	X	X	X		X		
Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>			X				
Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		X	X	X	X		
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	X	X	X	X	X		
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea caesia</i>			X				
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			X		X		
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					X		
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		X	X				
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iberian Azure-winged Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cookii</i>	X	X		X	X		
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>							X
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	X			X			
Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	X					X	
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>							
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>						X	
Eurasian Tree-Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>						X	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		X					
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	X	X	X		h		
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	X			X	X		
European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		X	X	X			
Eurasian Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	X						
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	X						
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	X					X	X
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			X				

Mammals of Andalusia

English Name	Latin Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Algerian Hedgehog	<i>Atelerix algirus</i>							1
Lesser White-toothed Shrew	<i>Crocidura suaveolens</i>				1			
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		1					
Iberian Lynx	<i>Lynx pardinus</i>		1			1		
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>				X			
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		X	X	X	X		
Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>			X	X	X		
Mouflon	<i>Ovis musimon</i>			X	X			
Rabbit			X	X	X	X		
Iberian Hare		X	X					

Second successful tour visiting the best Iberian Lynx areas in Spain. We had very bad weather including snow first and second day, heavy rains and persistent wind.

One of the best area for Lynx in Andujar Natural Park is El Encinarejo and the ravine formed by the river flowing bellow the watch point was completely flooded. Luckily we found one Lynx the first five minutes after of our arrival 10 metres far from our base, but unlikely it was seeing only by me and Annie. Several Lynx were reported there in the previous week including a female with a cub. Despite the bad weather conditions and with the help of other Lynx watchers we spotted another adult for more than a minute in the scopes.

Superb views of two pairs of Spanish Imperial Eagle and good numbers of Black Vulture and Azure Winged Magpie.

Remarkable the consequences of the global warming including many white stork already nesting in January and the presence in the Doñana area of birds such as Barn Swallow or Booted Eagle which in the past used to over winter in Africa.

Highlights and favourite bird

Iberian Lynx for all party

Marjorie Hutchin – **Black shouldered Kite**

Annie Robinson – **Red Legged Partridge**

Mike Robinson- **Cory's Shearwater**

Neal Hutchin – **Black shouldered Kite**

Janice Leahy – **Purple Swamp Hen**

Ernest Leahy – **Spanish Imperial Eagle**

David Fuller - **Spanish Imperial Eagle**

Josele J Saiz - **Spanish Imperial Eagle**

