



## Birdwatching Holidays in Spain, Morocco & more...

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### BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

| TOUR    | DATES                                |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Morocco | <b>19th March to 29th March 2013</b> |

**Party:** John Holtham Roger Theobald Imogen Theobald Sandra Stead Bernard Smith  
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**Tour Leader : Josele J. Saiz**

**Total Number of Species : 173**

### Weather & Sites:

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| <b>Day 1 –</b><br>19.03.12  | Cloudy 16°C<br>Marrakesh airport – Atlas Mountains Ourika Valley                         |
| <b>Day 2 –</b><br>20.03.12  | Sunny and Nicew – 21°C<br>Marrakesh - Oukaimeden   |
| <b>Day 3 –</b><br>21.03.12  | Sunny nice but windy – 25°C<br>Marrakesh – BRWP – Amerzgane – Boumalne                   |
| <b>Day 4 –</b><br>22.03.12  | Sunny nice 24°C<br>Boumalne Dades- Tagdilt Track – Dades Gorge-                          |
| <b>Day 5 –</b><br>23.03.12  | Sunny nice but windy 25°C<br>Imitier – Tinerhir – Oued Gueris- Merzouga                  |
| <b>Day 6 –</b><br>24.03.12  | Sunny and nice 24°C<br>Merzouga Oasis - Begaa – Tafilet plains                           |
| <b>Day 7 –</b><br>25.03.12  | Nice sunny 25°C<br>Café Yasmine – Zaf-Zaf – Derkaoua – Erfoud -Rissani                   |
| <b>Day 8 –</b><br>26.03.12  | Nice sunny 25°C<br>Rissani – Gheris Oued – Tagdilt track – Ouarzazate Reservoir.         |
| <b>Day 9 –</b><br>27.03.12  | Sunny but windy 24°C<br>Ait Benhadou – Ouarzazate Plains –Tazenah - Sous valley - Agadir |
| <b>Day 10 –</b><br>28.03.12 | Warm nice 26°C<br>Souss Massa – Oued Souss - Agadir                                      |
| <b>Day 11 –</b><br>29.03.12 | Nice warm 28°C<br>Tamri – Marrakesh airport  |

### RECOMMENDED SIGNS:

Vista/Seen ( X ) Oida/Heard ( H )Abundant ( XXX ) Common ( XX ) Rare ( + ) Juvenile ( Juv ) Immature ( Imm )

| 0  | Species                    | Scientific Name                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|----|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| 1  | Little Grebe               | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>         |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 2  | Great Crested Grebe        | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>             |   |   | x |   |   | x |   |   |   |    |    |
| 3  | Great Cormorant            | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus</i> |   |   | x |   |   |   |   |   | x | x  |    |
| 4  | Grey Heron                 | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>                  |   |   | x | x |   | x |   |   | x | x  |    |
| 5  | Little Egret               | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x | x  |    |
| 6  | Cattle Egret               | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>                  | x | x | x | x | x |   |   | x | x | x  |    |
| 7  | Black Crowned Night Heron  | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 8  | White Stork                | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>                | x | x | x | x |   | x |   | x | x | x  |    |
| 9  | Bald Ibis                  | <i>Geronticus eremita</i>             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | x  |
| 10 | Glossy Ibis                | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 11 | Eurasian Spoonbill         | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x | x  |    |
| 12 | Greater Flamingo           | <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>           |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 13 | Ruddy Shelduck             | <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| 14 | Common Shelduck            | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>                |   |   |   | x |   | x |   |   |   |    |    |
| 15 | Mallard                    | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>             |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 16 | Northern Shoveler          | <i>Anas clypeata</i>                  |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   | x |    |    |
| 17 | Marbled Teal               | <i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>    |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 18 | Garganey                   | <i>Anas querquedula</i>               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 19 | Common Pochard             | <i>Aythya ferina</i>                  |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |    |    |
| 20 | Ferruginous Pochard        | <i>Aythya nyroca</i>                  |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |    |    |
| 21 | Tufted Duck                | <i>Aythia fuligula</i>                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 22 | Osprey                     | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x | x  |    |
| 23 | Black Kite                 | <i>Mivus Migrans</i>                  |   | x |   | x |   |   | x | x | x |    |    |
| 24 | Western Marsh Harrier      | <i>Circus aeruginosus harterti</i>    |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |    |    |
| 25 | Montagu's Harrier          | <i>Circus pygargus</i>                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |    |    |
| 26 | Eurasian Sparrowhawk       | <i>Accipiter nisus punicus</i>        |   |   | x | x |   |   |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 27 | Northern Goshawk           | <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>             |   | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| 28 | Long-legged Buzzard        | <i>Buteo rufinus cirtensis</i>        |   | x | x | x |   |   | x | x |   | x  |    |
| 29 | Bonelli's Eagle            | <i>Hieraetus fasciatus</i>            |   |   | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| 30 | Booted Eagle               | <i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>             | x |   | x |   |   | x | x |   | x |    |    |
| 31 | Eurasian Kestrel           | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>              | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x  | x  |
| 32 | Barbary Falcon             | <i>Falco peregrinoides</i>            |   | x |   | x |   |   |   | x |   |    |    |
| 33 | Peregrine Falcon           | <i>Falco peregrinus minor</i>         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 34 | Barbary Partridge          | <i>Alectoris barbara spatzii</i>      |   | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 35 | Common Quail               | <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | h | h  |    |
| 36 | Common Moorhen             | <i>Gallinula Chloropus</i>            | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| 37 | Eurasian Coot              | <i>Fulica atra</i>                    |   |   | x |   |   | x |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 38 | Oystercatcher              | <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 39 | Black-winged Stilt         | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>          |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   | x |    |    |
| 40 | Pied Avocet                | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>         |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |    |    |
| 41 | Cream-colored Courser      | <i>Cursorius cursor</i>               |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |    |    |
| 42 | Black Billed Plover        | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 43 | Common Ring Plover         | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>           |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   | x |    |    |
| 44 | Little Ringed Plover       | <i>Charadrius dubius</i>              |   |   |   |   |   | x | x |   | x |    |    |
| 45 | Kentish Plover             | <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 46 | Eurasian Curlew            | <i>Numenius arquata</i>               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 47 | Common Redshank            | <i>Tringa totanus</i>                 |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   | x |    |    |
| 48 | Common Greenshank          | <i>Tringa nebula</i>                  |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   | x |    |    |
| 49 | Bar-tailed Godwit          | <i>Limosa lapponica</i>               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 50 | Green Sandpiper            | <i>Tringa ochropus</i>                |   | x |   |   |   | x | x |   | x |    |    |
| 51 | Timmink's Stint            | <i>Calidris Temminkii</i>             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 52 | Little Stint               | <i>Calidris minuta</i>                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 53 | Dunlin                     | <i>Calidris alpina</i>                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |    |    |
| 54 | Audouin's Gull             | <i>Larus audouinii</i>                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 55 | Western Yellow-legged Gull | <i>Larus cachinnans michahellis</i>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x | x  | x  |
| 56 | Lesser Black-backed Gull   | <i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x | x  | x  |
| 57 | Black-headed Gull          | <i>Larus ridibundus</i>               |   |   | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| 58 | Gull-billed Tern           | <i>Sterna nilotica</i>                |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   | x |    | x  |
| 59 | Sandwich Tern              | <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 60 | Wiskered Tern              | <i>Sterna hybridus</i>                |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 61 | Spotted Sandgrouse         | <i>Pterocles senegallus</i>           |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |    |    |
| 62 | Crowned Sandgrouse         | <i>Pterocles coronatus</i>            |   |   |   |   |   | x | x |   |   |    |    |
| 63 | Black-bellied Sandgrouse   | <i>Pterocles orientalis</i>           |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
| 64 | Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon   | <i>Columba livia</i>                  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x  | x  |
| 65 | Common Woodpigeon          | <i>Columba palumbus</i>               | x | x | x |   |   |   |   |   | x | x  | x  |
| 66 | Eurasian Turtle Dove       | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | x | x  | x  |
| 67 | Eurasian Collared Dove     | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>          | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x  | x  |
| 68 | Laughing Dove              | <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>      |   |   | x |   |   | x | x | x | x | x  | x  |
| 69 | Pharaoh Eagle Owl          | <i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>                |   |   |   |   | x |   | x |   |   |    |    |
| 70 | Little Owl                 | <i>Athene noctua saharae</i>          |   |   | x |   |   |   |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 71 | Egyptian Nightjar          | <i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i>          |   |   |   |   | x |   | x |   |   |    |    |
| 72 | Alpine Swift               | <i>Apus melba</i>                     |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |   |   | x  |    |
| 73 | Common Swift               | <i>Apus apus</i>                      |   |   |   |   | x | x | x |   |   | x  | x  |

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|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 74  | Pallid Swift              | <i>Apus pallidus</i>                  | x | x | x   |   |   |   |   | x | x | x |
| 75  | Little Swift              | <i>Apus affinis</i>                   | x |   | x   |   | x |   |   | x | x | x |
| 76  | Blue-cheeked Bee-eater    | <i>Merops persicus</i>                |   |   | x h | x |   | x | x | x | x |   |
| 77  | European Bee-eater        | <i>Merops apiaster</i>                |   | x | x   | x |   | x | x | x | x | x |
| 78  | Eurasian Hoopoe           | <i>Upupa epops</i>                    |   | x | x   |   |   |   | x | x |   |   |
| 79  | Wryneck                   | <i>Jynx torquilla</i>                 |   |   |     | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 80  | Great Spotted Woodpecker  | <i>Dendrocopos major</i>              | x |   |     | h |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 81  | Levaillant's Woodpecker   | <i>Picus viridis vaillantii</i>       | x | z |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 82  | Bar-tailed Lark           | <i>Ammomanes cincturus arenicolor</i> |   |   |     | x |   | x | x | x | x | x |
| 83  | Desert Lark               | <i>Ammomanes deserti payni</i>        |   |   | x   | x | x |   | x | x | x | x |
| 84  | Greater Hoopoe Lark       | <i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>              |   |   | x   | x |   | x | x | x | x |   |
| 85  | Thick-billed Lark         | <i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>            |   |   | x   | x |   |   |   | x |   |   |
| 86  | Greater Short-toed Lark   | <i>Calandrella cinerea rubiginosa</i> |   | x |     |   |   | x |   | x |   |   |
| 87  | Lesser-short Toed Lark    | <i>Calandrella rufescens minor</i>    |   | x |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 88  | Crested Lark              | <i>Galerida cristata rondonii</i>     |   | x |     | x |   | x | x | x | x | x |
| 89  | Thekla Lark               | <i>Galerida theklae aguirrei</i>      |   |   | x   | x |   |   |   | x | x |   |
| 90  | Horned Lark               | <i>Eremophila alpestris</i>           | x |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 91  | Temminck's Lark           | <i>Eremophila biloqua</i>             |   |   |     | x | x |   |   |   |   |   |
| 92  | Bank Swallow              | <i>Riparia riparia</i>                |   |   |     |   |   |   | x | x | x | x |
| 93  | Plain Martin              | <i>Riparia paludicola mauretanica</i> |   |   |     |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |
| 94  | Eurasian Crag Martin      | <i>Hirundo rupestris</i>              | x | x | x   |   |   |   |   |   | x |   |
| 95  | Barn Swallow              | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>                | x | x | x   | x | x |   | x | x | x | x |
| 96  | Red-rumped Swallow        | <i>Hirundo daurica rufula</i>         |   | x |     | x |   |   | x | x |   | x |
| 97  | House Martin              | <i>Delichon urbica</i>                |   |   |     | x |   |   | x |   | x |   |
| 98  | White Wagtail             | <i>Motacilla alba</i>                 | x |   |     |   | x |   |   | x |   | x |
|     | Moroccan wagtail          | <i>Motacilla alba subersonata</i>     | x |   |     |   |   |   |   |   | x | x |
| 99  | Blue headed Wagtail       | <i>Motacilla flava</i>                |   |   |     |   |   |   | x | x | x | x |
|     | Spanish Yellow Wagtail    | <i>Motacilla flavalberiae</i>         | x |   |     |   |   |   | x | x |   | x |
| 100 | Grey Wagtail              | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>              | x | x |     | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 101 | Twany Pipit               | <i>Anthus campestris</i>              |   |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 102 | Tree Pipit                | <i>Anthus trivialis</i>               | x |   |     |   |   |   | x | x | x |   |
| 103 | Common Bulbul             | <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>            | x | x | h   | x | x |   |   | x | x | x |
| 104 | Firecrest                 | <i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>           |   | x |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 105 | White-throated Dipper     | <i>Cinclus cinclus</i>                |   | x |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 106 | Eurasian Wren             | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>        | x |   |     | h |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 107 | Alpine Accentor           | <i>Prunella collaris</i>              | x |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 108 | Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola saxatilis</i>            |   |   |     |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |
| 109 | Blue Rock Thrush          | <i>Monticola solitarius</i>           |   |   | x   | x |   |   |   | x | x | x |
| 110 | Eurasian Blackbird        | <i>Turdus merula mauretanica</i>      | x | x | x   | x | x |   | x | x | x | x |
| 111 | Mistle Thrush             | <i>Turdus viscivorus bonapartei</i>   |   | x |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 112 | Zitting Cisticola         | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>             |   |   |     |   |   |   |   |   | x | x |
| 113 | Streaked Scrub Warbler    | <i>Scotocerca inquieta</i>            |   |   |     |   | x |   |   | x |   |   |
| 114 | Cetti's Warbler           | <i>Cettia cetti</i>                   | h |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   | h |
| 115 | Eurasian Reed Warbler     | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>        |   |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 116 | Sedge Warbler             | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>     |   |   |     |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |
| 117 | Reed Warbler              | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>        |   |   |     |   |   |   | x |   | x | x |
| 118 | Isabeline Warbler         | <i>Hippolais opaca</i>                |   |   |     |   |   |   | x | x | x | x |
| 119 | Willow Warbler            | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>         |   |   |     | x | x |   | x | x | x |   |
| 120 | Common Chiffchaff         | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>         |   |   |     |   | x |   | x | x | x | x |
| 121 | W Bonellis Warbler        | <i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>           |   |   | x   |   |   |   | x | x | x |   |
| 122 | Blackcap                  | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>             | x |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |
| 123 | Greater Whitethroat       | <i>Sylvia communis</i>                |   |   |     |   | x |   |   |   | x |   |
| 124 | African Desert Warbler    | <i>Sylvia nana deserti</i>            |   |   |     |   |   | x |   |   |   |   |
| 125 | Subalpine Warbler         | <i>Sylvia cantillans</i>              |   |   | x   |   |   |   | x | x | x | x |
| 126 | Sardinian Warbler         | <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>           | x | h | x   | x |   |   |   |   | x |   |
| 127 | Spectacled Warbler        | <i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>           |   |   |     |   | x |   | x | x | x |   |
| 128 | Tristram's Warbler        | <i>Sylvia deserticola moroccana</i>   |   |   |     | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 129 | European Pied Flycatcher  | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>             |   |   |     |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |
| 130 | Common Nightingale        | <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>          |   |   | x   |   |   |   |   | h | x |   |
| 131 | Rufois tailed Scrub Robin | <i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>        |   |   |     |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |
| 132 | Black Redstart            | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>           | x |   |     |   |   |   | x |   |   | x |
| 133 | Common Redstart           | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>        |   |   | x   | x |   |   | x | x | x |   |
| 134 | Moussier's Redstart       | <i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>          | x | x |     |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |
| 135 | Common Stonechat          | <i>Saxicola torquata</i>              |   |   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   | x |
| 136 | White-crowned Wheatear    | <i>Oenanthe leucopyga augra</i>       |   |   | x   | x | x |   | x | x | x | x |
| 137 | Black Wheatear            | <i>Oenanthe leucura</i>               |   | x | x   | x |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 138 | Northern Wheatear         | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>              |   | x | x   | x | x |   | x | x | x | x |
| 139 | Seeböhm's Wheatear        | <i>Oenanthe seeböhmi</i>              |   | x |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 140 | Magreb Wheatear           | <i>Oenanthe halophila</i>             |   |   | x   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 141 | Red-rumped Wheatear       | <i>Oenanthe moesta</i>                |   |   |     | x | x |   |   |   |   |   |
| 142 | Black-eared Wheatear      | <i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>             |   | x | x   | x |   |   | x | x | x | x |
| 143 | Desert Wheatear           | <i>Oenanthe deserti homochroa</i>     |   | x | x   | x | x |   | x | x | x | x |
| 144 | Fulvous Babler            | <i>Turdoides fulvus</i>               |   |   |     |   |   |   | x |   |   |   |
| 145 | Coal Tit                  | <i>Periparus ater atlas</i>           |   | x |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 146 | Great Tit                 | <i>Parus major excelsus</i>           | h | x | h   |   |   |   |   |   | x | h |



## **Bird of the tour**

- John Holtham – **Black Crowned Tchagra**
- Roger Theobald – **Desert Sparrow**
- Imogen Theobald – **Hoopoe Lark**
- Sandra Stead
- Bernard Smith – **Hoopoe Lark**
- Lesley Smith - **Fennec**
- Ken Charity – **Crowned Sandgrouse**
- Tracey Charity – **Hoopoe Lark**
- Peter Smith –**Crimson Winged Finch**
- Cheryl Smith – **Hoopoe Lark**
- Ken Lawson – **Desert Sparrow**
- Zoe Lawson – **Crimson Winged Finch**
- John Cotton- **Cream Coloured Courser**
- Josele J Saiz -**Fennec**