



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

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## Boletas Desert Sparrow Project tour



<b>TOUR</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Morocco	18th March to 28th March 15

**Party:** Carolyn Hall, Phil Hall, Alf King, Jeanine King, Sue Rose, Richard Rose, Karen Hargreave, David Hargreave.

**Tour Leader :** Josele J. Saiz

**Total Number of Species :** 162

## Weather & Sites:

<b>Day 1 18.03.15</b>	Sunny in Marrakesh, Cloudy with snow and rain in Atlas Mountains -0°C Marrakesh, Okaimedem
<b>Day 2 – 19.03.15</b>	Cloudy, rainy and cold – 11° C Marrakesh , Menara Gardens, Ourika Valley
<b>Day 3 – 20.03.15</b>	Cloudy windy -15°C Marrakesh , BRWP, Tzin Tichka , Bomalne Dades
<b>Day 4 – 21.03.15</b>	Nice , sunny but windy and cloudy- 17°C Boumalne Dades – Tagdilt Track – Boumalne plains
<b>Day 5 – 22.03.15</b>	Sunny 21°C Tagdilt Track – Tinerhir – Oued Gueris - Merzouga
<b>Day 6 – 23.03.15</b>	Nice sunny and some clouds – 17°C Begaa – Ibrahim Rest – Yazmine Hotel – Merzouga Lake
<b>Day 7 – 24.03.15</b>	Cold ,cloudy with some rain – 17°C Merzouga Lake , Saf Saf Oasis – Merzouga Oasis – Tafilalt Plains
<b>Day 8 – 25.03.15</b>	Cold and windy 16°C Merzouga – Risanni - Oued Gueris - Ouarzazate
<b>Day 9 – 26.03.15</b>	Sunny but windy 21°C Ourzazate Reservoir – Ait Ben Hadou – Sous River -Agadir
<b>Day 10- 27.03.15</b>	Nice , warm 23°C Souss Massa National Park – Oued Sous
<b>Day 11- 28.03.15</b>	Nice , warm 27°C Tamri – Marrakesh airport

**Money for conservation has gone to :** Desert Sparrow project

### Favourite bird of the tour

**Carolyn Hall** - Spotted Sandgrouse

**Phil Hall** - Desert Eagle Owl

**Alf King** – Bald Ibis

**Jeanine King** – Scrub Warbler

**Sue Rose** – Desert Sparrow

**Richard Rose** – Scrub Warbler

**David Hargreave** – Crimson Wing Finch

**Karen Hargreave** – Cream Coloured Courser

**Josele J Saiz** –Bar tail Desert Lark

My thanks to everyone for their good humour ( thanks all for your great entertainment) and company throughout. The trip was great fun, with exceptional birding without too much effort. I sincerely hope you all enjoyed your Moroccan adventure as much I enjoyed being with you.

Josele J. Saiz

Only recorded birds seeing at least by two people // Local specialities and failed birds

#	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.	Northern Gannet												x
	4.	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus</i>						x			x	x	x
	5.	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				x			x		x	x	x
	6.	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>							x		x	x	x
	7.	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>										x	x
	8.	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
	9.	Little Bittern											x	
	10.	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
	11.	Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>											40+
	12.	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>									x	x	
	13.	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>										x	x
	14.	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>							x			x	
	15.	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>							xx	xx	2	2	
	16.	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>							x				
	17.	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>										x	x
	18.	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>							x				
	19.	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>							x				
	20.	Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>							4			5	
	21.	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							x				
	22.	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>										x	
	23.	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				x		x			x		
	24.	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus harterti</i>					x	x	x	x	x	x	
	25.	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						x		x	x		
	26.	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			x								
	27.	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus cirtensis</i>			1	2							
	28.	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>				x							
	29.	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			x	x	x		x	x	x		
	30.	Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x
	31.	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus pelegrinoides</i>			x								
	32.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus minor</i>								x			
	33.	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris arbara spatzi</i>									2		
	34.	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						x			h	h	
	35.	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>										x	
	36.	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>										x	
	37.	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						x	x			x	x
	38.	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>										x	
	39.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>						x	x			x	
	40.	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>							x			x	
	41.	Cream-colored Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>				2		6+	10	2			
	42.	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			x				x		x		
	43.	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>										x	
	44.	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>							x				
	45.	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>										x	
	46.	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>										x	
	47.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						x	x				
	48.	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>									x		
	49.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos Hypoleucos</i>										x	
	50.	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa gareola</i>										x	
	51.	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>							x				















**Many Thanks for you kind words. Josele J Saiz**

Hi Josele,

Both myself and Carolyn thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the company and of course, your leadership and organisation were exemplary. I was certainly delighted to see all of my 10 target birds.

Now looking forward to joining you again for the trip to the Canaries in June along with Richard and Sue.

Very few migrants have arrived in Norfolk yet although I did see 2 Chiffchaffs yesterday close to our house. Regards,

Phil & Carolyn

Hi Josele

Many thanks for another great birding tour. However, it's not only the birding, it's a cultural tour as well. See you in June.

Regards, Sue and Richard.

Hi Josele

We would like to reiterate Alf's comments. We had a great trip with you. The birding as ever was excellent, and the company second to none. We really liked the itinerary, seeing some spectacular scenery & super hotels.

Glad you made it home safely & we look forward to meeting you again in the near future.

Best wishes , Karen & Dave

Dear Josele

Just a brief note from Jeannine and I to thank you for a great tour in Morocco. Your leadership and bird-finding skills were a pleasure and we look forward to the chance to join you on another tour sometime in the future. We loved Morocco and the people and were delighted with the hotels that you had carefully selected for the trip. In particular we enjoyed the company of an excellent group of people with whom we had the pleasure to share some great birding, good food and many laughs.

Hasta luego, **Alf & Jeannine King**