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BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

<p>TOUR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Iberian Lynx in Andalucia</p>	<p>DATES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January 10th to 16th 2011</p>
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<p>Party: John & Anthea Hawkins , Jan & Karel Bartic, Brian Clasper, Jim France</p> <p>Tour Leader : Josele J. Saiz</p>
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Total Number Species : 107 of birds and 7 mammals

Weather & Sites:

Day 1 –	Cloudy Rains Madrid – Tablas de Daimiel-Andujar Natural Park
Day 2 –	Cloudy, rainy misty Andujar Natural Park
Day 3 –	Foggy but Sunny Jandula Reservoir and Andujar Natural Park
Day 4 –	Foggy but Sunny El Encinarejo – Andujar Natural Park
Day 5 –	Foggy but Sunny Andujar Natural Park
Day 6 –	Foggy but Sunny Andujar – Doñana National Park
Day 7 -	Foggy Doñana to Sevilla airport

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
1.	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		X				X	
2.	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					X	X	
3.	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		X	X	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.	Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>					X	X	
7.	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					X	X	
8.	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>					X	X	
9.	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					X	X	
10.	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
11.	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						X	
12.	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>					X	X	
13.	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	X	X	X		X	X	
14.	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	X				X	X	
15.	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>					X		
16.	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	X				X	X	
17.	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					X	X	
18.	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	X				X	X	
19.	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	X				X	X	
20.	Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		X	X	X			
21.	Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		X	X	X	X		
22.	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>					X		
23.	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>					X		
24.	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	X						
25.	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		X					
26.	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>		X	X	X			
27.	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		X	X	X			
28.	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	X		X	X	X	X	
29.	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	X				X	X	
30.	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	X						
31.	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	X				X		
32.	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
33.	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		X	X	X	X		
34.	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>						X	
35.	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	X				X	X	
36.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyryla porphyryla</i>					X		
37.	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	X	X		X	X	X	
38.	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	X				X	X	
39.	European Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>						X	
40.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						X	

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41.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>						X	
42.	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						X	
43.	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>						X	
44.	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>						X	
45.	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>						X	
46.	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>					X	X	
47.	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus greinei</i>						X	
48.	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia feral</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
49.	Common Wood-Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
50.	Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
51.	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			X			X	
52.	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		h	h	h			
53.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	h						
54.	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		x	x				
55.	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		h	x	x			
56.	Eurasian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		x	x	x			
57.	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>					X		
58.	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>					X	X	
59.	Eurasian Crag-Martin	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>		x		x			
60.	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>					X	X	
61.	House-Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>					X		
62.	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus arborea</i>		x					
63.	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
64.	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
65.	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		x	x	x		X	
66.	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>				X		X	
67.	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>					X	X	
68.	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	X				X	X	
69.	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
70.	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		x	x	x			
71.	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>			x	x	x		
72.	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
73.	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>			X				
74.	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
75.	Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		x	x				
76.	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	X	X	X		X	X	
77.	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
78.	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		x	x	x			
79.	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		x	x	x			
80.	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
81.	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		x	x		X		
82.	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>				x			
83.	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		x	x	x	x		
84.	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	X	X	X	X	X		
85.	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea caesia</i>			x				
86.	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		h	x		x		
87.	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					h		

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88.	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		X	X	X		
89.	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
90.	Iberian Azure-winged Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cookii</i>		X	X	X	X	X
91.	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					X	X
92.	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		X	X	X		X
93.	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		X	X	X		
94.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
95.	Eurasian Tree-Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					X	
96.	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	X					
97.	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
98.	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
99.	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		X	X	X	X	X
100.	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			X		X	X
101.	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		X	X	X	X	X
102.	Eurasian Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		X	X			
103.	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>				X	X	
104.	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	X				X	X
105.	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	X				X	X
106.	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		X	X			

Mammals of Andalucia

English Name	Latin Name	1	2	3	4	5	6
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		1				
Iberian Lynx	<i>Lynx pardinus</i>			1			
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		
Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>			X			
Rabbit			X	X	X	X	

Third successful tour visiting the best Iberian Lynx areas in Spain. We had very good weather but with deep foggy mornings.

Several Lynx were reported there in the previous week including a female with two cubs. Despite the fog and with the help of other Lynx watchers we spotted one adult for more than a minute walking in a green meadow. Superb views of Otter while exploring the river bed including several stops on rocks before diving into the water.

Superb views of two pairs of Spanish Imperial Eagle displaying and good numbers of Black Vulture and Azure Winged Magpie. Near El Encinarejo we had in the telescoped at the same time Black Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Spanish Imperial Eagle and a Golden Eagle perch nearby mobbed by a 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, Black Kite, Wryneck or Tree Pipit which in the past used to over winter in Africa.



Pictures by Brian Clasper

