



Swallow BIRDING

WESTERN MOROCCO

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Friday 18th February

We all met at Gatwick at 6.00am to check bags in for our flight to Marrakech in Morocco. Due to dense fog, our flight was delayed around 40 minutes but we soon made up time, arriving at Marrakech airport bang on time. We were soon through passport control and in baggage reclaim and treated to our first new bird in the shape of a House Bunting. We then met up with Josele, our guide for the tour and our driver Abdul. After we had a brief spot of lunch in the airport Abdul loaded up the minibus. Around the airport terminal we noted Swallow, Common Kestrel, Collared Dove and White Wagtail. Driving south towards the snow-capped Atlas Mountains we saw several pairs of White Storks on rooftops and Southern Grey Shrikes of the race Algeriensis.

We had a break in the journey in a small village and walked slowly along the road checking out an area of woodland. Blackcaps were common and we had excellent views of African Blue Tit flitting in the trees. New birds kept coming with Common Bulbuls seen in dead trees near the river. Moving on, we spotted several groups of Red-billed Chough flying along the tops of rocky crags and as we passed several villages we saw the locals cooking tagines and selling Argan oil products alongside the road along with fossils and rugs.



House Bunting



African Blue Tit

Our last stop of the day produced yet more Blackcaps and African Blue Tits, whilst a Siskin found nearby was a good record for the area. Coal Tits of the darker African race were seen in a Juniper and a scan of the riverbed area produced both White and Grey Wagtails flitting from rock to rock. Over the Atlas Mountains, we watched a large flock of choughs that appeared to contain small numbers of Alpine Chough but were too far away to confirm. There was plenty of activity in the bushes with Chiffchaffs, Blackcaps and African race Chaffinches calling. Two Cirl Buntings and a single Rock Bunting

were seen briefly, but pride of place had to go to a fine male Moussier's Redstart sitting on a distant boulder. We walked further along the road noting two Black-bellied Dipper and a female Black Redstart. The journey back to Marrakech was good and we checked in to a good hotel in the heart of the city.

We met for the checklist before having our meal. Dinner was a beautiful buffet, which everyone enjoyed. Later some of the group went for a beer in town, whilst the remainder had coffee in the lounge. We went to our rooms very happy with the birds seen on our first day in Morocco.

Saturday 19th February

We met after a good nights sleep, for a breakfast consisting of various rolls, croissants, meats, cheese, fruit, jams, honey and tea or coffee and at 7.30am were heading to the Atlas Mountains before the roads and area became too busy. A Cattle Egret perched in a Cypress looking just like a Black-shouldered Kite certainly had us fooled for a while. After an hour or so we stopped in the foothills to look for a speciality of the area, Levillant's Woodpecker and after a few minutes, one was spotted on a distant tree and eventually came much closer, in fact so close you could see it blinking. Wow, what a view!

Moving on we climbed the winding roads towards the ski resort of Ouikameden and after a drink and toilet stop where we saw several Rock Sparrows and African Chaffinch, we climbed higher to the snowline.



Levillants Woodpecker



Crimson-winged Finch

Almost immediately we found a small flock of Crimson-winged Finches, which gave stunning views in the surprisingly warm sunshine. Several of these stunning birds were in breeding plumage and photographers in the group walked closer to obtain closer views. Overhead, a flock of Red-billed and Alpine Chough called and landed on the nearby hillside. Also, alongside the Crimson-winged Finches were several Atlas race Shorelark, which gave good views. By now the area was busy with skiers and general visitors so we slowly drove away, but didn't get very far when even closer Crimson-winged Finches were seen just six feet away, needless to say plenty more photographs were taken.

In search of somewhere quieter, Josele took us up to 9,100ft where we had spectacular views of the plains of Marrakech. Barbary Ground Squirrels ran around the rocky slopes and both Choughs gave excellent views. Below the watchpoint, several Ring Ouzels were seen along with Rock Bunting, Blue Rock Thrush and a real surprise, Alpine Accentor. This rare bird gave good but distant views and everyone managed to see it. A Long-legged Buzzard disappeared quicker than it appeared, as did an adult Golden Eagle that flew behind a distant peak. Making our way back down the slope, several of the group watched a displaying Long-legged Buzzard and several Ravens enjoying the sunshine.



Tagines

We were now hungry, so visited a nearby restaurant where we had our first tagine of the trip, which was fantastic indeed. Dessert consisted of the tastiest and freshest oranges we had tasted and were very refreshing.

Dodging all the fossil sellers, we slowly walked along the road for an hour or so noting African Blue Tit, Rock Bunting and several Alpine Choughs. The peace was shattered when a Volkswagon arrived with smoke billowing from the exhaust, turning the sky black. Further along the road we located Black Wheatear, Black Redstart and Blue Rock Thrush all in the same view. Another (or the same) Golden Eagle drifted over and a pair of Long-legged Buzzard displayed overhead. In the meltwater stream below us Dipper and Grey Wagtail fed, whilst a Cleopatra butterfly was seen briefly.



Cirl Bunting

Driving further north down the valley we searched an area for Barbary Partridge but were unsuccessful, although a female Moussier's Redstart provided some compensation. Trying a different vantage point, we eventually found a male Moussier's, although he wouldn't play ball and come close, but a Little Owl sat watching us, and a male Cirl Bunting fed in a weedy field. Whilst scanning the rocks, Josele found a Rock Agama basking in the evening sunshine. With time getting on we drove back towards Marrakech stopping to buy Bananas before carrying on our journey. An Algeriensis Southern Grey Shrike and a small flock of Cattle Egrets were of note. A shower back at the hotel was very refreshing, as we had expected it to be cold in the mountains and in fact it was quite warm. Several of the party spent a short time birding around the hotel and noted c.20 Little Swift amongst the Pallid Swifts and a massive flock of around 5000 White Wagtails which were seen flying over to roost. After dinner most of the group walked to a local bar for a drink before retiring for the evening.

Sunday 20th February

During breakfast we were again joined by the resident House Bunting, where he watched proceedings from the chandelier. Leaving our Marrakech hotel we made our way towards Agadir, the new motorway making our journey much easier than the old road that took over five hours. A toilet/coffee stop produced a singing Thekla Lark and some flyby Serins. We eventually reached Agadir and took the coast road north towards Tamri. Good numbers of Yellow-legged and Lesser Black-backed Gulls frequented the fish docks and in the coastal scrub Southern Grey Shrikes of the race elegans were seen. After an hour or so we stopped by the roadside to scan across the Tamri estuary, which produced Audouins, Black-headed and a winter-plumaged Slender-billed Gull, the latter very distant to see. Sandwich Terns roosted and were suddenly disturbed by a fishing Osprey. The many shingle islands held roosting Grey Heron, Cattle and Little Egrets whilst offshore small numbers of Gannets fished.

Our main target was eventually found when 15 Bald Ibis appeared on the waters' edge for a wash and brush up before flying up onto the nearby cliffs to roost. We then moved on to a local restaurant for another tagine, this one being completely different from the previous days. From the restaurant terrace we watched Spanish Sparrow, Common Bulbul and Blue Rock Thrush. A little further along the coast we walked around a fantastic area of low scrub, where we had outstanding views of up to 10 Bald Ibis feeding on the open turf. Several Spectacled Warblers sang and showed well as did Sardinian Warblers. Whilst several of the group photographed the Ibis, some others happily watched a fine male Moussier's Redstart, male Spectacled Warbler and Blackcap at close range in the same bush.



Bald Ibis

Leaving the area to drive south, we hadn't gone too far along the road when a pair of Barbary Partridge flew across the road in front of the minibus. Pulling up abruptly, we got out and scoped them as they quickly walked up the field, a stroke of good luck!

South of Agadir we tried our luck at the Oued Souss and despite being very busy with people we managed to find good numbers of waders including 25 Stone Curlew, Black-winged Stilt, Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers, Common and Green Sandpipers, Redshank and Little Stint. Gulls included Black-headed and a single

Mediterranean Gull. Nearby we walked to an area of scrub where large numbers of Chiffchaff, Sardinian Warbler and Fan-tailed Warblers called and showed, Here we had our best views of Mauretanicus race Magpie, the bare blue patch of skin behind the eye standing out well. Along the river, we found two Curlew and an Osprey as well as four more Barbary Partridge.

We then waited until dusk when the mechanical call of the Red-necked Nightjar became apparent. One was seen in flight over the track and we were treated to a bird wing clapping and then flying across the track in front of us, which we managed to spotlight with a torch, giving good views. Delighted with this we drove away and saw three more sitting on the road ahead. We then checked into our second hotel of the tour before enjoying a well-deserved meal with a beverage or two!

Monday 21st February

We awoke for a 6.00am breakfast before heading south from Agadir. As we travelled the weather became foggier and foggier, so we stopped at a cafe for mint tea or coffee until it began to clear. Common Bulbuls and House Buntings sang from buildings while we waited. Suitably refreshed, we drove on to the Oued Massa National Park in search of local specialities.

Serins and our first Laughing Doves were noted and a male and female Moussiers Redstart gave brief views. The mist slowly started to lift and on the river we found Coot, Moorhen and Little Grebe. Chiffchaffs in large numbers were in almost every bush feeding on the many insects. Shoveler and Garganey swam amongst the reeds but a real treat were Brown-throated Sand Martins perched on a reed stem, a nearby Sand Martin giving excellent plumage comparisons. Squacco Heron was watched at close range and Little Bittern flew down river. There were birds in all directions with Little Owl, Moussier's Redstart, Sedge and Cetti's Warblers, Spanish Sparrows and Laughing Doves all on view. A Devil's Flower Mantis was photographed nearby on Fennel.



Common Bulbul



Black-crowned Tchagra

By now, the sun was shining down and the temperature rising so another site was visited. Butterflies here included Moroccan Orange Tip, Plain Tiger and several Clouded Yellows. The birding was relatively quiet, although 20 White Storks circling overhead were good. Back to our original riverside site for lunch in amongst the Eucalyptus trees for shade was enjoyable. Good numbers of Spanish Terrapin basked in the sun whilst a Kingfisher sat on riverside reed stems. Several Cormorants of the distinctive Moroccan race flew over and a Spanish Wagtail was seen well.

Suddenly a bird was spotted sitting in the reeds which turned out to be a Black-crowned Tchagra. It flew up and over the path and over the next five minutes we had extremely close views before it flew out past us, no more than 12 inches away! During the walk back to the minibus we were all buzzing with excitement at seeing this scarce bird.

With a three-hour journey south we settled in for our drive towards the Sahara. As we reached stonier 'steppe' like desert a small number of Trumpeter Finches were seen drinking in the distance from a shed roof. Also in the area were two superb adult and two juvenile White-crowned Black Wheatears on a dry stonewall. Another 30 minutes later we were at our last site of the day. Scrubby bushes looked perfect for Scrub Warbler, but despite an extensive search we failed to find any, although we did see a large flock of Spanish Sparrows, Spectacled Warbler and plenty of Fat Sand Rats.

We did however have excellent sightings of three Fulvous Babblers that flew around and really posed for us. Just north of the river, a female Marsh Harrier flew south. In Guelmim we found our hotel and had a cooling shower. Dinner consisted of salad followed by Lamb or Vegetable Tagine, followed by fruit or ice cream. All washed down with some alcoholic beverage to celebrate Evie's birthday.



Fulvous Babbler

Tuesday 22nd February

After breakfast, we drove about 30km south of Guelmim to a fantastic area of stony desert, where we were soon watching a fine male Red-rumped Wheatear sitting on a small bush. Up to 30 Trumpeter Finches fed around us whilst Short-toed Larks sang from the skies. We soon notched up Desert Wheatear as Swallows migrated north through the desert. Long-legged Buzzards and a Marsh Harrier hunted and 9 Black Kites soared on the early morning thermals. After a while, we heard the distinctive song of Hoopoe Lark and we soon located it sitting in a distant bush. We slowly walked closer and watched its fantastic display flight, which consists of throwing itself in the air, flashing large white areas on its wings and tail.



Hoopoe Lark

Another new lark seen in the area was Bar-tailed Lark with its distinctive squeaky 'pub-sign' like call echoing all around us. This plain looking bird showed well for its admirers. Amongst the many migrating Swallows was a Red-rumped Swallow that flew through north and disappeared from view. A few Subalpine Warblers flitted in the low bushes no doubt on the northern migration. Several more Hoopoe Larks were noted and then we struck gold finding five Cream-coloured Coursers, of which we managed to get great views before they flew off. In a nearby patch of cultivated land we located a pair of Temminck's Larks, one of which was collecting nesting material before flying back to the nest.

With the temperature reaching 29 degrees we tried another area to look for Thick-billed Lark but it remained unseen. A female Northern Wheatear added a brief spot of excitement, as did a small number of White Stork migrating north. About 3km north was another stony area where a man appeared and asked us not to take photos of rocks! There's nought as strange as folk! More Red-rumped Wheatears and Bar-tailed Larks were seen but still no sign of any Thick-billed Larks.



Temminck's Lark

With the sun beating down, a visit to a dried up river produced Woodchat Shrike, Trumpeter Finch, Spanish Wagtail, female Bluethroat, Subalpine Warbler, Chiffchaff and both male and female Desert Wheatear. The female looked suspiciously like a Maghreb Wheatear. With us now absolutely sweltering we had lunch in the shade of the hotel in Guelmim where a cold drink was very welcome.



Trumpeter Finch

From here, we travelled north for three hours to Agadir, where we had some spare time before checking in. Revisiting the Oued Souss, the tide was still relatively high but waders still fed on the muddy pools. Amongst the Black-winged Stilts were nine Ruff, Little Stint, three Snipe, Green and Common Sandpipers, Little Ringed and Ringed Plovers, Redshank and a flyover Whimbrel. An Osprey sat on a pylon overlooking the river, no doubt looking for its evening meal.

A short drive later we were back at our hotel and with a few minutes to spare, we walked along the street and watched a large flock of Pallid Swifts, but best of all there were also up to 6 Little Swift, two of which performed right over our heads, before one flew straight into a nearby nest – fantastic! Dinner was again a buffet, which was very enjoyable.

Wednesday 23rd February

Our last morning in Morocco meant a 6.00am breakfast. Ernie arrived with an even bigger smile this morning, as a woman had heard it was his birthday and given him a kiss! We left the hotel at 7.00am for a return visit to the Oued Souss pools and river where we hoped for a lower tide. Just before leaving the hotel, a Hummingbird Hawkmoth was watched buzzing around the multitude of bloom in the gardens. Arriving at Oued Souss, the tide was dropping nicely and the sandbanks attracted Cormorants of both Sinensis and Maroccanus races as well as 16 Spoonbills, one of which was colour-ringed. With perfect light, Black-winged Stilts fed at close range and the nearby golf course attracted Spanish Wagtail, Greenshank, Green Sandpiper, White Wagtail and Moroccan Wagtail. This distinctive race of the White Wagtail has a smart looking face pattern. In the large areas of scrub we located good numbers of Fan-tailed Warblers, Sardinian Warblers and a pair of Barbary Partridge, one sitting up on a branch, enabling us to study its beautiful plumage.

Then an Osprey flew across the river carrying what looked like a Hake and proceeded to eat it on top of a telegraph pole, which was brilliant to see and suddenly all the Spoonbills took off and headed to the far shore to join a fantastic feeding frenzy of Little Egrets and Cormorants. In 10 minutes, the birds continually harried the fish along the shore and covered a massive distance. Nearby, a pair of Black Redstarts and a few Serins showed well on top of a wall close to the minibus.

Unfortunately, it was time to leave and head to the airport. The flight took off on time and we arrived at Gatwick, where after a delay with our luggage said our goodbyes.

We had a great time with many memories. Displaying Hoopoe Larks, Levallants Green Woodpecker at close range, elegant Cream-coloured Coursers, flocks of Crimson-winged and Trumpeter Finches, the feeding frenzy of Egrets, Spoonbills and Cormorants and that little jewel, the Moussier's Redstart which was a real treat.

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	<i>Species</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	LITTLE GREBE	Tachybaptus ruficollis				4		4
2	NORTHERN GANNET	Morus bassanus			c.10			
3	GREAT CORMORANT	Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus			X	X	X	X
4	GREY HERON	Ardea cinerea			X	X	X	X
5	LITTLE EGRET	Egretta garzetta			X	X	X	X
6	SQUACCO HERON	Ardeola ralloides				1		
7	CATTLE EGRET	Bubulcus ibis	2+	20	X	X	X	
8	LITTLE BITTERN	Ixobrychus minutus				1		
9	WHITE STORK	Ciconia ciconia	6	X		20	4	
10	BALD IBIS	Geronticus eremita			30			
11	EURASIAN SPOONBILL	Platalea leucorodia						16
12	MALLARD	Anas platyrhynchos				2		
13	GARGANEY	Anas querquedula				2		
14	NORTHERN SHOVELER	Anas clypeata				2		
15	OSPREY	Pandion haliaetus			2		1	1
16	BLACK KITE	Milvus migrans					9	
17	MARSH HARRIER	Circus aeroginosus harteri				1	1	
18	EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK	Accipiter nisus punicus			1		1	
19	LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD	Buteo rufinus cirtensis		6	3+		X	
20	COMMUN BUZZARD	Buteo buteo		1				
21	GOLDEN EAGLE	Aquila chrysaetos homeyeri		1				
22	EURASIAN KESTREL	Falco tinnunculus	X	X	X	X	X	X
23	BARBARY PARTRIDGE	Alectoris barbara spatzi			6			2
24	COMMON MOORHEN	Gallinula chloropus				X		
25	EURASIAN COOT	Fulicra atra				X		
26	EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER	Haematopus ostralegus						2
27	BLACK-WINGED STILT	Himantopus himantopus			20+		X	X
28	PIED AVOCET	Recurvirostra avosetta						18
29	STONE CURLEW	Burhinus oedicephalus saharae			20+	1	5	c.20
30	CREAM-COLOURED COURSER	Cursorius cursor					5	
31	RINGED PLOVER	Charadrius hiaticula			X		X	X
32	LITTLE RINGED PLOVER	Charadrius dubius			X		X	
33	COMMON SNIPE	Gallinago gallinago					3	
34	BLACK-TAILED GODWIT	Limosa limosa						1
35	WHIMBREL	Numenius phaeopus					1	
36	EURASIAN CURLEW	Numenius arquata			2		X	
37	COMMON REDSHANK	Tringa totanus			X		X	X
38	COMMON GREENSHANK	Tringa nebularia			X			1
39	GREEN SANDPIPER	Tringa ochropus			X		X	X
40	COMMON SANDPIPER	Tringa hypoleucos			X		X	X
41	LITTLE STINT	Calidris minuta			1		1	
42	RUFF	Philomachus pugnax					9	

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43	AUDOUIN'S GULL	<i>Larus audouinii</i>			X			
44	YELLOW-LEGGED GULL	<i>Larus cachinnans michahellis</i>			X	X	X	X
45	LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	<i>Larus fuscus graelsii</i>			X		X	X
46	BLACK-HEADED GULL	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>			X	X	X	X
47	SLENDER-BILLED GULL	<i>Larus genei</i>			1			
48	MEDITERRANEAN GULL	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>			1			
49	SANDWICH TERN	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>			X			X
50	ROCK DOVE / FERAL PIGEON	<i>Columba livia</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
51	WOODPIGEON	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	10	X	X	2		X
52	COLLARED DOVE	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
53	LAUGHING DOVE	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>				X	X	
54	LITTLE OWL	<i>Athene noctua saharae</i>		1		7		
55	RED-NECKED NIGHTJAR	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>			4			
56	PALLID SWIFT	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	8	X	X	X	X	X
57	LITTLE SWIFT	<i>Apus affinus</i>		c.20			6	
58	COMMON KINGFISHER	<i>Alecedo atthis</i>				2		1
59	EURASIAN HOOPOE	<i>Upupa epops</i>					1	
60	GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>			1			
61	LEVAILLANT'S WOODPECKER	<i>Picus viridus vaillantii</i>		2				
62	BAR-TAILED LARK	<i>Ammomanes cincturus arenicolor</i>					10	
63	GREATER HOOPOE LARK	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>					5+	
64	SHORT-TOED LARK	<i>Calendrella cinerea rubiginosa</i>					X	
65	CRESTED LARK	<i>Galerida cristata randonii</i>				1		2
66	THEKLA LARK	<i>Galerida theklae aguirrei</i>		1	X	X	X	
67	HORNED LARK	<i>Eremophila alpestris atlas</i>		4				
68	TEMMINCK'S LARK	<i>Eremophila alpestris bilopha</i>					3	
69	EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>	c.20	6				
70	SAND MARTIN	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				12+		
71	BROWN-THROATED MARTIN	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>				6+		
72	BARN SWALLOW	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
73	RED-RUMPED SWALLOW	<i>Hirundo daurica rufula</i>					2	
74	HOUSE MARTIN	<i>Delichon urbica</i>					3	
75	WHITE WAGTAIL	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
	MOROCCAN WAGTAIL	<i>Motacilla alba subpersonata</i>						2
76	SPANISH YELLOW WAGTAIL	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>				1	2	1
77	GREY WAGTAIL	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	3	2				
78	MEADOW PIPIT	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>					X	1
79	COMMON BULBUL	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
80	DIPPER	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	2	3				
81	ALPINE ACCENTOR	<i>Prunella collaris</i>		2				
82	BLUE ROCK THRUSH	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	2	4	2	1		
83	RING OUZEL	<i>Turdus torquatus alpestris</i>		4				

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84	EURASIAN BLACKBIRD	<i>Turdus merula mauretanicus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
85	SONG THRUSH	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				H		
86	MISTLE THRUSH	<i>Turdus viscivorus bonapartei</i>		X				
87	ZITTING CISTICOLA	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			X	X	X	X
88	CETTI'S WARBLER	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				H		
89	SEDGE WARBLER	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>				2	1	1
90	REED WARBLER	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				2		
91	WILLOW WARBLER	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>					2	
92	COMMON CHIFFCHAFF	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
93	BLACKCAP	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	60		1			
94	SUBALPINE WARBLER	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>					X	
95	SARDINIAN WARBLER	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>			X	X	X	X
96	SPECTACLED WARBLER	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>			X	2	X	
97	EUROPEAN ROBIN	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	1		1			
98	BLUETHROAT	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>					1	
99	BLACK REDSTART	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus gibralteriensis</i>	1	5	X			2
100	MOUSSIER'S REDSTART	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>	1	3	2	X	X	X
101	COMMON STONECHAT	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			10	X	X	X
102	WHITE-CROWNED WHEATEAR	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga augra</i>				4	2	
103	BLACK WHEATEAR	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>		4	3			
104	NORTHERN WHEATEAR	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					1	
105	RED-RUMPED WHEATEAR	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>					X	
106	DESERT WHEATEAR	<i>Oenanthe deserti homochroa</i>					X	
107	FULVOUS BABBLER	<i>Turdoides fulvus moroccanus</i>				3	1	
108	COAL TIT	<i>Pariparus ater atlas</i>	2					
109	GREAT TIT	<i>Parus major excelsus</i>	X	H				
110	AFRICAN BLUE TIT	<i>Cyanistess ultramarinus</i>	7	X				X
111	SOUTHERN GREY SHRIKE	<i>Lanius meridionalis algeriensis</i>	3	2				1
	SOUTHERN GREY SHRIKE	<i>Lanius meridionalis elegans</i>			30	X	X	
112	WOODCHAT SHRIKE	<i>Lanius senator</i>					2	
113	BLACK-CROWNED TCHAGRA	<i>Tchagra senegala cucullata</i>				1		
114	EURASIAN MAGPIE	<i>Pica pica mauretanicus</i>	X	2	30	X	X	X
115	RED-BILLED CHOUGH	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax barbarus</i>	40+	50+				
116	ALPINE CHOUGH	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	10+	30+				
117	COMMON RAVEN	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>		4	1			
118	SPOTLESS STARLING	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
119	HOUSE SPARROW	<i>Passer domesticus tingitanus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
120	SPANISH SPARROW	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>			5+	X		X
121	ROCK SPARROW	<i>Petronia petronia barbara</i>		20+				
122	CHAFFINCH	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>	X	X	X	X		
123	EUROPEAN GREENFINCH	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	X		X	X		
124	EURASIAN SISKIN	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	1					

BIRD LIST

	<i>Species</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
125	EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			X	X		
126	EURASIAN LINNET	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			X	X		
127	EUROPEAN SERIN	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	H	X	X	X	X	X
128	CRIMSON-WINGED FINCH	<i>Rhodopechys sanguinea aliena</i>		50+				
129	TRUMPETER FINCH	<i>Rhodopechys githaginea zedlitzi</i>				20+	X	
130	CIRL BUNTING	<i>Emberiza cirrus</i>	2	1				
131	ROCK BUNTING	<i>Emberiza cia africana</i>	1	6				
132	HOUSE BUNTING	<i>Emberiza striolata sahari</i>	X	X	X			
133	CORN BUNTING	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			X	X	X	
	NORTH AFRICAN GREEN FROG	<i>Rana saharica</i>						
	ROCK AGAMA	<i>Agama agama</i>						
	IBERIAN WALL LIZARD	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>						
	SMALL-SPOTTED LIZARD	<i>Mesalina guttulata</i>						
	SPANISH TERRAPIN	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>						
	BARBARY GROUND SQUIRREL	<i>Alantoxerus getulus</i>						
	FAT SAND RAT	<i>Psammomys obesus</i>						
	PLAIN TIGER	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>						
	CLEOPATRA	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>						
	MOROCCAN ORANGE-TIP	<i>Anthocharis belia</i>						
	CLOUDED YELLOW	<i>Colias croceus</i>						
	PAINTED LADY	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>						
	GREEN-STRIPED WHITE	<i>Euchloe belemia</i>						
	LARGE WHITE	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>						
	WALL BROWN	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>						
	BATH WHITE	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>						
	HUMMINGBIRD HAWKMOTH	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>						
		<i>Amata mogadorensis</i>						
	DEVIL'S FLOWER MANTIS	<i>Blepharopsis mendica</i>						
	MIGRATORY LOCUST	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>						

18th FEBRUARY

Marrakech - Ourika Valley - Marrakech

19th FEBRUARY

Marrakech - Ouikameden Ski Resort - Marrakech

20th FEBRUARY

Marrakech - Tamri - Oued Souss - Agadir

21st FEBRUARY

Agadir - Souss Massa National Park - Oued Sayed - Guelmim

22nd FEBRUARY

Guelmim - K35 - Oued Boukila - Oued Souss - Agadir

23rd FEBRUARY

Agadir - Oued Souss - Agadir Airport

BIRD OF THE TOUR

ERNIE - HOOPOE LARK
GRAHAM - MOUSSIER'S REDSTART
EVIE - MOUSSIER'S REDSTART
RICHARD - MOUSSIER'S REDSTART
PETE W - BLACK-CROWNED TCHAGRA
PETER K - CRIMSON-WINGED FINCH
PETER H - LEVAILLANT'S GREEN WOODPECKER
LAWRENCE - RED-NECKED NIGHTJAR
MO - HOOPOE LARK
DAVID - WHITE-CROWNED WHEATEAR
IAN - CREAM-COLOURED COURSER
ANNETTE - CREAM-COLOURED COURSER
JOSELE - CREAM-COLOURED COURSER
STEVE - MOUSSIER'S REDSTART



Red-rumped Wheatear



Alpine Chough



Rock Bunting



Barbary Partridge



Moussier's Redstart



Atlas Shore Lark



Plain Tiger Butterfly



Brown-throated Sand Martin



Thekla Lark



Audouin's Gull



Fat Sand Rat



Devil's Flower Mantis



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