



Birdwatching Holidays in Spain, Morocco & more...

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BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

TOUR	DATES
Morocco	2nd March to 12th March 2012

Party: Pat Rumbold , Ray Rumbold , David Beeken , Kathryn Beeken , Peter Huff , Becky Huff , Diane Bowes , Jill Warwick , Peter Bowman , Timothy Scott , Stephen Worwood , Colin Slator , Carol Wady

Tour Leader : Josele J. Saiz

Total Number of Species : 183

Weather & Sites:

Day 1 – 2.03.12	Sunny Warm Cold breezy in mountains Marrakesh airport – Atlas Mountains Ourika Valley
Day 2 – 3.03.12	Clear Sunny cold breezy Marrakesh - Oukaïmeden
Day 3 – 4.03.12	Sunny hot Marrakesh – BRWP – Amerzgane –Ouarzazate Reservoir - Boumalne
Day 4 – 5.03.12	Sunny hot Boumalne Dades- Tagdilt Track – Dades Gorge– Imitier
Day 5 – 6.03.12	Nice and cloudy Boulmane – Imitier – Goulmina – Rissanni - Merzouga
Day 6 – 7.03.12	Nice clouds and sunny Merzouga Oasis - Begaa – Nomad Village
Day 7 – 8.03.12	Nice sunny cold breeze thunderstorm Erg Chebi Dune – Café Yasmine – Zaf-Zaf - Tafilal
Day 8 – 9.03.12	Cloudy and storms Merzouga – Gheris Oued – Dades valley – Ouarzazate Reservoir.
Day 9 – 10.03.12	Clouds and sunny Ait Benhadou – Ouarzazate Plains –Tazenah . Aolouz – Sous valley - Agadir
Day 10 – 11.03.12	Cloudy windy dusty Souss Massa – Oued Souss - Agadir
Day 11 – 12.03.12	Cloudy but nice Tamri – Marrakesh airport

RECOMMENDED SIGNS:

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

0	Species	Scientific Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis							x		x	x	
2	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus								x	x	x	
3	Northern Ganet	Morus bassanus										x	x
4	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus								x	x	x	x
5	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea				x			x	x	x	x	x
6	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea										x	
7	Great White Egret	Egretta alba							x	x	x	x	
8	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta							x	x	x	x	x
9	Squacco Heron	Arderola ralloides										2	
10	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
11	Black Crowned Nlght Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax								x	x		
12	Little Bittern											1	
13	Black Stork								1				
14	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
15	Bald Ibis	Geronticus eremita										1	50+
16	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus									1	70+	
17	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia									18	30+	2
18	Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea								2	50+	30+	2
19	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna										2	
20	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos								5		x	x
21	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata									x	x	
22	Common Teal	Anas crecca									x		
23	Marbled Teal	Marmaronetta angustirostris									20+	22+	
24	Garganey	Anas querquedula							26		x		
25	Ferruginous Pochard	Aythya nyroca										3	
26	Tufted Duck	Aythia fuligula								1		x	
27	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus									2	2	
28	Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus									2		
29	Black Kite	Mivus Migrans		x	x	x					x		
30	Griffon Vultures	Gyps fulvus		3									
31	Short-toed Eagle	Circaetus gallicus	1			1	1						
32	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus harterti			x		x	x	x	x			x
33	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus						x		x	x		
34	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus punicus			x								
35	Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis			4								
36	Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufinus cirtensis		3	1	4	x	2	x				
37	Bonelli's Eagle	Hieraetus fasciatus	3		1	4							
38	Booted Eagle	Hieraeatus pennatus			x								
39	Eurasian Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
40	Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus erlangeri					x		x				
41	Barbary Falcon	Falcop peregrinoides			1								
42	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus minor							x				
43	Barbary Partridge	Alectoris barbara spatzi			1							1	
44	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix								1			
45	Common Moorhen	Gallinula Chloropus	h								x	x	
46	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra										x	x
47	Houbara Bustard	Chlamydotis undulata						1					
48	Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus										x	
49	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus								x	x	x	x
50	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta									1	100	
51	Eurasian Thick-knee	Burhinus oedicnemus saharae										7	
52	Cream-colored Courser	Cursorius cursor			3	10	5	4	6	4			
53	Black Billed Plover	Pluviales squatarola										30	
54	Common Ring Plover	Charadrius hiaticula								x	x		
55	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius									x	x	x
56	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus										x	x
57	Common Snipe	Gaalinago gallinago								3		1	
58	Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata											3
59	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus									x	x	
60	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebulosa									x	x	
61	Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica											x
62	Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa											x
63	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus							x	x	x		
64	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola									x		
65	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos Hypoleucos										x	
66	Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres										1	
67	Sanderlin	Calidris alba				x						x	
68	Little Stint	Calidris minuta								x	x	x	
69	Curlew Sandpiper	Calfidris ferrugine										x	
70	Dunlin	Calidris alpina									x	x	
71	Ruff	Pilomachus punax										x	
72	Audouin's Gull	Larus audouinii											70+
73	Western Yellow-legged Gull	Larus cachinnans michahellis									x	x	x

74	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>										x	x	x
75	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>									x	x	x	x
76	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>											x	
77	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>											x	
78	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>											x	
79	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>											x	x
80	Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>					h		1					
81	Crowned Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles coronatus</i>					40							
82	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>			7					7				
83	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
84	Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		x	x								x	x
85	Eurasian Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				2			5					
86	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
87	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>					1		3	6				
88	Pharaoh Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>					2							
89	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua saharae</i>		1	1		1		2					
90	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>											3	
91	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	x	x	x							x	x	x
92	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>				10							x	
93	Common Kingfisher								1				1	
94	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
95	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1						1				
96	Levaillant's Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis vaillantii</i>	1	3										
97	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cincturus arenicolor</i>					2		20	x				
98	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti payni</i>			1		x	x	x	x		x		
99	Greater Hoopoe Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>				1	1	1	5	2				
100	Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>					3		10	1				
101	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea rubiginosa</i>					x	x	x		x	x		
102	Lesser-short Toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens minor</i>					1				3			
103	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata randonii</i>		x	x			x	x		x	x	x	x
104	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae aguirrei</i>					x	x	x		x	x	x	x
105	Sky Lark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			x									
106	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>		10+										
107	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila a bilophia</i>				20+	x							
108	Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>									x		x	
109	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola mauretanica</i>											4	
110	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>	x	x	x	x						x	x	x
111	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	x	x	x	x	x	xx	x	x	x	xx	x	x
112	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica rufula</i>			2	1							1	1
113	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>			x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x
114	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
	Moroccan wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba subersonata</i>	x										x	x
115	Blue headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>						x						
	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flavaiberiae</i>						x	x			x	x	x
116	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	x	x	x	x					x	x		
117	Twany Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						1						
118	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						1		3				
119	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>									x	x	x	
120	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x
121	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>		1										
122	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	5											
123	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	x	x	x									
124	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					x	x		x	x	x		x
125	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula mauretanica</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
126	Song Thrush			1				1			1			
127	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus bonapartei</i>	x	x										
128	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>										x	x	x
129	Streaked Scrub Warbler	<i>Scotocerca inquieta</i>						2		2				
130	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	x								x		x	
131	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>											x	
132	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							x	x			x	
133	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>							x	x	x	x	x	x
134	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
135	W Bonellis Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>								x	x			
136	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	x	x							x	x	x	x
137	African Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana deserti</i>						2						
138	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>						x	x	x	x	x		
139	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	h	x	h	x			x	x	h	x	x	
140	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>						3		2	h			x
141	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserticola moroccana</i>					3				1			
142	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	x	x	x									
143	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>							x	x				
144	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	x	x	x			x		x	x	x		
145	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>						x	x	x			x	
146	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>		3	4		1		10+		3	6	2	

147	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			<i>h</i>		1			2	1	2	
148	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga augra</i>			<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>		
149	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>		6		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>						
150	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			1		1	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
151	Magreb Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe halophila</i>			4								
152	Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>				<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>				<i>x</i>		
153	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>									<i>x</i>		
154	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti homochroa</i>				2	2	4	2	2	1		
155	Fulvous Babller	<i>Turdoides fulvus</i>								2			
156	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater atlas</i>		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>								
157	Great Tit	<i>Parus major excelsus</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>h</i>		1				2	2	1	
158	African Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistess ultramarinus</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>				<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
159	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis algeriensis</i>		1			<i>x</i>			<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis elegans</i>						<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>				
160	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		<i>x</i>				1		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
161	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala cucullata</i>										5	<i>h</i>
162	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauretania</i>	2	2							<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
163	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax barbarus</i>		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>								
164	Yellow-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>		<i>x</i>									
165	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>					5	6	20+	4			
166	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>		2	2								
167	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>			<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
168	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus tingitanus</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
169	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispanolensis</i>						30			<i>x</i>		<i>x</i>
170	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>							4				
171	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia barbara</i>		6									
172	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>					<i>x</i>		<i>x</i>	
173	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		<i>x</i>	<i>h</i>		<i>x</i>			<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	
174	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>		<i>x</i>									
175	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>				<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
176	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		<i>x</i>									
177	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>		<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	
178	Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguinea aliena</i>		40+									
179	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Rhodopechys githaginea zedlitzii</i>					12	15	10	30	20		
180	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		3								1	
181	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia africana</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>							
182	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>										<i>H</i>	
183	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata sahari</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>			<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>
	Other Sightings												
	Reptiles	Butterflies											
	Bibron’s Agama	Comma											
	Spanish Terrapin	Greenish Black Tip											
	Green Toad	Morrocan Orange Tip											
	Mauritanian Toad	Large White											
	Spur Thighed Tortoise	Cleopatra											
	Pasteuré Small Lizard	Large White											
		Wall Brown											
		Moroccan Cooper											
	Mammals	Dapple White											
	Barbary Ground Squirrel	Paintedlady											
	Fat Sand Rat	Cleopatra											
	Red Fox	Southern Swallotail											
		Small Cooper											
		Desert Orange Tip											
		Black Eyed Blue											
		Clouded Yellow											
		Desert Fritillary											
		Lang’s Short Tailed Blue											
		Bath White											
		African Grass Blue											
		Common Blue											
		Oberthur’s Grissle Skyper											
		Greenish Black tip											
		African Monarch											



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