

SPAIN WEEKEND:

Personnel : Steve Davis, Karen Baker, Kenny Ross & Cat Rayner.

Dates: 22nd -26th April 2009

Itinerary:

22nd Fly to Malaga, drive to Granada to look for Spanish Ibex in the afternoon, and then on to Andujar. Late drive to the Rio Jandula site till dark.

23rd Drive along the minor road on the right before the Los Pinos hotel. Drive along the road to Los Escoriales, and from there on to the La Lancha road in the morning. Late afternoon /evening drive along the road to Los Escoriales and again most of the way to La Lancha, then spotlighting back after dark.

24th Rio Jandula overlook from pre-dawn till mid morning. Drive the minor road to Alcaparrosa. After lunch drive the road to Los Escoriales and then on to El Centenillo and La Carolina. Back to Andujar on the motorway and then back up to drive the road to Los Escoriales and down towards La Lancha in the evening. Decided against spotlighting.

25th Drive the road to Los Escoriales and on to La Lancha at dawn. After lunch, back to the Rio Jandula overlook until dusk.

26th Drive back to Malaga stopping at the Laguna de la Fuente de Piedra for bird watching before returning to the airport.



Mammals :

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| European Rabbit | <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> | Seen every day in reasonable numbers. |
| Iberian Hare | <i>Lepus granatensis</i> | One seen in daylight (c 18.00) on A311 approx 4km South of Andujar on 22 nd . One seen while spotlighting the Los Escoriales to La Lancha road on 23 rd . |
| Otter | <i>Lutra lutra</i> | Two seen from the Rio Jandula lookout at 17.20 on 25 th . |
| Iberian Lynx | <i>Lynx pardinus</i> | One seen close to the road at 11.30 for 5 minutes between Los Pinos and Los Escoriales. Two together (female and large youngster ?) watched for one hour between 08.00 and 09.00 about 2km further along the same road towards Los Escoriales on 25 th . In both cases the Lynxes were being mobbed by Magpies. |
| Mouflon | <i>Ovis musimon</i> | 10+ mainly females and young seen near Los Escoriales when spotlighting on 23 rd and 8 mainly males seen along the Los Escoriales to La Lancha road at 11.50 on 25 th . |
| Red Deer | <i>Cervus elaphus</i> | The commonest of the deer, seen daily at both main sites. |
| Fallow Deer | <i>Cervus dama</i> | Seen daily in smaller numbers than the Red. |
| Red Fox | <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> | One in the morning on 23 rd , two more while spotlighting on 23 rd and one in the evening of the 24 th . |
| Greater Mouse-eared Bat | <i>Myotis myotis</i> | 2+ in the holes in the roof of the dam tunnel at La Lancha. |
| Common Noctule | <i>Nyctalus noctula</i> | 5+ flying around the gate to Los Escoriales before dusk on 24 th . |
| Schreiber's Bat | <i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i> | At least 8 in the holes in the roof of the tunnel at La Lancha were photographed and proved to be this species. |

Birds:

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| Grey Heron | White Wagtail |
| Purple Heron | Yellow Wagtail * |
| Cattle Egret * | Grey Wagtail |
| Black Stork | Wren |
| Greater Flamingo * | Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush |
| Lesser Flamingo * | Blue Rock Thrush |
| Shelduck * | Blackbird |
| Mallard | Mistle Thrush |
| Shoveler * | Cetti's Warbler |
| Common Pochard * | Reed Warbler |
| Black Kite | Melodious Warbler * |

Eurasian Griffon Vulture
Sparrowhawk
Common Buzzard
Spanish Eagle (3)
Golden Eagle (4)
Booted Eagle
Common Kestrel
Red-legged Partridge
Moorhen *
Coot *
Black-winged Stilt *
Avocet *
Collared Pratincole *
Ringed Plover *
Little Ringed Plover *
Kentish Plover *
Common Snipe *
Redshank *
Wood Sandpiper *
Common Sandpiper
Little Stint *
Curlew Sandpiper *
Dunlin *
Ruff *
Yellow-legged Gull *
Black-headed Gull *
Gull-billed Tern *
Black Tern *
Feral Pigeon
Wood Pigeon
Turtle Dove
Collared Dove
Great Spotted Cuckoo (16)
Cuckoo
Little Owl
Common Swift
Kingfisher
European Bee-eater
Hoopoe
Great Spotted Woodpecker
Green Woodpecker
Crested Lark
Crag Martin
Barn Swallow
Red-rumped Swallow
House Martin

Blackcap
Common Whitethroat
Subalpine Warbler (1m)
Sardinian Warbler
Spotted Flycatcher
Pied Flycatcher
Robin
Black Redstart
Common Redstart
Whinchat
Black Wheatear (2)
Northern Wheatear
Black-eared Wheatear (2)
Long-tailed Tit
Coal Tit
Crested Tit
Great Tit
Blue Tit
Nuthatch
Short-toed Treecreeper
Golden Oriole
Southern Grey Shrike
Woodchat Shrike
Jay
Azure-winged Magpie
Magpie
Jackdaw
Raven
Spotless Starling
House Sparrow
Rock Sparrow (1)
Chaffinch
Greenfinch
Goldfinch
Serin
Hawfinch
Cirl Bunting
Rock Bunting
Corn Bunting

* Seen at Laguna de la Fuente de Piedra only.