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TOUR REPORT
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It was an auspicious beginning. We were at our first stop, not an hour out of Granada and barely out of the bus, when my co-leader, Peter Harrison, spotted a pair of raptors sitting side by side on a bluff above the riverine woodland. After a bit of fumbling with the scopes, we soon realized that we had a pair of Bonelli's Eagles perched in plain view! This is one of the rarest raptors in Europe, and for the next hour we watched as they made short flights along the rocky ridge and then returned to various perches, sitting this way and that so that we could study all of their features. The eagles alone would have been enough, for rarely is this species seen so well, but here too we found such Spanish specialties as the Azure-winged Magpie, Eurasian Golden Oriole, and a Great Spotted Cuckoo.

Our next stop was the alkaline Laguna de Fuente de Piedra, an important sanctuary with Greater Flamingos and other waterbirds. Then it was on to spectacular El Torcal mountain, a wonderland of rocks and wildflowers. Here we found Black Redstarts nesting on the visitor's center, a bold Rock Bunting scurrying around on the footpath, and elusive Melodious Warblers singing their scratchy song from the thickets. Three Spanish ibex were spotted resting high up on the rocky rim, while our trip down the mountain produced a last-minute Eurasian Griffon, another declining raptor surviving better in Spain than elsewhere in Europe. By the time we reached the *Clipper Odyssey* in Malaga harbor we had seen almost 100 species, a formidable tally for a day of birding in Europe—and a great start to our trip.

Each region visited in the following days brought its highlights. At Gibraltar, a brief rain after dawn gave way to a rainbow and then sunny skies and westerly winds—and an assortment of late-migrating raptors. It was especially fascinating to watch Black Kites and Eurasian Marsh-Harriers flapping hard as they made the crossing of the Straits, but we also enjoyed the griffons and Short-toed and Booted eagles soaring over the rolling ridges.

Our two days of birding in Morocco proved to be some of the most diverse of the trip. On our first day we sampled the avifauna from the cultivated plains to the wooded slopes of the High Atlas, finally reaching the barren slopes above tree-line—and finding birds in every zone. The next day, traveling back to the coast, brought three spectacular surprises. At a viewpoint over the lovely town of Essaouira, several small falcons gently flapped their way towards us, until they were close enough that we realized we were watching Eleonora's Falcons. When we spotted more as we passed through town, we couldn't resist stopping again. Now one after another of these graceful birds drifted right overhead, allowing us to study them at close range while the photographers fired away. This is one of the scarcest and most specialized birds of the region, and Mogador Island just offshore has the largest colony in the western Atlantic, but we were very lucky to see them so well. The pairs of Moussier's Redstarts and Black-eared Wheatears at the same stop weren't bad either. Farther along we stopped to check an extensive marsh, one of the few in this dry region. Spanish Sparrows coming to drink and Ruddy Shelducks with broods were fun, but my heart stopped when a lone duck pitched down into a distant pool. Marbled Duck! This was a total surprise, another one of the rare, declining, and localized species of the

Mediterranean region, and decidedly unexpected on this trip. Yes, it was distant, but it was a very special find. Finally we reached the arid dune scrub where we would search for the Waldrapp, one of the most endangered birds of the Palearctic realm. Peter had coached us well on what to watch for, and in less than two minutes of slowly cruising the habitat both vans had spotted a pair in flight. Pinpointing where they had put down, we scrambled out of the vehicles and through the bushes to a vantage point where we all watched them in the scope as they slowly foraged along. More appeared over a nearby rise and in the end we saw at least 7 individuals and spent an hour watching them. Few such rarities are ever seen this well.

Upon reaching the Canary Islands our pace slowed down to a more sensible level, allowing time to find the special birds and enjoy the scenery and plants a bit more. Our first stop, on arid Lanzarote, produced sightings of the rare Houbara Bustard for all, plus elusive Eurasian Thick-knees and an attractive pair of Cream-colored Coursers, their colors blending perfectly with the soil of the dry plains. The next day, on spectacular Tenerife, we set out to search for the Blue Chaffinch, a unique and endangered bird found on only two small islands. Peter had cautioned that it might take much of the day to find this rarity, so of course within minutes of arriving in a wonderful forest of endemic Canary Island pines we located a male singing its heart out. And then it dropped down practically to our feet to feed on bread crumbs that had been scattered! Later that day, in the bizarre subalpine scrub of volcanic El Teide National Park, we had Berthelot's Pipits strolling at our feet and prolonged studies of an assortment of plumages of the Island Canary, both endemic to Macaronesia.

A day on Madeira produced the elusive Trocaz Pigeon and one of the most spectacular views imaginable as we sat on a grassy knoll thousands of feet above the sheer slopes plunging to the sea. Later, a leisurely evening cruise off the coast of the island allowed us to search through the swarms of Cory's Shearwaters to find the occasional Barolo or Manx shearwater amidst them. On the isolated Azores landbirds were few, giving us time to simply enjoy being in these beautiful islands full of flowers, quaint villages with long traditions, vineyards, and much more, while the respirating sperm whales that appeared like magic for our final cocktail party were simply amazing.

On our last day, on Sao Miguel, the birders headed to the rugged highlands and with patience and persistence found the last special target bird of the trip, the endangered *murina* race of the Eurasian Bullfinch, perhaps best considered a separate species. It is a quiet and unobtrusive inhabitant of the thick native scrub on the jagged ridges—and we had prolonged good looks!

It was indeed a lucky trip, never to be forgotten, and while the above paragraphs emphasize the special birds found, there was so much more that made it enjoyable, from volcanism and wildflowers to a wonderful assortment of traveling companions.

Itinerary:

May 5: the group gathers in Granada, Spain.

May 6: a diverse birding route from Granada to Malaga, Spain, with major stops along the Genil River on the Montefrio Road; at the Laguna de Fuente de Piedra Reserve; and at El Torcal National Park. We arrived at the harbor in Malaga in the late afternoon and boarded the *Clipper Odyssey* to begin the cruise.

May 7: after dis-embarking in Gibraltar early this morning, the birders explored “The Rock” a bit before crossing into southwestern Spain to bird the Tarifa area and a small part of

nearby Los Alcornocales Natural Park. We left Gibraltar harbor at 4 p.m., with time for some sea-watching in the Mediterranean.

May 8: dawn found us docking in Casablanca, Morocco, from where we quickly departed for the morning drive inland to Marrakech. The afternoon found us birding our way through the olive groves east of the city to the wooded slopes of the Ouikira Valley and then on up to above tree-line at the Ouikaimeden ski area in the High Atlas Mountains.

May 9: an exciting day of birding in Morocco from Marrakech (we left in the dark) to Agadir, our many stops including the Essaouira area; the argan forest region; a large marsh; a dry limestone ridge; scrubby and dry coastal plains; and the Tamri River estuary. We sailed from Agadir at 5:30 p.m., with time for some sea-watching.

May 10: the morning was spent sea-watching en route to the Canary Islands, where we docked at Arrecife on Lanzarote at 11 a.m., giving us the afternoon to explore this arid eastern island of the Canaries.

May 11: an all-day birding excursion on Tenerife Island in the Canaries, beginning in the native pines at around 4000 ft. in the Las Lagunetas area and later visiting spectacular El Teide National Park and a bit of native laurel forest (in the fog).

May 12: morning birding excursion on La Gomera, concentrating on the native laurel forest (again in the fog). Like Tenerife, this is one of the more humid Canary Islands. We sailed for Madeira at 12:30 p.m., giving us the afternoon for sea-watching.

May 13: all day at sea en route to Madeira.

May 14: exploring scenic Madeira from mid-morning to late afternoon and then slowly cruising just off the south coast of the island until 9 p.m.

May 15: morning sight-seeing on Santa Maria Island, our first stop in the Azores, and then in the afternoon a zodiac excursion around Vila Islet and just out beyond it (chumming!).

May 16: walking and bus tours on Terceira Island in the Azores.

May 17: morning cruising off Sao Jorge Island in the Azores and then an afternoon hiking excursion on the island.

May 18: sight-seeing on Pico and Faial Islands in the Azores.

May 19: a final birding excursion on Sao Miguel Island, especially in the northeastern highlands and at Lagoa das Furnas (lake), before checking into our hotel in Ponta Delgada.

May 20: departure.

Key:

Sp = Spain

Gib = Gibraltar

Mor = Morocco

CI = Canary Islands

Mad = Madeira

Az = Azores Islands

hd = heard

PH = Peter Harrison

DW = David Wolf

Bird List:

Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) – Sp, Mor

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – Az (a North American vagrant in the harbor at Angra do Heroismo, Terceira on May 16; it had been present for at least 2 ½ weeks).

Eared (Black-necked) Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*) - Sp

Bulwer's Petrel (*Bulweria bulwerii*) – CI, Mad, Az (widespread at sea).

Cory's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*)

“Scopoli's” Shearwater (*Calonectris [diomedea] diomedea*) – Gib (breeds inside the Mediterranean at this season, so distant “Cory's” seen here were presumed to be this form, sometimes split as a separate species).

“Cory's” Shearwater (*Calonectris [diomedea] borealis*) – CI, Mad, Az (widespread throughout region and an abundant breeder on the islands; often close inshore off the islands; at times abundant; great feeding frenzies).

Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*) - Mad

Balearic Shearwater (*Puffinus mauretanicus*) - Gib

Barolo Shearwater (*Puffinus baroli*) – CI, Mad, Az (a recent split from the Little Shearwater complex, which is now restricted to the southern hemisphere).

White-faced Storm-Petrel (*Pelagodroma marina*) – Mad (perhaps PH only).

Band-rumped (Madeiran) Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*) – Mad (seen by a few).

This species is now split up.

“Grant's” Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma [castro] granti*) – this is the winter-breeding form that presumably is gone by May; reaches eastern US.

“Monteiro's” Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma [castro] monterii*) – CI, Mad (the rare summer-breeding form, presumably the more likely one in these waters at this season).

Swinhoe's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma monorhis*) – Mad (one at sea at dawn on May 13 by PH and a few observers; very rare and unexpected).

Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*) – Gib, Mor

Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – Mor (seen in Agadir harbor by a few; the *maroccanus* race, with some white on foreneck as well as throat).

European Shag (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*) – Gib, Mor

Gray Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) – Sp, Mor, Az

Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*) – Az (a vagrant at Lagoa das Furnas on Sao Miguel on May 19).

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) – Sp, Mor

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*) – Sp, Mor, Az

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) – Sp, Mor, CI (Lanzarote only).

Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*) – Gib (3 migrants seen by the non-birders).

White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*) – Sp, Mor

Waldrapp (*Geronticus eremita*) – Mor

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) – Sp

Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*) – Sp (one at Laguna de Fuente Piedra).

Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*) – Sp, Mor

Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*) – Mor (several pairs with broods at large marsh well north of Tamri).

Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) - Sp

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) – Sp

Marbled Teal (Duck) (*Marmonetta angustirostris*) – Mor

Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*) – Sp

Common Pochard (*Aythya ferina*) – Sp

Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*) – Mor (scarce and local resident; we saw one near the big marsh north of Tamri).

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Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*) – Gib (migrants crossing the Straits; a few amidst the Black Kites but not identified until later, from PH photos).

Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*) – Sp, Gib, Mor

Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*) – Sp

Eurasian Griffon (*Gyps fulvus*) – Sp, Mor

Short-toed Eagle (*Circaetus gallicus*) – Sp

Western Marsh-Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*) – Gib, Mor

Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*) – Sp, Mor

Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*) – Mad

Common (Eurasian) Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*) – Sp (perhaps DW only), CI, Az (especially frequent in the Azores).

Bonelli's Eagle (*Aquila fasciatus*) – Sp (wonderful pair on bluff above Genil River on sideroad to Montefrio, not too far out of Granada).

Booted Eagle (*Aquila pennatus*) – Sp, Mor

Lesser Kestrel (*Falco neumannii*) – Sp, Mor

Eurasian (Common) Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) – Sp, Mor, CI, Mad

Eleonora's Falcon (*Falco eleonora*) – Mor (local breeder on Morocco coast, with main colony on Mogador Island off Essaouira (hundreds of pairs); we saw 45+ in an hour from lookouts near the city (especially at wadi on south side).

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) – Mor (quick look for PH and a few at big mosque in Casablanca).

Barbary Partridge (*Alectoris barbara*) – Gib, Mor (endemic to northwest Africa, but not readily seen this trip; introduced to Gibraltar).

Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*) – Sp

Common Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*) – Sp (hd), Az (seen)

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) – Sp

Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*) – Sp, Mor, Az

Houbara Bustard (*Chlamydotis undulata*) – CI (Lanzarote;

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*) – Sp, Mor

Pied Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) – Sp

Eurasian Thick-knee (*Burhinus oedicephalus*) – CI (we found it at 3 sites on Lanzarote, but always shy and flushed at a distance).

Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*) –

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*) –

Snowy (Kentish) Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) –

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) – Az (singles on Pico and Faial on May 18).

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) – Mor, Az

Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*) – Sp

Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*) – Sp

Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*) – Sp

Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*) – CI (one at sea early a.m. May 10).

Cream-colored Courser (*Cursorius cursor*) – CI (pair on arid plains of Lanzarote).

Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) – Sp

Audouin's Gull (*Larus audouinii*) – Sp, Gib, Mor (especially the 40+ in the gull flock at the mouth of the Tamri River).

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Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*) – all regions (the dark *atlantis* race breeds on the islands).

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) – Sp, Mor, Az

Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*) – Az (one at Lajes on Faial on May 18 a casual vagrant to the Azores, recorded almost annually).

Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*) – Az (one adult on our day at sea on May 14).

Little Tern (*Sternula albifrons*) – Az (off Santa Maria, but perhaps PH only).

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) – Sp

Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) – Mad

Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybrida*) – Sp

Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougallii*) – Mad, Az

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) – Mor, Mad, Az

Sandwich Tern (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*) – Mor

Lesser Crested Tern (*Thalasseus bengalensis*) – Mor

Great Skua (*Stercorarius skua*) – Az (at sea between Madeira and Azores).

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) – all areas

Common Wood-Pigeon (*Columba palumbus*) – Sp, Mor, Az

Trocaz Pigeon (*Columba trocaz*) – Mad (endemic)

Bolle's Pigeon (*Columba bollii*) – CI (endemic to native laurel forest on the moister western islands; we saw them in flight on Tenerife and La Gomera).

Laurel Pigeon (*Columba junoniae*) – CI (endemic to native laurel forest on the moister western islands; we saw a few on La Gomera, including a distant perched bird).

European Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) – Sp, Mor

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) – Sp, Mor, CI, Az (Santa Maria).

Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*) – Mor (seen from the bus by a few).

Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*) – Sp (introduced; in palms in Malaga).

Great Spotted Cuckoo (*Clamator glandarius*) – Sp

hd Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) – Mor (heard only).

hd European Scops-Owl (*Otus scops*) – Sp (heard only).

Little Owl (*Athene noctua*) – Mor (barren plains at toll booth just west of Marrakech).

Alpine Swift (*Tachymarptis melba*) – CI (2 over high ridges of La Gomera).

Common Swift (*Apus apus*) – Sp, Mor

Plain Swift (*Apus unicolor*) – CI, Mad (endemic breeder on w. Canary Islands and Madeira).

Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*) – Sp, Mor

Little Swift (*Apus affinis*) – Mor

European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*) – Sp, Mor, CI (La Gomera)

Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) – Sp, Mor, CI

Green Woodpecker (*Picus viridis*) – Sp

Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) – CI (endemic races in moister w. Canary Islands, where we saw it well in native Canary Island pines on Tenerife).

Southern Gray Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*) – Sp, Mor, CI (especially common in the argan forest region). Various races:

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“Iberian” Gray Shrike (*Lanius [meridionalis] ????????*) – Sp (one scoped in the valley at the base of El Torcal; this form is sometimes split from Southern Gray).

- Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*) – Sp, Mor
 Eurasian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*) - Sp
 Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) - Mor
Azure-winged Magpie (*Cyanopica cyanus*) - Sp
 Eurasian Magpie (*Pica pica*) – Sp, Mor
 Red-billed Chough (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*) – Sp, Mor
 Yellow-billed (Alpine) Chough (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*) – Mor (identified from the bus by a few).
 Eurasian Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*) – Sp (many along the Genil River).
 Carrion Crow (*Corvus corone*) – Sp (a few singles seen from the bus).
 Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) – Sp, Mor, CI (Lanzarote)
 Calandra Lark (*Melanocorypha calandra*) – Mor
 Greater Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*) – Sp, Mor
 Lesser Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella rufescens*) – CI (singing conspicuously on the arid plains of Lanzarote).
 Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*) – Sp, Mor
 Thekla Lark (*Galerida theklae*) – Sp, Mor
 Wood Lark (*Lullula arborea*) – Mor
 Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) – Mor (pair on hike onto dry ridge above treeline).
 Eurasian Crag-Martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*) – Sp
 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) – Sp, Mor
 Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*) – Sp, Mor
 Common House-Martin (*Delichon urbicum*) – Sp, Az (at sea and then 12+ along cliffs at Santa Maria).
 Coal Tit (*Parus ater*) – Mor
 Great Tit (*Parus major*) – Sp, Mor
 Eurasian Blue Tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*) – Sp
African Blue Tit (*Cyanistes teneriffae*) – Mor, CI
 hd Cetti’s Warbler (*Cettia cetti*) – Sp (heard only)
 Short-toed Treecreeper (*Certhia brachydactyla*) – Sp
 Eurasian Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) – Sp, Mor (hd)
 White-throated Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*) – Mor
 Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*) – Mor
 Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*) – Az
Canary Islands Kinglet (*Regulus teneriffae*) – CI (endemic to wetter western islands, where we saw them in the pines on Tenerife and laurel scrub on La Gomera).
“Madeira” Firecrest (*Regulus [ignicapilla] madeirensis*) – Mad (the endemic race of Firecrest on Madeira should perhaps be split as a separate species).
Canary Islands Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus canariensis*) – CI (endemic to the Canary Islands).
 Western Olivaceous Warbler (*Hippolais opaca*) – Mor
 Melodious Warbler (*Hippolais polyglotta*) – Sp

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- Eurasian Reed-Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*) – Sp
- hd Great Reed-Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*) – Sp (heard only)
- Zitting Cisticola (Fan-tailed Warbler) (*Cisticola juncidis*) – Sp, Mor
- Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*) – all regions
- Western Orphean Warbler (*Sylvia hortensis*) – Mor
- Spectacled Warbler (*Sylvia conspicillata*) – Mor, CI (La Gomera)
- Dartford Warbler (*Sylvia undata*) – Sp (distant birds seen by a few).
- Subalpine Warbler (*Sylvia cantillans*) – Sp, Mor
- Sardinian Warbler (*Sylvia melanocephala*) – Sp, Mor, CI (hd)
- Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*) – Mor
- European Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) – all regions
- hd Common Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*) – Sp (hd), Mor (hd) (heard only).
- Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin (*Cercotrichas galactotes*) – Sp (glimpsed from bus by a few as we descended El Torcal).
- Black Redstart (*Phoenicurus ochruros*) – Sp, Mor
- Mouissier's Redstart** (*Phoenicurus moussieri*) – Mor (beautiful little bird endemic to northwest Africa).
- Black Wheatear (*Oenanthe leucura*) – Mor
- Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – Mor (two types seen above tree-line near the ski area in the High Atlas).
- "Seebohm's" Wheatear** (*Oenanthe [oenanthe] seebohmi*) – the black-chinned form endemic to northwest Africa, breeding above tree-line in the Atlas; perhaps should be split as a separate species).
- Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*) – Sp, Mor
- Stonechat (*Saxicola torquatus*) – Sp
- Blue Rock Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*) – Sp, Mor
- Eurasian Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) – all regions (one of the few passerines seen throughout the trip).
- Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*) – Mor
- European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) – Az (one of the most conspicuous birds on all islands visited in the Azores; these are the poorly-differentiated endemic race *granti*).
- Spotless Starling (*Sturnus unicolor*) – Sp, Mor
- Berthelot's Pipit** (*Anthus berthelotii*) – CI, Mad (endemic; seen especially closely on arid Lanzarote and in El Teide NP on Tenerife).
- "Moroccan" White Wagtail** (*Motacilla [alba] subpersonata*) – Mor (sometimes split as a separate species endemic to northwest Africa).
- Western Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*) – Sp, Mor (hd)
- Gray Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*) – Mor, CI, Mad, Az
- Cirl Bunting (*Emberiza cirlus*) – Sp
- Rock Bunting (*Emberiza cia*) – Sp, Mor
- Ortolan Bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*) – Sp, Mor
- House Bunting (*Emberiza striolata*) – Mor
- Corn Bunting (*Emberiza calandra*) – Sp, Mor
- Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*) – all regions
- Blue Chaffinch** (*Fringilla teydea*) – CI (Canary Island endemic)

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European Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*) – Sp, Mor, CI

European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) – Sp, Mor, CI, Az

Eurasian Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*) – Sp, Mor, CI, Mad

European Serin (*Serinus serinus*) – Sp, Mor, CI (Tenerife)

Island Canary (*Serinus canaria*) – CI, Mad, Az (endemic to the Atlantic Islands

“Azorean” Eurasian Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula [pyrrhula] murina*) – Az (the endangered endemic form *murina*, restricted to Sao Miguel, should perhaps be split as a separate species; mostly in the ne. highlands

Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*) – Mor (by PH and a few observers).

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) – Sp, Mor, Az

Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*) – Mor, CI

Rock Petronia (*Petronia petronia*) – Sp, CI (La Gomera by a few).

Mammal List:

Barbary ape (*Macaca sylvanus*) – Gib (the famous apes of “The Rock”)

Moroccan ground squirrel – Mor (High Atlas near the ski area)

European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)

Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) – Sp (around the restaurant at the top of El Torcal)

Iberian Ibex (*Capra hircus hispanica*) – Sp (on the rocky rim of El Torcal)

Sperm Whale (*Physeter catodon*) – Az

Long-finned Pilot Whale – Gib

Spinner Dolphin (*Stenella longirostris*)

Common Dolphin (*Delphinis delphis*)

Atlantic White-sided Dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*)

Striped Dolphin