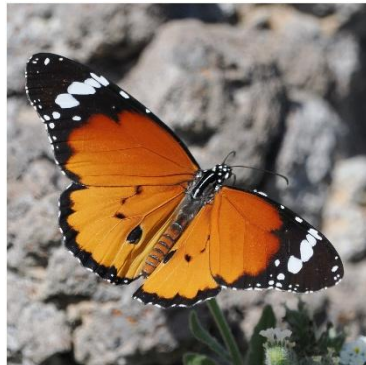


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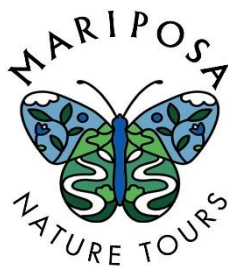
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## **Trip Report – Fabulous Fuerteventura, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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### **Introduction**

The preceding winter on Fuerteventura had seen more rainfall on the island than normal, so the northern half of the island was experiencing an incredible flush of vegetation with hillsides covered in flowering plants. On the back of the vegetation explosion there were huge numbers of butterflies especially Greenish Black Tip, Painted Lady, and Fuerteventura Green-striped White. Joining us for the tour were Andrew L, Sarah, Andrew S, Nigel, Michael, Beatrice, Kevin, Kitty, Caroline, Howard, Ros, and Bob.

What follows is a daily diary for the week, followed by species lists and galleries.

### **Day 1, Arrivals day, 22 February**

With everybody safely arrived at the hotel by mid-afternoon we had a few spare hours so we took the short journey to the nearby Barranco de Rio Cabras.

It proved to be a busy couple of hours there, with plenty of desert birds to be seen, including Trumpeter Finch, Egyptian Vulture, Berthelot's Pipit, and the endemic Fuerteventura Stonechat.

The sought-after Greenish Black Tip butterflies were *everywhere* and several Sahara Bluetail damselflies were spotted. What a bonus couple of hours on arrivals day!



### **Day 2**

The morning was spent out on the wonderful Tindaya Plain. It didn't take us long to locate a stunning male Houbara Bustard. By careful positioning of the mini-buses (and exercising due fieldcraft by not getting out, and hence not disturbing the bird as he went about his business) we were able to get truly incredible views and, at one point, he even wandered between the vehicles!



Other birds seen included Mediterranean Short-toed Lark, Berthelot's Pipit, and Plain Swift.

In glorious sunshine we stretched our legs in a nearby barranco, where we saw the first of many (many) Fuerteventura Green-striped White. Flowers were everywhere, and by carefully turning over a few rocks and debris we were able to find the endemic East Canary Gecko.

Returning to the vehicles we had another scout around the plain and found a pair of Cream-coloured Courser and were amazed as we watched them when they started displaying – bobbing and bowing to one another. Outrageous!

A small patch of Brown-bell *Dipcadi serotinum* were spotted on the track-side and they were literally covered in the caterpillars of the stunning moth *Polytela cliens*. These incredible looking caterpillars were a brilliant sight, some quite large and already burrowing into the ground to pupate.

We lunched nearby on cliff-tops overlooking the sea. A short stroll along the coast produced a fabulous male *pelegrinoides* Barbary Falcon who proved to be unconcerned with our presence, and we were able to watch him for ages.

After lunch we drove the short distance to Mount Oliva. Here there was an incredible bloom of *Matthiola*. Entire hillsides had turned purple with flowers, a super-bloom that looked amazing!

Nearby at Mirador de Vallebron we had wonderful views of Mont Tindaya and there was a dazzling array of flowers including sweet smelling heliotropes and purple *Echium*

everywhere. The valley to the east looked green like the Yorkshire Dales!



Broad Scarlet © Howard

Our final destination of the day was to the small village of Las Parcelas, here we saw our first Barbary Partridge and had wonderful views of a Desert Grey Shrike. A stroll revealed a lovely mix of butterflies including Lang's Short-tailed Blue and Long-tailed Blue, Clouded Yellow, still more Greenish Black Tip, and a fabulous male Broad Scarlet dragonfly by way of some variety.

### Day 3

Our first stop today was the Mirador de Morro Velosa. Here we enjoyed spectacular views and yet another stunning array of flowering plants, it was a botanists' utopia! Highlights included stunning purple poppies, Aeonium, shrub-like Canary Island Daisy, and several spikes of *Allium canariense*. Entire hillsides were yellow with flowering brassicas. A nectaring Striped Hawk-moth was a brief bonus.



Hillside in bloom © Caroline



Painted Lady © Bob

The huge number of flowering plants had in turn attracted vast numbers of butterflies and numbers of Painted Lady here were outrageous. Overhead were several Raven and Egyptian Vulture.

From the mirador we had a short drive down into Betancuria and walked the barranco down through the town and back. Birds seen included Atlantic Canary, lots Spanish Sparrow, Yellow-browed Warbler, Fuerteventura Blue Tit, and Turtle and Laughing Doves. Under blue skies butterflies were much in evidence with masses of Greenish Black Tip, Fuerteventura Green-striped White, and Geranium Bronze.

Again there were masses of flowering plants highlights included stunning blue broomrape (*Orobanche*), Barbary Ragwort *Hertia cheirifolia*, and more of the intriguing Brownbell *Dipcadi serotinum*.

Lunch was taken in the shade back at the parking area and was interrupted by a surprise pale-morph Booted Eagle joining the circling Egyptian Vultures overhead.

From Betancuria we drove a wee bit further south down the valley and enjoyed a lovely stroll at Vega de Rio Palmas. The small stream here yielded a nice selection of dragonflies included Epaulet Skimmer, Broad Scarlet, Sahara Bluetail damsels, and Blue Emperor. The area around the bridge at the start of the walk produced several Monarch butterflies and, on our return, a smart Plain Tiger.



Epaulet Skimmer © Andrew L.

After the walk we had a welcome cool drink at the lovely nearby café before our final stop of the day at the dam of Los Molinos. Here we were treated to large numbers of Ruddy Shelduck and even a pair with half a dozen stripey ducklings. Other birds seen included Black-winged Stilt, Green Sandpiper, Little Ringed Plover, Marsh Harrier, Hoopoe, Sand Martin, and a smart male Northern Wheatear.



Black-winged Stilt © Bob

#### Day 4

Today we headed south. Our first stop was forty minutes south of the hotel at the Barranco de la Florida. There were two small pools or reservoirs of water holding a nice array of birds including Ruddy Shelduck, Black-winged Stilt, Greenshank, and Little Ringed Plover. We had heard about an Eastern Yellow Wagtail wintering here, and it didn't take long to locate the winter plumaged

male preening in a dead tree and eventually feeding on the water's edge. Lesser Emperor dragonflies were breeding in one pool with lots patrolling up and down over the water.

Further south we stopped briefly at the Oasis Park, to make use of their facilities and to see a few butterflies including several African Grass Blue.



Further on still at Club Aldiana we stopped to explore a small ravine. This site is wonderful for Plain Tiger butterflies. This old world equivalent of the Nearctic Monarch can be difficult to catch up with, but here there is plenty of their food plant growing, which they've found. Along with a dozen beautiful adults flying



around we were able to find large numbers of their striking caterpillars feeding on the Apple of Sodom *Calotropis procera*. Other butterflies were much in evidence with Painted Lady, an actual Monarch, Lang's Short-Tailed Blue, and our only Southern Blue of the week. A surprise Crimson Speckled moth was enjoyed by all.

This site is also well known for its thriving population of Barbary Ground Squirrel, and we spent a while watching them.

We lunched further south in the Gran Valle and then took a short walk to see some amazing convergent evolution.

Growing here are several spiky looking succulent plants and, despite their appearance, neither of the species present are cacti. *Euphorbia canariensis* and *Euphorbia handiensis* have evolved to deal with the same arid, harsh environmental conditions as cacti, and have come up with the same solutions.

Mid-afternoon and we had an explore of the lower slopes of Mount Granillo. The area around here is quite different from the rest of Fuerteventura being much more sandy than stoney. We found a few plants of Yellow Bushy Restharrow, the stunning desert *Nanorrhinum heterophyllum*, and lots of sea thyme (*Frankenia*), but the highlight was an endemic Darkling Beetle *Pimelia lutaria*, unfortunately dead.

A surprising discovery was a great many fossilised locust egg cases, these fascinating cylindrical 'stones' being evidence of an event thousands of years ago

Our final stop of the day was at Barranco de Torro where we watched several pairs of Spectacled Warbler including one



pair with young. Our luck today with Plain Tiger continued as another Apple of Sodom produced more caterpillars – the highlight however was the finding of a stunning chrysalis!

## Day 5

After only a brief visit on Day 1 we returned to Barranco de Cabras and spent most of the morning exploring this fabulous area.



Here a family of Fuerteventura Stonechat kept us entertained with several birds coming ridiculously close. Dragonflies included yet more Sahara Bluetail and Broad Scarlet.

Doves were much in evidence with Collared, Laughing, and Turtle Doves all calling away and providing a very pleasant soundtrack to the morning. African Blue Tit, Trumpeter Finch, Canary Buzzard, and Egyptian Vulture all featured

too. By carefully turning over some rocks we were able to find a few more endemic East Canary Gecko – we agreed we loved their filigree golden eyes!

A rather well vegetated area of desert near the vehicles held a reasonable colony of Mediterranean Short-toed Lark, and we got our best views of the species here. Crimson Speckled moth added a further touch of glamour to the late morning.



We headed north and to Faro de Toston for lunch. The area around the lighthouse produced a few wading birds including Whimbrel, Grey Plover, Sanderling, and very smart Kentish Plover.

An explore out onto the rocks revealed quite a few wrecked Portuguese Man o' War jellyfishes, while growing on the roadside was a lovely sea lavender (*Limonium*).

Our walk at the nearby barranco next to Montana de la Mareta was cut short by an approaching thunderstorm, but not before we had enjoyed a dazzling array of flowers including and yet more stunning blue broomrape.

Our return journey to the hotel took us via the sand dunes at Dunas de Corralejo.

## Day 6

Having had such an enjoyable time on the Tindaya Plain on our first visit we decided to pop in there again this morning, and we weren't disappointed. Without doubt, the success was with Cream-Coloured Courser, with at least 10 (!) birds seen including a pair with 2 small chicks! Once more using the vehicles as hides, we enjoyed outrageous views as the birds came to us. We also had a few views of Black-bellied Sandgrouse including a pair on the ground, and several Mediterranean Short-toed Lark for good measure.



Late morning and we headed down the coast to Puertito de los Molinos. At the end of the barranco a small stream enters the sea and the surrounding freshwater pools held lots of dragonflies, including Sahara Bluetail damselflies, a handful of Broad Scarlet, and at least half a dozen Vagrant Emperor. The sea was particularly spectacular with huge rolling waves crashing in against the shore, what a sight!

We lunched again at Betancuria and enjoyed the masses of butterflies and flowers in the barranco north of the town, with Turtle Dove purring and Laughing Dove calling.

Our final stop of the day was at Mirador de Guise y Ayose. Here we took a short walk from the viewpoint and were rewarded with wonderful views, a superb male Spectacled Warbler singing away, and yet more Greenish Black Tip on the wing.

## Day 7, Departures day, 28 February

With various flight departure times, several members of the team left after breakfast whilst others managed another bonus hour or two at Barranco de Rio Cabras. Here we saw a final look at Trumpeter Finch, Fuerteventura Stonechat, Greenish Black Tip butterflies, and Egyptian Vulture before heading to the airport.

## Footnote and acknowledgements

David and Juan Pablo would like to thank the group for being such great company, and for bringing such good fortune with them to Fuerteventura. The island is always a brilliant late-winter destination, but this year in particular it really shone brightly with the happy coincidence of a wet winter beforehand creating a desert super-bloom of wildflowers and, with it, an explosion of the two principal butterfly highlights of the island, Greenish Black Tip

and Fuerteventura Green-striped White. We look forward to seeing what good fortune our guests bring with them on future tours elsewhere with Team Mariposa!



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| FABULOUS FUERTEVENTURA 22 – 28 FEBRUARY 2026 |                                                                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                              | Species name                                                   | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 |
|                                              | <b>Butterflies</b>                                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 1                                            | Monarch <i>Danaus Plexippus</i>                                |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |
| 2                                            | Plain Tiger <i>Danaus chrysippus</i>                           |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |
| 3                                            | Small White <i>Pieris rapae</i>                                | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 4                                            | Fuerteventura Green-striped White<br><i>Euchloe hesperidum</i> | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 5                                            | Greenish Black Tip <i>Euchloe charltonia</i>                   | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 6                                            | African Migrant <i>Catopsilia florella</i>                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 7                                            | Clouded Yellow <i>Colias crocea</i>                            | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |
| 8                                            | Bath White <i>Pontia daplidice</i>                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 9                                            | African Grass Blue <i>Zizeeria Knysna</i>                      |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |
| 10                                           | Long-tailed Blue <i>Lampides boeticus</i>                      |       | ✓     |       |       |       | ✓     |       |
| 11                                           | Lang's Short-tailed Blue <i>Leptotes Pirithous</i>             |       | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |
| 12                                           | Desert Babul Blue <i>Azanus ubaldus</i>                        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 13                                           | Red Admiral <i>Vanessa Atalanta</i>                            |       | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 14                                           | Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>                             | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| #                                            | Geranium Bronze <i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>                      |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       | ✓     |       |
| #                                            | Southern Blue <i>Polyommatus celina</i>                        |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
| #                                            | Small Copper <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>                            |       |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |
|                                              |                                                                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                                              | <b>Daily total:</b>                                            | 5     | 9     | 11    | 10    | 5     | 13    |       |
|                                              | <b>Running total:</b>                                          | 5     | 9     | 12    | 13    | 13    | 14    |       |
|                                              |                                                                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                                              | <b>Birds</b>                                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 1                                            | Ruddy Shelduck <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>                       | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 2                                            | Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>                              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 3                                            | Barbary Partridge <i>Alectoris Barbara</i>                     |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| 4                                            | Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i>                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 5                                            | Plain Swift <i>Apus unicolor</i>                               |       | ✓     |       | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |
| 6                                            | Pallid Swift <i>Apus pallidus</i>                              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 7                                            | Houbara Bustard <i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>                    |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |       |
| 8                                            | Black-bellied Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles orientalis</i>           |       |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |
| 9                                            | Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i>                                 | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 10                                           | Eurasian Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>            | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 11                                           | African Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 12                                           | Laughing Dove <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>                   | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 13                                           | Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>                      | ✓     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 14                                           | Eurasian Coot <i>Fulica atra</i>                               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 15                                           | Eurasian Stone-curlew <i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

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|----|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 16 | Eurasian Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 17 | Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>        | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 18 | Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>                |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 19 | Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>       |       |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 20 | Little Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius dubius</i>          | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |       |
| 21 | Kentish Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>          |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 22 | Eurasian Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>             |       |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 23 | Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius Arquata</i>                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 24 | Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 25 | Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i>               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 26 | Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>              |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 27 | Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>                        |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 28 | Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>                          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 29 | Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 30 | Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>             |       |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 31 | Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>                 | ✓     |       | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 32 | Common Redshank <i>Tringa tetanus</i>                  |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
| 33 | Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>              |       |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 34 | Cream-coloured Courser <i>Cursorius cursor</i>         |       | ✓     |       |       |       | ✓     |       |
| 35 | Black-headed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 36 | Yellow-legged Gull <i>Larus michahellis</i>            | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 37 | Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i>           |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 38 | Sandwich Tern <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>           |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| 39 | Common Tern <i>Sterna Hirundo</i>                      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 40 | Cory's Shearwater <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 41 | Manx Shearwater <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 42 | Barolo Shearwater <i>Puffinus baroli</i>               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 43 | White Stork <i>Ciconia Ciconia</i>                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 44 | Northern Gannet <i>Morus bassanus</i>                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 45 | African Sacred Ibis <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 46 | Hadada Ibis <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>                 |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
| 47 | Eurasian Spoonbill <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>          | ✓     |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 48 | Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 49 | Western Cattle Egret <i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>             |       |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 50 | Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>                        | ✓     |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
| 51 | Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>                   | ✓     |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 52 | Western Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 53 | Egyptian Vulture <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>             | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 54 | Eurasian Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter nisus</i>               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 55 | Common Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i>                         | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 56 | Eurasian Hoopoe <i>Upupa epops</i>                        | ✓     |       | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 57 | Great Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos major</i>         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 58 | Common Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>                   |       | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 59 | Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus pelegrioides</i>     |       | ✓     |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 60 | Monk Parakeet <i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>                  |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
| 61 | Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i>            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 62 | Great Grey Shrike <i>Lanius excubitor</i>                 | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 63 | Northern Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>                        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 64 | African Blue Tit <i>Cyanistes teneriffae</i>              | ✓     |       | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 65 | Mediterranean Short-toed Lark <i>Alaudala rufescens</i>   | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 66 | Red-vented Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>                 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 67 | Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>                       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| 68 | Common House Martin <i>Delichon urbicum</i>               |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 69 | Red-rumped Swallow <i>Cecropis daurica</i>                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 70 | Canary Islands Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus canariensis</i> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 71 | Common Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus colybita</i>            |       |       | ✓     |       |       | ✓     |       |
| 72 | Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 73 | Eurasian Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>               |       |       | ✓     |       |       | ✓     |       |
| 74 | Sardinian Warbler <i>Curruca melanocephala</i>            |       |       | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 75 | Spectacled Warbler <i>Curruca conspicillata</i>           |       |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 76 | Goldcrest <i>Regulus regulus</i>                          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 77 | Common Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 78 | Common Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 79 | Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>                      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 80 | European Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 81 | Black Redstart <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 82 | Canary Islands Stonechat <i>Saxicola dacotiae</i>         | ✓     |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 83 | Northern Wheatear <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>                |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| 84 | Spanish Sparrow <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>              | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| 85 | House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 86 | Grey Wagtail <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 87 | White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i>                       | ✓     |       | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |       |
| 88 | Berthelot's Pipit <i>Anthus berthelotii</i>               | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |

|    | Species name                                                      | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 89 | Canary Islands Chaffinch <i>Fringilla canariensis</i>             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 90 | Common Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>                         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 91 | Trumpeter Finch <i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>                      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
| 92 | European Greenfinch <i>Chloris chloris</i>                        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 93 | Common Linnet <i>Linaria cannabina</i>                            |       | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
| 94 | European Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>                     |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| 95 | Atlantic Canary <i>Serinus canaria</i>                            |       |       | ✓     |       |       | ✓     |       |
| #  | Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>                            | ✓     |       | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |
| #  | Marsh Harrier <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>                           |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| #  | Booted Eagle <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>                           |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| #  | Sand Martin <i>Riparia riparia</i>                                |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| #  | Yellow-browed Warbler <i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>               |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
| #  | Eastern Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla tschutschensis</i>            |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
| #  | Tufted Duck <i>Aythya fuligula</i>                                |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
| #  |                                                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| #  |                                                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| #  |                                                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|    | <b>Daily total:</b>                                               | 25    | 21    | 33    | 31    | 37    | 22    |       |
|    | <b>Running total:</b>                                             | 25    | 33    | 44    | 55    | 60    | 61    |       |
|    |                                                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|    | <b>Miscellaneous other fauna</b>                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|    | Silver Y <i>Autographa gamma</i>                                  | ✓     |       | ✓     |       |       | ✓     |       |
|    | <i>Polytela cliens</i>                                            |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |       |
|    | Crimson Speckled <i>Utetheisa pulchella</i>                       |       |       |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |       |
|    | Sahara Bluetail <i>Ischnura saharensis</i>                        | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
|    | Red-veined Darter <i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>                   | ✓     |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
|    | Broad Scarlet <i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>                        |       | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     |       |
|    | Epaulet Skimmer <i>Orthetrum chrysostigma</i>                     |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |       |
|    | Emperor <i>Anax imperator</i>                                     | ✓     |       | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
|    | Lesser Emperor <i>Anax parthenope</i>                             |       |       |       | ✓     |       |       |       |
|    | Vagrant Emperor <i>Anax ephippiger</i>                            |       |       |       |       |       | ✓     |       |
|    | East Canary Gecko <i>Tarentola angustimentalis</i>                |       | ✓     |       |       |       | ✓     |       |
|    | Fuerteventura Atlantic Lizard <i>Gallotia atlantica mahoratae</i> | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |       |
|    |                                                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

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