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MOROCCO

From Atlas Mountains to the Sahara Desert
March 17th to 27th 2008

Party :

Bill Madge ,Michael Carr,Terry Kett , Peter Ryalls , Margaret Ryalls , Tony Lack , John Le Gassick
Robert Frost , Jeremy Milne , D. Anderson , Darren Frost.

Guide: Josele J. Saiz – Tour leader and expert in Morocco

Sites: Agadir , Souss Valley, Souss Massa , Tamri , Paradise Valley , Souss River Banck, Aulouz,
Ouarzazate Reservoir, Tagdlit Track, Fom El Kous , Todra Gorge, Merzouga Palm Groves, Erg Chebi,
Merzouga Lake, Risanni, Ait Ben Hadou , Amerzgane , Arbaglou, Boletas Raptors Watchpoint,
Oukaimeden.



Party birding



Superb lunch after birding



Blue cheeked Bee-eater (*Merops persicus*)



Female Desert Sparrow (*Passer simplex*)

BIRDLIST FOR MOROCCO March 2008

SPECIES Moroccan bird specialities Other interesting birds		<i>Scientific Name</i>	No of birding days out of 11 recorded	Total numbers X.= No count H .= Heard only
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	2	x
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1	x
3	Great Cormorant	<i>arduelos es ardu maroccanus</i>	2	x
4	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	4	x
5	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1	2
6	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	5	10+
7	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	2	20+
8	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	9	100+
9	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	1	1
10	WhiteStork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	6	70+
11	Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>	1	60+
12	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1	80+
13	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	4	250+
14	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	2	300+
15	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	1	x
16	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	1	1
17	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	1	3
18	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	2	x
19	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	1	3
20	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	1	x
21	Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	2	42+
22	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	2	x
23	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		
24	Osprey	<i>Pandion heliaetus</i>	3	3
25	Black Shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1	2
26	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	6	260+
27	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	1	1
28	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus harterti</i>	4	5
29	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	8	10
30	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus cirtensis</i>	8	25+
31	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus punicus</i>	1	1
32	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos homeyeri</i>	3	3
33	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>	1	2
34	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	4	19+
35	Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	10	X
36	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus erlangeri</i>	2	3
37	Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco Pelegrinoides</i>	4	8
38	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus brookei</i>	2	2
39	Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara spatzi</i>	2	6
40	Common Quail	<i>Coturnic coturnix</i>	3	2h 1+1
41	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	2	2
42	Eurasian Coot	<i>ardue atra</i>	3	x
43	Houbara Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis undulate undulata</i>	1	2
44	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	1	x
45	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	4	40+
46	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra arduel</i>	2	x
47	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus saharae</i>	2	8

48	Cream-colored Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>	7	80+
49	Black bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	1	x
50	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	1	x
51	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	4	x
52	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	3	x
53	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1	1
54	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	1	x
55	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	1	1
56	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arduel</i>	1	x
57	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	1	2
58	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	3	x
59	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	2	x
60	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	3	x
61	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	2	x
62	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	1	x
63	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris Temminckii</i>	1	1
64	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1	x
65	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	1	x
66	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	1	x
67	Audouin's Gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>	1	5+
68	Western Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans michahellis</i>	3	x
69	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>	3	x
70	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	1	x
71	Gull Billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	1	12+
72	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	2	x
73	Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>	1	2
74	Crowned Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles coronatus</i>	2	32
75	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia livia</i>	10	x
76	Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus excelsa</i>	7	x
77	Eurasian Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	6	x
78	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	11	x
79	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	5	20+
80	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	3	3
81	Pharaoh Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo ascalaphus</i>	3	3
82	Little Owl	<i>ardue noctua saharae</i>	4	8
83	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>	1	h
84	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	2	10+
85	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	8	x
86	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	5	X
87	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	5	25+
88	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1	h
89	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus chrysocercus</i>	2	11
90	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	11	300+
91	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	8	16+
92	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	1	1
93	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major mauritanus</i>	1	h
94	Levaillant's Woodpecker	<i>Picus vaillantii</i>	1	1
95	Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cincturus arenicolor</i>	3	8
96	Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti payni</i>	3	18++
97	Greater Hoopoe Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>	3	12+
98	Thick-billed Lark	<i>Ramphocoris clotbey</i>	4	13
99	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea rubiginosa</i>	5	x
100	Crested Lark	<i>arduelo cristata randonii</i>	8	x
	Crested Lark	<i>arduelo cristata riggenbachi</i>		
101	Thekla Lark	<i>arduelo theklae aguirrei</i>	3	3
102	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris atlas</i>	1	10+

103	Sky Lark	<i>Alauda arvensis harterti</i>	2	x
104	Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris bilopha</i>	1	x
105	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	1	4
106	Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	10	x
107	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Hirundo arduelos theresae</i>	4	30+
108	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	10	x
109	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica rufula</i>	10	x
110	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	9	x
111	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	6	x
	Moroccan Wagtail	<i>Motacilla Alba supersonata</i>	1	1
112	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	2	x
	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>	1	x
	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>	4	x
113	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	3	x
114	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus arduelos</i>	1	1
115	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus arduelos</i>	5	x
116	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	2	x
117	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus barbatus</i>	10	x
118	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus balearicus</i>	1	1
119	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	1	1
120	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	2	h
121	Rufous tailed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	1	1
122	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	7	13
123	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula mauretanica</i>	9	x
124	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	2	3
125	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus deichleri</i>	2	4
126	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	2	12+
127	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	2	1 +1h
128	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	2	3
129	Western. Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais opaca</i>	3	8+
130	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	5	x
131	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	6	x
132	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	6	10
133	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	5	x
134	Greater Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	2	5
135	African Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserti</i>	1	1
136	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	7	x
137	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	7	x
138	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	3	3
139	Tristram's Warbler	<i>Sylvia arduelos e ticehursti</i>	1	2
140	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	4	2
141	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	3	6
142	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros gibralteriensis</i>	3	12
143	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	8	14
144	Moussier's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>	7	18
145	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola arduelo</i>	1	x
146	Winchat	<i>Xasicola rubetra</i>	2	3
147	White-crowned Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga augra</i>	5	x
148	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>	4	11+
149	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	7	x
	Seebom's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe seebohmi</i>	3	6
150	Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens halophila</i>	3	3
151	Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>	3	6
152	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	6	15+
153	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti homochroa</i>	5	13
154	Fulvous Babbler	<i>Turdoides fulvus moroccanus</i>	1	7

155	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater atlas</i>	2	x
156	Great Tit	<i>Parus major excelsus</i>	4	x
157	African Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistess ultramarinus</i>	3	6
158	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>ardue brachydactyla mauretanic</i>	1	h
159	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius arduelos es algeriensis</i>	7	x
	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius arduelos es elegans</i>	3	7
160	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius arduel</i>	10	x
161	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala cucullata</i>	2	4
162	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica mauretanic</i>	3	x
163	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax barbarus</i>	2	70++
164	Yellow-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	1	150+
165	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>	2	7
166	Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>	2	38
167	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	6	x
168	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus tingitanus</i>	10	x
169	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	2	x
170	Desert Sparrow	<i>Passer simplex</i>	1	2
171	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia barbara</i>	2	13+
172	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs africana</i>	5	x
173	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	1	2
174	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra poliogyna</i>	1	3
175	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelos chloris</i>	5	x
176	Siskin	<i>Carduelos spinus</i>	2	30+
177	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelos arduelos</i>	7	x
178	Eurasian Linnet	<i>Carduelos cannabina mediterrania</i>	3	x
179	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	8	x
180	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	1	4
181	Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguinea aliena</i>	1	20+
182	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Rhodopechys githaginea zedlitzi</i>	6	100+
183	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	3	3
184	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia africana</i>	1	4
185	House Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata sahari</i>	10	x
186	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	4	x

Other Sightings

Mammals

Wild Board
Egyptian Mongoose
Barbary Ground Squirrel
Fat Sand Rat

Reptiles

Spanish Terrapin
African Green Frog
Pond Terrapin
Atlas Rock Lizard

Butterflies

Large White
Greenish Black Tip
Bath White
Plain Tiger
Clouded Yellow
Lang tailed Blue
Lesser Emperor
Small Cooper
Painted lady

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We localised all Moroccan bird specialities we tried, including both sandgrouse; Spotted and Crowned , Houbara Bustard, Fulvous Babbler & Plain Martin.

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