

Morocco trip report – Autumn 2006

In the autumn of 2006 we travelled – for the second time – with our own car to Morocco. This time we really wanted to see the deep south and a bit of the Anti-Atlas. Birdwatching was not the main aim, though an important one. We made no special efforts to see all the ‘most wanted’ species, but rather used the birds as an alibi to visit the most beautiful landscapes...

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October 16: Ceuta > Larache

Arrived at 12h00 with the ferry in Ceuta, we drove via Ksar Es-Seghir to Larache. On our way we already saw **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*), **Lesser Kestrel** (*Falco naumanni*), **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), **Spotless Starling** (*Sturnus unicolor*), **House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*). Also **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*), which would appear much more common at this trip than Moroccan Wagtail (*Motacilla subpersonata*)...

In Larache we went to Hotel Es-Salam, which we knew as a good value from an earlier trip. Dh 133 for one night in a very decent double room with hot shower.

During a short visit to the marshes of Oued Loukkos that evening we had **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), hundreds of **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*) gathering for the night in the trees near the barrage, **Squacco Heron** (*Ardeola ralloides*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), 6 **Purple Herons** (*Ardea purpurea*) flying over, 4 **White Storks** (*Ciconia ciconia*), a single **Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*), 20+ **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Mallard** (*Anas platyrhynchos*), 3 **Northern Shovelers** (*Anas clypeata*), **Marsh Harrier** (*Circus aeruginosus*), **Common Coot** (*Fulica atra*), **Black-winged Stilt** (*Himantopus himantopus*), **Great Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius hiaticula*), **Kentish Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*), **Dunlin** (*Calidris alpina*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*), **Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*), **Eurasian Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*), **Ruff** (*Philomachus pugnax*), **Black-headed Gull** (*Larus ridibundus*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*), 3 **Sandwich Terns** (*Sterna sandvicensis*), a single **Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*), **Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*), not exactly determined **Yellow Wagtail** (*Motacilla ‘flava’*), auditive **Great Reed Warbler** (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*), auditive **Cetti’s Warbler** (*Cettia cetti*), **Eurasian Jackdaw** (*Corvus monedula*), **Spotless Starling** (*Sturnus unicolor*) and **House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*).

October 17: Larache > Essaouira

Continuous driving from 10h00 till 19h00. An update to our maps: the highway runs almost up to El-Jadida now. On our way we had **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*), **Grey**

Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*), **Lesser Kestrel** (*Falco naumanni*) and **Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*). In Essaouira, we found a large double room in Hotel Souiri for Dh 310.

October 18: Essaouira > Mirleft

Driving from 9h30 till 16h30 with a few short stops. At Tamri, we searched a while for Bald Ibis (*Geronticus eremita*) of course, but weren't lucky. We did see **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Ruddy Shelduck** (*Tadorna ferruginea*), **Mallard** (*Anas platyrhynchos*), **Common Coot** (*Fulica atra*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*) and **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*) at the lagoon.

Other birds during the ride were **Lesser Kestrel** (*Falco naumanni*), **Collared Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*), **Moussier's Redstart** (*Phoenicurus moussieri*), **Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucura*), **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis*) and **Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*). And also a few **Barbary Ground Squirrels** (*Atlantoxerus getulus*).

In Mirleft, we found a basic but cosy room with shared hot showers in Hotel Mirleft, for Dh 100. Birds that were seen from the roof terrace that afternoon, include **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*), **Moussier's Redstart** (*Phoenicurus moussieri*), **Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucura*), **Chiffchaff** (*Phylloscopus collybita*), **House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*) and **Goldfinch** (*Carduelis carduelis*).

October 19: Mirleft > Sidi Ifni > Mirleft

The first part of this trip was close to the ocean, with sights of **Shearwater** (*Puffinus spec.*), **Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*), **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) and **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*).

Further along the road towards Sidi Ifni we had **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*), **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*), **Rock Dove** (*Columba livia*), **Collared Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*), **Thekla Lark** (*Galerida theklae*), **Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*), **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*), **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), **Moussier's Redstart** (*Phoenicurus moussieri*), **Mourning Wheatear** (*Oenanthe lugens*), **Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucura*), **Red-rumped Wheatear** (*Oenanthe moesta*), **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*), **Blue Rock Thrush** (*Monticola solitarius*), **Orphean Warbler** (*Sylvia hortensis*), **Sardinian Warbler** (*Sylvia melanocephala*), **North African Blue Tit** (*Parus caeruleus ultramarinus*), **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis*), **Spotless Starling** (*Sturnus unicolor*) and **House Bunting** (*Emberiza striolata*).

In Sidi Ifni we took the unsurfaced road – tarmac work was in progress – towards Sidi Ouarsik, which gave a splendid sight of a first winter **Golden Eagle** (*Aquila chrysaetos*) flushed out of an isolated palm tree, 2 **Lanner Falcons** (*Falco biarmicus*) resting on a little stony hill, **Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*) and **Spanish Sparrow** (*Passer hispaniolensis*). Mammals we noted were **Barbary Ground Squirrel**

(Atlantoxerus getulus) and lots of **Gundi** (Ctenodactylus spec.). And on the way back a surprising **Osprey** (Pandion haliaetus) far from any water, sitting on an electricity wire some 8 kilometers before Mirleft.

October 20: Mirleft > Tighmert

On the way from Mirleft to Tighmert (also known as Aït Boukha) we had **Common Kestrel** (Falco tinnunculus), **Long-legged Buzzard** (Buteo rufinus), **Northern Wheatear** (Oenanthe oenanthe), **Southern Grey Shrike** (Lanius meridionalis) and **North African Magpie** (Pica pica mauritanica). Mammals: a dead **Hare** (Lepus lepus).

In the oasis of Tighmert we saw that afternoon **Grey Heron** (Ardea cinerea), **Long-legged Buzzard** (Buteo rufinus), **Little Ringed Plover** (Charadrius dubius), **Rock Dove** (Columba livia), **Collared Dove** (Streptopelia decaocto), **Laughing Dove** (Streptopelia senegalensis), **Grey Wagtail** (Motacilla cinerea), **Common Redstart** (Phoenicurus phoenicurus), **Moussier's Redstart** (Phoenicurus moussieri), both **Black Wheatear** (Oenanthe leucura) and **White-crowned Black Wheatear** (Oenanthe leucopyga), **Blue Rock Thrush** (Monticola solitarius), **Chiffchaff** (Phylloscopus collybita), **Garden Bulbul** (Pycnonotus barbatus), both **House Sparrow** (Passer domesticus) and **Spanish Sparrow** (Passer hispaniolensis), and apparently also some hybrids between this two.

October 21: Tighmert > Plage Blanche > Tighmert

On the way to Plage Blanche a very interesting stop was the crossing of the Qued Assaka, 17 kilometers after Guelmim. Here we had **Little Grebe** (Tachybaptus ruficollis), **Grey Heron** (Ardea cinerea), 1 female **Northern Shoveler** (Anas clypeata), 2 **Marbled Duck** (Marmaronetta angustirostris), **Common Coot** (Fulica atra), **Moorhen** (Gallinula chloropus), **Little Ringed Plover** (Charadrius dubius), **Common Redshank** (Tringa totanus), **Common Greenshank** (Tringa nebularia), **Green Sandpiper** (Tringa ochropus), **Common Sandpiper** (Actitis hypoleucos), **Common Snipe** (Gallinago gallinago), **Crested Lark** (Galerida cristata), **Pied Wagtail** (Motacilla alba), **Grey Wagtail** (Motacilla cinerea), **Yellow Wagtail** (Motacilla 'flava'), **Moussier's Redstart** (Phoenicurus moussieri) and **Desert Wheatear** (Oenanthe deserti).

Further on the way – and on the pistes towards Plage Blanche – we had **Long-legged Buzzard** (Buteo rufinus), **Common Kestrel** (Falco tinnunculus), **Rock Dove** (Columba livia), **Little Owl** (Athene noctua), **Thekla Lark** (Galerida theklae), **Mourning Wheatear** (Oenanthe lugens), **Red-rumped Wheatear** (Oenanthe moesta), **Black Wheatear** (Oenanthe leucura), **Southern Grey Shrike** (Lanius meridionalis), **Common Raven** (Corvus corax) and **House Sparrow** (Passer domesticus).

The coast and the lagoon north of Plage Blanche added **Northern Gannet** (Morus bassanus), **Little Egret** (Egretta garzetta), **Grey Heron** (Ardea cinerea), **Greater Flamingo** (Phoenicopterus ruber), **Moorhen** (Gallinula chloropus), **Common Coot**

(*Fulica atra*), **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*), **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*), **Eurasian Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*), **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*), **Audouin's Gull** (*Larus audouinii*) and **Black Tern** (*Chlidonias niger*).

On the way back between Guelmin and Tighmert we saw a **Black-shouldered Kite** (*Elanus caeruleus*).

October 22: Tighmert > Oued Assaka > Tighmert

We took it quiet today and only visited the crossing of Oued Assaka on the road to Plage Blanche again. In the oasis of Tighmert in the morning we already had **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*), **Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*), **Common Kingfisher** (*Alcedo atthis*), **Crested or Thekla Lark** – not sure (*Galerida cristata/theklae*), **Cetti's Warbler** (*Cettia cetti*) and **House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*). On the way between Tighmert and Guelmin at least 25 **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** (*Pterocles orientalis*) in the field made us stop.

At Oued Assaka we saw this time **Little Grebe** (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), 2 **Northern Pintail** (*Anas acuta*), 1 **Northern Shoveler** (*Anas clypeata*), 2 **Common Teal** (*Anas crecca*), 6 **Marbled Duck** (*Marmaronetta angustirostris*), a female **Marsh Harrier** (*Circus aeruginosus*), 1 **Spotted Crake** (*Porzana porzana*), **Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*), **Common Coot** (*Fulica atra*), **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*), **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*), **Grey Wagtail** (*Motacilla cinerea*), **Common Redstart** (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*), **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*), **Desert Wheatear** (*Oenanthe deserti*), **Reed Warbler** (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*), **Sardinian Warbler** (*Sylvia melanocephala*) and **Rock Bunting** (*Emberiza cia*).

Back in Tighmert again, at the crossing of the little Oued just past the village, we noted a **Black-shouldered Kite** (*Elanus caeruleus*) sitting in a palm tree, **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*), **Laughing Dove** (*Streptopelia senegalensis*), **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*) and **Spanish Sparrow** (*Passer hispaniolensis*).

October 23: Tighmert > Tan Tan Plage

On our way to Tan Tan Plage (also known as El-Ouatia), the Oueds we crossed were a bit disappointing... Oued Sayed had no water at all, and at Oued Boukila there were only a few little pools left with sightings of 1 **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*) and **Common Redstart** (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*). In between we had **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*) and **White-crowned Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucopyga*). At Oued Draa only **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), **Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*) and **Laughing Dove** (*Streptopelia senegalensis*).

Arrived in Tan Tan Plage, we headed for chambres d'hôtes Villa Océan, a very nice place where we found a double room for Dh 250. Some sea-watching from the terrace gave sightings of **Cory's Shearwater** (*Calonectris diomedea*), **Balearic Shearwater** (*Puffinus mauretanicus*), **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), **Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*), 70+ **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*) heading south, 10+ **Common Scoter** (*Melanitta nigra*), **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*), **Great Skua** (*Stercorarius skua*), **Pomarine Skua** (*Stercorarius pomarinus*), **Arctic Skua** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*) and **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*).

October 24: Tan Tan Plage > Oued Fatma > Tan Tan Plage

At the crossing of Oued Chebika – which turned out to be the best bird-watching spot in the area, both in terms of access and species – we saw **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), **Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*), 80+ **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), **Lanner Falcon** (*Falco biarmicus*), **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*), **Great Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius hiaticula*), **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*), **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*), **Red Knot** (*Calidris canutus*), 2 **Little Stint** (*Calidris minuta*), 1 **Temminck's Stint** (*Calidris temminckii*), **Eurasian Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*), **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*), **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa lapponica*), **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*), **Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*), **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), 1 immature **Arctic Skua** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) hunting and resting at the lagoon, **Slender-billed Gull** (*Larus genei*), **Black-headed Gull** (*Larus ridibundus*), **Audouin's Gull** (*Larus audouini*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*), **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*), **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*), **Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*), **Crested Lark** (*Galerida cristata*), **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*) and **Yellow Wagtail** (*Motacilla 'flava'*).

At Oued Laareig (also known as Oued Laaguig) the river was almost dry, but around the cliffs we had a couple of **Lanner Falcon** (*Falco biarmicus*) and 3 **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), and at sea & shore **Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*), 20+ **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Common Scoter** (*Melanitta nigra*), **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*), **Eurasian Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*) and **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*).

Oued Fatma had lots of water, but not lots of birds. We only noted **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), 3 **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*), **Audouin's Gull** (*Larus audouini*) and **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*).

On the way back we followed the sign 'Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha' at some 10 kilometers before Tan Tan Plage. There was an unsurfaced road leading to a little lake behind the barrage. Here we saw **Little Grebe** (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), 3 **Ruddy Ducks** (*Tadorna ferruginea*), **Common Kestrel** (*Falco*

tinnunculus), **Great Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius hiaticula*), **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*), **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), **Moussier's Redstart** (*Phoenicurus moussieri*), **Northern Wheatear** (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) and **Red-rumped Wheatear** (*Oenanthe moesta*).

October 25: Tan Tan Plage > Sidi Akhfenir

During breakfast in Villa Océan, we saw **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, **Audouin's Gull** (*Larus audouini*) and 1 **Common Tern** (*Sterna hirundo*) on the beach.

A short stop at Oued Chebika: **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*), 1 **Ruddy Duck** (*Tadorna ferruginea*), **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*), **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*) and **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*).

We arrived in Sidi Akhfenir and found a very nice room in hotel Courbine d'Argent – half pension for Dh 300 per person. A short stop at Khnifiss – we only watched a while from the parking lot – gave sightings of **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*), **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*), **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*), **Turnstone** (*Arenaria interpres*), **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*), **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa lapponica*), **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*) and **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*). At Sebkhat Tazra we saw lots of birds at a terrible distance, including hundreds of **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*).

Back in Sidi Akhfenir we noted **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*), **Turnstone** (*Arenaria interpres*), **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*) and **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*) at the shore near our hotel.

October 26: Khnifiss

We headed to Khnifiss again, this time for a longer visit including a boat trip on the lagoon. An advantage of staying in Courbine d'Argent was that our host easily arranged the permission for us. We paid Dh 300 – prices were recently raised – and had some discussion afterwards about the duration of the trip – be sure to agree on that also in advance... but the views from the boat were magnificent. Top of the bill was an exhausted **European Storm-petrel** (*Hydrobates pelagicus*) that our boatsman discovered, floating on the water of the lagoon. Apart from that we saw **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*), **Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*), **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*), **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*), **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*), **Turnstone** (*Arenaria interpres*), **Red Knot** (*Calidris canutus*), **Dunlin** (*Calidris alpina*), **Little Stint** (*Calidris minuta*), **Eurasian Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*), **Black-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa limosa*), **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa lapponica*), **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*), **Common Greenshank** (*Tringa*

nebularia), **Slender-billed Gull** (*Larus genei*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*), **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*), **Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*) and **Yellow Wagtail** (*Motacilla 'flava'*). After the boat trip we took an unsurfaced road a bit further towards Tarfaya, where we spent some time in the stony, scrubby desert-like area along the lagoon. There we saw **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*), **Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucura*), **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis*) and 2 **Streaked Scrub Warblers** (*Scotocerca inquieta*).

October 27: Sidi Akhfenir > Dakhla

The only aim of this day was to reach Dakhla... no time for stops. Nevertheless we saw our first 3 **Hoopoe Larks** (*Alaemon alaudipes*) of this trip a few kilometers after the village of Tah. Arrived in Dakhla, we found a very decent double room for Dh 250 in Hotel Er-Raha.

October 28: Dakhla

We searched both the bay and ocean side for birds, with following results: some undetermined **Shearwaters** (*Puffinus spec.*), some immature **Northern Gannets** (*Morus bassanus*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Common Scoter** (*Melannitta nigra*), **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*), **Great Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius hiaticula*), **Kentish Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), **Red Knot** (*Calidris canutus*), **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*), **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa lapponica*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), 2 undetermined **Pomarine** or **Actic Skua** (*Stercorarius pomarinus/parasiticus*), **Slender-billed Gull** (*Larus genei*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*), **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*), **Audouin's Gull** (*Larus audouini*), **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*), hundreds of **Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*), 10+ **Royal Tern** (*Sterna maxima*), **Collared Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*), **Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucura*) and **House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*). In the ocean we saw two times some kind of dolphin. One remark: migration of sea birds seemed very low – or far from the coast – this day: no adult Gannets at all for example, and only a few Shearwaters & Skua's far away.

October 29: Dakhla

We first took the road towards Aoussard, to get an impression of the desert area further away from the coast. At the police post outside Dakhla, it took some time to convince the officers to let us go in that direction. First they refused – “c'est une zone militaire” – and after hearing we were looking for birds, they **wanted** us to return to the bay – “il y a plus d'oiseaux là bas”. But in the end, they agreed. We followed the Aoussard road about 75 kilometers, and saw – apart from beautiful landscapes – **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), **Crested Lark** (*Galerida cristata*), **Hoopoe Lark** (*Alaemon alaudipes*), **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*), at least 1 but probably 2 **Isabelline Wheatears** (*Oenanthe isabellina*), **Mourning Wheatear** (*Oenanthe lugens*), **Red-rumped Wheatear** (*Oenanthe moesta*) and **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis*).

Back on the ocean side of Dakhla, we had much more visible sea migration than the previous day, with **Cory's Shearwater** (*Calonectris diomedea*), several unidentified **Storm-petrels** (*Hydrobates/Oceanodroma* spec.) heading south, **Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*), 30+ **Avocet** (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) heading south, **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), **Arctic Skua** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*), **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*), **Audouin's Gull** (*Larus audouini*), **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*), again lots of **Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*), **Royal Tern** (*Sterna maxima*) and continuous migration to the south of **Black Tern** (*Chlidonias niger*).

October 30: Dakhla > Smara

On the way to Smara we made a short stop at the oasis of Lemseyed, where the Saquiat Al-Hamra had plenty of water at that moment. Birds we watched were **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), at least 6 **Ruddy Shelducks** (*Tadorna ferruginea*), 1 **Northern Shoveler** (*Anas clypeata*), lots of **Common Coot** (*Fulica atra*) and **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis*). Further between Laayoune and Smara we saw again **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), several **Hoopoe Larks** (*Alaemon alaudipes*) and **White-crowned Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucopyga*). In Smara we found a decent room with cold shower for Dh 250 in Hotel Amine.

October 31: Smara > Tan Tan Plage

On the road from Smara to Tan Tan, especially the part between 200 and 170 kilometers from Tan Tan turned out to be excellent for birds. We had 50+ **Cream-coloured Coursers** (*Cursorius cursor*), **Hoopoe Lark** (*Alaemon alaudipes*), several **Temminck's Horned Larks** (*Eremophila bilopha*), a few **Thick-billed Larks** (*Rhamphocoris clotbey*), **Bar-tailed Desert Lark** (*Ammomanes cincturus*), **Red-rumped Wheatear** (*Oenanthe moesta*) and **White-crowned Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucopyga*). Further towards Tan Tan again **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*) and **Lanner Falcon** (*Falco biarmicus*). In Tan Tan Plage we went again to Villa Océan to eat & sleep.

A new visit to Oued Chebika produced sightings of **Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*), **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*), 4 **Ruddy Shelducks** (*Tadorna ferruginea*), **Common Scoter** (*Melanitta nigra*), **Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*), **Marsh Harrier** (*Circus aeruginosus*), **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*), **Avocet** (*Recurvirostra avosetta*), **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*), **Great Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius hiaticula*), **Kentish Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*), **Dunlin** (*Calidris alpina*), **Eurasian Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*), **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*), **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa lapponica*), **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*), **Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), **Black-headed Gull** (*Larus ridibundus*), **Slender-billed Gull** (*Larus genei*), **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*), **Audouin's Gull** (*Larus audouini*), **Sandwich Tern**

(*Sterna sandvicensis*), **Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*) and **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*).

November 1: Tan Tan Plage > Tata

Between Tan Tan and Guelmim we watched **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*), **Rock Dove** (*Columba livia*) and a few **Fulvous Babblers** (*Turdoides fulvus*) in the scrubs along the road just before reaching Guelmim.

Between Guelmim and Tata, a nice stop was the crossing of Qued Tata, where we saw **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*), **White-crowned Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucopyga*), **Moussier's Redstart** (*Phoenicurus moussieri*) and 1 female **Tristram's Warbler** (*Sylvia deserticola*). Further along the road to Tata: **Hoopoe Lark** (*Alaemon alaudipes*), more **White-crowned Black Wheatears** (*Oenanthe leucopyga*), **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis*) and **House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*). In Tata, we paid Dh 120 for a decent double room with hot shower in Hotel Asmae.

November 2: Tata > Taghmout > Tata

At the beautiful oasis of Taghmout we saw **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Grey Wagtail** (*Motacilla cinerea*), **Blackbird** (*Turdus merula*), **Olivaceous Warbler** (*Acrocephalus pallidus*), lots of **Blackcap** (*Sylvia atricapilla*), **Chiffchaff** (*Phylloscopus collybita*), **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*). On the way to the oasis: **Desert Lark** (*Ammomanes deserti*), **Thekla Lark** (*Galerida theklae*), **White-crowned Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucopyga*), **Trumpeter Finch** (*Bucanetes githagineus*) and House Bunting (*Emberiza striolata*).

November 3: Tata > Fom Zguid > Tata

At the famous waterfalls of Tissint, the only birds we noticed were a few **Pied Wagtails** (*Motacilla alba*). A quite disappointing visit thus. The crossing of a oued near Mrhimina turned out a bit more interesting, with **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*), our first **Moroccan Wagtail** (*Motacilla subpersonata*) during this trip and **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*). And also a beautiful **Horn Viper** (*Cerastus cerastus*).

November 4: Tata > Aourir

Between Tata and Igherm, we had **Collared Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*), **White-crowned Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucopyga*), **Common Redstart** (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*) and **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis*).

Between Igherm and Tafraoute: **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*), **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*), **Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucura*) and 10+ **Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*).

Between Tafraoute and Aït Baha: **Black Redstart** (*Phoenicurus ochrurus*) and **Greenfinch** (*Carduelis chloris*). Just before reaching Aït Baha, at a lake-like part of the river there, we had 2 **Little Grebe** (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), 2 **Little Egrets** (*Egretta garzetta*), 10+ **Common Coot** (*Fulica atra*), 1 **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), 1 **Common Snipe** (*Gallinago gallinago*), **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*), **Moussier's Redstart** (*Phoenicurus moussieri*), **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*) and **Great Tit** (*Parus major*).

Between Aït Baha and Agadir: **Magpie** (*Pica pica*) and **Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucura*), and in Aourir, we went to Hotel Le Littoral which we already knew from a former visit, we saw **Collared Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*) still with a young bird on the nest, **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), **Spotless Starling** (*Sturnus unicolor*) and **House Bunting** (*Emberiza striolata*).

November 5: Aourir > Agadir > Aourir

During a visit to the Medina d'Agadir – in fact not really a birdwatching trip – we saw **Pied Flycatcher** (*Ficedula hypoleuca*), **Great Tit** (*Parus major*), **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), **House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*), **Chaffinch** (*Fringilla coelebs*), **European Serin** (*Serinus serinus*), **Goldfinch** (*Carduelis carduelis*) and **House Bunting** (*Emberiza striolata*).

At the mouth of Oued Souss, where access was very limited by the police, we had **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*), **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Marsh Harrier** (*Circus aeruginosus*), **Black-winged Stilt** (*Himantopus himantopus*), **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*), **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*), **Red Knot** (*Calidris canutus*), **Dunlin** (*Calidris alpina*), **Ruff** (*Philomachus pugnax*), **Eurasian Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*), **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*), **Black-headed Gull** (*Larus ridibundus*), **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*) and **Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*).

November 6: Aourir > Oualidia

We only had time to make a short stop at the Tamri lagoon – the end of our trip came near and we still had to cover a lot of kilometers to the north... At Tamri again no sign of Ibis, only **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*), **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*), **Common Coot** (*Fulica atra*), **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*), **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*) and **Zitting Cisticola** (*Cisticola juncidis*). When we arrived in Oualidia it was already completely dark.

November 7: Oualidia > Ceuta

Again driving and driving, with no time to stop any more for the birds. The only noteworthy was an **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** (*Accipiter nisus*) we saw a few kilometers past Oualidia. End of the story.

Complete bird list

1. **Little Grebe** (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*): Oued Assaka, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha, Aït Baha
2. **Cory's Shearwater** (*Calonectris diomedea*): Tan Tan Plage, Dakhla
3. **Balearic Shearwater** (*Puffinus mauretanicus*): Tan Tan Plage
4. **European Storm-petrel** (*Hydrobates pelagicus*): Khnifiss
5. **Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*): almost everywhere above the ocean
6. **Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*): almost everywhere along the coastline
7. **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*): several places, but not further south than Sidi Ifni
8. **Squacco Heron** (*Ardeola ralloides*): Larache
9. **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*): common at the oceanside and lagoons
10. **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*): common at every spot with water, including oases
11. **Purple Heron** (*Ardea purpurea*): Larache
12. **White Stork** (*Ciconia ciconia*): Larache
13. **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*): Tan Tan Plage, Oued Chebika, Khnifiss, mouth of the Oued Souss, Tamri lagoon
14. **Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*): Larache
15. **Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*): Larache, Plage Blanche, Oued Chebika, Oued Laareig, Oued Fatma, Khnifiss, Sebkhata Tazra, Dakhla, mouth of the Oued Souss, Tamri lagoon
16. **Ruddy Shelduck** (*Tadorna ferruginea*): Tamri lagoon, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha, Oued Chebika, Lemseyed
17. **Mallard** (*Anas platyrhynchos*): Larache, Tamri lagoon
18. **Northern Pintail** (*Anas acuta*): Oued Assaka
19. **Northern Shoveler** (*Anas clypeata*): Larache, Oued Assaka, Lemseyed
20. **Common Teal** (*Anas crecca*): Oued Assaka
21. **Marbled Duck** (*Marmaronetta angustirostris*): Oued Assaka
22. **Common Scoter** (*Melanitta nigra*): Tan Tan Plage, Oued Laareig, Dakhla, Oued Chebika
23. **Black-shouldered Kite** (*Elanus caeruleus*): Tighmert
24. **Marsh Harrier** (*Circus aeruginosus*): Larache, Oued Assaka, Oued Chebika, mouth of Oued Souss
25. **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** (*Accipiter nisus*): Oualidia
26. **Long-legged Buzzard** (*Buteo rufinus*): common everywhere south of Mirleft and the Atlas
27. **Golden Eagle** (*Aquila chrysaetos*): Sidi Ifni
28. **Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*): Mirleft, Khnifiss, Oued Chebika
29. **Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*): rather common everywhere
30. **Lesser Kestrel** (*Falco naumanni*): only north of Mirleft during the first week
31. **Lanner Falcon** (*Falco biarmicus*): Sidi Ifni, Oued Chebika, Oued Laareig, Tan Tan

32. **Spotted Crake** (*Porzana porzana*): Oued Assaka
33. **Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*): Oued Assaka, Plage Blanche, Tighmert, Oued Draa
34. **Common Coot** (*Fulica atra*): Larache, Tamri lagoon, Oued Assaka, Plage Blanche, Lemseyed, Aït Baha
35. **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*): Plage Blanche, Oued Chebika, Oued Laareig, Khnifiss, Dakhla
36. **Black-winged Stilt** (*Himantopus himantopus*): Larache, mouth of the Oued Souss
37. **Avocet** (*Recurvirostra avosetta*): Dakhla, Oued Chebika
38. **Cream-coloured Courser** (*Cursorius cursor*): between Smara and Tan Tan
39. **Great Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius hiaticula*): Larache, Oued Chebika, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha, Dakhla
40. **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*): Tighmert, Oued Assaka, Plage Blanche, Oued Chebika, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha, Khnifiss, Sidi Akhfenir, Mhrimina, mouth of the Oued Souss
41. **Kentish Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*): Larache, Dakhla, Oued Chebika
42. **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*): Larache, Oued Chebika, Khnifiss, mouth of the Oued Souss
43. **Turnstone** (*Arenaria interpres*): Khnifiss, Sidi Akhfenir
44. **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*): Tan Tan Plage, Oued Chebika, Oued Fatma, Sidi Akhfenir
45. **Red Knot** (*Calidris canutus*): Oued Chebika, Khnifiss, Dakhla, mouth of the Oued Souss
46. **Dunlin** (*Calidris alpina*): Larache, Khnifiss, Oued Chebika, mouth of the Oued Souss
47. **Little Stint** (*Calidris minuta*): Oued Chebika, Khnifiss
48. **Temminck's Stint** (*Calidris temminckii*): Oued Chebika
49. **Ruff** (*Philomachus pugnax*): Larache, mouth of the Oued Souss
50. **Eurasian Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*): Larache, Plage Blanche, Oued Chebika, Oued Laareig, Khnifiss, mouth of the Oued Souss
51. **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*): Oued Chebika, Khnifiss, Sidi Akhfenir, Dakhla
52. **Black-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa limosa*): Khnifiss
53. **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa lapponica*): Oued Chebika, Khnifiss, Dakhla
54. **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*): Larache, Oued Assaka, Oued Chebika, Khnifiss, mouth of the Oued Souss
55. **Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*): Larache, Oued Assaka, Oued Chebika, Khnifiss
56. **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*): Larache, Oued Assaka, Oued Chebika, Oued Fatma, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha, Dakhla, Mhrimina, Aït Baha, mouth of the Oued Souss
57. **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*): Oued Assaka, Oued Boukila, Oued Chebika, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha
58. **Common Snipe** (*Gallinago gallinago*): Oued Assaka, Aït Baha
59. **Great Skua** (*Stercorarius skua*): Tan Tan Plage
60. **Pomarine Skua** (*Stercorarius pomarinus*): Tan Tan Plage
61. **Arctic Skua** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*): Tan Tan Plage, Oued Chebika, Dakhla
62. **Slender-billed Gull** (*Larus genei*): Oued Chebika, Khnifiss, Dakhla

63. **Black-headed Gull** (*Larus ridibundus*): Larache, Oued Chebika, mouth of the Oued Souss
64. **Audouin's Gull** (*Larus audouini*): Plage Blanche, Oued Chebika, Oued Fatma, Tan Tan Plage, Dakhla
65. **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*): common at the oceanside, but only in small numbers
66. **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus graellsii*): very common at the oceanside, often in large numbers
67. **Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*): common at the oceanside
68. **Common Tern** (*Sterna hirundo*): Tan Tan Plage
69. **Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*): Larache, Oued Chebika, Khnifiss, Dakhla
70. **Royal Tern** (*Sterna maxima*): Dakhla
71. **Black Tern** (*Chlidonias niger*): Plage Blanche, Dakhla
72. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** (*Pterocles orientalis*): Tighmert
73. **Rock Dove** (*Columba livia*): Sidi Ifni, Tighmert, Plage Blanche, Guelmim
74. **Collared Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*): Mirleft, Sidi Ifni, Tighmert, Dakhla, Tata, Aourir
75. **Laughing Dove** (*Streptopelia senegalensis*): Tighmert, Oued Draa
76. **Little Owl** (*Athene noctua*): Plage Blanche
77. **Common Kingfisher** (*Alcedo atthis*): Tighmert
78. **Crested Lark** (*Galerida cristata*): Oued Assaka, Oued Chebika, Dakhla
79. **Thekla Lark** (*Galerida theklae*): Sidi Ifni, Plage Blanche, Taghmout
80. **Temminck's Horned Lark** (*Eremophila bilopha*): between Smara and Tan Tan
81. **Desert Lark** (*Ammomanes deserti*): Taghmout
82. **Bar-tailed Desert Lark** (*Ammomanes cincturus*): between Smara and Tan Tan
83. **Thick-billed Lark** (*Rhamphocoris clotbey*): between Smara and Tan Tan
84. **Hoopoe Lark** (*Alaemon alaudipes*): quite common south of the northern border of the Tan Tan province
85. **Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*): Larache, Essaouira, Sidi Ifni, mouth of the Oued Souss
86. **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*): quite common everywhere
87. **Moroccan Wagtail** (*Motacilla subpersonata*): Mhrimina
88. **Grey Wagtail** (*Motacilla cinerea*): Tighmert, Oued Assaka, Taghmout
89. **Yellow Wagtail** (*Motacilla 'flava'*): Larache, Oued Assaka, Oued Chebika, Khnifiss
90. **Common Redstart** (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*): Tighmert, Oued Assaka, Oued Boukila, between Tata and Igherm
91. **Black Redstart** (*Phoenicurus ochruros*): between Tafraoute and Aït Baha
92. **Moussier's Redstart** (*Phoenicurus moussieri*): Mirleft, Sidi Ifni, Tighmert, Oued Assaka, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha, Oued Tata, Aït Baha
93. **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*): Sidi Ifni, Oued Assaka, Dakhla, Mhrimina, Aït Baha, Tamri lagoon
94. **Northern Wheatear** (*Oenanthe oenanthe*): between Mirleft and Tighmert, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha
95. **Isabelline Wheatear** (*Oenanthe isabellina*): between Dakhla and Aoussard
96. **Desert Wheatear** (*Oenanthe deserti*): Oued Assaka
97. **Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucura*): Mirleft, Sidi Ifni, Tighmert, Plage Blanche, Khnifiss, Dakhla, between Igherm and Tafraoute, between Aït Baha and Agadir

98. **Mourning Wheatear** (*Oenanthe lugens*): Sidi Ifni, Plage Blanche, between Dakhla and Aoussard
99. **Red-rumped Wheatear** (*Oenanthe moesta*): Sidi Ifni, Plage Blanche, Barrage Saheb Al-Harcha, between Dakhla and Aoussard, between Smara and Tan Tan
100. **White-crowned Black Wheatear** (*Oenanthe leucopyga*): Tighmert, Oued Boukila, Lemseyed, between Smara and Tan Tan, Oued Tata, Taghmout, between Tata and Igherm
101. **Blue Rock Thrush** (*Monticola solitarius*): Sidi Ifni, Tighmert
102. **Blackbird** (*Turdus merula*): Taghmout
103. **Streaked Scrub Warbler** (*Scotocerca inquieta*): Khnifiss
104. **Zitting Cisticola** (*Cisticola juncidis*): Tamri lagoon
105. **Cetti's Warbler** (*Cettia cetti*): Larache, Tighmert
106. **Great Reed Warbler** (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*): Larache
107. **Reed Warbler** (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*): Oued Assaka
108. **Olivaceous Warbler** (*Acrocephalus pallidus*): Taghmout
109. **Tristram's Warbler** (*Sylvia deserticola*): Oued Tata
110. **Blackcap** (*Sylvia atricapilla*): Taghmout
111. **Sardinian Warbler** (*Sylvia melanocephala*): Sidi Ifni, Oued Assaka
112. **Orphean Warbler** (*Sylvia hortensis*): Sidi Ifni
113. **Chiffchaff** (*Phylloscopus collybita*): Mirleft, Tighmert, Taghmout
114. **Pied Flycatcher** (*Ficedula hypoleuca*): Agadir
115. **Blue Tit** (*Parus caeruleus*): Sidi Ifni
116. **Great Tit** (*Parus major*): Aït Baha, Agadir
117. **Fulvous Babbler** (*Turdoides fulvus*): Guelmim
118. **Garden Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus barbatus*): between Ceuta and Larache, Sidi Ifni, Tighmert, Oued Tata, Mhrimina, Aourir, Agadir
119. **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis*): between Essaouira and Mirleft, Sidi Ifni, between Mirleft and Tighmert, Plage Blanche, Khnifiss, between Dakhla and Aoussard, Lemseyed, Tata, between Tata and Igherm
120. **Spotless Starling** (*Sturnus unicolor*): between Ceuta and Larache, Larache, Sidi Ifni, Aourir
121. **Magpie** (*Pica pica*): between Mirleft and Tighmert, between Aït Baha and Agadir
122. **Eurasian Jackdaw** (*Corvus monedula*): Larache
123. **Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*): between Essaouira and Mirleft, Sidi Ifni, Plage Blanche, between Igherm and Tafraoute
124. **House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*): quite common everywhere
125. **Spanish Sparrow** (*Passer hispaniolensis*): Sidi Ifni, Tighmert
126. **Chaffinch** (*Fringilla coelebs*): Agadir
127. **European Serin** (*Serinus serinus*): Agadir
128. **Greenfinch** (*Carduelis chloris*): between Tafraoute and Aït Baha
129. **Goldfinch** (*Carduelis carduelis*): Mirleft, Agadir
130. **Trumpeter Finch** (*Bucanetes githagineus*): between Tata and Taghmout
131. **Rock Bunting** (*Emberiza cia*): Oued Assaka
132. **House Bunting** (*Emberiza striolata*): Sidi Ifni, between Tata and Taghmout, Aourir, Agadir

Addendum: bird sightings during our 2005 Morocco trip

May 3

Merja Zerga: Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*), Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), Common Coot (*Fulica atra*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*), Great Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*), Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*), Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus graellsii*), Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*), Lesser Crested Tern (*Sterna bengalensis*), Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*), Garden Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*)

May 4

Merja Zerga: Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*), Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), Northern Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*), Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*), Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*), Slender-billed Gull (*Larus genei*), Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus graellsii*), Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*), Lesser Crested Tern (*Sterna bengalensis*), Marsh Owl (*Asio capensis*), Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*), Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*), Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*)

May 5

Merja Zerga: Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*), Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*), Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Common Coot (*Fulica atra*), Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*), Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*), Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*), Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*), Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*), Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*), Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*), Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*), Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*), Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*), Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*), Slender-billed Gull (*Larus genei*), Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*), Audouin's Gull (*Larus audouini*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus graellsii*), Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*), Lesser Crested Tern (*Sterna bengalensis*), Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*), Little Tern (*Sterna albifrons*), Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybridus*), Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), Marsh Owl (*Asio capensis*), European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Northern Wheatear

(*Oenanthe oenanthe*), Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), Grasshopper Warbler (*Locustella naevia*), Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*), Great Tit (*Parus major*), Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*), Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*)

May 6

Moulay Bousselham > Azrou: White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Spotless Starling (*Sturnus unicolor*), Eurasian Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*)

Azrou: Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Booted Eagle (*Hieraaetus pennatus*), 50+ Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*), Common Swift (*Apus apus*), Alpine Swift (*Apus melba*), Moroccan Wagtail (*Motacilla subpersonata*), Eurasian Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*), Great Tit (*Parus major*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

May 7

Dayet Aoua & surroundings: Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*), Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*), Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), Common Pochard (*Aythya ferina*), Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*), Long-legged Buzzard (*Buteo rufinus*), Common Coot (*Fulica atra*), Red-knobbed Coot (*Fulica cristata*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), Little Owl (*Athene noctua*), European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*), Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*), Levillant's Green Woodpecker (*Picus vaillantii*), Wood Lark (*Lullula arborea*), Moussier's Redstart (*Phoenicurus moussieri*), Seeböhm's Wheatear (*Oenanthe seeböhmii*), Mourning Wheatear (*Oenanthe lugens*), Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*), Melodious Warbler (*Hippolais polyglotta*), Great Tit (*Parus major*), Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*), Common Raven (*Corvus corax*), Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*)

Pistes south of Timahdite: Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*), Rock Dove (*Columba livia*), European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*), Calandra Lark (*Melanocorypha calandra*), Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*), Seeböhm's Wheatear (*Oenanthe seeböhmii*), Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

May 8

Area south of Azrou: White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), Rock Dove (*Columba livia*), Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*), European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*), Sky Lark (*Alauda arvensis*), Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*), Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*), Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*), Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*), Rufous Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*), Seeböhm's Wheatear (*Oenanthe seeböhmii*), Mourning Wheatear (*Oenanthe lugens*), Blue Rock Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*), Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*), Firecrest (*Regulus ignicapillus*), Blue Tit (*Parus caeruleus*), Great Tit (*Parus major*), Coal Tit (*Parus ater*), European Nuthatch (*Sitta europaea*), Short-toed Treecreeper (*Certhia brachydactyla*), Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*), Common Raven (*Corvus corax*), Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*)

May 9

Azrou > Er-Rachidia: White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), Wood Pigeon (*Columba palumbus*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*), Seebohm's Wheatear (*Oenanthe seebohmi*), Black Wheatear (*Oenanthe leucura*), Magpie (*Pica pica*), Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

Er-Rachidia > Boumalne du Dadès: Hoopoe Lark (*Alaemon alaudipes*), White-crowned Black Wheatear (*Oenanthe leucopyga*)

Boumalne du Dadès: Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Rock Dove (*Columba livia*), Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*), Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Rufous Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*), Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*), Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), House Bunting (*Emberiza striolata*)

May 10

Boumalne du Dadès: Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), 3 Purple Herons (*Ardea purpurea*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*), Rock Dove (*Columba livia*), Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*), Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*), Crag Martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), House Martin (*Delichon urbica*), Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Winchat (*Saxicola rubetra*), Rufous Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*), Blue Rock Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*), Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*), Olivaceous Warbler (*Acrocephalus pallidus*), Melodious Warbler (*Hippolais polyglotta*), Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*), Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*), Blue Tit (*Parus caeruleus*), Garden Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*)

May 11

Tagdilt track: Cream-coloured Courser (*Cursorius cursor*), Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*), Temminck's Horned Lark (*Eremophila bilopha*), Thick-billed Lark (*Rhamphocoris clotbey*), Red-rumped Wheatear (*Oenanthe moesta*)

Tizi-n-Tazazert: Desert Lark (*Ammomanes deserti*), Black Wheatear (*Oenanthe leucura*), Desert Wheatear (*Oenanthe deserti*)

Zagora: Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), House Bunting (*Emberiza striolata*)

May 12

Zagora > M'Hamid > Zagora: Barbary Partridge (*Alectoris barbara*), Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*), Rock Dove (*Columba livia*), Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), Blue-cheeked Bee-eater (*Merops persicus*), Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Moroccan Wagtail (*Motacilla subpersonata*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin (*Cercotrichias galactotes*), White-crowned Black Wheatear (*Oenanthe leucopyga*), Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*), Garden bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*), Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*), Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*), 10+ Brown-necked Raven (*Corvus ruficollis*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

May 14

Ounara: Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), Garden Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*)

Ounara > Tamri: Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), Great Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*), Sanderling (*Calidris alba*), Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*), Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

Tamri: Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), 4 Bald Ibis (*Geronticus eremita*), Barbary Falcon (*Falco pelegrinoides*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*)

May 15

Sidi Massa: 2 immature Black-necked Grebes (*Podiceps nigricollis*), Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*), Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*), 10+ Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*), Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), 25+ Marbled Duck (*Marmaronetta angustirostris*), Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), Common Coot (*Fulica atra*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), 2 Cream-coloured Coursers (*Cursorius cursor*), Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*), Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*), Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*), Lesser Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella rufescens*), Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Plain Martin (*Riparia paludicola*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Moussier's Redstart (*Phoenicurus moussieri*), Common Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*), Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), Sardinian Warbler (*Sylvia melanocephala*), Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*), Garden Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), Spotless Starling (*Sturnus unicolor*), Magpie (*Pica pica*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*), Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*)

May 16

Sidi Massa: Black-necked Grebe (*Podiceps ruficollis*), Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*), Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*), 30+ Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Marbled Duck (*Marmaronetta angustirostris*), Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Lanner Falcon (*Falco biarmicus*), Common Coot (*Fulica atra*), Stone Curlew (*Burhinus oedipnemos*), 4 Cream-coloured Coursers (*Cursorius cursor*), Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*), Little Owl (*Athene noctu*), European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*), Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*), Plain Martin (*Riparia paludicola*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Moussier's Redstart (*Phoenicurus moussieri*), Common Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*), Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*), Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*), Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*), Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*), Garden Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*), Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*), Spotless Starling (*Sturnus unicolor*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*), Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*), Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*)

May 17

Tizi-n-Test: Short-toed Eagle (*Circaetus gallicus*), European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*)

May 18

Marrakech: White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Common Swift (*Apus apus*), House Bunting (*Emberiza striolata*)

May 19

Marrakech > Essaouira: Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*), Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*)

Essaouira: Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Eleonora's Falcon (*Falco eleonora*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*), Little Tern (*Sterna albifrons*), 20+ Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*), Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*), Common Swift (*Apus apus*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), House Bunting (*Emberiza striolata*)

May 20

Essaouira: Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), 11 Eurasian Spoonbills (*Platalea leucorodia*), Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), Eleonora's Falcon (*Falco eleonora*), Great Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*), Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*), Plain Swift (*Riparia paludicola*), Moroccan Wagtail (*Motacilla subpersonata*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*), Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*), Sardinian Warbler (*Sylvia melanocephala*), Great Tit (*Parus major*), Garden Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*), Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*), Spotless Starling (*Sturnus unicolor*), Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*), Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*)

May 21

Essaouira > Safi: 3 Eleonora's Falcons (*Falco eleonora*), European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*), European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*)

Oued Tensift: Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), Great Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*), Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)

May 22

Sidi Boughaba: Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*), Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*), Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), 1 Marbled Duck (*Marmaronetta angustirostris*), 1 Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*), Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*), Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Eleonora's Falcon (*Falco eleonora*), Red-knobbed Coot (*Fulica cristata*), 2 juv. + 2 ad. Purple Swamp-hen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*), Black-winged Stilt

(*Himantopus himantopus*), Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), Little Tern (*Sterna albifrons*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), Sardinian Warbler (*Sylvia melanocephala*), Magpie (*Pica pica*), Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*), European Serin (*Serinus serinus*)

Larache: Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)

May 23

Larache/Oued Loukkos: Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*), Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), 10+ Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), 2 Purple Herons (*Ardea purpurea*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), 40+ Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*), 25+ Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), 20+ Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), 30+ Marbled Duck (*Marmaronetta angustirostris*), 3 Red Kites (*Milvus milvus*), Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*), Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*), Common Coot (*Fulica atra*), Purple Swamp-hen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*), Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*), Great Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*), Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), 100+ Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), 5 Whiskered Terns (*Chlidonias hybridus*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*), Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*), Plain Swift (*Riparia paludicola*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), House Martin (*Delichon urbica*), Moroccan Wagtail (*Motacilla subpersonata*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*), Great Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*), Spotless Starling (*Sturnus unicolor*), Eurasian Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*), Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*), Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*)

May 24

Larache/Oued Loukkos: 5 Night Herons (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*), Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*), Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*), Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), Common Coot (*Fulica atra*), Purple Swamp-hen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*), Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*), Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), Great Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*), Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*), Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*), Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*), Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla 'flava'*), Common Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*), Savi's Warbler (*Locustella luscinioides*), Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*), Moustached Warbler (*Acrocephalus melanopogon*), Great Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*), Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*), Spotless Starling (*Sturnus unicolor*), Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), Corn Bunting (*Miliaria calandra*)