

Southern Morocco Trip Report 25.03.06 – 01.04.06

Norsk Ornitologisk Forening avd. Oslo & Akershus

Oued Sous National Park 25, 26.03-01.04.06

Continental Cormorant, Mellomskarv,
[*Phalacrocorax (carbo) sinensis*]

Moroccan Cormorant, Marokkansk storskarv,
[*Phalacrocorax (carbo) maroccanus*]

Both of these subspecies seen daily, at least 10 birds on the 25, 26. Only 5 birds and a few of Moroccan race with 2-3 birds on the 01.04.

Cattle Egret, Kuhegre,
[*Bubulcus ibis*]

Only one seeing on the 25.

Little Egret, Silkehegre,
[*Egretta garzetta*]

45 and 50 birds on the 25, 26.03.

Grey Heron, Gråhegre,
[*Ardea cinerea*]

30 on the 25, 15 on the 26.03 and 25 birds on the 01.04.

Purple Heron, Purpurhegre,
[*Ardea purpurea*]

One bird perched on the tree seen on the 25.03.

White Stork, Stork,
[*Ciconia ciconia*]

A flock with 30 birds in migration on the 01.04.

Spoonbill, Skjestork,
[*Platalea leucorodia*]

Only seen on the 25, 26.03 with 25 and 10 birds.

Greater Flamingo, Flamingo,
[*Phoenicopterus roseus*]

On average 15 birds both 25 and 26.03, thereafter 31 birds on the 01.04.

Shelduck, Gravand,
[*Tadorna tadorna*]

Common seeing at the estuary, 30 birds on the 25, 15-20 on the 26, and 10-12 the last day.

Osprey, Fiskeørn, [*Pandion haliaetus*]

The first on the evening on the 25, and the second on the 26, both moving NNE.

Kestrel, Tårnfalk,
[*Falco tinnunculus*]

Commonest bird of prey in the area, about 10 birds seen in the neighbouring. A pair probably breeding in the palm tree at the Hotel les Pyramides.

Barbary Partridge, Berberhøne,
[*Alectoris b. koenigi*]

To birds flushed from bushes in the area close to the Royal palace on the 25, another 2 birds on the 01.04 (same birds?), This race occur in Souss.

Water Rail, Vannrikse,
[*Rallus aquaticus*]

One bird seen briefly at the same place, in a small canal (left to the second entry of the Royal Palace). Seen on the 26.03 and 01.04.

Moorhen, Sivhøne,
[*Gallinula chloropus*]

At least 3 to 4 birds seen on the 26.03 and 01.04.

Oystercatcher, Tjeld,
[*Haematopus ostralegus*]

Several birds counted, 50 on the 25, 20 on the 26.03 and just 5 on the 01.04. Most of birds were in non-breeding or immature plumages.

Black-winged Stilt, Stylteløper,
[*Himantopus himantopus*]

20 birds on the 25, 10 on the 26.03. 2 on the 01.04.

Avocet, Recurvirostra avosetta,
[*Recurvirostra avosetta*]

8 birds on the 25, 5 on the 26.03. 19 on the 01.04.

Stone-curlew, Triel,
[*Burhinus oediconemus saharae*]

Singing birds started to sing at dawn around 05 o'clock every day, and a view of some birds at the estuary, 4 on the 25, just 1 on the 26.03. And between 4 to 6 birds early on the morning on the 01.04. Displaying male close the female was noted on the 25.

Collared Pratincole, Brakksvale,
[*Glareola pratincola*]

20 birds resting on the sand banks on the 25, up to 80 birds on the 26.03, just 1 on the 01.04.

Little Ringed Plover, Dverglo,
[*Charadrius dubius curonicus*]

20 birds on the 25, and 1 on the 01.04.

Ringed Plover, Sandlo,
[*Charadrius hiaticula hiaticula*]

Common plover, up to 100 ex on the 25, then 50 ex on the 26.03 and again 50 birds on the 01.04.

Kentish Plover, Hvitbrystlo,
[*Charadrius alexandrinus*]

Kentish was less abundant than Ringed with 20 on the 25, 10 on the 26.03, and 5 on the 01.04.

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Grey Plover, Tundralo,
[*Pluvialis squatarola*]

20 on the 25, 15 on the 26.03. At least 5 to 6 on the 01.04.

Sanderling, Sandløper,
[*Calidris alba*]

An average of 20 to 25 birds both days in mars, then 10 birds the first April. Most birds seen in winter plumage.

Turnstone, Steinvender,
[*Arenaria interpres*]

One bird seen on the 01.04.

Little Stint, Dvergsnipe,
[*Calidris minuta*]

1 and 2 birds on the 25, 26.03. up to 20 on the 01.04. Both plumages winter and moulting to summer were noted, the last birds were all in winter plumage.

Temminck's Stint, Temmincksnipe,
[*Calidris temminckii*]

Only one record with 3 birds on the 26.03.

Curlew Sandpiper, Tundrasnipe,
[*Calidris ferruginea*]

5 birds on the 25, 1 on the 26.03 and 2-3 birds on the 01.04. Same plumage as Dunlin was noted.

Dunlin, Myrsnipe,
[*Calidris alpina*]

Amongst the calidris, Dunlin was numerous with an amount of 50 birds on the 25.03 and 01.04, just 10 birds on the 26.03. Winter and moulting to summer plumage were noted.

Common Snipe, Enkeltbekkasin,
[*Gallinago gallinago*]

2 birds in migration on the 25.03.

Black-tailed Godwit, Svarthalespove,
[*Limosa l. limosa*]

Highest count with 15 birds on the 26.03, then just 3 on the 01.04.

Bar-tailed Godwit, Lappspove,
[*Limosa lapponica*]

5 birds on the 25, 15 birds on the 26.03, 2 on the 01.04, most in winter plumage.

Eurasian Curlew, Storspove,
[*Numenius a. arquata*]

5 birds on the 25, 2 on the 26.03 and 4 on the 01.04.

Spotted Redshank, Sotsnipe,
[*Tringa erythropus*]

Only 3 birds on the 26.03, one adult bird seen

almost in summer plumage.

Redshank, Rødstilk,
[*Tringa t. totanus*]

Common with up to 50 birds on the 25, then 30 birds on the 26.03, and 01.04.

Marsh Sandpiper, Damsnipe,
[*Tringa stagnatilis*]

One bird discovery on the 25, was still present on the 26.03.

Common Greenshank, Gluttsnipe,
[*Tringa nebularia*]

A small number of Greenshank seen, 4 to 5 on the 25, 26.03, just 2 on the 01.04.

Common Sandpiper, Strandsnipe,
[*Actitis hypoleucos*]

Few birds were noted 5 on the 25, 1 on the 26.03, 2 on the 01.04.

Turnstone, Steinvender,
[*Arenaria interpres*]

One present at the estuary on the 01.04

Mediterranean Gull, Svartehavsmåke,
[*Larus melanocephalus*]

Between 7 to 8 birds resting on the bank sand, first winter/summer plumage was noted on all individual.

Black-headed Gull, Hettemåke,
[*Larus ridibundus*]

10 birds on the 25, then 20 on the 26.03, most birds in first winter plumage.

Slender-billed Gull, Smalnebbmåke,
[*Larus genei*]

10 birds on the 25, 5 on the 26.03, plumage noted first winter, adult in winter moulting to summer. One on the 01.04

Audouin's Gull, Middelhavsmåke,
[*Larus audouinii*]

Two birds imm., at least one 2 cy winter/summer, on the 25.

Lesser Black-backed Gull, Sildemåke,
[*Larus f. graellsii*]

2 gulls seen on the 25.

Yellow-legged Gull, Gulbeingrånåke,
[*Larus m. michahellis*]

A number of 50 birds seen daily. All age category noted.

Great Black-backed Gull, Svartbak,
[*Larus marinus*]

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Four birds noted on the 26.

Gull-billed Tern, Sandterne,
[*Sterna nilotica*]

Good numbers of this species, 75 ex on the 25, 50 on the 26.03. Only 5 birds on the 01.04.

Caspian Tern, Rovterne,
[*Sterna caspia*]

4 adult seen close to the beach on the 26.03.

Sandwich Tern, Splitterne,
[*Sterna sandvicensis*]

20 and 25 on both 25 and 26.03, 2 birds on the 01.04. Most adult, one first winter/summer plumage noted.

Feral Pigeon, Bydue,
[*Columba livia domestica*]
Noted.

Woodpigeon, Ringdue,
[*Columba p. palumbus/ excelsa*]

30 in migration, in small flock 3-3 ind. on the 25, 5 birds on the 26.03 probable resident, 4 birds on the 01.04, display-flight and wings flapping noted.

Collared Dove, Tyrkerdue,
[*Streptopelia decaocto*]
Common. 3 birds on the 01.04.

Turtle Dove, Turteldue,
[[*Streptopelia t. arenicola/ turtur*]
Some view and singer been heard in the surrounding off the estuary, around 5 birds noted during these 3 days.

Red-necked Nightjar, Rødhalsnatravn,
[*Caprimulgus r. ruficollis*]
A discovery of one bird resting on the ground, gave us an extraordinary observation on the 26.03. 1 to 2 singer at dawn (05.45) on the 01.04 (close to the first gate from the Royal palace).

Common Swift, Tårnseiler,
[*Apus apus*]
2 birds on the 25, 5 birds on the 26.03 and 01.04.

Pallid Swift, Gråseiler,
[*Apus p. brehmorum*]
Several birds noted. Around 20 on the 01.04.

Little Swift, Småseiler,
[*Apus a. galilejensis*]
3 birds at the Airport on the 25.03.

European Bee-eater, Bieter,
[*Merops apiaster*]
2 birds on the 25, a flock off 5 birds on the 01.04.

Hoopoe, Hærfugl,
[*Upupa epops*]
One from the road to Agadir on the 25.03.

Rose-ringed Parakeet, Halsbåndparakitt,
[*Psittacula krameri*]
One bird seen at the Les Pyramides Hotel on the 25.03.

Great spotted Woodpecker, Flaggspett,
[*Dendrocops m. mauretanicus*]
2 birds on the 01.04. One drumming in the wood near the Royal Palace, an other react with usual contact-call from the other side of the estuary.

Short-toed Lark, Dverglerke,
[*Calandrella b. brachydactyla/rubiginosa*]
Two birds in migration on the 01.04 flew towards NNW.

Crested Lark, Topplerke,
[*Galerida c. riggenbachi*]
Some singer heard in the area, ca 5 birds were noted on the 25.03

Swallow, Låvesvale,
[*Hirundo rustica*]
Noticeable passage on the 25 with 10 birds in the evening, seen 30-40 birds at the Airport too, on the morning 26.03 passage also noted with at least 30 birds. Again 10 birds on the 01.04.

Red-rumped Swallow, Amursvale,
[*Hirundo d. rufula*]
Small numbers 2 at the Airport, plus 5 birds on the 25, 26. Only 2 birds on the 01.04.

House Martin, Taksvale,
[*Delichon u. urbica/meridionalis*]
One record at the Hotel des Pyramides on the 26.03.

Meadow Pipit, Heipiplerke,
[*Anthus p. pratensis*]
On passage with 3 birds on the 25.03.

Yellow Wagtail, Gulerle,
[*Motacilla f. flava*]
First one bird not identified on the 25, after that 5 birds on the 26.03. About 10 birds seen on the 01.04. Following race were noted:
-*Motacilla f. iberiae*, breeding, one female carrying elements for nest building on the 01.04
-*Motacilla f. cinereocapilla* one bird with a disabled foot seen on the 26.03

White Wagtail, Linerle,
[*Motacilla a. alba/subpersonata*]

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2 birds heard and seen in flight, possibly *ssp. alba*, one of the Moroccan White Wagtail race was seen on the 25.03.

Common Bulbul, Hagebylbyl,
[*Pycnonotus barbatus*]
Common sight, ca 10 birds seen near the oued on the 26.

Nightingale, Sørnattergal,
[*Luscinia megarhynchos*]
Single record of to birds heard on the first April.

Moussier's Redstart, Diademrødstjert,
[*Phoenicurus moussieri*]
2 males on the 25.03, one pair on the 01.04.

Northern Wheatear, Steinskivett,
[*Oenanthe o. oenanthe*]
2 birds (1 male) on the 25, 5 birds on the 26.03.
One female seen on the 01.04.

Black-eared Wheatear, Middelhavssteinskivett,
[*Oenanthe h. hispanica*]
2 ex on the 25.03 was the only record of this specie in the area.

Blackbird, Svarttrost,
[*Turdus m. mauritanicus*]
10 birds were counted on the 25, some singer also noted until the 01 April.

Cetti's Warbler, Cettisanger,
[*Cettia cetti*]
Only one record for this warbler, singing on the 25.03 and 01.04.

Fan-tailed Warbler, Cistussanger,
[*Cisticola j. cisticola*]
Several singing birds, at least 10 ex noted in the area.

Grasshopper Warbler, Gresshoppesanger,
[*Locustella naevia*]
On the 01.04, at dawn one singer heard around 06:45.

Spectacled Warbler, Maskesanger,
[*Sylvia conspicillata*]
2 records on the 25, was the only seeing from this place.

Subalpine Warbler, Rødstrupesanger,
[*Sylvia c. inornata/cantillans*]
4 to 5 birds heard and seen on the 25.03, 2 to 3 singing birds on 01.04. Probably migrant.

Sardinian Warbler, Svarthodesanger,
[*Sylvia melanocephala*]

Commonest warbler seen and heard, several male singing, an account of 20 birds on the 25.03. During these excursion, count are not underestimate. Linear count approximately 1,5 km along the bushy area close the Royal Palace. Intra-specific relations between males are noted, also inter-specific relations between *Sylvia c. inornata/cantillans*, and *Sylvia a. atricapilla/heineken*.

Blackcap, Munk,
[*Sylvia a. atricapilla/heineken*]
Several migrant occurred in the area, 20 birds on the 25, 4 to 5 on the 26.03, more an 30 birds on the 01.04. Some flock composed of males (up to 6-8 birds).

Bonelli's Warbler, Eiksanger,
[*Phylloscopus bonelli*]
A single singer heard on the 25.03.

Chiffchaff, Gransanger,
[*Phylloscopus c. collybita*]
One record on the 25.03 and 01.04.

Willow Warbler, Løvsanger,
[*Phylloscopus t. trochilus*]
One record on the 25.03.

African Blue Tit, Kalotmeis,
[*Parus teneriffae ultramarines*]
3 on the 25, 1 on the 26.03 and 2 on the 01.04, confined to the wood around the Royal Palace..

Great Tit, Kjøttmeis,
[*Parus m. excelsus*]
One singing bird on the 26.03 and 01.04.

Golden Oriole, Pirol,
[*Oriolus oriolus*]
A female on the 25.03 at the Airport.

Black-crowned Tachgra, Svartkronesjagra,
[*Tchagra s. cucullata*]
To singer, some excellent views of this specie on the 25 and 26.03, one of the 2 birds catch a moth on the 01.04.

Southern Grey Shrike, Krattvarsler,
[*Lanius m. dodsoni*]
One on the 25.03 was the only record for the estuary.

Woodchat Shrike, Rødhodevarsler,
[*Lanius s. rutilans/senator*]
2 birds along the road from the Airport, 3 birds (male & female) on the 25.03. Another to on the 01.04 (same birds?).

Magpie, Skjære,
[*Pica p. mauritanica*]

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First bird found at the Airport, then 5 birds seen at the Oued on the 25, 5 again on the 01.04, one seen coughing a lizard.

Spotless Starling, Middelhavstær,
[*Sturnus unicolor*]

8 birds at the airport on the 25.03. 10 birds at the hotel Le Provencal on the 01.04.

House Sparrow, Gråspurv,
[*Passer d. tingitanus*]

Abundant near the habitation, some flock occurred in bushy area along the oued, at least 25-30 birds .

Chaffinch, Bokfink,
[*Fringilla c. Africana*]

To birds heard both on the 25.03 and 01.04 in the woodland part.

Serin, Gulirisk,
[*Serinus serinus*]

Common 20 on the 25, 5 on the 26.03, and 10 on the 01.04. Both sex seen, including singing male.

Greenfinch, Grønnfink,
[*Carduelis c. voousi*]

Few birds registered, 3 was the highest count seen on the 25.03 and 01.04.

Goldfinch, Stillits,
[*Carduelis c. parva*]

Only 2 birds on the 25.03, and 1 on the 01.04.

Siskin, Grønnsisik,
[*Carduelis spinus*]

Male singing was recorded at hotel Les Pyramides on the 26.03.

House Bunting, Husspurv,
[*Emberiza sahari*]

Common sight.

Agadir-Tamri lagoon, village, cliff before village. 26.03.06

Gannet, Havsula,
[*Sula bassanus*]

About 30 birds seen off shore.

Continental Cormorant, Mellomskarv,
[*Phalacrocorax (carbo) sinensis*]

3 birds at sea near the lagoon.

Cattle Egret, Kuhegre,
[*Bubulcus ibis*]

2 birds on the way from Agadir to Tamri, 3 at Tamri lagoon.

Little Egret, Silkehegre,
[*Egretta garzetta*]

4 birds on the lagoon .

Grey Heron, Gråhegre,
[*Ardea cinerea*].

2 ex near the pond.

Bald Ibis, Skallet Ibis,
[*Geronticus eremite*]

59 birds found feeding in the field north from the lagoon, thereafter, a flock of 45 birds resting on the beach.

Common Scoter, Svartand,
[*Melanitta nigra*]

Five males pass offshore, flying close above the surface off sea towards north.

Marsh Harrier, Sivhauk,
[*Circus aeruginosus*]

A male seen north from Tamri along the coastal field.

Long-legged Buzzard, Ørnvåk,
[*Buteo r. cirtensis*]

A bird soaring during the lunch at the last restaurant north from Tamri.

Bonelli's Eagle, Haukørn,
[*Hieraaetus fasciatus*]

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An adult soaring east from Tamri, raptor been mobbed by raven.

Kestrel, Tårnfalk,
[*Falco tinnunculus*]

Around 5 birds seen in the area.

Lanner, Slagfalk,
[*Falco b. erlangeri*]

Over the cliff north from Tamri, an adult soaring, then flying southeast .

Collared Pratincole, Brakksvale,
[*Glareola pratincola*]

One in migration was observed.

Kentish Plover, Hvitbrystlo,
[*Charadrius alexandrinus*]

One bird on the sandbank of the lagoon.

Common Greenshank, Gluttsnipe,
[*Tringa nebularia*]

To birds in the swallow water.

Arctic Skua, Tyvjo,
[*Stercorarius parasiticus*]

A solitary skua seen close to the beach moving south.

Audouin's Gull, Middelhavsmåke,
[*Larus audouinii*]

At least 5 birds were counted both on the lagoon, or on the beach.

Lesser Black-backed Gull, Sildemåke,
[*Larus f. graellsii*]

Around 100 birds resting on the beach.

Yellow-legged Gull, Gulbeingrånåke,
[*Larus m. michahellis*]

Noted.

Great Black-backed Gull, Svartbak,
[*Larus marinus*]

To record of this gull.

Caspian Tern, Rovterne,
[*Sterna caspia*]

One resting bird among the other gulls.

Sandwich Tern, Splitterne,
[*Sterna sandvicensis*]

Small flock (3-4 birds) or single on migration along the coast, around 10 birds counted.

Feral Pigeon, Bydue,
[*Columba livia domestica*]

Noted around the city.

Rock Dove, Klippedue,
[*Columba livia*]

A total of 6 birds seen south from the Lagoon, always seen by pair in the suitable habitat.

Collared Dove, Tyrkerdue,
[*Streptopelia decaocto*]

Common around Tamri.

Turtle Dove, Turteldue,
[*Streptopelia t. arenicola/ turtur*]

3 birds seen or heard in the area.

Little Swift, Småseiler,
[*Apus a. galilejensis*]

More than 20 birds seen in Agadir centre on the morning.

Crested Lark, Topplerke,
[*Galerida c. riggenbachi*]

A density of 20 birds/80ha in the sandy coastal plains north from Tamri was valued, adult birds carrying food was seen.

Sand Martin, Sandsvale,
[*Riparia riparia*]

One seeing at the Lagoon.

Swallow, Låvesvale,
[*Hirundo rustica*]

Ca 20 birds in the area.

Meadow Pipit, Heipiplerke,
[*Anthus p. pratensis*]

One bird heard on passage.

Yellow Wagtail, Gulerle,
[*Motacilla f. flava*]

5 birds were found close the lagoon.

White Wagtail, Linerle,
[*Motacilla a. alba/subpersonata*]

1 bird heard, one of the Moroccan White Wagtail race was seen.

Common Bulbul, Hagebylbyl,
[*Pycnonotus barbatus*]

Common sight.

Moussier's Redstart, Diademrødstjert,
[*Phoenicurus moussieri*]

2 males , one singing.

Northern Wheatear, Steinskvet,
[*Oenanthe 0. oenanthe*]

One bird seen en route to Tamri.

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Black-eared Wheatear, Middelhavssteinskvet, *[Oenanthe h. hispanica]*
5 birds near Cap Rhir.

Black Wheatear, Svartsteinskvet, *[Oenanthe l. syenitica]*
3 birds, whom a pair in the rocky slopes near the restaurant at Tamri.

Blue Rock Thrush, Blåtrost, *[Monticola solitarius]*
A female at the same place as Black Weatear.

Blackbird, Svarttrost, *[Turdus m. mauritanicus]*
Some birds heard and seen.

Cetti's Warbler, Cettisanger, *[Cettia cetti]*
To birds heard at the lagoon.

Sardinian Warbler, Svarthodesanger, *[Sylvia melanocephala]*
Several warbler seen and heard.

Blackcap, Munk, *[Sylvia a. atricapilla/ heineken]*
5 birds were noted.

Chiffchaff, Gransanger, *[Phylloscopus c. collybita]*
2 singing male at the lagoon.

Willow Warbler, Løvsanger, *[Phylloscopus t. trochilus]*
One record at the lagoon..

Black-crowned Tachgra, Svartkronesjagra, *[Tchagra s. cucullata]*
2-3 birds in the bushy area south for the lagoon, singing bird heard.

Southern Grey Shrike, Krattvarsler, *[Lanius m. dodsoni]*
3 birds were in the same part of the lagoon as Tachgra .

Woodchat Shrike, Rødhodevarsler, *[Lanius s. rutilans/ senator]*
One seen in the region.

Magpie, Skjære, *[Pica p. mauritanica]*
Only one found near Tamri.

Raven, Ravn, *[Corvus c. tingitanus]*
Several birds, ca 50 ex, most in the centre of Tamri, display flight was observed.

Spotless Starling, Middelhavsstær, *[Sturnus unicolor]*
20 birds were seen.

House Sparrow, Gråspurv, *[Passer d. tingitanus]*
Abundant near the habitation.

Chaffinch, Bokfink, *[Fringilla c. Africana]*
One heard at the lagoon..

Serin, Gulirisk, *[Serinus serinus]*
6 birds, with some singer at the lagoon.

Greenfinch, Grønnfink, *[Carduelis c. voousi]*
One record at the lagoon..

Goldfinch, Stillits, *[Carduelis c. parva]*
3 birds heard.

Linnet, Tornirisk, *[Carduelis c. cannabina/mediterranea]*
2 record at the lagoon.

Cirl Bunting, Hekkespurv, *[Emberiza cirrus]*
A singing male in the banana plantation east from the lagoon.

House Bunting, Husspurv, *[Emberiza sahari]*
Common sight at the restaurant with 5 birds.

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Paradise Valley from Tamrhakh. 26.03.06

Sparrowhawk, Spurvehauk,
[*Accipiter n. nisus/punicus*]

4 birds observed along the road to the gorges.

Golden Eagle, Kongeørn,
[*Aquila c. homeyeri*]

A pair soaring over the gorges.

Woodpigeon, Ringdue,
[*Columba p. palumbus/excelsa*]

4 birds seen in the valley.

Crested Lark, Topplerke,
[*Galerida c. riggenbachi*]
Noted.

Grey Wagtail, Vintererle,
[*Motacilla cinerea*]

The only one record for the all trip was seen in this valley.

Moussier's Redstart, Diademrødstjert,
[*Phoenicurus moussieri*]
2 males seen.

Black-eared Wheatear, Middelhavssteinskvet, [*Oenanthe h. hispanica*]
2 birds found along the road.

Black Wheatear, Svartsteinskvet, [*Oenanthe l. syenitica*]
3 birds at the gorges.

Blackbird, Svarttrost,
[*Turdus m. mauritanicus*]

Some birds heard and seen.

Willow Warbler, Løvsanger,
[*Phylloscopus t. trochilus*]

One recorded .

Southern Grey Shrike, Krattvarsler,
[*Lanius m. dodsoni*]

One seeing .

Chaffinch, Bokfink,
[*Fringilla c. Africana*]

Between 4-5 birds noted in the area.

Serin, Gulirisk,
[*Serinus serinus*]

4 birds seen.

Greenfinch, Grønnfink,
[*Carduelis c. voousi*]

One record.

Linnet, Tornirisk,
[*Carduelis c. cannabina/mediterranea*]
2 records.

Rock Bunting, Klippespurv,
[*Emberiza c. Africana*]
3 records at the gorges.

Inezgane to Massa, Oued Massa estuary, Lower Massa valley
Sidi Rbat/Douira. 27.03.06

Little Grebe, Dvergdykker,
[*Tachybaptus ruficollis*]

Common, around 20 birds, mainly seen at the lower part, one adult with a chick at the lower Massa valley.

Continental Cormorant, Mellomskarv,
[*Phalacrocorax (carbo) sinensis*]

Moroccan Cormorant, Marokkansk storskarv,
[*Phalacrocorax (carbo) maroccanus*]
20 birds of the form *sinensis* at the estuary, and around 10 ex at the sea cliff near Douira.
Moroccan form seen only at the estuary with 30 birds.

Night Heron, Natthege,
[*Nycticorax nycticorax*]
5 birds, mostly adults watched.

Squacco Heron, Topphege,
[*Ardeola ralloides*]

2 birds at the estuary.

Cattle Egret, Kuhege,
[*Bubulcus ibis*]
15 were observed.

Little Egret, Silkehege,
[*Egretta garzetta*]
30 birds at Massa, 10 along the shore at Douira.

Grey Heron, Gråhege,
[*Ardea cinerea*]
6 birds at Massa.

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Purple Heron, Purpurhegre,
[*Ardea purpurea*]
3 birds at the lower Massa.

Glossy Ibis, Bronseibis,
[*Plegadis falcinellus*]
10 birds feeding, and 20 on migration at the estuary.

Spoonbill, Skjestork,
[*Platalea leucorodia*]
8 ex at Douira.

Greater Flamingo, Flamingo,
[*Phoenicopterus roseus*]
5 birds at the estuary.

Ruddy Shelduck, Rustand,
[*Tadorna ferruginea*]
2 record at Massa.

Gadwall, Snadderand,
[*Anas strepera*]
5 birds at Massa, both sexe seen.

Mallard, Stokkand,
[*Anas platyrhynchos*]
20 birds were counted at Massa.

Pintail, Stjertand,
[*Anas acuta*]
5 birds at Massa.

Garganey, Knekkand,
[*Anas querquedula*]
2 birds at the estuary.

Shoveler, Skjeand,
[*Anas clypeata*]
20 ex at Massa. Principally in pair.

Marbled Duck, Marmorand,
[*Marmaronetta angustirostris*]
2 pair at Massa.

Pochard, Taffeland,
[*Aythya ferina*]
15 birds at Massa.

Tufted Duck, Toppand,
[*Aythya fuligula*]
2 pair at both estuary and lower Massa.

Black-shouldered Kite, Svartvingeglente,
[*Elanus caeruleus*]
To birds (a pair?) in cultivated areas at the lower Massa valley. One of this bird was in transitional plumage (2nd cy spring) showing a dark central tail-feather and pale tips to primaries (video in flight).

Marsh Harrier, Sivhauk,
[*Circus aeruginosus*]
2 females at Massa.

Sparrowhawk, Spurvehauk,
[*Accipiter n. nisus/punicus*]
One female in flight at the lower Massa valley.

Kestrel, Tårnfalk,
[*Falco tinnunculus*]
Commonest bird of prey in the area, about 10 birds seen in the neighbouring.

Barbary Falcon, Berberfalk,
[*Falco pelegrinoides*]
At Douira National park employee showed us nesting place for the falcon, few minutes later we got a view in flight.

Quail, Vaktel,
[*Coturnix coturnix*]
3 singer at the lower Massa valley.

Moorhen, Sivhøne,
[*Gallinula chloropus*]
5 birds at Massa.

Coot, Sothøne,
[*Fulica atra*]
A count of 200 birds at Massa.

Moorhen, Sivhøne,
[*Gallinula chloropus*]
At least 3 to 4 birds seen on the 26. 03 and 01.04.

Oystercatcher, Tjeld,
[*Haematopus ostralegus*]
26 birds on migration towards north at Douira.

Black-winged Stilt, Stylteløper,
[*Himantopus himantopus*]
One at Massa estuary.

Avocet, Recurvirostra avosetta,
[*Recurvirostra avosetta*]
One at Massa estuary.

Stone-curlew, Triel,
[*Burhinus oediconemus saharae*]
One at Massa.

Little Ringed Plover, Dverglo,
[*Charadrius dubius curonicus*]
5 birds seen in a temporary puddle at lower Massa valley.

Ringed Plover, Sandlo,
[*Charadrius hiaticula hiaticula*]
10 birds at the estuary.

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Sanderling, Sandløper,
[*Calidris alba*]

15 birds feeding along the shoreline at Douira.

Little Stint, Dvergsnipe,
[*Calidris minuta*]

4 birds with Little Ringed Plover at lower Massa Valley.

Temminck's Stint, Temmincksnipe,
[*Calidris temminckii*]

Only one record at Massa estuary.

Curlew Sandpiper, Tundrasnipe,
[*Calidris ferruginea*]

2 birds on at Massa estuary.

Dunlin, Myrsnipe,
[*Calidris alpina*]

2 birds at Massa estuary.

Whimbrel, Småspove,
[*Numenius phaeopus*]

One recorded along the coast at Douira.

Redshank, Rødstilk,
[*Tringa t. totanus*]

Common with up to 20 birds at the estuary.

Green Sandpiper, Skogsnipe,
[*Tringa ochropus*]

One seen at Massa marshes.

Common Sandpiper, Strandsnipe,
[*Actitis hypoleucos*]

Few birds were observed, 3 at the estuary.

Black-headed Gull, Hettemåke,
[*Larus ridibundus*]

One seen at Massa.

Audouin's Gull, Middelhavsmåke,
[*Larus audouinii*]

One record at the estuary.

Lesser Black-backed Gull, Sildemåke,
[*Larus f. graellsii*]

25 birds at the estuary.

Yellow-legged Gull, Gulbeingrånåke,
[*Larus m. michahellis*]

Common gull seen in this area.

Sandwich Tern, Splitterne,
[*Sterna sandvicensis*]

2 birds at the estuary.

Feral Pigeon, Bydue,
[*Columba livia domestica*]

Observed near village.

Woodpigeon, Ringdue,
[*Columba p. palumbus/ excelsa*]

5 birds at Massa.

Collared Dove, Tyrkerdue,
[*Streptopelia decaocto*]

Common near civilisation.

Turtle Dove, Turteldue,
[*Streptopelia t. arenicola/ turtur*]

10 birds, heard and seen at Massa

Laughing Dove, Palmedue,
[*Streptopelia s. phoenicophila/ senegalensis*]

3 birds seen near the warden's house.

Greater Spotted Cuckoo, Skjæregjök,
[*Clamator glandarius*]

One bird on a telephone wire between Inchadèn and Souk-el-Had.

Little Owl, Kirkeugle,
[*Athene n. glaux*]

Several birds recorded in the region, one at Massa estuary, 2 birds on a old stone wall at Arbalou, 2 birds at Douira, and one en route to Taroudant.

Common Swift, Tårnseiler,
[*Apus apus*]

2 record at Massa.

Pallid Swift, Gråseiler,
[*Apus p. brehmorum*]

Common at Massa.

Little Swift, Småseiler,
[*Apus a. galilejensis*]

5 birds at Massa.

Kingfisher, Isfugl,
[*Alcedo a. ispida/atthis*]

One at the bridge, back the mosque in the lower Massa valley.

Wryneck, Vendehals
[*Jynx t. torquilla*]

One sighting at Massa estuary.

European Bee-eater, Bieter,
[*Merops apiaster*]

6 birds in the lower Massa valley.

Hoopoe, Hærfugl,
[*Upupa epops*]

To birds seen in the region.

Lesser Short-toed Lark, Flekkdverglerke
[*Calandrella r. minor*]

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From the track to Sidi-Rbat, a vantage point provided several singer, few was seen. A density of 10 birds whom 4-5 singer on 25ha was valued.

Crested Lark, Topplerke,
[*Galerida c. riggenbachi*]
Common sight.

Brown-throated Sand Martin,
Brunstrupesandsvale
[*Riparia p. mauritanica*]
At the bridge in the lower Massa valley, 10 birds was seen.

Sand Martin, Sandsvale,
[*Riparia riparia*]
2 birds seen together with Brown-throated Sand Martin.

Swallow, Låvesvale,
[*Hirundo rustica*]
Around 50 birds seen in the area.

Red-rumped Swallow, Amursvale,
[*Hirundo d. rufula*]
10 birds at Massa.

House Martin, Taksvale,
[*Delichon u. urbica/meridionalis*]
2 record at Massa.

Tree Pipit, Trepipplerke,
[*Anthus trivialis*]
Heard on passage with 2 birds at Massa estuary.

Yellow Wagtail, Gulerle,
[*Motacilla f. flava*]
Unidentified race, but a number of 30 birds was counted.

White Wagtail, Linerle,
[*Motacilla a. alba*]
3 birds of the European race seen at Massa

Common Bulbul, Hagebylbyl,
[*Pycnonotus barbatus*]
Common sight.

Nightingale, Sørnattergal,
[*Luscinia megarhynchos*]
4 birds seen at the estuary.

Redstart, Rødstjert,
[*Phoenicurus p. phoenicurus/ algeriensis*]
2 birds seen at the estuary

Moussier's Redstart, Diademrødstjert,
[*Phoenicurus moussieri*]

10 birds in the region observed.

Stonechat, Svartstrupe
[*Saxicola t. rubicola*]
Often seen in pair, in both estuary and lower Massa valley, 20 birds were observed.

Northern Wheatear, Steinskjett,
[*Oenanthe o. oenanthe*]
1 bird seen at the estuary.

Black-eared Wheatear, Middelhavssteinskjett,
[*Oenanthe h. hispanica*]
Principally seen from Sidi-Rbat to Douira, with 4 birds.

Blackbird, Svarttrost,
[*Turdus m. mauritanicus*]
40 birds were counted at Massa, 5 at Douira.

Cetti's Warbler, Cettisanger,
[*Cettia cetti*]
6 records mainly at the lower valley.

Fan-tailed Warbler, Cistussanger,
[*Cisticola j. cisticola*]
Common.

Sedge Warbler, Sivsanger,
[*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*]
Good views, several singer, 20 birds at Massa..

Reed Warbler, Rørsanger,
[*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*]
5 records at the lower valley.

(Western) Olivaceous Warbler, Mauresanger,
[*Hippolais opaca*]
4 to 5 birds heard and seen at the lower valley.

Subalpine Warbler, Rødstrupesanger,
[*Sylvia c. inornata/cantillans*]
4 birds seen at Massa estuary.

Sardinian Warbler, Svarthodesanger,
[*Sylvia melanocephala*]
Common seen and heard, an account of 50 birds was valued.

Blackcap, Munk,
[*Sylvia a. atricapilla/ heineken*]
Several migrant occurred in the area, at least 50 birds

Bonelli's Warbler, Eiksanger,
[*Phylloscopus bonelli*]
A bird feeding in a tree was filmed at Massa estuary.

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Willow Warbler, Løvsanger,
[*Phylloscopus t. trochilus*]
One record at Douira, 3 at Massa.

Golden Oriole, Pirol,
[*Oriolus oriolus*]
A female at Massa.

Black-crowned Tachgra, Svartkronesjagra,
[*Tachgra s. cucullata*]
Between 5-6 birds seen and heard at Massa estuary,
simultaneous displaying birds were also observed.

Southern Grey Shrike, Krattvarsler,
[*Lanius m. dodsoni*]
4 records from Sidi-Rbat to Douira.

Woodchat Shrike, Rødhodevarsler,
[*Lanius s. rutilans/senator*]
2 birds at Massa.

Magpie, Skjære,
[*Pica p. mauritanica*]
Good density along the road from Inezgane to
Massa, 17 birds were observed, about 10-15 birds at
Massa too.

Spotless Starling, Middelhavsstær,
[*Sturnus unicolor*]
10 birds near village at the lower valley

House Sparrow, Gråspurv,
[*Passer d. tingitanus*]
Abundant near the habitation.

Chaffinch, Bokfink,
[*Fringilla c. africana*]
3 birds heard at Massa warden's house

Serin, Gulirisk,
[*Serinus serinus*]
Common 50 ex at Massa.

Greenfinch, Grønnfink,
[*Carduelis c. voousi*]
10 birds were registered at Massa.

Goldfinch, Stillits,
[*Carduelis c. parva*]
30 at Massa.

Linnet, Tornirisk,
[*Carduelis c. cannabina/mediterranea*]
35 birds at Massa mainly before and at the estuary.

House Bunting, Husspurv,
[*Emberiza sahari*]
Common sight. 10 ex at Massa.

Corn Bunting, Kornspurv
[*Emberiza calandra*]
2 singer in the fields at the lower Massa valley.

**Taroudant to Boumalnes du Dadès, via Souss Valley, Aoulouz Gorges, Tazenakht, Asif
Iri, Ouarzazate, El Mansour reservoir. 28.03.06**

Squacco Heron, Topphegre,
[*Ardeola ralloides*]
One bird at Aoulouz Gorges.

Cattle Egret, Kuhegre,
[*Bubulcus ibis*]
One seen in the Souss valley from Taroudant
Another one at Aoulouz Gorges.

Little Egret, Silkehegre,
[*Egretta garzetta*]
One at Aoulouz Gorges.

White Stork, Stork,
[*Ciconia ciconia*]
7 birds were seen at Taroudant, building their nest
or carrying stuff. One sight in the Dadès Valley.

Black Kite, Svartglente
[*Milvus migrans*]
Two birds seen in the Souss Valley between
Taroudant and Oulad Berhil. A flock with 7 birds
on migration at Aoulouz Gorges.

Short-toed Eagle, Slangeørn
[*Circaetus gallicus*]
Only one sighting of this raptor was in the Souss
Valley.

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Montagu's Harrier Enghauk,
[*Circus pygargus*]

A dark morph male was seen few km before Aoulouz, a second male seen at Aoulouz Gorges.

Long-legged Buzzard, Ørnvåk,
[*Buteo r. cirtensis*]
One at Aoulouz Gorges.

Booted Eagle, Dvergørn
[*Hieraaetus pennatus*]
In Souss valley from Taroudant to Oulad Berhil, migration was good for this eagle, 6 birds were counted from a vantage point, 2 dark morph and 4 pale morph was observed.

Kestrel, Tårnfalk,
[*Falco tinnunculus*]
Commonest.

Barbary Falcon, Berberfalk,
[*Falco pelegrinoides*]
At the same place as Montagu's Harrier, a falcon was briefly seen in flight, but the most wonderful sight for this species was a co-operative hunting in pairs at 38 km before Ouarzazate., one flew very low over the ground, while the another soaring higher and tried to catch a bird twice, at the second attack the falcon got the prey, someone claimed that it was a Beeter.

Stone-curlew, Triel,
[*Burhinus oedicephalus saharae*]
One at Aoulouz Gorges.

Little Ringed Plover, Dverglo,
[*Charadrius dubius curonicus*]
Both observed at on Oued Souss at Aoulouz and at Asif Iriri before Ouarzazate.

Green Sandpiper, Skogsnipe,
[*Tringa ochropus*]
One at Asif Iriri.

Common Sandpiper, Strandsnipe,
[*Actitis hypoleucos*]
One at Aoulouz.

Feral Pigeon, Bydue,
[*Columba livia domestica*]
Observed near village.

Rock Dove, Klippedue,
[*Columba livia*]
3 at Aoulouz Gorges and another 2 ex at Asif Iriri.

Woodpigeon, Ringdue,
[*Columba p. palumbus/ excelsa*]
2 birds in Souss Valley before Oulad Berhil .

Collared Dove, Tyrkerdue,
[*Streptopelia decaocto*]
Common near civilisation.

Turtle Dove, Turteldue,
[*Streptopelia t. arenicola/ turtur*]
Over 30 birds long the road from Taroudant to Oulad Berhil, most seen sitting on wire.

Laughing Dove , Palmedue,
[*Streptopelia s. phoenicophila/ senegalensis*]
2 birds seen in Souss Valley.

Common Swift, Tårnseiler,
[*Apus apus*]
10 record in Souss valley.

Pallid Swift, Gråseiler,
[*Apus p. brehmorum*]
Fairly common.

Little Swift, Småseiler,
[*Apus a. galilejensis*]
2 birds at Aoulouz Gorges.

European Bee-eater, Bieter,
[*Merops apiaster*]
At least 30 birds in Souss valley after Oulad Berhil. Also 10 birds at Aoulouz .

Bar-tailed Desert Lark, Mørkhalelerke
[*Ammomanes c. arenicolor*]
3 birds were observed after Tazenakht to Ouarzazate.

Desert Lark, Ørkenlerke
[*Ammomanes d.payni*]
One seen from the road at Tizi-n-Bachkoum

Crested Lark, Topplerke,
[*Galerida c. riggenbachi*]
Common in Souss Valley.

Thekla Lark, Krattopplerke
[*Galerida t. aguirrei/ ruficolor*]
10 birds were counted along the road to Ouarzazate, this specie was particularly noted after Tazenakht. At 50 km before Ouarzazate, in a rocky area about 1ha, 2 singer was observed.

Swallow, Låvesvale,
[*Hirundo rustica*]
Around 50 birds seen during the day, most in Souss valley.

Red-rumped Swallow, Amursvale,
[*Hirundo d. rufula*]
10 birds in Souss valley, and 4 birds at Aoulouz Gorges.

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House Martin, Taksvalle,
[*Delichon u. urbica/meridionalis*]
2 record at Massa.

Meadow Pipit, Heipiplerke,
[*Anthus pratensis*]
1 bird heard in Souss Valley.

Yellow Wagtail, Gulerle,
[*Motacilla f. flava*]
5 at Aoulouz and 1 at Asif Iriri.

White Wagtail, Linerle,
[*Motacilla a. alba*]
One at Asif Iriri, and Ouarzazate.

Common Bulbul, Hagebylbyl,
[*Pycnonotus barbatus*]
Common.

Nightingale, Sørnattergal,
[*Luscinia megarhynchos*]
Fairly common over 10 birds in the agricultural estate in Souss Valley. Also one at Aoulouz.

Moussier's Redstart, Diademrødstjert,
[*Phoenicurus moussieri*]
2 birds in the Souss Valley.

Stonechat, Svartstrupe
[*Saxicola t. rubicola*]
Some birds in Souss Valley, and one at Aoulouz

Northern Wheatear, Steinskivett,
[*Oenanthe o. oenanthe*]
2 birds seen after Talouine.

Black-eared Wheatear, Middelhavssteinskivett,
[*Oenanthe h. hispanica*]
One at Aoulouz Gorges.

Seebohm's Wheatear, Atlassteinskivett
[*Oenanthe seebohmi*]
One bird seen at the vantage point north from El Mansour reservoir.

Desert Wheatear, Ørkensteinskivett
[*Oenanthe d. homochroa*]
Around 30 birds were noted, from Talouine (one pair) to El mansour (3 male/1 female). Female carrying food was noted near Talouine.

Red-rumped Wheatear, Berbersteinskivett
[*Oenanthe moesta*]
A pair found north from El Mansour.

Mourning Wheatear, Ravinsteinskivett
[*Oenanthe halophila*]
One record at the north side of El Mansour

reservoir.

White-crowned Black Wheatear,
Hvitkronesteinskivett
[*Oenanthe leucopyga*]
6 birds were observed around Ouarzazate not before!

Black Wheatear, Svartsteinskivett,
[*Oenanthe l. syenitica*]
Only recorded with 3 birds after Talouine at Tizi-n-Taghatine.

Blue Rock Thrush, Blåtrost,
[*Monticola solitarius*]
A male observed at Aoulouz Gorges.

Blackbird, Svarttrost,
[*Turdus m. mauritanicus*]
Common in Souss Valley , observed at Aoulouz too.

Song Thrush, Måltrost
[*Turdus p. philomelos/clarkei*]
One bird seen feeding on the grassy bank of Oued Souss at Aoulouz.

Cetti's Warbler, Cettisanger,
[*Cettia cetti*]
1 records in Souss valley.

Fan-tailed Warbler, Cistussanger,
[*Cisticola j. cisticola*]
To singer at Aoulouz.

Tristram's Warbler, Atlæssanger
[*Sylvia d. deserticola/maroccana*]
One male discovered on the hilly side of Oued Souss at Aoulouz.

Subalpine Warbler, Rødstrupesanger,
[*Sylvia c. inornata/cantillans*]
A male seen at Aoulouz.

Spectacled Warbler, Maskesanger,
[*Sylvia conspicillata*]
A male singing found in a wady, same vantage point as Montagu Harrier.

Blackcap, Munk,
[*Sylvia a. atricapilla/ heineken*]
Observed at Souss Valley and Aoulouz,.

African Blue Tit, Kalotmeis,
[*Parus teneriffae ultramarines*]
3 birds seen in Souss Valley.

Great Tit, Kjøttmeis,
[*Parus m. excelsus*]

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One singing bird at Aoulouz along the oued, and in Argane forest before Talouine.

Southern Grey Shrike, Krattvarsler,
[*Lanius m. dodsoni*]
2 birds seen in Souss Valley.

Woodchat Shrike, Rødhodevarsler,
[*Lanius s. rutilans/senator*]
Birds were found in Argane forest,, one at Aoulouz Gorges, 1 before and 3 after Talouine.

Magpie, Skjære,
[*Pica p. mauritanica*]
2 birds in Sous Valley

Eurasian Jackdaw, Kaie
[*Corvus m.spermologus*]
A bird has been heard at Aoulouz Gorges.

Spotless Starling, Middelhavstær,
[*Sturnus unicolor*]
Observed in Souss Valley

House Sparrow, Gråspurv,
[*Passer d. tingitanus*]
Common.

Chaffinch, Bokfink,
[*Fringilla c. Africana*]
Over 10 birds seen in Souss Valley, one singing after Aoulouz.

Serin, Gulirisk,
[*Serinus serinus*]
5 birds in Souss Valley, also noted at Aoulouz.

Greenfinch, Grønnfink,
[*Carduelis c. voousi*]
5 birds in Souss Valley. A pair in pine plantation just after Talouine.

Goldfinch, Stillits,
[*Carduelis c. parva*]
Around 10 birds in Souss Valley.

Linnet, Tornirisk,
[*Carduelis c. cannabina/mediterranea*]
Noted at Talouine.

Trumpeter Finch, Trompeterfink
[*Bucanetes g. zedlitzi*]
A flock with 9 birds seen at 60km from Ouarzazate.

House Bunting, Husspurv,
[*Emberiza sahari*]
Common sight.

Cirl Bunting, Hekkespurv,
[*Emberiza cirlus*]
2 singer at the vantage point in Souss Valley.

Corn Bunting, Kornspurv
[*Emberiza calandra*]
One singing bird in the wady after the crossroad to Aoulouz (N 10), an another singer at Aoulouz Gorges .

Boumalnes du Dadès, Tagdilt track old, Tinerhir to Erfoud 29.03.06

Cattle Egret, Kuhegre,
[*Bubulcus ibis*]
A colony with around 20 birds seen at Jorf, the birds breed in centre.

Black Kite, Svartglente,
[*Milvus migrans*]
10 birds on migration at Tagdilt.

Kestrel, Tårnfalk,
[*Falco tinnunculus*]
2 birds observed, one with a very pale plumage (sand abrasion?) at Tagdilt. Another 2 birds noted from the road to Erfoud after Tinejdad.

Ringed Plover, Sandlo,
[*Charadrius hiaticula hiaticula*]
One seen at Moulay Brahim.

Cream-coloured Courser, Ørkenløper
[*Cursorius cursor*]
A flokk was found on the ground with 8 birds, 5 flew away, possibly on migration NNW.

Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Svartbuksandhøne
[*Pterocles orientalis*]
To birds seen several times at Tagdilt, pair?

Crowned Sandgrouse, Lysbuksandhøne
[*Pterocles coronatus*]
First flock found with 15 birds, included both sex, a second with 2 females and 1 male near the orchard.

Feral Pigeon, Bydue,
[*Columba livia domestica*]
Observed near village.

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Collared Dove, Tyrkerdue,
[*Streptopelia decaocto*]
Common near civilisation.

Egyptian Nightjar, Ørkennattravn,
[*Caprimulgus a. saharae*]
South to Erfoud, 3 singing birds along the road on 6 km.

European Bee-eater, Bieter,
[*Merops apiaster*]
Some migrant in high altitude at Tagdilt, then 5 birds 17 km before Erfoud.

Blue-checked Bee-eater, Blåkinnbieter
[*Merops p. chrysocercus*]
2-3 birds observed around Jorf before Erfoud.

Bar-tailed Desert Lark, Mørkhalelerke
[*Ammomanes c. arenicolor*]
6 birds were observed at Tagdilt, and 1 on the road after Igli Mellaab.

Desert Lark, Ørkenlerke
[*Ammomanes d. payni*]
4 birds seen at Tagdilt.

Hoopoe Lark, Langnebblerke
[*Alaemon alaudipes*]
4 singing birds at Tagdilt, on ca 40 ha.

Thick-billed Lark, Tykknebblerke,
[*Rhamphocoris clotbey*]
Only to records at Tagdilt.

Short-toed Lark, Dverglerke,
[*Calandrella b. brachydactyla/rubiginosa*]
A flock with 20 birds at Tagdilt, an another 20 birds after Tinerhir.

Thekla Lark, Krattopplerke
[*Galerida t. aguirrei/ruficolor*]
10 birds at Tagdilt, seen in pair, feeding or singing.

Temminck's Horned Lark, Hornlerke
[*Eremophila bilopha*]
20 birds were observed at Tagdilt.

Swallow, Låvesvale,
[*Hirundo rustica*]
2 birds at Tagdilt, and 8 from the road between Tinejdad to Erfoud.

Red-rumped Swallow, Amursvale,
[*Hirundo d. rufula*]
One record from the road between Tinejdad and Erfoud.

Tawny Pipit, Markpiplerke,
[*Anthus campestris*]

One recorded at Tagdilt.

Yellow Wagtail, Gulerle,
[*Motacilla f. flava*]
One on migration at Tagdilt, one at Moulay Brahim before Erfoud.

White Wagtail, Linerle,
[*Motacilla a. alba/subpersonata*] 2 birds seen at Moulay Brahim *ssp. alba*, and one of the Moroccan White Wagtail race.

Common Bulbul, Hagebylbyl,
[*Pycnonotus barbatus*]
Common.

Northern Wheatear, Steinskivett,
[*Oenanthe o. oenanthe*]
To birds seen at Tagdilt.

Black-eared Wheatear, Middelhavssteinskivett,
[*Oenanthe h. hispanica*]
One bird seen at Tagdilt.

Desert Wheatear, Ørkensteinskivett
[*Oenanthe d. homochroa*]
At least 10 birds were counted in the area, approximately on 3200 ha. Most seen singing male.

Red-rumped Wheatear, Berbersteinskivett
[*Oenanthe moesta*]
15 birds, both male and female seen along the track, Mostly common especially in the beginning of the Tagdilt track .

Mourning Wheatear, Ravinsteinskivett
[*Oenanthe halophila*]
One record of one male near the orchards at Tagdilt. A second male was found few km before Tinerhir.

White-crowned Black Wheatear,
Hvitkronesteinskivett
[*Oenanthe leucopyga*]
To birds between Boumalnes du Dadès and Tinerhir, 4 birds from Tinerhir to Tinejdad. From the last village to Erfoud became more widespread, a total of over 15 birds were counted.

Blue Rock Thrush, Blåtrost,
[*Monticola solitarius*]
A male observed between Tinejdad to Erfoud.

Blackbird, Svarttrost,
[*Turdus m. mauritanicus*]
4 birds observed at Tinerhir.

Willow Warbler, Løvsanger,
[*Phylloscopus t. trochilus*]

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One probable at Tagdilt on migration early on the morning, a second record en route to Erfoud.

Southern Grey Shrike, Krattvarsler,
[*Lanius m. dodsoni*]

6 birds counted from Tinejdad to Erfoud.

Woodchat Shrike, Rødhodevarsler,
[*Lanius s. rutilans/senator*]

One seen at Tagdilt, and 3 from Tinejdad to Erfoud.

House Sparrow, Gråspurv,
[*Passer d. tingitanus*]

Observed at Tagdilt near the orchards, and then common while travelling to Erfoud.

Serin, Gulirisk,
[*Serinus serinus*]

2 birds at Jorf.

Goldfinch, Stillits,
[*Carduelis c. parva*]

Around 7 birds at Jorf.

Trumpeter Finch, Trompeterfink
[*Bucanetes g. zedlitzi*]

Only one found at Tagdilt.

House Bunting, Husspurv,
[*Emberiza sahari*]

Common sight.

Erfoud to Erg Chebbi , Merzouga, Dayet Srji, Rissani (Oued Ziz) to Agdz 30.03.06

Grey Heron, Gråhegre,
[*Ardea cinerea*]

One observed in the Draa valley.

Ruddy Shelduck, Rustand,
[*Tadorna ferruginea*]

8 birds seen at Dayet Srji.

Black Kite, Svartglente,
[*Milvus migrans*]

1 bird on migration at Erg Chebbi.

Egyptian Vulture, Åtselsgribb
[*Neophron percnopterus*]

One bird soaring over Dayet Srji

Marsh Harrier, Sivhauk,
[*Circus aeruginosus*]

One male seen at Erg Chebbi and Dayet Srji.

Long-legged Buzzard, Ørnvåk,
[*Buteo r. cirtensis*]

1 bird observed from the road to Agdz.

Kestrel, Tårnfalk,
[*Falco tinnunculus*]

2 birds observed from the road to Agdz.

Lanner, Slagfalk,
[*Falco b. erlangeri*]

One records between Rissani and Alnif.

Barbary Partridge, Berberhøne,
[*Alectoris b. spatzii*]

A pair on a stony hill before Agdz in Draa Valley.

Feral Pigeon, Bydue,
[*Columba livia domestica*]

Observed near village, but no record at Erg Chebbi.

Turtle Dove, Turteldue,
[*Streptopelia t. arenicola/turtur*]

One at Auberge Derkoua and one around Erg Chebbi.

Collared Dove, Tyrkerdue,
[*Streptopelia decaocto*]

One bird found at Erg Chebbi. Common near civilisation.

European Nightjar, Nattravn
[*Caprimulgus e. meridionalis/europaeus*]

On the evening, one singing bird in the garden back the hotel Kissane.

Hoopoe, Hærfugl,
[*Upupa epops*]

2 records after Rissani.

Wryneck, Vendehals
[*Jynx t. torquilla*]

One well observed on the ground at Auberge Derkoua, and 2 birds near La caravanne Café at Erg Chebbi.

Desert Lark, Ørkenlerke
[*Ammomanes d. payni*]

A pair at the vantage point some 10 km south from Erfoud, a total of 6 birds were noted from Rissani to Tansikht .

Hoopoe Lark, Langnebblerke
[*Alaemon alaudipes*]

3 singing birds on the tarmac road to Merzouga, one singer in the Reg (stony desert) north-east of Erg Chebbi.

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Short-toed Lark, Dverglerke,
[*Calandrella b. brachydactyla/rubiginosa*]
Around 25 birds in a small cultivated area south from Erfoud.

Swallow, Låvesvale,
[*Hirundo rustica*]
One at Erg Chebbi, 4 between Rissani and Agdz.

Yellow Wagtail, Gulerle,
[*Motacilla f. flava*]
10 birds at the same position as Short-toed Lark, one *ssp cinerocapilla* female at Erg Chebbi, around 5 at Dayet Srji.

Common Bulbul, Hagebylbyl,
[*Pycnonotus barbatus*]
No Record in Talifalt. Common in Draa Valley.

Nightingale, Sørnattergal,
[*Luscinia megarhynchos*]
First found was early on the morning in the middle of the desert, one bird perched on a rock, 10km south of Erfoud, the second was discovery at Auberge Derkoua, the last record was in the walled garden at Auberge La Caravanne Erg Chebbi. One singer in Draa valley.

Bluethroat, Blåstrupe
[*Luscinia s. svecica*]
The small gardens at La Carvanne hold 3 very secretive birds.

Redstart, Rødstjert,
[*Phoenicurus p. phoenicurus/ algeriensis*]
Common at Auberge Derkoua, and some at Erg Chebbi. At least 10 birds were observed.

Northern Wheatear, Steinskjett,
[*Oenanthe 0. oenanthe*]
To birds seen at the vantage point south of Erfoud.

Desert Wheatear, Ørkensteinskjett
[*Oenanthe d. homochroa*]
A pair 10 km south of Erfoud, 2 birds around Erg Chebbi. 5 were counted on the way to Agdz from Rissani.

White-crowned Black Wheatear,
Hvitkronsteinskjett
[*Oenanthe leucopyga*]
Common wheatear, 10 birds from Erfoud to Erg Chebbi. 2 from Rissani to Tansikht .And also observed before Agdz with 5 records.

Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Steintrost
[*Monticola saxatilis*]
A male observed at Café les Dunes d'Or Erg Chebbi.

Blackbird, Svarttrost,
[*Turdus m. mauritanicus*]
2 birds(1 singer) observed at Auberge Derkoua. Several heard in Draa valley.

Cetti's Warbler, Cettisanger,
[*Cettia cetti*]
2 records in Draa valley before Agdz.

Moustached Warbler, Tamarisksanger
[*Acrocephalus melanopogon*]
2 birds seen at Auberge Derkoua.

Sedge Warbler, Sivsanger,
[*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*]
A birds found at Auberge Derkoua, an other one at Café les Dunes d'Or.

Tristram's Warbler, Atlassanger
[*Sylvia d. deserticola/maroccana*]
One at Auberge Derkoua, a female on a top of a bush in the Reg before Erg Chebbi.

Subalpine Warbler, Rødstrupesanger,
[*Sylvia c. inornata/cantillans*]
A male seen at Derkoua, 2 other records in the garden at La Caravanne Erg Chebbi..

Common Whitethroat, Tornsanger
[*Sylvia communis*]
A pale female seen at Dekoua, one male seen at La Caravanne.

Chiffchaff, Gransanger,
[*Phylloscopus c. collybita*]
One record at Derkoua.

Willow Warbler, Løvsanger,
[*Phylloscopus t. trochilus*]
2 birds at Derkoua, 2 at La caravanne and one at Les Dunes d'Or.

Southern Grey Shrike, Krattvarsler,
[*Lanius m. dodsoni*]
2 birds south of Erfoud. 1 from Rissani to Tansikht

Woodchat Shrike, Rødhodevarsler,
[*Lanius s. rutilans/ senator*]
6 birds around Erfoud, another 6 at Erg Chebbi. 1 from Rissani to Tansikht

Brown-necked Raven, Brunnakkeravn
[*Corvus ruficollis*]
One just before La Caravanne Café, a flock with 50 birdsca 10-20 km after Rissani, a pair before Tazzarine.

House Sparrow, Gråspurv,
[*Passer d. tingitanus*]

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Observed near habitation, copulation noted at Café La caravanne Erg Chebbi.

Desert Sparrow, Ørkenspurv,
[*Passer simplex saharae*]
5 birds seen around Café La caravanne Erg Chebbi.

House Bunting, Husspurv,
[*Emberiza sahari*]
Common sight.

Agdz to Aoulouz via Tazenakht, Tizi-N-test Road, Souss Valley, Aérodrome Taroudant.31.03.06

Cattle Egret, Kuhegre,
[*Bubulcus ibis*]
A colony was found at Taroudant, with 5 birds.

White Stork, Stork,
[*Ciconia ciconia*]
A flock on migration with 80 birds at very high altitude was seen at Tizi-N-test, and 4 birds noted at Taroudant.

Booted Eagle, Dvergørn
[*Hieraaetus pennatus*]
3 records at Tizi-n-Test, birds on migration, seems to pass over the mountains in direction NNW, a single bird in Souss was also observed.

Kestrel, Tårnfalk,
[*Falco tinnunculus*]
20 birds observed, fairly common in Tizi-n-Test .

Barbary Partridge, Berberhøne,
[*Alectoris b. barbara/spatzi*]
One seen at Tizi-n-Test pass.

Quail, Vaktel,
[*Coturnix coturnix*]
2 singing birds in the cultivated fields at Taroudant aérodrome.

Moorhen, Sivhøne,
[*Gallinula chloropus*]
A bird found in Oued Souss at Aoulouz.

Rock Dove, Klippedue,
[*Columba livia*]
15 birds was observed at several position at Tizi-n-Test pass.

Feral Pigeon, Bydue,
[*Columba livia domestica*]
Common.

Stock Dove, Skogdue,
[*Columba oenas*]
One was discovery in the northern slopes of Tizi-n-Test pass.

Woodpigeon, Ringdue,
[*Columba p. palumbus/ excelsa*]
Several singer was heard and seen, ca 20 birds was noted at Tizi-n-Test pass.

Turtle Dove, Turteldue,
[*Streptop[Streptopelia t. arenicola/ turtur]*]
Only 2 records from the road to Taroudant.

Collared Dove, Tyrkerdue,
[*Streptopelia decaocto*]
Common near civilisation.

Common Cuckoo, Gjøk
[*Cuculus c. bangsi/ canorus*]
One singing male before Tizi-n-Test pass.

Little Owl, Kirkeugle,
[*Athene n.glaux*]
2 records between Tazenakht and Aoulouz, 2 other at Taroudant airport.

Common Swift, Tårnseiler,
[*Apus apus*]
At Olad Berhil, 5 birds seen.

Pallid Swift, Gråseiler,
[*Apus p. brehmorum*]
Several birds at Olad Berhil, over 100 ex were noted.

Alpine Swift, Alpeseiler
[*Apus m. tuneti/ Apus m. melba*]
First and last record for the whole trip, one bird Olad Berhil.

Little Swift, Småseiler,
[*Apus a. galilejensis*]
50 birds at Olad Berhil.

European Bee-eater, Bieter,
[*Merops apiaster*]
20 at Tzini-n-Test, and 10 at Taroudant airport.

European Roller, Blåråke
[*Coracias garrulus*]

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Same day to records, one at Aoulouz Gorges, an other one before the summit at Tzini-n-Test.

Hoopoe, Hærfugl,

[*Upupa epops*]

One along the road to Tizni-n-Test, 4 birds en route to Taroudant.

Desert Lark, Ørkenlerke

[*Ammomanes d.payni*]

Good density, 11 birds were found between Agdz and Tazenakht, best place was Tizini-n- Timlaine. A single bird between Tazenakht and Aoulouz.

Short-toed Lark, Dverglerke, [*Calandrella b. brachydactyla/rubiginosa*]

4 birds (pair?), seen singing and feeding at Kourkouda, 2 other at Taroudant aerodrome.

Crested Lark, Topplerke,

[*Galerida c. riggenbachi*]

Common in Souss Valley with 20 observation from the road to Taroudant.

Thekla Lark, Krattopplerke

[*Galerida t. aguirrei/ ruficolor*]

2 records between Agdz and Tazenakht.

Crag Martin, Klippesvale

[*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*]

4 birds were seen at Tizi-n-Test pass.

Swallow, Låvesvale,

[*Hirundo rustica*]

One between Tazenakht/Aoulouz, around 10 ex. on migration in Souss valley.

Red-rumped Swallow, Amursvale,

[*Hirundo d. rufula*]

2 record at Tizi-n-Test pass, 5 birds in Souss Valley.

House Martin, Taksvale,

[*Delichon u. urbica/meridionalis*]

2 birds at Oulad Berhil.

Yellow Wagtail, Gulerle,

[*Motacilla f. flava*]

One seeing at Taroudant airport.

Common Bulbul, Hagebylbyl,

[*Pycnonotus barbatus*]

Common.

Nightingale, Sørnattergal,

[*Luscinia megarhynchos*]

One heard in Souss Valley.

Redstart, Rødstjert,

[*Phoenicurus p. phoenicurus/ Algeriensis*]

At least 3 birds found on the summit of the Tizi-n-Test pass.

Moussier's Redstart, Diademrødstjert,

[*Phoenicurus moussieri*]

2 birds in the northern slopes of the Tizi-n-Test pass.

Northern Wheatear, Steinskjett,

[*Oenanthe o. oenanthe*]

4 records, One between Tazenakht/Aoulouz one at Taroudant. A group of 3 birds found at Taroudant

Desert Wheatear, Ørkensteinskjett

[*Oenanthe d. homochroa*]

4 records between Tazenakht/Aoulouz.

White-crowned Black Wheatear,

Hvitkronsteinskjett

[*Oenanthe leucopyga*]

Common wheatear east for Agdz, 13 birds were counted from the road to Tazenakht

Red-rumped Wheatear, Berbersteinskjett

[*Oenanthe moesta*]

Westerly found for the whole trip, a pair at Kourkouda.

Mourning Wheatear, Ravinsteinskjett

[*Oenanthe halophila*]

A probable bird seen briefly at Bou-Azzer.

Black Wheatear, Svartsteinskjett,

[*Oenanthe l. syenitica*]

A male was observed at Tzini-n-Timlaine.

Blue Rock Thrush, Blåtrost,

[*Monticola solitarius*]

A male observed at Tizi-n-Test pass.

Blackbird, Svarttrost,

[*Turdus m. mauritanicus*]

Recorded Between Agdz//Aoulouz. Widespread in Souss Valley.

Fan-tailed Warbler, Cistussanger,

[*Cisticola j. cisticola*]

2 singer at Aoulouz.

Tristram's Warbler, Atlæssanger

[*Sylvia d. deserticola/maroccana*]

One at before Bou-Azzer, a second found in the slopes at Tizi-n-Test.

Sardinian Warbler, Svarthodesanger,

[*Sylvia melanocephala*]

One at Aoulouz, the second at Taroudant.

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Fulvous Babbler, Saharaskriketrost

[*Turdoides f. maroccanus*]

First flock with 10 birds, found in the Argane forest, before Aoulouz, km 168. The second with 7 birds at Taroudant airport.

Coal Tit, Svartmeis

[*Parus a. atlas*]

Several birds seen at Tizi-n-Test, around 6 ex. were noted.

Great Tit, Kjøttmeis,

[*Parus m. excelsus*]

One heard before Talouine in Argane forest, 2 found at Tizi-n-Test.

Southern Grey Shrike, Krattvarsler,

[*Lanius m. dodsoni*]

One between Agdz/Tazenakht, 2 at Aoulouz, and perhaps 2 pair at Taroudant aerodrome.

Woodchat Shrike, Rødhodevarsler,

[*Lanius s. rutilans/senator*]

Fairly common along the road, over 20 records from Agdz to Oulad Berhil.

Magpie, Skjære,

[*Pica p. mauritanica*]

One record before Taroudant.

Jay, Nøtteskrike

[*Garrulus g. whitakeri*]

One heard, one seen at Tizi-n-Test high point.

Chough, Alpekråke

[*Pyrrhocorax p. barbarus*]

A pair, then an other bird were found on the way down to Tizi-n-Test. Bird carrying stuff to build its nest was observed too.

Raven, Ravn,

[*Corvus c. tingitanus*]

A pair observed at Tzini-n-Timlaine.

Spotless Starling, Middelhavsstær,

[*Sturnus unicolor*]

Familiar sights at Oulad Berhil and Souss valley, 10 birds were noted. Also, seen at Taroudant.

House Sparrow, Gråspurv,

[*Passer d. tingitanus*]

Common, near human habitation.

Chaffinch, Bokfink,

[*Fringilla c. africana*]

More than 5 birds seen at Tizi-n-Test.

Serin, Gulirisk,

[*Serinus serinus*]

2 singing birds at Tizi-n-Test.

Greenfinch, Grønnfink,

[*Carduelis c. voousi*]

7 to 8 birds seen at Taroudant aerodrome.

Goldfinch, Stillits,

[*Carduelis c. parva*]

Only 1 bird in Souss Valley before Taroudant.

Trumpeter Finch, Trompeterfink

[*Bucanetes g. zedlitzi*]

A flock with 6 birds found at Bou-Azzer.

Hawfinch, Kjernebiter

[*Coccothraustes c. buvryi*]

3 birds were seen in pine wood along the Tizi-n-Test road.

Cirl Bunting, Hekkespurv,

[*Emberiza cirrus*]

One singer at Aoulouz Gorges, to other at Taroudant.

Rock Bunting, Klippespurv,

[*Emberiza c. africana*]

From Tizi-n-Test road some individual have been heard during the ascension to the top, at the pass a male feeding, and 3 other birds were observed.

House Bunting, Husspurv,

[*Emberiza sahari*]

Common.

Corn Bunting, Kornspurv

[*Emberiza calandra*]

A flock with 12 birds was observed at the end of village of Talouine.