

# Birding Trip Report to Morocco

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April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup> 2012

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## Introduction

Morocco was the last country in the West-Palaearctic where a reasonable number of new species was waiting for my brother and me. Also for Maarten, this country has a lot new birds to offer. For Kurt, it was his first real birdwatching trip. For him, it was a great adventure and the first experience of a nine days holiday with birdwatching from sunrise til sunset. During these 9 days, many places were on the program but everything fits well in the itinerary that we planned.

## Thanks ...

..... to Hans Matheve for providing us a lot of sound recordings and GPS-coordinates and to Tom Theuwis for his book "[A Birdwatching Guide to Morocco](#)".

## Visa

Belgian citizens need an international passport to enter Morocco. A visa is available on arrival.

## Exchange rate

## Books

- “[ANWB Vogelgids van Europa](#)”. Latest edition.
- “[Finding Birds in Morocco: The Deserts](#)” by Dave Gosney
- “[Finding Birds in Morocco: Coast and Mountains](#)” by Dave Gosney
- “[A Birdwatchers' Guide to Morocco](#)” by Patrick Bergier
- “[A Birdwatching Guide to Morocco](#)” by Pete Combridge and Alan Snook
- “[Footprint Morocco Handbook](#)” by Julius Honnor and Justin McGuinness

Especially the guides made by Dave Gosney and the book made by Patrick Bergier were constantly used. They were the main source for site and how-to-go-there information.

## Trip reports and information on the internet

Main source for finding trip reports on the internet is [www.travellingbirder.com](http://www.travellingbirder.com).

The following reports contain the most useful and recent information:

- Morocco, 22 April – 2 May 2011 by Jan Hein van Steenis, Phil Ball
- Morocco and Western Sahara 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 by Richard Bonser, Josh Jones, Oliver Metcalf and Dan Pointon.
- [Morocco 09/04 – 24/04/2011 by Hans Matheve, Jasmin Lauwaert, Noah Janssen, Iris Lauwaert, David Herman and Marieke Desender](#)

## Maps

Using a GPS in the car in combination with maps from our travel guide book and trip reports, we managed to find all the places without any problem. A map of Morocco was not necessary at all.

## GPS-coordinates

We used a lot of GPS-coordinates that were made by others. Checking [www.observado.org](http://www.observado.org) during the days prior to our departure, gave us a lot of recent information about a few species. GPS-coordinates from this website were very helpful. In addition, I took many coordinates and registered many tracks. For more details, please contact me.

## Visited sites

- Oukaimeden
- Tamri Estuary
- Oued Souss
- Area south of Amerzgane
- Tagdilt Track
- Hotel Yasmina
- Rissani
- Goulmima
- Tizi Pass
- Zaida Plains
- Forests between Azrou and Ifrane
- Dayet Aoua
- Sidi Boughaba
- Merga Zerga

## Transport

- International flight with Air Maroc. Flight Brussels – Casablanca.
- Local transport by hired car from Sixt. We got a Renault Kangoo with unlimited mileage.

## Accommodation

There are plenty of hotels in all off the bigger cities.

## Short description of our itinerary

- April 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

Flight from Brussel to Casablanca at 13h45. After we got our car at the airport, we drove straight to Marrakech. We only did some roadside birding. Night in Marrakech.

- April 29<sup>th</sup> 2012

At 5 o'clock we drove to Oukaimeden. Early morning arrival at the ski pistes. We found Crimson-winged Finch, Shore Lark and Seebohm's Wheatear some. On the lower parts along the road to Oukaimeden, we saw Moussier's Redstart, Sardinian Warbler, Long-legged Buzzard and Rock Bunting. At noon we drove to Tamri, just south of Agadir. Near the estuary, 4 Walldrapps were flying over. We found these birds again while they were feeding along the road in the direction of Cap Ghir. In the evening, we drove to Oued Souss to search Red-necked Nightjar. Soon we found 2 of them. Night in Agadir.

- April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012

In the morning, we drove to Oued Souss again. In this estuary, we added a lot of species to our list. Most important were (Maghreb) Magpie and Spanish Sparrow. We did not stay for a long time at the place. Already after an excellent breakfast in one of the café in Agadir, we started the long drive to Boumalne. We stopped many times along the road. Just south of Amerzgane, we spend most of our time in searched of the Western Mourning Wheatear. Only Kurt got a glimpse of one. Here we only met a birdwatcher from Denmark. At 20h30, we arrived in Boumalne. Night in Boumalne.

- May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

In the morning, the Tagdilt Track was on the program. Finding the targets, Thick-billed, Greater Hoopoe and Temminck's Lark, Cream-colored Courser and Crowned Sandgrouse were all found before noon. The only target that left was Western Mourning Wheatear. Others saw this species on the Tagdilt Track but we had the feeling that finding it here today would not be successful. So we decided to drive the whole way back to Amerzgane, +/- 150km. Now we found a male Western Mourning Wheatear very soon. It was singing on the cliffs close near the road. At 15h30, we drove the way back to Boumalne, at 21h45 we arrived in Erfoud. Night in Erfoud.

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012

Early morning, we drove to Hotel Yasmina. Soon after the turn-off to the hotel, we stopped in the desert to go birding in the sparse vegetation left of the road. Soon we found an African Desert Warbler. A little bit further then we were walking around, the Danish birder was also birdwatching. When we met him, he told us he saw 2 Dunn's Lark a few hundreds metres away. It took some time but we found one of the Dunn's Larks again. Certainly, this

bird was the most unexpected one of the trip. Around noon, we arrived at Hotel Yasmina. Before we had lunch in the hotel, we saw a couple of Desert Sparrows and a few Eastern Olivaceous Warblers in the trees behind the hotel. The Desert Sparrows were breeding in a nestbox .

In the afternoon, we went to Risani. Ali “the Nomad” was our guide. At the cliffs, a pair of Desert Eagle Owls has their territory. We saw one bird, sitting just outside a small niche. A little bit further, a couple of Lanner Falcons was flying around. Late afternoon, we found are only Fulvous Chatterers in the fields near Rissani. In the evening, we tried for Egyptian Nightjar but we had no success. Night in Erfoud.

➤ May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012

This day, we drove in the desert again, again in the direction of Hotel Yasmina. This time we entered the desert straight from Erfoud. At one of the GPS-coordinates we got, also we found a Bar-tailed Lark. After spending a short time at this place, we drove to Goulmima to search for Scrub Warbler. Soon, we found one. Next two stops for the day were the Tizi Pass and the Zaida Plains. On both places, we found the targets. A male Tristram’s Warbler was showing very well on the Tizi Pass and a juvenile Dupont’s Lark was observed on the Zaida Plains. In the evening, we arrived in Azrou. A small colony of Lesser Kestrels was present at the mosque in front of our hotel. In the evening, we tried for Tawny Owl but none was responding or calling. Night in Azrou.

➤ May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012

In the morning, birding in the forest near Azrou was on the program and Atlas Flycatcher and Levallants Woodpecker were the targets. We went to the forest a few kilometres northeast of the city. In the oak forest, we soon found the 2 species and we had great views on both. During the rest of the day, we spent our time at Dayet Aoua, just north of Ifrane. Eared Grebe was abundant at the lake, we counted more then 700 birds. Also Red-knobbed Coot and Hawfinch were common. An European Scops-Owl was seen at his daytime roosting place. In the evening, we searched for Tawny Owls in the forests between Ifrane and Azrou. We soon had a responsive bird on the tape but it took some time before we got it in the binoculaires. Great owl, bigger and darker then “our” European Tawny Owls. Night in Azrou.

➤ May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012

In the morning, we went to Dayet Aoua again. We spent a few hours birdwatching around the lake. At 10 o’clock, it was time to drive to Merga Zerga. Along the way, we stopped a few times. We did some birdwatching and we searched for butterflies. Our first stop along the coast was Sidi Boughaba. Here we saw some White-headed Ducks and Greater Flamingo. Our final destination for today was Merga Zerga. It took us more time than planned because of taking the highway, we get on a small road that was full of potholes. We arrived at the shores of Merga Zerga at 17h00. Soon we got the attention of the local people. Many children were hanging around our car. Despite that we asked not to disturb the Marsh Owls, they went into the vegetation and they flushed one. We only saw it flying away from us. Later at dusk, probably the same one was sitting on a meadow pole in the vegetation. Night in Rabat.

➤ May 6<sup>th</sup> 2012

This morning, the plan was to search for Double-spurred Francolin at Sidi Bettache. But we arrived to late at the place. The sun was already shining and we only heard a francolin calling in the dense scrub. In addition, also Black-crowned Tchagra was not around. At

15h40, we had our flight back to Brussels. So after Sidi Bettache we had some time to visit some places along the coast. On one of our stops, we had a large number of Collared Pratincoles. We also searched for butterflies.

## Bird list

Our list of observed birds is strictly following [Clements 6<sup>th</sup> edition](#) (updates till 2011). For some species recent information about taxonomic decisions not yet included in Clements is given.

### Total number of birds observed: 197

#### **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - 6  
02/05/2012 - Risani - 2  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - 50+  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 8  
05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - 2  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - a few

#### **Gadwall** *Anas strepera*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - +/- 20

#### **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp *platyrhynchos* - 5  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *platyrhynchos* - 50+  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *platyrhynchos* - 50+

#### **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 5

#### **Red-crested Pochard** *Netta rufina*

05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - 20+

#### **Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - +/- 50  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - 20+

#### **Ferruginous Duck** *Aythya nyroca* **Near-threatened (NT)**

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - +/- 15  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - 1

#### **White-headed Duck** *Oxyura leucocephala* **Endangered (EN)**

05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - 20+

#### **Barbary Partridge** *Alectoris barbara*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - 1  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 4  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane - 2  
02/05/2012 - Risani - 6

#### **Double-spurred Francolin** *Francolinus bicalcaratus*

06/05/2012 - Sidi Bettache - ssp *ayesha* - 1 heard

#### **Common Quail** *Coturnix coturnix*

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - 2 heard  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - 1 heard

#### **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp *ruficollis* - 20+

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp ruficollis* - common  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp ruficollis* - a few  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - *ssp ruficollis* - a few

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp cristatus* - 20+  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp cristatus* - a few

**Eared Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp nigricollis* - 700+. Large breeding colony.  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp nigricollis* - 100+

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 30+  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - 30+

**White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - *ssp ciconia* - 1  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - *ssp ciconia* - +/- 30  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - *ssp ciconia* - a few  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - *ssp ciconia* - a few  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - *ssp ciconia* - a few  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - *ssp ciconia* - fairly common  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - *ssp ciconia* - a few

**Northern Gannet** *Morus bassanus*

29/04/2012 - Tamri - 30+

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - *ssp maroccanus* - 2  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - *ssp maroccanus* - 1

**Great Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris*

29/04/2012 - Tamri - *ssp stellaris* - 1

**Gray Heron** *Ardea cinerea*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - *ssp cinerea* - a few  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - *ssp cinerea* - 1  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - *ssp cinerea* - 1  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp cinerea* - a few  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp cinerea* - a few  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - *ssp cinerea* - a few

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*

05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - *ssp alba* - 1

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - *ssp garzetta* - a few  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp garzetta* - +/- 10  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - *ssp garzetta* - a few

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - *ssp ibis* - a few  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - *ssp ibis* - fairly common  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - *ssp ibis* - a few  
02/05/2012 - Risani - *ssp ibis* - a few  
03/05/2012 - Azrou - *ssp ibis* - 20+  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp ibis* - common  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - *ssp ibis* - common  
05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - *ssp ibis* - common

**Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides*

05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - 2

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - 3

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp *nycticorax* - 1

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - 5

**Waldrapp** *Geronticus eremita*

29/04/2012 - Tamri - 4. Just near the road. Great views.



**Eurasian Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *leucorodia* - +/- 25

05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - ssp *leucorodia* - +/- 40

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *leucorodia* - +/- 20

**European Honey-buzzard** *Pernis apivorus*

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 2

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp *migrans* - 1

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp *migrans* - 1

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *migrans* - 5

05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - ssp *migrans* - a few

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *migrans* - a few

**Egyptian Vulture** *Neophron percnopterus* **Endangered (EN)**

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp *percnopterus* - 1

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *percnopterus* - 2

**Short-toed Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus*

02/05/2012 - Risani - 1

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - 1

**Eurasian Marsh-Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*

03/05/2012 - Tizi Pass - ssp *harterti* - 1

05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - ssp *harterti* - 5+

05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - ssp *harterti* - 2

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*

02/05/2012 - Risani - 1

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - 1

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - 3

**Northern Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis*

05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *gentilis* - 2

**Long-legged Buzzard** *Buteo rufinus*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *cirtensis* - 3

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp *cirtensis* - +/- 5

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp *cirtensis* - 1

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *cirtensis* - 2

Sometime the subspecies *cirtensis* is treat as a species, **Atlas Long-legged Buzzard**.

**Bonelli's Eagle** *Aquila fasciata*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *fasciata* - 1

**Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - 1

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - 2

**Lesser Kestrel** *Falco naumanni*

03/05/2012 - Azrou - 10+

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - 50+

05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 10+

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - 20+



**Eurasian Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - ssp *tinnunculus* - a few

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *tinnunculus* - a few

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp *tinnunculus* - fairly common

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *tinnunculus* - a few

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp *tinnunculus* - a few

03/05/2012 - Tizi Pass - ssp *tinnunculus* - 1 pair

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp *tinnunculus* - a few

**Eurasian Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*

03/05/2012 - Azrou - ssp *subbuteo* - 1

05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - ssp *subbuteo* - 1

**Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus***

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane - ssp *erlangeri* - 1 pair  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *erlangeri* - 1

**Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *minor* - 1  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *minor* - 1  
05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - ssp *minor* - 1

**Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus***

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp *chloropus* - 2  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *chloropus* - 10+  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - ssp *chloropus* - a few

**Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata***

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - 2  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - very common  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 20+  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - 50+

**Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra***

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp *atra* - 30+  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *atra* - a few  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - ssp *atra* - a few  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *atra* - a few

**Eurasian Thick-knee *Burhinus oedicephalus***

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - ssp *saharae* - 1

**Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 5+  
05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - a few

**Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *alexandrinus* - 1

**Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *hiaticula* - common  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *hiaticula* - 8  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *hiaticula* - 5+

**Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius***

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *curonicus* - 2

**Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *ostralegus* - 4

**Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 1  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 6  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - 10+  
05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - 20+  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - 20+

**Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - +/- 5  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 3

**Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 4  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - 1

**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp totanus - 5+  
05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - ssp totanus - 1  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp totanus - 1

**Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp arquata - 1  
05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - ssp arquata - 1

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa* **Near-threatened (NT)**

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp limosa - 2

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp lapponica - 5

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp interpres - 7

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 1

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - fairly common  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - 2

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 3

**Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*

05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - 100+

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp gallinago - 1

**Cream-colored Courser** *Cursorius cursor*

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp cursor - 10+  
02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp cursor - 1  
03/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp cursor - 1

**Collared Pratincole** *Glareola pratincola*

05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - ssp pratincola - 1  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp pratincola - 50+

**Black-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - a few

**Audouin's Gull** *Ichthyaetus audouinii* **Near-threatened (NT)**

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 2

**Yellow-legged Gull** *Larus michahellis*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp michahellis - common  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - ssp michahellis - a few  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp michahellis - a few

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - fairly common

**Little Tern** *Sternula albifrons*

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - 3

**Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp nilotica - 1

**Black Tern *Chlidonias niger***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp niger - 1

**Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida***

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp hybrida - 1

**Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp sandvicensis - 30+

**Spotted Sandgrouse *Pterocles senegallus***

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 2

**Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis***

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp orientalis - 2

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp orientalis - 4

**Crowned Sandgrouse *Pterocles coronatus***

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp coronatus - 3 flying over

**Rock Pigeon *Columba livia***

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp livia - 10+

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp livia - fairly common

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp livia - fairly common

**Common Wood-Pigeon *Columba palumbus***

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp excelsa - 10+

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp excelsa - a few

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp excelsa - fairly common

05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp excelsa - a few

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp excelsa - a few

**European Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia turtur***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 2 heard

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - 2

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - a few

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - +/- 10

02/05/2012 - Risani - +/- 10

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - a few

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - fairly common

05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - fairly common

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - a few

**Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto***

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp decaocto - fairly common

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp decaocto - fairly common

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp decaocto - a few

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp decaocto - fairly common

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp decaocto - fairly common

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp decaocto - a few

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp decaocto - a few

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp decaocto - a few

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp decaocto - a few

**Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis***

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp phoenicophila - 1

05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - ssp phoenicophila - 1

**Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius***

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - 1

**Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 1 seen and 1 heard

05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 1 heard

**European Scops-Owl** *Otus Scops*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 1 seen very well at his daytime roosting place

**Pharaoh Eagle-Owl** *Bubo ascalaphus*

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *ascalaphus* - 1

**Little Owl** *Athene noctua*

29/04/2012 - Marrakech to Oukaimeden - 1

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *saharae* - 2

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - 1

Sometime the subspecies *Lilith/glanx* are treating as a species, **Desert Little Owl**.

**Tawny Owl** *Strix aluco*

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *mauritanica* - 1 seen very well and a second one heard

Sometime the subspecies *mauritanica* is treating as a species, **Maghreb Tawny Owl**.



**Marsh Owl** *Asio capensis*

05/05/2012 - Merja Zerga - ssp *tingitanus* - 1

**Red-necked Nightjar** *Caprimulgus ruficollis*

29/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 2 in the evening flying around

**Eurasian Nightjar** *Caprimulgus europaeus*

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp *europaeus* - 1 flushed

**Alpine Swift** *Apus melba*

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *tuneti* - 7

### **Common Swift** *Apus apus*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - ssp *apus* - common  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp *apus* - common  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *apus* - common  
30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *apus* - common  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp *apus* - common  
02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp *apus* - a few  
03/05/2012 - Azrou - ssp *apus* - a few  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp *apus* - a few  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *apus* - fairly common  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *apus* - fairly common  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp *apus* - common  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *apus* - common

### **Pallid Swift** *Apus pallidus*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca - ssp *brehmorum* - 20+  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *brehmorum* - 5

### **Little Swift** *Apus affinis*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca - ssp *galilejensis* - 1  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp *galilejensis* - 1

### **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *atthis* - 1

### **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** *Merops persicus*

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp *chrysocercus* - 5  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *chrysocercus* - 14

Sometime the subspecies *chrysocercus* is treat as a species, **Moroccon Blue-cheeked Bee-eater**.

### **European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - 2  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 1  
30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - a few  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - a few  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - a few

### **European Roller** *Coracias garrulus* **Near-threatened (NT)**

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *garrulus* - 3

### **Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *epops* - 1  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp *epops* - 2

### **Great Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos major*

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *mauritanus* - 2  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *mauritanus* - 1 heard

### **Levaillant's Woodpecker** *Picus vaillantii*

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - 4  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 1

### **Southern Gray Shrike** *Lanius meridionalis*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp *algeriensis* - 2  
30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *algeriensis* - 2  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *elegans* - 1 bird feeding a juvenile  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp *elegans* - 1  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *algeriensis* - a few

Sometime the subspecies *algeriensis* is treat as a species, **Dark Desert Southern Gray Shrike**.

Sometime the subspecies *elegans* is treat as a species, **Desert Southern Gray Shrike**.

**Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - ssp senator - 3+  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp senator - 10+  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp senator - 3  
30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp senator - fairly common  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp senator - fairly common  
02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp senator - 1  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp senator - 2  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp senator - a few  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp senator - 1  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp senator - fairly common  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp senator - common

**Eurasian Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 3

**Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp minor - 4  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp minor - 4+  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp minor - 3

Sometime the subspecies *minor* is treat as a species, **Black-crowned Jay**.

**Eurasian Magpie** *Pica pica*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp mauretana - 2  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp mauretana - 10+  
05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - ssp mauretana - 5

Sometime the subspecies *mauretana* is treat as a species, **Maghreb Magpie**.



**Red-billed Chough** *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp barbarus - 15+

**Yellow-billed Chough** *Pyrrhocorax graculus*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp graculus - 50+

**Eurasian Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula*

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - *ssp cirtensis* - +/- 20

05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp cirtensis* - 3

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone*

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - 1

**Brown-necked Raven** *Corvus ruficollis*

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - +/- 10

02/05/2012 - Risani - +/- 10

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*

29/04/2012 - Tamri - *ssp tingitanus* - 2

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - *ssp tingitanus* - a few

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp tingitanus* - a few

Sometime the subspecies *tingitanus* is treat as a species, **African Raven**.

**Greater Hoopoe-Lark** *Alaemon alaudipes*

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - *ssp alaudipes* - 3

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - *ssp alaudipes* - 5

03/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - *ssp alaudipes* - 2

**Dupont's Lark** *Chersophilus duponti* **Near-threatened (NT)**

03/05/2012 - Zaida Plains - *ssp duponti* - 1 fledging running around



**Bar-tailed Lark** *Ammomanes cinctura*

03/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - *ssp arenicolor* - 1

03/05/2012 - Goulmima - *ssp conspicillata* - 2

**Desert Lark** *Ammomanes deserti*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - *ssp payni* - +/- 5

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - *ssp payni* - a few

02/05/2012 - Risani - *ssp payni* - 1

**Thick-billed Lark** *Ramphocoris clotbey*

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - 1

**Calandra Lark** *Melanocorypha calandra*  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp *calandra* - 2

**Greater Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla*  
01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp *brachydactyla* - 10+

**Lesser Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella rufescens*  
03/05/2012 - Zaida Plains - ssp *minor* - 3

**Dunn's Lark** *Eremalauda dunnii*  
02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp *dunnii* - 1

Sometime the subspecies *dunnii* is treat as a species, **African Dunn's Lark**.



**Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata*  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *macrorhyncha* - +/- 10  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *rigenbachii* - +/- 5

Sometime the subspecies *macrorhyncha* is treat as a species, **Long-billed Crested Lark**.

**Thekla Lark** *Galerida theklae*  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - fairly common  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - a few  
01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - a few  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - a few  
03/05/2012 - Zaida Plains - a few  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - a few  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - a few  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - common

**Sky Lark** *Alauda arvensis*  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *harterti* - a few

**Wood Lark** *Lullula arborea*  
29/04/2012 - Marrakech to Oukaimeden - 1  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - 1

**Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp atlas - 1

Sometime the subspecies *atlas* is treat as a species, **Atlas Horned Lark**.

**Temminck's Lark** *Eremophila bilopha*

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - 20+

**Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp riparia - 1

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca - ssp rustica - a few

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp rustica - fairly common

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp rustica - fairly common

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp rustica - a few

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp rustica - a few

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp rustica - a few

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp rustica - a few

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp rustica - a few

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp rustica - fairly common

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp rustica - a few

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp rufula - 2

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp rufula - 2

**Common House-Martin** *Delichon urbicum*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca - 1

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - a few

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 1

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - a few

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 4

**Coal Tit** *Periparus ater*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp atlas - 5+

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp atlas - a few

**Great Tit** *Parus major*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp excelsus - 3

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp excelsus - a few

**African Blue Tit** *Cyanistes teneriffae*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *ultramarinus* - 2  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *ultramarinus* - 2  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *ultramarinus* - a few  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *ultramarinus* - a few  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *ultramarinus* - a few



**Eurasian Nuthatch** *Sitta europaea*

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *atlas* - 5

**Short-toed Treecreeper** *Certhia brachydactyla*

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *mauritanica* - 3

Sometime the subspecies *mauritanica* is treat as a species, **Maghreb Short-toed Treecreeper**.

**Eurasian Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *kabyloorum* - 1 heard  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *kabyloorum* - 1 seen and a few heard  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *kabyloorum* - 1

**Common Bulbul** *Pycnonotus barbatus*

29/04/2012 - Marrakech to Oukaimeden - ssp *barbatus* - fairly common  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp *barbatus* - a few  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp *barbatus* - a few  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *barbatus* - +/- 10  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp *barbatus* - a few  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *barbatus* - a few  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp *barbatus* - a few

**Firecrest** *Regulus ignicapilla*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *balearica* - 3  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *balearica* - 1 seen and a few heard  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *balearica* - a few heard

**Scrub Warbler** *Scotocerca inquieta*

03/05/2012 - Goulmima - ssp *saharae* - 1 male

Sometime the subspecies *saharae* is treat as a species, **West Saharan Scrub Warbler**.

**Cetti's Warbler** *Cettia cetti*

05/05/2012 - Lake Sidi Boughaba - ssp cetti - a few heard

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - 1

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 1

**Western Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus bonelli*

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 2

**Eastern Olivaceous Warbler** *Hippolais pallida*

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp reiseri - 2

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp reiseri - 3

Sometime the subspecies *reiseri* is treat as a species, **Saharan Olivaceous Warbler**.

**Western Olivaceous Warbler** *Hippolais opaca*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 1

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - 3

**Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta*

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 1

03/05/2012 - Goulmima - 1

**Eurasian Reed-Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp scirpaceus - 2

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp cisticola - a few

**Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - 1

**African Desert Warbler** *Sylvia deserti*

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 1

03/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 1

**Spectacled Warbler** *Sylvia conspicillata*

03/05/2012 - Goulmima - ssp conspicillata - 2

03/05/2012 - Tizi Pass - ssp conspicillata - 3

**Tristram's Warbler** *Sylvia deserticola*

03/05/2012 - Tizi Pass - ssp maroccana - 1 male. Great views.

**Subalpine Warbler** *Sylvia cantillans*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp cantillans - 1

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp cantillans - 5+

**Sardinian Warbler** *Sylvia melanocephala*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp melanocephala - a few

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp melanocephala - a few

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp melanocephala - 2 seen and a few heard

**Fulvous Chatterer** *Turdoides fulva*

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *maroccana* - 1 pair with 3 fledgings



**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - 1

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp *striata* - 1

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp *striata* - 1

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *striata* - 1

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *striata* - 1

**Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin** *Cercotrichas galactotes*

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 2

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - a few

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - 3

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - 1

02/05/2012 - Risani - 2

**European Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *rubecula* - 1

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *rubecula* - a few

**Common Nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *megarhynchos* - 2 heard

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *megarhynchos* - a few heard

**European Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - 1 female

**Atlas Flycatcher** *Ficedula speculigera*

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - 3 males and 2 females

05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 1 pair



**Moussier's Redstart** *Phoenicurus moussieri*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - +/- 10

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - 2 males



**Common Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - *ssp phoenicurus* - 2

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - *ssp gibraltariensis* - a few

**Blue Rock-Thrush** *Monticola solitarius*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - *ssp solitarius* - 2

**White-tailed Wheatear** *Oenanthe leucopyga*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp aegra - 3

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp aegra - +/- 5

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp aegra - 1 nesting in the restaurant of Hotel Yasmina

02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp aegra - 5+

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp aegra - a few

**Black Wheatear** *Oenanthe leucura*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp syenitica - 3

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp syenitica - a few

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp syenitica - 1

03/05/2012 - Tizi Pass - ssp syenitica - 1

**Northern Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp seebohmi - 10+

03/05/2012 - Tizi Pass - ssp seebohmi - a few

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp seebohmi - +/- 10

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp seebohmi - 1

Sometime the subspecies *seebohmi* is treat as a species, **Seebohm's Wheatear**.



**Mourning Wheatear** *Oenanthe lugens*

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane - ssp halophila - 1 male singing

Sometime the subspecies *halophila* is treat as a species, **Maghreb (Western) Mourning Wheatear**.

**Red-rumped Wheatear** *Oenanthe moesta*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp moesta - 1 pair

01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp moesta - 5+

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp moesta - 2

**Black-eared Wheatear** *Oenanthe hispanica*

29/04/2012 - Tamri - ssp hispanica - 1

### **Desert Wheatear** *Oenanthe deserti*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *homochroa* - a few  
01/05/2012 - Tagdilt Track - ssp *homochroa* - a few  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp *homochroa* - a few  
03/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp *homochroa* - 2  
03/05/2012 - Goulmima - ssp *homochroa* - 2

### **Eurasian Blackbird** *Turdus merula*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *mauritanicus* - fairly common  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp *mauritanicus* - fairly common  
30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *mauritanicus* - a few  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *mauritanicus* - 3  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *mauritanicus* - a few  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp *mauritanicus* - a few  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *mauritanicus* - a few

### **Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *deichleri* - 2  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *deichleri* - a few  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *deichleri* - 2

### **Spotless Starling** *Sturnus unicolor*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - fairly common  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - fairly common  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - 4  
30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - a few  
03/05/2012 - Azrou - a few  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - a few  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - fairly common  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - a few

### **Western Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *iberiae* - 2  
02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp *iberiae* - 1 male

Sometime the subspecies *iberiae* is treat as a species, **Spanish Yellow Wagtail**.

### **Gray Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *cinerea* - 1  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp *cinerea* - 1

### **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - ssp *subpersonata* - 1  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - ssp *subpersonata* - 1 heard  
03/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *subpersonata* - 1 male

Sometime the subspecies *subpersonata* is treat as a species, **Moroccan Wagtail**.

### **Cirl Bunting** *Emberiza cirlus*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *cirlus* - 2 males  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - ssp *cirlus* - 1  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp *cirlus* - 1

### **Rock Bunting** *Emberiza cia*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp *cia* - 1

### **House Bunting** *Emberiza striolata*

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp *sahari* - a few  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp *sahari* - 1  
02/05/2012 - Risani - ssp *sahari* - 2

Sometime the subspecies *sahari* is treat as a species, **House Bunting**. The name for *Emberiza striolata striolata* is **Striolated Bunting**.

**Corn Bunting** *Emberiza calandra*

01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - 1 heard

03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - 1

05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - a few

06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - a few

**Common Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - *ssp africana* - a few

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - *ssp africana* - common

03/05/2012 - Azrou - *ssp africana* - a few

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp africana* - fairly common

04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - *ssp africana* - fairly common

05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - *ssp africana* - a few

Sometime the subspecies *africana* is treat as a species, **Atlas Chaffinch**.



**Crimson-winged Finch** *Rhodopechys sanguineus*

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - *ssp alienus* - +/- 10

Sometime the subspecies *alienus* is treat as a species, **African Crimson-winged Finch**.



**Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus***

30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp zedlitzi - +/- 10  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp zedlitzi - a few  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp zedlitzi - a few

**European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris***

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp voousi - 5  
30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp vanmarli - 3  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp voousi - 3  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp voousi - a few  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp vanmarli - a few

**European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis***

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - 10+  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 2  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - 1

**Eurasian Linnet *Carduelis cannabina***

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden to Agadir - 2  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - +/- 5

**European Serin *Serinus serinus***

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - common  
30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - fairly common  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - 2  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - a few  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - common  
04/05/2012 - Areas near Ifrane and Azrou - fairly common  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - 10+  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - a few  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - a few

**Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes***

04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp buvryi - 30+  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp buvryi - 10+

**House Sparrow *Passer domesticus***

28/04/2012 - Casablanca to Marrakech - ssp tingitanus - common  
29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp tingitanus - common  
30/04/2012 - Agadir to Boumalne Dades - ssp tingitanus - fairly common  
01/05/2012 - Amerzgane to Erfoud - ssp tingitanus - common  
03/05/2012 - Erfoud to Azrou - ssp tingitanus - a few  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp tingitanus - fairly common  
05/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp tingitanus - a few  
05/05/2012 - Ifrane to Merja Zerga - ssp tingitanus - fairly common  
06/05/2012 - Rabat to Casablanca - ssp tingitanus - a few

**Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis***

30/04/2012 - Oued Souss - ssp hispaniolensis - +/- 10

**Desert Sparrow *Passer simplex***

02/05/2012 - Desert near Yasmina - ssp saharae - 1 pair breeding in nestbox at Hotel Yasmina

**Rock Petronia *Petronia petronia***

29/04/2012 - Oukaimeden - ssp barbara - fairly common  
04/05/2012 - Dayet Aoua - ssp barbara - 30+

## Butterfly list

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**Red Underwing Skipper** - *Spialia sertorius*  
**Spanish Festoon** - *Zerynthia rumina*  
**Morocco Orange Tip** - *Anthocharis belia*  
**Western Dappled White** - *Euchloe crameri*  
**Small White** - *Pieris rapae*  
**Bath White** - *Pontia daplidice*  
**Clouded Yellow** - *Colias crocea*  
**Green-striped White** - *Euchloe belemia*  
**Small Copper** - *Lycaena phlaeas*  
**Green Hairstreak** - *Callophrys rubi*  
**Long-tailed Blue** - *Lampides boeticus*  
**Common Blue** - *Polyommatus icarus*  
**Allard's Silver-line** - *Cigaritis allardi*  
**Moroccan Hairstreak** - *Tomares mauretanicus*  
**African Grass Blue** - *Zizeeria knysna*  
**Queen of Spain Fritillary** - *Issoria lathonia*  
**Glanville Fritillary** - *Melitaea cinxia*  
**Spotted Fritillary** - *Melitaea didyma*  
**Red Admiral** - *Vanessa atalanta*  
**Small Heath** - *Coenonympha pamphilus*