

BIRDS - AVES

GUINEAFOWL - Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* : Three nr Settata on 31st were 'farmyard' birds.

GROUSE, PHEASANTS & allies - Phasianidae

Barbary Partridge *Alectoris barbara* : One Ziz Valley on 3rd, heard [not JLM] on 6th, and 2 [not JLM] Oukaïmeden on 7th.

GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS - Anatidae

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* : One Dayet Srij on 4th, and 1 (JLM) in flight Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* : Plenty Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, also Dayet Srij on 4th, and again Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* : Plenty Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and several there on 6th.

Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca* : C. 25 Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st.

Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris* : 50+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, 160 Dayet Srij on 4th, and several Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* : A pair Dayet Srij on 4th.

GREBES - Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* : Four Dayet Srij on 4th, and 1 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* : One Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and remarkably 2 Dayet Srij on 4th.

FLAMINGOS - Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* : 280 Dayet Srij on 4th.

STORKS - Ciconiidae

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* : Common, widespread and noted in variable number daily except on 30th and 4th.

HERONS & BITTERNs - Ardeidae

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* : Common, widespread and noted each day except on 30th and 5th; a huge colony noted from motorway N of Marrakech on 8th.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* : Plenty Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, 1 Boumalne Dades on 2nd, 1 [not JLM] on 5th, and lots Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* : Single adults Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and again on 6th.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* : Two Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, 6 en route on 3rd, plenty Dayet Srij+ on 4th, 2-3 en route on 5th, and a few Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

CORMORANTS - Phalacrocoracidae

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* : At least 7 Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st; subspecies unknown.

OSPREYS - Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* : Two Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and one moving over desert with a large temporary pool near Goulmima on 3rd.

HAWKS, EAGLES & allies - Accipitridae

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* : Only noted over deserts S of Atlas: 2 on 1st, 10+ Tagadilt plain on 2nd, 1 on 3rd, plenty on 4th, 2 [not JLM] on 5th, and 2 on 6th.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* : Six moving W high over motorway near Settata on 31st.

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* : One (JLM) en route on 31st, a mating pair Dades Gorge on 2nd, a pair just N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 6th, and 1 over Lourika Valley 1km W of Aghbalou on 7th.

[Western] Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* : 5-6 various sites en route on 31st, 4+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 4+ again Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Hen/Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus* : Single adult males noted (by JLM) en route 9 km NE of Machraà Ben Abbou on 31st, and at Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st.

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus* : A female or possible hybrid ringtail Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* : A male en route [not JLM] on 31st, a female moving S in the Dades Gorge late on 2nd, 2 females between Boumalne and Er-Rachidia on 3rd, a female Dayet Srij [not JLM] on 4th, 2 females + single immature normal and melanistic males Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* : Two on passage to N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, and one (JLM) over Draá Valley near Tamnougalt on 5th.

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus* : Two en route on 31st, 3+ Tagadilt / Iknouen road + mating pair Dades Gorge on 2nd, a few en route to Erfoud on 3rd, 1 near Merzouga (JLM) on 4th, 2 en route via Valley del Draá on 5th, 1 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th, 2 Oukaïmeden on 7th, and 1 en route to Casablanca on 8th.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* : A juvenile Tagadilt plain on 2nd.

Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciata* : An adult Boumalne on 2nd, a pair in Tizi-n-Tiniffit gorge on 5th, and an adult and a juvenile Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* : One Marrakech on 31st, 2 en route on 1st, 2 Tagadilt plain on 2nd, 2 en route to Er-Rachidia on 3rd, and a pair 5km NE of Oukaïmeden on 7th.

FALCONS & allies - Falconidae

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* : Several small groups beside motorway en route N of Atlas on 31st, a single male Dayet Srij on 4th, and 10+ feeding on insects over wooded hill of Lourika Valley 1km W of Aghbalou on 7th.

Common/Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* : Common, widespread and noted in small - moderate number daily except on 30th.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* : A large falcon, almost undoubtedly this species over the S edge of the Tagadilt plain on 2nd, 2 26km E of Ouarzazat on 3rd, and a pair at a nest near Rissani on 4th.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* : An immature with a hint of Barbary Falcon characters on communication tower beside Khenzi Hotel, Ouarzazat on 1st, a Peregrine / Barbary en route on 5th, and 2 briefly beside the Khenzi hotel, Ouarzazat on 6th.

Barbary Falcon *Falco pelegrinoides* : One carrying a desert rat over Tagadilt plain just outside Boumalne on 2nd, probably the same on a communication tower outside the Xaluca hotel and 2 singles (JLM) en route on 3rd, and a pair W of Rissani and 1 hunting over Erg Chebbi dunes by Hotel du Sud, Merzouga on 4th.

RAILS, CRAKES & COOTS - Rallidae

Eurasian/Common Coot *Fulica atra* : 60-80 Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, plenty Dayet Srij on 4th, and just 1 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

STONE-CURLEWS / THICK-KNEES - Burhinidae

Eurasian Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedichnemus* : One (JLM) just outside Boumalne on Tagadilt plain on 1st, and 9 on Tagadilt plain on 2nd ; subspecies unknown.

STILTS & AVOCETS - Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* : Plenty Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, c. 30 [not JLM] en route on 3rd, plenty Dayet Srij on 4th, and 2 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* : 35 Dayet Srij on 4th, and 2 (JLM) Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

PLOVERS & LAPWINGS - Charadriidae

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* : 20+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* : 6+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, 2 26km E of Ouarzazat on 3rd, and 10+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* : 2 [not JLM] Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, 1 Dayet Srij on 4th, and 1 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES & allies - Scolopacidae

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* : One [not JLM] Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 2 there on 6th.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* : One Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* : Two Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 8+ there on 6th.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* : One Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 2 there on 6th.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* : One Dayet Srij seemed well out of place on 4th.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta* : 15+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* : Six Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* : One Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

COURSERS & PRATINCOLES - Glareolidae

Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor* : Excellent numbers: 50+ Tagadilt plain on 2nd, 20+ in river valley 26km E of Ouarzazat and 10+ Scrub Warbler site on 3rd, 40-50 Rissani - Merzouga - Dayet Srij area on 4th, 3-4 en route near Alnif on 5th, and 3 in flight over motorway near Shour des Rehamna on 8th.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* : 5+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 50+ there on 6th.

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS - Laridae

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis* : Several Casablanca on 31st.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* : 100s Casablanca on 31st.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* : 40+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 31st, 30+ Dayet Srij on 4th, 30+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th, and 7 en route N of Marrakech on 8th.

SANDGROUSE - Pteroclididae

Spotted Sandgrouse *Pterocles senegallus* : Groups of 77, 11 and 7 near Merzouga on 4th.

Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis* : A calling bird flew past high overhead W of Rissani on 4th.

PIGEONS & DOVES - Columbidae

Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* : Common, widespread and seen daily from 31st: very wild-type birds seen at a few sites.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas* : One noted in flight by JLM at one site, possibly Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st.

[Common] Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus* : Plenty Atlas mountains on 31st, two descending from Tiz-n-Tichka on 6th, plenty Marrakech and Oukaïmeden on 7th, and a few en route on 8th.

European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur* : One Achbarou (and one en route Agdz JLM) on 5th, 4 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th, and heard singing hotel Marrakech on 8th.

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* : Common, widespread and seen daily from 31st.

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis* : Several various sites on 1st, several various sites on 2nd, 2 on 3rd, 1 on 4th, 3 on 5th, 6 on 6th.

BARN OWLS - Tytonidae

Barn Owl *Tyto alba* : A surprise individual crossing road between buses outskirts Casablanca on 30th.

OWLS - Strigidae

Pharaoh Eagle-Owl *Bubo ascalaphus* : A superb male at roost near Rissani on 4th.

Little Owl *Athene noctua* : One Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, 1 near Rissani on 4th, 2 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th, and a pair Oukaïmeden on 7th.

NIGHTJARS - Caprimulgidae

Egyptian Nightjar *Caprimulgus aegyptius* : A male at roost in wadi near Erg Chebbi on 4th.

SWIFTS - Apodidae

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* : Three Dades Gorge on 2nd, various sites several on 3rd, 4 near Merzouga on 4th, 1 Achbarou on 5th, and several Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Common Swift *Apus apus* : Common and widespread, in especially large numbers S of Atlas including obvious passage over high deserts.

Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus* : Following a few at Casablanca airport at night on arrival, noted daily in small to moderate number at numerous sites except on 4th.

Little Swift *Apus affinis* : Several on outskirts Marrakech on 31st, 4+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th, and plenty Marrakech on 7th, and Marrakech + en route on 8th.

ROLLERS - Coraciidae

European Roller *Coracias garrulus* : Two en route near ?? on 6th.

KINGFISHERS - Alcedinidae

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* : A pair Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and again on 6th.

BEE-EATERS - Meropidae

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus* : Several Al-Mansour reservoir and en route on 1st, then small numbers at several palm grove sites on 3rd, on 4th, on 5th, and again, particularly at Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* : A few noted en route on 31st, and then noted daily in moderate to large number until 7th.

HOPOES - Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* : One [not JLM] on 31st, 3+ on 1st, 2 on 2nd, 2+ on 3rd, 1 [not JLM] on 5th, and 1 on 6th.

WOODPECKERS - Picidae

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* : One in restaurant garden Boumalne on 2nd, 1 [not JLM] Scrub Warbler site on 3rd, 1 during 'desert day' on 4th, and 1 Achbarou on 5th.

Levaillant's Woodpecker *Picus vaillantii* : 1-2 en route N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, 1 [not JLM] same site on 6th, and a superb bird Lourika Valley on 7th.

SHRIKES - Laniidae

Desert Grey Shrike *Lanius (meridionalis/elegans) elegans* : 5+ en route on 31st, 3+ 'classic' pale *elegans* noted en route to Erfoud on 3rd, small numbers noted widely in Rissani, Merzouga, Dayet Srij and Erg Chebbi areas on 4th, small numbers widely on the long drive to Ouarzazat via Draá Valley on 5th, several various sites on 7th, a few en route on 8th.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* : After 3 en route on 31st, common daily afterwards, with large numbers on passage S of Atlas, especially on 5th and 6th, and a few en route on both 7th and 8th.

CROWS, JAYS & MAGPIES - Corvidae

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica* : 8+ in surroundings of Marrakech on 31st, 1 [not JLM] noted en route to Erfoud on 3rd, 4 Marrakech en route to Lourika Valley on 7th.

Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* : Plenty Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Alpine Chough *Pyrrhocorax graculus* : Lots Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Brown-necked Raven *Corvus ruficollis* : One (JLM) en route near Ziz Valley on 3rd, 200+ near Rissani on 4th, lots near Rissani on 5th.

Northern/Common Raven *Corvus corax* : Three en route Ziz Valley on 3rd, 2 Tiz-n-Tichka on 6th, 4+ Oukaïmeden on 7th.

TITS & CHICKADEES - Paridae

Coal Tit *Periparus ater* : Two seen + others heard N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, and heard there again on 6th, and several Oukaïmeden + Lourika Valley on 7th.

Great Tit *Parus major* : One + heard N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, heard (JLM) on 2nd, and 2+ Lourika Valley on 7th.

African Blue Tit *Cyanistes teneriffae* : 3+ N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, several Atlas en route on 6th, and plenty Oukaïmeden + Lourika Valley on 7th.

SWALLOWS & MARTINS - Hirundinidae

Sand Martin / Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* : Plenty Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, 1 (JLM) Dayet Srij on 4th, and plenty Al-Mansour reservoir again on 6th.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* : Widespread in small - moderate number daily from 31st.

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* : 3+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, plenty Dades Gorge and Todra Gorge on 2nd, plenty Ziz Valley on 3rd, plenty Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th, and en route Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* : 4+ Tiz-n-Tiniffit Gorge on 5th.

[Common] **House Martin** *Delichon urbicum* : Common, widespread and noted daily from 31st.

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* : Small - moderate number noted widely and daily, except on 4th, and with lots Lourika Valley.

LARKS - Alaudidae

Greater Hoopoe-Lark *Alaemon alaudipes* : Heard (JLM) Tagadilt plain on 1st, 3-4 Tagadilt plain on 2nd, heard (JLM) near Rissani on 3rd, 3+ near Dayet Srij on 4th, and heard en route from Rissani on 5th.

Thick-billed Lark *Ramphocoris clotbey* : 6+ Tagadilt plain on 2nd, 2 26km E of Ouarzazat + 1 Scrub Warbler site on 3rd, and 2 in flight near Merzouga on 4th.

Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra* : Plenty en route between Casablanca and Marrakech on 31st, and again on 8th.

Bar-tailed Lark *Ammomanes cinctura* : Two+ Tagadilt plain on 1st, 2 'desert day' on 4th, and 3 en route from Rissani on 5th.

Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti* : 6+ en route (esp. 26km from Ouarzazat) on 3rd, 1 near Rissani on 4th, and heard en route from Rissani on 5th.

Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla* : Abundant in high desert of Tagadilt plain and nearby areas on 1st and 2nd, then widespread but fewer daily except on 7th.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata* : Noted commonly en route on 31st, and on 1st, and on return on 7th, and on 8th.

Thekla Lark *Galerida theklae* : Noted in high deserts and low hills on 1st, on 2nd, on 3rd, and en route on 6th.

Large-billed Lark *Galerida magnirostris* : Sometimes difficult to separate from other 'crested' larks, but following the first at Al-Mansour reservoir, noted quite widely in desert areas from 1st -6th, except on 5th.

Horned/Shore Lark *Eremophila alpestris* : 6+ Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Temminck's Lark *Eremophila bilopha* : 6+ Tagadilt plain on 2nd, plenty there and en route on 3rd, and noted [not JLM] on 4th.

CISTICOLAS & allies - Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* : One singing en route near Settati on 31st, 2 Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and plenty heard singing en route between Marrakech and Casablanca on 8th.

Scrub Warbler *Scotocerca inquieta* : 4+ including a pair finishing nest-building on Er-Rachidia road on 3rd.

BULBULS - Pycnonotidae

Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus* : Common, widespread and noted daily in small - moderate number from 31st.

OLD WORLD WARBLERS - Sylviidae

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti* : Common and widespread, but only heard in stream and riverine habitats almost throughout! Noted on 8 days from 31st.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* : 2-3 on passage Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

[Eurasian] **Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* : One on passage Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Saharan Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais (pallida) reiseri* : At least 2 in tamarisks Al-Mansour reservoir; one heard singing and both showing suite of field characters and behaviour on 1st.

Western Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais opaca* : At least 3 in tamarisks Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, at least 2 birds in tamarisks Hotel Yasmina not identified to species, but probably opaca, on 4th, and one briefly there on 6th.

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta* : A close bird en route near Achbarou on 5th, and another, with a Western Olivaceous W at Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* : One (JLM) Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, 1 Scrub Warbler site on 3rd, 1 Hotel Yasmina on 4th, and 3+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* : 2+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* : A common migrant S of Atlas, and noted daily from 31st - 6th, including lots on 4th, 5th and 6th at various sites.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* : Two (JLM) Ouarzazat on 1st, 1 male Dades Gorge on 2nd, 2 males Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th, and 1 Lourika Valley on 7th.

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin* : One Scrub Warbler site on 3rd, and 2 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis* : Two females (JLM) Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, two females (JLM) Tagadilt plain on 2nd, 1 female hotel Yasmina on 4th, and a male Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Tristram's Warbler *Sylvia deserticola* : Only heard calling N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, and again on 7th.

Spectacled Warbler *Sylvia conspicillata* : 3+ Scrub Warbler site on 3rd, 2-3 desert day on 4th and 1 male Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* : A male + heard N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, plenty Al-Mansour reservoir+ on 1st, a few various sites on 2nd, lots on passage various sites on 4th, lots on passage various sites on 5th, lots on passage various sites on 6th, and 2+ Lourika Valley on 7th.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* : A male + heard N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, a male Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 2+ Lourika Valley on 7th.

BABLERS & PARROTBILLS - Timaliidae

Fulvous Babbler *Turdoides fulva* : Three Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 1 (JLM) Rissani en route on 4th.

CRESTS & KINGLETS - Regulidae

Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla* : One (JLM) N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, and heard there on 6th.

WRENS - Troglodytidae

[Winter] Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* : Heard N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, and several Oukaïmeden and Lourika Valley on 7th.

STARLINGS - Sturnidae

Spotless Starling *Sturnus unicolor* : Plenty between Casablanca - Marrakech on 31st, common Marrakech area on 7th, and from Marrakech - Casablanca on 8th.

THRUSHES - Turdidae

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula* : Common, widespread and noted daily from 31st at numerous sites.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* : Several of the endemic ssp Oukaïmeden + Lourika Valley on 7th.

OLD WORLD CHATS & FLYCATCHERS - Muscicapidae

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula* : Heard singing N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, and again on 6th, and a few seen Lourika Valley on 7th.

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos* : Heard in small numbers widely each full day at numerous sites, with lots on passage hotel Yasmina on 4th and Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* : A female-type photographed [not JLM] Boumalne on 3rd, 1 [not JLM] Tiz-n-Tiniffit on 5th, and plenty Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* : Single males Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and lunch restaurant Boumalne on 2nd, 3 en route to Erfoud on 3rd, several in desert on 4th, and en route on 5th, and 1 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Moussier's Redstart *Phoenicurus moussieri* : 2-3 males + 1 female N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, heard en route on 6th, and 2+ males Lourika Valley on 7th.

Red-rumped Wheatear *Oenanthe moesta* : 4+ Tagadilt plain on 1st, lots Tagadilt plain on 2nd, and 2 [not JLM] en route on 3rd.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* : 5+ various sites on 1st, 2 Tagadilt plain on 2nd, lots en route on 3rd, plenty 'desert day' on 4th, plenty en route on 5th, plenty Al-Mansour reservoir and en route on 6th.

Seebohm's Wheatear *Oenanthe seebohmi* : A superb male Tagadilt plain on 2nd, 5-6 males 26km E of Boumalne on 3rd, and 3+males and 1 female Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Western Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica hispanica* : A male en route on 3rd, single female and male [not JLM] on desert day on 4th, 2 females en route on 5th, and 2 females en route on 6th.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti* : 2 males + 2 females Tagadilt plain on 1st, plenty various sites on 2nd, plenty various sites on 3rd, plenty 'desert day' on 4th, plenty en route on 5th, and a pair en route on 6th.

Maghreb Wheatear *Oenanthe (lugens) halophila* : An elusive male 26km E of Boumalne on 3rd.

White-crowned Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga* : 2-3 en route to Boumalne on 1st, 2 [not JLM] en route on 2nd, 5+ en route to Erfoud on 3rd, 10+ 'desert day' on 4th, 15+ en route on 5th, 5+ en route on 6th.

Black Wheatear *Oenanthe leucura* : 2 [not JLM] en route on 1st, 4 various sites on 2nd, plenty various sites on 3rd, 1 on 4th, 2 on 5th, 2 en route on 6th, 4+ Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* : One [not JLM] noted en route to S of Tiz-n-Tichka on 6th.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* : 5+ Boumalne + Dades Gorge on 2nd, plenty various sites on 3rd, heard singing Tiz-n-Tiniffit on 5th, and 1 Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* : One Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

DIPPERS - Cinclidae

White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus* : One Oukaïmeden on 7th.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS & allies - Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* : Common, widespread and noted daily and widely from 31st.

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis* : Heard en route N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 6th.

Desert Sparrow *Passer simplex* : A pair at a nestbox Hotel Yasmina on 4th.

Rock Sparrow *Petronia petronia* : Moderate numbers Oukaïmeden on 7th.

WAGTAILS & PIPITS - Motacillidae

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* : Plenty Al-Mansour reservoir were mostly *iberiae* and *flava* on 1st, 1 moving over Tagadilt plain on 2nd, 1 male *flava* in desert at Scrub Warbler site on 3rd, plenty in wadi near Dayet Srij, including *iberiae*, *flava* and a few male *flavissima* on 4th, 2 en route in desert wadi on 5th, and 30+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th were roughly 50:50 *iberiae:flava*.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* : A female Al-Mansour reservoir was a great find on 6th.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* : Heard (JLM) en route on 1st, several Todra Gorge and en route on 2nd, and plenty Lourika Valley on 7th.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba alba* : One in motorway service station near Settata on 31st, one Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 4 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Moroccan Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba subpersonata* : One in service station on edge of Marrakech on 31st, 4+ Al-Mansour reservoir+ on 1st, 2 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th, 2 Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* : Two near Dayet Srij on 4th, and 1 Al-Mansour reservoir on 6th.

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis* : One in motorway service station near Settata on 31st.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* : One behind restaurant Boumalne on 2nd, one (JLM) on passage over Scrub Warbler site on 3rd, and 1 [not JLM] on 5th.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* : 4+ Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st.

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* : 3 Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st, and 1 in breeding plumage Oukaïmeden on 7th.

FINCHES & allies - Fringillidae

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* : Plenty en route in Atlas on 31st, heard singing Ouarzazat on 1st, a few en route on 6th, and plenty Oukaïmeden+ on 7th.

European Serin *Serinus serinus* : Heard singing Atlas en route on 31st, several Ouarzazat on 1st, plenty various sites on 2nd, plenty various sites on 3rd, 1 [not JLM] on 5th, 2 en route on 6th, plenty Oukaïmeden+ on 7th.

European Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris* : 2 Lourika Valley on 7th.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* : Heard en route on 31st, 2 [not JLM] on 1st, plenty various sites on 2nd, plenty various sites on 3rd, 3+ on 5th, 2 en route on 6th, plenty Oukaïmeden + Lourika Valley on 7th.

Common Linnet *Carduelis cannabina* : 4+ en route on 31st, plenty Ouarzazat+ on 1st, 2 en route on 6th, 2+ Lourika Valley on 7th.

African Crimson-winged Finch *Rhodopechys alienus* : 15+ Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus* : Common in the deserts and hills S of Atlas; max. 150+ Ouarzazat on 6th inc a melanistic bird!

Common/Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* : 15+ N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st.

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* : A superb female *buvryi* N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st.

BUNTINGS, NEW WORLD SPARROWS & allies - Emberizidae

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra* : Several en route between Casablanca and Marrakech on 31st, 1 near Merzouga on 3rd, and several en route on 8th.

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia* : 2+ N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 31st, several en route N of Tiz-n-Tichka on 6th, and plenty Oukaïmeden on 7th.

Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus* : One heard singing Lourika Valley on 7th.

House Bunting *Emberiza sahari* : Common, widespread and noted daily from 31st until 7th.

MAMMALS - MAMMALIA

RABBITS & HARES - Leporidae

Cape Hare *Lepus capensis* : 1 Al-Mansour reservoir on 1st.