

Birds of the Serranía de Ronda

A Systematic List

A Birdwatcher's Paradise



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The Serranía de Ronda awaits you!

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Andalucia, nature as nature intended.



The Penibaetic Range of mountains dips its toes into the Mediterranean on the eastern side of Gibraltar and into the Atlantic to Gibraltar's western seaboard. From here the range strikes north and then eastwards, never far from the Mediterranean and has its ceiling in the Sierra Nevada with several peaks of over 3,000 metres. It is as dramatic as it is stunning. The

Serrania De Ronda is situated amidst the limestone peaks, which lie west of the Sierra Nevada. The area's highest peak is Torrecilla at 1,919 metres. To the southwest of the Serrania the mountains are sandstone. The habitats of the area are varied and include sheer limestone cliffs, pine woods (*P.sylvestris*, *P.pinaster*), Spanish Fir (*Abies pinsapo*), grasslands, scrub and oak (*Q.rotundifolia*, *Q.suber*) woods. Amongst the flora there are many species endemic to the area. The bird community is particularly rich and breeding birds include Golden, Bonelli's, Booted and Short-toed Eagles, Griffon and Egyptian Vultures, Peregrine Falcon, Lesser Kestrel, Eagle Owl, White-rumped, Alpine and Pallid Swifts, Blue Rock Thrush, Rock Thrush, Black Wheatear, Black Redstart, Chough, Rock Sparrow, Rock Bunting and Crossbill.

The Serrania and its surroundings include three major natural parks, Sierra de las Nieves (declared Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1995), Sierra de Grazalema (declared Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1977) and Los Alcornocales a richly wooded park and declared ZEPA reserve (zone of especial protection for the birds). Major river systems flowing to the south include the Rio Genal and Rio Guadiaro, both are important to the many species of birds that avoid higher land altitudes during migration and for summer residents as the rivers flow in the high summer, when most other rivers are dry. These rivers act as a natural highway for many migrating species in spring and autumn.



The area is remarkable, not only for being an internationally important area for fauna and flora, but also for an almost total lack of organised research into even a comprehensive list of bird species using the Serrania. The creeping hand of agriculture, land development, deforestation and poorly planned tree planting all put this natural wonder at critical risk.



Adding to these risks are illegal poisoning, trapping and hunting. There is a local saying here 'If it flies, you can eat it' You know, it was not so long ago, when under the regime of Franco, that it was necessary for the rural communities to supplement their diets by whatever means possible. You can trace much of the local attitude to birds from this fairly recent need to hunt them for the pot. It is sad, but an all too familiar story that you hear in most other Mediterranean countries today. However, discovery can motivate you. Not always the preferred kind, like finding higher densities of breeding Rock Thrushes than anyone thought possible, but also by getting some idea why Song Thrushes might be diminishing. Talking to one shoot organiser he mentioned, quite casually, that they had shot over 500 Song Thrushes that season!

Apart from some research and census work involving raptors, birds by and large; have been poorly served by any organised and meaningful basic survey work here. The mounting pressures increase the need for knowledge and case building to protect this most important area. For me it has been depressing, although challenging, to begin a research programme, where very little is available historically to use as a beginning, or by way of comparing with my own results. However, there have been some very encouraging finds to my work i.e. a healthy



and still viable population of Bonelli's Eagle, despite local hunting interests! It may well be, Bonelli's have their highest density in Europe here in the Serrania.



The research programme covers 48 times 10Km² squares. It is a mammoth undertaking and includes fringe, out-lying areas of the Serrania De Ronda. The methodology used follows normal formats i.e. Linear transects, listening stations and tetrad sampling, but is also supplemented by ringing and colour ringing. The latter, colour ringing, is being applied only to the family

Turdidae and in particular *Oenanthe sp.* The objects are to establish a comprehensive atlas for all birds of the Serrania at all times of the year, breeding population studies, densities and post juvenile dispersals etc. Habitat registers and their relative importance will also form many of the appendices to the finished research! The published results, expected by 2010, will provide a valuable reference for future use. The programme was undertaken during January 2003.

Preliminary results have produced some pleasant surprises and a small measure of disappointment. Discussion with locals has marked the



decrease and almost extinction of two species, Rufous Bush Robin (*Cercotrichas galactotes*) and Ortolan Bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*) as breeding birds of the Serrania. The Rufous Bush Robin in particular had been formerly common. I suspect Ortolan Bunting was always a rare breeding species, occurring more frequently, as it does today, during migration. The decline of the Rufous Bush Robin appears to be

a general trend throughout the Iberian Peninsula. As a result, Sociedad Espanola de Ornitologia (SEO), has now instigated a national survey into this species. On a brighter note Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*) was discovered breeding for the first time during 2006.

Such species as Olivaceous Warbler (*Hippolais pallida*), Orphean Warbler (*Sylvia hortensis*), Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*), Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) and Red-necked Nightjar (*Caprimulgus ruficollis*) are far more widespread and numerous, than any previous reports, though limited in their scope, have stated (Barros, Rios *et al*). Raptors are particularly



well represented and, apart from decreases with Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*), seem to be stable as breeding birds, with possible increases

for Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*). In addition the study area has extremely important breeding populations of Short-toed Eagle (*Circaetus gallicus*), Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), Booted Eagle (*Hieraaetus pennatus*), Bonelli's Eagle (*Hieraaetus fasciatus*), Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), Eagle Owl (*Bubo bubo*), Alpine Swift (*Apus melba*), White-rumped Swift (*Apus caffer*,

Black Wheatear (*Oenanthe leucura*), Rock Thrush (*Monticola saxatilis*), Blue Rock Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*), Chough (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*), Rock Sparrow (*Petronia petronia*) and Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*).

Of course the vast expanse of the primary area covered by my research, includes many interesting species, as breeding, wintering or migrating birds. The variation in habitats and the area's close proximity to the famous Straits of Gibraltar, not only lends itself to producing a large number of species, but on occasion, the totally unexpected!

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Esta lista sistemática de la avifauna de la Serranía de Ronda, pretende ser una guía sencilla y práctica dirigida tanto a los habitantes de la zona, como al visitante ocasional. La biodiversidad de estas sierras se refleja en el importante número de especies de aves registradas en el área. Cada cuadrícula se numera con la referencia topográfica correspondiente del SGE (Servicio Geográfico del Ejército). Estos mapas militares muestran de una forma rigurosa las características del entorno, por lo que se recomienda su adquisición y utilización con el fin de sacarle el máximo partido a nuestro recorrido por la zona.

La lista ofrece al usuario la abundancia relativa de aves junto con las épocas del año con mayor probabilidad para observar a cada especie dentro del área de estudio. Para que esta lista sirva al mayor número de personas posibles, los nombres de las especies aparecen en inglés, español y por supuesto su nombre científico. Las claves del estatus y presencia se detallan abajo.

Claves:

Presencia:	W=Invernante R=Residente	S=Estival P=En paso migratorio	SR=Estival Residente
Estatus:	V=Accidental C=Común	VR=Muy Raro A=Abundante	R=Raro Sc=Escaso

La sorpresa siempre aguarda tras la curva del camino si vistas la zona con paciencia, así pues tómate tu tiempo y disfruta de la Serranía de Ronda.

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This systematic list will provide a rough guide to the birds of the Serranía de Ronda, both for the casual visitor, as well as local people with an interest in birds. The environmental diversity of the area is reflected in the number of birds recorded within the boundaries of this remarkable part of Spain. To help explain the study area boundaries, the grid map shows the number of the excellent maps produced by Cartografía Militar De España. The purchase of these maps is recommended in order to get the best out of your trip to this area.

The systematic list gives the reader a guide to both the bird's relative abundance, as well as the time of year it can be expected to appear in the study area. To be of value to as wide a readership as possible, the species names are given in English, Spanish and their scientific names. Keys for status and when the birds are present are set out below.

Keys:

When Present:	W = Winter	S = Summer	SR = Summer Resident
	R = Resident	P = Passage Migrant	
Status:	V = Vagrant	VR = Very Rare	R = Rare Sc = Scarce
	C = Common	A = Abundant	

Patience will always reward the visitor with the unexpected, so take your time and enjoy La Serranía de Ronda.

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LISTADO SISTEMÁTICO
AVES DE LA SERRANÍA DE RONDA



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Especies	Castellano	Científico	Periodo/ Estatus
Little Grebe	Zampullín Común	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	W / R
Great Crested Grebe	Somormujo Lavanco	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	W / Sc
Black-necked Grebe	Zampullín Cuellinegro	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	W / R
Cormorant	Cormorán Grande	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	W / Sc
Little Bittern	Avetorillo Común	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	P / V
Night Heron	Martinete Común	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	S / Sc
Squacco Heron	Garcilla Cangrejera	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	P / R
Cattle Egret	Garcilla Bueyera	<i>Bululcus ibis</i>	RP / Sc
Little Egret	Garceta Común	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	SW / Sc
Grey Heron	Garza Real	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	SW / C
Purple Heron	Garza Imperial	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	SR / R
Black Stork	Cigüeña Negra	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	PS / R
White Stork	Cigüeña Blanca	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	PSR / C
Greater Flamingo	Flamenco Común	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	P / R
Greylag Goose	Ánsar Común	<i>Anser anser</i>	W / R
Teal	Cerceta Común	<i>Anas crecca</i>	W / R
Mallard	Ánade Azulón	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	WR / C
Pintail	Ánade Rabudo	<i>Anas acuta</i>	W / R
Shoveler	Cuchara Común	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	W / Sc
Honey Buzzard	Abejero Europeo	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	P / C
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanio Común	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	W / R
Black Kite	Milano Negro	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	PSR / C
Red Kite	Milano Real	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	WP / R
Egyptian Vulture	Alimoche Común	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	PSR / Sc
Ruppell's Vulture	Buitre Moteado	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>	W / R
Griffon Vulture	Buitre Leonado	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	R / A
Black Vulture	Buitre Negro	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	PW / Sc
Short-toed Eagle	Culebrera Europea	<i>Circus gallicus</i>	PSR / C
Marsh Harrier	Aguilucho Lagunero Occ	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	P / R
Hen Harrier	Aguilucho Pálido	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	PW / Sc
Montagu Harrier	Aguilucho Cenizo	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	PSR / Sc
Goshawk	Azor Común	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	R / Sc
Sparrowhawk	Gavilán Común	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	RP / C
Buzzard	Busardo Ratonero	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	RW / Sc
Long-legged Buzzard	Busardo Moro	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	WP / R
Imperial Eagle	Águila Imperial Ibérica	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>	P / R
Golden Eagle	Águila Real	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	R / Sc
Booted Eagle	Aguillilla Calzada	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	SR / C
Bonelli's Eagle	Águila-azor Perdicera	<i>Hieraetus fasciatus</i>	R / C
Osprey	Águila Pescadora	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	PS / Sc
Lesser Kestrel	Cernícalo Primilla	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	PSR / C
Kestrel	Cernícalo Vulgar	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	RP / C
Red-footed Falcon	Cernícalo Patirrojo	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	V
Merlin	Esmerejón	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	PW / R
Hobby	Alcotán Europeo	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	PS / R
Peregrine	Halcón Peregrino	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	R / C
Red-legged Partridge	Perdiz Roja	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	R / A
Quail	Codorniz Común	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	SR / Sc
Pheasant	Faisán Vulgar	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	R / Sc

Species	Castellano	Científico	Periodo/ Estatus
Water Rail	Rascón Europeo	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	P / R
Moorhen	Gallineta Común	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	WSR / C
Coot	Focha Común	<i>Fulica atra</i>	W / R
Little Bustard	Sisón Común	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	P / R
Black-winged Stilt	Cigüeñuela Común	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	P / R
Avocet	Avoceta Común	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	P / R
Stone Curlew	Alcaraván Común	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	P / R
Little Ringed Plover	Chorlito Chico	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	PSR / C
Ringed Plover	Chorlito Grande	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	P / Sc
Kentish Plover	Chorlito Patinegro	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	P / R
Dotterel	Chorlito Carambolo	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	P / R
Lapwing	Avefría Europea	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	PW / C
Snipe	Agachadiza Común	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	PW / Sc
Woodcock	Chocha Perdiz	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	W / Sc
Whimbrel	Zarapito Trinador	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	P / R
Redshank	Archibebe Común	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	PW / R
Greenshank	Archibebe Claro	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	P / R
Green Sandpiper	Andarriós Grande	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	P / C
Wood Sandpiper	Andarriós Bastardo	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	P / Sc
Common Sandpiper	Andarriós Chico	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	PS / C
Mediterranean Gull	Gaviota Cabecinegra	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	P / R
Black-headed Gull	Gaviota Reidora	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	PW / Sc
Lesser-BB Gull	Gaviota Sombria	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	PW / Sc
Yellow-legged Gull	Gaviota Patiamarilla	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	PW / Sc
Gull-billed Tern	Pagaza Piconegra	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	PS / Sc
Black Tern	Fumarel Común	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	P / R
Rock Dove	Paloma Bravía	<i>Columba livia</i>	R / C
Stock Dove	Paloma Zurita	<i>Columba oenas</i>	WP / R
Woodpigeon	Paloma Torcaz	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	R / A
Collared Dove	Tórtola Turca	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	R / C
Turtle Dove	Tórtola Europea	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	PSR / C
Ring-necked Parakeet	Cotorra de Kramar	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	R / R
Great-spotted Cuckoo	Críalo Europeo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	P / R
Cuckoo	Cuco Común	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	PSR / A
Barn Owl	Lechuza Común	<i>Tyto alba</i>	R / Sc
Scops Owl	Autillo Europeo	<i>Otus scops</i>	PSR / C
Eagle Owl	Búho Real	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	R / C
Little Owl	Mochuelo Europeo	<i>Athene noctua</i>	R / A
Tawny Owl	Cárabo Común	<i>Strix aluco</i>	R / C
Long-eared Owl	Búho Chico	<i>Asio otus</i>	W / R
Short-eared Owl	Búho Campestre	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	W / V
Nightjar	Chotacabras Gris	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	PSR / R
Red-necked Nightjar	Chotacabras Cuellirrojo	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>	PSR / C
Common Swift	Vencejo Común	<i>Apus apus</i>	PSR / A
Pallid Swift	Vencejo Pálido	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	PSR / A
Alpine Swift	Vencejo Real	<i>Apus melba</i>	PSR / C
White-rumped Swift	Vencejo Cafe	<i>Apus caffer</i>	SR / R
Kingfisher	Martín Pescador	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	RW / C
Bee-eater	Abejaruco Común	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	PSR / C

Especies	Castellano	Científico	Periodo/ Estatus
Roller	Carraca	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	P / Sc
Hoopoe	Abubilla	<i>Upupa epops</i>	RP / C
Wryneck	Torcecuello	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	RP / C
Green Woodpecker	Pito Real	<i>Picus viridis</i>	R / C
Black Woodpecker	Pito Negro	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	?=V
Great Sptd Woodpecker	Pico Picapinos	<i>Dendrocopos major**</i>	R / C
Lesser Sptd Woodpecker	Pico Menor	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	R / VR
Calandra Lark	Calandria	<i>Melanocorypha calandria</i>	R / R
Short-toed Lark	Terrera Común	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	PSR / R
Crested Lark	Cogujada Común	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	R / A
Thekla Lark	Cogujada Montesina	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	R / A
Woodlark	Totavía	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	RP / A
Skylark	Alondra Común	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	W / C
Sand Martin	Avión Zapador	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	P / C
Crag Martin	Avión Roquero	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	R / A
Swallow	Golondrina Común	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	PSR / A
Red-rumped Swallow	Golondrina Dáurica	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	PSR / C
House Martin	Avión Común	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	PSR / A
Tawny Pipit	Bisbita Campestre	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	PSR / C
Tree Pipit	Bisbita Arbóreo	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	P / Sc
Meadow Pipit	Bisbita Común	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	PW / C
Water Pipit	Bisbita Alpino	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	P / Sc
Richard's Pipit	Bisbita de Richard	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	P / R
Yellow Wagtail	Lavandera Boyera	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae *</i>	P / C
Grey Wagtail	Lavandera Cascadeña	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	RP / C
White Wagtail	Lavandera Blanca	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	RW / C
Dipper	Mirlo Acuático	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	R / R
Wren	Chochin	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	R / C
Dunnock	Acentor Común	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	W / Sc
Alpine Accentor	Acentor Alpino	<i>Prunella collaris</i>	W / Sc
Rufous Bush Robin	Alzacola	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	PSR / R
Robin	Petirrojo	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	PRW / C
Nightingale	Ruiseñor Común	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	PSR / A
Black Redstart	Colirrojo Tizón	<i>Pheonicurus ochrurus</i>	WSR / A
Redstart	Colirrojo Real	<i>Pheonicurus pheonicurus</i>	PSR / C
Whinchat	Tarabilla Norteña	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	P / Sc
Stonechat	Tarabilla Común	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	WSR / A
Wheatear	Collalba Gris	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	PSR / Sc
Black-eared Wheatear	Collalba Rubia	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	PSR / C
Black Wheatear	Collalba Negra	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>	R / C
Rock Thrush	Roquero Rojo	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	PSR / Sc
Blue Rock Thrush	Roquero Solitario	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	PR / C
Ring Ouzel	Mirlo Capiblanco	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	PW / C
Blackbird	Mirlo Común	<i>Turdus merula</i>	PR / A
Fieldfare	Zorzal Real	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	PW / R
Song Thrush	Zorzal Común	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	PW / A
Redwing	Zorzal Alirrojo	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	PW / Sc
Mistle Thrush	Zorzal Charlo	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	RPW / C
Cetti's Warbler	Ruiseñor Bastardo	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	R / C

Especies	Castellano	Científico	Periodo/ Estatus
Fan-tailed Warbler	Buitrón	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	R / Sc
Grasshopper Warbler	Buscarla Pintoja	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	P / R
Sedge Warbler	Carricerin Común	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	P / Sc
Reed Warbler	Carricero Común	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	PSR / C
Great Reed Warbler	Carricero Tordal	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	PS / Sc
Olivaceous Warbler	Zarceo Pálido	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	PSR / Sc
Melodius Warbler	Zarceo Común	<i>Melospiza polyglotta</i>	PSR / C
Dartford Warbler	Curruca Rabilarga	<i>Sylvia undata</i>	R / A
Spectacled Warbler	Curruca Tomillera	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	PSR / Sc
Subalpine Warbler	Curruca Carrasqueña	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	PSR / C
Sardinian Warbler	Curruca Cabecinegra	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	PR / A
Orphean Warbler	Curruca Mirlona	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	SR / Sc
Lesser Whitethroat	Curruca Zarcerilla	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	P / R
Whitethroat	Curruca Zarcera	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	PSR / C
Garden Warbler	Curruca Mosquitera	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	PS / C
Blackcap	Curruca Capirotada	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	PWR / A
Bonelli's Warbler	Mosquitero Papialbo	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>	PSR / A
Chiffchaff	Mosquitero Común	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	PW / A
Iberian Chiffchaff	Mosquitero Ibérico	<i>Phylloscopus brehmit***</i>	PSR / C
Willow Warbler	Mosquitero Musical	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	P / A
Goldcrest	Reyezuelo Sencillo	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	W / R
Firecrest	Reyezuelo Listado	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	R / A
Spotted Flycatcher	Papamoscas Gris	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	PSR / C
Pied Flycatcher	Papamoscas Cerrojillo	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	P / C
Long-tailed Tit	Mito	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	R / C
Crested Tit	Herrerillo Capuchino	<i>Parus cristatus</i>	R / C
Coal Tit	Carbonero Garrapinos	<i>Parus ater</i>	R / C
Blue Tit	Herrerillo Común	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	R / C
Great Tit	Carbonero Común	<i>Parus major</i>	R / A
Nuthatch	Trepador Azul	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	R / C
Short-toed Treecreeper	Agateador Común	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	R / C
Golden Oriole	Oropéndola	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	PSR / Sc
Great Grey Shrike	Alcaudón Real	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	W / R
Southern Grey Shrike	Alcaudón Real Meridional	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	RP / C
Woodchat Shrike	Alcaudón Común	<i>Lanius senator</i>	PSR / A
Jay	Arrendajo	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	R / C
Chough	Chova Piquirroja	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	R / C
Jackdaw	Grajilla	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	R / Sc
Carrion Crow	Corneja Negra	<i>Corvus corone</i>	PW / R
Raven	Cuervo	<i>Corvus corax</i>	R / C
Starling	Estornino Pinto	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	PW / C
Spotless Starling	Estomino Negro	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	PWR / A
House Sparrow	Gorrión Común	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	PR / A
Spanish Sparrow	Gorrión Moruno	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	PR / Sc
Tree Sparrow	Gorrión Molinero	<i>Passer montanus</i>	WR / Sc
Rock Sparrow	Gorrión Chillón	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	R / C
Chaffinch	Pinzón Vulgar	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	RWP / A
Brambling	Pinzón Real	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	WP / C
Serin	Verdecillo	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	PR / A

Especies	Castellano	Científico	Periodo/ Estatus
Greenfinch	Verderón Común	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	RW / C
Goldfinch	Jilguero	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	RW / A
Siskin	Lúgano	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	W / C
Linnet	Pardillo Común	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	R / A
Crossbill	Piquituerto Común	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	WR / C
Bullfinch	Camachuelo Común	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	P / VR
Hawfinch	Picogordo	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	R / C
Yellowhammer	Escribano Cerillo	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	W / R
Cirl Bunting	Escribano Soteño	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	R / C
Rock Bunting	Escribano Montesino	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	R / C
Ortolan Bunting	Escribano Hortelano	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	P / Sc
Reed Bunting	Escribano Palustre	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	W / R
Corn Bunting	Triguero	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	R / A

In addition to the above listed species there are also the following sub-species that regularly occur in the area.

***	<i>Phylloscopus brehmii = P.iberiae</i>	
**Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major mauritanus</i>	R / Sc
* Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>	P / C
	<i>M.f.flava</i>	P / Sc
	<i>M.f.thunbergi</i>	P / C
Northern Wheatear (Greenland Wheatear)	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe leucorhoa</i>	P / C



Areas of special interest within the Serrania de Ronda

Áreas de especial interés Ornitológico en Serranía de Ronda

The whole of the Serrania is worthwhile for birdwatching, but there are sites of special interest. Areas are listed, not only for unusual species, but also for ease of access. The time of year will dictate which birds may be seen at each site. Please refer to the study area map for site (numbered) location.

Con el fin de facilitar al visitante la observación de las aves y optimizar su tiempo de estancia en la Serranía de Ronda, añadimos una lista de lugares especialmente interesantes. Se referencian con un orden numérico y localidades (consultar mapa en la página web).



Site / Sitio ① Sierra de Libar
Egyptian Vulture **Alimoche Común**, Griffon Vulture **Buitre Leonado**, Short-toed Eagle **Culebrera Europea**, Hen Harrier **Aguilucho Pálido**, Bonelli's Eagle **Águila-azor Perdicera**, Lesser Kestrel **Cernicalo Primilla**, Alpine Accentor **Acentor Alpino**, Black Wheatear **Collalba Negra**, Rock Thrush **Roquero Rojo**, Ring Ouzel **Mirlo Capiblanco**, Rock Sparrow **Gorrión Chillón**

Site / Sitio ② Puerto de las Palomas

Egyptian Vulture **Alimoche Común**, Griffon Vulture **Buitre Leonado**, Short-toed Eagle **Culebrera Europea**, Golden Eagle **Águila Real**, Bonelli's Eagle **Águila-azor Perdicera**, Peregrine Falcon **Halcón Peregrino**, Alpine Swift **Vencejo Real**, Alpine Accentor **Acentor Alpino**, Black Wheatear **Collalba Negra**, Blue Rock Thrush **Roquero Solitario**, Chough **Chova Piquirroja**, Rock Sparrow **Gorrión Chillón**

Site / Sitio ③ Rio Guadiaro

For all birds typical of river and aquatic habitats. Very good for wader and passerine migration spring and autumn. Para aves asociada a Rio y zonas húmedas. Muy Bueno en períodos de migración.

Site / Sitio ④ Ronda Tajo

Honey Buzzard **Abejero Europeo**, Black Kite **Milano Negro**, Booted Eagle **Águililla Calzada**, Bonelli's Eagle **Águila-azor Perdicera**, Lesser Kestrel **Cernicalo Primilla**, Peregrine Falcon **Halcón Peregrino**, Pallid Swift **Vencejo Pálido**, Alpine Swift **Vencejo Real**, Crag Martin **Avión Roquero**, Blue Rock Thrush **Roquero Solitario**, Chough **Chova Piquirroja**, Rock Sparrow **Gorrión Chillón**

Site / Sitio ⑤ Sierra Blanquilla

Short-toed Eagle [Culebrera Europea](#), Golden Eagle [Águila Real](#), Booted Eagle [Águililla Calzada](#), Bonelli's Eagle [Águila azor Perdicera](#), Peregrine Falcon [Halcón Peregrino](#), Scops Owl [Autillo Europeo](#), Eagle Owl [Búho Real](#), Nightjar [Chotacabras Gris](#), Rednecked Nightjar [Chotacabras Cuellirrojo](#), Tawny Pipit [Bisbita Campestre](#), Black-eared Wheatear [Collalba Rubia](#), Black Wheatear [Collalba Negra](#), Rock Thrush [Roquero Rojo](#), Subalpine Warbler [Curruca Carrasqueña](#), Orphean Warbler [Curruca Mirlona](#), Southern Grey Shrike [Alcaudón Real Meridional](#), Rock Sparrow [Gorrión Chillón](#), Rock Bunting [Escribano Montesino](#)

Site / Sitio ⑥ Sierra de las Nieves

Short-toed Eagle [Culebrera Europea](#), Goshawk [Azor Común](#), Buzzard [Busardo Ratonero](#), Golden Eagle [Águila Real](#), Booted Eagle [Águililla Calzada](#), Bonelli's Eagle [Águila azor Perdicera](#), Hobby [Alcotán Europeo](#), Peregrine Falcon [Halcón Peregrino](#), Scops Owl [Autillo Europeo](#), Eagle Owl [Búho Real](#), Wryneck [Torcecuello](#), Tawny Pipit [Bisbita Campestre](#), Alpine Accentor [Acentor Alpino](#), Redstart [Colirrojo Real](#), Wheatear [Collalba Gris](#), Black-eared Wheatear [Collalba Rubia](#), Black Wheatear [Collalba Negra](#), Rock Thrush [Roquero Rojo](#), Blue Rock Thrush [Roquero Solitario](#), Ring Ouzel [Mirlo Capiblanco](#), Spectacled Warbler [Curruca Tomillera](#), Golden Oriole [Oropéndola](#), Southern Grey Shrike [Alcaudón Real Meridional](#), Tree Sparrow [Gorrión Molinero](#), Rock Sparrow [Gorrión Chillón](#), Crossbill [Piquituerto Común](#), Hawfinch [Picogordo](#), Ortolan Bunting [Escribano Hortelano](#)

Site / Sitio ⑦ Genal Valley - Valle de Genal

For all birds typical of woodland, river and wetland habitats. Very good at times of migration. *Para aves asociada a masas forestales, rios y zonas húmedas. Zona muy buena en períodos de migración.*

The Study Area - Área de estudio

It would require a separate book to describe all the special sites of the area. The above is only a start for those visiting the Serrania! If you would like an inexpensive guided tour of the best areas and see specific birds, or are limited for time to see or find desired species, then we recommend joining a tour with **OrniRonda**. Contact them either by telephone : (+34) 616 891 359 or by Emailing the author on: peter@spanishbirds.com

Para describir todos los lugares especiales de la zona se necesitaría ¡más libros! La información anterior es solo una pequeña muestra. Si usted desea una ruta guiada por las mejores áreas y ver determinadas especies de pájaros o no tiene suficiente tiempo para buscarlas por su cuenta, le recomendamos contactar con **OrniRonda**. Por favor llama en teléfono (+34) 616 891 359 o contacta electrónicamente al autor en : peter@spanishbirds.com

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