

Morocco 22-29/3 2002

Participants

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General Aims

Since both SE and MGe had been to Morocco before, and none of us wanted to spend any time (more than necessary) in the car, we decided to concentrate our birding around Agadir. Most birders go to Morocco in the winter, we thought it would be interesting visiting Morocco during the spring, though. Spring should produce a lot of migrating birds, we thought. The aim was to see as many birds as possible, both potential Swedish vagrants and local specialities. SE was the only participant with his mind set on a few 'target-species', and these were: Red-necked Nightjar, Scrub Warbler and Royal Tern.

Literature & Maps

Forssten, Annika; Morocco – Winter Guide (very good)

Gosney, Dave; Finding Birds in Southern Morocco; Gostours; 1993 (indispensable)

Simonis, Damien; Crowther, Geoff; Morocco – Travel Survival Kit; Lonely Planet; 1995 (general information and city maps)

Bergier, Patric & Fédora; A Birdwatcher's Guide to Morocco (general birding information, site descriptions not as good as Gosney)

Michelin Map (very good)

Ravenstein Map (good)

+many travel reports

Itinerary

22/3: Oued Sous

23/3: Oued Massa

24/3: Sous valley, Oued Sous

25/3: Cap Rhir, Tamri, Agadir Harbour

26/3: S of Goulimime

27/3: S of Goulimime, Oued Sous

28/3: Oued Massa, Oued Sous

29/3: Agadir Harbour

22/3 Friday

After arriving in Agadir at noon we went to our hotel (Residence Tilila). Here we waited for our car, which we had booked in advance. The car, however, wasn't brought to us until the evening. Instead of going to Tamri or Oued Sous, we just went about Agadir, getting familiar with the common birds. Among the swifts we could identify a couple of Pallid Swifts as well as some Little Swifts. None Common Swift was positively identified. Before dark we went down to the beach. A lot of terns and gulls were flying towards the harbour.

At 18.30 we got our car. A Renault with five doors and quite some space actually. Even though the travel company suggested us to pay the car in advance (3600 SEK/week) we're not sure that was the best thing to do. Perhaps you can get a better price if you rent the car in Agadir instead of booking it at home.

As soon as we had the car we drove to Oued Sous and King Hassan's Palace. Here we met two Norwegian birders who helped us finding the Red-necked Nightjar. At least two RNN's were heard, approx. 700 meters before the gate to the palace, along the road. One

of the nightjars showed off at the lights by the road. We also heard a strange sound, sounding like Common Nightjar. But a couple of days later we heard a cricket/cicada playing with a song resembling that of the Common Nightjar, so we're not sure!

Agadir

Little Swift 5
Pallid Swift 30
Common Bulbul 15
Spotless Starling 15
Collared Dove 20

Oued Sous

Red-necked Nightjar 2 calling
Stone-curlew 3 calling
Common Nightjar(?) 1 calling

23/3 Saturday

We left for the famous hot spot Oued Massa, one hour before sunrise. With "Gosney", finding the way was no problem. Every bird was new so we had to stop perhaps five times before reaching the parking lot at the end of the Lower Track. The stops provided nice views of, for example Little Owls, Black-eared Wheatear, Moussier's Redstart, House Bunting, and Laughing Dove. Walking along the Lower Track towards the sea, birds were everywhere. Spoonbills, Egrets and Marbled Ducks. After awhile, our attention was more and more drawn to the scrub. And soon we found Subalpine Warbler, Spectacled Warbler, Wryneck, Nightingale, Black-crowned Tchagra and more. The sound of the Tchagra calling is something really to remember. Suddenly two "blackish" ibises came flying. They landed on the beach near the mouth. No legs were shown in flight, reddish legs and bill, together with 'fluffy' neck-feathers left only one species, Bald Ibis! A pair of Black-bellied Sandgrouse made a short visit at a riverbank for a drink. As soon as the temperature rose the activity of the passerines declined rapidly. So we continued, mainly looking at wetland birds. After a burning hot walk back to the car, we drove back to the village of Massa and then to the Upper Track. What a contrast. From the rich green river, to a tree-less, desert-like, grassy, still arid, plain. Both Greater and Lesser Short-toed Larks, and Tawny Pipit were present as well as one of our target-species: Cream-coloured Courser.

Our next target was the Brown-throated Sand Martin. According to Gosney the best place is the plains just south of the village of Massa, between the village and the river. At first we made a lot of stops at different places looking for swallows. But it was quite windy and very few swallows were seen altogether. One short stop by the river produced the only Cetti's Warbler and the only Purple Heron on the trip. A last attempt was made at Gosneys spot. And within one minute, a Brown-throated Sand Martin flew by. Incredible.

Oued Massa

Little Grebe 50	Marbled Teal 15	Sparrowhawk 2	Curlew sandpiper 5
Cormorant	Pintail 25	Kestrel 15	Sanderling 15
(ssp.maroccanus) 25	Shoveler 10	Barbary Partridge 1	Little Ringed Plover 7
Gannet 1	Wigeon 5	Quail 3 calling	Ringed Plover 3
Spoonbill 10	Teal 2	Coot hundreds	Kentish Plover 40
Bald Ibis 4	Garganey 5	Moorhen 15	Greenshank 10
Glossy Ibis 15	Pochard 4	Black-winged Stilt 85	Wood Sandpiper 3
Little Egret 15	Hybrid: Mallard x ?? 1	Stone-curlew 3	Green Sandpiper 6
Cattle Egret 30	Montagu's Harrier 5 males	Cream-coloured Courser	Redshank
Night Heron 2 ad	+ 1 female	11 (Upper track)	Common Sandpiper 5
Squacco Heron 10	Marsh Harrier 4	Avocet 10	Black-tailed Godwit 10
Purple Heron 1	Osprey 4	Dunlin 50	Bar-tailed Godwit 5
Grey Heron 10		Little Stint 75	Ruff 15

Snipe 15	Short-toed Lark 2 (Upper track)	Stonechat 2	Willow Warbler 3
Audouin's Gull 1 ad + 2 2y	Thekla Lark 2	Northern Wheatear 1 female	Chiffchaff 10
Yellow-legged Gull	Thekla/Crested Lark 50	Black-eared Wheatear 3 males	Nightingale 1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Brown-throated Sand	Sedge warbler 1	Wryneck 1
Gull-billed Tern 2	Martin 1	Cetti's Warbler 1	Magpie (ssp. <i>mauritanica</i>)
Sandwich Tern 30	Tawny pipit 2	Olivaceous Warbler 1 singing	Black-crowned Tchagra 6
Laughing Dove 15	Tree pipit 3	Sardinian Warbler	Woodchat Shrike 6
Turtle Dove 4	Pied Wagtail 3	Subalpine Warbler 15	Grey Shrike (ssp. <i>algeriensis</i>) 2
Black-bellied Sandgrouse 1 pair drinking	Yellow Wagtail (ssp. <i>iberiae</i>) 2	Spectacled Warbler 1	Chaffinch (ssp. <i>africana</i>) 3
Little Owl 4	Yellow Wagtail 20	Whitethroat	House Bunting 2
Lesser Short-toed Lark 3 (Upper track)	Hoopoe 1	Blackcap	Corn Bunting 2
	Moussier's Redstart 7		Red Fox 1

24/3 Sunday

When the sun rose we were at the bridge crossing Oued Sous, approx. 6 km south-west of Taroudannt (mentioned by Gosney). A group of Bee-eaters were hunting bees over the dried Oued. In the scrub west of the bridge we sought for Fulvous Babbler without luck. But there was a lot of other birds to watch, Western Bonelli's Warbler, a Little Owl and at least two Brown-throated Sand Martins were present. We had a good view of the Martins, which was welcomed since yesterdays observation was a bit fast. A nightjar was flushed. Gosney mention this place as a good one for RNN which gave us reasons to believe this nightjar was red-necked, but who knows? Studying the ever present larks produced both Thekla and Crested. A couple of Black Kites and some Harriers suggested raptors. In attempts finding these we continued and stopped at a lot of places along the P32 east of Taroudannt.

The first stop was at the aerodrome, just E of Taroudannt. Three different 'pale morph' Booted Eagles and some Black Kites. Suddenly twenty Cream-coloured Coursers, and a Stone-curlew flew off. Shortly afterwards, a Lanner passed by, which explained the behaviour of the waders.

At Igoudar (mentioned by Gosney), the famous Chanting Goshawk-site, we had lunch. Before that we had stopped several times along the P32. Stops which produced Alpine Swift, Red-rumped Swallow, seventeen migrating Collared Pratincoles. During the day we saw Bee-eaters almost everywhere we stopped, and at one stop we had the Sous Valley speciality: the Black-shouldered Kite! On our way to Agadir, approx. 150 White Storks migrated near the bridge over Oued Sous, SW of Taroudannt.

Until dark, we spent time at the mouth of Oued Sous. This is a first class wetland site. Among the Flamingoes, Spoonbills and Egrets we found, e.g. Ruddy Shelduck, Black-winged Stilt 150, Gull-billed Tern 50, Audouin's Gull 2 2y, Mediterranean Gull 6 2y. Some local rarities were Common Gull and Little Gull. At nightfall, once again, the RNN's were calling.

The bridge over Sous, SW Taroudannt	Montagu's Harrier 1	Wood Pigeon 50	Aerodrome, E Taroudannt
Bee-eater 25	Tawny pipit 1	Grey Shrike 1	Black Kite 3
Bonelli's Warbler 3	Hoopoe 1	Woodchat Shrike 5	Booted Eagle 3
Subalpine Warbler 6	Stone-curlew 5	Chaffinch 2	Lanner 1
Osprey 1	Chiffchaff 2	Little Owl 1	Cream-coloured Courser 16
White Stork 3	Willow Warbler 1	Brown-throated Sand	Stone-curlew 1
Song Thrush 1	Whitethroat 2	Martin 2	Bee-eater 20
Redstart 2	Sardinian Warbler	House Bunting 2	Spectacled Warbler 2
Nightjar sp (RN?) 1	Nightingale 1		
Magpie 1	Crested Lark 2		
Marsh Harrier 1	Thekla Lark 1		
	Turtle Dove 1		

10 km E Taroudannt	Northern Wheatear 2	Black-winged Stilt 150	Spotted Redshank 3
Booted Eagle 1	Black-eared Weatear 1	Avocet 25	Redshank 90
Alpine Swift 1		Stone-curlew 3	Greenshank 20
Grey Shrike 1	The bridge over Sous,	Little Ringed Plover 5	Green Sandpiper 2
Cirl Bunting 1	SW Taroudannt	Ringed Plover 200	Wood Sandpiper 9
	White Stork 150	Kentish Plover 70	Common Sandpiper 7
12 km E Taroudannt	Oued Sous	Grey Plover 100	Mediterranean Gull 6 2y
Black-winged Kite 1	White Stork 2	Golden Plover 1	Little Gull 1 2y
Montagu's Harrier 1	Glossy Ibis 1	Red Knot 1	Black-headed Gull 80
Collared Pratincole 17	Spoonbill 15	Sanderling 10	Audouin's Gull 2 2y
Little Swift 6	Greater Flamingo 39	Little Stint 30	Common Gull 1
Bee-eater 20	Ruddy Shelduck 1	Curlew Sandpiper 10	Gull-billed Tern 50
Red-rumped Swallow 1	Shelduck 20	Dunlin 60	Sandwich Tern 200
Oued El Fargh	Montagu's Harrier 1	Ruff 50	Red-necked Nightjar 2
Bee-eater 1	Osprey 1	Bar-tailed Godwit	Tree Pipit 1
	Oystercatcher 30	Curlew 5	Meadow Pipit 1
		Whimbrel 1	Turtle Dove 1

25/3 Monday

Seawatching was our primary goal today. At Cap Rhir you have excellent opportunities to observe seabirds. This spot is approx. 40 km NW of Agadir along the road to Essaouira. Other birders have mentioned a deserted house to shelter behind when seawatching, but we choose to stand as close to the water as we could. We wanted to come as close as the birds as we could, and there was no strong wind withholding us. At 9 o'clock it became foggy. During the morning 500 Gannets migrated north. Shearwaters were also seen, mainly Cory's but also a few Mediterranean. A Barbary Falcon sat on a rock looking for prey. A lot of skuas passed, the ones we could identify looked like Parasitic Skuas. The most peculiar observation was a Hoopoe which came flying from the sea, where did it come from?

We left Cap Rhir and went to Tamri. When parking the car (at km Agadir 50) we saw a female Blue Rock Thrush in the slopes above us. For a couple of hours we searched the scrub for passerines, during the time we saw some Bald Ibises, two Black-crowned Night Herons, one pair of Cirl Bunting and one pair of Moussier's Redstart. Near the river in the small vegetation we found a dark-looking *acrocephalus* warbler. The dark plumage, and the distinctive whiteish eye-brow suggested Moustached Warbler. The bird was really skulking so we spent quite some time before identifying it. Most of the resting birds was found in the cultivated areas near the road (Tamri: note #2 in Gosney).

On our way back to Agadir we stopped when we saw terns and gulls on the beaches. At one spot 26 km from Agadir, there was a small pond near the beach. In this pond we observed some Audouin's Gull, and when we looked closer on the flock at the beach near the sea, we found two Lesser Crested Terns among the Sandwich Terns!

The evening was spent in the harbour of Agadir. Just follow the road inside the harbour area, and drive as far north you can, and then you reach the pier reaching furthest out in the sea. This pier had recently been elongated, and it was hard to find good places to sea-watch. Perhaps for one person, but for four persons it was harder. The best thing would be to climb on top of the pier, with some climbing skills it should be possible. The highlight was when a European Storm-petrel passed quite near.

Cap Rhir	Avocet 19	Hoopoe 1	Spectacled Warbler 2
Cory's Shearwater 25	Ruddy Turnstone 1	House Bunting 2	Raven 3
Med. Shearwater 7	Arctic Skua 20		
Gannet 500	Great Skua 4	Cap Rhir – Tamri	Tamri
Common Scoter 39	Sandwich Tern many	Bald Ibis 2	Night Heron 2
Barbary Falcon 1	fishing/migrating	Black-eared Wheatear 2	Bald Ibis 8
Oystercatcher 50	Razorbill 1		Green Sandpiper 1

Audouin's Gull 6	Subalpine Warbler 1	Audouin's Gull 4	Agadir Harbour
Bee-eater 2	Willow Warbler 1	Gull-billed Tern 4	Cory's Shearwater 1
Red-rumped Swallow 1	Pied Flycatcher 1 female	Lesser Crested Tern 2	Med. Shearwater 1
Turtle Dove 2	Cirl Bunting 2	Sandwich Tern 10	European Storm-petrel 2
Tree Pipit 1	House Bunting 2	Yellow Wagtail (<i>ssp.flava</i>)	Gannet 40
Nightingale 1		10	Arctic Skua 10
Moussier's Redstart 2	26 km N Agadir (Agadir	Black-eared Wheatear 1	Great Skua 1
Common Redstart 1	– Cap Rhir)	Moussier's Redstart 1	Northern Wheatear 1
Blue Rock Thrush 2	White Stork 3		
Moustached Warbler 1	Oystercatcher 250		

26/3 Tuesday

Areas south of Goulimime (towards Tan-Tan) have in recent years been an interesting alternative for birders looking for desert-species. Since the sites have been described, preferably by Gosney, a lot of birders have gone south. So did we. We had to leave Agadir by 03.30 in order to get there before sunrise. After passing through the city of Goulimime, we went further 7-8 km south to Oued Sayad. We turned right after the bridge and went a couple of hundred meters on a poor road before stopping. As soon as we got out of the car we realized that the oued was packed with birds. We didn't need to move anyway. Just standing outside the car and letting the bird come to us produced species after species. It was incredible numbers of warblers and passerines. Hundreds of Subalpine Warblers, and among them other species like Olivaceous Warbler, Melodious Warbler and Orphean Warbler. The Bee-eaters were numerous, Red-rumped Swallows likewise, it was just great. We continued along the oued, and soon we found a Rufous Bush Robin displaying beautifully. The temperature rose and the raptors started moving. As we enjoyed Bluethroat, Pied Flycatcher and Western Bonelli's Warblers, a lot of raptors flew by: Short-toed Eagle, Booted Eagle, Barbary Falcon and many harriers and kites. Gosney mention Oued Sayad as a good spot for Scrub Warbler, so we put a lot of effort on this species, without result though. The seeking produced Desert Wheatear and Fulvous Babbler.

After this incredible morning, we went on south and stopped on many places. Especially dried wadis, searching for Scrub Warbler. When we reached km 35 the wind had increased and sand had begun swirling around. But we decided to make a short walk anyway. The first Temminck's Lark was soon found, and also Trumpeter Finch, a pair of Desert Wheatear, a Whinchat and a Booted Eagle. In the shadow near a deserted building we found a female Tristram's Warbler. As we looked at the Tristram's Warbler the wind increased even more. And sand was suddenly all over us, red sand, sand from Sahara! Soon we couldn't see the car and it was very unpleasant to get sand in your eyes. Rushing to the car, we became aware of a Bee-eater circulating above us, calling with a strong "krrri-krrri!". MGr: -"It's hard to tell if the belly is blue or green in this light...". A few moments later, SE: -"Hey guys, have you really checked this Bee-eater out, the back looks all green!". Another few moments, Everybody(*in chorus*): -"It's a Blue-cheeked Bee-eater!".

After this mega-observation, we quickly left the sandswirl and drove to km 40. A hollow/valley between two mountain slopes. In the middle of the hollow there was a small wadi with a lot of scrub, and two holes contained some water. This waterholes, located near some mounds of earth, attracted drinking birds. In other words: A photographers dream. JS and SE could just sit back, relax with their cameras and wait for the Subalpine Warblers to come down and have a drink.

We soon spread out along the wadi, after awhile, MGe blow the whistle after SE had found the precious Scrub Warbler. A spectacular bird. Rather ugly actually, but with an enormous personality, red legs, dwarfish, and with a tail pointing straight up in the sky! A pair of Red-rumped Wheatear was seen. When the wind settled down raptors started moving

again. And soon the sky was filled with silhouettes. One Short-toed Eagle and one Griffon Vulture circulated above us.

Before dark we went a couple of kilometers further south, to km 42 approx. Here, large fields with some cultivation attracted large amounts of especially larks. Seven Black-bellied Sandgrouse, another pair of Red-rumped Wheatear, three Thick-billed and 30 Temminck's Larks. JS fetched his camera and walked away to take some photos of the Temminck's Larks. Suddenly we saw JS running around on the fields, it looked like he was chasing something. And soon he was back with a smile on his face and a Temminck's Lark in his hand. The bird hadn't flown away when he approached so he had just picked it up. We admired the bird in the hand before releasing it.

The night was spent on Hôtel Salam (mentioned by Forssten), moderate standard (hot shower included), costing 75 dirams/person, very recommendable. At Café de la Poste we for once ate a traditional Moroccan dish: tajine and curry chicken. MGr was quite surprised when he found a whole kidney in his casserole. Tasted like liver.

5 km N Goulimime	Orphean Warbler 1 male	24,5 km SW Goulimime	Sandgrouse sp. 11
Bonelli's Warbler 1	Whitethroat 1	Orphean Warbler 3	Bee-eater 10
Fulvous Babbler 2	Subalpine Warbler total	Olivaceous Warbler 2	Wryneck 2
	400 during day!	Bluethroat 1 + 1 dead	Thekla Lark
Oued Sayad (8 km SW Goulimime)	Sedge Warbler 20	Subalpine Warbler 7	Thick-billed Lark 3
Little Grebe 5	Reed Warbler 1	Grey Shrike 1	Red-rumped Swallow 3
White Stork 11	Fan-tailed Warbler 3	Northern Wheatear 1	Tawny Pipit 2
Short-toed Eagle 1	Melodious Warbler 2		Nightingale 2
Booted Eagle 1	Olivaceous Warbler 5	Km 35	Rufous Bush Robin 1
Black Kite 4	Willow Warbler total 100	Booted Eagle 1	Bluethroat (ssp. <i>cyanecula</i>) 1
Marsh Harrier 15	during day	Montagu's Harrier 3	
Montagu's Harrier 10	Chiffchaff total 15 during day	Cream-coloured Courser 3	Bluethroat 2
Sparrow Hawk 3	Pied Flycatcher 1 male	Hoopoe 1	Woodchat Shrike many
Kestrel 5	Fulvous Babbler 4	Bee-eater 47	Desert Wheatear 1
Barbary Falcon 2	Woodchat Shrike total 80	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater 1	Black-eared Wheatear 1
Moorhen 30	during day	Greater Short-toed Lark 10	Red-rumped Wheatear 2
Black-winged Stilt 5	Grey Shrike total 10	Temminck's Lark 1	Scrub Warbler 1
Cream-coloured Courser 3	during day	Tawny Pipit 1	Orphean Warbler 2
Little Ringed Plover 2		Tree Pipit 1	Whitethroat 1
Green Sandpiper 7	1 km SW Oued Sayad (along P41)	Desert Wheatear 2	Spectacled Warbler 2
Hoopoe 10	Orphean Warbler 2	Black-eared Wheatear 1	Trumpeter Finch 5
Bee-eater 40		Northern Wheatear 5	Ortolan Bunting 1
Red-rumped Swallow 6		Whinchat 1	
Meadow Pipit 1	Km 22	Woodchat Shrike 2	Km 42
Yellow Wagtail (<i>flavissima</i>) 1	Willow Warbler 10	Tristram's Warbler 1	Montagu's Harrier 5
Nightingale 1	Chiffchaff 1	Trumpeter Finch 1	Cream-coloured Courser 6
Rufous Bush Robin 1	Tree Pipit 1	"Scrub Warbler Valley"	Black-bellied Sandgrouse 7
Bluethroat 2	Subalpine Warbler 1	40 km SW Goulimime	Greater Short-toed Lark 20
Common Redstart 1 male		Griffon Vulture 1	Thick-billed Lark 3
Desert Wheatear 1 male	24 km SW Goulimime	Short-toed Eagle 1	Temminck's Lark 30
Black-eared Wheatear 1	Long-legged Buzzard 1	Booted Eagle 1	Black-eared Wheatear 2
		Montagu's Harrier 5	Red-rumped Wheatear 2

27/3 Wednesday

Because we missed some of the desert birds yesterday, we returned to km 35. We spread out over the dry landscape, and within an hour we had seen Greater Hoopoe Lark as well as Bar-tailed Lark, two of the species we had missed. At least 15 Thick-billed Larks and equal amounts of Temminck's Larks. We also observed a squirrel, its fur was light, and it was

constantly running in and out from a hole in the ground. A beautiful 2y-male melanistic ‘dark morph’ Montagu’s Harrier flew by, just after a Lanner had passed.

After km 35 we began our journey back to Agadir, on the way we made a short stop at yesterday’s hot spot: Oued Sayad. It produced a nice flock of Fulvous Babblers as well as great views of Olivaceous Warbler. Compared with yesterday the stop produced just a fraction of birds, due to the heat. North of Goulmime, just before reaching Bou Izakarn we drive through a small village called Tagannt. As we drove past the houses, a black wheatear was seen. We pulled over and soon we found a 2y White-crowned Black Wheatear.

After Bou Izakarn, the road started to elevate as we approached the Anti Atlas. We made two stops before the road had climbed to its highest point. This produced a Black Wheatear, three Rock Buntings and a Bonelli’s Warbler.

Oued Sous was our next destination, and as last time, the oued was crowded with gulls, waders and terns. The guards at the royal palace weren’t too pleased with us going along the river towards the mouth. Perhaps a packet of cigarettes would have made them more co-operative. None of them spoke English, hence we couldn’t explain to them what we were doing, and they couldn’t explain to us why we couldn’t go to the places we wanted to. Therefore, reaching to outermost parts of the sanctuary was not possible. Among the birds we did see was at least 10 2y Mediterranean Gulls, a Marsh Sandpiper, and a Caspian Tern. Red-necked Nightjar called in the evening.

Km 35		Song Thrush 1	Oued Sous
Marsh Harrier 3	“Scrub Warbler Valley”	Sedge Warbler 7	White Stork 1
Montagu’s Harrier 1 2y male ‘dark morph’	Black-eared Wheatear 1	Olivaceous Warbler 5	Glossy Ibis 1
Lanner 1	Red-rumped Wheatear 3	Subalpine Warbler 15	Spoonbill 20
Cream-coloured Courser 4	Montagu’s Harrier 3	Willow Warbler 40	Ruddy Shelduck 1
Bar-tailed Desert Lark 5	Bonelli’s Warbler 1	Fulvous Babbler 10	Shelduck 20
Hoopoe Lark 2 singing (km 34)	Subalpine Warbler 20	Woodchat Shrike 2	Sanderling 3
Temminck’s Lark 14	Whitethroat 1		Little Stint 15
Thick-billed Lark 17	Bee-eater 1	Tagannt (Goulmime-Tiznit)	Curlew Sandpiper 3
Short-toed Lark 24	Red-rumped Swallow 1	White-crowned Black	Dunlin 15
Red-rumped Swallow 1	Tree Pipit 7	Wheatear 1 2y	Marsh Sandpiper 1
Tawny Pipit 6	Greater Short-toed Lark 1	Bee-eater 1	Mediterranean Gull 10 2y
Turtle Dove 1	Great Grey Shrike 4 (family with juveniles)	House Bunting 2	Little Gull 1 2y
Black-eared Wheatear 2	Oued Sayad (10-11 a.m.)	Anti Atlas	Audouin’s Gull 1 ad
Desert Wheatear 3	Bee-eater 7	Bee-eater 1	Caspian Tern 1
Red-rumped Wheatear 1 male	Hoopoe 6	Black Wheatear 1	Gull-billed Tern 8
Trumpeter Finch	Red-rumped Swallow 2	Common Redstart 1	Sandwich Tern 200
White Wagtail 2	Bluethroat (ssp. <i>cyaneacula</i>) 1	Subalpine Warbler 1	Red-necked Nightjar 1
	Bluethroat 2	Bonelli’s Warbler 1	Turtle Dove 1
Squirrel sp. 1	Common Redstart 1 male	Rock Bunting 3	Bee-eater 1
			Bonelli’s Warbler 1
			Blue Tit
			(ssp. <i>ultramarinus</i>) 1

28/3 Thursday

Our last whole birding-day was spent at Oued Massa and once again Oued Sous. When we woke up at the hotel it was heavy showers outside so we decided to sleep another hour. Then we headed for Massa. We tried the Upper Track and drove to the old Hotel Sidi R’Bat. It seemed like the Hotel was undergoing heavy construction, perhaps the hotel will open again? The wind was quite strong so we tried for some sea-birds. About 15 Gannets flew north and 5 Cory’s Shearwater flew south.

Soon the wind decreased and we walked south to the oued. Quickly we noticed a big influx of Red-rumped Swallows. It was almost as many Red-rumped as Barn Swallows! A Black-crowned Tchagra and a Moussier's Redstart were seen.

On our way back along the Upper Track we had both Greater and Lesser Short-toed Larks hopping on the road. At one stop we saw, at the same time, six different Montagu's Harrier, of whom one was a female melanistic 'dark morph'.

At Oued Sous we tried some new tactics, we asked a police officer near the gate to the palace if it was ok to walk to the beach. -"Yes, off course", he said. Then we walked the track running parallel with the wall, this track goes all the way to the beach, and from here you can walk south to the mouth of the oued. At the end of the track, after a furious rainfall (MGR water-proof binoculars got foggy!), we met another police officer. And off course, he said -"No, I'm sorry". The irony made us almost upset, no way we're going back 20 minutes to the car. We didn't go through this rainfall for nothing! So we continued talking to the officer, trying to explain that we were friendly etc. And finally he let us pass. Once again, it felt like a packet of cigarettes would have hurried the process.

Huge amounts of terns and gulls was standing on the shore, near the oued. Approx. 400 Sandwich Terns, and thousands of gulls. Unfortunately no Royal Tern, but two adult Slender-billed Gulls gave some comfort. On the way back to the car we had a pair of 'Moroccan' White Wagtails at a drainage channel (see Gosney).

Oued Massa	(Upper track)	Nightingale 1	Bar-tailed Godwit 5
Little Grebe 17	Black-winged Stilt 20	Black-crowned Tchagra 1	Curlew 1
Cory's Shearwater 5	Cream-coloured Courser 3		Redshank 25
Gannet 15	(Upper track)	Oued Sous	Mediterranean Gull 1
Spoonbill 7	Dunlin 8	Little Egret 60	Slender-billed Gull 2
Little Egret 20	Little Stint 15	White Stork 2 nests	Audouin's Gull 30
Cattle Egret 1	Curlew sandpiper 3	Glossy Ibis 1	Gull-billed Tern 5
Squacco Heron 6	Sanderling 15	Spoonbill 8	Sandwich Tern 400
Marbeled Teal 5	Black-tailed Godwit 9	Greater Flamingo 30	Common Tern 3
Pintail 10	Skua sp. 10	Ruddy Shelduck 1	Arctic Tern 2
Shoveler 3	Audouin's Gull 51	Grey Heron 20	Common/Arctic Tern 5
Wigeon 5	Sandwich Tern 80	Teal 3	Turtle Dove 5
Teal 8	Bee-eater 30	Pintail 1	Bee-eater 1
Garganey 5	Lesser Short-toed Lark 3	Black-winged Stilt 55	White Wagtail
Pochard 2	(Upper track)	Avocet 10	(ssp. <i>subpersonata</i>) 1 pair
Tufted Duck 3	Greater Short-toed Lark 4	Stone-curlew 1	Blue Tit
Hybrid: Mallard × ?? 1	(Upper track)	Grey Plover 25	(ssp. <i>ultramarinus</i>) 1
Montagu's Harrier 1	Red-rumped Swallow 50	Sanderling 10	
female 'dark morph' + 6	Moussier's Redstart 1	Little Stint 10	
	Stonechat 1	Dunlin 40	

29/3 Friday

The flight to Stockholm wasn't leaving until 13.40. So we went to the harbour in the morning. Two and a half hours produced for example: Pomarine Skua, European Storm-petrel, Cory's and Mediterranean Shearwater.

From the bus to the airport, just before reaching the airport, SE saw a male Lesser Kestrel on a pole. After checking in the luggage. All of us went back to the place where the falcon had been. No falcon but instead an Alpine Swift. Lesser Kestrel was the last new species for the trip, giving a total of 185 species.

Agadir Harbour

Gannet 110
 European Storm-petrel 2
 Cory's Shearwater 2
 Med. Shearwater 1
 Pomarine Skua 3 'pale morph' + 1

'dark morph'

Arctic Skua 10
 Mediterranean Gull 1 2y
 Audouin's Gull 1 ad

Agadir Airport

Lesser Kestrel 1 male
 Alpine Swift 1
 Red-rumped Swallow 1

Afterword

Most travel reports we had read before the trip, as well as our own experience (SE and MGe), warned about begging. But these prejudices were proved wrong. At most places the Moroccans were friendly and let us go about our own business. A lot of people were curious, though, four "white guys" running around in the desert with large "cameras" (hmmm.... who hadn't been curious?). It led to quite a few laughs, when trying in English (and sometimes Swedish!) to explain what we were doing to people speaking French and Arabic. Sign language seems to be international, and works perfectly. Oued Sous was the only place where we had some trouble. The guards didn't let us go to the best spots near the mouth. On the other hand, we didn't have any problems with previous reports of high crime rate at Oued Sous, perhaps it's worth some restriction in your birding to keep you safe.

Total list

For some species the notes are incomplete, these are marked with (*). Totally **185** species was seen during the week.

Little Grebe

Oued Massa ~50 (23/3); Oued Sayad 4 (26/3)

Cory's Shearwater

Cap Rhir 25 (25/3); Agadir, harbour 1 (26/3); Oued Massa 5 (28/3)

Med. Shearwater

Cap Rhir 7 (25/3); Agadir, harbour 1 (25/3)

European Storm-petrel

Agadir, harbour 2 (25/3)

Gannet

Seen all along the coast. Cap Rhir 500 (25/3)

Cormorant (*ssp.maroccanus*)

Seen on several places along the coast. Oued Massa ~25 (23/3)

Night Heron

Tamri 2 (25/3); Oued Massa 2 (23/3)

Squacco Heron

Oued Massa 10 (23/3), 6 (28/3)

Cattle Egret

Oued Massa 30 (23/3), 1 (28/3)

Little Egret

Common near fresh water. Oued Sous 60 (28/3)

Grey Heron

Common

Purple Heron

Oued Massa 1 (23/3)

White Stork

6 km w Taroudant 150 (24/3); Oued Sous 2 (24/3), 1 (27/3), 2 nesting (28/3); 26 km N Agadir 3 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 11 (26/3)

Glossy Ibis

Oued Massa 15 (23/3); Oued Sous 2 (24/3), 1 (27/3), 1 (28/3)

Bald Ibis

Oued Massa 4 (23/3), Tamri 10 (25/3)

Spoonbill

Oued Massa: 10 (23/3), 7 (28/3); Oued Sous: 15 (24/3), 20 (27/3), 8 (28/3)

Ruddy Shelduck

Oued Sous: 1 (24/3), (27/3) & (28/3)

Shelduck

Oued Sous: 20 (24/3) & (27/3)

Wigeon

Oued Massa: 5 (24/3) & (28/3)

Garganey

Oued Massa: 5 (24/3) & (28/3)

Teal

Oued Massa: 2 (24/3) & 8 (28/3)

Pintail

Oued Massa: 25 (24/3) & 10 (28/3)

Shoveler

Oued Massa: 10 (24/3) & 3 (28/3)

Marbeled Teal	Oued Massa: 15 (24/3) & 5 (28/3)
Pochard	Oued Massa: 4 (24/3) & 2 (28/3)
Tufted Duck	Oued Massa: 3 (24/3) & (28/3)
Common Scoter	Cap Rhir 39 (25/3)
Hybrid: Mallard × ??	Oued Massa: 1 (24/3) & (28/3)
Black-winged Kite	12 km E Taroudannt, Sous Valley: 1 (24/3)
Black Kite*	Aerodrome, Sous Valley: 3 (24/3); Oued Sayad, S. Goulimime: 4 (26/3)
Griffon Vulture	40 km SW Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Short-toed Eagle	Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3); 40 km SW Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Marsh Harrier*	Seen in Oued Massa, Sous Valley & S. Goulimime
Montagu's Harrier	35 observations (especially S. Goulimime), including 2 'dark morph' birds.
Sparrowhawk	Oued Massa: 2 (23/3); Oued Sayad: 3 (26/3).
Long-legged Buzzard	24 km SW Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Booted Eagle	Sous Valley: at least 4 (24/3); S. Goulimime 3 (26/3)
Osprey	Seen in Oued Massa, Oued Sous and Sous Valley
Lesser Kestrel	Agadir airport: 1 male (29/3)
Kestrel	Seen every day
Lanner	Sous Valley: 1 (24/3), S. Goulimime: 1 (27/3)
Barbary Falcon	Cap Rhir: 1 (25/3), S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3)
Barbary Partridge	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3)
Quail	Oued Massa 3 calling (23/3)
Moorhen	Oued Massa: 15 (23/3), Oued Sayad: 30 (26/3)
Coot	only seen in Oued Massa
Oystercatcher	Oued Sous: 30 (24/3), Cap Rhir: 50 + 250 migrating (25/3)
Black-winged Stilt*	Oued Massa: 85 (23/3), 20 (28/3); Oued Sous 150 (24/3), 50 (28/3); Oued Sayad: 5 (26/3);
Avocet	Oued Massa: 10 (23/3); Cap Rhir: 19 migrating (25/3); Oued Sous: 25 (24/3), 10 (28/3)
Stone-curlew	Oued Massa: 3 (23/3); Sous Valley: 6 (24/3), Oued Sous: 3 calling (22/3) & (24/3), 1 (28/3)
Cream-coloured Courser	Oued Massa (Upper track): 11 (23/3), 3 (28/3); Sous Valley: 16 (24/3); S. Goulimime: 12 (26/3), 4 (27/3)
Collared Pratincole	Sous Valley: 17 migrating (24/3)
Little Ringed Plover*	Oued Massa: 7 (23/3); Oued Sous: 5 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 2 (26/3)
Ringed Plover*	Oued Massa: 2 (23/3); Oued Sous: 200 (24/3)
Kentish Plover*	Oued Massa: 40 (23/3); Oued Sous: 70 (24/3)
Golden Plover	Oued Sous: 1 (24/3)
Grey Plover*	Oued Sous: 100 (24/3) & 25 (28/3)
Knot	Oued Sous: 1 (24/3)
Sanderling*	Oued Massa: 15 (23/3) & (29/3); Oued Sous: 10 (25/3), 3 (27/3) & 10 (28/3)
Little Stint	Oued Massa: 75 (23/3) & 15 (28/3); Oued Sous: 30 (24/3), 15 (27/3) & 10 (28/3)
Curlew sandpiper	Oued Massa: 5 (23/3) & 3 (28/3); Oued Sous: 10 (24/3), 3 (27/3)
Dunlin	Oued Massa: 50 (23/3) & 8 (28/3); Oued Sous: 60 (24/3), 15 (27/3) & 40 (28/3)
Ruff*	Oued Massa: 15 (23/3); Oued Sous: 50 (24/3)
Snipe*	Oued Massa: 15 (23/3);
Black-tailed Godwit	Oued Massa: 10 (23/3) & 9 (28/3)
Bar-tailed Godwit*	Oued Massa: 5 (23/3) & 5 (28/3)
Whimbrel	Oued Sous: 1 (24/3)
Curlew	Oued Sous: 5 (24/3) & 1 (28/3)
Spotted Redshank	Oued Sous: 3 (24/3)
Redshank*	Oued Sous: 90 (24/3) & 25 (28/3)

Marsh Sandpiper	Oued Sous: 1 (27/3)
Greenshank*	Oued Massa: 10 (23/3); Oued Sous: 20 (24/3)
Green Sandpiper*	Oued Massa: 6 (23/3); Oued Sous: 2 (24/3); Tamri: 1 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 7 (26/3)
Wood Sandpiper*	Oued Massa: 3 (23/3); Oued Sous: 9 (24/3)
Common Sandpiper*	Oued Massa: 5 (23/3); Oued Sous: 7 (24/3)
Ruddy Turnstone	Cap Rhir: 1 migrating (25/3)
Pomarine Skua	Agadir Harbour: 4 (29/3)
Arctic Skua	Cap Rhir: 20 (25/3); Agadir Harbour: 10 (25/3) & (29/3)
Skua sp	Oued Massa: 10 (28/3)
Great Skua	Cap Rhir: 4 (25/3); Agadir Harbour: 1 (25/3)
Mediterranean Gull	Oued Sous: 6 (24/3), 10 (27/3) & 1 (28/3); Agadir Harbour: 1 (29/3)
Little Gull	Oued Sous: 1 2y (24/3) & (27/3)
Black-headed Gull*	Oued Sous: 80 (24/3)
Slender-billed Gull	Oued Sous: 2 (28/3)
Audouin's Gull	Oued Massa: 3 (23/3) & 51 (28/3); Oued Sous: 2 (24/3), 1 (27/3) & 30 (28/3); Tamri: 6 (25/3), 26 km N. Agadir: 4 (25/3); Agadir Harbour: 1 (29/3)
Common Gull	Oued Sous: 1 (24/3)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Common along the coast
Yellow-legged Gull	Common along the coast
Gull-billed Tern	Oued Massa: 2 (23/3); Oued Sous: 50 (24/3), 8 (27/3) & 5 (28/3); 26 km N. Agadir: 4 (25/3)
Caspian Tern	Oued Sous: 1 (27/3)
Lesser-Crested Tern	26 km N. Agadir (Agadir - Cap Rhir): 2 (25/3)
Sandwich Tern	Oued Massa: 30 (23/3) & 80 (28/3); Oued Sous: 200 (24/3) & (27/3), 400 (28/3); 26 km N. Agadir: 10 (25/3)
Common Tern	Oued Sous: 3 (28/3)
Arctic Tern	Oued Sous: 2 (28/3)
Common/Arctic Tern	Oued Sous: 5 (28/3)
Razorbill	Cap Rhir: 1 (25/3)
Auk sp.	Cap Rhir: 2 (25/3)
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	Oued Massa: 2 (23/3); 42 km S. Goulimime: 7 (26/3)
Sandgrouse sp.	40 km S. Goulimime: 11 (26/3)
Rock Dove	
Common Wood Pigeon	Sous Valley: 50 (24/3)
Laughing Dove	Oued Massa: 15 (23/3)
Collared Dove	Fairly common round Agadir and in cultivated area S. Agadir. Agadir: 20 (22/3)
Turtle Dove*	Oued Massa: 4 (23/3); Oued Sous: 1 (25/3) & (27/3), 5 (28/3); Tamri: 2 (25/3); Sous Valley: 1 (24/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (27/3)
Little Owl	Oued Massa: 4 (23/3); Sous Valley: 1 (24/3)
Red-necked Nightjar	Oued Sous (Royal Palace): 2 (22/3) & (24/3), 1 (27/3)
Common Nightjar(??)	Oued Sous (Royal Palace): 1 (22/3)
Nightjar sp.	Sous Valley (bridge over Sous): 1 (24/3)
Alpine Swift	Sous Valley: 1 (24/3), Agadir Airport: 1 (29/3)
Common Swift	Fairly common,
Pallid Swift	Fairly common, Agadir: 30 (22/3)
Little Swift	Agadir: 5 (22/3); Sous Valley: 6 (24/3)
Blue-checked Bee-eater	km 35, S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Bee-eater*	66 (24/3), 2 (25/3), 97 (26/3), 11 (27/3) & 31 (28/3)
Hoopoe	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3); Sous Valley: 1 (24/3); Cap Rhir: 1 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 10 (26/3) & 6 (27/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3);
Wryneck	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3); 42 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3)
Bar-tailed Desert Lark	35 km S. Goulimime: 5 (27/3)

Hoopoe Lark	34 km S. Goulimime: 2 singing (27/3)
Thick-billed Lark	40 km S. Goulimime: 3 (26/3); 42 km S. Goulimime: 3 (26/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 17 (27/3)
Short-toed Lark	Oued Massa (Upper Track): 2 (22/3) & 4 (28/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 10 (26/3) & 24 (27/3); 42 km S. Goulimime: 20 (26/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 1 (27/3)
Lesser Short-toed Lark	Oued Massa (Upper Track): 3 (22/3 & 28/3); Sous Valley: 1 (24/3)
Crested Lark*	Sous Valley: 2 (24/3)
Thekla Lark *	Oued Massa: 2 (22/3); Sous Valley: 2 (24/3)
Thekla/Crested Lark	Common
Temminck's Lark	35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3) & 14 (27/3); 42 km S. Goulimime: 30 (26/3)
Brown-thr. Sand Martin	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3); Sous Valley (bridge over Sous, SW Tardouannt): 2 (24/3)
Sand Martin	Fairly common
Barn Swallow	Common
Red-rumped Swallow*	Sous Valley: 1 (24/3); Tamri: 1 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 6 (26/3) & 2 (27/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 3 (26/3) & 1 (27/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (27/3); Oued Massa: 50 (28/3) – influx!; Agadir Airport: 1 (29/3) – last bird seen in Morocco.
House Martin	Common
Tawny pipit	Oued Massa: 2 (23/3); Sous Valley: 1 (24/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3) & 6 (27/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3);
Tree pipit	Oued Massa: 3 (23/3); Oued Sous: 1 (24/3); Tamri: 1 (25/3); S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3) & 7 (27/3)
Meadow pipit	Oued Sous: 1 (24/3); Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3)
Yellow Wagtail* (ssp.iberiae)	Oued Massa: 2 (23/3)
(ssp. <i>flava</i>)	Oued Massa: 20 (23/3); Agadir-Cap Rhir: 20 (25/3)
(ssp. <i>flavissima</i>)	Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3)
White Wagtail*	Oued Massa: 3 (23/3); S. Goulimime: 2 (27/3)
(ssp. <i>subpersonata</i>)	Oued Sous: 2 (28/3)
Common Bulbul	Fairly common, Agadir: 15 (22/3)
Rufous Bush Robin	Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Nightingale	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3 & 28/3); Sous Valley: 1 (24/3); Tamri: 1 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3)
Bluethroat	Oued Sayad: 2 (26/3), 24.5 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 2
(ssp. <i>cyanecula</i>)	Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Common Redstart*	Tamri: 1 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 1 (26-27/3); Sous Valley: 2 (24/3); Anti Atlas: 1 (27/3)
Moussier's Redstart*	Oued Massa: 7 (23/3) & 1 (28/3); Tamri: 2 (25/3); Agadir – Cap Rhir: 1 (25/3)
Whinchat	35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Stonechat	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3 & 28/3);
Northern Wheatear*	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3); Sous Valley: 2 (24/3); Agadir Harbour: 1 (25/3); 24.5 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 5 (26/3)
Black-eared Wheatear	Oued Massa: 3 (23/3); Sous Valley: 1 (24/3); Cap Rhir - Tamri: 2 (25/3); Agadir – Cap Rhir: 1 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3) & 2 (27/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26-27/3); 42 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3)
Desert Wheatear	Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3) & 3 (27/3); 40 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Red-rumped Wheatear	40 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3) & 3 (27/3); 42 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3); 35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
White-crowned Bl. Wheat.	Tagannt (Goulimime-Tiznitz): 1 2y (27/3)

Black Wheatear	Anti Atlas: 1 (27/3)
Blue Rock Thrush	Tamri: 2 (25/3)
Blackbird	Common
Song Thrush	Sous Valley (the bridge over Sous): 1 (24/3); Oued Sayad: 1 (27/3)
Cetti's Warbler	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3)
Fan-tailed Warbler	Locally common
Scrub Warbler	40 km SW. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Moustached Warbler	Tamri: 1 (25/3)
Sedge Warbler	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3); Oued Sayad: 20 (26/3) & 7 (27/3)
Reed Warbler	Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3)
Olivaceous Warbler	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3); Oued Sayad: 5 (26-27/3); 24,5 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3);
Melodious Warbler	Oued Sayad: 2 (26/3)
Tristram's Warbler	35 km S. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)
Spectacled Warbler*	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3); Sous Valley: 2 (24/3); Cap Rhir – Tamri: 1 (25/3); 40 km SW. Goulimime: 2 (26/3)
Subalpine Warbler*	Oued Massa: 15 (23/3); Sous Valley (the bridge over Sous): 6 (24/3) Tamri: 1 (25/3); S. Goulimime: 400! (26/3) & 35 (27/3); Anti Atlas: 1 (27/3)
Sardinian Warbler	Very common, not as common as Subalpine Warbler though.
Orphean Warbler	Oued Sayad (S. Goulimime): 1 (26/3); 1 km SW Goulimime: 2 (26/3); 24,5 km S. Goulimime: 3 (26/3); 40 km SW. Goulimime: 2 (26/3)
Whitethroat	Sous Valley (the bridge over Sous): 2 (24/3); S. Goulimime: 2 (26/3) & 1 (27/3)
Blackcap	Uncommon
Bonelli's Warbler	Sous Valley (the bridge over Sous): 3 (24/3); 5 km N. Goulimime: 1 (26/3); Oued Sayad: 7 (26/3); 40 km SW. Goulimime: 1 (27/3); Anti Atlas: 1 (27/3), Oued Sous: 1 (27/3)
Chiffchaff*	Oued Massa: 10 (23/3); Sous Valley (the bridge over Sous): 2 (24/3); S. Goulimime: 15 (26/3)
Willow Warbler*	Oued Massa: 3 (23/3); Sous Valley (the bridge over Sous): 1 (24/3) Tamri: 1 (25/3); S. Goulimime: 100 (26/3) & 40 (27/3)
Pied Flycatcher	Tamri: 1 (25/3); Oued Sayad: 1 (26/3)
Fulvous Babbler	5 km N. Goulimime: 2 (26/3); Oued Sayad: 4 (26/3) & 10 (27/3)
Blue Tit (<i>ssp. ultramarinus</i>)	Oued Sous: 1 (27-28/3)
Great Tit	Uncommon
Black-crowned Tchagra	Oued Massa: 6 (23/3) & 1 (28/3)
Grey Shrike (<i>ssp. algeriensis</i>)	Oued Massa: 1 (23/3); Sous Valley: 2 (24/3);
(<i>ssp. meridionalis</i>)(?)	S. Goulimime: 10 (26/3) 40 km SW. Goulimime: 4 (27/3)
Woodchat Shrike	Oued Massa: 6 (23/3); Sous Valley (the bridge over Sous): 5 (24/3); S. Goulimime: 80 (26/3) & 2 (27/3)
Magpie (<i>ssp. mauritanica</i>)	Fairly common (especially around Agadir)
Raven	Cap Rhir – Tamri: 3 (25/3)
Spotless Starling	Fairly common, especially in the Agadir area. Agadir: 15 (22/3)
House Sparrow	Common
Chaffinch* (<i>ssp. africana</i>)	Oued Massa: 3 (23/3); Sous Valley: 2 (24/3)
Serin	Common
Greenfinch	Common
Goldfinch	Locally common
Common Linnet	Locally common
Trumpeter Finch	35 km S. Goulimime: 2 (26-27/3); 40 km SW. Goulimime: 5 (26/3)
Cirl Bunting	Sous Valley (10 km E. Tardouanant): 1 (24/3); Tamri: 2 (25/3)

Rock Bunting

Anti Atlas: 3 (27/3)

House Bunting*Oued Massa: 2 (23/3); Sous Valley: 2 (24/3); Tamri: 2 (25/3); Cap Rhir:
2 (25/3); Goulimime: 5 (26-27/3); Tagannt: 2 (27/3)**Ortolan Bunting**

40 km SW. Goulimime: 1 (26/3)

Corn Bunting*

Oued Massa: 2 (23/3)

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