

TRIP REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

This report covers a two week birding trip to Morocco, privately arranged by myself, Roger Börjesson and Jüri-Karl Seim, all from Sweden.

The report consists of two parts; some short notes on the sites visited, including an few recommendations, and a trip list of all the birds recorded - all in all 170 species.

Itinerary

19/2 Sweden - Agadir (Tamri)

20/2 Agadir - Oued Massa - Guelmim

21/2 Guelmim (- Tan-Tan)

22/2 Guelmim - Tata

23/2 Tata - Tazenakht

24/2 Tazenakht - Boumaine-du-Dades (Tagdilt)

25/2 Boumaine-du-Dades (Tagdilt)

26/2 Boumaine-du-Dades - Tagdilt - Erg Chebbi

27/2 Erg Chebbi - Erfoud

28/2 Erfoud - Midelt

29/3 Midelt - Forêt de Cèdres - Merdja Zerga - Témara-Plage

1/3 Témara-Plage - Zaër - Oukaïmeden

2/3 Oukaïmeden - Agadir

3/3 Agadir (Oued Massa/Oued Souss)

4/3 Agadir - Sweden

SITES VISITED

Tamri

Located just 57 km north of Agadir, this is the most reliable site for the critically endangered Waldrapp, and is thus on the standard itinerary of most birders visiting Morocco.

Late in the afternoon the birds fly into the seaside cliffs north of Tamri. It is not allowed to go down to the cliffs, since this could disturb the birds. The best strategy to see them is to drive north, about 7 km past Oued Tamri, park the car by the road and watch the birds as they fly in. We saw well over 100 birds this way.

The scrub along the road is also worth exploring and is good for species like Moussier's Redstart, Crested Lark, Southern Grey Shrike (ssp. *algerensis*) and Spanish Sparrow.

Oued Souss

This river mouth on the southern outskirts of Agadir is a reliable site for Red-necked Nightjar. The birds are easily heard and seen just by the walls of the Royal Palace. The guards on the site were friendly but a bit nervous and did not let us use our scopes. On our first visit at the site we were not allowed to enter at all since the king was visiting at the moment.

The mud flats by the river mouth are good for flamingoes and wintering shore birds.

Oued Massa

Located 40 km south of Agadir, this makes a convenient daytrip or a good stop on the way to Guelmim. This is indeed a very good site to bird, but should also be appreciated by non-birders due to the beautiful seaside landscape.

The highlight of our visit was an adult Grey-headed Gull on the shore of the lake created by blocking sandbars at the river mouth. Other good species included Marbled Teal, Booted Eagle, Audouin's Gull, Plain Martin, Moussier's Redstart, Black-crowned Tchagra and Spotless Starling.

The deserts south of Guelmim

The road between Guelmim and Tan-Tan is excellent for a number of desert loving species. The landscape is dominated by stone and sand desert and low mountains, broken up by mostly dried out wadies with scrub vegetation.

In the wadies south of Guelmim; e.g. Oued Sayed (at +5.5 km) and Oued Bou Issafène (at + 37 km) we found good species such as Rock Pigeon, Streaked Scrub-Warbler (one at Oued Bou Issafène, singing early in the morning), Spectacled Warbler, Tristram's Warbler and Red-rumped Wheatear (common).

In the desert, species recorded included Greater and Lesser Short-toed Lark and Temminck's Lark. We searched for Thick-billed Lark which can occur here in good numbers but didn't find any.

We had quite a bit of rain and the preceding weeks had been wetter than what is usual. Due to this there was no shortage of water or green vegetation and the birds might therefore have been more dispersed and more difficult to find.

The Jbel Bani

As the region south of Guelmim, this part of Morocco offers good roadside birding in desert landscapes. The Jbel Bani consists mainly of harsh stone deserts and desolate mountain ranges. Most birders visiting Morocco do not visit this region, which is a pity since it has great potential and fantastic scenery.

From Guelmim we travelled east to Tazenakht via Fask, Tarhjijt, Icht, Akka, Tata, Tissinnt and Fom-Zguid. There are few hotels or other tourist facilities along the route, except in Tata where the Hotel Relais de Sables proved to be an excellent choice.

Stops along the road between Fask and Tata produced species such as Bonelli's Eagle, Eurasian Thick-knee, Bar-tailed Lark, Desert Lark (common), White-tailed Wheatear and Trumpeter Finch. The Acacia woodland on the outskirts of Tata, along the Oued Tata, is supposed to hold Liechtenstein's Sandgrouse. The species is most active at dusk and we spent an evening in the area but didn't have any luck.

The following morning we tracked our way back to the spectacular black mountain walls that line the road before entering Tata in search for Pharaoh Eagle-Owl and Roger soon found one warming in the sun, letting us enjoy great close-up views (26 km west of Tata). A guess is that the area also could be good for "Pale Crag-Martin" or Rock Martin and it could be worth spending a few days here.

Leaving Tata the Acacia woodlands continue for a few km and we continued searching for the sandgrouse. We didn't find any but did find a party of Fulvous Chatterers and a Streaked Scrub-Warbler (both at km 23 to Ouarzazate).

Tazenakht is surrounded by rocky semi-desert and on a cliff wall on the eastern outskirts of the town we had Short-toed Eagle and two Babary Falcons.

Tagdilt Track

This is the windswept dry steppe south of Boumaine-du-Dades crisscrossed by dirt tracks leading towards Tagdilt. The landscape can hardly be described as inspiring but a number of really good birds can be found here. The mornings are cold and it's often windy so it's easy to overlook the sun, but be sure to use a good sunscreen to avoid getting burned (unlike me...).

The weird Greater Hoopoe-Lark and the exquisite Temminck's Lark (the most beautiful bird of the trip, if you ask me) are both common, as are Red-rumped and Desert Wheatear.

Other records included Long-legged Buzzard, Black-bellied Sandgrouse (all over the place on the last morning), Bar-tailed Lark and an out-of-place Red Phalarope in a small water hole.

This is also the classic spot for Thick-billed Lark, but despite many hours of extensive search we failed to record the species.

Barrage El-Mansour-Eddahbi

The Mansour-Eddahbi dam is a large reservoir close to Ouarzazate. We made a short stop here, and had our only "Moroccan White Wagtail". Other species included Desert Wheatear and large numbers of White Stork.

The Tafilalt

The Tafilalt is the desert area around Erfoud and most birders visit the sand dune area Erg Chebbi southeast of the city of Erfoud.

This area holds two desert species that are very hard to find in other parts of Morocco, namely Brown-necked Raven and Desert Sparrow. We saw both species close to the Auberge Yasmina (a good place to stay the night), as well as Desert Lark and several Tristram's Warbler.

In the dry wadies between Erfoud and Auberge Kasbah Derkaoua (six km south of Erfoud) we found a display singing African Desert and at least two Mourning Wheatears.

South of Kasbah Derkaoua there's no road, just desert criss-crossed with faint car tracks and it's very easy to get lost. You don't really need a 4WD car, but it's a good idea to hire a guide to show you the way.

Zeïda

The grass steppe between Midelt and Zeïda is a classic site for the enigmatic Dupont's Lark. The bird is very difficult to find during daytime; we tried the first afternoon but found only Lesser Short-toed Larks. The way to find it is to park your car on one of the tracks branching off the main road (N13), before sunrise, and listen for its characteristic song echoing over the plains.

Forêt de Cèdres

Forêt de Cèdres is a forest reserve in the High Atlas. Its star bird is the Levillant's Woodpecker, but the cedar forest is home to a number of good species like Coal Tit (ssp. atlas), African Blue Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper (ssp. mauritanica), Chaffinch (ssp. africana) and Cirl Bunting.

The birds are easily encountered and we only made a short stop here, on the way between Midelt and Merdja Zerga. However, the forest was beautiful and if time allows it, a full day could easily be spent here. Driving down towards the coast, look out for Black-winged Kites (we saw our first at Âin-el-Kerma).

Merdja Zerga

This is a classic site, most famous as the last known wintering ground for the Slender-billed Curlew (last seen in 1998). We only spent a few hours here to see the Marsh-Owl.

This is mainly a species of tropical Africa with a small population in Morocco (ssp. tinitanus). The owls roost at the Moulay-Bousselham campsite and the best strategy to see them is to stand outside the campsite when they fly out to hunt in the evening.

Other species encountered during our short visit included Slender-billed Gull, Caspian and Whiskered Tern and Little Owl.

The Zaër

The Zaër is a forested highland area south of the capital of Rabat, famous as a stronghold for another species with its main distribution south of the Sahara - the Double-spurred Francolin (ssp. ayesha). As for the Marsh Owl it's a must for birders who keep a Western Palearctic list.

The best strategy to see the bird is to stay the night close to the site so you can be there at dawn, e.g. at Témara-Plage. We stayed at the simple but friendly Hotel Studio Témara-Plage (alistudiohotel@hotmail.com). The birds are encountered in the forest and scrub between the villages of Sidi-Yahya-des-Zaër and Sidi-Bettache. This is also a good site for Barbary Partridge and African Blue Tit.

Oukaïmeden

Oukaïmeden is a ski resort in the High Atlas, south of Marrakesh. You go here to see high altitude species - the star bird being the Crimson-winged Finch.

We stayed at the Club Alpin Français (basic, but clean, and very good value for money) and right outside the hotel we had large numbers of Horned Larks (ssp. atlas) and Rock Petronias. In the village we also had Red-billed and Yellow-billed Choughs. The Crimson-winged Finch was easily encountered close by the ski-lifts and up by the radio mast we had Alpine Accentor.

LITERATURE

The new "A Birdwatchers' Guide to Morocco" (Prion, 2003) was published just before our departure. All the sites visited are fully described in the guide, which also has good maps. For most sites we followed the hotel recommendations and were satisfied with most of their recommendations.

As a complement we also used Dave Gosney's classics "Finding Birds in Northern Morocco" and "Finding Birds in Southern Morocco" (BirdGuides, 1998). Although slightly out of date, they are still good to have, especially since some of Gosney's maps are more detailed than those in the Prion guide.

To find our way along the roads we used The Rough Guide Map "Morocco" (1:1,000,000). We were very satisfied with this map.

BUDGET

Morocco is a cheap country to bird. Our total budget for three persons was SEK 32,400 (1 SEK = appr. 9.2 EUR), i.e. 10,800 per person. This included:

- flights (Sweden - Agadir - Sweden) SEK 15,000
- two week's car rental (Holiday Autos) SEK 8,200
- accommodation, food, petrol etc. SEK 9,200

Anyone interested in going to Morocco who has any queries about the contents of this report, or other questions, is welcome to write me at markus.lagerqvist@usa.net and I'll do my best to assist you!

TRIP LIST

Species and families follow Clement's "Birds of the World: A Checklist".
Heard-only species indicated by *.

Records outside main destinations only noted when of special interest.

Grebes

Little Grebe
Oued Massa

Great Crested Grebe
Barrage El-Mansour Eddahbi

Podicipedidae

Tachybaptus r. ruficollis

Podiceps c. cristatus

Gannets and Boobies

Northern Gannet
Oued Massa

Sulidae

Morus bassanus

Cormorants

Great Cormorant
Oued Massa, Barrage El-Mansour-
Eddahbi, Merdja Zerga
Oued Massa

Phalacrocoracidae

Phalacrocorax carbo
ssp. carbo

ssp. maroccanus

Hérons

Gray Heron
Oued Massa, Merdja Zerga

Little Egret
A common species in the right habitat,
most numerous at Merdja Zerga

Squacco Heron
Oued Massa

Cattle Egret
A common species in the right habitat

Black-crowned Night-Heron
Oued Massa

Ardeidae

Ardea c. cinerea

Egretta g. garzetta

Ardeola ralloides

Bubulcus i. ibis

Nycticorax n. nycticorax

Storks

White Stork
Barrage El-Mansour-Eddahbi

Ciconiidae

Ciconia c. ciconia

Ibis and Spoonbills

Waldrapp
Tamri

Glossy Ibis
Oued Massa

Threskiornithidae

Geronticus eremite

Plegadis falcinellus

Eurasian Spoonbill
Oued Massa

Platalea l. leucorodia

Flamingos

Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo
Oued Souss

Phoenicopus roseus

Ducks, Geese and Swans

Anatidae

Ruddy Shelduck
Timahdite-Azrou, Oued Massa

Tadorna ferruginea

Gadwall
Oued Massa

Anas s. strepera

Eurasian Teal
Oued Massa

Anas c. crecca

Mallard
Oued Massa, Merdja Zerga, Zaër

Anas p. platyrhynchos

Northern Pintail
Oued Massa

Anas acuta

Northern Shoveler
Oued Massa

Anas clypeata

Marbled Teal
Oued Massa

Marmaronetta angustirostris

Red-crested Pochard
Zaër

Netta rufina

Common Pochard
Oued Massa

Aythya ferina

Tufted Duck
Oued Massa

Aythya fuligula

Osprey

Pandionidae

Osprey
Merdja Zerga

Pandion h. haliaetus

Hawks, Eagles and Kites

Accipitridae

Black-shouldered Kite
Âin-el-Kerma

Elanus c. caeruleus

Short-toed Eagle
Tata - Tazenakht - Boumaine-du-Dades

Circaetus gallicus

Western Marsh-Harrier
Merdja Zerga

Circus aeruginosus

Northern Harrier
Merdja Zerga

Circus c. cyaneus

Eurasian Sparrowhawk Merdja Zerga	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
Northern Goshawk Zaër	<i>Accipiter g. gentilis</i>
Eurasian Buzzard Forêt de Cèdres	<i>Buteo b. buteo</i>
Long-legged Buzzard Tagdilt	<i>Buteo rufinus cirtensis</i>
Golden Eagle Tazenakht-Ouarzazate	<i>Aquila chrysaetos homeyeri</i>
Bonelli's Eagle Tata - Souk-Tleta-de-Tagmoute	<i>Aquila f. fasciatus</i>
Booted Eagle Oued Massa	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>

Falcons and Caracaras

Falconidae

Eurasian Kestrel A common species seen at most locations	<i>Falco t. tinnunculus</i>
Barbary Falcon Tazenakht	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>
Peregrine Falcon Tamri	<i>Falco peregrinus minor</i>

Pheasants and Partridges

Phasianidae

Barbary Partridge Zaër, Oued Massa	<i>Alectoris barbara koenigi</i>
Double-spurred Francolin Zaër	<i>Francolinus bicalcaratus ayesha</i>
Common Quail Oued Massa	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>

Cranes

Gruidae

Common Crane Oued Massa	<i>Grus grus</i>
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Rails, Gallinules and Coots

Rallidae

Water Rail* Oued Massa	<i>Rallus a. aquaticus</i>
Common Moorhen Oued Massa, Zaër	<i>Gallinula c. chloropus</i>
Eurasian Coot Oued Massa, Zaër	<i>Fulica a. atra</i>

Oystercatcher

Eurasian Oystercatcher
Merdja Zerga, Oued Souss

Avocets and Stilts

Black-winged Stilt
Oued Massa, Oued Souss

Pied Avocet
Merdja Zerga, Oued Souss

Thick-knees

Eurasian Thick-knee
Guelmim - Tata - Tazenakht,
Oued Massa

Plovers and Lapwings

Black-bellied Plover
Merdja Zerga, Oued Souss

Common Ringed Plover
Barrage El-Mansour-Eddahbi, Oued Souss

Little Ringed Plover
Oued Souss

Snowy Plover
Oued Massa, Oued Souss

Sandpipers

Bar-tailed Godwit
Merdja Zerga, Oued Massa

Eurasian Curlew
Merdja Zerga

Common Redshank
Merdja Zerga, Oued Massa

Marsh Sandpiper
Oued Massa

Common Greenshank
Oued Souss

Green Sandpiper
Oued Massa, Guelmim - Tan-Tan - Tata

Common Sandpiper
Oued Massa, Tata - Tazenakht

Red Knot
Oued Souss

Haematopodidae

Haematopus o. ostralegus

Recurvirostridae

Himantopus himantopus

Recurvirostra avosetta

Burhinidae

Burhinus oedicnemus saharae

Charadriidae

Pluvialis squatarola

Charadrius h. hiaticula

Charadrius dubius curonicus

Charadrius a. alexandrinus

Scolopacidae

Limosa l. lapponica

Numenius a. arquata

Tringa t. totanus

Tringa stagnatilis

Tringa n. nebularia

Tringa ochropus

Actitis hypoleucos

Calidris c. canutus

Sanderling
Oued Massa, Oued Souss

Calidris alba

Little Stint
Oued Souss

Calidris minuta

Temminck's Stint
Oued Souss

Calidris temminckii

Red Phalarope
Tagdilt

Phalaropus fulicarius

Gulls

Laridae

Audouin's Gull
Oued Massa

Larus audouinii

Lesser Black-backed Gull
Oued Massa, Merdja Zerga,

Larus fuscus

Yellow-legged Gull
Oued Massa

Larus m. michahellis

Grey-headed Gull
Oued Massa

Larus cirrocephalus poiocephalus

Black-headed Gull
Barrage El-Mansour-Eddahbi
Merdja Zerga, Oued Souss

Larus ridibundus

Slender-billed Gull
Merdja Zerga

Larus genei

Terns

Sternidae

Caspian Tern
Merdja Zerga

Sterna caspia

Sandwich Tern
Oued Massa, Oued Souss

Sterna s. sandvicensis

Whiskered Tern
Merdja Zerga

Chlidonias h. hybridus

Sandgrouse

Pteroclididae

Black-bellied Sandgrouse
Tazenakht - Tikirt, Tagdilt

Pterocles orientalis

Pigeons and Doves

Columbidae

Rock Pigeon
Guelmim - Tan-Tan

Columba l. livia

Common Wood-Pigeon
Oued Massa, Forêt de Cèdres, Zaër

Columba palumbus

Eurasian Collared-Dove
A common species seen at most locations

Streptopelia d. decaocto

Laughing Dove
Seen at many locations in the southern parts of the country

Streptopelia senegalensis phoenicophila

Cuckoos

Cuculidae

Great Spotted Cuckoo
Zaër

Clamator glandrius

Typical Owls

Strigidae

Pharao Eagle-Owl
26 km west of Tata

Bubo a. ascalaphus

Little Owl
Merdja Zerga, Oued Massa

Athene noctua glaux

Marsh Owl
Merdja Zerga

Asio capensis tingitanus

Nightjars

Caprimulgidae

Red-necked Nightjar
Oued Souss

Caprimulgus r. ruficollis

Swifts

Apodidae

Alpine Swift
Agadir - Massa

Tachymarptis m. melba

Pallid Swift
Tagdilt, Agadir, Oued Massa

Apus pallidus brehmorum

Little Swift
Agadir, Agadir - Massa,
Sidi-Kacem - Merdja Zerga

Apus affinis galilejensis

Hoopoes

Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe
In small numbers at many sites

Upupa e. epops

Woodpeckers

Picidae

Eurasian Wryneck
Merdja Zerga

Jynx t. torquilla

Great Spotted Woodpecker
Forêt de Cèdres

Dendrocopus major mauritanus

Levaillant's Woodpecker
Forêt de Cèdres

Picus vaillantii

Larks

- Bar-tailed Lark
Guelmim - Fask, Tagdilt
- Desert Lark
Guelmim - Tazenakht, Tafilalt
- Greater Hoopoe-Lark
Tagdilt, Tafilalt
- Greater Short-toed Lark
Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Tagdilt
- Lesser Short-toed Lark
Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Midelt, Oued Massa
- Dupont's Lark
Midelt - Zeïda
- Crested Lark
Common around Tamri, Oued Massa
- Thekla Lark
Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Tagdilt, Tafilalt
Zeïda
- Wood Lark
Forêt de Cèdres
- Horned Lark
Zeïda, Oukaïmeden
- Temminck's Lark
Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Tagdilt

Swallows

- Bank Swallow
Barrage El-Mansour-Eddahbi
- Plain Martin
Oued Massa
- Barn Swallow
A very common species
- Red-rumped Swallow
Tata - Tazenakht
- House Martin
Tata - Tazenakht

Wagtails and Pipits

- White Wagtail
A common species
Barrage El-Mansour-Eddahbi

Alaudidae

- Ammomanes cincturus arenicolor*
- Ammomanes deserti payni*
- Alaemon a. alaudipes*
- Calandrella brachydactyla rubiginosa*
- Calandrella rufescens minor*
- Chersophilus d. duponti*
- Galerida cristata riggenbachi*
- Galerida theklae*
ssp. aguirrei
ssp. ruficolor
- Lullula a. arborea*
- Eremophila alpestris atlas*
- Eremophila bilopha*

Hirundinidae

- Riparia r. riparia*
- Riparia paludicola mauretanica*
- Hirundo r. rustica*
- Cecropis daurica rufula*
- Delichon urbica*

Motacillidae

- Motacilla alba*
ssp. alba
ssp. subpersonata

Yellow Wagtail
Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Tagdilt

Motacilla flava iberia

Grey Wagtail
Oukaïmeden

Motacilla c. cinerea

Meadow Pipit
Tamri, Oued Massa, Guelmim - Tan-Tan,
Merdja Zerga

Anthus p. pratensis

Bulbuls

Pycnonotidae

Common Bulbul
Recorded at many locations

Pycnonotus b. barbatus

Accentors

Prunellidae

Alpine Accentor
Oukaïmeden

Prunella c. collaris

Thrushes

Turdidae

Blue Rock-Thrush
Tata, Tata - Tazenakht

Monticola s. solitarius

Eurasian Blackbird
A common species seen at most locations

Turdus merula mauritanicus

Mistle Thrush
Forêt de Cèdres, Oukaïmeden,
Oued Massa

Turdus viscivorus

Cisticolas and Allies

Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola
Oued Massa

Cisticola juncidis cisticola

Streaked Scrub-Warbler
Oued Bou Issafène,
Tata - Tazenakht (km 23 to Ouarzazate)

Scotocerca inquieta theresae

Old World Warbler

Sylviidae

Cetti's Warbler
Oued Massa, Guelmim - Tan-Tan

Cettia c. cetti

Sedge Warbler
Oued Massa, Guelmim - Tan-Tan

Acrocephalus schoenobaenus

Willow Warbler
Zaër

Phylloscopus trochilus

Common Chiffchaff
A common species

Phylloscopus collybita

Blackcap Guelmim - Fask	<i>Sylvia a. atricapilla</i>
African Desert Warbler Tafilalt	<i>Sylvia deserti</i>
Western Orphean Warbler Tata	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>
Subalpine Warbler Tata, Tazenakht - Boumaine, Oued Massa	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>
Sardinian Warbler Oued Massa	<i>Sylvia m. melanocephala</i>
Spectacled Warbler Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Tata - Tazenakht	<i>Sylvia c. conspicillata</i>
Tristram's Warbler Erg Chebbi, Guelmim - Tata	<i>Sylvia d. deserticola</i>

Old World Flycatchers

European Robin Forêt de Cèdres	<i>Erithacus r. rubecula</i>
Black Redstart Forêt de Cèdres, Oued Massa	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros gibraltarensis</i>
Moussier's Redstart Tamri, Agadir - Guelmim, Oued Massa	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>
European Stonechat Recorded at many locations	<i>Saxicola r. rubicola</i>
White-tailed Wheatear Common in the desert areas	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga aegra</i>
Black Wheatear Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Tazenakht - Boumaine	<i>Oenanthe leucura syenitica</i>
Northern Wheatear Tata, Tagdilt	<i>Oenanthe o. oenanthe</i>
Mourning Wheatear Tafilalt	<i>Oenanthe lugens halophila</i>
Red-rumped Wheatear Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Tagdilt	<i>Oenanthe m. moesta</i>
Desert Wheatear Guelmim - Tan-Tan, Tagdilt, Barrage El Mansour-Eddahbi	<i>Oenanthe deserti homochroa</i>

Muscicapidae

Babblers

Fulvous Chatterer
Tata - Tazenakht (km 23 to Ouarzazate)

Chickadees and Tits

Coal Tit
Forêt de Cèdres

Great Tit
Oued Massa, Forêt de Cèdres

African Blue Tit
Forêt de Cèdres, Zaër, Oukaïmeden

Nuthatches

Eurasian Nuthatch
Forêt de Cèdres

Creepers

Short-toed Treecreeper
Forêt de Cèdres

Shrikes

Southern Grey Shrike
Tamri
Erfoud - Erg Chebbi

Woodchat Shrike
Tata, Tata - Tazenakht

Bushshrikes and Allies

Black-crowned Tchagra
Oued Massa, Guelmin - Tan-Tan

Crows and Allies

Eurasian Magpie
Agadir, Agadir - Guelmim, Oued Souss

Red-billed Chough
Oukaïmeden

Yellow-billed Chough
Oukaïmeden

Brown-necked Raven
Erg Chebbi

Common Raven
Timahdite - Azrou

Timaliidae

Turdoides fulvus maroccanus

Paridae

Periparus ater atlas

Parus major excelsus

Cyanistes teneriffae ultramarinus

Sittidae

Sitta europaea hispaniensis

Certhiidae

Certhia brachydactyla mauritanica

Laniidae

Lanius meridionalis
ssp. algerensis
ssp. elegans

Lanius s. senator

Malaconotidae

Tchagra senegala cucullata

Corvidae

Pica pica mauretania

Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax barbarus

Pyrrhocorax g. graculus

Corvus ruficollis

Corvus corax tingitanus

Starlings and Allies

European Starling
Forêt de Cèdres

Spotless Starling
Massa

Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow
A very common species

Spanish Sparrow
Common in the lowlands

Desert Sparrow
Erg Chebbi

Rock Petronia
Oukaïmeden

Siskins, Crossbills and Allies

Chaffinch
Forêt de Cèdres
Forêt de Cèdres

European Greenfinch
Oued Massa, Forêt de Cèdres

European Goldfinch
Oued Massa

Eurasian Linnet
Oued Massa

European Serin
Oued Massa

Crimson-winged Finch
Oukaïmeden

Trumpeter Finch
Guelmin - Tan-Tan, Erg Chebbi,
Tata - Tazenakht - Boumaine

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies

Cirl Bunting
Forêt de Cèdres

House Bunting
Guelmim, Tata - Tazenakht, Marrakesh

Corn Bunting
Guelmim - Tan-Tan - Tazenakht,
Oued Massa

Sturnidae

Sturnus v. vulgaris

Sturnus unicolor

Passeridae

Passer domesticus

Passer h. hispaniolensis

Passer simplex saharae

Petronia petronia barbara

Fringillidae

Fringilla coelebs
ssp. africana
ssp. coelebs

Carduelis chloris aurantiiventris

Carduelis carduelis

Carduelis cannabina

Serinus serinus

Rhodopechys sanguinea aliena

Bucanetes githaginea

Emberizidae

Emberiza cirlus

Emberiza striolata sahari

Emberiza calandra