

## VII SEO/Birdlife's Birding Marathon - April 2007

We, José Ardaiz, Diego Villanua and Xabier Remírez, finally decided to participate in SEO/Birdlife's VII Birding Marathon despite the fact that it took place on May's bank holiday. Ricardo Rodríguez and Lander Goñi kindly collaborated with us during the intense preparation and prospecting of the route the weeks before the marathon. The chosen date was Saturday April 28, 2007.

We started in Artajona and Medigorriá at midnight, where we spotted the first nocturnal species. From there, we went up to Larra. We briefly stopped at Arbayún. After a few hours of sleep, we were ready to start adding our own species of the area. Up there, the day started clear and cool. As time passed, it started getting cloudy. We went down through Belagua on our way to Sangüesa where we knew there were several complicated species. From there, Zolina was another must-see spot on our way to Ultzama. It was time for lunch and the weather started to get worse. We saw a couple of great species again at Artajona and Mendigorriá, and on our way to Pitillas it was pouring. There was only Caparroso left, and some lagoons around Ribera and Ablitas. We also looked the two species of nightjars after it got dark. Fortunately, it stopped raining a couple of hours before the sun set.

This was the first year we participated in a route only in Navarra, since the previous two marathons also took place at the coast of Guipuzcoa. However, we saw more species this time, with a total of 155, as opposed to the 154 and 143 on previous marathons.

As always, we failed to see some easy species (European Turtle Dove, Northern Shoveler, Short-toed Eagle, several waders...), but we also had some pleasant surprises, such as the spotting of two nice Collared Pratincoles (*Glareola pratincola*) at Pradobajo (Ablitas).

All in all, it was an intense birding session in great company, with a high diversity of habitats and species in Navarra.

### List of species

Nr.	English name	Scientific name
1	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>
2	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
3	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
5	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
6	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
8	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>
9	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>

10	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
11	Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
12	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
13	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
14	Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>
15	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
16	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
17	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
18	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>
19	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
20	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
21	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
22	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
23	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>
24	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>
25	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>
26	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
27	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
28	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>
29	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
30	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
31	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
32	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
33	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
34	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>
35	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
36	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
37	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>
38	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
39	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
40	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>
41	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>
42	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
43	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>
44	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
45	Great Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
46	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
47	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
48	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
49	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
50	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
51	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
52	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
53	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
54	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
55	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>
56	Black Tern	<i>Chlydonias niger</i>
57	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>
58	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>
59	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>

60	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>
61	Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
62	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
63	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
64	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
65	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
66	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>
67	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>
68	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>
69	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>
70	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>
71	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>
72	Red-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>
73	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
74	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
75	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
76	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
77	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>
78	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
79	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>
80	Dupont's Lark	<i>Chersophilus duponti</i>
81	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>
82	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>
83	Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>
84	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>
85	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>
86	Sky Lark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>
87	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
88	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>
89	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
90	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
91	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>
92	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>
93	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>
94	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
95	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
96	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
97	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>
98	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
99	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>
100	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
101	Rufous Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>
102	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
103	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
104	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
105	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>
106	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
107	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>
108	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
109	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>

110	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>
111	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
112	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>
113	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
114	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>
115	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>
116	Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>
117	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>
118	Blackap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>
119	Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>
120	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>
121	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
122	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>
123	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>
124	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
125	Marsh Tit	<i>Parus palustris</i>
126	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>
127	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>
128	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>
129	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
130	European Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>
131	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>
132	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
133	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>
134	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
135	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
136	Yellow-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>
137	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>
138	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
139	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
140	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
141	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
142	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>
143	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
144	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>
145	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>
146	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
147	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>
148	Citril Finch	<i>Serinus citrinella</i>
149	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>
150	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
151	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>
152	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
153	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
154	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>
155	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>