Morocco

6th - 13th April 2006



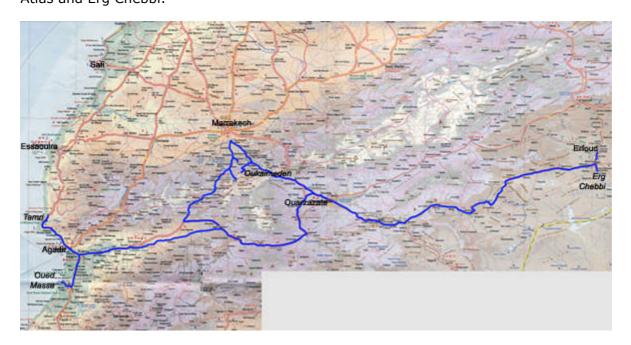
Male Desert Sparrow Auberge Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 11th April.

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General

We booked our tickets through Ving agency. We paid 1270 €, including hotel (Tivoli, Agadir) and breakfast. During our round trip we stayed at hotels in Oukaimeden, Ouarzazate and Erg Chebbi. These accommodations were not booked in advance, however we had no problems finding hotels with available rooms.

Car hire was booked directly through Budget's website at a cost of 428 € for 6 days rental. The car was a Renault 19 with AC. We also had to pay an additional driver fee, 27 €. Both of us had visited Morocco before, so we planned for a relaxing week of birdwatching and digiscoping. One week should be enough to find some of the target birds that we had not seen on previous trips. We opted for the Agadir area, Sous Valley, Oukaimeden in the Western High Atlas and Erg Chebbi.



Itinerary

We took off from Copenhagen airport 9.30 6th April and landed in Agadir 12.00 (14.00 local time). Bus transport to Hotel Tivoli and check-in.

Unfortunately we chose the big scaled International Travel Maps Morocco 1:900000. This is not recommended due to many inaccuracies. Instead Michelin maps are to prefer.

Thursday 6th April

Bus transport airport – hotel Tivoli, Agadir 12:50-13:30

Crested Lark 1 5 Common Magpie Common Swift 10 Barn Swallow 4 Common Blackbird 2 males Feral Pigeon 20 House Sparrow 10 Common/Spotless Starling 10 Common Kestrel 1

Agadir 14:30-16:00

5 Common Swift 40 Pallid Swift 25 Little Swift Common Bulbul 25 Sardinian Warbler 2 males Grey Wagtail Yellow-legged Gull 50 Collared Dove 25 Common Blackbird 10 15 House Sparrow Spanish Sparrow 4 males Melodious Warbler European Serin 2 singing

Agadir harbour 17:00-19:00

After some discussion with the guards we got permission to visit the southern parts of the harbour.

Moroccan Wagtail 1 Northern Gannet c. 50 Parasitic Jaeger 15 Common/Arctic Tern 2 Lesser Black-backed Gull ssp. fuscus 1 adult Lesser Black-backed Gull ssp. graellsii 3 adults + 2 2nd c.y.Cattle Egret 11 heading N Pallid Swift 100 Yellow-legged Gull c. 300 in all ages Great Black-backed Gull 1 4th c.y. Great Cormorant ssp. maroccanus 15 Audouin's Gull 1 2nd c.y. moving N

Friday 7th April

Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6:15-8:30

Birding from the balcony.

Little Swift	25
Common Swift	100
Common Bulbul	5
Collared Dove	10
Common Blackbird	2
House Sparrow	10
Yellow-legged Gull	25
European Greenfinch	1
Spotless Starling	2
Blackcap	2
European Serin	2
Common Kestrel	1
Sardinian Warbler	1
Feral Pigeon	5
European Goldfinch	1
House Bunting	1

Agadir-Tamri 9:10-10:30

Driving along the coast with a few short stops for birding.

Southern Grey Shrike	10
Common Raven	2
House Bunting	2
Crested Lark	20
House Sparrow	10
Yellow-legged Gull	25

5 km N Tamri 10:00-10:45

Northern Bald Ibis 5
Sand Martin 1

Oued Tamri 10:50-11:50

Grey Heron Audouin´s Gull Thekla Lark Red-rumped Swallow Little Egret Yellow-legged Gull Yellow Wagtail Black-eared Wheatear Common Raven Northern Bald Ibis Lesser Black-backed Gull Sandwich Tern Common Kestrel House Bunting European Turtle Dove Little Egret	8 50, both adults and 2nd c.y. 1 1 1 25 1 1 male 2 2 4 adults 4 1 1
8,4 km N Aghroad 12:15	
Black Wheatear House Bunting Moussier's Redstart Common Bulbul	3 2 1 male and 1 female 4
Thagazout 12:45-13:26	
Lunch break	
Barn Swallow House Sparrow Collared Dove House Bunting	10 20 10 1 male
Amadil Beach hotel park, Agadir 14:00-14:30	
Laughing Dove European Turtle Dove Sardinian Warbler Common Blackbird Small bridge just W Massa 17:30-17:55	3 5 1 ad male + 3 juveniles 4
Zitting Cisticola Cetti 's Warbler Laughing Dove Collared Dove Barn Swallow Plain Martin European Turtle Dove	4 singing 2 singing 6 2 10 2

Oued Massa 18:00-19:00

Marbled Teal	12
Common Moorhen	1
Eurasian Coot	25
Mallard	1
Little Egret	1
Grey Heron	1
Cattle Egret	7
Squacco Heron	1
European Turtle Dove	5
European Bee-eater	40
Moussier's Redstart	4
Willow Warbler	1
Little Grebe	1
Common Chaffinch	1 male
European Goldfinch	2
Sardinian Warbler	5
Little Owl	6
Common Stonechat	1 male
European Serin	1 singing

Saturday 8th April

Driving eastwards in the Sous valley to Oukaimeden .

Just W Arazame 9:05-9:30 Crowned Sandgrouse 4 Black-bellied Sandgrouse 18 Black Kite 5 Northern Wheatear 5 Crested Lark 10

W Tassomite 10:25-10:30

C. 5 km E Tassomite 10:40

Long-legged Buzzard 1

Bridge over Oued Sous at Aoulouz 11:00-11:15

White Stork	5
Common Kingfisher	1
Common Moorhen	1
Reed Warbler	1 singing
Common Sandpiper	1
Zitting Cisticola	1 singing

Common Bulbul	4
Yellow Wagtail	2

Sidi Ouazis 11:30

Woodchat Shrike	1
Red-rumped Swallow	1

Sous valley road - Oukaimeden 11:50-22:00

Due to erroneous maps and deficient road signs, our trip was delayed for at least 4 hours. Firstly, according to our map it should be possible to drive to Oukaimeden via Imlil, but this road does not exist! Just before Asni a big road-sign pointed to Oukaimeden. Unfortunately it was a dirt track and it was impossible to drive with an ordinary car. Arrived eventually in Oukaimeden and stayed at hotel De Lángoue Chez Juju costing 640 dirham for a double room, including toilet with shower and breakfast.

Rock Bunting	2
Black Wheatear	5
Common Cuckoo	2
Black Redstart	1
Woodchat Shrike	2
Common Chaffinch	5
Eurasian Cliff Martin	2
Common Kestrel	3
European Bee-eater	1
Crested/Thekla Lark	1
Coal Tit	1
Firecrest	1
Common Wood Pigeon	2
Moussier's Redstart	5
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1
Barbary Partridge	2

Cattle Egret colony in spruce trees, El-Keela M'Gouna

Sunday 9th April

Oukaimeden 7:40-12:50

Extremely strong winds and frequent showers made birding very difficult. Our main target bird here was Seebohm's Wheatear. At the hotel there is a guest book with recent bird sightings and according to this there had been 30-40 Seebohm's Wheatears around the day before. After hours of hard efforts we finally managed to find one obliging male.

Ruddy Shelduck 2 35 Rock Sparrow Alpine Chough 50 Red-billed Chough 50 Black Redstart 2 males + 1 pair Winter Wren 1 sinaina Mistle Thrush 2 Horned Lark 3 Seebohm's Wheatear 1 male Common Kestrel Blue Rock Thrush 1 female African Blue Tit Rock Dove 25 Common Chaffinch 1 2 White-throated Dipper

Oukaimeden - Amanouz 12:50-13:50

Moussier's Redstart 2 males + 1 female Euoropean Goldfinch European Serin 3 Common Linnet 1 singing male Coal Tit 5 singing Common Chaffinch 5 singing Common Bulbul 1 2 European Bee-eater Crested Lark 20 Booted Eagle 1 adult light morph

Mature pine wood S Toufiat

Here we experienced an incident, when PAB took a dive and rolled c. 30 m down a stony slope. The reason for this was that the ground was covered with pine needles, and when walking in the slopes, this becomes extremely slippery. Luckily, nothing broke, neither bones nor equipment, just lots of grazes, bruises and an aching body. After visiting this place we drove to Ouarzazate where we arrived 19:30. We had a very good dinner at the Pearl hotel but checked in for the night at hotel Fint for 640 Dirham per person. The Pearl was fully booked, or was it PAB's battered appearance that discouraged them :-).

Hawfinch 25 Levaillant's Green Woodpecker 4 birds heard Common Crossbill 10, both males and females Great Tit 1 African Blue Tit 2 Common Wood Pigeon 10 Great Spotted Woodpecker 2 Common Nightingale 1 singing Common Chaffinch ssp. africana 10 singing Firecrest 1 singing Eurasian Jay 2 European Robin 1 singing

Monday 10th April

Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate (view towards the Sous valley) 6:30-7:00

White Stork	c. 4
Cattle Egret	2
Little Egret	4
Grey Heron	10
Common Kestrel	4
Laughing Dove	1
Collared Dove	4
Feral Dove	10
House Bunting	3
House Sparrow	5

Just E (the first hills) Ouarzazate 7:10

White-crowned Wheatear 1 singing male

Wadi just W Ait Saoun 8:05-9:05

After visiting this locality we drove to Erfoud/Rissani-area where we arrived c. 15:00 hrs. We experienced problems with sand-storms, making birding impossible and driving difficult. The sand-storms often start at noon and settle late in the afternoons, but can last for several days.

Ait Saoun - Tazain 9:05-12

White-crowned Wheaterar	5
Woodcaht shrike	1
Crested/Thekla Lark	10
Cetti 's Warbler	1
Laughing Dove	1

European Turtle Dove	1
Common Bulbul	5
House Sparrow	15
Willow Warbler	2

Auberge chez Michel, Erg Chebbi 17:00-18:10

We were nearly persuaded in Rissani to hire guides and a jeep to reach Erg Chebbi. Eventually we drove without any problems on our own. The road-signs pointing to Erfoud are even painted over to make it more difficult to find the way!

White-crowned Wheaterar	10
Common Whitethroat	1
Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Subalpine Warbler	1 male
Collared Dove	5
House Sparrow	100

Tuesday 11th April

Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 6:20-8:00

Woodchat shrike	4
Western Bonelli's Warbler	5
Barn Swallow	4 heading N
Tawny Pipit	1 heading N
Laughing Dove	5
Collared Dove	10
Feral Pigeon	5
House Sparrow	150
White-crowned Wheatear	10
Willow Warbler	1

Auberge Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 9:10-9:55

Collared Dove	1
European Turtle Dove	5
Desert Sparrow	1 male
House Sparrow	100
Western Bonelli´s Warbler	5
Western Olivaceous Warbler	1
Whinchat	1 male

Small ridge of hills (to the N of the road) 2 km W Rissani 11:20-13:00

Started driving back to Agadir at 13.00 hrs. Stopped for dinner 1 hour and for birding 3 to 4 times taking about 30 minutes in total. Back at hotel Tivoli at 23.00 after 710 kilometres, mainly on good roads with little traffic.

Western Olivaceous Warbler2Woodchat Shrike1Brown-necked Raven2Blue Rock Thrush1 singingWhite-crowned Wheatear10Desert Lark1Trumpeter Finch1 heard

Tansikht 15:45

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater 1
Long-legged Buzzard 1

Ridge just E Ouarzazate 17:00-17:15

Desert Lark 1 pair
Black Wheatear 5
Common Kestrel 1
Mourning Wheatear 1

Wednesday 12th April

The Massa bridge at Pont sur Oued Massa 9:20-11:15

Spotless Starling Sardinian Warbler Collared Dove House Sparrow	12 2 singing males 2 10
Common Blackbird	1
Corn Bunting Little Egret	1 2
Cattle Egret	1
Common Moorhen	6
Eurasian Coot	3
Common Kestrel	3
Moroccan Wagtail	1
Common Linnet	1
Common Bulbul	5
Common Stonechat	1 male
Zitting Cisticola	2 singing
European Goldfinch	2
Reed Warbler	3 singing
Spanish Wagtail	1 male + 1 female
Plain Martin	1
Barn Swallow	2
Little Grebe	1
Thekla Lark	1

Oued Massa 11:50-16:00

Hotel Tivoli 17:30-19:30

Little Swift 25
Pallid Swift 100
Lesser Whitethroat 1 singing
Yellow-legged Gull 10, one collecting nest-material
House Bunting 2
Common Bulbul 5

Thursday 13th April

Hotel Tivoli 7:30-9:30

25 Little Swift Pallid Swift 50 European Turtle Dove 1 Collared Dove 10 Common Kestrel Great Cormorant ssp. maroccanus 2 flying over Yellow-legged Gull 10 adult Sardinian Warbler 1 singing male House Bunting Common Bulbul 5 House Sparrow 10 Common Blackbird 5 Feral Pigeon 6 Spotless Starling 2

Species list

Birds

- Ruddy Shelduck Rostand *Tadorna ferruginea* seen shortly in a pond outside the village of Oukaimeden 9th.
- Mallard Gräsand Anas platyrhynchos
 Oued Massa 7th, and 20 Oued Massa 12th.
- 3. **Marbled Teal** Marmorand *Marmaronetta marmaronetta* 12 Oued Massa 7th, and 2 Oued Massa 12th.
- 4. **Common Pochard** Brunand *Aythya ferina* 1 Oued Massa 12th.
- 5. **Barbary Partridge** Klipphöna *Alectoris barbara* 2 along the road Sous valley Oukaimeden 8th.
- 6. **Little Grebe** Smådopping *Tachybaptus ruficollis* 1 Oued Massa 7th, 1 Massa bridge 12th, and 10 Oued Massa 12th.
- 7. **Northern Gannet** Havssula *Morus bassanus* c. 50, mostly adults, moving N Agadir harbour 6th.
- 8. **Great Cormorant** Storskarv *Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus* 15 Agadir harbour 6th, 15 Oued Massa 12th, and 2 flying over Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.
- 9. **Cattle Egret** Kohäger *Bubulcus ibis* 11 heading N Agadir harbour 6th, 7 Oued Massa 7th, big colony in spruce trees, El-Keela M'Gouna, 2 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th, and 1 Massa bridge 12th.
- Squacco Heron Rallhäger Ardeola ralloides
 Oued Massa 7th, and 1 Oued Massa 12th.
- 11. **Little Egret** Silkeshäger *Egretta garzetta* 1 Oued Tamri 7th, 2 Oued Tamri 7th, 1 Oued Massa 7th, 4 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th,

2 Massa bridge 12th, and 10 Oued Massa 12th.

Grey Heron Gråhäger Aredea cinerea 12.

8 Oued Tamri 7th, 1 Oued Massa 7th, 10 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th, and 4 Oued Massa 12th.

Purple Heron Purpurhäger Ardea purpurea 13.

1 Qued Massa 12th.

14. White Stork Vit stork Ciconia ciconia

5 Bridge over Oued Sous 8th, and c. 40 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th.

Glossy Ibis Bronsibis *Plegadis falcinellus* 15.

27 in one group Oued Massa 12th.

16. Northern Bald Ibis Eremitibis Geronticus eremita

5 5 km N Tamri 7th, and 2 Oued Tamri 7th.

17. Eurasian Spoonbill Skedstork Platalea leucorodia

1 Oued Massa 12th.

18. **Black Kite** Brun glada *Milvus migrans migrans*

5 Just W Arazame 8th, and 60 in one group flying N W Tassomite 8th. Obvious dark eye masks.

19. Marsh Harrier Brun kärrhök Circus aeruginosus

1 Oued Massa 12th.

20. Eurasian Sparrowhawk Sparvhök Accipiter nisus

1 Road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th.

Long-legged Buzzard Örnvråk *Buteo rufinus cirtensis* 21.

1 c. 5 km E Tassomite 8th, and 1 at Tansikht 11th.

Booted Eagle Dvärgörn Aqila pennata 22.

1 adult light morph Oukaimeden - Amanouz 9th.

23. Bonelli's Eagle Hökörn Aquila fasciata

1 adult in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.

Common Kestrel Tornfalk Falco tinnunculus 24.

1 bus transport airport - hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th, 1 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 1 Oued Tamri 7th, 3 Road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th, 2 Oukaimeden 9th, 4 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th, 1 at ridge just E Ouarzazate 11th, 3 Massa bridge 12th, and 1 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.

Common Moorhen Rörhöna Gallinula chloropus 25.

1 Oued Massa 7th, 1 Bridge over Oued Sous 8th, and 6 Massa bridge 12th.

26. **Eurasian Coot** Sothöna *Fulica atra*

25 Oued Massa 7th, 3 Massa bridge 12th, and 10 + 1 with 5 chicks Oued Massa 12th.

27. Pied Avocet Skärfläcka Recurvirostra avosetta

1 Oued Massa 12th.

28. **Common Ringed Plover** Större strandpipare *Charadrius hiaticula*

1 Oued Massa 12th.

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Kentish Plover Svartbent strandpipare *Charadrius alexandrinus*

2 Oued Massa 12th.

Common Sandpiper Drillsnäppa Actitis hypoleucos

1 Bridge over Oued Sous 8th, and 2 Oued Massa 12th.

- 31. **Common Redshank** Rödbena *Tringa totanus* 1 Oued Massa 12th.
- 32. **Parasitic Jaeger** Kustlabb *Stercorarius parasiticus* 15 migrating N, both dark, and light morphs, Agadir harbour 6th.
- 33. **Audouin's Gull** Rödnäbbad trut *Larus audouinii* 1 2nd c.y. moving N Agadir harbour 6th, 50; both adults and 2nd c.y. birds Oued Tamri 7th, and 2 2nd c.y. Oued Massa 12th.
- 34. **Lesser Black-backed Gull** Silltrut *Larus fuscus L.f. fuscus*: 1 adult Agadir harbour 6th, 4 adults Oued Tamri 7th, and 2 adult Oued Massa 12th. *L.f. graellsii*: 3 adults + 2 2nd c.y. Agadir harbour 6th, and c. 300 in all ages Agadir harbour 6th.
- 35. **Yellow-legged Gull** Medelhavstrut *Larus michahellis* 50, mostly adults, and 2 c.y. Agadir 6th, 25 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 25 along the road Agadir-Tamri 7th, 25 Oued Tamri 7th, 25 Oued Massa 12th, 10, one collecting nestmaterial Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 12th, and 10 adult Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.
- 36. **Great Black-backed Gull** Havstrut *Larus marinus* 1 4th c.y. Agadir harbour 6th.
- 37. **Common/Arctic Tern** Fisk-/silvertärna *Sterna hirundo/paradisaea* 2 Agadir harbour 6th.
- 38. **Sandwich Tern** Kentsk tärna *Sterna sandvicensis* 4 Oued Tamri 7th.
- 39. **Whiskered Tern** Skäggtärna *Chlidonias hybrida* 1 adult Oued Massa 12th.
- 40. Crowned Sandgrouse Kronflyghöna Pterocles coronatus4 Just W Arazame 8th. Black primaries above, light underparts and no long tails.
- 41. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** Svartbukig flyhöna *Pterocles orientalis* 18 Just W Arazame 8th.
- 42. **Rock Dove** Klippduva *Columba livia* 25 Oukaimeden 9th, and 50 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.

Feral Pigeon Tamduva *Columba livia domesticus*20 bus transport airport – hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th, 5 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 10 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th, 5 Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th, and 6 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.

- 43. **Common Wood Pigeon** Ringduva *Columba palumbus*2 Road Sous valley Oukaimeden 8th, and 10 in mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th.
- 44. **Collared Dove** Turkduva *Streptopelia decaocto*25 Agadir 6th, 10 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 10 Thagazout 7th, 2 at Small bridge just W
 Massa 7th, 4 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th, 5, two with dark rusty breasts Auberge chez
 Michel, Erg Chebbi 10th, 10 Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th, 1 Auberge
 Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 11th, 2 Massa bridge 12th, and 10 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.
- 45. **European Turtle Dove** Turturduva *Streptopelia turtur*1 Oued Tamri 7th, 5 Amadil Beach hotel park, Agadir 7th, 10 at small bridge just W Massa 7th, 5 Oued Massa 7th, 1 Ait Saoun Tazain 10th, 5 Auberge Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 11th, 5 Oued Massa 12th, and 1 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.

46. **Laughing Dove** Palmduva *Streptopelia senegalensis*

3 Amadil Beach hotel park, Agadir 7th, 6 at small bridge just W Massa 7th, 1 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th, 5 Ait Saoun - Tazain 10th, and 5 Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th.

47. **Common Cuckoo** Gök *Cuculus canorus*

2 Road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th.

48. **Little Owl** Minervauggla *Athene noctua saharae* 6 Oued Massa 7th.

49. **Common Swift** Tornseglare *Apus apus*

10 bus transport airport – hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th, 5 Agadir 6th, 100 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, and 2 Oued Massa 12th.

50. **Pallid Swift** Blek tornseglare *Apus pallidus brehmorum*

40 Agadir 6th. Prominently more washed out choclate brown, large white chins and a hint of vermiculation underneath. 100 Agadir harbour 6th, 100 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 12th, and 50 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.

51. **Little Swift** Stubbstjärtseglare *Apus affinis galilejensis*

25 Agadir 6th, 25 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 25 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 12th, and 25 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th. Calling drier (compared to Common Swift), more like "tiririr".

52. **Common Kingfisher** Kungsfiskare *Alcedo atthis*

1 Bridge over Oued Sous 8th, and 1 Oued Massa 12th.

53. **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** Grön biätare *Merops persicus chrysocerus* 1 at oasis at Tansikht 11th.

54. **European Bee-eater** Biätare *Merops apiaster*

40 Oued Massa 7th, 1 Road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th, and 2 Oukaimeden - Amanouz 9th.

55. **Eurasian Hoopoe** Härfågel *Upupa epops*

1 Auberge chez Michel, Erg Chebbi 10th.

56. **Eurasian Wryneck** Göktyta *Jynx torquilla*

1 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, and 1 Oued Massa 12th.

57. Levaillant's Green Woodpecker Atlasgröngöling Picus vaillantii

4 birds heard in Mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th.

58. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** Större hackspett *Dendrocopos major mauritanus* 2 in Mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th.

59. **Desert Lark** Stenökenlärka *Ammomanes deserti payni*

2 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, 1 at small hill ridge 2 km W Rissani 11th, and 1 pair at ridge just E Ouarzazate 11th. Dispaly flight undulating with a clear warble.

60. **Crested Lark** Tofslärka *Galerida cristata*

1 bus transport airport – hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th, 20 along the road Agadir-Tamri 7th, 10 Just W Arazame 8th, 20 Oukaimeden - Amanouz 9th, and 5 Oued Massa 12th.

61. **Thekla Lark** Lagerlärka *Galerida theklae*

1 Oued Tamri 7th and 1 Massa bridge 12th were the only ones safely identified.

62. **Crested/Thekla Lark** Tofs-/Lagerlärka *Galerida cristata/theklae*

1 along the road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th, and 10 Ait Saoun - Tazain 10th.

63. **Horned Lark** Berglärka *Eremophila alpestris atlas*

3 Oukaimeden 9th.

- 64. **Eurasian Crag Martin** Klippsvala *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* 2 Road Sous valley Oukaimeden 8th, and 1 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.
- 65. **Plain Martin** Brunstrupig backsvala *Riparia paludicola mauretanica* 2 at small bridge just W Massa 7th, and 1 Massa bridge 12th.
- 66. **Sand Martin** Backsvala *Riparia riparia* 1 5 km N Tamri 7th.
- 67. **Barn Swallow** Ladusvala *Hirundo rustica*

4 bus transport airport – hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th, 10 Thagazout 7th, 10 at small bridge just W Massa 7th, 4 heading N Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th, and 2 Massa bridge 12th.

- 68. **Red-rumped Swallow** Rostgumpsvala *Hirundo daurica* 1 Oued Tamri 7th, and 1 Sidi Ouazis 8th.
- 69. **Tawny Pipit** Fältpiplärka *Anthus campestris* 1 heading N Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th.
- 70. **Yellow Wagtail** Gulärla *Motacilla flava* 1 Oued Tamri 7th, 2 Bridge over Oued Sous 8th.

Spanish Wagtail Spansk gulärla *Motacilla flava iberiae* 1 male + 1 female Massa bridge 12th.

- 71. **Grey Wagtail** Forsärla *Motacilla cinerea* 1 at Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th.
- 72. **Moroccan Wagtail** Marockansk sädesärla *Motacilla alba subpersonata* 1, calling sharper similar to Grey Wagtail, Agadir harbour 6th, and 1 Massa bridge 12th.
- 73. **Common Bulbul** Trädgårdsbulbyl *Pycnonotus barbatus*25 Agadir 6th, 5 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 4 8,4 km N Aghroad 7th, 4 Bridge over Oued
 Sous 8th, 1 Oukaimeden Amanouz 9th, 5 Ait Saoun Tazain 10th, 5 Massa bridge
 12th, 5 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 12th, and 5 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.
- 74. **White-throated Dipper** Strömstare *Cinclus cinclus minor* 2 Oukaimeden 9th. Red-brown underside.
- 75. **Winter Wren** Gärdsmyg *Troglodytes troglodytes* 1 singing Oukaimeden 9th.
- 76. **Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin** Trädnäktergal *Cercotricas galactotes galactotes* 2 singing in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.
- 77. **European Robin** Rödhake *Erithacus rubecula* 1 singing in small creek S Toufiat 9th.
- 78. **Common Nightingale** Sydnäktergal *Luscinia luscinia* 1 singing in small creek S Toufiat 9th.
- 79. **Black Redstart** Svart rödstjärt *Phoenicurus ochruros gibraltariensis*1 Road Sous valley Oukaimeden 8th, and 2 males + 1 pair Oukaimeden 9th. Males with big white wing-spots.
- 80. **Common Redstart** Rödstjärt *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* 1 male in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.

- 81. **Moussier´s Redstart** Diademrödstjärt *Phoenicurus moussieri*1 male, and 1 alarming female with food 8,4 km N Aghroad 7th, 4 Oued Massa 7th, 5
 Road Sous valley Oukaimeden 8th, 2 males + 1 female Oukaimeden Amanouz 9th, and 2 Oued Massa 12th.
- 82. **Whinchat** Buskskvätta *Saxicola rubetra* 1 male Auberge Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 11th.
- 83. **Common Stonechat** Svarthakad buskskvätta *Saxicola torquatus rubicola* 1 male Oued Massa 7th, 1 male Massa bridge 12th, and 5 Oued Massa 12th.
- 84. **Northern Wheatear** Stenskvätta *Oenanthe oenanthe* 5 Just W Arazame 8th, 1 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.
- 85. **Seebohm's Wheatear** Atlasstenskvätta *Oenanthe seebohmi* 1 male Oukaimeden 9th.
- 86. **Black-eared Wheatear** Medelhavsstenskvätta *Oenanthe hispanica hispanica* 1 Oued Tamri 7th.
- 87. **Mourning Wheatear** Sorgstenskvätta *Oenanthe lugens halophila* 1 male from the car at ridge just E Ouarzazate 11th.
- 88. **White-crowned Wheatear** Vitkronad stenskvätta *Oenanthe leucopyga aegra* 1 singing male Just E (the first hills) Ouarzazate 10th, 5 Ait Saoun Tazain 10th, 10 including a few feeding youngs, Auberge chez Michel, Erg Chebbi 10th, 10 Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th, and 10 in at small hill ridge 2 km W Rissani 11th.
- 89. **Black Wheatear** Svart stenskvätta *Oenanthe leucura syenitica* 3 8,4 km N Aghroad 7th, 5 Road Sous valley Oukaimeden 8th, and 5 at ridge just E Ouarzazate 11th.
- 90. **Blue Rock Thrush** Blåtrast *Monticola solitarius* 1 female Oukaimeden 9th, 2 males in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, and 1 singing in small hill ridge 2 km W Rissani 11th.
- 91. **Common Blackbird** Koltrast *Turdus merula mauritanicus*2 males bus transport airport hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th, 10 Agadir 6th, 2 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 4 Amadil Beach hotel park, Agadir 7th, 2 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, 1 Massa bridge 12th, and 5 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th. This subspecies had a quite longer tail compared to the nominate form, often obvious when sitting on telephone wires.
- 92. **Mistle Thrush** Dubbeltrast *Turdus viscivorus deichleri* 2 Oukaimeden 9th.
- 93. **Cetti´s Warbler** Cettisångare *Cettia cettia* 2 singing at small bridge just W Massa 7th, and 1 Ait Saoun - Tazain 10th.
- 94. **Zitting Cisticola** Grässångare *Cisticola juncidis cisticola*4 singing at small bridge just W Massa 7th, 1 singing Bridge over Oued Sous 8th, 2 singing Massa bridge 12th, and 1 singing Oued Massa 12th.
- 95. **Reed Warbler** Rörsångare *Accrocephalus scirpaceus*1 singing at bridge over Oued Sous 8th, 3 singing Massa bridge 12th, and 1 Oued Massa 12th.
- 96. **Subalpine Warbler** Rödstrupig sångare *Sylvia cantillans inornata*1 male in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, and 1 male Auberge chez Michel, Erg Chebbi
 10th.

97. **Isabelline Warbler** Macchiasångare *Hippolais opaca*

1 Auberge Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 11th. It was typically pumping it's tail downwards, and singing a short warble resembling Reed Warbler, also 2 in creek near small hill ridge 2 km W Rissani 11th.

98. **Melodious Warbler** Polyglottsångare *Hippolais polyglotta*

1 Agade 6th seen shortly and heard. Yellowish underneath and a chatter resembling Olivaceous Warbler. Also 1 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.

99. **Sardinian Warbler** Sammetshätta *Sylvia melanocephala*

2 males Agadir 6th, 1 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 1 male feeding 3 juveniles Amadil Beach hotel park, Agadir 7th, 5 Oued Massa 7th, 2 singing males Massa bridge 12th, and 1 singing male Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.

100. Western Orphean Warbler Herdesångare Sylvia hortensis

1 male in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.

101. Common Whitethroat Törnsångare Sylvia communis

1 male + 1 female in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, and1 Auberge chez Michel, Erg Chebbi 10th.

102. Lesser Whitethroat Ärtsångare Sylvia curucca

1 singing Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 12th.

103. Blackcap Svarthätta Sylvia atricapilla

2 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th.

104. Western Bonelli's Warbler Bergsångare Phylloscopus bonelli

5 Calling typically weakly, cracked "tchuee" Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th, and 5 Auberge Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 11th.

105. **Wood Warbler** Grönsångare *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

2 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th.

106. Willow Warbler Lövsångare Phylloscopus trochilus

1 Oued Massa 7th, 5 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, and 1 Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th.

107. Firecrest Brandkronad kungsfågel Regulus ignicapilla

1 road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th, and 1 singing in Mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th.

108. **African Blue Tit** Koboltmes *Parus teneriffae ultramarinus*

1 Oukaimeden 9th, and 2 in Mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th.

109. Great Tit Talgoxe Parus major excelsus

1 in Mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th, and 1 Oued Massa 12th.

110. **Coal Tit** Svartmes *Parus ater atlas*

1 along the road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th, and 5 singing Oukaimeden - Amanouz 9th.

111. **Southern Grey Shrike** Ökenvarfågel *Lanius meridionalis algeriensis* 10 along the road Agadir-Tamri 7th.

112. **Woodchat Shrike** Rödhuvad törnskata *Lanius senator*

1 Sidi Ouazis 8th, 2 along the road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th, 1 Ait Saoun - Tazain 10th, 4 Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th, and 1 at small hill ridge 2 km W Rissani 11th.

113. **Black-crowned Tchagra** Svartkronad tchagra *Tchagra senegalla cucullatus* One bird seen and photographed Oued Massa 12th.

114. **Eurasian Jay** Nötskrika *Garrulus glandarius*

2 with rather dark heads in small creek S Toufiat 9th.

115. Common Magpie Skata Pica pica mauretanica

Only notes of 5 during bus transport airport – hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th, and 1 Oued Massa 12th, but seen more or less daily in small numbers.

116. **Alpine Chough** Alpkaja *Pyrrhocorax graculus graculus* 50 Oukaimeden 9th.

117. **Red-billed Chough** Alpkråka *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax barbarus* 50 Oukaimeden 9th.

118. **Brown-necked Raven** Ökenkorp *Corvus ruficollis ruficollis* 2 at nest in small hill ridge 2 km W Rissani 11th.

119. **Common Raven** Korp *Corvus corax tingitanus*

2 along the road Agadir-Tamri 7th, and 2 Oued Tamri 7th.

120. **Spotless Starling** Svartstare *Sturnus unicolor*

2 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 12 Massa bridge 12th, 10 Oued Massa 12th, and 2 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.

Common/Spotless Starling Stare/Svartstare *Sturnus vulgaris/unicolor* 10 bus transport airport – hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th.

121. **House Sparrow** Gråsparv *Passer domesticus tingitanus*

10 bus transport airport – hotel Tivoli, Agadir 6th, 15 Agadir 6th, 10 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 10 along the road Agadir-Tamri 7th, 20 Thagazout 7th, 5 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th, 10 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, 15 Ait Saoun - Tazain 10th, 100 Auberge chez Michel, Erg Chebbi 10th, 150 Auberge Les Hommes Bleu, Erg Chebbi 11th, 100 Auberge Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 11th, 10 Massa bridge 12th, and 10 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th.

- 122. **Spanish Sparrow** Spansk sparv *Passer hispaniolensis* 4 males Agadir 6th.
- 123. **Desert Sparrow** Ökensparv *Passer simplex saharae* 1 male Auberge Yasmina, Erg Chebbi 11th.
- 124. **Rock Sparrow** Stensparv *Petronia petronia barbara* 35 Oukaimeden 9th.
- 125. **Common Chaffinch** Afrikansk bofink *Fringilla coelebs africana*

1 male Oued Massa 7th, 5 along the road Sous valley - Oukaimeden 8th, 1 Oukaimeden 9th, 1 Oukaimeden - Amanouz 9th, 5 singing Oukaimeden - Amanouz 9th, 10 singing in Mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th, 2 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, and 1 Oued Massa 12th.

126. **European Serin** Gulhämpling *Serinus serinus*

2 singing Agadir 6th, 2 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 1 singing Oued Massa 7th, 3 Oukaimeden - Amanouz 9th, 2 in wadi just W Ait Saoun 10th, and 20 Oued Massa 12th.

127. **European Greenfinch** Grönfink *Carduelis chloris aurantiiventris*

1 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, and 5 Oued Massa 12th.

128. European Goldfinch Steglits Carduelis carduelis parva

1 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 2 Oued Massa 7th, 2 Massa bridge 12th, and 20 Oued Massa 12th.

129. **Common Linnet** Hämpling Carduelis cannabina

1 singing male Oukaimeden - Amanouz 9th, 1 Massa bridge 12th, and 10 Oued Massa 12th.

- 130. **Common Crossbill** Mindre korsnäbb *Loxia curvirostra poliogyna* 10, both males, and females in Mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th. Rather heavy bills, calls intermediate between Common and Parrot Crossbill.
- 131. **Trumpeter Finch** Ökentrumpetare *Bucanetes githagineus zedlitzi* One heard at small hill ridge 2 km W Rissani 11th.
- 132. **Hawfinch** Stenknäck *Coccothraustes coccothraustes burryi* 25 in Mature pine wood S Toufiat 9th.
- 133. **Rock Bunting** Klippsparv *Emberiza cia africana* 2 along the road Sous valley Oukaimeden 8th.
- 134. **House Bunting** Hussparv *Emberiza sahari* 1 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 7th, 2 along the road Agadir-Tamri 7th, 1 Oued Tamri 7th, 2 8,4 km N Aghroad 7th, 1 male Thagazout 7th, 3 Hotel Fint, Ouarzazate 10th, 5 Oued Massa 12th, 2 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 12th, and 1 Hotel Tivoli, Agadir 13th. In flight with small resemblance of Common Bulbul.
- 135. **Corn Bunting** Kornsparv *Emberiza calandra* 1 Massa bridge 12th, and 2 singing Oued Massa 12th.

Mammals

Cape Hare Kaphare *Lepus capensis* A single seen along the road.

Dromedarian Camel Dromedar *Camelus dromedarius* 3 along the road Agadir-Tamri 7th and a few along the road Agadir-Erg Chebbi 10th and 11th.

Reptiles

Mediterranean Pond Turtle Kaspisk bäcksköldpadda *Mauremys leprosa* The Massa bridge at Pont sur Oued Massa 12th.

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