



## Bebbi Babbler Birding goes to Morocco

Valentin Moser, Samuel Büttler, Nicolas Martinez, Stefan Häring, Sylvain Eichhorn, Dominic Eichhorn, Milan Pestalozzi, Jaro Schacht

*The Bebbi Babbler Youth Birding team went to Morocco for 11 days (26.3.-7.4). We managed to see all possible target bird species, ending the trip with 232 species. Best birds include selffound nest of Desert sparrow, resting Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse, Marsh owl and several local scarcities (Pallid Harrier, Baillon's and Little Crake, Pale Crag Martin). We also saw some interesting **mammals** including Cuvier's Gazelle and Val's Gundi, as well as 27 herp species. Highlights of these groups will be given for each place, as well as a comprehensive list in the end. We also list the top birding spots. Our program was ambitious, and we were driving a lot. Driving was generally easy and even seemingly remote roads were good. With 8 motivated and spotting people in the car, as well as some interesting birding (or just turning stones...) in wadis on the route, we never got bored.*



Landing in Casablanca, we picked up our minibus and were soon on route for Brown-throated Martin around Oued Tensift near **Marrakech** (31.694081, -7.988062). It was not easy to find them in the late afternoon, but eventually two flew over. We made good progress and slept in the mountains close to **Oukaïmeden** to be in pole position for the mountains. Already in the morning, on the way to Oukaïmeden, we could not resist stopping for Moussier's Redstart, what a beauty! And singing in this beautiful montane habitat, with the first sun rays on the horizon – we knew it was going to be a good day. 😊

In Oukaïmeden itself the expected species were seen: Crimson-winged Finch, (Moroccan) Horned Lark and Seeböhm's Wheatear. As a surprise guest there was a Brambling. A bit further down, we also found Tristram's warbler in appropriate breeding habitat and Bonelli's eagle, as well as a heard-only Levillant's Green Woodpecker.

Going up and down towards Tizi'n Test pass we started what would be the program for most days: Driving some hours and stopping whenever the habitat looks interesting, swarming out for a 15 min rapid (bird-) biodiversity assessment: Some birding, some turning stones and some running after butterflies. The first result of this day proved to be a Common Tortoise *Testudo graeca*, followed by our only Rock Bunting. Unfortunately, we missed an apparently good place to see **Barbary sheep** (around Ouirgane), ending up seeing them in the hunting enclosure at Tizi'n Test. We also found no **Gazelles** while scanning the hills (30.855957, -8.376213), but at least there were singing Tristram's Warblers, as well as a pretty Moroccan Day Gecko *Quedenfeldtia moerens*. We arrived late in Massa (Agadir).



Target birds the next morning in **Massa (Agadir)** were Black-crowned Tchagra and Bald Ibis. The Tchagra we heard singing and then observed along the path at Sous Massa river valley, the Ibis were feeding besides the road leading to Sidi Wassay, where we also started our WP-sandgrouse slam with Black-bellied Sandgrouse and three additional Cream-coloured Coursers.





Having seen all our targets, we went for an great late breakfast back to our extremely hospitable host (oasismassa.com) and decided to win some time and start our long journey towards Tissint through the **Anti Atlas**. The approximate route we took was: Massa-Ait Milk-iferd-Ait Baha-Aferni-Igherm-Tata-Tissint (approximately 6 hours of driving time). This route is not driven often by birders, as there is no extra endemic bird species that are not easier in other places. But hopefully we can convince some people to explore this amazing region: The Anti-Atlas is really worth some time, both for bird- and mammal watching but also for its fantastic landscape. We started with some mammalian excitement: **North African Elephant Shrew**! The place (30.057191, -9.087985) has been reliable for the third time, in different years. Some members saw some jumping away, before we got great looks at an individual hiding in rock crack. There are also some superb *Euphorbia*-plants there and we saw our first (territorial) Western Orphean Warbler. Driving in the Anti-Atlas was fun: Mostly small, windy, but well-maintained roads without much traffic, surrounded by always changing, amazing landscapes. Argan Savannah was particularly enjoyable. This is the preferred habitat of the endangered animal we were hoping for but did not even think we would be successful: **Cuvier's Gazelle**! We hit the (mammalian) jackpot twice on this day: Near 29.933914, -9.335279 (also with the commonly observed **Barbary Ground Squirrel**) and near 29.737754, -8.857819, when someone called out ibex (so Swiss: Anything climbing around in rocks with long horns = ibex). We also found an active breeding site of Lanner falcon (29.947200, -9.008400). We slept in Sidi Abdeljabbar and continued towards Tissint the next day: We picked up our first desert bird species, including Fulvous Babbler, for some of us the first Babbler, a reason to celebrate, as well as a **Sundevall's Jird** near Tighrman (29.878082, -8.717632) in an area that was also excellent for birding with many migrants and Western Orpheus Warbler. We arrived in Tissint after midday: In the 1.5 days of Anti Atlas behind us, we had many nice species: Exceptional mammals, birds like Lanner, Reptiles such us Oudri's fan-footed gecko (*Ptyodactylus oudrii*), many *Scorpions*, *Scolopendra*, rare *moths*...



In **Tissint**, we birded the river right next to Kasbah Tissint: What a diversity of birds! Including the next avian highlights: Baillon's crane and two Pale Crag Martins, a species not easy to observe in Morocco! But we were in Tissint to search for the most difficult sandgrouse of the trip: Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse. We arrived near the known spot for observing this sandgrouse in late dusk at the drinking place (29.851412, -7.260506). We visited the bridge a bit further down from the sandgrouse spot: The distinct Maghreb Lark (also observed in the Oasis), as well as a very probably Olivaceous Warbler ssp reiseri. With enough time before sunrise, we decided to make a row and walk systematically through the acacia band: We walked less than 50m, before Samuel called out a pair sitting on the ground! As we didn't flush the birds and they were close to the (northern) side of the road, we could really enjoy the sighting, together also with the arriving Andrea Corso and his group. The day was not finished yet though: After sunset, we went close to the Wadi and luckily the Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse pair indeed came in for a drink late at dusk. Some spotlighting afterwards yielded *camel spiders* and a few reptiles including *Boulenger's Feylinia (Chalcides boulengeri)*, a kind of "sandswimming" skink. Back in Tissint, some of us were still motivated and did more night walking: **Kuhl's pipistrelle** from deserti, the endemic Morocco Wall Gecko *Tarentola boehmei* and Baillon's crane: Let's just say the bird was close...



The first highlight of the next day, where we drove to Boumalne Dadès, was a lifeless looking wadi (30.535179, -7.078255), but delivering on all levels: Black-bellied Sandgrouse and Cream-coloured Curser flyover, Desert Lacerta (*Mesalina guttulata*), **Fat Sand Rat** and above all a **North African Elephant Shrew** flipped under a stone that remained absolutely still and allowed wonderful views! The next highlight came soon: What makes grown man (and some teenagers) scream like little girls (and boys to be politically correct 😊)? A *chameleon*! Some would say the four Little Crakes we saw together with a lot more birds around the river near Tiouiyine (30.940767, -7.208105) was even better, but we all know the truth...



The area west of Tata is apparently good for *Uromastyx*, but unfortunately, we only saw a mortally wounded animal on the road. Arriving at **Boumalne Dadès**, we immediately went for the famous Tagdilt Track (dirt track, starting 31.366481, -5.960877). Lot's of rubbish and stray dogs, but quality birding! Wheatear (Red-rumped, Desert, Northern) everywhere, Cream-coloured Courser, Temminck's Lark and soon also the first Thick-billed Larks, as well as Pin-tailed Sandgrouse. The next day, we also started on the track with good views of the same birds and **Fat Sand Rats**. They came out approximately one hour after sunrise. We spend the rest of the day in the Gorges du Dadès, unsuccessfully searching for Gundi. At least we were compensated by our efforts by a nice Barbary Falcon, a fun football game with the local kids and spectacular stone formations. The next day was a travel day, and like all our travel days, it was never boring! We started off with Pharaoh Eagle-owl in Imider (31.369692, -5.821724), where with the help of Ali the Bedouin we quickly located 2 Individuals. The sighting could not really be enjoyed, at least by the ones that missed the **African Wildcat** running in a crevice never to be seen again...



We then proceeded to **Rissani**, first birding by ourselves and finding Blue-cheeked Bee-Eater while driving towards Tighedouine and then picking up Hamid from Gayuin Birding Tours, our guide for the desert birding. With him we would see all targets in the next 1.5 days: Most importantly African desert warbler, Egyptian Nightjar, Scrub Warbler and to the general excitement, Spotted and Crowned Sandgrouse, completing the WP sandgrouse slam in four days! We slept close to Erg Chebbi in the Auberge De Charme Les Dunes D'Or (31.201643, -4.028767). Fantastic location to spotlight! In the two nights we came up with a range of sightings: Scorpions and camel spiders, the rare gecko Anderson's Short-fingered Gecko *Stenodactylus petrii*, **Lesser Egyptian Gerbil** and a small carnivore that very narrowly and annoyingly avoided identification. On one of the pictures it looks like it had huge ears... In the first night, when it was very windy, a few **Geoffroy's Trident Leaf-nosed Bat** were hunting in the lobby, besides the **Kuhl's pipistrelle** outside. Bonus: in the (currently) abandoned tourist Bedouin village (31.195686, -4.025359) we located a nest of Desert Sparrow! A common bird around Erg Chebbi is Hoopoe Lark with their amazing song (display) and we found a Olivaceous Warbler ssp reiseri.



Back on our way, we were off towards from Rissani towards Zeida. Soon we were in good looking habitat (big boulders on mountain/wadi flanks) for a mammal that looked again like a (big) rat, but for some reason this one was interesting: Maybe because the Family Ctenodactylomorphi is unique to Northern Africa. First, we found some (healthy) *Uromastix* above the village (32.127200, -4.363300) where they also offered us to go see "lapin de montagnes" (mountain hare). Well if you have spotters like Samuel and Nicolas, it doesn't take long to find our very own Val's Gundi! And that is just what we did a few kilometres up the road (33.206805, -5.061362). The next (very cold) morning in **Zeida**, we were up early: Dupont's lark was the goal of the morning. Arriving at the spot (32.795295, -4.928618) we immediately heard the beautiful song. Locating the secretive bird is another story, but soon we all had good views. We also enjoyed the Lesser Short-toed Lark intensively singing. Soon we were on our way to Kenitra. Passing Col du Zad, we observed many Seebohm's Wheatears and Red-knobbed Coots and on the way down a **Sundevall's Jird** was sitting on the side of the road (33.206805, -5.061362). There was a colony of Lesser Kestrels in the middle of Timahdite. Then we tried for Atlas Flycatcher (33.488408, -5.146703), hoping for a miracle. Well the trees were still leafless...no wonder there was no Atlas Flycatcher there. However, the place is really nice and holds a whole bunch of interesting northern African subspecies (Short-toed Treecreeper etc.). We decided to join the hordes of tourist to look at **Barbary Macaques**. Fortunately, we found a group a bit away from the crowds that showed some sort of natural behaviour... There was also a nice Levillant's Green Woodpecker.





In **Kénitra** we had a nice dinner at the fish market (34.266717, -6.656730), before we went to Sidi Bougaba to successfully try for Marsh Owl in the evening (34.252501, -6.666799). We started the morning with some sea watching. There was some movement, especially Sandwich Terns, a few jaegers and skuas and two Razorbills. Then we went to Sidi Bougaba again. Especially for waterfowl it was nice: Red-knobbed Coot, White-headed Duck, Marbled Duck, Ferruginous Duck... This area was also good for reptiles: Iberian False Smooth Snake (*Macrotodon brevis*) and *Chameleon*. We then drove towards **Sidi Yahya** for the last target of the trip: Double-spurred Francolin. In the evening we heard a couple and some got fleeting views (33.709777, -6.926191)



As we preferred to stay close to the airport on the last day, as well as get some more waterbirds, we then decided to drive to **Casablanca** towards our last spot: Dar Bouazza (33.542504, -7.768485): A very long wetland area that is separated from a beach by sand dunes. It was a good idea to get there in the evening for the next morning, the area is big and can entertain for hours, however to drive into Casablanca was a bad idea: Traffic was really bad and only late and with a rather stressed driver and navigator we found an affordable accommodation. The day at the wetland was nice, we got nice birds such as Red-winged Pratincole and a few species of waders. On the beach were a lot of terns (but no orange-billed...) and Kentish Plover.

As our flight was very early, we then drove closer to the airport. The big hotels at the airport were booked out, however the very kind Riad Hamdani (33.405420, -7.559223) offered us their last rooms, thanks a lot!





### Best birding spots

**Ouahat Sidi Brahim (Marrakesch)**, 31.693, -7.992: Brown-throated Martin, Eurasian Thick-knees, Hoopoes, Green Sandpipers, Little Ringed Plovers, Barbary Partridges, Zitting Cisticolas, Common Snipe etc.

**Oukaïmeden**, 31.238, -7.817 until 31.192, -7.850: African Crimson-winged Finches (very easy and one of the most common birds there), Horned Lark ssp. atlas, Seebohm's Wheatear, Rock Sparrows, Moussier's Redstarts, Black Wheatears, African Blue Tits, Blue Rock Thrush, Red-billed and Alpine Choughs, Northern Ravens, Long-legged Buzzard, Little Owl, Brambling.

**Oued Massa (Agadir)**, 30.057, -9.655: Waders, Terns, Spectacled and Subalpine Warbler, Glossy Ibis, Northern Gannet, Laughing Dove, Black-crowned Tchagra, Eurasian Spoonbill, Black-crowned Night Heron, Moussier's Redstart, Purple Heron, Grasshopper Warbler.

Road to Sidi Ouassay, 30.038, -9.680: Bald Ibisses, Montagu's Harrier, Osprey, Cream-coloured Courser, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, European Bee-eater.

**Tighrman (Antiatlas)**, 29.877, -8.720: Lanner Falcon, Western Orphean Warbler, Moussier's and Common Redstart, Trumpeter Finch, Seebohm's Wheatear, Tree Pipit, Osprey, Desert Lark.

**Tissint**, 29.908, -7.316: One of the best birding spots of the trip (quantity): Baillon's Crake (very cooperative beautiful male), Rock Martin, Sedge and Reed Warblers, Western Olivaceous and Melodius Warblers, Nightingales, Squacco Heron, MANY Subalpine Warblers, Spotted Crake, Willow Warblers etc. 29.850, -7.264: A pair of sitting Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse!

**Tiouiyine**, 30.940, -7.209: Full with migrants, at least 4 Little Crakes (!), Western Olivaceous and Melodius Warbler, Spotted Crake, Wood Sandpiper, Squacco Herons, Gull-billed Terns, Common Snipe, Seebohm's Wheatear, Tawny Pipit, Marsh Harrier, Osprey etc.





**Tagdilt Track (Boumalne Dadès), 31.364, -5.960** (start of the Track) until somewhere here 31.316, -5.918: Red-rumped Wheatears, Desert Wheatears, Temminck's Larks, Bar-tailed Larks, Pin-tailed and Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Thick-billed Lark, Cream-coloured Courser, Whinchats etc.

**Imider (Boumalne Dadès), 31.370, -5.821:** Pharaoh Eagle Owl, Montagu's Harrier, Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, Black-eared Wheatears, Thick-billed Larks, Lanner Falcon, Great Grey Shrike, Desert Wheatear, Long-legged Buzzard.

**Rissani, 31.261, -4.229:** Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters. 31.265, -4.236: Fulvous Babblers.

**Area around Erg Chebbi:** Greater Hoopoe-Larks, Bar-tailed Lark, African Desert Warbler, Scrub Warbler, Crowned and Spotted Sandgrouse, Desert Sparrow, Brown-necked Raven, Egyptian Nightjar. (We were in this area with our guide Hamid: [www.gayuin.com](http://www.gayuin.com). Hence no coordinates).

**Zaida, 32.794, -4.929:** Dupont's Lark, Lesser Short-toed Lark, Temminck's Lark, Desert Wheatear.

**Col du Zad, 33.031, -5.069:** About 10 Seebohm's Wheatears, Ruddy Shelducks, Red-knobbed Coots.

**Sidi Boughaba (Kenitra): 34.251, -6.666:** Marbled Duck, White-headed Duck, Ferruginous Duck, Hobby, Marsh Owl, Purple Swamphen, Red-crested Pochard, Montagu's and Marsh Harriers. Good seawatching point close by: 34.248, -6.681: Parasitic Jaeger, Great Skua, Razorbill, Audouin's Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Sandwich Tern, Black-shouldered Kite (on a nearby tree next to the dunes), Sanderling, Oystercatchers.

**Dar Bouazza (Casablanca):** from 33.542, -7.770 to 33.560, -7.740: Two possibilities, either walk on the inside of the dunes or at the beach, we made both: Red-knobbed Coot, Garganey, Collared Pratincole, Little Bittern, Sandwich and Little Tern, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Bar-tailed Godwit, Wood Sandpiper, Purple Sandpiper, Garden Warbler, Common Snipe, Purple Swamphen, Slender-billed Gulls, Spotted Crakes, Ferruginous Ducks, Common Scoters (off sea), Kentish and Little Ringed Plovers.





### Species lists: Birds

Common name	place	comment
Ruddy Shelduck	Tissint (flying along the river), Col du Zad (33.058, -5.038)	
Mallard	several places	
Northern Shoveler	Sidi Boughaba	
Marbled Duck	Sidi Boughaba	
Garganey	Dar Bouazza	11 individuals
Common Pochard	several places	
Red-crested Pochard	around Kénitra	
Ferruginous Duck	Sidi Boughaba	
Tufted Duck	Sidi Boughaba	
Common Scoter	off Dar Bouazza	4 individuals flying offshore
White-headed Duck	Sidi Boughaba	
Double-spurred Francolin	Sidi Yahya Zaer (33.710, -6.927)	3 calling individuals
Barbary Partridge	several places, often flushed	
Common Quail	Tiouiyine (30.940, -7.209)	1 singing
Little Grebe	lakes around Kénitra and Casablanca	
Great Crested Grebe	Sidi Boughaba	
Northern Gannet	Oued Massa, Kénitra	
Great Cormorant	several places	Oued Massa: ssp lucidus / maroccanus
Little Bittern	Dar Bouazza	one individual flying twice between reeds
Black-crowned Night Heron	Oued Massa	2 flying individuals
Cattle Egret	very common in the North	
Squacco Heron	Tissint, Tiouiyine	
Little Egret	Oued Massa	
Grey Heron	several places	
Purple Heron	Oued Massa, Sidi Yahya Zaer, Dar Bouazza	
White Stork	several places	flocks of migrating birds but also breeding birds
Glossy Ibis	Oued Massa, Bettana	Oued Massa 11 flying ind., Bettana 1 flying ind
Bald Ibis	Sidi Ouassay (30.038, -9.680)	at least 47 birds, could have been more
Eurasian Spoonbill	Oued Massa	3 ind
Griffon Vulture	Zaida	



Osprey	several places	migrating birds
Golden Eagle	Sidi Abdeljabbar	
Short-toed Snake-eagle	Antiatlas (Asni, Tiwerdiwine), Ifrane	
Booted Eagle	several places, common migrant	
Bonelli's Eagle	Anti-Atlas (29.932, -9.329 / 30.060, -9.091 / 29.855, -8.529)	
Black Kite	several places	
Marsh Harrier	several places	
Montagu's Harrier	Migrants: Sidi Ouassay, Ida Ougnidif, Imider, Sidi Boughaba	
Pallid Harrier	Tissint (29.998, -6.950)	a 2 <sup>nd</sup> cy ind
Long-legged Buzzard	several places	
European Honey Buzzard	Ifrane	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Oukaïmeden, Ourigane, Dar Bouazza	
Black-shouldered Kite	Kénitra (34.247, -6.680)	
Common Kestrel	several places	
Lesser Kestrel	Timahdite (33.237, -5.059)	
Hobby	Sidi Boughaba	
Peregrine Falcon	Kénitra	a few distant "Barbary or Peregrine" birds
Barbary Falcon	Gorges du Dadès (31.454, -5.962)	1 ind sitting
Lanner Falcon	Antiatlas (29.939, -8.637 / 29.947, -9.008), Imider (31.373, -5.813)	nests at Imider and Ighir Ifran
Spotted Crake	Tissint, Tiouiyine, Dar Bouazza	
Little Crake	Tiouiyine (30.940, -7.209)	4 individuals, probably more
Baillon's Crake	Tissint (29.908, -7.316)	1 male
Common Moorhen	several places	
Eurasian Coot	several places	
Red-knobbed Coot	Col du Zad, Sidi Boughaba, Dar Bouazza	
Purple Swamphen	Sidi Boughaba, Dar Bouazza	
Eurasian Oystercatcher	Kénitra	
Pied Avocet	Oued Massa	
Black-winged Stilt	several places	
Eurasian Thick-knee	several places	
Cream-coloured Courser	Tagdilt Track, Sidi Ouassay (flying), Erg Chebbi	
Collared Pratincole	Dar Bouazza (33.560, -7.740)	
Little Ringed Plover	several places	
Common Ringed Plover	Oued Massa	
Kentish Plover	Oued Massa, Dar Bouazza (beach)	1 ringed bird from northern France
Grey Plover	Oued Massa	
Sanderling	Kénitra	
Ruddy Turnstone	Casablanca (33°34'55.5"N 7°42'14.1"W)	
Dunlin	Oued Massa	
Curlew Sandpiper	Dar Bouazza	
Temminck's Stint	Ouarzazate (30.928, -6.872)	

Little Stint	Dar Bouazza	
Wood Sandpiper	Dar Bouazza, Tiouiyine	
Green Sandpiper	Ouahat Sidi Brahim (31.693, -7.992)	
Common Sandpiper	Oued Massa, Dar Bouazza	
Common Redshank	Oued Massa	
Greenshank	Oued Massa, Tissint	
Bar-tailed Godwit	Dar Bouazza (beach)	
Eurasian Curlew	Dar Bouazza (beach)	
Whimbrel	Oued Massa, Dar Bouazza (beach)	
Common Snipe	Ouahat Sidi Brahim, Dar Bouazza, Tiouiyine	
Great Skua	Kénitra	
Parasitic Jaeger	Kénitra	
Black-headed Gull	Kénitra	
Slender-billed Gull	Dar Bouazza	3 ind flying over the beach
Mediterranean Gull	Kénitra	
Yellow-legged Gull	several places	most common gull species
Audouin's Gull	Kénitra	only a few
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Kénitra	
Little Tern	Dar Bouazza (beach)	
Sandwich Tern	Kénitra, Dar Bouazza (beach)	
Gull-billed Tern	Oued Massa, Tiouiyine	
Common Tern	Kénitra	
Caspian Tern	Oued Massa	
Razorbill	Kénitra	
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	Ougrid (30.519, -7.018), Tagdilt Track	
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	Tagdilt Track, Imider (31.373, -5.813)	
Spotted Sandgrouse	Erg Chebbi	
Crowned Sandgrouse	Erg Chebbi	
Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse	Tissint (29.850, -7.264)	
Common / Feral Pigeon	common	
Stock Dove	in the North	
Common Wood Pigeon	several places	
Eurasian Collared Dove	common	
Turtle Dove	Massa, Rissani	
Laughing Dove	common in the south	
Common Cuckoo	several places	
Pharaoh Eagle Owl	Imider (31.370, -5.821)	2 ind
Marsh Owl	Sidi Boughaba	flew into the dunes at dusk
Little Owl	several places	
Egyptian Nightjar	Erg Chebbi	Desert Day Trip
Common Swift	common	
Pallid Swift	common	
Alpine Swift	Sidi Ouassay	
Little Swift	common around Casablanca and Marrakesch	
Hoopoe	several places	



European Bee-eater	several places	
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	Rissani (31.267, -4.277) and (31.261, -4.229)	
European Roller	Casablanca	next to the road
Levaillant's Woodpecker	Oukaïmeden, Ifrane	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	several places	
Wryneck	Anti-Atlas	
Eurasian Skylark	several places	
Crested Lark	common	
Maghreb Lark	several places	
Thekla's Lark	several places	
Greater Short-toed Lark	several places	
Lesser Short-toed Lark	Zaida (32.794, -4.929)	
Thick-billed Lark	Tagdilt Track	
Desert Lark	common mainly in the Anti-Atlas	
Bar-tailed Lark	Tagdilt Track, around Rissani and Erg Chebbi	
Calandra Lark	between Casablanca and Marrakech	
Horned Lark <i>ssp atlas</i>	Oukaïmeden (31.192, -7.850)	
Temminck's Lark	Tagdilt Track, Zaida	
Dupont's Lark	Zaida (32.794, -4.929)	
Greater Hoopoe-Lark	common in the desert in southern Morocco	
Sand Martin	several places	
Brown-throated Martin	Ouahat Sidi Brahim (31.693, -7.992)	
Eurasian Crag Martin	several places	
Rock Martin	Tissint (29.908, -7.316)	
Barn Swallow	common	
Red-rumped Swallow	several places	
Common House Martin	several places	
Tawny Pipit	Tiouiyine (30.943, -7.206)	2 ind in a field
Water Pipit	Khoujmane	
Meadow Pipit	several places	
Tree Pipit	Oued Massa, Tighrman	
White Wagtail	several places	<i>ssp alba</i> and <i>subpersonata</i>
Yellow Wagtail	several places	<i>ssp iberiae</i> , <i>flava</i>
Grey Wagtail	several places	
White-throated Dipper	Oukaïmeden, Kerrandou	
European Robin	several places	
Common Nightingale	several places	
Bluethroat	Oukaïmeden	
Common Redstart	several places	
Black Redstart	Oukaïmeden	<i>ssp aterrimus</i>
Moussier's Redstart	several places	
Northern Wheatear	several places	
Seeobhm's Wheatear	several places	
Black-eared Wheatear	several places	
Maghreb Wheatear	Amerzgane (31.019, -7.229)	
White-crowned Wheatear	common in the south	

Black Wheatear	several places	
Desert Wheatear	several places between Boumalne Dadès and Zaida	
Red-rumped Wheatear	Tagdilt Track	
Whinchat	Tagdilt Track, Erg Chebbi	
European Stonechat	Oued Massa	
Song Thrush	Oukaïmeden	
Mistle Thrush	Oukaïmeden, Ifrane	
Common Blackbird	several places	
Ring Ouzel	Oukaïmeden	
Blue Rock Thrush	Oukaïmeden, Gorges du Dadès, Imi n' Guerdane	
Scrub Warbler	Erg Chebbi	Desert Day Trip
Garden Warbler	Dar Bouazza	
Eurasian Blackcap	several places	
Common Whitethroat	between Taznakht and Anezal	
Western Orphean Warbler	Antiatlas (30.057, -9.087, Tighrman), Gorges du Dadès	
Sardinian Warbler	several places	
Spectacled Warbler	Oued Massa, Antiatlas (Ait Boudad)	
Subalpine Warbler	common, ssp iberiae	
African Desert Warbler	Erg Chebbi	Desert Day Trip
Tristram's Warbler	Asni (31.248, -7.873), Tizi N'Test (30.855, -8.372)	
Sedge Warbler	Tissint, Boumalne Dadès	
Zitting Cisticola	several places	
Common Grasshopper Warbler	Oued Massa	
Cetti's Warbler	several places	
European Reed Warbler	several places, territorial birds in Dar Bouazza	
Melodious Warbler	Tissint, Tiouiyine	
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	Erg Chebbi	ssp reiseri, either Eastern or Western Olivaceous Warbler at Tissint
Western Olivaceous Warbler	several places	
Willow Warbler	several places	
Common Chiffchaff	several places	
Bonelli's Warbler	several places	
Firecrest	Ifrane	
Pied Flycatcher	Gorges du Dadès	
Great Tit	several places	
Coal Tit	Oukaïmeden	
African Blue Tit	common	
Eurasian Nuthatch	Ifrane	
Short-toed Treecreeper	Ifrane, ssp mauritanica	
Great (/Steppe) Grey Shrike	common	ssp algeriensis in the north/middle and ssp elegans in the south



Woodchat Shrike	common	
Black-crowned Tchagra	Oued Massa (30.062, -9.660)	
Common Bulbul	common	
Fulvous Babbler	Tigzmete (29.745, -7.944), Rissani (31.265, -4.236)	
Eurasian Magpie	several places	ssp mauritanica
Eurasian Jay	several places	ssp cervicalis
Western Jackdaw	Kénitra	
Red-billed Chough	Around Oukaïmeden	
Alpine Chough	Around Oukaïmeden	
Northern Raven	Oukaïmeden, Zaida	
Brown-necked Raven	common around Erg Chebbi	
Spotless Starling	common	
House Sparrow	common	
Spanish Sparrow	Oued Massa	
Rock Sparrow	Oukaïmeden	
Desert Sparrow	around Erg Chebbi, also nest (31.195686, -4.025359)	nest: selffound
Common Chaffinch	several places	ssp africana
Brambling	Oukaïmeden	
Common Linnet	Oued Massa	
European Goldfinch	several places	
European Greenfinch	several places	
Eurasian Siskin	Ifrane	
European Serin	Ouahat Sidi Brahim, Oued Massa	
Hawfinch	Ifrane	
Common Crossbill	Oukaïmeden	
Trumpeter Finch	several places	
African Crimson-winged Finch	Oukaïmeden	
Cirl Bunting	several places	
Corn Bunting	several places	
House Bunting	very common in the South	
Rock Bunting	Tizi N'Test	





## Mammals

Common name	Latin name	place
Wild boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	enclosure at Tizi n' Test, Kenitra
Barbary sheep	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	enclosure at Tizi n' Test
Cuvier's Gazelle	<i>Gazella cuvieri</i>	Antiatlas: near Ait Milk (29.933914, -9.335279), near Tafraoute (29.737754, -8.857819)
African Wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris lybica</i>	Imider (31.369692, -5.821724)
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	near Tighrman
Kuhl's pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus kuhlii</i>	Tissint (form "desserti"), Kenitra
Geoffroy's Trident Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Asellia tridens</i>	Auberge De Charme Les Dunes D'Or - Erg Chebbi (31.202 -4.028)
North African Elephant Shrew	<i>Elephantulus rozeti</i>	near Ait Baha (30.057, -9.087), near Taznakht (30.535, -7.0782)
Barbary Macaque	<i>Macaca sylvanus</i>	Ifrane
Barbary Ground Squirrel	<i>Atlantoxerus getulus</i>	many
Sundevall's Jird	<i>Meriones crassus</i>	near Tighrman (29.878, -8.717), near Col du Zad (33.206, -5.061)
Fat Sand Rat	<i>Psammomys obesus</i>	Tagdilt Track - Tissint, near Taznakht (30.535179, -7.078255)
Lesser Egyptian Gerbil	<i>Gerbillus gerbillus</i>	Erg Chebbi
Val's Gundi	<i>Ctenodactylus vali</i>	near Errachidia (33.206805, -5.061362)







## Amphibians and Reptiles

Common name	Latin name	place
Sahara Frog	<i>Pelophylax saharicus</i>	Marrakesh, other places
Mauritanian Toad	<i>Sclerophrys mauritanica</i>	Tissint, near Tizgzaouine, Boumanes Dades
Mediterranean Tree Frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>	near Tizgzaouine, Kenitra
African Green Toad	<i>Bufo boulengeri</i>	Boumalne Dades, Erg Chebbi, Ifrane
Mediterranean Turtle	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>	often at water places, <i>M. leprosa saharica</i> at the Gundi place
Common tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>	between Oukaïmeden and Tizi n' Test
Common Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo chamaeleon</i>	Tiouiyine, near Kenitra
Viperine Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>	near Ait Baha, Tissint
Iberian False Smooth Snake	<i>Macroprotodon brevis</i>	Kenitra (Sidi Boughaba)
Boulenger's Feylinia	<i>Chalcides boulengeri</i>	Tissint
Bibron's Agama	<i>Agama impalearis</i>	AntiAtlas (around Sidi Abdellah El Bouchouari)
Böhme's Agama	<i>Trapelus boehmei</i>	near Ait Baha, Tissint
Bosc's Fringe-toed Lizard	<i>Acanthodactylus boskianus</i>	widespread in the South
Duméril's Fringe-fingered Lizard	<i>Acanthodactylus dumerilii</i>	area around Erg Chebbi and Rissani
Spiny-footed Lizard	<i>Acanthodactylus erythrurus</i>	Ifrane, Marokko
Desert Lacerta	<i>Mesalina guttulata</i>	Imider, near Ouarzazate
Moroccan Rock Lizard	<i>Scelarcis perspicillata</i>	Ifrane
Andalusian wall lizard	<i>Podarcis vaucheri</i>	Ifrane
Moroccan Daygecko	<i>Quedenfeldtia moerens</i>	Tizi n'Test
Algerian Fan-fingered Gecko	<i>Ptyodactylus oudrii</i>	Sidi Abdeljabbar, Tissint
Morocco Lizard-fingered Gecko	<i>Saurodactylus brossei</i>	widespread, common under stones
Banded Toed Gecko	<i>Saurodactylus fasciatus</i>	near Sidi Bettache
Anderson's Short-fingered Gecko	<i>Stenodactylus petrii</i>	Erg Chebbi
Elegant gecko	<i>Stenodactylus sthenodactylus</i>	near Tissint
Algerian Sand Gecko	<i>Tropicolotes algericus</i>	near Boumalne Dadès
Morocco Wall Gecko	<i>Tarentola boehmei</i>	Tissint
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	widespread in the North