

Fuerteventura 23 to 28 November 2025

23 February

The day started with Phil, Jude and Colin catching the flight from Manchester to Fuerteventura, where we landed at around 14:00, where we met Shaun who having taken an earlier flight from London was already waiting in the queue to pick up the rental car.

2 hours later we eventually were given the weeks hire car and we could then commence birding.

While we were waiting to pick up the car the following birds were noted,

Collared Dove

Yellow-legged Gull

Kestrel

Rock Dove

On the road to the first stop we noted

Egyptian Vulture 3

First stop was a cheese farm located on the FV10 at the second roundabout from the airport where we noted

Turtle Dove 6

Raven

Pied Wagtail

African Blue Tit

Southern Grey Shrike

Spanish Sparrow

Buzzard

Chiff Chaff

We then proceeded to find a restaurant which was open, with the only available one being a Pizza restaurant, which was delicious.



25th November

Being the first full day we opted visit the Tindaya Plane setting off at 07:30 noting the following on the road to there.

Collared Dove

Southern Grey Shrike 6

Raven

Buzzard 1

Barbary Falcon 1 feeding on a Dove.

Tindaya Plain

Black-bellied Sandgrouse 5

Houbara Bustard 1

Lesser Short-toed Larks, a number of flocks noted.

Bertalot's Pipit, small numbers noted

Kestrel

Linnet 2

Corralejo

Whimbrel 3

Spoonbill 3

Yellow-legged Gull

Little Egret 1

Ringed Plover 2

Rubbish tipB arranca de la Mulley

Berthalot's Pipit

Egyptian Vulture. Too numerous to count, there were dozens always in view.

Yellow-legged Gull. As above.O

Ruddy Shellduck

Green Sandpiper

Trumpeter Finch 10

Fuertaventura Chat

Black-winged Stilt

On the road back to the villa

Grey Heron

Kestrel

Hoopoe 2

Blackcap 2

Spanish Sparrow.

In the evening finding somewhere open was again problematical so we opted for the one that was open which was a Burger Restaurant. Whilst the Burger was delicious the balms were certainly a strange colour.



25 November 2025

Costa Calma preservation site opposite the Palma Garden Hotel

Monk Parakeet

Hadada Ibis

Cattle Egret

Berthalot's Pipit

Kestrel

Spectacled Warbler, a few pairs noted

Sardinian Warbler, a few pairs noted

Little Egret

Golf course Corralejo de la Jandia

Hoopoe 3

Southern Grey Shrike 6 minimum

Stone Curlew 6

Atlantic Canary

Ruddy Shelduck 6

Yellow-legged Gull

Fuertaventura Chat 6 minimum

Kestrel 1

African Blue Tit

Chiffchaff

Rosy-faced Lovebird

Barranca de la Florida

Redshank

Black-winged Stilt

Ruddy Shelduck

Spoonbill 8

Common Sandpiper

Pied Wagtail

Ringed Plover

Grey Heron

Noted on route back to the villa

Egyptian Vulture

Buzzard

Barbary Falcon

Rock Dove

Raven

Turtle Dove

Spanish Sparrow

Despite driving all around the local area the only option was back for another Pizza

26 November

Tendaya Track including the road there

Collared Dove

Southern Grey Shrike 8

Pied Wagtail

Barbary Falcon on the same pylon as previously

Lesser Short-toed Lark numerous

Trumpeter Finch
Berthalot's Pipit
Spectacled Warbler

Los Molinos

Berthalot's Pipit
Ruddy Shelduck C100
Barbary Falcon 2
Black-bellied Sandgrouse 3
Egyptian Vulture

Reserva de la Jarde

Cream-coloured Corser 5 in flight

Driving around the area searching for a restaurant that was open we stumbled across a fine one with the food being fine.

When we tried to book for the following evening we were informed that the restaurant was closed on Thursday.

It seems that the restaurants away from the tourist areas do not open seven days a week.

27 November

Reserva de la Jarde

Houbara Bustard 2 including 1 displaying
Berthalot's Pipit
Lesser Short-toed Lark
Trumpeter Finch
Kestrel

Bentancura

Atlantic Canary
Sardinian Warbler
Hoopoe 2
Blackcap
Chiffchaff a bright yellow individual

Kestrel

Raven

Whilst in Bentancura we had a delicious meal in one of the many restaurants in the village.



On our route to the next site we drove over the mountain top to one on the many vantage points giving views down the valleys. Whilst there we noted numerous

Ravens

Barbary Squirrels.



Barranca de la Florida

We made a second trip to this site for a second attempt to find the reported Eastern Yellow Wagtail.

Spoonbill 7

Little Egret

Black-winged Stilt

Ruddy Shelduck

Eastern Yellow Wagtail. We were eventually successful in finding this rare vagrant to the Western palearctic with it being my only tick of this trip.

Common Sandpiper.

That evening we toured the local area looking for any eateries that were open. We eventually stumbled across a restaurant named “El Luchador” which was the local meeting point for the local sport which, from looking at the numerous photographs, was wrestling of some sort.

The food was amazing with the starter of around 8 enormous Garlic Mushrooms in breadcrumb followed by 5 large steaks (my meal, I kid you not), a carafe of local wine made for a good last meal.



It was then back to the villa for the nightly role call.

28 November

On route back to the airport for our flight home.

Just in case we thought that the birding was over, we were passing the large shopping centre close to the airport Phil called out “Swifts.”

As these birds were on Shaun’s wish list he quickly pulled off the carriageway and into the shopping centre where we soon found the birds in question.

They were easily identified as Plain Swifts.

Which considering that the last two birds added to the list were Eastern Yellow Wagtail and Plain Swift they brought the very successful trip to an appropriate conclusion.

Whilst I have not noted every single bird in the text above, I will make an inclusive list below.

I will not include the Latin names just the common English Names.

The number recorded was a mere 49, which is less than that recorded on many of the group outing the lack of numbers is more than compensated by the sheer quality of those that we did record.

Cattle Egret
Little Egret
Grey Heron
Spoonbill
Ruddy Shelduck
Teal
Shoveller
Egyptian Vulture
Buzzard
Kestrel
Barbary Falcon
Houbara Bustard
Black-winged Stilt
Cream-coloured Courser
Little-ringed Plover
Ringed Plover
Whimbrel
Redshank
Green Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Yellow-legged Gull
Black-bellied Sandgrouse
Rock Dove
Collared Dove
Monk Parakeet
Plain Swift
Hoopoe
Lesse Short-toed Lark
Turtle Dove
Rosy-faced Lovebird
Berthalot's Pipit
Grey Wagtail
White Wagtail

Eastern Yellow Wagtail
Fuerteventura Chat
Spectacled Warbler
Sardinian Warbler
African Blue Tit
Southern Grey Shrike
Raven
Spanish Sparrow
Atlantic Canary
Linnet
Trumpeter Finch
Blackcap
Chiffchaff
Song Thrush
Carrion Crow
Robin

Photos by Colin unless stated

Spectacled Warbler and Atlantic Canary By Seaun.

Spectacled Warbler (By Seaun)





Barbary Falcon



Houbara Bustard



Black-bellied Sandgrouse



Lesser Short-toed Lark



Fuertaventura Chat



Southern Grey Shrike



Hoopoe



Atlantic Canary (By Seaun)



Berthalot's Pipit