

Portugal: Fabulous Birding & Culture Species List | April 2 – 13, 2025 with Naturalist Journeys



Compiled by host Julie Fannon with local guide Antonia Cotão. Our clients included Judy, Dan, Gayle, Jane, Paul, Brad, Stephanie, Kate, Elizabeth, Mary, and Bill.

This was a thorough and fun exploration of the southern half of Portugal, based out of Lisbon on the west coast, Mertola on the eastern border with Spain, and Tavira on the south coast. We had full days of birding along three major rivers, and also included two city-based cultural tours in Evora and Mertola to learn about the Roman, Moorish, and Christian influences in Portugal over the centuries. Favorite birds included our daily sightings of White Stork, Hoopoe, European Rollers, Stonechats, Eurasian Spoonbills, European Bee-eaters, Woodchat Shrikes, and Black-headed Weavers.

BIRDS 151 species were recorded. Details are included below. The eBird link below details the 151 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and butterflies we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

MAMMALS: — (4)

European Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus* — (4) Quick glances throughout the trip

Iberian Hare *Lepus granatensis* — (1) Seen briefly on Day 5

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* — (SE) Smelled only at the salt pans near the hotel

Fallow Deer (I) *Dama dama* — (5) Seen in the hunting reserve from the Lynx lookout

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: — (4)

Mediterranean Turtle *Mauremys leprosa* — (X) Seen many times in the second half of the trip, typically on stream banks

Large Psammodromus *Psammodromus algirus* — (3) Best sighting in the sandy pine forest on our first day in the Algarve

European Pond Turtle *Emys orbicularis* — (1) Great scope views at the golf course in the Algarve, many yellow speckles!

Red-eared Slider *Trachemys scripta elegans* — (X) **Introduced**, Seen by the dozens at the golf course in the Algarve.

BUTTERFLIES: — (1)

Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria* — (1) Seen at the golf course in the Algarve

Cabbage (Small) White *Pieris rapae* — (X) Seen daily

Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui* — (X) Fun to see this familiar species

Eurasian Clouded Yellow *Colias croceus* — (2) Seen twice, Day 9 and Day 10

Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeas* — (1) Tiny little blue butterfly around a puddle on our last day in Mertola

Spanish Festoon *Zerynthia rumina* — (2) Gorgeous butterfly seen by many two days of the trip.