

# Morocco: Birding & Nature Species List | April 2 – 16, 2026 with Naturalist Journeys



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Our Naturalist Journeys tour to Morocco took us through the dramatic and varied landscapes of this incredible country: from the bustling and colorful souk in Marrakech to the snow-capped mountains of the High Atlas, the rolling dunes of the Sahara to the ocean-side cliffs near Agadir. There was never a dull drive as we took in the mountain gorges, geological formations, lush green vegetation, sparse desert, and the occasional dust devil as we traversed through the region. It proved to be a trip rich in both culture and wildlife - and with a lovely group to boot!

This was also a trip of many firsts: the first Naturalist Journeys group to spot an Egyptian Mongoose, Fennec Fox, and a Moroccan Horned Viper! We had a record number of bird species on this journey, with highlights that included Egyptian Nightjar, Greater Hoopoe-Lark, Crowned, Black-bellied, and Spotted Sangrouse, Bonelli's Eagle, Pharaoh Eagle-Owl, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lanner Falcon, and Maghreb Wheatear, to name a few! The eBird link is below and details the 170 species of birds our group either observed or heard during our trip.

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The following is a list of additional mammal and reptile species we encountered in our travels:

## **MAMMALS (7):**

- Barbary Ground Squirrel** *Atlantoxerus getulus* - We spotted several spotted during the trip, mostly in rocky terrain.  
**Dromedary Camel** *Camelus dromedarius* - Observed both in pens and wandering. We did get a close encounter with several all dressed up and ready for riders!  
**Egyptian Mongoose** *Herpestes ichneumon* - Spotted on the hillside at Aurocher Lodge - good eye, Jim!  
**Fat Sand Rat** *Psammomys obesus* - We saw members of several colonies.  
**Fennec Fox** *Vulpes zerda* - The 4x4 car in the lead flushed this fox and those of us in the cars behind saw it take off!  
**Geoffrey's Trident Leaf-nosed Bat** *Asellia tridens* - We saw quite a few bats around our lodge in Erg Chebbi one night!  
**Wild Boar** *Sus scrofa algira* - We took a peek through the scope at a group of 7 across the river.

## **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (9):**

- African Green Toad** *Bufo boulengeri*  
**Duméril's Fringe-fingered Lizard** *Acanthodactylus dumerilii*  
**Golden Fringe-fingered Lizard** *Acanthodactylus aureus*  
**Greek Tortoise** *Testudo graeca* - One was hanging out at one of our city stops - might have been someone's pet!  
**Margarita's Fringe-fingered Lizard** *Acanthodactylus margaritae*  
**Mauritanian Toad aka Berber Toad** *Sclerophrys mauritanica*  
**Moorish Gecko** *Tarentola mauritanica* - Spotted on the ceiling!  
**Moroccan Horned Viper** *Cerastes cerastes* - Our incredible local guide found this iconic viper under a rock, a great way to end our time exploring the wadi. Later in the trip we also saw sidewinding viper tracks in the sand.  
**Moroccan Rock Lizard** *Scelarcis perspicillata*