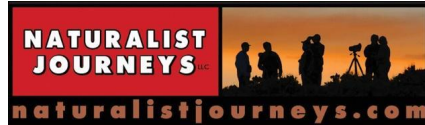


Portugal in Spring Species List | April 6-16, 2026 Naturalist Journeys



With host Laura Koehne, guide Antonio Cotão, and participants Susan, Emily, Lisa, Tanya, Jane, Gordon, Iris, Doug, John, Becky, and John.

SUMMARY: A fun tour exploring the nature and culture of the southern portion of Portugal. We flew into Lisbon and then stayed our first few nights in the town of Alcochete where we explored the Tagus estuary and surrounding areas. Then it was on to the historic town of Mértola with its Roman and Moorish roots, where we birded the surrounding rolling hills of Alentejo. We then went south to the Algarve where we had several days to explore the south coast while based in Tavira. Some of the bird highlights included European Bee-eaters, White Stork, Hoopoe, Eurasian Spoonbills, European Roller, Spanish Eagle, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Cinereous Vulture, and Great Bustard.

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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MAMMALS (4):

European Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus* — (4) Seen several days throughout the trip

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* — (1) Spotted enroute to Mértola

Fallow Deer *Dama dama* — (5) Seen from the Lynx lookout on day six

Common Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus* — A pod of around ten individuals swam alongside our boat during our pelagic trip

REPTILE & AMPHIBIANS (2):

Mediterranean Turtle *Mauremys leprosa* — Spotted at several ponds

Large Psammodromus *Psammodromus algirus* — Seen on our walk down to Pulo do Lobo

BUTTERFLIES (3):

Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria*

Cabbage (Small) White *Pieris rapae*

Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*