

**Northern Spain (Pyrenees and Belchite)**20-28<sup>th</sup> June 2003[David B. Collinge http://biobase.dk/~david-c/](http://biobase.dk/~david-c/)

Klaus K. Nielsen and I spent a week in Barcelona in connection with a congress, preceded by a weekend's birding in the Spanish Pyrenees and Belchite areas.

This gave the opportunity to visit four habitats:

- The montane landscapes of the [Pyrenees](#) from about 1000 to 2600 m (48hrs)
- The Río Gállego canyon at [Riglos](#)
- The northern steppes at [Belchite](#) (about 6 hrs birding)
- the [Ebro valley](#) from Belchite to Lerida (drive through twice)
- [Barcelona](#) urban and parks (very limited opportunities) - only included for the sake of completeness.

## Pyrenees - 20-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2003



We chose two sites, (1) the **Hecho valley** (following all the reports) and (2) the valley "Garganta del Escalar" where we walked from **Baños de Panticosa**, since this gave the opportunity to ascend high (2400 m) within a few Km of the town (1600m), though no birders seem to go there. These are both about 400 Km from Barcelona airport on excellent roads (maybe max 5 hrs).

**Left:** Boco del Inferno, at 9 am taken from the tunnel mouth. The classic Wallcreeper stake out. The valley is so narrow here that the sun did not reach the road while we were there. **Crag Martins, Grey Wagtails** and **Black Redstarts** here. We also saw **Egyptian Vulture, Sparrowhawk, Honey Buzzard** and **Alpine Swift** here. Not to mention the omniscient Griffon Vultures (15 recorded)

**Below:** the top of the forest in the Hecho Valley (looking down the valley). **Dippers, Grey Wagtails** and a **Kingfisher** at this site which is where the road forks.



This Egyptian vulture was flying in the Hecho valley just south of Boco del Inferno

We camped in the forest at a disused campsite at the top of the valley, where we heard both **Scops** and **Tawny Owl** and were visited by a pair of **Pine Martens**. Next morning found us at the Boco del Inferno at about 7 am, but no **Wallcreepers** - until 9:25 am when one flew north at the north mouth of the tunnel. A few minutes later we had brief views of a pair flying over the gorge, perhaps heading for Garbadito. We subsequently discovered from one of the reports we had that they are breeding at Garbadito. This is the only river crossing between Siresa and Boco del Inferno, you follow the road to the refuge. The report we had stated that you follow the track up to the right through the trees by the car park. It neglected to point out that you pass the refuge first. So we didn't find this site, and didn't discover the correct instructions until we met some birders at Belchite.



After Hecho, we decided to move east and chose to drive the valley "Garganta del Escalar" to Baños de Panticosa, since this gave the opportunity to ascend high (2400 m) within a few Km of the town (1600m). Ordessa requires a much longer walk. So we packed the tent, a couple of beers and a nice bottle of wine and attempted to follow the GR11 path to the lake "Embalse del Brazato". However, we took the wrong (right) fork of the path a few hundred metres out of the resort, following the path to an abandoned refuge. There is a path up into the col just north of the Pico del Serrato. This gave the first **Citril Finches**. So we can recommend this is a good day trip (or as we did with an overnight stop).





From the top of the col we contoured north to the south end of the reservoir "Embalse del Brazato" (seeing our only **Marmot** on the way), at about 2500m, and eventually descended to the tarn (glacial lake) "Ibón Inferior del Brazato" (2337m), enjoying our only **Alpine Accentor** on the way. We camped at the north end of the tarn overlooking the valley and were visited by two **Lammergeiers** (ad and imm) and kept company by a **Dunnock**, **Black Restarts** and **Water Pipits**. A **Scops Owl** called all night (according to Klaus who didn't sleep so well). In the morning we were visited by a further adult **Lammergeier**, much lower and closer. Stunning! We had a total of 6 sightings involving minimum 3 birds.



This **Black Kite** visited the campsite during the evening. Other species included **Citril Finches** and **Crossbills**. More of these on the descent, (Northern) **Chiffchaffs**, **Choughs** and a female **ibex**. Back in the valley at 9:45 we saw two adult **Lammergeiers** circling the western hillside just below Penticosa.

Dipped here: Wallcreeper, Snow Finch (not enough snow), Ptarmigan, Golden Eagle.

A holistic biologist cannot fail to be impressed by flora of the Pyrenees. We saw at least 4 species of Gentian as well as the Rhododendron, and masses of other fine plants too numerous to mention.



## Riols - 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2003

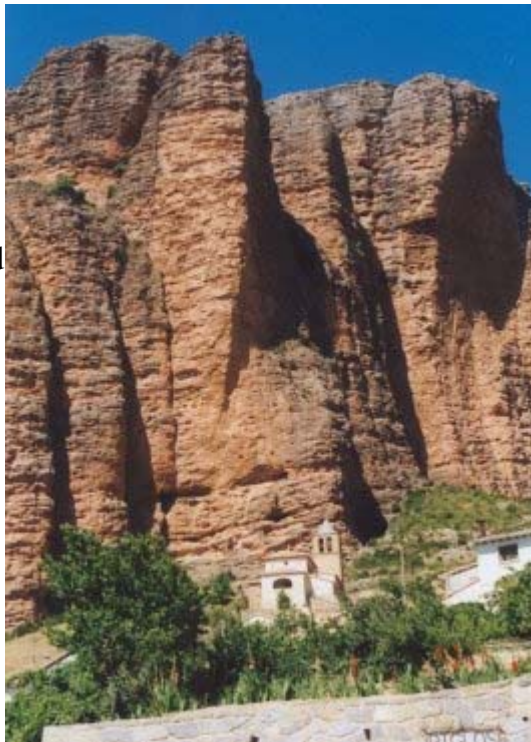
rocks overlooking the village and valley. We didn't discover the colony until the return journey, but were struck by the large numbers of vultures as we entered the canyon (we counted 36). Other interesting species were 2 **Alpine Swifts**

The Riglos turnoff is about 5 Km south of this view, which is taken from the main road (A132).

The landscape opens north of the canyon, affording this fine view of the mountains (There is a large layby). The raptors continued with 2 **Egyptian Vulture** and **Booted Eagle** and a singing (**Rufous**) **Nightingale**. Just north of Puente la Reina de Jaca was a considerable concentration of kites, mainly **Black Kites** (about 20 on the third visit), there were also a couple of **Egyptian Vultures** in this area.



On the return journey we stopped in the village itself, which is clearly something of a tourist attraction (as well as being a centre for rock climbing and other adventure sports - e.g. white-water rafting). We walked up to the area behind the church. **Ravens** and 4 **Alpine Choughs** were wheeling round the cliffs and we were rewarded with a fine view of a male **Lesser Kestrel** and an **Egyptian Vulture**. We also saw **Crag Martins**, a fine male **Black Wheatear** and a **Blue Rock Thrush**, all in the area immediately behind the church. Unlike others, we were not bothered by rock-climbers. There were only two, though this was a Sunday afternoon.







Obviously the most impressive feature is the large numbers of **Griffon Vultures** nesting on the cliffs, both here and on the west side of the valley.

There was a female **Orphean Warbler** skulking in these bushes below the church. A male **Cirl Bunting** was singing in the orchard just above the upper car park when we returned to the car. The final observation was a Hoopoe as we drove out of the village.

(we were there for a total of two hours from 14:40 to 16:45, and it was probably about 30°C, this does not seem to have adversely affected our birding. Riglos is about 60 Km south of Hecho - about an hour).

## La Lomanza at Belchite and Ebro - 22-23<sup>rd</sup> June 2003

The reserve La Lomanza is the northern stake out for Dupont's Lark. About 30 Km SE Zaragoza. We arrived at about 8 pm, meeting two English birders who had arrived a couple of hours before from Barcelona. They had found 4 other species of Lark. We set off into the terrain and soon found **Thekla**, both **Short-toed** spp. and **Calandra Larks** in profusion. We drove down to Belchite looking for evening food. This yielded two **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** flying across the road, a **Turtle Dove**, a **Northern Wheatear** and **Spotless Starlings**. No food though so we returned to the reserve and finished our supplies before heading out into the reserve again.



There were now two groups of British Birders. The second group had been here previously and were armed with a Ghetto blaster. No success with respect to Dupont but we did hear Stone Curlew.

This water hole (north edge of the reserve, < 1 Km into the reserve) did not give us views of drinking Sandgrouse, as we had hoped, but excellent views of a Thekla Lark. We also saw a pair of **Black Wheatears** and some **Choughs** from this viewpoint. At 7 am Monday morning the lime works (just left of picture) started their noisy processes, somewhat reducing the charm of the view.

We heard a **Dupont's Lark** here at 6 am and the other two groups later saw it while we were brewing coffee (Damn!). This is about 50m after the track splits less that 1Km into the reserve. We saw both **Marsh** and **Hen Harriers**, the other 4 Lark spp., two **Spectacled Warblers** and perhaps a pair of Rock Sparrows, but we did not see them well enough. The final birds we packed up were a group of three **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse**. We left the area at 9 am for Barcelona. The temperature was already up in the high 20's by now and the bird activity was lower.



We took the A1404, A 221 and N211 joining the E90 at Lleida/Lerida. The first stage across the steppe yielded 6 **Beeof Montnegre** on the Río Cinca where it merges with Ebro. We saw **Eaters, Black-eared Wheatear** and **Stonechat**.

The road crosses a tributary of the Ebro just west of Caspe (at Chiprana). We stopped briefly for a **Purple Heron** and added **Short-toed Eagle** (pair) to the list. Our other stop was just north of Montnegre on the Río Cinca where it merges with Ebro. We saw 19 Little Egrets (all flying downstream), a Squacco Heron, a Night Heron and heard Reed and Cetti's Warblers here. Next stop Barcelona.

Dips: we can't complain given the short time used on this area.

## Barcelona - 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2003

for the sake of completeness....

**20<sup>th</sup> June:** While being bussed to the airport terminal from the plane we saw **Black-eared Wheatear**, **Crested Lark** and **Alpine Swift**. We headed for the Pyrenees as soon as we had picked up our Avis car. Roads are excellent, and the traffic fast. Spaniards do not seem to have a concept of "speed limit". The Starlings which were specifically identified in the Barcelona area were all common. Three **Red-rumped Swallows** were unexpected, and the only we saw on the trip. After we left the motorway at Lleida/Lerida (170 Km from Barcelona). We saw several White storks just before and circling Lleida/Lerida.

**23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June:** I stayed in a hotel (Husa Oriente) on Las Ramblas and my conference was at the congress centre in the Montjuic area. I also walked past the zoo one evening, but I did not have any strictly birding opportunities. Highlights were the parakeets - both **Ring-necked** and **Monk** which were frequent in all three areas (yes, even flying round the Columbus monument and along Las Ramblas). The other highlight was breeding **Sardinian Warblers** near the Olympic Stadium.

## Belchite and Ebro - 20-23<sup>rd</sup> June 2003

See Table for Danish, Spanish and Scientific names.

1. **Grey Heron** 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June in Barcelona
2. **Purple Heron** 23<sup>rd</sup> flying towards the River Ebro near Caspe
3. **Little Egret** Río Ebro and Cinca (Mechinenza) 19 in all
4. **Cattle Egret** 6 in a field just west of Lerida/Lleida with a Stork
5. **Squacco Heron** Río Cinca (Mechinenza)
6. **Black-crowned Night Heron** single Río Cinca (Mechinenza)
7. **White Stork** 20<sup>th</sup> Lleida/Lerida 9 including several soaring over the town 23<sup>rd</sup> At least 8 nesting on an old church? east of Lleida/Lerida (Castelldans?)
8. **Mallard** 20<sup>th</sup> 2 on a field west of Lleida/Lerida were the only ducks we saw; Barcelona near the zoo.
9. **Honey Buzzard** 21<sup>st</sup> just south of Boco del Inferno
10. **Black Kite** 20<sup>th</sup> 6 west of Lleida/Lerida; 21<sup>st</sup> ; 13 lower Hecho valley in a field with an Egyptian Vulture; 21<sup>st</sup> Balearic/Baños de Panticosa; 22<sup>nd</sup> lower Hecho valley 24; 23<sup>rd</sup> Belchite 5; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley 6
11. **Red Kite** 20<sup>th</sup> single west of Lleida/Lerida; 21<sup>st</sup> 2 at Boco del Inferno; 21<sup>st</sup> 10 at Siresa; 21<sup>st</sup> Ibón Inferior del Brazato" (2337m); 22<sup>nd</sup> Jaca area 7
12. **Griffon Vulture** 20<sup>th</sup> 36 in Río Gállego canyon at Riglos, about 35 Km NW of Huesca (336 Km from Barcelona Airport); 15 21<sup>st</sup> Hecho valley; 21<sup>st</sup> Balneario/Baños de Panticosa 2; Ibón Inferior del Brazato" (2337m) 3; 22<sup>nd</sup> Jaca area 40; 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos approx 30; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley 2
13. **Egyptian Vulture** 2 ad north of the Río Gállego canyon; 21<sup>st</sup> lower Hecho valley 1 imm, 1 ad.; 22<sup>nd</sup> lower Hecho valley 2; 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos

14. **Lammergeier** 21<sup>st</sup> Ibón Inferior del Brazato, ad and imm; 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneario/Baños de Panticosa 4 sightings
15. **Short-toed Eagle** 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley near Caspe 2
16. **Hen Harrier** 23<sup>rd</sup> single female at La Lomanza, Belchite
17. **Marsh Harrier** 20<sup>th</sup> west of Lleida/Lerida; 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite; 23<sup>rd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite,
18. **Sparrowhawk** 21<sup>st</sup> Boco del Inferno
19. **Buzzard** 22<sup>nd</sup> Jaca; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley
20. **Booted Eagle** light phase individuals: 20<sup>th</sup> north of the Río Gállego canyon; 21<sup>st</sup> lower Hecho valley
21. **Lesser Kestrel** 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos nice male
22. **Kestrel** about 30 Km west of Barcelona; 20<sup>th</sup> Río Gállego canyon at Riglos; 21<sup>st</sup> Baños de Panticosa 4; 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite 2; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley 8; Barcelona by the Olympic Stadium.
23. **Coot** 5 young in a pool from the motorway in Barcelona (20<sup>th</sup>). (We were in a queue!); 23<sup>rd</sup> Río Cinca (Mechinenza)
24. **Stone Curlew** (Eurasian Thick-knee) 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite
25. **Yellow-legged Gull**, common in Barcelona
26. **Pin-tailed Sandgrouse** 23<sup>rd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite 3 just as we were packing up to go.
27. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** 22<sup>nd</sup> Just north of Belchite 2
28. **Rock Dove** Common in all towns and on the cliffs at Riglos (22<sup>nd</sup>)
29. **Woodpigeon** 4 from the motorway near Barcelona (20<sup>th</sup>); 20<sup>th</sup> Lleida/Lerida 7; 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
30. **Turtle Dove** 22<sup>nd</sup> Belchite flew into an orchard just north of the town
31. **Collared Dove** 20<sup>th</sup> Barcelona; 20<sup>th</sup> Lleida/Lerida 10; 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneario/Baños de Panticosa 3; 22<sup>nd</sup> Jaca 22<sup>nd</sup>; 23<sup>rd</sup> Azaila 3; Barcelona in the Montjuic area
32. **Ring-necked** (Rose-ringed) **Parakeet** Barcelona in the Montjuic area, near the zoo and on Las Ramblas
33. **Monk Parakeet** Barcelona in the Montjuic area and flying round the Columbus monument
34. **Scops Owl** 20<sup>th</sup> upper\* Hecho valley calling at dusk; 21<sup>st</sup> Ibón Inferior del Brazato" calling all night.
35. **Tawny Owl** 20<sup>th</sup> upper\* Hecho valley calling at dusk
36. **Alpine Swift** 20<sup>th</sup> from the bus to the airport terminal at Barcelona; 20<sup>th</sup> Río Gállego canyon at Riglos; 21<sup>st</sup> 2 at Boco del Inferno
37. (Common) **Swift** very common in and near villages. Nesting swifts under the airport terminal roof while we were waiting to pick up our hire car made a pleasant distraction. e.g. 30 in Siresa, Hecho valley;
38. **Kingfisher** 20<sup>th</sup> Upper Hecho valley where the forest stops.



39. **Bee-eater** 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley 5
40. **Hoopoe** 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos flew literally over the bonnet of the car just as we left Riglos
41. **Calandra Lark** 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite 5; also 23<sup>rd</sup> east of Belchite
42. **Greater Short-toed Lark** 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite 5; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley 2
43. **Lesser Short-toed Lark** 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite
44. **Dupont's Lark** 23<sup>rd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite, heard calling at 6 am (dawn was at 5)
45. **Crested Lark** We saw the first from the bus from the plane to the airport terminal at Barcelona (20<sup>th</sup>). Most putative crested larks were not formally separated from the following species!
46. **Thekla Lark** 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley
47. **Skylark** 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley
48. **Sand Martin** 23<sup>rd</sup> Río Cinca (Mechinenza)5
49. **Crag Martin** Río Gállego canyon at Riglos; Boco del Inferno 8; 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos; 23<sup>rd</sup> Río Cinca (Mechinenza)3
50. (Barn) **Swallow** 20<sup>th</sup> from the motorway near Barcelona 3; 20<sup>th</sup> Lleida/Lerida 9; 23<sup>rd</sup> Belchite 4
51. **Red-rumped Swallow** Three quite close to Barcelona 20<sup>th</sup> from the motorway.
52. **House Martin** 20<sup>th</sup> 2 west of Lleida/Lerida; 20<sup>th</sup> Río Gállego canyon at Riglos; 21<sup>st</sup> Boco del Inferno 6; 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneario/Baños de Panticosa 2; 22<sup>nd</sup> Jaca 4; 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley 11
53. **Grey Wagtail** Very common in the Pyrenees.
54. **White Wagtail** 20<sup>th</sup> Barcelona airport; 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite 3; 23<sup>rd</sup> Río Cinca (Mechinenza)2; Barcelona in the Montjuic area
55. **Water Pipit** 21<sup>st</sup> Ibón Inferior del Brazato" (2337m) and thereabouts, singing 2
56. **Dipper** 21<sup>st</sup> upper\* Hecho valley, 1 ad, 1 juv.
57. (Winter) **Wren** 20<sup>th</sup> upper\* Hecho valley 2, ibid 21<sup>st</sup> 4; 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneario/Baños de Panticosa 3
58. **Alpine Accentor** between Ibón Inferior del Brazato" (2337m) and Embalse del Brazato (2500m)
59. **Dunnock** 21<sup>st</sup> upper\* Hecho valley; 21<sup>st</sup> Balneario/Baños de Panticosa and Ibón Inferior del Brazato" (2337m) 5
60. **Robin** Common in the Hecho valley
61. **Nightingale** 20<sup>th</sup> north of Río Gállego canyon the Riglos, singing.
62. **Black Redstart** 21<sup>st</sup> 5 at Boco del Inferno; 21<sup>st</sup> Balneario/Baños de Panticosa; 22<sup>nd</sup> Ibón Inferior del Brazato 6
63. **Redstart** 21<sup>st</sup> Balneario/Baños de Panticosa
64. **Stonechat** 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley
65. **Black Wheatear** 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos; 23<sup>rd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite
66. (Northern) **Wheatear** 22<sup>nd</sup> Belchite

67. **Black-eared Wheatear** 20<sup>th</sup> from the bus to the airport terminal at Barcelona
68. **Rock Thrush** 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa probably 2
69. **Blue Rock Thrush** nice male 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos
70. **Blackbird** 21<sup>st</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa; 22<sup>nd</sup> Jaca; 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley 2; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley; Barcelona in the Montjuic area
71. **Song Thrush** upper\* Hecho valley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
72. **Mistle Thrush** 20<sup>th</sup> upper\* Hecho valley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley 3
73. **Cetti's Warbler** 23<sup>rd</sup> Río Cinca (Mechinenza)
74. **Reed Warbler** 23<sup>rd</sup> Río Cinca (Mechinenza)
75. **Chiffchaff** 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa 2; 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
76. **Western Bonelli's Warbler** 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley near the refuge
77. **Blackcap** 21<sup>st</sup> Hecho valley 5; 21<sup>st</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa; 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa 3; 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos
78. **Orphean Warbler** 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos skulking in bushes behind the church
79. **Sardinian Warbler** Barcelona near the Olympic Stadium, nesting.
80. **Spectacled Warbler** 23<sup>rd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite,
81. **Goldcrest** Upper\* Hecho valley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa
82. **Pied Flycatcher** 21<sup>st</sup> Hecho valley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
83. **Long-tailed Tit** 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
84. **Coal Tit** 20<sup>th</sup> upper\* Hecho valley; 21<sup>st</sup> upper\* Hecho valley 6; Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa; Barcelona in the Montjuic area
85. **Crested Tit** 21<sup>st</sup> 3 just south of Boco del Inferno; 21<sup>st</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa at 1700 m and Ibón Inferior del Brazato" (2337m); 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
86. **Great Tit** 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa; 22<sup>nd</sup> Jaca; Barcelona in the Montjuic area
87. **Blue Tit** 21<sup>st</sup> Hecho valley; Barcelona in the Montjuic area 4
88. **Nuthatch** 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
89. **Wallcreeper** 21<sup>st</sup> 1 then 2 at Boco del Inferno at 9:35
90. **Short-toed Treecreeper** 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
91. **Corn Bunting** 20<sup>th</sup> Riglos
92. **Cirl Bunting** 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley
93. **Chaffinch** 20<sup>th</sup> Río Gállego canyon at Riglos; 21<sup>st</sup> common in upper\* Hecho valley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa 7
94. **Serin** 21<sup>st</sup> lower Hecho valley; Barcelona in the Montjuic area (10 one lunchtime)

95. **Citril Finch** 21<sup>st</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa 2 & Ibón Inferior del Brazato"1 (2337m); 22<sup>nd</sup> Ibón Inferior del Brazato 5
96. **Greenfinch** 20<sup>th</sup> Barcelona airport terminal; 20<sup>th</sup> Riglos gorge; 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos
97. **Goldfinch** 20<sup>th</sup> west of Lleida/Lerida; 21<sup>st</sup> lower Hecho valley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos 3; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ebro valley; Barcelona in the Montjuic area
98. **Linnet** 23<sup>rd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite
99. Common (Red) **Crossbill** 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa 11
100. **Bullfinch** 21<sup>st</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa; 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
101. **House Sparrow** Common near habitation.
102. (Common) **Starling** The starlings identified in and around Barcelona were all of this species.
103. **Spotless Starling**. The starlings identified near Belchite were all of this species. Frankly, we didn't put much effort into identifying all the starlings.
104. **Jay** 20<sup>th</sup> upper\* Hecho valley 2; 21<sup>st</sup> lower Hecho valley 21<sup>st</sup> 3 just south of Boco del Inferno; 22<sup>nd</sup> Garbardito, Hecho valley
105. **Magpie** Barcelona common; 20<sup>th</sup> Lleida/Lerida 5; 21<sup>st</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa 2
106. (**Alpine Chough** 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos 4 -slightly wary about these - but we could only see yellow beaks.)
107. **Chough** 22<sup>nd</sup> Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa 2; 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite 2
108. **Jackdaw** 20<sup>th</sup> Lleida/Lerida; in the "Sagrada Família, Barcelona
109. **Carrion Crow** 20<sup>th</sup> Heuco; 20<sup>th</sup> Hecho valley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Ibón Inferior del Brazato; 22<sup>nd</sup> La Lomanza, Belchite
110. Common **Raven** 21<sup>st</sup> lower Hecho valley; 21<sup>st</sup> Tena, Gallego valley; 22<sup>nd</sup> Riglos

\*defined as being above Boco del Inferno

## Mammals

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| English name        | Scientific name     | Dansk navn | Spanish name | Spain Place   |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Pine Marten</b>  | Martes martes       | Skovmår    |              | 20/6-03 Hecho valley 2 at our first campsite          |
| <b>Roe Deer</b>     | Capreolus capreolus | Rådylr     |              | 21/6-03 Hecho valley                                  |
| <b>Spanish Ibex</b> | Capra pyrenaica     |            | Cabra montés | 22/6-03 Balneirio/Baños de Panticosa, at about 1700 m |
| <b>Red Squirrel</b> | Sciurus vulgaris    | Egern      |              | 20/6-03 Hecho valley also at our first campsite       |
| <b>Marmot</b>       | Marmota marmota     |            |              | 20/6-03 Embalse del Brazato a single at 2400 m        |



Not a lot, but can't complain about the quality

## Spain: Pyrenees, Belchite and Barcelona - June 200- 20-28<sup>th</sup> June 2003

The trip comprised Summary table for our tour:

- "[Belchite and Ebro](#)" covers the trip out from Barcelona to Lerida/Huesca and from Huesca to Belchite and from Belchite via Lerida to Barcelona.
- [Pyrenees](#) covers the Río Gállego canyon at Riglos area, Hecho valley and the valley "Garganta del Escalar" to Baños de Panticosa
- [Barcelona](#) covers 5 days conference in the famous city where birding opportunities were restricted to a couple of evenings walking around to find somewhere to eat.

| English name              | Scientific name              | Spanish Names            | Danske navne | Belchite and Ebro  | Pyrenees                        | Barcelona     |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Grey Heron                | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>         | Garza real               | Fiskehejre   |  |                                 | 25/6 and 28/6 |
| Purple Heron              | <i>Ardea purpurea</i>        | Garza imperial           | Purpurhejre  | 23/6<br>Mechinenza   |                                 |               |
| Little Egret              | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>      | Garceta común            | Silkehejre   | 23/6<br>Mechinenza<br>19                                     |                                 |               |
| Cattle Egret              | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>         | Garcilla bueyera         | Kohejre      | 20/6 Lleida 6  |                                 |               |
| Squacco Heron             | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>     | Garcilla cangrejera      | Tophejre     | 23/6<br>Mechinenza   |                                 |               |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | Martinete                | Nathejre     | 23/6<br>Mechinenza   |                                 |               |
| White Stork               | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>       | Cigüeña común            | Hvid Stork   | 20/6 Lleida/<br>Lerida 9 23rd 8<br>east of Lleida/<br>Lerida |                                 |               |
| Mallard                   | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>    | Ánade Real (Cabeciverde) | Gråand       | 20/6 Lleida  |                                 | near the zoo  |
| Honey Buzzard             | <i>Pernis apivorus</i>       | Halcón abejero           | Hepsevåge    |  | 21/6<br>Hecho                   |               |
| Black Kite                | <i>Milvus migrans</i>        | Milano negro             | Sort Glente  | common   | Very common                     |               |
| Red Kite                  | <i>Milvus milvus</i>         | Milano real              | Rød Glente   | common   | common                          |               |
| Griffon Vulture           | <i>Gyps fulvus</i>           | Buitre común             | Gåsegrib     |  | breeding at Riglos, Hech valley |               |

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| <b>Egyptian Vulture</b>                   | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i> | Alimoche común              | Ådselgrib           |                  | 20/6 Jaca, Riglos, Hech Valley |   |
| <b>Lammergeier</b>                        | <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>     | Quebrantahuesos             | Lammegrib           |                  | 6 at Panticosa                 |  |
| <b>Short-toed Eagle</b>                   | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i>    | Aguila culebrera            | Slangeørn           | 23/6             | Chipandra, Ebro 2              |  |
| <b>Hen Harrier</b>                        | <i>Circus cyaneus</i>        | Aguilucho Norteño (Pálido)  | Blå Kærhøg          | 23/6             | Belchite 1                     |  |
| <b>Marsh Harrier</b>                      | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>    | Aguilucho lagunero          | Rørhøg              | 20/6             | Lleida, Belchite               |  |
| <b>Sparrowhawk</b>                        | <i>Accipiter nisus</i>       | Gavilán común               | Spurvehøg           |                  | 21/6 Hecho (Boca )             |  |
| <b>Buzzard</b>                            | <i>Buteo buteo</i>           | Ratonero común              | Musvåge             | 23/6             | Ebro valley                    | 20/6 Jaca valley   |
| <b>Booted Eagle</b>                       | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>   | Aguila calzada              | Dværgørn            | 20/6             | Riglos, Hecho                  |  |
| <b>Lesser Kestrel</b>                     | <i>Falco naumanni</i>        | Cernícalo primilla          | Lille Tårnfalk      | 22/6             | Riglos                         |  |
| <b>Kestrel</b>                            | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>     | Cernícalo vulgar            | Tårnfalk            | 22/6             | Belchite                       | 21 <sup>st</sup> 20/6 Barcelona Baños de Panticosa 4                                 |
| <b>Coot</b>                               | <i>Fulica atra</i>           | Focha común                 | Blishøne            | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Río Cinca (Mechinenza)         | 20/6 near Barcelona  |
| <b>Stone Curlew (Eurasian Thick-knee)</b> | <i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>  | Alcaraván común             | Triel               | 22/6             | Belchite                       |  |
| <b>Yellow-legged Gull</b>                 | <i>Larus cachinnans</i>      | Gaviota                     | Middelhavssølvmåge  | 20/6             | Riglos                         | 25/6 Barcelona   |
| <b>Pin-tailed Sandgrouse</b>              | <i>Pterocles alchata</i>     | Ganga común (Ganga Ibérica) | Spidshalet Sandhøne | 23/6             | La Lamosa, Belchite 3          |  |
| <b>Black-bellied Sandgrouse</b>           | <i>Pterocles orientalis</i>  | Ortega (Ganga ortega)       | Sortbuget Sandhøne  | 22/6             | Belchite 2                     |  |
| <b>Rock Dove</b>                          | <i>Columba livia</i>         | Paloma Bravia (Domestica)   | Klippedue           | common           | common                         | 20/6 Barcelona   |

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| <b>Woodpigeon</b>                         | <i>Columba palumbus</i>             | Paloma torcaz               | Ringdue                |             |          | 20/6 near Barcelona<br>Barcelona |
| <b>Turtle Dove</b>                        | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>          | Tórtola Común               | Turteldue              | 22/6        | Belchite |                                  |
| <b>Collared Dove</b>                      | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>        | Tórtola turca               | Tyrkerdue              |             |          | 20/6 neat Barcelona<br>Barcelona |
| <b>Ring-necked (Rose-ringed) Parakeet</b> | <i>Psittacula krameri</i>           | Cotorra de Kramer           | Lille Alexanderparakit |             |          | 25/6 Barcelona                   |
| <b>Monk Parakeet</b>                      |                                     | Cotorra Argentina           | Myiopsitta monachus    |             |          | 25/6 Barcelona                   |
| <b>Scops Owl</b>                          | <i>Otus scops</i>                   | Autillo                     | Dværghornugle          |             |          | 20/6<br>Hecho                    |
| <b>Tawny Owl</b>                          | <i>Strix aluco</i>                  | Cárabo                      | Natugle                |             |          | 20/6<br>Hecho                    |
| <b>Alpine Swift</b>                       | <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>           | Vencejo real                | Alpesejler             |             |          | 20/6 Barcelona                   |
| <b>Swift</b>                              | <i>Apus apus</i>                    | Vencejo común               | Mursejler              | Ebro valley | common   | 20/6 Barcelona                   |
| <b>Kingfisher</b>                         | <i>Alcedo atthis</i>                | Martín pescador             | Isfugl                 |             |          | 20/6<br>Hecho                    |
| <b>Bee-eater</b>                          | <i>Merops apiaster</i>              | Abejaruco común             | Biæder                 | 23/6        | Ebro 5   |                                  |
| <b>Hoopoe</b>                             | <i>Upupa epops</i>                  | Abubilla                    | Hærfugl                |             |          | 20/6<br>Riglos                   |
| <b>Calandra Lark</b>                      | <i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>       | Calandria común             | Kalandralærke          | 22/6        | Belchite |                                  |
| <b>Greater Short-toed Lark</b>            | <i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>    | Terrera común               | Korttået Lærke         | 22/6        | Belchite |                                  |
| <b>Lesser Short-toed Lark</b>             | <i>Calandrella rufescens</i>        | Terrera marismeña           | Dværglærke             | 22/6        | Belchite |                                  |
| <b>Dupont's Lark</b>                      | <i>Chersophilus duponti</i>         | Alondra de Dupont           | Duponts Lærke          | 23/6        | Belchite |                                  |
| <b>Crested Lark</b>                       | <i>Galerda cristata</i>             | Cogujada común              | Toplærke               | 23/6        | Ebro     | 20/6 Barcelona                   |
| <b>Thekla Lark</b>                        | <i>Galerda malabarica (theklae)</i> | Cogujada montesina          | Kortnæbbet Toplærke    | 22/6        | Belchite |                                  |
| <b>Skylark</b>                            | <i>Alauda arvensis</i>              | Alondra común               | Sanglærke              | 23/6        | Ebro     |                                  |
| <b>Sand Martin</b>                        | <i>Riparia riparia</i>              | Avión Zapador o Ribereña    | Digesvale              | 23/6        | Ebro     |                                  |
| <b>Crag Martin</b>                        | <i>Hirundo rupestris</i>            | Avión roquero               | Klippesvale            | 23/6        | Ebro     | 20/6<br>Riglos                   |
| <b>(Barn) Swallow</b>                     | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>              | Golondrina Común o Tijereta | Landsvale              |             |          | 20/6 Barcelona                   |
| <b>Red-rumped Swallow</b>                 | <i>Hirundo daurica</i>              | Golondrina daurica          | Rødrygget Svale        |             |          | 20/6 near Barcelona              |



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| <b>House Martin</b>         | <i>Delichon urbica</i>         | Avión común                  | Bysvale                | 20/6 Lleida,<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> Ebro<br>valley 11 | common                |
| <b>Grey Wagtail</b>         | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>       | Lavandera de cascada         | Bjergvipstjert         |  | common                |
| <b>White Wagtail</b>        | <i>Motacilla alba</i>          | Lavandera blanca             | Hvid Vipstjert         |  | common 20/6 Barcelona |
| <b>Water Pipit</b>          | <i>Anthus spinoletta</i>       | Bisbita ribereño alpino      | Skærpiber              |  | 21/6 Panticosa        |
| <b>Dipper</b>               | <i>Cinclus cinclus</i>         | Mirlo acuático               | Vandstær               |  | 21/6 Hecho 2          |
| <b>(Winter) Wren</b>        | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | Chochín                      | Gærdesmutte            |  | common                |
| <b>Alpine Accentor</b>      | <i>Prunella collaris</i>       | Acentor alpino               | Alpejernspurv          |  | 21/6 Panticosa        |
| <b>Dunnock</b>              | <i>Prunella modularis</i>      | Acentor común                | Jernspurv              |  | 20/6 Hecho            |
| <b>Robin</b>                | <i>Erithacus rubecola</i>      | Petirrojo                    | Rødhals                |  | common                |
| <b>Nightingale</b>          | <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>   | Ruiseñor común               | Sydlig Nattergal       |  | 20/6 Riglos           |
| <b>Black Redstart</b>       | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>    | Colirrojo tizón              | Husrødstjert           |  | common                |
| <b>Redstart</b>             | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | Colirrojo real               | Rødstjert              |  | 21/6 Panticosa        |
| <b>Stonechat</b>            | <i>Saxicola torquata</i>       | Tarabilla común              | Sortstrubbet Bynkefugl | 23/6 Ebro  |                       |
| <b>Black Wheatear</b>       | <i>Oenanthe leucura</i>        | Collalba negra               | Sørgestenpikker        | 23/6 La Lamosa,<br>Belchite 3                      | 22/6 Riglos           |
| <b>(Northern) Wheatear</b>  | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>       | Collalba gris                | Almindelig Stenpikker  | 22/6 Belchite                                      |                       |
| <b>Black-eared Wheatear</b> | <i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>      | Collalba rubia               | Middelhavsstenpikker   |  | 20/6 Barcelona        |
| <b>Rock Thrush</b>          | <i>Monticola saxatilis</i>     | Roquero rojo                 | Stendrossel            |  | 21/6 Panticosa        |
| <b>Blue Rock Thrush</b>     | <i>Monticola solitarius</i>    | Roquero solitario            | Blådrossel             |  | 22/6 Riglos           |
| <b>Blackbird</b>            | <i>Turdus merula</i>           | Mirlo común                  | Solsort                |  | 20/6 Hecho common     |
| <b>Song Thrush</b>          | <i>Turdus philomelos</i>       | Zorzal común                 | Sangdrossel            |  | 20/6 Hecho            |
| <b>Mistle Thrush</b>        | <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>       | Zorzal charlo                | Misteldrossel          |  | 20/6 Hecho            |
| <b>Cetti's Warbler</b>      | <i>Cettia cetti</i>            | Avutarda (Ruiseñor Bastardo) | Cettisanger            | 23/6 Mechinenza                                    |                       |

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| <b>Reed Warbler</b>              | <i>Agrocephalus scirpaceus</i>     | Carricero común       | Rørsanger              | 23/6<br>Mechinenza |                   |
| <b>Chiffchaff</b>                | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>      | Mosquitero común      | Gransanger             |                    | 22/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Western Bonelli's Warbler</b> | <i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>        | Mosquitero papialbo   | Bjergløvsanger         |                    | 22/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Blackcap</b>                  | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>          | Curruca capiroxada    | Munk                   |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Orphean Warbler</b>           | <i>Sylvia hortensis</i>            | Curruca mirlona       | Mestersanger           |                    | 22/6<br>Riglos    |
| <b>Sardinian Warbler</b>         | <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>        | Curruca cabecinegra   | Sorthoved Sanger       |                    | 25/6 Barcelona    |
| <b>Spectacled Warbler</b>        | <i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>        | Curruca tomillera     | Brillesanger           | 23/6 Belchite      |                   |
| <b>Goldcrest</b>                 | <i>Regulus regulus</i>             | Reyezuelo sencillo    | Fuglekonge             |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Pied Flycatcher</b>           | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>          | Papamoscas cerrojillo | Broget Fluesnapper     |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Long-tailed Tit</b>           | <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>         | Mito                  | Halemejse              |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Coal Tit</b>                  | <i>Parus ater</i>                  | Carbonero garrapinos  | Sortmejse              |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Crested Tit</b>               | <i>Parus cristatus</i>             | Herrerillo capuchino  | Topmejse               |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Great Tit</b>                 | <i>Parus major</i>                 | Carbonero común       | Musvit                 |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Blue Tit</b>                  | <i>Parus caeruleus</i>             | Herrerillo común      | Blåmejse               |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Nuthatch</b>                  | <i>Sitta europaea</i>              | Trepador azul         | Spætmejse              |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Wallcreeper</b>               | <i>Tichodroma muraria</i>          | Treparriscos          | Murløber               |                    | 22/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Short-toed Treecreeper</b>    | <i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>       | Agateador común       | Korttået Træløber      |                    | 22/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Corn Bunting</b>              | <i>Emberiza (Milaria) calandra</i> | Triguero              | Kornværling (Bomlærke) |                    | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Cirl Bunting</b>              | <i>Emberiza cirius</i>             | Escribano soteño      | Gærdværling            |                    | 22/6<br>Riglos    |
| <b>Chaffinch</b>                 | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>           | Pinzón vulgar         | Bogfinke               | 20/6 Huesca        | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Serin</b>                     | <i>Serinus serinus</i>             | Serín (Verdecillo)    | Gulirsk                | 20/6 Huesca        | 20/6<br>Hecho     |
| <b>Citrl Finch</b>               | <i>Serinus citrinella</i>          | Verderón serrano      | Citron sisen           |                    | 21/6<br>Panticosa |
| <b>Greenfinch</b>                | <i>Carduelis chloris</i>           | Verderón común        | Grønirsk               |                    | 20/6 Barcelona    |

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| <b>Goldfinch</b>              | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>            | Jilguero          | Stillits       | 20/6 Lleida                | Barcelona      |
| <b>Linnet</b>                 | <i>Carduelis (Acanthis) cannabina</i> | Pardillo común    | Tornirsk       | 22/6 Belchite              |                |
| <b>Common (Red) Crossbill</b> | <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>              | Piquituerto común | Lille Korsnæb  | 22/6 Panticosa             |                |
| <b>Bullfinch</b>              | <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>              | Camachuelo común  | Dompap         | 21/6 Hecho                 |                |
| <b>House Sparrow</b>          | <i>Passer domesticus</i>              | Gorrion Común     | Gråspurv       |                            | 20/6 Barcelona |
| <b>Starling</b>               | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>               | Estornino pinto   | Stær           |                            | 20/6 Barcelona |
| <b>Spotless Starling</b>      | <i>Sturnus unicolor</i>               | Estornino negro   | Ensfarvet Stær | 22/6 Belchite              |                |
| <b>Jay</b>                    | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>            | Arrendajo         | Skovskade      | 20/6 Hecho                 |                |
| <b>Magpie</b>                 | <i>Pica pica</i>                      | Urraca            | Husskade       |                            | 20/6 Barcelona |
| <b>Alpine Chough</b>          | <i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>           | Chova piqigualda  | Alpeallike     | 22/6 Riglos                |                |
| <b>Chough</b>                 | <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>        | Chova piquirroja  | Alpekrage      | 22/6 Belchite              |                |
| <b>Jackdaw</b>                | <i>Corvus monedula</i>                | Grajilla          | Allike         |                            | 24/6 Barcelona |
| <b>Carrion Crow</b>           | <i>Corvus corone</i>                  | Corneja negra     | Krage          | 20/6 Huesca                |                |
| <b>Common Raven</b>           | <i>Corvus corax</i>                   | Cuervo            | Ravn           | 21/6 Hecho,<br>22/6 Riglos |                |

## Practical information, Literature and links

Spain: Pyrenees, Belchite and Barcelona - June 2003

**Car hire:** we ordered from home, with pick up in Barcelona airport. Avis gave the best price this time. The trip came up to 1300 Km.

**Accommodation:** we camped rough in the upper Hecho Valley, at the tarn (mountain lake) Ibón Inferior del Brazato on the GR11 path and near Belchite on stubble.

**Supermarket:** There is a shopping centre open 8:00(? maybe 9 am?) to 22:00 (6 days a week) at Huesco just inside the western bypass (E7 = N330) ring road on the A132 - the Huesco Riglos road. This provided most of our supplies. We couldn't find one at Lerida (Lleida). There is also an InterSport there if you forgot some vital camping supplies!



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- All the big map companies have excellent road maps covering from Barcelona to the Pyrenees. There is little to choose among them. *e.g.* Michelin 574 Aragón, Cataluña/Catalunya
- *Mapa excursiones #24 "Gavarnie - Ordessa"* 1:50 000 covers the area from Jaca to east of Ordessa but not Hecho. Walking scale map Published by the *Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya, Rando éditions* [www.occ.es](http://www.occ.es) was obtained from Nordisk Korthandel Scanmaps Studiestræde 26-30 1455 København K (+45) 3338 2638 fax (+45) 3338 2648 [www.scanmaps.dk](http://www.scanmaps.dk) [post@scanmaps.dk](mailto:post@scanmaps.dk)

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See <http://www.eurobirding.com/tripreports/> where I have subsequently found a number of reports *e.g.*:

- <http://www.birdtours.co.uk/birdseekers/march03/Pyrenees1.htm>
- <http://www.surfbirds.com/mb/trips/pyrenees-0603.html>
- both of which describe the location of Garbadito

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