



# BIRDING IN SPAIN'S WILD WEST

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## **Steppes and Wetlands, Important Bird Area & Special Protection Area**

A route in search of 'steppeland' species: harriers, sandgrouse, larks and Great Bustard, stopping off at wetlands to look for waders, aquatics and reed-dwelling species. We'll visit the rolling cereal 'steppelands' of the Campos de Alba and Peñaranda, where it's possible to spot Montagu's and Hen harriers, and Lesser Kestrel nesting in silos, nest boxes and church towers. We'll look out for Great Bustard, Black-bellied sandgrouse, Crested, Calandria and Short-toed larks, and keep an eye out for the rare Spanish Imperial Eagle.

We'll visit wetlands where we may see Zitting Cisticola, Marsh harrier, Spoonbill, Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Shelduck, waders, aquatics and reed-dwelling species such as Great Reed warbler. From October to early March we can see Cranes gathering to roost for the evening, as well as wintering geese.

All year: Great Bustard, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Zitting Cisticola, Kestrel, Buzzard, Red Kite, Marsh Harrier, Hen harrier, Crested and Calandria larks.

Autumn / Winter: Common Crane, Lapwing, Spoonbill, Avocet, Shelduck, Greylag goose, Shoveller, Teal.

Spring/ Summer: Montagu's Harrier, Lesser Kestrel, Black Kite, Short-toed Eagle, Great Reed warbler, Tawny Pipit, Black-winged Stilt, Short-toed lark.

**Price** 1 -3 persons: 210€.

Between 3 – 6 persons: 70€ per person.

Includes transport from accommodation, use of telescopes and binoculars, refreshments and picnic lunch.

When booking three or more subsequent tours, 5% discount will be applied to the overall price.

Pick-up at accommodation over 60km from base will be liable to an extra charge. For accommodation suggestions please see Roosts page or contact us.