

BIRDING IN SPAIN'S WILD WEST

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Candelario Natural Park & Sierra de Bejar, Biosphere Reserve

This is the western part of the Central system of mountains which cross Spain west to east and separate Salamanca from Extremadura. We'll visit Pinewoods to look for Crossbill, Crested tit and the Iberian Pied flycatcher. In the mixed Pyrenean oak and holly forests we may chance across the Iberian emerald lizard, Crag martin, Short-toed treecreeper, Goshawk and Honey buzzard. Further up above the treeline and in the peat bog moors we can check for Tawny and Water Pipit, Rock thrush, Alpine accentor or Bluethroat. After a picnic lunch we'll stop off in the pretty mountain village of Candelario to watch the Pallid swifts swooping above the rooftops. Back down in the foothills we'll walk alongside a wooded stream below huge granite boulders where we may see Western Bonelli's warbler, Rock bunting, Golden and Short-toed Eagle, Black Vulture.

All year: Bluethroat, Alpine accentor, Crested Tit, Short-toed treecreeper, Crossbill, Water Pipit, Golden Eagle, Rock bunting, Goshawk, Black Vulture. Spring/ Summer: Honey Buzzard, Red rock thrush, Pied flycatcher, Tawny pipit, Melodious warbler, Black vulture, Palid swift, Short-toed Eagle.

Price 1 -3 persons: 210€.

More than 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 Package deals please see website.