

Trip report to Southern Morocco

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108 species was observed in this trip. The African collared dove, an accidental visitor for Morocco, was seen in the *Accacia raddiana* steppe of Akka Area the 17th. Oukaimden is probably the best place to see the Crimson-winged finch. We were able to observe the mating of a couple and the species seems to frequent the rocky escarpment with short vegetation in the breeding season.

Ostrich (*Struthio camelus*), **Bald Ibis** (*Geronticus eremita*) & **Cream-coloured Courser** (*Cursorius cursor*) was observed by Josep Del Hoyo in Souss-Massa park. The Photos was taken by Imad CHERKAOUI Using Konica Minolta Z6 (Eq 420 mm)

▪ **Day 1: 16/05/2006**

Itinerary Rabat-El Jadida -Essaouira-Agadir

Oualidia Lagoon

Egretta garzetta
Phonicopterus ruber x10
Anas platyrhynchos
Fulica atra
Glareola pratincola x100
Himantopus himantopus x 10
Charadrius alexandrinus
Calidris alpina 8
Tringa erythropus 5
Numenius phaeopus 2
Streptopelia turtur
Streptopelia decaocto
Larus michaelis x10
Sternula albifrons x10

Outside Oualia Lagoon

Bubulcus ibis
Ciconia ciconia
Milvus migrans
Falco namanni



Little Tern



Lesser Kestrel

Merops apiaster
Alcedo atthis (Oum Rbia Bridge)
Apus apus
Apus pallidus
Galerida cristata
Hirundo rustica
Sturnus unicolor
Corvus corax

Essaouira area

Falco tinunculus
Streptopelia turtur
Upupa epops
Calendrella rufescens
Delichon urbicum
Oenanthe hispanica
Phoenicurus moussiri
Sylvia conspicillata
Lanius meridionalis
Sturnus unicolor
Fringilla coelops Africana
Cardualis chloris

Oued Tamri area

Fog was heavy!!
Tachybaptus ruficollis
Ardea cinerea
Ardea purpurea
Fulica atra
Cisticola juncidis
Corvus corax

▪ **Day 2 17/05/2006**

Itinerary: Agadir-Ait Baha-Taфраout-Timoulay-Akka-Tata

From Ait melloul to Ait baha

Streptopelia turtur
Athya noctua
Upupa epops
Galerida cristata
Galerida thekla
Pycnonotus barbarus
Turdus merula
Lanius meridionalis
Lanius senator
Sturnus unicolor (Village of Ait Baha)
Pica pica mauritanicus
Fringilla coelops africana
Cardualis cardualis



Southern Grey Shrike



Black-eared Wheatear



Spotless Starling

Carudalis chloris
Cardualis cannabina
Emberiza sahari (Village of Ait Baha)
Emberiza cirlus
Emberiza calandra

Ait Baha-Tafraout

Ciconia ciconia
Fulica atra (Barrage)
Falco tinnuculus
Columba livia
Streptopelia turtur
Streptopelia decaocto
Apus apus
Upupa epopus
Galerida thekla
Cecropis daurica (Pair with nest)
Pycnonotus barbarus
Luscinia megarhynhos
Cercotrichas galactotes
Phoenicurus moussieri
Oenanthe hispanica
Oenanthe leucura
Turdus merula
Hypolais opaca (Tafraout gardens)
Musicapa striata
Parus major
Lanius senator
Lanius meridionalis
Fringilla coelobs africana
Serinus serinus
Emberiza sahari

Taфраout-Timoulay

Falco tinnunculus
Streptopelia turtur
Galerida thekla
Ammomanus deserti
Oenanthe deserti (adults with young)
Oenanthe leucura
Lanius senator
Lanius meridionalis
Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax
Emberiza sahari

Akka-Tata

The search of *Bubo ascalaphus* was unsuccessful!!

Streptopelia roseogrisea

Ammonanus deserti

Ammomanus cinctura



Black Wheatear



Red-rumped Swallow



Desert Wheatear

Oenanthe leucopygea
Lanius senator
Passer domesticus

▪ **Day 3 : 18/05/2006**

**Itinerary : Tata-Ighrem-Tizi-N-Test-Oukaïmeden
Tata-Ighrem**

The Oasis of Tata and close area

Pterocles orientalis
Streptopelia senegalensis
Ammomanus deserti
Pycnonotus barbarus
Cercotrichas galactotes
Turdus merula
Oenanthe leucopyga
Passer domesticus
Emberiza sahari

Ighrem and close area

Falco tinnuculus
Streptopelia turtur
Ammonanus deserti
Galerida thekla
Galerida cristata
Hirundo rustica
Pycnonotus barbatus
Phoenicurus moussieri
Oenanthe deserti
Oenanthe leucura
Oenanthe leucopygea
Lanius senator
Lanius meridionalis
Sturnus unicolor
Corvus corax
Emberiza sahari

Ighrem-Taroudant

Ciconia ciconia
Hieraaetus pennata
Hieraaetus fasciata
Sterptopelia turtur
Streptopelia decaocto
Galerida cristata
Galerida theckla
Hirundo rustica
Delichon urbicum
Pycnonotus barbatus
Luscinia megarhynchos



White-crowned Black Wheatear



Moussier's Redstart.



Thekla Lark

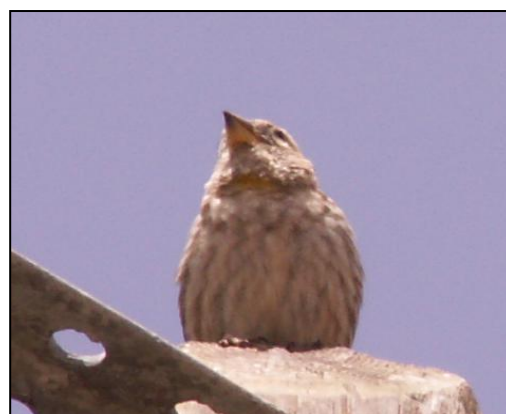
Oenanthe hispanica
Oenanthe leucura
Lanius senator
Lanius meridionalis
Phoenicurus moussieri
Sylvia melanocephala
Sylvia hortensis
Cyanistes teneriffae
Parus major
Pica pica mauritanica
Sturnus unicolor
Rhodopechys githagineus
Fringilla coelops africana
Serinus serinus
Cardualis chloris (Family)
Cardualis cardualis
Cardualis cannabina
Emberiza sahari



Greenfinch

Taroudant-Oukaimden by Tizi-n-test

Ciconia ciconia (Nests at Asni)
Bubulcus ibis (Nests at Asni)
Streptopelia turtur
Streptopelia decaocto
Apus apus
Hirundo rustica
Cecropis daurica (Villaga of Tahanaout)
Pycnonotus barbatus
Luscinia megarhynchos
Saxicola torquatum (Adulte feeding young at Tahanaout)
Turdus merula
Sylvia melanocephala
Musicapa striata
Cyanistes teneriffae
Loxia curvirostra (10 km Befor Tizi-n-Test)
Fringilla coelops africana
Serinus serinus
Cardualis chloris
Cardualis cardualis
Cardualis cannabina



Rock Sparrow

▪ **Day 4 : 19/05/2006**

Oukaïmden and close area

Accipiter nisus
Falco tinnuculus
Alectoris barbara
Columba livia
Dendrocops major
Eremophila alpestris



Red-billed Chough

Ptyonoprogne rupestris
Troglodytes troglodytes
Luscinia megarhynchos
Cercotrichas galactotes
Phoenicurus ochuros
Phoenicurus moussieri
Oenanthe oenanthe seebohmi
Monticola saxatilis
Turus viscivorus
Turdus merula
Sylvia cantillans
Sylvia melanocephala
Hippolais polyglotta
Cettia cetti
Regulus ignicapilus
Musicapa striata
Cyanistes teneriffae
Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax
Pyrrhocorax graculus
Petronia petronia
Parus caeruleus ultramarnus
Fringilla coelops africana
Carduelis cannabina
Rhodopechys sanguineus (at least 3 pairs)
Emberiza cirilis
Emberiza calandra

▪ Day 5 : 20/05/2006

Itinerary : Oukaïmden-Marrakech-Essaouira

Pine Forest 5 km befor Okaimden

Accipiter nisus
Alectoris barbara
Columba livia
Columba palumbus
Phoenicurus moussieri
Monticola saxatilis
Turus viscivorus
Turdus merula
Regulus ignicapilus
Musicapa striata
Ficedula speculigera
Periparus ater
Fringilla coelops africana
Serinus serinus
Emberiza cia

Sitti-Fatma streams

Motacilla cinerea



Sebohm's Wheatear



Crimson-winged Finch



Mistle Thrush

Triglodytes troglodytes
Cettia cetti
Oriolus oriolus

Marrakech

Ciconia ciconia
Apus apus
Apus affinis (Jame'el Fnae place)
Emberiza sahari

Marrakech-Essaouira

Merops apiqster
Melanocorypha calandra (Chichaoua area)

▪ **Day 6 : 21/05/2006**

Essouira

Ouad Ksob and close areas
Egretta garzetta
Ardea cinerea
Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus
Falco eleonora
Charadrius dibius
Calidris alpine
Actitis hypoleucos
Larus michaelis
Riparia paludicola
Sylvia melanocephala
Tchgra senegalus (Displayng)
Sturnus unicolor

Essaouira city

Larus michaelis (Nests on the roofs of the "Les îles" Hotel)
Streptopelia decaocto
Apus pallidus
Sturnus unicolor



Moroccan Cormorant



Grey Wagtail



Black-crowned Tchagra



Eleonora's Falcon



Western Yellow-legged Gull (Young)



The holes are nests dug by Plain Martin (Oued Ksob)

Other wildlife

Oryctolagus cuniculus (Ait baha)

Eumeces algeriensis (Sitiit Fatma)

Trapelus mutabilis

Agama bibronii

Uromastix acanthinura (Timoulay)

Vulpes ruppelli (A pair was seen 22 km west of Tata)

Erinaceus algerus (at least 7 hedgehogs observed crushed on the roads)



Atlantoxerus zetulus (Tafraout)



Agama bibronii (Ait Baha)



Tranelus mutabilis (Ighrem)



Lacerta andreanszkyi (Oukaïmden)

African Collared Dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea*



Habitat of the African Collared Dove