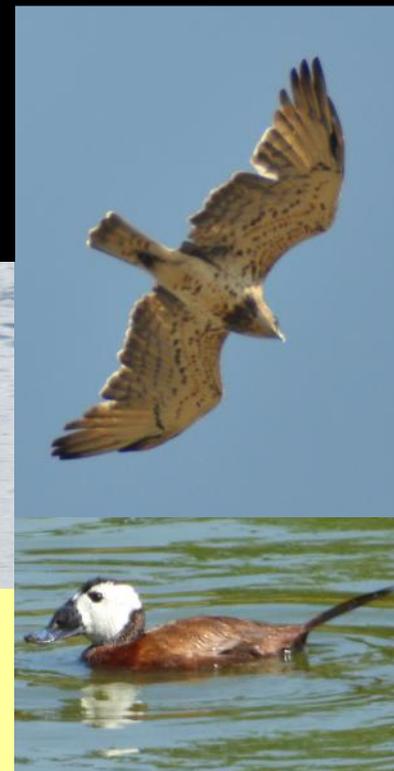




STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR

Autumn Migration

September 5-11



The Habitat & Birds

Situated on the southerly tip of Cadiz Province adjacent to Gibraltar, the **Tarifa** region of the **Straits of Gibraltar** makes for an outstanding migration watch point for raptors & storks. Large numbers can often pass literally overhead, which makes for an extremely exciting ornithological spectacle as the birds migrate across the Straits of Gibraltar towards Morocco. Species migrating in good numbers should include Honey Buzzard, Black Kite, Booted & Short-toed Eagles, along with Egyptian Vulture, Hobby, Black & White Storks.

The beaches, lagoons & offshore attract Audouin's & Slender-billed Gulls, Cory's & Mediterranean Shearwaters, Kentish Plover & Curlew Sandpiper, whilst in the sierras Alpine Swift & Crag Martin, Blue Rock Thrush, Griffon Vulture, & Black-eared Wheatear all occur, with possibly White-rumped Swift.

Inland Bald Ibis, Montague's Harrier & Black-winged Kite can be found, along with possibly Collared Pratincole, Woodchat, Tawny Pipit & Calandra Lark. Also, a day's excursion to the eastern **Coto Donana** region, searching the lagoons, fields & saltworks may well produce Marbled Teal, White-headed Duck, Crested Coot & Little Swift.

The Itinerary & Accommodation

Morning flight from Gatwick to Malaga and then driving west to Tarifa for **6 nt.** stay at *La Codorniz Hotel*, situated opposite Los Lances beach and 5 kms. west of Tarifa. The Hotel is family run, offering one of the best restaurants in Tarifa, including local meat and fresh sea-food, with an excellent swimming pool in the very attractive grounds.

The Hotel is perfectly situated for easy access to all the raptor watch points inc. El Algarrobo. Also visiting Playa de los Lances for waders, gulls & terns, the Sierra de la Plata and the eastern section of the Coto Donana.

Driving back to Malaga Airport and if time, birding the Guadalhorce Estuary adjacent to the airport before late afternoon return flight to Gatwick.



Cost: £1795 (£195 s/s) **Deposit:** £200 **B/L due:** Jul. 5

Included in the cost: **6 nights** dinner, bed & b/fast at *La Codorniz Hotel*, full transportation and professional guidance throughout including local guide.

Not included in the cost. Return flight Gatwick to Malaga (approx. £145), lunches, travel insurance, drinks & items of a personal nature.

(NB: Cost based on 7 pax, with £1 = €1.08)