



# Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## Morocco Trip Report

*23<sup>rd</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009*

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### **Annotated List of Birds Recorded**

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**Total species recorded: 165**

#### **Grebes Podicipedidae**

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
Oued Massa (dozens)  
**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus*  
Er-Rechidia Dam (12+)

#### **Gannets Sulidae**

**Northern Gannet** *Morus bassanus*  
Oued Tamri (including some birds plunge-diving)

#### **Cormorants & Shags Phalacrocoracidae**

**Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus*  
Oued Massa (12-15); Er-Rechidia Dam; Ouarzazate

#### **Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae**

**Gray Heron** *Ardea cinerea*  
Oued Massa (ca. 8-10); Oued Souss; Er-Rechidia  
**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*  
Oued Massa (3-4); Oued Tamri; Oued Souss  
**Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides*  
Oued Massa (1, quite uncommon in Morocco)  
**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*  
Oued Massa; Oued Souss; near Marrakech; Boumalne (tree full on roost)

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NOTE: This group may be split into 2 species, the nominate Common Cattle Egret (which is what we recorded in Morocco) and the Asian/Australasian Eastern Cattle Egret *E. coromanda*. This split is as yet not recognized by Clements.

### **Storks Ciconiidae**

#### **White Stork**

*Ciconia ciconia*

Asni (on nest); near Marrakech; Ouarzazate (big flock here final p.m.); Boumalne; Er-Rechidia

### **Ibises & Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**

#### **Waldrapp (Northern Bald Ibis) Cr**

*Geronticus eremita*

Tamari (26); Oued Tamri (20)

#### **Glossy Ibis**

*Plegadis falcinellus*

Oued Massa (12)

#### **Eurasian Spoonbill**

*Platalea leucorodia*

Oued Massa (15)

### **Flamingos Phoenicopteridae**

#### **Greater Flamingo**

*Phoenicopterus ruber*

Oued Massa (1 immature); Oued Souss (9 immatures); Merzouga (50-100)

NOTE: The Greater Flamingo (*P. roseus*) and the Caribbean Flamingo (*P. ruber*) are now considered monotypic species according to Clements.

### **Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae**

#### **Ruddy Shelduck**

*Tadorna ferruginea*

Oued Tamari (2); Er-Rechidia (5-6); Merzouga; Ouarzazate

#### **Gadwall**

*Anas strepera*

Merzouga (pair)

#### **Eurasian Teal**

*Anas crecca*

Er-Rechidia Dam (5)

#### **Mallard**

*Anas platyrhynchos*

Oued Massa (4-5); Er-Rechidia Dam

#### **Northern Pintail**

*Anas acuta*

Oued Massa (3); Merzouga

#### **Northern Shoveler**

*Anas clypeata*

Merzouga (dozens)

#### **Common Pochard**

*Aythya ferina*

Merzouga (scores)

#### **Ferruginous Duck**

*Aythya nyroca*

Oued Massa (1); Er-Rechidia (3)

#### **Tufted Duck**

*Aythya fuligula*

Oued Massa (a dozen)

### **Ospreys Pandionidae**

#### **Osprey**

*Pandion haliaetus*

Oued Souss (1)

### **Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures Accipitridae**

#### **Black Kite**

*Milvus migrans*

Oulad Berhil (100+ in migration); Skoura (perhaps 1000 in migration)

#### **Short-toed Snake Eagle**

*Circaetus gallicus*

Er-Rechidia (1 on a transmission tower near the dam)



<b>Western Marsh-Harrier</b> Tamri; Merzouga	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
<b>Northern Harrier</b> Erg Chebbi (male)	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
<b>Eurasian Sparrowhawk</b> Oued Massa (1); Oukaimeden; Boumalne; Tinerhir; Goulmima	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
<b>Long-legged Buzzard</b> Oukaimeden (1); Tizi-n-Tichka; Boumalne (5-6); Er-Rechidia	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>
<b>Bonelli's Eagle</b> Dades Gorge (wonderful scope view of 1 perched across gorge); Todra Gorge (pair, possibly 4)	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>

### **Falcons & Caracaras Falconidae**

<b>Eurasian Kestrel</b> Oued Massa; Tamri; Oukaimeden; Boumalne; Tinerhir; Goulmima; Erfoud <i>NOTE: Some authorities split this species into Common Kestrel, F. tinnunculus which we observed (occurring in East Africa and the Palaearctic region) and Rock Kestrel, F. rupicolus that occurs in Southern Africa. Clements does not as yet recognize these splits.</i>	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
<b>Lanner Falcon</b> Tagdilt Track (several, including 1 very pale morph); Er-Rechidia; Erg Chebbi	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
<b>Barbary Falcon</b> Boumalne (pair on tower and 1 on Tagdilt Track)	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>

### **Bustards Otidae**

<b>Houbara Bustard</b> Erg Chebbi (1 scoped, an exceptional rarity owing to over-exploitation by falconers)	<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>
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### **Pheasants & Quails Phasianidae**

<b>Barbary Partridge</b> Dades Gorge (4 scoped climbing sheer rock face across the river from the group)	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>
<b>Common Quail</b> Oued Massa (heard only)	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>

### **Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae**

<b>Common Moorhen</b> Oued Massa.	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
<b>Eurasian Coot</b> Oued Massa; Oued Tamri; Er-Rechidia; Erg Chebbi	<i>Fulica atra</i>

### **Oystercatchers Haematopididae**

<b>Eurasian Oystercatcher</b> Oued Souss (ca. 1 dozen)	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
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### **Stilts & Avocets Recurvirostridae**

<b>Black-winged Stilt</b> Oued Massa (1-2 dozen); Oued Souss; Erg Chebbi	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
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### **Coursers & Pratincoles Glareolidae**

<b>Cream-colored Courser</b> Erg Chebbi (8 altogether on 3 different gravel pan areas)	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>
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**Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae**

<b>Black-bellied Plover</b> Oued Souss (15-20)	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
<b>Common Ringed Plover</b> Oued Souss (ca. 10)	<i>Charadrius haiticula</i>
<b>Little Ringed Plover</b> Oued Souss (several); near Marrakech; Ouarzazate	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
<b>Snowy (Kentish) Plover</b> Oued Souss (2); Merzouga (including some with red caps of breeding plumage)	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>

**Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae**

<b>Common Snipe</b> Ouarzazate <i>Note: New World race delicata of Common Snipe has been raised to species level, Wilson's Snipe Gallinago delicata.</i>	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
<b>Black-tailed Godwit</b> Oued Souss (2)	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
<b>Bar-tailed Godwit</b> Oued Souss (4)	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
<b>Eurasian Curlew</b> Oued Souss (3)	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
<b>Common Redshank</b> Oued Souss (about a dozen)	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
<b>Common Greenshank</b> Oued Souss (4-5); Oued Souss	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
<b>Green Sandpiper</b> Oued Massa (1)	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
<b>Common Sandpiper</b> Oued Massa (1); Oued Souss	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b> Oued Souss (15-20)	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
<b>Sanderling</b> Oued Souss (3-5)	<i>Calidris alba</i>
<b>Little Stint</b> Oued Souss (1-2); Merzouga (a dozen)	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
<b>Curlew Sandpiper</b> Merzouga (1)	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
<b>Dunlin</b> Oued Souss (Adam only)	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
<b>Ruff</b> Oued Massa (ca. 10)	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>

**Gulls Laridae**

<b>Audouin's Gull</b> Tamri (200-300 on the beach, about 1/10 of the world's population!)	<i>Larus audouinii</i>
<b>Yellow-legged Gull</b> Tamri (4-5)	<i>Larus michahellis</i>
<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b> Oued Massa; Oued Tamri; Agadir; Oued Souss	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
<b>Black-headed Gull</b> Oued Souss (100s)	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
<b>Slender-billed Gull</b>	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>



Oued Souss (2)

**Black-legged Kittiwake**

*Rissa tridactyla*

Oued Souss (1)

### **Terns Sternidae**

**Sandwich Tern**

*Sterna sandvicensis*

Oued Souss (4)

### **Sandgrouse Pteroclididae**

**Black-bellied Sandgrouse**

*Pterocles orientalis*

Tagdilt Track (7 seen in flight & scoped as they foraged on a distant ridge)

### **Doves & Pigeons Columbidae**

**Rock (Pigeon ) Dove**

*Columba livia*

Agadir; Oukaimeden; Boumalne; Dades Gorge (wild native birds); all towns

**Common Wood-Pigeon**

*Columba palumbus*

Oued Souss; Tin Mal; Oukaimeden; near Marrakech

**Eurasian Collared-Dove**

*Streptopelia decaocto*

Agadir; Oued Massa; Oued Tamri; Oued Souss; all towns below 6000'

**Laughing Dove**

*Streptopelia senegalensis*

Agadir; near Marrakech; Merzouga

### **Cuckoos Cuculidae**

**Great Spotted Cuckoo**

*Clamator glandarius*

Boumalne (1)

### **Typical Owls Strigidae**

**Tawny Owl**

*Strix aluco*

Tin Mal Mosque (1 roosting inside the roofless mosque)

**Little Owl**

*Athene noctua*

Oued Massa (3); Tagdilt (1 on edge of town)

### **Swifts Apopidae**

**Common Swift**

*Apus apus*

Ouarzazate (1)

**Pallid Swift**

*Apus pallidus*

Oued Massa; Agadir; Tamri (the “common” swift in the towns along the coastal shelf)

**Little Swift**

*Apus affinis*

Oued Massa (flock at gas station near the junction to the river)

### **Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

**Common Kingfisher**

*Alcedo Atthis*

Todra Gorge (2)

### **Hoopoes Upupidae**

**Eurasian Hoopoe**

*Upupa epops*

Tagdilt Track (1); Dades Gorge (2); near Erfoud (2)

*Clements only recognizes two species of Hoopoe; Eurasian U. epops and Madagascar U. marginata. One further species, is widely recognized namely African U. africana and a 4<sup>th</sup> is sometimes recognized, West/Central African U. senegalensis. We only recorded the nominate Palearctic form U. e. epops.*



### Woodpeckers & Allies Picidae

- Great Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos major*  
Oukaïmeden (4, scope views and seen from as close as 15')
- Levaillant's Woodpecker** *Picus vaillanti*  
Oukaïmeden (5-6, including many wonderful scope views of this regional endemic)

### Larks Alaudidae

- Bar-tailed Lark** *Ammomanes cincturus*  
Goulmima (pair); near Erfoud
- Desert Lark** *Ammomanes deserti*  
Ouarzazate (pair); Er-Rechidia (pair in ravine above the impoundment)
- Greater Hoopoe-Lark** *Alaemon alaudipes*  
Tagdilt Track (a handful); Erg Chebbi (common); Merzouga (displaying); near Erfoud
- Thick-billed Lark** *Ramphocoris clotbey*  
Tagdilt Track (after a long walk, 3 of these unique & nomadic larks scoped)
- Greater Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla*  
Tagdilt Track (1 flock of 12-15 just before our picnic lunch)
- Lesser Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella rufescens*  
Tagdilt Track (many flocks); Erg Chebbi
- Temminck's Lark** *Eremophila bilopha*  
Boumalne (5-10 within easy eye-shot of town); Tagdilt Track (ca. 20)
- Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata*  
Oued Massa; Tin Mal; near Marrakech; Tagdilt Track; Goulmima (common & widespread)
- Thekla Lark** *Galerida theklae*  
Ouarzazate; Tagdilt Track; Erg Chebbi (not nearly as common as the Crested Lark)
- Horned (Shore) Lark** *Eremophila alepstris*  
Oulad Berhil in the Souss River Valley (1); Oukaïmeden (20-25 in the village & others lower)

### Swallows Hirundinidae

- Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia*  
Ouarzazate (the final evening of the tour)
- Eurasian Crag-Martin** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*  
Oukaïmeden; near Marrakech; Dades Gorge; Todra Gorge (100s)
- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*  
Oued Massa (12-15); Oued Souss; Marrakech; Agdilt Track; Erg Chebbi; Erfoud
- Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*  
Oued Massa (1-2)
- House Martin** *Delichon urbicum*  
Near Marrakech (1-2); Dades Gorge (1)

### Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

- White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*  
Oued Tamri and widespread, including Oukaïmeden
- Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*  
Near Marrakech (1 Spanish race bird); Ouarzazate
- Gray Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*  
Oukaïmeden (3); near Marrakech; Dades Gorge
- Tawny Pipit** *Anthus campestris*  
Merzouga (1)



### **Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**

#### **Common Bulbul**

*Pycnonotus barbatus*

Recorded throughout Morocco in wooded habitats.

*NOTE: Another very confusing polytypic species complex. Several Asian and African forms have already been recognized as distinct species within the super-species. Several other forms (including ones which we recorded i.e. Egyptian Bulbul *P. arsinoe* and Dark-capped Bulbul *P. tricolor*) are likely to be recognized as distinct once genetic analysis and further study is completed.*

### **Kinglet's Regulidae**

#### **Firecrest**

*Regulus ignicapillus*

Tizi-n-Test; Oukaimeden; Tizi-n-Tichka (pair in forest below the pass, excellent view of one)

### **Dippers Cinclidae**

#### **White-throated Dipper**

*Cinclus cinclus*

Oukaimeden (3-4 in the morning, then a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> bird upstream of others in the afternoon)

### **Wrens Troglodytidae**

#### **Winter Wren**

*Troglodytes troglodytes*

Oukaimeden (1 seen well by everyone)

### **Accentors Prunellidae**

#### **Alpine Accentor**

*Prunella collaris*

Oukaimeden (4, including scope views for all, at an elevation of 9150' in lightly falling snow)

### **Thrushes & Allies Turdidae**

#### **Blue Rock-Thrush**

*Monticola solitarius*

Oued Massa (male); Oukaimeden (male)

#### **Eurasian Blackbird**

*Turdus merula*

Agadir; Oued Massa; Oued Tamri; Tin Mal; Oukaimeden; Boumalne

#### **Mistle Thrush**

*Turdus viscivorus*

Oukaimeden (a handful around the town)

### **Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae**

#### **Zitting Cisticola**

*Cisticola juncidis*

Oued Massa (including display flights)

### **Old World Warblers Sylviidae**

#### **Moustached Grass Warbler**

*Melocichla mentalis*

Erg Chebbi (1)

#### **Common Chiffchaff**

*Phylloscopus collybita*

Oued Massa; Oued Tamri; Tin Mal; near Marrakech; Dades Gorge; Erg Chebbi

*NOTE: Most authorities split; including Clements have split the Chiffchaff complex into 4 full species. The nominate form which we recorded is known as Common Chiffchaff *P. collybita*.*

#### **Iberian Chiffchaff**

*Phylloscopus ibericus*

Oued Massa (Dave & Adam only); Tagdilt Track; Erg Chebbi; Merzouga

#### **Blackcap**

*Sylvia atricapilla*

Oued Massa (a handful, including views of red-capped females, as well as the black-capped males)

#### **African Desert Warbler**

*Sylvia nana deserti*

Erg Chebbi (4-5; a recent split from Asian Desert Warbler in Clements)

#### **Dartford Warbler**

*Sylvia undata*

Dades Gorge (2 pairs)



<b>Subalpine Warbler</b> Oued Massa; Tamri; Erg Chebbi	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>
<b>Sardinian Warbler</b> Oued Massa; Oued Tamri	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>
<b>Spectacled Warbler</b> Erg Chebbi	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>
<b>Tristram's Warbler</b> Erg Chebbi (a handful)	<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>

### Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

<b>European Robin</b> Oued Massa (1); Oued Souss; Oukaimeden; Tizi-n-Tichka	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
<b>Bluethroat</b> Oued Massa (1, rare in Morocco)	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
<b>Common Nightingale</b> Boumalne (Steve only)	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>
<b>Black Redstart</b> Oued Massa; Tizi-n-Test; Oukaimeden; Tizi-n-Tichka; Tagdilt Track; Dades Gorge; Tinerhir	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
<b>Moussier's Redstart</b> Oued Massa (4-5); Oued Souss (3); Tagdilt Track (male); near Erfoud at Tinejdad (an extended study of a male near the Fulvous Chatterer flock)	<i>Phoenicurus moussieri</i>
<b>Common Stonechat</b> Oued Massa (several)	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>
<b>White-tailed (White-crowned Black) Wheatear</b> Near Ouarzazate; Er-Rechidia; Erg Chebbi	<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>
<b>Black Wheatear</b> Oukaimeden; Tizi-n-Tichka; Tagdilt Track; Goulmima; Er-Rechidia (in Spain only in Europe)	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>
<b>Northern Wheatear</b> Oued Massa (male of "Seebalm's" form); Erg Chebbi (European race)	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
<b>Red-rumped Wheatear</b> Tagdilt Track (fairly common & the most common wheatear species in the area)	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>
<b>Isabelline Wheatear</b> Erg Chebbi (2)	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>
<b>Desert Wheatear</b> Tagdilt Track; Erg Chebbi	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>

### Babblers Timaliidae

<b>Fulvous Chatterer</b> Between Erfoud & Tinerhir at a place called Tinejdad (prolonged scope views of 5)	<i>Turdoides fulvus</i>
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### Tits Paridae

<b>Coal Tit</b> Tizi-n-Test; Oukaimeden (wonderful views here)	<i>Periparus ater</i>
<b>Great Tit</b> Oued Massa (several); Oukaimeden	<i>Paris major</i>
<b>African Blue Tit</b> Oukaimeden (several); Tizi-n-Tichka; Dades Gorge (a recent split from European Blue Tits)	<i>Cyanistes teneriffae</i>

### Creepers Certhiidae

<b>Short-toed Treecreeper</b> Tizi-n-Tichka (excellent views of 2)	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>
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**Shrikes Laniidae**

**Southern Gray Shrike**

*Lanius elegans*

Tizi-n-Tichka (excellent views of 2)

*NOTE: This complex which used to be lumped with Northern Shrike L. excubitor is being considered for further splitting. These splits would include the nominate Southern Gray Shrike, the migrant Steppe Shrike (L. pallidirostris) and Saharan Shrike (L. leucopygos) which is the form we recorded in Morocco during our tour. Clements recognizes the split from Northern Shrike but not the further splits of the Southern Gray Shrike group.*

**Woodchat Shrike**

*Lanius senator*

Erg Chebbi (pair at the hotel)

**Bushshrikes Malaconotidae**

**Black-crowned Tchagra**

*Tchagra senegala*

Oued Massa (protracted scope view of singing bird)

**Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae**

**Eurasian Magpie**

*Pica pica mauritanica*

Oued Massa (with blue eyebrow); Tizi-n-Tichka

**Eurasian Jay**

*Garrulus glandarius*

Tizi-n-Tichka (1, Rick only)

**Red-billed Chough**

*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*

Oukaïmeden (great comparison views with Yellow-billed Choughs in the ski lodge area)

**Yellow-billed (Alpine) Chough**

*Pyrrhocorax graculus*

Oukaïmeden; Tizi-n-Tichka

**Western Jackdaw**

*Corvus monedula*

Near Marrakech (flock of 10-12 in stream bed, a species probably driven down by harsh winter)

**Brown-necked Raven**

*Corvus ruficollis*

Near Erfoud (pair soaring over the palm grove)

**Starlings Sturnidae**

**Spotless Starling**

*Sturnus unicolor*

Oued Massa; Agadir (common in the towns along coastal shelf; otherwise confined to Spain)

**Old World Sparrows Passeridae**

**House Sparrow**

*Passer domesticus*

Agadir and all towns

**Spanish Sparrow**

*Passer hispaniolensis*

Oued Tamri (a flock, including scope view of 2 males and a female)

**Desert Sparrow**

*Passer simplex*

Erg Chebbi (female in a small palm with a flock of House Sparrows where we ate lunch)

**Rock Petronia**

*Petronia petronia*

Oukaïmeden (a large flock in the ski lodge parking lot)

**Siskins, Crossbills & Allies Fringillidae**

**Common Chaffinch**

*Fringilla coelebs*

Oued Massa (1); Oued Souss; Asni; Oukaïmeden; Tizi-n-Tichka

**Brambling**

*Fringilla montifringilla*

Oukaïmeden (4-5 females, a species probably driven south to Morocco by harsh European winter)

**European Greenfinch**

*Carduelis chloris*

Oulad Berhil (1 on a utility pole at a gas stop in the Souss River Valley)

**European Goldfinch**

*Carduelis carduelis*

Oued Massa (a handful)



**Eurasian Linnet**

*Carduelis cannabina*

Oued Massa (a dozen)

**European Serin**

*Serinus serinus*

Oued Massa (common); near Marrakech; Tagdilt Track; Boumalne; Dades Gorge

**Hawfinch**

*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

Oukaimeden (2, uncommon south of Europe & possibly driven south by the harsh northern winter)

**Crimson-winged Finch**

*Rhodopechys sanguinea*

Oukaimeden (3 our first morning here seen with the Rock Petronias in the parking lot)

**Trumpeter Finch**

*Rhodopechys githaginea*

Erg Chebbi (pair on the edge of a seasonal pond where we stopped for tea)

**Buntings Emberizidae**

**Cirl Bunting**

*Emberiza cirlus*

Oukaimeden (3-4 along the road below the snowline)

**Rock Bunting**

*Emberiza cia*

Tizi-n-Test (great view of 1 below the pass); Oukaimeden (4-5 different pairs)

**House Bunting**

*Emberiza striolata*

Oued Massa (2 males); Tin Mal; Boumalne; Dades Gorge; Tinerhir; Erfoud

**Corn Bunting**

*Emberiza calandra*

Erg Chebbi (1 at the hotel which ushered us off their property!)

**Annotated List of Mammals Recorded**

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows J. Kingdon *The Kingdon Fieldguide to African Mammals* (1997) Academic Press.

**Total: 5 pecies**

**Ground Squirrels Rodentia**

**Barbary Ground-Squirrel**

*Alantocerus getulus*

Oued Massa (1 near the Little Owls)

**Gerbils Gerbillinae**

**North African Gerbil**

*Psammomys obesis*

Boumalne (dozens of these "Fat Sand Rats" along road edges)

**Hares Lagomorpha**

**Cape Hare**

*Lepus capensis*

Boumalne (1 being chased by a dog ran right through our group just after lunch)

**Gundis Ctenodactylidae**

**Common Gundi**

*Ctenodactylus gundi*

Dades Gorge (briefly)

**Goats Caprinae**

Climbing Argan Trees in the Souss River Valley!

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