

# KEY 100 + TOP 50 LIST

Our list includes over 100 key regional birds, as well as top 50

The base 100 list consists of birds that fascinate us in this mega avian region, covered by the Almodôvar Birding Center and Observatory. How were these 100 species selected? They were chosen based on the following criteria:

- The birds must be found within the Iberian Peninsula and the surrounding islands (Macaronesia: Madeira, Canarias, Azores & Cape Verde). This entire region falls within the Western Palearctic avian Region, with much of it being part of Europe and the EU. Apart from Cape Verde, the area belongs to Spain with Catalonia and Portugal.
- Many of these birds are rare, threatened, or endangered, such as the Great Bustard, Spanish Imperial Eagle, Desertas Petrel, Cape Verde Heron, Raso Skylark, and Gran Canaria Blue Chaffinch. The main goal is to raise public awareness for conservation efforts.
- The list helps bird enthusiasts identify the most exciting species in the covered region and what they might encounter on tours.
- The base 100 list is considered our 'working list', meaning it is dynamic and subject to change based on nomenclature, taxonomy updates, and our field activities and services.
- From the base 100 list, we create the Top 50 list, also known as the 'must list', with these birds marked in ★#★

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## Bustards

1. ★1★ **Great Bustard** *Otis tarda* (Portugal, Spain)
2. ★2★ **Little Bustard** *Tetrax* (Portugal, Spain)
3. ★3★ **Fuerteventura Houbara Bustard** *Chlamydotis fuertaventurae* (Canary Islands)


## Raptors

4. ★4★ **Spanish Imperial Eagle** *Aquila adalberti* (Portugal, Spain)
5. Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* (Portugal, Spain)
6. Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciata* (Portugal, Spain)
7. Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* (Portugal, Spain)
8. Short-toed Snake-Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* (Portugal, Spain)
9. Bearded Vulture *Gypaetus barbatus* (Catalonia)



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10. Cinereous (Eurasian Black) Vulture *Aegypius monachus* (Portugal, Spain)
11. Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* (Portugal, Spain)
12. Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus* (Spain, Canary Islands, Catalonia)
13. Red Kite *Milvus milvus* (Portugal, Spain)
14. Eurasian Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* (Portugal, Spain)
15. Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* (Portugal, Spain)
16. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (Portugal, Spain)
17. Lesser kestrel *Falco naumanni* (Portugal, Spain)
18. ★5★ **Neglected Kestrel** *Falco [tinnunculus] neglectus* (Cape Verde)
19. Alexander's Kestrel *Falco [tinnunculus] alexandri* (Cape Verde)

### Tube-noses

20. ★6★ **Cape Verde/Fea's Petrel** *Pterodroma feae* (Cape Verde)
21. ★7★ **Desertas petrel** *Pterodroma deserta* (Madeira, Cape Verde)
22. ★8★ **Zino's petrel** *Pterodroma madeira* (Madeira, Cape Verde)
23. Black-capped/faced Petrel *Pterodroma hasitata* (Cape Verde)
24. Cory's shearwater *Calonectris borealis* (Canary Islands, Madeira, Cape Verde)
25. Scopoli's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea* (Mediterranean-Spain, Madeira)
26. ★9★ **Cape Verde Shearwater** *Calonectris edwardsii* (Cape Verde)
27. ★10★ **Barolo Shearwater** *Puffinus baroli* (Canary Islands, Madeira)
28. ★11★ **Boyd's Shearwater** *Puffinus boydi* (Cape Verde)
29. ★12★ **Balearic Shearwater** *Puffinus mauretanicus* (Balearic Islands)
30. Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii* (Madira)
31. Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (Madeiran) *Thalobata castro* (Madira)
32. ★13★ **Cape Verde Storm-Petrel** *Thalobata jabejabe* (Cape Verde)
33. ★14★ **Monteiro's Storm-Petrel** *Thalobata monteiroi* (Azores)
34. White-faced Storm-Petrel *Pelagodroma marina* (Canary Islands, Madeira, Cape Verde)
35. Mediterranean Storm Petrel *Hydrobates [p.] melitensis* (versus British Storm Petrel *H. pelagicus*) (Mediterranean-Spain)
36. Black-bellied Storm-Petrel *Fregetta tropica* (Canary Islands)


### Other Seabirds

37. Red-billed tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus* (Cape Verde)
38. Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* (Cape Verde)
39. South Polar Skua *Stercorarius maccormicki* (Canary Islands, Madeira, Cape Verde)
40. ★15★ **Audouin's Gull** *Larus audouinii* (Portugal, Spain)
41. Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus* (Portugal, Spain)
42. Azores Gull *Larus (michahellis) atlantis* (Azores)
43. Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscatus* (Azores)



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44. Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* (Azores)

### Various Island/regional endemics & specialties (non-passerines)

45. ★16★ Cape Verde Heron *Ardea bournei* (Cape Verde)  
46. Purple heron *Ardea purpurea* (Portugal, Spain)  
47. Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* (Portugal, Spain)  
48. White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* (Portugal, Spain)  
49. Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* (Portugal, Spain)  
50. Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* (Portugal, Spain)  
51. Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincole* (Portugal, Spain)  
52. Eurasian Thick-knee *Burhinus oediconemus* (Portugal, Spain)  
53. Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa* (Portugal, Spain)  
54. Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix* (Portugal, Spain)  
55. Western Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio* (Portugal, Spain)  
56. ★17★ Trocaz Pigeon *Columba trocaz* (Madeira)  
57. ★18★ Bolle's Pigeon *Columba bollii* (Canary Islands)  
58. ★19★ Laurel Pigeon *Columba junoniae* (Canary Islands)  
59. European Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia turtur* (Portugal, Spain)  
60. Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis* (Portugal, Spain)  
61. Pin-tailed Sandgrouse *Pterocles alchata* (Spain)  
62. ★20★ Cape Verde Barn Owl *Tyto detorta* (Cape Verde)  
63. ★21★ Red-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus ruficollis* (Portugal, Spain)  
64. ★22★ Cape Verde Swift *Apus alexandri* (Cape Verde)  
65. ★23★ Plain Swift *Apus unicolor* (Canary Islands, Madeira)  
66. White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer* (Portugal, Spain)  
67. ★24★ Iberian Green Woodpecker *Picus sharpie* (Portugal, Spain)  
68. Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocoptes medius* (Catalonia)  
69. ★25★ Eurasian Wrenneck *Jynx torquilla* (Portugal, Spain)  
70. ★26★ European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* (Portugal, Spain)  
71. ★27★ European Roller *Coracias garrulous* (Portugal, Spain)

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72. ★28★ Iberian Magpie *Cyanopica cooki* (Portugal, Spain)  
73. ★29★ Iberian Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis* (Portugal, Spain)  
74. Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* (Portugal, Spain)  
75. ★30★ Spotless Starling *Sturnus unicolor* (Portugal, Spain)  
76. Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus* (Portugal, Spain)  
77. ★31★ Thekla's Lark *Galerida theklae* (Portugal, Spain)  
78. ★32★ Dupont's Lark *Chersophilus duponti* (Spain)



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79. ★33★ **Raso Skylark** *Alauda razae* (Cape Verde)
80. ★34★ **Berthelot's Pipit** *Anthus berthelotii* (Canary Islands, Madeira)
81. ★35★ **Black Wheatear** *Oenanthe leucura* (Spain)
82. Western Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica* (Portugal, Spain)
83. ★36★ **Fuerteventura Stonechat** *Saxicola dacotiae* (Canary Islands)
84. ★37★ **Tenerife Robin** *Erithacus superbus* (Canary Islands)
85. ★38★ **Cape Verde Swamp Warbler** *Acrocephalus brevipennis* (Cape Verde)
86. Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta* (Portugal, Spain)
87. ★39★ **Western Olivaceous Warbler** *Iduna opaca* (Spain)
88. Western Orphean Warbler *Curruca hortensis* (Portugal, Spain)
89. ★40★ **Balearic Warbler** *Curruca balearica* (Balearic Islands)
90. Western Subalpine Warbler *Curruca iberiae* (Portugal, Spain)
91. Moltoni's Warbler *Curruca subalpina* (Balearic Islands)
92. Dartford Warbler *Curruca undata* (Portugal, Spain)
93. Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus boneli* (Portugal, Spain)
94. ★41★ **Iberian Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus ibericus* (Portugal, Spain)
95. ★42★ **Canary Islands Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus canariensis* (Canary Islands)
96. ★43★ **Madeira Firecrest** *Regulus madeirensis* (Madeira)
97. ★44★ **Mediterranean Flycatcher** *Muscicapa tyrrenica balearica* (Balearic Islands)
98. Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*, (Portugal, Spain)
99. ★45★ **Cape Verde Sparrow** *Passer iagoensis* (Cape Verde)
100. ★46★ **Azores Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula murina* (Azores)
101. ★47★ **Tenerife Blue Chaffinch** *Fringilla teydea* (Canary Islands)
102. ★48★ **Gran Canaria Blue Chaffinch** *Fringilla polatzeki* (Canary Islands)
103. ★49★ **Madeiran Chaffinch** *Fringilla maderensis* (Madeira)
104. ★50★ **Atlantic Canary** *Serinus canaria* (Canary Islands, Madeira, Azores)
105. Citril Finch *Carduelis citronella* (Spain)
106. Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus* (Portugal, Spain)
107. Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia* (Portugal, Spain)



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