

## Northern Spain

14th February – 16th February 2020

A weekend in northern Spain to target Dupont's Lark. Mathew Mellor and Neil Bramwell had already been birding the area for a few days and James Hanlon joined them the day before I arrived. They collected me from Barcelona airport on the Friday evening and we went to our accommodation nearby. The following morning we birded areas around Barcelona where the targets were Moustached Warbler and two Category C species, Red-billed Leiothrix and Common Waxbill, before driving west towards our base at Quinto. The rest of the time was spent birding the plains around here, with the target, for me at least being the Lark which was seen very well. Myself and James were dropped off at Zaragoza airport on the Sunday evening to return to a windy UK being hit by Storm Dennis.

<https://www.facebook.com/toby.austin.104/posts/1480969795398230>

### Itinerary

<https://tinyurl.com/yx4t4hcb>

### Weather

Cloudy mornings followed by sunnier afternoons. The Sunday morning at the Dupont's site was foggy and very cold!

### Birds

**Greylag Goose**

**Common Shelduck**

**Mallard**

**Northern Shoveler**

**Eurasian Teal**

**Red-legged Partridge**

**Little Grebe**

**White Stork**

**Western Cattle Egret**

**Grey Heron**

**Great Egret**

**Little Egret**

**Great Cormorant**

**Griffon Vulture**

**Golden Eagle**

**Eurasian Sparrowhawk**

**Western Marsh Harrier**

**Hen Harrier**

**Red Kite**

**Common Buzzard**

**Great Bustard**

**Little Bustard**

**Water Rail**

**Western Swamphen** – heard

**Common Moorhen**

**Eurasian Coot**  
**Northern Lapwing**  
**Kentish Plover**  
**Common Snipe**  
**Green Sandpiper**  
**Little Stint**  
**Dunlin**  
**Black-headed Gull**  
**Audouin's Gull**  
**Yellow-legged Gull**  
**Black-bellied Sandgrouse**  
**Little Owl**  
**Short-eared Owl**  
**Feral Pigeon**  
**Common Wood Pigeon**  
**Eurasian Collared Dove**  
**Common Kingfisher**  
**Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**  
**Iberian Green Woodpecker – heard**  
**Common Kestrel**  
**Merlin**  
**Peregrine Falcon**  
**Monk Parakeet**  
**Iberian Shrike**  
**Eurasian Magpie**  
**Red-billed Chough**  
**Western Jackdaw**  
**Carrion Crow**  
**Northern Raven**  
**Coal Tit**  
**European Crested Tit**  
**Eurasian Blue Tit**  
**Great Tit**  
**Eurasian Penduline Tit**  
**Eurasian Skylark**  
**Crested Lark**  
**Calandra Lark**  
**Dupont's Lark – eight, two seen very well and two briefly in flight, the rest heard-only**  
**Lesser Short-toed Lark**  
**Eurasian Crag Martin**  
**Cetti's Warbler**  
**Long-tailed Tit**  
**Common Chiffchaff**  
**Moustached Warbler**  
**Zitting Cisticola**  
**Red-billed Leiothrix – three birds, but poor views unfortunately**  
**Eurasian Blackcap – heard**  
**Dartford Warbler**

**Sardinian Warbler**  
**Common Firecrest**  
**Eurasian Nuthatch**  
**Short-toed Treecreeper**  
**Common Starling**  
**Spotless Starling**  
**Common Blackbird**  
**Fieldfare**  
**European Robin**  
**Black Redstart**  
**European Stonechat**  
**Black Wheatear** – two seen from car on drive west, about 45 minutes from Los Monegros  
**House Sparrow**  
**Common Waxbill**  
**Grey Wagtail**  
**White Wagtail**  
**Meadow Pipit**  
**Water Pipit**  
**Common Chaffinch**  
**European Greenfinch**  
**Common Linnet**  
**European Goldfinch**  
**European Serin**  
**Corn Bunting**  
**Common Reed Bunting**

## Mammals

**European Rabbit**  
**Red Fox**

## Daily Lists

15<sup>th</sup> – Cat Tet – <https://ebird.org/checklist/S64697497>  
15<sup>th</sup> – Llobregat – <https://ebird.org/checklist/S64697496>  
15<sup>th</sup> – Vallvidrera – <https://ebird.org/checklist/S64697495>  
15<sup>th</sup> – Los Monegros – <https://ebird.org/checklist/S64697493>  
16<sup>th</sup> – El Planeron – <https://ebird.org/checklist/S64697492>  
16<sup>th</sup> – Los Monegros – <https://ebird.org/checklist/S64746193>