

Spanish Pyrenees, 07-16Set07

Trip Report

Birds & Mammals



Tena + Benasque Valleys



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Cover pictures: *Background - Pico d'as Argualas (3,046 m), Garmo Negro (3,051 m) and Balneario de Panticosa seen from above the tree line on the track to Ibones de Brazato (L.Gordinho); smaller superimposed pictures - see captions on section seven.*

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1. SUMMARY

This report describes a 10 day trip to the Spanish Pyrenees (NE Iberia). Two main sites were explored: Tena Valley (3,5 days) and Benasque Valley (2,5 days), but some additional sightings were made “en route”. Most of the daytime was spent birdwatching, however, many of the wild mammals seen were also recorded. Overall, 99 species of birds and 12 of mammals were seen. This includes 14 species of diurnal birds of prey and six species of tits. We recorded some rather local breeders in Iberia like mute swan, lammergeier, ptarmigan, black woodpecker, water pipit, goldcrest, marsh tit, treecreeper, alpine chough and citril finch. Also seen were some species more widespread in Spain but still very local in Portugal (the authors home country), like rock thrush, crossbill and yellowhammer. The early arrival of wintering birds like meadow pipit or even fieldfare was noted, as was the early departure of many whinchat and crossbill (plus virtually all honey buzzard, black kite & red-backed shrike). Short-toed eagles, sparrowhawks and many willow warblers and pied flycatchers were seen on migration. Among mammals highlights were 50+ alpine marmots and two chamois (adult and young) seen at very short range in Benasque Valley.

2. INTRODUCTION

This small report has seven sections, including the above summary and the present introduction. First we present a short, day-by-day, description of the trip itineraries; this is followed by an even shorter account of the local weather conditions during the 10-day period considered. Section five is the most informative, including two systematic lists - one for birds and other for mammals. Both lists include a collection of detailed records for each species (inc. exact place & date) and some comments outlining the possible interest of a few of them (*in italic*). Section six includes references to support the comments included in the systematic lists. Last section presents 11 low-resolution colour photos of some relevant wildlife (cross-referenced with systematic lists). All were obtained with a 2 Mega Pixels digital camera, sometimes with 2x digital zoom and attached to a 10x binocular (digibinning). This format will allow readers to print pages one (cover), 14 and 15 in colour, and the rest in black-and-white (or not to print the former at all).

3. ITINERARIES

07-Set-2007: Lisboa – Elvas – Madrid – Guadalajara (08:00 AM – 10:00 PM¹)

08-Set-2007: Guadalajara – Zaragoza – Huesca – Panticosa (09:00 AM – 07:00 PM);
walk Panticosa – Estación Invernal de Panticosa – Panticosa (07:00 – 08:00 PM)

09-Set-2007: Balneario de Panticosa – Ibones de Brazato – Balneario de Panticosa
(10:00 AM – 05:00 PM); El Portalet & around (06:00 – 08:00 PM)

10-Set-2007: El Portalet (10:40 AM – 02:00 PM); El Formigal fields & Embalse de la
Sarra (03:40 – 19:00 PM)

11-Set-2007: “PR – HU 91, Collado Pacino por Camino as Crampas” (10:34 AM – 02:20
PM); 1.5 km walk along road (A-136) downhill from Rio Gallego and back at 4.5 km/h
(06:30 – 07:30 PM)

12-Set-2007: Panticosa – Benasque (10:00 AM – 02:00 PM); Cerler Ski Station/ Ampriu
[1,950 m] (07:00 – 08:00 PM)

13-Set-2007: Cerler Ski Station/ Telesilla Ampriu [1,950 m] – Colladeta [2,258 m] +
Ascent on foot Colladeta – Gallinero [2,728 m] (10:00 AM – 04:30 PM)

14-Set-2007: Walk in SE Valle de Estós & NW Valle de Vallibierna [inc. part of “GR 11 -
Ruta Hípica Hospital de Benasque – Vallibierna”] (10:15 AM – 04:00 PM); car drive
Benasque – Llanos del Hospital – Baños de Benasque – La Besurta [1,920 m] +
short walk towards La Renclusa, the nearest track to Maladeta [3,308 m] and Aneto
[3,404 m] (05:30 – 07:30 PM)

15-Set-2007: Benasque – Embalse de Barasona (10:50 AM) – Huesca – Zaragoza –
Madrid – Talavera de la Reina - Herrerueta (10:00 AM – 08:00 PM)

16-Set-2007: Herrerueta – Badajoz – Elvas – Lisboa (10:00 AM – 07:00 PM)

Total distance (by car): 2,945 km

4. WEATHER

Clean sky, warm air (up to 35° C in Alentejo on the 7th) and no wind for most of the time.
Some clouds on the 16th. Cold air above 2,000 m (<10° C).

¹ Local time = UTC + 1 hour in Portugal and UTC + 2 hours in Spain (at this time of year).

5. SYSTEMATIC LISTS

BIRDS (99 SPECIES)

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* – Seven birds feeding with cattle between Soberarbe and Laguarda (near A 1604, Lanave - Boltaña) at 10:35 AM on the 12th. *Note – None of the references consulted provides records of cattle egret for northern Huesca province (e.g. Díaz et al. 1996, Purroy 1997, Martí & Del Moral 2003). According to Fernández-Cruz & Farinha (1992) closest winter roost (<50 birds) seemed to be in rivers Cínca/Flumen south of Huesca – Barbastro.*

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* – Over five birds feeding in rice fields north of E 90, between Mérida and Badajoz, on the 16th.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* – One seen in flight over Alcalá de Henares at 20:00 PM on the 7th; 5+ around Embalse de Barasona at 10:50 AM on the 15th

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* – Two birds over Miajadas at 11:50 AM & 5+ in rice fields north of E 90, between Mérida and Badajoz, on the 16th.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* – Two adult birds at Embalse de Eriste (Benasque Valley) at 02:00 PM on the 12th (see photos). *Note – Martí & Del Moral (2003) mention mute swan as an introduced breeder (not established), nesting in Lleida but not in Huesca. Present record may, of course, refer to non-breeders.*

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* – 50+ seen in flight over Alcalá de Henares at 20:00 PM on the 7th; 2 in flight near Miajadas at 11:50 AM on the 16th.

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus* – One adult bird in flight over El Portalet at 06:00 PM on the 9th; two adults in cliff seen from PR – HU 91 on the 11th (see photos); one bird between Soberarbe and Laguarda (near A 1604, Lanave - Boltaña) at 10:35 AM on the 12th.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* – One bird in flight over Puerto de Alcolea (1,206 m) at 12:10 PM on the 8th; two birds over E7 30km southwest of Huesca at 3:30 PM on the 8th; a few over Balneario de Panticosa and one over El Portalet on the 9th; a few over El Portalet and four over El Formigal fields on the 10th; PR – HU 91 (5) & A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego (2), 11-Set-2007; one bird over A 1604

(Lanave – Boltaña), km 8, at 12:05 PM & 35 birds near Boltaña at 12:20 PM on the 12th; two over Colladeta – Gallinero on the 13th; etc.

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus* – Two adult birds at El Portalet on the 10th; another two adult birds with griffon vultures near Boltaña at 12:20 PM on the 12th.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – One bird, first on the ground near the edge of the very empty Embalse de Barasona and then in flight, at 10:50 AM on the 15th. *Note – Díaz et al. (1996) mention migration is “fundamentalmente a lo largo de la costa” and wintering in “zonas costeras... y embalses de la mitad sur peninsular”, suggesting that this may be an interesting record (but that reference is 11 years old, of course...).*

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* – Two birds seen together in flight from PR – HU 91 on the 11th.

Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* – One bird seen at 11:00 AM, between Montemor-o-Novo and Évora, on the 7th; two pale-morph at El Portalet on the 10th; one bird seen from PR – HU 91 on the 11th.

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* – One pale-morph seen at 11:30 PM near Estremoz on the 7th; one pale-morph seen from PR – HU 91 on the 11th; two birds (1pale & 1dark-morph) with griffon vultures near Boltaña at 12:20 PM on the 12th; one pale-morph seen from A5 at km 176 (near Herrerueta) on the 16th.

Red Kite *Milvus milvus* – One bird at 4:30 PM near Torrecillas de la Tiesa on the 7th; two birds at El Portalet on the 10th; one bird seen from PR – HU 91 on the 11th; one bird near Oliván (between Biescas and Sabiánigo on the N 260 road) at 10:15 AM & one bird near Cabezonada (on N 260, Ainsa – Campo) at 12:55 PM on the 12th.

Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* – One male and two female/immature birds over E7 30km southwest of Huesca at 3:30 PM on the 8th.

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* – One bird two kilometers south of Infantado crossroad at 6:40 PM on the 16th.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* - El Portalet & El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91 & A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (2+); etc.

Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* – Three birds at El Portalet on the 10th and another three birds at Ampriu (Cerler Ski Station) around 07:30 PM on the 12th.

Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* – El Portalet, 09 & 10-Set-2007; El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007 (1); A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (1); Colladeta – Gallinero, 13-Set-2007 (1); Valle de Literola, 14-Set-2007; etc.

Hobby *Falco subbuteo* – One bird chasing hirundines in flight over Río Bolática at 08:00 PM seen from Estación Invernal de Panticosa on the 9th.

Ptarmigan *Lagopus mutus* – One bird in flight over Punta Foba Rabache (2295m) at 08:00 PM seen from Panticosa village on the 9th; one feather and some down found above El Gallinero Telesilla (see photo) on the 13th but no birds there at the time.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* – 5+ in rice fields north of E 90, between Mérida and Badajoz, on the 16th.

Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* – 20+ in rice fields north of E 90, between Mérida and Badajoz, on the 16th.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* - One bird at Embalse de Eriste (Benasque Valley) at 02:00 PM on the 12th.

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus* – 10+ in Embalse de Barasona at 10:50 on the 15th.

Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* (domest.) – Some flocks seen “en route” but exact places & dates not recorded, absent from high ground.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas* - PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007, two possible among wood pigeon but seen from great distance so ID not 100% certain.

Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus* - El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007 (5); two birds at Ampriu (Cerler Ski Station) around 07:30 PM on the 12th; etc.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* – A few birds seen “en route” (e.g. in Samora Correia) but exact places & dates not recorded.

Hoopoe *Upupa epops* – One seen in flight near Samora Correia.

Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius* - PR – HU 91 (Tena Valley), 11-Set-2007 (holes in beach); one calling between La Besurta and La Renclusa (Benasque Valley) at

06:55 PM on the 14th. This is a very rare vagrant to Portugal but I've seen it well at Asturias in July 2004, so no effort was done to watch black woodpecker on this trip.

Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis* – One calling at Balneario de Panticosa on the 9th.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* - Heard at Tena Valley but exact place & date not recorded.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata* – Several seen and heard calling on the back of Hostal Los Castaños (Herreruela) on the 16th.

Woodlark *Lullula arborea* – Heard at Tena Valley but exact place & date not recorded.

Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (2); Colladeta – Gallinero, 13-Set-2007 (3); SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007 (4).

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* – El Portalet, 09-Set-2007 (4); El Portalet alpine meadows (20+) & El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (3); Embalse de Eriste (Benasque Valley) at 02:00 PM on the 12th (5+); etc.

House Martin *Delichon urbicum* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Portalet, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007 (5+); Cerler Ski Station, 13-Set-2007; etc.

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* – One in meadow above tree line at Balneario de Panticosa on the 9th; 1 ad. + 1 juv. at El Portalet also on the 9th; two birds at Ampriu (Cerler Ski Station) around 07:30 PM on the 12th. Ads. in Winter plumage.

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis* – El Portalet, 09 & 10-Set-2007 (30+); Ampriu (Cerler Ski Station), 12 & 13-Set-2007. *Note – Tellería et al. (1999) mention that meadow pipit “entra en la Península con fuerza a finales de septiembre”, sugesting that those are early records. However, according to the same source, “hay alguna recuperación ya en agosto”, so our records are not that early.*

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Portalet alpine meadows & El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; Ampriu, 13-Set-2007.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Portalet, 10-Set-2007; A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (1); Embalse de Eriste (Benasque Valley) 12-Set-2007 (3+); Embalse de Barasona, 15-Set-2007; etc.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; Valle de Literola (Benasque), 14-Set-2007. Like dipper, this species was probably underrecorded since we did no walks along fast flowing mountain streams.

Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* – Valle de Vallibierna (Benasque), 14-Set-2007.

Dipper *Cinclus cinclus* – One calling at Valle de Vallibierna (Benasque), 14-Set-2007.

Dunnoek *Prunella modularis* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007; etc.

Robin *Erithacus rubecula* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, Valle de Literola & La Besurta - La Renclusa, 14-Set-2007; etc.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* – Balneario de Panticosa & El Portalet, 09-Set-2007; El Portalet, 10-Set-2007; Cerler Ski Station, 12 & 13-Set-2007; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007; etc.

Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* – El Portalet, 09 & 10-Set-2007 (10+); A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (1); Ampriu – Gallinero, 13-Set-2007 (5+).

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* - El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007 (2) & Ampriu, 13-Set-2007 (2).

Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* – Several birds seen “en route” (e.g. in Alentejo, Portugal and Extremadura, Spain) but exact places & dates not recorded.

Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* – El Portalet, 09-Set-2007 (1 juv.) & Colladeta – Gallinero, 13-Set-2007 (1 ad.).

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* – One seen at Balneario de Panticosa on the 9th.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* – Alarm call heard between La Besurta and La Renclusa (Benasque Valley) at 06:55 PM on the 14th.

Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris* – Flock of 36 birds flying NW at medium height over the road West of La Besurta at 07:30 PM on the 14th. *Note – Tellería et al. (1999) mention “una llegada tardía – pues la entrada no se manifiesta bien hasta finales de noviembre, aunque puedan verse individuos ya en octubre”, suggesting that this was an exceptional record.*

Blackbird *Turdus merula* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007; etc.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* - SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* – Heard “en route”, e.g. near Estremoz on the 7th.

Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* - One bird calling from scrub near A 1604 (Lanave – Boltaña), km 8, at 12:05 PM on the 12th.

Dartford Warbler *Sylvia undata* - One bird calling from scrub near A 1604 (Lanave – Boltaña), km 8, at 12:05 PM on the 12th.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* – A few heard “en route” (e.g. in Alentejo, Portugal and Extremadura, Spain) but exact places & dates not recorded.

Cetti’s Warbler *Cettia cetti* - A few heard “en route” (e.g. in Alentejo, Portugal and Extremadura, Spain) but exact places & dates not recorded.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; etc.

Bonelli’s Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli* - PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007 (1 calling far).

Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* – One singing heard from PR – HU 91 on the 11th; one in mixed tit flock on SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007.

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007 (20+); SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007 (10+); etc.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* - El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007 (2+).

Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; Embalse de Barasona, 15-Set-2007; etc.

Great Tit *Parus major* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007.

Coal Tit *Parus ater* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Portalet & Embalse de la Sarra, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, Valle de Literola & La Besurta, 14-Set-2007; etc.

Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007.

Crested Tit *Parus cristatus* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; Embalse de la Sarra, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007; etc.

Marsh Tit *Parus palustris* – Positive ID by typical call at Balneario de Panticosa on the 9th; variations heard on other occasions, so ID uncertain. This is a very rare vagrant to Portugal but I've seen it well at Asturias in July 2004, so no effort was done to watch marsh tit on this trip.

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus* - El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007 (5+); SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007 (15+).

Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007 (very tame).

Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007.

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla* - SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007.

Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis* - A few seen “en route” (e.g. in Alentejo, Portugal and Extremadura, Spain) but exact places & dates not recorded.

Magpie *Pica pica* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; a few (4 to 6) seen in many mountain villages like Panticosa and Benasque.

Jay *Garrulus glandarius* - El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007 (1); PR – HU 91 & A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (2+); SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007 (5); etc.

Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* – Several heard at 2:50 PM near El Cruce de S. Servan on the 7th.

Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* – Balneario de Panticosa & El Portalet, 09-Set-2007; El Portalet, 10-Set-2007 (2 ads. + 1 juv.); Colladeta – Gallinero, 13-Set-2007 (2 ads.).

Alpine Chough *Pyrrhocorax graculus* - El Portalet, 10-Set-2007 (2).

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone corone* - El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007 (9); PR – HU 91 & A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (3+); Embalse de Eriste (Benasque Valley), 12-Set-2007 (1); SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007 (3 on track inside forest); Embalse de Barasona, 15-Set-2007 (10+); etc.

Raven *Corvus corax* – Two birds calling and seen in flight from PR – HU 91 on the 11th.

Note – A single record suggesting strong conservation concerns.

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* – A few seen “en route” but exact places & dates not recorded. Absent from high ground.

Spotless Starling *Sturnus unicolor* – A few seen “en route” but exact places & dates not recorded. Absent from high ground.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* - El Portalet, 10-Set-2007 (10+); and in most villages at lower altitude.

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; El Formigal fields, 10-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007; Ampriu (Cerler Ski Station) around 07:30 PM on the 12th; SE Estós – NW Vallibierna, 14-Set-2007 (very tame); etc.

Linnet *Carduelis cannabina* – El Portalet, 09 & 10-Set-2007; Cerler Ski Station, 12 & 13-Set-2007; etc.

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* - A few seen or heard “en route” but exact places & dates not recorded. Absent from high ground.

Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris* - A few seen or heard “en route” but exact places & dates not recorded. Absent from high ground.

Citril Finch *Serinus citrinella* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-07 (1).

Serin *Serinus serinus* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007; PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007.

Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* – Valle de Vallibierna (Benasque), 14-Set-2007 (1).

Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-07; West of La Besurta at 07:30 PM on the 14th.

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana* - El Portalet, 10-Set-2007 (1).

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella* – El Portalet, 09-Set-2007 (3); A-136 1.5 km downhill from Rio Gallego, 11-Set-2007 (2).

Rock Bunting *Emberiza cia* – One calling from the rocks in front of El Pilar Hotel (northern Benasque village) on the 12th and 14th; another one calling near Embalse de Barasona at 10:50 AM on the 15th

MAMMALS (12 SPECIES)

Western Hedgehog *Erinaceus europaeus* – Several road kills, specially around Estremoz (Portugal) on the 16th, exact places & dates not recorded.

Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus* – Two near Estremoz, not seen in mountains.

Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007 (one live adult and one nest on Scots Pine). A few road kills also seen, mostly on Tena Valley.

Alpine Marmot *Marmota marmota* – Several heard but not seen at El Portalet on the 9th and 10th; 50+ seen between Pllan de la Ingllada and Gallinero (some about 10m from the telesilla) on the 13th. Most active in the sunny morning but no camera available than (see photos obtained in the afternoon when most were in burrows).

Garden Dormouse *Eliomys quercinus* – Balneario de Panticosa, 09-Set-2007 (1).

Weasel *Mustela nivalis* – One seen on the shade of a large tree crossing the Ruta Hípica between the small bridge over Ésera River and the large bridge under A-139 on the 14th

Pine Marten *Martes martes* – Stuffed animal at Hotel Navarro in Panticosa on the 8th.

Badger *Meles meles* – One dead on A5 between km 277 and 278 on the 16th.

Wild Boar *Sus scrofa* - PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007 (tracks)

Domestic Sheep *Ovis aries* – Flock of about 4,000 at El Portalet on the 9th and 10th; flock of 2,000 at Cerler Ski Station on the 13th (see photo)

Chamois *Rupicapra rupicapra* – Two (young and adult) resting on unsurfaced road near a empty house in SE Valle de Estós at 10:15 AM on the 14th (see photos)

Roe Deer *Capreolus capreolus* - PR – HU 91, 11-Set-2007 (tracks)

OTHER WILDLIFE

Huge ant nest at NW Valle de Vallibierna on the 14th (about 85 cm tall). Built in area of scots pine *Pinus sylvestris* with bilberry *Vaccinium myrtillus* undercover (see photo - note I use my Komperdell walking stick at 114 cm, not considering the 9 cm spike).

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7. PHOTOS

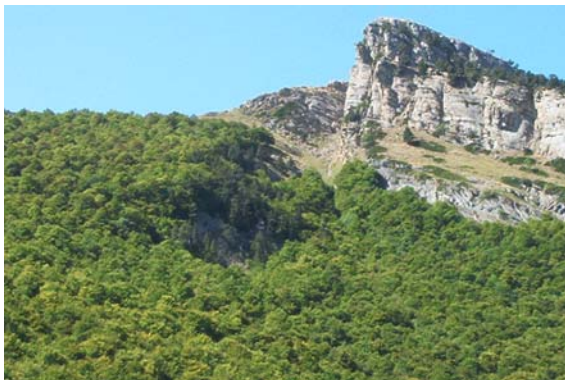
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Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus* – Two adults in cliff seen from PR – HU 91 on the 11th (x1)



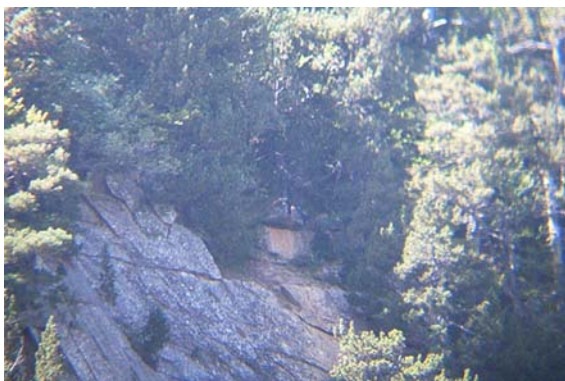
Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* – One of the two adults at Embalse de Eriste on the 12th (x20)



Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus* – Two adults in cliff seen from PR – HU 91 on the 11th (x2)



Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* – One of the two adults at Embalse de Eriste on the 12th (x20)



Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus* – Two adults in cliff seen from PR – HU 91 on the 11th (x20)



Ptarmigan *Lagopus mutus* – One feather and some down found above El Gallinero Telesilla on the 13th (x1).



Alpine Marmot *Marmota marmota* – Two at Pllan de la Ingllada on the 13th (x20).



Chamois *Rupicapra rupicapra* – Young in SE Valle de Estós on the 14th (x20).



Alpine Marmot *Marmota marmota* – Between Ampriu and Colladeta on the 13th (x2).



Huge ant nest at NW Valle de Vallibierna on the 14th (x1).



Domestic Sheep *Ovis aries* – Flock of 2,000 at Cerler Ski Station on the 13th (x1).