



## SPAIN: BIRDING ANDALUSIA IN FALL

### TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION



*Red-knobbed Coot is a very rare bird in Europe and we will look for it during our Spanish fall season birdwatching tour.*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SPAIN CAN BE READ HERE**

### **TOUR OUTLINE**

This small-group birding tour to Spain in the fall (autumn) season offers a wide range of exciting birds without having to travel too far. The tour starts in Seville and ends in Málaga and takes in a wonderful birding circuit, even including two pelagic trips (off Tarifa and into the Bay of Cadiz). The list of possible bird species on this tour is long, and includes **Spanish Imperial Eagle, Rüppell's Vulture, Audouin's Gull, Balearic Shearwater, Cory's Shearwater, Great Shearwater, Wilson's Storm Petrel, Northern Bald Ibis, Red-knobbed Coot, White-headed Duck, Little Swift, White-rumped Swift, Iberian Magpie, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Black Wheatear**, and many more, including the impressive spectacle of visible migration of cranes, raptors, storks, and shorebirds. The detailed itinerary includes full details of what to expect on this wonderful European bird tour.

### **WEATHER/CLIMATE**

Our fall tour will see high temperatures throughout, ranging from 82 – 95°F (28 – 35°C) during the daytime. Coastal areas can be cooler but please be aware of these likely high temperatures and remember to pack accordingly. If you struggle with being outside in these temperatures, then please also bare this in mind. Nights are warm with temperatures of 64 – 69°F (18 – 21°C), and evening temperatures will still be very warm. The sun will be incredibly strong at this time of year however rain should not be a problem (but as this is Europe it should never be totally ruled out!).

### **DAILY ACTIVITIES, PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS, AND TOUR PACE**

Our Spain fall birding tour covers a large section of Andalusia and is at a faster pace than some other tours we run. A long list of birds is possible on this birdwatching tour. We break longer journeys up with birding stops and bathroom breaks where needed.

The majority of walking is an easy level of effort and at a gentle pace and should be suitable for most people. For the most part walking will be on easy tracks, roads, and trails. Some longer walks may be required for some bird sites and the exact details of these longer walks will be given to you ahead of time, most walks are optional and should you prefer to sit out a walk we will try to plan something else for you. Relaxing around the hotel grounds could be a good option.

On this tour there will be some early starts and late finishes to our days in the field to maximize our birding time and meal times will remain variable around our birding activities. The main focus of this tour is to find as many Spanish bird specials as possible. Most of the tour is spent at sea-level and low mountain elevations (e.g. around Málaga we will find ourselves birding at around 2,460 feet / 750 meters).

### DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

There are no domestic flights required for this Spain tour. Please be aware that the tour starts in Seville at Seville San Pablo Airport and ends in Málaga at Málaga-Costa del Sol Airport.

### ACCOMMODATION

During our Spain fall tour we stay in a range of two-star to four-star hotels. Accommodation is of a traditional style and has been selected to offer the best experience in the area, including being close to excellent birdwatching areas.



*Little Swift is a highly localized species in Europe which we will look for on our Spain: Birding Andalusia in Fall tour.*