

A birding trip to the Caminito del Rey in search for the Wallcreeper... (2016.11.15)  
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The most elusive bird in Southern Spain was recorded last week at the Caminito del Rey...

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Our entrance to the Caminito was scheduled at 13:00 but a birding day is a birding day... since the beginning! So I went to have an early look to the Laguna Grande and Laguna Escondida before heading to El Chorro.

I was glad to spot my first Black-necked Grebes of the season and had very nice views of the Osprey. I could also see a phantasmagoric white shadow with the first lights of the day...

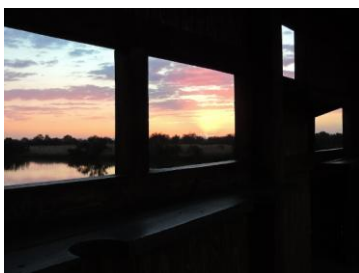
A little walk in the forest before meeting Barbara & Derek and Barbara Anne & Jerry gave me some of the typical birds there like Crested Tit, Common Crossbill, Dartford Warbler, Rock Bunting and the recently arrived Ring Ouzel.

Once at the Caminito, there were Blue Rock Thrush, Black Wheatear and lots of Griffon Vultures. Barbara & Derek saw an Alpine Accentor that I very much regretted missing.

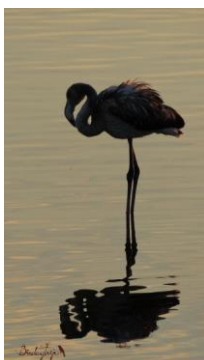
The Wallcreeper? As I use to say, there has to be a reason to come back!



Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)



Laguna Grande



Greater Flamingo (Phoenicopterus roseus)



Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)



Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)



Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)



Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)



Griffon Vultures (*Gyps fulvus*)



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