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Erratum and update

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Update and additional information

Route 1 Monfragüe NP round trip: Reader Ludger van Dijk wrote us the following:

“We stayed at Villarreal De San Carlos in Monfrague national park. From there we headed east on the CC-911, which is part of route 1, several times (and e.g. found the beautiful Spanish Imperial Eagle along the way). Route 1 tells you to follow the EX-389 to Serrejon. We however found that a few hundred metres onwards on the CC-911 (just before/around crossing the rail-road tracks) a pair of black-winged kites live. We observed them on several occasions going passed there. As they can be hard to find elsewhere (we e.g. didn't find them on route 4, location 4, though we did at location 6 of route 1), this might turn out to be a noteworthy place to look.”

Route 5 The plains between Trujillo and Caceres: Page 144, before point 6, the text says: “At Torremocha, turn right towards Botija.” This should be: “At Torremocha, turn **left** towards Botija.”

Route 9 The Wetlands near Mérida: Reader Ludger van Dijk wrote us the following:

“In an effort to follow route 9 (on 25th September 2011) we tried to make our way to the north-east part of the ‘elbalse de los Canchales’ by car. At about a quarter of the way (at the east-side of the lake) the road however has been closed off, and we needed to continue on foot. As the lake is much to big, and temperatures, even now, way to high for a walk around the lake we desired to try to approach the north-side of the lake from the west (going right after crossing the dam). As it turns out, this road has been closed off to the general public. As such the lake can no longer be continued all the way around and we could not make it to the spot suggested by the guide from the east-side.

In effect only the southern hide of the lake could still be reached (by car) when we made our trip. The hide is still a rewarding one though, tons of white storks, spoonbills and a pair of golden eagles could be seen at a distance. The walk up to the hide revealed goldfinches and Sardinian warbler. In the hide several Moorish gecko's.



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When we alternatively tried to make our way to Las Tiendas from Esparragalejo, a little North of Esparragalejo we did stumble upon a small (artificial) lake that might be an alternative at some times of the year. Even when we got there in late September the lake still hosted tens of black-winged stilts, three whiskered terns, a hoopoo, a kingfisher and several species of waders and plovers that could all be observed up close.”

Route 14 Touring the heart of Villuercas: Reader Sylvia den Held wrote us the following:

After point 5 on the route, the reader should park and follow a track signposted *Camino del Molino*. Both sign and track seem to have disappeared and access to the Almonte breach appears to be impossible.

If you have more updates, or if you have found an error in the text, please don't hesitate to email us at info@crossbillguides.org

Have a great trip!

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