



# Desert Springs

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## Notable Naturalists from Almeria Visit Desert Springs

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of welcoming Jesús Contreras (Indalodeoz.com) and a large group of important naturalists and botanists from the Almeria region who came to visit the cactus nursery and installations of DESERT SPRINGS.

In the greenhouses down in the valley, the naturalists were able to witness the massive quantity of different cactus and succulent plants which are grown to supply the golf with new species, including cactus obtained from our own seeds.

Up on the golf course itself, use of the electric buggies allowed everybody to observe the local birds and animals, the "avifauna" of the resort, as well as both the natural and the introduced flora, which now amounts to some 400 species, all living in harmony together.

The visit finished after a very warm but great day, with soft fresh drinks and "tapas" at the "El Torrente" restaurant, in the Desert Springs Clubhouse.

Dear Friends, we expect you come back soon!



Photos : Rafael Francisco Peinado



## The Desert Butterfly is now established at Desert Springs

The "Desert Orange Tip Butterfly", *Colotis evagore*, a very rare species of butterfly became established at Desert Springs, thanks to some caper bushes (*Capparis spinosa*), which grow wild at the hole nr. 2.

Now, this beautiful lepidoptera has found another new source of feed in a plant, *Aptenia lancifolia*, growing amongst those being propagated in the terraces of the nursery.

This has resulted in a rapid increase in its population. Let's hope that, in this way, it can continue reproducing more easily.



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