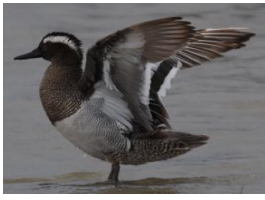


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Comghal and I spent our almost annual visit to Mallorca but this time two weeks later than 2018. It was clearly obvious after a few days that the number of birds were greatly down on 2018, the main migration period having already passed.

Still we did log over 90 plus species and the weather was decent all week with only rain on the final evening. We concentrated obviously on the S'Albufera Marsh normally a magnet for migrating birds, but we did visit several other sites [1] Son Real traditional farm [2] Bocquer Valley [3] Albufereta Marsh [4] Mortix



English Name	Latin	Area	Notes
1 Shearwater, Cory's	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	Alcudia Bay	Several in bay during strong easterly winds
2 Duck, Ferruginous	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Depurdora STW	1 drake seen 2/5
3 Duck, Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
4 Duck, Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
5 Duck, Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	S'Albufera	1 drake seen only
6 Duck, Marbled	<i>Marmaronetta aug.</i>	S'Albufera	12 birds seen during the week
7 Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
8 Pochard, Red-crest.	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
9 Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
10 Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	S'Albufera	Seen twice in the reserve
11 Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	S'Albufera	Seen twice in the reserve
12 Partridge, Red-Leg.	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Son Real	3 birds seen around finca
13 Grebe, Little	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
14 Cormorant, Sinens.	<i>Phal. Carbo sinensis</i>	Alcudia Bay	3 birds seen in Alcudia bay
15 Shag	<i>Phal.arist. desmarestii</i>	Alcudia Bay	2 birds seen offshore
16 Bittern, Little	<i>Ixobrychus miutus</i>	S'Albufera	Seen 3 times during thr week.
17 Egret, Cattle	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
18 Egret, Little	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
19 Heron, Grey	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
20 Heron, Night	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
21 Heron, Purple	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen all week
22 Heron, Squacco	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	S'Albufera	12 birds seen
23 Ibis, Glossy	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	S'Albufera	3 birds seen
24 Spoonbill, Eurasian	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen
25 Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Bocquer Valley	One bird seen
26 Eagle, Booted	<i>Aquila pennata</i>	Bocquer Valley	2 birds seen at the Finca
27 ***Eagle, Golden	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	S'Albufera	Resident bird seen all week
28 Harrier, Marsh	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
29 Kite, Black	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Palma	One on the road near airport
Kite, Red	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen during the week



Drake Ferruginous Duck

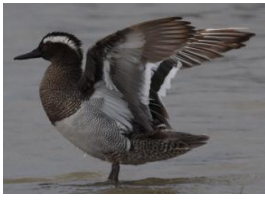


Garganey



Night Heron

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English Name	Latin	Area	Notes
30	Vulture, Black <i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Mortix	2 birds seen
31	Vulture, Griffon <i>Gyps fulvus</i>	Mortix	1 bird seen
32	Falcon, Eleanora <i>Falco eleonorae</i>	S'Albufera	7 birds seen over 3 days
33	Falcon, Peregrine <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Albufereta	1 bird seen
34	Kestrel, Common <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
35	Coot, Eurasian <i>Fulica atra</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
36	Coot, Red-knobbed <i>Fulica cristata</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
37	Gallinule, Purple <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
38	Moorhen, Common <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
39	Pratincole, Collared <i>Glareola pratincola</i>	S'Albufera	2 birds present
40	Avocet <i>Recirvorostra avosetta</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
41	Stilt, Black-winged <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
42	Curlew, Stone <i>Burhinus oedienemus</i>	Son Real	Several seen
43	Plover, Kentish <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
44	Plover, Ringed Little <i>Charadrius dubius</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
45	Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Albufereta	1 bird seen
46	Sandpiper, Common <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
47	Sandpiper, Curlew <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	S'Albufera	8 birds arrived on 3/5
48	Sandpiper, Green <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen
49	Sandpiper, Wood <i>Tringa glareola</i>	S'Albufera	6 birds seen
50	Stint, Little <i>Calidris minuta</i>	S'Albufera	2 birds on 3/5
51	Gull, Audouin's <i>Larus audouinii</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
52	Gull, Black-headed <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
53	Gull, Yellow-legged <i>Larus michahellis</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
54	Tern, Common <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
55	Dove, Collared <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Son Bosc	Several seen during the week
56	Dove, Rock <i>Columba livia</i>	Mortix	Several seen on ridge above valley
57	Dove, Turtle <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	San Bosc	3 birds on 3/5
58	Pigeon, Wood <i>Columba palumbus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread
59	Swift, Common <i>Apus apus</i>	S'Albufera	Large numbers passing through
60	Hoopoe, Eurasian <i>Upupa epops</i>	Son Bosc	6 birds seen over the week
61	Bee-eater, European <i>Merops apiaster</i>	Son Bosc	Large numbers passing from 1/5 on
62	Firecrest <i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	Son Real	1 bird seen
63	Lark, Thekla <i>Galerida thellae</i>	Son Real	One bird was seen on the pathway
64	Swallow, Barn <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread
65	Martin, House <i>Delichon urbicum</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread
66	Martin, Crag <i>Hirundo rupestris</i>	Bocquer Valley	Several birds seen around finca
67	Martin, Sand <i>Riparia riparia</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread
68	Pipit, Tawny <i>Anthus petrosus</i>	Son Real	3 birds seen
69	Wren <i>Troglodytes tro.</i>	Mortix	1 bird seen
70	Wagtail, Yellow <i>Motacilla fl. Iberiae</i>	S'Albufera	Common in S'Albufera Park
71	Wagtail, Yellow <i>Motacilla flavissima</i>	S'Albufera	One bird seen



Collared Pratincole



Curlew Sandpiper

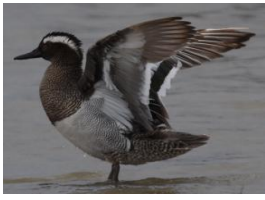


Turtle Dove



Iberian Wagtail

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72	Redstart, Common	<i>Phoenicurus phoen.</i>	Mortix	5 birds seen
73	Stonechat, European	<i>Saxicola tor. rubicola</i>	S'Albufera	Common in S'Albufera Park
74	Wheatear, Northern	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Mortix	1 bird seen
75	Cisticola, Zitting	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	S'Albufera	Common in S'Albufera Park
76	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen along track
77	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve, but difficult to see
78	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve.
79	Warbler, Cetti's	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
80	Warbler, Moustached	<i>Acro. melanopogon</i>	S'Albufera	Difficult, only one seen all week
81	Warbler, Reed	<i>Acrocephalus scir.</i>	S'Albufera	Surprisingly just one seen during trip
82	Warbler, Reed Great	<i>Acrocephalus arun.</i>	S'Albufera	Several males singing
83	Warbler, Sardinian	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
84	Warbler, Willow	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen
85	Flycatcher, Pied	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	S'Albufera	Several females seen
86	Flycatcher, Medit.	<i>Muscicapa st. iberiae</i>	All areas	Many birds seen
87	Tit, Great	<i>Parus major</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
88	Oriole, Golden	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Son Real	2 females seen
89	Shrike, Woodchat	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Son Real	Common in and around Son Real
90	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Bocquer Valley	2 birds seen at the ridge
91	Sparrow, House	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	S'Albufera	Common in and around S'Albufera
92	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	S'Albufera	Common in and around S'Albufera
93	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	S'Albufera	Common in and around S'Albufera
94	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	S'Albufera	Common in and around S'Albufera
95	Linnet, Common	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Son Bosc	Common in and around S'Albufera
96	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Mortix	Common in and around Mortix
97	Bunting, Cirl	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	Mortix	One bird seen
98	Bunting, Corn	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Son Bosc	Common in and around S'Albufera



Moustached Warbler



Woodchat Shrike



Spoonbill

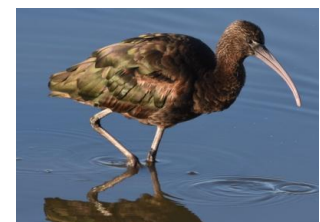
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Med. Spot. Flycatcher



Stone Curlew



Glossy Ibis

Once again Comghal and I went to Playa de Muro, Mallorca, which is a few hundred meters from the S'Albufera Marsh front gates. The main reason as always is to 'bump up' our BWP year list. Going two weeks later than last year we noticed a drop of in the volume of birds going through. This was to be expected as our #1 and #2 targets were the **Eleonora's Falcon** [which we saw] and **Balearic Warbler** [which we didn't]. However we did get almost 60 BWP year ticks, which was excellent. As I said before a brilliant area for birding.