

## **Mallorca 2014 - Bird List and Status**

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus* Only sighting was a pair on the 'Grand Canal' Albufera.

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* Small numbers of birds, main sites being the Albufera, Albufereta, and Son Serra de Marina.

**Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* Just two sightings for the trip.

**Shag** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* Odd birds seen on the breakwaters at Port de Pollença first week.

**Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Numbers at the Albufera roost appeared to be average, with no more than a dozen birds encountered during our visits.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* Now probably the most common of the egrets on the Island with several hundred seen during the trip.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* Birds abundant in suitable habitats.

**Great White Egret** *Egretta alba* Several sightings confined to the Albufereta.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* Birds were common at all suitable habitats,

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* A Juvenile bird at the new reserve in Port de Pollença (La Gola).

**Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber* Approximately 50 birds at the Salinas de Levante. A single Juvenile at the Albufereta, and 1 at Son Serra de Marina.

**Shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna* 2 sightings only, both at the Depuradora.

**Gadwall** *Anas strepera* A common duck with small numbers seen at suitable locations.

**Teal** *Anas crecca* Small numbers encountered at the Albufera.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* The commonest duck on the island.

**Shoveller** *Anas clypeata* Small numbers, mainly at the Depuradora.

**Marbled Duck** *Marmaronetta angustirostris* Small numbers at the Albufera.

**Red-crested Pochard** *Netta rufina* Just a singleton encountered during this trip.

**Pochard** *Aythya farina* 3 birds on the 'Grand Canal' Albufera, first week .

**Griffon Vulture** *Gyps fulvus* Several birds seen at Mortitx.

**Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus* Usually a very common raptor, but numbers well down this year.

**Montagu's Harrier** *Circus pygargus* A female hunting the Albufereta during the first week.

**Bonelli's Eagle** *Hieraaetus fasciatus* A low fly-by over the villa during the first week.

**Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus* Birds seen most days.

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* Several encounters during the trip both at the Albufereta and the Albufera.

**Buzzard** *Buteo buteo* A single bird at the Salinas de Levante.

**Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* Common over the whole island.

**Eleonora's Falcon** *Falco eleonora* Several birds were wheeling high over the villa during the middle of the second week.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* A single bird at the Boquer valley.

**Red-legged Partridge** *Alectoris rufa* Several sightings during the trip.

**Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus* 2 sightings, Salinas de Levante and Son Serra de Marina.

**Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus* Birds in small numbers at all suitable locations.

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio porphyrio* Since their introduction these birds have spread right across the north of the island taking up residence at all suitable locations.

**Coot** *Fulica atra* Birds abundant at all suitable habitats.

**Red-knobbed Coot** *Fulica cristata* Reintroduced a few years ago, these birds have now got full breeding status. Birds are now common at the Albufera. Some introduced birds still contain white neck rings. These were used to separate the species during the winter, when hunting is permissible.

**Stone Curlew** *Burhinus oediconemus* A good year with many birds in the field adjacent to CIM hide at the Albufera. A pair was encouraged to be very vocal at night in the fields adjacent to the villa.

**Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus* Singleton at Son Serra de Levante.

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* Not as common as in previous years.

**Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius* Just a couple of sightings, 1 at the Albufera and 1 at the S'Illot.

**Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*. Not as common as in previous years.

**Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* As with all the small waders this trip all numbers were down.

**Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus* A single sighting at the Albufera.

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta* A singleton at both the S'Illot and Albufera at the end of the second week.

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina* A single sighting for the trip at the Albufera.

**Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago* Just two sighting towards the end of the second week.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* A single bird on the breakwater at Port de Pollença.

**Curlew** *Numenius arquata* One sighting at Salinas de Levante.

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus* Single birds seen on three occasions from Bishops(1) hide, Albufera.

**Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* Odd birds encountered at most suitable locations.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* Single birds seen on three occasions during the trip. All sighting confined to the Albufera,

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* Several sighting throughout the trip.

**Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus* A small number of birds seen loafing on the rocks at the breakwater in Pollença bay.

**Slender-billed Gull** *Larus genei* Several immature birds at the Salinas de Levante.

**Audouin's Gull** *Larus audouinii* Fewer gulls obvious than in previous visits.

**Yellow-legged Gull** *Larus cachinnans* Most abundant of the large gulls.

**Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis* A single bird on the breakwater in Pollença bay.

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia* A couple of dozen feeding with the pigs at Son Bauló.

**Wood Pigeon** *Columba palumbus* Common at all suitable locations.

**Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* A species that gets more common with every visit.

**Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis* Three sighting during the second week.

**Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* Several sightings during the trip, but numbers appear to have declined over the years.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* Strong passage during the whole trip with numbers increasing daily.

**Thekla Lark** *Galerida theklae* A couple of birds encountered at the most reliable site, Son Serra de Marina. As this site is so reliable I no longer venture far to find them.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* A single sighting in the stream at the Son Marc valley.

**Robin** *Erithacus rubecula* An influx during the second week.

**Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* A couple of females seen at different locations, one in the Son Marc valley and one at the Boquer Valley.

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros* Odd birds encountered.

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra* A singleton at Son Bauló.

**Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata* Common at all suitable locations.

**Northern Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe* 1 female seen at the La Gola reserve.

**Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius* Birds at all usual haunts.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula* Birds common at all suitable sites.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos* A couple of sightings.

**Cetti's Warbler** *Cettia cetti* Very common at all suitable locations.

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* Birds seen at most suitable locations.

**Moustached Warbler** *Acrocephalus melanopogon* Birds seen in the spiked rush below 'Englishman's Bridge' Albufera, each visit.

**Marmora's Warbler** *Sylvia sarda* Several fleeting glimpses at usual sites, the Boquer Valley and at Cala Sant Vicenç.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla* Just a single sighting.

**Sardinian Warbler** *Sylvia melanocephala* The commonest of all the warblers with several territories around the villa.

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus* Again a couple of birds seen during the trip.

**Firecrest** *Regulus ignicapillus* Several sightings during the trip.

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata* Very common during the first week then no sightings.

**Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca* A single female hawking for insects in the wood at Cala Sant Vicenç.

**Great Tit** *Parus major* Small numbers of birds seen at most suitable sites.

**Raven** *Corvus corax* Odd birds at the Boquer Valley and a few in Son Marc.

**Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* Murmurations at Albufera <10,000.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* Birds common everywhere.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs* Common at all suitable habitats.

**Serin** *Serinus serinus* Small flocks, especially where conifers occur.

**Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris* Abundant.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis* The second commonest finch of the summer.

**Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra* Any large area of conifers will contain Crossbills. Several encountered at suitable locations.

**Total for the trip 92**