

MALLORCA TRIP REPORT APRIL 2018

9-16 APRIL 2018

PARTICIPANTS:

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The now annual pilgrimage to Mallorca, with my family, took place a week earlier than 2017 and the contrast in weather couldn't have been more different. Virtually all week we had strong to gale force winds from the south-west. The same weather system that was depositing snow on the Spanish mainland. For most of the week we were wearing fleeces, even during the day. It was only during the last two days that the weather calmed down to something approaching 'normal' weather. However Mallorca always delivers, and we managed 93 species for the trip which included 63 year ticks for me. A very good start to the 2018 birding year.

We went to the usual haunts, S'Albufera, Son Real, Bocquer Valley, Lluç, Mortix and the Albufereta in Pollensa, but we spent a large part of the week in the S'Albufera due to the weather and thus several potential species were missed.



	English Name	Latin	Area	Date	Notes
1	Shearwater, Cory's	Calonectris diomedea	Alcudia Bay	14-Apr	100's
2	Flamingo, Greater	Phoenicopterus ruber	S'Albufera	Daily	3-5 at different times
3	Duck, Gadwall	Anas strepera	S'Albufera	Daily	50+ birds
4	Duck, Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	S'Albufera	Daily	Every visit
5	Duck, Garganey	Anas querquedula	S'Albufera	Daily	20+ birds
6	Duck, Marbled	Marmaronetta aug.	S'Albufera	Daily	4 birds
7	Pochard	Aythya ferina	S'Albufera	Daily	20+ birds
8	Pochard, Red-crest.	Aythya ferina	S'Albufera	Daily	50+ birds
9	Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	S'Albufera	Daily	5 birds
10	Shoveler	Anas clypeata	S'Albufera	Daily	12 birds
11	Teal	Anas crecca	S'Albufera	10-Apr	13 birds
12	Partridge, Red-Leg.	Alectoris rufa	Son Real	13-Apr	5 birds
13	Grebe, Little	Tachybaptus ruficollis	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
14	Cormorant, Sinens.	Phal. Carbo sinensis	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
15	Egret, Cattle	Bubulcus ibis	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
16	Egret, Great White	Ardea alba	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
17	Egret, Little	Egretta garzetta	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
18	Heron, Grey	Ardea cinerea	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
19	Heron, Night	Nycticorax nycticorax	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
20	Heron, Purple	Ardea purpurea	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
21	Heron, Squacco	Ardeola ralloides	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
22	Ibis, Glossy	Plegadis falcinellus	S'Albufera	10-Apr	Migrant
23	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	S'Albufera	10-Apr	4 birds seen
24	Eagle, Booted	Aquila pennata	S'Albufera	10-Apr	3 birds
25	Harrier, Marsh	Circus aeruginosus	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
26	Kite, Red	Milvus milvus	LLuc	12-Apr	4 birds
27	Vulture, Black	Aegypius monachus	LLuc	12-Apr	3 birds
28	Falcon, Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	Son Real	13-Apr	1 bird



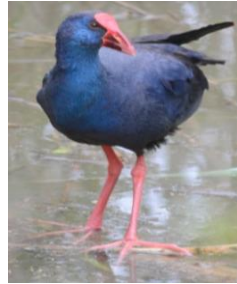
Flamingo, Greater Phoenicopterus ruber



Osprey Pandion haliaetus

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29	Kestrel, Common	Falco tinnunculus	Son Real	13-Apr	4 birds
30	Hobby	Falco subbuteo	Son Real	13-Apr	1 bird
31	Coot, Eurasian	Fulica atra	S'Albufera	Daily	Main Channel
32	Coot, Red-knobbed	Fulica cristata	S'Albufera	Daily	Main Channel
33	Gallinule, Purple	Porphyrio porphyrio	S'Albufera	Daily	Main Channel
34	Moorhen, Common	Gallinula chloropus	S'Albufera	Daily	Main Channel
35	Pratincole, Collared	Glareola pratincola	S'Albufera	14-Apr	Migrant
36	Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
37	Stilt, Black-winged	Himantopus himantopus	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
38	Curlew, Stone	Burhinus oedienemus	S'Albufera	Daily	Seen all week from one hide in particular
39	Plover, Grey	Pluvialis squatarola	S'Albufera	Daily	3 birds
40	Plover, Kentish	Charadrius alexandrinus	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
41	Plover, Ringed Little	Charadrius dubius	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
42	Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
43	Redshank, Spotted	Tringa erythropus	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
44	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
45	Sandpiper, Common	Actitis hypoleucos	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
46	Sandpiper, Curlew	Calidris ferruginea	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
47	Sandpiper, Green	Tringa ochropus	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
48	Sandpiper, Wood	Tringa glareola	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
49	Stint, Little	Calidris minuta	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
50	Stint, Temminck's	Calidris temminckii	S'Albufera	Daily	6 birds on the 13th
51	Gull, Audouin's	Larus audouinii	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
52	Gull, Black-headed	Larus ridibundus	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
53	Gull, Yellow-legged	Larus michahellis	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
54	Tern, Common	Sterna hirundo	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
55	Tern, Whiskered	Chlidonias hybridus	S'Albufera	14-Apr	3 birds
56	Dove, Collared	Streptopelia decaocto	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
57	Dove, Rock	Columba livia	LLuc	12-Apr	Common
58	Pigeon, Wood	Columba palumbus	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
59	Swift, Common	Apus apus	S'Albufera	Daily	1000's
60	Hoopoe, Eurasian	Upupa epops	S'Albufera	13-Apr	3 birds
61	Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	Mortix	12-Apr	2 birds
62	Lark, Crested	Galerida cristata	Son Real	13-Apr	Common
63	Swallow, Barn	Hirundo rustica	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
64	Martin, House	Delichon urbicum	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
65	Martin, Crag	Hirundo rupestris	LLuc	12-Apr	Common
66	Martin, Sand	Riparia riparia	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
67	Pipit, Tawny	Anthus petrosus	Son Real	13-Apr	1 bird
68	Pipit, Water	Anthus spinoletta	S'Albufera	13-Apr	1 bird
69	Wagtail, Yellow	Motacilla fl. Iberiae	S'Albufera	Daily	12 birds
70	Wagtail, Yellow	Motacilla fl. Cinerocapilla	S'Albufera	13-Apr	1 bird of this ssp
71	Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla	LLuc	12-Apr	4 birds
72	Bluethroat	Luscinia cyanecula	Albufereta	13-Apr	1 bird
73	Stonechat, European	Saxicola tor. rubicola	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
74	Cisticola, Zitting	Cisticola juncidis	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
75	Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
76	Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	S'Albufera	Daily	Common



Gallinule, Purple *Porphyrio porphyrio*



Plover, Grey *Pluvialis squatarola*



Stint, Temminck's *Calidris temminckii*



Bluethroat *Luscinia cyanecula*
Highlight of the trip with one very confiding bird found on the

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77	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
78	Warbler, Cetti's	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
79	Warbler, Sardinian	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
80	Warbler, Willow	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Migrant
81	Flycatcher, Pied	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Son Real	13-Apr	Migrant
82	Tit, Great	<i>Parus major</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
83	Tit, Blue	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
84	Shrike, Woodchat	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Son Real	13-Apr	Migrant
85	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
86	Sparrow, House	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
87	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
88	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
89	Serín	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
90	Linnet, Common	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
91	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
92	Bunting, Corn	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	S'Albufera	Daily	Common
93	Bunting, Reed	<i>Emberiza sch. Witherbii</i>	S'Albufera	12-Apr	2 birds , harder to see this year



Warbler, Cetti's *Cettia cetti*

All in all Comghal and I had a fantastic weeks birding, despite the weather, with 93 species seen during the week.

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Viva Blue Hotel; Playa de Moro: overlooking the S'Albufera