

Mallorca report 12-19 april 2006

I spent about one week in the north part of Mallorca, in Port Pollença which is one of the best places to stay for birding.

I was with my girlfriend who is not a birder.

We use a rented car and walked a lot too. Anyway it was not a tough birding holiday, we usually were out about 9:30 a.m. And back for 7 – 8 p.m.

We were not able to see many interesting places, especially the one in the south of the island.

Here follows a sintetic report.

APRIL 2006

Date 12 - Alcudia surroundings:

(arrival at the Duva Hotel in Port Pollença)

Badia de Pollença, east side

Date 13 - Port Pollença surroundings:

Boquer Valley

Formentor Peninsula

Date 14 – Mallorca north east:

Parc Natural de Llevant – Arta'

Ermita de Betlem

Cala Mesquida (Capdepera)

Date 15 – Serra de Tramuntana mountains:

Lluch

Mirador Escorca

Embalse de Gorg Blau

Embalse de Cúber

La Calobra

Date 16:

Parc Natural de s'Albufera

Date 17 - Port Pollença + Alcudia surroundings:

Boquer Valley

Cala de San Vicente

Coll Baix

Date 18:

Parc Natural de s'Albufera

Playa + pine wood Muro

Date 19:

Salinas de Levante (Campos)

(departure)

Here is the species list, I added just a few comments.

Also note that I missed Eleonora's falcon, a few birds have been seen around by others but mid april was too soon this year, they're still migrating.

- | <i>Latin name</i> | – | <i>english</i> | – | <i>italian</i> | - | <i>notes</i> |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Podiceps cristatus | - | Great Crested Grebe | - | Svasso maggiore | - | Albufera |
| 2. Calonectris diomedea | - | Cory's Shearwater | - | Berta maggiore | - | |
| 3. Puffinus mauretanicus | - | Balearic Shearwater | - | Berta delle Baleari | - | (rather common) |
| 4. Puffinus yelkouan | - | Yelkouan Shearwater | - | Berta minore | - | |
| 5. Phalacrocorax carbo | - | Great Cormorant | - | Cormorano | - | Albufera |
| 6. Phalacrocorax aristotelis | - | European Shag | - | Marangone dal ciuffo | - | (rather common) |
| 7. Ardea cinerea | - | Grey Heron | - | Airone cenerino | - | Albufera and one in Embalse de Cúber |
| 8. Ardea purpurea | - | Purple Heron | - | Airone rosso | - | Albufera |
| 9. Ardea alba | - | Great Egret | - | Airone bianco maggiore | - | Albufera |
| 10. Egretta garzetta | - | Little Egret | - | Garzetta | - | Albufera |

11. *Bubulcus ibis* - Cattle Egret - Airone guardabuoi - Albufera
12. *Nycticorax nycticorax* - Black-crowned Night-Heron - Nitticora - Albufera
13. *Plegadis falcinellus* - Glossy Ibis - Mignattaio - Albufera
14. *Tadorna tadorna* - Common Shelduck - Volpoca - Albufera and Salinas de Levante
15. *Anas strepera* - Gadwall - Canapiglia - Albufera
16. *Anas crecca* - Eurasian Teal - Alzavola - Albufera
17. *Anas platyrhynchos* - Mallard - Germano reale - Albufera
18. *Anas querquedula* - Garganey - Marzaiola - Albufera
19. *Anas clypeata* - Northern Shoveler - Mestolone - Albufera
20. *Netta rufina* - Red-crested Pochard - Fistione turco - Albufera
21. *Aythya ferina* - Common Pochard - Moriglione - Albufera
22. *Pandion haliaetus* - Osprey - Falco pescatore - Albufera
23. *Aegypius monachus* - Black Vulture - Avvoltoio monaco - 3 at the Calobra area in the Tramuntana mountains; 8 near Cala de San Vicente
24. *Circus aeruginosus* - Western Marsh Harrier - Falco di palude - Albufera
25. *Aquila pennata* - Booted Eagle - Aquila minore - Just one (light), near Artà
26. *Falco tinnunculus* - Eurasian Kestrel - Gheppio -
27. *Falco peregrinus* - Peregrine - Falco pellegrino - One in the Formentor mountains
28. *Alectoris rufa* - Red-legged Partridge - Pernice rossa - Heard in Boquer Valley and Salinas de Levante
29. *Phasianus colchicus* - Common Pheasant - Fagiano - Heard in Boquer Valley
30. *Rallus aquaticus* - Water Rail - Porciglione - Heard in Albufera
31. *Porphyrio porphyrio* - Purple Swamphen - Pollo sultano - Albufera, several in "Es Ras" and "Ses Puntès" areas
32. *Gallinula chloropus* - Common Moorhen - Gallinella d'acqua - Albufera
33. *Fulica cristata* - Crested Coot - Folaga crestata - Albufera
34. *Fulica atra* - Eurasian Coot - Folaga - Albufera
35. *Himantopus himantopus* - Black-winged Stilt - Cavaliere d'Italia - Albufera
36. *Burhinus oedicephalus* - Stone-curlew - Occhione - Albufera
37. *Charadrius hiaticula* - Common Ringed Plover - Corriere grosso - Albufera
38. *Charadrius dubius* - Little Ringed Plover - Corriere piccolo - Albufera
39. *Charadrius alexandrinus* - Kentish Plover - Fratino - Albufera
40. *Tringa erythropus* - Spotted Redshank - Totano moro - Albufera
41. *Tringa nebularia* - Common Greenshank - Pantana - Albufera
42. *Actitis hypoleucos* - Common Sandpiper - Piro piro piccolo - Albufera
43. *Larus audouinii* - Audouin's Gull - Gabbiano corso - A few in various coastal spots, Albufera
44. *Larus michahellis* - Yellow-legged Gull - Gabbiano reale -
45. *Sterna hirundo* - Common Tern - Sterna comune - Albufera
46. *Chlidonias hybridus* - Whiskered Tern - Mignattino piombato - Albufera
47. *Columba livia* - Rock Dove - Piccione selvatico -
48. *Columba palumbus* - Woodpigeon - Colombaccio -
49. *Streptopelia decaocto* - Eurasian Collared Dove - Tortora dal collare -
50. *Cuculus canorus* - Common Cuckoo - Cuculo - Just heard
51. *Otus scops* - European Scops Owl - Assiolo - Just heard in Port Pollença
52. *Apus apus* - Common Swift - Rondone -
53. *Upupa epops* - Hoopoe - Upupa -
54. *Jynx torquilla* - Eurasian Wryneck - Torcicollo - Heard a few times and saw in Albufera
55. *Galerida theklae* - Thekla Lark - Cappellaccia di Tekla - One near Ermita de Betlem
56. *Riparia riparia* - Sand Martin - Topino - Several at Albufera
57. *Hirundo rupestris* - Eurasian Crag Martin - Rondine montana -
58. *Hirundo rustica* - Barn Swallow - Rondine -
59. *Delichon urbica* - Common House Martin - Balestruccio -
60. *Motacilla flava* - Yellow Wagtail - Cutrettola -
61. *Anthus campestris* - Tawny Pipit - Calandro - Salinas de Levante
62. *Regulus ignicapillus* - Firecrest - Fiorrancino -
63. *Troglodytes troglodytes* - Winter Wren - Scricciolo -
64. *Monticola solitarius* - Blue Rock Thrush - Passero solitario - One near the farm before Boquer Valley; one near Cala Mata; one in Cala S. Vicente
65. *Turdus merula* - Blackbird - Merlo -
66. *Cisticola juncidis* - Fan-tailed Warbler - Beccamoschino -
67. *Cettia cetti* - Cetti's Warbler - Usignolo di fiume -
68. *Acrocephalus melanopogon* - Moustached Warbler - Forapaglie castagnolo - Albufera
69. *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* - Great Reed Warbler - Cannareccione - Albufera

70. *Phylloscopus ibericus* - Iberian Chiffchaff - Lui piccolo iberico - I think I heard it in the Cala Mata area, near Artà
71. *Sylvia atricapilla* - Blackcap - Capinera -
72. *Sylvia cantillans* - Subalpine Warbler - Sterpazzolina - Boquer Valley
73. *Sylvia melanocephala* - Sardinian Warbler - Occhiocotto - common
74. *Sylvia conspicillata* - Spectacled Warbler - Sterpazzola di Sardegna - Boquer Valley
75. *Sylvia balearica* - Balearic Warbler - Magnanina delle Baleari - One in Boquer Valley, when the path is near the sea
76. *Ficedula hypoleuca* - European Pied Flycatcher - Balia nera - One in Lluc
77. *Luscinia megarhynchos* - Common Nightingale - Usignolo -
78. *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* - Common Redstart - Codiroso -
79. *Saxicola rubetra* - Whinchat - Stiaccino -
80. *Saxicola rubicola* - European Stonechat - Saltimpalo -
81. *Parus major* - Great Tit - Cinciallegra -
82. *Cyanistes caeruleus* - Blue Tit - Cinciarella -
83. *Lanius senator* - Woodchat Shrike - Averla capirossa - (rather common)
84. *Corvus corax* - Common Raven - Corvo imperiale -
85. *Emberiza cirlus* - Cirl Bunting - Zigolo nero -
86. *Emberiza schoeniclus* - Reed Bunting - Migliarino di palude - Albufera
87. *Emberiza calandra* - Corn Bunting - Strillozzo -
88. *Fringilla coelebs* - Chaffinch - Fringuello -
89. *Carduelis chloris* - European Greenfinch - Verdone -
90. *Carduelis carduelis* - European Goldfinch - Cardellino -
91. *Carduelis cannabina* - Linnet - Fanello -
92. *Serinus serinus* - European Serin - Verzellino -
93. *Passer domesticus* - House Sparrow - Passera oltremontana.

That's all
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