



Mallorca 22 May - 02 June 2005

Essentially a family holiday and not a birding trip as such; but this time with both telescope and camera – many of the pictures found [here](#) were taken on this holiday. On foot for the first several days, then a hired mountain bike which was used for a week or so. Most (birding) days were between 05:30 and 09:00, and I was not out birding every day.

Opting to stay clear of hire cars all birding was done in the area around Alcudia. Salinas de S'illot, Depuradora de S'illot, the Ses Puntes track and the S'Albufera reserve itself were covered in addition to some of the surrounding farmland. Unfortunately the Tower Hide was closed for repairs on each occasion I passed that way.



Figure 1 Nearest entrance to the hotel

This “spring” visit was quite different to my previous trip, with lower numbers of migrant waders and fewer herons and egrets. However, the breeding waders were more abundant and Eleonora’s falcon easier to see in the S'Albufera area. Nightingale were also a lot more obvious, being a common species in the reserve.



Figure 2 Farmland near Depuradora de S'illot

The telephone wires in the above picture were popular with Eonora's Falcon, European Bee-eater and a number of other species. Greater Short-toed Lark and Tawny Pipit were also noted in this area.



Figure 3 Hoopoe and Bee-eater perch near Depuradora de S'illot

A systematic list of the 75 species noted is presented overleaf.



English Name	Norsk navn	Latin name	Numbers	Comments
Little Grebe	Dvergdykker	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	**	Common
Great Crested Grebe	Toppdykker	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	*	"Stone Bridges" area
Black-crowned Night Heron	Natthege	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	**	Regular but rather localised at times
Squacco Heron	Topphege	<i>Ardeola Ralloides</i>	*	Only a few individuals noted, largely on the west side of the reserve
Cattle Egret	Kuhege	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	**	Widespread. One seen to catch and eat a Moorehen chick
Little Egret	Silkhege	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	***	Common
Grey Heron	Gråhege	<i>Ardea cinera</i>	*	Common
Purple Heron	Purpurhege	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	*	<10 seen daily
Glossy Ibis	Bronseibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	*	Two noted on 27.05
Common Shelduck	Gravand	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	*	One-two family parties, obviously breeding both on the reserve and at Depuradora de S'illot
Gadwall	Snadderand	<i>Anas strepera</i>	*	Seen occasionally along Ses Punes
Mallard	Stokkand	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	***	
Gargary	Knekkand	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	*	A few noted along Ses Punes track
Northern Shoveler	Skjeand	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	*	Widespread
Red-crested Pochard	Rødhodeand	<i>Netta Rufina</i>	**	Common
White-headed Duck	Hvithodeand	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	*	One one a chanel near "Tower Hide"
Marbled Duck	Marmorand	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	*	Up to four seen together on three occasions
Eurasian Marsh Harrier	Sivhauk	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	**	"Everywhere"
Common Kestrel	Tårnfalk	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	*	Widespread
Eleonora's Falcon	Leonorafalk	<i>Falco eleonora</i>	**	Seen in double figures on the best days
Common Quail	Vaktel	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	*	A few heard singing from farmland west of the reserve
Water Rail	Vannrikse	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	**	Common, but heard more often than seen
Common Moorehen	Sivhøne	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	**	Common
Purple Gallinule	Sultanhøne	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	**	Common
Common Coot	Sothøne	<i>Fulica atra</i>	***	Very Common
Crested Coot	Knoppsothøne	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	*	Odd ones noted on the channels in the "Stone Bridges" area
Black-winged Stilt	Stylteløper	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	***	Commonest wader
Stone Curlew	Triel	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>	**	Several pairs noted
Little Plover	Dverglo	<i>Charadrius dubious</i>	*	Ses Punes
Ringed Plover	Sandlo	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	*	4 Ses Punes 23.05.05
Kentish Plover	Hvitbrystlo	<i>Charadrius alexandrius</i>	**	Common
Northern Lapwing	Vipe	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	*	One noted along Ses Punes
Little Stint	Dvergsnipe	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	*	Up to four seen 24.05, 1 on 25.05
Common Sandpiper	Strandsnipe	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	*	Singles noted 23.05
Audouin's Gull	Middelhavsmåke	<i>Larus audouinii</i>	*	Seen both on the reserve and along the beaches
Black-headed Gull	Hettemåke	<i>Larus ridebudus</i>	*	Only a few individuals noted in the reserve
Yellow-legged Gull	Gulbeingrāmåke	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	**	Small flocks in the reserve and along



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Sandwich Tern	Splitterne	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	*	
Common Tern	Makrellterne	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	*	A few pairs present in the reserve
Common Woodpigeon	Ringdue	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	*	
Eurasian Collared Dove	Tyrkedue	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	**	
Long-eared Owl	Hornugle	<i>Asio otus</i>	*	Seen on a couple of occasions near the hotel
European Nightjar	Nattravn	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	*	Estimated 3-4 singing males
Common Swift	Tårnseiler	<i>Apus aapus</i>	***	Very Common
European Bee-eater	Bieter	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	**	Ses Puntos, several pairs present
Hoopoe	Hærfugl	<i>Upupa epops</i>	**	Common
Greater Short-toed Lark	Dverglerke	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	*	A few pairs along near Depuradora de S'illot
Sand Martin	Sandsvale	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	**	Not noted daily, but up to 20 per flock
Barn Swallow	Låvesvale	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	*	Only a few noted most days
House Martin	Taksvale	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	*	
Tawny Pipit	Markpiplerke	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	*	1-2 seen on a couple of occasions near Depuradora de S'illot
Yellow Wagtail	Gulerle	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	*	Several daily
Winter Wren	Gjerdsmett	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	*	
Common Nightingale	Sørnattergal	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	**	Common in the reserve
Stonechat	Svartstrupe	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	**	Very Common and widespread
Common Blackbird	Svartrost	<i>Turdus merula</i>	*	
Zitting Cisticola	Cistussanger	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	**	
Cetti's Warbler	Cettisanger	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	**	
Moustached Warbler	Tamarisksanger	<i>Acrocephalus meanopogon</i>	**	
Eurasian Reed Warbler	Rørsanger	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	*	
Great Reed Warbler	Trostesanger	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	*	
Sardinian Warbler	Svarthodsanger	<i>Sylvia melnocephala</i>	**	
Blackcap	Munk	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	*	
Wood Warbler	Bøksanger	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	*	One noted in "Ses Puntos wood"
Spotted Flycatcher	Gråfluesnapper	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	**	
Great Tit	Kjøttmeis	<i>Parus major</i>	**	
Woodchat Shrike	Rødhodevarsler	<i>Lanius senator</i>	**	
Common Starling	Stær	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	*	Ses Puntos wood, probably breeding
House Sparrow	Gråspurv	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	***	
European Serin	Gulirisk	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	**	Common
European Greenfinch	Grønnfink	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	**	Common
European Goldfinch	Stillits	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	**	Common
Common Linnet	Tornirisk	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	***	Very Common and widespread
Reed Bunting	Sivspurv	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	*	
Corn Bunting	Kornspurv	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	**	Very Common and widespread

* = 1-10

** = 10-100

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