



## BALEARIC ISLANDS TOUR REPORT

12th April to  
19th April 2019

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Marbled Duck
- Red-crested Pochard
- Scopoli's Shearwater
- Balearic Shearwater
- Glossy Ibis
- Eurasian Bittern
- Cinereous Vulture
- Montagu's Harrier
- Bonelli's Eagle
- Eurasian Stone-Curlew
- Collared Pratincole
- Audouin's Gull
- Eurasian Scops Owl
- Pallid Swift
- European Roller
- Eurasian Hoopoe
- Eurasian Wryneck
- Eleonora's Falcon
- Balearic Woodchat Shrike
- Thekla's Lark
- Red-rumped Swallow
- Great Reed Warbler
- Moustached Warbler
- Balearic Warbler
- Iberian Bluethroat
- Balearic Red Crossbill

### SUMMARY:

The Balearic Islands in Spring are a real delight with a mixture of resident breeding birds and migrant birds flooding northwards. Our unique tour explored a variety of sites on underwatched Ibiza and included a visit to the migrant hotspot that is the island of Formentera. Ibiza is a very underrated island and at this time of year it is a great place to find migrants at a number of sites we have discovered over the years. For some reason there are a couple of inland sites that always host northbound birds and amongst orchards and a picturesque pastoral scene we saw trees alive with Common Redstarts and European Pied Flycatchers, with smaller numbers of Common Whitethroats, Willow Warblers, European Turtle Doves and flocks of passerines flying overhead including several Red-rumped Swallows. Ibiza is also the best place in the Mediterranean to get up close and personal with its two star birds - Audouin's Gull and Balearic Warbler. Our first afternoon saw us within touching distance of at least 30 Audouin's Gulls and we spent a pleasant hour watching them and taking photos. We also saw the delightful Balearic Warbler at a couple of locations we know about where males were displaying and singing from the tops of bushes. At this time of year they are incredibly bold and literally come to check you out and even run along the floor around you. A day visit during south-easterly winds to the island of Formentera was hugely exciting with great views of Scopoli's and Balearic Shearwaters on the 40 minute ferry crossing. We witnessed a fall of migrants at one of the headlands with at least 2 Bluethroats of the Iberian race *azuricollis* being the highlights. But the sheer number of common migrants was very impressive indeed. Back on Ibiza we had a passage of Eurasian Hobbies and Booted Eagles, with at least 30 eagles circling the impressive island of Es Vedra along with the earliest returning Eleonora's Falcon we can remember. Moving on to Mallorca we paid a couple of visits to the classic birding site of S'Albufera Nature Reserve where amongst the reedbeds, wader scrapes, lagoons and pools we saw a number of great birds. The main prize of Moustached Warbler took some finding but a singing bird we found in a remote corner of the reserve showed well. There were a few Collared Pratincoles around, as well as Red-crested Pochards,

**Marbled Ducks, Western Swamphens and Red-knobbed Coots all seen well. In the Tramuntana Mountains we saw Cinereous and Eurasian Griffon Vultures, displaying Bonelli's Eagles and had double figures of Eurasian Wrynecks, all set amidst spectacular scenery. We stayed in a beautiful rural finca surrounded by olive groves and orchards where Common Nightingales serenaded us at the breakfast table and Eurasian Scops Owls were easily seen each evening. We ended our stay with Montagu's Harriers, Red Kites and Booted Eagles soaring over our picnic spot in the central plains and a flock of shorebirds at the saltpans of Salobrar de Campos with many fine summer-plumaged Curlew Sandpipers and Little Stints brightening up the final afternoon. The Balearic Islands offer great birding at a relaxed pace and we can't wait to return.**

### **Day 1 SES SALINAS – SAN ANTONIA – CAP NEGRET - BUSCASTELL**

With the first southerly winds of the spring and the warmest day of the year so far greeting the arrival of our group we headed the short distance to Ses Salinas. And what a difference a day makes, as yesterday and the preceding week had been dominated by very cool weather and gale force NW winds. So with renewed vigour and a spring in our step we began birding on the party island of Ibiza! Things began slowly as there wasn't too much to see from the hide but we enjoyed views of **Iberian Yellow Wagtails**, including some incredibly bright individuals. Several displaying **Zitting Cisticolas** were pretty close and we even scoped one bird, whilst a very smart-looking **Sardinian Warbler** was nesting in a nearby bush. Out on the saltpans were over 50 **Greater Flamingos**, newly arrived from who knows where? There hadn't been any here just 2 days ago! **Common Shelduck** numbers have been gradually increasing and today over 70 were present, along with **Gadwall, Mallard**, and both **Kentish and Little Ringed Plovers**. Driving out of the site got us close to a **Woodchat Shrike** of the *badius* race and is a potential split as **Iberian Woodchat Shrike**, plus a couple of **Red-legged Partridges**. We then drove around to the other side and in no time at all were watching the endemic **Balearic Warbler** singing from his song perch. We enjoyed first class views of this much-wanted bird for a good 10 minutes, as well as a pair of high-flying **Western Marsh Harriers** spotted by Julie and several flyby **Mediterranean Shags** before walking back to the car and driving to our base for the next 4 nights at the fabulous Villa Rosa.



**Balearic Warbler**

Over lunch and a siesta we heard some migrating **European Bee-eaters** somewhere in the distance and wondered if we'd ever catch up with them...? So we drove down to the nearby harbour at 4pm and spent a very enjoyable hour watching and photographing up to 30 stunning **Audouin's Gulls**. This is a really fine bird whether you're into gulls or not and when they are a mere 2 metres away from you then you can't fail to be impressed. I don't know

of anywhere else you can get such outstanding views of this charismatic gull. In my opinion this is a sexy bird and at this time of year they are getting rather frisky as breeding is imminent, combined with all sorts of other behaviour as they scavenged from a fishing boat to their raucous call we had it all. Moving on to a viewpoint looking up to Cap Negret where we scoped some distant **Scopoli's Shearwaters** and found a pair of **Blue Rock Thrush**.



**Audouin's Gull**

Moving on to Buscastell, an area of meadow, orchards and agriculture just inland from the NW coast and is a little migrant trap in the right conditions. Our arrival in this picturesque area was greeted by a large flock of hirundines, comprising mainly of **Barn Swallows** but with several pretty **Red-rumped Swallows** and a couple of **Common House Martins** as well, plus a calling **European Turtle Dove** that flew alongside one of the meadows. We stopped beside one field to look at a pair of **Thekla's Larks** and in doing so found ourselves amidst a fall of northerly-bound migrants. The fields and meadows hereabouts were full of **Common Redstarts** and everywhere we looked there were male redstarts either in the trees or feeding on the ground. A flock of **Tree Pipits** were also here, along with several male **Pied Flycatchers**, **Willow Warbler**, **Common Whitethroat**, **Turtle Dove** and a cracking pale-phase **Booted Eagle**. We also heard **European Bee-eaters** from somewhere in the distance and then spotted them flying across the valley so decided to go and look for them. Admittedly it was a bit of divine inspiration to turn right and not left at a junction resulted in us finding the flock and watching them feed over the orchards and scoping one beautiful perched individual. Also in the area was **European Robin**, **Song Thrush**, many displaying **European Serins** and other common birds. So a very good day on this highly underwatched island and we were all excited to see what tomorrow's excursion to Formentera would bring.

## **Day 2 FORMENTERA**

Another beautiful day dawned in Ibiza and the Villa Rosa birding posse set out on the Ibiza-Formentera ferry this morning. The weather was typical Mediterranean in spring with crystal clear blue skies and a sea so azure it could almost melt your heart. As we left Ibiza port we had great views of the old town, along with **Audouin's** and **Yellow-legged Gulls**, plus a **Pallid Swift** amongst the **Common Swifts**. It's only a 30-minute crossing and on this

perfect morning there wasn't too much shearwater activity although we did pick up a few distant **Scopoli's Shearwaters**. Upon landing in Formentera we drove some 25 minutes to the far eastern side of this lovely island and based ourselves for much of the day at Far de la Moli. This huge promontory reminds me of Portland Bill a little bit and we were hoping for some migration magic. As the winds had been switching between easterly and south-westerly I had high hopes of some migrants but initially it wasn't looking too promising. After half an hour we headed across some fields with low bushes and found the area to be alive with birds! We were almost immediately into double figures of **Common Redstarts** with a sprinkling of **Northern Wheatears**, along with **Willow Warblers** before Mike exclaimed he had a **Bluethroat**. And oh boy what a great bird. The totally blue throat and lack of a red or white spot meant it was what HBW refer to as an **Iberian Bluethroat** (*ssp azuricollis*) and what a cracker!



Iberian Bluethroat

We watched it feeding in the field against a stone wall for ages, with **Iberian Yellow Wagtails**, groups of **Greater Short-toed Larks**, numerous **Balearic Woodchat Shrikes**, some resident **Thekla's Larks** and **Sardinian Warblers**, and at least 4 **Blue Rock Thrushes** vying for our attention. There were also numerous **Linnets**, **European Goldfinches** and **European Serins** singing and flying constantly around us and the setting was totally mesmeric. Just perfect in fact. We spread out a little in the hopes of finding more goodies but the late morning hour meant activity was dying down and apart from some **Red-legged Partridges** and a migrating **Booted Eagle** we had to content ourselves with the commoner migrants. The **Bluethroat** was refound a little later and showed very well at much closer range and we found it really hard to pull ourselves away from such a stunner.

We drove to a nearby village for a spot of lunch and coffee before returning to the headland. Taking a different route we walked along the rocky path and into a grove of pine trees hoping to find something sheltering in the shade of these large trees. There were more redstarts and even a **European Pied Flycatcher** but not much else, apart from a confiding **Common Firecrest** that we watched for some time and a **Peregrine Falcon** circling overhead.

So we drove to Far del Cap de Barbaria, a headland facing due south on the other side of the island. There's totally different habitat here with low scrub and rocky open ground. It was 5pm by now and a little quiet apart from another **Balearic Woodchat Shrike**. Just inland the vegetation is better with more bushes, fields and trees and around one meadow there were at least 4 **Whinchats**, as well as yet more **Common Redstarts** and even a **Balearic Warbler**.

Leaving here we drove around Estany Pudente, a series of salt pans and lagoons. We were able to pull up alongside a few **Kentish Plovers** and got some nice photos. There were also **Common Redshanks**, **Common Greenshanks** and a few **Black-winged Stilts** to look at before heading back to the port and onto the 7.30pm ferry back to Ibiza. It was a beautiful sailing and the water so very calm allowing superb views of many **Scopoli's Shearwaters** close to the ship. A group of **Balearic Shearwaters** flew quickly past the bow and across the calm waters before we reached Ibiza and our waiting dinner. Quite a day really!

### **Day 3 SA TALAIA - ES VEDRA**

We had a bit of a later start this morning before venturing over to Sa Talaia. It's just a short 15 minute drive firstly on paved road and then after the turn-off up and along a dirt track through the forest. Our first stop beside some fields was good for views of another **Balearic Warbler** and **Balearic Woodchat Shrike** before driving up the steepest section and into some really good forest. Unfortunately there weren't any **Balearic Crossbills** present, but we had maybe 3 different **Eurasian Hobbies** flying over on their way north. A spritely **Common Firecrest** gave superb views here and showed nice and close before we drove on further to the end of the road. The panoramic views here are always a crowd pleaser and that included the noisy gang of Spanish hikers! But you can see both east and west coasts from here and today the weather was so clear that the Spanish mainland was also on view. So, after spending some time admiring the scenery we headed back down and decided to go towards the coast.



**Birding at Es Vedra**

Another dirt track took us to a look-out opposite the mightily impressive towering cliffs of Es Vedra, and what a view this is. It's a tricky, bumpy drive down to this point but definitely worth the effort when you see something as impressive as this and the sea was a stunning deep blue this morning. Scoping the island revealed the first of a steady stream of **Booted Eagles** that had made the crossing from North Africa and were heading to the mainland. At first we had a group of 14, followed by smaller groups of 6, another 6, 7, and 4 crossing the sea towards the Spanish mainland. Then thermalling kettles of 10 at a time beside the tall

cliffs made for an impressive site. It was whilst scoping one such 'kettle' that an **Eleanora's Falcon** was spotted amongst them. Showing a long tail and swept-back scimitar-shaped wings we enjoyed repeated views of this truly awesome falcon flying around the eagles. This was a pretty early record of this species as they usually arrive a touch later in the month. An **Eurasian Crag-Martin** swept past us along the cliff top a few times, there was a pair of **Blue Rock Thrushes**, at least a single **Pallid Swift** was present in a newly arrived flock of **Common Swifts** and a **Northern Raven** was seen.

So by now it was early afternoon (where had the time gone?) so we returned to the villa for lunch and a siesta before heading to the north-west side of the island. Returning to Buscastell again we found a few **Spotted Flycatchers** with a group of **European Pied Flycatchers**, **Whinchat**, **Tree Pipits**, **Common Redstart** and **Thekla's Larks**, oh and a calling **Common Cuckoo** but not much else. A drive along the north coast was quiet so we returned to San Antonio de Portmany for dinner and a few well deserved drinks!

#### Day 4 SES SALINES

Spent the morning at Ses Salines which turned out to be a rather chilly affair with light to moderate easterly winds and cloud making a huge change from the warm sunshine we'd become accustomed to. From the hide we encountered a number of scarce and uncommon birds for Ibiza with **Purple Heron**, **Great White Egret** and a drake **Common Pochard** being most notable and very good records here. But it was the superb **Marbled Duck** feeding with a **Gadwall** that drew most attention and certainly got our pulses racing. This a rarity on this island and a bird I was personally very pleased to find here. There were also more **Greater Flamingos** than on our previous visit, at least 7 **Pied Avocets**, **Little Ringed** and **Kentish Plovers** and as we drove around the other side we had really great close looks at a stonking breeding-plumaged **Common Greenshank**. At the beach a **Common Cuckoo** was perched on a gate, a couple of **European Turtle Doves** were nice to see and hear and we also saw **Whinchat**, **Northern Wheatear** and **European Pied Flycatcher**. Returning to the hide a stonking male **Common Stonechat** got us all excited for a bit as it looked for all the world like an Eastern Stonechat, but the west Mediterranean birds look superficially similar..... So by now it was getting late and we returned to the villa for lunch and had a leisurely afternoon and an early finish.

#### Day 5 MAJORCA - DEPURADORA – S'ALBUFERA

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Ibiza this morning and after a short flight we arrived in Palma on the beautiful island of Mallorca. Pretty soon we were off on the 45 minute drive to the top of the island and had lunch in a small restaurant near Alcudia where we planned our first birding excursion of our time here. Just a few kilometres away along a lane surrounded by a beautiful pastoral scene of flower-filled meadows was



Collared Pratincole

an area known as Depuradora de S'Illot. Our arrival was greeted by a singing **Common Nightingale** and a good omen indeed! A viewing tower overlooks a few man-made lagoons and the surrounding meadows. A pair of **Eurasian Stone-Curlews** were scoped in one such field as they did a change-over at their nest and was a great sight to see. Around the pools were numerous **Common Shelducks**, **Gadwall**, **Mallard**, **Green Sandpiper**, **Little Ringed Plovers** and other common birds. Over the vast reedbed several **Western Marsh Harriers** were patrolling, but a **Collared Pratincole** flying around above us was a bit special. Moving on to S'Albufera Nature Reserve we visited a couple of hides overlooking the Sa Roca lagoon and spent a couple of enjoyable hours watching all of the activity. There were a couple of stunning **Glossy Ibis** present, at least 8 **Wood Sandpipers**, a **Green Sandpiper**, another **Collared Pratincole**, fly away

view of **Great Bittern**, **Purple Heron**, **Red-crested Pochards** and a **Western Swamphen** amongst others.

Moving on to the other side the hide we visited was really good for views of **Pied Avocets** with chicks, and we watched in horror as a pair of **Black-headed Gulls** had to be continually fought off by the adults as **Avocet** chicks were on their menu! There were 18+ **Wood Sandpipers** here too, along with 2 summer-plumaged **Spotted Redshanks**, **Dunlin**, 2 **Marbled Ducks**, a **Western Osprey** eating a fish on a post, **Eurasian Spoonbill**, and on the main channel were numerous **Red-crested Pochards** and a **Red-knobbed Coot**.



Red-crested Pochard

Walking back to the car, a pair of **Black-crowned Night-Herons** were spotted in

the bushes, breeding plumaged **Little Egret** was seen with red feet and blue skin around the eye and lots of the usual finches were flying around. After dinner we enjoyed some views of **Eurasian Scops Owl** in the grounds of our finca and a **Western Barn Owl** flew over us giving its eerie screech call.

#### Day 6 TRAMUNTANA MOUNTAINS – CUBER RESERVOIR - ALBUFERETA MARSHES

The winding mountainous road up into the Tramuntana Mountains and on to Cuber reservoir was very scenic to say the least. We even managed to avoid the streams of cyclists to a large extent and made reasonably good time before arriving at this lovely spot. We followed the path alongside the reservoir in glorious sunshine until the dam and despite failing to find any **Moltoni's Warblers** enjoyed a number of excellent sightings beginning with the first of maybe 6 or 7 **Eurasian Wrynecks**. There were others calling in the area and we estimated up to a dozen birds present in the area. An amazingly high density for what can be a pretty tricky species to find on occasions. Well, we also managed to finally track down a little group of **Balearic Red Crossbills** – not a species in its own right (yet) but the bill is noticeably thicker and chunkier



Cuber Reservoir

than birds in the UK..... We watched the yellow-orange male for ages feeding on pine cones alongside the slightly more dowdy Mrs Crossbill and a streaky juvenile was also present. Moving on, a very inquisitive **Common Firecrest** came down to check us out and also gave prolonged views, even hovering over the path for a few seconds. What a photo that would have been! Once at the dam we sat down and scanned the crags and peaks all around for raptors, all the time serenaded by the beautiful song of a

Common Nightingale in the valley below. Our scanning was worthwhile and revealed a pair of displaying **Bonelli's Eagles**, several **Eurasian Griffons** and eventually a huge **Cinereous Vulture**. It was hard to drag ourselves away but we had a lunch date and drove back down to the coastal plain where we failed to avoid the hordes of cyclists!



Common Firecrest

After another delicious lunch back at the finca we drove the short distance to Albufereta Marsh where we saw an **Eurasian Spoonbill** and a bunch of commoner species at some distance. There didn't seem any point in lingering so we headed to another good little site that used to be a series of old salt pans and which are now some lagoons that can often be productive. Out on the water we saw a few **Red-crested Pochards**, as well as **Sand Martin** and a singing **Great Reed Warbler**. And again we didn't linger as there was one more site I wanted to visit and as it was early evening I was hoping our timing was going to be perfect. So we found ourselves on the other side of S'Albufera Marshes and our walk certainly produced the goods as we followed a trail past some lagoons and headed out into a vast reedbed. Sure enough we soon heard the



Eurasian Scops Owl

distinctive refrain of a singing **Moustached Warbler** and after a bit of searching managed to get several views of this much-wanted species from its reedy songpost. Also in the area were 3 pairs of **Marbled Duck**, plenty of singing **Cetti's Warblers**, and a pair of **Garganey** amongst others.

This evening we finally had the views we wanted of a pair of **Eurasian Scops Owls** perched and giving incredible views in my spotlight, as well as a **Western Barn Owl** flying over to round off a really good day.



## Day 7 S'ALBUFERA

With the threat of strong easterly winds we decided to pay a visit to S'Albufera Nature Reserve this morning in the forlorn hope of seeing the reported **Baillon's Crake**, which we didn't of course. However a male **Eurasian Golden Oriole** greeted our arrival and we also saw **Great White Egret** and **Great Reed Warbler** before the masses arrived early this morning. We visited 6 hides during the course of our visit before lunch and enjoyed seeing a good selection of species at quite close range. Highlights from this morning include **Marbled Ducks**, **Red-knobbed Coots**, a flock of approx. 12 summer-plumaged **Spotted Redshanks**, 1 or 2 **Collared Pratincoles**, **Common Terns** and a couple of pairs of **Garganey**.

After another delicious lunch at our finca prepared by Lynzi, we drove to the lighthouse at the end of Formentor Peninsula in near gale-force winds and didn't see a lot apart from some terrific scenery, a **Peregrine Falcon** and some **Eurasian Crag-Martins**. So we didn't dally here and dropped into the base of the Bocquer Valley which was also quiet and a small wood opposite was similarly quiet. So we returned to our base in the rural Mallorcan countryside for an early finish, a few drinks and some time to relax and enjoy our final dinner together.



Marbled Duck

## DAY 8 POLLENCA BAY – DEPURADORA - CENTRAL PLAINS – SALOBRAR DE CAMPOS

With late flights this evening we had the bonus of an extra day to visit some new sites and enjoy some final birding, apart from Susie who unfortunately had to leave early. So we tried some nearby places in the gale force winds but the conditions were too difficult to actually see any birds let alone something interesting. So we returned to the finca for a shower and plenty of time to finish our packing before heading towards the south of the island. We called in to the Depuradora de S'Illot watchtower for one last check of the lagoons and reedbed. Some **Common Terns** were new, and we counted over 13 **Western Marsh Harriers** quartering the reeds, there was **Common Nightingale**, and all the usual wildfowl.

A diversion into the plains area of central Mallorca turned out to be interesting with a male **Montagu's Harrier** putting in an appearance a couple of times as we sat in the car eating our picnic lunch that Roberta had so kindly prepared for us. A calling **Common Quail** could be heard in the fields somewhere behind us, whilst several **Corn Buntings** gave their distinctive song from surrounding bushes. There was a **Red Kite** as well as lots of **Common Kestrels** around, and we checked the latter for any lessers to no avail. During a coffee stop in a quiet village Julie spotted a **Tree Sparrow**, which has become quite scarce on this island. In the south-east corner of the island are a series of salt pans that seemed a fitting way to end the tour, and it didn't take too long to get there. We walked out across the low maquis-covered fields and saw flocks of common waders that included some fine breeding-plumaged **Curlew Sandpipers** with their brick red underparts, as well as **Little Stints** and **Dunlins** all refuelling before their long journey towards their Arctic breeding territories. A few **Red-throated Pipits** flew over calling as well before we decided to head towards the airport and the conclusion of a great, fun tour.

Nick Bray



Photos (clockwise): Glossy Ibis, Thekla's Lark, Western Swamphen, Western Marsh Harrier, Kentish Plover, Common Nightingale.



Photos (clockwise): Depuradora (Mallorca), Formentor Peninsula (Mallorca), View from Sa Talaia (Ibiza), S'Albufera Nature Reserve (Mallorca), Far del Cap de Barbaria (Formentera), Dalt Vila (Ibiza).

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## SYSTEMATIC LIST – BALEARIC ISLANDS APRIL 2019

### **ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae**

Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>

### **GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae**

Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>
Common Quail (H)	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>

### **PROCELLARIIFORMES: Procellariidae**

Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>
Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>

### **PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae**

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
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### **PHOENICOPTERIFORMES: Phoenicopteridae**

Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
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### **PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae**

Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>

### **PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae**

Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>

### **SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae**

European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>

### **ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae**

Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
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### **ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae**

Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>

Bonelli's Eagle  
Golden Eagle  
Western Marsh Harrier  
Montagu's Harrier  
Red Kite  
Common Buzzard

*Aquila fasciata*  
*Aquila chrysaetos*  
*Circus aeruginosus*  
*Circus pygargus*  
*Milvus milvus*  
*Buteo buteo*

**GRUIFORMES: Rallidae**

Water Rail (H)  
Western Swamphen  
Common Moorhen  
Red-knobbed Coot  
Eurasian Coot

*Rallus aquaticus*  
*Porphyrio porphyrio*  
*Gallinula chloropus*  
*Fulica cristata*  
*Fulica atra*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae**

Eurasian Stone-curlew

*Burhinus oedicnemus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae**

Black-winged Stilt  
Pied Avocet

*Himantopus himantopus*  
*Recurvirostra avosetta*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae**

Northern Lapwing  
Common Ringed Plover  
Little Ringed Plover  
Kentish Plover

*Vanellus vanellus*  
*Charadrius hiaticula*  
*Charadrius dubius*  
*Charadrius alexandrinus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae**

Curlew Sandpiper  
Dunlin  
Little Stint  
Common Sandpiper  
Green Sandpiper  
Common Redshank  
Wood Sandpiper  
Spotted Redshank  
Common Greenshank

*Calidris ferruginea*  
*Calidris alpina*  
*Calidris minuta*  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  
*Tringa ochropus*  
*Tringa totanus*  
*Tringa glareola*  
*Tringa erythropus*  
*Tringa nebularia*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae**

Collared Pratincole

*Glareola pratincola*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae**

Black-headed Gull  
Audouin's Gull  
Yellow-legged Gull  
Sandwich Tern  
Common Tern

*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*  
*Ichthyaetus audouinii*  
*Larus michahellis*  
*Thalasseus sandvicensis*  
*Sterna hirundo*

**COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae**

Rock Dove  
Common Wood Pigeon  
European Turtle Dove

*Columba livia*  
*Columba palumbus*  
*Streptopelia turtur*

Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
<b>CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae</b>	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
<b>STRIGIFORMES: Tytonidae</b>	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
<b>STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae</b>	
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>
<b>APODIFORMES: Apodidae</b>	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>
<b>CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae</b>	
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>
<b>CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae</b>	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
<b>BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae</b>	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
<b>PICIFORMES: Picidae</b>	
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
<b>FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae</b>	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Red-footed Falcon (poss)	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae</b>	
Balearic Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator badius</i>
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae</b>	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae</b>	
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Paridae</b>	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae</b>	
Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>

**PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae**

Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>

**PASSERIFORMES: Cettiidae**

Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>
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**PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae**

Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>

**PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae**

Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>

**PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae**

Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
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**PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae**

Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>
Balearic Warbler	<i>Sylvia balearica</i>
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>

**PASSERIFORMES: Regulidae**

Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>
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**PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae**

Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
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**PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae**

Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>

**PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae**

Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
Iberian Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica azuricollis</i>
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>

**PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae**

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>

**PASSERIFORMES: Prunellidae**

Dunnock

*Prunella modularis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae**

Spanish Yellow Wagtail

*Motacilla flava iberiae*

Grey-headed Wagtail

*Motacilla flava thunbergi*

Italian Wagtail

*Motacilla flava cinereocapilla*

White Wagtail

*Motacilla alba*

Tree Pipit

*Anthus trivialis*

Red-throated Pipit (H)

*Anthus cervinus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae**

Common Chaffinch

*Fringilla coelebs*

European Greenfinch

*Chloris chloris*

Common Linnet

*Linaria cannabina*

Balearic Red Crossbill

*Loxia curvirostra balearica*

European Goldfinch

*Carduelis carduelis*

European Serin

*Serinus serinus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae**

Corn Bunting

*Emberiza calandra*

Cirl Bunting

*Emberiza cirlus*

Common Reed Bunting

*Emberiza schoeniclus*



Scopoli's Shearwater from the Formentera ferry





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