

# 2022 : Mallorca Trip : 20-30 April : Ed.O'Hara / Comghal McQuillan / Caroline McQuillan

This was our first time back in Mallorca in three years, normally an annual trip, due of course to the covid pandemic. It was essentially a family holiday, with a birding aspect in the early morning and in the late afternoon. My wife is a non-birder but Comghal's wife Caroline joined us several times in the afternoon and indeed found our only Great Crested Grebe of the trip which I dipped on.

The weather for the first three days was relatively poor , overcast and rain but after that it was mostly sunshine and some clouds. We concentrated as usual in the north-east of the island where the best birding sites are, still we did log over 120 plus species despite the poor weather at the start of the trip.

We concentrated obviously on the S'Albufera Marsh normally a magnet for migrating birds, but we did visit several other sites [1] Son Real traditional farm [2] Bocquer Valley [3] Albufereta Marsh [4] Mortix



## TRIP LIST

English Name	Latin	Area	Notes
Duck, Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Duck, Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Duck, Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen during the week
Duck, Marbled	<i>Marmaronetta aug.</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Pochard, Red-crest.	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	S'Albufera	Seen all week at the Depadura [STW]
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	S'Albufera	Seen once during the trip in the reserve
Partridge, Red-Leg.	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Son Real	5 birds seen around finca
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Son Real	1 male seen
Grebe, Great Crested	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	S'Albufera	One seen only, quite scarce in Mallorca
Grebe, Little	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Shearwater, Balearic	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	Alcudia Bay	Several in moderate easterly wind
Shearwater, Scopoli's	<i>Calonectris d.diomedea</i>	Alcudia Bay	Several in moderate easterly wind
Cormorant, Sinens.	<i>Phal. Carbo sinensis</i>	Alcudia Bay	2 birds seen in Alcudia bay
Shag	<i>Phalarist. desmarestii</i>	Son Real	2 birds seen offshore
Bittern, Little	<i>Ixobrychus miotus</i>	S'Albufera	Seen 5 times during the trip.
Egret, Cattle	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Egret, Little	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Egret, Great White	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen
Heron, Grey	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Heron, Night	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Heron, Purple	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Heron, Squacco	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	S'Albufera	2 birds seen , were quite hard to find
Ibis, Glossy	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	S'Albufera	Great increase since last visit
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	S'Albufera	At least 2 birds visited reserve daily to fish
Eagle, Booted	<i>Aquila pennata</i>	S'Albufera	2 birds seen over reserve
Eagle, Golden	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	S'Albufera	Resident bird seen all week
Harrier, Marsh	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
Kite, Black	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Palma	Several on the road near airport
Kite, Red	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen during the week
Vulture, Black	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Mortix	2 birds seen



Marbled Teal



Little Bittern



Osprey

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<b>Vulture, Griffon</b>	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	<b>Mortix</b>	1 bird seen
<b>Falcon, Eleanora's</b>	<i>Falco eleonorae</i>	<b>Alcudia</b>	Only one bird seen , too early for main arrivals.
<b>Falcon, Peregrine</b>	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	1 bird seen
<b>Hobby</b>	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	<b>Depadura STW</b>	1 bird seen
<b>Kestrel, Common</b>	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Several birds seen
<b>Coot, Eurasian</b>	<i>Fulica atra</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Seen daily in S'Albufera
<b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b>	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Seen daily in S'Albufera
<b>Gallinule, Purple</b>	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Seen daily in S'Albufera
<b>Moorhen, Common</b>	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Seen daily in S'Albufera
<b>Pratincole, Collared</b>	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	2 birds seen on last day of trip
<b>Avocet</b>	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Seen daily in S'Albufera
<b>Stilt, Black-winged</b>	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
<b>Curlew, Stone</b>	<i>Burhinus oedienemus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Much increased on reserve since our last visit
<b>Plover, Kentish</b>	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
<b>Plover, Ringed Little</b>	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
<b>Plover, Ringed</b>	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	1 bird seen
<b>Greenshank</b>	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	<b>Albufereta</b>	5 birds seen
<b>Redshank</b>	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	<b>Albufereta</b>	3 birds seen
<b>Sandpiper, Common</b>	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Seen daily in S'Albufera
<b>Sandpiper, Curlew</b>	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	5 birds present at the end of our stay
<b>Sandpiper, Green</b>	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	1 bird seen
<b>Sandpiper, Wood</b>	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	2 birds seen
<b>Stint, Little</b>	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Several birds present during the trip
<b>Stint, Temminck's</b>	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	1 bird seen
<b>Whimbrel</b>	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	5 birds present at the end of our stay



Avocet with chick



Stone Curlew



Little Stint



Curlew Sandpiper

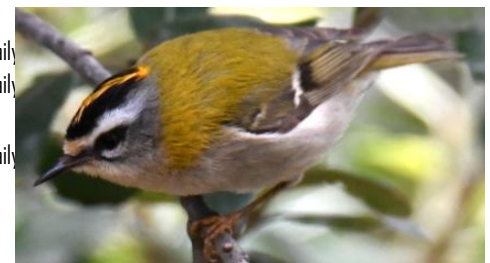


Wood Sandpiper



Little Ringed Plover

<b>Gull, Audouin's</b>	<i>Larus audouinii</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
<b>Gull, Black-headed</b>	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
<b>Gull, Mediterranean</b>	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	<b>Depadura STW</b>	1 bird seen
<b>Gull, Yellow-legged</b>	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
<b>Tern, Common</b>	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Seen daily in S'Albufera
<b>Tern, Gull-billed</b>	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	<b>Depadura STW</b>	1 bird seen
<b>Tern, Whiskered</b>	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	<b>Depadura STW</b>	13 birds seen in total
<b>Dove, Collared</b>	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	<b>Everywhere</b>	Several seen during the week
<b>Dove, Rock</b>	<i>Columba livia</i>	<b>Mortix</b>	Several seen on ridge above valley
<b>Dove, Turtle</b>	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	<b>Son Real</b>	2 birds seen on our second visit
<b>Pigeon, Wood</b>	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Widespread
<b>Owl, Barn</b>	<i>Tyto alba</i>	<b>Alcudia</b>	Caroline and Comghal seen it in the car headlight
<b>Swift, Common</b>	<i>Apus apus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Large numbers passing through
<b>Swift, Pallid</b>	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	Several seen daily
<b>Kingfisher</b>	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	<b>S'Albufera</b>	2 birds seen
<b>Hoopoe, Eurasian</b>	<i>Upupa epops</i>	<b>Son Bosc</b>	6 birds seen over the week



Firecrest



Pallid Swift



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Bee-eater, European	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	S'Albufera	Only a few about during our visit.
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Mortix	2 birds seen
Lark, Thekla	<i>Galerida thellae</i>	Son Real	One bird was seen on the pathway
Swallow, Barn	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread
Swallow, Barn	<i>Hirundo rustica transitiva</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen with a very red breast, the egyptian ssp. ?



European Bee-eater



Common Redstart



Turtle Dove



Tree Pipit



Barn Swallow *transitiva*

Swallow, Red-rumped	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	S'Albufera	2 birds seen
Martin, House	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread
Martin, Crag	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>	Bocquer Valley	Several birds seen around finca
Martin, Sand	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen
Pipit, Meadow	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Albufereta	1 bird seen
Pipit, Tawny	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	Son Real	3 birds seen
Pipit, Tree	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Son Real	1 bird seen
Wren	<i>Troglodytes tro.</i>	Mortix	1 bird seen
Wagtail, Yellow	<i>Motacilla fl. Iberiae</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen in S'Albufera Park
Wagtail, Yellow	<i>Motacilla flavissima</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen in S'Albufera Park
Wagtail, Yellow	<i>Motacilla fl. Cinerocapilla</i>	Albufereta	3 birds seen
Redstart, Common	<i>Phoenicurus phoen.</i>	Mortix	2 birds seen
Stonechat, European	<i>Saxicola tor. rubicola</i>	S'Albufera	Common in S'Albufera Park
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Mortix	1 birds seen
Thrush, Blue Rock	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Bocquer Valley	1 bird seen at Finca
Wheatear, Northern	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Son Real	1 bird seen of Greenland race
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve.
Cisticola, Zitting	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	S'Albufera	Common in S'Albufera Park
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	S'Albufera	Common
Warbler, Balearic	<i>Sylvia sarda balearica</i>	Son Real	1 bird seen
Warbler, Cetti's	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
Warbler, Moustached	<i>Acro. melanopogon</i>	S'Albufera	Difficult, only 3 birds seen during visits
Warbler, Reed	<i>Acrocephalus scir.</i>	S'Albufera	Surprisingly just 2 seen during trip
Warbler, Reed Great	<i>Acrocephalus arun.</i>	S'Albufera	Several males singing
Warbler, Sardinian	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
Warbler, Willow	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	S'Albufera	5 birds seen
Whitethroat, Lesser	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	Mortix	Several seen in the valley.
Flycatcher, Pied	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
Flycatcher, Medit.	<i>Muscicapa st. iberiae</i>	All areas	Many birds seen
Tit, Great	<i>Parus major</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
Oriole, Golden	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Mortix	1 female seen
Shrike, Woodchat	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Son Real	Common in and around Son Real
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Bocquer Valley	2 birds seen at the ridge



Yellow Wagtail [cinerocapilla]



Northern Wheatear [Greenland race]



Med. Flycatcher

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Sparrow, House	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily
Serín	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily
Linnet, Common	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Son Bosc	Seen daily
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Mortix	Mortix
Bunting, Cirl	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Mortix	3 birds seen
Bunting, Corn	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Albufereta	2 birds seen



Nightingale bathing

Once again Comghal and I stayed in Playa de Muro, Mallorca, which is a few hundred metres from S' Albufera front gate. As usual the main reason for our visit was to 'bump up' our BWP year list and with over 60 plus year ticks, this was indeed done.

Our #1 and #2 targets were **Balearic Warbler** and **Eleonora's Falcon** the former we saw but only I saw the latter, as they were very few present during our visit. However we still had one of our best trips to the island.

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Cirl Bunting



Balearic Warbler