

2023 : Mallorca Trip : 14-23 April : Ed.O'Hara / Comghal McQuillan / Caroline McQuillan

This is a synopsis of our annual visit to Mallorca. The weather was perfect all week with very little cloud and no rain, in fact perfect for birding. Birding was done from 07:00 -10:00 each morning and between 15:00-18:00 most days. The rest of the time was doing the usual family holiday routine. Once again we were either too late or too early for several species, although the weather was fine and sunny there was a cold northerly wind for the first half of the visit which changed three days before we left, resulting in five year 'ticks' on our last morning birding at Son Real Finca with the arrival of more summer migrant. Nevertheless the birding in Mallorca is not too difficult as we stayed in the Prinshotel La Dorada with our balcony looking over the S'Albufera NP. Tea and cakes on the balcony whilst Ospreys are fishing below us in the lagoon, doesn't get much better and it's only a five minute walk to the park entrance. We went to four sites in all, Bocquer Valley, Mortix, Son Real and S'Albufera NP.

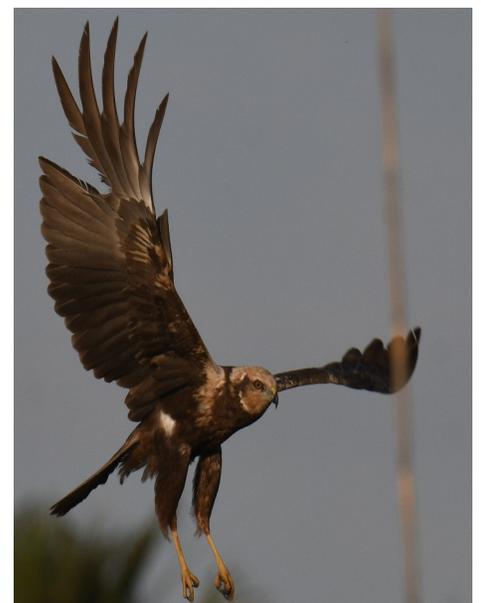


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English Name	Latin	Area	Notes
Duck, Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Duck, Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Duck, Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Depadura STW	One drake present all 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	Common, seen on several occasions
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Partridge, Red-Leg.	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Son Real	Seen on three occasions
Grebe, Little	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Cormorant, Sinens.	<i>Phal. Carbo sinensis</i>	Alcudia Bay	Birds seen daily
Shag	<i>Phal.arist. desmarestii</i>	Son Real	2 birds seen offshore
Bittern, Little	<i>Ixobrychus miutus</i>	S'Albufera	Seen five 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	Several seen during visit
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	5 birds in total seen
Ibis, Glossy	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	S'Albufera	50+ birds seen in S'Albufera
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
Eagle, Booted	<i>Aquila pennata</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen flying over
Eagle, Golden	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	S'Albufera	Resident bird seen one day only
Harrier, Marsh	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
Kite, Red	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen during the week
Vulture, Black	<i>Aegyptius monachus</i>	Mortix	2 birds seen
Vulture, Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	Mortix	1 bird seen
Falcon, Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Depadura STW	1 bird seen
Kestrel, Common	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
Coot, Eurasian	<i>Fulica atra</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
Coot, Red-knobbed	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera



Squacco heron



Marsh Harrier

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Gallinule, Purple	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
Moorhen, Common	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
Pratincole, Collared	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Depadura STW	2 birds present all week
Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
Stilt, Black-winged	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
Curlew, Stone	<i>Burhinus oedienemus</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
Plover, Kentish	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
Plover, Ringed Little	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in S'Albufera, seen daily
Plover, Ringed	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Albufereta	4 birds seen
Sandpiper, Common	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily in S'Albufera
Sandpiper, Curlew	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen on day first day only
Sandpiper, Green	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	S'Albufera	1 bird seen
Sandpiper, Wood	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	S'Albufera	20 + birds seen
Stint, Little	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	S'Albufera	Only one bird seen
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	S'Albufera	5 birds in total seen



Collared Pratincole



Little Stint



Marbled Duck



Wood Sandpiper



Little Ringed Plover

Gull, Audouin's *Larus audouinii*

Gull, Black-headed *Larus ridibundus*

Gull, Yellow-legged *Larus michahellis*

Tern, Common *Sterna hirundo*

Tern, Whiskered *Chlidonias hybrida*

Dove, Collared *Streptopelia decaocto*

Dove, Rock *Columba livia*

Dove, Turtle *Streptopelia turtur*

Pigeon, Wood *Columba palumbus*

Owl, Barn *Tyto alba*

Swift, Alpine *Apus melba*

Swift, Common *Apus apus*

Swift, Pallid *apus pallidus*

Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Hoopoe, Eurasian *Upupa epops*

Bee-eater, European *Merops apiaster*

Lark, Thekla *Galerida thellae*

Swallow, Barn *Hirundo rustica*

Swallow, Barn *Hirundo rustica transitiva*

Swallow, Red-rumped *Cecropis daurica*

Martin, Crag *Hirundo rupestris*

Martin, Sand *Riparia riparia*

Pipit, Meadow *Anthus pratensis*

Pipit, Tawny *Anthus petrosus*

Wagtail, Yellow *Motacilla fl. Iberiae*

Wagtail, Yellow *Motacilla flava*

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Depadura STW

Everywhere

Mortix

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13 birds seen in total

Several seen during the week

Several seen on ridge above valley

1 bird seen flying over

Widespread

Caroline and Comghal seen it in the car headlights

Only one bird seen among the thousands of Swifts passing

Large numbers passing through

Several seen daily

2 birds seen

6 birds seen over the week

Only a few about during our visit.

One bird was seen on the pathway

Widespread

1 bird seen with a very red breast, the Egyptian ssp. ?

2 birds seen

Several birds seen around finca

Several seen

1 bird seen

3 birds seen

Several seen in S'Albufera Park

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Hoopoe



Tawny Pipit

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Wagtail, Yellow	<i>Motacilla flavissima</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen in S'Albufera Park
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Redstart, Common	<i>Phoenicurus phoen.</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
Stonechat, European	<i>Saxicola tor. rubicola</i>	S'Albufera	Common in S'Albufera Park
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Mortix	5 birds seen on last day
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
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	S'Albufera	Common
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, Cetti's	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
Warbler, Moustached	<i>Acro. melanopogon</i>	S'Albufera	2 birds seen
Warbler, Reed Great	<i>Acrocephalus arun.</i>	S'Albufera	Only 2 birds seen
Warbler, Sardinian	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
Warbler, Willow	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	S'Albufera	3 birds seen
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	Mortix	Several seen in the valley.
Flycatcher, Pied	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
Flycatcher, Spotted	<i>Muscicapa st. iberiae</i>	Son Real	2 birds seen on last day
Tit, Great	<i>Parus major</i>	S'Albufera	Widespread in reserve
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
Sparrow, House	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily
Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Son Real	Several seen
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	S'Albufera	Seen daily
Serin	<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	1 bird seen
Bunting, Corn	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	S'Albufera / Son Real	Seen daily



Moustached Warbler



Thekla Lark



Alpine Swift



Red-knobbed Coot



Whiskered Tern

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Our #1 and #2 targets were **Balearic Warbler** and **Eleonora's Falcon** but we saw neither . However Mallorca always is great for easy birding and we did see a lot of good birds.