

## 2024 : Mallorca Trip : 6-20 April : Kevin and Elaine Sayer

My wife and I spent 2 weeks on Mallorca, somewhere we have never birded before. The first week was with Naturetrek on their Mallorca Go-Slow trip, the second week we moved into a 2-bed apartment in nearby Porto de Pollenca. The weather in the first week was hot and sunny getting up to 28 degrees some days. The second was much cooler with a northerly wind keeping temperatures down. Dave Gosney's book was used a lot, although it is now 10 years old most details on the sites were still reasonably accurate. The table below details all birds seen during the 2 weeks. I'm sure the Naturetrek website will have more details on the trip.

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English Name	Scientific Name	Area	Notes
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	S'Albufera	3 seen on pools
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	S'Albufera	Four seen on scrape
Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	S'Albufera	Several seen on pools
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	S'Albufera	Pair seen on main canal
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Depuradora de S'Illot	Single male seen
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Son Real	Single seen in entrance field
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Son Real	Single seen in entrance field
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus rufficollis</i>	S'Albufera	Two seen on small pool
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	S'Albufereta	Common, seen on several occasions
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	S'Albufereta	3 seen on 17th April
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen along canal
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	S'Albufera	Several birds seen along canal
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	S'Albufera	Two birds seen on scrape
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	S'Albufera	Nesting along canal
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	S'Albufera	Two birds seen
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	S'Albufera	Three birds seen
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	S'Albufera	Seen on all visits
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Port de Pollenca	Seen on marina by beach
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	S'Albufereta	Several birds seen, sometimes with fish
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	Cuber Reservoir	Two birds seen over mountains
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Cuber Reservoir	Three seen over mountains
Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennata</i>	S'Albufereta	Single bird seen
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	S'Albufera	Single bird seen
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	S'Albufereta	Several birds seen of both sexes
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	S'Albufereta	Ringtail seen at distance
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	S'Albufereta	Several birds seen
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	S'Albufereta	Single bird seen on small pool
Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	S'Albufera	Bird with chick seen on scrape
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Red-nobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	S'Albufera	Four birds seen
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Eurasian Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	S'Albufera	Two birds seen
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	S'Albufera	Four seen in saltmarsh
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	S'Albufereta	Two birds seen
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	S'Albufera	Two birds seen, in flight
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	S'Albufereta	Four birds seen
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	S'Albufereta	Several birds seen
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	S'Albufera	Single bird seen

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Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola	S'Albufera	Two birds seen on scrape
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	S'Albufera	Four birds seen
Audouin's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii	Port de Pollenca	Common, seen on several occasions
Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	Port de Pollenca	Common, seen on several occasions
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus graealisii	S'Albufera	Single bird seen in flight
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	S'Albufereta	Several birds seen
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	Depuradora de S'Illot	Five birds seen in flight
Feral Rock Dove	Columba livia	S'Albufereta	Common, seen on several occasions
Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	S'Albufereta	Common, seen on several occasions
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia turtur	S'Albufereta	Several birds seen
European Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus	Son Real	Single bird heard churring
Common Swift	Apus apus	S'Albufereta	Common, seen on several occasions
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	S'Albufereta	Several birds seen
Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	Boquer Valley	Single bird seen in car-park
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	S'Albufera	Two birds seen
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	Cuber Reservoir	Single bird seen on cliff-face
Balearic Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator badius	Son Real	Six birds seen
Northern Raven	Corvus corax	Cuber Reservoir	Two birds seen over mountains
Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	Son Real	Two birds seen
Great Tit	Parus major	S'Albufereta	Four birds seen
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	S'Albufera	Several birds seen
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	Boquer Valley	Several birds seen
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	S'Albufereta	Flock of 25 seen going over at dusk
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	S'Albufera	Common, seen and heard on several occasions
Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	Port de Pollenca	5 were seen in a small park
Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	Cuber Reservoir	One seen in a tree alongside the reservoir
Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	S'Albufera	One heard
Common Grasshopper Warbler	Locustella naevia	Son Real	One heard
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	S'Albufera	Common, seen and heard on several occasions
Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	Son Real	One seen
Western Orphean Warbler	Sylvia hortensis	Boquer Valley	One seen at the end of the trail
Balearic Warbler	Sylvia balearica	Boquer Valley	One seen at the end of the trail
Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla	Lluca Monastery	One seen
Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	Son Real	Common, seen on several occasions
Mediterranean Flycatcher	Muscicapa tyrrenica balearica	S'Albufereta	Single seen in woods on 17th April
European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	Port de Pollenca	Single seen in public park near Seaplane Roundabout
Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	S'Albufera	Several heard, none seen
Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros	Boquer Valley	Single seen at end of valley
Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	S'Albufereta	Two birds seen
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius	Boquer Valley	Single seen on farm building
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	S'Albufereta	Single female seen on 18th April
European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola	S'Albufereta	Several seen
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	S'Albufereta	Two birds seen
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	S'Albufera	Common, seen on several occasions
Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	S'Albufera	A few seen
Spanish Wagtail	Motacilla flava iberiae	S'Albufera	Single bird seen
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	S'Albufera	Two birds seen
Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris	Cuber Reservoir	Single bird seen on helipad
Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	Son Real	Common, seen on several occasions
European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	Son Real	Common, seen on several occasions
Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina	Son Real	A few seen
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	Son Real	Pair seen at drinking pool on 17th April
European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	S'Albufereta	Common, seen on several occasions
European Serin	Serinus serinus	S'Albufereta	Common, seen on several occasions
Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	S'Albufereta	Several seen and heard
Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus	Son Real	Single bird seen