Systematic List of the Birds of Ria de Alvor 2012



A total of 169 species of birds, out of the 310 seen, were registered at Ria de Alvor in 2011 and 2 new species were added to the list: Rose-coloured Starling (*Pastor roseus*) and Common Pet Parakeet (*Melopsittacus undulatus*).

Highlights for 2012 were: the presence of a male Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), the last sighting being 14 years ago and the long stay (at least 2 months) of a female Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*), the last one being recorded 5 years ago.

Other interesting records were: Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla*) and Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), the last record for these species was in 2004; Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*) and Firecrest (*Regulus ignicapilla*), last seen in 2006, a male Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) and a Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*), last seen in 2007.

A few Flamingos (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), Spoonbills (*Platalea leucorodia*), waders and gulls carrying rings were noted this year and a pair of Red-rumped Swallows (*Cecropis daurica*) bred successfully at Cruzinha for the first time.

The complete bird list for 2012 is described below.

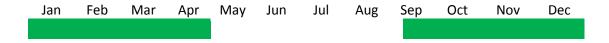
Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla*): 1 at the Western Marsh on the 19th of December.

Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*): 1 at the Western Marsh on the 14th of December.

Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos): Present all year.

Gadwall (Anas strepera): 3 on the 29th of February and 1 on the 13th of November, all at Abicada.

Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*): Present from January to late April, with a maximum of 30 on the 13th of March at Abicada, then present from the end of September until the end of the year, with a maximum of 51 on the 9th of December at Abicada.



Teal (*Anas crecca*): Present from January to late April, with a maximum of 63 on the 31st of January at the Western Marsh, then, present from mid-November until the end of the year, with a maximum of 117 on the 9th of December at Abicada.



Common Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*): Between 1 and 2 birds present in Alvor harbour and the estuary from the 9th until the 19th of December.

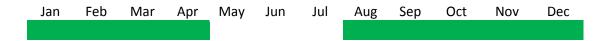
Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*): 1 female sighted in Alvor harbour on the 7th of January. Then 1 female present from the 31st of October until the end of the year; at Alvor harbour and the estuary.

Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*): Present all year.

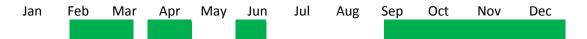
Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*): First heard on the 23rd of February, then, present from April until the beginning of July.



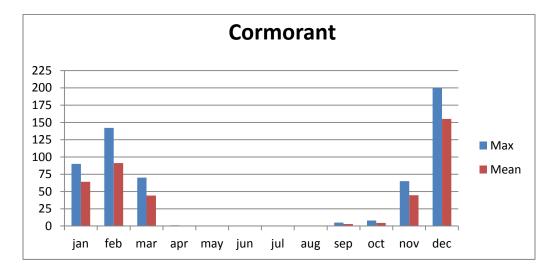
Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*): Present from January to the end of April with a maximum of 6 birds on the 2nd of January, and then present from the beginning of August until the end of the year.



Gannet (*Morus bassanus*): A few records in February, March, April and June, then, present from September until the end of the year. Species sometimes difficult to detect in the Western Marsh.



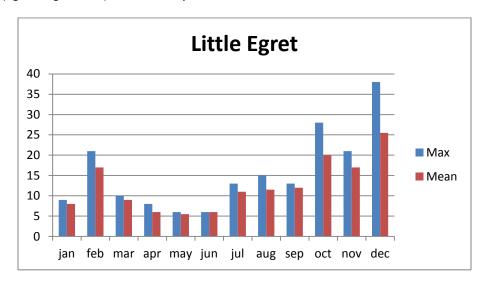
Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*): Present from January until the end of April with a maximum of 142 on the 17th of February at the Western Marsh. Then, present from September until the end of the year, with a maximum of about 200 on the 5th of December.



Night Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax): 1 heard at Cruzinha on the 26th of August.

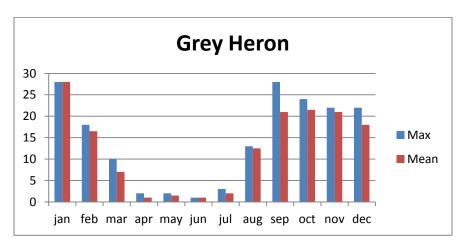
Cattle Egret (Bubulcus ibis): Present all year.

Little Egret (Egretta garzetta): Present all year; maximum of 38 at the Western Marsh in December.



Great Egret (*Casmerodius albus*): 1 at Abicada on the27th of October.

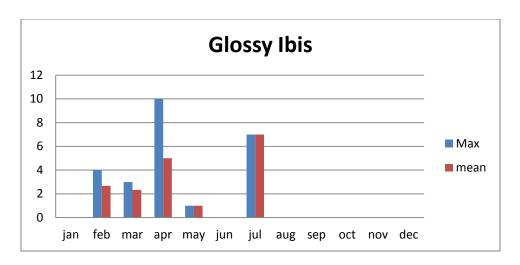
Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*): Present all year, but in smaller numbers from April to August; maximum of 29 in January.



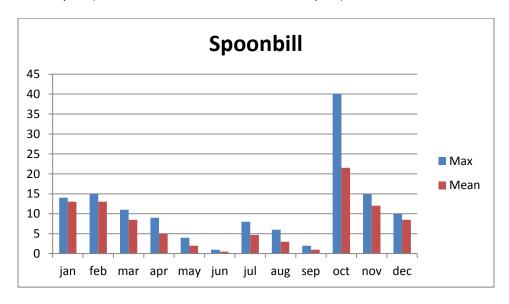
White Stork (Ciconia ciconia): Present all year; maximum of 77 at Abicada in January.

Black Stork (Ciconia nigra): 1 at the Western Marsh, flying eastward on the 14th of November.

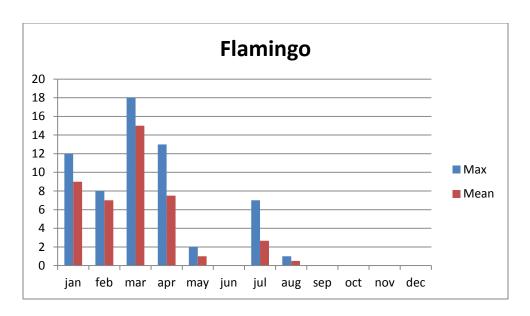
Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*): Up to 10 birds present at Abicada between February and the beginning of May. Then 7 at the Western Marsh at the end of July.



Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*): Present all year, but in smaller numbers from April to August; maximum of 17 at Abicada on the 2nd of May and 40 in the same site on October. Nine ringed birds have been controlled over the year (8 from the Netherlands and 1 from Spain).



Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*): Present from January until the beginning of May, with a maximum of 18 on the 19th of March. Then, a few observations during the summer: 3 on the 18th of June, 7 on the 5th of July and 1 on the 29th of July. Eight ringed birds have been controlled over the year (7 from Spain and 1 from Italy).



Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*): Present from January to the end of March. Then, from the end of September until the end of the year, with a maximum of 3 birds seen on the 9th of October.



Short-toed Eagle (*Circaetus gallicus*): First sighting on the 13th of March, then seen weekly until the beginning of May. A few sightings during the summer: 1 on the 14th of June and 2 in July. 1 late sighting on the 2nd of December at Abicada.



Booted Eagle (*Aquila pennata*): 1st sightings of the year on the 19th of January, then seen weekly between the 20th of September and the 29th of November, with a maximum of 5 together at Abicada on the 26th of September.



Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*): 3 on the 1^{st} and 2 on the 6^{th} of November flying over Cruzinha and 1 at Abicada on the 2^{nd} of December.

Black Kite (Milvus migrans): 1 sighting in 2012; 1 bird on the 25th of August at Abicada.

Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*): Present from January to the beginning of May. A few sightings during the summer: 1 on the 19th of June at Abicada, 1 on the 16th of July, 1 on the 7th of August, then present from September until the end of the year.



Hen Harrier (Circus cyaneus): 1 female juvenile seen on the 5th of January at Abicada

Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*): A few sightings during the year: 1 on the 21^{st} of January, 2 sightings in February (one bird), 1 on the 20^{th} of March, 1 on the 16^{th} of April, 2 on the 26^{th} of September at Abicada, then present until the end of the year.



Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*): 3 sightings in 2012: 1 on the 26th of January, 1 on the 4th of October and 1 on the 2nd of December.

Black-winged Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*): Present from January to the beginning of May with 2 birds seen on the 15th of January. Then 1 bird on the 11th of June, 1 seen between the 15th and the 28th of August, then present from November until the end of the year.



Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus): Present all year.

Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*): 1 male at the Western Marsh on the 15th of February.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*): Present from the 19th of January until the 21st of April with 2 birds on the 24th of January and the 18th of March at Abicada. 3 sightings in summer: 1 on the 13th of June, 1 on the 7th of August and 1 on the 7th of September. Then present from the end of September until the end of the year.



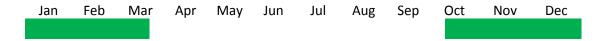
Merlin (*Falco columbarius*): 1 adult male at the Western Marsh, eating a Pipit (*Anthus sp.*) on the 8th of November.

Water Rail (*Rallus aquaticus*): Present in March and April, then from the beginning of July until the end of August. Seen again in October.



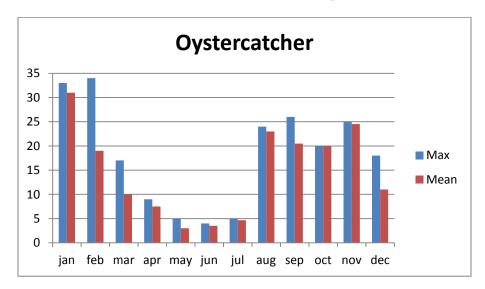
Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus): Present all year.

Coot (*Fulica atra*): Present from January to March and from October until the end of the year; mainly at Abicada, with a maximum of 98 birds on the 2nd of January.

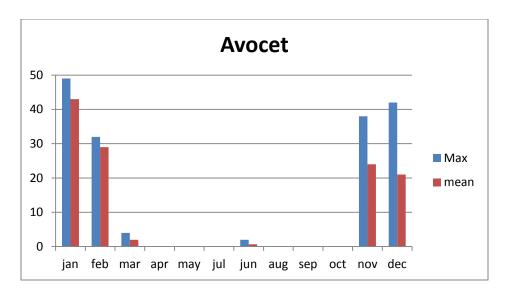


Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio* porphyrio): 1 at Abicada on the 29th of February.

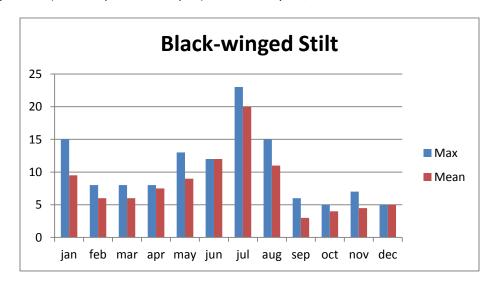
Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*): Present all year, with bigger numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 34). 1 bird from France has been controlled in January.



Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*): Present from January until mid-March, with a maximum of 49 in January, then 2 birds on the 14^{th} of July. Then present from mid-November until the end of the year with a maximum of 42 birds on the 9^{th} of December.



Black-winged Stilt (Himantopus himantopus): Present all year, with a maximum of 23 birds in July.

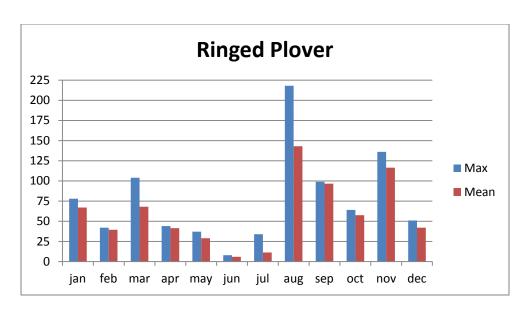


Stone Curlew (Burhinus oedicnemus): Present all year, with a maximum of 29 birds in January.

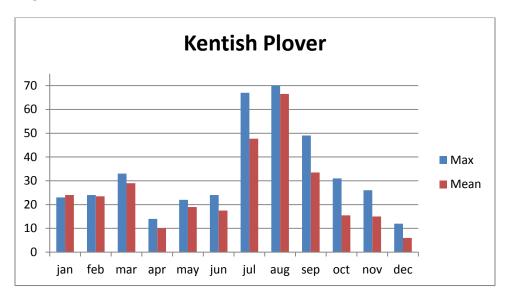
Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*): 1 sighting of two birds on the 1st of April at Abicada.

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*): 2 sightings at Abicada: 2 birds on the 17th of April and 1 bird on the 2nd of May.

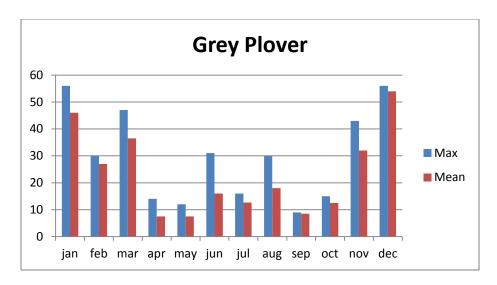
Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*): Present all year, with bigger numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 218 on the 21st of August).



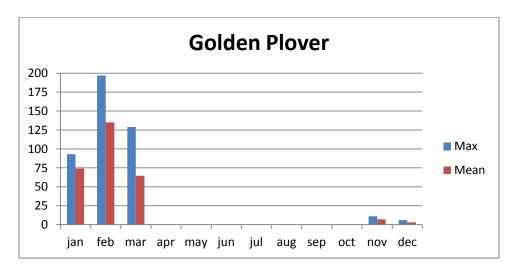
Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*): Present all year, with a maximum of 70 on the 21st of August. 1 ringed bird sighted at Alvor dunes on the 27th of March (from France or the Netherlands).



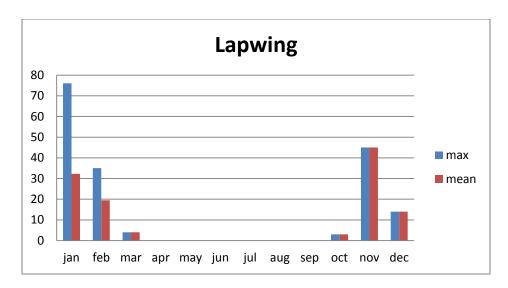
Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*): Present all year, with maximums of 56 in January and December.



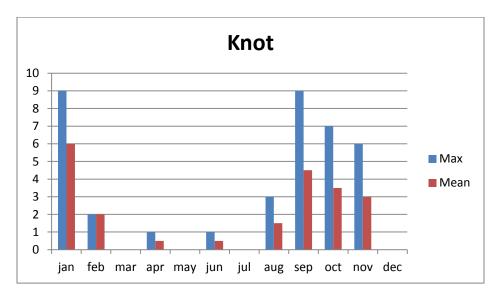
Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*): Present from January to March, with a maximum of 197 on the 12th of February. Then present from the end of October until the end of the year, with a maximum of 11 on the 28th of November.



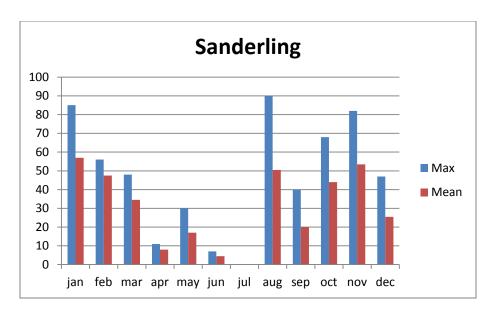
Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*): Present from January to March, and then again from October until the end of the year; maximum of 76 on the 7th of January at Abicada.



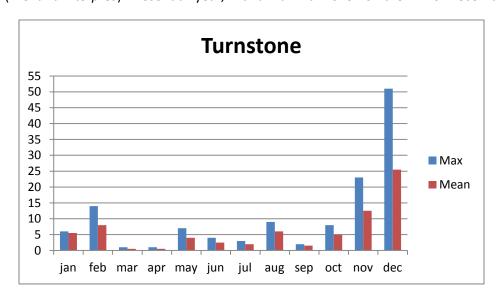
Knot (*Calidris canutus*): Present from January to mid-February, with a maximum of 9 birds on the 17th of January. Then a few sightings in spring: 1 bird on the 11th of April and 1 on the 18th of June. Then present from mid-August until November, with a maximum of 9 birds at the end of September.



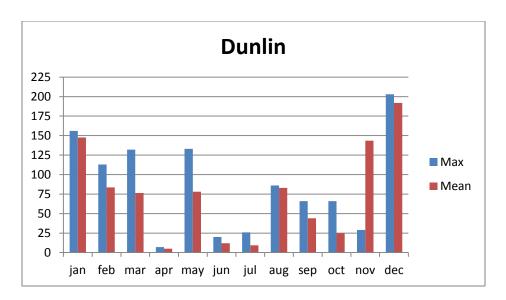
Sanderling (Calidris alba): Present all year, with a maximum of 90 on the 21st of August.



Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*): Present all year, with a maximum of 51 on the 14th of December.

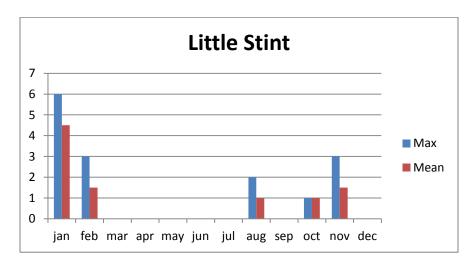


Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*): Present all year, with bigger numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 203 on the 14th of December).



Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*): a few observations during the year: 2 on the 18th of March at Abicada, 2 on the 24th of July, 2 on the 21st of August, 2 on the 7th of September and 1 on the 14th of November at the Western Marsh.

Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*): Present in January and February (maximum of 6 birds in mid-January) and a few sightings later in the year: 2 on the 28th of August, 1 on the 9th and 1 on the 31st of October, then 3 on the 14th of November, all at the Western Marsh.

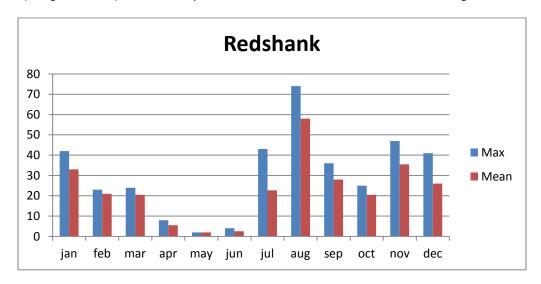


Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*): 6 sightings between January and mid-April and a few sightings between mid-July and mid-August. Then present from the end of September until the end of the year.



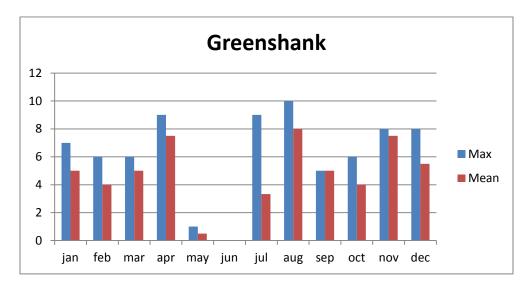
Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*): Present from January until the end of April (between 1 and 3 birds), then from July until the end of the year (between 1 and 3 birds).

Redshank (*Tringa totanus*): Present all year, with a maximum of 83 on the 21st of August.

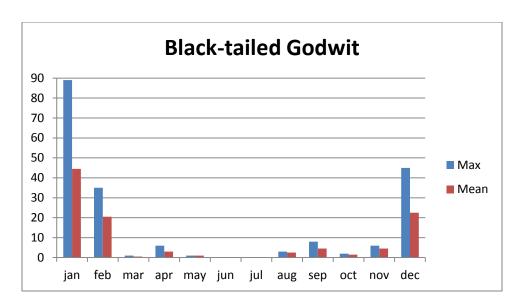


Spotted Redshank (*Tringa erythropus*): A few sightings during the year: 1 bird present during the second half of January at the Western Marsh, 1 on the 18th of March at Abicada, 1 on the 29th of July, 2 on the 21st of August and 1 on the 24th of December at the Western Marsh.

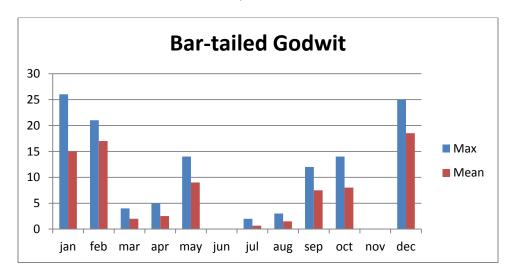
Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*): Present all year, with a maximum of 10 on the 21st of August.



Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*): Present all year except in June and July with a maximum of 89 birds on the 7th of January at Abicada. 4 birds have been controlled over the year (2 from Iceland and 2 from Scotland).

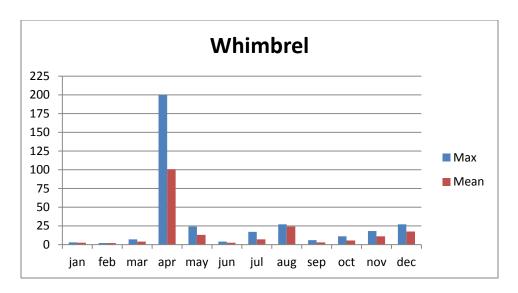


Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*): Present all year, except in June, with bigger numbers in autumn and winter (maximums of 26 on the 2nd of January and 24 on the 24th of December).

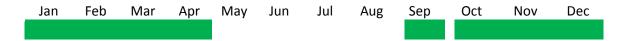


Curlew (*Numenius arquata*): A few sightings: 1 on the 3rd and 11th of March, 1 on the 18th of April, 5 on the 7th of September and 1 on the 17th of October.

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*): Present all year, with a peak in April during migration (200 on the 20th of April).



Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*): Present from January to the beginning of May, one sighting of 2 birds in September and then from October until the end of the year. Maximum of 29 on the 31st of January.



Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*): 2 sightings: 1 on the 24th of February and 1 on the 25th of April, both at Abicada.

Great Skua (*Stercorarius skua*): 1 seen from the Western Marsh on the 8th of November.

Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*): Present all year.

Mediterranean Gull (*Larus melanocephalus*): Present all year, except in May and June, with a maximum of 105 on the 17th of February.

Yellow-legged Gull (Larus michahellis): Present all year.

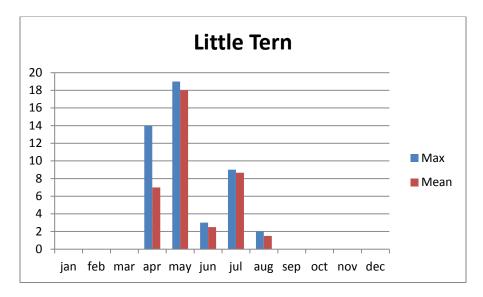
Audouin's Gull (*Larus audouinii*): A few sightings during the year: 1 on the 27th of April, 3 on the 1st and 1 on the 18th of June, 1 on the 29th of September, 1 on the 1st and the 23rd of November and 2 on the 5th of December.



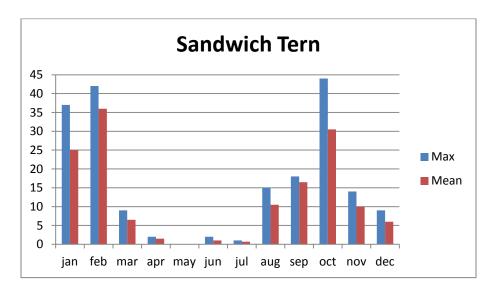
Great Black-backed Gull (Larus marinus): 1 at Abicada on the 11^{th} of February and 1 at the Western Marsh from the 26^{th} until the 29^{th} of September.

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*): Present all year. 3 birds have been controlled during the year (1 from Belgium, 1 from Norway and 1 from the Netherlands).

Little Tern (*Sternula albifrons*): Present between April (first birds seen on the 20th) and August (last bird seen on the 21st).

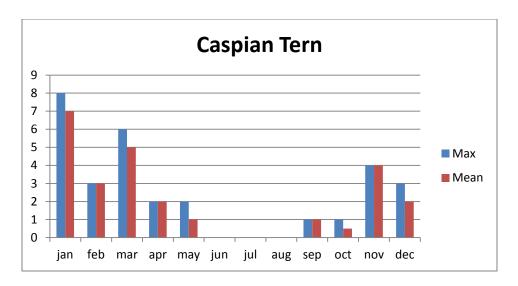


Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*): Present from January to the beginning of May. 2 birds were seen on the 1^{st} of June, and then present from July until the end of the year. Maximums of 42 on the 17^{th} of February and 44 on the 9^{th} of October.



Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*): 5 at the Western Marsh on the 16th of May.

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*): Present from January to the beginning of May, with a maximum of 8 birds. Then present from mid-September until the end of the year.



Feral Pigeon (Columba livia): Present all year.

Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*): Present all year.

Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*): Seen (or heard) every week between the 2nd of April and the beginning of May.

Great Spotted Cuckoo (*Clamator glandarius*): 1 on the 10th of July at the Western Marsh.

Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*): Present from January to the beginning of April; with a maximum of 3 birds on the 13th of January.



Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*): 1 caught and ringed on the 3rd of May, and then 1 present between the 22nd of September and the beginning of October.

Little Owl (Athene noctua): Present all year.

Red-necked Nightjar (*Caprimulgus ruficollis*): First heard at the beginning of June, and then present between the 18th of July and the 9th of August

Swift (*Apus apus*): Present from the end of March until the beginning of September.



Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*): Present from the end of March until the beginning of September.



Alpine Swift (*Apus melba*): Present between the 18th of March and the end of September.



Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*): Present all year.

Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*): Present from January until mid-March, then from the end of June until the end of the year.



Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*): Present from the 28th of March until the beginning of September.



Green Woodpecker (*Picus viridis*): 1 on the 24th of January, then seen weekly between mid-February and mid-March. 1 sighting on the 26th of April, then seen weekly again between the 5th and the 18th of June. A few sightings of 1 bird in summer and autumn: 18th of July, 3rd and 28th of August, 24th of October, November and first half of December.



Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*): A few observations during the year: 1 on the 19th of January, 1 on the 4th of March, 1 on the 26th of August and 1 on the 22nd of September.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos minor*): A few observations during the year: present between the 23^{rd} of January and the 5^{th} of February, 1 on the 18^{th} of February, 1 between the 29^{th} of March and the 2^{nd} of April, 1 on the 14^{th} of June, 1 on the 10^{th} of July, 1 between the 29^{th} of July and the 7^{th} of August and 1 on the 20^{th} of September.



Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*): A few observations during the year: 1 on the 22^{nd} of September and 1 on the 9^{th} of October.

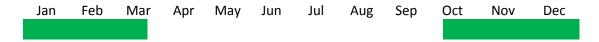
Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*): Present from January until mid-March and then from the end of October until the end of the year.



Crested Lark (Galerida cristata): Present all year.

Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*): Present between the 19th of April and the 4th of May.

Crag Martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*): Present from January until the beginning of March and then from October until the end of the year.



Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*): Present from January until the beginning of October and then, 2 seen on the 8^{th} and 1 on the 28^{th} of November.



Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*): Present from the 8^{th} of March until mid-October, then 1 on the 2^{nd} of December. Nested for the first time at Cruzinha.



House Martin (*Delichon urbicum*): Present from the 8th of February until mid-October.

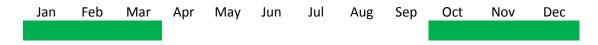


Water Pipit (Anthus spinoletta): Present from the end of November until the end of the year.

Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*): Present from January until the beginning of April, then from mid-October until the end of the year.



White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*): Present from January until the end of March, then from October until the end of the year.

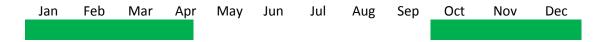


Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*): Present from the 11th of March until the beginning of October.



Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*): Seen mostly in October but 1 sighting in December.

Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*): Present from January until the beginning of April, then from the beginning of October until the end of the year.



Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*): Detected from the 30th of March until the beginning of May, then from the 2nd of August until the end of September.

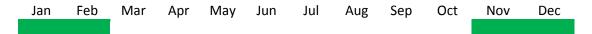
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Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*): Present from January until mid-March, with a maximum of 2 birds. Then present from the 24th of September until the end of the year with a maximum of 4 birds in November.

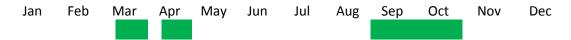


Redstart (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*): Present only in September.

Black Redstart (*Phoenicurus ochruros*): Present from January until the end of February, then from the end of October until the end of the year.



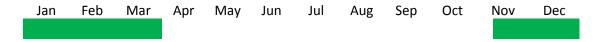
Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*): 2 sightings in spring: 1 on the 28th of March and 1 on the 25th of April. Then present from the beginning of September until the beginning of November.



Winchat (Saxicola rubetra): Present only in September.

Stonechat (*Saxicola torquatus*): Present all year.

Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*): Present from January until the beginning of April, then from mid-November until the end of the year.



Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*): 1 at the Western Marsh on the 31st of October.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*): Present all year.

Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*): Present from the 6th of September until the end of October.

Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*): Present from January until mid-April and 3 sightings in June and July. Then present from the end of September until the end of the year. 2 birds carrying foreign rings were controlled: 1 from the Netherlands and 1 from Great Britain.



Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*): 1 on the 9th of August, then present from mid-September until mid-October.

Sardinian Warbler (*Sylvia melanocephala*): Present all year.

Subalpine Warbler (*Sylvia cantillans*): 2 sightings: 1 on the 5th of July and 1 on the 27th of September.

Dartford Warbler (*Sylvia undata*): 2 sightings, both at the Western Marsh: 1 on the 17th of January and 1 on the 1st of April.

Zitting Cisticola (Cisticola juncidis): Present all year.

Grasshopper Warbler (*Locustella naevia*): 3 caught and ringed in the autumn during the last week of September and the first week of October.

Cetti's Warbler (Cettia cetti): Present all year at Abicada.

Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*): Present in April at Abicada. 1 caught and ringed on the 31st of May was present until mid-June. Then present from the 2nd of August until the 3rd of October.

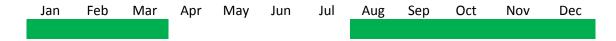
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Melodious Warbler (*Hippolais poliglotta*): Present from the end of July until the beginning of October; with a maximum of 4 birds ringed on the 16th of August.

Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*): 1 on the 29th of March, then present from the beginning of August until mid-October.

Bonelli's Warbler (*Phylloscopus bonelli*): 1 on the 2nd of August then present in September.

Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*): Present from January until the beginning of April, then from the beginning of August until the end of the year.



Iberian Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus ibericus*): 1 caught and ringed on the 2nd of February and 1 on the 21st of August.

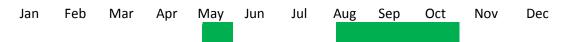
Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*): 1 present at Cruzinha between the 12th of November and the end of the year.

Firecrest (*Regulus ignicapilla*): 4 at Cruzinha on the 6th of November.

Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*): A few sightings during the year: 1 on the 21st of March and 1 from the 19th of July until mid-August.

Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*): 1 caught and ringed on the 31st of May. Then present in the first half of September.

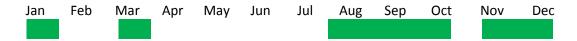
Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula hypoleuca*): 1 caught and ringed on the 10th of May. Then present from mid-August until the end of October.



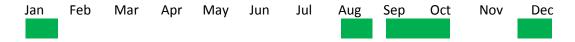
Great Tit (Parus major): Present all year.

Blue Tit (Cyanistes caeruleus): Present all year, but most of the sightings between June and October.

Short-toed Treecreeper (*Certhia brachydactyla*): A few sightings during the year: 1 on the 9th of February, 1 on the 21st of March, 1 in August and September, 1 on the 13th of October and 1 on the 26th of November and 6th of December.



Iberian Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*): 1 on the 15th of January (only winter record), 1 on the 15th of August, 1 on the 22nd of September, 1 on the 12th of October and 1 on the 5th of December.



Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*): Present from the 16th of March until the end of September, with a maximum of 12 birds on the 28th of March.



Azure-winged Magpie (*Cyanopica cyanus*): Present all year.

Magpie (*Pica pica*): 1 at the Western Marsh on the 3rd of March.

Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*): 1 on the 5th of July and 1 on the 8th October, both at the Western Marsh.

Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*): Present during the first half of January then, 2 on the 29th of March and 1 on the 5th of June. Only two records in autumn: 1 on the 20th of September and 2 on the 31st of October.



Raven (Corvus corax): 1 at the Western Marsh on the 4th of April.

Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*): Between 2 and 4 present at the Western Marsh in February. Then a maximum of 10 birds seen at the Western Marsh; present from the end of September until the end of the year.



Spotless Starling (Sturnus unicolor): Present all year.

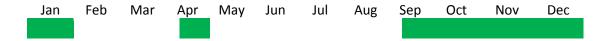
Rose-coloured Starling (*Pastor roseus*): 1 adult male at the Western Marsh between the 11th of April and the 3rd of May.

Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*): First detected on the 27th of April, then present until mid-September.



House Sparrow (Passer domesticus): Present all year.

Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*): Present from January to the beginning of February, 1 spring record of a bird on the 12th of April. Then present from the end of September until the end of the year (about 20 birds).



Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*): Present from January to the end of March and from mid-October until the end of the year.

Linnet (Carduelis cannabina): Present all year.

Goldfinch (Carduelis carduelis): Present all year.

Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*): Present all year.

Siskin (Carduelis spinus): 1 on the 12th of November

Serin (*Serinus serinus*): Present all year.

Reed Bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*): 1 at the Western Marsh on the 31st of January, 1 on the 11th and 2 on the 29th of February at Abicada, 1 on the 5th of December at the Western Marsh.

Corn Bunting (*Emberiza calandra*): Present all year.

Rose-ringed Parakeet (Psittacula krameri): 1 record in January.

Common Pet Parakeet (Melopsittacus undulatus): 1 yellow morph at Abicada on 12th of June .

Fisher's Lovebird (*Agapornis fisheri*): 1 found dead at Cruzinha on the 13th of November.

Waxbill (Estrilda astrild): Present all year.

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