

Systematic List of the Birds of Ria de Alvor 2013

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A total of 179 species of birds, out of the 312 seen, were registered at Ria de Alvor in 2013 and 2 new species were added to the list: Cream-colored Courser (*Cursorius cursor*) and Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*)

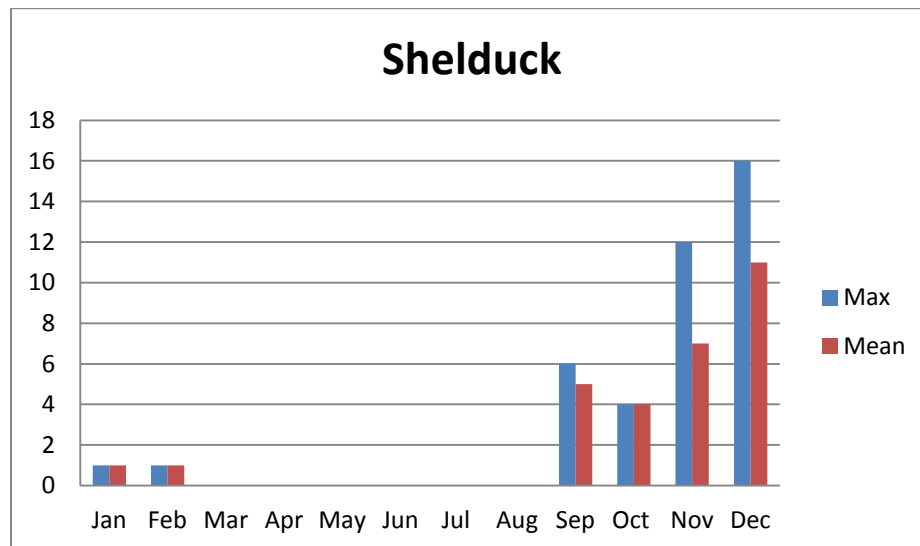
Highlights for 2013 were: first breeding of Black-winged Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*) at Ria de Alvor, high numbers and long stay of Shelducks (*Tadorna tadorna*), the sightings of Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) and Eagle Owl (*Bubo bubo*), the first since 2003 and Black-necked Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*), the last one being seen in 2001.

Other interesting records were: Wigeon (*Anas Penelope*), the last sighting being in 2004, European Nightjar (*Caprimulgus europaeus*) and Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*), not seen since 2005, Rock Pipit (*Anthus petrosus*), the first since 2006 and Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*), not seen since 2008.

A few Flamingos (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), Spoonbills (*Platalea leucorodia*), waders, gulls and Caspian Tern (*Hydrprogne caspia*) carrying rings were noted this year.

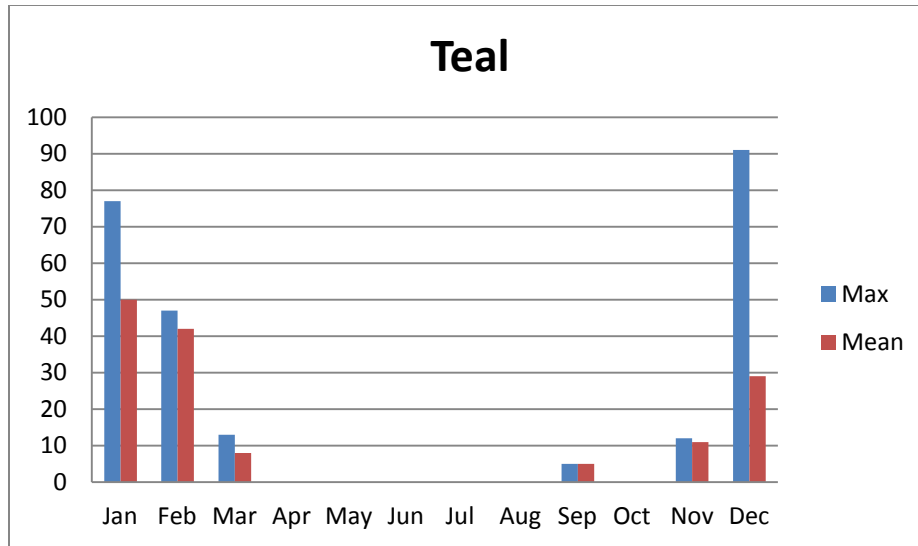
The complete bird list for 2013 is described below (bird names follow the systematic list of Crochet and Joynt, 2012).

Common Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*): 1 bird at the Western Marsh in January and February. Then, present from the end of September until the end of the year at the western marsh and Montes de Alvor lake, with a maximum of 16 birds at the end of December.



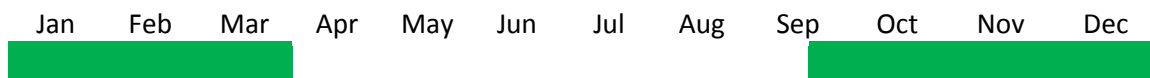
Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*): 2 at the western marsh on the 30th of October.

Eurasian Teal (*Anas crecca*): Present from January to the end of March, with a maximum of 77 on the 16th of January at the western marsh, then, present from the end of September until the end of the year, with a maximum of 91 on the 16th of December at Abicada.



Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*): Present all year.

Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*): Present from January to the beginning of April, with a maximum of 41 on the 28th of January at the Western Marsh, then present from the end of September until the end of the year, with a maximum of 19 on the 8th of December at Abicada.



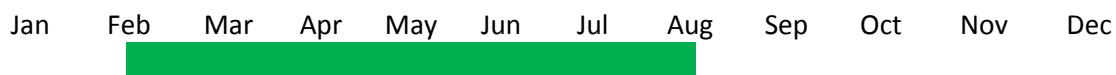
Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*): Present at Abicada between the 8th and the 14th of December (1 to 3 birds)

Common Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*): 2 sightings in March: 20 seen from the Western Marsh on the 6th and about 35 seen from Alvor beach on the 16th. Then, 1 male at the estuary on the 21st of June and a female/immature at the same location on the 18th of December.

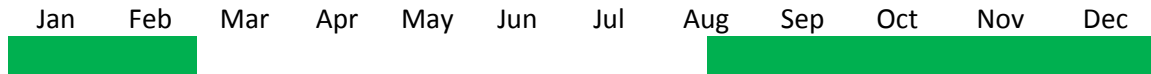
Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*): 1 female present during the first half of January. It was seen at the estuary on the 2nd and the 16th and in Alvor harbour on the 13th of January.

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

Common Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*): First heard on the 25th of February, and present until mid August.



Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*): Present from January to the beginning of March with a maximum of 5 birds on the 13th of January at Abicada, and then present from the end of August until the end of the year, with a maximum of 11 birds on the 8th of December at Abicada.



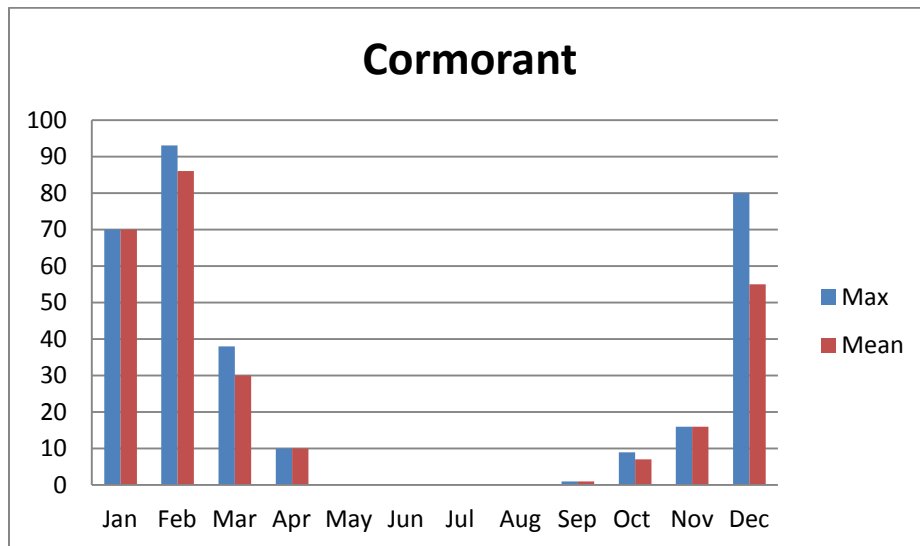
Black-necked Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*): 1 at Alvor harbour on the 14th of December.

Cory's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*): a few sightings between July and the end of October, most of them from Alvor beach.

Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*): Present from January to the beginning of July, and then from September until the end of the year. Species sometimes difficult to detect in the Western Marsh.

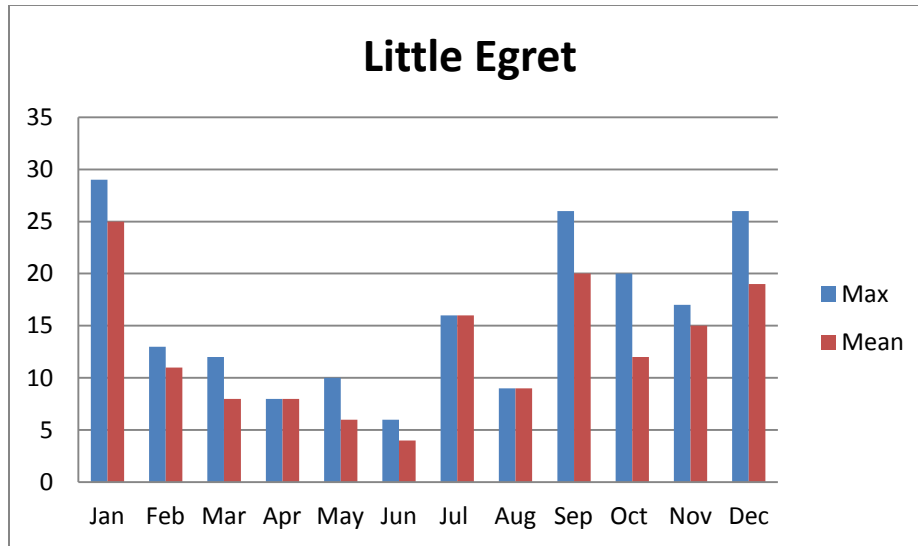


Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*): Present from January until the end of April with a maximum of 93 on the 28th of January at the Western Marsh. Then, present from September until the end of the year, with a maximum of 80 on the 27th of November.



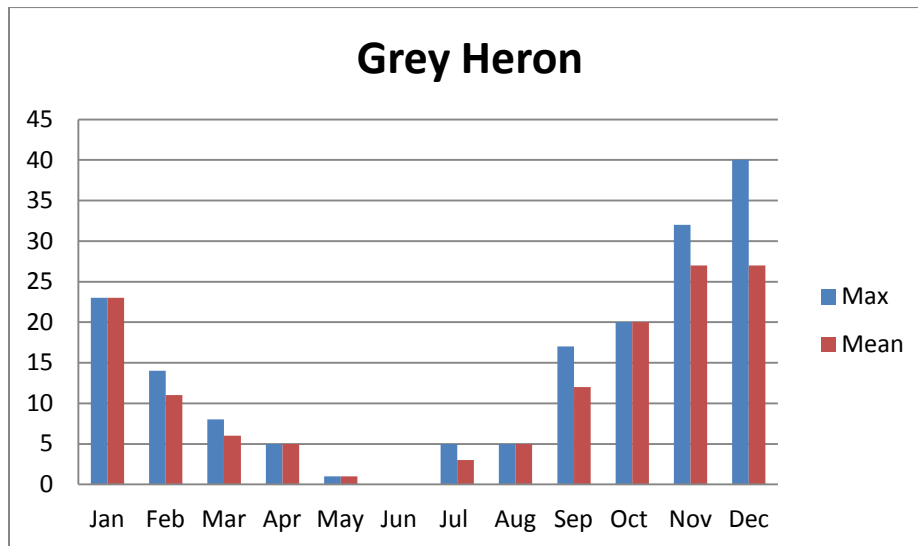
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*): Present all year.

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*): Present all year; maximum of 29 at the Western Marsh in January. 1 melanistic bird was seen in October.



Great Egret (*Egretta alba*): 1 at Montes de Alvor lake between the 19th and the 20th of November.

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*): Present from January to the beginning of May, with a maximum of 23 on the 11th of January. Then, present from July until the end of the year, with a maximum of 40 on the 27th of November.



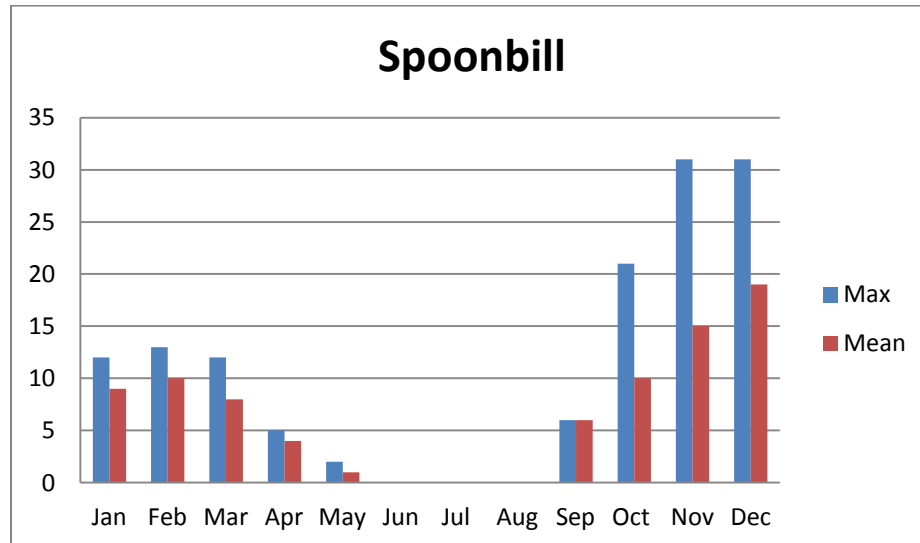
Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*): two sightings in spring: 1 on the 9th of April at the Western Marsh and 1 on the 17th of April at Abicada.

Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*): 2 at the Western Marsh on the 8th of September and 1 in flight eastward seen from the Western Marsh on the 16th of November.

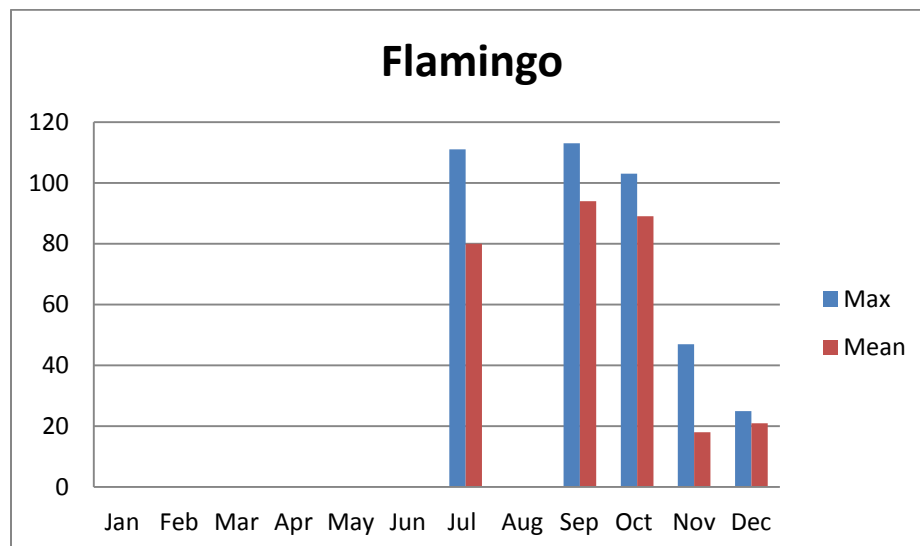
White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*): Present all year; maximum of 239 at Abicada on the 4th of November. 3 birds have been controlled in September, all ringed in Portugal.

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*): A few sightings between August and the end of November: 11 in flight over the Western Marsh on the 2nd and 4 on the 14th of August, 15 at Montes de Alvor lake on the 26th of September and 1 the day after, 14 at Abicada on the 20th of November.

Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*): Present from January to mid-May, with a maximum of 13 on the 18th of February at Abicada. Then, present from the end of September until the end of the year, with a maximum of 31 on the 20th of November and 11th of December. 10 ringed birds have been controlled over the year (8 from the Netherlands and 2 from France).

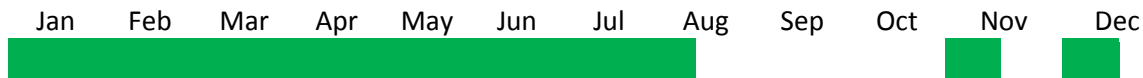


Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*): Present in June, with a maximum of 111 on the 27th. Then, present from mid-September until the end of the year with a maximum of 113 on the 25th of September. 8 ringed birds have been controlled over the year (6 from Spain and 2 from France).



Black-winged Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*): Present from January to mid-August. Maximum of 4 birds together (2 adults and 2 juveniles) in May and June. Nested for the first time at Ria de Alvor, a pair

feeding 2 young was seen on the 26th of May. A few sightings in autumn: 2 on the 7th of November, and 1 to 2 birds in December.

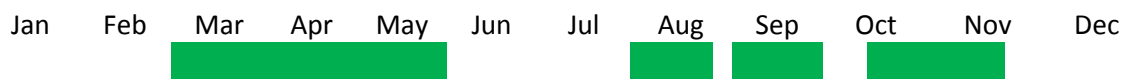


Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*): 3 sightings in 2013; 5 juveniles on the 22nd of July at Cruzinha, 5 juveniles (the same) at Cruzinha on the 1st of August, and 2 on the 16th of August.

Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*): 4 on the 19th of November and 1 on the 9th of December, all in flight over Cruzinha.

Cinereous Vulture (*Aegypius monachus*): 1 in flight over Cruzinha on the 19th of November (with the Griffon Vultures).

Short-toed Snake Eagle (*Circaetus gallicus*): First sighting on the 2nd of March at Abicada, then seen until the end of May. A few sightings during summer and autumn: 2 on the 5th and 1 on the 16th of August, 1 on the 12th and 1 on the 26th of September, 1 on the 30^h of November, 1 on the 16th of November

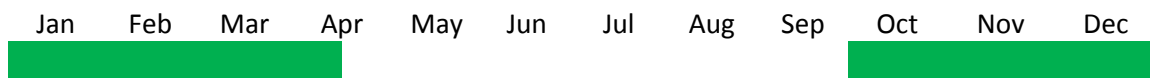


Western Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*): Present all year. Maximum of 3 in January, February and November.

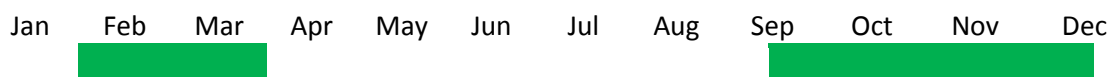
Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*): 3 sightings in 2013; 1 on 2nd of January at the Western Marsh, 1 at Abicada on the 30th of January, and 1 female on the 19th of March at Abicada.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*): 2 sighting in 2013: 1 on the 14th of March and 1 on the 8th of December.

Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*): Present from January until mid-April, then, from the beginning of October until the end of the year.

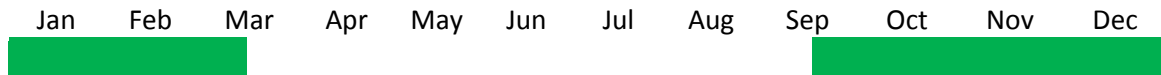


Booted Eagle (*Aquila pennata*): Seen between the 8th of February and the 21st of March. Then seen almost weekly between the 19th of September and the 4th of December, with a maximum of 77 (58 light morphs and 19 dark morphs) passing at Cruzinha on the 3rd of October.



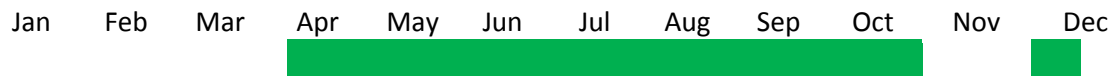
Bonelli Eagle (*Aquila fasciata*): 2 sightings during the year, both in November: 1 immature at Abicada on the 24th and 2 birds (1 juvenile and 1 immature) seen from Cruzinha on the 29th.

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*): Present from January to mid-March. Then, from the end of September until the end of the year, with a maximum of two birds seen on the 14th of November.



Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*): Present all year.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*): Present from the 6th of March until the 18th of April. Seen on the 16th and 19th of August, between the 20th of September and the 3rd of October and 1 on the 24th of October. Seen weekly between the 16th of November and the 3rd of December, with a maximum of 3 together on the 27th of November.

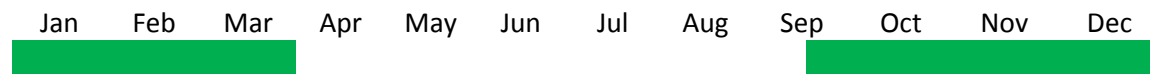


Water Rail (*Rallus aquaticus*): Present in between the end of April and the end of September. 1 heard on the 3rd of December.

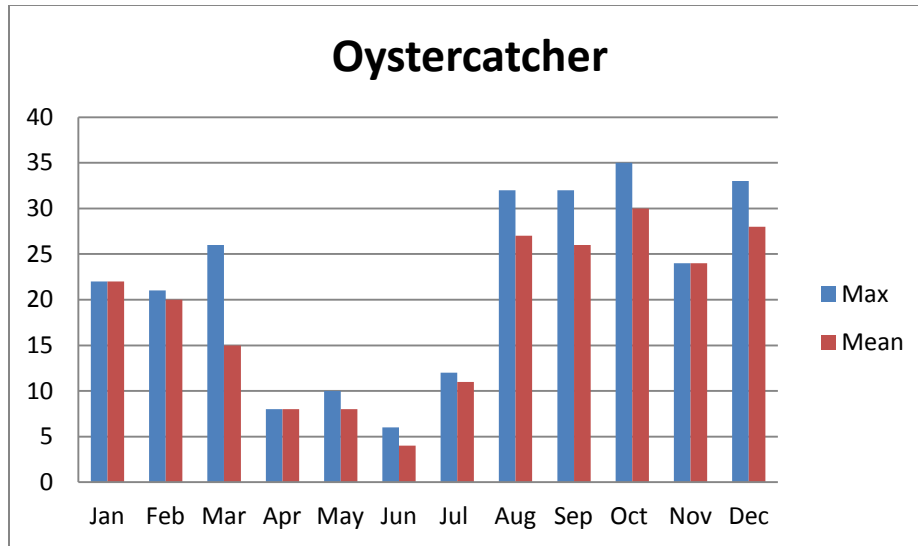


Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*): Present all year. Maximum of 6 birds in April (breeding confirmed).

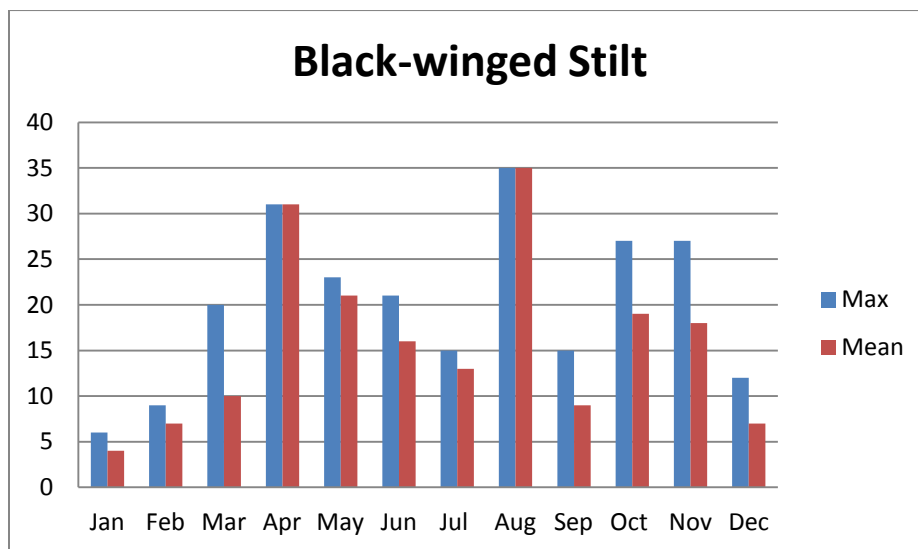
Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*): Present from January to March and from the end of September until the end of the year; mainly at Abicada, with a maximum of 83 birds on the 16th of December.



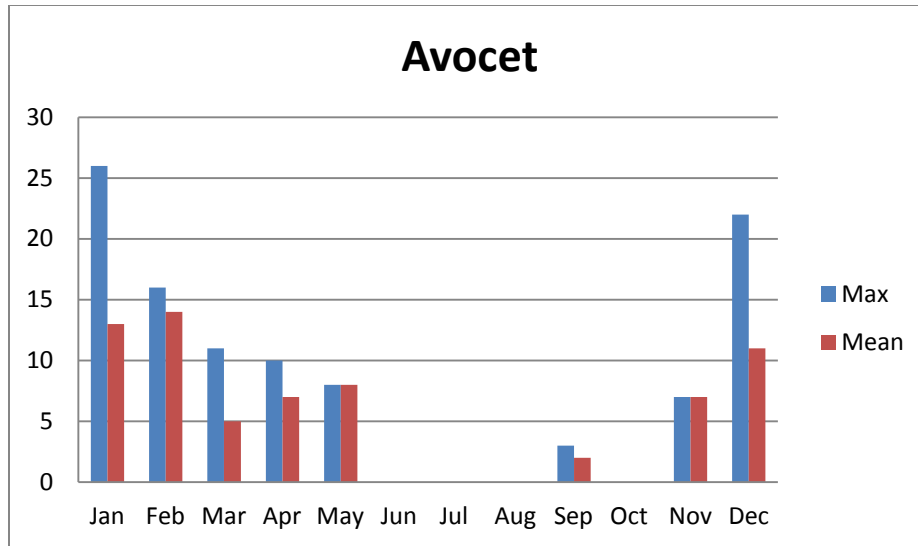
Eurasian Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*): Present all year, with bigger numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 35). 1 bird from France has been controlled in March.



Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*): Present all year, with a maximum of 35 birds on the 9th of August.



Pied Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*): Present from January until the beginning of May, with a maximum of 26 on the 13th of January at Abicada. Then 3 birds at the end of September and seen from the end of November until the end of the year with a maximum of 22 at Abicada on the 16th of December.



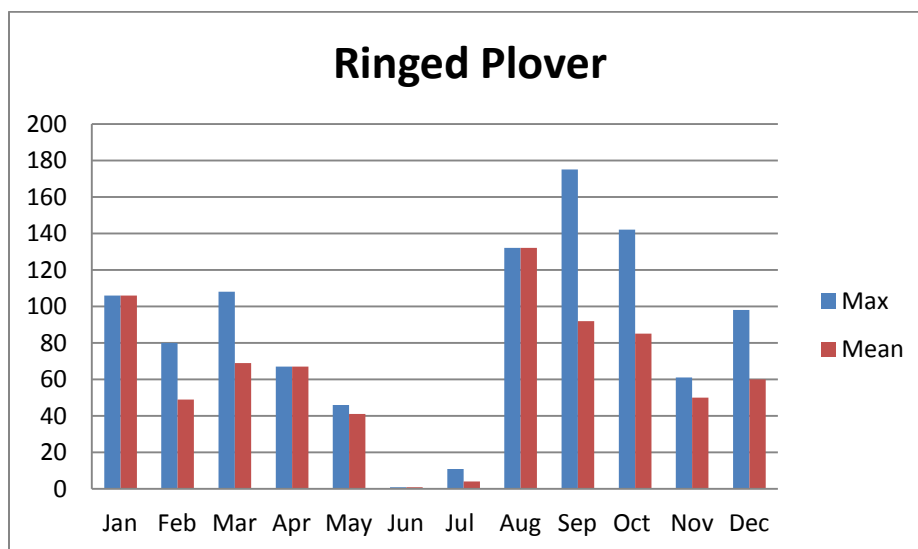
Eurasian Stone Curlew (*Burhinus oedicnemus*): Present all year, with a maximum of 19 birds in December.

Cream-colored Courser (*Cursorius cursor*): 1 at Alvor dunes from the 9th to the 27th of March.

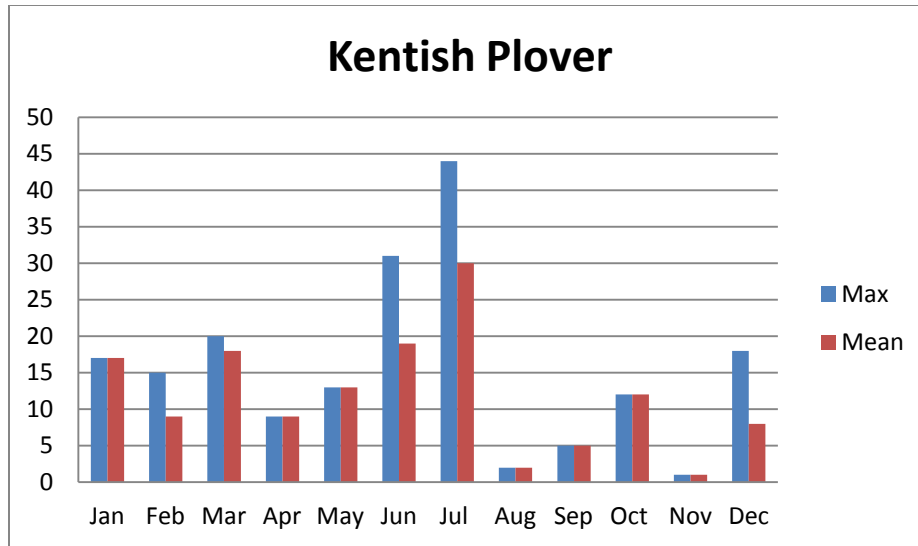
Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*): 1 sighting of a juvenile on the 9th of July.

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*): 2 sightings : 3 birds on the 9th of April and 2 bird on the 20th of September at the Western Marsh.

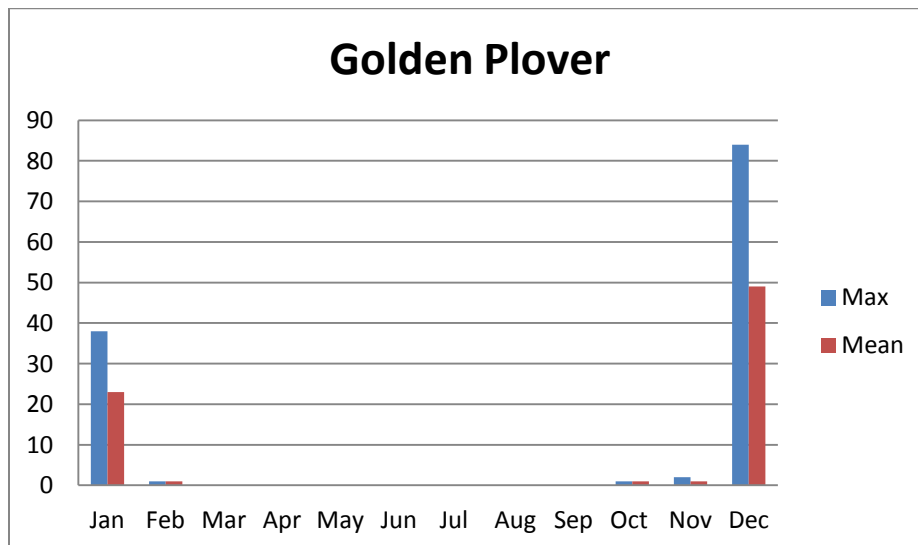
Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*): Present all year, with bigger numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 272 on the 3rd of October).



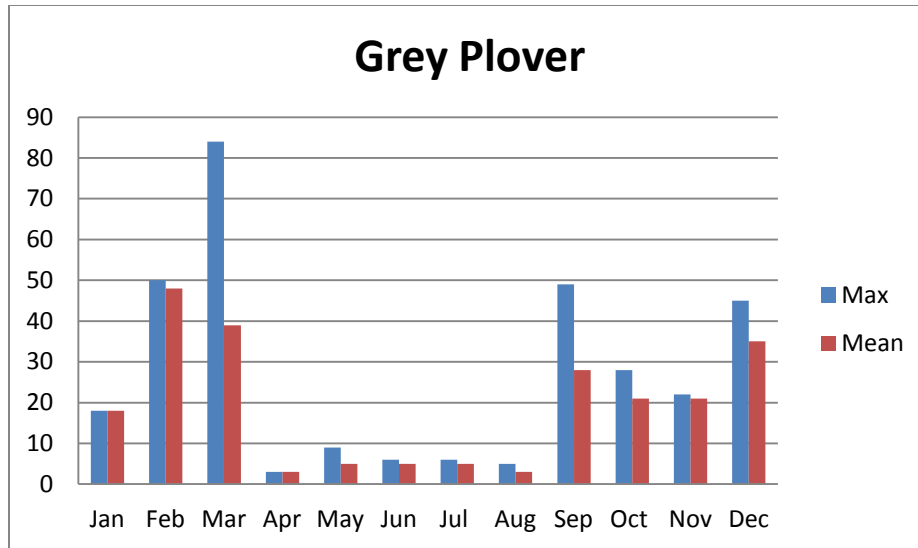
Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*): Present all year, with a maximum of 44 on the 13th of July.



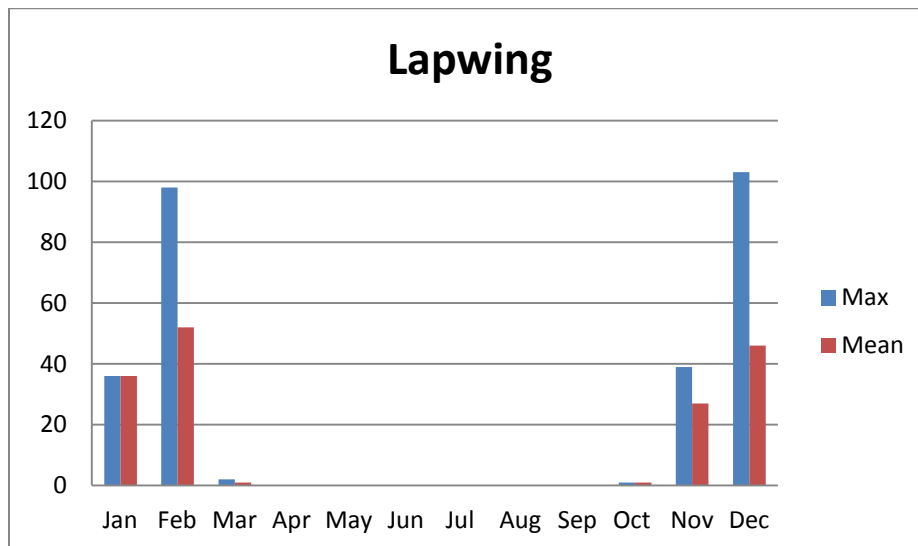
European Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*): Present in January to March, with a maximum of 38 on the 25th of January. Then present from mid-October until the end of the year, with a maximum of 84 on the 27th of December.



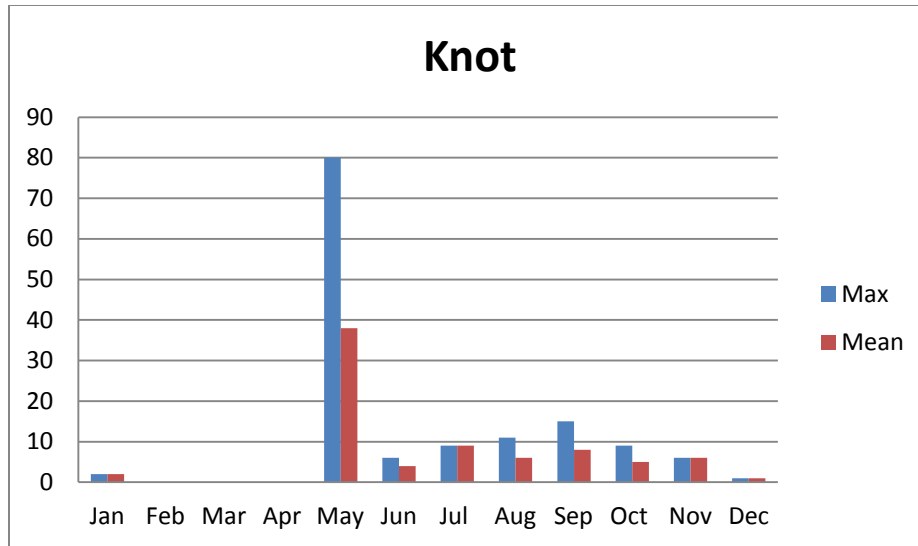
Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*): Present all year, with maximums of 84 on the 12th of March.



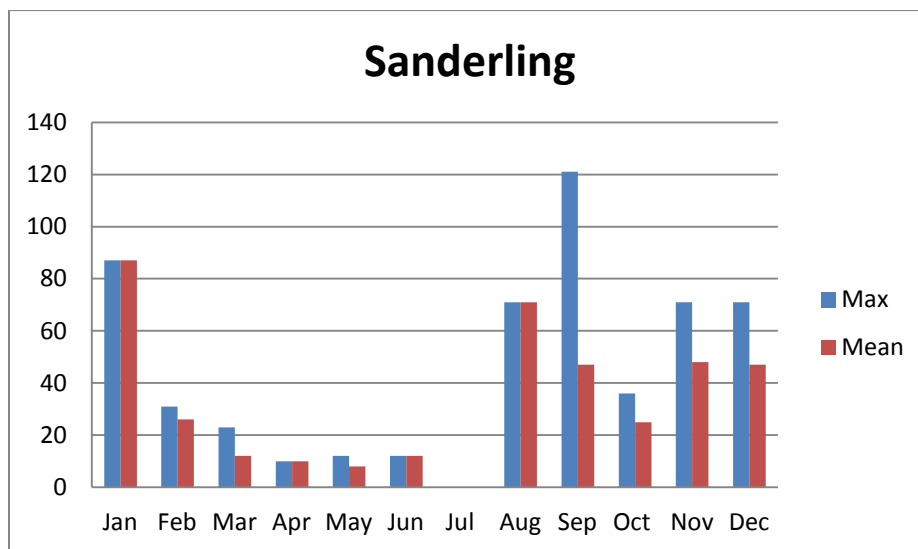
Northern Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*): Present from January to March, and then again from October until the end of the year; maximum of 98 on the 28th of January at the Western Marsh and 103 on the 16th of December at Abicada.



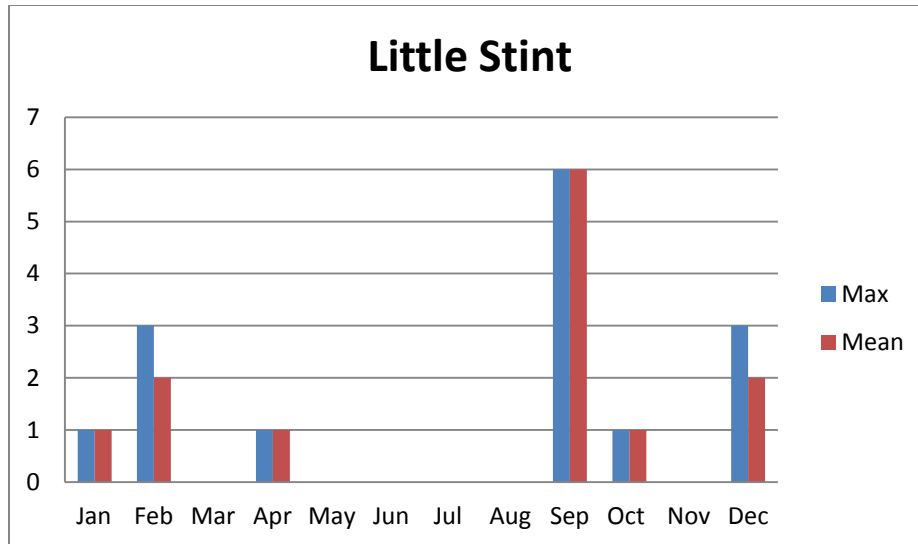
Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*): Present from January (2 on the 16th), then, in May (maximum of 34 birds on the 4th) and from the end of July until the end of the year (maximum of 15 birds on the 20th of September).



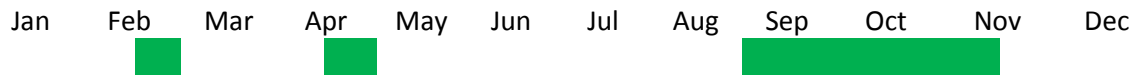
Sanderling (*Calidris alba*): Present from January to mid-June and from August until the end of the year, with maximums of 87 on the 11th of January and 121 on the 20th of September.



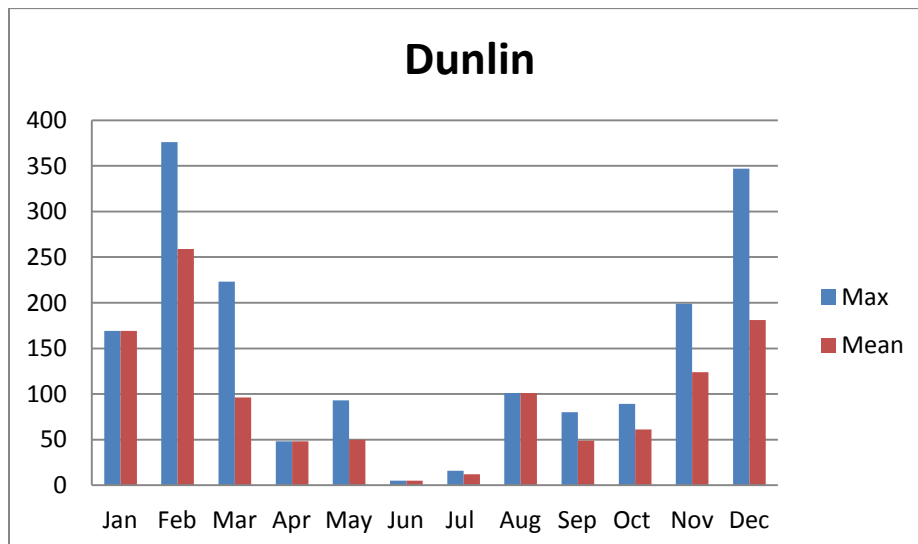
Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*): Present in January and February (maximum of 3 birds in February), 1 on the 5th of April at the Western Marsh, and present in September, October and December (maximum of 6 birds on the 8th of October).



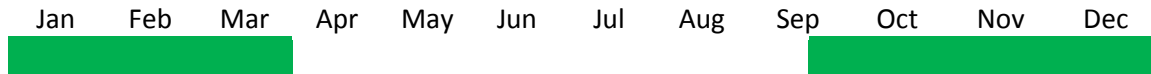
Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*): a few observations during the year: 1 on the 20th of February at the Western Marsh, seen in April, and from September until the beginning of November, with a maximum of 5 on the 16th of October.



Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*): Present all year, with bigger numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 376 on the 11th of February and 347 on the 18th of December).

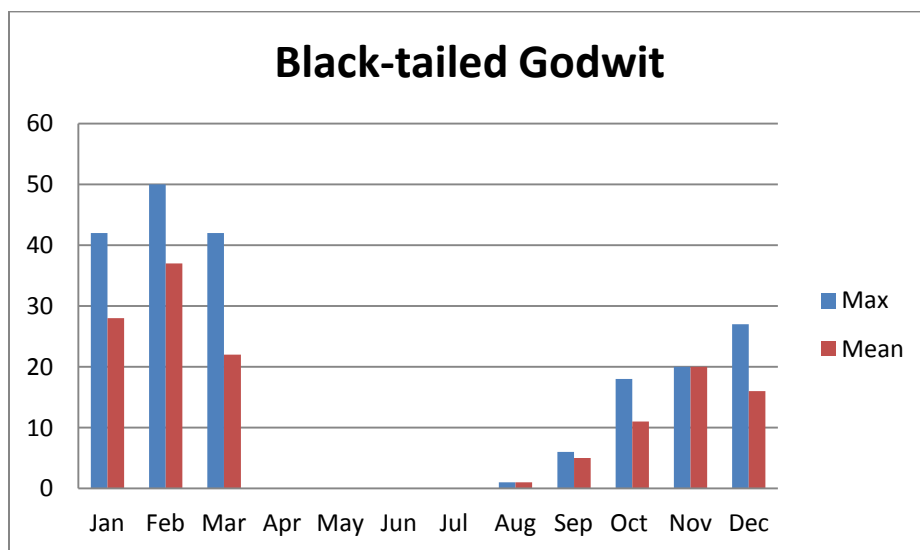


Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*): Present from January to the end of March, and then from mid-September until the end of the year. Maximum of 14 on the 18th of February at Abicada.

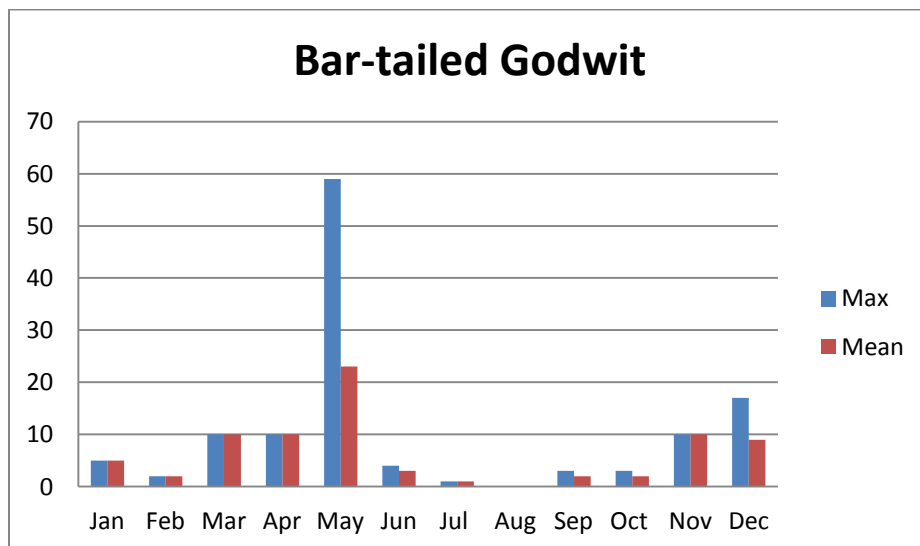


Eurasian Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*): 1 seen on the 1st of December at the end of the day flying from Montes de Alvor to the Western Marsh (Observation made by João Luis Almeida and published in *Noticiário Ornitológico*).

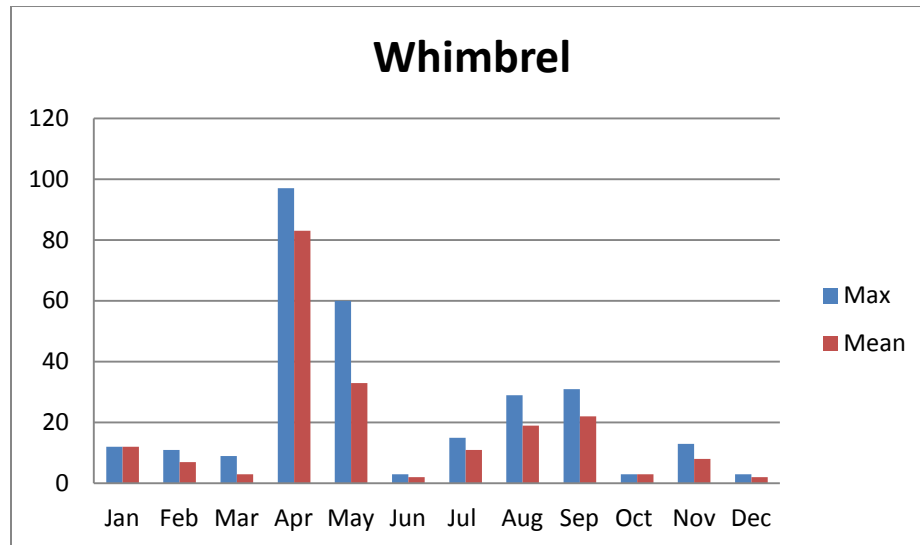
Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*): Present from January until mid-March (maximum of 50 birds on the 1st of February at Abicada), 1 bird at the Western Marsh at mid-August and present from the end of September until the end of the year (maximum of 27 on the 18th of October). 4 birds have been controlled during the year (2 from Scotland and 2 from Iceland).



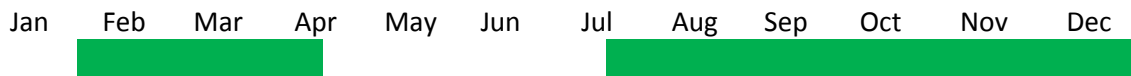
Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*): Present all year, except in August, with bigger numbers in autumn and winter (maximums of 59 on the 1st of May).



Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*): Present all year, with a peak in April during migration (97 on the 9th of April).



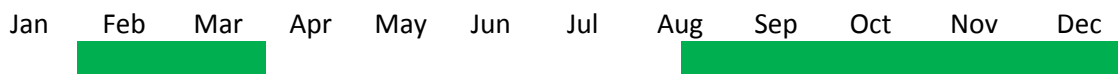
Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*): Present from February until mid-April and from mid-June until the end of the year (1 to 4 birds).



Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*): Present from January until the end of April, then from July until the end of the year (between 1 and 4 birds).

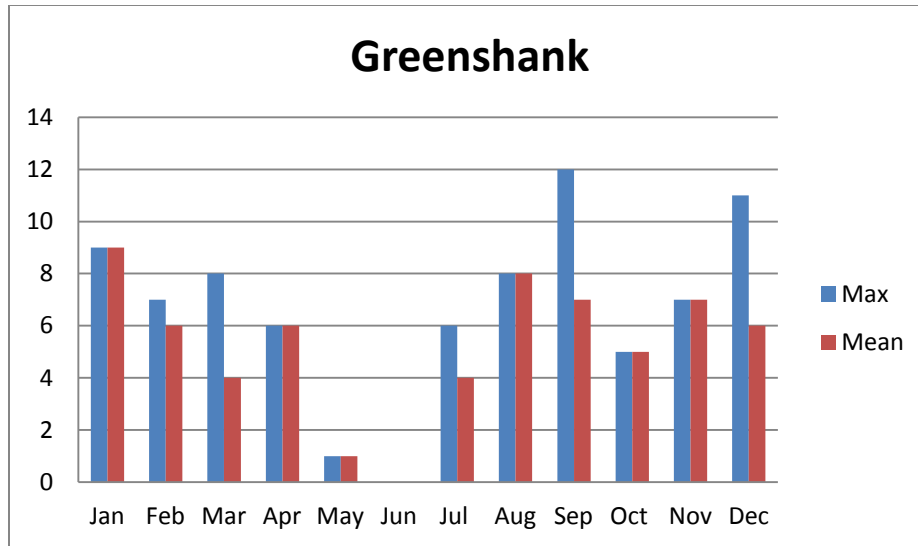


Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*): Present in February and March. Then, present from the end of August until the end of the year.



Spotted Redshank (*Tringa erythropus*): 4 sightings during the year: 1 bird on the 18th of February at Abicada, 1 on the 27th of February, 1 on the 20th of September and 1 on the 4th of December, all at the Western Marsh.

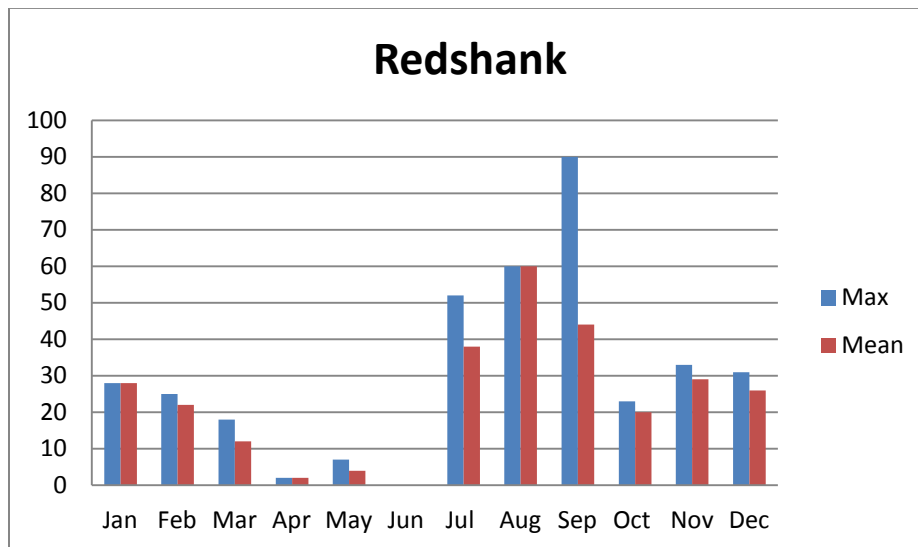
Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*): Present from January until May (maximum of 9 on the 11th of January) and from mid-July until the end of the year (maximum of 21 on the 3rd of October).



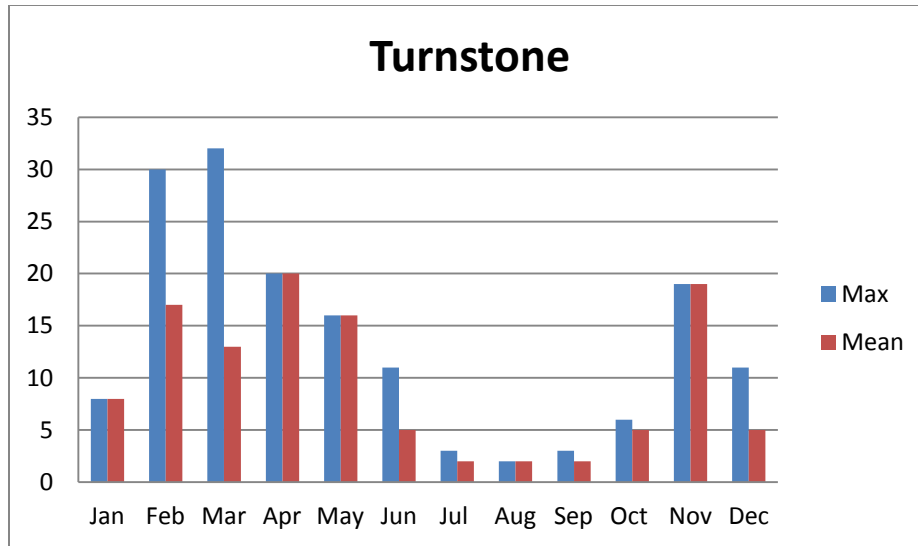
Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*): 1 at Montes de Alvor lake between the 20th and the 24th of November.

Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*): 1 bird at the Western Marsh between the 1st and 3rd of October.

Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*): Present from January until mid-May (maximum of 28 on the 11th of January) and from July until the end of the year (maximum of 90 on the 20th of September).



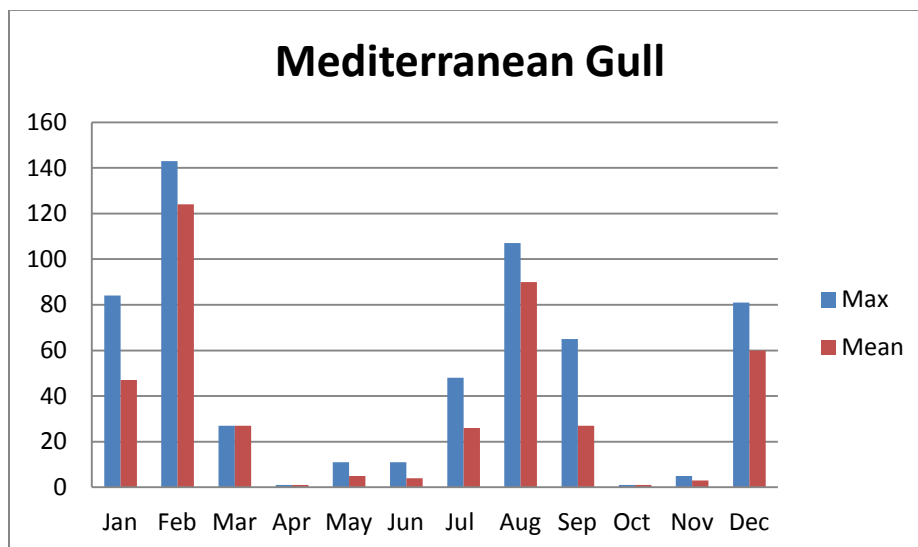
Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*): Present all year, with a maximum of 32 on the 27th of March.



Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*): 1 seen from Meia Praia on the 28th of September.

Great Skua (*Stercorarius skua*): 3 sightings from Alvor beach during the year: 1 on the 16th and 1 on the 19th of March, 1 on the 8th of December.

Mediterranean Gull (*Larus melanocephalus*): Present all year, with a maximum of 143 on the 6th of February.

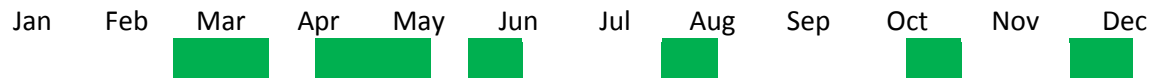


Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*): Present all year.

Slender-billed Gull (*Larus genei*): 1 seen at the estuary on the 15th of March.

Audouin's Gull (*Larus audouinii*): A few sightings during the year: 1 on the 2nd and 1 on the 18th of March at Abicada, 1 between the 23rd of April and the 10th of May at the Western Marsh, 3 on the 3rd of June, 1

on the 2nd of August, 1 on the 25th of October, 2 on the 27th of November and 7 on the 11th of December, all at the Western Marsh.

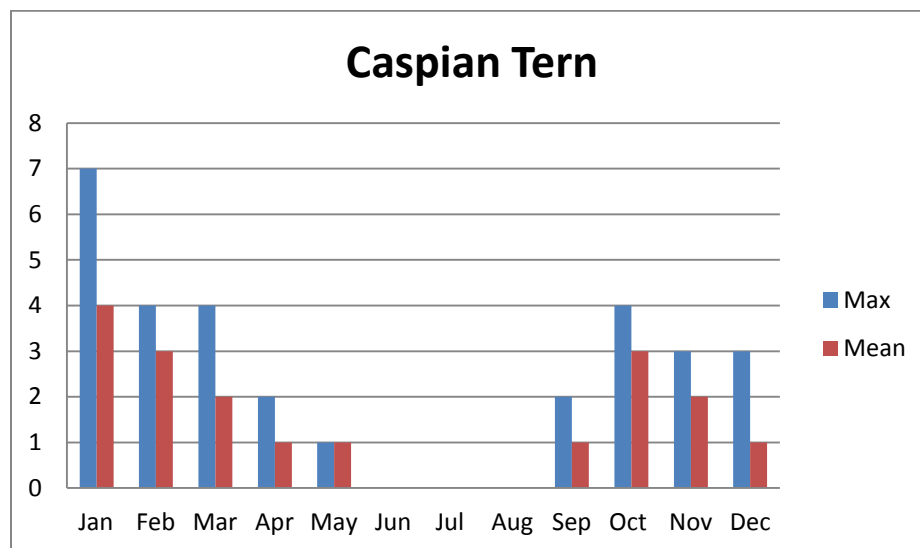


Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*): Present all year. 2 birds have been controlled during the year (1 from Spain and 1 from England).

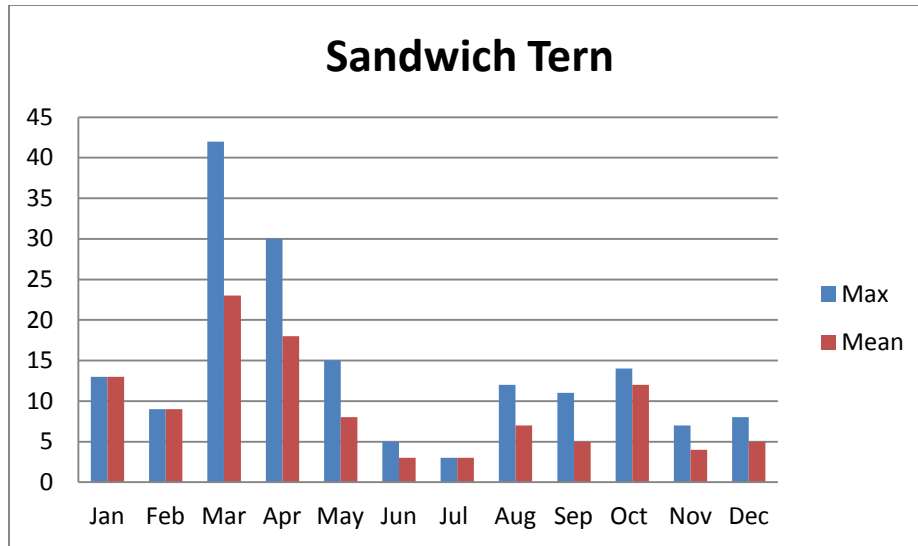
Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*): Present all year.

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*): 1 juvenile at Ria de Alvor on the 18th of December.

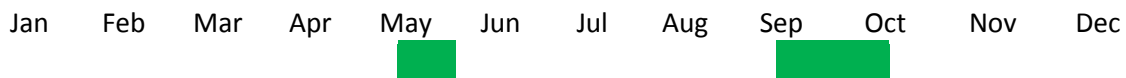
Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*): Present from January to mid-May, with a maximum of 7 birds on the 11th of January. Then present from the end of August until the end of the year, with a maximum of 4 birds on the 22nd of October. 1 bird ringed in Sweden was controlled in December.



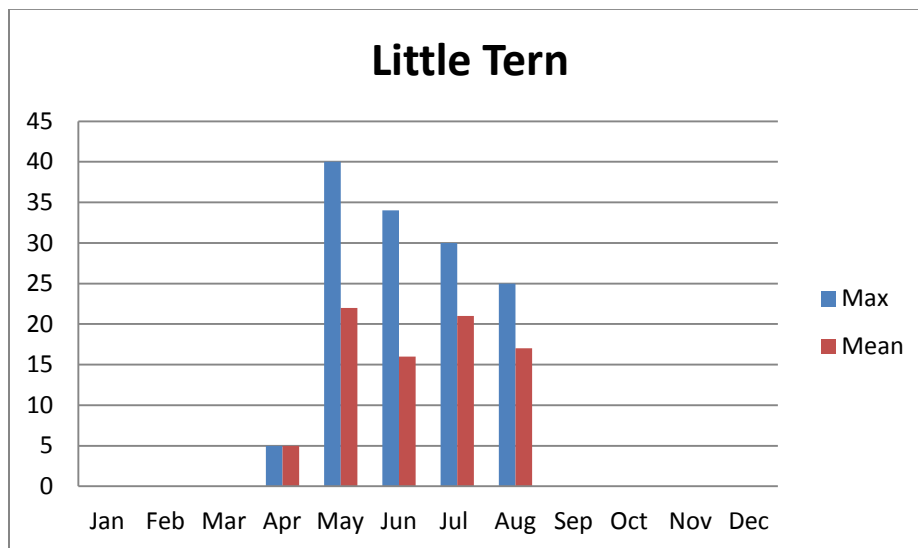
Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*): Present all year, with smaller number in June and July. Maximum of 42 on the 19th of March.



Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*): 3 on the 20th of May at the Western Marsh, and seen between the end of September and mid-October, with a maximum of 12 on the 28th at Alvor dunes.



Little Tern (*Sternula albifrons*): Present between April (first birds seen on the 20th) and August (last bird seen on the 16th).



Black-Tern (*Chlidonias niger*): 2 birds on the 19th and 1 bird on the 26th of September, all at the Western Marsh.

Razorbill (*Alca torda*): 2 sightings in March from Alvor beach: 1 on the 19th and 3 on the 27th.

Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*): Present all year.

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

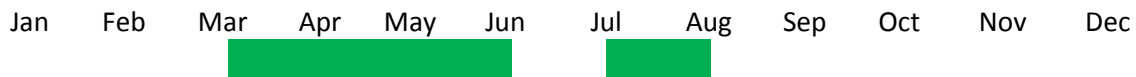
European Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*): 1 heard on the 7th of May.

Fisher's Lovebird (*Agapornis fisheri*): 1 seen in flight over Cruzinha on the 21st of October.

Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*): 1 white morphed bird at the Western Marsh on the 9th of April.

Great Spotted Cuckoo (*Clamator glandarius*): 2 on the 27th of March at the Western Marsh.

Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*): Seen (or heard) every week between the 22nd of March and the beginning of June. Then, 1 seen on the 25th of July and seen between the 11th and the 15th of August.



Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*): 1 on the 12th of March at the Western Marsh.

Eurasian Scops Owl (*Otus scops*): 1 heard on the 7th of May at Cruzinha.

Eurasian Eagle Owl (*Bubo bubo*): 1 found wounded at Vale de Lama and brought to Cruzinha on the 15th of May.

Little Owl (*Athene noctua*): Present all year.

European Nightjar (*Caprimulgus europaeus*): 1 heard from Cruzinha on the 19th of April.

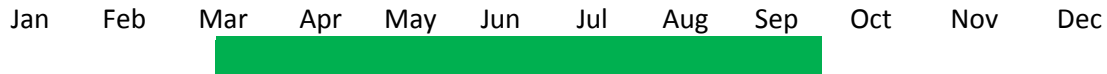
Red-necked Nightjar (*Caprimulgus ruficollis*): First heard at the beginning of May, and then present until mid-August with a maximum of 2 birds roosting in Cruzinha garden. 1 seen on the 25th of September in Cruzinha garden.



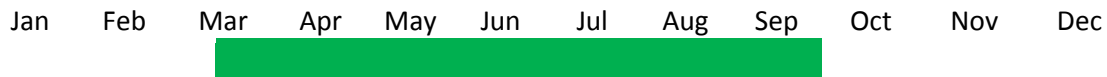
Common Swift (*Apus apus*): Present from mid-March until the beginning of October. 2 birds seen on the 22nd of October from Alvor dunes.



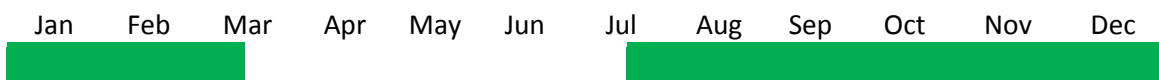
Pallid Swift (*Apus pallidus*): Present from the end of March until the end of September.



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



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



European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*): Present from the 30th of March until the end of October.



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

Eurasian Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*): 1 heard on the 13th of May.

European Green Woodpecker (*Picus viridis*): Present all year

Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*): A few observations during the year: 1 on the 18th of March, 1 on the 17th of April, 1 on the 18th of August, 1 present during two weeks in July, 1 between mid-September and mid-October and 1 on the 20th of November.



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos minor*): A few observations during the year: 1 on the 7th of January, 2 birds present in June at Cruzinha, 1 on the 16th of July and 1 present at Cruzinha between the 24th of September and the 6th of November.





Greater Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*): Present between mid-March and mid-July.

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Crested Lark (*Galerida cristata*): Present all year.

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

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Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*): 1 on the 18th of February at Abicada and 2 on the 8th of September at the Western Marsh.


Eurasian Crag Martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*): Present from January until mid-March and then from the end of November until the end of the year.

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Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*): Present from January until the beginning of October. 2 sightings of 1 bird at the end of November (on the 20th and 27th).

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Common House Martin (*Delichon urbicum*): Present from the 25th of January the beginning of October. 1 albino bird was seen at the Western Marsh on the 27th of August.

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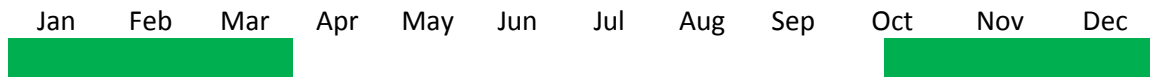
Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*): Present from the 1st of February until the 22nd of October. 2 birds seen on the 19th of November at the Western Marsh. Nested at Cruzinha for the second consecutive year.

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Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*): 1 at Alvor dunes between the 16th and the 19th of March, then 1 present at the same site on the 17th of April.

Tree Pipit (*Anthus trivialis*): 1 on the 19th of September.

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



Water Pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*): Seen in January and in the second half of March. Then, 2 at the Western Marsh between the 16th and the 20th of November.

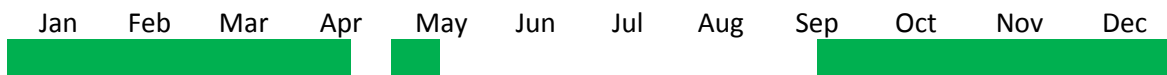
Eurasian Rock Pipit (*Anthus petrosus*): 1 at Ria de Alvor on the 2nd of December (Observation made by João Luis Almeida and published in *Noticiário Ornitológico*).

Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*): Present from the 27th of February until mid-October.

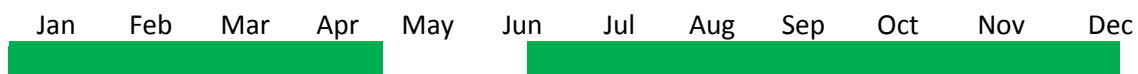


Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*): Present in the last half of February and then in the first half of October.

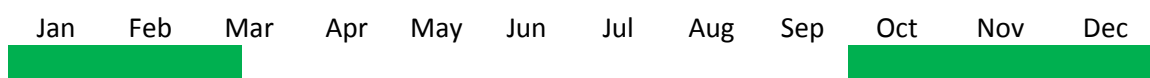
White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*): Present from January until mid-April. Then, 1 sighting on the 10th of May at the Western Marsh and present from the end of September until the end of the year.



Winter Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*): Present from January until the end of April and then from mid-June until mid-December. The absence of sightings in spring could be due to the pair breeding as they built a nest (which was not used) at Cruzinha and then, juveniles were caught during ringing sessions.



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



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North Wilkesboro (Greenthorn area): 2 sightings in series 3 on the 15th and 14 on the 22rd of April

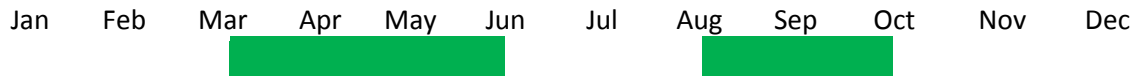
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Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*): Present all year at Abicada.

Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*): Present all year.

Melodious Warbler (*Hippolais poliglotta*): Present from mid-July until the beginning of October.

Eurasian Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*): Present from the 27th of March until the beginning of June at Abicada. 1 caught and ringed on the 15th of August and then, present in September and the beginning of October. 1 bird carrying a British ring was controlled.



Dartford Warbler (*Sylvia undata*): 1 between the 16th and the 20th of November, and 1 on the 18th of December, all at the Western Marsh.

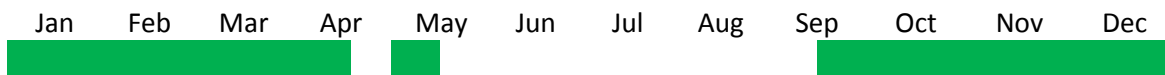
Subalpine Warbler (*Sylvia cantillans*): 1 on the 7th of September and then, present in the first half of October.

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

Common Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*): Present in the second half of September.

Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*): Present from mid-September until mid-October.

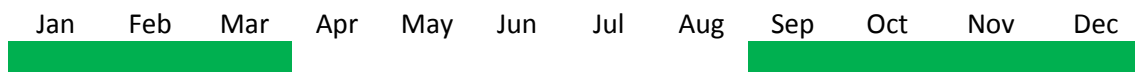
Eurasian Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*): Present from January until mid-April and 1 sighting on the 9th of May. Then present from the end of September until the end of the year.



Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*): 1 at Cruzinha between the 19th and the 30th of October.

Western Bonelli's Warbler (*Phylloscopus bonelli*): Present in September.

Common Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*): Present from January until the end of March, then from the beginning of September until the end of the year.



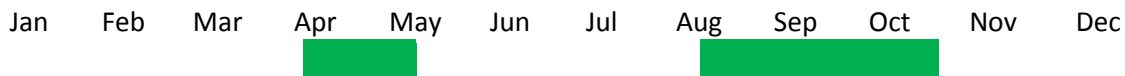
Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*): Present from the beginning of September until mid-October.

Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*): 1 at Cruzinha between mid-January and the end of February.

Common Firecrest (*Regulus ignicapilla*): 2 sightings during the year at Cruzinha: 1 on the 6th of February and 1 on the 29th of May.

Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*): 1 seen on the 22nd of May. Then present at the beginning of October.

European Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula hypoleuca*): 2 caught and ringed on the 25th of April and 3rd of May. Then present from the end of August until the end of October.



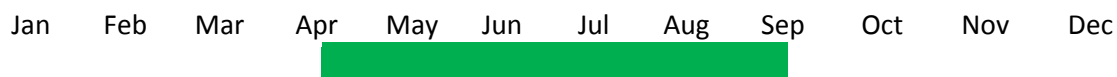
Eurasian Blue Tit (*Parus caeruleus*): Present all year.

Great Tit (*Parus major*): Present all year.

Short-toed Treecreeper (*Certhia brachydactyla*): Present from mid-January until mid-February, then, one sighting in June, present in the second half of July and the beginning of August, in September and in December.



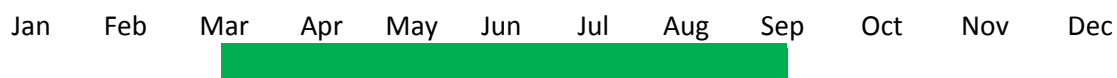
Eurasian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*): First detected on the 12th of April, then present until mid-September, with a maximum of 10 on the 12th of September.



Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*): Seen almost every month (except June, September and November) between mid-April and the end of the year.

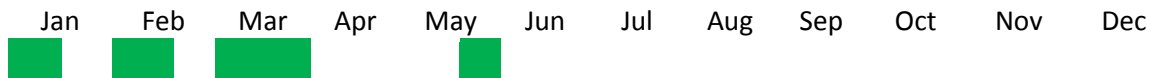


Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*): Present from the 16th of March until mid-September, with a maximum of 6 birds on the 3rd of July.



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

Western Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*): Present during the first half of January, the first half of February and in March then, 2 on the 29th of May.



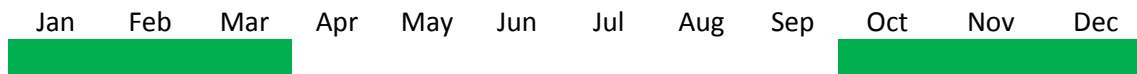
Northern Raven (*Corvus corax*): 2 seen from Cruzinha on the 14th of March and 1 on the 5th of April.

Spotless Starling (*Sturnus unicolor*): Present all year, with a maximum of 90 on the 30th of July.

Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*): Present in January with 22 birds seen on the 2nd and 52 on the 20th at the Western Marsh. Then, present in November with 30 seen on the 6th at the Western Marsh.

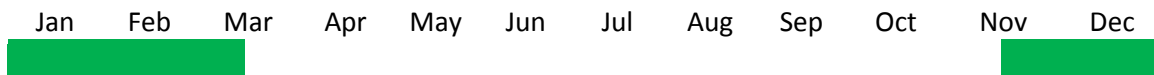
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*): Present all year.

Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*): Present from January to the end of March, with a maximum of 30 birds in January. Then present from the beginning of October until the end of the year, with a maximum of 60 birds on the 16th of November.



Common Waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*): Present all year.

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



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

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

European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*): Present all year.

Eurasian Siskin (*Carduelis spinus*): seen in January and 1 on the 28th of February.

Common Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*): Present all year.

Common Reed Bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*): 2 birds present at the Western Marsh from the end of January until the beginning of March. Then, 2 birds at the Western Marsh between the end of November and mid-December.

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

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