

RINGING REPORT FOR 2017

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In 2017, 1053 new birds of 51 species were caught and ringed at Cruzinha and Ponta da Almadena but no new species was caught for the Centre. 2017 was an average year for Storm-Petrel with 153 birds ringed but the 2nd ever Swinhoe's Storm Petrel was caught. The grand total of Kingfisher reached 300 birds. We caught the 1st Bee-eater since 1996 during the year, and also the 2nd Green Woodpecker (the first since 2007), 3rd and 4th Great Spotted Woodpecker (2 caught in a single year was a first). Catching Wren has been more common for a few years and 10 were ringed in 2017. The grand total of Blackcaps is now over 12000 and 20 for the Spotless Starling (caught every year for the last 3 years). Heather Coats and Gerry Rawcliffe helped a lot during the autumn migration, enabling us to have three weeks of solid ringing in the autumn.

Monthly and annual totals of birds ringed by A Rocha in 2017 and in all years together (Bird names according to Crochet P.-A., Joynt G. (2015). AERC list of Western Palearctic birds. July 2015 version)

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	2017	Grand Total
European Storm-Petrel					2	151							153	6319
Swinhoe's Storm-Petrel						1							1	2
Green Sandpiper										1			1	13
Little Owl							1		1				2	102
Red-necked Nightjar									1				1	33
Common Kingfisher							3	6	3	1	1		14	300
European Bee-eater								1					1	96
Hoopoe				2		2	2				1	1	8	557
European Green Woodpecker										1			1	2
Great Spotted Woodpecker							1			1			2	4
Barn Swallow				2	6	4	2						14	1630
Red-rumped Swallow					2								2	16
Winter Wren			3	2	2	2	1						10	43
European Robin	6		2						2	18			28	2923
Common Nightingale								3		1			4	628
Black Redstart										2			2	157
Common Redstart									2	5			7	368
European Stonechat										3			3	299
Common Blackbird		2	3	14	4	5	3	2	2	7	2		44	2381
Song Thrush	5	1								2	1		9	655
Cetti's Warbler							1						1	151
Common Grasshopper Warbler								1					1	62
Melodious Warbler							5	1					6	884
Sedge Warbler								1					1	255
Eurasian Reed Warbler									5	5			10	2425
Subalpine Warbler									3				3	286
Sardinian Warbler	3			1	2	2	3		2	6	2	1	22	1568
Common Whitethroat									1				1	513
Garden Warbler				1					6	7		1	15	4100
Eurasian Blackcap	13	9	2	3					4	72	33	11	147	12110
Western Bonelli's Warbler							1	2	3				6	123

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	2017	Grand Total
Common Chiffchaff	1		2					2	6	65	19	4	99	8818
Willow Warbler			1					8	16	20			45	2772
Spotted Flycatcher									2	1			3	207
European Pied Flycatcher				1				2	24	19			46	1923
Eurasian Blue Tit	1	1		1			1		3				7	179
Great Tit			1	6	4	5			1	1			18	930
Short-toed treecreeper	1					1	1						3	61
Eurasian Golden Oriole					1								1	102
Azure-winged Magpie	3		2	1	1	15	3		2				27	343
Spotless Starling										1			1	20
House Sparrow	2	2	1	11	16	30	31	6	9	22	6	2	138	2298
Spanish Sparrow	1									1			2	75
Common Waxbill		1		2	3		1		3	2			12	1799
Common Chaffinch		1								2	2		5	1054
European Serin	1	1	6	6	4	3	1				3		25	1595
European Greenfinch	3	1	6	6	1	3	2	1	1	11	17	2	54	2988
European Goldfinch		2	15	5	1	3	7	1		3	3		40	134
Eurasian Siskin											2	2	4	97
Common Linnet			1		1								2	69
Corn Bunting			1										1	186
Totals	40	21	46	64	50	227	70	37	102	280	92	24		

