

A ROCHA RINGING REPORT FOR 2019

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In 2019, 1290 new birds of 45 species were caught and ringed at Cruzinha and Ponta da Almadena. 2019 was the worst year in terms of numbers of species since 2002. The Storm-Petrel ringing campaign was short but still 218 birds were caught. However, it was a good year for Little Owl with 7 birds caught but a bad one for Serin (the worst since 2008) and Goldfinch (the worst ever) with only 5 and 9 new birds. It was also a very good year for Blackcaps (the best since 2016) and the best for Chiffchaffs since 1998. The grand total is now over 9000 birds for Chiffchaffs and over 3000 birds for Robins. We caught a Wryneck for the second consecutive year and Green Woodpecker for the 3rd consecutive year with again 2 birds (2/3 of the Green Woodpeckers were caught between 2017 and 2019). A Spotless Starling was caught; this species has been ringed every year since 2014. The 5th Cuckoo was caught, the last one being in 2013. Again the number for some of the long distance migrants was low; no Spotted Flycatcher was caught during the year. The difference in total number with 2018 is partly explained by the number of Storm Petrel and autumn migration being better for some species, such as Willow Warbler.

As usual, Heather Coats with her trainees Wayne Morris, Jo Conway, Richard Dann came for a few weeks of ringing. Also, a thank you to John Callinan and Declan Manley who helped a lot during the autumn migration.

Monthly and annual totals of birds ringed by A Rocha in 2019 and in all years together (Bird names according to Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). 2018. IOC World Bird List, v 8.2)

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	2019	Grand Total
European Storm-Petrel						218							218	6669
Common Cuckoo										1			1	5
Little Owl						1	2			4			7	111
Red-necked Nightjar						1	1	1					3	39
Common Kingfisher		1			1	1	1	4	4	2			14	319
Eurasian Hoopoe	1		5	3	2				1				12	586
Eurasian Wryneck			1										1	32
Iberian Green Woodpecker						1				1			2	6
Eurasian Golden Oriole								2					2	105
Iberian Magpie	1		1		5	7	5		3	2		2	26	388
Eurasian Blue Tit				1	1	2	1						5	193
Great Tit			5	1	7	1	1		1	2			18	970
Barn Swallow				1	2	3	1						7	1640
Red-rumped Swallow					3								3	19
Western Bonelli's Warbler			1						1				2	126
Yellow-browed Warbler										1			1	14
Willow Warbler			2						33	20			55	2843
Common Chiffchaff	1	1						3	2	79	49	3	138	9015

Species	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	2019	Grand Total
Eurasian Reed Warbler					1				5	2			8	2441
Melodious Warbler							2	3	2				7	893
Common Firecrest										1	1		2	78
Eurasian Blackcap	47	35	35	3					7	244	3	8	382	12656
Garden Warbler									2	6			8	4116
Common Whitethroat									2				2	515
Subalpine Warbler									1	1			2	290
Sardinian Warbler		1			5	1	7	1		7			22	1607
Eurasian Wren					1	1							2	52
Short-toed Treecreeper						1	1	1	2				5	69
Spotless Starling								1					1	23
Common Blackbird	3	1	7	13	25	10	9	1	8	11	1		89	2528
Song Thrush	1		3							1	2		7	664
European Robin	4	1	5						6	11	6		33	3010
European Pied Flycatcher								1	18	10			29	1979
Black Redstart										4			4	162
Common Redstart										4			4	376
European Stonechat										1			1	302
House Sparrow	2	3	11	14	9	10	10	5	8	19	1		92	2492
Spanish Sparrow			4										4	79
Common Waxbill			1		1		1	1		6	1		11	1820
Grey Wagtail										1			1	60
Common Chaffinch	3	1	2							2			8	1067
European Greenfinch	1	1	6	2	5	1	1			4	7	7	35	3047
European Goldfinch		2	2		2				1		2		9	2377
European Serin	1	2	1		1	1							6	1627
Corn Bunting						1							1	187
Totals	65	49	92	38	71	261	39	23	108	449	75	20		