



Systematic List of the Birds of Ria de Alvor 2020

A total of 178 species of birds, out of the 320 seen, were registered in the Ria de Alvor Natura 2000 site in 2020, the lowest total since 2012 and no new species was added to the site list.

In 2020, the dyke remained broken and the situation worsened in March when the access to the saltpans became impossible, impacting the bird counts. Then, the lockdown led to a decrease in the number of data collected. That may be why there were no observation of Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*), for the 1st time since 2006, or Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa galreola*) this year and very few sightings of Greater Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*). In September, work to repair the dyke started and is still on-going in March 2021, still allowing the Western Upper Marsh to flood.

Highlights for 2020 were: the first Common Eider (*Somateria molissima*) since 1998, a Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) which had been seen at the end of 2019 and a Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), not seen since 2011.

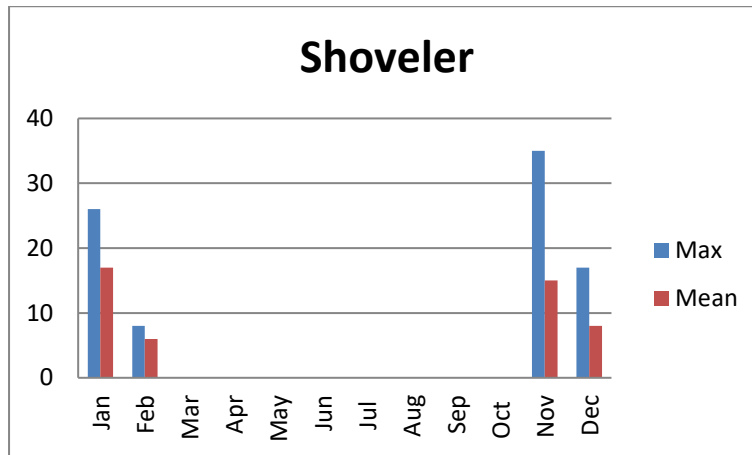
Other interesting records were: record numbers of Flamingos (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), Turnstones (*Arenaria interpres*), Spoonbills (*Platalea leucorodia*) and Little Egrets (*Egretta garzetta*), very low numbers of Avocets (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) for the 2nd consecutive year, the almost continuous presence of Curlews (*Numenius arquata*) and Great White Egret (*Ardea alba*), the first Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*) since 2015, the wintering of at least one Booted Eagle (*Hieraaetus pennatus*), the many sightings of Bonelli's Eagle (*Aquila fasciata*), a very late record of a Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*), the first Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) since 2016, the possible local breeding of Long-tailed Tit (*Aegithalos caudatus*), the early and late records of Nightingales (*Luscinia megarhynchos*), the first Gadwall (*Mareca strepera*) since 2012 and the first Stock Dove (*Columba oenas*) since 2014.

A few birds carrying rings were noted this year: Flamingo, Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*), Sanderling (*Calidris alba*), Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Spoonbill, Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) and Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*).

The complete bird list for 2020 is described below (bird names according to Gill F, D Donsker & P Rasmussen (Eds). 2020. IOC World Bird List (v10.2)

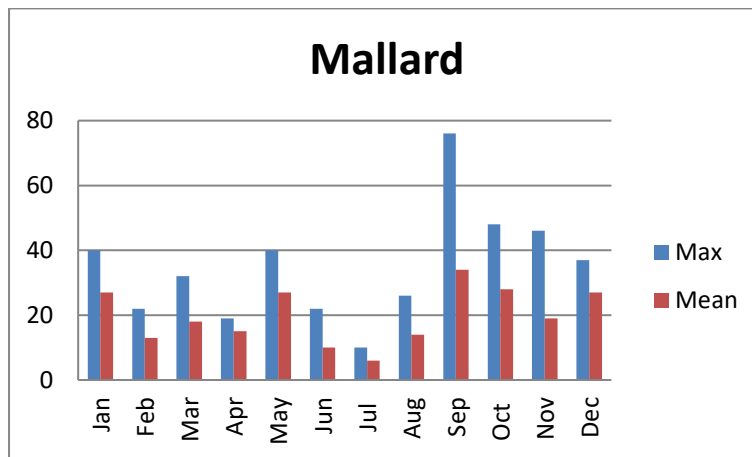
Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*: Up to 6 birds present between January and the beginning of May, then 2 birds seen in December.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*: Present from January until mid-February, with a maximum of 26 in January at Abicada, then present from mid-November until the end of the year (maximum of 35 in November).



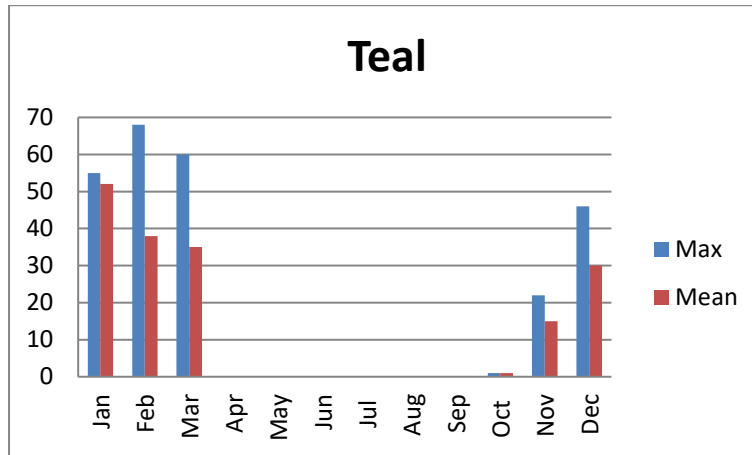
Gadwall *Mareca strepera*: 1 at Montes de Alvor reservoir on the 20th of September.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*: Present all year.



Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*: 1 on the 19th of February and 1 on the 11th of November, both at Montes de Alvor reservoir.

Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca*: Present from January until mid-March, with a maximum of 68 on the 21st of February at Abicada. Then, present from the end of October until the end of the year, with a maximum of 46 on the 5th of December.

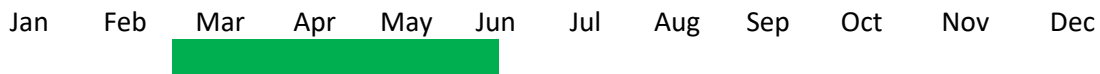


Common Eider *Somateria molissima*: 1 male at the estuary on the 15th of May.

Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra*: 1 on the 2nd of August seen from Meia-Praia.

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

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*: Heard between March and mid-June.



Red-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus ruficollis*: First heard on the 22nd of April and then present until the end of August, 1 bird on the 30th of September.



Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*: Present from the beginning of March (the first one was seen on the 3rd) until the end of August. Then, 1 on the 26th of October.



Common Swift *Apus apus*: Present from the end of March (the first one was seen on the 30th) until the beginning of September. 1 bird on the 6th of October and 1 on the 14th of November by the Western Marsh.



Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*: Present from the beginning of March (the first one was seen on the 1st) until the end of September.

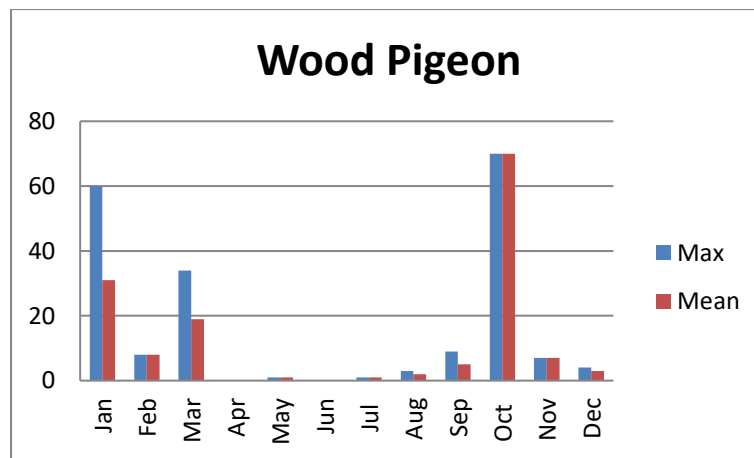


Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*: 1 on the 5th of August at Montes de Alvor.

Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*: Present all year.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas*: 27 on the 31st of October at Abicada

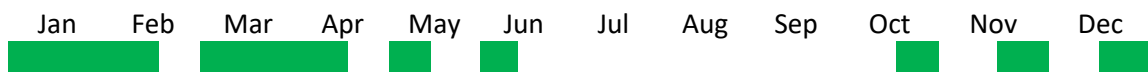
Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*: seen all year except in April and June, mostly at Abicada. Maximum of 70 birds in October.



European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*: 3 sightings between mid-August and the end of September, always 1 bird.

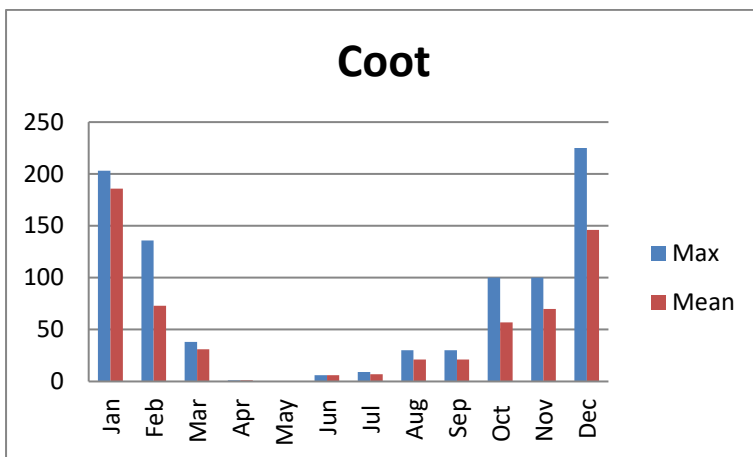
Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*: Present all year.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*: Heard or seen between January and June and between October and the end of the year.

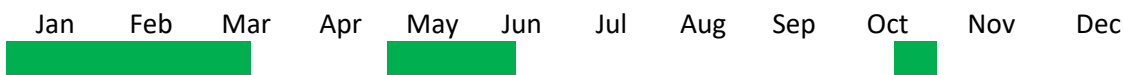


Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*: Present all year. Maximum of 15 birds at Abicada.

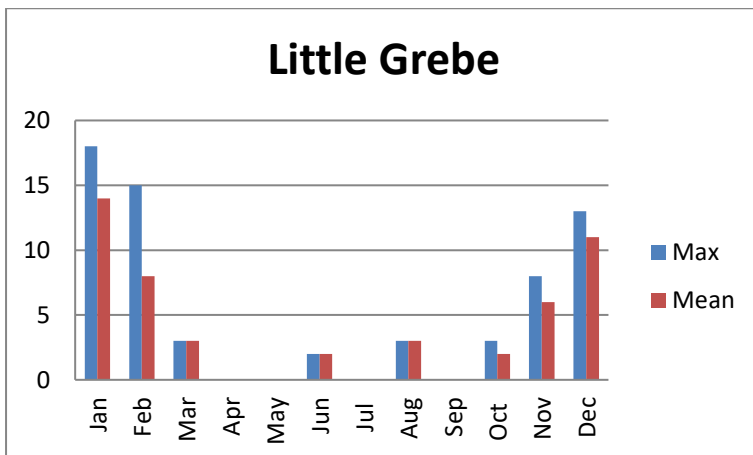
Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*: Seen all year, except in May and July, with bigger numbers in winter and autumn (maximum of 203 birds on the 3rd of January and 225 on the 25th of December). All the sightings are from Montes de Alvor reservoir.



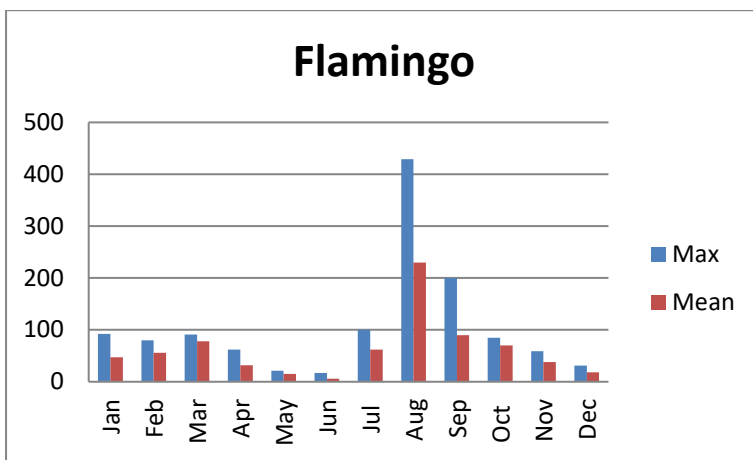
Western Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*: Seen at Abicada between January and March, in May, June and October with a maximum of 6 birds in January.



Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*: Seen between January and the beginning of March, with a maximum of 18 at Abicada in January. Then, 2 birds seen in June, 3 in August, and present between October and the end of the year with a maximum of 10 at Abicada.

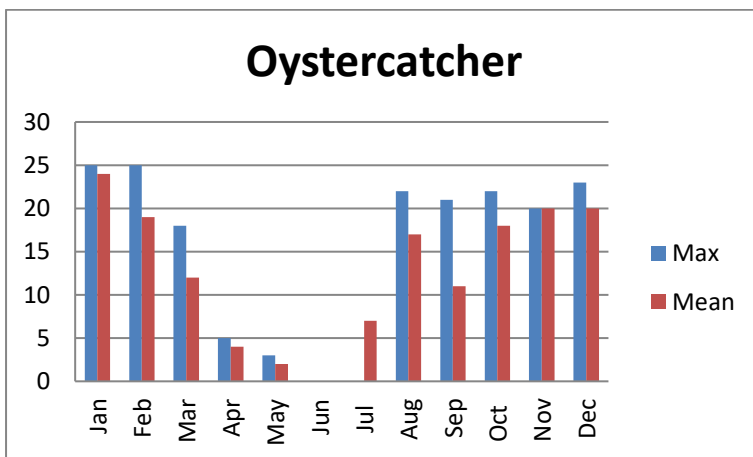


Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*: Present all year, with a maximum of 429 on the 8th of August at Abicada, a new record. 47 ringed birds have been controlled over the year (45 from Spain and 2 from France).

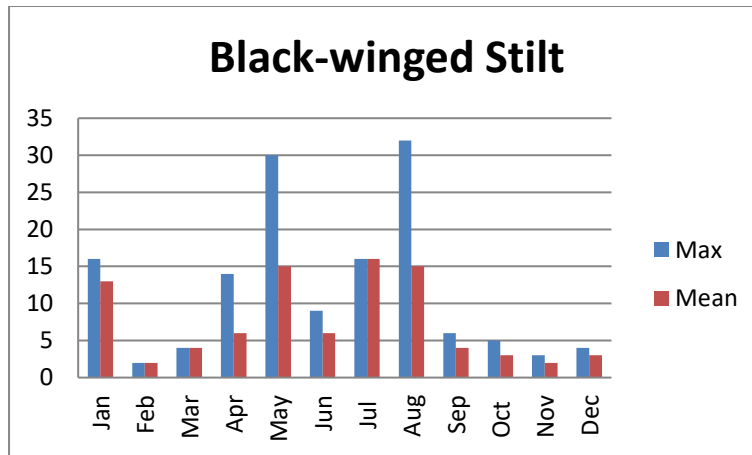


Eurasian Stone Curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*: Heard or seen between February and the end of the year with a maximum of 25 birds at Abicada on the 7th of December.

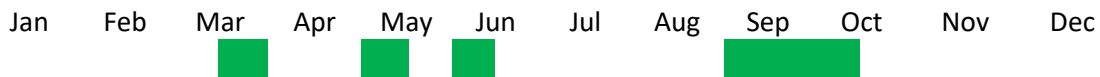
Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*: Present all year except in June and July with maximums of 25 in January and February and 23 in December.



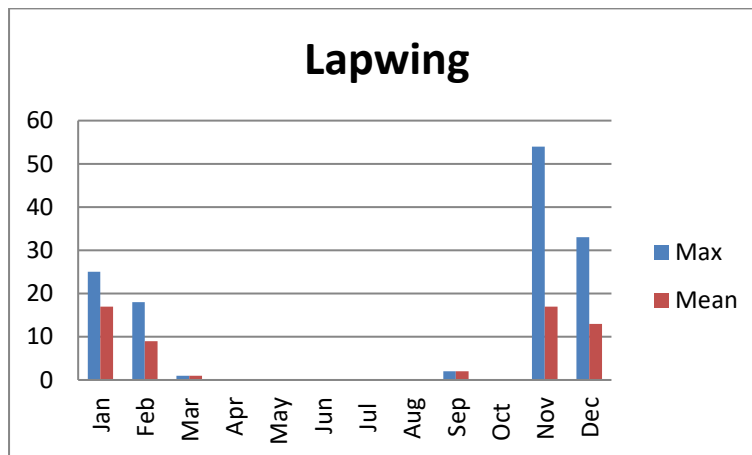
Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*: Present all year, with a maximum of 32 birds on the 2nd of August at Abicada.



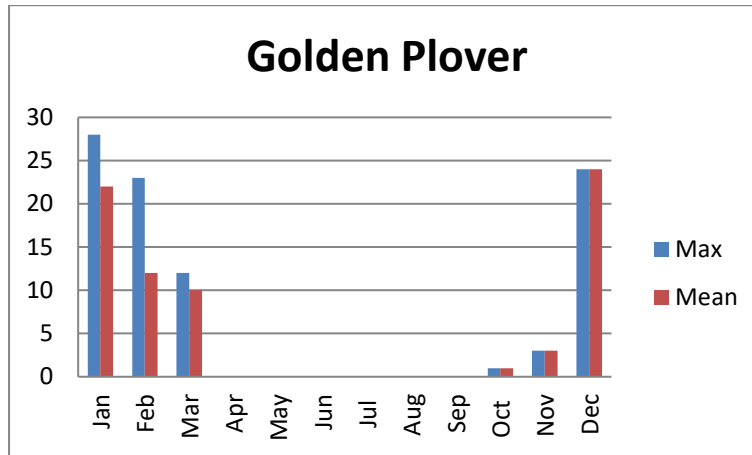
Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*: Present in March (2 birds), May (2 birds), June (6 birds), September (maximum of 2 birds) and October (3 birds).



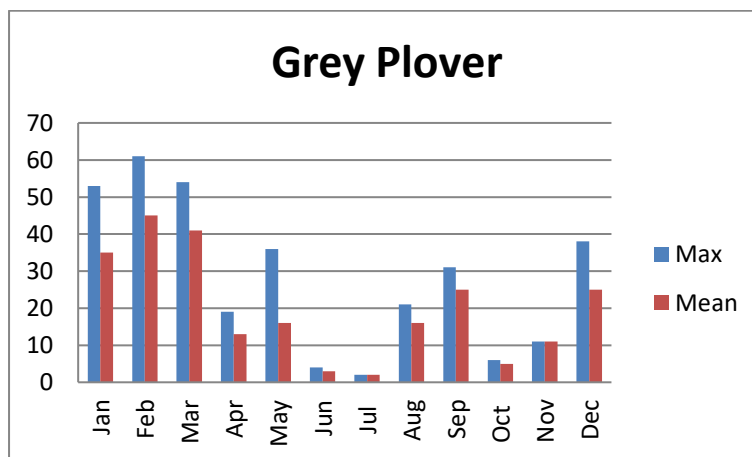
Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*: Present from January to the end of March, and then again from the end of September until the end of the year; maximum of 25 on the 2nd of January and 54 on the 22nd of November.



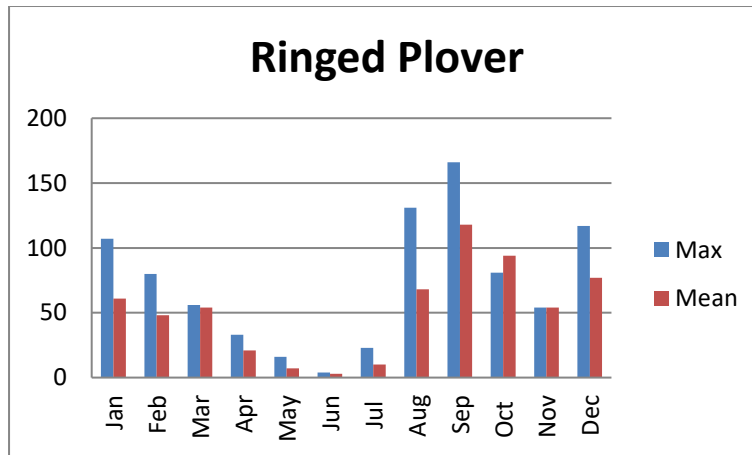
European Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*: Present between January and mid-March, with a maximum of 28 on the 27th of January near Cruzinha. Then, present from mid-October until the end of the year with a maximum of 24 on the 11th of December at the Western Marsh.



Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*: Present all year, with maximums of 31 on the 11th of February and 38 on the 2nd of December, both at the Western Marsh.

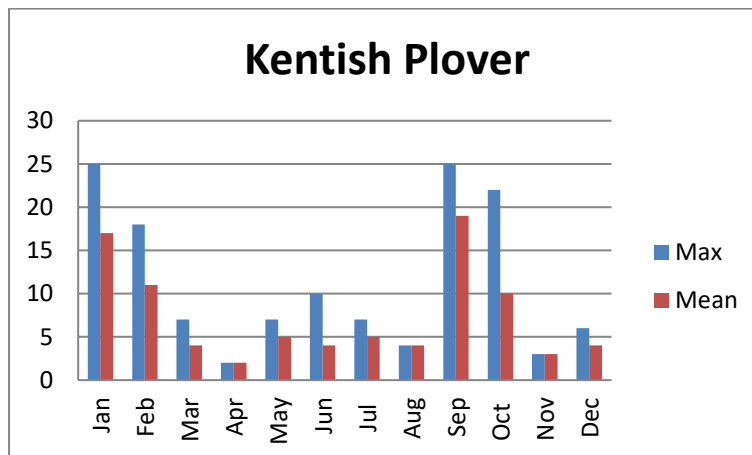


Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*: Present all year, with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 107 on the 28th of January and 166 on the 1st of September).

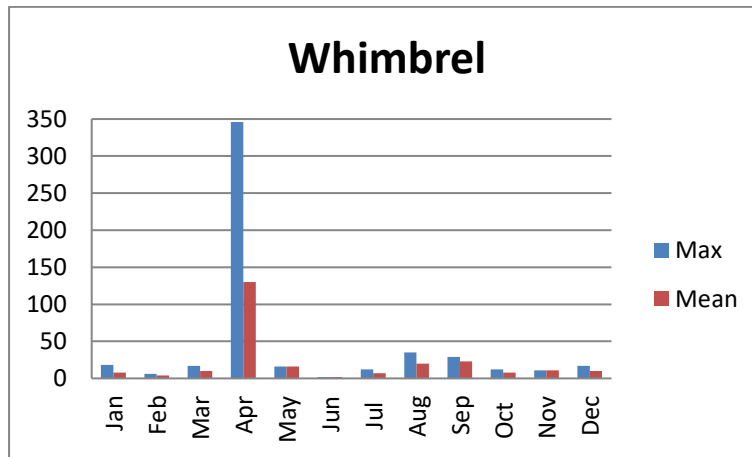


Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*: 3 sightings: 2 on the 16th of February at Odiáxere salt pans, 1 on the 13th of September and 1 on the 26th of October, both at Abicada.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*: Present all year, with a maximum of 25 in January and September. 1 bird ringed in France was controlled during the year.



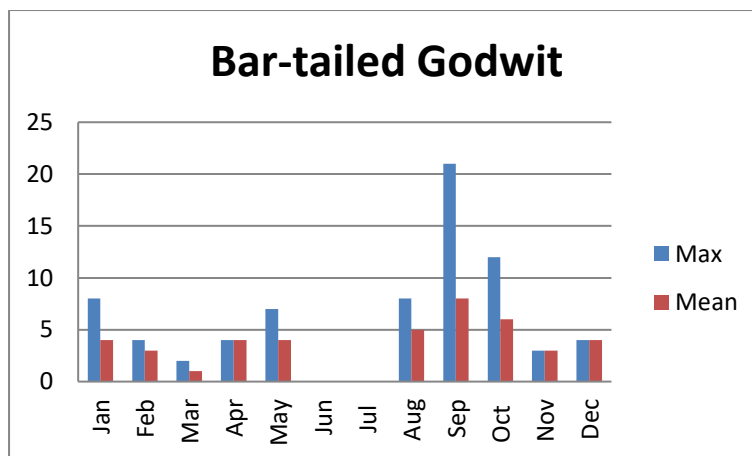
Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*: Present all year. Migration peaked in April with 346 on the 15th.



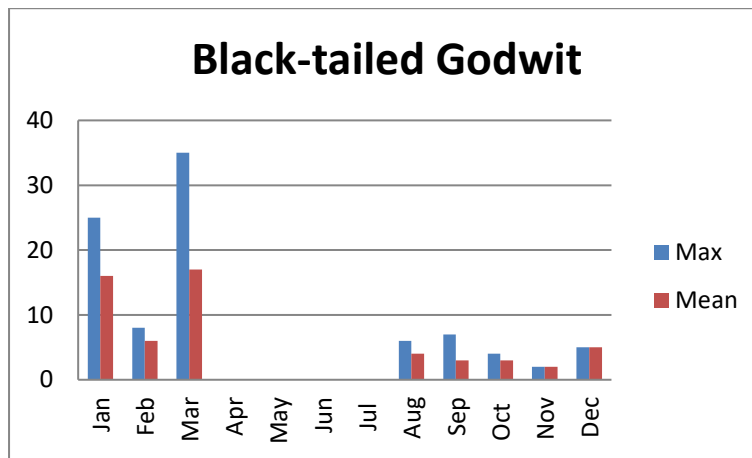
Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*: Maximum of 2 birds between January and April and then between July and the end of the year.



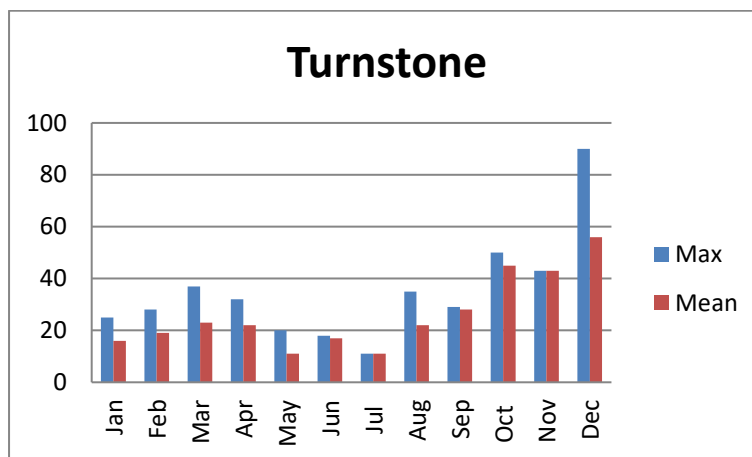
Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*: Present between January and May (maximum of 8 on the 2nd of January), and between August and the end of the year (maximum of 21 on the 23rd of September).



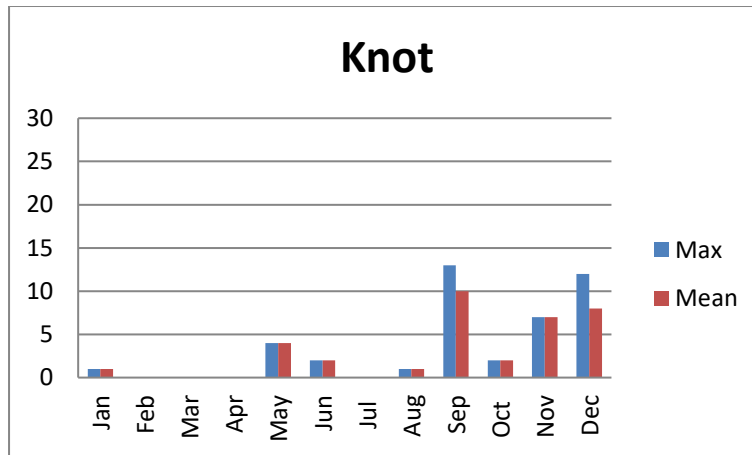
Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*: Present between January and the end of March (maximum of 35 birds on the 4th of March at Abicada), and from August until the end of the year (a maximum of 7 on the 28th of September at Abicada). 1 bird from the Netherlands was controlled during the year.



Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*: Present all year, with maximums of 37 on the 11th of March and 90 on the 15th of September, a new record.



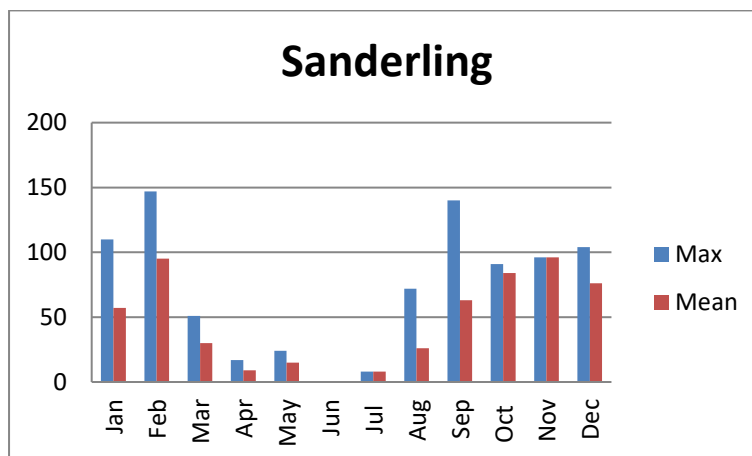
Red Knot *Calidris canutus*: Present in January, May, June, and between August and the end of the year (maximum of 13 on the 6th of September).



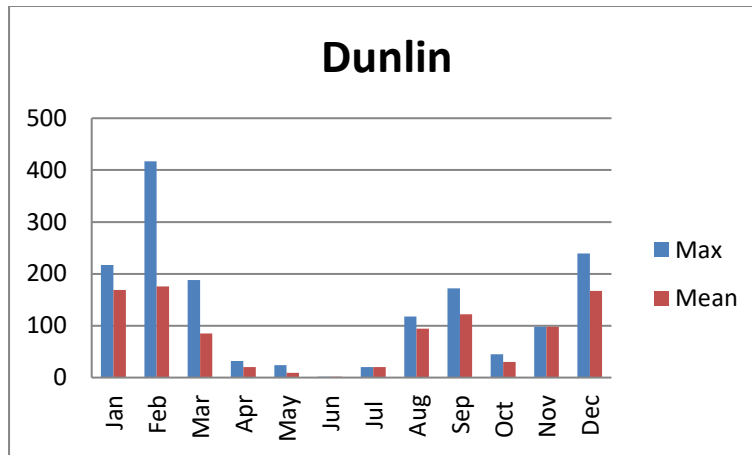
Ruff *Calidris pugnax*: 1 sighting during the year: 2 on the 28th of September.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*: Seen between August and October and in December, maximum of 6 birds on the 2nd of August at Abicada.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*: Present all year except in June with maximums of 147 in February and 140 in September. 1 bird ringed in the Netherlands was controlled during the year.

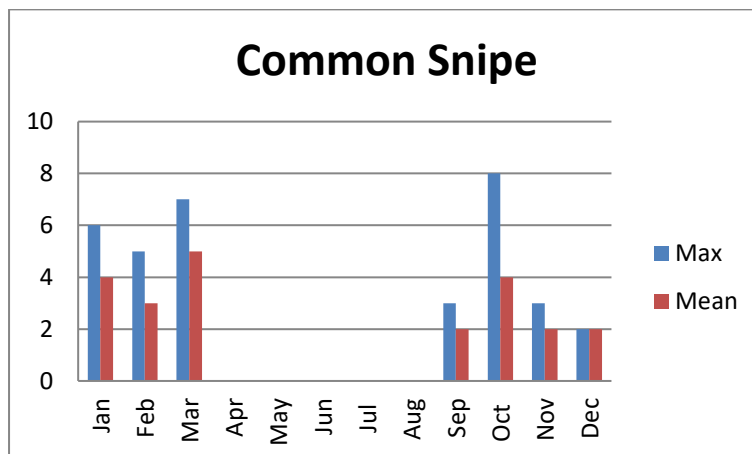


Dunlin *Calidris alpina*: Present all year, with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 417 on the 4th of February and 239 on the 2nd of December).

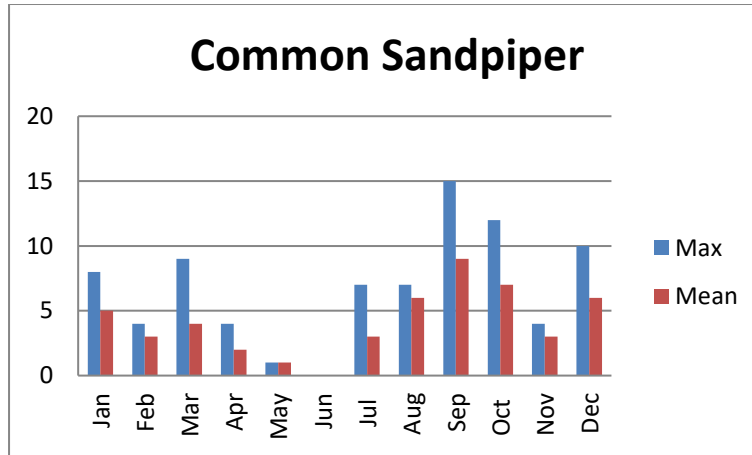


Little Stint *Calidris minuta*: Seen in January, February and September, always 2 birds.

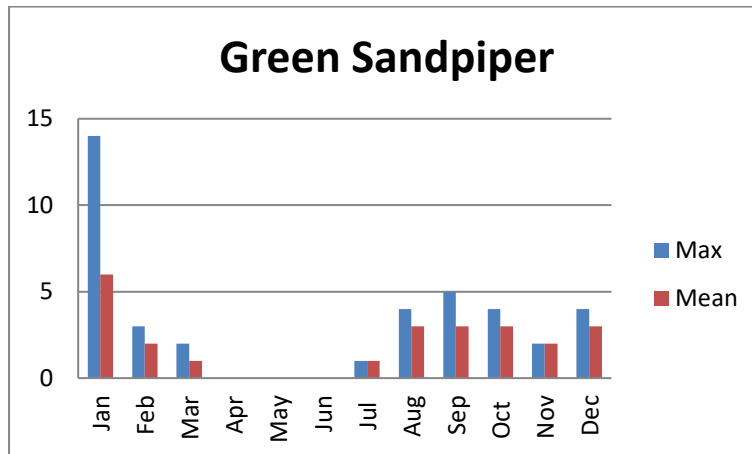
Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*: Present from January to March and then from September until the end of the year, with a maximum of 8 in October.



Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*: Present all year, except in June with a maximum of 15 birds in September.

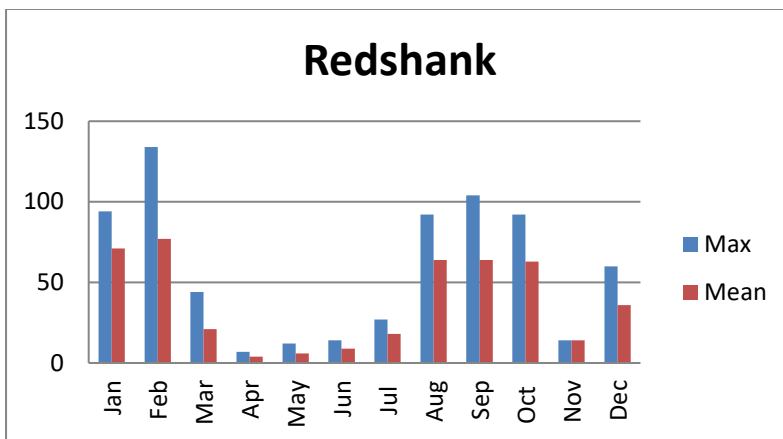


Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*: Present between January and March, then between July and the end of the year, with a maximum of 14 birds in January.

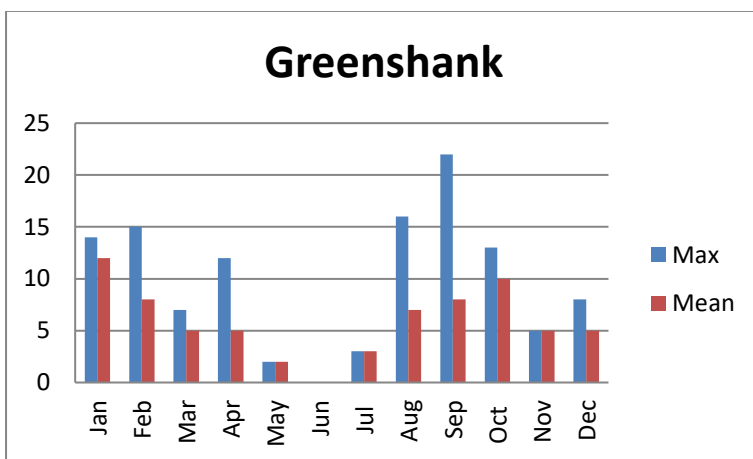


Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*: 1 at Abicada between the 2nd and 7th of January.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*: Present all year with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximums of 134 on the 4th of February and 104 on the 13^h of September, both at the Western Marsh).



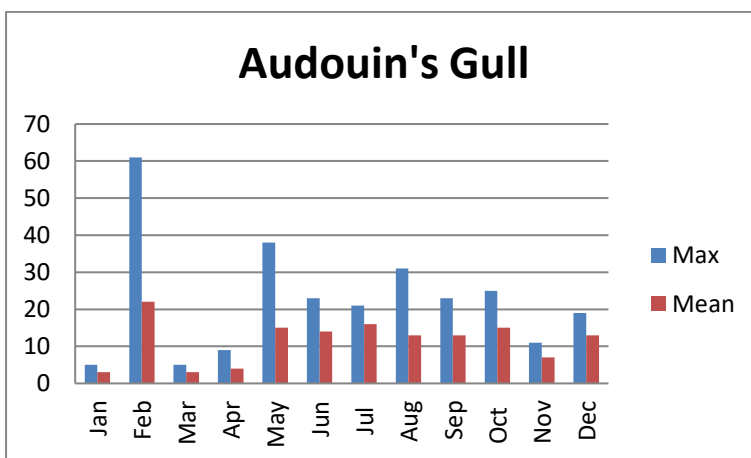
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: Present all year, except in June with a maximum of 22 birds on the 23rd of September.



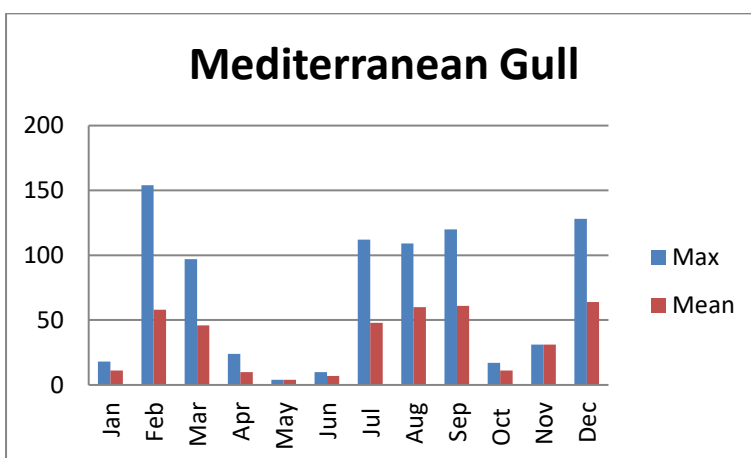
Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*: 2 sightings: 2 on the 25th of March and the 3rd of April at the estuary.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*: Present all year, except in May and June.

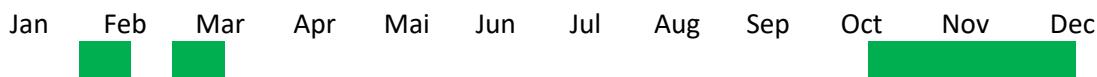
Audouin's Gull *Ichthyaeetus audouinii*: Present all year with a maximum of 61 birds on the 6th of February.



Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus*: Present all year with a maximum of 154 on the 1st of February.



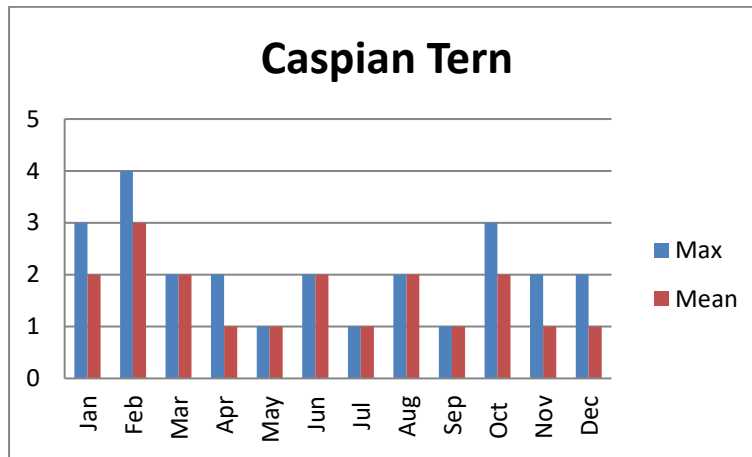
Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*: Seen in February, March and between October and the end of the year, always only 1 bird.



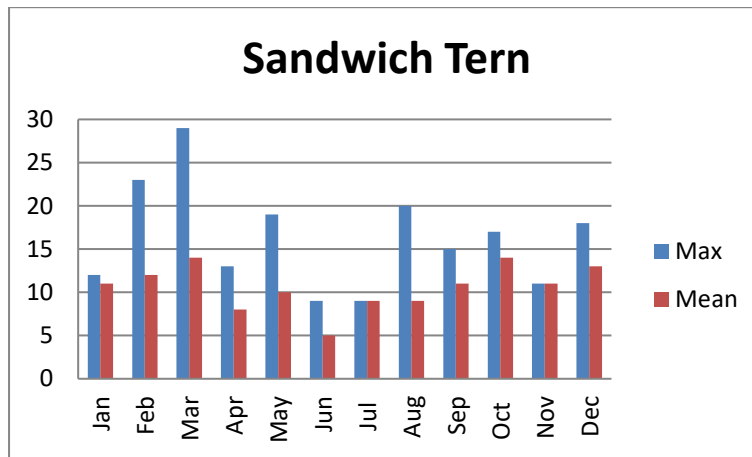
Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*: Present all year. 4 ringed birds were found during the year (all from Portugal).

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*: Present all year.

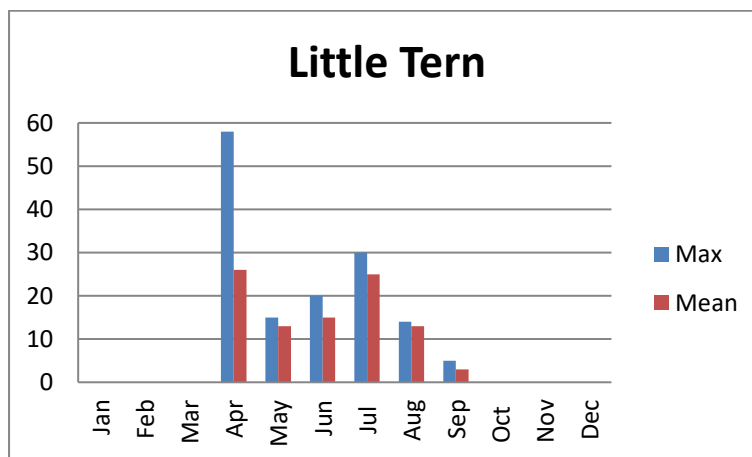
Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*: Present all year, with a maximum of 4 birds in February.



Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*: Present all year, with a maximum of 29 birds on the 6th of March.



Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*: Present between the beginning of April (first birds seen on the 3rd) and mid-September (last bird seen on the 18th), with a maximum of 58 on the 15th of April.



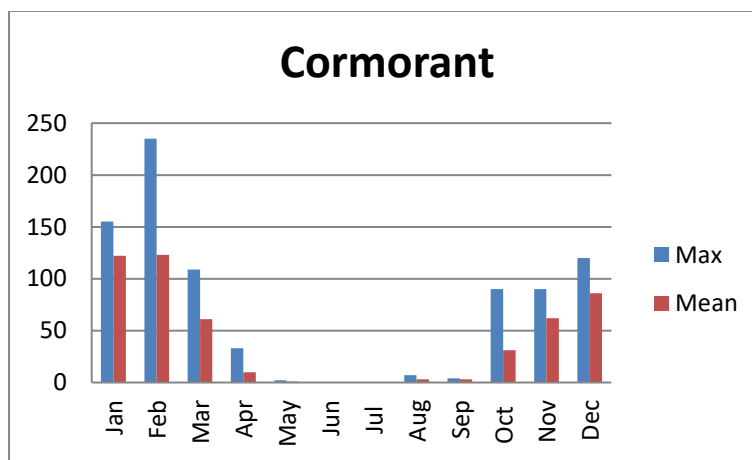
Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*: 2 on the 11th of August.

Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris borealis*: 8 on the 8th of August seen from Alvor beach.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*: Present all year (maximum of 400 in August). 1 bird ringed in Portugal was controlled at the Western Marsh.

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*: Detected all year except in September. This species is probably under detected.

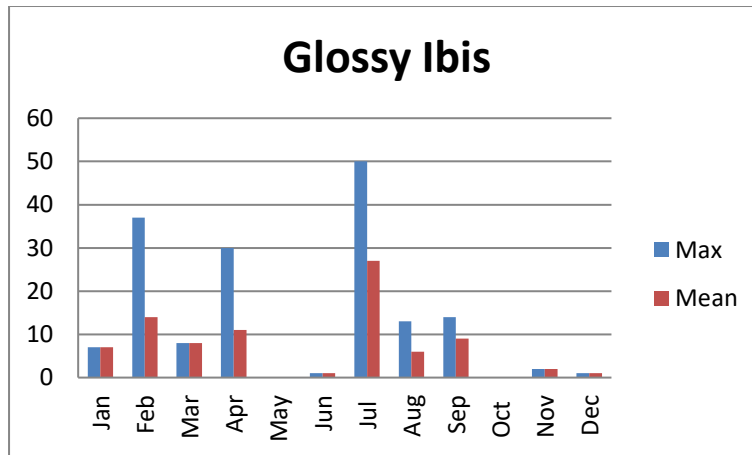
Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*: Present between January and June, with a maximum of 235 on the 4th of February. Then, present from August until the end of the year with a maximum of 120 on the 11th of December.



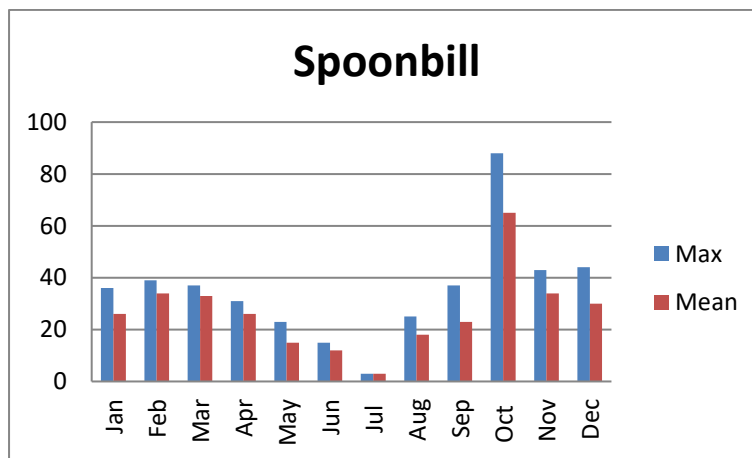
Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*: 2 seen from Alvor beach on the 14th of January.

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*: 1 on the 26th of February at Alvor dunes. The origin of this bird is uncertain.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*: Seen all year except in May and October. Maximum of 50 birds on the 10th of July.



Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*: Present all year with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximums of 39 in February and 88 in October, a new record, both at the Western Marsh). 6 ringed birds have been controlled over the year, all from the Netherlands. Several of these birds are regular winter visitors.

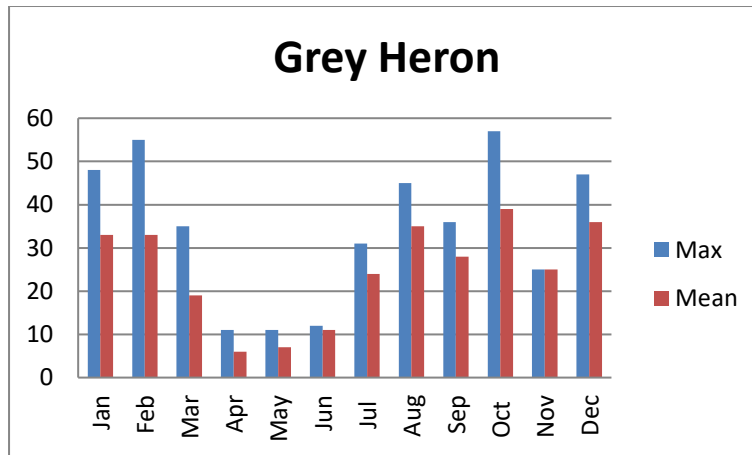


Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*: 1 on the 28th of January at the Western Marsh.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*: 1 on the 23rd of March.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*: Present all year.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*: Present all year with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 55 on the 4th of February and 57 on the 14th of October, both at the Western Marsh).

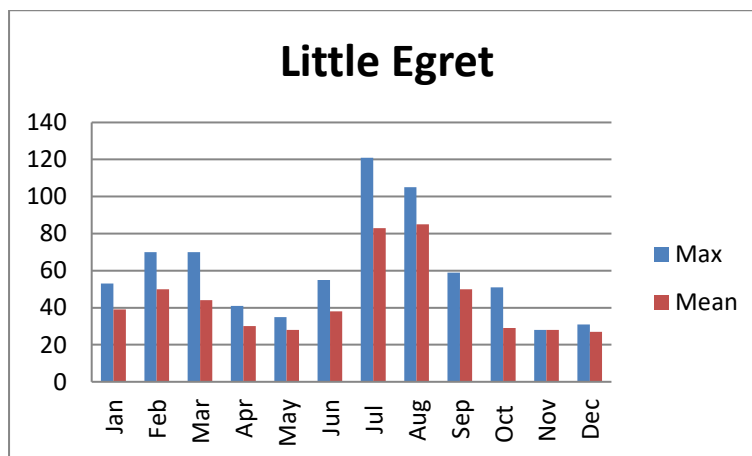


Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*: Maximum of 2 birds recorded between mid-April and the end of July at the Western Marsh and then a sighting on the 18th of September.



Great White Egret *Ardea alba*: 1 bird seen all year except in November. A second bird was reported once in February.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*: Present all year; maximum of 121 at the Western Marsh on the 24th of July, a new record.



Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*: Seen all year, maximum of 2 birds. 1 bird ringed in Germany was controlled and a British bird was found dead near Abicada.

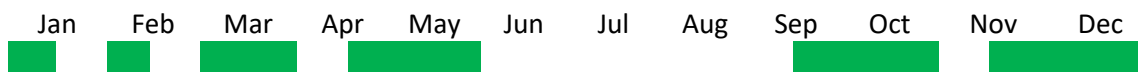
Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*: Seen all year except in June and August.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*: 52 over Abicada on the 1st of November.

Short-toed Snake Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*: First sighting on the 4th of March, then seen until the end of September.



Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus*: Seen between January and May and between September and the end of the year (maximum of 3 birds on the 29th of October).



Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciata*: 4 sightings: 1 immature seen from the Western Marsh on the 20th of January, 1 immature (2nd year) over Abicada on the 26th of February, 1 juvenile over Abicada on the 23rd of August and 2 juveniles over Quinta da Rocha, flying West, on the 27th of October. There were only 6 sightings until 2020.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*: 2 sightings: 1 on the 19th of February at Cruzinha and 1 on the 5th of December at Abicada.

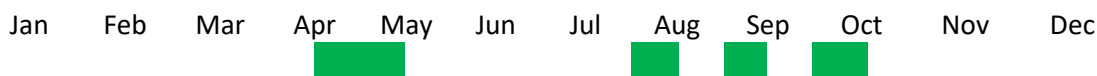
Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*: 1 juvenile seen on the 9th and 12th of November near Cruzinha.

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*: Present all year.

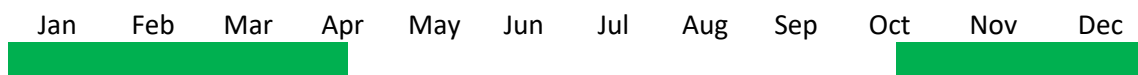
Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*: 2 sightings: 1 on the 15th of March and 1 on the 4th of December.

Red Kite *Milvus milvus*: 1 on the 30th October over Quinta da Rocha.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*: Seen in April, May, and between August and October.



Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*: Present between January and April and then from October until the end of the year.



Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba*: 1 on the 3rd of February.

Little Owl *Athene noctua*: Present all year.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*: Present all year.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*: Seen all year, except in April.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*: Present from the 6th of April until the mid-September.



Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*: 2 sightings during the year: 1 on the 16th of November at Abicada and 1 on the 17th of December at Cruzinha.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dryobates minor*: Seen all year except in April and October.



Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*: Seen all year except in May and October.



Iberian Green Woodpecker *Picus sharpei*: Present all year.

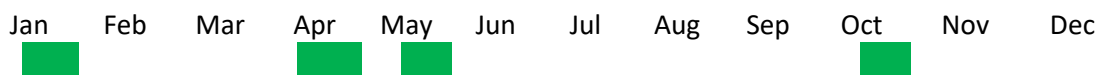
Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*: Present all year.

Hobby *Falco subbuteo*: 1 on the 4th of October

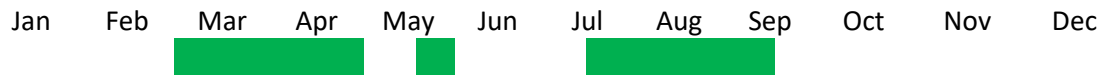
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*: Seen between January and the end of March, in May, June, August, and December.



Iberian Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis*: Recorded in January, April, May, and October.



Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*: Present from the 5th of March until the beginning of September. No sightings in June.



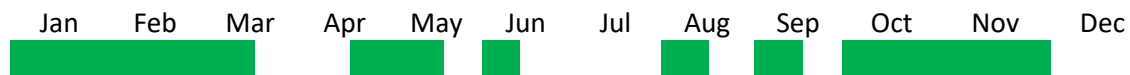
Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*: First detected on the 22nd of April, then present until mid-September.



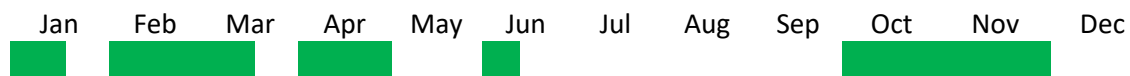
Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*: 1 on the 29th of May.

Iberian Magpie *Cyanopica cooki*: Present all year.

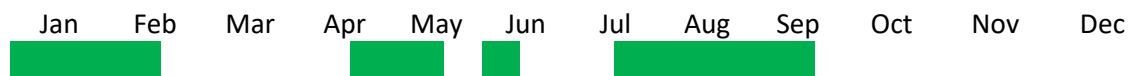
Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*: Seen all year except in July and December. Maximum of 5 birds on the 2nd of May.



Western Jackdaw *Coloeus monedula*: Seen between January and April, in June and in October and November. Maximum of 20 birds in January.



Northern Raven *Corvus corax*: Seen in January and February, and between April and September. Maximum of 3 birds in September.

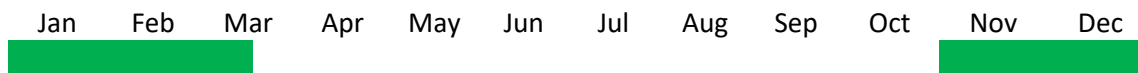


Eurasian Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*: Present all year.

Great Tit *Parus major*: Present all year.

Eurasian Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus*: 4 on the 7th of February at Abicada.

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*: Present between January and mid-March and then from the beginning of November until the end of the year.



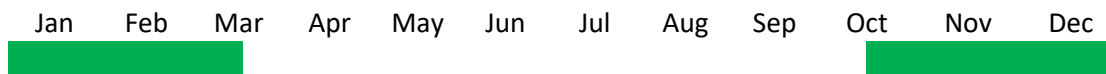
Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*: Present all year.

Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*: Only 2 sightings: 1 on the 15th of May at the Western Marsh and 2 on the 18th of September.

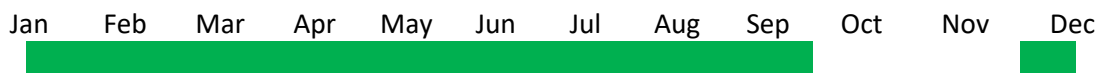
Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*: 3 sightings during the year: 1 on the 1st of March at Abicada, 1 on the 10th of August and 1 on the 23rd of September at the Western Marsh.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*: Present all year, except in November.

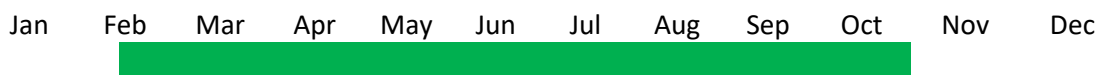
Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*: Present from January until mid-March and then from the end of October until the end of the year.



Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*: Present from the 26th of January until the end of September. 1 bird on the 5th of December at Abicada.

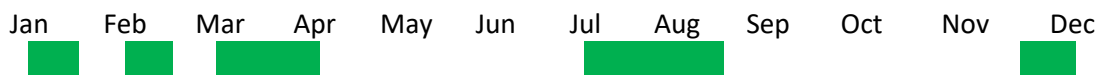


Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*: Present from the 27th of February (1 bird) until the end of October.



Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*: Recorded all year, mostly at Abicada.

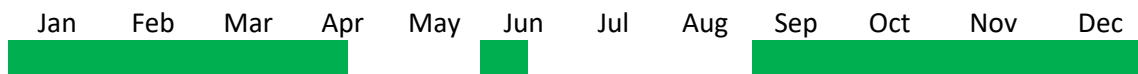
Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*: Seen between January and April, in July and August, and in December. A bird carrying nest material was seen in March near Cruzinha.



Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli*: Present between the end of July and the beginning of September.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*: Present between mid-August and the end of October.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*: Present from January until the beginning of April, 1 on the 11th of June caught at Cruzinha, and then present from the beginning of September until the end of the year.



Iberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus ibericus*: 1 on the 24th of August.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*: 1 on the 17th of September caught at Cruzinha.

Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*: Present between May and mid-October, mostly at Abicada.



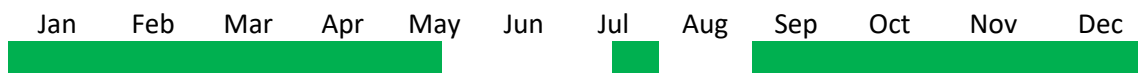
Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*: Present between the end of July and the end of September.

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*: 1 bird singing at Abicada in May and June.

Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*: 1 caught and ringed at Cruzinha on the 30th of September.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* Present all year.

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*: Present between January and the beginning of May, a sighting in July, and then present from the end of September until the end of the year.



Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*: 2 on the 23rd of April and present between the end of August and mid-October. 1 bird ringed in Norway was caught at Cruzinha.

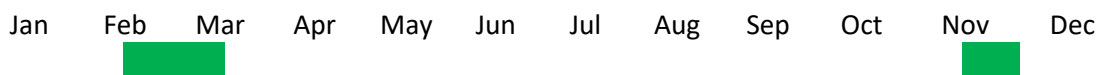
Sardinian Warbler *Curruca melanocephala*: Present all year.

Western Subalpine Warbler *Curruca iberiae*: Recorded between the end of August and the beginning of October.

Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis*: 1 bird on the 6th of September.

Dartford Warbler *Curruca undata*: 1 on the 22nd of February at Alvor dunes and 1 on the 17th of November.

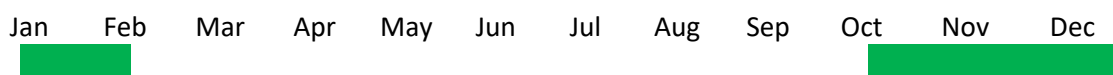
Common Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla*: Present in February and March and in November.



Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*: Present all year.

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla*: Present all year.

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*: Present in January and February and between the end of October and the end of the year with a maximum of 27 birds in December.

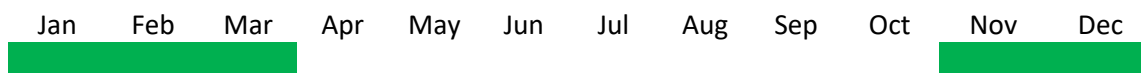


Spotless Starling *Sturnus unicolor*: Present all year.

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*: Present all year.

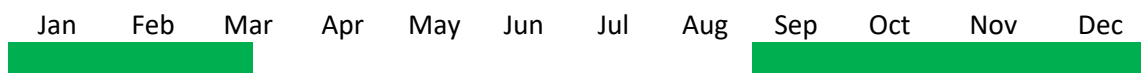
Redwing *Turdus iliacus*: 1 on the 16th of January and 1 on the 23rd of November.

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*: Present from January until the end of March, then from November until the end of the year.

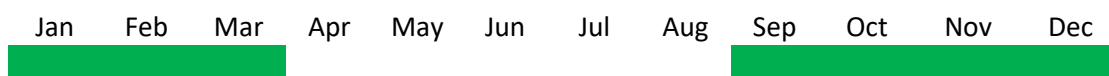


Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*: Present in September and October.

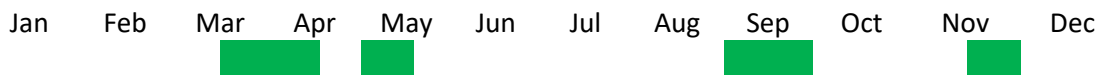
European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*: Present from January until mid-March, then from the end of September until the end of the year.



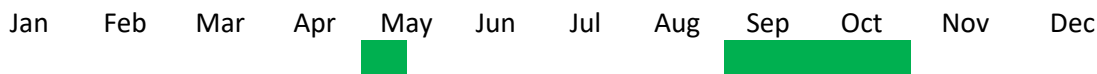
Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*: Present from January until the end of March. Then, from the beginning of September until the end of the year.



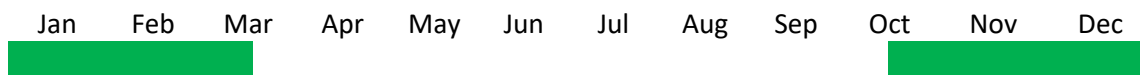
Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*: Detected from the 19th of March until the beginning of May, then recorded in September and 1 bird on the 19th of November, one of the latest records.



European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*: 1 sighting in May and then present in September and October.



Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*: Present between January and mid-March and then from the end of October until the end of the year.

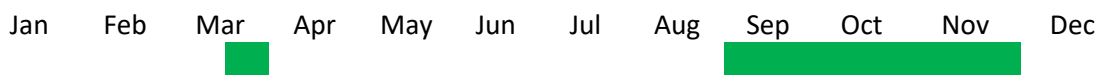


Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*: 2 sightings: 1 on the 4th and 1 on the 9th of October.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*: Recorded between the 13th of September and the 31st of October.

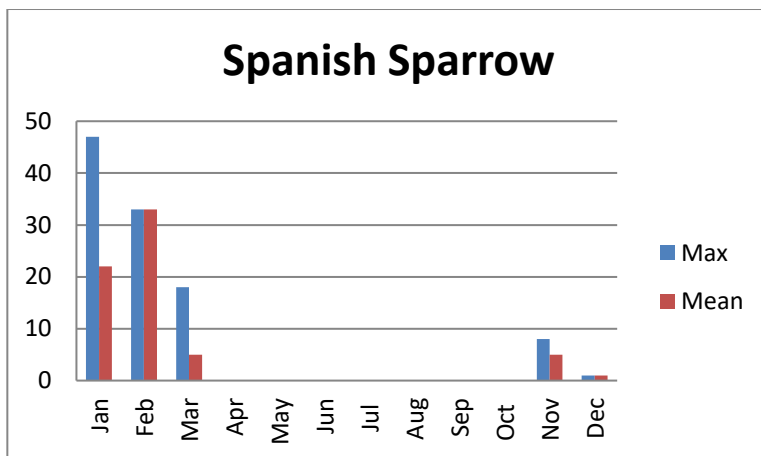
European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*: Present all year.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*: 1 on the 18th of March. Then, present from the beginning of September until the end of November.



House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*: Present all year.

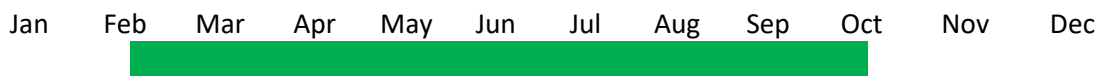
Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*: Present from January to mid-March, and from November until the end of the year, with a maximum of 47 birds on the 29th of January.



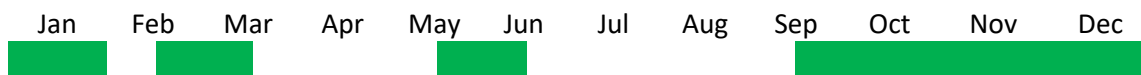
Rock Sparrow *Petronia petronia*: 1 on the 1st of February at Quinta da Rocha.

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*: Present all year.

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*: Present from the 26th of February until the beginning of October.



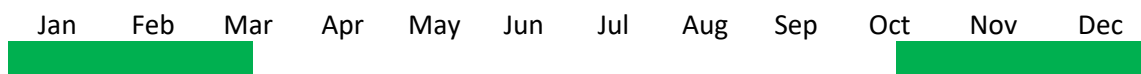
Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*: Seen between January and mid-March, in May and June, and between mid-September and the end of the year.



White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*: Present all year except in July.

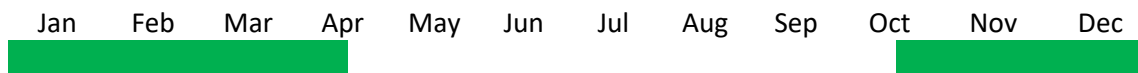
Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*: 1 bird on the 1st of May near Cruzinha.

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

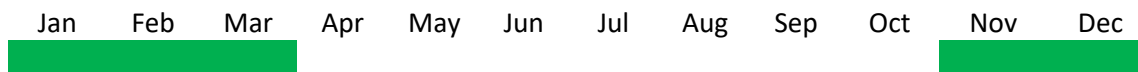


Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*: 3 sightings: 1 heard on the 8th of April at Cruzinha, 1 on the 13th of September at Abicada, 1 heard on the 1st of October near Cruzinha.

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*: Present between January and mid-April. Then, present from the end of October until the end of the year.



Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*: Present from January until the end of March, and then from November until the end of the year.



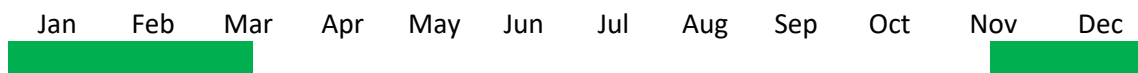
European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*: Present all year.

Common Linnet *Linaria cannabina*: Present all year.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*: Present all year.

European Serin *Serinus serinus*: Present all year.

Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus*: Present between January and mid-March and in November and December.



Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*: Present all year.

Common Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*: 1 to 2 birds in January and then 2 in November and December, all at Abicada.

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