



Systematic List of the Birds of Ria de Alvor 2021

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A total of 180 species of birds, out of the 320 seen, were registered in the Ria de Alvor Natura 2000 site in 2021, and no new species were added to the site list.

In 2021, another lockdown led to a decrease in the number of data collected in the first half of the year. Fortunately, the dyke was repaired and it was again possible to have a look at the salt pans.

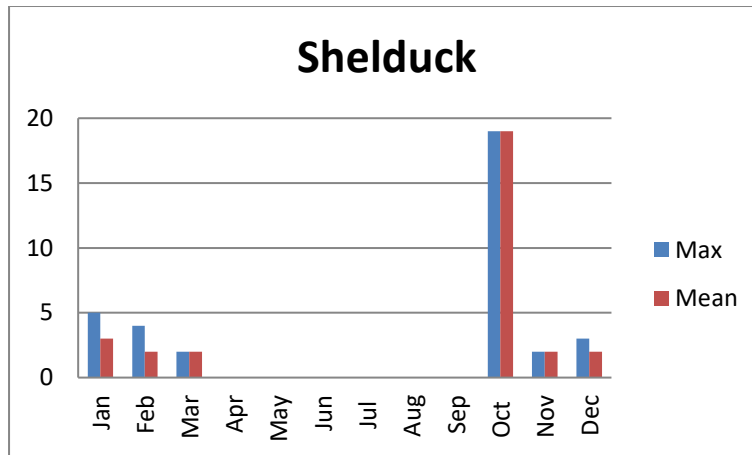
Highlights for 2021 were: the first Carrion Crow (*Corvus corone*) since 1998, various sightings of Crossbills (*Loxia curvirostra*), not seen since 2006, and a Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) which seems to have wintered in the area since 2019.

Other interesting records were: record numbers of Flamingos (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), Audouin's (*Ichthyiaetus audouinii*) and Mediterranean Gulls (*Ichthyiaetus melanocephalus*), very low numbers of Avocets (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) for the 3rd consecutive year and Western Subalpine Warbler (*Curruca iberiae*), the observation of Bonelli's Eagle (*Aquila fasciata*) and Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) for the 2nd consecutive year, the wintering of at least one Booted Eagle (*Hieraetus pennatus*) and 2 Ruffs (*Calidris pugnax*), the confirmed local breeding of Long-tailed Tit (*Aegithalos caudatus*) at Cruzinha or nearby, Coot (*Fulica atra*) and Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) also bred at Odiáxere salt pans and a mixed colony of Cattle (*Bubulcus ibis*) and Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*) was found at Vale de Lama, the continuous presence of Audouin's Gulls and observation of birds mating, the 1st Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*) since 2016, and the 1st year without Sedge Warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*) since 2014, without Dartford Warbler (*Curruca undata*) since 2011 and without Iberian Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus ibericus*) since 2015.

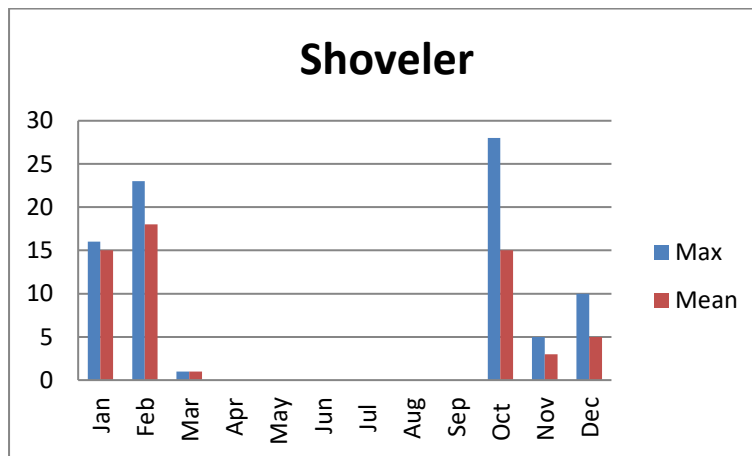
A few birds carrying rings were noted this year: Flamingo, Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus Himantopus*), Sanderling (*Calidris alba*), Audouin's Gull, Mediterranean Gull Yellow-legged Gull (*Larus michahellis*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), and Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*).

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 5 birds present between January and the end of March, then up to 19 birds between October and the end of the year.

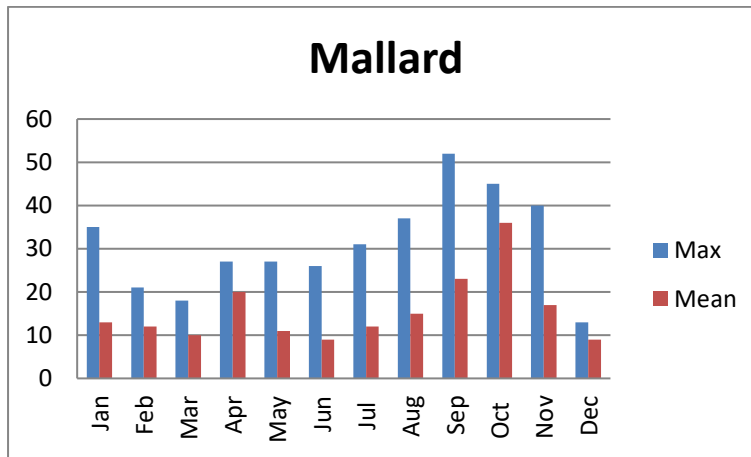


Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*: Present from January until mid-March, with a maximum of 23 in February at Abicada, then present from October until the end of the year (maximum of 28 in October).

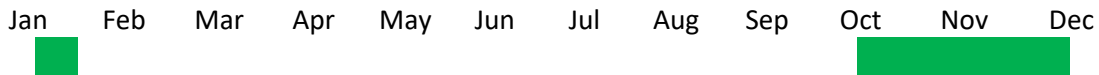


Gadwall *Mareca strepera*: 10 at the Western Marsh on the 27th of October and 2 at Montes de Alvor reservoir on the 22nd of November.

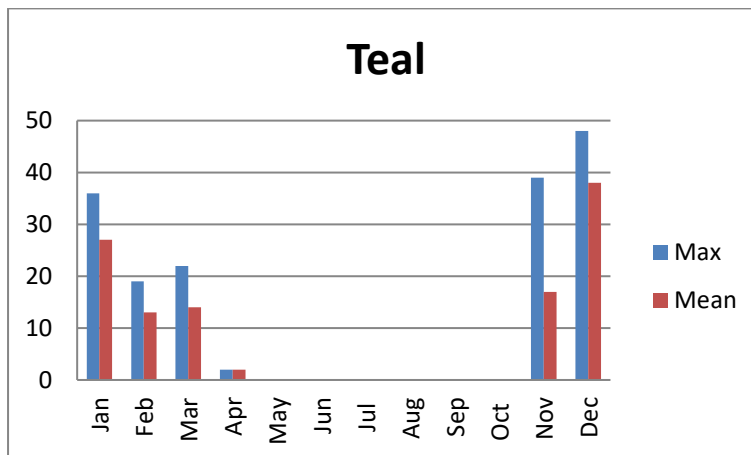
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*: Present all year.



Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*: 2 on the 31st of January at Montes de Alvor reservoir, and several sightings at the Western Marsh and Montes de Alvor reservoir from the end of October until the beginning of December, always 1 bird.



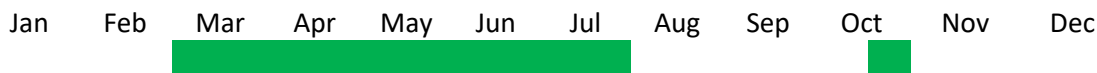
Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca*: Present from January until mid-April, with a maximum of 36 on the 11th of January at Abicada. Then, present from November until the end of the year, with a maximum of 48 on the 16th of December.



Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*: 1 female at the Western Marsh on the 31st of October.

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

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*: Heard between March and July. 1 bird heard at the end of October at Abicada.

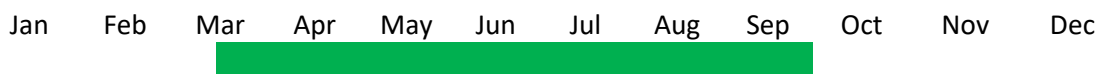


Red-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus ruficollis*: First heard on the 29th of April and then present until the end of September.

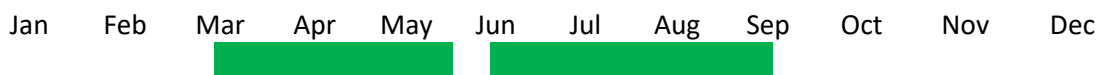
Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*: Present from the beginning of April (the first one was seen on the 2nd) until mid- August.



Common Swift *Apus apus*: Present from the end of March (the first one was seen on the 25th) until the end of September.



Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*: Present from mid-March (the first one was seen on the 19th) until the beginning of September.

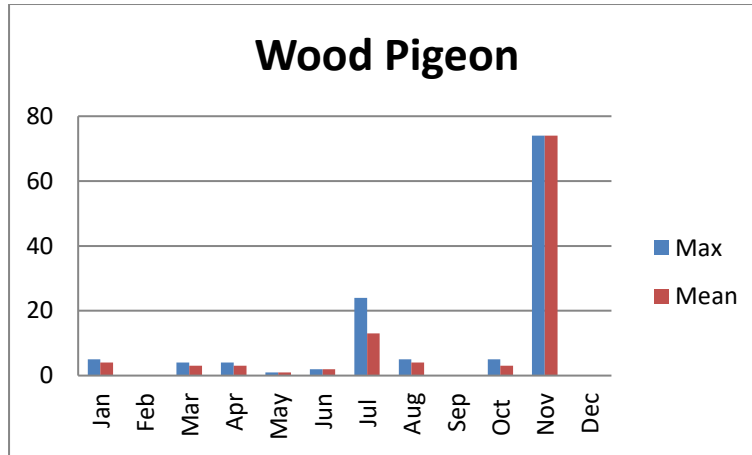


Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*: 1 heard on the 3rd of April.

Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*: Present all year.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas*: 2 on the 26th of October at Quinta da Rocha.

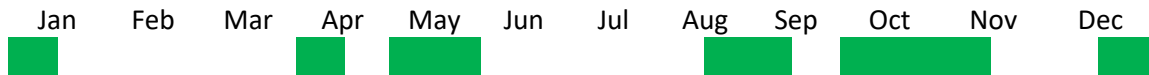
Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*: Recorded all year except in February, September and December, mostly at Abicada. Maximum of 74 birds in November.



European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*: 3 sightings between the end of July and mid-September, with a maximum of 3 on the 14th of September.

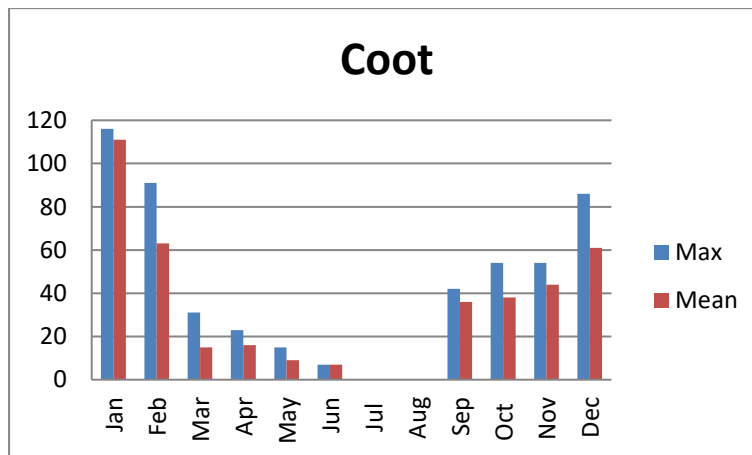
Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*: Present all year.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*: Heard or seen in January, April, May and between August and the end of the year.



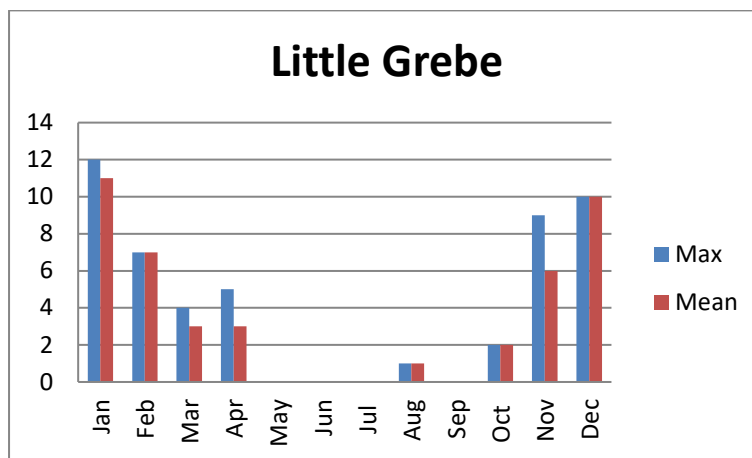
Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*: Present all year.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*: Seen all year, except in July and August, with bigger numbers in winter and autumn (maximum of 131 birds on the 1st of January and 86 on the 16th of December). This year, the species bred at Odiáxere salt pans.

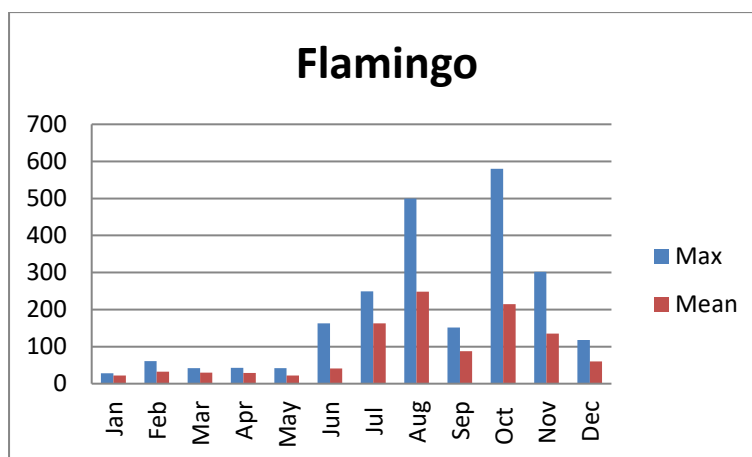


Western Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*: Seen at Abicada in January, April and May with a maximum of 3 birds in January.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*: Seen between January and the end of April, with a maximum of 13 at Montes de Alvor reservoir. Then, 1 bird seen in August, and present between October and the end of the year with a maximum of 10 at Montes de Alvor reservoir. In 2021, the species bred with success at Odiáxere salt pans.

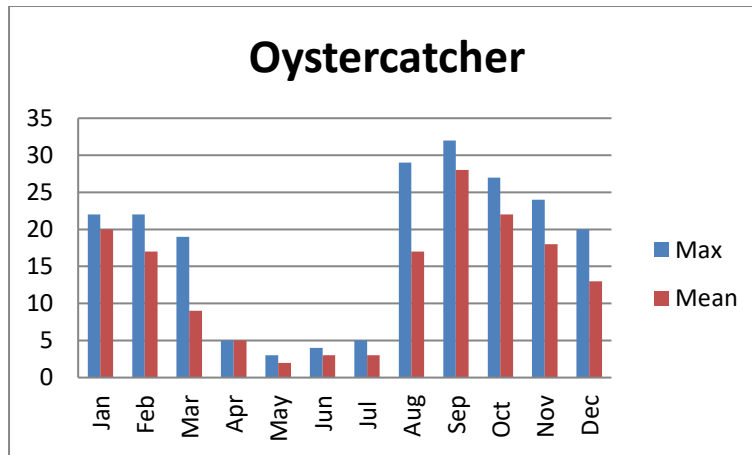


Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*: Present all year, with a maximum of 580 on the 7th of October at Abicada, a new record. 37 ringed birds have been controlled over the year (35 from Spain and 2 from France).

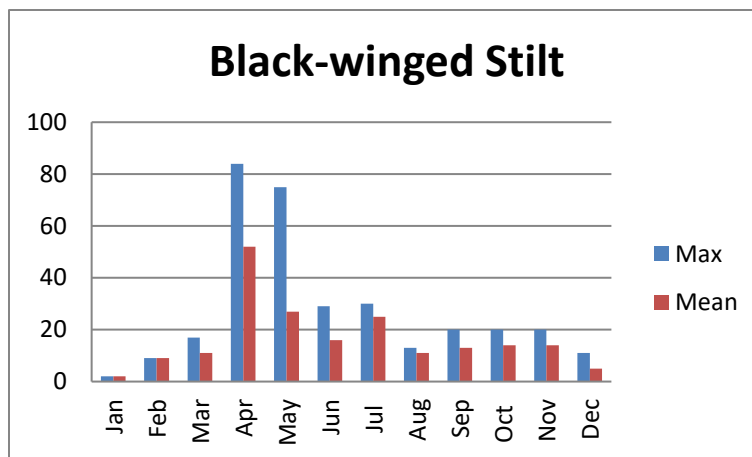


Eurasian Stone Curlew *Burhinus oedicanus*: Heard or seen between February and August and again in December.

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*: Present all year with maximums of 22 in January and February and 32 in September. 1 bird ringed in Spain was controlled during the year.

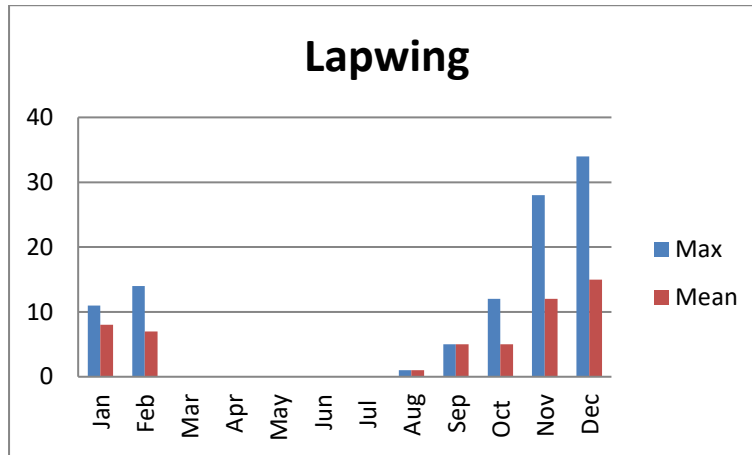


Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*: Present all year, with a maximum of 84 birds on the 25th of April at Odiáxere salt pans. 1 bird ringed in Spain was controlled during the year.

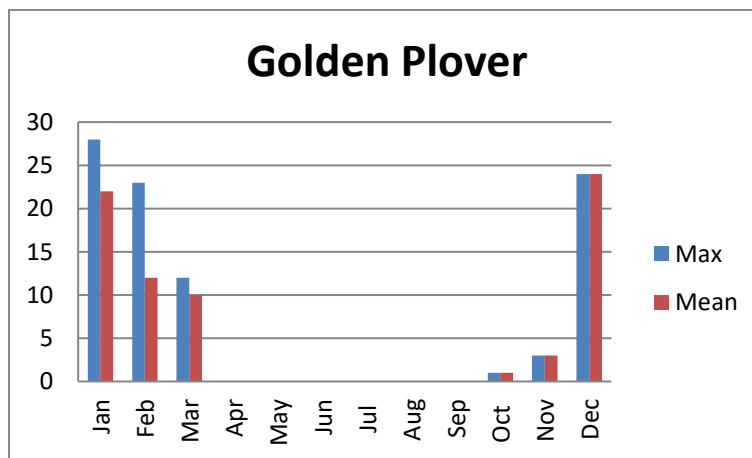


Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*: Present in May and June (2 birds at Odiáxere salt pans) and December (3 birds at Montes de Alvor reservoir).

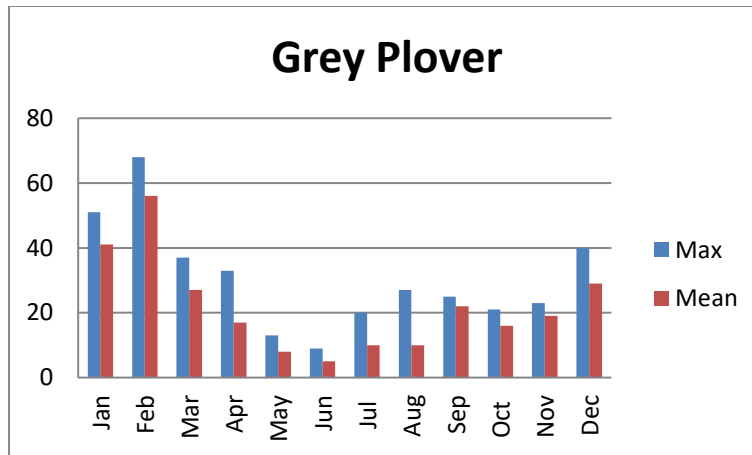
Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*: Present in January and February. 1 bird was seen on the 14th of August and then, present again from the end of September until the end of the year; maximum of 14 on the 7th of February and 34 on the 14th of December.



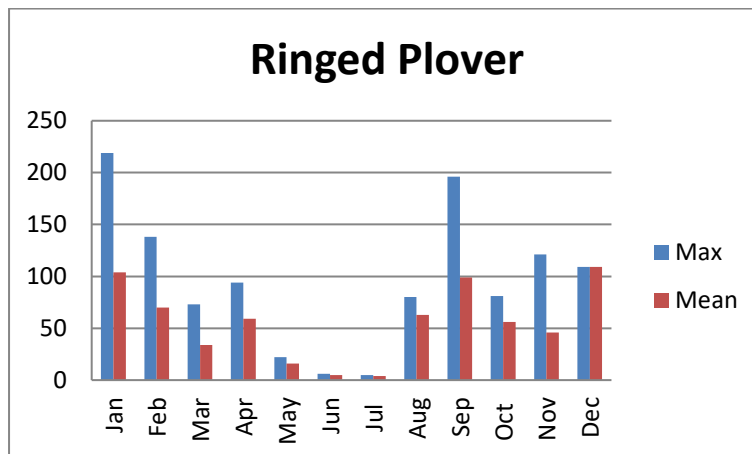
European Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*: Present in January and February, with a maximum of 19 birds on the 22nd of January. Then, present from the end of October until the end of the year with a maximum of 12 on the 7th of December at the Western Marsh.



Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*: Present all year, with maximums of 68 in February and 40 in December, both at the Western Marsh.

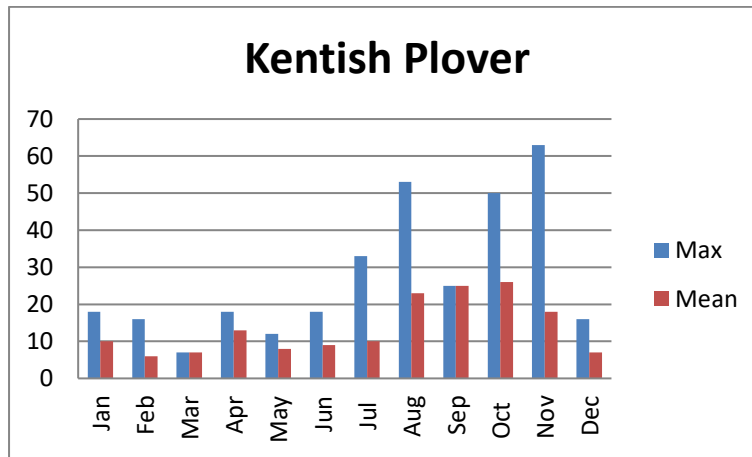


Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*: Present all year, with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 219 on the 22nd of January and 196 on the 11th of September).

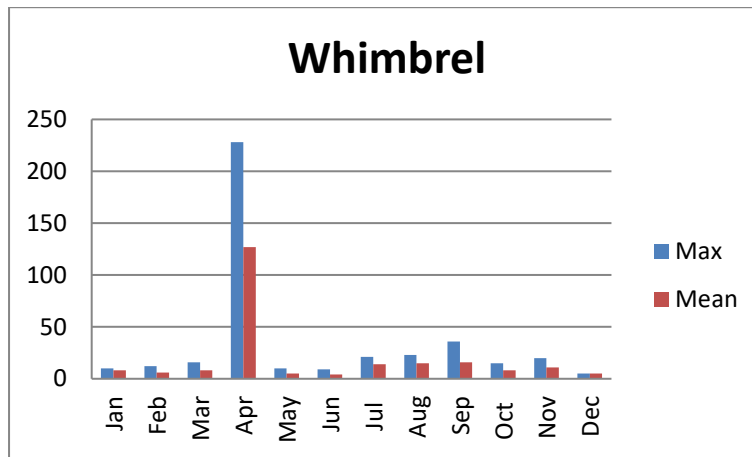


Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*: seen between April and July, with a maximum of 4 birds on the 2nd of May. All sightings from Odiáxere salt pans.

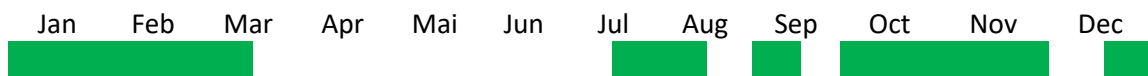
Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*: Present all year, with a maximum of 63 in November.



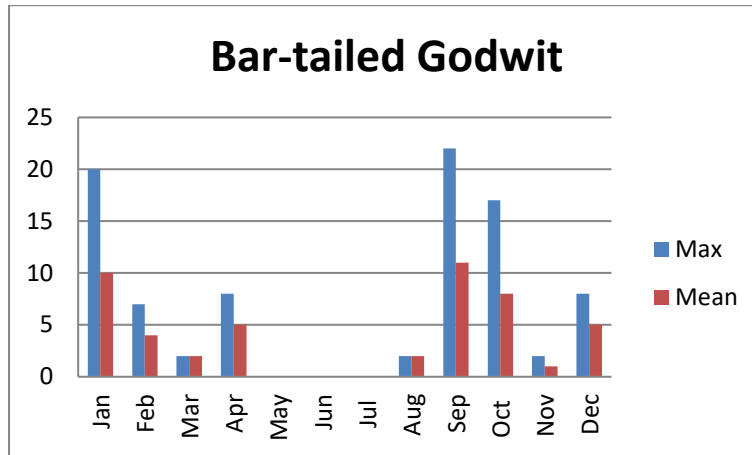
Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*: Present all year. Migration peaked in April with 228 on the 10th.



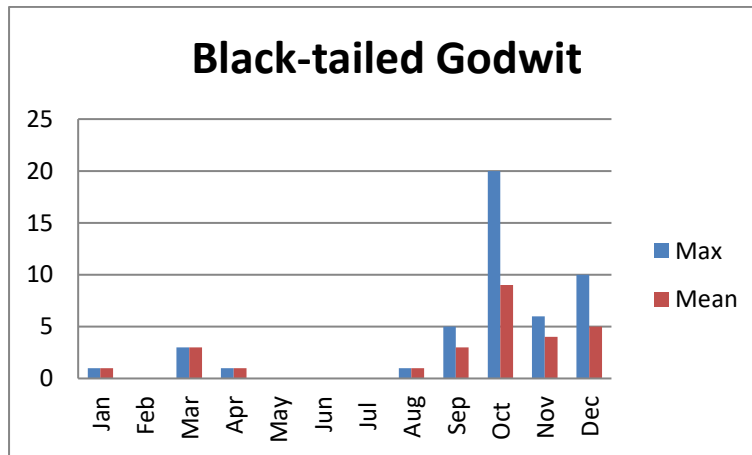
Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*: Maximum of 5 birds between January and mid-March and then present between July and the end of the year (maximum of 2 birds).



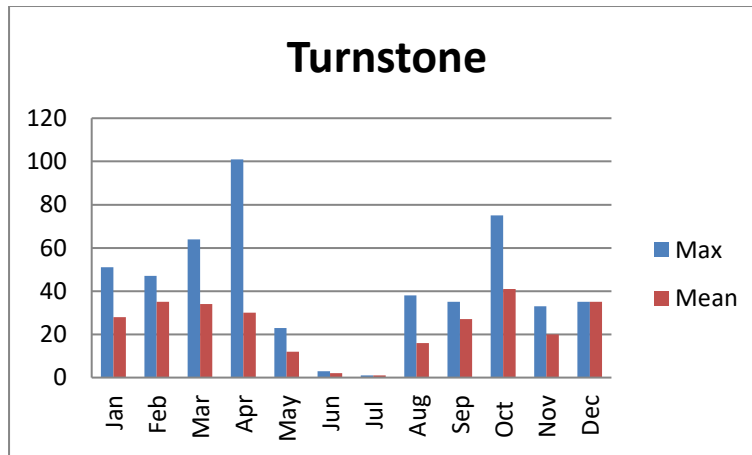
Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*: Present between January and the end of April (maximum of 20 on the 22nd of January), and between August and the end of the year (maximum of 22 of the 25th of September).



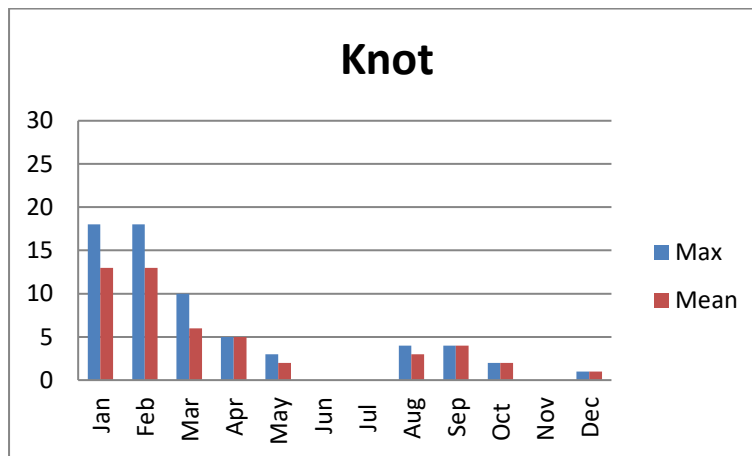
Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*: Present in January, March and April (maximum of 3 birds on the 21st of March at Abicada), and from August until the end of the year (a maximum of 20 on the 5th of October at the Western Marsh).



Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*: Present all year, with maximums of 64 on the 12th of March and 75 on the 7th of October.



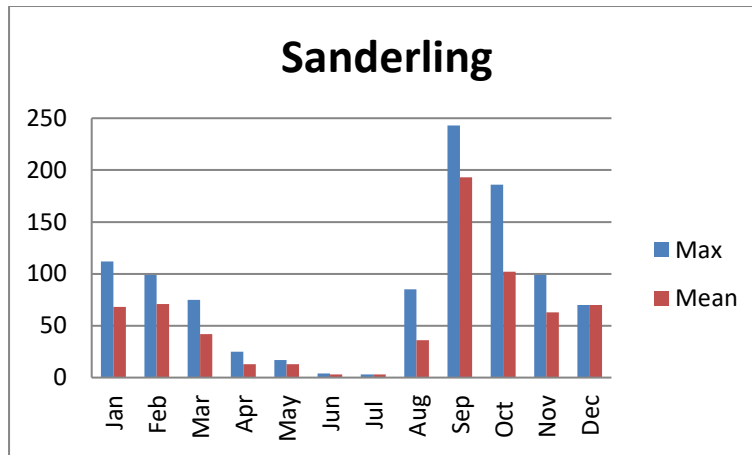
Red Knot *Calidris canutus*: Present all year except in June, July and November (maximum of 18 birds in January and February).



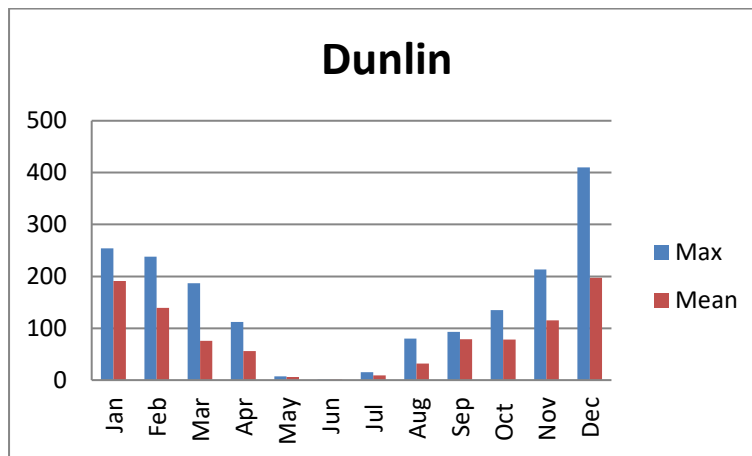
Ruff *Calidris pugnax*: Maximum of 3 birds seen between September and the end of the year at the Western Marsh.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*: 1 on the 10th of April, and seen between August and mid-October, maximum of 13 birds on the 13th of October at Abicada.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*: Present all year with maximums of 112 in January and 243 in September. 1 bird ringed in the Netherlands was controlled during the year.

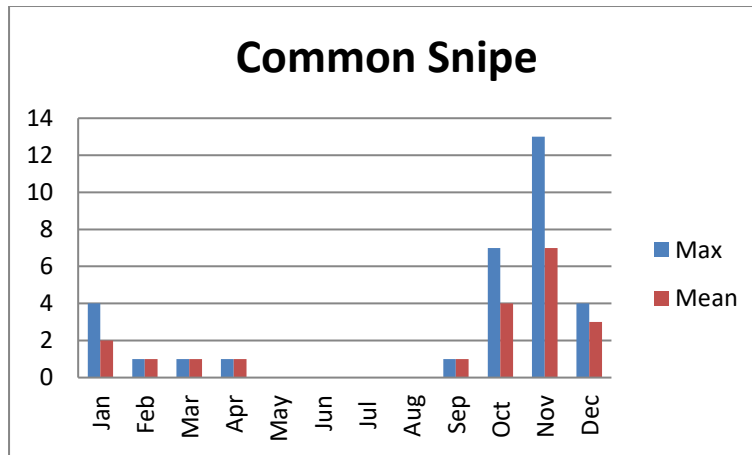


Dunlin *Calidris alpina*: Present all year, with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 254 on the 22nd of January and 410 on the 7th of December).

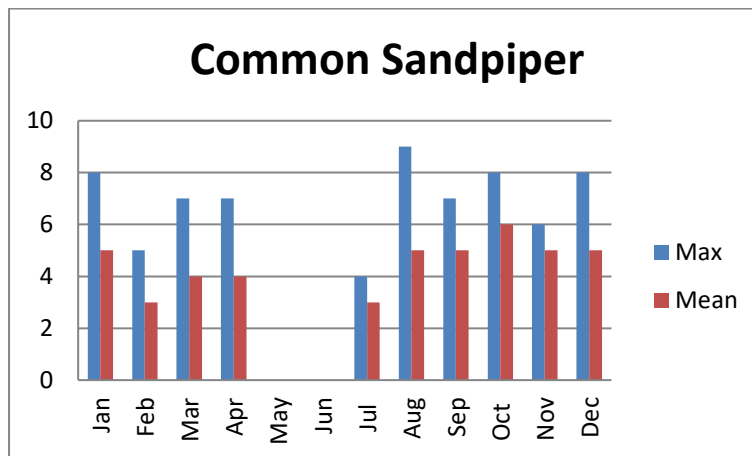


Little Stint *Calidris minuta*: Seen in January and between October and the end of the year with a maximum of 3 birds in November at Abicada.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*: Present from January to mid-April and then from September until the end of the year, with a maximum of 13 in November.



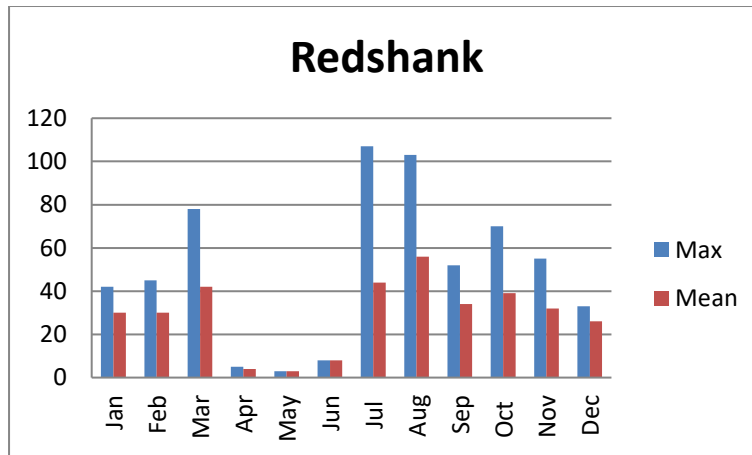
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*: Present all year, except in June with a maximum of 9 birds in August.



Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*: Between 1 and 3 birds present all year except in May and June.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*: 1 at Montes de Alvor reservoir between the 19th of November and the 8th of December.

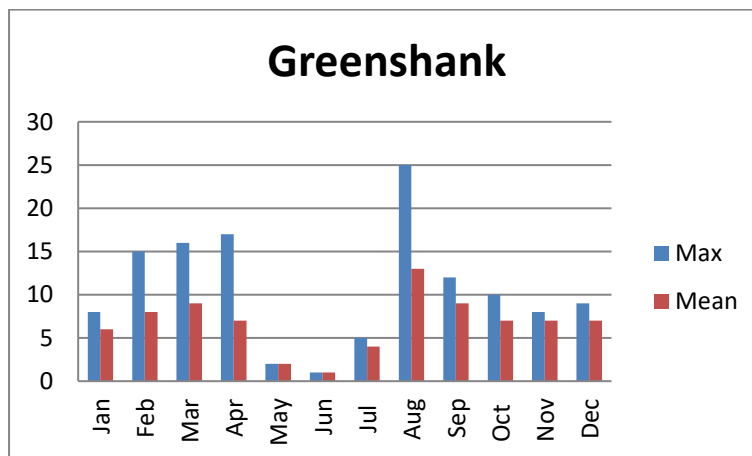
Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*: Present all year with maximums of 78 on the 6th of March and 107 on the 16th of July, both at the Western Marsh.



Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*: 2 sightings: 1 on the 19th of August and 1 on the 6th of September, both at the Western Marsh.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*: 3 sightings: 1 on the 9th of April and 1 on the 8th of August, both at the Western Marsh and 1 on the 3rd of November at Abicada.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: Present all year with a maximum of 25 birds on the 31st of August.

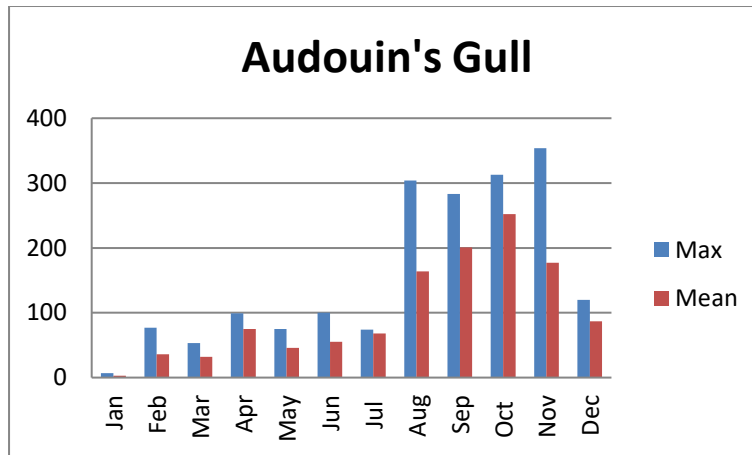


Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*: 12 on the 11th of June at Meia-Praia and 1 on the 14th of August at the estuary.

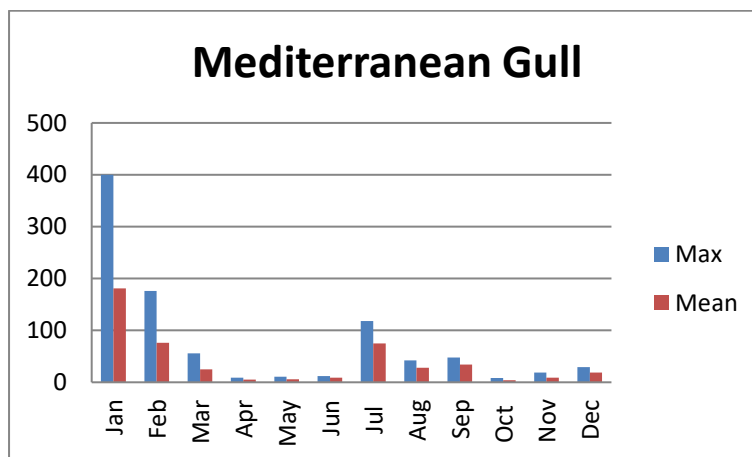
Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*: Present all year.

Audouin's Gull *Ichthyiaetus audouinii*: Present all year with a maximum of 354 birds on the 17th of November, a new record and a much higher number than the last one. In March and April, birds were

seen mating in the upper Western Marsh. 6 ringed birds were controlled during the year (3 from Portugal and 3 from Spain).



Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus*: Present all year with a maximum of 400 on the 26th of January. 15 ringed birds were controlled during the year (6 from Belgium, 1 from Hungary, 1 from Germany, 5 from France and 2 from the Netherlands).



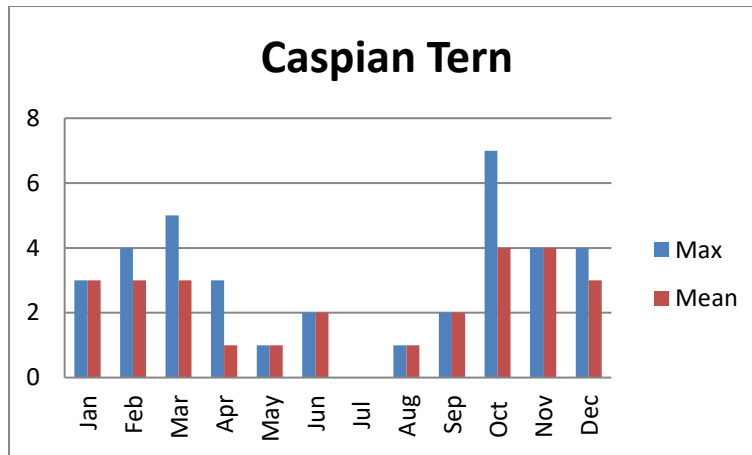
Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*: Seen between August and the end of the year, always only 1 bird.

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*: Present all year. In April, birds were seen mating in the saltpans. 6 ringed birds were found during the year (3 from Portugal and 3 from Spain).

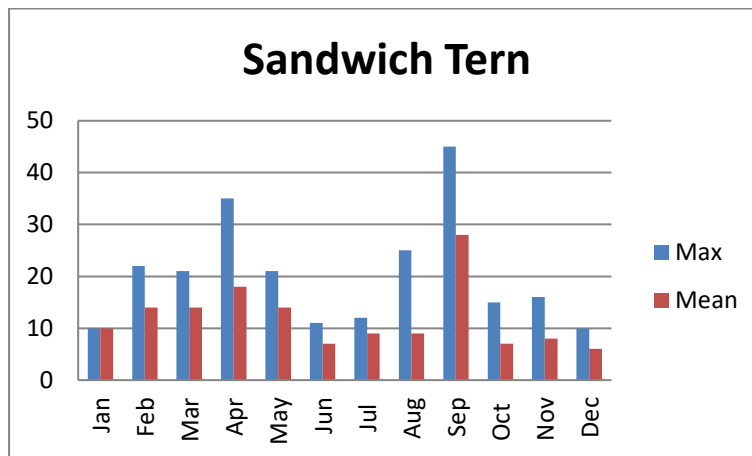
Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*: Present all year.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*: 2 sightings: 4 on the 30th of March and 2 on the 9th of July, both at the Western Marsh.

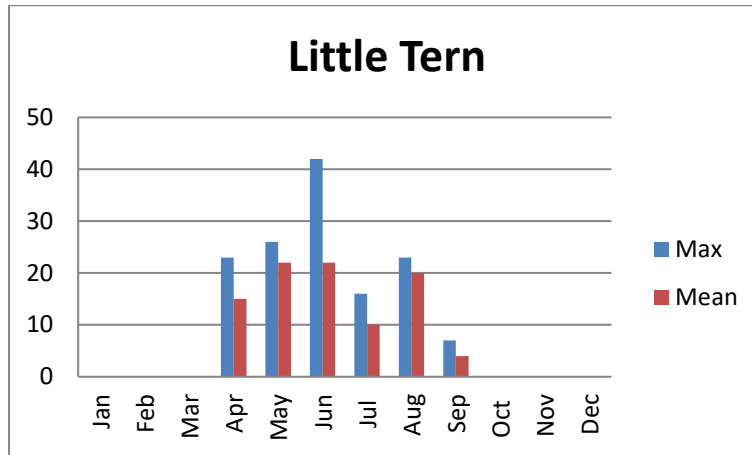
Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*: Present all year, except in July, with a maximum of 7 birds on the 5th of October.



Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*: Present all year, with a maximum of 45 birds on the 11th of September.



Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*: Present between mid-April (first birds seen on the 13th) and the end of September (last bird seen on the 25th), with a maximum of 42 on the 24th of June. At least 12 nests were counted at Alvor dunes.



Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*: 4 on the 31st of August.

Great Skua *Stercorarius skua*: seen in January and February from Alvor beach, with a maximum of 4 on the 20th of February.

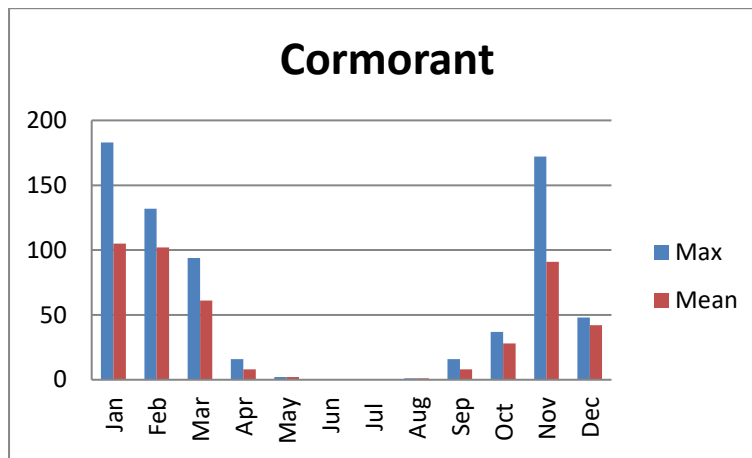
Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus*: About 100 seen on the 24th of January from Alvor beach.

Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*): Several sightings between mid-September and the beginning of November. Maximum of 8 birds on the 5th of October.

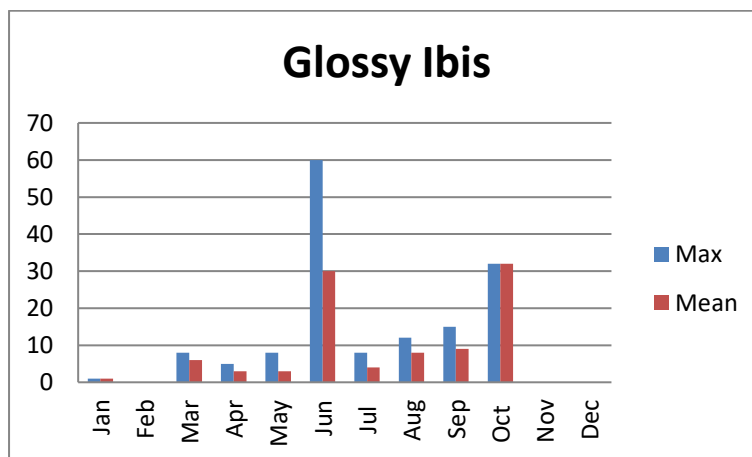
White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*: Present all year (maximum of 750 in August). 2 birds ringed in Portugal were controlled at the Western Marsh.

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*: Detected all year except in August.

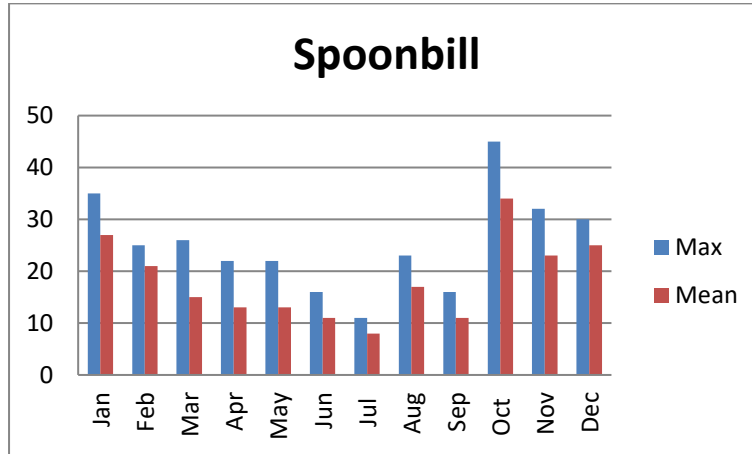
Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*: Present between January and mid-May, with a maximum of 183 on the 15th of January. Then, present from August until the end of the year with a maximum of 172 on the 17th of November.



Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*: A sighting in January and then, seen between March and October. Maximum of 60 birds on the 20th of June at Odiáxere salt pans.



Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*: Present all year with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximums of 26 in January and 45 in October, both at the Western Marsh). 5 ringed birds have been controlled over the year (4 from the Netherlands, 1 from Spain). Several of these birds are regular winter visitors.

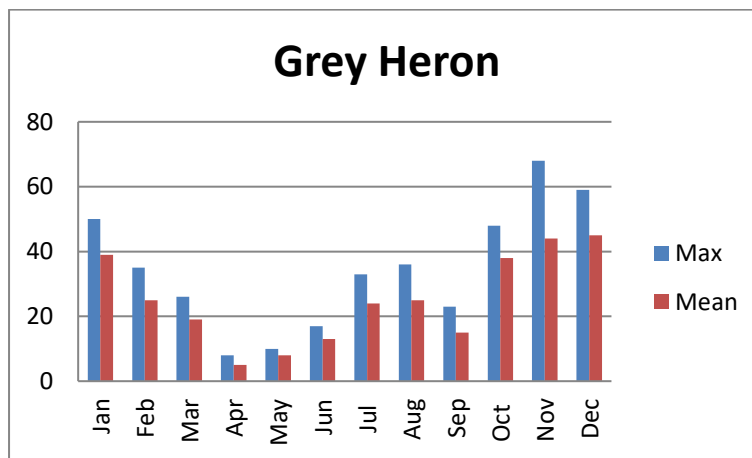


Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*: 1 on the 4th of April at the Western Marsh.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*: 1 on the 5th of October at the Western Marsh.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*: Present all year. A small mixed colony with Little Egret was discovered in a small pinewood at Vale de Lama.

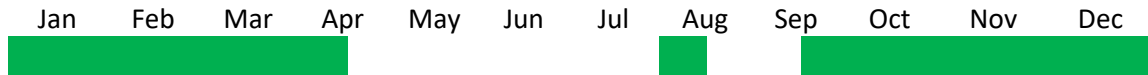
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*: Present all year with higher numbers in autumn and winter (maximum of 50 on the 22nd of January and 68 on the 17th of November, both at the Western Marsh).



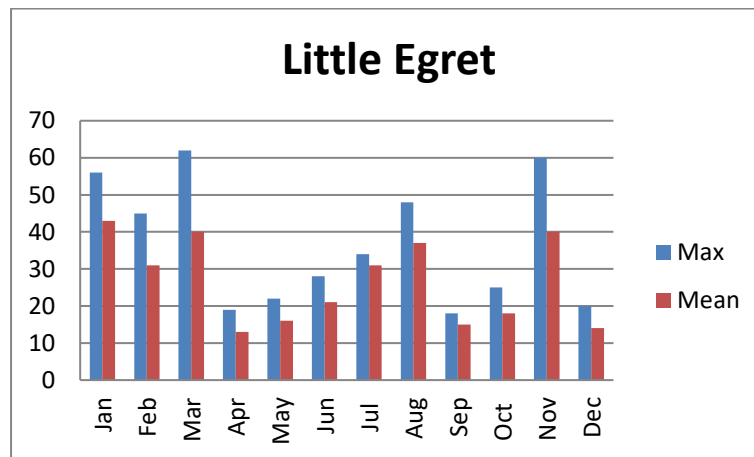
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*: Maximum of 2 birds recorded between April and the end of July at the Western Marsh and then a sighting of a bird on the 6th of September.



Great White Egret *Ardea alba*: 1 bird seen between January and April and between August and the end of the year. A 2nd bird was reported in November and December.



Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*: Present all year; maximum of 62 at the Western Marsh on the 6th of March. A small mixed colony with Cattle Egret was discovered in a small pinewood at Vale de Lama.



Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*: Seen all year, maximum of 4 birds in October.

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*: Seen all year except in July and September.

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*: 3 at Cruzinha on the 29th of September.

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*: About 100 seen from the Western Marsh on the 15th of October, 120 over Cruzinha on the 21st of October and 1 at Vale de Lama on the 7th of December.

Short-toed Snake Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*: First sighting on the 13th of March, then seen until the end of November.



Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*: Seen all year, except in August and December (always 1 bird).

Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciata*: A 2nd year bird over Quinta da Rocha on the 12th of March.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*: 3 sightings: 1 on the 20th of July, 1 on the 30th of September and 1 on the 15th of October, all at Quinta da Rocha.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*: 1 seen at Abicada on the 15th of August and 1 juvenile on the 4th of November near Cruzinha.

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

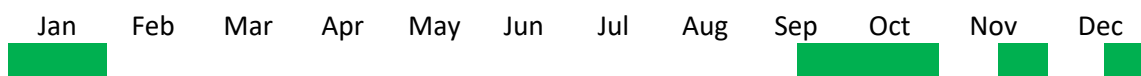
Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*: seen in October (3 sightings).

Red Kite *Milvus milvus*: 1 on the 12th October over Quinta da Rocha, 2 on the 27th of October over Horta 2 and 1 on the 1st of November at Abicada.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*: Seen in April, May, July and August, always 1 bird.



Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*: Present in January and then from the end of September until the end of the year.



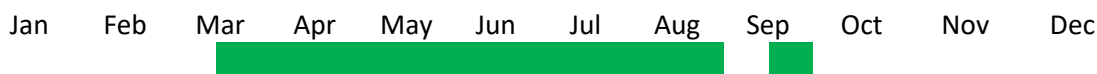
Little Owl *Athene noctua*: Present all year.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*: Present all year.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*: Present all year except in April and June.



European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*: Present from the 27th of March until the end of August. 1 bird was seen on the 27th of September.



Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*: 3 sightings during the year: 1 on the 30th of September, 1 on the 13th of October and 2 on the 22nd of November.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dryobates minor*: Seen all year except in August and November.



Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*: Seen all year.

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

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*: Present all year.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*: Seen all year except in February, May and July.

Cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus*: 1 caught at Cruzinha on the 28th of January.

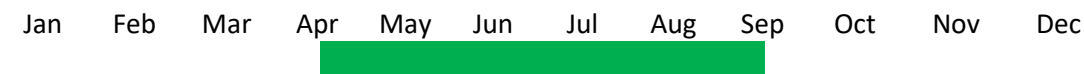
Iberian Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis*: Recorded in June, September, October and December.



Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*: Present from the 17th of March until the end of September.



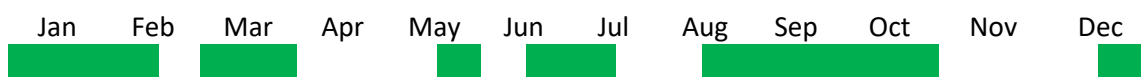
Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*: First detected on the 23rd of April, then present until the beginning of September.



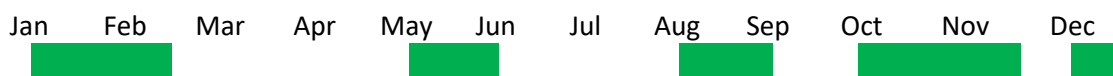
Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*: 2 on the 25th of October and 1 on the 3rd of December.

Iberian Magpie *Cyanopica cooki*: Present all year.

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*: Seen all year except in April and November. Maximum of 4 birds on the 19th of June.



Western Jackdaw *Coloeus monedula*: Seen in January and February, May, June, and between August and the end of the year. Maximum of 18 birds on the 22nd of January.



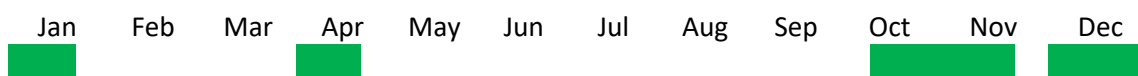
Carrion Crow *Corvus corone*: 1 at the Western Marsh on the 23rd of March.

Northern Raven *Corvus corax*: 2 on the 15th of August at Abicada.

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

Great Tit *Parus major*: Present all year.

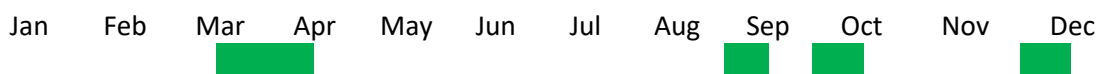
Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*: Present in January, 1 bird on the 4th of April at Abicada and then from the end of October until the end of the year.



Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*: Present all year.

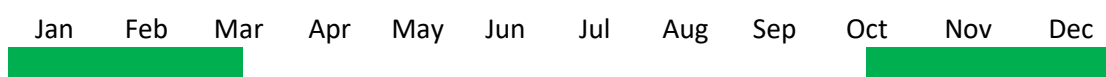
Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*: Several sightings between the end of March and the end of June.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*: Seen in March, April, September, October and December.

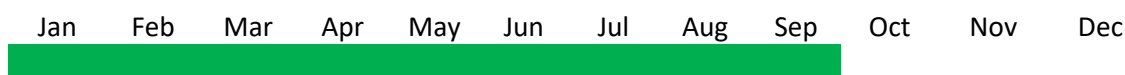


Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*: Present all year.

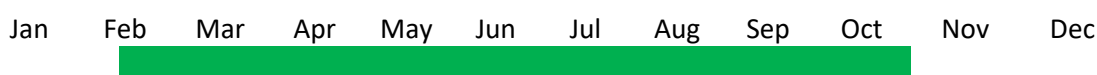
Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*: Present from January until mid-March and then from the end of October until the end of the year.



Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*: Present from the 9th of January until the end of September.

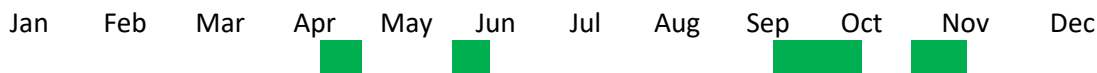


Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*: Present from the 25th of February (1 bird) until the end of October.



Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*: Recorded all year, except in June and July, mostly at Abicada.

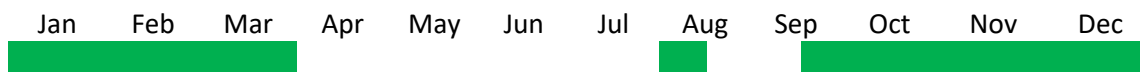
Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*: Seen in April, June and between September and November. Adults and juveniles were seen in April at Cruzinha.



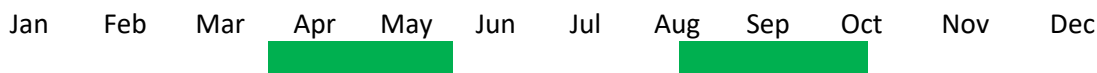
Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli*: Only recorded at the beginning of April.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*: 3 on the 1st of April and then, present in September and October.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*: Present from January until the end of March, 1 on the 12th of August caught at Cruzinha, and then present from the end of September until the end of the year.



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



Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*: Present between mid-July and mid-September.

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

Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*: 1 caught and ringed at Cruzinha on the 1st of October.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*: Present all year.

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*: Seen all year except in May and August.

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*: Recorded from mid-September to mid-October.

Sardinian Warbler *Curruca melanocephala*: Present all year.

Western Subalpine Warbler *Curruca iberiae*: 1 on the 18th of March.

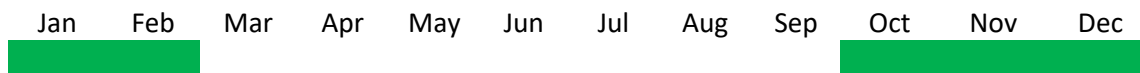
Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis*: 1 bird on the 31st of March and recorded between mid-August and the end of September.

Common Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla*: Present in January and February.

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*: Recorded all year, except in August.

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

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*: Present in January and February and between October and the end of the year with a maximum of 30 birds in November.

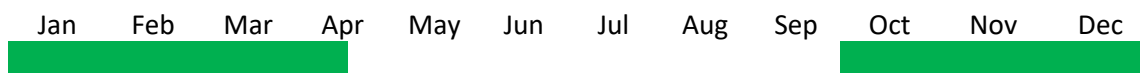


Spotless Starling *Sturnus unicolor*: Present all year.

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*: Present all year.

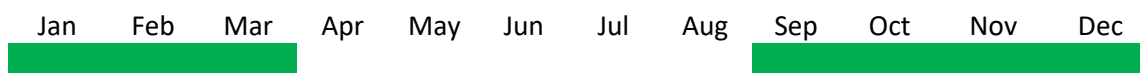
Redwing *Turdus iliacus*: 1 on the 28th of October and 1 on the 17th of November.

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

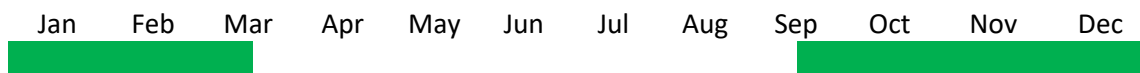


Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*: 1 on the 31st of March and present between mid-September and mid-October.

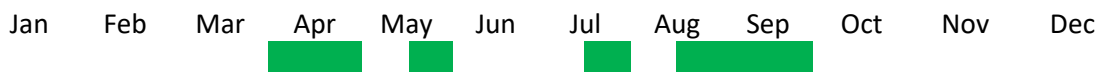
European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*: Present from January until the end of March, then from the end of September until the end of the year.



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

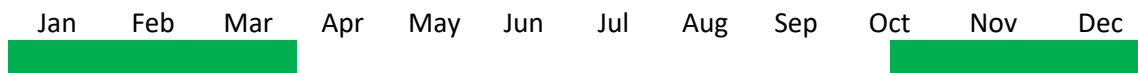


Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*: Detected from the 1st of April until the end of May, then recorded from the end of July until the end of September.



European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*: Present from the end of August to mid-October.

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



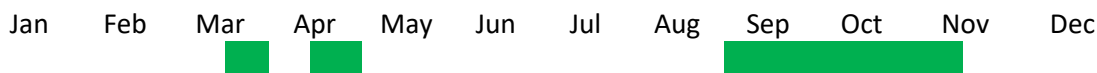
Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*: Recorded in September and the first half of October.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*: 1 at Mexilhoeira Grande on the 14th of February.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*: Recorded between the 15th of September and the 12th of October.

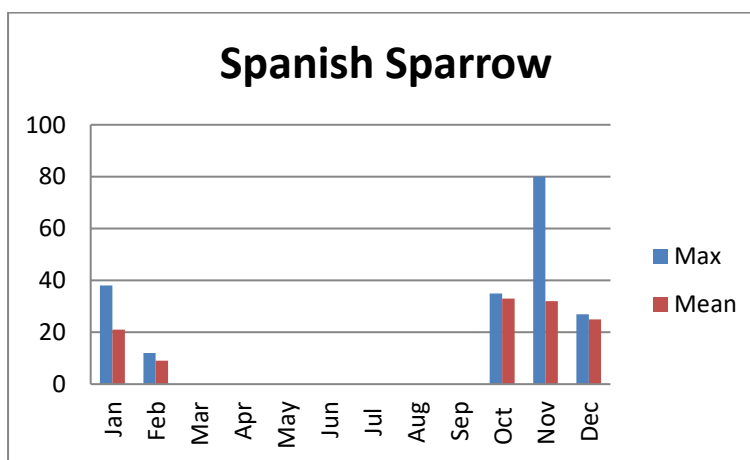
European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*: Present all year.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*: Seen in March and April. Then, present from September until the beginning of November.



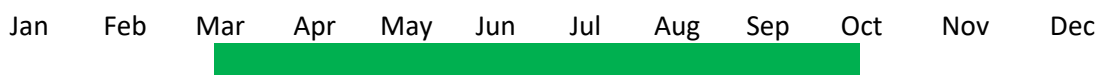
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*: Present all year.

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*: Present in January and February, and from mid-October until the end of the year, with a maximum of 80 birds on the 3rd of November.

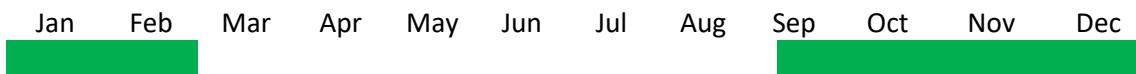


Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*: Present all year.

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*: Present from the 20th of March until mid-October. 2 birds belonging to the *flavissima* subspecies were seen near Cruzinha on the 30th of March.



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

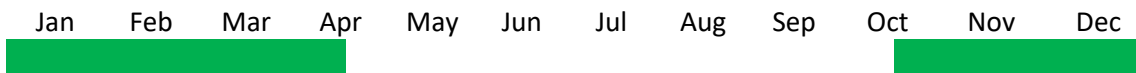


White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*: Present all year.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*: 1 on the 15th of August at Abicada

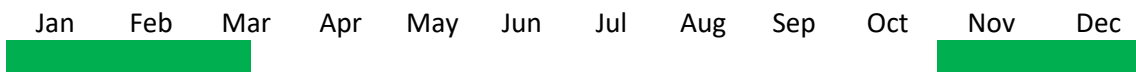
Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*: 1 bird on the 3rd of April at Alvor dunes.

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

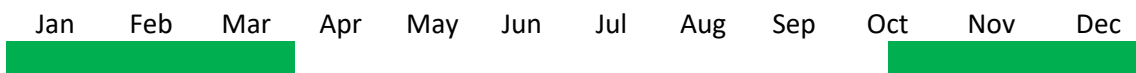


Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*: 1 heard on the 30th of March at Cruzinha.

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



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



Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*: 1 heard on the 26th of January at Cruzinha and 1 on the 2nd of November at Abicada.

European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*: Present all year.

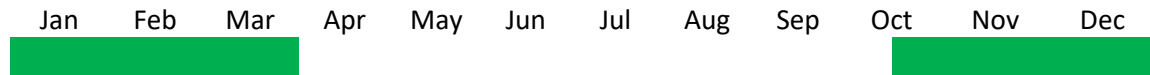
Common Linnet *Linaria cannabina*: Present all year.

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*: Several sightings between the end of September (1 bird caught and ringed at Cruzinha on the 29th) and the end of October (1 bird heard at Abicada on the 29th). At least 12 birds were seen at Cruzinha on the 12th of October. Many birds were seen in the south of Portugal in 2021.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*: Present all year.

European Serin *Serinus serinus*: Present all year.

Eurasian Siskin *Spinus spinus*: Present between January and the end of March and between the end of October and the end of the year.



Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*: Present all year.

Common Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*: 1 on the 29th of December at Abicada.

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