

Azores

Trip report 7-14 November 2000

Report from a birdwatching trip to the Azores together with Bo Carlsson, Mats Nilsson and Ingegerd Rodebrand. Most of the time was spent in São Miguel, one and a half day in Terceira.

More or less common species (names in Swedish, Latin and English):

Gulnäbbad lira *Calonectris diomedea* (**Cory's Shearwater**) – up to 1.000 per hour at Mosteiros, São Miguel, Mindre lira *Puffinus puffinus* (**Manx Shearwater**), Gråhäger *Ardea cinerea* (**Grey Heron**), Ormvråk *Buteo buteo* (**Common Buzzard**), Småspov *Numenius phaeopus phaeopus* (**Whimbrel**) – all checked were of the European race, Roskarl *Arenaria interpres* (**Ruddy Turnstone**), Gråtrut *Larus cachinnans atlantis* (**Herring Gull**), Tamduva/Klippduva *Columba livia* (**Rock/Feral Pigeon**), Ringduva *Columba palumbus* (**Common Wood Pigeon**), Forsärla *Motacilla cinerea* (**Grey Wagtail**), Rödhake *Erithacus rubecula* (**European Robin**), Koltrast *Turdus merula* (**Common Blackbird**), Svarthätta *Sylvia atricapilla* (**Blackcap**), Kungsfågel *Regulus regulus* (**Goldcrest**), Stare *Sturnus vulgaris* (**Common Starling**), Gråsparv *Passer domesticus* (**House Sparrow**), Bofink *Fringilla coelebs* (**Common Chaffinch**), Kanarifågel *Serinus canaria* (**Atlantic Canary**), Grönfink *Carduelis chloris* (**European Greenfinch**), and Steglits *Carduelis carduelis* (**European Goldfinch**).

Others:

Dvärglira *Puffinis assimilis* (**Little Shearwater**). Mosteiros: 2 Nov. 8, 1 Nov. 11. and 1 Nov. 13. Ponta de Albufeira: 6 Nov. 12.

Öronskarv *Phalacrocorax auritus* (**Double-crested Cormorant**). Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira: 1 juv. Nov. 9 (a very light individual standing on an unaccessibly pier). Lagoa das Furnas 1 juv. Nov. 12 (a normal individual, that took height and flew away towards the south coast).

Snöhäger *Egretta thula* (**Snowy Egret**). Mosteiros: 1 Nov. 11 nov.

Silkehäger *Egretta garzetta* (**Little Egret**). Mosteiros: 2-3 Nov. 8, 1 Nov. 13, Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira: 3 Nov. 9.

Kanadagås *Branta canadensis* (**Canada Goose**). Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira: 1 flying towards E Nov. 9.

Bläsand *Anas penelope* (**Eurasian Wigeon**). Lagoa Azul: 2 Nov. 8, 3 Nov. 11, and 4 Nov. 13. Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 2 Nov. 10.

Snatrand *Anas strepera* (**Gadwall**). Lagoa Azul: 1 male and 1 female Nov. 8, 11 and 13.

Kricka *Anas crecca* (**Common Teal**). Lagoa Azul: 1 Nov. 8, 13 Nov. 11 (3 of these were male Eurasian Teals *Anas crecca crecca*) and 11 Nov. 13.

Skedand *Anas clypeata* (**Northern Shoveler**). Lagoa Azul : 1 female Nov. 8, 11 and 13.

Ringand *Aythya collaris* (**Ring-necked Duck**). Lagoa Azul: 1 male and 1 female Nov. 8 and 11. 1 male and 2 females Nov. 13.

Vigg *Aythya fuligula* (**Tufted Duck**). Lagoa Azul: 1 female Nov. 8 och 11.

Bergand *Aythya marila* (**Greater Scaup**). Lagoa Azul: 1 male and 1 female Nov. 8, 11 and 13.

Aythya sp. 3 flying E, south of Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira, Nov. 9.

Vaktel *Coturnix coturnix* (**Common Quail**). Southwest of Serra do Cume, Terceira: 1 Nov.9.

Rörhöna *Gallinula chloropus* (**Common Moorhen**). Lagoa Azul: 2 Nov. 8, 11 and 13. Praia da Vitoria, Terceira: 2 Nov. 9.

Större strandpipare *Charadrius hiaticula* (**Common Ringed Plover**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 3 Nov. 9, 2 Nov. 10.

Svartbent strandpipare *Charadrius alexandrinus* (**Kentish Plover**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: About 80 Nov. 9-10.

Kustpipare *Pluvialis squatarola* (**Grey Plover**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 7 Nov. 10.

Kustsnäppa *Calidris canutus* (**Red Knot**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: About 20 Nov. 9-10. Mosteiros: 2 Nov. 8, 11 and 13.

Sandlöpare *Calidris alba* (**Sanderling**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: About 80 Nov. 9-10.

Småsnäppa *Calidris minuta* (**Little Stint**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 1 Nov. 9.

Dvärgsnäppa *Calidris minutilla* (**Least Sandpiper**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 1 Nov. 9-10.

Spovsnäppa *Calidris ferruginea* (**Curlew Sandpiper**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 3 Nov. 9-10.

Kärnsnäppa *Calidris alpina* (**Dunlin**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 1 Nov. 9-10.

Gluttsnäppa *Tringa nebularia* (**Common Greenshank**). Lagoa Azul: 2 Nov. 8, 11 and 13.

Fläckdrillsnäppa *Actitis macularia* (**Spotted Sandpiper**). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 1 juv. Nov. 9.

Sydpolslabb *Catharacta maccormicki* (**South polar Skua**). Mosteiros: 1 light adult against W Nov. 13.

Skrattmås *Larus ridibundus* (**Black-headed Gull**). Capelas: 1 Nov. 8. Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira: About 130 Nov. 9. Angra do Heroísmo: About 30 Nov. 10.
Havstrut *Larus marinus* (**Great Black-backed Gull**). Ponta Delgada: About 10 Nov. 8 and 13.
Fisktärna *Sterna hirundo* (**Common Tern**). Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira: 7 Nov. 9, 5 Nov. 10.
Tornuggla *Tyto alba* (**Barn Owl**). Solar do Conde, Capelas: 1 Nov. 11-13.
Helenaastrild *Estrilda astrild* (**Common Waxbill**). Ponta das Contendas, Terceira: 2 Nov. 9. Lagoa Azul: 3+2 Nov. 11.
Domherre *Purrrhula pyrrhula murina* (**Azores Bullfinch**). Serra da Tronqueira: About 10 Nov. 12.
Snösparv *Plectrophenax nivalis* (Snow Bunting). Cabo da Praia, Terceira: 1 Nov. 9.

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