

## Tenerife trip report

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I spent the first two weeks of November in Tenerife, together with my wife and two kids. The fact that we actually got married in Puerto de la Cruz on the 6th November didn't make birdwatching top priority on this trip. Even though I spent some mornings alone in the field.

The weather was quite a lot warmer than usually in november - up to 35 C at daytime - and due to the fact that very little rain had fallen during the year there was very little, or no, water in the ponds around the island.

### **Locations visited:**

4 November Masca, Punta del Teno  
5 November Medano, Golf del Sur(GdS), Punta de la Rasca(PdIR), Roquito del Fraile(RdF)  
6 November Las Lajas(LL), Puerto de la Cruz  
8 November Gomera with Bar la Carbonnera(BIC), El Cedro(EC)  
11 November Los Rodeos, Tejina pond  
12 November Punta de la Rasca(PdIR), Roquito del Fraile(RdF)

Blacknecked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*: 1 at Roquito del Fraile 12/11  
Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea borealis*: abundant at sea  
Little Shearwater *Puffinus assimilis baroli*: 2 at Punta de la Rasca 5/11  
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*: several places  
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*: several places  
Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*: 1 at Medano, 3 at RdF  
Teal *Anas crecca*: 2 at Roquito del Fraile 12/11  
Lesser Scaup\* *Aythya affinis*: 4 - 5 at RdF 12/11  
Buzzard *Buteo buteo insularum*: not uncommon  
Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus canariensis*: common  
Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*: 1 1y at Golf del Sur 5/11  
Barbary Partridge *Alectoris barbara*: 1 at Punta del Teno 4/11  
Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*: 15 at Tejina Pond 11/11  
Coot *Fulica atra*: 25 at Roquito del Fraile  
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*: 3 at Roquito del Fraile  
Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*: 1 at PdIR, 2 at RdF  
American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*: 1 1y at RdF 12/11  
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*: 2 at Punta de la Rasca 12/11  
Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*: 2 at Golf del Sur 5/11  
Sanderling *Calidris alba*: 20+ at Medano  
Little Stint *Calidris minuta*: 2 at Roquito del Fraile 12/11  
Dunlin *Calidris alpina*: 1 at Roquito del Fraile 12/11  
Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*: 1 at Tejina pond 11/11  
Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*: 20+ at Golf del Sur  
Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: 2 at Medano 5/11  
Common Sandpiper *Actites hypoleuca*: 1 at Medano, 2 at GdS, 1 at RdF, 1 at PdIR

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*: 1 at RdF, 1 at PdIR  
 Great Skua *Catharacta skua*: 2 at Punta de la Rasca 12/11  
 Blackheaded gull *Larus ridibundus*: not uncommon  
 Lesser Blackbacked Gull *Larus fuscus*: common  
 Yellowlegged Gull *Larus cachinnans atlantis*: common  
 Greater Blackbacked Gull *Larus marinus*: 1 at Los Christianos 1/11  
 Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*: several places  
 Rock Dove *Columba livia*: common  
 Bolle's Pigeon *Columba bollii*: 10 at BIC, 10+ at EC 8/11  
 Laurel Pigeon *Columba junoniae*: 1 at BIC, 2 at EC 8/11  
 Collared dove *Streptopelia decaocta*: common Los Christianos  
 Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus*: 2 at Puerto de la Cruz 6/11  
 Plain Swift *Apus unicolor*: 10+ at Los Americanos  
 Hoopoe *Upupa epops*: common  
 Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopus major canariensis*: 5+ at Las Lajas 6/11  
 Lesser Shorttoed Lark *Calandrella rufescens*: 2 at Los Rodeos 11/11  
 Berthelot's Pipit *Anthus berthelotii*: common  
 Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea canariensis*: several places  
 White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*: 1 at Punta de la Rasca 5/11  
 Robin *Erithacus rubecula*: 1 at Gomera 8/11  
 Blackbird *Turdus merula cabrerae*: not uncommon  
 Spectacled Warbler *Sylvia conspicillata orbitalis*: several places  
 Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala*: 1 at Gomera, 1 at GdS  
 Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla heineken*: not uncommon  
 Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita canariensis*: abundant  
 Tenerife goldcrest *Regulus teneriffae*: 10+ at Las Lajas, 5 at Gomera  
 Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus teneriffae*: 2 at LC, 10+ at LL, 10+ at G  
 Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor koenigi*: 5 at Punta de la Rasca  
 Indian Myna *Acridotheres tristis*: 1 at Los Christianos 3/11  
 Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*: abundant  
 Rock Sparrow *Petronia petronia madeirensis*: 3 at Punta del Teno 4/11  
 Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs tintillon*: 2 at Bar la Carbonnara 8/11  
 Blue Chaffinch *Fringilla teydea teydea*: 20+ at Las Lajas 6/11  
 Canary *Serinus canaria*: not uncommon  
 Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*: 2 at Gomera 8/11  
 Linnet *Acanthis cannabina meadewaldoi*: common

\* = There was a flock of 7 Aythya ducks at Roquito del Fraile on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. They were spending the whole time resting in the middle of the pond, with the exception of one female. As far as I could see at least two or three of the other birds were Lesser Scaups too, but probably they weren't all seven. In a mail later Tony Clarke has confirmed my observation and the birds were still present on the 2nd December.