

## TENERIFE

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### Preparations

In Christmas Eve in the afternoon we bought a last-minute trip without hotel with Apollo travel. Twenty-four hours later we landed on Tenerife airport and had by then changed 10 degrees below zero and snow to our knees, for 22 degrees and a pleasant breeze in the palm canopies. We had the opportunity to get enough time to borrow Eduardo García del Rey's **Where to Watch Birds in Tenerife** from 2000, from a friend, and Svensson, Mullarney and Zetterström's **Collins Bird Guide** we just picked from the shelf. These two books are essential and enough for a stay on Tenerife. García del Rey's abbreviations for the different sites are used in the diary below.

We did not have time to get a good map in advance but there are numerous maps for free or to a low cost when you arrive. As we thought the mountains could be cold and we had read about rainy days we brought both raingear and heavy clothes. We did not use any of those. However, it was good to have a sweater in the evenings, especially in the mountains but temperature never sunk below 10 degrees at night and at daytime never below 17 degrees, not even in the highest mountains.

## Diary

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2010

From the airport we caught the local bus to Los Cristianos where we in the city center, on Calle Paloma found Pension Paloma. A double room cost us €30. The last hours of sunlight (sun sets at half past six) we were getting to know the vicinity and the harbour. Already on the bus from the airport we made the first encounters with local fauna when a **Kestrel** noisily tried to get a **Common Buzzard** out of sight. Along the road and especially in the town **Collared Doves** were abundant. A chiffchaff like song was heard in a fig tree and we soon get a sight of the **Canary Islands Chiffchaff**. A **Spanish Sparrow** kept the warbler company. In the harbour there were plenty **Yellow-legged Gulls** and I heard the call of a swift. My wife, who knows a lot but bird watching, saw a "swallow", but that one I have to wait to get to another day.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2010

As there had not been very much sleep the day before we started Boxing Day in a slow pace. After breakfast we made our way up to the tourist reserve of Chayofa. Well beyond the TF-1 highway we passed through thorny euphorbia scrub. We did not have to search long before the first **Berthelot's Pipits** turned up. A **Grey Heron** passed without a hurry. Before we reached Chayofa we had also come across three **Barbary Partridges**, plentiful Canary Island Chiffchaffs, lots of more Berthelot's Pipits and one each of **Goldfinch** and **Blackbird**. Two **Griffon Vultures** exited me for some seconds before I noticed the leather straps hanging from their feet. When suddenly a **Bald Eagle** turned up I realized that some kind of bird show was ongoing in the Jungle Park nearby. Heading back for Los Cristianos we had just come across another partridge when a **Southern Grey Shrike** turned up before us.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of December 2010

Setback Day! When we realized that it was impossible to hire a car in Los Cristianos we took the bus to Puerto de la Cruz in the North. Here we firstly had problems finding somewhere to live before we finally got lucky at Hotel Puerto Azul (32€/night) close to the harbour. Secondly it took us another couple of hours to find out that all cars were occupied even here. The week between Christmas and New Year it is almost impossible to get the hands on a car. At last we felt happy about hiring a car from the 29<sup>th</sup>. Lucky for us that we have a fortnight's stay! There was no bird watching as of today but at dusk a **Tenerife Blue Tit** made alarm calls in the city centre.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2010

Still without car this became a recreation day with hope for at least canary and a swift. As far as the **Canary** was concerned we did not have to go long before the first appeared. Then there were quite a lot of them, especially around the Loro Park (TFN1) at the Western outskirts of Puerto de la Cruz. The swifts were trickier and after three days with the eyes on the sky we were about to give up. From the roof of our hotel we have good view over the ocean in the north and Mount Teide in the South. Just on the opposite roof top I had the opportunity to examine the difference between **Lesser Black-backed Gull** and Yellow-legged Gull, the black-backed having slender bill, darker back and more streaked on neck. However, the difference in colour of the back was less

prominent than expected. In the Lesser Black-backed Gull only four white dots on primaries on the folded wing was visible compared to five on the Yellow-legged but I am not sure if this is characteristic.

Among some rocky cliffs by the sea a **Whimbrel** and four **Ruddy Turnstones** gathered. A couple of **Sandwich Terns** dived some way out. On a final try from the rooftop, just before dusk, at least 22 **Plain Swifts** hurried by.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2010

If Monday was the Setback Day today was our Lucky Day! First we got our car, a Citroën Saxo (eight days with insurance and free mileage for €175), then we had good sights of both endemic doves. After a short stop at Cruz Santa reservoir (TFN4) to tick off **Coot** on the trip report, we continued up to what del Rey calls "Ladera de Tigaiga" (TFN3) but what is locally named "Área recreativa de Chanajija". There were some problems finding the place, not only because the map in del Reys book is upside down but also because road numbers have been changed. Road number TF-2115 should be TF-326. Just by the corner of Casa Tomas in Las Llanadas you should turn right and then follow the road. This last road was under construction and we had to make some detours so how it will look like in the future is hard to know.



We parked at "Zona recreativa" and continued on foot towards "Risca de Michel" about 2,5 km. After just 300 m the first pigeon turned up above our heads, too fast though to define the species. This seems to be the case with pigeons. When we were back where we started a couple of hours later we had had glimpses of pigeons but only one **Bolle's pigeon** let us study it properly. There were also lots of Plain Swifts, Canary Islands Chiffchaffs, blackbirds and a handful of **Canary Islands Kinglets, Robins** and Tenerife Blue Tits. Among the tables by the parking a **Common Chaffinch** kept us company and a **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was heard.

From here we went to El Lance viewpoint (TFN5) to give the pigeons another chance. And they took it! Between 15.30 and 17.00

we saw five Bolle's pigeons and three **Laurel Pigeons**, the last one presenting itself very nicely for almost a minute far below. A **Sparrowhawk** also passed by.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2010

With only one endemic species left it was natural to go to Las Lajas (TFC3) today. Already before we had parked the car we saw the first **Blue Chaffinches** by the tables on the recreation lot. They were interested in our sandwiches as were some Canaries and Tenerife Blue Tits. Two Great Spotted Woodpeckers were also present. After our lunch we continued down to Vilaflor (TFC1) where this trip's first and only **Sardinian Warbler** appeared. On our way back to Puerto de la Cruz we stopped in the clouds on a lay-by on our left just after the 28 km sign on the TF-21 road towards la Orotava after passing el Teide National Park. Within a minute we saw Blue Chaffinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Canary Islands Kinglet and Tenerife Blue Tit. Now we have seen all endemic species and we still have a week to go, just to fill up the species list!

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2010

Today we had to change hotel because Hotel Puerto Azul, where we stayed, was full for New Year's Eve as were almost every other hotel and pension as well. We were lucky to get the last room at Pension Casa Alta where we pay €30/night for a double. This place got the advantage of having a refrigerator for their costumers but disadvantage, compared to Hotel Puerto Azul, that not having free access to Internet. Moving here gave us only the afternoon free for bird watching. We went west to Los Silos (TFNW7) where the ponds by the cemetery should be attractive to winter visitors. Within half an hour we had added **Grey wagtail, Tufted Duck, Little Egret, Greenshank and Green Sandpiper** to the list. As the weather turned bad we decided to make it short today and turned back to our new pension.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011

New year and new challenges! After a slow start of the day we turned west. A short stop at El Peñon Golf Course (TFNE2.3) augmented the trip list with **Greenfinch**. We also had nice observations of Grey Wagtail and Common Chaffinch. Next stop was Valle Molina Reservoir (TFNE2.4). Two Little Egrets, seven Grey Herons, a **Teal**, two Coots, a **Common Sandpiper**, a Greenshank and almost a hundred Yellow-legged Gulls frequented the pool. A Sardinian Warbler sang tentatively on the bank. From here we continued to Tejina Ponds (TFNE2.5). Here a new road is built that ruins the location description in Garcia del Rey's book. With a portion of luck we found ponds B and D by parking just opposite a sign towards "Clube Nautica de Bajamar" half way between Tejina and Bajamar. To the south of the road we climbed a small track just to find the D-pond dried out. Seventeen Barbary Partridges lingered on the bottom but soon took to their wings. From here we had a bird's perspective over the B-pond where **Moorhen** and another Little Egret dwelled on their doings. About 150 metres to the north of pond D there was a small aggregation of tamarisks. On a closer look they were surrounding a tiny pond with two Grey Herons, two Little Egrets and a **Night Heron**. Just when we were about to leave a **White Wagtail** passed over. After this we spent a couple of hours searching for La Barranquera reservoirs (TFNE2.7) but had finally to give up. Maybe they do not even exist anymore.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2011

A soft recreation day without real bird watching. A cat and a couple of Berthelot's Pipits just by the highest point of the road beneath Mount Teide can be worth mentioning.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2011

Time to leave the north but not before we have visited Punta de Teno. First we made a new stop at Los Silos (TFNW7) but apart from the Coots and the female Tufted Duck from the other day nothing to report was found. Instead we headed on further west to Punta de Fraile in Teno Natural Park (TFNW6) where **Barbary Falcon** was promised. From the “mirador” just by the first tunnel prompted by García del Rey to be the best place, it took us less than five minutes to spot it sitting on a cliff just



some hundred metres away. Next stop was “Isla Baja”, the *Euphorbia* scrub plains on the other side of the tunnels westwards. Before we stopped the car we had very good views of a **Spectacled Warbler** sneaking the scrub. We decided to make a short walk over the plains on our right to see if we could find any **Rock Sparrows**. I do not know whether it is extremely easy to find the birds on Tenerife or if we are just lucky. Almost immediately a flock of maybe 20 birds took to their wings in front of us. We needed some time though to get good sightings of them. It was now mid-afternoon and we had no expectations what so ever for sea birds but none the less we spent 45 minutes by the lighthouse at Punta de Teno watching out over the sea. Besides the sun haze there was nothing to see, but watching sun haze in shorts in early January can be fair enough.

We had booked a room at Pension German in Vilaflor for the coming two nights (40€/night) and we took the breathtaking winding road through Masca Valley to get there. The local subspecies of **Raven** made us company and also lots of Common Buzzards, Common Kestrels, Tenerife Blue Tits and Canaries were seen.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2011

After a chilly night in the mountains we headed south in search for wintering waders and passerines. We wanted to go to Amarilla Golf Course (TFS11) but as usual we went wrong. Road signs are not what Spain should be most proud of! Instead we turned up in El Fraile (TFS7) that indeed was a good substitute. We parked by the football stadium and crisscrossed the wasteland up to the reservoir. Here Berthelot’s Pipits were plentiful as were Spanish Sparrows, Spectacled Warblers and Common Kestrels. Two or three Southern Grey Shrikes scanned the area and two **Northern Wheatears** and a **Hoopoe** presented themselves. Two **Golden Plovers** took to their wings but landed nearby. Yellow-Legged Gulls showed us to the reservoir. Apart from Coots and the Gulls a couple of **Gadwalls** were found in the water. Around the surface some 15 Little Egrets, a Greenshank and a **Ringed Plover** stood waiting. An all white Pintail with crimson red beak and eyes was an exotic spice. An escaped **White-Cheeked Pintail** most likely. We followed a banana green house back towards where we had come from and turned upon an old reservoir with only a little water left on the bottom. Here six **Little Ringed Plovers**, a **Dunlin** and a White Wagtail lurked.

From here we continued to the abandoned fields, marked as “D” on the same location in García del Rey’s book. Apart from more pipits and Spanish Sparrows only a Barbary Partridge was to be reported.

Before going back to our pension in Vilaflor we spent the last light hour at El Médano (TFS14). Three **Kentish Plovers** hurried away on the ground just by the parking lot and some **Sanderlings** in La Mareta lagoon became the last birds to be seen today.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2011

Even today we had problems finding Amarilla Golf Course (TFS11). It is the furious construction pace that makes the maps and directions in "Where to Watch Birds in Tenerife" invalid. It took almost two hours before we found the right road in Chafiras and when we finally arrived we found it all dried out. The reservoir in Chafiras just on the road to the golf courses harboured **Spoonbills**, a Little Egret and some Common Sandpipers but the only birds seen at the golf club were three **Cattle Egrets**, a Canary Islands Chiffchaff and lots of Berthelot's Pipits. Instead we tried El Panque (TFSW3), a pond in Armeñime some 10 km northeast of Los Cristianos. Today only a Night Heron and a Moorhen were seen but this place sure has potential. To go there follow the autopista TF-1 north from Los Cristianos and take a left turn after about 10 km towards Playa de San Juan and Armeñime. Pass Tenerife Pearl in the western end of Armeñime and take the first to the left thereafter towards Playa Paraiso. After just 150 meters make a new turn to the left. There is an angry sign in different languages at the gate that says that it is private road and trespassing is prohibited but we have learnt during our stay here that such signs should not be taken too seriously. After the gate the road make a 90° right turn. After about 200 meters take right just by a transformation station and follow the road for another 100 meters and the pond appears to your right.

After some shopping in Los Cristianos we spend the last light hours in the vicinity of what once was the Cigüaña reservoir (TSF12). The reservoir was just as big as it was empty and only a corner on the bottom was still wet. Going there we flushed a pair of Barbary Partridges. Berthelot's Pipit was very abundant and some Canary Islands Chiffchaffs and Spanish Sparrows and Common Kestrels fulfilled the picture. We now stay at Pension Los Vinitos in Las Galletas for 24€/night.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2011

Holiday and everything was closed. Moreover, time to return the car in Puerto de la Cruz. After a quick look into the reservoir on the road to Amarilla Golf course (two moorhen, a Common Sandpiper, a Grey Wagtail and the Spoonbills from yesterday) we took the autopista towards Puerto de la Cruz. We had some hope to get more views of the endemic pigeons so we headed for Chanajija Natural Park again. This time the road was thoroughly closed after Casa Tomas, not only by signs as last time. Some local men gave us good advises about how to bypass to the park but as usually we ended up totally lost. On a lower altitude and on the opposite side of *Barranco de la Calera* we finally found a tracking path heading up through the laurel forest above Las Llanadas. In spite of going wrong we got good views of abundant Canaries, Blackbirds and Robins. A Bolle's Pigeon came flying towards us and landed close by and started cooing. It was annoying to know it was so close without getting it within sight. Canary Islands Kinglets and a couple of Tenerife Blue Tits were also present.

We returned the car in Puerto de la Cruz after have made 110 km in eight days. Then returning by bus to Las Galletas where we stay at Pension Los Vinitos since yesterday. In the low tide a



couple of Whimbrels were active and a Sandwich Tern scanned the surface.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2011

Last day in the sun! Without a car we were directed to Las Galletas and the El Fraile reservoir with surroundings. El Fraile is within walking distance and just outside Las Galletas, just east of the "Las Galletas" sign on the entry from El Fraile, we found some small pools in the wasteland. So had a handful of waders and a Grey Wagtail done. A Whimbrel, a **Common Redshank**, a **Common Snipe**, a Common Sandpiper, a Ringed Plover, two Dunlins and a handful of Little Ringed Plovers frequented the place. We continued through the *Euphorbia* scrub towards El Fraile reservoir and saw pretty much the same birds as on the 4<sup>th</sup>. In the reservoir the Gadwalls, Little Egrets, Coots and Yellow-billed Gulls had got company by three Spoonbills and a Grey Wagtail. The White-Cheeked Pintail was still there. Even if surely not spontaneous it was not banded, nor did it seem tame as it quickly changed side of the reservoir as we approached. Among the Gulls one was smaller with a thin, pink and black coloured bill, a first winter **Common Gull**. This rare winter visitor was the 59<sup>th</sup> and last species to be seen during our stay.

### Final thoughts

- Tenerife is an accessible and handy island where it is easy to get around. In spite of the advanced tourist industry it is quite costly to stay even in rather simple pensions. As there are virtually no great distances to go anywhere it is advisable to by a trip with a hotel and then hire a car. Car hire was quite inexpensive but surprisingly difficult during the period of our stay when many tourists from peninsular Spain augment the number from Northern and Western Europe.
- To see the endemic bird species a car is essential. Traffic is relatively gentle and humble but the streets and entire road system are dimensioned for a third of the cars on the island. As in rest of Spain you will without doubt get lost as soon as you enter a town or even a village. Signposts are scarce, well hidden or contradictory.
- If you are stationed in Los Cristianos/Playa Américas you can easily take the bus to Las Galletas, it goes every 30 minutes. Las Galletas is a tourist resort as well but not a reserve like the former. Almost only Spanish is heard in the streets and the food is at least as good as in Los Cristianos but half as expensive. From Las Galletas it is also walking distance to El Fraile where the bird list is made longer.
- During the Northern winter one week is enough! During migration periods two weeks are probably easier to fill up, especially since sea birds seem to be about.

### Itinerary

2010-12-25 Malmö - Copenhagen – Tenerife Sur – Los Cristianos

2010-12-26 Los Cristianos – Chayofa – Los Cristianos

2010-12-27 Los Cristianos – Puerto de la Cruz

2010-12-28 Puerto de la Cruz

2010-12-29 Puerto de la Cruz – Chanajija Natural Park – Mirador del Lance – Puerto de la Cruz

2010-12-30 Puerto de la Cruz – El Teide National Park – Las Lajas – Vilaflor – Puerto de la Cruz

2010-12-31 Puerto de la Cruz – Los Silos – Puerto de la Cruz

2011-01-01 Puerto de la Cruz - El Peñon Golf Course - Valle Molina Reservoir - Tejina Ponds -  
Puerto de la Cruz

2011-01-02 Puerto de la Cruz - El Teide National Park - Las Lajas - Vilaflor - San Miguel -  
Santa Cruz - Puerto de la Cruz

2011-01-03 Puerto de la Cruz - Los Silos - Punta del Fraile - Punta de Teno - Masca - Vilaflor

2011-01-04 Vilaflor - El Fraile - El Médano - Vilaflor

2011-01-05 Vilaflor - Amarilla Golf Course - El Panque - Cigüaña reservoir - Las Galletas

2011-01-06 Las Galletas - Las Llanadas - Puerto de la Cruz - Las Galletas

2011-01-07 Las Galletas - El Fraile - Las Galletas

2011-01-08 Las Galletas - Tenerife Sur - Copenhagen - Malmö



## Species List

**English name      Scientific      Swedish      Note**

Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Natthäger	1 Tejina Ponds 1/1; 1 El Panque 5/1
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Kohäger	3 Amarilla Golf Course 5/1
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Silkeshäger	Scattered sightings in reservoirs
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Gråhäger	In small numbers in sweet water.
Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Skedstork	5 Chafiras reservoir on the road to Amarilla golf course 5/1; 3 El Fraile reservoir 7/1
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Snatterand	2 males El Fraile reservoir 4/1 and 7/1
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Kricka	1 Valle Molina reservoir 1/1
[White-Cheeked Pintail]	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	Bahamaand	1 El Fraile reservoir 4/1 and 7/1
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Vigg	1 female Los Silos 31/12 and 3/1
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus granti</i>	Sparvhök	1 Mirador del Lance 29/12
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo insularum</i>	Ormvråk	Scattered sightings, especially in higher altitudes
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus canariensis</i>	Tornfalk	Every day
Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinoides</i>	Berberfalk	1 Punta del Fraile 3/1
Barbary Partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara koenigi</i>	Klipphöna	4 Chayofa 26/12; 17 Tejina ponds 1/1; 2 Cigüaña reservoir 5/1
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Rörhöna	4 Tejina ponds 1/1; 1 El Panque 5/1; 2 Chafiras reservoir on the road to Amarilla golf course 6/1
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Sothöna	5-15 in almost every reservoir visited
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Mindre strandpipare	6 El Fraile reservoir 4/1; 6 wasteland pools outside Las Galletas 7/1
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Större strandpipare	1 El Fraile reservoir 4/1; 1 wasteland pools outside Las Galletas 7/1
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Svartbent strandpipare	3 El Médano 4/1
European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Ljungpipare	2 El Fraile 4/1
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sandlöpare	5 La Mareta lagoon, El Médano 4/1
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Kärrensäppa	1 El Fraile reservoir 4/1; 2 wasteland pools outside Las Galletas 7/1
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Enkelbeckasin	1 wasteland pools outside Las Galletas 7/1
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Småspov	1 P.d.l. Cruz 28/12; 2 Las Galletas 6/1; 1 wasteland pools outside Las Galletas 7/1
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Rödbena	1 wasteland pools outside Las Galletas 7/1
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Gluttsnäppa	1 Los Silos 31/12; 1 Valle Molina reservoir 1/1; 1 El Fraile reservoir 4/1 and 7/1
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Skogssnäpp	1 Los Silos 31/12

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Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Drillsnäppa	1 Valle Molina reservoir 1/1; 3 Chafiras reservoir on the road to Amarilla golf course 5/1 and 6/1; 1 wasteland pools outside Las Galletas 7/1
Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Roskarl	4 P.d.l. Cruz 28/12
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Fiskmås	1 first winter El Fraile reservoir 7/1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii/intermedius</i>	Silltrut	1 adult P.d.l. Cruz 28/12
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis atlantis</i>	Medelhavs-trut	Numerous by the coast and in reservoirs
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	Kentsk tärna	2 off P.d.l. Cruz 28/12 and 29/12; 1 Las Galletas 6/1
Rock Dove/Feral pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Klippduva/Tamduva	Well spread all over the island
Bolle's Pigeon	<i>Columba bollii</i>	Kanarieduva	1 Chanajija Natural Park, 5 Mirador del Lance 29/12; 1 Las Llanadas 6/1
Laurel Pigeon	<i>Columba junoniae</i>	Lagerduva	3 Mirador del Lance 29/12
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Turkduva	Always in the vicinity of humans
Plain Swift	<i>Apus unicolor</i>	Enfärgad seglare	22 P.d.l. Cruz 28/12; >100 P.d.l. Cruz 29/12 and 1/1; ~50 Chanajija Natural Park 29/12 and 6/1
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Härfågel	2 El Fraile 4/1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major canariensis</i>	Större hackspett	Common in pine woods
Berthelot's Pipit	<i>Anthus berthelotii berthelotii</i>	Kanarie-piplärka	In great numbers in dry <i>Euphorbia</i> scrub in the south; 1 El Teide 2/1
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea canariensis</i>	Forsärsla	Single sightings in various reservoirs
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Sädesärsla	1 Tejina ponds 1/1; 1 El Fraile 4/1
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula superbus</i>	Rödhake	Not uncommon in higher altitudes
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Stenskvätta	2 El Fraile 4/1
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula cabrae</i>	Koltrast	Single or a couple of birds every day. Common in laurel forests
Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata orbitalis</i>	Glasögon-sångare	1 Punta de Teno 3/1; Common El Fraile 4/1 and 7/1
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala leucogastra</i>	Sammets-hätta	1 Vilafior 30/12; 1 Valle Molina reservoir and 2-3 Tejina ponds 1/1
Canary Islands Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus canariensis</i>	Kanariegran-sångare	Common
Canary Islands Kinglet	<i>Regulus teneriffae</i>	Kanarie-kungsfågel	3 Chanajija Natural Park 29/12; 2 below El Teide NP 30/12; 3 Las Llanadas 6/1
Tenerife Blue Tit	<i>Parus teneriffae</i>	Koboltmes	Seen in small numbers almost every day in the north and in higher altitudes
Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis koenigi</i>	Ökenvarfågel	1 Chayofa 26/12; 3-4 El Fraile 4/1 and 7/1
Raven	<i>Corvus corax tingitanus</i>	Korp	~20 Masca Valley 3/1
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	Spansk sparv	In small numbers in human settlement, especially by the coast
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia madeirensis</i>	Stensparv	~25 Isla Baja, Punta de Teno 3/1

Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs tintillon</i>	Bofink	1 Chanajija Natural Park 29/12; 2 El Peñon Golf Course 1/1; 2 Las Llanadas 6/1
Blue Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla teydea</i>	Blå bofink	~10 Las Lajas, 2 27km sign TF-21 El Teide-La Orotava 30/12
Canary	<i>Serinus canaria</i>	Kanariesiska	Common
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris auantiiventris</i>	Grönfink	1 El Peñon Golf Course 1/1
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis parva</i>	Steglits	1 Chayofa 26/12; 2 Cruz Santa reservoir 29/12