

Fuerteventura

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Introduction

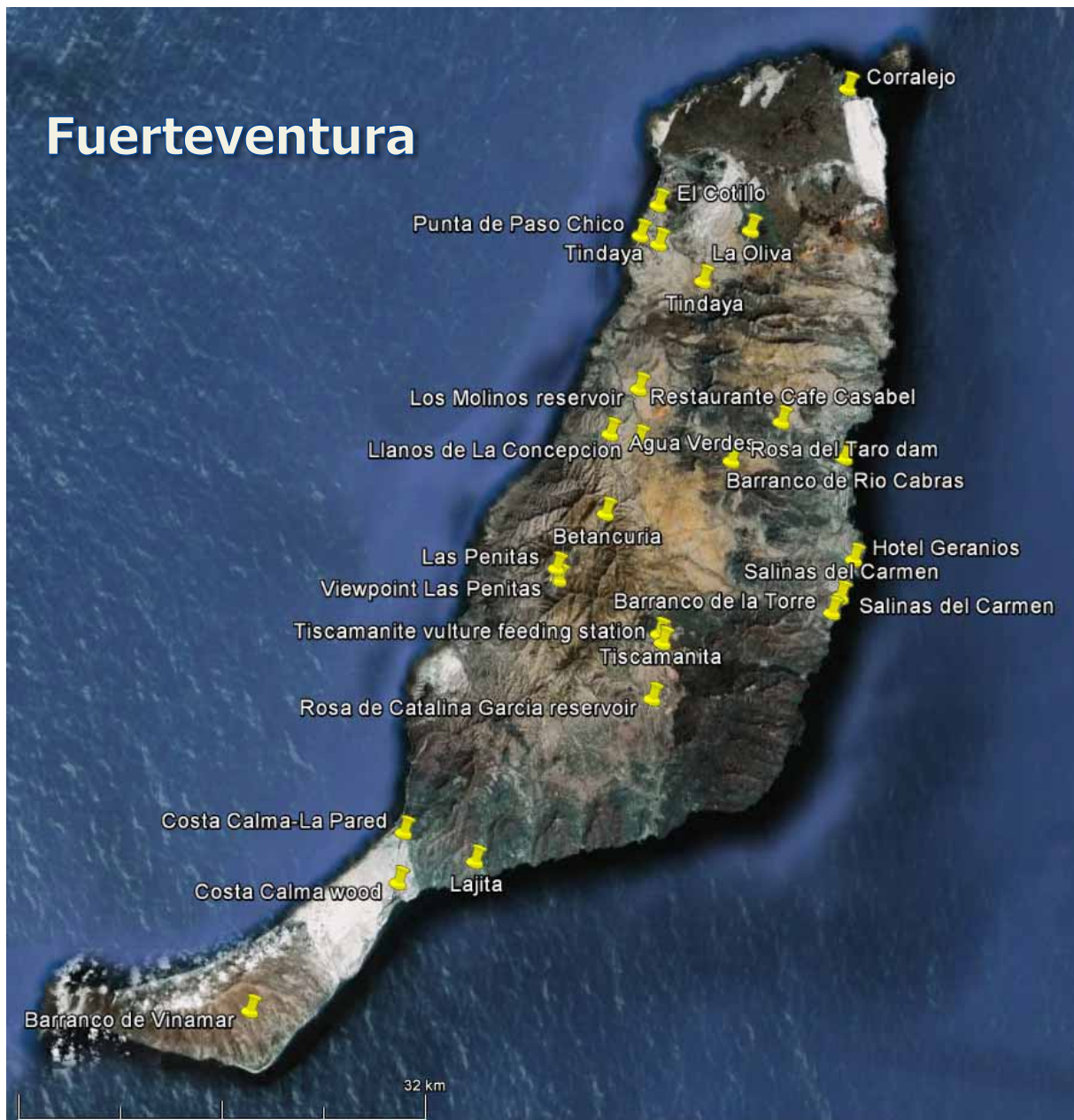
I made a weeklong trip mainly for birding with my two children Alexander 20 and Nina 16. It was my third trip to the archipelago since Gran Canaria 1999, Tenerife 2011, and the fifth trip to Macaronesia after Madeira 2005 (two trips) and Kap Verde 2010. We stayed at the good hotel Geranios Suites and Spa in Caleta de Fuste just S of the airport near the sea on the middle of the east coast on Fuerteventura. It was a rather good point with reasonable easy access to most localities on the island. We travelled with Apollo and also rented a car through that agency. A little new for us was that we had to wait for bus transportation to the rental company Orlando nearby.

The main targets for the trip were to see Hourbara Bustard, Canary Islands Stonechat and the endemic subspecies of the island – *dacotiae* of Common Kestrel, *insularum* of Stone-curlew, *polatzeki* of Lesser Short-toed Lark, *degener* of African Blue Tit, and *harterti* of Common Linnet. I had no intention to get *gracilirostris* of Barn Owl or *canariensis* of Long-eared Owl, and did not make any efforts due to lack of localities. I have in former trips seen ssp. *baroli* of Little Shearwater, *insularum* of Common Buzzard, *berthelotii* of Berthelot's Pipit, *orbitalis* of Spectacled Warbler, *koenigi* of Southern Grey Shrike and *amantum* of Trumpeter Finch, so these endemics would be the last for me to see. Great emphases were also put on photographing, me for birds and nature, my daughter and son for more touristic objects.

The weather was pretty good the whole week with temporarily overcast just for a few days and no rain or strong wind. We experienced no problems with dust, often a problem on these eastern islands. Temperatures ranged between 15 in the mornings and 23 in the early afternoons. The roads were very good and drivable with an ordinary car in most places. Our rental car once broke down, some problems with the cylinders, luckily in the town of Corralejo, and was replaced reasonably quickly.

I planned the trip with very good advice from my friend Rubén Barone Tosco from Tenerife. Even though he advised us to travel a later year due to the severe draught this year, we manage to see all the species and subspecies planned. We also had very good help in Carke's and Collins's *A Birdwatcher's Guide to the Canary Islands* and in several trip reports on the Internet. A very good tool for planning the trip was Google Earth where all the localities were put and studied beforehand with coordinates ported to my Navigon GPS-navigator in my Iphone 4, used on the whole trip for navigation in the car. For this purpose I was very solicitous to have internet connection in our hotel room with possibilities to check up localities during the trip and making corrections.

Coordinates are put as decimal degrees when a locality is presented in the text for the first time. Some coordinates for take-offs, reservoirs, parking and observations of special interest are also showed. All localities with comments on species, coordinates and directories can be downloaded from my homepage (www.cherrug.se) as kzf-files for easy import to Google Earth.



Visited localities.

Itinerary

Monday 20

The flight from Copenhagen took 5 hours 20 minutes. After picking up the car we drove to the hotel. The first good bird was a Barbary Partridge running in a barranco (ravine or wadi in Spanish) near the renting agency Orlando. But unfortunately the camera equipment was in the luggage. Some strolling around the hotel gave a few waders as Dunlin, Kentish Plover and Whimbrel and a group of migrating Northern Gannets and Cory's Shearwater over the sea.

Airport-Caleta de Fuste 16:00-16:20

Barranco with Barbary Partridge (28.434430, -13.871251)

Berthelot's Pipit	2
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2
Barbary Partridge	1
Domestic Dove	5

Caleta de Fuste 17:00-18:30

(28.393230, -13.860919)

Ruddy Turnstone	1	Northern Gannet	9
Kentish Plover	15	Cory's Shearwater	3
Common Ringed Plover	10	Yellow-legged Gull	4
Common Redshank	1	Yellow-legged Gull	2
Grey Plover	1	Eurasian Collared-Dove	15
Whimbrel	3	Spanish Sparrow	5
Sandwich Tern	9	Blackcap	1
Dunlin	4	Common Sandpiper	2
Sanderling	3		

Tuesday 21

The day was devoted to the southern parts of the island. We started just a few kilometres south of Caleta de Fuste at Salinas del Carmen. Some waders were present as well as our first Ruddy Shelduck, lots of Barbary Ground Squirrels, Berthelot's Pipits and a few Trumpeter Finches. Some kilometres further south we continued with walking up the Barranco de la Torre, which should be good for Canary Islands Stonechat. Lots of Trumpeter Finches, Spanish Sparrows and Spectacled Warblers were around and a few Common Buzzards of the ssp *insularum*. But no Chats. Two English birders gave directions to three pairs in the barranco, and eventually we found a pair near the sea. Also an Egyptian Vulture passed by as well as a Barbary Falcon flying south along the coast.

On the way further south passing Lajita we had a stork over the car that initially was identified as a White Stork but at closer distance turned up to be an African Ibis Stork – an escape often reported from this area. There also a Common House Martin and an Egyptian Vulture. A short stop and lunch in Costa Calma gave Goldfinch and Linnets of ssp *harterti* in the planted wood along the main road. A short visit to Barranco de Vinimar produced Cattle Egret and a White Wagtail. The road stop at a goat farm up in the valley, so the inner parts were not accessible by car.

The day was ended at the very good Hourbara locality between Costa Calma and the village of La Pared in the Jandia peninsula. Quite disturbingly though lots of hikers were passing the area, even with dogs off leash! But soon we had Black-bellied Sandgrouses and Cream-coloured Cursors, but no Hourbara. We met with English birder Paul and we decided to walk a little further towards windmills in the south. The children went to the car. On the way back I discovered three Hourbaras crossing the path 100 m ahead of us. Paul and me saw the birds very well and I also managed in getting some pictures, but the children missed them. It would prove to be the only Hourbara on our trip, despite careful attempts to see them elsewhere later on.

Caleta de Fuste 07:50-08:05

Yellow-legged Gull	4	Eurasian Collared-Dove	1
Sandwich Tern	3	Spanish Sparrow	4
Ruddy Turnstone	1		

Salinas del Carmen 10:00-11:12
(28.367141, -13.871660)

Yellow-legged Gull	5	Dunlin	2
Cattle Egret	1	Common Redshank	1
East Canarian Common		Berthelot's Pipit	10
Kestrel	1	Trumpeter Finch	3
Ruddy Turnstone	5		
Grey Plover	2		



Barranco de la Torre 11:15-13:15

(28.356028, -13.878369)

Berthelot's Pipit	20	Common Raven	2
Spanish Sparrow	20	Yellow-legged Gull	10
Trumpeter Finch	30	Lesser Black-backed Gull	2
Sardinian Warbler	8	Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Spectacled warbler	10	Southern Grey Shrike	1
Egyptian Vulture	2	Canary Islands Stonechat	2
Common Buzzard	3	Barbary Falcon	1

Lajita 13:50

(28.182006, -14.162461)

Egyptian Vulture	2	Kestrel	
Common House Martin	1	Yellow-billed Stork	1
East Canarian Common	1		

Costa Calma 14:04-15:06

(28.167113, -14.223647)

European Goldfinch	5	Common Raven	2
Common Linnet	2	Eurasian Collared-Dove	10

Barranco de Vinamar 15:20-15:45

(28.077056, -14.341197)

Cattle Egret	2	Spanish Sparrow	1
White Wagtail	1	Yellow-legged Gull	5

Costa Calma-La Pared 16:10-18:15

(28.202280, -14.219278)

Parking (28.199621, -14.224586)

Common Raven	3	Southern Grey Shrike	1
Spectacled Warbler	1	Hourbara Bustard	3
Berthelot's Pipit	5	Cream-coloured Cursor	5
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	15	Lesser Short-toed Lark	5



Wednesday 22

Before leaving we quite unexpectedly had a pair of displaying Laughing Doves at the entrance to our hotel as well as a Black Redstart. After the daily breakfast buffet we drove to the Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir some 4 km SE Tuineje. It was with some expectations since an Allen's Gallinule had been observed there during December. I had worries that there should be no water left because of the severe drought, but a small water surface remained. No Allen's Gallinule but one quite unexpected drake Blue-winged Teal was feeding among the few Common Teals. Some Plain Swifts, Dunlin, Curlew Sandpiper and Lesser Short-toed Larks were also seen. The observation hut was closed!

On the way north to Betancuria we made a short stop trying to find the vulture feeding station in Tiscamanite, but failed. A stop at a viewpoint near Las Penitas gave good photo opportunities for Berthelot's Pipit, Spanish Sparrows and Barbary Ground Squirrels, which were fed by the tourists. In the reservoir at Las Penitas there was no water left though, but we saw an Egyptian Vulture resting in the cliffs and got very good photo opportunities of a Southern Grey Shrike in Vega de Rio Palmas close by.

In the former capital of Fuerteventura, Betancuria, we parked near the church and walked along a dry wadi and quite easily found a Fuerteventura Blue Tit of. But no Canaries were about. Betancuria is one of few or only place where the species can be observed on Fuerteventura.

The next stop was the Los Molinos reservoir between Los Molinos and Tefia. We entered from south coming to a goat farm some km south of the reservoir where the road stops. Just before we passed an open gate and parked by the farm, which didn't feel very confident. We walked some hundred meters so we in distance could view from the southern fringe of the reservoir. Lots of Trumpeter Finches, a Barbary Falcon hunting Feral Doves, Osprey and an Egyptian Vulture were seen. In the distance we also noted the two female Ring-necked Ducks, which we have heard from a German birder, should be there.

The day ended up at Tindaya where we made a new effort to see the Hourbara. No bustards but Nina found two very photogenic Cream-coloured Cursors near the car. We met Paul again, and he also had no luck with the bustards.

Caleta de Fuste 09:15-09:25

Eurasian Collared-Dove	2	Trumpeter Finch	1
Laughing Dove	2	Black Redstart	1
Spanish Sparrow	15	Yellow-legged Gull	5

Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir 10:00-11:30

(28.296044, -14.021192)

Lesser Short-toed Lark	10	Dunlin	1
Plain Swift	3	Lesser Short-toed Lark	15
Black-winged Stilt	4	Common Ringed Plover	1
Common Teal	6	Ruff	2
Common Greenshank	4	Common Sandpiper	2
Little Ringed Plover	11	Ruddy Shelduck	2
Common Moorhen	4	White Wagtail	2
Common Raven	3	Common Linnet	2
Egyptian Vulture	1	Spotted Redshank	1
Barn Swallow	2	Spectacled Warbler	3
Common House Martin	2	Meadow Pipit	2
Little Stint	1	Common Snipe	1
Curlew Sandpiper	1		



Viewpoint Las Penitas 12:30-12:45
(28.379438, -14.095271)

Berthelot's Pipit	40	Common Buzzard	1
Spanish Sparrow	10	Common Raven	6
East Canarian Common Kestrel	2		

Las Penitas 13:00-13:20
(28.387228, -14.096901)

Sardinian Warbler	2	Southern Grey Shrike	1
Egyptian Vulture	1	Domestic Dove	4
Common Raven	4		

Betancuria 13:35-14:05

(28.425379, -14.056937)

African Blue Tit	1	Eurasian Collared-Dove	10
Berthelot's Pipit	5	Sardinian Warbler	2

Llanos de La Concepcion 14:20

(28.476188, -14.031735)

Grey Heron	1	Common Buzzard	1
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Los Molinos reservoir 14:40-15:25

(28.503579, -14.031382)

Southern take-off from FV-221 (28.503679, -14.005121)

Berthelot's Pipit	20	Yellow-legged Gull	25
Trupeter Finch	20	Common Teal	5
Ruddy Shelduck	40	Black-winged Stilt	2
Eurasian Coot	150	White Wagtail	2
Ring-necked Duck	2	Barbary Falcon	1
Little Ringed Plover	2	East Canarian Common Kestrel	1
Osprey	1	Common Linnet	2
Grey Heron	1	Northern Lapwing	1



Other birders had Hourbara Bustard about 200 m ESE "z" in Escamez at dusk.

Tindaya 15:45-17:25
(28.614040, -14.015895)

Common Raven	8	Eurasian Hoopoe	2
Egyptian Vulture	1	Berthelot's Pipit	5
Barbary Falcon	1	Domestic Dove	10
Common Linnet	2	Eurasian Collared-Dove	10
Cream-coloured Cursor	2	Common Buzzard	1

Caleta de Fuste 18:00-18:30

Kentish Plover	10	Ruddy Turnstone	4
Common Ringed Plover	10	Yellow-legged Gull	8
Grey Plover	2	Little Stint	1
Little Egret	1	Eurasian Collared-Dove	4
Sanderling	4	Sandwich Tern	3
Dunlin	2	Yellow-legged Gull	6
Common Greenshank	1		

Thursday 23

In the morning we made a new visit to Los Molinos reservoir. This time we entered from the North, which was much better. We got good views and photos of the two female Ring-necked Ducks and also had a Black-tailed Godwit and an Eurasian Spoonbill. There was no need to enter the locked observation hut. On the way back Nina and Alexander think they saw a goat with its kid who was stuck in the fence. We turned back and it turned out to be true. I made a heroic effort and managed to remove the goat mother, who objected strongly, from the fence.

The afternoon was rather relaxed with not so much birding. Corralejo and La Oliva were visited. A few Egyptian Vultures at Corralejo, but no Hourbaras, as we hoped for, at La Oliva at dusk. In the night we were out to a good restaurant at Caleta de Fuste celebrating my birthday.

Corralejo S 10:45-11:15 (28.672048, -13.833567)

Sanderling	35	Egyptian Vulture	3
Common Linnet	3	Common Buzzard	2
Yellow-legged Gull	10		

Los Molinos reservoir 13:55-15:15 *Northern take-off from FV-221 (28.530423, -14.040976)*

Eurasian Coot	225	Berthelot's Pipit	10
Eurasian Wigeon	2	Common Linnet	5
Common House Martin	25	Little Ringed Plover	3
Grey Heron	2	Black-winged Stilt	2
Eurasian Spoonbill	1	Common Greenshank	1
Common Sandpiper	1	Lesser Short-toed Lark	25
Plain Swift	2	Black-tailed Godwit	1
Ruddy Shelduck	153	Northern Lapwing	1
Yellow-legged Gull	28	Egyptian Vulture	1
Little Egret	1	Trumpeter Finch	2
Ring-necked Duck	2		

La Oliva 15:45-16:30 (28.623292, -13.942292)

Berthelot's Pipit	2		
Common Raven	2	Spectacled Warbler	1

Friday 24

Just having the couple of Canary Islands Stonechat at Barranco de la Torre, we got the tip from Rubén that the nearby Barranco de Rio Cabras should be good for the species. We drove up towards the barranco and through the pipes under the motorway and parked just after. We walked up the barranco for three km, passing the dry reservoir. Deeper up in the barranco there was some water, which attracted some Little Ringed Plovers and a Green Sandpiper. Several pairs of Canary Islands Chats holding territory, Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Blackcap and an off African Blue Tit just upstream of the reservoir were the results.

In the afternoon we made a new effort to find the vulture feeding station in Tiscamanite. We were more lucky this time and found the malodorous place a few km SE of the village.

A new visit to Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir gave a Spotted Crake, the only second observation (for us) of Barbary Partridge and the drake Blue-winged Teal was still there.

Our second visit to the Costa Calma-La Pared-area at dusk produced Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Cream-coloured Cursor, but no more Hourbaras.

Barranco de Rio Cabras 10:00-13:20

(28.464281, -13.868274)

Take-off from motorway (28.471648, -13.867039)

Reservoir (28.470281, -13.884537)

Our returning point (28.475273, -13.893503)

Eurasian Hoopoe	2	Ruddy Shelduck	2
Southern Grey Shrike	1	Yellow-legged Gull	20
Common Linnet	2	East Canarian Common Kestrel	4
Canary Island Stonechat	10	Little Ringed Plover	4
Domestic Dove	25	Grey Heron	2
Berthelot's Pipit	7	White Wagtail	2
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	8	Common Sandpiper	1
Spectacled Warbler	4	Common Greenshank	1
Common Raven	6	Green Sandpiper	2
Spanish Sparrow	15	Little Egret	1
Trumpeter Finch	25	Lesser Short-toed Lark	5
Sardinian Warbler	1	Blackcap	1
Common Buzzard	6	African Blue Tit	1



Restaurante Cafe Casabel 13:30-14:20
(28.489444, -13.918056)

Egyptian Vulture	2	Eurasian Collared-Dove	2
Spanish Sparrow	20		

Molino de Antigua 14:50-15:20
(28.431756, -14.011168)

Egyptian Vulture	2	Southern Grey Shrike	1
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Tiscamanite vulture feeding station 14:50-15:20
(28.335278, -14.012778)

Egyptian Vulture	16	Berthelot's Pipit	1
Common Raven	25	Spectacled Warbler	1
Common Buzzard	4		



Tiscamanite vulture feeding station. No further than this!

Saturday 25

A visit to the Rosa del Taro dam gave the first Corn Bunting and photo opportunities of Lesser-Short-toed Lark. We met with two English birders that had the information that the Allen's Gallinule was seen at this reservoir after have been observed at the Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir in December. They also claimed to have seen a pair of Laurel Pigeon at Agua Verdes, which I thought was very sensational, but could be worth a trial tomorrow. They also gave a good locality to see Stone Curlew at Corralejo, so we headed for that place. At a not so good English style bar for lunch our car broke down. Some malfunction with the cylinders. After calling the rental company we after a couple of hours got a new car from Orlandos, even though they were a little bit uncooperative in the beginning. After this we found the Stone Curlews and some Cream-coloured Cursors near a graffiti wall in the southern parts of the town.

In the evening I took a couple of hour sea-watching from a small promontory in the northern part of Caleta de Fuste. It produced quite some packs of dolphins, at least three different species, Northern Gannet, a single Black-headed Gull, one odd Great Skua and the usual flocks of Cory's Shearwaters.

Caleta de Fuste 08:05-08:10

Grey Heron

1

Little Egret

1

Rosa del Taro dam 10:54-12:15

(28.462262, -13.957751)

Eurasian Coot	4	East Canarian Common Kestrel	1
Common Moorhen	1	Grey Heron	1
Lesser Short-toed Lark	15	Spectacled Warbler	3
Common Raven	2	Yellow-legged Gull	25
Little Ringed Plover	2	Ruddy Shelduck	2
Common Linnet	2	Common Buzzard	2
Spanish Sparrow	10	Corn Bunting	1
Berthelot's Pipit	6	Common Chiffchaff	2



Much less water than on this picture, made it easy to walk around the dam.

Corralejo 14:00-14:36

(28.722857, -13.864936)

Stone-curlew	4	Berthelot's Pipit	6
Whimbrel	2	Cream-coloured Cursor	5
Southern Grey Shrike	1	Spanish Sparrow	10
Common Linnet	2		



Caleta de Fuste sea-point 16:31-18:10
(28.400885, -13.850279)

Great Skua	1	Ruddy Turnstone	1
Cory's Shearwater	88	Sandwich Tern	32
Yellow-legged Gull	12	Black-headed Gull	1
Eurasian Collared-Dove	30	Northern Gannet	5

Sunday 26

In the morning the Laughing Doves were still near our hotel. A visit to Agua Verdes gave no Laurel Pigeons, but several Laughing Doves flew between the bushes and a few Turtle Doves were observed. Probably the English guys mixed the names. A visit to Punta de Paso Chico gave one more Barbary Falcon. We planned to be at Tindaya in the late evening again trying to see Hourbara Bustard and went there in the middle of the day to check the best spots at the locality. In between we drove to El Cotillo. Nice beaches but not some many birds.

Back at Tindaya no bustards were seen but Barbary Partridges, more Corn Buntings and some Black-bellied Sandgrouses were added to the list.

Caleta de Fuste 09:30

Laughing Dove	2
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Agua Verdes 10:15-11:45

(28.481173, -14.054293)

Take-off to Agua Verdes (28.472783, -14.033079)

Eurasian Collared-Dove	20	Common Raven	1
Sardinian Warbler	2	European Turtle-Dove	6
Eurasian Hoopoe	3	Ruddy Shelduck	2
Laughing Dove	10	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	1
Spanish Sparrow	10	European Robin	2
European Starling	1	Spectacled Warbler	4
Chiffchaff	1		



Punta de Paso Chico 12:20-13:20

(28.620220, -14.030509)

Common Linnet	6
Barbary Falcon	1
Yellow-legged Gull	2
Berthelot's Pipit	2
Little Egret	1
Common Raven	1

Tindaya 13:30-14:10

(28.620220, -14.030509)

East Canarian Common		Domestic Dove	20
Kestrel	1	Common Raven	4
Berthelot's Pipit	2	Common Buzzard	2
Spanish Sparrow	10		

El Cotillo 14:35-16:22

(28.641593, -14.016235)

Berthelot's Pipit	1	Common Linnet	2
Yellow-legged Gull	15	Eurasian Hoopoe	1

Tindaya 16:50-18:40

(28.620220, -14.030509)

Corn Bunting	3	Berthelot's Pipit	4
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	2	Common Linnet	1
Spectacled Warbler	3	Eurasian Hoopoe	1
Common Buzzard	3	Barbary Partridge	5
Southern Grey Shrike	1	Common Raven	2
Lesser Short-toed Lark	25		

Monday 27

Leaving in the afternoon there was some time for birding around the hotel in the morning. One Common Stonechat was a new tripper.

No problems leaving the car back. The flight back to Copenhagen was delayed some hour, but went well.

Caleta de Fuste 07:55-09:00

Grey Heron	1	Eurasian Collared-Dove	2
Common Ringed Plover	16	Plain Swift	10
Kentish Plover	2	Barn Swallow	1
Grey Plover	3	Common House Martin	8
Dunlin	1	Spectacled Warbler	1
Whimbrel	2	Common Stonechat	1
Ruddy Turnstone	4	Berthelot's Pipit	3
Sandwich Tern	48	Meadow Pipit	2
Common Tern	1	Common Linnet	2
Yellow-legged Gull	4	Spanish Sparrow	10

List of birds

1. **Ruddy Shelduck** (*Tadorna ferruginea*) (6 rec., 201 ind.)

2 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 40 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 153 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 2 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 2 in a pair Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 2 Aqua Verdes 26-2

Unexpectedly common and seen in most places. By far the most at Los Molinos reservoir. The numbers at this locality, I guess, are very high. According to Clarke (2006) the first record on the Canaries was as late as in April 1994 (a female at Catalina de Garcia reservoir). In 1999 a maximum count was up to six pairs. A marked increase was in 2004 when 47 were recorded in Los Molinos reservoir. The expansion appears to have continued.



Ruddy Shelduck, Salinas del Carmen 21-2.

2. **Eurasian Wigeon** (*Anas penelope*) (1 rec., 2 ind.)

2 male Los Molinos reservoir 23-2

Should be uncommon (Clarke and Collins 1996). Scarce but fairly regular winter visitor in Clarke (2006). Was photo-documented.

3. **Common Teal** (*Anas crecca*) (3 rec., 18 ind.)

6 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 5 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 7 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2

Regular and fairly common winter visitor (Clarke 2006).

4. **Blue-winged Teal** (*Anas discors*) (2 rec., 1 ind.)

1 male Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 male Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2

Most unexpected, but a German couple told us they have seen the drake a few days earlier. Was photo-documented. Eight records in the Canaries to 2004, and three of these on Fuerteventura (Clark 2006).



Blue-winged Teal, Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir 22-2.

5. **Ring-necked Duck** (*Aythya collaris*) (2 rec., 2 ind.)
2 female-like Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 2 female-like Los Molinos reservoir 23-2
These two females, we got info from a German couple, have been present for a while. More than 30 records to 2004 in the Canaries, all since 1980 (Clarke 2006).



Ring-necked Ducks, Los Molinos reservoir 23-2.

6. **Barbary Partridge** (*Alectoris barbara*) (3 rec., 16 ind.)
1 in barranco close to the car rental company Orlando airport-Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 10 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 5 Tindaya 26-2
Rather few seen. Thought it should be more common. Maybe an effect of the draught. Perhaps introduced on Fuerteventura. Still common on Lanzarote but elsewhere uncommon and declining (Clarke 2006).



Barbary Partridge, Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir 24-2.

7. **Cory's Shearwater** (*Calonectris diomedea*) (2 rec., 91 ind.)
3 Migrating N Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 88 (66 migrating N, 5 S och 17 resting) Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2
Just one real sea-watch and for just nearly two hours. Guess the figures would be larger with more effort put on sea-watching.
8. **Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*) (2 rec., 14 ind.)
9 Migrating N Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 5 Adult Migrating N Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2
The same pattern as on Tenerife last spring, with small groups of north-migrating birds.
9. **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*) (2 rec., 3 ind.)
1 Migrating S Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 2 Barranco de Vinamar 21-2
A small colony established on Lanzarote. Apart from that regular in small numbers (Clarke 2006).



Cattle Egret Barranco de Vinamar 21-2.

10. **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*) (5 rec., 5 ind.)
1 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 1 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 1 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 1 Caleta de Fuste 25-2, 1 Punta de Paso Chico 26-2
A few pairs recently found breeding on Lanzarote. Common winter visitor and passage migrant (Clarke 2006).
11. **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*) (7 rec., 9 ind.)
1 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 1 Llanos de La Concepcion 22-2, 2 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 2 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 1 Caleta de Fuste 25-2, 1 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 1 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Common winter visitor and passage migrant (Clarke 2006).
12. **Eurasian Spoonbill** (*Platalea leucorodia*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Adult Los Molinos reservoir 23-2
Scarce and irregular passage migrant and winter visitor (Clarke 2006).



Eurasian Spoonbill, Los Molinos reservoir 23-2.

[Yellow-billed Stork (*Mycteria ibis*)] (1 rec., 1 ind.)

1 Adult circling above the road Lajita 21-2

From several trip reports it appears that this escape have been seen in the area of Lajita and Jandía peninsula during the last years.

13. **Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)** (1 rec., 1 ind.)

1 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2

Nearly extinct as a breeder, just 15-20 pairs in the Canaries. Not mentioned to breed on Fuerteventura (Clarke 2006).



Osprey, Los Molinos reservoir 23-2.

14. **Egyptian Vulture** (*Neophron percnopterus*) (10 rec., 31 ind.)

2 Adult at fairly high altitude Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 2 Adult Lajita 21-2, 1 2nd cal. year Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 Adult sitting in a precipice with lots of excrements below Las Penitas 22-2, 1 Adult Tindaya 22-2, 1 2nd cal. year Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 3 Corralejo 23-2, 2 Adult Restaurante Cafe Casabel 24-2, 2 Adult Molino de Antigua 24-2, 16 Tiscamanite vulture feeding 24-2

Fairly common, perhaps partly due to the feeding program. Fuerteventura is the last stronghold in the Canaries, but even there it is said to be declining. The birds may belong to the quite recently described ssp. majorensis (Clarke 2006).



Egyptian Vulture, Los Molinos reservoir 23-2.

15. **Canarian Common Buzzard** (*Buteo buteo insularum*) (10 rec., 25 ind.)

3 Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 1 Viewpoint Las Penitas 22-2, 1 Llanos de La Concepcion 22-2, 1 Tindaya 22-2, 2 Corralejo 23-2, 6 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 4 Tiscamanite vulture feeding 24-2, 2 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 2 Tindaya 26-2, 3 Tindaya 26-2

Subspecies insularum should be a little smaller and less variable in plumage compared with nominate buteo. Ssp. insularum is also browner above and more streaked below, being less marked and barred (Clarke 2006). According to Clarke and Collins (1996) it is an uncommon breeder on Fuerteventura. In our experience it was rather common. Even some more birds were observed from the car. Clarke (2006) also claims it to be a common resident. The feeding program for Egyptian Vulture has probably had a positive effect also for this species.



Canarian Common Buzzard, Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2.

16. **East Canarian Common Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus dacotiae*) (7 rec., 11 ind.)
1 male Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 1 Lajita 21-2, 2 Viewpoint Las Penitas 22-2, 1 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 4 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 1 male Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 1 Tindaya 26-2
Also a few more seen during transportation. Male of this ssp. is paler on the upperparts than nominate tinnunculus and the west-canarian ssp. canariensis, but intermediate in spotting. The female is the palest of the ssp. (Clarke 2006). Ssp. dacotiae should be common and nominate tinnunculus a scarce passage migrant (Clarke 2006).



East Canarian Common Kestrel, Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2.

17. **Barbary Falcon** (*Falco pelegrinoides*) (4 rec., 4 ind.)

1 Adult flying S. Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 1 Adult Hunting Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 1 Tindaya 22-2, 1 Adult Punta de Paso Chico 26-2

Seen on four different occasions - more than expected. Rather small and lighter grey on upperparts compared to Peregrine Falcon. A rare resident on all main islands (Clarke 2006).



Barbary Falcon, Punta de Paso Chico 26-2.

18. **Spotted Crake** (*Porzana porzana*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)

1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2

A surprise. Should be an uncommon passage migrant (Clarke and Collins 1996, Clarke 2006).



Spotted Crake, Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir 24-2.

19. **Common Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*) (3 rec., 8 ind.)

4 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 3 Adult Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 1 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2

A scarce and local breeder on Fuerteventura (Clarke 2006).

20. **Eurasian Coot** (*Fulica atra*) (3 rec., 379 ind.)

150 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 225 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 4 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2

The numbers from Los Molinos I guess are quite high. Breeds locally but not always successful on Fuerteventura. Numbers increases in winter with migrants from Europe (Clarke 2006).

21. **Hourbara Bustard** (*Chlamydotis undulata fuertaventurae*) (1 rec., 3 ind.)
3 In wadi (28.190849, -14.239372) moving W foraging Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2
Just one observation despite several attempts on good localities. Maybe a result of the draught or just that we avoided early mornings. Surveys estimated c. 240 birds on Fuerteventura where the population should be fairly stable (Clarke 2006).



Houbara Bustard, Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2.

22. **Stone-curlew** (*Burhinus oediconemus insularum*) (1 rec., 4 ind.)
4 near a graffiti-wall together with Whibrel Corralejo 25-2
The only observation was near the graffiti wall in southern Corralejo. I guess more would have been seen if we had been out at dusk. Most frequently encountered on Fuerteventura and Lanzarote (Clarke 2006).
23. **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*) (6 rec., 31 ind.)
11 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 2 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 3 Adult Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 9 Adult Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 4 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 2 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2
The birds in Barranco de Rio Cabras were warning and probably breeding. Breeds in small numbers (Clarke 2006).
24. **Common Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius hiaticula*) (4 rec., 37 ind.)
10 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 10 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 16 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Common passage migrant and winter visitor (Clarke 2006).
25. **Kentish Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) (3 rec., 27 ind.)
15 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 10 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 2 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
According to Clarke and Collins (1996) it is a fairly common breeder. Rather numerous but not common on eastern islands (Clarke 2006).



Kentish Plover, Caleta de Fuste 22-2.

26. **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*) (4 rec., 8 ind.)
1 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 2 Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 2 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 3 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Particularly regular Nov-Feb (Clarke 2006).
27. **Northern Lapwing** (*Vanellus vanellus*) (2 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 1 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2
According to Clarke & Collins (1996) it is a regular winter visitor and a fairly common passage migrant.
28. **Black-winged Stilt** (*Himantopus himantopus*) (3 rec., 8 ind.)
4 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 2 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 2 in a pair Los Molinos reservoir 23-2
According to Clarke and Collins (1996) the species is an uncommon passage migrant. May have bred on Fuerteventura (Clarke 2006).
29. **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*) (3 rec., 42 ind.)
3 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 4 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 35 Corralejo 23-2
Common passage migrant and winter visitor (Clarke 2006).



Sanderling, Caleta de Fuste 22-2.

30. **Little Stint** (*Calidris minuta*) (3 rec., 3 ind.)
 1 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2
Regular passage migrant in small numbers and a scarce winter visitor (Clarke 2006).
31. **Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris ferruginea*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2
One in winter plumage with a Dunlin. Should be an uncommon passage migrant (Clarke & Collins 1996), though it was rather common in e.g. Cape Verde during late autumn (November 2010). Regular passage migrant in small numbers and a scarce winter visitor (Clarke 2006).
32. **Dunlin** (*Calidris alpina*) (6 rec., 11 ind.)
 4 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 2 Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 2 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 1 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Regular and fairly common passage migrant and a scarce winter visitor (Clarke 2006).
33. **Ruff** (*Philomachus pugnax*) (2 rec., 2 ind.)
 2 female-like Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 2 female Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2
Regular, but uncommon passage migrant and a rare irregular winter visitor (Clarke 2006). Perhaps these birds were on their way further north.
34. **Common Snipe** (*Gallinago gallinago*) (2 rec., 5 ind.)
 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 4 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2
Regular and not uncommon on passage and in winter (Clarke 2006).
35. **Black-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa limosa*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
 1 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2
Regular on passage but rare in winter (Clarke 2006). A documentary photo was taken.



Whimbrel, Corralejo 25-2.

36. **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*) (3 rec., 7 ind.)
3 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 2 Corralejo S 25-2, 2 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Fairly common along the coasts. Rather surprising to have the species resting with Stone-curlews in desert-like landscape in Corralejo (though quite close to the sea). Regular on passage and in winter (Clarke 2006).
37. **Spotted Redshank** (*Tringa erythropus*) (2 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2
Should be an uncommon winter visitor (Clarke and Collins 1996, Clarke 2006).
38. **Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*) (3 rec., 3 ind.)
1 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 1 Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2
Regular passage migrant but scarcer winter visitor (Clarke 2006).
39. **Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*) (4 rec., 7 ind.)
1 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 4 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 1 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2
Regular passage migrant in small numbers but scarcer winter visitor (Clarke 2006).
40. **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*) (1 rec., 2 ind.)
2 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2
Regular winter visitor in small numbers (Clarke 2006). Photo-documented.



Green Sandpiper, Barranco de Rio Cabras 25-2.

41. **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*) (5 rec., 7 ind.)
 2 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 2 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 1 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2
Common on passage and as a winter visitor (Clarke 2006).
42. **Ruddy Turnstone** (*Arenaria interpres*) (6 rec., 16 ind.)
 1 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 1 Caleta de Fuste 21-2, 5 Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 4 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 1 Migrating N Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2, 4 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Common on passage and as a winter visitor, when it is the most common wader (Clarke 2006).
43. **Cream-coloured Cursor** (*Cursorius cursor*) (4 rec., 26 ind.)
 5 Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2, 2 Tindaya 22-2, 14 Costa Calma-La Pared 24-2, 5 Corralejo S 25-2
Perhaps the two birds at Tindaya were a breeding pair. Ssp. bannermani wrongly stated as the form on the Canaries in Clarke & Collins (1996). Clarke (2006) and Cramp (1983) states that the birds belongs to nominate cursor. The variation in plumage is clinal and just the eastern and western extremes (Cape Verde and Iran) are recognized as separate ssp., (Cramp 1983).



Cream-coloured Cursor, Tindaya 25-2.

44. **Black-headed Gull** (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
 1 2nd cal. year Migrating N Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2
Regular in winter and on passage, most frequently Nov-Feb (Clarke 2006)
45. **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus fuscus*) (1 rec., 2 ind.)
 2 Adult Barranco de la Torre 21-2
Fewer than expected. Common passage migrant and winter visitor, with most birds being of ssp. graellsii (Clarke 2006). Perhaps some Yellow-legged Gulls were misidentified as ssp. graellsii of this species.
46. **Yellow-legged Gull** (*Larus michahellis*) (19 rec., 194 ind.)
 4 Adult Migrating N Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 2 2nd cal. year Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 4 Caleta de Fuste 21-2, 5 Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 10 Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 5 Barranco de Vinamar 21-2, 5 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 8 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 6 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 25 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 28 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 10 Corralejo 23-2, 4 Costa Calma-La Pared 24-2, 20 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 25 in a distance circling on rather high altitude Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 12 Migrating N Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2, 2 Punta de Paso Chico 26-2, 15 El Cotillo 26-2, 4 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Some Lesser Black-backed Gulls of ssp. graellsii may have been misidentified as this species. A common breeder with 4000-4700 pairs in the Canaries, most in La Gomera and Gran Canaria (Clarke 2006). More birds were seen during transportation.



Yellow-legged Gull 2nd cal. year, Corralejo 23-2.

47. **Sandwich Tern** (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*) (5 rec., 95 ind.)
 9 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 3 Caleta de Fuste 21-2, 3 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 32 Migrating N Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2, 48 Resting Caleta de Fuste 27-2
The birds arrived in the harbour at dusk, sleeping sitting on floats in the marina. Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant, with large numbers on Fuerteventura (Clarke 2006)
48. **Common Tern** (*Sterna hirundo*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
 1 among Sandwich Terns Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Even though it is a fairly common passage migrant, Clarke & Collins does not mention the winter distribution, but tells it is a very localized or rare breeder. Breeds with no more than 50 pairs on the western islands and fairly common on migration (Clarke 2010).
49. **Great Skua** (*Stercorarius skua*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
 1 Migrating N Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2
Scarce but regular passage migrant and winter visitor (Clarke 2006). Photo-documented.
50. **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** (*Pterocles orientalis*) (4 rec., 26 ind.)
 15 Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2, 8 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 1 Aqua Verdes 26-2, 2 in a pair Tindaya 26-2
A fairly common breeder according to Clarke and Collins (1996). Highest population density in Parque Natural de Jandia (Clarke 2006).



Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2.

51. **Domestic Dove** (*Columba livia domestica*) (5 rec., 64 ind.)

5 Airport-Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 4 Las Penitas 22-2, 10 Tindaya 22-2, 25 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 20 Tindaya 26-2

Most birds seen had plumages of Domestic Doves. The Rock Dove is common and widespread, with wild birds present locally, but vast birds show signs of hybridization with Feral Doves (Clarke 2006).

52. **Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*) (12 rec., 108 ind.)

2 Airport-Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 15 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 1 Caleta de Fuste 21-2, 10 Costa Calma 21-2, 2 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 4 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 10 Betancuria 22-2, 10 Tindaya 22-2, 2 Restaurante Cafe Casabel 24-2, 30 Migrating N Matades Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2, 20 Singing Aqua Verdes 26-2, 2 Caleta de Fuste 27-2

Noticed as very rare or localized in Clarke & Collins! Obviously a huge expansion since then. Breeds on all main islands except El Hierro (Clarke 2006). A man feeding several birds sitting on his arms and hands, as they were Feral Doves at Caleta de Fuste seapoint, was a strange sight.



Eurasian Collared Dove, Costa Calma seapoint 25-2.

53. **European Turtle-Dove** (*Streptopelia turtur*) (1 rec., 6 ind.)

6 Singing Aqua Verdes 26-2

Should be a common summer breeder, but no mention on winter distribution in Clarke and Collins (1996). Common breeder on all islands, but no mention on winter distribution (Clarke 2006).



European Turtle Dove, Agua Verdes 26-2.

54. **Laughing Dove** (*Streptopelia senegalensis*) (3 rec., 14 ind.)

2 at entrance to hotel Geranios Suites and Spa, Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 2 Singing at entrance to hotel Geranios Suites Caleta de Fuste 26-2, 10 Singing Aqua Verdes 26-2

Not listed in Clarke and Collins, but obviously on a great expansion. Clarke (2006) states this: "On Fuerteventura, where it may be a natural colonizer, observed regularly around La Lajita where juveniles have been reported with adults. There are also records from other parts of Fuerteventura with some evidence for a small breeding population on the island."



Laughing Dove, Caleta de Fuste 21-2.

55. **Plain Swift** (*Apus unicolor*) (3 rec., 15 ind.)

3 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 2 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 10 near hotel Sheraton Caleta de Fuste 27-2

Seen rather well and photo-documented. No other swifts seen. A common breeder, although numbers in winter are much reduced and can be extremely hard to locate Oct-Jan (Clarke 2006).



Plain Swift, Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir 22-2.

56. **Eurasian Hoopoe** (*Upupa epops*) (6 rec., 10 ind.)

1 Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 2 Tindaya 22-2, 2 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 3 Singing Aqua Verdes 26-2, 1 Tindaya 26-2, 1 El Cotillo 26-2

Breeding resident on all islands, but far more frequent on eastern islands (Clarke 2006).



Eurasian Hoopoe, Corralejo 25-2.

57. **Southern Grey Shrike** (*Lanius meridionalis koenigi*) (9 rec., 9 ind.)

1 Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 1 Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2, 1 Las Penitas 22-2, 1 Warning Costa Calma-La Pared 24-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 1 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 1 Molino de Antigua 24-2, 1 Corralejo S 25-2, 1 Tindaya 26-2

Also a few more noticed from the car during transportation. Noticeably more numerous on Fuerteventura and Lanzarote compared to western islands (Clarke 2006).



Southern Grey Shrike, Vega de Rio Palmas 22-2.

58. **Common Raven** (*Corvus corax tingitanus*) (15 rec., 65 ind.)
 2 Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 2 Costa Calma 21-2, 3 Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2, 3 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 6 Viewpoint Las Penitas 22-2, 4 Las Penitas 22-2, 2 15:45-16:30, 8 Tindaya 22-2, La Oliva 23-2, 2 Costa Calma-La Pared 24-2, 6 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 25 Tiscamanite vulture feeding 24-2, 2 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 1 Singing Aqua Verdes 26-2, 1 Punta de Paso Chico 26-2, 4 Tindaya 26-2, 2 Tindaya 26-2
Ssp. tingitanus, which also occurs in North Africa, is the smallest ssp. with shortest throat hackles, also has a call not heard from nominate: a duck-like quacking and disyllabic "teer-do" (Clarke 2006). Common on Fuerteventura, but rapid decline on Tenerife (Clarke 2006).
59. **Lesser Short-toed Lark** (*Calandrella rufescens polatzeki*) (8 rec., 101 ind.)
 5 Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2, 10 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 15 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 25 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 5 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 15 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 25 Tindaya 26-2
Widespread and common on Fuerteventura. This race also breeds on Lanzarote and southern Tenerife (Clarke 2006). Race polatzeki with rather narrow black or black-brown streaks on upperparts and chest. A little darker on upperparts compared to ssp. minor of North Africa and the Middle East (Cramp 1988).



Lesser Short-toed Lark, Rosa del Taro dam 25-2.

60. **Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*) (2 rec., 3 ind.)
 2 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Common passage migrant and occasional winter visitor (Clarke 2006).
61. **Common House Martin** (*Delichon urbicum*) (5 rec., 39 ind.)
 1 Lajita 21-2, 2 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 25 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 3 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 8 near hotel Sheraton Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Common passage migrant, but no information on winter distribution (Clarke 2006).

62. **African Blue Tit** (*Cyanistes teneriffae degener*) (2 rec., 2 ind.)

1 Betancuria 22-2, 1 10:00-13:20 in plantation just upstream from the reservoir Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2

The bird at Barranco de Rio Cabras must have been quite outside the normal distribution range. Rather rare and locally distributed in Fuerteventura and Lanzarote (Clarke 2006).



African Blue Tit, Betancuria 22-2.

63. **Common Chiffchaff** (*Phylloscopus collybita*) (2 rec., 3 ind.)

2 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 1 Aqua Verdes 26-2

Race collybita is regular in small numbers as passage migrant, but much more uncommon in winter (Clarke 2006).

64. **Spectacled Warbler** (*Sylvia conspicillata orbitalis*) (11 rec., 35 ind.)

10 male Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 1 Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2, 3 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 male La Oliva 23-2, 1 Tiscamanite vulture feeding 24-2, 4 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 4 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 3 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 4 male Aqua Verdes 26-2, 3 Tindaya 26-2, 1 male Singing Caleta de Fuste 27-2

In Canaries most common on the eastern islands (Clarke 2006).



Spectacled Warbler, Barranco de la Torre 21-2.

65. **Sardinian Warbler** (*Sylvia melanocephala*) (5 rec., 15 ind.)
 8 male Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 2 Las Penitas 22-2, 2 Betancuria 22-2, 1 male Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 2 male Singing Aqua Verdes 26-2
A fairly common resident breeding on all main islands (Clarke 2006).
66. **Blackcap** (*Sylvia atricapilla*) (2 rec., 2 ind.)
 1 singing quietly Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 1 female Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2
Certainly wintering European birds. Race atricapilla considered a regular passage migrant and winter visitor to eastern islands (Clarke 2006).
67. **European Robin** (*Erithacus rubecula*) (1 rec., 2 ind.)
 2 Aqua Verdes 26-2
Probably northern birds. A scarce winter visitor on Fuerteventura and Lanzarote (Clarke 2006).
68. **Black Redstart** (*Phoenicurus ochruros*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
 1 female-like Caleta de Fuste 22-2
Uncommon but regular winter visitor (Clarke & Collins 1996 and Clarke 2006).
69. **Canary Islands Stonechat** (*Saxicola dacotiae*) (2 rec., 12 ind.)
 2 in a pair in the southern bushes near the sea Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 10 in pairs Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2
It was harder to see than expected. Best locality was Barranco de Rio Cabras. Most birds were alarming and probably breeding. Population on Fuerteventura estimated at more than 750 pairs (Clarke 2006).



Male Canary Islands Stonechat, Barranco de la Torre 21-2.



Female Canary Islands Stonechat, Barranco de la Torre 21-2.

70. **Common Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquatus*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 female in the field S hotel Geranios Suites and Spa Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Scarce and irregular winter visitor, more common on eastern islands (Clarke 2006).

71. **European Starling** (*Sturnus vulgaris*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)

1 Singing Aqua Verdes 26-2

According to Clarke & Collins (1996) Starling is an uncommon winter visitor. The bird also gave a short song.

72. **Berthelot's Pipit** (*Anthus berthelotii berthelotii*) (20 rec., 155 ind.)

2 Airport-Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 10 Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 20 Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 5 Costa Calma-La Pared 21-2, 40 Viewpoint Las Penitas 22-2, 5 Betancuria 22-2, 20 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 5 Tindaya 22-2, 10 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 2 La Oliva 23-2, 4 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 7 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 1 Tiscamanite vulture feeding 24-2, 6 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 6 Corralejo S 25-2, 2 Punta de Paso Chico 26-2, 2 Tindaya 26-2, 4 Tindaya 26-2, 1 El Cotillo 26-2, 3 Caleta de Fuste 27-2

Perhaps the most common bird. Seen everywhere. Ssp. Berthelotii in the Canaries, ssp. madeirensis on Madeira, having a little longer bill and middle toe (Clarke 2006).



Berthelot's Pipit, Rosa de Catalina Garcia reservoir 22-2.

73. **Meadow Pipit** (*Anthus pratensis*) (3 rec., 5 ind.)

2 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 2 Caleta de Fuste 27-2

Should be a fairly common winter visitor according to Clarke & Collins (1996). In Clarke (2006) noted as scarce but regular winter visitor.

74. **White Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*) (4 rec., 7 ind.)

1 at small sewage plant Barranco de Vinamar 21-2, 2 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 2 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 2 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2

Regular winter visitor in small numbers (Clarke 2006).

75. **Corn Bunting** (*Emberiza calandra*) (2 rec., 4 ind.)

1 Singing Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 3 Tindaya 26-2

The birds at Tindaya were singing at dusk. Should be more common on the central islands (Clarke 2006).

76. **European Goldfinch** (*Carduelis carduelis*) (1 rec., 5 ind.)

5 Adult Costa Calma 21-2

Only one observation in the Costa Calma wood. Locally common on Fuerteventura (Clarke & Collins 1996).

77. **Common Linnet** (*Carduelis cannabina harterti*) (14 rec., 34 ind.)

2 Costa Calma 21-2, 2 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 22-2, 2 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 2 Tindaya 22-2, 5 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 3 Corralejo 23-2, 1 Rosa de Catalina Carmen reservoir 24-2, 2 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 2 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 2 Corralejo S 25-2, 6 Punta de Paso Chico 26-2, 1 Tindaya 26-2, 2 El Cotillo 26-2, 2 Caleta de Fuste 27-2
Ssp. harterti confined to eastern islands where it is fairly common (Clarke 2006).



Common Linnet, Caleta de Fuste 21-2.

78. **Trumpeter Finch** (*Bucanetes githagineus amantum*) (6 rec., 81 ind.)

3 Salinas del Carmen 21-2, 30 Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 1 Singing Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 20 Los Molinos reservoir 22-2, 2 Los Molinos reservoir 23-2, 25 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2
Very common in the barrancos. Many birds territorial and singing. In Canaries far more common on eastern islands (Clarke 2006).



Male Trumpeter Finch, Salinas del Carmen 21-2.

79. **Spanish Sparrow** (*Passer hispaniolensis*) (13 rec., 140 ind.)

5 Caleta de Fuste 20-2, 4 Caleta de Fuste 21-2, 20 seem to breed in the northern slopes, Barranco de la Torre 21-2, 1 male at small sewage plant Barranco de Vinamar 21-2, 15 Caleta de Fuste 22-2, 10 Viewpoint Las Penitas 22-2, 15 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2, 20 Restaurante Cafe Casabel 24-2, 10 Rosa del Taro dam 25-2, 10 Corralejo S 25-2, 10 Singing Aqua Verdes 26-2, 10 Tindaya 26-2, 10 Caleta de Fuste 27-2

According to Clarke and Collins (1996) the species is abundant. Seem to fit quite well.



Male Spanish Sparrow, Caleta de Fuste 22-2.

List of mammals

1. **Rabbit** (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Barranco de Rio Cabras
A few more seen during transportation.
2. **Algerian Hedgehog** (*Atelerix algirus*)
A few, 3-4 were seen, dead on roads.
3. **Dolphins/Small whales**
Several unidentified species seen from Caleta de Fuste seapoint 25-2: Five smaller with darker upperparts quite sharply demarcated from lighter underparts swimming N, two larger with larger dorsal fin and with large darker irregular spots on upperparts on two separate occasions, one with a calf, five smaller with a black streak in an arch in front of the dorsal fin, swimming S and on two separate occasions and finally one larger towards N with dark spots on grey background, with very profound forehead and a quite short nose.

List of reptiles

4. **Atlantic Lizard** (*Gallotia atlantica*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Barranco de Rio Cabras
A few more glimpses of lizards may have been of this species.



Atlantic Lizzard, Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2.

List of butterflies and other arthropods

The Aculeata (the wasp and bee) were identified by Göran Holmström. Many thanks!

1. **Emperor Dragonfly** (*Anax imperator*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2
A few more observations of probably this species were made.
2. **Small White** (*Pieris rapae*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Barranco de Vinimar 21-2
Present on all main islands (Clark & Collins 1996).
3. **African Monarch** (*Danaus chrysippus*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Betancuria 22-2



African Monarch, Betancuria 22-2.

4. **Monarch** (*Danaus plexippus*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Betancuria 22-2
5. **Sphécoid wasp** (*Delta dimidiatipenne*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Barranco de la Torre 21-2.



Delta dimidiatipenne, Barranco de la Torre 21-2.

6. **Leafcutter bee** (*Megachile sicula*) (1 rec., 10 ind.)
10 12:20-13:20 Punta de Paso Chico 26-2.

List of plants

A few plants were photographed and identified by Rubén Barone Tosco. Many thanks!

1. **Mallow bindweed** (*Convolvulus cf altaeoides*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
5 Betancuria 22-2



Mallow Bindweed, Betancuria 22-2.

2. **Asteraceae** (*Launaea arborescens*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Betancuria 22-2
3. **Mantle of the Virgin** (*Fagonia cretica*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Betancuria 22-2
4. **Garland chrysanthemum** (*Chrysanthemum coronarium* var *discolor*) (1 rec., 1 ind.)
1 Betancuria 22-2
5. **Chenopodiaceae** (*Traganum moquinii*) (1 rec., 10 ind.)
10 El Cotillo 26-2
6. **Tree tobacco** (*Nicotiana glauca*) (1 rec., 10 ind.)
15 Barranco de Rio Cabras 24-2

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