

# Trip report Azerbaijan

Besh Barmag

15-20 September 2016

youth camp & bird migration counts

*#birdcampbesh2016*



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*Following the last years of ornithological exploration in Azerbaijan and dominated by the sensational, however sporadic coverage of the migration bottleneck site of Besh Barmag, the idea for this arrangement grew forth. We wanted to encourage young nature interested people and young birders to meet and experience the spectacle of bird migration. We succeeded in bringing together young Swedes, Azeris and Germans and also got funding for most of the camp! Plans are already brewing for a spring camp in 2017 ☺*

*Some 150 species during just four field days indicates the variety and richness of species at this spectacular site which continues to prove itself a v-e-r-y exciting birders destination!*

*Read more about birding in Azerbaijan at [www.birdingaze.blogspot.se](http://www.birdingaze.blogspot.se) and see trip reports also at [www.tomasharaldsson.se](http://www.tomasharaldsson.se)*

### **Arrangements and logistics**

Tourist visas for the foreigners, letter of invitation and bus transfers to/from Besh Barmag was reserved through the Baku-based travel agency Caspian Tour that I have used all my trips to the country.

Tents, food and a field cook/kitchen were all arranged by Nature Friends Azerbaijan. We brought sleeping bags and mats ourselves and some extra were rented locally.

The price level is still low from a Western perspective, mainly on the countryside and allows for some low-cost trips here, using simple accommodation, no guide needed and buying local food. Return tickets with Turkish Airlines from Scandinavia to Baku via Istanbul at just over 300 euros.



*Demonstrating bird ringing. Photo: Emil Lundahl*

## Funding & cooperation

We as initiative holders of the Bird Camp Besh Barmag are very grateful to our sponsors for supporting the camp:

*Nature and Biodiversity Union (NABU), BirdLife partner in Germany*



*Swedish Ornithological Society (SOF), BirdLife partner in Sweden*



*Ornithological Society of the Middle East, Caucasus & Central Asia (OSME)*



The camp was an arrangement by Nature Friends Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan Ornithological Society (AOS, BirdLife partner in Azerbaijan) and me in my personal capacity.



## ***Besh Barmag***

As recent years of studies by German ornithologists have shown (see Heiss 2013), the narrow coastal plain below the scared rock of Besh Barmag (visible from the highway, a famous landmark) acts as a "bottle neck" for mainly autumn bird migration. Well over a million birds pass each autumn and less so in spring time. As other migration sites it seems a bit sensitive to weather – a fine spring day can be poor in birds but northerly winds and even light drizzle in October can give hundreds of thousands of birds.

The place is readily accessible since the main highway runs through here and the site is 90km, or approx. 90min driving time, north of Baku.

The perhaps best observation point is on the low coastal ridge just inland from the beach about 5km north of the last café/rest house at the Besh Barmag resting place for motorists and buses.

About 600m north of the last café (at the viaduct/road split), turn right off the highway and follow the rough gravel road towards northeast and the coast. After a few kilometers a fine patch of natural *Artemisia* steppe will appear on your right and across that is the low ridge before the land slopes down to the beach, lagoon and bush land. A dirt track crosses the steppe here and look for a z-shaped rusty metal pipe that is near the observation point.

From here you can cover the migration corridor (that seems several kilometers wide, from the foothills inland to far out at sea), the Caspian Sea, the coastline, the steppe that attracts resting larks, pipits and bustards and also keep an eye north towards the rubbish dump (about 2km from the observation post) that attracts vultures, eagles, pelicans, kites and much more. It is also easy to walk down into the bush land and lagoon area. Such a rich area and always something to look for.

### **More from the trip!**

\* Guest blogging with a trip summary and pics at THE website for birdwatching in Azerbaijan [www.birdingaze.blogspot.se](http://www.birdingaze.blogspot.se)

\* Migration counts from Besh Barmag at [www.trektellen.org](http://www.trektellen.org)

\* Lots of photos and updates at the profile pages of many participants on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

\* Photo galleries from the trip at the personal web sites of

Emil Lundahl: <http://kungsfiskare.weebly.com/azerbaijan-september-2016.html>

August Thomasson: <http://augustthomasson.weebly.com/azerbaijan.html>

\* video clips from this and other birding tours to Azerbaijan and the Middle East at my YouTube site <https://www.youtube.com/user/Tomas06560656>

\* more trip reports from Azerbaijan and the Middle East at my web [www.tomasharaldsson.se](http://www.tomasharaldsson.se)

### **Itinerary**

*15 September* evening departure around 6 pm from Scandinavia, meeting up and transit in Istanbul for 2.5 hours then on to Baku at 2am.

*16 September* arrival at 5:30 am in Baku, heading straight for Besh Barmag (90 min drive from Baku), full day there

*17 September* full day at Besh Barmag

*18 September* full day at Besh Barmag

19 September Besh Barmag until 3pm, return to Baku for farewell dinner. Midnight transfer to the airport.

20 September return flight at 2am, transit Istanbul, in Scandinavia by 09am.

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## Species list

All records from Besh Barmag 16-19/9 2016. All migration counts taken from respective day summary at Trektellen.org. All migration records are regarding southward-flying birds unless stated otherwise.

**1. Shelduck** Gravand *Tadorna tadorna*

12 migrating 17/9.

**2. Eurasian Wigeon** Bläsand *Anas penelope*

1 migrating 18/9.

**3. Mallard** Gräsand *Anas platyrhynchos*

A total of 3 migrating 16-19/9.

**Northern Shoveler** Skedand *Anas clypeata*

A total of 269 migrating 17-19/9.



Migrating Garganeys. Photo: August Thomasson

**4. Northern Pintail** Stjærtand *Anas acuta*

A total of 508 migrating 16-19/9.

**5. Garganey** Ártá *Anas querquedula*

A total of 4.104 migrating 16-19/9 .

**6. Eurasian Teal** Kricka *Anas crecca*

A total of 79 migrating 16-19/9 .

(**Dabbling ducks** simand sp. *Anas sp.*)

(A total of at least 4.040 migrating 16-19/9 but too distant over the Caspian Sea to separate into species.)

**7. Common Pochard** Brunand *Aythya ferina*

5 migrating 18/9.

**8. Ferruginous Duck** Vitögd dykand *Aythya nyroca*

1 migrating 18/9.

**9. Tufted Duck** Vigg *Aythya fuligula*

11 migrating 16-19/9.

**10. Common Quail** Vaktel *Coturnix coturnix*

3 birds flushed during the period.



*Migrating Little Bitterns at dusk. Photo: August Thomasson*

**11. Black-necked Grebe** Svarthalsad dopping *Podiceps nigricollis*

5 migrating 18/9.

**12. Little Bittern** Dvärgöröddrom *Ixobrychus minutus*

8 migrating on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 9 on the 18<sup>th</sup>, all taking off from the bush land at dusk in small groups.

**13. Grey Heron** Gråhäger *Ardea cinerea*

A total of 487 migrating 16-19/9.

**14. Purple Heron** Purpurhäger *Ardea purpurea*

A total of 246 migrating 16-19/9.

**15. Little Egret** Silkeshäger *Egretta garzetta*

A total of 491 migrating 16-19/9.

**16. Cattle Egret** Kohäger *Bubulcus ibis*

2 migrating 18/9.



*Migrating Little Egrets with two Cattle Egrets. Photo: Emil Lundahl*

**17. Black-crowned Night Heron** Natthäger *Nycticorax nycticorax*

31 migrating 16/9 including a flock of 25 taking off at dusk with the Little Bitterns.

**18. Greater Flamingo** Större flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

A total of 51 migrating 16-19/9.

**19. Glossy Ibis** Bronsibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

A total of 118 migrating 16-19/9.

**20. Eurasian Spoonbill** Skedstork *Platalea leucorodia*

A total of 371 migrating 16-19/9.



*Migrating Spoonbills, Northern Pintails and Garganeys. Photo: August Thomasson*

**21. Black Stork** Svart stork *Ciconia nigra*

3 migrating 18/9.

**22. Great Cormorant** Storskarv *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Common but with mainly a resident number of a few hundreds. Very little visible migration.

**23. Honey Buzzard** Bivråk *Pernis apivorus*

A total of 4 migrating 16-19/9.

**24. Egyptian Vulture** Smutsgam *Neophron percnopterus*

2-3 residents seen briefly during three days, involving at least one adult and one younger bird.

**25. Cinereous Vulture** Grågam *Aegypius monachus*

Up to some 25 resident in the area, often soaring the rubbish dump.

**26. Eurasian Griffon Vulture** Gåsgam *Gyps fulvus*

6 soaring in fine weather 19/9 with other raptors.

**27. Short-toed Eagle** Ormörn *Circaetus gallicus*

A total of 3 migrating 17-19/9.

**28. Booted Eagle** Dvärgörn *Aquila pennata*

2 birds migrating 17-18/9 and 1 bird seemingly resting in the area.

**29. Lesser Spotted Eagle** Mindre skrikörn *Clanga pomarina*

A total of 4 migrating 18-19/9.

**30. Imperial Eagle** Kejsarörn *Aquila heliaca*

4-5 different birds resident in the area 16-19/9, mainly 1cy seen.

**31. Golden Eagle** Kungsörn *Aquila chrysaetos*

1 older bird seen 19/9

**32. Eurasian Marsh Harrier** Brun kärrhök *Circus aeruginosus*

A total of 61 migrating 16-19/9.



*Male Pallid Harrier. Photo: August Thomasson*

**33. Montagues Harrier** Ängshök *Circus pygarrus*

A total of 25 migrating 16-19/9.

**34. Pallid Harrier** Stäpphök *Circus macrororus*

A total of 4 migrating, all adult males, 16-19/9.

**(Unidentified Montagues/Pallid Harriers)**

(A total of 12 migrating 16-19/9.)

**35. Eurasian Sparrowhawk** Sparvhök *Accipiter nisus*

A total of 9 migrating 16-19/9.

**36. Black Kite** Brun glada *Milvus migrans*

Up to 35 resident in the area 16-19/9.

**37. White-tailed Eagle** Havsörn *Haliaeetus albicilla*

One adult resident in the area 16-19/9.

**38. “Steppe Buzzard”** Stäppvråk (Ormvråk) *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

Surprisingly rare with only 4 migrating 16-19/9.

**39. Little Bustard** Småtrapp *Tetrax tetrax*

2 birds resting on the steppe near the watchpoint, seen 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> but not between those dates!

**40. Corncrake** Kornknarr *Crex crex*

1 resting bird 17/9. Not previously recorded at this site!

**41. Avocet** Skärfläcka *Recurvirostra avosetta*

A total of 106 migrating 16-19/9



*Migrating Avocets. Photo: August Thomasson*

**42. Oystercatcher** Strandskata *Haemantopus ostralegus*

4 migrating 16/9.

**43. Black-winged Stilt** Stytlöpare *Himantopus himantopus*

3 resting at the rubbish dump lagoon and some singles on migration 16-19/9.



Two Black-winged Stilts at the dump. Photo: Emil Lundahl

**44. Black-winged Pratincole** Svartvingad vadarsvala *Glaerola nordmanni*

1 bird passing the watchpoint 16/9 and 38 migrating 18/9.

**45. Ringed Plover** Större strandpipare *Charadrius hiaticula*

A total of 87 migrating 16-19/9 as well as 10+ resting on the beach.

**46. Grey (Black-bellied) Plover** Kustpipare *Pluvialis squatarola*

1 resting on the beach during several days.

**47. Northern Lapwing** Tofsvipa *Vanellus vanellus*

A total of 68 migrating 16-19/9

**48. Turnstone** Roskarl *Arenaria interpres*

2 migrating 18/9.

**49. Sanderling** Sandlöpare *Calidris alba*

A total of 108 migrating 16-19/9 and small groups also resting on the beach.

**50. Dunlin** Kärrsnäppa *Calidris alpina*

A total of 57 migrating 16-19/9 but with 100+ of unidentified *Calidris* waders migrating.

**51. Curlew Sandpiper** Spovsnäppa *Calidris ferruginea*

Only 2 noted on migration but with singles also in the wader flocks on the beach 16-19/9.

**52. Little Stint** Småsnäppa *Calidris minuta*

Small numbers migrating and resting on the beach 16-19/9, less than 10 recorded.

**53. Temmincks Stint** Mosnäppa *Calidris temminckii*

1 resting at the rubbish dump lagoon 18/9.

**54. Common Sandpiper** Drillsnäppa *Actitis hypoleucos*

2 on the beach 17/9.

**55. Green Sandpiper** Skogssnäppa *Tringa ochropus*

A total of 4 migrating 16-19/9.



*Migrating Ruffs. Photo: August Thomasson*

**56. Spotted Redshank** Svartsnäppa *Tringa erythropus*

A total of 3 migrating 16-19/9.

**57. Marsh Sandpiper** Dammsnäppa *Tringa stagnatilis*

1 migrating 17/9.

**58. Wood Sandpiper** Grönbena *Tringa glareola*

A total of 24 migrating 16-19/9.

**59. Ruff** Brushane *Philomachus pugnax*

A total of 1.204 migrating 16-19/9.

**60. Black-tailed Godwit** Rödspov *Limosa limosa*

25 migrating 17/9.

**61. Common Snipe** Enkelbeckasin *Gallinago gallinago*

Singles flying by on 4-5 occasions 16-19/9.

**62. Arctic Skua** Kustlabb *Stercorarius parasiticus*

2 flying north 16/9 and 2 heading south 17/9.

**63. Slender-billed Gull** Långnäbbad mås *Larus genei*

A total of 190 migrating 16-19/9.

**64. Black-headed Gull** Skrattmås *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Common in the area and with a total of 29 migrating 16-19/9.



Two migrating Gull-billed Tern. Photo: August Thomasson

**65. Little Gull** Dvärgmås *Hydrocoleus minutus*

Common in the area and with a total of 939 migrating 16-19/9.

**66. Caspian Gull** Kaspisk trut *Larus cachinnans*

At least 1500+ resident around the rubbish dump.

**67. Lesser Black-backed Gull** Silltrut *Larus fuscus*

A total of 4 migrating 16-19/9 out of which two birds were identified as *L.f. heuglini*.

**68. Caspian Tern** Skräntärna *Hydroprogne caspia*

A total of 27 migrating 16-19/9.

**69. Sandwich Tern** Kentsk tärna *Sterna sandwichensis*

A total of 298 migrating 16-19/9.

**70. Gull-billed Tern** Sandtärna *Sterna nilotica*

A total of 126 migrating 16-19/9.

**71. Common Tern** Fisktärna *Sterna hirundo*

A total of 2.237 migrating 16-19/9.

**72. Little Tern** Småtärna *Sternula albifrons*

1 migrating 17/9.



*Migrating White-winged Black Tern with dabbling ducks in the background. Photo: August Thomasson*

**73. White-winged Black Tern** Vitvingad tärna *Chlidonias leucopterus*

A total of 2.910 migrating 16-19/9, out of which 2.803 on 17/9, as well as 200+ unidentified marsh terns.

**74. Black Tern** Svarttärna *Chlidonias niger*

2 migrating 17/9.

**75. Whiskered Tern** Skäggtärna *Chlidonias hybridus*

A total of 78 migrating 16-19/9.

**76. Stock Dove** Skogsduva *Columba oenas*

A total of 30 migrating 16-19/9.

**77. Wood Pigeon** Ringduva *Columba palumbus*

Singles recorded.

**78. Eurasian Collared Dove** Turkduva *Streptopelia decaocto*

Small numbers in likely local movements 16-19/9.

**79. Turtle Dove** Turturduva *Streptopelia turtur*

A total of 5 migrating 16-19/9.

**80. Common Cuckoo** Gök *Cuculus canorus*

3-4 resting birds in the area 16-19/9.



*Trapped Eurasian Scop's Owl. Photo: Emil Lundahl*

**81. Little Owl** Minervauggla *Athene noctua*

One resident bird seen 16/9.

**82. Eurasian Scops Owl** Dvärguv *Otus scops*

1 trapped 19/9.

**83. Common Nightjar** Nattskärra *Caprimulgus europaeus*

3 flushed and also seen hawking at dusk 16/9 and 1 seen 19/9.

**84. Common Swift** Tornseglare *Apus apus*

A total of 5 migrating 16-19/9.

**85. Common Kingfisher** Kungsfiskare *Alcedo atthis*

1 at the rubbish dump lagoon 18/9.

**86. Hoopoe** Härfågel *Upupa epops*

Regularly seen with 5-7 resting birds in the area 16-19/9.

**87. European Roller** Blåkråka *Corcarius garrulous*

Common with some 8-10 birds resting and many hawking insects as the rain ceased, at least 25 in the air 18/9 and that day also a flock of 20 migrating.

**88. Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** Grön biätare *Merops persicus*

Constant part of the soundscape of the skies with a total of 2.789 going south and 100+ birds hanging around.



*Migrating adult Blue-cheeked Bee-eater. Photo: Emil Lundahl*

**89. Eurasian Bee-eater** Biätare *Merops apiaster*

Smaller numbers among the Blue-cheeked with a total of 183 migrating 16-19/9.

**90. Lesser Kestrel** Rödfalk *Falco naumanni*

Common in the area and often hawking in loose groups. 75+ in the air 18/9 as the sun dried up the moist weather and brought up lots of insects, joined also by lots of bee-eaters and 25+ Rollers.

**91. Eurasian Kestrel** Tornfalk *Falco tinnunculus*

Common in the area but in small numbers 16-19/9.

**92. Eurasian Hobby** Lärkfalk *Falco subbuteo*

Common (but none seen migrating) and with at least 15-20 birds hunting in the area 16-19/9.

**93. Lesser Grey Shrike** Svartpannad törnskata *Lanius minor*

Surprisingly only one seen, a resting bird 16/9.

**94. Woodchat Shrike** Rödhuvad törnskata *Lanius senator*

One resting bird 19/9.

**95. Red-backed Shrike** Törnskata *Lanius collurio*

Fairly common in the area with tens of resting birds 16-19/9.



*Trapped Eurasian Jay. Photo: Emil Lundahl*

**96. Eurasian Jay** Nötskrika *Garrulus glandarius*

Several seen and one bird trapped 19/9. Peculiar looking subspecies *atricapillus*.

**97. Eurasian Magpie** Skata *Pica pica*

Common.

**98. Eurasian Jackdaw** Kaja *Corvus monedula*

Some smaller flocks passing by 16-19/9.

**99. Rook** Råka *Corvus frugilegus*

Low numbers migrating 16-19/9.

**100. Hooded Crow** Kråka *Corvus corone*

Common.

**101. Common Raven** Korp *Corvus corax*

A pair seen temporarily in the area 16-19/9.

**102. Calandra Lark** Kalanderlärka *Melanocorypha calandra*

One lone bird passed the watch point 19/9, compared to the 16.000 during three days in late October 2015!

**103. Greater Short-toed Lark** Korttålarke *Calandrella brachydactyla*

A total of 49 migrating 16-19/9.

**104. Lesser Short-toed Lark** Dvärglärka *Calandrella rufescens*

A total of 4 migrating 16-19/9.

**105. Crested Lark** Tofslärka *Galerida cristata*

Several records of singles/small groups moving around in the area.

**106. Barn Swallow** Ladusvala *Hirundo rustica*

Perhaps the most numerous bird on migration 16-19/9 with a total of 12.000+ migrating.

**107. Sand Martin** Backsvala *Riparia riparia*

Hundreds on migration 16-19/9 but only 360 recorded, lots of unidentified swallows/martins in the distance.

**108. House Martin** Hussvala *Delichon urbicum*

Low numbers on migration 16-19/9.

**109. Eurasian Blue Tit** Blåmes *Parus caeruleus*

1 recorded 19/9.

**110. Eurasian Penduline Tit** Pungmes *Remiz pendulinus*

One migrating 19/9.

**111. Golden Oriole** Sommargylling *Oriolus oriolus*

2 resting birds 16 and 19/9 respectively.

**112. Cetti's Warbler** Cettisångare *Cettia cetti*

Heard occasionally in the bushland 16-19/9.

**113. Menetriés Warbler** Östlig sammetsätta *Sylvia mystacea*

Several records during 16-19/9, at least 7-8 birds in the area.



*Trapped female Menetriés Warbler. Photo: Emil Lundahl*

**114. Lesser Whitethroat** Ärtsångare *Sylvia curruca*

Common in the bushland 16-19/9.

**115. Common Whitethroat** Törnsångare *Sylvia communis*

Fairly common but in low numbers in the bushland 16-19/9.

**116. Garden Warbler** Trädgårdssångare *Sylvia borin*

Common in the bushland 16-19/9, some congregations of 6-7 birds in one tree.

**117. Blackcap** Svarthätta *Sylvia atricapilla*

Fairly common in the bushland 16-19/9 and often in trees with berries.

**118. Willow Warbler** Lövsångare *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Seemingly common but in small number in the bushland 16-19/9.

**119. Green Warbler** Kaukasisk lundsångare *Phylloscopus nitidus*

One resting, vocal bird in the bushes by the camp 16/9.

**120. Chiffchaff** Gransångare *Phylloscopus collybita*

Fairly common and quite numerous in the bushland 16-19/9.

**121. Eurasian Reed Warbler** Rörsångare *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Fairly common in the area 16-19/9 and at least some of the birds appeared to be ssp *fuscus*.

**122. Great Reed Warbler** Trastsångare *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

At least 2 resting birds in the bushland 16-19/9.

**123. Paddyfield Warbler** Fältsångare *Acrocephalus Agricola*

1 bird seen and heard at close range in bushes at the camp 16/9.

**124. European Robin** Rödhake *Erithacus rubecula*

1 trapped 19/9.

**125. Thrush Nightingale** Näktergal *Luscinia luscinia*

Several birds resting in the bushland 16-19/9, at least 6-7 seen.

**126. Red-breasted Flycatcher** Mindre flugsnappare *Ficedula parva*

Very common in the bushland with tens of birds seen, mainly in the first days with drizzle.



Trapped Red-breasted Flycatcher. Photo: Emil Lundahl

**127. Pied Flycatcher** Svartvit flugsnappare *Ficedula hypoleuca*

2 birds resting 17-18/9.

**128. Spotted Flycatcher** Grå flugsnappare *Muscicapa striata*

Several resting in the area 16-19/9.

**129. Common Redstart** Rödstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Fairly common with 8-10 in the bushland 16-19/9.

**130. Whinchat** Buskskvätta *Saxicola rubetra*

Low numbers resting, 5-7 seen 16-19/9.

**131. Siberian Stonechat** Vitgumpad buskskvätta *Saxicola maurus hemprichii*

Fairly common in the area with at least 12-15 birds noted. All seemingly hemprichii.

**132. Northern Wheatear** Stenskvätta *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Common as resting migrants, mainly on the beach, with 20+ birds seen 16-19/9.

**133. Pied Wheatear** Nunnestenskvätta *Oenanthe pleschanka*

One resting at the watch point 16/9.

**134. Starling** Stare *Sturnus vulgaris*

A total of 3.920 migrating 16-19/9.



Adult Rose-colored Starling with Starlings. Photo: Emil Lundahl

**135. Rose-colored Starling** Rosenstare *Pastor roseus*

A total of 58 migrating 16-19/9, mainly single 1cy birds in flocks of Starlings but also a flock of some 40 birds. One adult bird recorded.

**136. Western Yellow Wagtail** Guläråla *Motacilla flava*

Very common and numerous migrant with at least 9.500 migrating 16-19/9.

**137. Citrine Wagtail** Citronäråla *Motacilla citreola*

A total of 14 migrating 16-19/9 as well as 5 resting at the little lagoon at the rubbish dump 18/9.

**138. Grey Wagtail** Forsäråla *Motacilla cinerea*

A total of 4 migrating 16-19/9.

**139. White Wagtail** Sädesäråla *Motacilla alba*

Common resting and with a total of 400 migrating 16-19/9.

**140. Tawny Pipit** Fältpiplärka *Anthus campestris*

Singles resting and a total of 28 migrating 16-19/9.



*Tawny Pipit on the steppe. Photo: Emil Lundahl.*

**141. Tree Pipit** Trädpiplärka *Anthus trivialis*

Common migrant but in low numbers 16-19/9.

**142. Reed Bunting** Sävspurv *Emberiza schoeniclus*

1 migrating 17/9.

**143. Ortolan Bunting** Ortolansparv *Emberiza hortulana*

A total of 3 migrating 16-19/9.

**144. Corn Bunting** Kornsparv *Emberiza calandra*

A total of 25 migrating 16-19/9 but also several flocks moving around in the area.

**145. Common Rosefinch** Rosenfink *Carpodacus erythrinus*

A total of 8 migrating 16-19/9.

**146. European Goldfinch** Steglits *Carduelis carduelis*

2 seen 19/9.

**147. House Sparrow** Gråsparv *Passer domesticus*

Very common, hundreds passing south whether migrants or local movements.



*Pied Wheatear. Photo: Harald Ris*