



Birds in Málaga

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ORNITHOLOGICAL MAP of MALAGA province

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Malaga Bird List

The status of the species is mainly based on the criteria used by the Rarities Committee of the Spanish Ornithological Society (SEO/Birdlife), although in some cases I based the status of the species in the province of Malaga on all available records. Because taxonomy is not a static science, more than one standard is available. In this map, the author has followed his own preferences, which are mainly based on Gill & Donsker (IOC World Bird List, v 5.4, 2015); the same list has been used for English bird names.

R Resident: Species which live in Malaga all year round and can be seen at any time. Lower case letters indicate that the species is scarce.

W Wintering: The arrival of winter brings species from the north to spend the cold months in Malaga. Lower case indicates a scarce species.

S Summer visitors: Species breeding in Malaga, arriving in spring but overwintering in Africa. Lower case indicates a scarce species. If the species is flagged with an * the species does not breed in Malaga province, despite being observed in this area during the breeding period.

M Migrating birds: Species that can be seen during pre- and post-breeding migration. Lower case letters indicate that few of these birds migrate.

disp Dispersive species: Species that breed in the Iberian Peninsula but not in the province. Some individuals can reach Malaga province during their dispersive movements (e.g., the Spanish Imperial Eagle, Great Bustard, or the Trumpeter Finch). Typical African species, such as the Long-legged Buzzard or Rüppell's Vulture, are also included in this category.

A Accidental birds: Unusual visitors occasionally seen in Malaga province. In this case a second status is provided that indicates when the species is normally observed.

Rar Rare birds: Birds that stay far outside their expected range, leading to great excitement in the birding world.

If more than one status is indicated, the first one is the usual status, and then secondary status.

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This summer visitor breeds in Málaga in dry and open habitats, such as agricultural land and olive groves. Although it does not reach high densities, its characteristic song and typical tail movements can be appreciated from April to August.

Rufous Bush Robin
Cercothraea galactotes

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English names	Scientific names	Status in Malaga
Anatidae		
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	w m
Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabilis</i>	A w
Dark-bellied Brant	<i>Branta bernicla bernicla</i>	A w
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Rar
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	s w m
Puddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Exot Rar
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	W s
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	w
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	R w m
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	Exot Rar
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	W s m
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	w
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	m
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	W m
Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	A s m
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	w s
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	W s
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	w m
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	w
Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	A w
Black Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	w m
Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Rar
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Rar
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	A w
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	w
White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	r
Phasianidae		
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	R
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	s m w
Gaviidae		
Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	A w
Arctic Loon	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	A w
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	A w
Podicipedidae		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	R w
Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Rar
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Rar
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	s w
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	W s m
Procellariidae		
Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Rar
Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	M s*
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Rar
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	Rar
Macaronesian Shearwater	<i>Puffinus baroli</i>	Rar
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	Rar
Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	M w
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	A m
Hydrobatidae		
Wilson's Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Rar

European Storm-petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	m s*
Leach's Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	A m
Sulidae		
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	W M
Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Rar
Phalacrocoracidae		
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	W s*
Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	A disp
Ardeidae		
Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	A w
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	s w
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	W s
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	m s
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	w
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	w s m
Reef Egret	<i>Egretta gularis</i>	Rar
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	R
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	m s
Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	s w
Ciconiidae		
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	m w
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	m s
Threskiornithidae		
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	m s*
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	m w
Phoenicopteridae		
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	R M
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	A s
Laridae		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	m w
Accipitridae		
European Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	M s
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	s disp
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	w m
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	M s
Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	A disp
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	m s
Rüppell's Griffon	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>	A disp
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	R
Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	A disp
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	S M w
Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	W M s
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	w m
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	s m
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	A w m
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	R M w
Common Buzzard	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	r m
Short-eared Owl	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	R
Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	A disp
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>	disp w
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	R
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	R
Hybrid Eagle x Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina x A. clanga</i>	A m w
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	S M w
Falconidae		
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	S m w
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	R w
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	A w m
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonorae</i>	m
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	w
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	m s
Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherug</i>	Rar
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	R w
Rallidae		
Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>	A m
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	r
Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>	m
Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>	m s
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	m
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	disp s
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	R w
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	A disp
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	R w
Gruidae		
Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	w
Otididae		
Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>	A disp
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	r w
Burhinidae		
Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	R w
Haematopodidae		
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	m w
Recurvirostridae		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	R w m
Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	s m
Glaucididae		
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glaucostola pratinaloides</i>	m s
Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Curisorus cursor</i>	A m
Charadriidae		
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	m w
Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	w m
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	Rar
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Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>	Rar
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	Rar
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	m w
Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocryptes minimus</i>	w
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	m w s*
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	W m
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	m
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	M w
Common Green Plover	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	w m
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	A m
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	m
Lesser Yellowlegs		