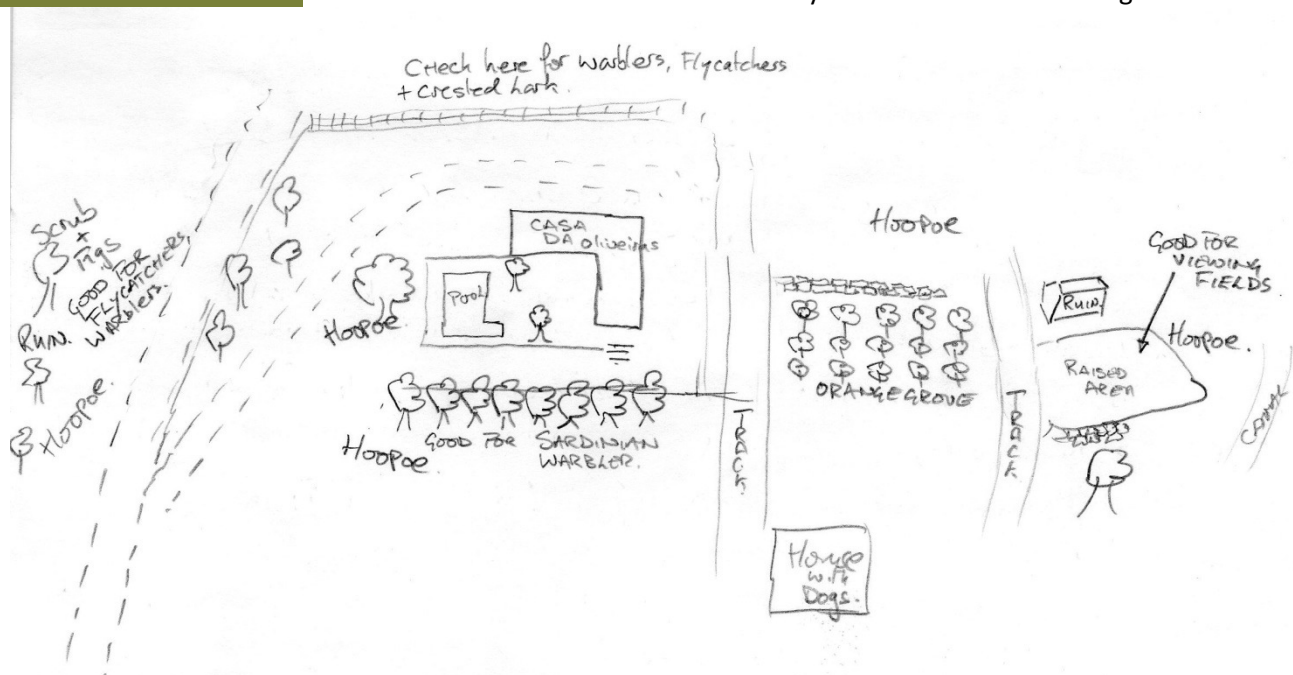


# BIRDS SEEN AT OR AROUND CASA DAS OLIVEIRAS

September 26<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

Common name	Scientific name	Location
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus Ibis	Common around rice fields often seen flying over house.
Little Egret	Egretta Garzetta	Good numbers in channels of rice fields.
Great Egret (3+)	Egretta Alba	3 birds present in rice fields for week.
Grey Heron	Ardea Cinerea	Very numerous in and around rice fields.
Purple Heron (1)	Ardea Purpurea	1 seen over two days in channel – rice fields
White Stork	Ciconia Ciconia	Very common
Black Stork (3)	Ciconia Nigra	3 birds in rice fields all week
Glossy Ibis (30+)	Plegadis Falcinellus	In flooded areas of rice all week.
Sacred Ibis (1)	Threskiornis Aethiopicus	Amazing! Probably escaped bird. One flew west over house on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October.
Eurasian Spoonbill (2)	Platalea Leucorodia	2 birds occasionally seen in rice fields.
Common Teal (30+)	Anas Crecca	Birds obvious when flushed by Marsh Harriers.
Short-toed Eagle (1)	Circaetus Gallicus	1 bird on 27 <sup>th</sup> September to north of fields – Migrant.
Booted Eagle (3)	Hieraaetus Pennatus	3 birds roosted in fields 29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> September.
Black Kite (2)	Milvus Migrans	Birds appeared around fields 1 <sup>st</sup> October.
Marsh Harrier (6)	Circus Aeruginosis	Numbers increased from 3 over the week.
Black-Winged Kite (3)	Elanus Caeruleus	2 birds seen occasionally at back of fields.
Common Buzzard	Buteo Buteo	Seen all around.
Kestrel	Falco Tinunculus	Look in the sky you will soon see one.
Golden Plover (1)	Pluvialis Apricaria	1 bird flushed from rice by Marsh Harrier.
Lapwing (1)	Vanellus Vanellus	1 bird flushed from rice by Marsh Harrier.
Green Sandpiper (3)	Tringa Ochropus	1 bird flushed from rice by Marsh Harrier.
Common Snipe	Gallinago Gallinago	1 bird flushed from rice by Marsh Harrier.
Yellow-Legged Gull	Larus Cachinnans	Regular everywhere.
Collared Dove	Streptopelia Decaocto	Very common.
Turtle Dove (2)	Streptopelia Turtur	2 birds flushed from orange grove by canal.
Little Owl	Athene Noctua	Very much part of the Casa das Oliveiras experience.
Hoopoe	Upupa Eops	A walk from the house to canal will usually work. Or just sit by the pool and wait.
Green Woodpecker	Picus Viridis Sharpei	I heard calling just to east of house.
Crested Lark	Galerida Cristata	Common in all the rough areas around house.
Sand Martin	Riparia Riparia	Good numbers at beginning of week above fields.
Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne Rupestris	Good numbers roosting in fields.
Barn Swallow	Hirundo Rustica	Occasional birds over house. Flock of 100+ on 28 <sup>th</sup> September.
Red-Rumped Swallow	Hirundo Daurica	Flock of 12 past house on 28 <sup>th</sup> September.
House Martin	Delichon Urbica	Usually 1 or 2 in most hirundine flocks.
Tawny Pipit	Anthus Campestris	1 with yellow wagtails at start of track to fields.
Tree Pipit	Anthus Trivialis	Up to 5 birds in pines at start of track to fields.
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla Flava	Common around house - race "ibesiae"
Wren	Troglodytes Troglodytes	Only 1 or 2 sightings around house.
Dunnock	Prunella Modularis	1 seen on fence by canal bridge on road.
Robin	Erithacus Rubecula	Became more obvious as week progressed.
Common Redstart	Phoenicurus Phoenicurus	One female seen in scrub opposite Casa entrance.
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe Oenanthe	Good numbers in fields and in scrub and orange groves around the house.
Whinchat	Saxicola Rubetra	Good numbers in the fields.
Stonechat	Saxicola Torquata	Common everywhere.
Blackbird	Turdus Merula	Common everywhere.
Garden Warbler	Sylvia Borin	Good numbers in scrub and figs around house.

<b>Blackcap</b>	Sylvia Atricapilla	Only saw one, female, in orange grove east of house.
<b>Sardinian Warbler</b>	Sylvia Melanocephala	Quite literally everywhere!
<b>Reed Warbler</b>	Acrocephalus Scirpaceus	3 with other migrants in scrub and figs opposite entrance on 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
<u>Great Reed Warbler</u>	Acrocephalus Arundinaceus	1 with fall of migrants in scrub and figs opposite entrance on 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Melodious Warbler</b>	Hippolais Polyglotta	1 with other migrants in scrub and figs opposite entrance on 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
<u>Olivaceous Warbler</u>	Hippolais Pallida	2 with other migrants in scrub and figs opposite entrance on 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Willow Warbler</b>	Phylloscopus Trochilus	Common most places.
<u>Bonelli's Warbler</u>	Phylloscopus Bonelli	1 with other migrants opposite entrance on 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Spotted Flycatcher</b>	Muscicapa Striata	1 with other migrants opposite entrance on 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Pied Flycatcher</b>	Ficedula Hypoleuca	Seems to be 1 in every bush/tree!
<b>Great Tit</b>	Parus Major	Obvious in Garden
<b>Crested Tit</b>	Parus Cristatus	1 calling from olives in front of house 1 <sup>st</sup> October.
<u>Red-Backed Shrike</u>	Lanius Collurio	1 <sup>st</sup> winter bird on wire with other migrants on 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Woodchat Shrike</b>	Lanius Senator	Female on wire next to ruined building opposite entrance to Casa.
<b>Jay</b>	Garrulus Glandarius	Quite common around the house.
<u>Spotless Starling</u>	Sternus Unicolor	Common around the house.
<u>Golden Oriole</u>	Oriolus Oriolus	2 birds in carob tree just east of orange grove to east of house on 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>House Sparrow</b>	Passer Domesticus	Can't miss them! The alarm clock of Casa das Oliveiras.
<b>Chaffinch</b>	Fringilla Coelebs	Not common but 1 or 2 around house.
<b>Linnet</b>	Carduelis Canabina	Big numbers in fields, occasionally over the house.
<b>Goldfinch</b>	Carduelis Caduelis	After sparrow, probably the most common bird around the house and flocks of 100's in rice fields.
<b>Greenfinch</b>	Carduelis Chloris	Common around house.
<b>Siskin</b>	Carduelis Spinus	2 calling from trees next to pool on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2nd October.
<b>Serin</b>	Serinus Serinus	1 flew over the ruined building east of house.
<b>Corn Bunting</b>	Miliaria Calandra	Obvious in the fields.
<b>Common Waxbill</b>	Estrilda Astrild	Very common in flocks buzzing about the house.



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