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ČRNA ŠTORKLJA *Ciconia nigra*

Black Stork – one individual seen soaring on 29 May 2004 in particularly strong winds over Bakarski Bay near Rijeka (UTM VL61, W Croatia)

Dne 29.5.2004 sem se mudil v majhnem naselju ob cesti v Bakarskem zalivu pri Reki, ko je pihala izredno močna burja. Med opazovanjem, kako se dviguje voda z morske gladine, sem zagledal jadrajočo črno štorkljo, le da ta v nasprotju z mano ni imela težav z burjo. Podatki za to ptico so za Hrvaško primorje redki in vključujejo predvsem klateže zunaj gnezdilnega obdobja [RUCNER, D. (1998): Ptice hrvatske obale Jadrana. – Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej, Ministrstvo razvitka i obnove, Zagreb]. Ker gre za podatek iz gnezdilnega obdobja, lahko domnevamo, da je ta osebek nekje v bližini tudi gnezdil.

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RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*

Rdečenoga postovka – avtorja navajata podatke o opazovanju 3 osebkov na Vranskem jezeru (UTM WJ46) v dneh 2.5.2005 in 3.5.2005

Between 1 and 8 May 2005, several survey walks were made in the northern part of Lake Vransko (UTM WJ46). Our observations were focused particularly on areas with intensive horticultural activity, with vegetable gardens neighbouring hay meadows reaching out almost to the immediate waterside, i.e. down to the reedbed. Our observation of birds of prey included 3 Marsh Harriers *Circus aeruginosus* seen on 1 May. There were in fact a number of them (1 – 5) flying above the reeds almost during every survey walk. At about 11.00 h on 2 May, 1 female Red-footed Falcon was spotted hunting above the meadow. About 5 – 10 minutes, later a male also showed up above the reedbed, and at 11.20 h yet another male joined the birds already hunting there. At 11.20 h on 3 May, while surveying the same area, the two male and one female Red-footed Falcons were still there.

Red-footed Falcons in the Croatian seaside region are seen most commonly at the time of spring migration, i.e. around late April, early May [RUCNER, D. (1998): Ptice hrvatske obale Jadrana. – Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej, Ministrstvo razvitka i obnove, Zagreb]. The Red-footed Falcon is listed in the avifauna of Lake Vransko as a migrating species [LUKAČ, G. (2002): Fauna ptica (Aves). pp. In: Prirodoslovne podloge za izradu prostornog plana Parka prirode Vransko jezero, Zagreb.]. However, no exact observation data are known to have been published so far. On 4 May, no birds of prey other than Marsh Harriers were seen. On 5 May, one female and one male Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* were seen. The female was hunting above a mown area, whereas the male was circling higher up in the air. On 8 May, another male Kestrel, and a male Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* were observed.

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ZALIVSKI GALEB *Larus genei*

Slender-billed Gull – 2 adults resting on 18 May 2005 at Mlinica Bay (UTM WK11, Pag Island, N Dalmatia) after heavy rainfall

Dne 18.5.2005 sem s švicarskimi ornitologi v zalivu Mlinica nasproti Malega blata na J delu otoka Pag (S Dalmacija) opazoval dva (2) odrasla zalivska galeba. Ptici sta ob 18.30 h počivali tesno druga ob drugi v bibavičnem pasu kar tik ob cesti. Čeprav smo v tednu poprej prekrizarili Pag po dolgem in počez, zlasti vsa mokrišča, zalivskega galeba nismo opazili. Verjetno je, da sta ptici prileteli s ciklonom; še popoldan je močno deževalo, zvečer pa se je povsem zjasnilo. Pojavljanje zalivskega galeba na Hrvaškem je dokumentirano presenetljivo redko, primerjaj npr.: [RUBINIČ, B., BOŽIČ, L. & SACKL, P. (2002): The actual status of Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei* on the southern Dalmatian coast. – *Acrocephalus* 23 (110/111): 35–37].

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