

ŠKRLATEC *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Common Rosefinch – one 2y individual was observed singing near Lun on island Pag (UTM VK84, Dalmatia, Croatia)



Slika 8 / Figure 8: Škrlatec / Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*, 2.6.2009, Tovarnele, Pag. Foto: D. Šere

Dne 2.6.2009 sem popisoval ptiče na skrajnem severu otoka Paga (UTM VK84, Dalmacija, Hrvaška) in to v okolici Luna. Kasneje sem se spustil do morja v vas Tovarnele, kjer sem v pristanišču pregledoval drevesa z zreli murvami *Morus* sp. Kar naenkrat me je iz bližnjega oleandra presenetilo meni dobro poznano petje škrlatca. Takoj sem njegovo petje posnel na diktafon in s predvajanjem njegovega lastnega petja sem ga tako izzval, da se mi je pokazal na bližnji murvi. Kar verjeti nisem mogel, da se med hišami ob pristanišču lahko srečaš s tako zanimivo in redko vrsto. Vztrajno je nato pel po bližnjih drevesih. Na bližnji hruški mi ga je uspelo tudi digiskopirati in tako narediti dokazni posnetek (slika 8). Po obarvanosti perja (ni bil škrlatne barve) je mogoče sklepati, da je bil v drugoletni (2y) osebek, po datumu (2.6.) pa je bil verjetno še na preletu. Zanimivo, da omenjena vrsta prezimuje v Indiji. To je moje prvo opazovanje te vrste na otoku Pagu.

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BOLGARIJA / BULGARIA

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Veliki galeb – en osebek opažen dne 17.1.2009 na zbiralniku Iskar (UTM GN10, okrožje Sofija, Z Bolgarija); prvo opazovanje za območje Sofije

On 17 Jan 2009, during the Mid-winter Bird Census, an adult Great Black-backed Gull was recorded at Iskar reservoir (UTM GN10, Sofia district, W Bulgaria). The bird was flying northwards along the south-western coast of the reservoir, in a group of six adult and immature Yellow-legged Gulls *Larus michahellis*. This is the first observation of a Great Black-backed Gull in the region of Sofia (NANKINOV 1982). The species is usually recorded along the Black Sea coast in low numbers and mainly in winter, very rarely inland the country (*own data*; NANKINOV 2000).

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WHITE-BACKED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopos leucotos*

Belohrbti detel – samec opažen dne 30.4.2005 na gori Maleševska (UTM FM61, JZ Bolgarija)

On 30 Apr 2005, a male White-backed Woodpecker was observed in the Maleshevska Mountain near the state frontier with the Republic of Macedonia (UTM FM61, SW Bulgaria). In this region, the forests are comprised mainly of Beeches *Fagus sylvatica* with age around 80–150 years, younger trees of natural growing Scots Pines *Pinus sylvestris* and scarce Common Silver-firs *Abies alba*. In this frontier region, the good quality old growth forests in Bulgaria are much more fragmented and with smaller area. In comparison with this situation in the nearby Republic of Macedonia, there are vast and much better preserved old growth Beech forests with dashes of pine trees. The region where this observation was made has an altitude of 1,150 m a.s.l. The species has not previously been observed in the Maleshevska Mountain and the neighbouring frontier mountains of south-western Bulgaria with the Republic of Macedonia by SPIRIDONOV (1985), NANKINOV (1993) and SPIRIDONOV & GEORGIEV (2007).

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