

hard to confuse with other ducks species. As the first record for Kopački rit Nature Park, the duck was photographed by Mr Mario Romulić (see photo). We observed the same individual at this site on six occasions during October (14 Oct, 19 Oct, 21 Oct, 24 Oct, 25 Oct & 26 Oct), two in November (11 Nov and 19 Nov), three during December 2005 (3 Dec, 16 Dec and 22 Dec), and finally on 9 Jan 2006. On several other occasions the bird was not present, and we do not know its whereabouts. Based on its behaviour, we are quite certain that the bird had escaped from captivity, considering that we can observe American Wood Ducks in the Osijek ZOO and know that several private owners keep them in captivity.

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EIDER *Somateria mollissima*

Gaga – 3 osebkki opazovani 3.1.2006 v zalivu Gruž (UTM BN62, J Dalmacija, Hrvatska); naslednji dan sta bila opazovana 2 osebkka, ki sta se tam zadrževala še do 15.1.2006

I was in Dubrovnik from 2 to 15 Jan 2006. On the second day of my stay I walked around Gruž Bay, where the city harbour is located. While walking around I noticed, in the very centre of the bay, three Eiders – one male and two females. I continued to observe the two females until 15 Jan 2006, but could not spot the male any more. Throughout the entire period, the birds continued to spend most of the time inside the bay, so it was easy to find them again each day. They were feeding along the boats and buoys overgrown by seaweed, and I saw them close to the coast mostly early in the morning when there were fewer people on the shore. In the area of Croatian coast, Eiders are rare and irregularly occurring birds [RUCNER, D. (1998): Ptice hrvatske obale Jadrana. – Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej, Ministarstvo razvitka i obnove, Zagreb].

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JUŽNA POSTOVKA *Falco naumanni*

Lesser Kestrel – several interesting birds seen on 30 Apr 2005 near Knin (UTM WJ97) in the marshes below the road: Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*, Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*, Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* and Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*. On the rockwall above the road, the Raven's *Corvus corax* nest and a singing male Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* were also observed and, eventually, a Hobby *Falco subbuteo* with lowered right leg, Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*, Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* and Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*.

Dne 30.4.2005 smo se peljali po cesti nad vlažnimi travniki in jezerci pri Kninu. Kmalu smo opazili nad jezerci letečega rjavega lunja *Circus aeruginosus* in v daljavi sedečega ribjega orla *Pandion haliaetus*. Ko smo prišli bliže prvemu jezercu, smo iz obrežnega rastja splašili rjavo čapljo *Ardea purpurea* in malega ponirka *Tachybaptus ruficollis*. Iz grmovja smo lahko slišali petje svilnice *Cettia cetti*, v skalni steni nad cesto pa smo opazili gnezdo krokarja *Corvus corax*. Nedaleč proč od tega gnezda smo opazili še pojočega samca puščavca *Monticola solitarius*. Za zabavo je poskrbel škrančar *Falco subbuteo*, ki je ves čas opazovanja imel spuščeno desno nogo, verjetno zaradi kakšne poškodbe. Pridružila se mu je še samica rdečenoge postovke *Falco vespertinus*. Po nekajminutnem zatišju je prišlo največje presenečenje; opazili smo samca južne postovke, ki je letel zelo nizko nad nami. Potrdilo o pravilni določitvi smo dobili kasneje, ko se je na enakem mestu prikazala samica postovke *Falco tinnunculus*, ki je bila znatno večja in nasploh drugačna. Zanimivo je, da je to že drugi podatek o južni postovki s konca aprila za Dalmacijo v dveh letih [BORDJAN, D. (2004): Južna postovka *Falco naumanni*. *Acrocephalus* 25 (123): 223–238].

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MALA TUKALICA *Porzana parva*

Little Crane – one individual seen on 7 Apr 2006 at Velo blato on Pag Island (UTM WK00, Dalmatia, W Croatia)

Dne 7.4.2006 sem bil skupaj z Dejanom Groharjem na Velem blatu na otoku Pagu. Opazovala in slikala sva za ta čas zanimive vrste ptic: žličarke *Platalea leucorodia* (9 os.), čopasto čapljo *Ardeola ralloides* (1 os.) in črnorepe ključače *Limosa limosa* (12 os.). Nenadoma se je pred šopom trave za hip prikazala manjša temna kepica in smuknila nazaj v šop.