

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 škranjar *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.



Pomislil sem na kakšnega malega glodalca in velel Dejanu, ki je stal v bližini šopa, naj bo pri miru. Čez nekaj časa je temna kepica vnovič pokukala iz šopa in ugotovil sem, da gre za eno izmed manjših tukanic. Seveda sem imel pripravljeno digiskopijo in uspelo mi je narediti enajst posnetkov te ptice. Kljun je bil zelene barve, baza pa rdeča, kar je bil zanesljivo znamenje, da gre za malo tukanico. Pritlikava tukanica *Porzana pusilla*, ki je izredno redka in mali podobna, ima v spomladanskem času kljun zelene barve in brez rdeče baze (glej sliko).

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KNOT *Calidris canutus*

Veliki prodnik – en osebek opažen 3.9.2005 v območju Stonskih solin (UTM BN62, J Dalmacija, Hrvaška) med hranjenjem v družbi dveh srpkljunih prodnikov *Calidris ferruginea*

During my visit to the Ston salt pans (UTM BN62, S Dalmacija, Croatia) on 3 Sep 2005, a specimen of Knot was noticed. The bird was feeding on the wet, muddy surface together with two Curlew Sandpipers *Calidris ferruginea*. This is a rare visitor to the coastal region of Croatia during the autumn [RUCNER, D. (1998): Ptice hrvatske obale Jadrana. – Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej, Ministarstvo razvitka i obnove, Zagreb]. During that day, the following birds were noticed in addition to the mentioned species whilst feeding: three Greenshanks *Tringa nebularia*, three Ringed Plovers *Charadrius hiaticula*, one Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*, one Little Stint *Calidris minuta*, two Little Egrets *Egretta garzetta*, six Grey Herons *Ardea cinerea* and one Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*.

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ZLATOVHRANKA *Coracias garrulus*

Roller – an adult spotted on 1 Aug 2005 sitting on a *Tamarix Tamarix* sp. bush in the southern part of Kolansko blato on the island of Pag (UTM VK92, Dalmatia, W Croatia).

Dne 1.8.2005 sva med vožnjo po južnem delu Kolanskega blata na otoku Pagu opazila odrasel osebek zlatovranke. Posedala je na vrhu tamariske *Tamarix* sp. Večkrat se je spreletela, nato pa odletela proti skrajnemu jugu Kolanskega blata. Kljub primernemu datumu se ni vedla teritorialno. Zlatovranka je redka selivka obalnega območja, ki na otoku Pagu še ni bila opažena. Prav tako gre za zgoden jesenski podatek [RUCNER, D. (1998): Ptice hrvatske obale Jadrana. – Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej, Ministrstvo razvitka i obnove, Zagreb.]

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ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Zlatovranka – dne 15.6.2006 je bil opažen en osebek v bližini vasi Hreljin (UTM VL61, blizu Kraljevice, Z Hrvaška) na hrvaški obali; na tem območju je bila zlatovranka zadnjič opažena pred 45 leti

One of the authors, Boris Ende, recorded the Roller on 15 Jun 2006 in the area not far from the village of Hreljin some 5 km northeast of Kraljevica in the Croatian Littoral (UTM VL61). The bird was sitting on electric wires above the railway, from where it occasionally alighted on the ground and low surrounding vegetation to catch grasshoppers. The observation took about two hours, from 11.30 to 13.30 h. During that time, the bird was foraging for food, but did not move away, which indicates that it did not feed the young. Several visits to the same area were paid in the coming days aiming at taking photographs of the bird, but the bird could not be found any longer. RUCNER (1998) reported on the flock of Rollers dwelling in Soline Bay on the island of Krk in August 1950 [RUCNER, D. (1998): Birds of the Croatian coast of Adriatic. Croatian Natural History Museum, Zagreb]. The specimen from this flock was shot for the *Scientific collection of bird skins* of the Institute of Ornithology where it is kept today, and the flock is most likely the same as the one described in more detail including the closest location and date: Klimno (the island of Krk, UTM VL70), 29 Aug 1950. Catalogue form of the bird species from the mentioned collection was published in *Ornithology in Croatia* [SUŠIĆ, G., RADOVIĆ, D. & BARTOVSKY, B. (1988): Scientific collection of bird skins of the Institute of Ornithology of the Yugoslavian Academy