

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

**Rumenoglavi kraljiček** – dne 20.10.2008 se je na otoku Olibu (UTM VK81, Dalmacija, Hrvatska) v pajkovo mrežo (pajek iz družine Araneidae) na cipresi ujel rumenoglavi kraljiček; lokalni prebivalci so ga osvobodili in izpustili



**Slika 6 / Figure 6:** Rumenoglavi kraljiček *Regulus regulus*, ujet v pajkovi mreži / Goldcrest, caught in a spider web, 20.10.2008, otok Olib. Foto: J. Lanszki

On 20 Oct 2008, in the harbour of the island of Olib (UTM VK81, Dalmatia, Croatia), people sitting outside the coffee-shop at the pier were pointing at a Mediterranean cypress *Cupressus sempervirens*, almost all of them watching a small bird struggling in the tree. Not even binoculars were necessary to be able to tell that the bird was a Goldcrest, hanging down from a thin string, trying desperately to free itself (Figure 6). A local resident provided a long wooden stick, which we used for getting the bird down from the tree and let it go. The bird had actually been caught by a spider web, and was hanging down from its fine silk. It was not possible to

get hold of the spider, thus we could only conclude, on the basis of webs on cypress trees and a spider *Ameiurus nebulosus* captured on another cypress, that the bird had got tangled in the web of some Araneidae species. Apparently, it was not able to get away from the spider web on its own, but we do not know whether the spider could have been able to actually kill the bird. The Goldcrest was cleaned and, after some rest, released. This observation suggests that even a stronger spider web can be an unusual type of threat for small bodied birds during the time of migration and wintering.

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