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## GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

**Črna prosenka** – dne 26.10.2008 opažen en osebek  
na otoku Olibu (UTM VK81, Dalmacija, Hrvaška)

Quite a few data have been recently published on the occurrence of Grey Plovers in the coastal areas of Croatia (RUCNER 1998). This species appears regularly in the Dalmatian region during the spring and autumn migrations and may even overwinter there in small numbers (KRALJ 1997). The threatened overwintering population in the northwestern coastal areas of the northern Dalmatian wintering area is estimated at about 50–80 individuals (RADOVIĆ *et al.* 2003). On 26 Oct 2008, one Grey Plover was observed in a barren wetland area with marshy soil somewhat inland from Slatina Bay, Olib Island (UTM VK81, Dalmatia, W Croatia). It is interesting to note that there were no other waders in the area, but we found plenty of empty shotgun cartridges in the 10–20 m wide land strip extending between the salty marshland and the bay area. This observation suggests that the site is probably well known among hunters. Considering that little is known about the avifauna of Olib, it is important to record the occurrence of the Grey Plover. The island of Olib is located in the northern part of the Zadar island region, which forms part of the Croatian “National Ecological Network – areas important for birds in Croatia” (RADOVIĆ *et al.* 2005).

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