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ROSY STARLING *Sturnus roseus*

Rožasti škorec – opažena dva osebka na otoku Šolti
(UTM XJ00)

On 21 May 2008, a Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* was observed in an Almond *Prunus dulcis* near the church at Donje Selo on Šolta island (UTM XJ00, Dalmatia, W Croatia). When the Subalpine Warbler was resting, two Rosy Starlings landed on the same tree. We were able to approach the birds to a distance of about 15 metres, but then they flew away. Having made a circle, one of the two Rosy Starlings sat on the nearby overhead electric line support, whereas the other perched on the wire. After about 10 minutes they flew to the Almond again, where they spent another 6–7 minutes. When a Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* landed on the tree, they flew off, heading towards Šoltansko polje. We returned several times to the same observation spot in the few days that followed, but the Rosy Starlings were not to be seen any more. There had been no earlier data on the occurrence of Rosy Starling on the island of Šolta (Sušić *et al.* 1990).

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