

Hrvaška / Croatia

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia*

Kaspijska čigra – en osebek opazovan dne 18.5.2009 med lovom v bližini pristanišča na otoku Olibu (UTM VK81, S Dalmacija); na Hrvaškem ima status redke vrste na selitvi

On 17 May 2009, I was observing a flock of 70–80 Shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* through binoculars, from the harbour of Olib (UTM VK81, N Dalmatia). They were surrounded on the water and in the air by 20–25 Yellow legged Gulls *Larus michahellis*. At 12.26 h I noticed a large-bodied tern above the fishing Shags, heading towards the harbour from where I was observing. From its huge body, scarlet-red beak and slightly incised tail shape, together with the typical, oblique plunge-dive behaviour, I had no doubt about the bird seen in the harbour being a Caspian Tern. After a few turns and hunting attempts it continued flying ahead. Although the species has been recorded in most geographic regions of Croatia (LUKAČ 2007), it is considered a rare passage migrant by KRALJ (1997).

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