

TAWNY OWL *Strix aluco*

**Lesna sova** – en osebek se oglašala na otoku Olibu (UTM VK81, S Dalmacija) 15. in 20.5.2009, kjer verjetno tudi gnezdi. Lesna sova je v Dalmaciji redka vrsta; gnezdenje je bilo zabeleženo tudi na nekaterih otokih, zlasti večjih.

Spending the second half of May 2009 on the island of Olib (UTM VK81, N Dalmatia), I could regularly hear, in the evening hours, the call of 2–3 Scops Owls *Otus scops* from the balcony of the villa in Lokva Park, not far from the harbour. On 15 May, the very first night I spent on Olib, I heard the call of a Tawny Owl through my open window. At 22.30 h on 20 May, the owl was heard again, and because the call sounded to be nearby, I hurried out on the balcony. I noticed the hunting bird above the lamp-post in front of the house, when it landed on the ground, and flew up on the wires. Then it made a circle above the lamp, before finally leaving towards the forest. During the following nights, I kept hearing the owl calling a few times. These observations suggest that Tawny Owls might also breed on the island of Olib, in addition to Scops Owls. Tawny Owl is a rare species in Dalmatia, where it occurs mainly during migration and in winter. However, it was found nesting on some islands as well, particularly larger ones (KRALJ 1997, RUCNER 1998, DENAC & DENAC 2005).

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