

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Črnonoga čigra – dne 3.5.2005 opažen en osebek na Vranskem jezeru (UTM WJ46), kar je četrti podatek za to območje

Several observations were made at Lake Vransko (UTM WJ46) between 1 – 8 May 2005. Agricultural areas at the northern part of the lake adjoin wet meadows and reedbeds. The lower sections of agricultural fields were inundated. Almost each day, we could observe 3 – 6 individuals of Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*, 2 – 20 Little Egrets *Egretta garzetta*, 2 – 8 Glossy Ibises *Plegadis falcinellus*, 2 – 4 Wigeons *Anas penelope*, 2 – 16 Mallards *Anas platyrhynchos*, 4 – 6 Garganeys *Anas querquedula*, 2 – 50 Coots *Fulica atra*, 1 – 4 Black – winged Stilts *Himantopus himantopus*, 1 – 3 Lapwings *Vanellus vanellus*, 3 – 7 Curlew Sandpipers *Calidris ferruginea*, 1 – 2 Black-tailed Godwits *Limosa limosa*, 1 – 2 Curlews *Numenius arquata*, 1 – 3 Spotted Redshanks *Tringa erythropus*, 1 – 2 Redshanks *Tringa totanus*, 1 – 5 Greenshanks *Tringa nebularia*, 1 – 3 Wood Sandpipers *Tringa glareola*, and 4 – 10 Common Sandpipers *Actitis hypoleucos*. Usually there were 4 – 12 Black-headed Gulls *Larus ridibundus* and 4 – 5 Yellow-legged Gulls *Larus cachinnans* resting in ploughed up areas. Some (1 – 5) Ringed Plovers *Charadrius hiaticula* often ran past them. On 2 May, four Whiskered Terns *Chlidonias hybridus* and one Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* were noticed in the same place. On 3 May, a Gull-billed Tern was seen sitting in the company of Black-headed Gulls and Yellow-legged Gulls. It took wing several times, but soon returned to the ploughland. However, it was no longer seen during the ensuing days. We have found three records on Gull-billed Tern sightings at Lake Vransko: on 10 July 1972 [KRALJ, J. (1997): Ornitofauna Hrvatske tijekom posljednjih dvjesto godina. – *Larus* 46: 1–112], on 27 April 1995, 3 individuals [RADOVIĆ, D., TUTIŠ, V. & KRALJ, J. (2004): Inventarizacija i valorizacija ornitofaune Parka prirode Vransko Jezero. – *Zavod za Ornitologiju HAZU, Zagreb*] and 6 May 1995, 1 specimen [STIPČEVIĆ, M. (1996): A contribution to the Croatian list of rare and scarce birds recorded from 1985 – 1995. – *Natura Croatica* 5 (1): 53–81].