

BELOVRATI MUHAR *Ficedula albicollis* &  
POGORELČEK *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

**Collared Flycatcher & Redstart** – on 7 Jun 2006, during the bird census, one male Capercaillie *Tetrao urogallus* was startled from the tree at Konjiška gora (UTM WM33, NE Slovenia); in an old beech forest on the top of the hill, two singing Collared Flycatcher males and two singing Common Redstart males were observed; from the observation tower, 184 Common Swifts *Apus apus* were counted; on the top of the hill (1,012 m a.s.l.), a Marsh Tit *Parus palustris* and a Willow Tit *Parus montanus* few metres below it were also observed, singing simultaneously

Dne 7.6.2006 sem na južni strani Konjiške gore (SV Slovenija) drugič popisoval tetrado s koncem na vrhu Stolpnika. Ker sem prvo tetrado popisoval v snežnem viharju v skoraj popolni ptičji tišini, to pot nisem pričakoval nič posebnega. Kljub vsemu pa sem dočkal prvo presenečenje že nekje na pol poti, ko je z veje nad mano poletel splašeni samec divjega petelina. Malo pod vrhom Stolpnika me je čakalo drugo presenečenje, saj je visoko v bukovi krošnji pel pogorelček, meni drugače bolj znan kot gnezdilec visokodebelnih sadovnjakov. Še preden sem se usedel na klopco na vrhu Stolpnika (1012 m n.m.v.), da bi zaključil tetrado, sem zaslišal neutrudno petje belovratega muharja. Kmalu sem zaznal tudi petje drugega samca, ki je pel nekoliko pod samim vrhom. S stolpa, ki je postavljen na vrhu, sem opazoval še jato 184 hudournikov *Apus apus*, ki so se prehranjevali nad krošnjami dreves. Na poti nazaj sem našel še enega pojočega samca pogorelčka. Zanimivost te tetrade sta bili tudi gorska sinica *Parus montanus* in močvirska sinica *Parus palustris*, ki sta skupaj peli na vrhu Stolpnika. Gorska sinica je pela celo na nižji nadmorski višini kot močvirska. Sicer pa je bilo petje gorske sinice eno redkih petij že med prvim popisom te tetrade.

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ŠKOREC *Sturnus vulgaris* & PRIBA *Vanellus vanellus*

**Starling & Lapwing** – on 26 Feb 2007 at 13.00 hrs in the villages of Borovci and Sobotinci (UTM WM73, NE Slovenia), large flocks of Starlings were observed: 3,300 ind. at Borovci and 520 ind. together with a small flock of Lapwings (90 ind.) at Sobotinci

Med vožnjo iz smeri Ptuja proti Ormožu sem v kraju Borovci dne 26.2.2007 ob 13h opazil veliko jato škorcev (3300 os.). Škorci so tvorili značilno formacijo, ki jo po zgledu lahko primerjamo z rojem čebel. Take oblike jate sem večkrat

opazoval, ko je jato ogrožal skobec. Skupina je večkrat naglo spreminjala smer. Zanimivo je bilo, da je jati sledila jata prib in se tudi večkrat pomešala znotraj jate škorcev. Drugo, vendar manjšo jato sem opazil v kraju Sobotinci. V jati je bilo 520 škorcev in 90 prib.

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ŠČINKAVEC *Fringilla coelebs*

**Chaffinch** – on 17 Mar 2006, spring migration of Chaffinches over a house at Dravski dvor on Dravsko polje (UTM WM54, NE Slovenia) was observed; 1,533 individuals in 57 flocks ranging from one to 100 individuals were counted; 119 Starlings *Sturnus vulgaris*, 31 Wood Pigeons *Columba palumbus* and 154 Lapwings *Vanellus vanellus* were also counted during that particular day

Vsako spomlad se veselim prvih preletnikov, ki naznanjajo prihajajočo pomlad. Tako sem 17.3.2006 doma opazoval selitev manj pričakovane vrste. Priča sem namreč bil selitvi ščinkavcev. Do 13. ure sem naštel 1533 osebkov v 57 jatah, ki so štele od enega do 100 osebkov. Verjetno je tega dne preletelo našo hišo še precej več ščinkavcev, saj sem največje jate opazoval zjutraj, ko sem bil na sprehodu v gozdu, a takrat nisem bil pozoren na jate teh ptic. Selitev so v tem času dopolnili še škorci *Sturnus vulgaris* s 119 osebkami v šestih jatah, grivarji *Columba palumbus* z 31 osebkami v petih jatah in pribe *Vanellus vanellus* s 154 osebkami v treh jatah.

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HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

**Škrjančar** – 1 osebek opazovan na otoku Olibu (UTM VK81, S Dalmacija) dne 5.6.2007

A single individual of the Hobby was observed on 5 Jun 2007, about 300 m northeast from the church located on the seashore in the bay of Sveti Nikola harbour on the island of Olib (UTM VK81). According to Rucner, Hobby is often seen in June along the Croatian coastline [RUCNER, D. (1998): Prica hrvatske obale Jadrana. Hrvatski prirodoslovni muzej, Ministarstvo razvitka i obnove, Zagreb], however, there are no current data about this bird breeding in the area [KRALJ, J. (1997): Ornitofauna Hrvatske tijekom posljednjih dvjesto godina. – Larus 46: 1–112]. In addition to Hobby, birds of prey observed during the days spent on Olib (29–31 May 2007, 4–5 Jun 2007) included 2–3 Buzzards *Buteo buteo*

and a pair of Kestrels *Falco tinnunculus*, appearing almost every day, which suggests that the latter two species probably breed on the island.

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### LITTLE TERN *Sterna albifrons*

**Mala čigra** – dne 3.6.2007 je bilo najdeno novo verjetno gnezdišče na Hrvaškem, na otoku Silba (UTM VK71, S Dalmacija) v zalivu Sv. Ante; opažen je bil par pri hranjenju treh mladičev

The total breeding population of Little Terns in Croatia is estimated at about 60–75 pairs [RADOVIĆ, D., KRALJ, J., TUTIŠ, V. & ČIKOVIĆ, D. (2003): Crvena knjiga ugroženih ptica Hrvatske. – Ministarstvo zaštite okoliša i prostornog uređenja, Zagreb], therefore any new data indicating the breeding of this species can be significant for the survival and conservation of the population. On 3 Jun 2007, a pair of Little Terns was observed feeding their three fledged chicks in the western corner of the bay of Sveti Ante harbour, on the island of Silba (UTM VK71). It was possible to approach the chicks to a distance of about 10 metres before they took wing. As soon as we were a few metres away, the birds landed again on the rocks emerging above the sea, and the parents continued to feed them. In addition to the Little Terns, there were also one Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* and five Yellow-legged Gulls *Larus cachinnans* in the bay. Outside the bay, about 100–200 metres from the Little Terns, about 50 Shags *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* were swimming in the sea, close to each other. It is most likely that the Little Terns hatched their clutch on the pebbly beach.

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### SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis*

**Travniški vrabec** – skupaj je bilo prešteti 117 parov travniških vrabcev na otoku Pagu med 27 in 29.5.2007: Dinjiška (UTM WK11) – 21 parov, Vlašiči (UTM WK10) – 50 parov, Stara Vas (UTM WK11) – 5 parov, Caska (UTM VK93) – 2 para, Vidalići (UTM VK93) – 2 para, Kustići (UTM VK93) – 15 parov, Zubovići (UTM VK92) – 15 parov, Metajna (UTM WK02) – 2 para, Stara Novalja (UTM VK83) – 5 parov

The Spanish Sparrow was first recorded on the island of Pag (Kolansko blato) in 1959 [IGALFFY, K. (1980): Prilog poznavanju ptica otoka Paga. – *Larus* 31/32: 55–89]. Since the 1990s, it has been breeding regularly on the island (Gajac, Kolana, Novalja, Pag), the number of nesting pairs reaching a few hundred. [DENAC, K. & DENAC, D. (2002): Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*. – *Acrocephalus* 23: 105., LUKAČ, G. (2004): About the widening of the range and the status of the Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*) in Croatia at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. – *Paklenički zbornik* 2: 113–122]. During our field surveys carried out on the island of Pag between 27–29 May 2007, a total of about 117 pairs of Spanish Sparrows were counted: Dinjiška (UTM WK11) – 21 pairs, Vlašiči (UTM WK10) – 50 pairs on the building “Zavičaj - kulturno prosvjetni centar i odmaralište Hrvata u Mađarskoj”, Stara Vas (UTM WK11) – 5 pairs, Caska (UTM VK93) – 2 pairs, Vidalići (UTM VK93) – 2 pairs, Kustići (UTM VK93) – 15 pairs, Zubovići (UTM VK92) – 15 pairs, Metajna (UTM WK02) – 2 pairs, Stara Novalja (UTM VK83) – 5 pairs. Mihelić reported on Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora* pursuing Spanish Sparrows at Kolansko blato [MIHELIĆ, T. (2004): Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora*. – *Acrocephalus* 25: 98.], whereas we have observed a Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* catching a Spanish Sparrow on 27 May 2007 at Vlašiči.

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### SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis*

**Travniški vrabec** – v začetku junija 2007 (4.-5.6.) sta na otoku Olibu (UTM VK81, S Dalmacija) verjetno gnezdila 1-2 para travniških vrabcev in 25–30 parov domačih vrabcev

Having arrived on the island of Olib (UTM VK81) on 29 May 2007, we saw the first Spanish Sparrow no later than on 31 May. At around 7.00 hrs, a male was spotted on a rooftop, about 100 m from the harbour, and a little while later another specimen was seen, 300 m from the location of the first occurrence. Between 1–3 Jun, we stayed on the

nearby island of Silba. There, only House Sparrows *Passer domesticus* were seen breeding (10–15 pairs), and no Spanish Sparrows were observed, despite repeated search. On 4 Jun, we returned to the island of Olib, where we succeeded again in observing male Spanish Sparrows at two different localities: on houses near the harbour and on the building of the school. On 4 and 5 Jun we attempted to make a census on the Olib sparrows, and found that the number of nesting pairs was possibly 1–2 pairs of Spanish Sparrows and about 25–30 pairs of House Sparrows.

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