

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE 2010 CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF THE ARCHIPELAGOS OF MADEIRA AND THE SELVAGENS

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With 5 figures

RESUMO. No presente trabalho os autores adicionam 7 novos registos de aves à lista publicada em 2010: *Anas querquedula*, *Fregetta tropica*, *Nyctanassa violacea*, *Cyrcus cyaneus*, *Motacilla flava flavissima*, *M. citreola* e *Miliaria calandra*. *Mergus merganser*, anteriormente referida como registo não confirmado é agora confirmada. A lista das aves dos arquipélagos da Madeira e Selvagens passa assim a conter 344 espécies e subespécies.

ABSTRACT. In the present paper the authors add 7 records to the checklist published in 2010: *Anas querquedula*, *Fregetta tropica*, *Nyctanassa violacea*, *Cyrcus cyaneus*, *Motacilla flava flavissima*, *M. citreola* and *Miliaria calandra*. *Mergus merganser*, previously reported as unconfirmed record is here confirmed. The checklist of the birds of the archipelagos of Madeira and the Selvagens contains now 344 species and subspecies.

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INTRODUCTION

In 2010 the authors published a checklist of the birds of the archipelagos of Madeira and the Selvagens (ROMANO *et al.*, 2010) adding 42 species to the previously published checklist (ZINO *et al.*, 1995). Since the 2010 publication, there have been a number of further field observations, resulting in 7 additions, which are reported in this paper. Moreover, additional observations led to the confirmation of a previously unconfirmed record.

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The methodology used in this paper is identical to that used in the previous checklist (ROMANO *et al.*, 2010).

New records

Garganey, *Anas querquedula* Linnaeus, 1758

Two birds were observed and photographed by CF and FZ at a reservoir on the base of Pico Branco, Porto Santo, on the 8th of January 2011 (CORREIA-FAGUNDES & ROMANO, 2011a; CORREIA-FAGUNDES *et al.*, 2011b). Frequency status: Exceptional.

Black-bellied Storm-petrel, *Fregatta tropica* (Gould, 1844)

A single bird was recorded flying and feeding during a pelagic trip off Madeira on the 8th of August 2011. This was the 1st record for the Western Palearctic. (CORREIA-FAGUNDES & ROMANO, 2011d). Frequency status: only one record.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron, *Nyctanassa violacea* (Linnaeus, 1758)

A single bird was observed over several months in Funchal Marina (CORREIA-FAGUNDES *et al.*, 2011a). Frequency status: only one record.

Hen Harrier, *Circus cyaneus* (Linnaeus, 1766) (Fig. 1)

A juvenile bird was observed by CF, HR and 7 UK birdwatchers at Caniçal, Madeira, on the 10th of November 2011. Another observation of this bird in the same place was made by HR on the 27 of December 2011 (CORREIA-FAGUNDES & ROMANO, 2011f). Frequency status: exceptional.

Yellow-crowned Wagtail, *Motacilla flava flavissima* Blyth, 1834 (Fig. 2)

A male was observed and photographed by CF and HR at Machico riverbed on the 17th of April 2011 (CORREIA-FAGUNDES & ROMANO, 2011c). This is the 5th subspecies of *Motacilla flava* recorded for Madeira, the other four being *M. f. flava*, *M. f. iberiae*, *M. f. cinereocapilla* and *M. f. thunbergi* (ROMANO *et al.*, 2010). Frequency status: only one record.



Fig. 1 - Hen Harrier, *Circus cyaneus* at Caniçal, Madeira, on 10-11-2011 (left) and 27-12-2011 (right).



Fig. 2 - Yellow-crowned Wagtail, *Motacilla flava flavissima* at Machico, Madeira, on 17-04-2011.

Citrine Wagtail, *Motacilla citreola* Pallas, 1776 (Fig. 3)

A 1st winter bird was observed and photographed by Joost Simons at Lugar de Baixo pond, Madeira, on the 10th of September 2011. (CORREIA-FAGUNDES & ROMANO, 2011e). Frequency status: only one record.



Fig. 3 - Citrine Wagtail, *Motacilla citreola* at Lugar de Baixo, Madeira, on 10-09-2011. (Photograph courtesy of Joost Simons).

Corn Bunting, *Miliaria calandra* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Fig. 4)

A single bird was recorded by Murdo Macdonald at Ponta do Pargo, Madeira, on the 10th of April 2011 while at the same location CF and HR observed and photographed 3 birds of this species, on the 14th of April. (CORREIA-FAGUNDES & ROMANO, 2011b). Frequency status: exceptional.

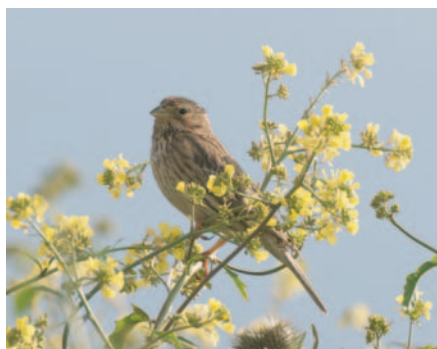


Fig. 4 - Corn Bunting, *Miliaria calandra* at Ponta do Pargo, Madeira, on 14-04-2011.

Confirmed record

The following record was previously considered an unconfirmed record, as it was reported only once by one birdwatcher and with no photograph to document it.

Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser* Linnaeus, 1758 (Fig. 5)

The bird was reported by Tim Farr on the 18th of December 2010 on the island of Porto Santo at Tanque pond (ROMANO *et al.*, 2010) and its identity was confirmed and recorded on camera by all the authors on the 6th of January 2011 at the same place. It was seen again by all the authors at Porto Santo Golf Course on the 8th of January (CORREIA-FAGUNDES & ROMANO, 2011a; CORREIA-FAGUNDES *et al.*, 2011b). Frequency status: exceptional.



Fig. 5 - Common Merganser, *Mergus merganser* at Porto Santo Golf course, on 08-01-2011.

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