

**MADEIRA**  
Trip Report  
18- 25 September 2007

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We spent a holiday week in Madeira. Mainly relaxing ourselves, hiking and half hard birdwatching too. Our hotel in Funchal was Regency Cliff. Hotel situate very near seawatching place Ponta da Cruz, it was surprise for me.

**18 September** We arrived Madeira in the afternoon. Seewatching on hotel in the evening.

**19 September** Seawatching on Ponta da Cruz 7.35- 8.45, Hiking on Levada do Norte. Seawatching on hotel in the evening.

**20 September** Seawatching Ponta da Cruz 7.55- 9.00 and 18.00- 19.30

**21 September** Hiking on the Balcones of Riberio Frio and visit on forest road of Faja da Nogueira. Lugar de Baxio in the afternoon.

**22 September** Hiking on Levada das 25 Fontes, Seawatching on Porto Moniz 16.00- 17.45.

**23 September** Seawatching on Porto Moniz 9.00- 11.45 and seawatching on hotel in the evening.

**24 September** All day island Porto Santo: Tanque Pond, Saloes, Vila Baleria, Ponta da Calheta. Seawatching from ferry both ways.

**25 September** We flew home to Finland

### Species List

#### **Bulwer's Petrel - *Bulweria bulwerii***

25 flew east, I saw on hotel balcony in the evening 21.9. , 11 on Porto Moniz (9.00- 11.45) 23.9. , 1 from the ferry to Porto Santo 24.9., 1 weakly juvenile bird found on the ground behind the restaurant of Ponta da Calheta 24.9.

#### **Cory's Shearwater – *Calonectris diomedea borealis***

Numerous all seawatching days. Best count about 1000 on Ponta da Cruz in the morning 19.9.

#### **Great Shearwater- *Puffinus gravis***

2 on Porto Moniz , both passing towards west, first 16.15 and second 16.50 22.9.

#### **Sooty Sheawater- *Puffinus griseus***

1 flew close the ferry to Porto Santo 24.9.

#### **Manx Shearwater- *Puffinus puffinus***

12 flew west off Porto Moniz (16.00- 17.45) 22.9 and 62 flew west off Porto Moniz (9.00- 11.45) 23.9.

#### **Little Egret- *Egretta garzetta***

1 or 2 birds seen daily on Ponta da Cruz 18.9- 23.9. , 2 on Funchal harbour 24.9., 1 on the Tanque Pond 24.9.

#### **Grey Heron- *Ardea cinera***

1 or 2 birds seen daily on Madeira , 6 on the Tanque Pond 24.9.

**Glossy Ibis- *Plegadis falcinellus***

2 Ibis on Tanque Pond 24.9. They are rare in the Madeira. I heard birds from Danish Franck Ishol.

**Sparrowhawk- *Accipiter nisus granti***

1 flew over road (ER101) near on Bica da Cana 22.9.

**Buzzard- *Buteo buteo harterti***

Seen daily.

**Booted Eagle- *Hieraatetus pennatus***

1 flew over on Tanque Pond towards north-west (12.00) 24.9. This was third record in Madeira archipelago.

**Kestrel- *Falco tinnunculus canariensis***

Seen daily.

**Red- legged Partridge- *Alectoris rufa***

**One flock** (about 10 birds) flew over road ER 101 near Paul da Serra. About 200 meters before roads ER 101 and ER 209 crossing 22.9.

**Common Moorhen- *Gallinula chloropus***

3 on the pond on Lugar de Baixio 21.9.

**Eurasian Coot- *Fulica atra***

1 on Ponta da Cruz 19.9. , **12** on the pond on Lugar de Baxio 21.9.

**Great Ringed Plover- *Charadrius hiaticula***

2 on the beach Ponta da Calheta 24.9.

**Grey Plover- *Pluvialis squatarola***

1 adult east off Ponta da Cruz 19.9.

**Sanderling- *Calidris alba***

2 juvenile birds on Tanque Pond 24.9.

**Whimbler- *Numenius phaeopus***

1 on Ponta da Cruz 19.9. , **2** on Porto Moniz 23.9. , **4** on the beach Ponta da Calheta

**Greenshank- *Tringa nebularia***

2 on Tanque Pond 24.9.

**Common Sandpiper- *Actis hypoleucos***

1 on Porto Moniz 22.9. , **1** on Tanque Pond 24.9.

**Turnstone- *Arenaria interpres***

**4** on Ponta da Cruz 20.9. , **2** on Porto Moniz 22.9. and 23.9.

**Great Skua- *Stercorarius skua***

1 passing west off Porto Moniz (about 11.00) 23.9. Danish Franck Ishol found bird.

**Atlantic Yellow-legged Gull- *Larus michahellis atlantis***

Common, seen daily.

**Common Tern- *Sterna hirundo***

Seen daily local birds.

**Common/ Arctic Tern - *Sterna hirundo/paradisaea***

**54** passing west off Porto Moniz 23.9., **9** passing south the ferry to Porto Santo

**Feral Pigeon- *Columba livia***

Seen.

**Trocaz Pigeon- *Columba trocaz***

**2** on balconies of Riberia Frio 21.9. , **15** on forest road of Faja Nogueira 21.9. , **2** near the 25 Fontes 22.9.

**Eurasian Collared Dove- *Sterptopelia decaocto***

**One** bird sat on top of streetlamp of Saloes near Vila Baleria. Specie is rare in the Madeira archipelago.

**Barn Owl- *Tyto alba schmitzi***

Two records on hotel balcony (21.00) 20.9. and (20.40) 22.9.

**Plain Swift- *Apus unicolor***

Common, seen daily.

**Hoopoe- *Upupa epops***

**8** on the Tanque Pond and **1** on Vila Baleria 24.9.

**Berhelot's Pipit- *Anthus berthelotii madeirensis***

Common on the road (ER101) area between Paul da Serra- Bica de Cana.

**Yellow Wagtail- *Motacilla flava***

**2** on Tanque Pond 24.9.

**Grey Wagtail- *Motacilla cinera schmitzi***

Seen daily.

**Northern Wheatear- *Oenanthe oenanthe***

**2** Leavada do Norte 19.9. , **1** adult male on Tanguê Pond 24.9.

**Robin- *Erithacus rubecula***

**8** birds, only heard.

**Blackbird- *Turdus merula***

Seen and heard all days.

**Blackcap- *Sylvia atricapilla heineken***

Common in particular on levadas. I heard about 30 birds on the Levada do Norte 19.9.

**Madeira Firecrest- *Regulus madeirensis***

Most records on Levada das 25 Fontes , over 20 birds. Seen and heard too on area balcones of Riberia Frio and on the forest road of Faja Nogueira.

**Spanish Sparrow- *Passer hispaniolensis***

20, only seen in Porto Santo 24.9.

**Chaffinch- *Fringilla coelebs***

Heard and seen in particular on levadas.

**Linnet- *Carduelis cannabina nana***

2 on Tanque Pond 24.9.

**Canary- *Serinus canaria***

Common, seen daily.

**Goldfinch- *Carduelis carduelis parva***

Seen daily. Bigger flock about 40 birds on Levada do Norte 19.9.

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