

Croatia

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View of Biokovo mountains and Adriatic sea.

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General

I was travelling with my family, wife Natasha, son Alexander and daughter Nina to Tučepi, S Split in Dalmatia southern Croatia for a combined family and birding tour. We used travel agency Apollo and paid 25 352 SKr (2677 €) which included half pension. The flight from Sturup airport, Malmö to Split airport outside Trogir took 2 hours 10 minutes. We stayed at the good hotel Kastelet in Tučepi. Tučepi is located about 70 km SE of Split on the Makarska riviera. We drove a Citroen C3 from CarCity to the destination which on the small coast road E65 took c. 2-3 hours; would be advisable to take the very good toll-road A1 which will take less than one hour. The car was pre-booked at Economy Car Rentals and should cost 2177.60 HRK, and that should include GPS, but we had to pay 2700 HRK without GPS. The GPS had it's sub-menus in the Croatiaoan language only, so we were advised not to take the GPS and should be refunded when leaving the car back. However they refused us to do so. I have now contact Economy Car Rental to solve the issue. In our week we visited Dubrovnik, Split, Bikovo nature park, Omiš, Trogir, island Hvar and lake Vransko between Zadar and Šibenik. Before travelling I put a question were to see some target species on different discussion boards. I got very good information from Kresimir Leskovar, Zagreb who gave me the very good contact with very kind and pleasant Robert Crnkovic, Trogir to whom I am very grateful for guiding me in Trogir area, giving very useful suggestions for birding. I got very useful information from Martin Vavřík, Czeck republic; Ivan Budinski, Andrea Corso, Italy, and Mathias Ritschard as well. In advance I bought Birding in Eastern Europe by Gerard Gorman which lists 20 localities from Croatia and was of good inspiration help. Good trip reports were at Eurobirding.com and Swedish Club 300 (www.club300.se). My cousin, Erik Hirschfeld, lent me some tourist guides of which First Class travel guides was the best. I used the Freytag & Berndt map Croatia Coast (1:200000) which was very good, but it doesn't cover the Northern territory, Slavonia & Baranja and only partly the Central province. In total we drove 1704 km. The newly built motorway along the Dalmatian coast is excellent and the toll is quite low; we had to pay 25 HRK (about 3,4 €) for the distance Split-Tučepi. You push for a ticket when entering the motorway at the pay station and pays when leaving in cash or using credit card. The cost for petrol was relatively low. We paid c. 9.65 HRK (super 95) which is c. 13.12 Skr or 1.37 €. The speed limit on motorways is 130 km/h. The law allows you to drive with 0.5 ‰ of alcohol as long as you are not involved in any car accident, I was told. You should also drive using dipped headlights during the day. On the smaller coast road E65 we faced some problems with traffic jams, especially on weekends and there were plenty of radar speed controls. In all I manage to see 81 species of birds.

Itinerary

5th July

Driving to the hotel in Tučepi.

Trogir-Tučepi 10:30-12:30

European Turtle Dove	3
Eurasian Collared Dove	1
Common House Martin	10
Carrion Crow	1
Yellow-legged Gull	several hundreds
Red-rumped Swallow	2

Tučepi 16:00-21:30

Near the hotel

Red-rumped Swallow	2
Yellow-legged Gull	10
Feral Dove	10
European Serin	1 singing
Barn Swallow	20
Common Blackbird	2
House Sparrow	20
Common Swift	1
Grey Heron	1 flying S along the beach



View of Tučepi with Biokovo mountains in background.

6th July

From Tučepi just 15 min drive to the entrance. There is a small road from Tučepi up to the road that leads to the park. This is though difficult to find, so we decided to drive from Podgora just S of Tučepi. The fee to enter the was 30 HRK per person. The park opens 6 am in summer, but on a later visit I got in at 5 am. If you would like to enter earlier it was possible to arrange. A narrow paved road leads all the way up to the tallest peak Sveti Jure on 1762 m asl. At Sveti Jure there is a small path around (200-300 m) the tv masts towards a small church. The roads are winding and narrow. A couple of times it was necessary to reverse when meeting a car on a too narrow part. The small restaurant 7.6 km from the entrance could warmly be recommended. My cousin who visited the park a few weeks before me had Rock Partridge in the southern slopes above the restaurant, but I failed to find any on this visit. In the park lives chamois, mouflon and wolf, and occasionally even bears can be seen.

Biokovo nature park 12:30-17:00

Red-backed Shrike	1 female + 1 male
Common Swift	5
Common Raven	2
Alpine Swift	10 at Sveti Jure
Common Linnet	10
Blackcap	1 singing
Black Redstart	2 ad males at Sveti Jure
Alpine Chough	5
Common Chaffinch	2
Chiffchaff	1 singing
Short-toed Eagle	1 hovering near the restaurant
Northern Wheatear	1 juv
Barn Swallow	15
Common House Martin	5
Golden Eagle	1 ad soaring near the restaurant
Eurasian Hobby	1 mobbing the Golden Eagle

Tučepi 18:00-20:00

European Serin	1
European Greenfinch	1



Sveti Jure, highest peak of Biokovo mountains, 1762 m asl.

7th July

Biokovo nature park 5:05-8:30

Had a walk in the southern slopes above the restaurant in search for Rock Partridge, but with negative result. The terrain is difficult to walk so be careful! Then tried a bit further in to the park. Stopped 10.8 km from the entrance or 3.2 km from the restaurant near two cottages with some small cultivation. In the ravine towards the sea I got very good views and even succeeded to photograph group of at least four Rock Partridges with minimum eight chicken. At this place I also got a glimpse of a moufflon and good views of chamois which I also got some pictures of.

Red-backed Shrike	15 seen in most places
Mediterranean Warbler	3 giving alarm calls
European Scops Owl	1 calling
Tawny Pipit	2 singing
Common Blackbird	4
Red fox	1
Golden Oriole	3
Wood Lark	3
Rock Partridge	4 ad + 8 pull
Rock Nuthatch	3
Common Chaffinch	2
Great Tit	1
Eurasian Blue Tit	1
Least Weasel	1
Rock Bunting	1 heard
Alpine Chough	120
Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush	1 singing male
Chamois	2
Mouflon	1 male
Common House Martin	10
Pallid Swift	1
Common Swift	5
Eastern Orphean Warbler	1 male
Barn Swallow	4
White Wagtail	2

Black-eared Wheatear	1 male
Blackcap	2 singing
Coal Tit	5
Common Chaffinch	2



Entrance to Biokovo nature park.

Cetina river at Omiš 12:45-13:25

Definitely not the right time in the season and in the day for a visit. Lots of traffic and tourists and not many birds active. Drove upstream on the southern side of river Cetina from Omiš for c. 5 km. Made a few stops.

Mallard	3
Mute Swan	2 in a pair
Black-headed Gull	2
Eurasian Crag Martin	10
Common House Martin	2
House Sparrow	1

Podstrana 13:45-14:00

Checking the colony of Yellow-legged Gulls near the harbour.

Yellow-legged Gull	c. 1000
Black-headed Gull	20

Split late afternoon

Common Swift	thousands
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8th July

Nearly three hours of driving, partly through Bosnia-Herzegovina, to Dubrovnik and no real birding. You should bring passports, but no problem passing the border.

Tučepi-Dubrovnik 11:40-14:20, 16:10-18:50

Red-rumped Swallow	1
European Bee-eater	10 near Ploče
Osprey	1 near Ploče

Dubrovnik 14:20-16:10

Common Swift
Alpine Swift

thousands
c. 100

9th July

Tučepi-Trogir 3:33-4:40

Was driving the coast road to meet with Robert Crković at Trogir. Very little traffic made the driving relatively smooth and easy, but took the A1 back to Tučepi. Met with Robert at the city border of Trogir which turned out to be a nice birding spot: nature reserve Mlinice Pantan. The main goal this day was to see or hear Olive Tree Warbler. Robert knew a few territories near village Vrsine and Labin that were holding singing birds a few weeks earlier. Even though I was using MP3-player to play the song and warnings no warblers turned up.

Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 4:40-5:05

European Goldfinch	2
Little Cormorant	21
European Serin	2
Barn Swallow	100
Rock Nuthatch	1
Subalpine Warbler	1 singing

Vrsine 5:25-8:15

Was driving 3.1 km in, towards small village Vrsine, from main road Trogir-Split. There was a small lay-bay on the right side near an olive grove with place for maximum 3 cars.

Golden Oriole	10
Black-headed Bunting	1
Cirl Bunting	10
Common Blackbird	4
Great Tit	1
European Turtle Dove	8
Eastern Orphean Warbler	1
Woodchat Shrike	3 ad + 2 juv
Common Swift	20
Barn Swallow	10
Feral Dove	5
Mediterranean Warbler	3
Red-backed Shrike	4
European Greenfinch	4
Eurasian Wryneck	1
Blue Rock Thrush	1



Robert Crnković at Vrsine, a good locality for Olive Tree Warbler.

Labin (Dalmatia) 10:00-11:30

C. 700 m from the main road some 100 meters after this has passed the railway there was a small road to the right where we parked. To the left was a path which we walked some hundred meters. In the grooves a few Olive Tree Warblers had been singing this spring.

Black-headed Bunting	2
Blackcap	1 singing
Woodchat Shrike	1 ad male
Common Swift	5
Eastern Orphean Warbler	1 female
Golden Oriole	4
Cirl Bunting	2 singing
European Greenfinch	4
European Turtle Dove	2
Eurasian Hoopoe	1

Makarska-Vrgorace, road 512 15:00-16:30

Short-toed Eagle	1 near Brikva
Sombre Tit	1 near Brikva

10th July

Hvar 14:30-22:00

Took the Jadrolinija car ferry from Split to island Hvar and city Stari Grad. By pure luck we were just in time when the ferry was leaving. The tour took 2 hrs and cost 480 HRK in one direction for four persons. On Hvar we drove to the beautiful city of Hvar. Good opportunities to have excellent views of Pallid Swifts, which dominated the sky of this town.

Pallid Swift	hundreds
European Honey Buzzard	1 ad male along the motorway
Spotted Flycatcher	1
Yellow-legged Gull	10
European Shag	20
House Sparrow	4
Unidentified dolphin	1

11th July

Vransko lake 13:50-15:20

On recommendation from Robert Crković we visited this great bird lake. Took the A1 from Makarska to turning Biograd/Benkovac. Then drive back towards Benkovac and then to the northern shore towards Biograd. The drive took two hours and cost 52 HRK in one direction. At the northern shore are an observation tower and a shelter from the sun. The surrounding farmland can surely be interesting, but we were a little too short in time to make any efforts there.

Montagu's Harrier	1 ad male
Common Starling	1
European Bee-eater	10
Spanish Sparrow	several hundreds
Common House Martin	10
Barn Swallow	100
Sand Martin	10
Little Cormorant	10
European Goldfinch	2
Crested Lark	10
Yellow-legged Gull	250
Eurasian Coot	800
Corn Bunting	5
Wood Sandpiper	10
Common Redshank	2 juv
European Reed Warbler	5
Black-winged Stilt	3
Common Linnet	1 pair
Feral Pigeon	100
Carrion Crow	2
Mute Swan	4
Crested Grebe	10
Black-headed Gull	10
Purple Heron	1 in the reed
European Turtle Dove	4
Great Reed Warbler	1
Yellow Wagtail	2 males + 1 female
Little Egret	1
Cetti's Warbler	1 singing shortly
House Sparrow	20 in village Vrana
Golden Oriole	1 female in village Vrana
European Serin	2 in village Vrana



View of NE corner of Vransko lake.



Bird observatory at Vransko lake.

12th July

Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 13:00-13:50

Saying god bye to Robert at this nice nature reserve just before departure.

Little Grebe	2
Common Moorhen	1 ad + 2 juv

Species list

Birds

1. **Mute Swan** Knölsvan *Cygnus olor*
2 in a pair Cetina river at Omiš 7th, and 4 Vransko lake 11th.
2. **Mallard** Gräsand *Anas platyrhynchos*
3 Cetina river at Omiš 7th.
3. **Rock Partridge** Stenhöna *Alectoris graecca*
4 ad + minimum 8 pull in ravine 3,2 km from the resturant Bikovo nature park 7th. The adults were singing.



Rock Partridge, Biokovo nature park 7th July.

4. **Little Grebe** Smådopping *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
2 Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 12th.
5. **Crested Grebe** Skäggdopping *Podiceps cristatus*
10 Vransko lake 11th.
6. **European Shag** Toppskarv *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*
20 Hvar 10th.
7. **Little Cormorant** Dvärgskarv *Phalacrocorax pygmaeus*
21 sleeping in low trees along the reeds Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 9th, and 10 Vransko lake 11th.



Little Cormorant at Vransko lake 11th July.

8. **Little Egret** Silkeshäger *Egretta garzetta*
1 Vransko lake 11th.
9. **Grey Heron** Grå häger *Ardea cinerea*
1 flying S along the beach Tučepi 5th.
10. **Purple Heron** Purpurhäger *Ardea purpurea*
1 in the reed Vransko lake 11th.
11. **European Honey Buzzard** Bivråk *Pernis apivorus*
1 ad male near the motorway pay station Hvar 10th.
12. **Short-toed Eagle** Ormörn *Circaetus gallicus*
1 hovering near the restaurant Bikovo nature park 6th, and 1 near Brikva Makarska-Vrgorace road 512 9th.
13. **Montagu's Harrier** Ängshök *Circus pygargus*
1 ad male Vransko lake 11th.
14. **Golden Eagle** Kungsörn *Aquila chrysaetos*
1 ad soaring near the restaurant Bikovo nature park 6th.
15. **Osprey** Fiskgjuse *Pandion haliaetus*
1 near Ploče Tučepi-Dubrovnik 8th.
16. **Eurasian Hobby** Lärkfalk *Falco subbuteo*
1 mobbing the Golden Eagle Bikovo nature park 6th.
17. **Common Moorhen** Rörhöna *Gallinula chloropus*
1 ad + 2 juv Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 12th.
18. **Eurasian Coot** Sothöna *Fulica atra*
800 Vransko lake 11th.
19. **Black-winged Stilt** Stytlöpare *Himantopus himantopus*
3 Vransko lake 11th.



Black-winged Stilt Vransko lake 11th July.

20. **Common Redshank** Rödbena *Tringa totanus*
2 juv Vransko lake 11th.

21. **Wood Sandpiper** Grönbena *Tringa glareola*
10 Vransko lake 11th.



Wood Sandpiper and Common Redshank Vransko lake 11th July.

22. **Black-headed Gull** Skrattnåsar *Larus ridibundus*

2 Cetina river at Omiš 7th, 20 Podstrana 7th, and 10 Vransko lake 11th.

23. **Yellow-legged Gull** Medelhavstrut *Larus michahellis*

Several hundreds in colony outside Podstrana Trogir-Tučepi 5th, 10 Tučepi 5th, c. 1000 of all ages, and many with color rings Podstrana 7th, 10 Hvar 10th, and 250 Vransko lake 11th.



3rd summer Yellow-legged Gull Vransko lake 11th July.



Juvenile Yellow-legged Gull Vransko lake 11th July.

24. **Feral Dove** Tamduva *Columba livia domesticus*
10 Tučepi 5th, 5 Vrsine 9th, 100 Vransko lake 11th.
25. **Eurasian Collared Dove** Turkduva *Streptopelia decaocto*
1 Trogir-Tučepi 5th. Also seen on several other occasions.
26. **European Turtle Dove** Turturduva *Streptopelia turtur*
3 Trogir-Tučepi 5th, 8 Vrsine 9th, 2 Labin (Dalmatia) 9th, and 4 Vransko lake 11th. Also one strange record of an intrepid individual among people, and Feral doves on the beach of Tučepi 10th.



Eurasian Turtle Dove Vransko lake 11th July.

27. **European Scops Owl** Dvärguv *Otus scops*
1 calling shortly near the restaurant at dawn Bikovo nature park 7th.
28. **Common Swift** Tornseglare *Apus apus*
1 Tučepi 5th, 5 Bikovo nature park 6th, 5 Bikovo nature park 7th, thousands Split 7th, thousands Dubrovnik 8th, 5 Vrsine 9th, and 5 Labin (Dalmatia) 9th.
29. **Pallid Swift** Blek tornseglare *Apus pallidus*
1 Bikovo nature park 7th, and hundreds Hvar 11th.
30. **Alpine Swift** Alpseglare *Apus melba*
10 at Sveti Jure Bikovo nature park 6th, and c. 100 Dubrovnik 8th.
31. **European Bee-eater** Biätare *Merops apiaster*
10 near Ploče Tučepi-Dubrovnik 8th, and 10 Vransko lake 11th.
32. **Eurasian Hoopoe** Härfågel *Upupa epops*
1 near the motorway pay station Labin (Dalmatia) 9th.
33. **Eurasian Wryneck** Göktyta *Jynx torquilla*
1 Vrsine 9th.
34. **Crested Lark** Tofslärka *Galerida cristata*
10 Vransko lake 11th.
35. **Wood Lark** Trädlärka *Lullula arborea*
3 singing Bikovo nature park 7th.

36. **Sand Martin** Backsvala *Riparia riparia*
10 Vransko lake 11th.
37. **Eurasian Crag Martin** Klippsvala *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*
10 of which most birds were in active wing moult near a precipice along the road Cetina river at Omiš 7th.
38. **Barn Swallow** Ladusvala *Hirundo rustica*
20 coming to sleep in hotel garden Tučepi 5th, 15 Bikovo nature park 6th, 4 Bikovo nature park 7th, 100 Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 9th, 10 Vrsine 9th, and 100 Vransko lake 11th.



Juvenile Barn Swallow Vransko lake 11th July.

39. **Red-rumped Swallow** Rostgumpssvala *Cercropis daurica*
2 Trogir-Tučepi 5th, and 1 Tučepi-Dubrovnik 8th
40. **Common House Martin** Hussvala *Delichion urbicum*
10 Trogir-Tučepi 5th, 5 Bikovo nature park 6th, 10 Bikovo nature park 7th, 2 Cetina river at Omiš 7th, and 10 Vransko lake 11th.
41. **Tawny Pipit** Fältpiplärka *Anthus campestris*
2 singing Bikovo nature park 7th.
42. **Yellow Wagtail** Gulärä *Motacilla flava feldegg*
2 males + 1 female Vransko lake 11th.



Male Yellow Wagtail subsp. *feldegg* Vransko lake 11th July.

- 43. **White Wagtail** Sädesärila *Motacilla alba*
2 Bikovo nature park 7th.
- 44. **Black Redstart** Svart rödstjärt *Phoenicurus ochruros*
2 ad males at Sveti Jure Bikovo nature park 6th.
- 45. **Northern Wheatear** Stenskvätta *Oenanthe oenanthe*
1 juv Bikovo nature park 6th.
- 46. **Black-eared Wheatear** Medelhavsstenskvätta *Oenanthe hispanica*
1 male in the western slopes on the way back Bikovo nature park 7th.
- 47. **Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush** Stentrast *Monticola saxatilis*
1 singing male Bikovo nature park 7th



Male Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush Biokovo nature park 7th July.

48. **Blue Rock Thrush** Blåtrast *Monticola solitarius*
1 outside Vrsinje 9th.
49. **Common Blackbird** Koltrast *Turdus merula*
2 Tučepi 5th, 4 Bikovo nature park 7th, and 4 Vrsine 9th.
50. **Cetti's Warbler** Cettisångare *Cettia cetti*
1 singing shortly Vransko lake 11th.
51. **European Reed Warbler** Rörsångare *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*
5 Vransko lake 11th.
52. **Great Reed Warbler** Trastsångare *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*
1 Vransko lake 11th.
53. **Subalpine Warbler** Rödstrupig sångare *Sylvia cantillans*
1 singing Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 9th.
54. **Mediterranean Warbler** Sammetshätta *Sylvia melanocephala*
3 giving alarm calls Bikovo nature park 7th, and 3 Vrsine 9th.
55. **Eastern Orphean Warbler** Mästersångare *Sylvia crassirostris*
1 male 3.2 km from the restaurant. Appeared when Red-backed Shrikes alarmed for a weasel
Bikovo nature park 7th, 1 Vrsine 9th and 1 female Labin (Dalmatia) 9th.



Male Eastern Orphean Warbler Biokovo nature park 7th July.

56. **Blackcap** Svarthätta *Sylvia atricapilla*
1 singing Bikovo nature park 6th, 2 singing Bikovo nature park 7th, and 1 singing Labin (Dalmatia) 9th.
57. **Chiffchaff** Gransångare *Phylloscopus collybita*
1 singing Bikovo nature park 6th.
58. **Spotted Flycatcher** Grå flugsnappare *Muscicapa striata*
1 near Makarska on the way to Split Hvar 10th.

59. **Sombre Tit** Balkanmes *Parus lugubris*
1 near Brikva Makarska-Vrgorace road 512 9th.
60. **Coal Tit** Svartmes *Parus ater*
5 in pine wood on the way down Bikovo nature park 7th.
61. **Eurasian Blue Tit** Blåmes *Parus caeruleus*
1 Bikovo nature park 7th.
62. **Great Tit** Talgoxe *Parus major*
1 Bikovo nature park 7th and 1 Vrsine 9th.
63. **Western Rock Nuthatch** Klippnötväcka *Sitta neumayer*
3 Bikovo nature park 7th, and 1 Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 9th.
64. **Golden Oriole** Sommargylling *Oriolus oriolus*
3 Bikovo nature park 7th, 10 Vrsine 9th, 4 Labin (Dalmatia) 9th, and 1 female in village Vrana Vransko lake 11th.
65. **Red-backed Shrike** Törnskata *Lanius collurio*
1 female + 1 male Bikovo nature park 6th, 15 seen in most places Bikovo nature park 7th, and 4 Vrsine 9th.



Red-backed Shrike Biokovo nature park 7th July.

66. **Woodchat Shrike** Rödhuwad törnskata *Lanius senator*
3 ad + 2 juv Vrsine 9th, and 1 ad male Labin (Dalmatia) 9th.



Male Woodchat Shrike Vrsine 9th July.



Juvenile Woodchat Shrike Vrsine 9th July.

67. **Alpine Chough** Alpkaja *Pyrrhocorax graculus*
5 Bikovo nature park 6th, and 120 3.2 km from the restaurant Bikovo nature park 7th.



Alpine Choughs Biokovo nature park 7th July.

68. **Carrion Crow** Krâka *Corvus corone*
1 Trogir-Tučepi 5th, and 2 Vransko lake 11th.
69. **Common Raven** Korp *Corvus corax*
2 Bikovo nature park 6th.
70. **Common Starling** Stare *Sturnus vulgaris*
1 Vransko lake 11th.
71. **House Sparrow** Gråsparv *Passer domesticus*
20 Tučepi 5th, 1 Cetina river at Omiš 7th, 4 Hvar 10th, and 20 in village Vrana Vransko lake 11th.
72. **Spanish Sparrow** Spansk sparv *Passer hispaniolensis*
Several hundreds in farmland W of village Vrana Vransko lake 11th.
73. **Common Chaffinch** Bofink *Fringilla coelebs* 2 with more red at the breast compared to Swedish birds Bikovo nature park 6th, 2 Bikovo nature park 7th.
74. **European Serin** Gulhämpling *Serinus serinus*
1 singing Tučepi 5th and 6th, 2 Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 9th, and 2 in village Vrana Vransko lake 11th.
75. **European Greenfinch** Grönfink *Carduelis chloris*
1 Tučepi 6th, 4 Vrsine 9th, and 4 Labin (Dalmatia) 9th.
76. **European Goldfinch** Steglits *Carduelis carduelis*
2 Mlinice Pantan, Trogir 9th, and 2 Vransko lake 11th.
77. **Common Linnet** Hämpling *Carduelis cannabina*
10 Bikovo nature park 6th, and 1 pair Vransko lake 11th.
78. **Cirl Bunting** Häcksparv *Emberiza cirlus*
10 Vrsine 9th, and 2 singing Labin (Dalmatia) 9th.
79. **Rock Bunting** Klippsparv *Emberiza cia*
1 heard Bikovo nature park 7th.
80. **Black-headed Bunting** Svarthuvad sparv *Emberiza melanocephala*
1 Vrsine 9th, and 2 Labin (Dalmatia) 9th.

81. **Corn Bunting** Kornsparv *Emberiza calandra*
5 Vransko lake 11th.



Corn Bunting Vransko lake 11th July.

Mammals

1. **Red fox** Räv *Vulpes vulpes*
1 running in front of the car on the way to the restaurant Bikovo nature park 7th.
2. **Least Weasel** Småvessla *Mustela nivalis*
1 causing the birds to alarm Bikovo nature Park 7th.
3. **Chamois** Gems *Rupicapra rupicapra*
2 on cliff top 3.2 km from the restaurant Bikovo nature park 7th. They were photographed.



Chamois Biokovo nature park 7th July.

4. **Mouflon** Mufflon *Ovis orientalis*
1 male 3.2 km from the restaurant. Just a short glimpse of one running downhill Bikovo nature park 7th.
5. **Unidentified dolphin** Obestämd delfin *Delphinidae*
1 swimming into the bay of Stari Grad when leaving the island Hvar 10th.

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