

# Cape Verde

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*Sea-watching at Barril, São Nicolau (Sven, Teet, Rubén, Michel, Christer, Kirsten and Trond)*

## Preface

Normally a trip to Cape Verde is undertaken during the spring, but then many of the birds are not breeding. During autumn though many birds are breeding and the endemics are easier to see. The downside may be that a few sea-birds can be difficult to get. In Cape Verde 187 species of birds are recorded. Of these six species are endemic and eight subspecies. For additional two species Cape Verde more or less is the only place in the Western Palearctic where these species may be seen fairly regularly.

		Endemic species	Endemic subspecies	Hard to see in other WP
<b>Cape Verde Petrel</b>	<i>Pterodroma feae feae</i>		x	
<b>Cape Verde Shearwater</b>	<i>Calonectris edwardsii</i>	x		
<b>Cape Verde Little Shearwater</b>	<i>Puffinus boydi</i>	x		
<b>Magnificent Frigatebird</b>	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>			x
<b>White-faced Storm Petrel</b>	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>			x
<b>Cape Verde Purple Heron</b>	<i>Ardea (purpurea) bournei</i>		x	
<b>Cape Verde Kite</b>	<i>Milvus (milvus) fasciicauda</i>		x	
<b>Cape Verde Buzzard</b>	<i>Buteo (buteo) bannermani</i>		x	
<b>Greater Cape Verde Kestrel</b>	<i>Falco (tinnunculus) alexandri</i>		x	
<b>Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel</b>	<i>Falco (tinnunculus) neglectus</i>		x	
<b>Cape Verde Peregrine</b>	<i>Falco (peregrinus) madens</i>		x	
<b>Cape Verde Barn Owl</b>	<i>Tyto (alba) detorta</i>		x	
<b>Cape Verde Swift</b>	<i>Apus alexandri</i>	x		
<b>Raso Lark</b>	<i>Alauda razae</i>	x		
<b>Cape Verde Warbler</b>	<i>Acrocephalus brevipennis</i>	x		
<b>Iago Sparrow</b>	<i>Passer iagoensis</i>	x		

All the subspecies above with parenthesis are by some authorities treated as full species

I travelled with the Swedish agency Avifauna. Trip leader from Sweden was Teet Sirotkin, Stockholm and Rubén Barone Tosco from Tenerife as expert leader on Cape Verde. Participants, except me, on the trip were Trond Aspelund, Enebakk, Norway; Sven Bødker, Esbjerg, Denmark; Michel Frost, Sollentuna, Sweden; Christer Jönsson, Hässleholm, Sweden and Kirsten Trogstad, Enebakk, Norway.

Cape Verde is situated 600 km WNW of Dakar, Senegal in Western Africa and 1,300 km SSW of the Canary Islands. It consists of 15 islands of which nine are inhabited. The islands in Cape Verde are divided in the northern islands - The Barlavento Islands (windward islands): Santo Antão, São Vicente, Santa Luzia, São Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista; and the southern Sotavento Islands (leeward): Maio, Santiago, Fogo and Brava. In Cape Verde we visited Santiago, São Nicolau, Sal and Boa Vista. Like in the Canary Islands, the most eastern islands are dry and the western lush. On Cape Verde the climate is tropical with a dry season from December to July and a humid season between August and November. Temperatures are on average 25-29 °C. But compared to the other Macaronesian islands (Madeira, Canary Islands and Azores), Cape Verdes are the hottest and driest of the four archipelagos. Transportation between the islands was with TACV Carbo Verde Airlines (Transportes Aéreos de Cabo Verde). On a stopover in Lisbon we got eight ours birding.

Food on Cape Verde was good with one exception. From a restaurant in Sal Rei, Boa Vista (probably) several of us, including myself, got dysentery, which kept us in bed for a few days after arrival home to Scandinavia.

Route:

5<sup>th</sup> Lisbon

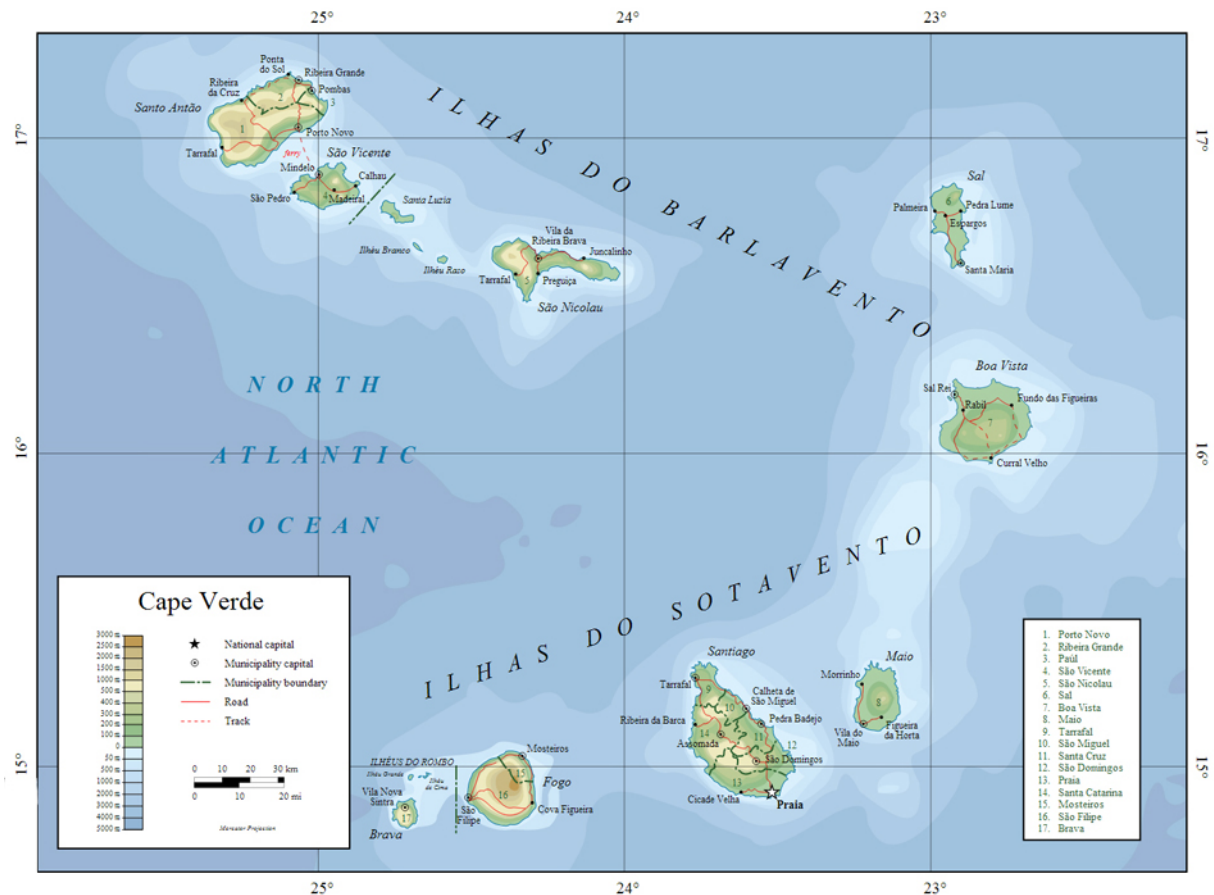
5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Santiago

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> São Nicolau

11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Sal

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Boa Vista

15<sup>th</sup> Santiago



## Itinerary

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

We departed from Copenhagen and landed in Lisbon, where we had 8 hours of birding before departing for Santiago, Cape Verde. We rented two minibuses that took us to Alcochete and Lazeira just near to Lisboa.

In the evening we took off for Cape Verde 7:50 PM. After the 3 hours and 40 minutes flight we landed at the capitol Praia on Santiago. We picked up two Suzuki Vitara and drove for nearly two hours in the night to our facility Baia Verde in the village Tarrafal, Santiago in the northwest. On the route we luckily spotted the rather difficult Cape Verde Barn Owl in the small village of Cruz Grande, Santiago.





*Visited localities on Santiago.*

**Alcochete, Portugal 2010-11-05**

Pos. 38.755383, -8.924264

13:15-14:15

Black-shouldered Kite 2

Greater Flamingo 200

Grey Plover 75

Bar-tailed Godwit 1

Common Greenshank 5

Black-winged Stilt 50

Common Redshank 25

Common Sandpiper 2

Domestic Dove 20

White Stork 15

Common Kestrel 1

Sardinian Warbler 5

Common Waxbill 5

Zitting Cisticola 1

Spotless Starling 50

European Starling 10

Grey Heron 10

Little Egret 10

Cattle Egret 1

Cetti's Warbler 5

Crested Lark 4

Iberian Chiffchaff 2

Great Tit 1

Eurasian Blue Tit 2

Osprey 1

House Sparrow 10

European Robin 5

**Lazeira, Portugal**

Pos. 38.935218, -8.937748

14:45-15:05

Sky Lark 20

Eurasian Buzzard 1

Meadow Pipit 5

Red-throated Pipit 1

Common Waxbill 5

Common Kestrel 1

Carrion Crow 10

Northern Lapwing 20

White Stork 20

**Cruz Grande, Santiago**

Pos. 15.121794, -23.67633

23:00-

Cape Verde Barn Owl 1

Domestic Dove 25



*Grey Heron, Alcochete, Lisbon, Portugal*

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Started with some birding around our cottages. The rather noisy Grey-headed Kingfishers were a nice acquaintance. Also Brown Booby and Red-billed Tropicbird out at sea. On our drive to see the endemic Bourne's Heron in Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago, we found one 2 cy bird sitting on a grassy hill. In Banana we found the nesting colony in the single mahogany tree that holds the whole world population. Lunch in Assomada, Santiago and then a visit to the botanical garden in São Jorge dos Órgão, Santiago for Cape Verde Swamp-Warbler which was seen well. A visit to Barragem de Poilão, Santiago didn't produce the rare herons that have been recorded there lately, but a few other good species were seen. High water levels hide the sand banks that usually attract some waders. Before dusk a short stop in Ribeira da Barca, Santiago gave some Cape Verde Shearwaters.

### Tarrafal, Santiago

Pos. 15.279313, -23.753660

08:00-09:30

Grey-headed Kingfisher 10  
Spanish Sparrow 20  
Alexander's Swift 25  
Red-billed Tropicbird 2  
Brown Booby 2  
Little Egret 1  
Domestic Dove 30  
Blackcap 1  
Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 3

### Serra de Malagueta, Santiago

Pos. 15.166667, -23.700000

09:15-10:30

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 6  
Domestic Dove 10  
Bourne's Heron 1  
Blackcap 1  
Spectacled Warbler 1  
Cape Verde Sparrow 10  
Brown-necked Raven 2  
Alexander's Swift 2

### Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago

Pos. 15.089111, -23.574017

11:35-12:40

Bourne's Heron 11  
Common Waxbill 10  
Blackcap 5  
Grey-headed Kingfisher 10  
Spectacled Warbler 1  
Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 2  
House Sparrow 1  
Helmeted Guineafowl 1

Common Quail 2

Citrus Swallowtail 1

### Jardim Botânico de São Jorge dos Órgão, Santiago

Pos. 15.048823, -23.603654

15:30-16:00

Cape Verde Swamp-Warbler 1  
Brown-necked Raven 6  
Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 2  
Blackcap 2  
Cape Verde Sparrow 4

### Barragem de Poilão, Santiago

Pos. 15.075728, -23.553960

16:00-17:00

Squacco Heron 5  
Bourne's Heron 2  
Eurasian Spoonbill 8  
Black-crowned Night Heron 1  
Common Moorhen 5  
Little Egret 17  
Grey Heron 15  
Grey-headed Kingfisher 4  
Cape Verde Sparrow 2  
Cattle Egret 17  
Common Waxbill 15  
Spanish Sparrow 10  
Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 2

### Ribeira da Barca, Santiago

Pos. 15.136187, -23.759835

18:00-18:35

Cape Verde Shearwater 5  
Alexander's Swift 2  
Grey-headed Kingfisher 1  
Cattle Egret 10



*Barragem de Poilão, Santiago*

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

We started birding just south of Tarrfal, Santiago (15.269274, -23.748050) where we spotted our first Black-crowned Sparrow-Larks. Then we had a long transportation to the capital and Praia cliffs, Santiago, where we got good views of Alexander's Swift and several butterfly species. A visit to the mountain Rui Vaz, Santiago gave the endemic Cape Verde Buzzard. Before the night a short visit to Pedra Badejo and a revisit to Barragem de Poilão, Santiago.

#### **Tarrfal, Santiago**

Pos. 15.279313, -23.753660

06:40-09:15

Grey Heron 2

Ruddy Turnstone 1

Cape Verde Shearwater 26

Alexander's Swift 20

Red-billed Tropicbird 1

Common Greenshank 6

Brown Booby 5

Little Egret 2

Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark 7

Cape Verde Sparrow 10

Grey-headed Kingfisher 10

#### **Assomada, Santiago**

Pos. 15.107496, -23.675130

10:10-10:15

Brown-necked Raven 9

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 3

Spectacled Warbler 1

#### **Praia, Santiago**

Pos. 14.913975, -23.513982

11:05-11:10

Cape Verde Sparrow 5



**Praia cliffs, Santiago**

Pos. 14.910810, -23.490610

11:20-12:40

Red-billed Tropicbird 1  
Alexander's Swift 15  
Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark 4  
Bar-tailed Lark 2  
Cape Verde Sparrow 15  
Little Egret 2  
Common Quail 5  
Northern Wheatear 2  
Striped Hawk-moth 1  
Danaid Eggfly 1  
Plain Tiger 1  
African Migrant 1  
Large Grass Yellow 1

**Praia harbour, Santiago**

Pos. 14.915171, -23.509101

14:15-14:30

Whimbrel 2  
Little Egret 2  
Brown Booby 2

**Rui Vaz, Santiago**

Pos. 15.035639, -23.599634

15:30-16:05

Cape Verde Buzzard 4  
Brown-necked Raven 2  
Blackcap 2  
Spectacled Warbler 1  
Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 2  
Bourne's Heron 1

**Barragem de Poilão, Santiago**

Pos. 15.075728, -23.553960

16:27-

Cape Verde Buzzard 1

**Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago**

Pos. 15.130809, -23.527053

16:40-17:01

Ruddy Turnstone 15  
Common Sandpiper 3  
Common Ringed Plover 3  
Common Greenshank 1  
Black-crowned Night Heron 1  
Little Egret 1  
Kentish Plover 4  
Eurasian Collared Dove 1  
House Sparrow 5  
Whimbrel 1

**Barragem de Poilão, Santiago**

Pos. 15.075728, -23.553960

17:30-19:00

Cattle Egret 1500  
Black-crowned Night Heron 1  
Squacco Heron 5  
Little Egret 20  
Bourne's Heron 4  
Glossy Ibis 4  
Grey Heron 6  
Eurasian Spoonbill 10  
Common Moorhen 5  
Spectacled Warbler 1  
Common Waxbill 10



*Praia airport, Santiago.*

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Transportation to São Nicolau with a stopover on Sal. From the very small airport on São Nicolau we eventually got our rental car and could drive to the small village Tarrafal de São Nicolau on the western side. Along the road we got Helmeted Guineafowl. We started with sea-watching from the lighthouse Barril, São Nicolau. We had a group of Cream-coloured Coursers and at least five Cape Verde Petrels among the Cape Verde Shearwaters during the beautiful sunset over the small island of Razo out in the west.



*Visited localities on São Nicolau*

### **Sal airport**

Pos. 16.735968, -22.947715

-09:00

Brown-necked Raven 1

### **São Nicolau airport**

Pos. 16.589977, -24.286292

11:00-12:00

Cattle Egret 50

Spanish Sparrow 10

Cape Verde Sparrow 4

Common Quail 1

Domestic Dove 100

### **São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.597306, -24.319876

12:00-13:00

Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel 6

Spectacled Warbler 2

Blackcap 2

Domestic Dove 4

Helmeted Guineafowl 2

Brown-necked Raven 2

**Tarrafal de São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.566667, -24.358333

13:00-14:30

Osprey 1

Cattle Egret 12

Whimbrel 1

Yellow-legged Gull 1

Alexander's Swift 2

Cape Verde Shearwater 1

Sanderling 3

Brown-necked Raven 2

**Barril, São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.605225, -24.418369

15:00-18:30

Cream-coloured Cursor 7

Bar-tailed Lark 5

Cape Verde Sparrow 5

Brown Booby 2

Cape Verde Shearwater 70

Osprey 1

Cape Verde Petrel 5

Ruddy Turnstone 11

Whimbrel 1

Striped Hawk-moth 1

Plain Tiger 1



*Barril lighthouse, São Nicolau. Raso island in background.*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

The big event for this whole trip was maybe the boat tour to Raso island and the sea-watching that joined. We were a bit worried that the tour could be bumpy and wet, but we were lucky in that the sea was rather calm. Unforgettable it was with all the Cape Verde Shearwaters, Red-billed tropicbirds, Brown Boobies and not to forget the a little bit distant but highly amazing Raso Larks we saw in display flight from the boat. To protect the species it isn't allowed to go ashore. The world population of Raso Lark consists of roughly 470 individuals that all lives on this small island of 8 square kilometers! A surprise was also a Greater Shearwater, just the ninth record, and two Cory's Shearwaters, just the eleventh and twelfth records! In the evening we made a revisit to Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau and saw not less than 25 Cape Verde Petrels!

**Tarrafal de São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.566667, -24.358333

08:00-08:30

Sanderling 4

**Raso**

Pos. 16.617275, -24.589725

08:30-14:00

Cape Verde Shearwater 200

Red-billed Tropicbird 25

Brown Booby 116

Brown-necked Raven 2

Osprey 4

Cape Verde Sparrow 50

Cape Verde Petrel 1

Raso Lark 5

Greater Shearwater 1

Whimbrel 4

Ruddy Turnstone 10

Barn Swallow 1

Little Egret 2

Cattle Egret 4

Cory's Shearwater 2

**Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.668788, -24.372541

16:00-18:30

Cape Verde Petrel 25

Cape Verde Shearwater 75

Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel 1

Brown-necked Raven 2

Cape Verde Sparrow 5

Osprey 1

Spectacled Warbler 3



*Raso. São Nicolau in distant background.*



## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Birding on the central parts of São Nicolau in the morning. Some interesting butterflies, e.g. a larvae of Death's-head Hawk-moth and possibly the first record of Black-Bordered Babul Blue on São Nicolau. We also had Helmeted Guineafowl and Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel. The last subspecies treated as a full species by some authorities. In the evening we made a short flight to Sal where we stayed at Hotel Central in Espargos.



*Visited localities on Sal*

### **Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.614083, -24.327164

Helmeted Guineafowl 1

Spectacled Warbler 1

Death's-head Hawk-moth 1

Long-tailed Blue 1

Black-Bordered Babul Blue 1

### **Cachaco, São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.622332, -24.335629

Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel 2

Blackcap 2

Spectacled Warbler 1

### **Ribeira do Palhal, São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.577898, -24.337226

Alexander's Swift 8

Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel 3

**Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.612283, -24.336956

11:00-11:36

Spectacled Warbler 4

Helmeted Guineafowl 2

Common Quail 10

Blackcap 6

Alexander's Swift 6

Brown-necked Raven 6

Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel 1

Cape Verde Sparrow 10

Domestic Dove 5

Cucumber Moth 1

Cinnabar moth 200

Cape Verde Shearwater 1

Ruddy Turnstone 2

**São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.597306, -24.319876

14:30-15:30

Brown-necked Raven 2

Spectacled Warbler 1

**São Nicolau airport**

Pos. 16.589977, -24.286292

15:30-16:30

Spanish Sparrow 10

Cattle Egret 30

**Tarrafal de São Nicolau**

Pos. 16.566667, -24.358333

12:00-14:30

Grey Plover 1

**Sal airport**

Pos. 16.735968, -22.947715

17:45-18:30

Brown-necked Raven 1



*Chada de Caldeira, São Nicolau*

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

In the morning we watched waders at Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal. No rarities but a possible Semipalmated Plover was seen. At Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal we got nice views of Hoopoe Larks. At Ribeira da Madama, Sal we made the first record for the Cape Verde of Eurasian Coot! A Common Teal and a Northern Pintail at the same locality was the fourth and fourteenth record for Cape Verde! A good lobster dinner in the evening.

### Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal

Pos. 16.773636, -22.900497

08:15-11:30

Sanderling 113

Curlew Sandpiper 91

Common Ringed Plover 9

Black-winged Stilt 11

Spotted Redshank 1

Common Greenshank 4

Ruddy Turnstone 22

Grey Plover 3

Bar-tailed Lark 6

Cape Verde Sparrow 1

Kentish Plover 42

Common Redshank 5

Bar-tailed Lark 8

Desert White 1

Greater Hoopoe-Lark 6

Bar-tailed Lark 1

Kentish Plover 20

Domestic Dove 2

Whimbrel 2

Common Ringed Plover 10

Grey Plover 2

### Ribeira da Madama, Sal

Pos. 16.689594, -22.938888

16:40-17:53

Common Teal 1

Northern Pintail 1

Eurasian Coot 1

Whimbrel 2

Osprey 1

Kentish Plover 10

Little Egret 8

Cattle Egret 5

Bar-tailed Lark 3

Barn Swallow 3

Cattle Egret 12

Common Sandpiper 1

Ruddy Turnstone 3

### Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal

Pos. 16.615870, -22.910923

13:55-16:30

Little Stint 2

Dunlin 1

Sanderling 53

Ruddy Turnstone 17

Cattle Egret 15



Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal. 180°-panorama



## Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Early in the morning a few of us were out again at Ribeira da Madama, Sal to photo-document the Eurasian Coot, before we should leave for Sal. The flight from Sal to Boa Vista took 15 minutes. On Boa Vista we stayed at the Marine Club, Boa Vista (16.190541, -22.914345) in Sal Rei, Boa Vista, the best hotel on the trip. Luckily a good wader lagoon (16.184300, -22.914815) was situated next to the hotel. After some wader-watching we took inland searching for Egyptian Vulture at Povoação Velha, Boa Vista, but with negative result. Maybe the species already is extinct from Cape Verde. We ended up at Rabil lagoon where we documented a grey-rumped Little Tern.



*Visited localities on Boa Vista*

### **Ribeira da Madama, Sal**

Pos. 16.689594, -22.938888

06:45-07:45

Northern Pintail 1

Common Teal 1

Common Snipe 1

Ruff 1

Whimbrel 2

Little Egret 5

Cattle Egret 1

Kentish Plover 6

Ruddy Turnstone 4

Common Quail 1

Bar-tailed Lark 1

Kentish Plover 12

Kentish Plover 2

Common Sandpiper 1

Eurasian Coot 1

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 1



**Rabil airport, Boa Vista**

Pos. 16.133558, -22.888611

11:00-12:00

Spanish Sparrow 10

**Sal Rei, Boa Vista**

Pos. 16.184300, -22.914815

14:00-15:05

Sanderling 70

Common Ringed Plover 2

Kentish Plover 30

Brown-necked Raven 1

Grey Plover 2

Cattle Egret 15

Dunlin 1

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 1

Spectacled Warbler 1

Cape Verde Sparrow 10

Ruddy Turnstone 10

Osprey 1

Domestic Dove 2

**Povoação Velha, Boa Vista**

Pos. 16.037804, -22.917107

16:00-16:30

Spectacled Warbler 4

Bar-tailed Lark 5

Greater Hoopoe-Lark 3

Osprey 2

Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark 1

Brown-necked Raven 2

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 1

Northern Wheatear 1

**Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista**

Pos. 16.146281, -22.903144

17:00-18:00

Spectacled Warbler 1

Whimbrel 13

Little Egret 25

Kentish Plover 20

Common Ringed Plover 5

Grey Plover 5

Bar-tailed Godwit 2

Common Greenshank 1

Little Tern 2

Cattle Egret 300

Common Quail 1

Black-winged Stilt 1

Common Sandpiper 2

Sanderling 20

Brown-necked Raven 2

Cape Verde Sparrow 5

Ruddy Turnstone 10

Osprey 1

Grey Heron 3



*Salinas Santa Maria, Sal*

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

In the morning a White-rumped Sandpiper was located in the lagoon next to our hotel, the sixth record for Cape Verde and the only Nearctic migrant we saw during the trip. Next in focus was the islet Curral Velho, Boa Vista in the south – the last stronghold for Magnificent Frigatebird in the Western Palearctic. After six hours of sedulous waiting and staring at the little island, suddenly a female lifts on mighty wings and was seen by all of us the scarce minute she was up. On the island also several very young Brown Boobies first were mistaken for Masked Booby (*Sula dactylatra*) – they were indeed very similar! A Great Skua was the 16<sup>th</sup> record for Cape Verde and the first for Boa Vista!

### Sal Rei, Boa Vista

Pos. 16.184300, -22.914815

08:30-09:10

White-rumped Sandpiper 1

Grey Plover 2

Ruddy Turnstone 4

Kentish Plover 20

Sanderling 70

Spectacled Warbler 1

Cape Verde Sparrow 10

Common Ringed Plover 6

Osprey 1

### Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista

Pos. 16.032220, -22.808670

09:20-11:20

Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark 8

Brown-necked Raven 6

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 1

Greater Hoopoe-Lark 5

Bar-tailed Lark 8

Cattle Egret 20

Kentish Plover 7

Common Quail 1

Sanderling 10

Common Greenshank 2

Cape Verde Sparrow 15

Spanish Sparrow 100

Spectacled Warbler 1

### Curral Velho, Boa Vista

Pos. 15.992670, -22.795830

11:20-17:55

Common Greenshank 9

Brown Booby 90

Brown Booby 3

Brown Booby 8

Osprey 1

Red-billed Tropicbird 2

Great Skua 1

Brown-necked Raven 2

Cattle Egret 2

Magnificent Frigatebird 1

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 1

Spectacled Warbler 1

Whimbrel 1

Bar-tailed Lark 2



Curral Velho, Boa Vista. Islet with Magnificent Friagtebird to the right

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Some birding next to the hotel in the morning before transportation back to Praia, Santiago. The last birding in Cape Verde was sea-watching at the lighthouse Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago in Praia. A few small whales there could possibly have been Pilot Whales.

### Sal Rei, Boa Vista

Pos. 16.184300, -22.914815

06:35-07:05

Kentish Plover 22

Sanderling 58

Common Ringed Plover 2

Ruddy Turnstone 7

Grey Plover 2

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 1

Cape Verde Sparrow 25

Spectacled Warbler 2

Common Sandpiper 2

Brown Booby 7

Osprey 1

Sanderling 15

### Marine Club, Boa Vista

Pos. 16.190541, -22.914345

07:15-07:25

Red-billed Tropicbird 2

Cape Verde Sparrow 10

### Rabil airport, Boa Vista

Pos. 16.133558, -22.888611

10:00-11:45

Greater Cape Verde Kestrel 4

Common Raven 5

Spanish Sparrow 10

### Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago

Pos. 14.900394, -23.509256

15:20-18:05

Whimbrel 3

Common Greenshank 4

Cape Verde Shearwater 10

Cape Verde Petrel 1

Red-billed Tropicbird 14

Cattle Egret 450

Little Egret 6

Grey Heron 2

Yellow-legged Gull 2

Domestic Dove 5



*Farol Dona Maria Pia, Praia, Santiago*

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Home transportation. No birding.



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## Species list

### Birds Portugal

1. **Greater Flamingo** *Större flamingo (Phoenicopterus roseus)* (1 sightings, 200 ind)  
200 Alcochete 5-11
2. **Cattle Egret** *Kohäger (Bubulcus ibis)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Alcochete 5-11
3. **Little Egret** *Silkeshäger (Egretta garzetta)* (1 sightings, 10 ind)  
10 Alcochete 5-11
4. **Grey Heron** *Gråhäger (Ardea cinerea)* (1 sightings, 10 ind)  
10 Alcochete 5-11
5. **White Stork** *Vit stork (Ciconia ciconia)* (2 sightings, 35 ind)  
15 Alcochete 5-11, 20 Många bon i kraftledningsstolpar Lazeira 5-11
6. **Osprey** *Fiskgjuse (Pandion haliaetus)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Alcochete 5-11



7. **Black-shouldered Kite** *Svartvingad glada (Elanus caeruleus)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)  
2 (10 sightings/15 ind) Alcochete 5-11



*Black-shouldered Kite, Alcochete, Portugal*

8. **Eurasian Buzzard** *Ormvråk (Buteo buteo)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Lazeira 5-11
9. **Common Kestrel** *Tornfalk (Falco tinnunculus)* (2 sightings, 2 ind)  
1 Alcochete 5-11, 1 Lazeira 5-11
10. **Grey Plover** *Kustpipare (Pluvialis squatarola)* (1 sightings, 75 ind)  
75 Alcochete 5-11
11. **Northern Lapwing** *Tofsvipa (Vanellus vanellus)* (1 sightings, 20 ind)  
20 Lazeira 5-11
12. **Black-winged Stilt** *Styltlöpare (Himantopus himantopus)* (1 sightings, 50 ind)  
50 Alcochete 5-11
13. **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Myrspov (Limosa lapponica)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Alcochete 5-11
14. **Common Redshank** *Rödbena (Tringa totanus)* (1 sightings, 25 ind)  
25 Alcochete 5-11
15. **Common Greenshank** *Gluttsnäppa (Tringa nebularia)* (1 sightings, 5 ind)  
5 Alcochete 5-11
16. **Common Sandpiper** *Drillsnäppa (Actitis hypoleucos)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)  
2 Alcochete 5-11
17. **Domestic Dove** *Tamduva (Columba livia domestica)* (1 sightings, 20 ind)  
20 Alcochete 5-11
18. **Carrion Crow** *Svart kråka (Corvus corone)* (1 sightings, 10 ind)  
10 Lazeira 5-11
19. **Crested Lark** *Tofslärka (Galerida cristata)* (1 sightings, 4 ind)  
4 Alcochete 5-11

20. **Sky Lark** *Sånglärka (Alauda arvensis)* (1 sightings, 20 ind)  
20 Lazeira 5-11
21. **Eurasian Blue Tit** *Blåmes (Cyanistes caeruleus)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)  
2 Alcochete 5-11
22. **Great Tit** *Talgoxe (Parus major)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Alcochete 5-11
23. **Cetti's Warbler** *Cettisångare (Cettia cetti)* (1 sightings, 5 ind)  
5 Alcochete 5-11
24. **Iberian Chiffchaff** *Iberisk gransångare (Phylloscopus ibericus)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)  
2 Alcochete 5-11
25. **Zitting Cisticola** *Grässångare (Cisticola juncidis)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Alcochete 5-11
26. **Sardinian Warbler** *Sammetshätta (Sylvia melanocephala)* (1 sightings, 5 ind)  
5 Alcochete 5-11
27. **European Robin** *Rödhake (Erithacus rubecula)* (1 sightings, 5 ind)  
5 Alcochete 5-11
28. **European Starling** *Stare (Sturnus vulgaris)* (1 sightings, 10 ind)  
10 Alcochete 5-11
29. **Spotless Starling** *Svartstare (Sturnus unicolor)* (1 sightings, 50 ind)  
50 Alcochete 5-11
30. **Meadow Pipit** *Ängspiplärka (Anthus pratensis)* (1 sightings, 5 ind)  
5 Lazeira 5-11
31. **Red-throated Pipit** *Rödstrupig piplärka (Anthus cervinus)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Lazeira 5-11
32. **House Sparrow** *Gråsparv (Passer domesticus)* (1 sightings, 10 ind)  
10 Alcochete 5-11
33. **Common Waxbill** *Helenaastrild (Estrilda astrild)* (2 sightings, 10 ind)  
5 Alcochete 5-11, 5 Lazeira 5-11

## Birds Cap Verde

1. **Common Teal** *Kricka (Anas crecca)* (2 sightings, 2 ind)  
1 female Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 1 female Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11  
*The fourth record on Cape Verde*
2. **Northern Pintail** *Stjærtand (Anas acuta)* (2 sightings, 2 ind)  
1 female Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 1 female Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11  
*The fourteenth record on Cape Verde*



*Common Teal and Northern Pintail, Ribeira da Madama, Sal*

3. **Helmeted Guineafowl** *Hjälmpärlhöna (Numida meleagris)* (4 sightings, 6 ind)  
1 call (incl other sounds) Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 2 São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau 8-11, 1 Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau 10-11, 2 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11



*Helmeted Guineafowl, Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau*

4. **Common Quail** *Vaktel (Coturnix coturnix)* (7 sightings, 21 ind)  
2 song/display, outside breeding Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 5 Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 1 song/display, outside breeding São Nicolau airport 8-11, 10 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11, 1 display/song Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 1 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11
5. **Cape Verde Petrel** *Kapverdepetrell (Pterodroma feae feae)* (4 sightings, 32 ind)  
5 flying by at dusk Barril, São Nicolau 8-11, 25 Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau 9-11, 1 Raso 9-11, 1 migrating s Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11



6. **Cory's Shearwater** *Gulnäbbad lira (Calonectris diomedea)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)  
2 Raso 9-11  
*The eleventh and twelfth records on Cape Verde*



*Cory's Shearwater, Raso*

7. **Greater Shearwater** *Större lira (Puffinus gravis)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Raso 9-11  
*The ninth record on Cape Verde*



*Greater Shearwater, Raso*

8. **Cape Verde Shearwater** *Kapverdelira (Calonectris edwardsii)* (8 sightings, 388 ind)  
5 Ribeira da Barca, Santiago 6-11, 26 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 1 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 8-11, 70 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11, 75 Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau 9-11, 200 Raso 9-11, 1 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 10-11, 10 migrating s Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11



*Cape Verde Shearwater, Raso*

9. **Red-billed Tropicbird** *Rödnäbbad tropikfågel (Phaethon aethereus)* (7 sightings, 47 ind)  
2 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 1 adult Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 1 adult Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 25 Raso 9-11, 2 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 14 Koloni i N delen av Praia, Santiago Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11, 2 Marine Club, Boa Vista 14-11



*Red-billed Tropicbird, Raso*



10. **Brown Booby** *Brun sula (Sula leucogaster)* (9 sightings, 235 ind)  
2 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 5 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 2 Praia harbour, Santiago 7-11, 2 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11, 116 Raso 9-11, 90 adult Ilheu de Curral Velho, Boa Vista Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 3 1c Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 8 pulli recently fledged/dawny youngs Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 7 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11



*Brown Booby, Raso*

11. **Magnificent Frigatebird** *Praktfregattfågel (Fregata magnificens)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 female lifts shortly over the islet 16:45 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11  
*After nearly sixth hours of waiting!*
12. **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Natthäger (Nycticorax nycticorax)* (3 sightings, 3 ind)  
1 1c Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 1 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11, 1 1c Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11  
*The tenth and eleventh records on Cape Verde*



*Juv Black-crowned Night Heron, Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago*

13. **Cattle Egret** *Kohäger (Bubulcus ibis)* (16 sightings, 2443 ind)

17 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 10 Ribeira da Barca, Santiago 6-11, 1500 minimum. Staying the night in two trees. Fr NO Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11, 50 São Nicolau airport 8-11, 12 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 8-11, 4 Raso 9-11, 5 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 12 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 30 São Nicolau airport 10-11, 15 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 1 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 15 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 300 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 20 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 2 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 450 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11



*Cattle Egret, Barragem de Poilão, Santiago*

14. **Squacco Heron** *Rallhäger (Ardeola ralloides)* (2 sightings, 10 ind)

5 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 5 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11  
*The eleventh record on Cape Verde*

15. **Little Egret** *Silkeshäger (Egretta garzetta)* (12 sightings, 91 ind)

1 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 17 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 2 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 20 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11, 2 Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 2 Praia harbour, Santiago 7-11, 1 Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11, 2 Raso 9-11, 8 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 5 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 25 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 6 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11

16. **Grey Heron** *Gråhäger (Ardea cinerea)* (5 sightings, 28 ind)

15 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 2 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 6 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11, 3 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 2 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11



17. **Bourne's Heron** *Purpurhäger (Ardea purpurea bournei)* (5 sightings, 19 ind)

1 2c sitting on a grassy hill Serra de Malagueta, Santiago 6-11, 6 ad + 5 1st cy Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 2 1c Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 4 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11, 1 adult flying by Rui Vaz, Santiago 7-11



*Ad Bourne's Heron Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago*



*Juv Bourne's Heron Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago*

18. **Glossy Ibis** *Bronsisibis (Plegadis falcinellus)* (1 sightings, 4 ind)

4 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11

*The seventh record on cape Verde*



*Glossy Ibis, Barragem de Poilão, Santiago*

19. **Eurasian Spoonbill** *Skedstork (Platalea leucorodia)* (2 sightings, 18 ind)

8 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 10 2c Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11

20. **Osprey** *Fiskgjuse (Pandion haliaetus)* (11 sightings, 15 ind)

1 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 8-11, 1 catching a fish Barril, São Nicolau 8-11, 1 Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau 9-11, 4 Raso 9-11, 1 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 2 Povoação Velha, Boa Vista 12-11, 1 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11, 1 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 1 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11

21. **Cape Verde Buzzard** *Kapverdeormvråk (Buteo buteo bannermani)* (2 sightings, 5 ind)  
1 resting just S Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11, 4 Rui Vaz, Santiago 7-11



*Cape Verde Buzzard, S Barragem de Poilão, Santiago*

22. **Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel** *Mindre Kapverdetornfalk (Falco tinnunculus neglectus)* (5 sightings, 13 ind)  
6 São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau 8-11, 1 Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau 9-11, 3 Ribeira do Palhal 10-11, 2 Cachaco, São Nicolau 10-11, 1 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11



*Lesser Cape Verde Kestrel, Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau*



**Greater Cape Verde Kestrel** *Större Kapverdetornfalk (Falco tinnunculus alexandri)* (14 sightings, 30 ind)

3 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 6 Serra de Malagueta, Santiago 6-11, 2 Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 2 Jardim Botânico de São Jorge dos Órgão, Santiago 6-11, 2 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 3 Assomada, Santiago 7-11, 2 Rui Vaz, Santiago 7-11, 1 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 1 Povoação Velha, Boa Vista 12-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 1 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 4 Rabil airport, Boa Vista 14-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 14-11



*Greater Cape Verde Kestrel, Malageta, Santiago*

23. **Common Moorhen** *Rörhöna (Gallinula chloropus)* (2 sightings, 10 ind)  
5 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 5 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11

24. **Eurasian Coot** *Sothöna (Fulica atra)* (2 sightings, 1 ind)

1 adult Kap Verde! Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 1 adult Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11  
*The first record on Cape Verde ever!*



*Eurasian Coot, Ribeira da Madama, Sal*

25. **Common Ringed Plover** *Större strandpipare (Charadrius hiaticula)* (7 sightings, 37 ind)

3 Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11, 9 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 10 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 2 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 5 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 6 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11, 2 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 14-11



26. **Kentish Plover** *Svartbent strandpipare (Charadrius alexandrinus)* (12 sightings, 195 ind)  
4 Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11, 10 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 42 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 20 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 6 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 12 adult Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 2 pulli recently fledged/dawny youngs Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 30 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 20 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 20 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11, 7 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 22 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 14-11



*Kentish Plover, Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal*

27. **Grey Plover** *Kustpipare (Pluvialis squatarola)* (7 sightings, 17 ind)  
1 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 10-11, 3 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 2 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 2 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 5 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 2 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11, 2 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 14-11
28. **Black-winged Stilt** *Styltlöpare (Himantopus himantopus)* (2 sightings, 12 ind)  
11 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 1 1c Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11
29. **Sanderling** *Sandlöpare (Calidris alba)* (10 sightings, 416 ind)  
3 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 8-11, 4 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 9-11, 113 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 53 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 70 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 20 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 70 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11, 10 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 15 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11, 58 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 14-11

30. **Little Stint** *Småsnäppa (Calidris minuta)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)  
2 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11



*Little Stint, Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal*

31. **White-rumped Sandpiper** *Vitgumpsnäppa (Calidris fuscicollis)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 1c Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11  
*The sixth record for Cape Verde and the first for Boa Vista*



*White-rumped Sandpiper, Sal Rei, Boa Vista*

32. **Curlew Sandpiper** *Spovsnäppa (Calidris ferruginea)* (1 sightings, 91 ind)  
91 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11
33. **Dunlin** *Kärnsnäppa (Calidris alpina)* (2 sightings, 2 ind)  
1 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11
34. **Ruff Brushane** (*Philomachus pugnax*) (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 male 1c Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11

35. **Common Snipe** *Enkelbeckasin (Gallinago gallinago)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11
36. **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Myrspov (Limosa lapponica)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)  
2 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11
37. **Whimbrel** *Småspov (Numenius phaeopus)* (11 sightings, 32 ind)  
2 Praia harbour, Santiago 7-11, 1 Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11, 1 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 8-11, 1 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11, 4 Raso 9-11, 2 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 2 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 2 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 13 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 1 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 3 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11
38. **Spotted Redshank** *Svartsnäppa (Tringa erythropus)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11
39. **Common Redshank** *Rödbena (Tringa totanus)* (1 sightings, 5 ind)  
5 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11
40. **Common Greenshank** *Gluttsnäppa (Tringa nebularia)* (7 sightings, 27 ind)  
6 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 1 Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11, 4 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 1 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 2 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 9 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 4 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11
41. **Common Sandpiper** *Drillsnäppa (Actitis hypoleucos)* (5 sightings, 9 ind)  
3 Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11, 1 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 1 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 2 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 2 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11
42. **Ruddy Turnstone** *Roskarl (Arenaria interpres)* (13 sightings, 116 ind)  
1 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 15 Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11, 11 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11, 10 Raso 9-11, 3 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 2 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 10-11, 22 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 17 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 4 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 10 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 10 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 4 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11, 7 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 14-11

43. **Cream-coloured Cursor** *Ökenlöpare (Cursorius cursor exsul)* (1 sightings, 7 ind)  
7 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11



*Cream-coloured Cursor, Barril, São Nicolau*

44. **Little Tern** *Småtärna (Sternula albifrons)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)  
2 1c with clearly grey rumps Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11
45. **Yellow-legged Gull** *Medelhavstrut (Larus michahellis)* (2 sightings, 3 ind)  
1 1c Tarrafal de São Nicolau 8-11, 2 1c Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11
46. **Great Skua** *Storlabbb (Stercorarius skua)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 chasing a Brown Booby Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11  
*The sixteenth record for Cape Verde and the first for Boa Vista*



*Great Skua, Curral Velho, Boa Vista*



47. **Domestic Dove** *Tamduva (Columba livia domestica)* (9 sightings, 183 ind)  
25 Cruz Grande, Santiago 5-11, 30 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 10 Serra de Malagueta, Santiago 6-11, 100 São Nicolau airport 8-11, 4 São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau 8-11, 5 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11, 2 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 2 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 5 Farol Dona Maria Pia, Santiago 14-11
48. **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Turkduva (Streptopelia decaocto)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 flying by Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11  
*Just the ?? record for Cape Verde*
49. **Cape Verde Barn Owl** *Kapverdetornuggla (Tyto alba detorta)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 sitting on a house quite a while before it took to the wings and disappeared in the night Cruz Grande, Santiago 5-11
50. **Alexander's Swift** *Kapverdeseglare (Apus alexandri)* (8 sightings, 80 ind)  
25 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 2 Serra de Malagueta, Santiago 6-11, 2 Ribeira da Barca, Santiago 6-11, 20 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 15 Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 2 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 8-11, 8 Ribeira do Palhal 10-11, 6 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11



*Alexander's Swift, Praia cliffs, Santiago*

51. **Grey-headed Kingfisher** *Gråhuvad kungsf.* (*Halcyon leucocephala acteon*) (5 sightings, 35 ind)  
10 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 10 Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 4 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 1 Ribeira da Barca, Santiago 6-11, 10 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11



*Grey-headed Kingfisher, Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago*

52. **Brown-necked Raven** *Ökenkorp* (*Corvus ruficollis*) (18 sightings, 55 ind)  
2 Serra de Malagueta, Santiago 6-11, 6 Jardim Botânico de São Jorge dos Órgãos, Santiago 6-11, 9 Assomada, Santiago 7-11, 2 Rui Vaz, Santiago 7-11, 1 Sal airport 8-11, 2 São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau 8-11, 2 Tarrafal de São Nicolau 8-11, 2 Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau 9-11, 2 Raso 9-11, 1 Sal airport 10-11, 2 São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau 10-11, 6 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 2 Povoação Velha, Boa Vista 12-11, 2 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 6 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 2 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 5 Rabil airport, Boa Vista 14-11



*Brown-necked Raven, Barril, São Nicolau*

53. **Black-crowned Sparrow Lark** *Svartkronad finklärka (Eremopterix nigriceps nigriceps)* (5 sightings, 20 ind)  
5 female Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 2 male Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 4 Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 1 male Povoação Velha, Boa Vista 12-11, 8 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11



*Black-crowned Sparrow Lark, Tarrafal, Santiago*

54. **Bar-tailed Lark** *Sandökenlärka (Ammomanes cinctura cinctura)* (10 sightings, 41 ind)  
2 Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 5 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11, 3 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11, 6 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 8 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 1 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 1 display/song Ribeira da Madama, Sal 12-11, 5 Povoação Velha, Boa Vista 12-11, 8 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 2 display/song Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11



*Bar-tailed Lark, Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal*

55. **Greater Hoopoe-Lark** *Härfågellärka (Alaemon alaudipes boavistae)* (3 sightings, 14 ind)  
6 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11, 3 Povoação Velha, Boa Vista 12-11, 5 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho,  
Boa Vista 13-11



*Greater Hoopoe Lark, Povoação Velha, Boa Vista*

56. **Raso Lark** *Rasolärka (Alauda razae)* (1 sightings, 5 ind)  
5 display/song Raso 9-11
57. **Barn Swallow** *Ladusvala (Hirundo rustica)* (2 sightings, 4 ind)  
1 Raso 9-11, 3 Ribeira da Madama, Sal 11-11



58. **Cape Verde Swamp-Warbler** *Kapverdesångare (Acrocephalus brevipennis)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 display/song Jardim Botânico de São Jorge dos Órgão, Santiago 6-11



*Cape Verde Swamp-Warbler, Jardim Botânico de São Jorge dos Órgão, Santiago*

59. **Spectacled Warbler** *Glasögonsångare (Sylvia conspicillata)* (18 sightings, 28 ind)  
1 song/display, outside breeding Serra de Malagueta, Santiago 6-11, 1 Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 1 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11, 1 song/display, outside breeding Assomada, Santiago 7-11, 1 Rui Vaz, Santiago 7-11, 2 São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau 8-11, 3 Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau 9-11, 1 São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau 10-11, 1 Cachaco, São Nicolau 10-11, 4 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 4 Povoação Velha, Boa Vista 12-11, 1 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11, 1 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 1 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 2 display/song Sal Rei, Boa Vista 14-11, 1 Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau 10-10



*Spectacled Warbler, Povoação Velha, Boa Vista*

60. **Blackcap** *Svarthätta (Sylvia atricapilla)* (8 sightings, 21 ind)  
1 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 1 song/display, outside breeding Serra de Malagueta, Santiago 6-11, 5 Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 2 Jardim Botânico de São Jorge dos Órgãos, Santiago 6-11, 2 Rui Vaz, Santiago 7-11, 2 São Nicolau airport-Tarrafal, São Nicolau 8-11, 2 Cachaco, São Nicolau 10-11, 6 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11
61. **Northern Wheatear** *Stenskvätta (Oenanthe oenanthe)* (2 sightings, 3 ind)  
2 in pair Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 1 adult Povoação Velha, Boa Vista 12-11
62. **Spanish Sparrow** *Spansk sparv (Passer hispaniolensis)* (9 sightings, 176 ind)  
20 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 1 Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 10 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 5 Lagoa de Pedra Badejo, Santiago 7-11, 10 São Nicolau airport 8-11, 10 São Nicolau airport 10-11, 10 Rabil airport, Boa Vista 12-11, 100 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 10 Rabil airport, Boa Vista 14-11



Spanish Sparrow, São Nicolau airport

63. **Cape Verde Sparrow** *Kapverdesparv (Passer iagoensis)* (18 sightings, 196 ind)

10 Serra de Malagueta, Santiago 6-11, 4 Jardim Botânico de São Jorge dos Órgãos, Santiago 6-11, 2 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 10 Tarrafal, Santiago 7-11, 5 Praia, Santiago 7-11, 15 Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 4 São Nicolau airport 8-11, 5 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11, 5 Ponta da Travuz, São Nicolau 9-11, 50 flew out to our boat, very intrepid Raso 9-11, 10 Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11, 1 Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11, 10 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 12-11, 5 Lagoa de Rabil, Boa Vista 12-11, 10 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 13-11, 15 Sal Rei, Boa Vista-Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11, 25 Sal Rei, Boa Vista 14-11, 10 Marine Club, Boa Vista 14-11



*Cape Verde Sparrow, Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau*

64. **Common Waxbill** *Helenastrild (Estrilda astrild)* (3 sightings, 35 ind)

10 Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11, 15 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 10 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 7-11



*Common Waxbill, Barragem de Poilão, Santiago*



## Reptiles

**Sau Nicolau skink** *Sau Nicolauskink (Chioninia nicolauensis)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)

1 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11

**Boa Vista skink** *Boa Vistaskink (Chioninia spinalis boavistensis)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)

1 Curral Velho, Boa Vista 13-11

**Sal skink** *Salskink (Chioninia spinalis salensis)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)

1 Salinas de Santa Maria, Sal 11-11

**Brook's House Gecko** *Brooks halvfingergecko (Hemidactylus angulatus)* (1 sightings, 2 ind)

2 Praia airport, Santiago 7-11. Introduced



*Brook's House Gecko, Praia airport, Santiago*

## Amphibians

**African Common Toad** *Gulfläckig padda (Amietophrynus regularis)* (4 sightings, 10 ind)

1 Tarrafal, Santiago 6-11, 4 Barragem de Poilão, Santiago 6-11, 4 Assomada, Santiago 7-11, 1 Barril, São Nicolau 8-11



## Butterflies

1. **Cucumber Moth** *Gurkmott (Diaphania indica)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 imago/adult Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11



*Cucumber Moth, Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau*

2. **Striped Hawk-moth** *Vitribbad skymningsvärmare (Hyles livornica)* (2 sightings, 2 ind)  
1 Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 1 imago/adult Barril, São Nicolau 8-11



*Striped Hawk-moth, Praia cliffs, Santiago*

3. **Crimson Speckled Flunkey** *Kattunspinnare (Utethesia pulchella)* (1 sightings, 200 ind)  
200 imago/adult Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau 10-11

4. **Death's-head Hawk-moth** *Dödskallesvärmare* (*Acherontia atropos*) (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 larvae/nymph Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau 10-11



*Death's-head Hawk-moth, Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau*

5. **Black-Bordered Babul Blue** *Acaciablåvinge* (*Azanus moriqua*) (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau 10-11  
*Possibly the first record on São Nicolau*



*Black-Bordered Babul Blue, Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau*



6. **Citrus Swallowtail** *Citrusmakaon (Papilio demodocus)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11



*Citrus Swallowtail, Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago*

7. **African Migrant** *Afrikansk vandrarfjäril (Catopsilia florella)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 imago/adult Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11
8. **Large Grass Yellow** *Gul gräshöfjäril (Eurema hecabe)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 imago/adult Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11
9. **Desert White** *Ökenvitfjäril (Pontia glauconome)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 imago/adult Salinas de Pedra de Lume, Sal 11-11

10. **Long-tailed Blue** *Långsvansad blåvinge (Lampides boeticus)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau 10-11



*Long-tailed Blue, Agua dos Patos, São Nicolau , São Nicolau*

11. **Danaid Eggfly** *Falsk mindre monark (Hypolimnas misippus)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)  
1 Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11



*Danaid Eggfly, Praia cliffs, Santiago*

12. **Plain Tiger** *Mindre monark (Danaus chrysippus)* (2 sightings, 2 ind)  
1 imago/adult Praia cliffs, Santiago 7-11, 1 imago/adult Barril, São Nicolau 8-11



## Dragonflies

**Long Skimmer** *Lång sjötrollslända (Orthetrum trinacria)* (1 sightings, 1 ind)

1 imago/adult Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11



*Long Skimmer, Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago*

**Violet Dropwing** (*Trithemis annulata*) (1 sightings, 1 ind)

1 imago/adult Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago 6-11



*Violet Dropwing, Banana de Ribeira Montanha, Santiago*

## Plants

1. **Aeonium gorgoneum** (*Crassulaceae*)  
São Nicolau

2. **Aerva javanica** (*Amaranthaceae*)  
Santiago, São Nicolau, Boa Vista



*Barril, São Nicolau*

3. **Ageratum conyzoides** (*Asteraceae*)  
São Nicolau, introduced



*Água dos Patos, São Nicolau*

4. **Calotropis procera** (*Asclepiadaceae*)  
Santiago, São Nicolau, Boa Vista, Sal

5. **Campanula jacobaea** (*Campanulaceae*)  
Santiago, São Nicolau



*Água dos Patos, São Nicolau*

6. **Celosia spicata** (*Amaranthaceae*)  
Santiago, São Nicolau, Boa Vista, Sal



*Água dos Patos, São Nicolau*

7. **Cocculus pendulus** (*Menispermaceae*)  
Sal



8. **Diplotaxis glauca** (*Brassicaceae*)  
Sal

9. **Dracaena draco** (*Dracaenaceae*)  
São Nicolau



Parque Natural de Monte Gordo, São Nicolau

10. **Echium hypertropicum** (*Boraginaceae*)  
Santiago

11. **Echium stenosphon stenosphon**  
(*Boraginaceae*)  
São Nicolau



Água dos Patos, São Nicolau

12. **Eremopogon foveolatus** (*Poaceae*)  
São Nicolau



Barril, São Nicolau

13. **Euphorbia tuckeyana** (*Euphorbiaceae*)  
Santiago, São Nicolau

14. **Faidherbia albida** (*Mimosaceae*)  
Santiago, Boa Vista

15. **Ficus sycomorus gnaphalocarpa**  
(*Moraceae*)  
Santiago

16. **Heliotropium ramosissimum** (*Boraginaceae*)  
Boa Vista, Sal



Barril, São Nicolau

17. **Ipomoea pes-caprae brasiliensis** (*Convolvulaceae*)  
Santiago

18. **Lantana camara** (*Verbenaceae*)  
São Nicolau, introduced



Morro Vermelho, São Nicolau

19. **Launaea arborescens** (*Asteraceae*)  
Boa Vista

20. **Launaea picridioides** (*Asteraceae*)  
São Nicolau

21. **Lavandula coronopifolia** (*Lamiaceae*)  
São Nicolau

22. **Lavandula rotundifolia** (*Lamiaceae*)  
São Nicolau

23. **Limonium lobinii** (*Plumbaginaceae*)  
São Nicolau

24. **Lobularia canariensis** (*Brassicaceae*)  
São Nicolau

25. **Lotus brunneri** (*Fabaceae*)  
São Nicolau

26. **Lotus purpureus** (*Fabaceae*)  
São Nicolau

27. **Nicotiana glauca** (*Solanaceae*)  
São Nicolau, introduced



Ribeira do Palhal, São Nicolau

28. **Periploca laevigata chevalieri** (*Asclepiadaceae*)  
São Nicolau.

29. **Phoenix atlantidis** (*Areaceae*)  
Boa Vista, Sal

30. **Polycarpaea nivea** (*Caryophyllaceae*)  
Sal

31. **Sarcostemma daltonii** (*Asclepiadaceae*)  
Santiago, São Nicolau, Boa Vista



32. **Sesuvium portulacastrum** (*Aizoaceae*)  
Santiago, Boa Vista, Sal
33. **Sideroxylon marginata** (*Sapotaceae*)  
São Nicolau



*Cachaço, São Nicolau*

34. **Sonchus daltonii** (*Asteraceae*)  
Santiago, São Nicolau

35. **Suaeda vermiculata** (*Chenopodiaceae*)  
Boa Vista
36. **Tamarix senegalensis** (*Tamaricaceae*)  
Santiago, São Nicolau, Boa Vista, Sal
37. **Tornabenea annua** (*Apiaceae*)  
Santiago
38. **Tornabenea insularis** (*Apiaceae*)  
São Nicolau
39. **Traganum moquinii** (*Chenopodiaceae*)  
Sal
40. **Tribulus terrestris** (*Zygophyllaceae*)  
Sal



*Ribeira da Madama, Sal*

41. **Zygophyllum waterlotii**  
(*Zygophyllaceae*)  
Sal, Boa Vista

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