

**02<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2006 – 09<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006**  
**Son Bou / San Jaime apts.**

Unfortunately I have not seen as many birds as I did in 2003 purely because the lagoons / marshes at Son Bou both in front and along the back of the beach by the sand dunes have completely dried out and the whole area looks to be suffering from a drought. When I was here in 2003 it rained heavily every night with successive storms for 6 nights in a row, so yes the marshes were filled with water. On this visit I was fortunate to have a 1<sup>st</sup> floor apartment and could see Purple Herons, Purple Gallinules and cattle egrets feeding on the water. These were some of the highlights of 2003. Please see the attached list of birds for the above dates highlighted in red.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2006. Son Bou.**

Woodchat shrike 1 Juv  
Cetti's warbler  
House sparrow  
Spotted flycatcher  
Bee eater 4  
Green Sandpiper 1  
Sardinian warbler At least 8  
Greenfinch  
Mallard



Greenfinch - Photographed by Paul Lawrence

**4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006. Son Bou.**

Many of the birds seen on the day before were repeated today. In addition [7 Grey Herons](#) flying along the beach at sunset and during the day [4 Balearic shags](#) off of the beach at Son Bou on the large rock / island. It seems as though I am having a bit of slow start but laying on the beach or walking round the shops trying to pay attention to the family is not conducive to got birding !!!!!

**5th Sept 2006. Son Bou.**

Today the migration has really picked up and there is a steady flow of [Hirundines](#) moving south in groups of 20-30. There is an improvement in the birding as well as is noted below.

[Swallows](#) At least 10 groups of 20-30 birds inclusive of the odd [house and sand martins](#).

[Auduoin's gull](#) 2  
[Cattle egret](#) 5  
[Cormorant](#)  
[Turtle dove](#) 1  
[Stone chat](#) 2



One of which had been ringed.

Goldfinch 10

Audouins gull - Photographed by Paul Lawrence

**6th Sept 2006. Sant tomas**

Red kite 1  
Pied flycatcher 1  
Kestrel 1

**6th Sept 2006. Son Bou.**

Blackbird 3  
Turtle dove 3  
Bee eater 1  
Auduoin's gull 3  
Yellow legged gull 10



Blackbird (Juv) - Photographed by Paul Lawrence

**7th Sept 2006. Son Bou.**

23 Bee eaters off the coast at the south end cliffs of Son Bou beach. They flew along the beach to the marsh at about 11.30am and dropped down dispersing to feed.

4 Stonechats in the dunes between the beach and marshes at Son Bou.

40-50 Mixed Hirundines flying south over Son Bou beach.



Bee eater - Photographed by Paul Lawrence

**7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006. Son Bou.**



Yellow legged gull 2 Juv  
Cetti's warbler  
Booted eagle 1  
Spotted flycatcher  
Bee eater 6  
Sardinian warbler At least 6.

Sp fly catcher - Photographed by Paul Lawrence

### **8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006. Road between Alaior - Cuitedella**

Kestrel 4  
Buzzard 1  
Spotted flycatcher At least 10  
Redstart 1  
Hoopoe 1

### **8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006. Es Mercedal – El Toro church.**

Alpine Swift 5 ✓ (New bird for me)  
Bee eater 3  
Blue rock thrush 1

### **8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006. Son Bou.**

Greater reed warbler 1 ✓ (New bird for me)

Willow warbler 2  
Cetti's warbler 2  
Sardinian warbler 1  
Spotted flycatcher  
Bee eater 6

Wood pigeon

House sparrow

**Bittern** - @ sunset one flew into the marsh while I was sitting on the beach bar. It flew along the coast from the cliffs right over our heads.

**Barn owl** 1 – Funnily it flew over us while my son was in the bouncy castle along the main street from the Son Parc hotel. I wonder if this is the same one that I saw in 2003 at almost the same place.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006. Cal'an Porter.**

Booted eagle	(4) – Inclusive of one dark phase, one white and 2 Juvs.
Blue rock thrush	1 (m)
Cetti's warbler	5
Sardinian warbler	8
Wheatear	1
Yellow legged gull	7
Raven	2
Pallid / common swift	4
Rock doves	10 (Suspected)
Ferral pigeons	

- Coot and Moorhen were seen everyday while on the beach