

BirdLife IBA Factsheet

ES318 Albufera de Mallorca and Albufereta de Pollença marshes

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| Country | Spain |
| Administrative region(s) | Baleares |
| Central coordinates | 3.1, 39.7833 |
| Area | 2800 ha |
| Altitude | 0 - 6m |
| Criteria | A1, B1i, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, C6 |



Site description Two wetlands in northern Mallorca. The Albufera has a large coastal lagoon connected to the sea but also areas of standing freshwater. There are extensive areas of marsh vegetation dominated by *Phragmites*, *Scirpus* and *Cladium*. There are also abandoned salt pans and sand-dunes with Mediterranean scrub and *Pinus* forest. The Albufereta has open water and also areas of reedbed (*Phragmites*) and *Tamarix* scrub.

Habitats and percentage cover

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| 01. Forest | 10 | Native coniferous woodland |
| 05. Wetlands (inland) | 80 | Mud flats and sand flats Salt marshes Sand dunes and beaches Coastal lagoons Standing freshwater Rivers and streams Water fringe vegetation |
| 11. Artificial landscapes (terrestrial) | 10 | Arable land |

Land-use and percentage cover

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| agriculture | 20 |
| fisheries/aquaculture | 10 |
| hunting | 10 |
| nature conservation and research | 90 |

Birds This is a very important site for breeding, passage and wintering waterbirds, raptors and passerines~190 bird species have been recorded. Species of global conservation concern that do not meet IBA criteria: *Aythya nyroca* (wintering).

| Species | Season | Year | Min | Max | Quality | Criteria |
|---|----------|------|------|-----|---------|-------------------------|
| Little Egret (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>) | resident | 1992 | 1 | 10 | medium | C6 |
| Purple Heron (<i>Ardea purpurea</i>) | resident | 1994 | 35 | 55 | medium | C2, C6 |
| Black-crowned Night-heron (<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>) | resident | 1994 | 11 | 11 | good | C6 |
| Little Bittern (<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>) | resident | 1992 | 11 | 50 | medium | C6 |
| Great Bittern (<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>) | resident | 1994 | 1 | 10 | medium | C6 |
| White-headed Duck (<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>) | resident | 1994 | 3 | 8 | good | A1, B1i, B2, C1, C2, C6 |
| Western Marsh-harrier (<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>) | resident | 1994 | 8 | 9 | good | C6 |
| Spotted Crake (<i>Porzana porzana</i>) | resident | 1992 | 51 | 250 | medium | B3, C2, C6 |
| Purple Swamphen (<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>) | resident | 1993 | 8 | 10 | medium | C6 |
| Kentish Plover (<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>) | resident | 1992 | 51 | 250 | medium | B1i, B2, C3 |
| Black-winged Stilt (<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>) | breeding | 1994 | 87 | 110 | good | C6 |
| Moustached Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>) | resident | 1992 | 1000 | 0 | medium | C2, C6 |

Protection status National Partial International High 1,900 ha of IBA covered by Natural Park (S'Albufera de Mallorca, 1,900 ha). 1,700 ha of IBA covered by Ramsar Site (S'Albufera de Mallorca, 1,700 ha). 2,584 ha of IBA covered by Special Protection Area (S'Albufera de Mallorca, 2,584 ha).

Conservation issues The main threats are from hunting in the Albufereta and urban expansion. The IBA overlaps with Natural Area of Special Interest (S'Albufereta).

Threats and importance

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| industrialization/urbanization | medium |
| unsustainable exploitation | high |

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