

Dipper

Cinclus cinclus



SEASONAL BEHAVIOUR

Former breeding populations were sedentary. Today it may turn up very occasionally at almost any time.

DISTRIBUTION

Until about 2000 it was regularly seen on some rivers of Sierra Morena Sevillana, mainly on Rivera de Huéznar – where it bred and where a chick was in fact ringed in July 1983 – with other records on Benalija and even on Rivera de Huelva. In the last decade, however, it has disappeared, fading out with sporadic sightings until records dried up completely. Another site where it was recorded in the past is Hoz del Río Grande on the border between Sierra Morena de Jaén and Ciudad Real, where it probably bred in 1998 and sightings were reported in following years. In Sierra de Aracena there were two sightings in 1999 and nothing thereafter. In the last two breeding seasons suitable Dipper sites were visited in all four provinces without any luck.

COMMENTS

The most suitable sites nowadays are the upper reaches of some Jaén rivers like Grande and Valmayor. There may well be sporadic breeding records here in coming years as overspill from the Dipper populations of southern Ciudad Real.

AMENAZAS

The pollution of rivers and streams (due to farming discharge) and the degradation of riparian woodland are the main threats in Sierra Morena.

THREAT CATEGORY

CNEA	CAEA	LRAE	LRVA
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WHERE TO SEE IT

HUELVA	SEVILLA	CÓRDOBA	JAÉN
H-1	SE-1	CO-1	J-1
H-2	SE-2	CO-2	J-2
H-3	SE-3	CO-3	J-3
H-4	SE-4	CO-4	J-4
H-5	SE-5	CO-5	J-5
H-6	SE-6	CO-6	J-6
H-7	SE-7	CO-7	J-7
H-8	SE-8	CO-8	J-8
H-9	SE-9	CO-9	J-9
H-10	SE-10	CO-10	J-10
H-11	SE-11	CO-11	J-11
H-12	SE-12	CO-12	J-12
H-13	SE-13	CO-13	J-13
H-14	SE-14	CO-14	J-14
H-15	SE-15	CO-15	J-15
H-16			
H-17			

STATUS

No longer a steady breeder in the area.

ABUNDANCE

Very rare and irregular.

HABITAT

This species is very fussy about water quality, living only in clean, well-oxygenated rivers with good vegetation cover.