

Water Rail

Rallus aquaticus



SEASONAL BEHAVIOUR

In wintering areas remains at least from November to February.

DISTRIBUTION

In breeding season confined to River Guadalquivir (El Salto, Marmolejo Reservoir), some small reservoirs (Zocueca, La Roncadera) and favourable stretches of River Guadiato. Winters in other wetlands like Minas de Cala Reservoir or River Guadiato itself.

COMMENTS

A difficult bird to study because of its skulking behaviour, nocturnal habits and love of thick wet vegetation; for all these reasons it is far more often heard than seen.

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

Breeding birds are usually sedentary. There are also some wintering birds.

ABUNDANCE

Very scarce.

HABITAT

A water bird that lives on small reservoirs and sluggish river stretches with bankside vegetation.