

Senegal 22-29 October 2004

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Itinerary

Flight with Air Portugal Copenhagen-Lisbon, Lisbon-Dakar. 7259 SEK.

Accommodation Club le Calao bungalows. 21 Euro/night in double room.

Seabird watching from terrace at Club le Calao, Isle N'Gor and one pelagic trip 4 h.
28.10. Birdwatching at Technopol area 24 & 27 and in the Somone delta about 2 h
drive south of Dakar at the coast 25.10. Birdwatching in the surroundings of Club de
Calao and the hotel Mirador.

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General Information

We had great expectations for the sea bird watching after the successful trip of the Swedish team in 2003. We were a little disappointed regarding some species, specially the storm petrel's but this was well compensated by a lot of birds seen on the excursions to Technopol and Somone. An perhaps more ideal Senegal trip would be extended to 10-14 days and include visiting at least one of the national parks combined with sea bird watching at Calao.

The storm-petrel species were seen only in small numbers from land. At the pelagic trip they begun to show up after 30 min but disappeared again further out on the sea. In absence of the smaller species there was not very much difference to watch for seabirds from the terrace of Club de Calao or from Isle de N'Gor.

Technopol area is definitely worth at least one day birding and offers a good complement to seabird watching. The science centre with gardens is not accessible but the golf course and restaurant is open can offer a cold drink. The Technopol area is reached with taxi 15 min drive from Calao along the main road leading out of Dakar. It is a well-known place. Ask the taxidriver or the hotel reception. Start birding from the golf course parking place and check out the surroundings of the lake and the mudflat west of the lake. It is not a place for scenic views but there are lots of birds. There was a guard at the golf centre (with a machete!) but there was no problems to enter the area for birding including the pathways on the course.

We met our guide Diamil Diallo by accident at the Technopol area and he offered good help in showing us this area and also the Somone delta. Since no one of us could speak any french Diamil was very valuable for arranging taxis, bying fruit and food, keeping disturbing people on a distance (otherwise there is quickly a croud of people around you trying to sell things or just looking).

The Somone area was reached with a 2 h taxidrive south from the centre of Dakar. It is a delta area surrounded with mangrove vegetation next to the sea south west of

N'Guekokh with pelicans, shorebirds and lots of terns and gulls. The village next to the delta is very fashionable, a place for rich people including the president! The gardens offers a lot of birds. We met accidentally with the "Reserve Commendante" but he could not offer much help.

We were guided to this place by our guide Diamil. It was a compromise to go to Somone instead for one of the national parks but it would have required at least two days.

On our way south we saw possible good birding areas with muddy sadflats and bush vegetation next to the sea along the coast less than 1 h south of Dakar. Also the area around the lighthouse west of Calao seemed to be a promising birding area but was never checked.

Wheater

We had very stable weather with winds coming from N-NV most days. NV should be ideal for sea birds but we did not notice much difference compared to days with wind from N.

Temperature was constantly high (above 30 C) and especially inland excursions required lots of water. The humidity was also high and the telescopes was covered with moist the first minutes every morning. We followed the good advice to keep al photo equipment in the bathrooms over night and had no problems.

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Vithuvad visseland-White-faced Whistling duck *Dendrocygna viduata*
5 Technopol 24.10

Årta-Garganey *Anas querquedula*
2 Technopol 27.10

Skedand-Northern-Shoveler
Anas clypeata
At least 50 Technopol 24 & 27.10

Smådopping-Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
At least 300 Technopol 24 & 27.10

Gulnäbbad lira-Cory's/Cape Verde/Scopoli's Sherwater
Calonectris diomedea
686 counted on migration south.

Grålira-Sooty Sherwater
Puffinus griseus
284 counted.

Mindre lira-Manx Sherwater *Puffinus puffinus*
22 counted.

Havslöpare-Wilson's Storm-petrel
Oceanites oceanicus
61 counted. Just few seen from land.

Klykstjärtad stormsvala-Leach's storm-petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*
At least 2 on the pelagic trip 28.10.

Stormsvala-Storm Petrel
Hydrobates pelagicus
About 10 on the pelagic trip 28.10.

Havssula-Northern Gannet
Morus bassanus
4 juvenile counted migrating south.

Storskarv-Great /White-breasted Cormorant
Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus
5-10 passing daily at Calao and 30 in a group 29.10. Some also at Somone.

Långstjärtad skarv-Long-tailed cormorant
Phalacrocorax africanus
At least 50 at Technopol 24 & 17.10 and 1 passing Calao 29.10.

Rosaryggad pelikan Pink-backed pelican
Pelecanus rufescens
At least 200 at Somone 25.10

Great White Pelikan
Pelecanus onocrotalus
5-10 at Somone 25.10.

Grönhäger/Mangrovehäger-Striated Heron
Butorides striata
5 at Technopol 27.10 and 10 at Somone 25.10.

Kohäger Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
>50 at Technopol and Somone.

Rallhäger-Squaco Heron
Ardeola ralloides
5 at Technopol 27.10

Revhäger Western-Reef heron
Egretta gularis
Daily up to 10 fishing at the beach at Calao.
Also seen at Technopol and Somone.

Silkeshäger-Little egret
Egretta garzetta
Common at Technopol and Somone. 1 at Calao 23.10.

Ägretthäger-Great Egret
Egretta alba
>100 Technopol 24 & 27.10.

Obestämd mörk häger-Heron
Ardea sp
A larger very dark heron could not be identified. Maybe a melanistic form. Possible goliath heron?

Purpurhäger-Purpel Heron
Ardea purpurea
1-2 juv at Technopol 27.10.

Svarthuvad häger-Black-headed heron *Ardea melanocephala*
1 adult, 1 juv Technopol 24.10.

Gråhäger-Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
A few passing by at Club le Calao. About 10-20 at Technopol and 20 at Somone 25.10.

Helig ibis-Sacred Ibis
Threskiornis aethiopicus
2 at Technopol 27.10

Karibisk flamingo-Greater Flamingo
Phoenicopterus ruber
10-20 in the Somone area.

Fiskgjuse-Osprey *Pandioa haliaetus*
Seen daily at the coast, in Technopol and Somone.

Brun glada-Yellow-billed (Black) Kite *Milvus Migrans parasiticus*
Very common specially in urban regions. Seen daily.

Munkgam-Hooded Vulture
Necrosyrtes moachus
Common in urban areas. Seen daily.

Shrika *Accipiter badius*
1 at the Mirador hotel 23.10.

Pilgrimsfalk-Peregrine Falcon
Falco peregrinus
1 adult, probably female, resting daily at the hotel Diarama building and hunting over the sea. One prey identified as black tern.

Svart sumphöna-Black Crake
Amaurornis flavirostris
5-7 in Technopol area 24 & 27.10.

Purpurhöna Purple Swamphen
Porphyrio porphyrio
1 at Technopol 24.10.

African jacana
Actophilornis africanus
10-15 in Technopol area 24 & 27.10.

Strandskata-Eurasian Oystercatcher
Haematopus ostralegus
10-20 Somone 25.10.

Stytlöpare-Black-winged Stilt
Himantopus palliatus
Common Technopol area.

Senegaltjockfot/Flodtjockfot-Senegal Thick-knee
Burhinus senegalensis
Common, about 100 in Technopol area 24 & 27.10. One resting Isle de N'Gor 26.10 probably also of the senegal species. 2 at Somone 2.10.

Större strandpipare-Common Ringed plover
Charadrius hiaticula
Common at Technopol 24 & 27.10. 20 at Somone 25.10.

Mindre strandpipare-Little Ringed Plover
Charadrius dubius
At least one at Technopol 24.10.

Kitlitzstrandpipare-Kittlitz's Plover
Charadrius pecuarius
10-12 at Technopol 27.10

Kustpipare-Grey Plover
Pluvialis squatalora
5 at Somone 25.10

Sporrvipa-Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*
300 at Technopol and several also at Somone.

Storspov-Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*
1 at Somone 25.10.

Rödspov-Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
At least 200 at Technopol 24.10 and a few 27.10. A few also at Somone 25.10.

Myrspov-Bar-tailed Godwit
Limosa lapponica
A few passing by Club le Calao. 1 at Somone 25.10.

Småspov-Wimbrel
Numenius phaeopus
Daily some passing at N'Gore. 50 at Somone 25.10.

Rödbena-Common Redshank
Tringa totanus
Seen at Technopol and Somone.

Gluttsnäppa-Common Greenshank
Tringa nebularia
Seen in low numbers at Technopol and Somone. A few individuals passing by at Club le Calao.

Dammsnäppa-Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
5 at Somone 25.10, 1 at Technopol 27.10.

Skogssnäppa-Green Sandpiper
Tringa ochropus
A few at Technopol.

Brushane-Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*
>100 at Technopol 24 & 27.10. Several all white headed.

Småsnäppa-Little Stint
Calidris minuta
5-10 at Somone 25.10.

Mosnäppa-Temminick's stint
Calidris temminickii
At least 10 resting Technopol area 24 & 27.10

Sandlöpare-Sanderling *Calidris alba*
A few, less than 20, seen migrating along the coast. 15 resting at Technopol 24.10 and 20 in the Somone area 25.10.

Kärrensäppa-Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
At least 3 at Technopol 27.10

Drillsnäppa-Common Sandpiper
Actitis hypoleucos
Daily a few on the shore at Club le Calao.

Roskarl Ruddy-Turnstone
Arenaria interpres
Seen daily in small numbers up to 10
migrating and resting along the coast.

Brednäbbad simsnäppa
Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius*
67 counted on migration. Most of them seen the
last day 29.10.

Storlabb-”Great Skua”
Catharacta sp.
198 counted.

Bredstjärtad labb-Pomarine Skua
Stercorarius pomarinus
Impressive numbers of 3235 total counted.
Adult dominating. About 15% with
elongated tail feathers left unmoulted.

Kustlabb Arctic skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*
191 counted.

Fjälllabb-Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius*
longicaudus
53 counted.

Tärnmås-Sabine’s Gull *Larus sabini*
543 counted migrating south. Often in small
groups 10-20 birds. Mostly adults.

Smalnäbbad mås-Slender-billed Gull
Larus cirrocephalus
3 at Somone 25.10. 2 passing at Calao 27.10.

Skrattmåsen-Black-headed Gull *Larus*
ridibundus
2 at Somone 25.10

Rödnäbbad mås-Audouin’s Gull
Larus Audouinii
1 adult Calao 28.10.

Gråhuvad mås *Larus cirrocephalus*
>10 at Somone 25.10

Medelhavstrut-Yellow-legged Gull *Larus*
michahelli
A few at Somone.

Silltrut Lesser-Black-backed Gull *Larus*
fuscus intermedius/graelsii
25 at Somone 25.10.

Dominikanertrut-Kelp Gull
Larus dominicanus
57 counted migrating south.
5-10 at Somone 25.10.

Skräntärna-Caspian Tern
Sterna caspia
Probably more than 500 at Somone 25.10.

Afrikansk kungstärna-African Royal tern
Sterna maxima albididorsialis
Daily 2-20 passing the coast at Calao.

Itärna-Lesser Crested Tern
Sterna benegalensis emigrata
Daily 15-50 passing at Club le Calao. Several
100 at Somone 25.10

Kentsk tärna-Sandwich tern
Sterna sandvicensis
Large numbers (100-200) passing Club le
Calao every day. Not counted.

Fisk/Silvertärna-Common/Arctic tern *Sterna*
hirundo/paradisaea
Large numbers (200-1000) passing Club le
Calao every day. Not counted.
A few at Somone 25.10.

Svarttärna-Black tern
Chlidonias niger
Large numbers (100-1000) passing Calao
every day. Not counted. >250 at Technopol.

Tygeltärna-Bridle tern
Sterna anaethetus
1 passing Club le Calao 28.10.

Sandtärna-Gull-billed tern
Sterna nilotica
At least 10 at Somone 25.10

Långstjärtduva-Namaqua dove
Oena capensis
10-15 in the Somone gardens 25.10.

Klippduva-Feral pigeon *Columba livia*
5 flying passing by at the coast Calao 28.10

Speckled-Pigeon *Columba guinea*
1 Calao 23.10 and 10 at Technopol 24.10.

Palmduva-Laughing Dove
Streptopelia senegalensis
Common in urban areas.

Skrattduva/Afrikansk turkduva African Collared Dove
Streptopelia rosogrisea
A few around the hotel Calao.

Senegalsporrgök-Senegal coucal
Centropus senegalensis
2 at Technopol 24.10 and 1 at Hotel Mirador 28.10.

Blåhjässad musfågel-Blue-naped Mousebird
Urocolius macrourus
Up to 5 seen around Club le Calao several days.

Striped kingfisher *Halycon chelicuti*
1 at Somone in a garden 25.10.

Gråhuvad kungsfiskare-Grey-headed kingfisher
Halycon leucocephala
2-3 at Technopol area 24 & 27.10.

Malakitkungsfiskare-Malachite/Shining-blue Kingfisher
Alcedo cristata/quadrirachys
1 passing by quickly Technopol 24.10.

Gråfiskare-Pied kingfisher
Ceryle rudis
Common in the Technopol area. At least 25.

African pygmy kingfisher *Ceyx pictus*
1-2 at eastern part of Technopol lake 27.10.
Very small and rapid action like an insect.

Savannblåkråka-Abyssinian Roller
Coracias abyssinica
Just 1 seen near the reception at Calao 23.10.

Liten biätare-Little bee-eater
Merops pusillus
Seen daily in low numbers at Calao, Technopol and Somone.

Senegal Parrot
Phicephalus senegalus
4 Calao 28.10.

Bearded barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta*
3 unshaved in Samone gardens 25.10.

Afrikansk grå hornskata-African Grey Hornbill *Tockus nasutus*
2-3 Technopol 24.10.

Rödnäbbad näshornsfågel-Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus*
Seen almost daily in the hotel area.

Blek tornseglare-Pallid Swift
Apus pallidus
A few migrating at the coast.

Stubbstjärtseglare-Little Swift
Apus affinis
30 stationary in connection to the hotel building Mirador.

Toflärka-Crested Lark
Galerida cristata
Common singing on many locations specially at the Technopol area. Great variation in colouring. Some dark rusty

Korttälärka-Short-toed Lark
Calendrella brachydactyla
1 very pale coloured at Technopol 27.10.

Trädpiplärka-Tree pipit
Anthus trivialis
1 resting short time outside the Calao reception.

Ladusvala-Barn swallow
Hirundo rustica
15-20 few seen flying in from the sea.

Mosque Swallow
Hirundo Senegalensis
2 seen from a gasstation on the road to Somone.

Gulärta-Yellow Wagtail
Motacilla flava
Extremely common (at least 250) resting at Technopol 24.10 and less numbers 17.10.
Flava dominating

Sädesärta-White wagtail
Motacilla alba
2-5 Technopol 24.10

Forsärta-Grey Wagtail
Motacilla cinerea
At least 1-2 Technopol 24.10.

Trädgårdsbulbyl-Common bulbul
Pycnotus barbatus
Seen daily at different locations. Common.

Stenskvätta-Northern Wheater
Oenanthe oenanthe
Obviously migrating birds resting at Isle de N'Gor. Seen also in the hotel park and in the Technopol area.

Buskskvätta-Whinchat
Saxicola rubetra
1 in Mirador hotel garden 28.10.

Rödstart-Common redstart
Phoenicurus phoenicurus
1 in Mirador hotel garden evening 28.10 and 2-3 29.10.

Trastsångare Great-Reed Warbler
1 in reed vegetation in Technopol 24.10.

Rörsångare-Reed warbler-
Acrocephalus sciripaeus
1-3 in reed vegetation in Technopol 24 & 27.10

Törnsångare-Common whitethroat
Sylvia communis
1 in the bungalow area Calao 24.10

Rödstrupig sångare-Subalpine warbler *Sylvia cantillans*
1 at Technopol 24.10 and 1 in the hotel garden 28.10

Gransångare-Chiffchaff
Phylloscopus collybita
2-3 in the hotel Mirador garden 28 & 29.10.

Grässångare-Zitting Cisticola
Cisticola juncidis
Seen and heard at Technopol and Somone.

Svartvit flugsnappare-Pied Flycatcher
Ficedula hypoleuca
1-3 on several occasions around Clu le Calao and hotel Mirador. One female/first winter with extensive white wingmarking reminding of collared flycatcher was probably of subspecies *speculigera*?

Grå flugsnappare-Spotted Flycatcher
Muscicapa striata
2 individuals seen in the gardens of hotel Mirador. Both with heavy streaking on breast.

Tawny-flanked Prinia
Prinia subflava
Seen at Technopol and Somone. A bird collecting insects at Somone probably breeding.

Splendid sunbird
Cinnyris coccinigaster
1 adult male, 1 female and 1 immature male in the hotel surroundings.

Varfågel-Southern Grey Shrike
Lanius meridionalis
1 adult (in extreme moult specially secondaries) at Technopol 27.10. Probably subspecies *algeriensis*.

Long-tailed Glossy Starling
Lamprotornis caudatus
Seen almost daily up to 20.

Greater blue-eared glossy starling
Lamprotornis chalybaeus
Less common than long-tailed but seen most days.

Svartvit kråka-Pied crow
Corvus albus
Seen daily.

Gråspurv-House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
5-20 daily in the Calao bungalow area.

Gråhuvad spurv-Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*
5-20 daily in the Calao bungalow area.

Sudanesisk guldsparv-Sudan Golden Sparrow
Passer luteus
2-20 seen on several occasions at Calao.

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*
Large groups flying by and resting for short time on several occasions at Club le calao and technopol.

Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*
One male singing and displaying at Isle N'Gor 23.10.

Afrikansk silvernäbb-African Silverbill
Lonchura cantans
About 25 daily in the surroundings of Club le Calao.

Cordon Bleu *Iuraeginthus bengalus*
About 10 daily in the surroundings of Club le Calao.

White-rumped Seedeater
Serinus leucopygius
5-20 daily in the surroundings of Club le Calao.

Rödnäbbad amarant-Red-billed Firefinch
Lagonosticta senegala
About 30 daily in the surroundings of Club le Calao.

Liten skatfink-Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata*
10-20 10 daily Club le Calao.

Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata*
A pair in Mirador hotel garden 23.10 and female 24.10

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*
 A spectacular pair in breeding plumage at Club
 le Calao 24.10.

Atlasfink-Village Indigobird
Vidua chalybeata
 About 10 daily in the surroundings of Club le
 Calao.

Afrikansk kanariefågel Yellow-fronted
 Canary *Serinus mozambicus*
 2-3 seen on two occasions at Isle N'Gor and
 Club le Calao.

**Observations during landbased seawatching from Isle N'Gor and Club le Calao
 22-29.10 2004 and one 4 h pelagic trip 28.10.**

Date	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Observation time	7,5 h	6 h	2 h	6 h	6 h	6 h	10 h
Cory's/Cape Verde/Scopoli's Sherwater	1		25	24	16	90/30	500
Grålira Sooty Sherwater	50	60	10	40	20	64	40
Mindre lira Manx Sherwater		10	1	6	2	2	1
Havslöpare Wilson's Storm-petrel				3	2	5/50	1
Havssula Northern Gannet	1				3		
Brednäbbad simsnäppa		8					59
Storlabb "Great Skua"	60	10	7	30	13	51/2	25
Bredstjärtad labb Pomarine Skua	600	200	75	1200	280	550/30	300
Kustlabb	42	25	10	37	7	50	20
Fjällabb Long-tailed Skua	10	6		22		5	10
Tärnmås Sabine's Gull	175	25	1	12		180	150
Långäbbad mås Slender-billed gull		3	3		2	2	
Dominikanertrut Kelp Gull	5	3	5	9	5	10	20

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