



Ringling results from Valencia, autumn 2016

The Honeyguide Wildlife Holidays group in Valencia, Spain in February/March 2016 helped to fund ringing group **Grupo de Anillamiento Pit-Roig**, which runs bird ringing stations in Valencia. Our leader Pau Lucio is a member of the group. The Honeyguide group met ringers at Pego Marsh (see below).

Pau has sent a summary of recent results. He says:

“In general, captures have been less abundant than in 2015 and 2014. It may be the result of a very dry year. Comparing with 2015, we have captured fewer birds in all species except bluethroat – a migrant and wintering species in Pego – and Cetti's warbler, which is resident but also a migrant and wintering species.”

“Two bluethroats were recaptured in Pego, one from France and other one from Belgium. We will have to wait some months to know the place where they were ringed.”



Other feedback from the ringing office about birds captured in 2015 and 2014 include:

	Ringed	Recaptured	Movement
Reed warbler	Lisdorf, Germany 9-9-2015	Pego Marsh 26-9-2015	Germany to Spain in 17 days
Bluethroat	Pego Marshes 22-9-14	Bokrijk, Belgium 30-8-15	1415 km
Bluethroat	Pego Marshes 15-9-12	Werkendam, Holland 13-9-14	1544 km
Bluethroat	Zandvoort, Holland 3-8-12	Pego Marshes 13-9-14	1544 km
Bluethroat	Lapscheure, Belgium 29-7-14	Pego Marshes 12-9-14	1409 km
Bluethroat	Antwerp, Belgium 14-8-13	Pego Marshes 17-3-14	1426 km

Honeyguide's first Valencia holiday group met **Grupo de Anillamiento Pit-Roig** (the robin) on 29 February 2016. The ringing group received a donation of £550 (about €690). Work by the group has revealed just how vital sometimes small coastal Mediterranean wetlands are for birds, including migrants from northern Europe.

There is an account of that meeting in our Valencia holiday report and photos from that meeting on Facebook, including moustached warbler (right) and penduline tit.

