

NOTICE TO RINGERS

Birdlife Malta participates in an annual ringing project organised by the *Instituto Nazionale per la Selvatica* of Bologna Italy. This is carried out on a number of Mediterranean islands from 16th April to 15th May. In Malta, the small island of Comino, situated between Malta and Gozo, is used for the project. Ringing is carried out every day from dawn to dusk, netting an average of 1200 birds in the indicated period. A full list of catches dating back a few years is available on request.

Assistance by qualified ringers (in possession of BTO A or B permit or equivalent) would be much appreciated, for any length of time. Accommodation is spartan to say the least, being in an army tent (own equipment is required) and toilet facilities are ten minutes walk away. Food is prepared by those participating, on camp stoves, hence it follows that gourmet dinners are not the norm. For those who treasure their comfort, a four star hotel is available on the island which is renowned for the food. A Maltese ringer and/or helper will also be present on Comino all days. A small fee

(GBP 20) will be charged for participation. Otherwise the airfare and cost of food items, would be the only major expense.

Interested ringers must apply by 8th February 99, after which further details will be provided. This is strictly on a first come first served basis due to the limited space available at the ringing station. Contact person is the undersigned or Mark Gauci who can be reached at:

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See you in Malta for some exiting bird ringing.

Manuel Mallia

(P.S.: Comino is relatively safe for birds!)