

***PHENOLOGY AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE  
COMMON CRANES (*Grus grus*) IN SPAIN  
2025/2026***



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Image nº 1: Family group of cranes flying at dawn at Torrefresneda (BA). Photo: José A. Román.

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## INTRODUCTION

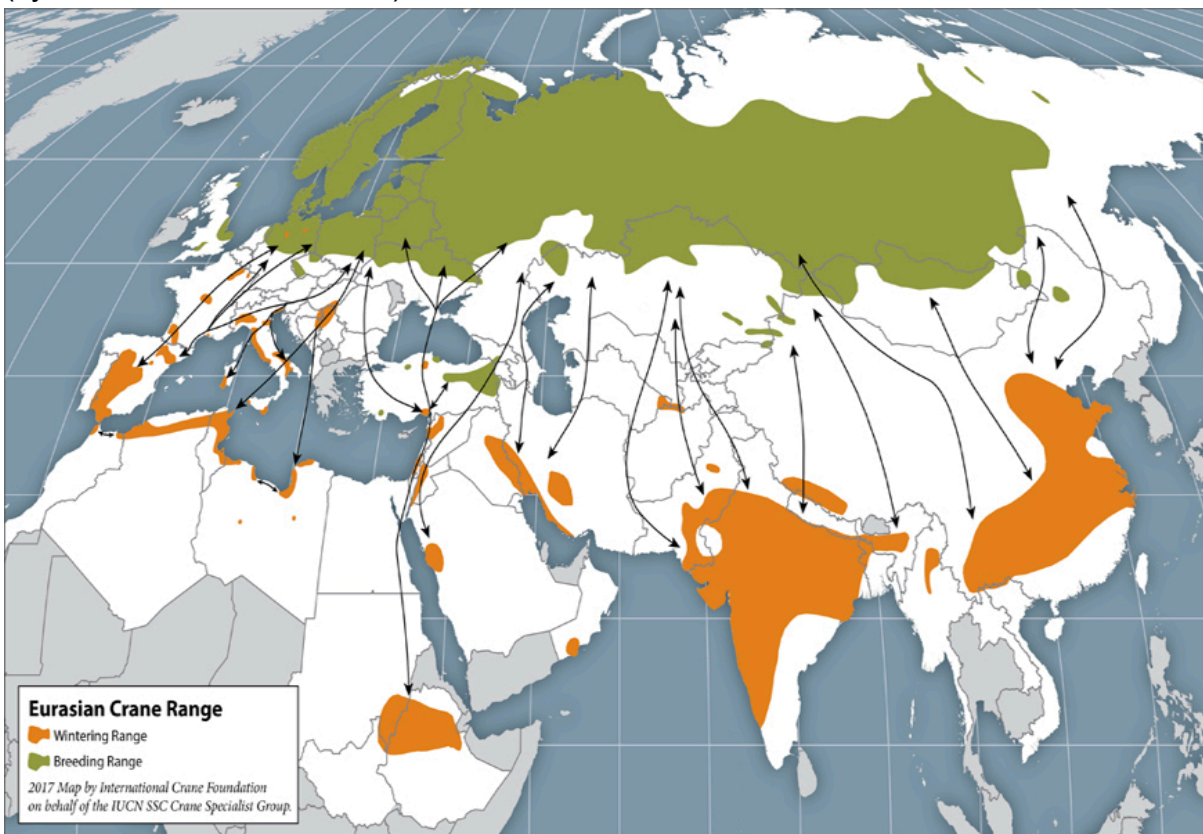
The common crane is a bird belonging to the *Gruidae* family within the order *Gruiformes*. It breeds across the northern Palearctic (Jonhsgard, 1983), from the Scandinavian Peninsula to Siberia and to the south from central Europe (Germany, Czech Republic and Ukraine) to Mongolia and northern Manchuria in the east.

The crane is a polytypical species, with four subspecies recognised: *Grus grus grus* Linnaeus, 1758, *Grus grus lilfordi* Sharpe, 1894, *Grus grus archibaldi* Ilyashenko, 2008 and *Grus grus korolevi* Ilyashenko y Belyalov, 2013. Of these, the dominant subspecies are *Grus g. grus* and *Grus g. lilfordi*.

The subspecies *Grus g. lilfordi* is distributed throughout Asia and it should be noted that the majority of the population migrates within that continent, from the Middle East to Korea. The subspecies *Grus g. grus* is distributed throughout Europe. Those from the west migrate to Spain, those from the centre and east of Europe migrate to Africa and Arabian Peninsula.

The distribution limit of both subspecies is not clearly defined, but the eastern race is generally found east of the Obi River, while the western subspecies is found to the west of the Pechora and Volga Rivers.

Currently the Asian population is smaller than the European, with an estimated 120,000 individuals of the former (Prange, 2015), with populations that are in decline. These are primarily as a consequence of the end of the Soviet Union especially as a result of agricultural changes, which led to a significant decline in the Russian populations (Ilyashenko & Markin, 2010).



Harris J, Mirande C, editors. In Preparation. Crane Conservation Strategy. International Crane Foundation, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Map n° 1: Distribution, migration routes and wintering areas of cranes. Source: I.C.F.

Conversely, the western population is constantly increasing, being estimated at over 580,000 cranes, probably due to protecting the species along with improving and restoring the breeding habitats.

In recent years we have been witnessing periods of drought in some breeding areas in Germany and Sweden, which are affecting local productivity. In the long run, this may imply a reduction in the population due to the lack of suitable breeding habitat and greater competition for the most favourable areas, which would also influence productivity, so we must be cautious and observe the evolution of the species in the coming years.

The majority of the western population of cranes is distributed across the north, centre and east of the European continent, with small numbers in the south of the continent, such as Turkey, and Transcaucasia in Asia (Prange 1997, 2006, 2007, 2015).

Currently the bulk of the west European breeding population is found in Finland, Scandinavian countries, the Baltic Republics, Poland and Germany. Other countries, such as the Czech Republic, Ukraine and Belarus, have smaller populations. There are recent cases of recolonisation, such as in the United Kingdom, where they began breeding in Norfolk in 1979 (Buxton, 1987), after 400 years, and where there is a reintroduction programme in Somerset. They have also naturally recolonized France since 1985 (where they became extinct in the 19<sup>th</sup> century) initially this happened in Normandy, but the majority of the breeding population is in Lorraine, with some 35/50 pairs (Salvi & Dulau 2018).

They have also bred in the Netherlands since 2001, where there are some 10 breeding pairs (Feenstra & Kuipers 2021), and recently, in 2021, they have bred in Belgium and Ireland (where they became extinct in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century).

In the Iberian Peninsula the species became extinct in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; it used to breed in the Guadalquivir marshes, La Janda lagoon and the Sado estuary in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (Bragança 1893). Successful breeding has only been proven in the marshes in 2017 and although in subsequent years up to two pairs nested (both originating from the La Cañada de los Pájaros Centre) these failed due to predation.

## **HABITAT**

The common crane generally inhabits open areas in or near wetlands, where they feed and shelter. In countries where they breed, they nest in wetlands with dense vegetation and groves of trees, such as birches, placing nests on the ground. During this period they are not gregarious, with territorial pairs jealously defending their territories from other cranes. Gatherings are only seen of small groups of immature birds, or young of the previous year, which are roaming in search of feeding resources. Outside the breeding season, they visit recently-harvested cereal fields in search of grains, and also recently-sown fields that have already sprouted, forming groups whose size depends on the availability of food.

During the pre-migration and migration period, cranes are seen feeding in open fields, and they gather at particular wetlands (reservoirs, lagoons and other water-bodies) to sleep with cranes from neighbouring areas. The size of these concentrations depends on the availability of wetlands and feeding areas.

In the wintering areas, cranes historically occupied the dehesas of south-western Iberia, but following population growth and the planting of extensive areas with crops such as maize, this pattern has changed, and now it is common to see large flocks in stubble fields of this cereal, rice and other cereals. However, they still occupy the dehesas at the start of winter, when there is a readily-available supply of acorns, but maintain the same routines: sleeping in wetlands and feeding in the surrounding fields by day.

## **MIGRATION**

The phenomenon of migration is one of the most striking and interesting aspects of cranes, which do not go un-noticed wherever they go, drawing attention by the flying formation and calling that accompanies their movements, by day or by night, not leaving out any European citizen, as their routes cross practically all the countries of the continent, as well as Asia Minor and northern Africa.

From the end of summer, cranes begin to collect in favoured areas (where thousands may gather) and begin to leave on migration in groups, heading for the wintering areas. This migration may begin early or late depending on the weather conditions, which also influence the duration of migration, as does the availability of food in resting areas along the migration route. They may leave early if there is no food, or they may extend their stay when resources are abundant.

The majority of the western population of cranes winter in south-western Europe, in dehesas, cultivated fields and wetlands in the Iberian Peninsula, France and Germany, while a fraction do so in northern Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya). Some of the European Russian, Finnish, Baltic and Belarusian cranes spend the winter in Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea, with a lesser number in Turkey, Israel, Iraq and parts of Iran.

Geographical Region	N.º Birds
Europe	500,000
Asia	150,000
Total	650,000

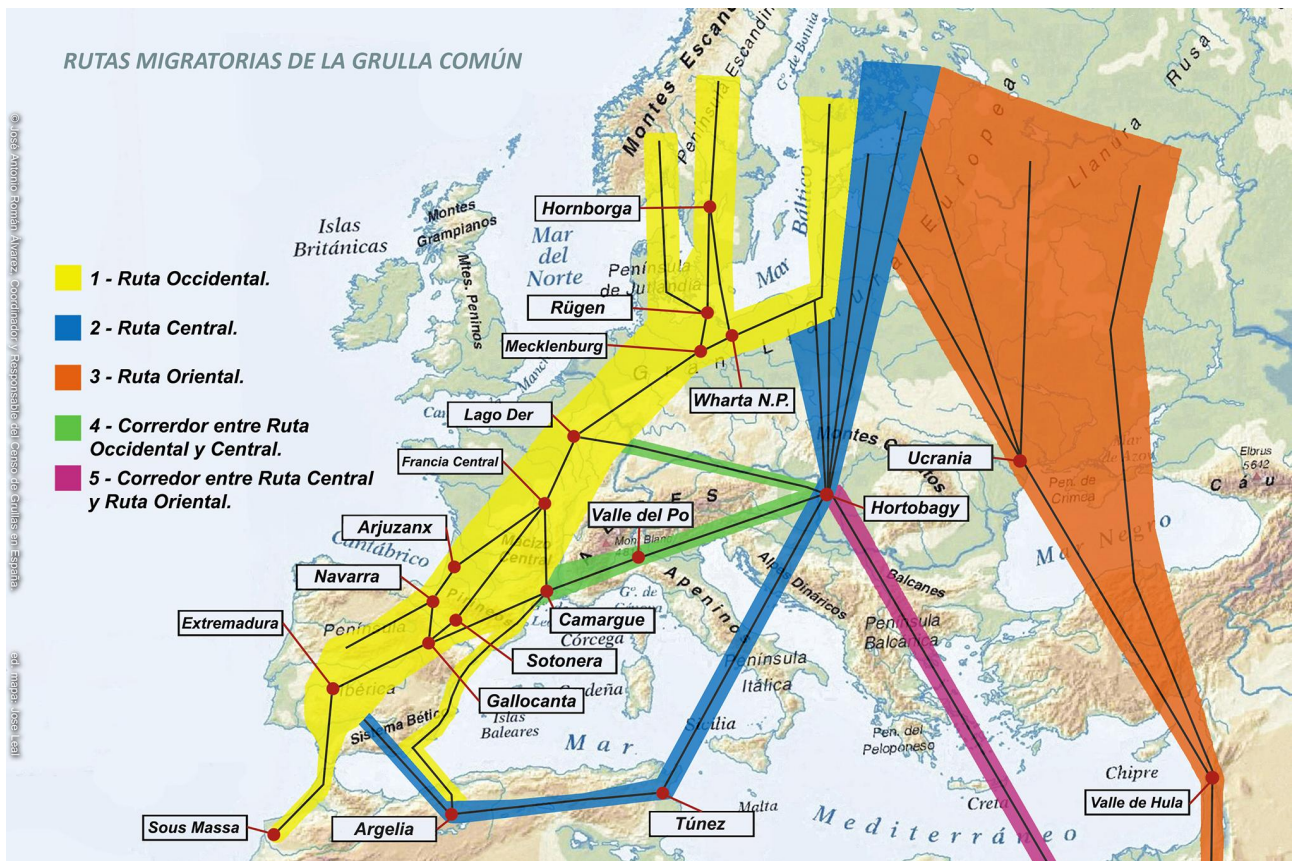
The migration routes of cranes pass through two regions:

The traditional routes of the European population of cranes pass through three main corridors:

- The East European Route, the migration route of the cranes that winter in Africa, originating in the most easterly populations of the Baltic region, Finland, Ukraine and western Russia, crossing the Black Sea and flying to the Jordan Valley, to rest at Hula Lake in Israel and then continue to Eilat, in the Sinai, crossing the Red Sea and going on to the Nile Valley and following the river to their wintering quarters

around Lake Tana (Ethiopia). Some 70,000 cranes are estimated to use this route (Prange 2015)

- The Baltic-Hungarian Route (Central route), which birds from the Baltic region,, Finland and Belarus follow to Hortobagy National Park in Hungary (where they stay for weeks), then they continue to the Balkans, crossing Croatia, the Italian Peninsula and the Mediterranean to spend the winter in Tunisia and Algeria. Some of these birds head for the Bosphorus Straits in Turkey, looking for the route to Asia Minor, or even going through Greece and Cyprus to cross directly to northern Africa. This route could be used by the at least 150,000 birds (Prange 2015) but given it is increasingly important, the figure could possibly be nearer 200,000 individuals.
- The West European Route, flown by Scandinavian birds which have previously gathered at Hornborga lake, fly to Rügen Island in Germany and then to this country, where they rest and feed and are joined in the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern area, by birds from Poland, Baltic countries and Finland. These flocks then head for Lac du Der, in Chantecoq in the north-east of France. From the middle of September, they may migrate in a staggered and continuous fashion or in big waves, depending on the weather conditions, being able to stay in this area for weeks. They continue their journey across France, south-westwards to Les Landes, Aquitaine, where they stop again before crossing the Pyrenees (although they may cross them directly if the weather conditions are favourable). They usually cross the mountain range through the valleys of Navarra and the most westerly ones of Aragón to head for Gallocanta Lagoon, an obligatory rest stop for the majority of them. A minority continue the journey across La Rioja without going to Gallocanta, heading across Tierra de Campos to La Nava Lagoon, following the old traditional route. Valverde (1952) described this migration route which they took across Castile, which was the usual route that they used to get to the wintering areas in south-western Iberia until the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, to arrive in Salamanca, Extremadura, Andalucía and Portugal. The desiccation of the majority of wetlands on this route (La Nava and others) produced a change of strategy and in the 1970s (Fernández Cruz 1982) they began to migrate through the centre of the Peninsula from Gallocanta, following the route with staging posts at some reservoirs in Castille-La Mancha, such as Buendía. After crossing the centre of the country, they spread across La Mancha lands (reaching Fuente de Piedra in Málaga), while some occupied neighbouring parts of Toledo, or continued to Ávila, Salamanca, Valladolid and Zamora. The bulk will continue to Extremadura, some via the Valdecañas reservoir to spread across Cáceres province, others via the Cíjara Valley to Orellana, entering the Central Zone of Extremadura (Upper Gadiana Valley) where they rest and feed, using this area as a corridor that leads them to spread throughout the region: Portugal, northern Córdoba, the Sevilla area, Doñana and La Janda, from where a few hundred may cross the Straits of Gibraltar to spend the winter in Morocco. There is also a corridor in eastern Spain which takes them to northern Africa without needing to cross at the Straits. This is the main route that cranes use, some 400,000 birds using it each year.



Map nº 2: Principal routes followed by European cranes on migration

Migration begins with the northern-most birds, where bad weather events occur earliest and days shorten rapidly. This photoperiod marks the first movements and these most northerly birds are those that will fly furthest and travel the most kilometers. On the other hand, Central European cranes usually fly shorter distances and winter in nearer latitudes to their breeding areas.

In general, autumn migration is more leisurely and can last more than two months (from October to December), until the breeding territories have been abandoned. It can even last into January, as mild winters are becoming more frequent in central Europe and allow many cranes to stay in or near their breeding area, and when a bad weather front arrives they move to the west-southwest, even crossing the Pyrenees, depending on the strength of it.

Cranes will be concentrated in certain favourable areas, where there is abundant food and there are tranquil roost sites, and as the days get shorter and inclement weather increases they begin to leave these areas and head for the wintering areas. Autumn migration generally occurs in waves, so that during certain days or a particular week a major percentage of the population moves on, while during the rest of the season they migrate in smaller flocks. Weather is the key factor and each year migration happens differently, with one or two main waves.

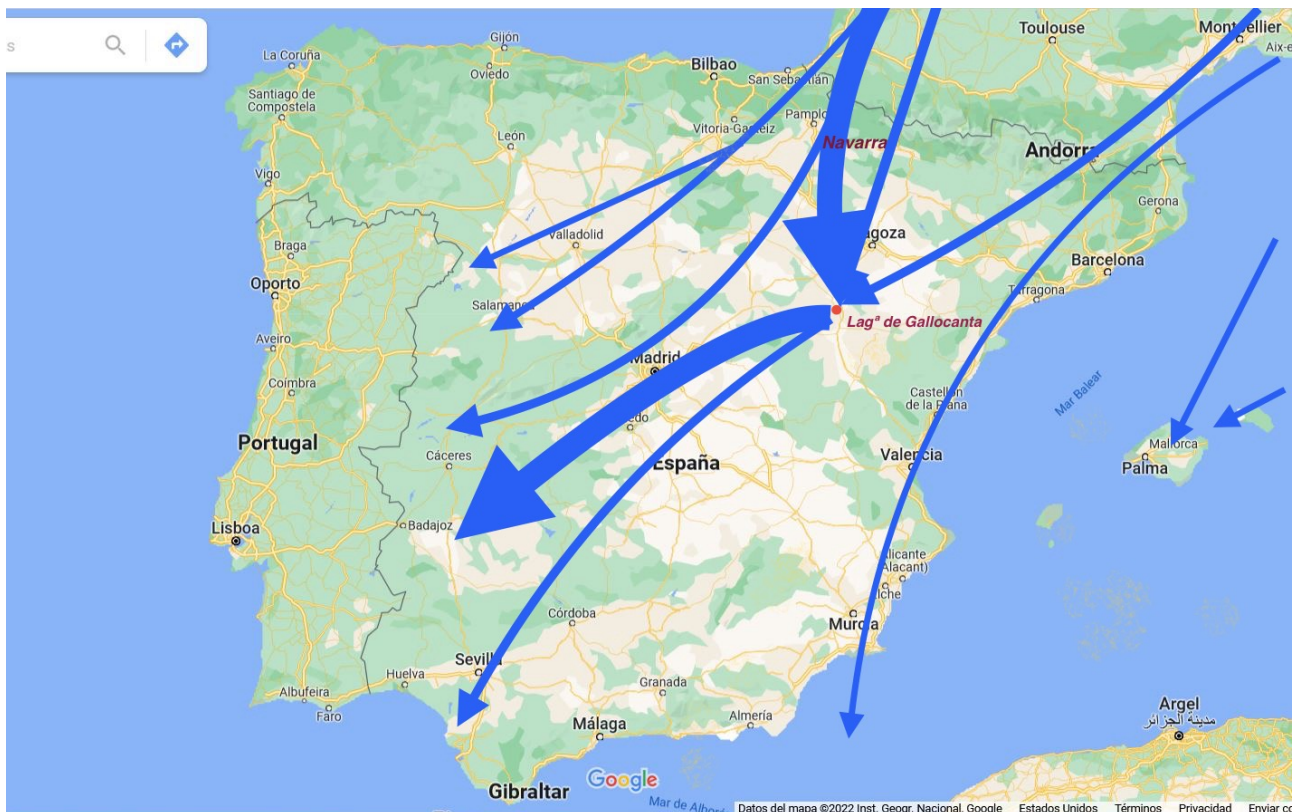
When they reach the Pyrenees, they usually cross the mountains into Navarra, although a small proportion enters by Irún and also, in lower numbers, into Huesca, as well as via Andorra and Perpignan, when they are coming from central France or The Camargue.

Those that enter through the Basque Country usually continue along the old Castilian route, which crosses Palencia (La Nava lagoon), heading for the dehesas and wetlands of

Salamanca and Zamora, while those that enter through Navarra and Huesca generally head for Gallocanta lagoon, to stop for a few days, but sometimes they may be delayed if the wind is unfavourable. They continue their journey to the south of the Sistema Central mountains, the great majority moving to the south-west and south of Iberia.

The majority of those that enter via the Andorran or Catalan Pyrenees also head for Gallocanta lagoon, though a small proportion continues down the east coast, leaving a few wintering birds at El Hondo reservoir, heading for north Africa, towards Algeria. Others migrate over the Balearic Islands, flying over the sea. They probably come from northern Italy or The Camargue, and although some birds may winter in Majorca, the majority of them continue to northern Africa.

Although the bulk of autumn migration occurs through the centre of Europe, principally through Germany and France, nevertheless the Baltic-Hungarian route is gaining in importance for the number of birds that are using this route, which is increasing each year. This route has its focal point in Hortobagy National Park, Hungary, where the birds spend weeks before setting off again. This location is becoming the destination for a good proportion of the Baltic cranes which migrate to the Iberian Peninsula and also for those that migrate to north-eastern Africa, to the detriment of the eastern route, via the Black Sea and the Middle East, as each year more travel along this route.



Map nº 3: Autumn migration, main Spanish routes.

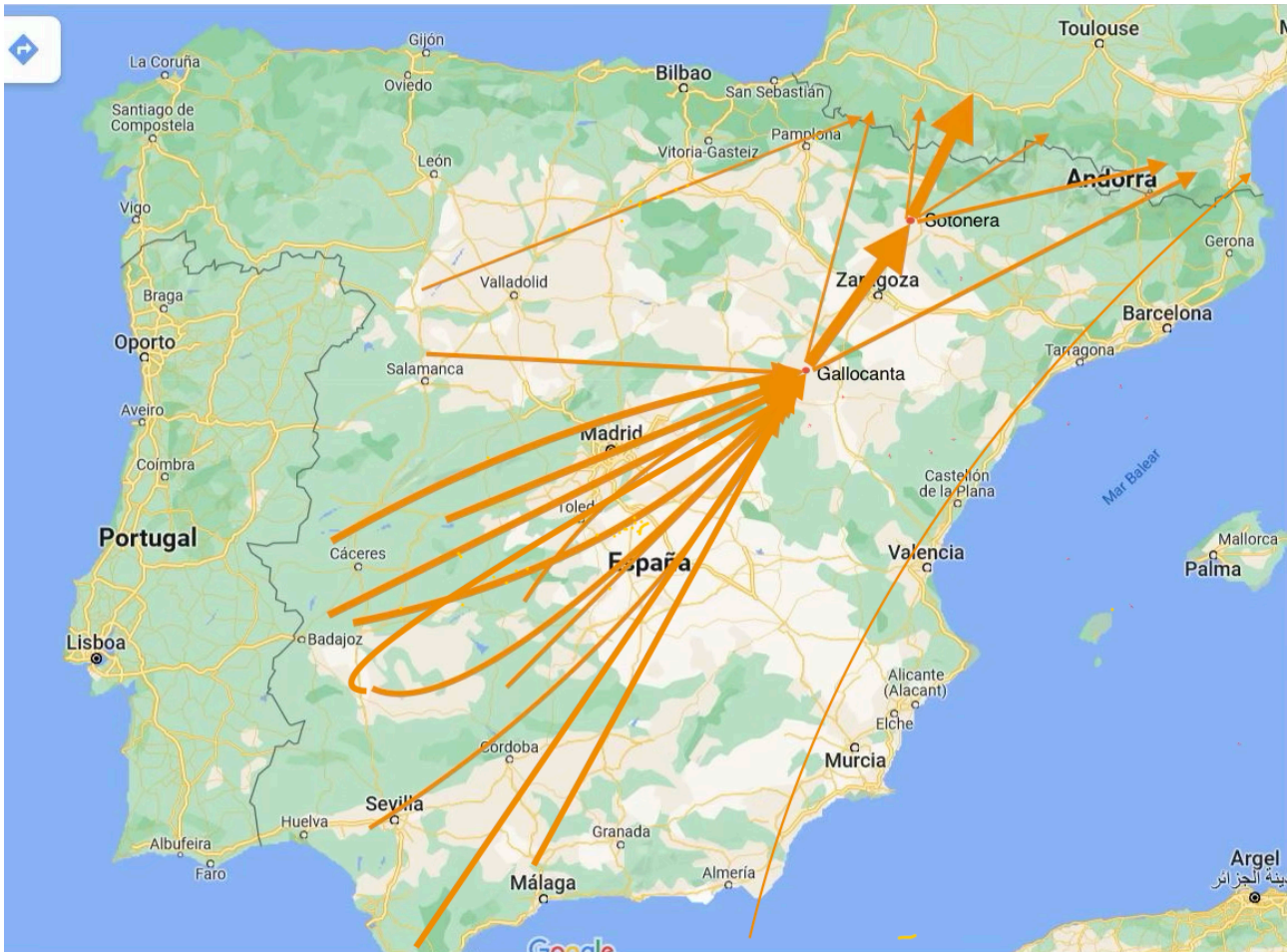
The meeting of birds of both routes could mean that they mix and that some may take the other route and spend the winter in Ethiopia or in the Iberian Peninsula alternatively. This phenomenon not only occurs with young and inexperienced birds, but also it may happen with some pairs (Ojaste 2023).

This change in pattern not only attracts Baltic birds, but also Scandinavian, Polish and German birds, so we could see a significant change in the migratory pattern of European cranes.

On the other hand, spring migration is much faster, as adults are in a hurry to arrive at their breeding areas, so it usually lasts just a month, between the middle of February and the start of April; the bulk of migration taking place in the last week of February. They leave the wintering areas mid-morning, when thermal air currents form, and migrate determinedly with short breaks. Extremenian cranes usually have a break at Valdecañas reservoir (Cáceres) if they are coming from the most westerly areas, while those from the Central Zone usually stop at Buendía Reservoir (Guadalajara/Cuenca). For the next break, they will arrive at Gallocanta Lagoon (Teruel/Zaragoza), where the majority of adults will set off again the next morning, and, depending on the wind, they will cross the Pyrenees from Navarra or will make another stop at Sotenera Reservoir (Huesca). If they cross they will continue to the centre of France, taking another break in the centre of the country before arriving at Lac du Der (Chantecoq). Once here, and after another stop (which may be for a few days) they head through Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, making for northern Germany, where they may stay a few days or weeks before returning to their breeding areas during March, while the Baltic and Scandinavian birds don't arrive until the end of March or early April.

At Sotenera (Huesca), if wind conditions allow it, cranes cross the mountain range through Huesca's valleys or even from Navarra's; sometimes the wind pushes them further east and they go through Catalanian valleys, especially those in Lleida, although many also go through Gerona's valleys. Many of them also come from Gallocanta, pushed by El Cierzo (strong north-west wind). They then go on to the Camargue, from where they may go north (Lac du Der) or via the Jura to Austria, or even take the route to the south of the Alps and make for Hortobagy from northern Italy.

The return routes are usually the same as the southbound ones, although routes to the north of the Alps from France to Hortobagy have been documented. Thanks to birds carrying GPS/GSM transmitters, some Lithuanian families are being tracked (Perzhu, 2018, *pers.com.*) as well as Estonians (Ojaste *pers.com.*), which take the route to the south of the Alps in autumn then return by the French route, although some of them, particularly young birds, take the autumn route without hesitating to fly over the sea. Some birds even make a loop on migration, when in autumn they go south on the Hungarian route to northern Africa then return through central Europe, as Vilja did in 2018 (Ojaste *pers.com.*).



Map nº 4: Spring migration through Spain

The beginning of spring migration means the end of family ties. Families may separate in the days or weeks before the end of their winter stay, though many continue during migration and break up at migration resting zones such as Gallocanta lagoon or others. Generally, the adults arrive at their breeding areas alone, and the youngsters delay and form flocks, in which there may be injured or non-breeding adults, and they begin the return journey without any haste. Although they may arrive near their natal areas, they certainly tend to stay in favourable areas, such as Hortobagy National Park, Hungary, where they may remain all summer, which is being observed in Estonian birds (carrying GPS transmitters). Other Baltic birds probably do this too, being able to return to their birthplaces during the summer and return, during the summer, to Hortobagy, where they will stay until the autumn migration begins and takes them to their wintering quarters. The youngsters, as inexperienced birds, may stray in this stage and wander in search of other birds or suitable areas; it is not uncommon for some to appear in unusual places for the species.

## **WINTERING**

The wintering cranes of the western population are distributed mostly through north African countries, such as Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria (we do not know if any go to Libya), the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal) and also in France, Germany and Poland.

The Moroccan population is estimated at around 1,000 individuals (Thevenot & Salvi). Counts done by the Migres Foundation in recent years, except those of the pandemic, have confirmed this figure, although in January 2018 they counted 1,875 (Onrubia *et al*). Regarding the size of the wintering populations in Tunisia and Algeria, there is little recent information. Tunisia could have between 3,500 and 9,000 individuals (Amari & Zafzaf 2013) and the Algerian population could be estimated as at least 3,770 individuals (Hand & Charfi-Cheikhouha 2011).

According to the censuses of the 2023/24 season, 50% of the wintering population was concentrated in the Iberian Peninsula, with 206,187 birds in Spain (97%) (Román 2024), and 12,200 in Portugal (3%) (Cruz, *pers.comm.*), followed by the French population with 188,046 cranes (43%) (Deschartres *et al* 2024), Germany with 18,740 birds (4%), at least 10,000 (2%) in Italy and a little over 1,000 (0.2%) in Morocco.

By looking at these data, we can estimate that in 2023/24 the western population was at least 436,177 cranes. The number must be around 450,000 with the cranes in Tunisia and Algeria.

In the current season, according to the December census, the figure was at least 422,945 (242,736 (55%) in Spain, 9,773 (2%) in Portugal, 1,500 (0.3%) in Morocco, 135,439 (32%) in France (LPO), 15,000 (3.5%) in Italy (Chiggi *pers.comm.*) and 28,270 (7%) in Germany.

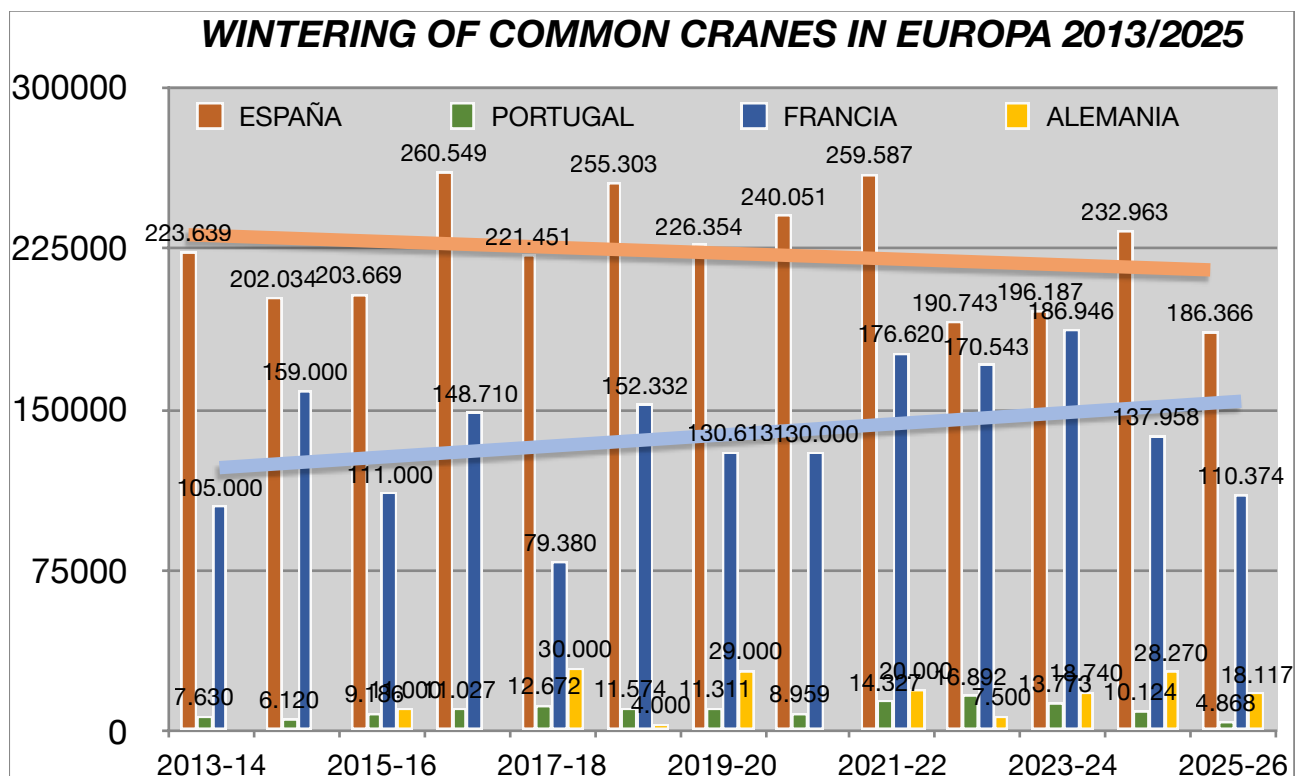


Image nº 2: A pair of cranes at dusk in a dehesa in the SW. Photo: Gus Gahete

In the last 20 years we have seen a gradual change in the wintering pattern, with increasing numbers of central European birds staying in or near their breeding areas, as is the case with German cranes and even some Polish birds, although this fluctuates depending on the winter conditions. However, the French population is increasing progressively each winter. Cranes didn't begin to winter in this country until 1984, when several hundred birds wintered in the southwest, in Les Landes d'Aquitaine (Petit 1986). Since then the population has continued to grow in that area and then in others, including the centre, northwest and northeast of the country, with birds following the Hungarian route colonizing The Camargue, at the Rhône estuary, in recent decades. In 2001 the French population exceeded 50,000 birds for the first time, and 100,000 individuals in 2010, reaching 150,000 in 2015. Although there have been fluctuations in the following years, the trend is a continual increase and reached 186,946 birds in 2023/24 (Deschartres *et al* 2024).

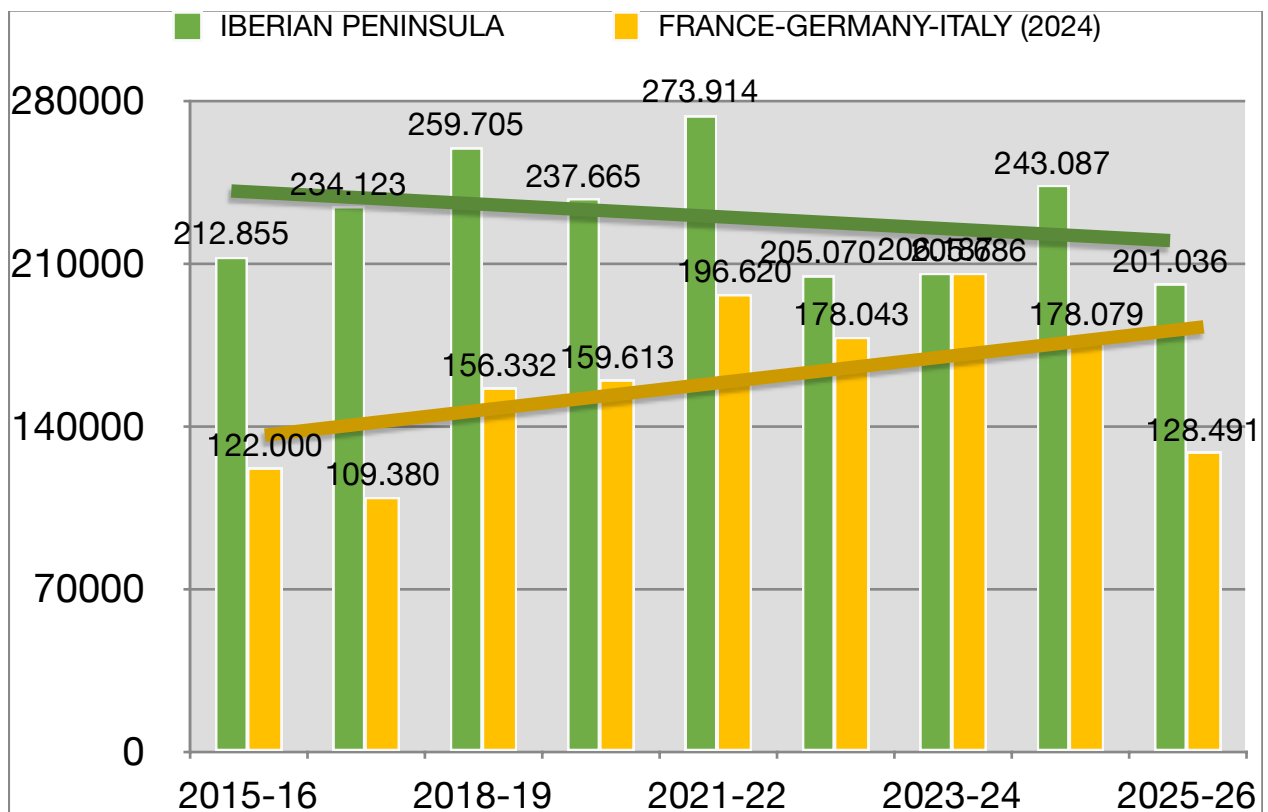
Birds that migrate along the Hungarian route have also started to winter regularly in Italy in recent years, with flocks staying in the valley and estuary of the River Po, and even in Sardinia. The population appears to be settling and increasing. The current figure must be around 15,000 birds (Chiggi *pers.comm.*).

Several thousand stayed in Poland in 2022/23, while in Germany, where it is quite variable, between 15,000 and 20,000 cranes are staying each year.



Graphic n° 1: Comparison of wintering in the different European countries from 2013 to 2025.

This significant change in the wintering pattern is due to progressive agricultural changes, as the area of maize has been increasing significantly in France and other EU countries, promoted by the Common Agriculture Policy, as well as climatic change, which is producing milder winters ever-more frequently, with little snow and ice. The problem with snow and ice is that it makes access to food difficult, forcing the birds to migrate to more benign climates. With this change and the availability of feeding resources throughout the winter, many of the cranes are opting to stay near their breeding areas. Cranes are very territorial during the breeding period, so they try to be in their territories early. German cranes therefore are making shorter migrations and many stay in France, while the more northerly ones continue to go down to traditional areas. Currently, almost half the population is wintering in France, and although the Iberian population remains relatively stable, due to the species' demographic growth. Nevertheless, the future trend points to the number reducing here in favour of the countries beyond the Pyrenees, as can be seen in the trend in the following graphics.



Graphic n° 2: Evolution of wintering in the Iberian Peninsula and in France-Germany from 2015/2016 to 2025/202 (in green - Iberian Peninsula, and yellow - France and Germany, with Italy in 2024/2025- showing the trend).

## Summering

During the months of April and May some birds continued to be seen, mostly juveniles, in different places in Spain. Only a few individuals stayed all summer:

-07/06/25: 3 at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo. These stayed here all summer; 4 on 21/08/24, Francisco J. Sampietro, Aitor Mora; 2 on 30/08/25, Antonio Torrijo; 2 on 02/09/25, Antonio Torrijo, Felipe Rosado.

-23/06/25: 1 at Yelbes (BA), where it spent the summer, Carlota Prieto.

-19/07/25: 1 at Riolobos weir (SA), Tino Fernández; also on 19, 21, 22, 26 & 27 July, Miguel Rouco, Antonio Ceballos, Ángel González, Carlos Villaverde and on 23/08/25, Carmelo de Dios



Image nº 3: Crane at Riolobos weir (SA) on 26/07/25. Photo: Ángel Mendoza.

-19/07/25: 1 at Montmesa (HU) Juan L. Muñoz, Esther Yera, also on 25, 29 & 30 July, 12, 17, 20, 29 & 30 August, José M<sup>a</sup> Canudo, Jorge Lardiés, Juan C. Albero, León B., Francisco Quesada, and on 01 September.



Image nº 4: Crane at Montmesa (HU) on 30/07/25. Photo: Juan C. Albero

-02/08/25: 2 at Alcañiz salt flats (TE) Felipe Rosado, Esther Yera, Juan L. Muñoz.

-14/08/25: 2 at Campos del Paraíso reservoir (CU) Nacho García.



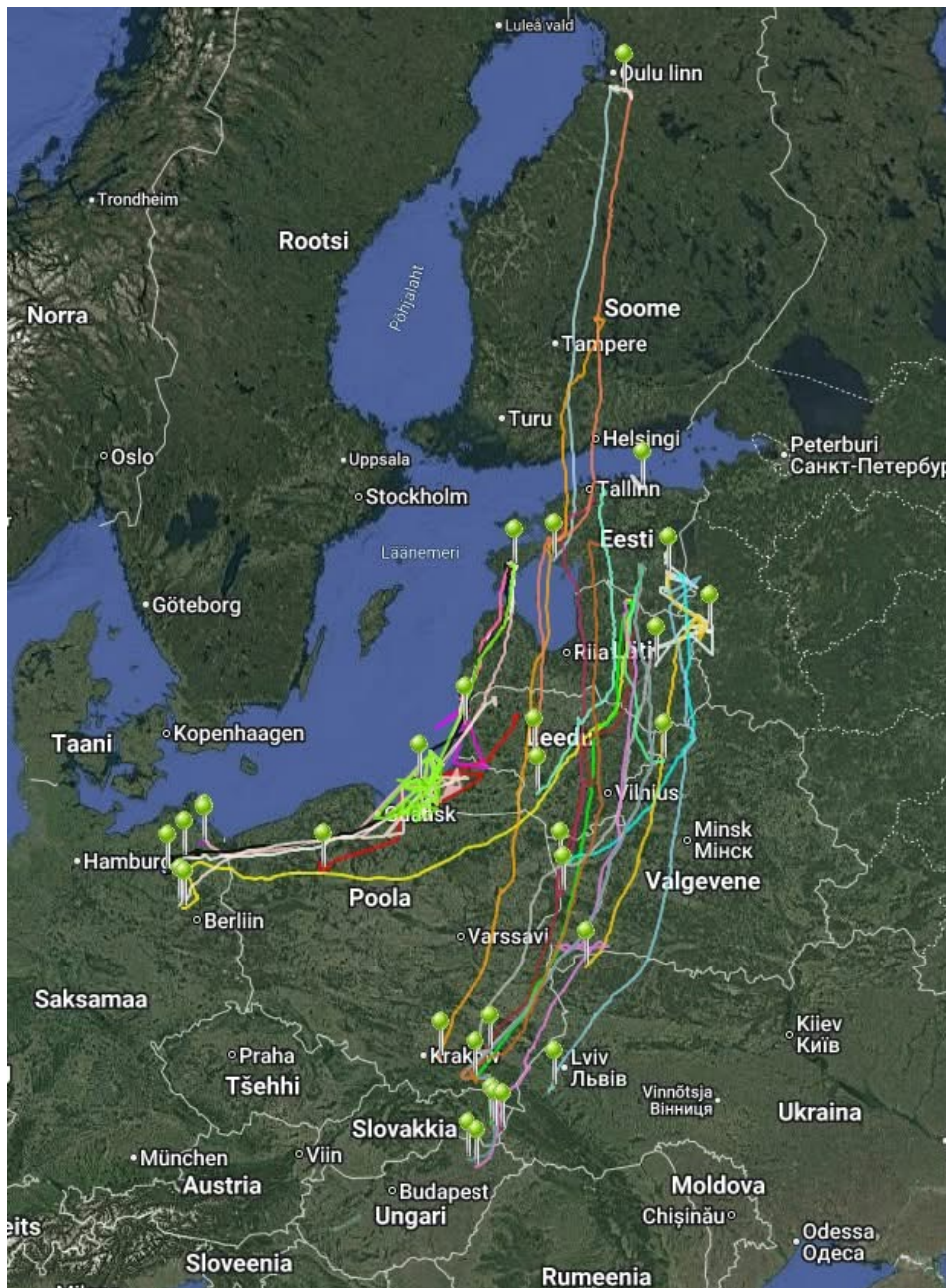
Image nº 5: Cranes at Campos del Paraíso reservoir (CU). Photo: Ángel Sanz

-17/08/25: 1 at Lechago reservoir (TE) Pilar Edo.

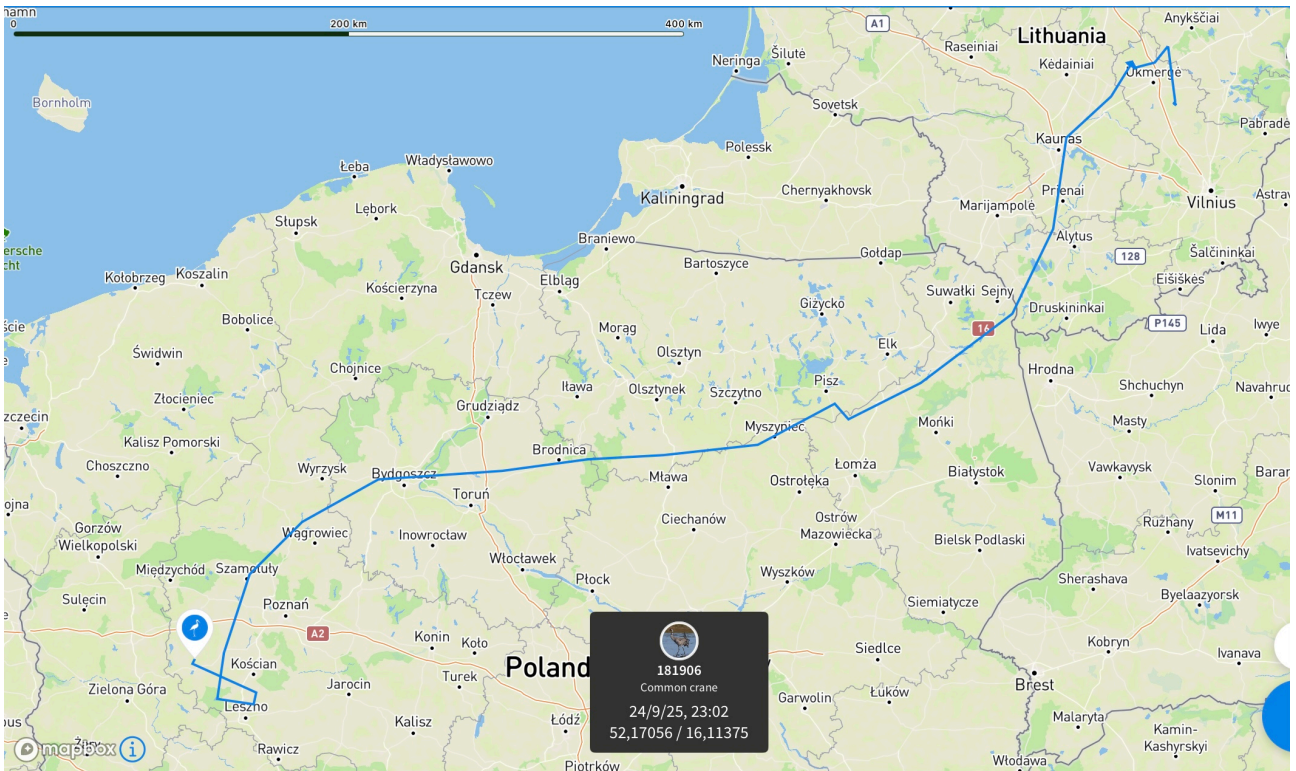
-08/09/25: 1 flying at night over Segovia at 01:23h, Ángel Sanz.

-12/09/25: heard at Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) José A. Román.

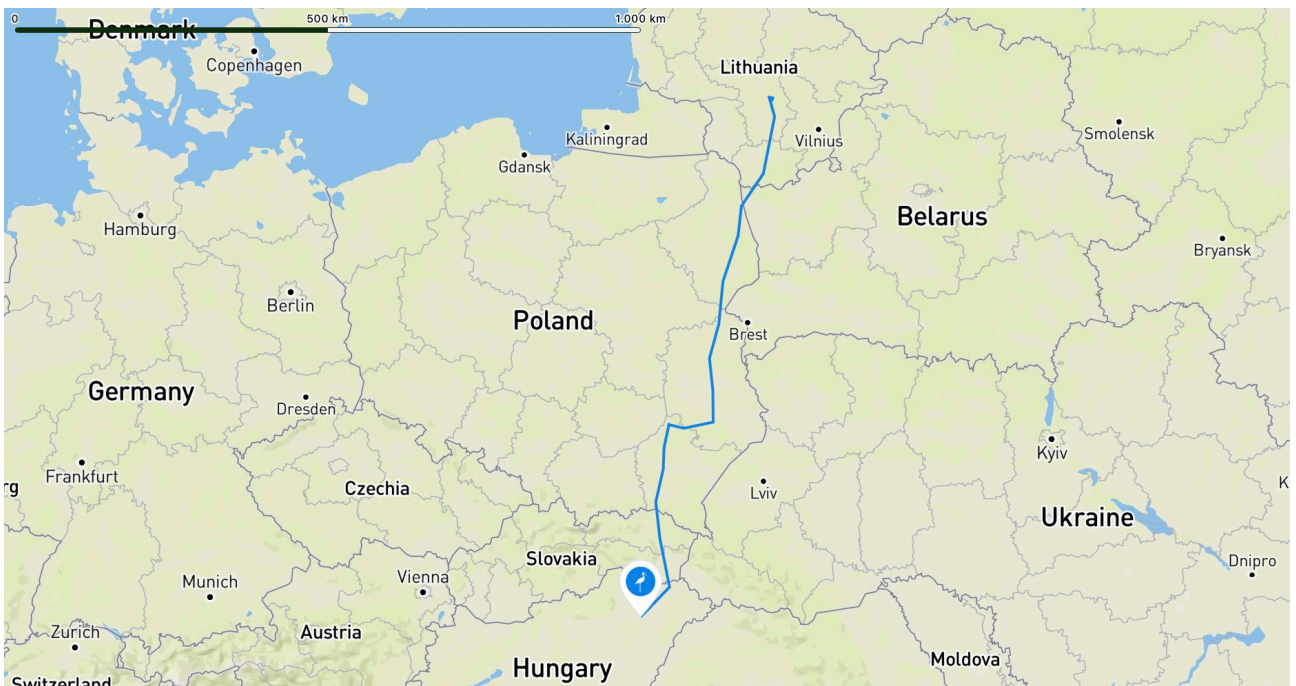
*Cranes stayed in their breeding areas until the end of summer, unlike the previous season, when many went to Hungary (Hortobagy National Park) in August. This time there was a massive exodus between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of September, as indicated by the GPS transmitters on Finnish, Estonian and Lithuanian cranes. In Germany too, movements to the southwest (France) were recorded over Marburg.*



Map n° 5: Migration by Finnish and Estonian cranes on 23 & 24 September. Source: Birdmap.



Map n° 6: The first movements by one of the Lithuanian cranes on 23 & 24 September. Source: Animal Tracker.



Map n° 7: Route taken by another of the Lithuanian cranes, following the Hungarian route on 23 & 24 September. Source: Animal Tracker.

## **POST-BREEDING MIGRATION 2025**

*To designate the different provinces and countries we use the following abbreviations:*

*LU: Lugo, C: Coruña, Ourense: OU, PO: Pontevedra, AS: Asturias, CB: Cantabria NA: Navarra, LR: La Rioja, G: Gipuzkoa, AR: Araba, BI: Bizkaia; GI: Girona, B: Barcelona, LL: Lleida, T: Tarragona, Z: Zaragoza, HU: Huesca, TE: Teruel, V: Valencia, CS: Castellón, A: Alicante, MU: Murcia; IB: Balearic Isles, BU: Burgos, P: Palencia, VA: Valladolid, LE: León; ZA: Zamora, SA: Salamanca, AV: Ávila, SO: Soria; SG: Segovia, M: Madrid; CU: Cuenca, AB: Albacete, GU: Guadalajara, TO: Toledo, CR: Ciudad Real; CC: Cáceres, BA: Badajoz, CO: Córdoba, SE: Sevilla, H: Huelva, CA: Cádiz, MA: Málaga, AL: Almería; GR: Granada; J: Jaén; IC: Canary Isles.*

*Countries: Portugal (PT) France (FR) Italy (IT) Germany (GE) Hungary (HU) Israel (IS) Sweden (SE) Poland (PL), United Kingdom (UK).*

### **First arrivals**

*-20/09/25: 1 over Vallirana (B) Sonia Serrano.*

*-25/09/25: 12 over La Alfranca (Z) Marcos Ascaso.*

*-27/09/25: 3 near Covachillas reservoir, Malpartida de Plasencia (CC). Ana Rodríguez.*

*-29/09/25: 7 arrive at Riobobos weir (SA) Tino Fernández, Miguel Rouco.*

*-30/09/25: 3 over Grande lagoon, Villafranca (TO) M. Carmen Comendador; 4 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Gus Gahete.*

*-01/10/25: 1 roosted in Tiradero pond, Santiago de Campo (CC), Fran Rojo; 7 at Cambrillos del Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) José A. Calvo; 2 at Los Canchales reservoir (BA) Colin Seymour; 1 at Villar de Rena (BA) John L. Muddeman.*



Image nº 6: Crane roosting in Tiradero pond (CC). Photo: Fran Rojo.

*45 over Lizarreta Pass (FR) Flora Taverner et al.*

-02/10/25: 5 between El Batán and Puebla de Argeme (CC) Fran Espinosa; 9 over Amorosa lagoon (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 17 at Riobos weir (SA) Miguel Rodríguez; 1 over Almazán (SO) Fernando Chaguaceda; 4 at La Loteta reservoir (Z) Luis Gracia; 40 in Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Gary Losada; 2 over Saucedilla (CC) John L. Muddeman; 9 at Valdecañas reservoir (CC) Esteban Y.; 5 at Gabriel y Galán reservoir (CC) Nacho Fenoll; 28 to the north of Celadas (TE) Julia Gonzalez.

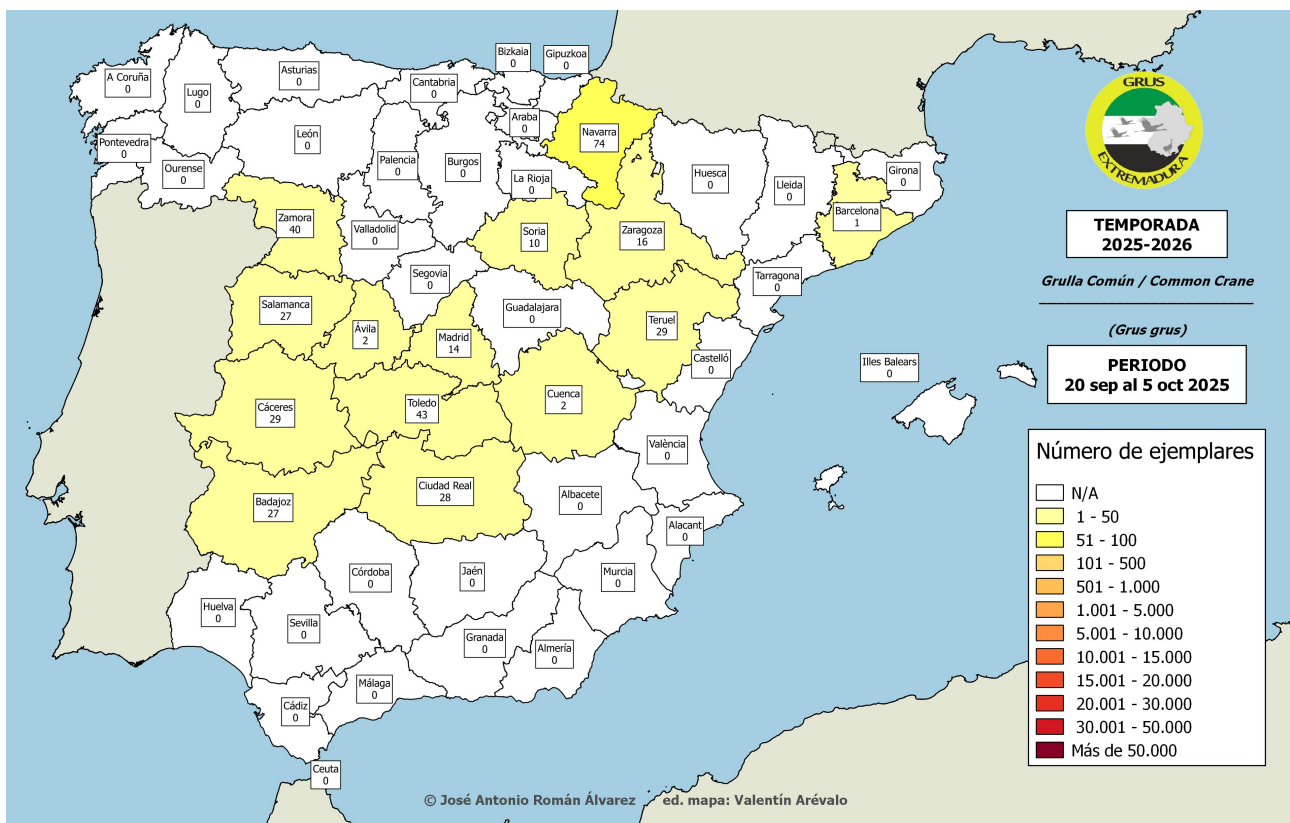
5 over Lindus (FR) Ander Gonxal; 15 over Organbidexka Pass (FR), Luca Felique et al.

-03/10/25: 3 over Vallecas (M) M<sup>a</sup> Cruz Leo; 29 at Gallocanta lagoon (TE) Antonio Torrijo; 30 over Toledo, Ángel Velasco; 2 at El Hoyo lagoon, El Oso (AV) Juan R. Cuervo, 10 at Cambrillos del Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) Jannick Forquignon; 27 at Riobos weir (SA) Miguel MG; 70 at Arguedas (NA) Juan Carlos.

2 over Lindus (FR) Sandra Pineda, Ander Gutiérrez; 8 over Organbidexka (FR) Lucano Fetique et al.

-04/10/25: 1 over Jaraiz de la Vera (CC) Ángel L. Méndez; 7 at Cambrillos del Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) Javier Nicolau; 4 over Aranjuez (M) Eugenio Castillejos, Blas Molina; 2 at Oliva de Plasencia (CC) Vicente Torres; 1 at Sierra Brava reservoir (CC) Bart Romijn; 2 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) A. Galacho.

-05/10/25: 2 at Manjavacas lagoon (CU) Mario Navas; 7 roost at Soto del Lugar (M) Fernando Alonso.



Map nº 8: First arrivals between September 20 and October 5.

*A week with very little migration, cranes seem to have stopped in central Europe because of adverse weather.*

-06/10/25: 11 at Casatejada (CC) Luud Bass; 8 at El Hoyo lagoon, El Oso (AV) Juan R. Cuervo.

-07/10/25: 1 in Almenara marsh (CS) Josep Bort; 20 over Simancas (VA); 9 at Los Valverde pool, Villanueva de la Serena (BA); 1 at Caminreal (TE) Antonio Torrijo, Chabier de Jaime, Adrián Sánchez.

334 over *Lindus* (FR) Sandra Pineda, Gontxal Deán.

-08/10/25: 7 over Vegas Altas (BA) Miguel A. Leal; 8 at Zarza de Granadilla (CC) Nacho Fenoll; 24 at Riobobos weir (SA) Iván Rodríguez, Roberto Vitullo.

-09/10/25: 3 arrive at La Janda (CA) José M. Lubián; 1 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) Jesús M. Lekuona.

-10/10/25: 1 demoiselle and 3 common cranes at Manjavacas lagoon (CU) Fernando Alonso; 10 over Bádames (CT) Baldomero Berrire; 3 at Valdejalón (Z) Rubén Utiel; 8 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Víctor Coello; 158 at Villafáfila (ZA) Delfín González; 1 over San Martín del Pimpollar (AV).



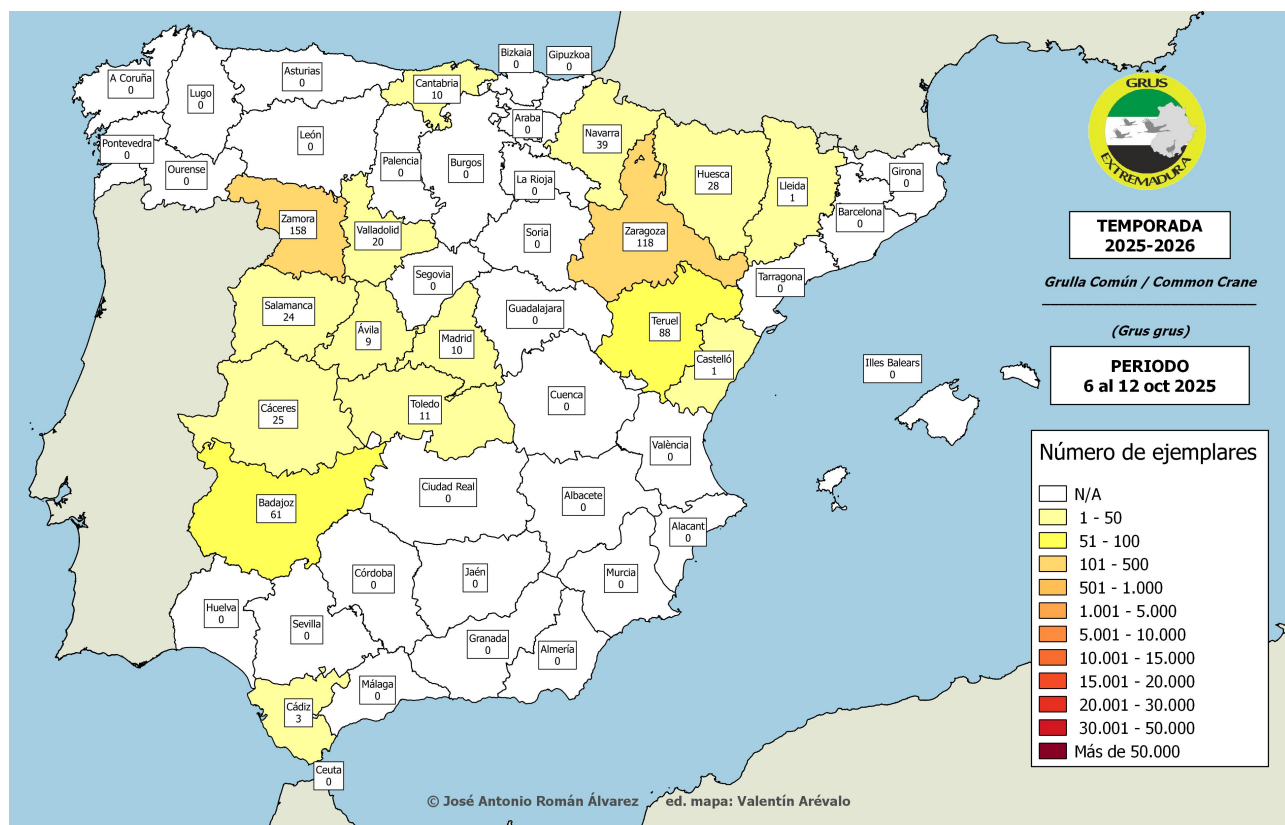
Image nº 7: Demoiselle and common cranes at Manjavacas lagoon (CU). Photo: Fernando Alonso.

-11/10/25: 44 at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo; 7 at La Loteta reservoir (Z) Fede Sancho; 18 over Daroca (Z) Adrián Sánchez; 6 at Borbollón reservoir (CC) Miguel Bravo; 8 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Chema García; 33 over Alto de Aibar (NA) Jorge Nubla; 1 at La Zolina reservoir(NA) Teresa Subiza; 25 over Cubilar reservoir (BA) Juan Parralejo; 13 at San Salvador reservoir, Bineced (HU) Jesús Lavedán; 10 at El Pas reservoir (HU) Blanca Martinez; 15 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Pablo Vallés.

-12/10/25: 8 roosted at El Taray lagoon (TO) Ángel Velasco; 10 roosted at El Pardo reservoir (M) Adolfo Rodríguez; 20 at La Albuera lagoon (BA) Jose Leal; 105 at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo; 10 over Olivenza (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 14 in rice fields between Sabina and Ejea de los Caballeros (Z) Javier López; 3 at Navalcán reservoir (TO) Christophe Pontegnie; 3 at Los Canchales reservoir (BA) José de la Encarnación; 2 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) and 3 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Belén Cano.



Image nº 8: Cranes at Los Canchales reservoir (BA). Photo: José de la Encarnación.



Map nº 9: Migration by provinces between October 6 and 12.

*A week with significant movements in central Europe and the first numerous arrivals in the Iberian Peninsula at the end of it.*

-13/10/25: 2 over El Escorial (M) Juan C. López; 3 over Sierra de Fuentes (CC) Leo en Christien; 3 over Orellana reservoir (BA) William Haworth; 38 over Garray (SO) Benito Andrés; 10 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Antonio J. Plaza; 2 at Alqueva reservoir, Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 23 at Zarza de Granadilla (CC) Fran Espinosa; 6 over Arrocampo reservoir (CC) Amparo Piz; 8 over Sariñena lagoon (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 14 at Borbollón reservoir (CC) Miguel Todón; 2 at Valmayor reservoir (M) Juan C. López.

*22,400 migrating over Marburg (DE) Martin Kraft et al.; 300 over Lindus (FR) Gontzal Deán, Gorka Gorospe.*

-14/10/25: 9 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Miguel Martín, Luis J. Martín, Juan R. Cuervo; 8 over Honrubia (CU) Raúl González; 212 arrive at Gargáligas reservoir (BA) Ángel López; 7 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Miguel Herrera; 189 at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Pablo Monroy; 32 over El Pardo (M) Manuel García; heard at San Blas district (M) Jorge Ángel; 11 over Aranjuez (M) Gregorio Pérez, Ángel Cano.

*At Lac du Der (FR) several thousand arrived during the previous day and during the night. 13,700 migrating over Marburg (DE) Martin Kraft et al.*



Image nº 9: Flock of cranes over El Pardo (M). Photo: Manuel García.

-15/10/25: 11 at Palazuelo (BA/CC) Juan P. Prieto; 4 at Los Canchales reservoir (BA) Lorenzo Alcántara; 27 over Alcolea de Calatrava (CR) José Gómez; 5 at Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Andrés Pinedo; 7 at La Veguilla lagoon, Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Diego Martínez; 1 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Jesús M. García; 3 over Lumpiaque (Z) Guillermo Represa; 3 over Madrid, Juan C. Paniagua; 1 over Abaurrepea (NA) Rosa Benito; 80 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Linda Cronkleton, José M<sup>a</sup> de la Peña; 67 at La Zolina reservoir (NA)

Iván A., Erea A., José Ardaiz; 1 at L'Albufera Natural Park (V) Jesús Lavedán; 228 over Aibar (NA) Jon Sola.

-16/10/25: Nocturnal arrivals at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Javier Mañas; nocturnal movements over Aragón, Eva Gascón; nocturnal passage also over Guadalajara, Cristina Ruíz; 20 at 05:00h over Riberas de Loiola, Donostia/San Sebastián (G) José A. Campos; 13 over La Veguilla lagoon, Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Vicky Garcia; 20 over Valmojado (TO) David Fernández (ARDEIDAS); up to 64 cranes arrived at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) during the day, three of them juveniles and one German, Juan R. Cuervo, Luis J. Martín, Miguel Martín; 3 over Tres Cantos (M) Alicia Echeagaray; 3 over the Sierra de Alor, Olivenza (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; heard over Cabanillas del Campo (GU)+50+95+50, Cristina Ruíz; 21+13 circling over Grande lagoon, Villafranca de los Caballeros (TO) M. Carmen Comendador; 3,000+ at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE), as well as several flocks which flew over without stopping, Uge Fuertes; 30+7 over Guadalajara, José M<sup>a</sup> Gómez (DALMA); several flocks migrating over Toledo Hills, Philippe Macquet; 2 over Chica lagoon, Villafranca (TO) M. Carmen Comendador; 1 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) César Blanco (TO) (ARDEIDAS); 10 over Badajoz, José Bayón; 226 at Sotonera reservoir, José M<sup>a</sup> Canudo; 160 circling at Cabanillas del Campo (GU) José M<sup>a</sup> Gomez (DALMA); 40 circling at Guadalajara, Carlos Paulos (DALMA); 30 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Carlos Martín; 20 over Villafranca de los Caballeros (TO) Julio García; 50 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Cristina Pintor; flock over Móstoles (M) M<sup>a</sup> José Álvarez; 10 over Donostia/San Sebastián (G) Joseba Amenabar; 1 over Txingudi marsh, Irún (G) José F. Esparcia; 5 over Hondarribia (G) David Santamaría; 2 over Ivars d'Urgell (LL); 13 over Lleida; 3 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Juan Ramírez; 2 at Morantes reservoir, La Roca de la Sierra (BA) Javier Sal; heard at San Martín de Pusa (TO) José V. Oropesa; 4 over Ocaña (TO) Julio Huelbes; heard at Pinto (M) David Pascual; 45 over Getafe (M); 7 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) Alejandro Barrado; 22 over Móstoles and 48+6 over Fuenlabrada (M) Paula González; 250 over Valchico stream (M) Félix Aguado; 14 over Madrid, Janick Forquignon; 70 over the Sureste Natural Park, Velilla de San Antonio (M) José M<sup>a</sup> Sendarrubia; 97+227 over Campillo lagoon (M) Kato S'ñancez, Eugenio Castillejos; 120 over Madrid, Jesús Ruíz; 200 over El Pardo hills (M) Frutos Pozas; 6 over the Autonomous University, Madrid, Philip Mecola; 30 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) Ysa Villy; heard at Zaorejas (GU) Sofía García; heard over Calatayud (Z) Ángel Gonzalo; 1 at Valdabra reservoir (HU) Arturo Sanz; 1 over Tudela (NA) and 112 over Arguedas (NA) Ricardo Rodríguez; 1 over Loza reservoir (NA) Raúl Pascual; 13 at Manjavacas lagoons (CU) Carmen Gutiérrez; steady passage over Navarra, Rajen Ayerra; 50 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Mara Brans; 220 at Riobobos weir (SA) Munir Chaouni, Martín Atienza, Miguel Martín; 35 over Alcalá de Henares (M) José J. Díaz; 119 at Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Gary Losada; 200 at La Loteta reservoir (Z) Guillermo Represa; 560 over Aibar (NA) Jon Sola; 5 over Elorrio (BI) Aitor Zabala; nocturnal group over Belchite (Z) at 21:00h, Javier Domínguez; 35 over Leiva reservoir (LR) Arcadi Atxa; 48+75 Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Joaquín Rodríguez, Alejandro López; 50+3 over Logroño (LR) Álvaro Sarramián, Alejandro López; 69 over Logroño (LR) Alejandro López; 35 at Ólvega (SO), one of them German, Alina Dragan.

1,265 over Organbidexka Pass (FR) Luca Fetique et al; 8,565 over Lindus (FR) Ander Gontxal



Image nº 10: Flock of cranes near Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE). Photo: Uge Fuertes.

-17/10/25: 148 roosted at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Kees Woutersen; 43 over Yebes (GU) Juan M. Nuevo (DALMA); 35+27 over Grande lagoon, Villafranca (TO) and 25 over Villafranca de los Caballeros (TO) Ángel Velasco; 18 circling over Caminreal (TE) Antonio Torrijo; several thousand set off on migration from Gallocanta lagoon(Z/TE), followed by others that didn't stop, Uge Fuertes; 12 over Abades (SG) Blanca M.; 276 over El Pardo (M) Marcos Escuredo (GOEP); 2 over Cape Creus (GI) Jeroen van Wijk; 35 over Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) Vega Bermejo; 57+17 over Alcollarín (CC), 28 at Palazuelo (CC) and 2 at Fernando V (CC) Martin Kelsey; 55 over Toledo, Cristina Ruíz (SEO-TO); 170+52 over Villar del Infantado (CU) Ángel Arellano; 38 over Chillarón de Cuenca (CU) Fernando Alonso; 57 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Juan I. Deán, Gonzalo Deán; 6 over Albalá new pond (CC) Alejandro Puerto; 3 over Villa del Rey (CC) Mónica Carrasco; 71 over Aranjuez (M) Eugenio Castillejos; 30 over Fuente de Pedro Naharro (CU) Gumer González; 164 over Titulcia (M) Antonio Mansilla; 97 over Fuenlabrada (M) Bruno García; 4 over the River Manzanares (M) Germán Crespo, Jan Hardig; 50 over Valdebebas (M) Alberto Gonzalo; 40 over Las Rozas (M) Daniel Ordóñez; 40 over La Alfranca (Z) David Falomir; heard at Auritz/Burguete (NA) José L. Lizarra; 3+10 over Bujaraloz (Z) Conchi Estéban; 150 at Los Canchales reservoir (BA) José Ledo; 70 over Los Navalmorales (TO) Teodosio Muñoz; 22 at Leiva reservoir (LR) and 2 over Villalobar de Rioja (LR) Carmelo García; 3 at Santed reservoir (Z) Linda Cronkleton, José M<sup>a</sup> de la Peña; 200 over Marcilla (NA) José Ardaiz; heard at Pego-Oliva marsh (A) Francisco J. Llácer; 2 over Sitges (B) Eric Motas; 26 over Villar del Olmo (M) Juan C. del Moral; 34 over El Retiro (M) Manuel García; 54 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) Jorge J. Díaz; 60 over Renera (GU) Susana Alcolea; 100 over Durón Gorge (GU) Mario Navarro; 1 at Lechago reservoir (TE) Ángela Castro; 6 over Esparragalejo (BA) Lorenzo Alcántara, Fran Montañó; 35 over Rivas Vaciamadrid (M) Blas Molina; 10 at Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Luis Sánchez; 90 over Villafranca de los Caballeros lagoons (TO) Carmen Comendador, Óscar Frías; 68 at Manjavacas

lagoons (CU) Ana Bartolomé; 20 over Arrocampo reservoir, Almaraz (CC) Alejandro Rodríguez; 24 over the River Tiétar, Talayuela (CC) Ángel L. Méndez; 25 at Gabriel y Galán reservoir (CC) Nacho Fenoll; 1 over Atapuerca (BU) Marcos Morrondo; 31 over the Sierra del Perdón (NA) Jorge Nubla; 300 roost at Gargáligas reservoir (BA) Ángel López; 163 roost at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Jorge Leonor, Eneko Leonor, Juan R. Cuervo; family of 3 very low over Guadalajara at 23:22h, Carlos Campos; 18 at Valdesalor reservoir (CC) Francis Martín; 6 at Albalá (CC) Alejandro Puerto.

*1,528 go over Organbidexka Pass (FR) Gorka Ander*



Image nº 11: Flock over La Zolina reservoir (NA). Photo: Juan I. Deán.

-18/10/25: 451 roosted at El Taray lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco, SEO-TO; at least 6,000 at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) where migration began at 10:49h, Antonio Torrijo; 11 over El Carrascalejo (BA) Agapito J. Verde; 4 over Miramontes (CC) Victoria Fraile (ARDEIDAS); 17 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Mara Brans; 24 at La Janda (CA) Fernando Portillo; 1 over Santa Marta de Magasca (CC) Javier Caballero; 3 at Hinojosa del Duque (CO) Juanma Sánchez; 21 over Palacio Quemado, Almendralejo (BA) and 5 in stubble, Pepe Elías; 22 at Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) Vicente Garrudo; 6 over San Jorge de Alor (BA) Julia Guerra; 50 over Villoslada (LR) Pedro A. García; several flocks over Ejea de los Caballeros (Z) Javier López; 7 over Atapuerca (BU) César Díez; 6+7 over Monfragüe National Park (CC) Walter Lierens; 5 over Sierra de Fuentes (CC) Santi Ezquerria; 1 over Móstoles (M) Antonio Ordóñez; 11 over Vic (B); 8 over Irún (G) Juan F. Esparcia; 20 over San Román de los Montes (TO) José L. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS); 170 over El Pardo (M) Marcos Escuredo; 70 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Paco Quesada; 12 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA); 12 over Casas de Belvís (CC) Javier Briz; 17 at Tablas de Daimiel

National Park (CR) and 3 over Alcázar de San Juan, Linda Cronkleton, José M<sup>a</sup> de la Peña; 50 over Arrocampo reservoir (CC) Noel Lomess; 60 at Valdecañas reservoir, Bohonal de Ibor (CC) Ángel L. Méndez; 8 at Portaje reservoir (CC) José A. García; 21 at La Fresnedilla pond, Oliva de Plasencia (CC) Víctor Torres; 70 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) Miguel García, José A. Calvo; 2 over Aranjuez (M) Rafa Al; 116 over Colmenar de Oreja (M) Susana B.; 32 over Leganés (M) Javier Gómez; heard at Sureste Natural Park (M) Javier A. López; 22+20 over Sureste Natural Park, Velilla de San Antonio (M) Juan Malagón, Olías Maestro; 110 over Madrid, Juan C. Paniagua; 31 over Valdebebas (M) Jesús Ruíz; 5 over Madrid, José Martín; 55 over Río Guadarrama Natural Park (M) Carmen Díez, Juan F. Fernández; 15 over Las Rozas (M) Daniel Ordóñez; 18 over El Pardo (M) Lola Martín; 250 over El Pardo hills (M) Enrique Villaespesa; 50 over Soto Manzaneque reservoir (M) Juan C. Paniagua; 5 over Algete (M) Jaime Montejo; 76 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) María Lobato, Rosa Santiago, Diego Herráez; 30 at Monteagudo de las Vicarías reservoir (SO) Fernando Chaguaceda; 130 over Mérida (NA) Xabi Urmeneta; 5 over Carpio reservoir (TO) Miguel A. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS); 10+36+20 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Ignacio Alonso, Teresa Subiza, Marcos Sánchez; 360 over Lónguida (NA) Alberto Rodríguez; 1 at La Nava lagoon (P) Bruno Kovács; 46 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Ana I. de la Cruz; 9 over Txingudi (G) Carmelo de Dios; 11 over Irún (G) Davit Armunarriz; heard at Higuera de las Dueñas (AV) Octavio Infante; 30 over Fuendejalón (Z), 30+20 over Pozuelo de Aragón (Z) and 28+6+6 over Monte Alto (Z) Marco A. Escudero; 1 at El Hito lagoon (CU) Gumer González, Raquel Martínez; 12 over Las Pajanosas (SE) Bob Shaddy, Vicent Esteller; 58 migrating and 60 at La Loteta reservoir (Z) Fede Sancho; 38 over Carrascal de Villarroya (LR) Jesús M. García; 25 at Santillana reservoir (M) García de los Ríos; 20 over La Pedrezuela reservoir, Guadalix de la Sierra (M) Robert Wilson; 405 at La Zolina reservoir (NA) Cuevas Ruíz; 50 over Logroño (LR) Ana G., Álvaro Sarramián; heard at Cella (TE) Dominica Abascal; 50+20 over Buñuel (NA) Patricia Andrés; 50 at Morales saltmarsh (HU) Montse Gutiérrez, Xavier Parra, Aitor Mora, Jorge Lardiés; 2 in Pals rice fields (GI) Joan Goy; 70 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) José A. Calvo; about 300 at 21:00h over Yunquera de Henares (GU) Marcos Llorente (DALMA).

*10,338 go over Lindus (FR) Sandra Pineda, Rajen Ayerra; 270 go over Organbidexka Pass (FR) Luca Falique et al; 50,000 go over Marburg (DE) Martin Kraft et al.*



Image nº 12: Cranes at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO). Photo: Miguel García.

-19/10/25: 506 roosted at El Taray lagoon (TO) Ángel Velasco; 19 over the River Guadiana, Villagonzalo (BA) José A. Román; 8 over Medellín (BA) Encarna Báez; 14 between Membrio and Carbajo (CC) Jesús Valiente (ADENEX); 95 at Casa Hitos, Madrigalejo (CC), 300 at Vegas Altas (BA) and 750 in Alcollarín rice fields (BA) Martin Kelsey; 11 over Trujillo (CC) Manuel Moro; 10+17+42+65 over El Carrascalejo (BA) Francis Prieto, Agapito J. Verde; 14 at Almudévar reservoir (HU) Francisco Quesada; 200 at Palacio Quemado, Almendralejo (BA) Pepe Elías; 55 over El Campazo lagoon (CC) Neil Renwick; heard over Coria (CC) at 20:47h, Miguel Todón; 129 at Los Canchales reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 61 migrating and 45 at La Loteta reservoir (Z) Fede Sancho; 1 at Cristo lagoon (SA) Vega Bermejo; 33+42 over Mirandilla (BA) Mariano Cabrero; 202 over El Pardo (M) Marcos Escuredo (GOEP); 3 over Campanario (BA) Manuel Maximiano; 10 over Almoharín (CC) René vander Linden; 1 at Urdaibai (BI) Andrés Díaz; 37 over Txingudi (G) David Santamaría, José F. Esparcia, Amaia Alzaga ; 30 at Zarza de Granadilla (CC) Víctor Torres; 25 over Toledo, Joaquín Martí; 100 at La Fresnedilla pool, Oliva de Plasencia (CC) Vicente Torres; 300 at La Bazagona (CC) José M<sup>a</sup> Jiménez; 8 over La Puebla de Montalbán (TO) García de los Ríos; 35 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) Álvaro Nicolau; 265 over Aranjuez (M) Luna Redondo; 350 at Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Vicente Malagón; 16 over Parla (M) Roberto MR; 22 over Leganés (M) Rafa Al; 42 over Alcorcón (M) Alberto Villares; 12 at Santillana reservoir (M) Jesús Ruíz, Alf Ortega; 85 over San Román de los Montes (TO) Concepción de las Vecillas (ARDEIDAS); 7+20 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) Jorge J. Díaz, José Fernández; 57 over El Pardo hills (M) David Sánchez; 40 at Velilla de San Antonio lagoon (M) Federico Palmero, José M<sup>a</sup> Sendarrubia; 20 over Tordesillas (VA) Federico Iglesias; 14 at Cantalapiedra (SA) Juan R. Cuervo, Miguel Martín; 4 at La Nava lagoon (P) Francisco J. Calvo; 33+1 sobre Salburua (BI) Beñat Guevara, Noelia Álvarez; 14 over Torrecilla en Cameros (LR) Jesús Saucedilla; 5 over Santa Eulalia (TE) Luis M. Muñoz; 4 over Galacho de Justibol 14 over Taukik Ammouneh; 16 over Traibuenas (NA) and 4 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Jorge Nubla; 3 over Sangüesa (NA) Javi Sola; 2+36+40 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Marcos Sánchez, Teresa Subiza, Cuevas Ruíz; 77 at San Salvador reservoir (HU) Aitor Mora; 215, of which 19 are juvenies, at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Arón Blázquez.

*42,000 are censused at Lac du Der (FR), although many more continued the journey without stopping, Aurelien Deschartres (LPO-Champagne/Ardenne).*



Image nº 13: Cranes over Villagonzalo (BA). Photo: José A. Román.

*A week with less intense migration, probably due to atmospheric instability.*

-20/10/25: Nocturnal passage over Irún (G); 40 over Zumaia (G); 20 at La Colada reservoir (CO) Juanma Sánchez; 15 over Zarza de Granadilla (CC) Hugo Sánchez; 11 over Las Águilas hill, Mijas (MA) Blás López; 27 over Calera y Chozas (TO) Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS); 28 over Almoharín (CC) Hans de Goede; 3 in L'Albufera Natural Park (V) Yanina Maggiotto; 1 in Doñana National Park (SE) John L. Muddeman; 11 at Torcón reservoir (TO) Álvaro Nicolau; 12+20+9 over Monfragüe National Park (CC) Martin Kelsey, Neil Renwick; 8 at Castellò d'Empuries (GI); 1 in the Ebro Delta (T) Álvaro Camacho, Marcel Gil; 29 over Alcarràs (LL); 24 over Doñana National Park (SE) Manuel Bárcena; 3 at Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Diego Benavides, Alejandro López; 80 over Zaragoza, Héctor Bintanel; 29 in Monreal saltmarsh (HU) Iván García; 36 at Sotenera reservoir (HU) Paco Quesada; 148 at Villaveta reservoir, Lónguida (NA) Jorge Nubla; heard over Salburua (AR) Manuel Fernández; 1 over Hondarribia (G) David Santamaría; 46 at Arguedas (NA) Moisés Zozaya; 8 over Aranjuez (M) Chemi Ibáñez ; 15 at Lechago reservoir (TE) Adrián Sánchez; 5 over the River Durón gorge (GU) Mario Navarro; 30 in Doñana National Park (H) Ángel Larumbe; 5 over Camarna de Esteruelas (M) Óscar Oeo; 30 over El Pardo woods (M) Alejandro Gómez; 7 over the River Tiétar, Jarandilla de la Vera (CC) Vicente Risco; 85 roost at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Álvaro Peral.  
5,412 over *Organbidexka Pass* (FR) Luca Fetique et al; 2,124 over *Lindus Pass* (FR) Gorka Gorospe; 587 over *Lizarreta Pass* (FR) Thomas Salaün et al.



Image nº 14: Flock of cranes at Villaveta reservoir (NA). Photo: Jorge Nubla.

-21/10/25: 60 roosted at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Carlos Guerrero; 13 over Malagón (CR) Juan F. Flores; 7 over Los Blázquez (CO) Marga Martín; heard at Villaseca de Uceda (GU) Montse; 52 over Puerto Peña (BA) Eva Garzón; 80 at La Janda (CA) Chris Kehoe, Tone Owen; 7 at La Nava lagoon (P) Javier Pi; 5,304 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 37 over San Román de los Montes (TO) José L. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS); 25 over Campanario (BA) Manuel Maximiano; 2 at El Cañizar

lagoon (TE) Juan A. García; 1 over Ciempozuelos (M) Enrique García; 2 over Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Benito Martín; 3 over Fernán Caballero (CR) José Gómez; 2 over Calera y Chozas (TO) Stanislav Dimitrov; 36 at Valdecañas reservoir (CC) Vicente Risco; 27 over Brazatortas (CR) José M<sup>a</sup> Zapata; 14 over Montijo (BA) Arturo Pérez; 55 at Riobobos weir (SA) Carlos Villaverde, Miguel Rodríguez; 33 over Aranjuez (M) Ricardo Rodríguez; 3 on saltflats at Azaila (TE) Iván de la Torre; 117 in Villafàfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Manuel Segura; 752 at Used (Z) Juan C. Albero; heard over Arnedo (LR) Yolanda Hernández; 2 in the Llobregat delta (B) Chema, Paco Torres; 2 at Navalayegüa lagoon, Cantalejo (SG) Patricia Alonso; 15 at El Excedente pool, Talaván (CC) M<sup>a</sup> Eloísa Moreno, Gonzalo Lage; 34+18 over Sotos de Alfaro (LR) Jesús Ucha; 135 in the roost at El Hoyo lagoon (AV), of which 10 are juveniles, Chema García.



Image nº 15: Crane at Villafàfila (ZA), Photo: Manuel Segura.

-22/10/25: Continuous nocturnal passage over Cijara (BA), where 562 on migration were counted during the day, Eva Garzón; 100 over Aranjuez (M) Sol Senise; 16 at Alcañiz saltflats (TE) Esther Yera, Juan L. Muñoz; 12 over Caminreal (TE) Antonio Torrijo; 15 over Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Valentín López-Brea; 15 over Los Blázquez (CO) Marga Martín; 4 at Castelló d'Empúries (GI); 13 over Cáceres ; 5 at Torpón reservoir (CR) José V. Oropesa; 4 at La Veguilla lagoon (CR), 127 at El Taray lagoon (TO) and 85 at Chica lagoon, Villafranca de los Caballeros (CR) Pedro Bustamante; 12,9,10 over Aranjuez (M) Carlos G. Seseña, Carlos Talaban, Carlos Maestro; flock migrating over Molina de Aragón (GU) Carlos Pacheco; 6 over Arrocampo reservoir (CC) Martin Kelsey; 15 over Saucedilla (CC) Sophie Godwin; 5 at El Campazo lagoon, La Aldea del Obispo (CC) Neil Renwick; 4 over Villagonzalo de Coca (SG) Juan Matute; 159 at Villafàfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Gonzalo Lage, M<sup>a</sup> Elvira Moreno, Alfonso Rodrigo; 15 at La Zolina reservoir (NA) Raúl Pascual, Teresa Subiza; 3 over Soto de Malfora (Z) Alfredo Sánchez; 2 at Arce de Arriba

reservoir, Brozas (CC) Raúl Granados; 3 descending to Lor lagoon (NA) Jesús Nalda, Sanz Torre.

68 over *Lindus* (FR) Ander Gutiérrez, Gorka Gorospe.



Image nº 16: Cranes over Aranjuez (M). Photo: Carlos Talabante.

-23/10/25; 39 roosted at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 11 at Alboré (HU) Paco Quesada; 115 at Alcázar de San Juan (CR) SEPAP; 100 over Gernika (BI) Alberto Zubiaurre; 32 circling over Villalba de los Barros (BA) José Leal; 8 at El Porvenir (CO) Miguel Masso; 6 at Tablillas del Zánchara, Junta de los Ríos (CR) Pedro Bustamante; 27 over Aranjuez (M) Jesús Ruíz; 5 over Cañaverol (CC) Raúl Granados; 5 at Valdesalor reservoir (CC) Francis Martín; 94 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV); 20 at Arguedas (NA) Jesús M. Lekuona, Ricardo Rodríguez; 15 at El Agullón (HU) Marcos Serrano; 1 in Almenara marsh (CS) Marcos Rey, Joan Balfagón, Luis Alberó, Manolo García; 45 over Daroca (Z) Gonzalo Peña; 2 in L'Albufera Natural Park (V) Juan R. Villora; 30 at Bujaraloz (Z) Esteban; 25 at La Nava lagoon (P) Fernando Jubete Guzón; 304 in Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Pepe Barrueso; 6 at Las Cogotas reservoir (AV) Joaquín Mayo; 18 at Santillana reservoir (M) Bruno García; 5 at Aiguamolls de l'Empordà (GI) Emily Strong, Yaz Pullen; 22 over Honrubia (CU) Raúl González; 10 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Félix Muguier.

56 over *Organbidexka* (FR) Alexandre Jolly et al.



Image nº 17: Family in L'Albufera Natural Park (V). Photo: Juan R. Villora.

-24/10/25: 420 roosted in La Janda (CA) Alejandro Onrubia; 82 over Alange (BA) at dawn, José A. Román and 33 over Alange dam, Sophie Godwin; 15 roosted in ponds at Miguel Esteban (CR) Alberto Lizarraga; 34 at Hoyo de la Cruz, Bujaraloz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 30 over Majadahonda (M) Patricia Alonso; 154 feeding in the area around Manjavacas lagoon complex (CU) Fernando Alonso, Alberto Lizarraga; 55 over Toledo, Ángel Velasco; 25 over La Portilla del Tiétar in Monfragüe National Park (CC) Martin Kelsey; 1 in Almenara marsh (CS) Miguel A. Pardo; 5 at ponds at Miguel Esteban (TO) Carmen Gutiérrez; 220 over Aranjuez (M) Alejandro Alvite; 28 over Villar del Olmo (M) Juan C. del Moral; 45+33 over Madrid, César Espinosa, Kyle Grotens; 6 over Fuenlabrada (M) Félix Arribas; 18 at Santillana reservoir (M) García de los Ríos; 208 over Embid (GU) Adrián Sánchez; 250 over Torralba de los Frailes (Z) Noé Cuesta; 8 at Lechago reservoir (TE) Gonzalo Peña; 8 at Codorniz (SG) Víctor Coello; 40 at Boada de Campos lagoon (P) David Araque; 5 over Saucedilla (CC) Vicente Risco, Alejandro Rodríguez; 10 at El Campazo lagoon (CC) Neil Renwick; 4 at La Atalaya pond, Aldea del Cano (CC) Francis Martín; heard at Yunquera de Henares (GU) Isabel & Fernando; 60 over the River Alberche, San Román de los Montes (TO) at 20:00h, Concepción de las Vecillas (ARDEIDAS); 11 over the Sierra del Perdón (NA) Jorge Nubla; 68+180 over Toledo, Joaquín, José A. Calvo; 4 over Feria (BA) Miguel de Felipe; 4 over La Cañada de Puerto Real (CA) Juan Rodríguez; 85 at Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Vicky García; 2 at Pajares de Adaja (AV) Víctor Coello; 18 over Puertomingalvo (TE) Marta Ibáñez; 8 over Brozas pond (CC) and 26 over Brozas (CC) Raúl Granados; 130 roost at Gabriel y Galán reservoir (CC) Hugo Sánchez; 122 go to roost at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 124 roost at Borbollón reservoir (CC) Miguel Todón; 20 over Zaragoza, at night, at 20:00h, Fede Sancho; flock over Villareal de San Carlos (CC) at 23:30h, Francisco Lopo.

372 over *Organbidexka Pass* (FR) Luca Fetique et al.

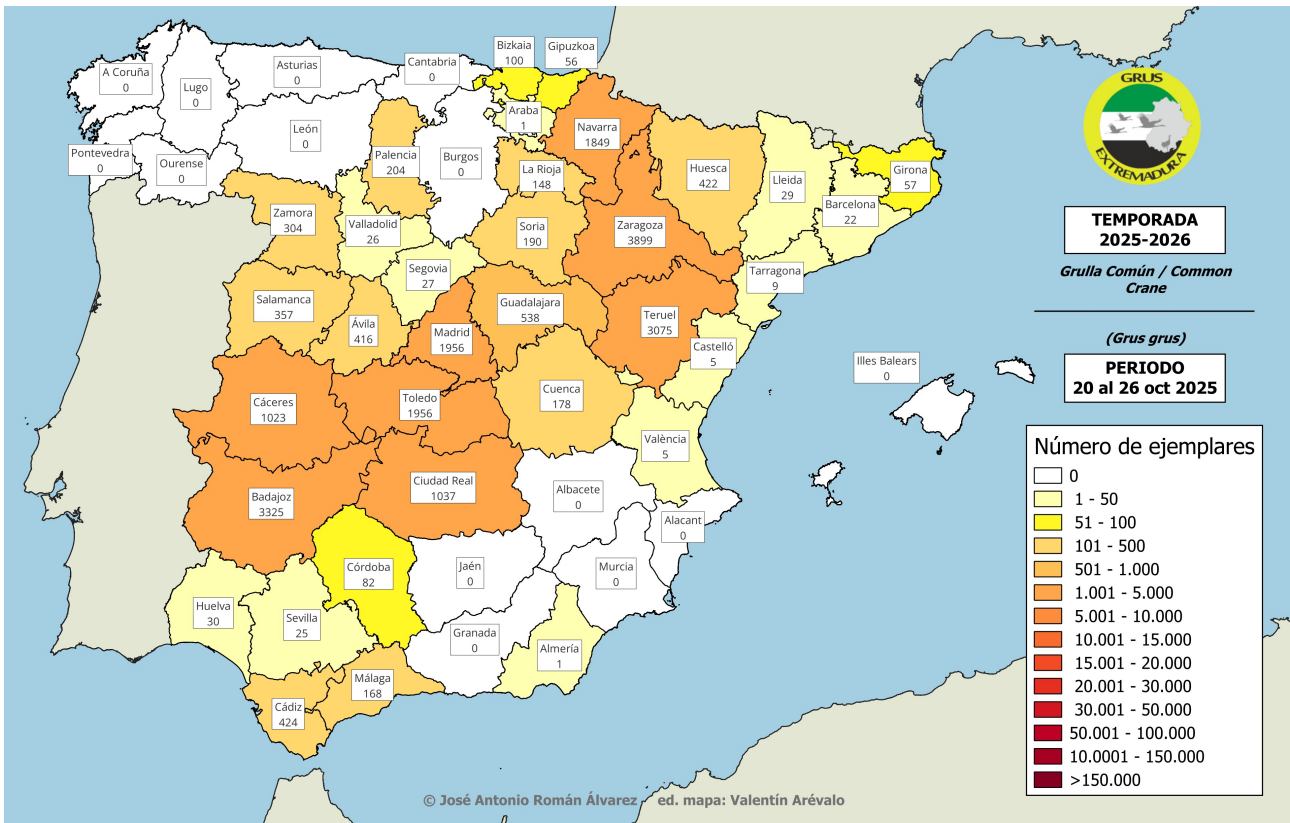
-25/10/25: 837 leave the roost at El Taray lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco; 64 roosted at La Loteta reservoir (Z) Fede Sancho; 6 over Herrera del Duque (BA) at 06:00h, Ángel López; 20 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) David García (ARDEIDAS); 1 at Albufera de Adra (AL) Joaquín Martín; 15 over Txingudi (G) José F. Esparcia; 300 over Caldearenas (HU) Javier Txantxangorri; 6 at Cantalpino (SA) Ángel González; 8 over Valdetorres de Jarama (M) Francisco J. Moreno, Jesús Moreno; 35 over Villamediana (LR) Agustín Nalda; 11 over Monfragüe National Park (CC) Francisco Lopo; 1 over Don Álvaro (BA) Fergus Crystal; 38 over Miguelturra (CR) José Gómez; 20 at El Vicario reservoir (CR) Gregorio Pérez; 363 at La Veguilla lagoon (CR) Alejandro Fernández; 38 over Campo de Criptana (CR) Luis T.; 7 at Finisterre reservoir (TO) Miguel García; 45 over Polán (TO) Ismael Ruíz; 47 over Aranjuez (M) Javier García; 12+6 over Sureste Natural Park, San Martín de la Vega (M) Javier Pi, Jesús Ruíz; 25 over Campillo lagoon, Sureste Natural Park (M) Antonio Espín; 14 over Velilla de San Antonio (M) Octavio Infante; 13 over Mejorada del Campo (M) Chus Maestro; 30 over El Pardo (M) Pablo Arán; 8 at El Cañizar lagoon (TE) Joan Balfagón, Manolo García; 8 over Báguena (Z) Gonzalo Pérez; 220 over Aurizberri/Espinal (NA) Carlos Monzón; 12 at La Zolina reservoir (NA) Raúl Pascual; 4 over Noaín (NA) Rajen Ayerra; 10 over Lumbier (NA) Alberto A.; 40+85 over Alto de Aibar (NA) Marcos Sánchez Jorge Nubla; 50 over Artajona (NA) Javi Sola; 2 over Las Pedroñeras (CU) Lucas Cock; 12 over Villar de Plasencia (CC) Hugo Sánchez; 374 over Lechago reservoir (TE), 60 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) Jon Sola; 3 at Sariñena lagoon (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 4 in the Ebro Delta (T) Gerard Viader, Joan Oliver, Llado Coia; 5 in Almenara marsh (CS) Ángel Bereje; 200 at La Fresnedilla pond, Oliva de Plasencia (CC) Víctor Torres; 2 over Casar de Cáceres (CC) Gil Sampaio; 8 over Plasencia (CC) Javier Prieta; 350 at Castrejón reservoir (TO) Javier Nicolau.

223 over *Lindus* (FR) Rajen Ayerra, Txufis; 654 over *Organbidexka Pass* (FR) Alexandre Jollyetas.

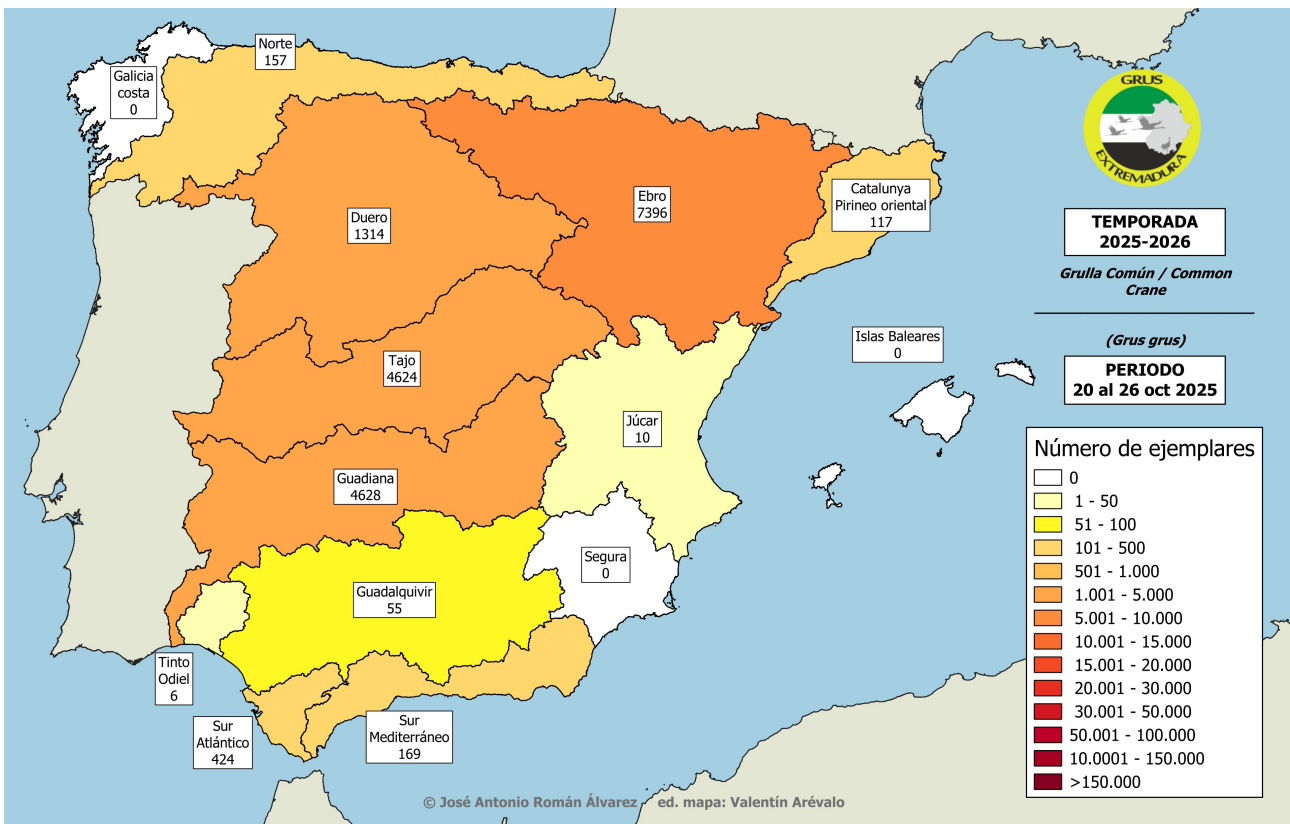


Image nº 18: Flock migrating over Auzberri/Espinal (NA). Photo: Carlos Monzón.

-26/10/25: 422 roosted at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 130 at La Loteta reservoir (Z), at 08:10h, Fede Sancho; 120 at El Cañizar lagoon (TE) Felipe Rosado; 115 over Retuerta del Bullaque (CR) Gerardo García; 9+5 over Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 13 at Sotos de Alfaro (LR) Borja Sanz; heard over Jarandilla de la Vera (CC) Sofía Moreno; 71 at Hoyo de la Cruz, Bujaraloz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 17 at Alcañiz saltflats (TE) Esther Yera; 14 circling over Almendralejo (BA) Antonio M. Sánchez; 26 over Valladolid, Peque Herrero; >90 over Artieda (Z) Javier López; 294 over Pamplona (NA) Rajen Ayerra; 38 leave El Pardo reservoir (M) at 10:30h, Marcos Escuredo (GOEP); 22 over Collado Mediano (M), 13 then go in the direction of Segovia; 23 over Valdemoro (M) Diego Todón; 390+76 over La Loteta reservoir (Z) Fede Sancho; 20 over Monfragüe National Park (CC) Francisco Lopo; 30+12+20 over Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Javier a Robres; 56 over Sotos de Alfaro (LR) Borja Sanz; 49+17 over Mirandilla (BA) Mariano Cabrero; 34 over Zaragoza, Joseán Domínguez; 2 over Las Labores (CR) Pedro Bustamante; 22 over Villamacolum (GI); 24 over Arbúcies (GI) Pau García; 9 in the Ebro Delta (T) Xavi Andrés-Loire; 2 over Badostain (NA) Raúl Pascual; 35 over Labiano (NA) Aritz Sarasa; 3 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Julian Vega; 23 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) Belén Cano; 2 at Leiva reservoir (LR) Carmelo García; 132 at La Nava lagoon (P) Francisco J. Calvo; 300 at Riobobos weir (SA) Fosío Carracedo; 16 over El Escorial (M) Matthew Bradbury; 13+19 over La Pedrezuela reservoir (M) Robert Wilson, Francisco Parras; 16 at Santillana reservoir (M) Diego Herráez, María Lobato; heard over Valdetorres de Jarama (M) Luis M. Pérez; 26 over Camarma de Esteruelas (M) Óscar Oeo; 150 over Trillo (GU) Sofía García; 10 over Pareja (GU) Alejandro Bonacho; 22 over Sureste Natural Park (M) Julia García ; 132 over Colmenar de Oreja (M) Susana B.; 9 over Alcorcón (M) Alberto Villares, 8 over Madrid, Pablo Pozo; 7 over Valdebebas Forest Park (M) Juan C. Paniagua; 17 over Aranjuez (M) Ricardo Rodríguez, José Fernández; 2 at Los Arenales gravel pits (TO) Miguel García; 24 at Larga lagoon, Villacañas (TO) José M. de la Peña; 7 at Grande lagoon, Villafranca (TO) Arancha Ocaña, José M. Ordex, José M. de la Peña; 120 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Vicente Malagón; 1 at Gasset reservoir (CR) Laura M. Barroso, Benito Sánchez; 8 over Don Benito (BA) Manuel Rodríguez; 12 over Santa Cruz de la Sierra (CC) Carmen Pérez-Aloe; 2 over Cornalvo Natural Park (BA) and 110 at Ayuela reservoir, Casas de Don Antonio (CC) Raúl Granados; 6 at Charco Salado, Casatejada (CC) Vicente Risco; 9 at La Chaparrera, Naval Moral de la Mata (CC) and 45 at Rosarito reservoir (AV) Esteban García, David García; 57 at Cazalegas reservoir (TO) Christophe Pontegnie; 51 at Tabera de Abajo (SA) Antonio Ceballos; 72 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) José Escobar; 38 roost at Navalespino reservoir (CO) Miguel Corvillo; 173 at Arroyoconejos reservoir (BA) Andrés González (ADENEX); 156 roost at La Loteta reservoir (Z) Fede Sancho; 13 roost at Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) Vicente G. Garrudo; 357 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Arón Blázquez; heard at dusk, at 19:11h over San Miguel de Valero (SA) Cristina Giner; 40 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) at 21:35h, Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS).



Map nº 10: Migration by provinces between October 20 and 26.



Map nº 11: Migration by water catchment areas between October 20 and 26.

*The steady arrival of cranes continues, although the weather conditions are not favourable for them.*

-27/10/25: 23 over Pago de San Clemente (CC) Martin Kelsey; 85 over Retuerta del Bullaque (CR) Gerardo García; 12 over La Nava (LR) 32 at Sotos de Alfaro (LR) Jesús Ucha; 37 over Cifuentes (GU) Néstor Rodríguez (DALMA); 13 over Grañen (HU) Silvia Duque; flock over Jarandilla de la Vera (CC) Sofía Moreno; 75 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Nacho Barrionuevo; 224 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Adrián Reina; 40 over Guadalajara, José M. Gómez (DALMA); flock circling at Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Cristina Ruíz; 26 at Los Lotes, Hinojosa del Duque (CO) Juanma Sánchez; 50 arriving at Hinojosa del Duque (CO) Carmen M. Ayuso; 7 over Méntrida (TO) and 9 over Robledo de Chavela (M) José A. Fimia; >70 over Jarandilla de la Vera (CC) Sofía Moreno; 119 over Alcalá de Gurrea (HU) Maarten Plateeuw; 36 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Mara Brans; 4 at El Hondo reservoir (A) José L. Cantero; 8 over Guadalajara, Carlos Arroyo; 2 in L'Albufera Natural Park (V); 7 in Almenara marsh (CS) Carlos Martínez; 1 over Vila-Seca (T) Bernat Espluga; 10 at Las Cañas reservoir (NA) José L. Gabela; 45 over Calahorra (LR) Jesús M. García; 45 over San Martín de la Virgen del Moncayo (Z) Victoriano Carrillo; 21 over Nombrevilla (Z) and 28 over San Martín del Río (Z) Gonzalo Peña; 65 over Corduente (GU) Sofía García; 10 over Cercedilla (M) Ángela Laín; 1 over El Escorial (M) Matthew Bradbury; 40 over Galapagar (M) Sonsoles Lumbreras, Gonzalo Núñez; 22 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Juanma Santana; 50 over Las Rozas (M) Daniel Ordóñez; 28 over Majadahonda (M) Edmund Bell; 26 over Alcorcón (M) Juan D. Acevedo; 23+174 over Titulcia (M) Antonio Mansilla; 320 over Pulgar (TO) José A. Calvo; 1 at Campos del Paraíso reservoir (CU) José F. Fernández; 4 at La Veguilla lagoon (CR) Benito Montiel; 7 over Corral de Calatrava (CR) Fernando Hidalgo; 17 over San Martín del Pimpollar (AV) Juan F. Rodríguez; 29 at El Campazo lagoon (CC) Neil Renwick; 3 at La Cumbre (CC) Martin Kelsey; 3 over Esparragalejo (BA) Felipe Rodríguez; 340 at Gabriel y Galán reservoir (CC) Mario Arcos; 2 over Proserpina (BA) José M. Benítez; 32 at the lagoon complex of Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Vicky García; 60 feeding in dehesas between Hinojosa del Duque and El Viso (CO) Antonio Garrido; 1 in Cabo de Gata salt pans (AL) Chris Kehoe; flock over Artieda (Z) Javier López; 45 over Calahorra (LR) Jesús M. García; 45 at Aldearrubia weir (SA) Valeriano Gutiérrez; 1 at Zapardiel de la Cañada reservoir (AV) Juan F. Redondo; 45 over Aldeanueva de Ebro (LR) José M. García; 9 over Valencia; 66 over Tauste (Z) Javier López; 415 roost at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Arón Blázquez, Chema García; 609 roost at El Cañizar lagoon, Villarquemado y Cella (TE) Emilio Bobed and 220 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Adrián Reina.



Image nº 19: Cranes at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA). Photo: José A Cortés.



Image nº 20: Cranes at Almenara marsh (CS). Photo: Cristian Martínez

-28/10/25: 527 roosted at Alange reservoir; 42 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Mara Brans; 8 over Madrid, Antonio Alía (ARDEIDAS); 170 at Belalcázar (CO) José Cañas; 85 at Hoyo de la Cruz, Bujaraloz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 350 at Alarcón reservoir (CU) Fernando Alonso; 1 at Xilxes (CS) José M. Musoles; 115 at the lagoon complex of Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Vicky García; 10 over Grañen (HU) Silvia Duque; 1 at Camarles (T) Mariska de Graaff; 108 over Logroño (LR) Javier Robres; >65 over Artieda (Z) Javier López; 3 in Almenara marsh (CS) Miguel A. Pardo; 2 at Prat de Cabanes (CS) José Valentí; 4 over Aia (G) Héctor González; 164 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Raúl Pascual; 320 over Trillo (GU) Sofía García; 8 over El Espartal (TO) Yanina Maggiotto; 4 at Santillana reservoir (M) Fernando Sánchez; 20 at El Campazo lagoon (CC) Neil Renwick; 300 at Riobobos weir (SA) Miguel Rodríguez, Fosio Carracedo; 189 at La Nava lagoon (P) David Miguélez, Javier Pi; 25 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) José A. Calvo; 196 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) José A. Cortés; 6 at Sástago saltflats (Z) Vittorio Pedrocchi; 7 over Muel (Z) Javier Ferreres; 6 over Los Galachos de la Alfranca (Z) José M. Sánchez; 27 over Colmenar Viejo (M) Samuel de la Torre; 11 over Logroño (LR) Michel Marín; 3 over Cañada Juncosa (CU) Raúl González; 5 over Pago de San Clemente (CC) Martin Kelsey; 53+52 over Calahorra (LR) Jorge Ezquerro; 114 over Logroño (LR) Rosario; 48 over Calahorra (LR) Jesús M. García; 65 over Toledo, Joaquín Martí; 250 migrating at night, at 20:20h, over Huesca, Rajen Ayerra; 3,033 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A).

*850 over Organbidexka Pass (FR) Luca Felique et al.*



Image nº 21: Solitary crane at Xilxes (CS). Photo: José M. Musoles.

-29/10/25: 50 over Los Lotes, Hinojosa del Duque (CO) Carmen M. Ayuso; 4 over Gernika (BI) Aitor Urrutia; 50 over Salvatierra (AR) Peio Urrutia; 50 over Salburua (AR) Mikel Martínez; 7+1 at Lo Poyo del Mar Menor (MU) Ricardo Moral; 5 over Montejo de Tiermes (SO) Jesús M. Lekuona; 12 between Calahorra and Pradejón (LR) Pablo Tascón; 43 between Alfaro and Rincón de Soto (LR) Miguel Martínez; 50 over Corera (LR) Jon Serrano; 103 over Logroño (LR) Michel Marín; 62 over Logroño (LR) in the opposite direction, Jesús M. García; 12+14+29 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Gómez; 45 over Santillana reservoir (M) José A. Díaz (GOEP); 70 at Almoharín (CC) René van der Linden; 1 over Txingudi (G) José F. Esparcia; 1 over Betolaza (AR) Guritz Larrañaga; 25 over Cirueña (LR) Kepa Unanue; 32 over Santa Cruz de Yangüas (SO) Eduardo Alfaro; 5 over Soria, Ignacio Blanco; 5 in Alcudia valley, Almodóvar del Campo (CR) David Guarnizo; 15 over Sureste Natural Park (M) Carlos Talabante; 20 over Madrid, Elena Cantalapiedra; 25 over Móstoles (M) Paula González; 3 over Saucedilla (CC) Sophie Godwin; 98 in Villafàfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Manuel Segura; 60 over Renera (GU) Susana Alcolea; 40 over Lebrija (SE) Fausti Martínez; 608 go to roost at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román.

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Image nº 22: Cranes at Lo Poyo del Mar Menor (MU). Photo: Ricardo Moral.

-30/10/25: 24+3 at the River Tinto/Odiel (H) José M. Méndez; 115 at Hoyo de la Cruz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 463 at Sotonera reservoir (HU), where 30 arrive on migration, Paco Quesada; 100 at Selgua (HU) Jan Verhoeve; 5 over Olmos de Atapuerca (BU) Fede Sancho; 315 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Juan R. Cuervo; 7 at Piedra Aguda reservoir (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 1 over Lasarte-Oria (G); 8 at Castellò d'Empúries (GI); 200 at La Janda (CA) Fernando Gross; 4 at San Juan del Puerto (H) Juanjo Cipriano; flock migrating over Solsona (LL) Juan Lorente; 9 at Más Blanc reservoir (HU) César Piñol; 1 at Salburua (AR) Alberto Zubiazurre, Miguel A. Mora; 9 at Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Alejandro López, Javier Pi; 112 over Ablitas (NA) Ricardo Rodríguez; 5 over Zaragoza, Alberto A.; 18 over Fuencaliente de Medinaceli (SO) Juan P. del Álamo; 1 over the River Linares (GU) Rodri G. Vegas; 8 over Algora (GU) Jannick Forquignon; 10 over Añover de Tajo (M) Abel Casado; Natwick Simon; 44 over Ciempozuelos (M) Enrique Soria; 70 over Boadilla del Monte (M) Juan C. Marín; heard at Marazuela (SG) Juan A. Robledano; 65 over Zarza de Granadilla (CC) Pau Martín; 30 over Camprodón (GI) 119 over Berriozar (NA) José Ardaíz; 101 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Azahara Romero, Alberto Ursua; 16 at Alcollarín reservoir (CC), 50 at Sierra Brava reservoir (CC) and 200 at Vegas Altas (BA) Colin Lamond; 28 over Cornalvo reservoir (BA) Elvira del Viejo; 25 roost at El Tiradero pond, Hinojal (CC) Fran Rojo.

*198 over Organbidexka Pass (FR) Luca Fetique et al.*



Image nº 23: Roosting cranes at El Tiradero pond (CC). Photo: Fran Rojo.

-31/10/25: roosted at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 30+35 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Manuel Salcedo, Ray Canseco (ARDEIDAS); 5 at San Lorenzo de Flúmen (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 9 over Leiva (LR) Alejandro López; 1 over Donostia/San Sebastián (G); 10 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA), 15 at Sotos de Alfaro (LR), 30 at Arguedas (NA) and 62 over Tudela (NA) Jannick Forquignon; 35 over El Alto de Aibar (NA) Jon Sola; 5 at Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Jesús M. García; 80 over the River Ebro in Calahorra (LR) Jorge Ezquerro; 10 at Leiva reservoir (LR) Arturo Lafuente; 50 over Calahorra (LR) Pilar Azpiroz; 7 in the Ebro Delta, Amposta (T); 100 at Las Urdimalas, Malpartida de Plasencia (CC) José M. Jiménez; 18 over Sureste Natural Park (M) Philip Mecola; 5 over Madrid, Luis DG; 15 over Miranda de Ebro (BU) Maribel Gutiérrez; 32 at El Campazo lagoon (CC) Neil Renwick; 65 over Almendralejo (BA) Agustín; 130 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Kristyn Ferguson; 580 roost at Borbollón reservoir (CC) Miguel Todón; 583 roost at Los Canchales reservoir (BA) José A. Román.

-300 over *Lizarreta Pass* (FR) *Joel Honticq*

-01/11/25: 1 at Lo Poyo del Mar Menor (MU) Javier Palacios; 13 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Canalejas; 52 at La Nava lagoon (P) Andrés Requejo; 45 roosted at La Zolina reservoir (NA) Íñigo Zalbidea; 100 over Villarroya (Z) Pablo Monroy; 14 over Madrid, Ángel Velasco; 123 at Belalcázar (CO) Juanma Sánchez; 30 over Bermejuelas (SE) Javier Rengel; 330 at Almoharín (CC) Rene van der Linden; 3 over Txingudi, Irún (G) and 20 over Hendaya (FR) Miguel A. Mora, David Santamaría; 15 over Reus (T) Jorge Cobas, Andrea Vicente; 80 at La Villaveta reservoir, Lónguida (NA) Carlos Monzón; 68 over La Loteta reservoir (Z) Fede Sancho; 2,000 on Bello hillside (TE) Joaquin Pérez; 30 over Los Galachos de la Alfranca (Z) Marcos Ascaso; 71 at Bujaraloz (Z) Juan C. Bellido, Inés Abad; 7 over Zaragoza, Enrique Pelayo; 467 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Jorge Leonor, Eneko Leonor; 8 over Ávila, Lois Santos, Antón Santos; 29 over Valdetorres del Jarama (M) David Emilov, Hugo Díez; 19+14 at Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) Munir Chaouni, Miguel Martín, Miguel Rodríguez; 300 at Rosarito reservoir (AV), 3 at El Rincón reservoir (AV) and 14 at Calera y Chozas (TO) José I. Gómez, José M. de la Peña; 19 over Pueblonueva (TO) Marcos Vázquez; 13 over Yuncos (TO) Blas Molina; 16 at El Vicario

reservoir (CR) Antonio Mansilla; 175 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Jesús García; 9 at Cerro Mesado lagoon (CR) Carmen Gutiérrez; 60 at Casa Castillo, Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Benito Montiel; 13 at Pétrola (AB) María Yeste; 1 at Carranque (TO) Ana López; 50 at Manjavacas lagoon (CU) JG; 300 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) José A. Calvo, Miguel García, Javier Nicolau; 1 at Carranque (TO) Ana López; 1 over the River Manzanares (M) Gonzalo Parra; 9 at Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Javier Pi; 17 at Las Seguras (CC) José M. García; 21+21+61 over San Román de los Montes (TO) Ángel Soto (ARDEIDAS); 10 over the Sierra del Castellar, Zafra (BA) Fran Montaña; 6+32 over El Carrascalejo (BA) Francis Prieto; 300 at La Janda (CA) Alejandro Onrubia; 183 at Silo lagoon (CU) Francisco Baena; 1 at Sotos de Alfaro (LR) José R. Martínez, Andrés Martínez; 78 in Barbate marshes (CA) Ricky Owen, Barbara Etherton, Derek Etherton. 1,593 over *Organbidexka* Pass (FR) Luca Fetique et al; 2,043 over *Lindus* (FR) Sandra Pineda, Rajen Ayerra; 35 over *Lizarreta* Pass (FR) Elisa Gérard et al.



Image nº 24: Group over Cambrillos del Guadarrama gravel pits (TO). Photo: Miguel García.

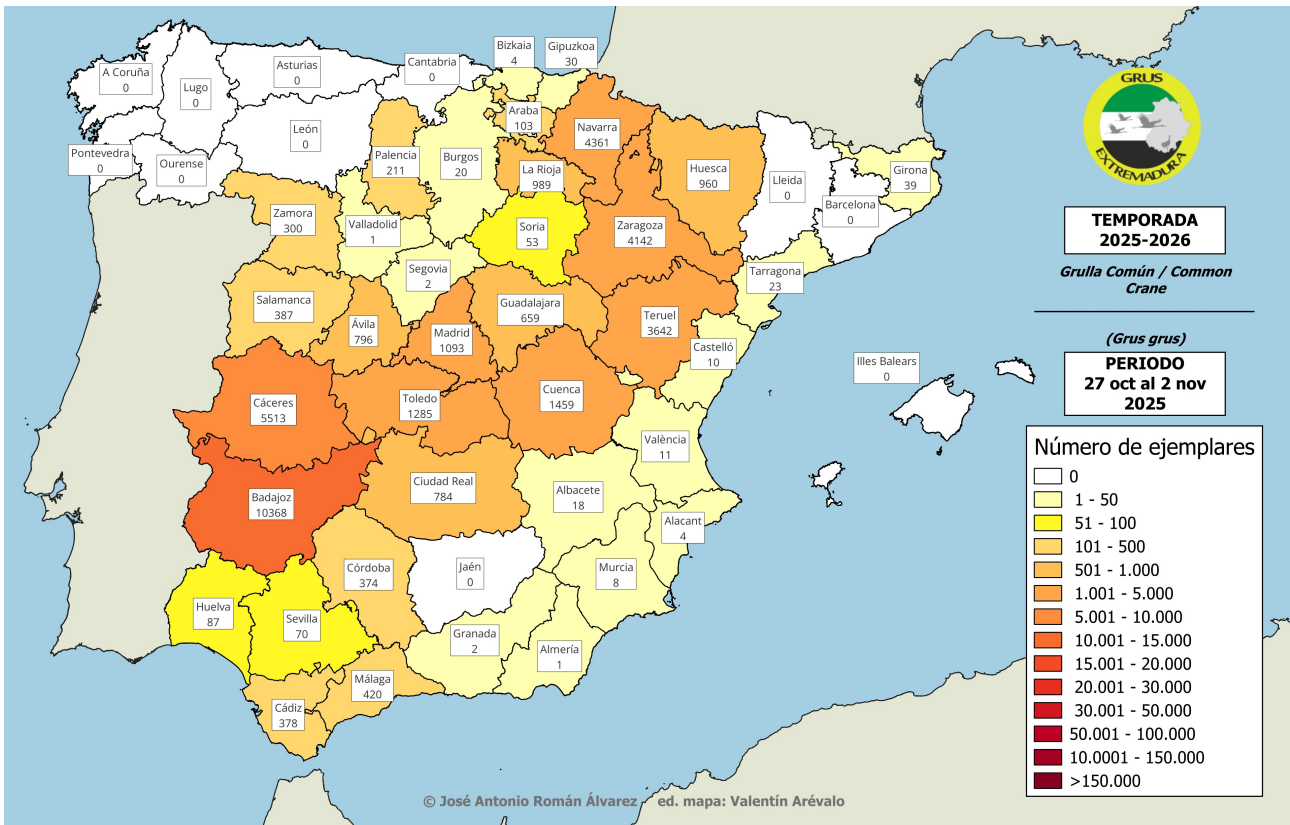
-02/11/25: 2 at Almenara marsh (CS) Andrés Balfagón; 1 at Camarles (T) Freddy Rivas; 9 at Aiguamolls de l'Empordà (GI) Edouard Fonrdevila; 23 at Arguedas (NA) Jesús M. García; 4 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) Diego Uche; 2 at Salburua (AR) Raúl Araujo, Sonia Sánchez, Jagoba Bengoa; 9 over Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Óscar Gutiérrez; 10 over Villalobar de la Rioja (LR) José I. Sáenz; 170 at La Nava lagoon (P) Rubén Sánchez; 22 at Boada de Campos lagoon (P) Fernando Jubete Guzón; 300 in Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Carlos Díez, Miguel Díez; 100 at Riobobos weir (SA) and 7 at Villar de Gallimazo (SA) Tino Fernández; 2 at Alba de Tormes (SA) Fernando Aranguren; 120 at Ontígola (TO) Unai

Fuente; 11 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) César Espinosa; 23 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Ricardo Bedia; 17 over Velilla de San Antonio (M) César Infante; 3 over Aranjuez (M) Luis M. Pérez; 30 over Seseña (TO) Miguel Garcia; 29 at San Clemente (CU) Fernando Becerra; 85 at Zarza de Granadilla (CC) Jenny Viskens, Michel Viskens; 12 over Guadiloba reservoir (CC) and 3 over Santa Marta de Magasca (CC) Javier Caballero; 37+9+18 over Badajoz, Nicolás Pérez, Unai Ormazábal, Sonia Wandosell, Jesús Guerrero; 45 circling over Trujillo (CC) José M. Rojo; 500 near Santa Amalia (BA) Francisco Benítez; 3 at Cuncos reservoir, Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Domingos Leitao; 265 over Fuendejalón (Z) Marco A. Escudero; 2 over Morata de Jalon (Z) Borja Sanz; 315 migrating over La Loteta reservoir (Z) Fede Sancho; 110+76+231+83+92+73+25+180 over Villar del Infantado (CU) Carmen Fernández; 48 over San Pedro reservoir (CO) Antonio Leiva; 18 at Pétrola (AB) Conchi (SAO); 42 over Pastrana (GU) Cristina Giner; 200 at La Veguilla lagoon (CR) María Fernández, Alba Becerro; 42 at Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Benito Montiel; 27 over Herencia (CR) David Tendero; 75 at Manjavacas lagoon (CU) JG; 39 at Navaseca lagoon (CR) José M. Ordex, José M. de la Peña; 93 at Palazuelo (CC) and 227 at Villar de Rena (BA) Juan P. Prieto; 28 at La Cumbre (CC) Martin Kelsey, Jesús Porras; 4 at Belén (CC) and 14 at Torrecillas de la Tiesa (CC) Colin Lamond; 2 over La Aldea del Obispo (CC) Neil Renwick; 23 over Mérida (BA) Jesús Guerrero; 21 over Torrijos (TO) Cristina Gómez; 120 at Huélagas (CC) Pedro Sánchez; 203 at Peña Hueca lagoon (TO) Ana I. Tamurejo; 7 over Sierra de Fuentes (CC) Santi Ezquerro; 3 over Txingudi (G) José F. Esparcia; 16 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Jesús M. García; 44 over Madrid, Pablo Gamarra; 16 over Fuenlabrada (M) Paula González; 146 over Sureste Natural Park, San Martín de la Vega (M) Eva Pinillos, Sofía Borop, Pablo Guzmán; 200 at La Veguilla lagoon (CR) Marco Fernández, Alba Becerra; 2 at Portaje reservoir (CC) Juan A. García; 150 at La Fresnedilla pond, Oliva de Plasencia (CC) Vicente Torres; 80+70 over Arrocampo reservoir (CC), 30+60+35+2 over Saucedilla (CC) Javier Prieta; >100 at Arroyoconejo reservoir (BA) Miguel Corvillo.

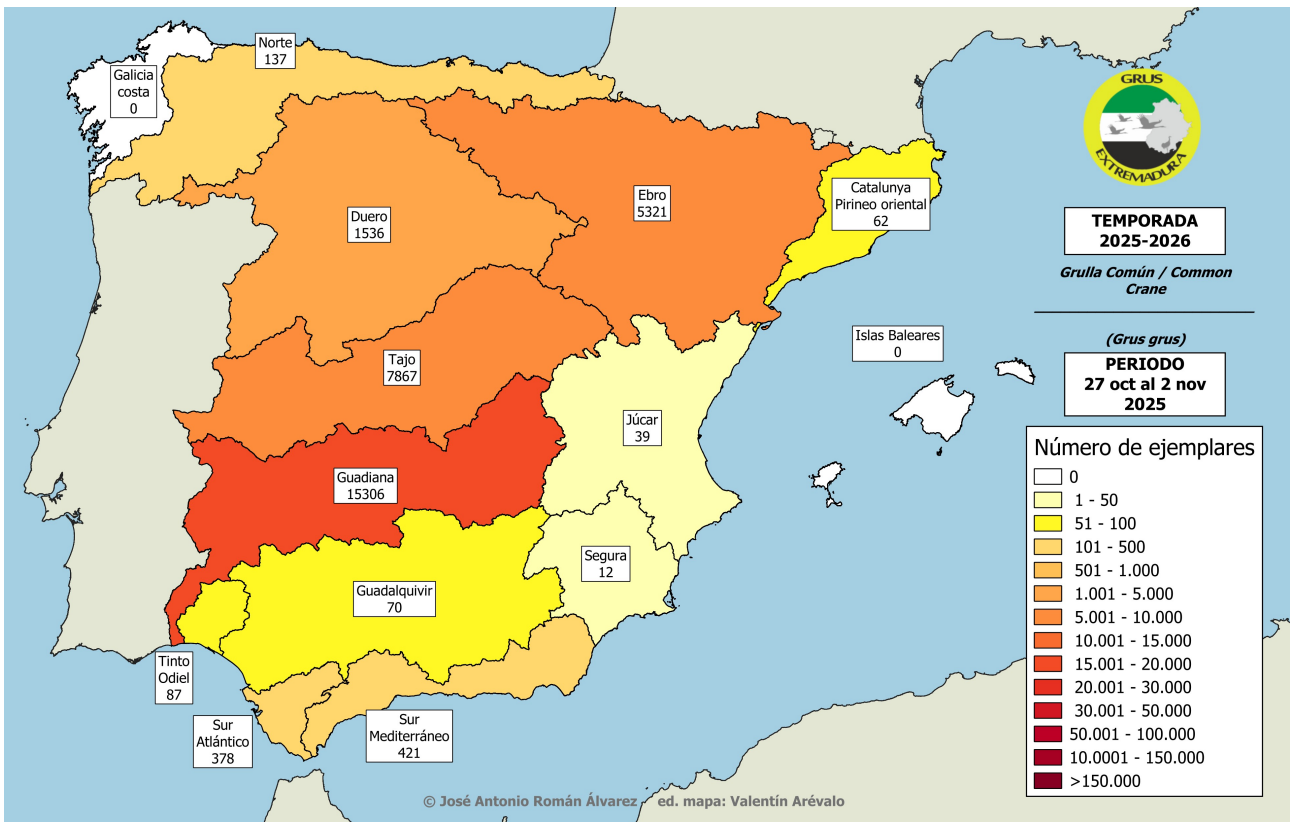
*572 over Organbidexka Pass (FR) Paco Quesada.*



Image nº 25: Cranes at Zarza de Granadilla (CC). Photo: Michel Viskens.



Map nº 12: Migration and distribution by provinces between October 27 and November 2.



Map nº 13: Migration and distribution by water catchment areas between October 27 and November 2.

*Moderate migration during the week, picking up at the end of it.*

-03/11/25: 87 roost in the River Tinto (H) José M. Méndez; 236 at Hoyo de la Cruz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 50+15 over Proserpina towards feeding areas, Elvira del Viejo (ADENEX); 9 over Torrejón del Rey (GU) Fernando Gomez (DALMA); 72 roosted at Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 233 at Yelbes (BA), 316 between Santa Amalia and Hernán Cortés (BA) and 741 at Torviscal (BA) José A. Román; 120 between Aldea del Cano and Rincón de Ballesteros (CC) Gerardo Pizarro; 50 at Los Lotes, Hinojosa del Duque (CO); 30 over Torija (GU) Jesús Sanz (DALMA); 26 over Villafranca de los Caballeros (TO) Julio Garcia, several flocks over Grande lagoon, Villafranca (TO) M Carmen Comendador; 23 over Aranjuez (M) Sol Senise; 14 over Simancas (VA) Peque Herrero; 26 over Solsona/Castellvell (LL) Lluís Brotons; 16 over the Sierra de Ujué (NA) Jorge Valilla; 50 over Larraga (NA) María Calahorra; 500 over Mugartea reservoir (NA) Marcos Sánchez; 412 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Raúl Pascual; 140+260 over Pamplona (NA) Gorka Gorospe; 1 over Irún (G) David Santamaría; 2 at Las Cañas reservoir (NA) José L. Gabela, Javier Robres, José I, Sáenz; 192 over Agodoncillo (LR) Alvar A.; 28 over Alfaro (LR) Amadeo Ortega; nocturnal passage over Alfaro (LR) Miguel Martínez; 38 over Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Jonathan Dadds; 16 at La Veguilla lagoon (CR) Benito Montiel; 30 over Villarta (CR) David Tendero; 29 over Ciudad Real, Jorge Serrano; 150 over Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pit (TO) Chemi Ibáñez; 45 over Fuenlabrada (M) Paula González; 40 over Mejorada del Campo (M) José M. Sendarrubia; 106 over Villar del Olmo (M) Juan C. Del Moral; 5 at Buendía reservoir (CU) Sofía Garcia; heard at Fuente de Pedro Navarro (CR) Gumer González; 20 at La Cumbre (CC) Colin Lamond; 12 at Santa Marta de Magasca (CC) Neil Renwick; 9 over Guadiloba reservoir (CC) Colin Lamond; 223 at La Atalaya pond, Aldea del Cano (CC) Francis Martín; 150 at Sierra Brava reservoir (CC) Valentín Klug; 30 over Cornalvo Natural Park (BA) Martin Kelsey; 6 over Don Álvaro (BA) Fergus Crystal; 234 at El Hoyo reservoir (AV) Juan R. Cuervo; 2 at La Nava lagoon (P) Miguel A. Fernández; 9+11+5 in Doñana National Park (SE) Cathy Ivancic, Pedro Bravo; 2 at Baza (GR) Juan A. Dengra; 417 at La Janda (CA) Julio Ortega, Antonio J. Sepúlveda; 32 at Entrepeñas reservoir (GU) Sofía García.



Image nº 26: Adult and juvenile at Baza (GR). Photo: Juan A. Dengra.

-04/11/25: 65 over Rejas de San Esteban (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 726 roosted at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 45 over the Sierra de Ávila at Gamonal de la Sierra and 16 at Solana del Río, Chema García; 350 feeding in the area around Alarcón reservoir (CU) Fernando Alonso; 243 at Hoyo de la Cruz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 23 over Toledo University, Ángel Velasco (SEO-TO); 13+30 over Villamanta (M) Alfredo Mirat, José A. Fimia, Adrián Fernández; 55 over Canales de la Sierra (LR) Alejandro López; 90 over Berriozar (NA) Juan I. Deán; 4+13 over Toledo, Marcos Ansón; 50+87 over Irún (G) José F. Esparcia, David Santamaría; 25 over Amposta (T); 28 over the Sierra del Perdón (NA) Jorge Nubla; 3 in El Este Natural Park (SE) Jaime Miralles; 172 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Victoriano Mora; 192 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Barbara Etherton, Derek Etherton; 2 in Almenara marsh (CS) Juan R. Villora; 7 in the Ebro Delta (T) Cristián Martínez; 7 at Sariñena (HU) Marcelino Navarro; 1 in Bárdenas Reales Natural Park (NA) David Grejo; 24 over Zaragoza, Francisco J. Sampietro; 250 at La Nava lagoon (P) Francisco J. Cano; 44 at Boada de Campos lagoon (P) Javier Pi; 21 at Gadiana (BA) Arturo Pérez; 44 over Casarrubios del Monte (TO) Adrián Fernández; 43 over Madrid, Pablo Gamarra; 39 over Toledo, Manuel Rosa; 35 over Marchamalo (GU) Fernando Gómez (DALMA); 32 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Cristina Ruíz; 52 over Los Santos de la Humosa (M) Joaquín Jiménez; 7 at El Vicario reservoir (CR) José Gómez; 3 on Azaila saltflats (TE) Iván de la Torre; 135 over Valdebebas Forest Park (M) Cristophe Pontegnie; 40 over the River Manzanares (M) Carmen Alonso, Javier Gallego; 35 over Talayuela (CC) Ángel L. Méndez; 93 in dehesas at Rosarito reservoir (AV) Dave Langlois; 2 over Sevilla, Álvaro Crespín; 400 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Alberto Gonzalo, Luis J. Martín; 3,682 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 717 go to roost at Alange reservoir (BA) Juan J. Negro, Alfredo, José A. Román.



Image nº 27: Family of cranes at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA). Photo: Derek Etherton.

-05/11/25: 1,168 roosted at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 2,682 over Irún, Jon Sola, David Santamaría, Joseán Belzunce, Aitor Urrutia, Daniel Morcillo, Josu Urrutia; heard at Oiartzun (G); 150 over Tolosa (G); 8 over Sondika (BI) Arcadi Atxa; 15 over Reus (T) 1 over El Papiol (B); 7 at Aiguamolls de l'Empordà (GI) Àlex Kite; 2 over Amposta (T) Jordi Jover; 5 over Villamediana (LR) Javier Robres, Borja Ruíz; 34 over Aranjuez (M) Sol Senise; 20 over Madrid, Davis Smith; 14 over Borox (TO) Miguel García; 400 at Honrubia (CU) Raúl González; 50 over Miranda de Ebro (BU) Silvestre Besga; 2 at La Zolina reservoir (NA) Haritz Sarasa; 220 in Selgua rice fields (HU) Jan Verhoeve; 23 at El Pas reservoir (HU) Aitor Mora; 13 over La Aldea del Obispo (CC) Neil Renwick; 40 at San Juan del Puerto (H) Antonio Aguilera; 1 on Motril plain (GR) Juan Rodríguez, Carlos Amores, Ignacio Barrionuevo; 350 at La Janda (CA) Jaime González  
 500 over Lizarreta Pass (FR) Joel Hourtiq



Image nº 28: Cranes over Alange (BA), Photo: Juan J. Negro.

-06/11/25: 100 over Guadalajara, José M. Gómez (DALMA); 8 in Pego-Oliva marsh (A) Antoine Gergaud; 2 in Almenara marsh (CS) Felipe Molina, Isaac Carretero, Andrés Balfagón; 3 over Madrid, Andrés Lorente; 12 over Móstoles (M) Carmen Díez; 85 at Vegas Altas (BA) Kevin Honour; 60 at Casa Hitos, Madrigalejo (CC) Martin Kelsey; 49 at Campo Lugar (CC) Irene Ramírez, Carlos Pacheco; 25 at Castelló de Empuries (GI); 30 in Ebro Delta Natural Park (T) Harold Wijts; 1 at Ebro reservoir (CT) Beatriz García; 26 at La Zolina reservoir (NA) Juan I. Deán; 14 over Barcience (TO) Marcos Ansón; 7 over Quintana de la Serena (BA); 43 over Alfaro (LR) Tania Visanzay; 50 over Abay (HU) Daniel Barcelo; 1 in L'Albufera Natural Park (V) Koen Vansteenlad; 347 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Arón Blázquez; 240 over Sangüesa (NA) Jorge Nubla; 2 at Larga lagoon, Villacañas (TO) María J. Valencia; 25 roost at La Veguilla lagoon (TO) Vicky García.  
 1,366 over Organbidexka Pass (FR)



Image nº 29: Adult and juvenile in Almenara marsh (CS). Photo: Isaac Carretero.

-07/11/25: 80+40 over Alfaro (LR) Juan P. Malumbres, Tania Vasanzay; 32 drinking at Los Ojos pond, Caminreal (TE) Antonio Torrijo; 90 over Toledo University, Ángel Velasco; 7 over Burgos, Rufino Fernández; 10 at Castellò d' Empuries (GI); 32 over Sant Pere Pescador (GI); 17 over Cerdanyola del Vallès (B); 14 over Santa Maria de Palautordera (B); 70 over Montcada i Reixac (B) Lluís-X. Toldrà; 153 over Pontils (T) Manuel Pineda; 2 over Sagunt Port (V) Ángel Bereje; 43 at El Pas reservoir (HU) César Piñol; 7 over Pamplona (NA) Rajen Ayerra; 6 over Zaragoza, Enrique Pelayo; 18 at Pétrola lagoon (AB) Noé Cuesta; 1 over Burgos, César Díez, Rafael Díez; 29 over Sotos (CU) Ignacio Fernández; 3 over dehesa at Pedro Manrique (SO) Eduardo Alfaro; 250 at Vegas Altas (BA) Martín Kelsey; 17 over Barcelona Autonomous University, Martí González; 4 in L'Albufera Natural Park (V) Antonio Llópez; 200 at La Janda (CA) Tamara Rumia; 7 at Torrubia del Castillo (CU) Raúl González; 5 over Alcarràs (LL); heard at Aquaire (LL) 500 in dehesas at Granja de Torrehermosa (BA) Antonio Montes; 1,245 go to roost at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; heard at night at 20:03h over Alfés (LL) José Guerra, Marc Gálvez.

*418 over Organbidexka Pass (FR)*

-08/11/25: 27 over Obanos (NA) Diego Zalbidea; 28 over Zaragoza, Joseán Domínguez; 389 at Bujaraloz (Z) Arnau Guardia; 134 over Zaragoza, José M. Sánchez; 400 at Bujaraloz (Z) Arnau Guardia; 100 in dehesas and 9 over La Colada reservoir (CO), Carmen M. Ayuso, Enrique; 8 over the Sierra del Buey, Jumilla (MU) Pepe Seiquer; 34 over Palma de Mallorca (IB) Busqueret; 80 over Vilanant (GI) Ernest Sala; 100 over Torrelles de Montgrí (GI) Stefan Allman; 150 over Arbúcies (GI) Pau García; 15 over Viladecans (B) Ramón Berenguer; 150 over Torelles de Llobregat (B) Juan Mora; 162 over Malgrat de Mar (B) Luciano Sitiver; 2 over Vilanova i la Geltrú (B) Sergio Carreras; heard over Gurb (B) Jordi Faus; 150 over Pontils (T) 30 in the Ebro Delta (T) Jaróme Benezet;

21 over Reus (T) Martí González; 20 over La Masò (T) Juan; 30+97 over Sitges (B) Eric Mozas; 30 over El Prat beach (B) Oriol Palom; 15 over Remolar beach (B) Manuel Palomo; 102 over San Cugat del Vallés (B) Bernat Iglesias; 267+150 over Martorelles (B) Pau Iglesias, Javier Notario; 6 at Pals (GI) Jan Martín; 1 at El Hondo reservoir (A) Darío Gijón; 6 over the Serra de Olta (A) Eike Fabián; 12 in Moros marsh (V) Andrés Balfagón; 10 in Almenara marsh (CS) Erik Saura; >200 over Artieda (Z) Javier López; 165 at Sotonera reservoir (HU); 83 at Alboré (HU) Paco Quesada; 4 over Belate Pass (NA) Asier Sasasua; 4 at Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Javier Robres; 25 over Garray (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 150 at Alarcón reservoir, Valverde de Júcar (CU) Fernando Alonso; 50 over Segóbriga (CU) and 200 over Estrecho de la Garita (CU) Gumer González; 10 over Cabanillas del Monte (SG) Rafa Sánchez; 80 over Guaraz reservoir (TO) Ángel Cano, Gregorio Pérez; 500 over Aranjuez (M) José M. Paraíso; 40 over Valdemoro (M) Rafa Al; 40 over Sureste Natural Park (M) Ismael Ruiz, Adrián Meca, Philip Mecola; 300 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Francisco Hidalgo; 47 in Pinilla saltpans (AB) Rafael Torralba; heard at Cabañeros National Park (CR) Mario Díaz; 55 at El Rincón reservoir, Candeleda (AV) Ana Bartolomé; 9 at Torrecillas de la Tiesa (CC) Jesús Porras; 300 at Yelbes (BA) Raúl González; 30 over Badajoz; 200 at La Fresnedilla pool and 5 at El Estanco pool, Oliva de Plasencia (CC) Vicente Torres; 7 over Toro (ZA) Marín Rodríguez, Manuel Rodríguez; 350 in Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) J. Rayman; 268 in Alto Guadiato SPA, El Porvenir (CO) Antonio Leiva; 113 at La Granjuela (CO) Álvaro Crespín; 14 over Serranillos (TO) Soledad de la Llama (ARDEIDAS); >400 at Granja de Torrehermosa (BA) Miguel Corvillo; arrival of migrants in the afternoon at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Eva Gascón; 123 roost at La Torrecilla, Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) Vicente G. Garrudo; 1,900 roost at Peña Hueca lagoon (TO) Ángel Velasco (SEO-TO).  
*2,240 over Organbidexka Pass (FR) Luca Felique et al.*



Image nº 30: Crane at El Hondo reservoir (A). Photo: Sergio Arroyo.

-09/11/25: Nocturnal passage at 02:55h over Artieda (Z) Javier López; 1,641 roosted at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 20 feeding at Cespedosa de Tormes (SA) Vega Bermejo; 10 arrive at El Hondo reservoir (A) Sergio Arroyo (AHSA); between 5,000 and 7,000 cranes over Gallocanta on migration, without stopping, Antonio Torrijo, Felipe Rosado, where more arrive continuously on migration, Felipe Rosado; 5+8+100 over Guadalajara, José María Gómez (DALMA); 96 over Santa Isabel (Z) Paco Quesada; 1 at Rabisanxo, Alfafar (V) Paco Villena; 40+39+115+130+60+105+68 over Zaragoza, Joseán Domínguez, María Rodríguez, Iván de la Torre, Enrique Pelayo, Javier Traín, Pablo Benito; 140 in Capdesaso rice fields (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 35 at Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 14 over Pedro Muñoz (CR) Antonio Paredes; 80 over Guadalajara, Fernando Nestor (DALMA); 45 over Yunquera de Henares (GU) Isabel, Fernando; 45 over Villaminayo (TO) Martin Kelsey; 11 over Serranillos (TO) Soledad de la Llama (ARDEIDAS); 140 over Pastrana (GU) Ángel Arellano; 6 over the Alcudia Valley (CR) Álvaro Sánchez; 50 over Leganés (M) Marcos Rodríguez; 20 over Abades (SG) Blanca M. Rodríguez; 27 over Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Valentín López; 23 at La Veguilla lagoon (TO) Vicky García; 100 over Renera (GU) Susana Alcolea; 9 over Guadalajara, Fernando Gómez; 14+21 over Puebla de Beleña lagoon (GU) Cristina Ruíz; 25 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS); 50+65 over San Román de los Montes (TO) Soledad Llama, Ángel Soto (ARDEIDAS); 1 over Madrid, Francisco Morata; 35 over Torres del Segre (LL) Linda Kemper; heard over Barcelona, Josep Ramoneda; 1 over Calella (B) Hugo Framis; 7 over Montcada i Reixac (B) Ferrán Pujol; 18 in the Ebro Delta (T) and 22+7 over Amposta (T) Oriol Clarabuch, Toni Alonso; 50 over Tortosa (T) Raúl Miralta; 24 over Arbolí (T) and 40 over Les Borges del Camp (T) Màrius Domingo; flock over Ivars reservoir (LL) Esther Vivas; 83 over Godall (T) Jordi Pascual; 5 over Sant Jaume d'Enveja (T) Wijts Harold; 26 over Vila-Sana (LL) César Piñol; 23 over Solsona-Castellvell (LL) Lluís Brotons; 3 over Vilanova i la Geltrú (B) Sergi Carreras; 11 over Castelldeu (B) Sergio Hoces; 4 at Aiguamolls de l'Empordà (GI) Sala Tarrès; 2 over Aiguavia (GI) Guillem Sagner; 30 over Sarrià de Ter (GI) Artur Morales 18 over Mirandilla (BA) Mariano Cabrero; 80 over Acedera (BA) Diana Appels; 17 over Don Benito (BA) Lucas de Golde; 25 at Belalcázar (CO) Antonio Leiva; 200+30 over Toledo, Ángel Velasco (SEO-TO), Joaquín Martí; 78 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Juan Rodríguez; 3 at Cullera (V) Juan Abella; 7 over the river Argos, Benablón (MU) Antonio J. Hernández; 17 over Jornets, Mallorca (IB) Susana Costitx; 12 over the University of the Balearic Isles, Mallorca (IB) Pau Castell; 26 over Villanueva del Gállego (Z) Luis Lorente; 42 over El Galacho de Juslibol (Z) José M. Sánchez; 50 over the River Gállego (Z) Pepa Moure; 70 at Pétrola (AB) Juanán Herreros (SAO); 50 over Bárdenas Reales Natural Park (NA) Emilie Tanguy; 1 over Lumbier, Albert A.; 1 over Tajuelo (SO) Mercè Bou, Juan L. Hernández; 30 over the River Salado (GU) Rodri G. Vegas; heard over the River Dulce ravine (GU) Jacinto López; 50 over Montejo de la Sierra beech woods (M) Guillermo Gómez; 3 at Aldeaseca (AV) Víctor Coello; 400 at Ríolobos weir (SA) Miguel Rodríguez, Miguel Martín; 128 over Cuenca, Ignacio Fernández, Luis Tárraga, Andrés Pinedo; 41 at El Hito lagoon (CU) Jesús Ruíz; 15 over Fuente de Pedro Naharro (CU) Gumer González; 82 over Campo de Criptana (CR) Luis T.; 19 over Arenas de San Juan (CR) Diego Tendero; 400 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Eduardo García; 38 over Luciana (CR) Laura M. Barroso, Benito Sánchez; 15 over Pozuelo de Calatrava (CR) Francisco Hidalgo; 6 over the Sierra de Andújar Natural Park (J) Toni Alcocer; flock over Campillo de la Jara (TO) Iván Martínez; 12 at Navalcán reservoir (TO) Estaban Y.; 240 over Cambrillos del Jarama gravel pits (TO) Luis M. Peinado; 24 over Torrejón de Velasco (M) José L. Machuca, M. José M. Cenamor; 1 over Móstoles (M) Adrián Rodríguez; 100+52 over Leganés (M) Eduardo Vicente, Marcos Rodríguez; 27 over Barajas Airport (M) Jonathan Hily; 20 over Madrid, Ana Salas; 2 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Jorge González; 9 at Santillana reservoir (M) Mario Moreno, Carmen Castresana, Leticia Ayllón, Eduardo

Dato; 52 over Villar del Olmo (M) Juan C. Del Moral; 2 over El Espinar (M) Gonzalo Fernández; 66 over Toledo, Joaquín; 8 over Barbatona (GU) Sergio López (DALMA); 37 over Madrid, José Ochagavía; 25 over Rivas de Tereso (LR) Jorge Alonso; 8 over Sigüenza (GU) Sergio Pérez; 2 over Béjar Pass (SA) Susana Felipe; 13 at Alcollarín reservoir (CC) José L. Herrero; 3 at La Laja reservoir, Medina de las Torres (BA) Fran Montaño; 1,156 roost at Los Canchales reservoir (BA) Elvira del Viejo, Antonia Cangas (ADENEX).

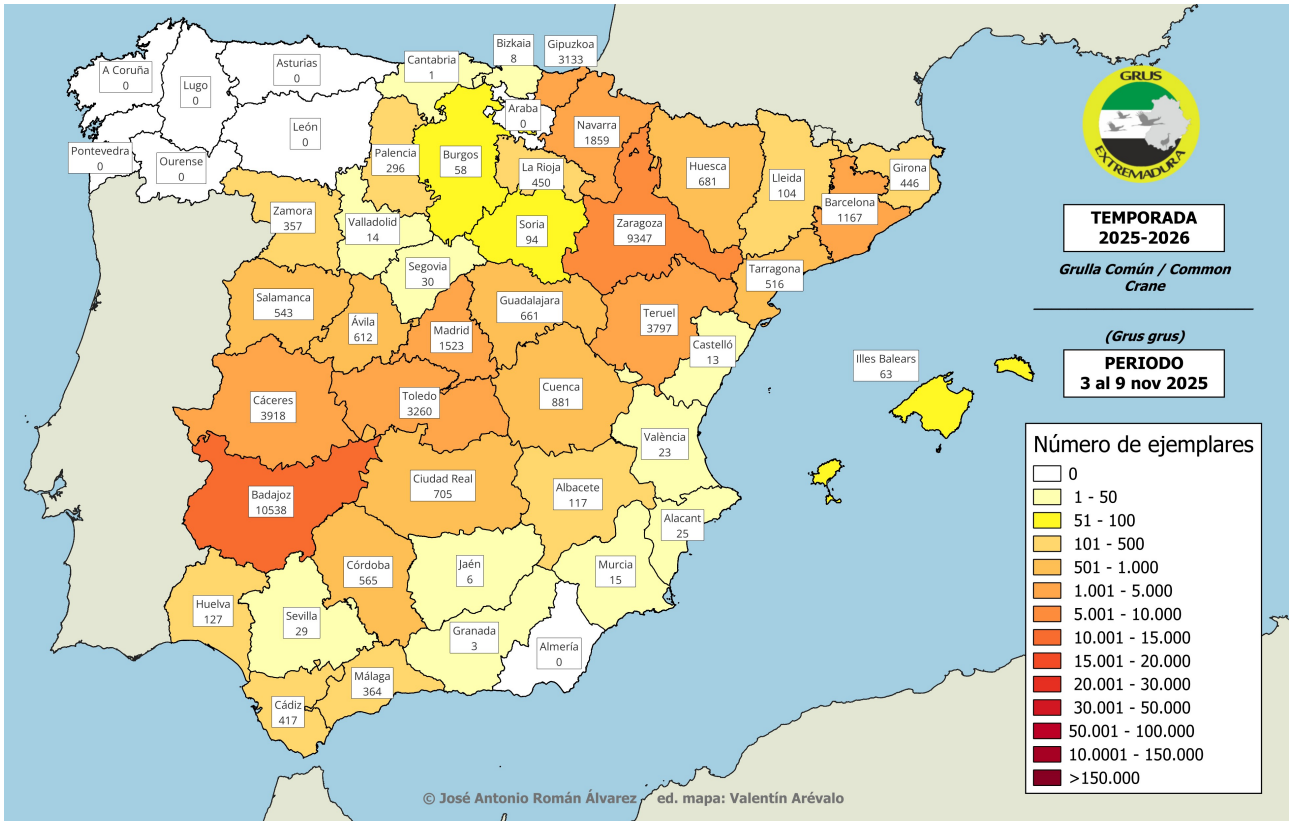
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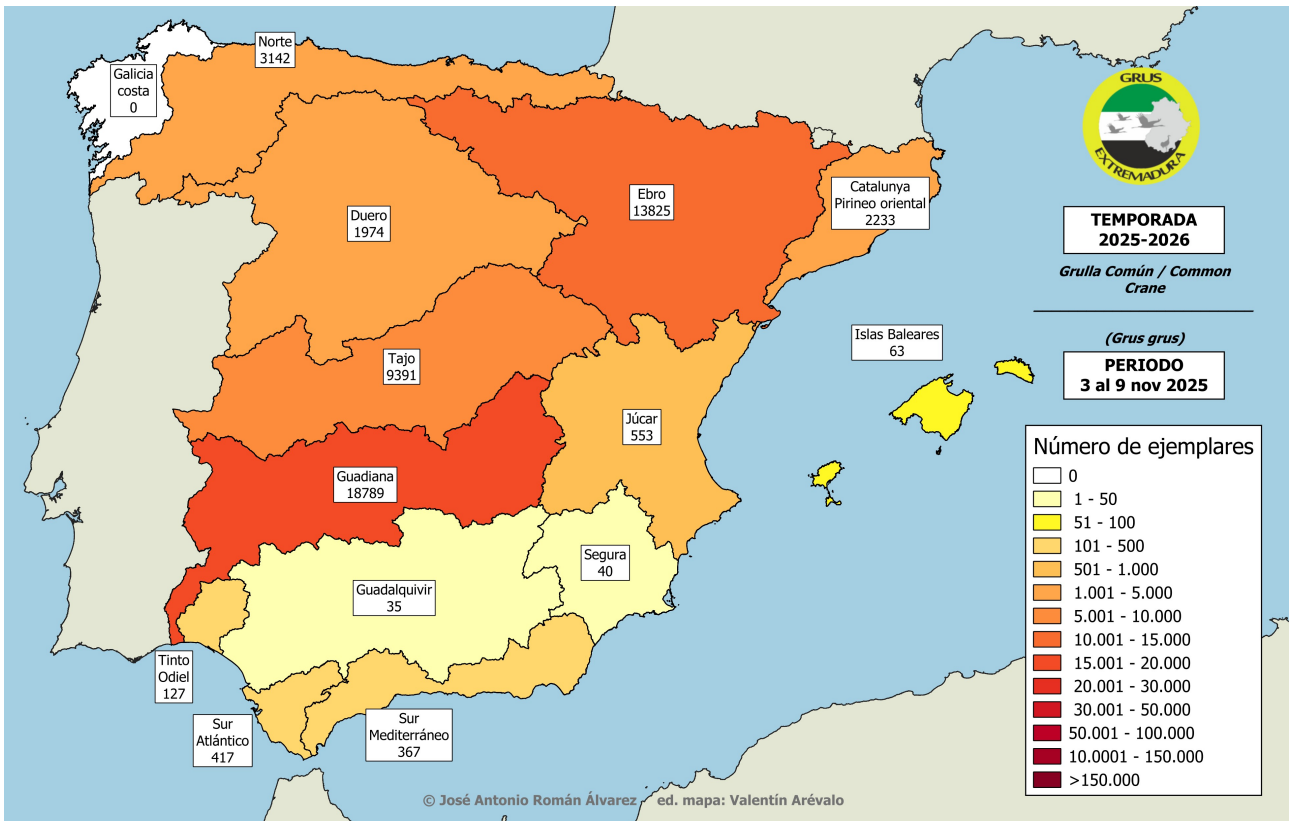
Image nº 31: Migrating flock over Cuenca. Photo: Luis Tárraga.



Image nº 32: Family group at Pétrola (AB). Photo Juanán Herreros (SAO).



Map nº 14: Migration by provinces between November 3 and 9.



Map nº 15: Migration and distribution by water catchment areas November 3 and 9.

*Nocturnal and diurnal migration restarted in the first days of the week, but the arrival of an Atlantic weather front made it difficult to follow.*

-10/11/25: Nocturnal passage over Pamplona (NA) at 04:45h and 103 go over at 08:38h, Diego Zalbidea; family group of 3 over Marcilla (NA) Gonzalo Criado; 31 at Urdaibai (BI) UBC; 67 over Sotos de Alfaro (LR) Borja Sanz; 100 at Sástago (Z) Godfried Schreur; 7 in Almenara marsh (CS) Luis Albero; 140 over Jirueque (GU) Vicente Peinado (DALMA); >100 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Cristina Ruíz; 33 over Serranillos Playa, San Román de los Montes (TO) Soledad de la Llama (ARDEIDAS); 284 over Alfaro (LR) Jesús Ucha; 500 at Hoyo de la Cruz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 10 circling at Collado Mediano (M) Adolfo Rodríguez (GOEP); 103 over Bujaraloz (Z) José L. Rivas; 65 circling over Cuenca, Fernando Alonso; 51 over Guadalajara, Carlos Paulos (DALMA); 41 over Semillas (GU) Mario (DALMA); 92+250 over Hita (GU) Jesús Serrano (DALMA); 48 over Marchamalo (GU) Cristina Campos; 18+150 over Leganés (M) Alfredo Mirat; 75 over Artieda (Z) Javier López; 170 over Chueca (M); 75 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) Mark Davis; 55 over Colmenarejo (M) Gonzalo Núñez; 40+60+15+60 over Madrid, Ana Salas, Pablo Gamarra, Toni Alonso, Manuel Vega; 40+63+5 over La Casa de Campo (M) José Pérez, Morgane Deldossi, Oliva García; 70 over Caravaca (M) Marta G. M.; 50 over Las Rozas (M) Lara Hernández; 35 over Quijorna (M) Javier Molina; 300 over Ciempozuelos (M) Belén Sevil; 25 over Móstoles (M) Daniel Ara; 5 over Mejorada del Campo (M) Laura Rodríguez; 68+20 over Rivas Vaciamadrid (M) Blas Molina, Carlos Ponce; 70 over Valdebebas (M), Chemi Ibáñez; 80 over Toledo, Ángel Velasco (SEO-TO); 114 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) José L. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS); 60 over Fuentelahiguera de Albatages (GU) and 60 over Coslada (M) Montse (DALMA); 37 over Toledo, Joaquín Martí; 100 at El Planerón, Belchite (Z) Linda Kemper; 60 over Miranda de Ebro (BU) Silvestre Besga; several flocks migrating over Araba; 16 over Santa Coloma de Gramenet (B); 2 over Argentona (B) Ignacio López; 1 in Llobregat Delta Natural Park (B) Ferrán López; 1 at Alguaire (LL) César Piñol; 24 over Solsona-Castellvell (T) Lluís Brotons; 7 at El Hondo reservoir (A) Brian Stone; 4 at Ejea de los Caballeros (Z) Emile Tanguy; 307 over the Sierra del Perdón (NA) Jorge Nubla; 5 over Zizur Mayor (NA) Elena Blanco; 22 over Alcuide Mountain (NA) Christophe Pontegnie; 80 over Cáseda (NA) Susana Lois; 100 over Lumbier Gorge (NA) Álvaro García, Dolores Caballero, Christy Esmahan, Christophe Pontegnie; 30 over Burgos, Mario Alonso; 100 over Santa Cruz de Yangüas (SO) Eduardo Alfaro; 275 over Villaluenga de la Sierra (Z) José M. Sánchez; 22 over Sotos del Río Guadiela (CU) and 300 over Trillo (GU) Sofía García; 60+150 over Estriégana (GU) Pablo Guerrero; 308 over Torremocha de Jadraque (GU) Alf Ortega; 200 over Candejas del Padrastró (GU) Miguel Díaz; 22 over Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Pedro Bustamante; 49 over Borox (TO) Miguel García; 40 over Titulcia (M) Julia García; 84 over San Juan lagoon (M) Jesús Iglesias; 110 over Sureste Natural Park (M) José A. Acuña; 17+47 over Fuenlabrada (M) Paula González, Félix Arribas; 43 over La Fortuna Park (M) Ángel Martín; 12+66 over Madrid, José M. Paraíso, Alberto Campanero; 150 over Arroyomolinos (M) M. Victoria Cabañas; 21 over El Retiro (M) Juan A. Ximenis, Daniel Izquierdo; 16 over San Blas (M) Francisco Guil; 13 over Vicálvaro (M) Luis Carretero; 60 over Chamartín (M) Manuel Vega; 175 over Aravaca (M) CCZ; 165 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Jorge González; 16 over Tres Cantos (M) Vicente Torres; 30 over Manzanares el Real (M) Robert Wilson; 75 over Guadalix de la Sierra (M) Claudia Amorós; 17+79+200 over Valdetorres de Jarama (M) Beatriz Cortés, Noelia Álvarez, Javier Hernández, John L. Muddeman; 56 over Villar Del Olmo (M) Juan C. del Moral; 50 over River Guadarrama Natural Park (M) Sonsoles Lumbreras, Samuel de la Torre; 239 over Villanueva del Pardillo (M) Mariajo Caballero; 100 over El Pardo hills (M) John L. Muddeman, Peter McCoy; 8+50+130 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Valentín, Mara Brans; 482 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Arón Blázquez; 74 over Peralejo de las Truchas (GU) Santiago Michavila (DALMA); 43+68 over Colmenar Viejo (M) Sol Senise; 23 over Madrigal de las

Altas Torres (AV) Víctor Coello; 52 at El Raso lagoon, La Pedraja de Portillo (VA) Federico Iglesias; 149 at La Nava lagoon (P) Marcos de la Peña; 1 over Ávila, Juan R. Cuervo; Luis J. Martín; 60 at Cazalegas reservoir (TO) Inés Garrido; 30 over Maqueda (TO) Luis M. Pérez; 100 over Carranque (TO) Jesús Torres; 170 over Nambroca (TO) Martin Kelsey; 60 over Villamanrique de Tajo (M) Susu R; 10 over La Marmota (AB) Isaac Carretero; 60 over Amposta (T) Ferrán Latre; 276 over Villarroya de la Sierra (Z) José M. Sánchez; 5 over Hoces de Riaza Natural Park (SG) Álvaro Díaz; 60 over El Cubillo de Uceda (GU) Jorge Aguilar; 85 over Camarna de Esteruelas (M) Jorge J Díaz; 268 over El Pardo (M) Marcos Escuredo (GOEP); 16 over Torrejón de Ardoz (M) Alejandro Bonacho; 50 over Miralrío, Velilla de San Antonio (M) Alberto Remacha; 20 over the River Almonte (CC) Diana Appels; 20 over Jerte reservoir (CC) Blas Molina; 17 over La Calzada de Béjar (SA) Francisco Aranguren; 1 over Mérida (BA) Fergus Crystal; 12 over Montijo (BA) Arturo Pérez; 165 in Doñana National Park (SE) David Wood; 1 at Ventas de Huelma (GR) Nikki Dekker, Mick Richardson.

1,624 over *Organbidexka Pass (FR) Luca Fetique et al.*



Image nº 33: Group over the Sierra del Perdón (NA). Photo: Jorge Nubla.

-11/11/25: 520 at La Janda (CA); 10 over the Botanic Gardens (M) Javier Martín (GOEP); 90 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS); 4 over Santo Domingo de la Calzada (LR) Gonzalo Criado; 6 over Alfaro (LR) Javier Robres; at Las Cañas reservoir, Viana (NA) Dani; 200 over Artieda (Z) Javier López; 39+40 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Gómez (DALMA); 504 in Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Diane Appels; 19 over Villarta de San Juan (CR) Pedro Bustamante; 17 over Zalamea de la Serena (BA); 112 over Toledo, Marcos Ansón; 5 over Txingudi, Irún (G) José F Esparcia; 120 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Yoan Lubet; 100 at El Cañizar lagoon (TE) Javier Alonso; 2 over Lerín (NA) Gonzalo Deán; 64 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Alejandro Fernández; 60 over Irún (G) Julen Vega; 1 at Santillana reservoir (M) David González, Samuel de la Torre; 70 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) Luis Carretero; 9 over Santa Cruz de Yangüas (SO) Eduardo Alfaro; 205 over Fuentes de la Alcarria (GU) Guillermo Represa; 210 over Villanueva de Alcorón (GU) and 92 over Trillo (GU) Sofía García; 74 over Madrid, Cristophe Pontegnie;

50 over Carranque (TO) Ana López; 67 over Borox (TO) Miguel Garcia; 75 over Noez (TO) José A. Calvo; 435 at La Veguilla lagoon (CR) Lucas de las Heras; 60 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Álvaro Garcia; 4 over Ávila, Joaquín Mayo; 114 over Sureste Natural Park (M) Kato Sánchez; 18 over Villanueva del Pardillo (M) Mariajo Caballero; 40 over Mingorrubio (M) Frutos Pozas; 60 over Tres Cantos (M) Christy Esmahan; 29+7+30 over Madrid, Frutos Pozas, Alejandro Gómez, Beatriz Martín; 90 over Villalbilla (M) Estefanía de Corpa; 30+80 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Mara Brans; 13 at El Raso lagoon, La Pedraja de Portillo (VA) Fernando T. Rico; 6 over Ciutadella port, Menorca (IB) Jaime Mojao; 6,585 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 1,317 go to roost at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; 624 roost at El Hoyo lagoon, El Oso (AV) Arón Blázquez.



Image nº 34: Cranes at El Raso lagoon (VA). Photo: Fernando T. Rico.

-12/11/25: 20 over Leganés (M) Alfredo Mirat; 18 over Calera y Chozas (TO) José L. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS); 58 over Alcolea de Tajo (TO) José M. Mejías (ARDEIDAS); 900 at Hoyo de la Cruz, Bujaraloz (Z) Francisco J. Sampietro; 30 over Salburua (AR) Iker Goros; 39 over Vitoria/Gasteiz (AR) Miguel A. Mora, Roberto Ruíz; 1 juvenile over Siero (AS) Patri Piñón; 80 over Cabanillas (NA) José Ardaiz; 84 in rice fields at El Sabinar (Z) José M. Sánchez; 27 at Agón y Bisimbre lagoon (Z) Enrique Pelayo; 263 over Lumpieque (Z) Adrián Sánchez; 689 at Palazuelo (CC) José A. Román; 75 over Proserpina reservoir, Mérida (BA) Elvira del Viejo (ADENEX); 6 at Capacete lagoon (MA) and 80 at Dulce de Campillos lagoon (MA) Veronique Dacht; 2 over Villarta de San Juan (CR) Pedro Bustamante; 15 over Txingudi, Irún (G) José F. Esparcia; 31 at Urdaibai (BI) Urdaibai Bird Center; 9 at Castelló d'Empuries (GI) Oriol Clarabuch, Raúl Calderón; 6 (4 adults with 2 young ones) over the coast at Águilas (MU) at 10:03h, which had previously been observed at 08:22h over Castillito Battery, La Azahoria (MU) Sebastian Ekbohm; 47 at Pétrola saline lagoon (AB) Lucas de las Heras; 29 over Rabé (BU) Diego Santamaría; 29 over Torquemada (VA) Pedro Arratibel; 191 at La Nava lagoon (P) Rubén Sánchez, Juan Martínez; 250 at Larga lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Carlos Ruíz; 500 feeding in a fallow field at Fernán Caballero (CR) José Gómez; 43+130 over Aranjuez (M) Celsa Martínez, Roberto

González, Jesús Iglesias, Dori; 3 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Antonio Alía (ARDEIDAS); 148+8 Ciempozuelos (M) Enrique Soria; 10 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) David Rodríguez; 50 over Valdetorres del Jarama (M) John L. Muddeman; 22 over Casas de Don Antonio (CC) David Wood; 2 over La Aldea del Obispo (CC) Neil Renwick; 5 over Sureste Natural Park (M); 7 at Valdesalor reservoir (CC) and 44 at Casas de Don Antonio (CC) David Wood; 696 go to roost at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Chema García; 1,403 roost at Alange reservoir (BA) José A. Román; >160 roost at Alqueva reservoir, Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Joaquín Figueredo.

-13/11/25: 65 over Arkaute (AR) Roberto Ruíz; 45 over Txingudi (G) David Santamaría; 275 over Orio (G) Alain Britt; 23 over Donostia/San Sebastián (G) Joseph Espinal; 58+70 over Urdaibai (BI) Josu Meléndez, UBC; 3 over Burgos, Mario Alonso; 50 over Alfaro (LR) Borja Sanz; 124 over Erreka (NA) Joseba Azpirotz; 3,200 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Raúl Pascual; 4,200+240 over Multiva Baja (NA) Marcos, Sánchez, Gorka Gorospe; 19 at Amposta (T) Steve Martin, Marilyn Henry, Patty Rehn, Sandra Keler; 314 at La Janda (CA) Ricky Owen, Mick Richardson; 9 over Gévora (BA) Francisco Pereira.  
72 over Organbidexka Pass (FR) Alexandre Jolly et al.



Image nº 35: cranes going to roost at Alange reservoir (BA). Photo: José A. Román.

-14/11/25: 1 over Alfaro (LR) Pablo Malumbres; 30 above the clouds at Hervías (LR) Álvaro Sarramián; 100 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Cueva Ruíz; 410 at Urdaibai Nature Reserve (BI) Aitor Galarza; 30 over Salas de los Infantes (BU) Carlos Fernández, Raúl Fernández, Maribel Gutiérrez; 135 at Pesquerito, La Roca de la Sierra (BA) José L. Vinagre; 131 over Vitoria/Gasteiz (AR); 1 over Txingudi (G) José F. Esparcia; 9 en Castelló d' Empuries (GI) Oriol Clarabuch, Raúl Calderón; 20 over Sabadell (B) Jonathan Lucas; 250 at La Nava lagoon (P) Francisco J. Calvo; 18 at El Raso lagoon, Arrabal de Portillo (VA) Samuel de la Calle; 400 at Salicor lagoon (CR) Joe England; 8 over Valladolid, Antonio Fernández; family of 3 cranes at Leiva reservoir (LR), which continued their

journey after resting, Álvaro Sarramián; 5 at Galizano (CB) Una Díaz, Marta Mesa; 2 over Pinar de Campo Verde (A) Marcos Real.



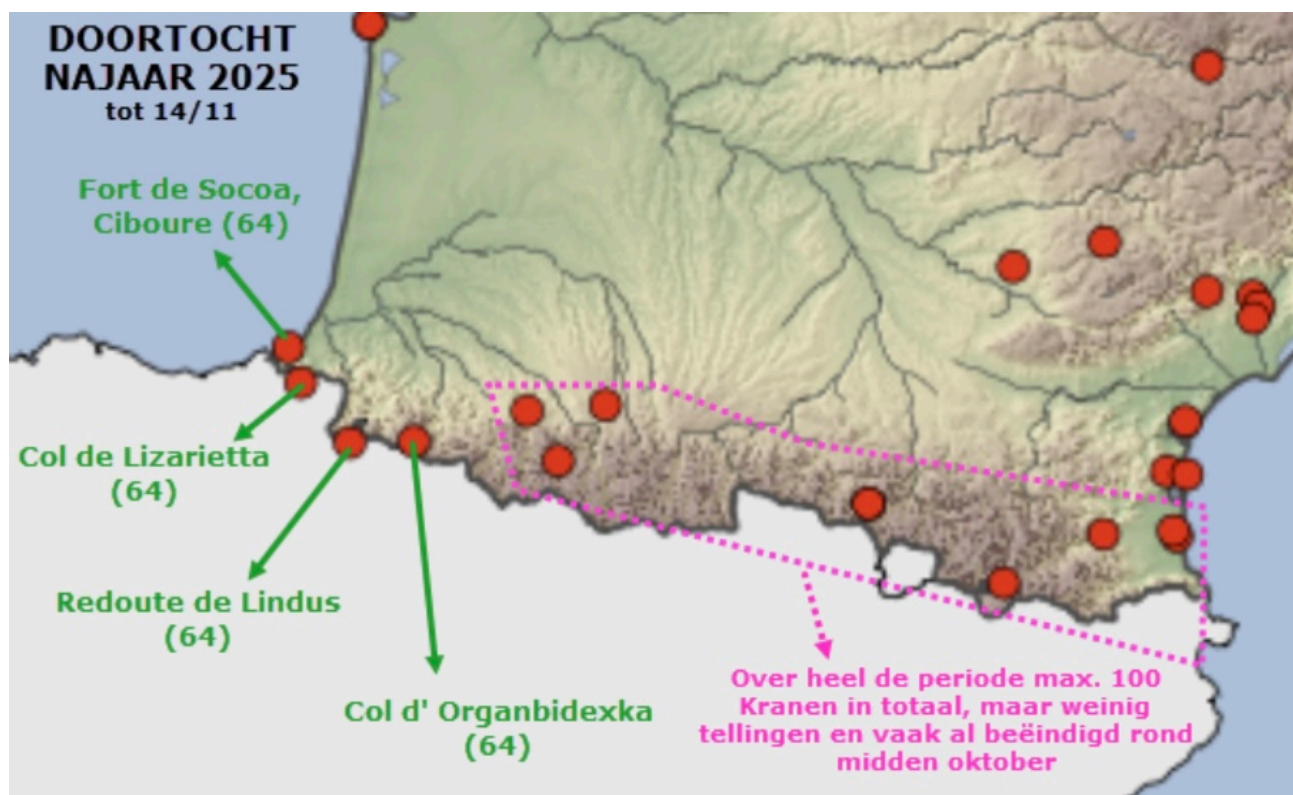
Image nº 36: Family of 3 cranes at Leiva reservoir (LR). Photo: Álvaro Sarramián.

-15/11/25: 890 roosted at Larga lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco; 559 at Alboré (HU) Paco Quesada; heard over Izarán (AR) Asier Ximenitz; 160 at Barillos lagoon, Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Gonzalo Criado; 36 over Yunquera de Henares (GU) Isabel & Fernando; 1 juvenile over Tarragona; 30 over Alfaro (LR) Sofía Martínez; heard at s'Albufera Natural Park, Mallorca (IB) Lena Dominique-Wilsson; 300 at Arguedas (NA) Juan Montiel; 200 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Patrick Moussa; 4 at Loza reservoir (NA) Gaspar Zaldua; 9 over Atapuerca lagoon (BU) Alexander Nazarenko, Pablo Linage, Jannick Forquignon; 1 at Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Javier Robres; 58 over Golmayo (SO) Juan L. Hernández, Jesús Ruíz; 400 at Almudévar (HU) Julián Muñoz; 6 over Valladolid, Antonio Fernández; 37 over Montijo (BA) Arturo Pérez; 20 at El Moral reservoir, Los Santos de Maimona (BA) Jesús J. Parra; 3 at El Salobrar Natural Park, Mallorca (IB) Carlos López, Pau Castell, Biel Bernat; 4 at El Hondo reservoir (A) Sergio Arroyo (AHSA); 391 at La Nava lagoon (P) and 4 at Boada lagoon (P); 680 go to roost at the big saline lagoon at Villafáfila (ZA) Gonzalo Criado; 630 roost at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Arón Blázquez, Chema García.

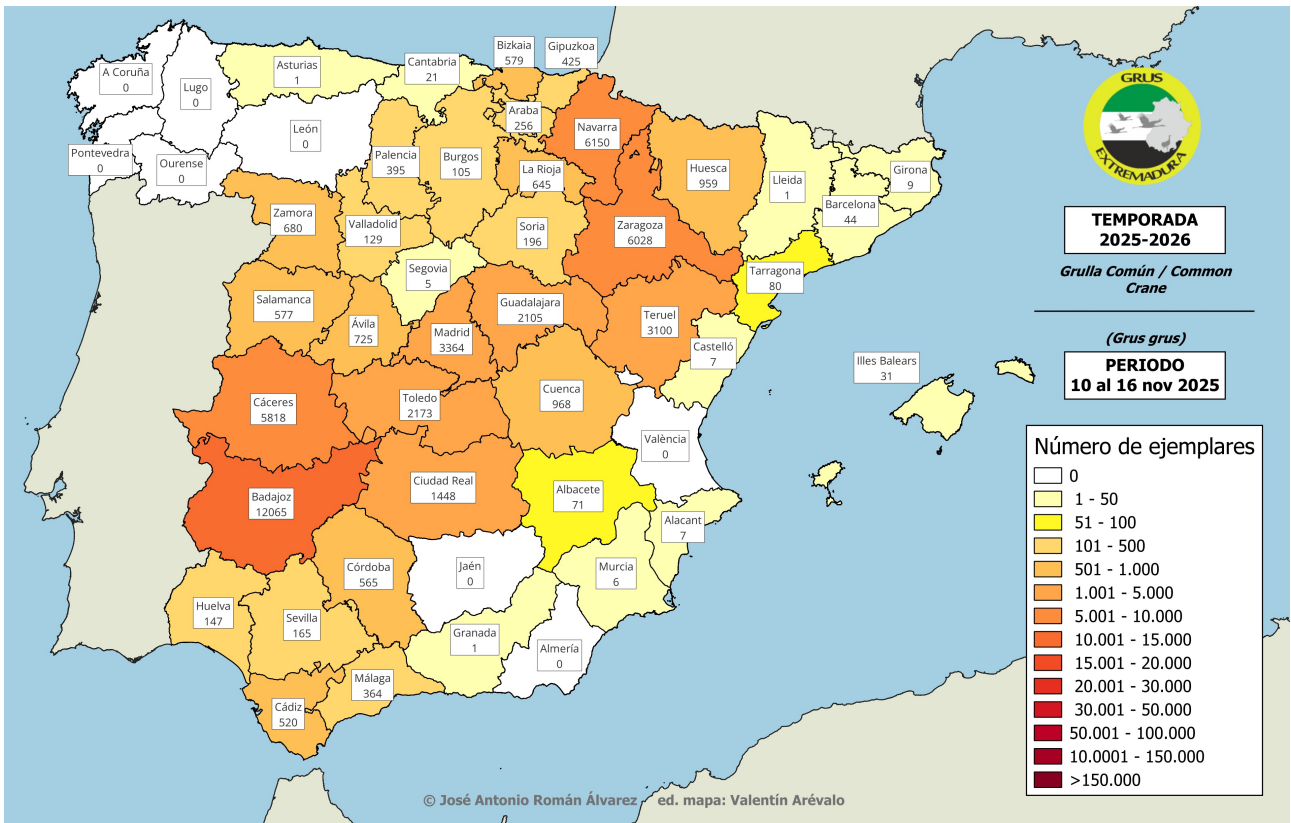
-16/11/25: 17 at Castanedo (CB) Uca Díaz, Marta Uso; 100 over Abay (HU) Daniel Barcelo; 150 at Sotos de Alfaro (LR) Daniel García; 61 at Pétrola lagoon (AB) Raquel Mansilla; 750 at Fernando V (CC), 3,000 at Palazuelo (CC) and 250 at Puebla de

Alcollarín (BA) Martin Kelsey; 150 over Don Benito (BA) René vander Linden; 80 over Pamplona (NA) Juan A. García; 1 at Salburua (AR) Íñigo García; heard at San Bartomeu del Grau (B) Irene Figueroa; 20 in Doñana National Park (H) François Ducheme; 68 over Galachos de Juslibol (Z) Thomas Rickfelder; 29 at Cuerda del Pozo reservoir (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 4 at Gayungo y Bárcena lagoon (BU) Javier Cañadas; 3 at El Raso lagoon, La Pedraja del Portillo (VA) Jesús Crespo; 1 over Aranjuez (M) Jonathan Hiley; 70 over Vega del Río (CR) David Tendero; 300 at Sagrajas (BA) José L. Vinagre; 40 over Ejea de los Caballeros (Z) Javier López; 160 over Artieda (Z) Javier López Ripalda; nocturnal arrival at 21:14h at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) María Berna; 392 at La Nava lagoon (P) and 4 at Boada lagoon (P); 17 at Castanedo (CB) Manuel Gutiérrez, Bruno Kovács 27 at La Albuera lagoon (BA) and 24 at Las Merinillas (BA) Ricardo Crespo; 90 at Mata de Alcántara (CC) Raúl Granados; 100 at Pueblonuevo de Bullaque (CR) and 447 at Torre de Abraham reservoir (CR) Juana Santos; 800 at Castrejón reservoir (TO) Javier Nicolau; 16 between Peñarroya and Fuenteovejuna (CO) Gus Gahete.

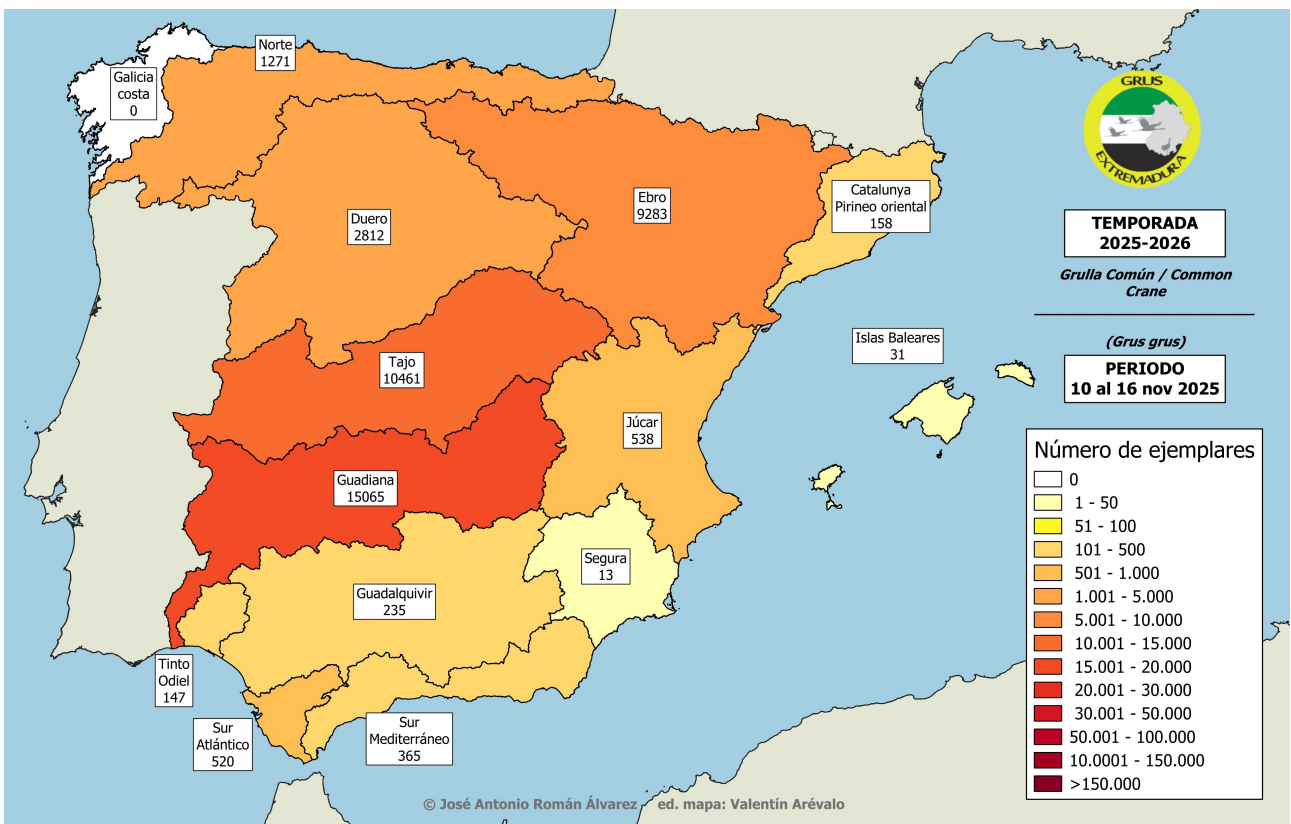
*So far, 84,519 cranes have been counted over the western Pyrenees, based on Trektellen data, over the passes at Lindus, Organbidexka, Lizarreta and Socoa Fort, Ciboure. To these data should be added the cranes that arrived over the eastern Pyrenees, reflected in the data on Ornitho.cat and eBird, totalling 2,574, so the total figure is **87,093** cranes counted on diurnal passage. We don't know the number of birds which cross at night, which is significant as this species migrates by night without problems, therefore the number of cranes present in the peninsula must exceed **100,000** birds.*



Map n° 16: Passage localities over the Pyrenees between 29 September and 15 November. Source: Trektellen.



Map nº 17: Provincial migration and distribution between 10 and 16 November.



Map nº 18: Migration and distribution by water catchment area between 10 and 16 November.

*At the start of the week a significant entry of migrants occurred, many arriving by night, after a rainy and windy weather front in the previous days had passed, and coinciding with the arrival of a cold front. During the Tuesday there was a continual arrival from dawn, with a constant flow through the Peninsula.*

-17/11/25: 17 at Castanedo (CB) Aurora Cubillas; 2 over Cabezón de la Sal (CB) Javier García, Nacho García; 8 over Barcelona, Martí González; 2,385 at La Loteta reservoir (Z) José A. Pinzolas; 20 over Serranillos Playa, San Román de los Montes (TO) Soledad de la Llama (ARDEIDAS); 16 over Navalmoral de la Sierra (AV) Chema Garcia; 36 over Villaseca de Uceda (GU) Montse (DALMA); 11 over Callen (HU) Silvia Duque; 200 over Renera (GU) Susana Alcolea; 120 over Zumaia (G) Jorge Salas; 180 over Txingudi (G) José F. Esparcia; 500 over Oiartzun (G) 200 over Irún (G) Jon Múgica; 550 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Sergio Baragaño; 2 over Ivars d'Urgell (LL) Kit Day; 8 over Barcelona, Martí González; 1 at La Seca (VA) Fosio Carracedo; 52 over Arkaute (AR) Roberto Ruíz; heard over Ventas de Irún (G) at 22:30h; continuous passage during the day over Araba and Gipuzkoa; passage at 22:30h over Pamplona (NA) and Zizur Mayor (NA) Alberto Lizarraga; 160 over Olaz (NA); 658+50 over Vitoria/Gasteiz (AR) Beñat Guevara; heard over Tolosa (G); 60 at Chica lagoon, Villafranca (TO) M. Carmen Comendador; 4 over Arenas de San Juan (CR) Pedro Bustamante; 31 over Majadahonda (M) Edmund Bell; 130 over Mejorada del Campo (M) José M. Sendarrubia; 56+49 over Leganés (M) José M. Paraíso, Ricardo Rodríguez; 85 over Fuenlabrada (M) Paula González; 30 over Velilla de San Antonio (M) Mario Arcas; 120 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) Mark Davis; 15 over Ontígola (TO) Miguel Rubio; 31 over Algora (GU) Jesús M. Lekuona; 2 over Valdecañas reservoir (CC) Vicente Risco; 5 over Monfragüe National Park (CC) Martin Kelsey; 6 over La Alcarria stream (CA) Juan Rodríguez; heard at 18:45h over Grañen (HU) Silvia Duque 1,185 over Fort de Socoa, Coboure (FR)



Image nº 37: Group of cranes at Castanedo (CB). Photo: Aurora Cubillas.

-18/11/25: 01:00h flock over Haro (LR) Maribel Gutiérrez; passage at dawn over Irún (G); 48 over Dima (BI); 200 over Ezkoriaza (G); 180 over Irún (G) José F. Esparcia; 230 over Salburua (AR); 694 over Vitoria/Gasteiz (AR) between 08.00h and 09:50h, Beñat Guevara; heard at Ullibarri-Gamboa reservoir (AR) Jagoba Bengoz; 376 over Salburua (AR) José E. Mateos; 80+134 over Baztán (NA) Haritz Sarasa, Jorge Ardaiz; large flocks leaving on migration and hundreds of new migrants arriving at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) María Berna; during the afternoon 17,509 were censused at the lagoon, Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 18 over Ávila, Chema García; 11 over Dehesa de Velada (TO) Antonio Alía (ARDEIDAS); 18 over Toledo, Ángel Velasco; 24 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Alberto Herrero (ARDEIDAS); 100 in dehesas at Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 45+50+100 over Leganés (M) Alfredo Mirat; 6 over Mérida (BA) Antonio M. Sánchez; 50 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Mara Brans; 3 at Pals (GI) Marc Bonjoch; 80 over Cañamero (CC) Martin Kelsey; 30+30 over Norte Park (M) Carlos Rubio; 120 over Artieda (Z) Javier López Ripalda; 25 between Maqueda and Santa Olalla (TO) Neil Renwick, 20 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Carrasco; 100+13+100+60+13+60+100+100+130+8+83+80+90 over Guadalajara, José María García (DALMA), Ana Herrero (DALMA), Marta (DALMA) Néstor (DALMA), Miguel, Jairo Arroyo, Susana; 960 over El Pardo hills (M) – in continuous passage from 10:30h - and 300 between Colmenar Viejo and El Pardo (M) Marcos Escuredo (GOEP); 78 over Oronoz (NA) and 151 over Arraioz (NA) Alberto Lizarraga; 20 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Canalejas (DALMA); 85+25+50 over El Pardo (M), 40 over El Pardo reservoir (M) and 1 over the River Manzanares (M) Adolfo Rodríguez (GOEP); 70 over Semillas (GU) Mario (DALMA); 77 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Cristina Ruíz; 100+90+25 over Toledo, Ángel Velasco; 110 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) José M. Garcia (DALMA); 50+150 over Velada (TO) Antonio Alía (ARDEIDAS); 240 over Pepino (TO) Cristian Miguel (ARDEIDAS); heard at 19:30h over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Paco; 100 over Barajas de Melo (CU) Basi; 67 over Membrillas de Lara (BU) Israel Yáñez; 201 over Pamplona (NA) Juan I. Deán; group over Olérdola (B); 182 over Artés (B) Josep Bujons; 61 at Dulce de Campillos lagoon (MA) Barbara Etherton, Derek Etherton; 1 at the River Millares estuary (CS) Pasqual Carrión; 38+43+8 over Cabrera de Mar (B) Mariona Sardà, Ferrán Navas; heard at Sau reservoir (B) John Collins; 95 over Sant Celoni (B) Ferán Navàs; 1 over El Car (B) Martí González; 42 over Peraltilla (HU) Raúl Altemí; 1 over Arbaium gorge (NA) Sergio Baragaño; heard at Amurrio (AR) Raúl Butcher; 3+376+684 over Salburua (AR) Andrea Lopo; José A. Mateos, Beñat Guevara; 10 over Tricio (LR) and 140 over Pradillo (LR) Alejandro López; 100+13 over Valonsadero mountain (SO) Virginia Marco; 12 over Las Casas (SO) Juan P. Del Álamo; 24 over Corella (NA) Gorka Gorospe; 63 over Torralba de los Frailes (Z); 56 over Zaragoza, Luis Gracia; 100 over Mainar (Z) Ángela de Castro; 45 over Fuente de Pedro Naharro (CU) Gúmer González; 16 over La Pedrezuela reservoir, Guadalix de la Sierra (M) Garcia de los Ríos, 3 at Santillana reservoir (M) Diego Martínez, Jorge Martínez; 33 over Cercedilla (M) Dina Abramenko; heard at Alpedrete (M) David Guillén; 100 over the River Guadarrama Natural Park (M) Gonzalo Martín-Lagos; 39 over Villanueva del Pardillo (M) Mariajo Caballero; 150 over Majadahonda (M) Antonio Verdejo; 82 over the Autonomous University of Madrid, Alf Ortega, Ismael Ruíz; 53 over Paracuellos de Jarama (M) Javier Gómez; 88 over Velilla de San Antonio (M) Roberto González; 120 over Valdebernardo Park (M) Alejandro Sánchez; 115 over Hortaleza (M) Raúl Hernández; 100+34 over Leganés (M) Jorge García, Manuel Garcia; 35 over El Retiro (M) José A. Ximenis, Ángel L. Neira; 159+3 over Móstoles (M) Paula González, Marcos Rodríguez; 40 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) Mark Davis; 58 over Boadilla del Monte (M) Juan C. Marín; 31 over Navalcarnero (M) Unai Fuente; 380 at Manjavacas lagoon (CU) Luis Sánchez; 100 over Carranque (TO) Ana López; 92 over Bohonal del Ibor (CC) Estaban Y.; 250 at Arroyo Casillas reservoir (CC) Jesús Porras; 4 at Valverdón (SA) Laura Marín; 19 over Guadalajara, Carlos Paulos (DALMA); continuous passage over

Semillas (GU) at 18:30h, Mario (DALMA); 60 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Garcia (DALMA); 2,000 at Riolobos weir (SA) Arón Blázquez; 24 over Ugena (TO) Sagrario Ballesteros; over there and over Griñón (M) there was passage throughout the day; 65 over Griñón (M) Conchita Torres; 60 over Madrid, Manuel Rincón; flock over Talavera de la Reina (TO) at 20:40h Manuel Salcedo (ARDEIDAS); arrival of new migrants at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) at 21:10h, Carmina Franco; flock over Toledo at 22:27h and 30 at 23:38h, SEO-TO; 50+55+2 over Ezcaray (LR) Jorge Ezquero; 140 over Villanueva de Cameros (LR) and 10 over Tricio (LR) Luís Lopo; 3 over Olèrdola (B) Marc Pecios; 30 over El Rourell (T) Josep M. Solé; 182 over Artés (B) Josep Burjons; flock over Sant Martí Sarroca (B) at 18:30h, Xavier Bayer; 185 over Santpedor (B) Gerard Tejero; 100 over L'Estany (B) Isabel Casas; 300 over Tavérnoles (B) Pere Baucells, 75 over Les Franqueses del Vallès (B) Antoni Arrizabalaga; 2 over Ribamontan al Mar (B) Guillermo Piñal; 1 over El Far (GI) Martí González; 38+43+8 over Cabrera de Mar (B) Mariona Sardà, John Collins; 2 over Calafell (T) Yuhang Mañé; 38 over Reus (T) Jordi Jover; 900 at La Janda (CA) Ari Anttainen; 40+45 over Madrid, Johnathan Dadds, Ignacio Fernández ; 60 over Camarma de Esteruelas (M) Óscar Oeo; 127 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) Jorge González; 268 over Valdebebas Forest Park (M) Christophe Pontegnie; 86+250 over Colmenar de Oreja (M) Susana B.; 9 over Riánsares (CU) Carlos Saurina; 56 over Zaragoza, Luis Gracia; 109+5 over Calahorra (LR) Jesús M. Garcia; 61 over Valderacas de Montejo (SG) Jonás Martínez; 16 over Sierra de Guadarrama National Park (SG) Juan C. del Moral; 13 over Valansadero Mountain (SO) Virginia Marco; 140 over Pradillo (M) Alejandro López; 310 at La Nava lagoon (P) Josep Manchado; 37 over La Plataforma de Gredos (AV) Juan F. Redondo; 30 at Cubilar reservoir (CC) Martin Kelsey; 18 over Montánchez (CC) Agapito J. Verde; 16 at La Atalaya pond, Aldea del Cano (CC) Francis Martín; 4 at Cadimo reservoir(J) Fátima Garrido, Toni Pons; 4 at La Haba (BA) José M. Benítez; 87 over Elorrio (AR) Aitor Zabala; 15 over Solsona-Cestellvel (LL) Lluís Brotons; 10 over Vilanova i la Geltrú (B) Sergi Carreras; 1 at Huetor-Tajar (GR) Fabián Casas.



Image nº 38: Cranes at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE). Photo: María Berna.

-19/11/25: 40+60 over San Román de los Montes (TO) Manuel Salcedo (ARDEIDAS); several thousand set off on migration at 11:30h from Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo; 129 at Lomoviejo (VA) David García; 21 over Villalba de los Barros (BA) José Leal; 80 at Brazatortas (CR) Pedro; 150 over Cuatro Caminos (M) José Ochagavía; 3 at Magasca (CC) and 6 over Trujillo (CC) Conny van Dalfsen; 14 over Sierra de Fuentes (CC) Hans de Goede; 25 in dehesas at Aldea del Cano (CC) José A. Roman, Luis Asuar; 39 over Toledo, Marcos Ansón; 11 at Aiguamolls de l'Empordá (GI) Adrià Navarro; 7 at El Hondo reservoir (A) Daniel Dumas; 1 over Punta Prima (A) Pablo Perales; 11 at Bornos reservoir (CA) Peter Wittwer; 150 over Marcelén (CU) Andrés Pinedo; 12+19 at Villafranca de los Caballeros lagoon (TO) Esther Moro, José L. Béjar; 230 over Mar de Ontígola (M) Diego Martínez; 115 over Villar del Olmo (M) Juan C. del Moral; 56 over El Retiro (M) Alejandro Gómez; 100 over Zaorejas (M) Sofía García; 45 over Fuente de Pedro Naharro (CU) Gumer González; 45 over San Agustín de Guadalix (M) Samuel de la Torre, David Guillén; 61 over Santillana reservoir (M) Garcia de los Ríos; 22 over Manzanares El Real (M) Santiago Garcia; 27 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Carla Culebras; 100 over Majadahonda (M) Joan J. Soto; 271 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) José M. Paraíso; 450 over Villarejo de Salvanes (M) Francisco Garnacho; 4 at Cojuge pond, Casar de Cáceres (CC) Marco A. Sánchez; 18 over Gallur (Z) Enrique Pelayo; 32 over Penyagolosa Natural Park (CS) Óscar Reche; 28 over Borja reservoir (Z) Enrique Pelayo; 100 over Zaorejas (GU) Sofía García; 1 at Dolores (A) Sergio Arroyo (AHSA); 7 at El Hondo reservoir (A) Daniel Dumas; 48 over Luco de Jiloca (TE) Gonzalo Peña; 2,800 at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Neil Renwick; 1 over La Rinconada (SE) Juan A, Domínguez, Adelino Garcia; 70 over Renera (GU) Susana Alcolea; 100 at Las Merinillas, Valverde de Leganés (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 984 roost at El Hoyo lagoon (AB) Arón Blázquez, Andrés Requejo.



Image nº 39: Cranes at Palancoso lagoon, Navalmoral de la Mata (CC), Photo: Javier Briz

-20/11/25: 1 at Salburua (AR) Ibai Llosa; heard at Guadatín stream, Bujalance (CO) Juan M. Trujillo; 46 over Soto de las Juntas, Sureste Natural Park (M) Abel Casado; 600 at Larga lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Julio Huelbes; 5 at Villafranca de los Caballeros lagoon (TO) Esther Camacho; 5 over Badajoz, Joaquín Mazón; 139 at Pétrola (AB) Lucas de las Heras; 9 over Orihuela (A) Dik Stynen; 25 over Bailén (J) Fátima García, Toni Pons; 37 over Caballero (TE) Rafael Cotino; 2 at Villaveta reservoir, Lónguida (NA) Gonzalo Deán; 17 over Artieda (Z) Javier López Ripalda; 9 over Murillo del Río Leza (LR) Jesús Ucha; 21 over Castronuevo (AV) Víctor Coello; 350 at La Nava lagoon (P) César Díez; 15 arrive in the Ebro Delta (T); 12 over Valdelatas pinewoods (M) Víctor Escribano; 100 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) José Merino; 20 at Orellana reservoir (BA) and 2,000 at Obando (BA) Martin Kelsey; 200 over Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Paulo Fernández.



Image nº 40: Flock over Bailén (J). Photo: Toni Pons.

-21/11/25: 850 at La Veguilla lagoon (CR) Vicky García; 6 at Aiguamolls de l'Empordà (GI) Andrea Krawczyk, Ben Anderson; 12 over Pamplona (NA) Rajen Ayerra; 12 at Lugar Nuevo pond, Peraleda de la Mata (CC) Jannick Forquignon; 770 feeding at Bujaraloz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 15 towards Villanueva del Fresno (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 25 over Don Benito (BA) René vander Linden; 19 at Quintana de la Serena (BA) Alfredo; 3 at Torubia del Castillo (CU) and 384 at Honrubia (CU) Raúl González; 21 at Gibraleón (H) Juanjo Cipriano; 4 at Ballestera lagoon, Osuna (SE) José A. Márquez; 63 at Lobón lagoon, Campillos (MA) and 242 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Javier Fregenal; 18 over La Zolina reservoir (NA) Haritz Sarasa; 41 over Azkaba Mountain (NA) Jorge Nubla; 9 over Galachos de la Alfranca (Z) José M. Sánchez; 20 over Titulcia (M) Antonio Mansilla; 300 at El Rincón reservoir, Candeleda (AV) Alfonso Rodríguez, Vicente Risco; 1,066 go to roost at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Chema García, Arón Blázquez, José R. Cuervo, Jorge Leonor.

-22/11/25: 1,884 roosted at Peña Hueca lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco (SEO-TO); 186 at Pétrola lagoon (AB) Lucas de las Heras, Luis Ortuño; 2,000, seeming to arrive on migration at Almudévar (HU) Paco Quesada; 60 at Castellò d' Empúries (GI) Gerard Masdeu; 8 over Viladecans (B) Xavi Larruy, Oriol Castell, Pep Barberà, Elena Farrè; 120+ feeding in dehesas at Colada reservoir, El Viso (CO) Alberto; 8 in Llobregat Delta (B) Pep Barberà, Xavi Larruy; 200 at Aznalcázar (SE) Jannick Forquignon, José Zarapico; 8 over Rojales (A) José M. Murcia; 4 over Cassa de la Selva (GI) Daniel Bonnici; 14 at Rubí de Bracamonte (VA) and 106 at Zapardiel (VA) Antonio Fernández; 500 at Castrejón reservoir (TO), 350 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) and 10 over Magán (TO) Jesús Ruíz; 8 over Las Rozas (M) M<sup>a</sup> Jesús CV; 9 over El Pardo hills (M) Abel Domínguez; 16 over Santillana reservoir (M) Alejandro Fernández; 20 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) Samuel de la Torre; 500 at Manjavacas lagoon (CU) Carles Saurina; 3 over Ricla (Z) Javier Traín; 2 over Utebo (Z) Teresa Segarra; 16 over Sangüesa (NA) Jon Sola; 8 over Gavà (B) Quique Carballal; 4 over Santa Cruz de la Sierra (CC) Carmen Pérez-Aloe; 7 at Grande lagoon, La Albuera (BA) Gonzalo Cidoncha, Francis Prieto; 80 at Las Turquillas lagoon, Osuna (SE) José A. Campos, Antonio Tamayo; 800 at Huerta Tejada, Doñana National Park (SE) José Zarapico; 833 at La Janda (CA) Julio Ortega, Antonio J. Sepúlveda; 38 at La Vega lagoon, Navas de Oro (SG) Francisco Barrera; 153 go to roost at El Taray lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco; 163 roost at El Moral reservoir, Los Santos de Maimona (BA) José A. Sánchez; 200 going to roost at Arroyoconejo reservoir (BA) Joaquín Vázquez.

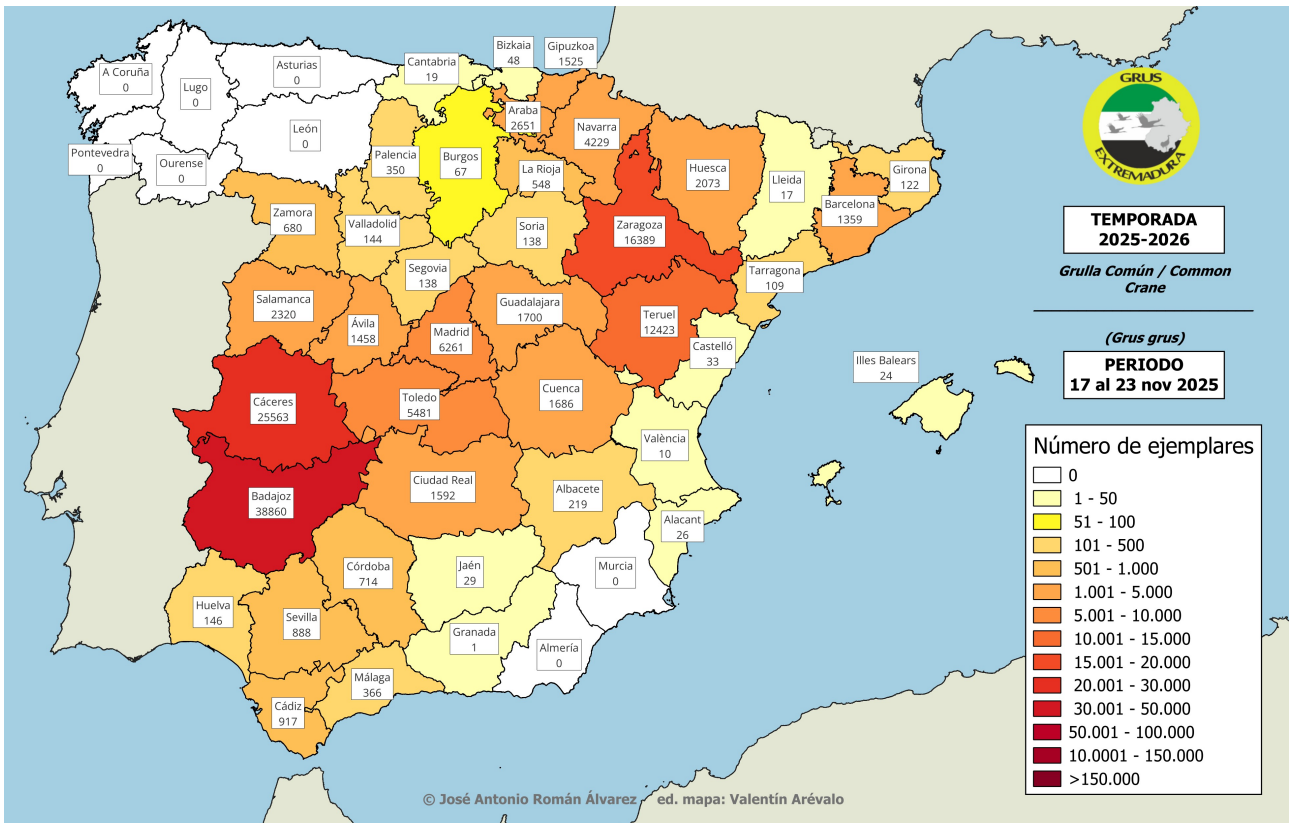


Image nº 41: Cranes at Pétrola lagoon (AB). Photo: Luis Ortuño.

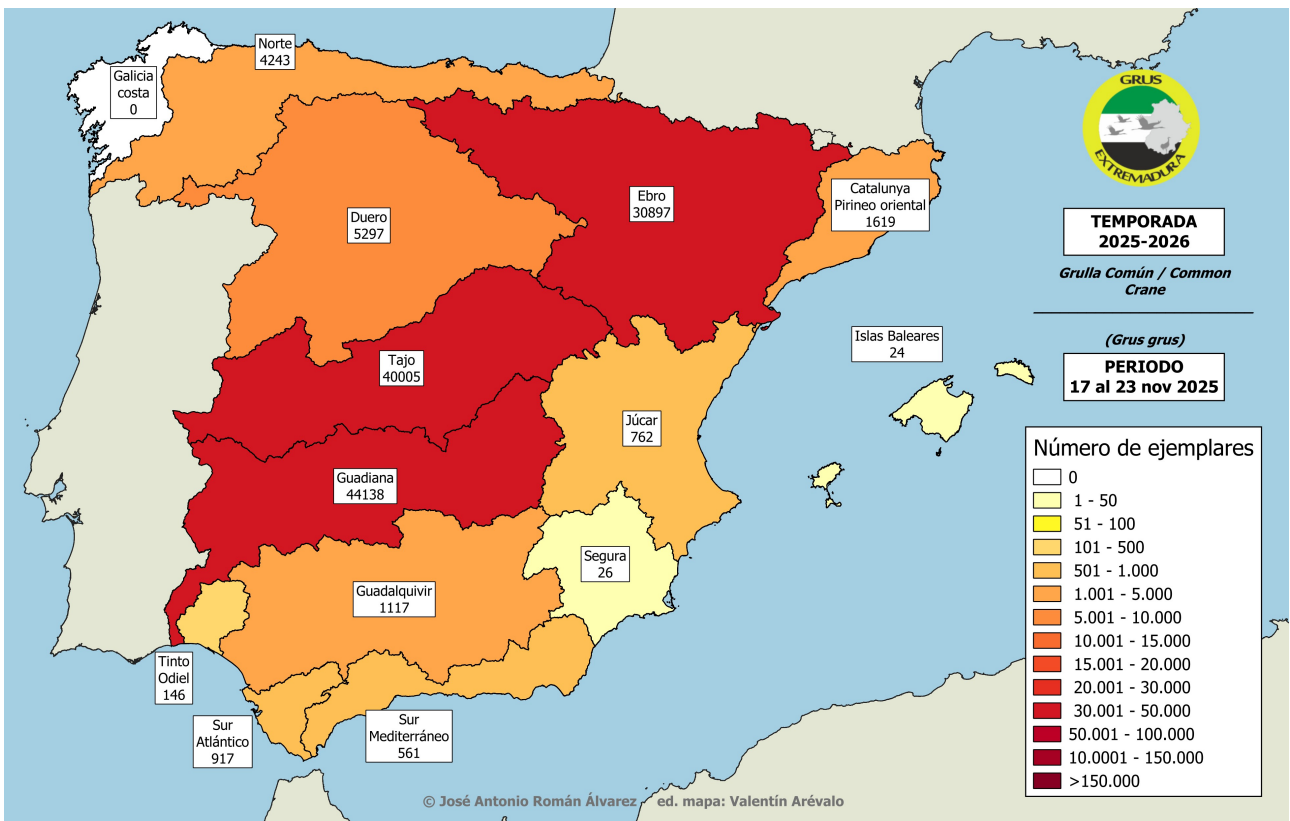
-23/11/25: 650 fly from Larga lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco; 3 over Ejea de los Caballeros (Z) Javier López; 33 over Chinchilla (AB) Antonio J. Entrena (SAO); 72 over Ugena (TO) Julián Fernández; 750 feeding in the area around Manjavacas lagoon (CU) Fernando Alonso; 6 towards Calera y Chozas (TO) Ricardo García, David Gómez (ARDEIDAS); 30 over Arenas de San Juan (CR) Carlos Paulos (DALMA); 1,000 around Rucas and Cubilar (CC) Leo en Christien; 74 at Fuente Obejuna (CO) Antonio Leiva; 43 at Castellò d'Empúries (GI) Israel Estopà; 201 in Doñana National Park (SE) Marina Jiménez, José Jiménez, Javier Alfaya; 10 in l'Albufera Natural Park (V) Júlia Cerveró; 1 in s'Albufera Natural Park, Mallorca (IB) Josep Manchado; 4 over La Galera (T) Miguel Recreo; 37 in the Ebro Delta (T) Mireia Torras, Marc A. Llibre, Lluís Estrada, Sergi Sales; 600 at El Cañizar lagoon (TE) Jesús Carrión, Andrés Balfagón, Joan Balfagón; 150 at La Nava lagoon (P) Francisco J. Calvo; 200 at El Hito lagoon, Montalbo (CU) Carles Saurina; 130 at Salicor lagoon (CR) Luis T.; 3 over Juncarejo, Cazalla de la Sierra (SE) Fernando del Valle; 1 in Moros marsh (V) Pablo Gargallo; 60 at Pueblonou (T) María Rodríguez, Iván De la Torre; 30 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Rajen Ayerra; 15 at La Vega lagoon, Navas de Oro (SG) Francisco Barrena; 316 gather to roost at La Torrecilla, Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) Vicente G. Garrudo.



Image nº 42: Family group at Las Turquillas lagoon (SE). Photo: José A. Campos.



Map nº 19: Migration and distribution by provinces between November 17 and 23.



Map nº 20: Migration and distribution by water catchment areas between November 17 and 23.

*A week with very little migratory movement, the wintering areas being already occupied.*

-24/11/25: 5 over Los Alcornocales Natural Park (CA) Andrés Rojas; 304 at Alonso de Ojeda (CC) René vander Linden; 15 at Torreorgaz (CC) Leo en Christen; 30 beside the River Troya, La Roca de la Sierra (BA) Roberto Vitullo; 50 over Diseminados (Z) Alfredo Sánchez; 300 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Axel Hochkich; 16 over Binissuès, Menorca (IB) Jaume Mojao; 3 at Can Rich, Eivissa (IB) Rafa Domínguez; heard at night over Balaguer (LL) Quim Minoves.

-25/11/25: 145 roosted in the River Odiel and 3 in the River Tinto (H) José M. Méndez, Víctor Fiscal; 1,000 in Valereña rice fields (Z) José M. Sánchez; 45 at Brozas reservoir II (CC) Verónica Suárez; 4 over Guadiloba reservoir (CC) Raúl Granados; 28 over La Garrovilla (BA) Arturo Pérez; 300 at La Nava lagoon (P) Francisco J. Calvo; 25 over La Veguilla lagoon, Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Esther Olmedo; 5 over Martín de la Jara (SE) Victoriano Mora; 1 at Santpedor (B) Gerard Tejero; 8 at Castellò d'Empuries (GI) Adrià Navarro; 9 in the Ebro Delta (T) Philip McCluskey; 638 at El Taray lagoon (TO) Pedro Bustamante; 12,758 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); heard at 21:33h over Guadalajara, José M. Gómez (DALMA).

-26/11/25: 688 at Ejea de los Caballeros (Z) Juan Castejón; 65 at Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Consuelo E. Patón; 1 at Santpedor (B) Marc Illa; 4 at Boada de Campos lagoon (P) and 250 at La Nava lagoon (P) J. Rayman Gómez; 32 over Toledo, Ángel Velasco; 600 at El Cañizar lagoon (TE) Toni Alcocer, Jesús Carrión, Andrés Balfagón, Joan Balfagón; 5 at Oropesa (TO) and 73 at Las Ventas de San Julián (TO) Paula González; 534 at Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Hans Pohlmann; 900 at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Juan R. Cuervo, Alfonso Guío.

-27/11/25: 6 over Villamanta (M) José A. Fimia; 4 over Sonlabajos (AV) Víctor Coello; 18 over Puebla de Beleña (GU) Clara Serrano; 10 at Santillana lagoon (M) Pablo Gamarra, Hugo Díaz, Daniel Emilov; 48 over Colmenar de Oreja (M) Susana B.; 55 over Olías del Rey (TO) Leticia Aranda; 40 over Sureste Natural Park, Titulcia (M) Antonio Mansilla; 33 at Castellò d'Empuries (GI) Jordi Véliz; heard at Vilanova de Bellpuig (LL) Jaume Bofill; 200 in Doñana National Park (SE) Thomas Churchyard; 167 at Marcelén (CU) Andrés Pinedo; 150 at Pétrola lagoon (AB) Antonia Zamora, Raúl Galindo; 1 at Seron de Nágima (SO) Diego Santamaría; 72 roost at Petit reservoir, Arroyo de la Luz (CC) José A. Román.



Image nº 43: Flock over Colmenar de Oreja (M). Photo: Susana B.

-28/11/25: 170 over Pozuelo/Valdejalón (Z) Rubén Utiel; 850 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) José A. Calvo; 400 at La Janda (CA) Fernando Gross; 310 at Olivares de Júcar (CU) Raúl González; 14 at Rágama (SA) Guillermo Hernández; 4 at Santillana reservoir (M) Philip Mecola; 25 over Aranjuez (M) Diego Martínez; 3 over Sevilla, Francisco J. Salcedo; 5 in L'Albufera Natural Park (V) Javier Chumillas, Agustín Signols, Jesús Carrión; 230 at the Torrecilla roost, Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) Vicente G. Garrudo.



Image nº 44: Cranes in L'Albufera Natural Park (V). Photo: Jesús Carrión.

-29/11/25: 2,784 leave the roost at Larga lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco; 81 over Villar del Infantado (CU) Ángel Arellano; 29 at L'Albufera Natural Park (V) Andrés Balfagón; 117 in dehesas at La Colada (CO) Alberto; 35 at Aiguamolls de L'Empordà (GI) Francesc Farriols, Esther Inglada; 72 at Sotenera reservoir (HU) Jorge Lardiés; 15 over Baigorri (NA) Xabi Urmeneta; 146 at Las Zorreras, Santa Teresa reservoir (SA) Fernando Aranguren; 8 at El Vicario reservoir (CR) Alba Palomo, Laura Coronel; 552 at El Robledo (CR) Marta Cruz; 500 at Castrejón reservoir (TO) Travín Langley; 4 in Salobrar Natural Park, Mallorca (IB) David González; 5 at Torremejía lagoon (BA) Fran Montaña, Lorenzo Alcántara; 20 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Jesús M. García; 3 over Aranjuez (M) Francisco J. Moreno, Ricardo Bedia; 29 at Santillana reservoir (M) Christophe Pontegnie; 69 at Navaseca lagoon (CR) Laura M. Barroso, Benito Sánchez.

-30/11/25: 22 over Espinoso del Rey (TO) Pablo Herrador; 720 in Doñana National Park (SE) Francisco J. Salcedo; 4 at El Hondo reservoir (A) Darío Gijón; 10 at Albufera Natural Park (V) Santo Ferrer, Alberto Ferrer; 182 at Pétrola lagoon (AB) Lucas de las Heras, Carmen Conde, Toni Mulet, Susana Noguera.

*During census week and in the following weeks, cranes continued to arrive on the peninsula.*

-15/12/25: 5 over Murchante (NA) Jesús M. Lekuona; 75 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Pedro Arratibel; 9 over Luceni (Z) Marco A. Escudero; 1 at Ebro reservoir (BU) Kepa Alkiza; 2 over Vitoria/Gasteiz (AR) Josep Manchado; 7 over Salburua (AR) Andrea Lobo; 1 over Girona, Gerard Carbonell; 15 at Corral Alto pond, Zorita (CC) Ángel Martín, José M. Sanz; 750 migrating northeastwards at Beniel (MU) Noelia Hernández.



Image nº 45: Group over Salburua (AR). Photo: Andrea Lobo.

-16/12/25: 94 over Fuendejalón (Z) Rubén Utiel; 71 over Pastriz (Z) Dani Falomir; 50 over Movera (Z) Daniel Lizan; 27 over Soto de El Burgo (Z) Albert A.; 90 over Pamplona (NA) Jesús M. Lekuona; 141 at Boada de Campos lagoon (P) David Miguélez; 16,995 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 1,140 at El Cañizar lagoon, Villarquemado (TE)

-22/12/25: 15 over Calp salt pans (A) Nick Osborne, 13 over Zaragoza, Javier Ruiz; 17 over Los Galachos de la Alfranca (Z) José M. Sánchez.

-23/12/25: 12,721 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 21 over Los Galachos de la Alfranca (Z) José M. Sánchez.

-24/12/25: several thousand set off from Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo; 20 over Montañana (Z) Marcos Ascaso; 38 over Los Yébenes (TO); 24 over Toledo, Manuel Nieto; 8 at Lluriac, Menorca (IB) Arnau Coll.

-25/12/25: heard at night over Donostia/San Sebastián; 23 over Los Rábanos (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 74 over Pamplona (NA) Diego Zalbidea; 200 around Loza reservoir (NA) Gaspar Zaldua, Ibón Recio; 299 over Alzuza (NA) Javier Sanz; 100 over Pamplona (NA) Juan I. Deán; 10 over Elorrio (G) Aitor Zabala; 7 at Salburua (AR) Alejandro López; 16 over Toledo, Álvaro Nicolau; 31 over Coslada (M) Carlos González; 69 over San Leonor (SO) Ricardo León; 104, 124, 154 over El Ramiro (LR) José Beltrán; heard over Guadalajara at 19:06h and at 19:48h, Sergio, Fernando Nestor (DALMA); heard at 20:59h over Valdenoches (GU) Sergio López; heard at Lucillo de la Torre (SG) Chemi Ibáñez.

-26/12/25: 100 over Aranjuez (M) Chus Maestro; 71 at Castellò d'Empuries (GI) Gerard Masdeu; 200 at La Zolina reservoir (NA) Patxi Andueza; 4 over Buendía reservoir (CU) Sofía García; 35 over Quismondo (TO) Luis M. Pérez; 60 over Villanueva de Perales (M)

Ricardo Rodríguez; 60 over Valdemorillo (M) Sonsoles Lumbreras, Gonzalo Núñez; 7 over Alfaro (LR) Óscar Ruíz; 17 at Las Cañas reservoir, Viana (NA) Javier Robres; 1 at La Pedraza (SG) Antonio Fernández.

-27/12/25: 122 over Etxauri (NA) Jorge Nubla, Javier López Ripalda; 29 over Artajona (NA) Javier Ardaiz; 43 over La Casa de Campo (M) Daniel Boer; 65 over Sigüenza (GU) Jacinto López; 25+31 over Madrid, Ángela de Castro, Rafa Al; 20 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) Mark Davis; 18 over Fuenlabrada (M) Paula González.

-28/12/25: 120 over Naoín (NA) Rajen Ayerra; 22 over Pareja (GU) Alejandro Bonacho; 4 over Serinja (GI) Carles Giner; 4 over Las Cañas reservoir (NA) Javier Robres; 14 over Zambrana (AR) Carmele García; 60 over Torrejón de Ardoz (M) Antonio Espín; 50 over Rivas-Vaciamadrid (M) Kato Sánchez.



Image nº 46: Family group at Las Cañas reservoir (NA). Photo: Javier Robres.

-29/12/25: 30+16 over Añover de Tajo (M) Miguel García; 27 over Rivas-Vaciamadrid (M) Blas Molina; 90 over Valdetorres de Jarama (M) José Otero; 12 over Ávila, Cruz González; 33 over El Pardo (M), of which 13 dropped down to the reservoir, Adolfo Rodríguez; 33 over Calatañazor (SO) Virginia Marco; 5 over Puente Viejo (CO) E. Hotte, J. Hotte.

-30/12/25: 52 over Campos del Paraíso reservoir (CU) Javier García; 3 over Collado Villalba (M) Juan A. Sánchez; 8 over Toledo, Félix Liarte; 70 over Bañón (TE) Pilar Edo; 7,664 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Francisco J. Sampietro *et al.* (S.A.R.G.A.).

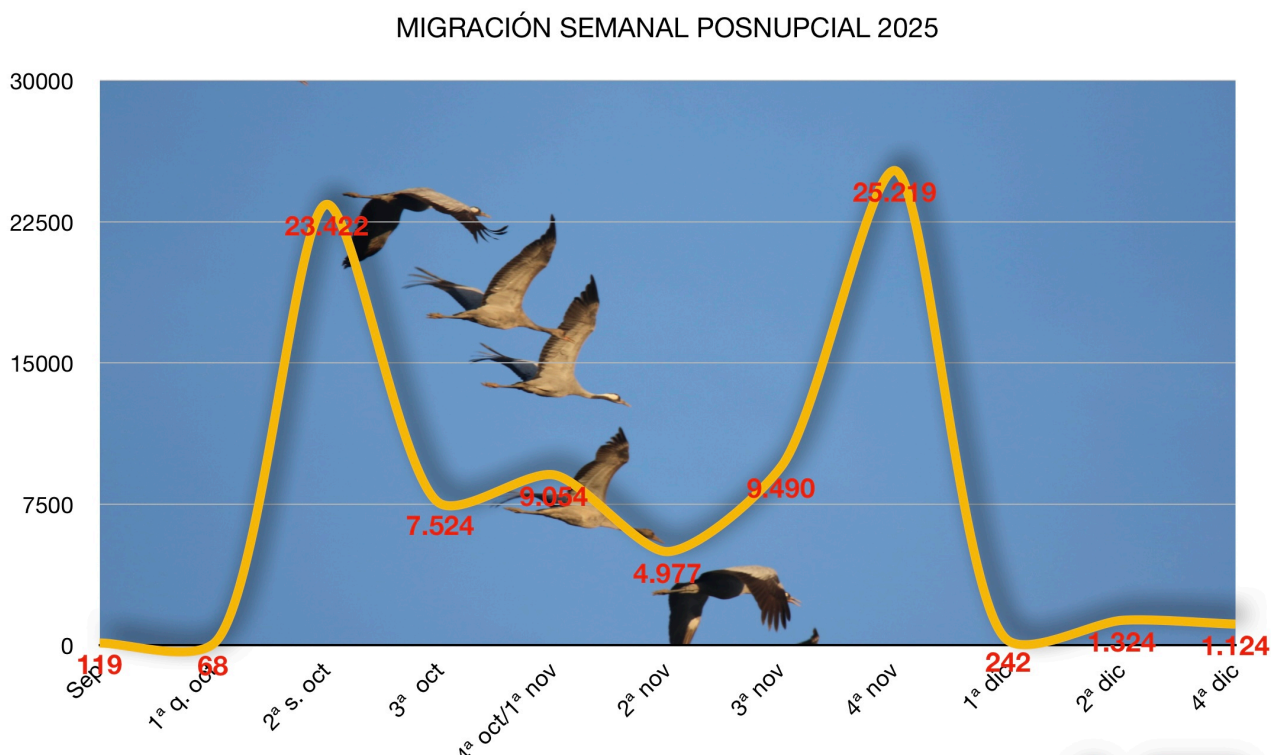
-31/12/25: 77 arrive at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo ; 29 over Villar del Infantado (CU) Ángel Arellano; 18+21+5 over Boadilla del Monte (M) Yolanda Díez, Paula González; 4 over Castelldefels (B) Jan Bisshop; 8 over San Miguel Gorge (CU) Fernando Alonso.

Post-nuptial migration proceeded at a slow pace, with two significant waves of migration, which happened in the second week of October, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, and in the fourth week of November, on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

There was a considerable nocturnal flow in both waves, as well as the minor arrivals that occurred on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of December, so the overall figure for birds seen in the

Pyrenees on diurnal passage was not very high. A total of **89,921** birds were counted migrating by day, data obtained from eBird, Ornithos.cat and Ornithos.eus (73,464 individuals) and Trektellen (15,567). Nevertheless, by the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, we estimated that 100,000 cranes had entered, and after the second wave, which happened the following week, we calculated that more than 150,000 cranes had arrived in the Peninsula at that stage.

The following graph shows the weekly diurnal migration through the Pyrenees.



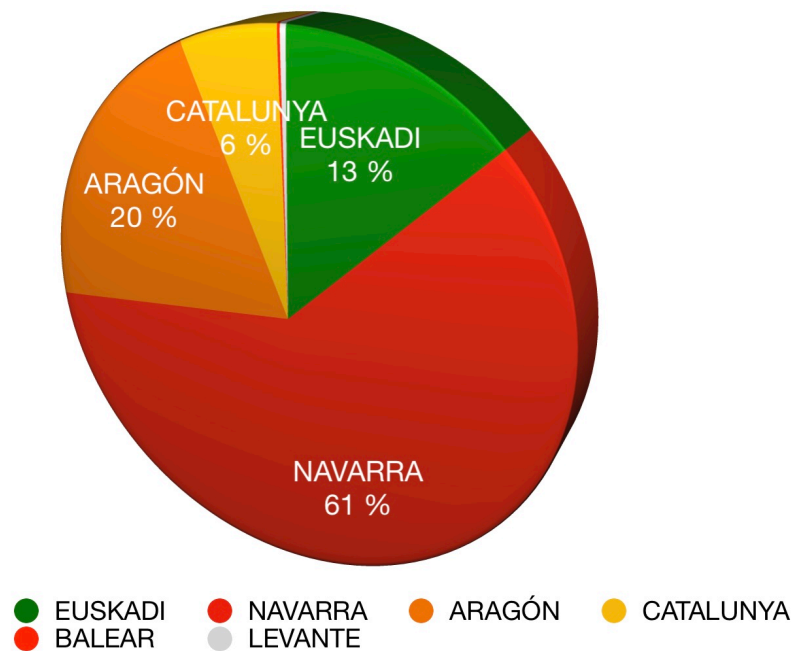
Graph nº 3: Post-nuptial weekly migration between 13 September and 14 December.

The principal entry routes in autumn were through Navarra, followed by Aragón, Euskadi (The Basque Country), Catalonia, the east coast and Balearic Isles. Migration data from the Isles was scarce and late, although birds were seen in the three biggest islands: Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza.

The great majority of arrivals came along the central route, crossing France from north-east to south-west, by birds coming from central Europe, which had been gathering principally in Germany and Poland, native birds as well as Scandinavian and Baltic ones. From the information which we could gather, 93.5% entered by this route, counting 68,766 cranes through the western Pyrenees, while 4,718 (6.5%) entered through the eastern Pyrenees, 92% of those crossed through Catalonia. These birds came along the Hungarian route, the majority of them across the north of Italy and south of France.

After doing the first census (19 December) there were new arrivals of birds in the Peninsula, until 28 December.

45,572 (61%) crossed Navarra, followed by Aragón with 14,758 (20%), Euskadi with 9,491 (13%), Catalonia with 4,380 (6%), the east coast 270 (0.3%) and the Balearic Isles with 117 (0.1%).



Graph nº 4: Autumn migration by Autonomous Community in 2025.

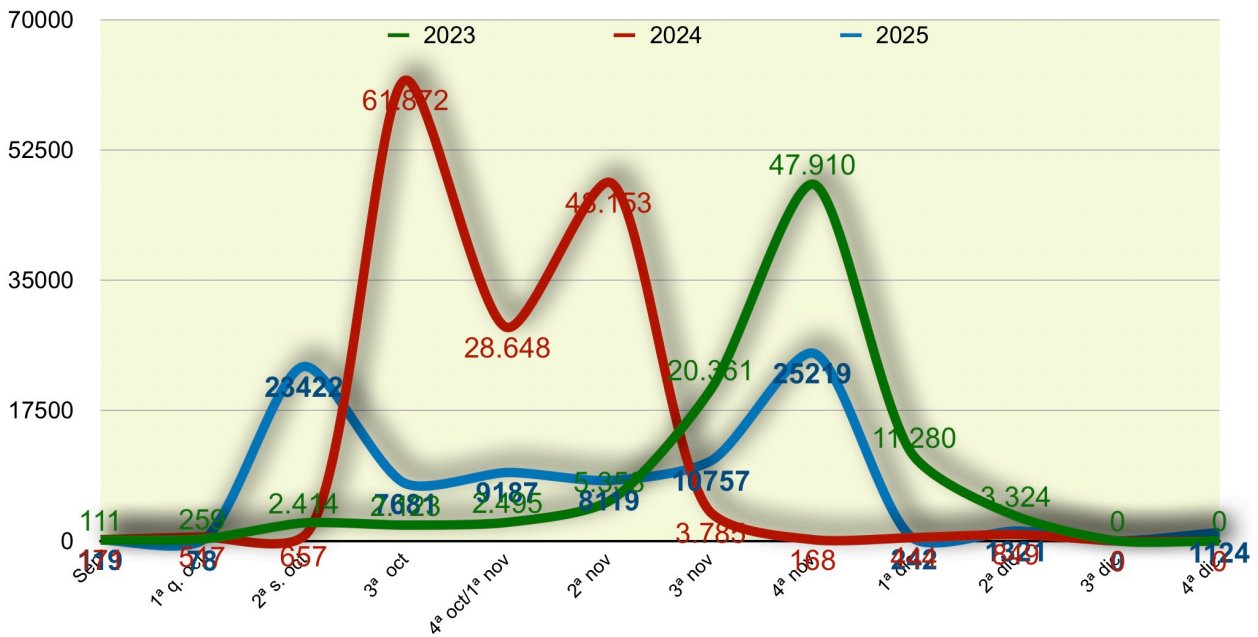
As can be seen from the previous data, the majority of migration was focused through Navarra and Aragón (Huesca). These birds, generally, headed for Gallocanta lagoon (Aragón), where many took a break, before continuing, crossing the provinces of Guadalajara and Madrid, to the south of the Central System mountain range and heading for the wintering areas in Castilla-La-Mancha, Extremadura, Andalucía, Portugal and the north of Africa (Morocco). Others, in lower numbers, went to the north of the Central System towards areas in the south of Castilla-y-León.

The cranes that crossed Euskadi didn't go to Gallocanta, but flew to the north-west of Moncayo (or even further north), through the Iberian System mountain range, along the Castilian route which took them to those wintering areas, although part of the contingent continued to those situated in the north of Cáceres province.

Finally, the cranes that went through Catalonia also headed for Gallocanta and only a small proportion continued down the east coast on the route to the north of Africa (Algeria). Those that arrived in the Balearic Isles may have come from the south of France or even directly from Italy, passing over Sardinia.

The following chart shows how autumn migration happened in the last three years. In 2023, the migration was concentrated into a single wave at the end of November, influenced by meteorological conditions in France that autumn. In 2024 it was centred on the last week of October, favoured by good weather conditions (wind) in the north of France, which facilitated a massive and rapid arrival for the majority of cranes at that time, followed by a second wave that occurred in the middle of November. Again in 2025 there were two migratory waves, at the end of October and end of November, with apparently fewer birds than in the previous two years due to there having been significant nocturnal migration.

### MIGRACIÓN POSNUPCIAL, AÑOS 2023, 2024 Y 2025



Graph nº 5: Comparative autumn migration of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Daily migration occurred between 20 September and 31 December. The graph below reflects the migratory movements registered across the country, showing the principal daily peaks on 16 and 17 October and November 9, 13 and 18, the highest, with 26,656 cranes observed that day. The total figure recorded was 149,096 on diurnal migration, although some of the flocks could have been observed passing over different localities.

This migration lasted 3 months, from 20 September to 31 December.

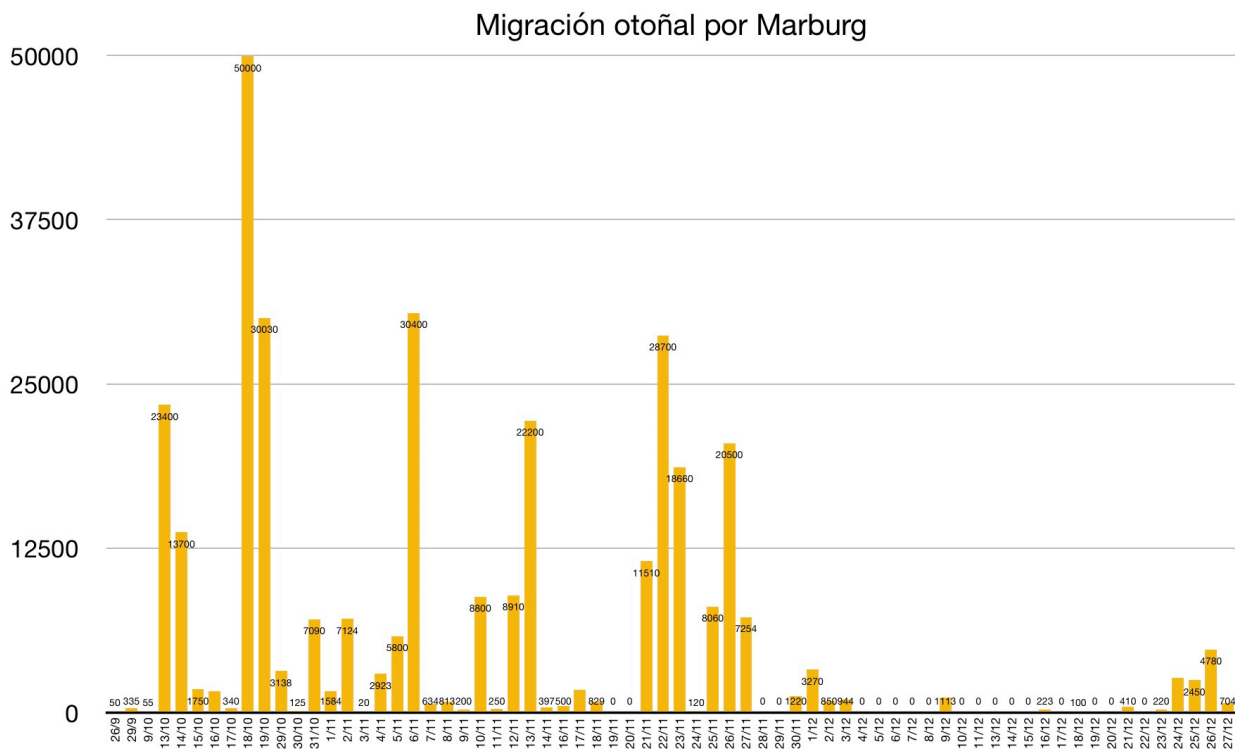
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Graph nº 6: Daily post-nuptial migration between 20 September and 31 December.

Regarding the migration observed in the continent, specifically in the Marburg area in south-west Germany, which channels the passage of migrants from central Europe towards neighbouring France, and collects the majority of cranes from the Baltic, Scandinavian, German and Polish populations, it was monitored daily by the team directed by Martin Kraft from 26 September until 27 December. They were able to count 337,875 birds passing through that area during the period, practically the total number of birds that migrate along the central corridor and winter in France, the Iberian Peninsula and the north of Africa.

The first migratory peak occurred on 13 October, with 22,400 cranes that crossed over towards France, and the most significant happened on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month, with 50,500 migrants. Others followed, such as on 6 November with 23,400, the 13<sup>th</sup> with 22,200, the 22<sup>nd</sup> with 28,700, and the 26<sup>th</sup> with 20,500, then gradually decreasing, with days in December without migration and the last departures of birds from 23 to 27 December, coinciding with a cold front, pushing 10,221 cranes to move on to more southerly latitudes.



Graph n° 7: Daily post-nuptial migration through Marburg (Germany) from 26 September to 27 December 2025. Source: Martin Kraft *et al.*

## ***Wintering population and distribution***

### ***Methodology***

As in previous years, the methodology used was counting in feeding areas and in overnight roosting places (dormitories). Censuses are done twice, once in December and the other in January.

#### ***-Feeding area census:***

Feeding area censuses are only done in Extremadura, specifically in the so-called Central Zone, which corresponds with the upper floodplain of the River Guadiana. This is an extensive area, with around 100,000 hectares dedicated, mostly, to irrigated cereal crops, principally maize and rice, and which also concentrates up to 60% of the wintering birds. The geographic characteristics, with very little relief and an extensive network of tracks associated with irrigation channels, suit doing counts on the ground. The cranes use many and changing dormitories throughout the winter, which complicates doing dormitory counts, which would require many observers, therefore we divide the total area into 11 sectors, which reduces the number of teams needed.

These censuses begin early in the morning, when birds have dispersed, and are finished before midday, being careful not to duplicate counts. This method has been shown to be very efficient and practical, as shown by the results obtained over the last 13 years.

This can be applied in other extensive areas, such as some in Aragón (Ejea de los Caballeros), although it is the participants who decide which is the best method for their area.



Image nº 47: Flock of cranes feeding in maize stubble in the Central Zone of Extremadura. Photo: José A. Román.

*-Dormitory census:*

These are done at places where cranes rest overnight, generally situated in ponds, lagoons and principally at reservoirs.

The birds of each nucleus gather each evening to sleep at the same places and usually use the same routes to reach them. Observers are stationed at a high point from which they can count the succession of flocks as they get close to the dormitory. Close-by watch-points should not be used, to avoid disturbing the cranes.

They are generally counted in the evening, avoiding the full moons, and observers should be at the watch-point at least two hours before cranes arrive. They can also be done in the morning, being present before dawn. This way is the most complete as all the birds that have roosted will be there, because some may arrive after dark so they are impossible to count in the evening. Fog may be inconvenient in the mornings, and the roost should be checked for birds that have stayed behind, which often happens.



Image nº 48: Cranes roosting in a farm pond in Extremadura. Photo: Juanjo Ruíz.

***Distribution in December***

The first census was undertaken on 19 December. Weather conditions were unfavourable, in general, as there was constant rain that day, so the count had to be done earlier or later. Additionally, for different circumstances, some localities could not be counted adequately. The rain that had fallen in the previous weeks had been filling ponds and reservoirs, where, in the case of reservoirs, high water levels left the cranes without favourable shores on which to roost, so they occupied ponds that had recovered water and they gathered in more localities and in lower numbers, and couldn't always be counted due to access problems (bad tracks, land without access etc.) or not knowing where the new (or historic) roosts were located.



Image nº 49: Poster for the first crane census. Photo: J. A. Román, design by José A. Leal.

### ***Overall results in Spain and distribution by Autonomous Communities***

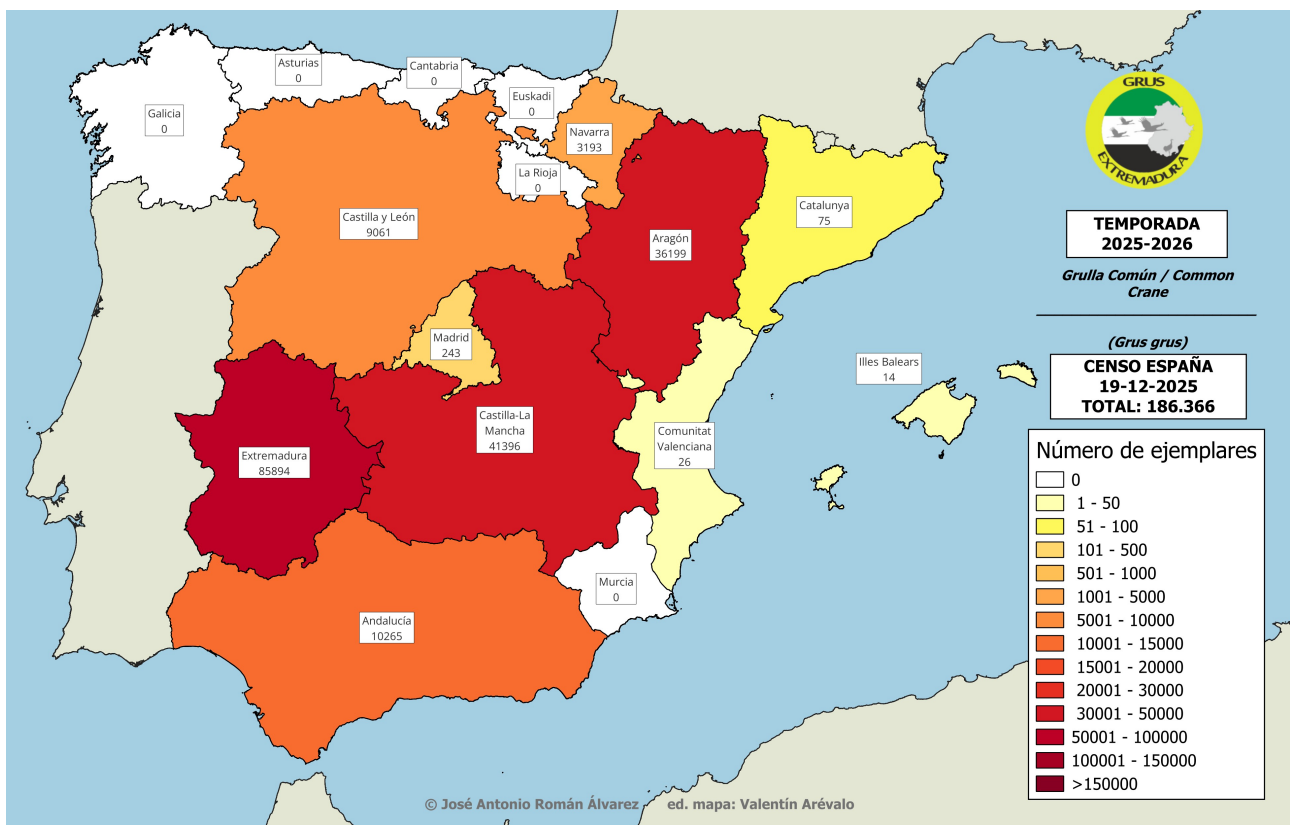
The result from the first census was **186,366** cranes in Spain.

By Autonomous Community, Extremadura registered the highest number of wintering cranes with 85,894 birds (45.8%), followed by Castile-la-Mancha with 41,396 (22.3%), Aragón with 36,199 (19.5%), Andalucía with 10,265 (5.5%), Castile-y-León with 9,061 (4.9%), Navarra with 3,193 (1.7%), Community of Madrid with 243 (0.1%), Catalonia with 75 (0.04%), Community of Valencia with 26 (0.01%), Balearic Isles with 14 and none in La Rioja.

The majority of birds seen in Madrid were migrants heading west-southwest, seen during the census day.

It is highlighted that 47,717 fewer cranes were counted compared to the census of 2024. Without doubt, the reason is due to the impact of avian influenza which seriously affected the species. In France and Germany some 40,000 birds were picked up; in Spain, where exhaustive monitoring was only done at Gallocanta lagoon (Aragón), around 1,100 were found. However, the number of deaths must be much higher than the obtained figures.

We also have to take into account that some localities in Cáceres and Toledo provinces could not be censused. In addition, the fragmentation of dormitories in areas of dehesa represented a decrease or absence of birds at some reservoirs (in the north of Córdoba and Badajoz provinces), which contributed to the reduced number of cranes counted.



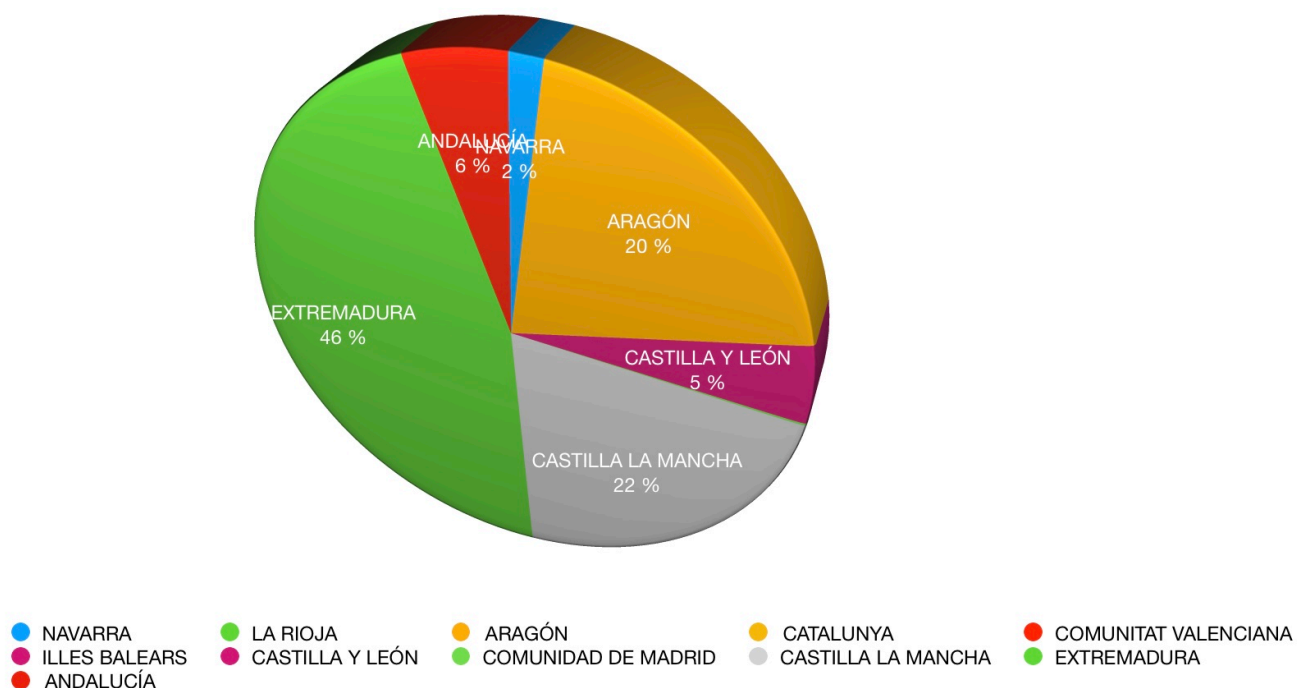
Map nº 21: Distribution by Autonomous Community in December.

### CENSO POR CC.AA.

	DICIEMBRE	%
NAVARRA	3193	1,7
LA RIOJA	0	0
ARAGÓN	36199	19,5
CATALUNYA	75	0,04
COMUNITAT VALENCIANA	26	0,01
ILLES BALEARS	14	0
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	9061	4,9
COMUNIDAD DE MADRID	243	1,3
CASTILLA LA MANCHA	41396	22,3
EXTREMADURA	84777	45,8
ANDALUCÍA	10265	5,5
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Table nº: Crane distribution by Autonomous Community in December.

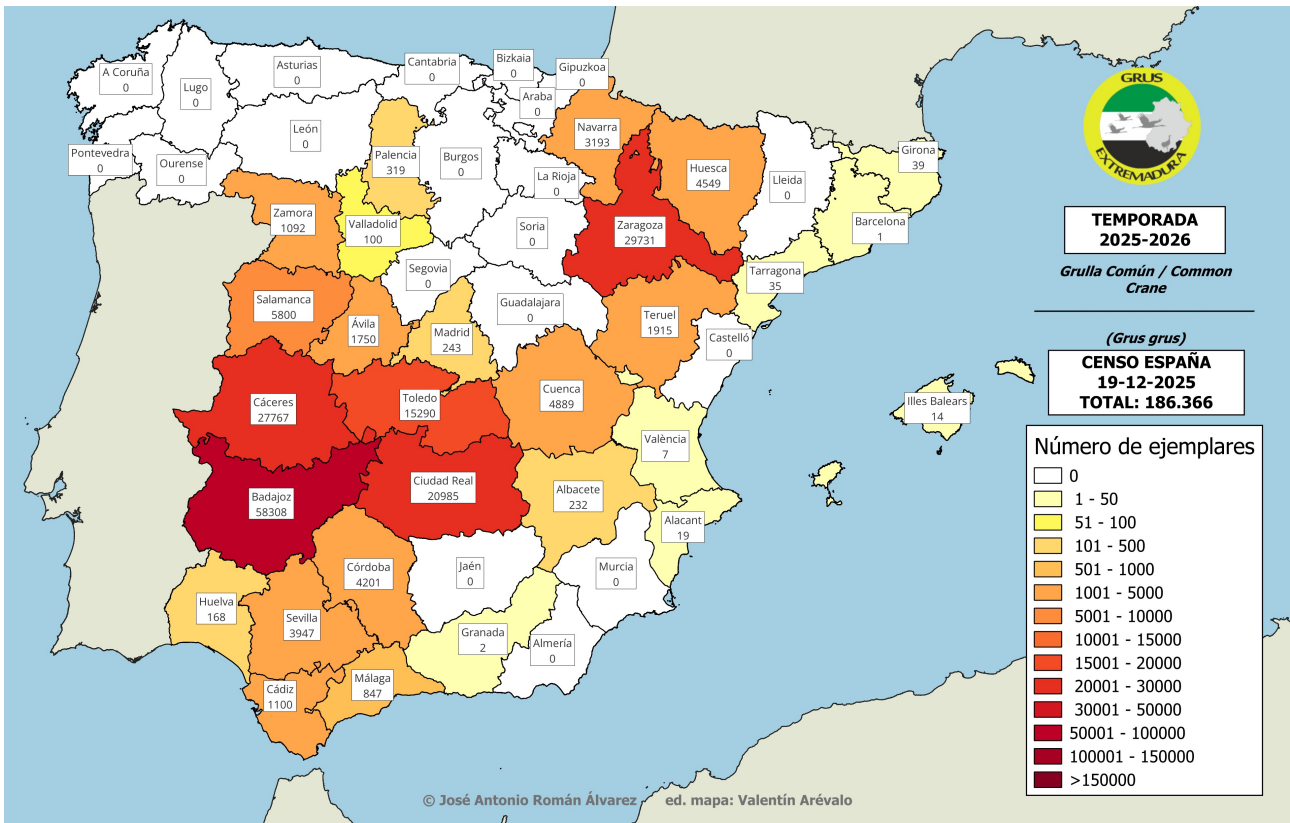
## DISTRIBUCIÓN POR CC.AA. EN DICIEMBRE



Graphic nº 8: Crane distribution by Autonomous Community in December.

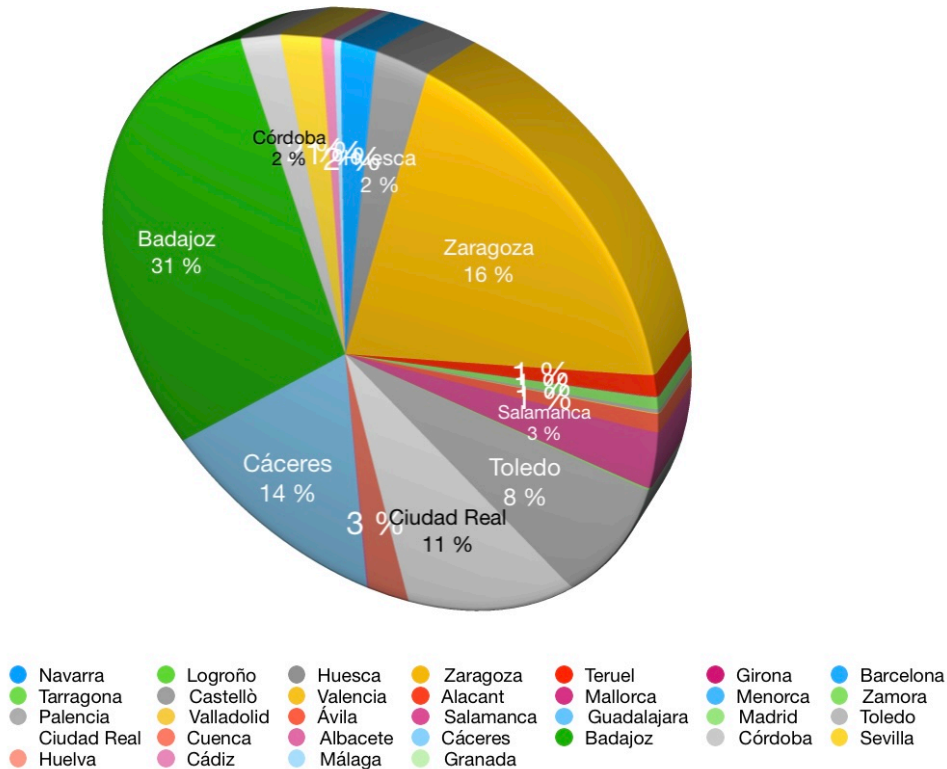
### **Provincial distribution**

Provincial distribution, in order of importance, was as follows: 58,127 (31.3%) in Badajoz, followed by Zaragoza with 29,731 (16%), Cáceres with 27,767 (14.3%), Ciudad Real with 20,985 (11.3%), Toledo with 15,290 (8.2%), Salamanca with 5,800 (3%), Cuenca with 4,889 (2.6%), Huesca with 4,549 (2.4%), Córdoba with 4,201 (2.3%), Sevilla with 3,947 (2.1%), Navarra with 3,193 (1.7%), Teruel with 1,915 (1%), Ávila with 1,750 (1%), Zamora with 1,092 (0.6%), Cádiz with 1,100 (0.6%), Málaga with 617 (0.3%), Palencia with 319 (0.17%), Madrid with 243 (0.1%), Albacete with 232 (0.1%), Valladolid with 100 (0.05%), Girona with 39 (0.02%), Tarragona with 35 (0.02%), Alicante with 9, Menorca with 9, Valencia with 7, Mallorca with 6, Granada with 2, Barcelona with 1 and Logroño, Castellon and Guadalajara had no birds.



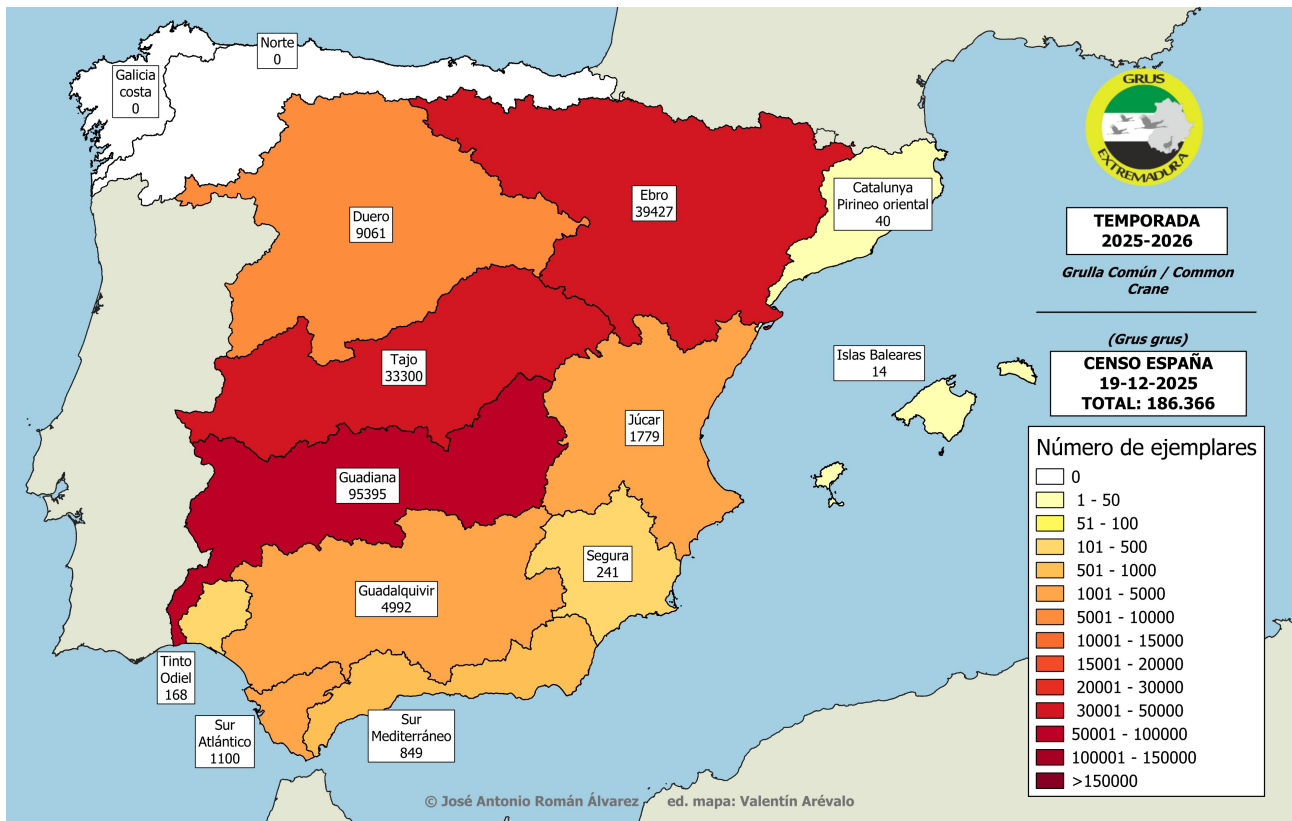
Map nº 22: Provincial distribution in December.

### DISTRIBUCIÓN PROVINCIAL EN DICIEMBRE



Graphic nº 9: Crane distribution by province in December.

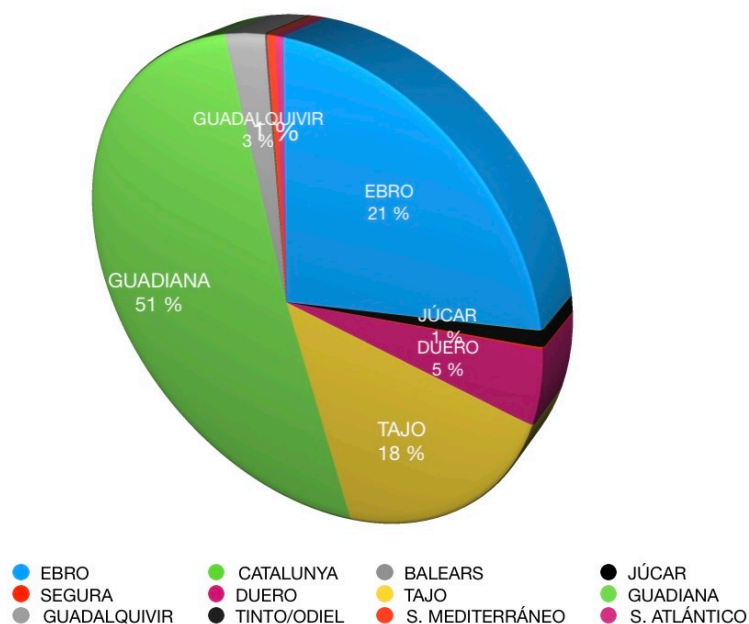
The distribution by water catchment areas was as follows, in order of size: 85,366 (51.5% in the Guadiana basin, followed by the Tajo with 33,300 (17.4%), the Ebro with 30,247 (21.2%), the Duero with 9,061 (9%), the Guadalquivir with 4,992 (2.7%), the Júcar with 1,779 (1%), the South Atlantic with 1,100 (0.6%), the South Mediterranean with 849 (0.5%), the Segura with 241 (0.1%), the Tinto/Odiel with 168 (0.09%), Catalonia with 40 (0.02%) and Balearics with 14.



Map nº 23: Crane distribution by water catchment area in December.



## DISTRIBUCIÓN POR CUENCAS HIDROGRÁFICAS



Graphic nº 10: Crane distribution by catchment areas in December.

## CUENCAS HIDROGRÁFICAS EN DICIEMBRE

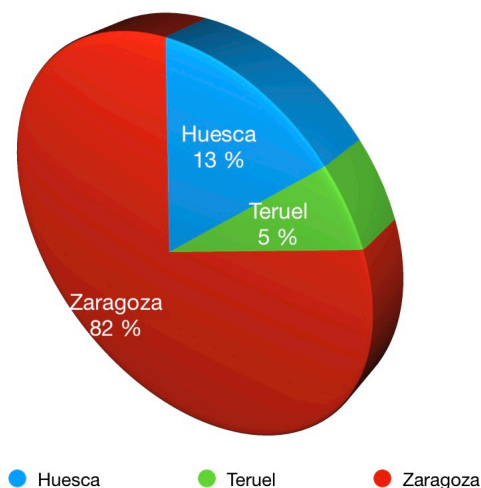
	diciembre	%
EBRO	39427	21,3
CATALUNYA	40	0,02
BALEARS	14	0
JÚCAR	1779	1
SEGURA	241	0,1
DUERO	9061	9
TAJO	32183	17,3
GUADIANA	95395	51,5
GUADALQUIVIR	4992	2,7
TINTO/ODIEL	168	0,09
S. MEDITERRÁNEO	1100	0,6
S. ATLÁNTICO	849	0,5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185249</b>	

Table nº 1: Crane distribution by water catchment area in December.

In Navarra, 7 localities were visited, of which 3 had negative results. The bulk of wintering birds were found roosting in the Arguedas rice fields: 2,785 (87%).

In Aragón, 24 localities were censused: 2 in Huesca, where 4,549 cranes (12.5%) were counted, 6 in Teruel (4 with negative results) with 1,916 (8%) and 16 in Zaragoza (8 with negative results) with 29,054 (80%).

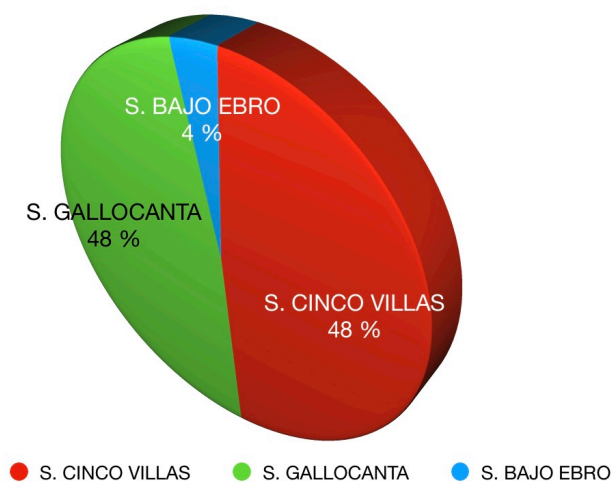
Distribución provincial en Aragón



Graphic nº 11: Crane distribution in Aragón in December.

The combined population of Navarra, Aragón and Guadalajara is grouped into three sectors which hosted 39,388 cranes, divided between: Sector Cinco Villas, in which are included birds in Navarra, Huesca and the north of Zaragoza province (Cinco Villas and Ejea de los Caballeros), where 19,001 were counted (48%); Sector Gallocanta, which includes the birds at this lagoon and surrounding area, as well as Guadalajara, with 18,901 (48%); and Sector Bajo Ebro in the southeast of Zaragoza province and northeast of Teruel, where they counted 1,486 (3.7%).

Sectores Navarro-Aragones y Castellano-Manchegos



Graphic nº 12: Distribution by sectors in Navarre-Aragón and Castile-la-Mancha.

In La Rioja, a single locality was visited, with a negative result.

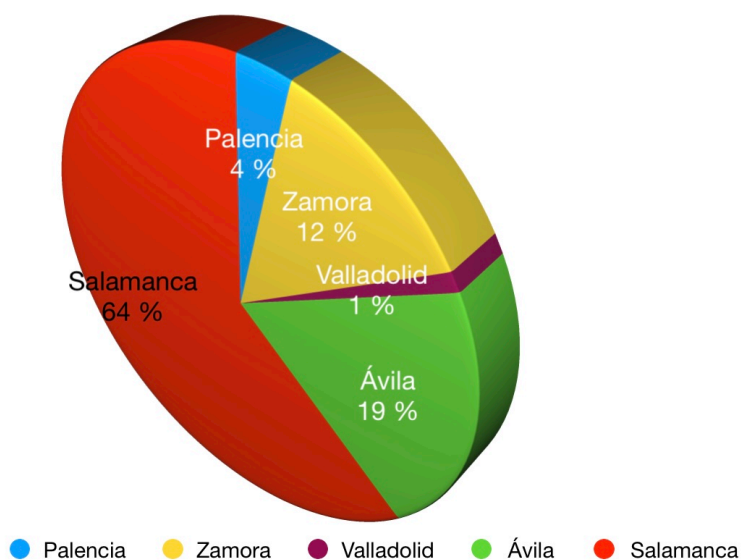
In Catalonia, the wintering population was divided between Los Aiguamolls de l'Empordà in Girona with 39 birds and 35 in the Ebro Delta in Tarragona, as well as a solitary individual at the Llobregat estuary in Barcelona.

In the Community of Valencia, 26 cranes were counted: 9 localities in Castellon were visited, with negative results; 1 in Valencia, with 7 birds; 1 in Alicante with 4 birds and 15 birds were seen migrating at the Calp salt pans.

On the Balearic Isles, 14 cranes were counted: 6 at one locality on Mallorca and 8 at one locality on Menorca.

In Castile-y-León, 9,061 cranes were counted: 2 localities in Palencia with 319 birds (3.5%), 1 in Zamora with 1,092 (12%), 4 in Valladolid (3 with negative results and 1 with 100 (1.1%)), 2 in Ávila with 1,750 (10.7%) and 7 in Salamanca (2 with negative results) with 5,800 (64%).

Distribución provincial en Castilla y León

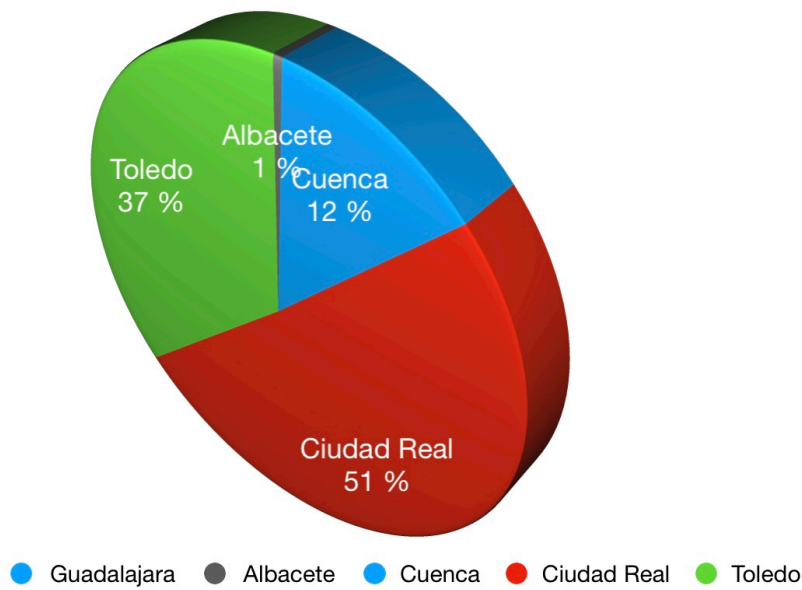


Graphic nº 13: Provincial distribution in Castile-y-León in December.

In the Community of Madrid, 243 cranes were counted in 7 localities; the vast majority were individuals moving towards their wintering quarters in the west of the peninsula, only the birds at El Pardo reservoir and perhaps those at Santillana could be birds settled in the area, at least during this month.

In Castile-la-Mancha, 41,396 cranes were counted; 11 localities in Guadalajara were visited, all with negative results, 2 in Albacete with 232 (0.6%), 4 in Cuenca with 4,889 (11.8%), 10 in Ciudad Real (1 with a negative result) with 20,985 (50.7%) and 8 in Toledo (1 with a negative result) with 15,290 (36.9%).

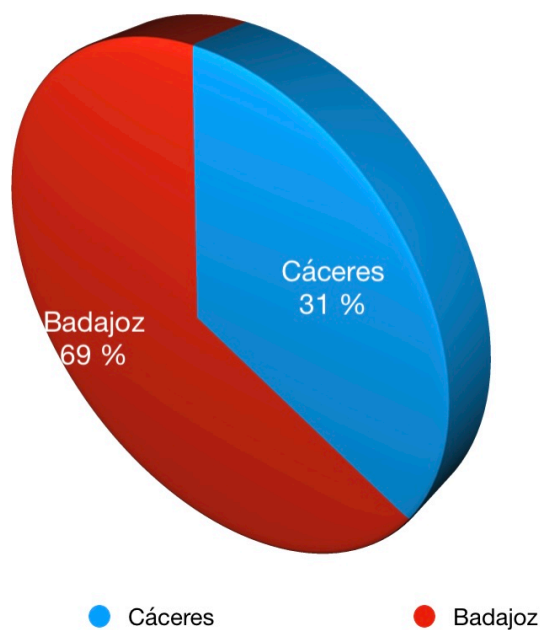
### Distribución provincial en Castilla la Mancha



Graphic nº 14: Provincial distribution in Castile-la-Mancha in December.

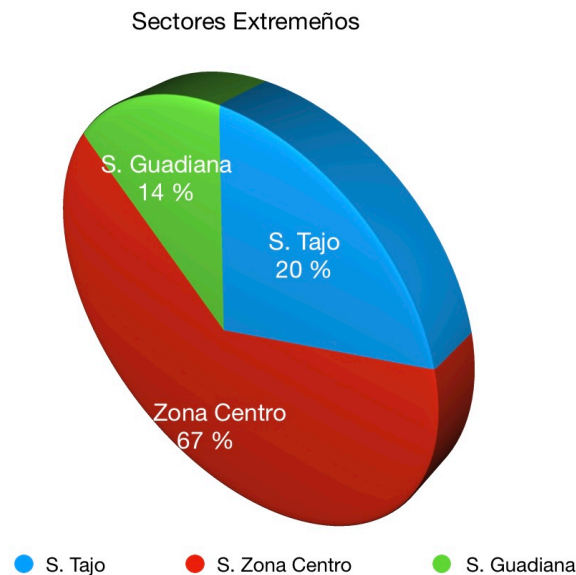
In Extremadura 84,777 cranes were counted, for which 19 localities in Cáceres were visited (with 1 negative result) with 26,650 (31.4%) birds, and 36 localities in Badajoz (4 with negative results) with 58,127 (68.5%), and 11 sectors between the two provinces were covered in the east of the region.

### Distribución provincial en Extremadura



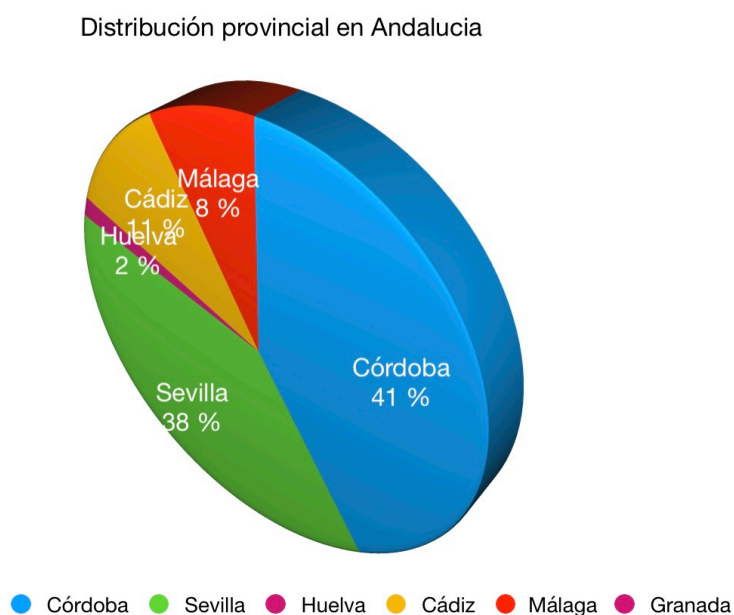
Graphic nº 15: Provincial distribution in Extremadura in December.

We divide this region into three sectors: Sector Tajo, which hosts the birds present in Cáceres province, where 16,650 (19.6%) cranes were counted; Sector Central Zone, which is located in the upper floodplain of the River Guadiana, in both provinces, with 56,498 (66.6%); and Sector Guadiana, which covers those found in Badajoz province, with 11,629 (13%).



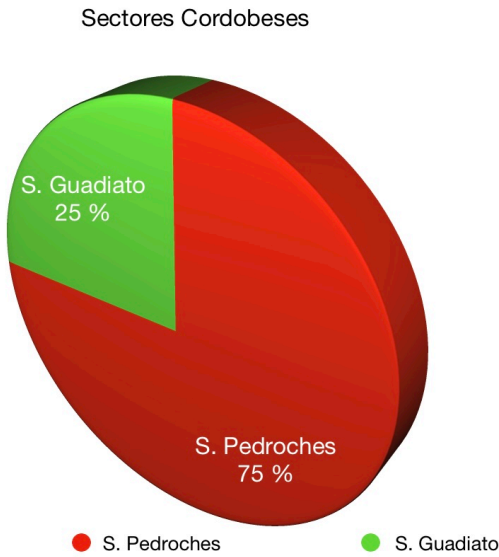
Graphic nº 16: Distribution by sectors in Extremadura in December.

In Andalucía 10,265 cranes were counted, for which 10 localities were visited in Córdoba (with 1 negative result) with 4,201 (41%) birds, 3 in Sevilla with 3,947 (38.4%), 2 in Huelva with 168 (1.6%), 1 in Cádiz with 1,100 (10.7%), 2 in Málaga with 847 (8.2%) and 1 in Granada with 2 birds.



Graphic nº 17: Provincial distribution in Andalucía in December.

We divide Córdoba province into two sectors: Sector Pedroches with 3,156 cranes (75%), which is located in the north of the province and belongs to the Guadiana catchment area; and the Sector Alto Guadiato with 1,045 (25%), situated in the south and belonging to the Guadalquivir catchment area.



Graphic nº 18: Crane distribution in Córdoba’s sectors in December.



### ***Distribution in January***

From the final days of December and throughout January a series of Atlantic weather fronts produced abundant precipitation in the form of rain and also snow, which led to a widespread filling of reservoirs and farm ponds.



Image nº 50: Cranes at Gallocanta lagoon on 5 January, after heavy snow. Photo: Uge Fuertes.

In the case of reservoirs, especially the small and medium ones that were used by cranes, the water level rose so much that they were left without suitable shores or beaches for the cranes to continue using as roost sites, so they had to abandon the majority of them and they dispersed to occupy small ponds on different farms. This fragmentation, the persistent rain, the bad state of the tracks and the difficulty, when not impossible, to access some private farms, made doing the January census hugely difficult.

Nevertheless, the different census teams tried to do the work, taking advantage of the few breaks in the rain, as the visibility was difficult from observation points which are a distance from the roosts, so censuses were done as well as possible in each of the areas occupied by cranes. Some were done ahead of the planned date of 23 January, others were postponed by a day or more, even over a week, according to when local conditions permitted. In general, there are fewer movements between wintering locations in January, as populations are settled into their feeding areas (although there were changes in the birds' distribution, as they took advantage of fresh resources, such as worms).



Image nº 51: Access road to the Zangallón roost (BA) closed due to the flooded stream, which made the census impossible. Photo: Luis M. Venancio.

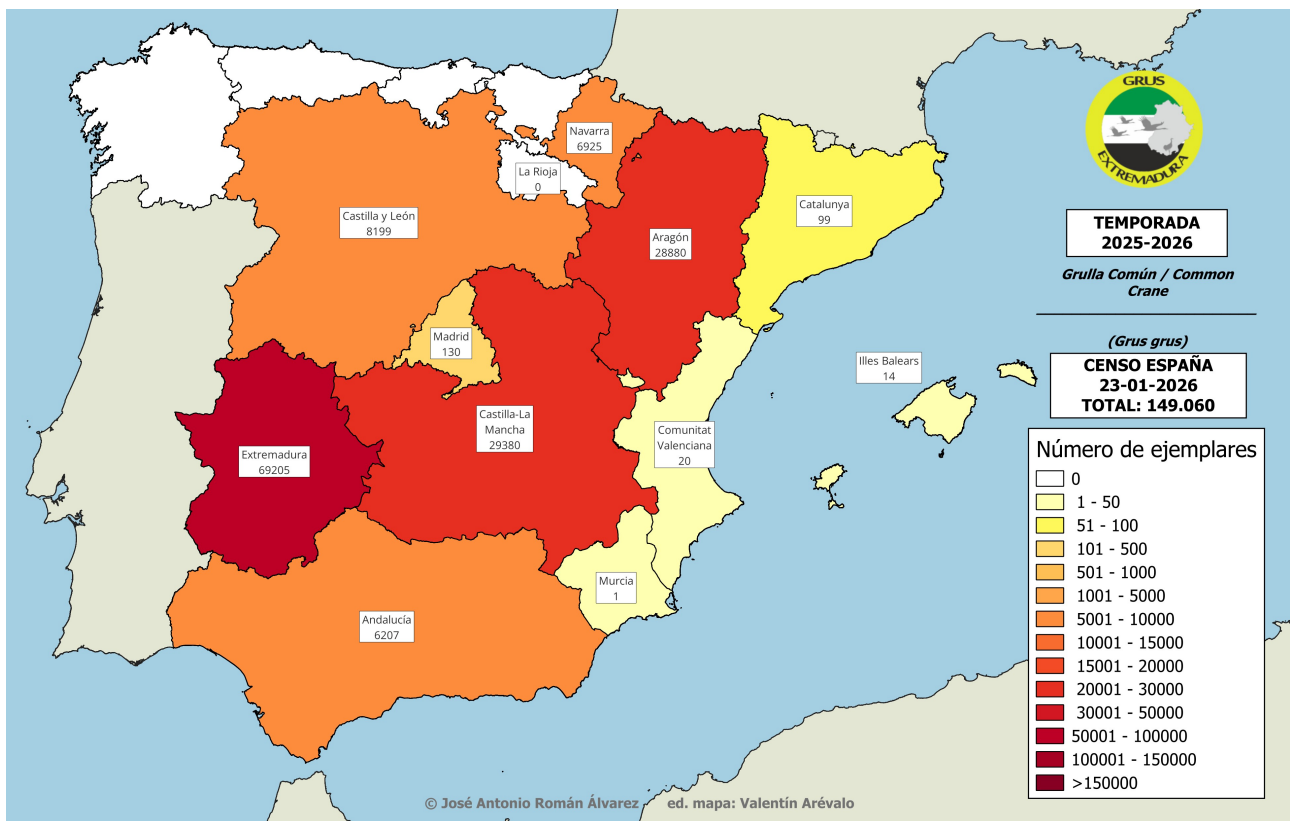


Image nº 52: Poster for the January census. Photo: Andrés González and layout by José Leal.

## General results

In January **149,060** cranes were counted, signalling a decrease of 37,185 individuals compared to December, some 20% less. As already mentioned, the dispersal of birds and impossibility of accessing certain locations contributed to these results. We are aware that the wintering population was greater, but these are the obtained results.

By autonomous communities, Extremadura, with 69,205 cranes (46.6%), continued being the most important, followed by Castile-la-Mancha with 29,380 (19,6%), Aragón with 28,880 (19.3%), Castile-y-León with 8.199 (5.5%), Navarra with 6,925 (4.6%), Andalucía with 6,207 (4.2%), Madrid with 130 (0.08%), Catalonia with 99 (0.08%), Valencia with 20 (0.01%), Balearic Isles with 14 and 1 in Murcia.



Map nº 24: Crane distribution by autonomous community in January

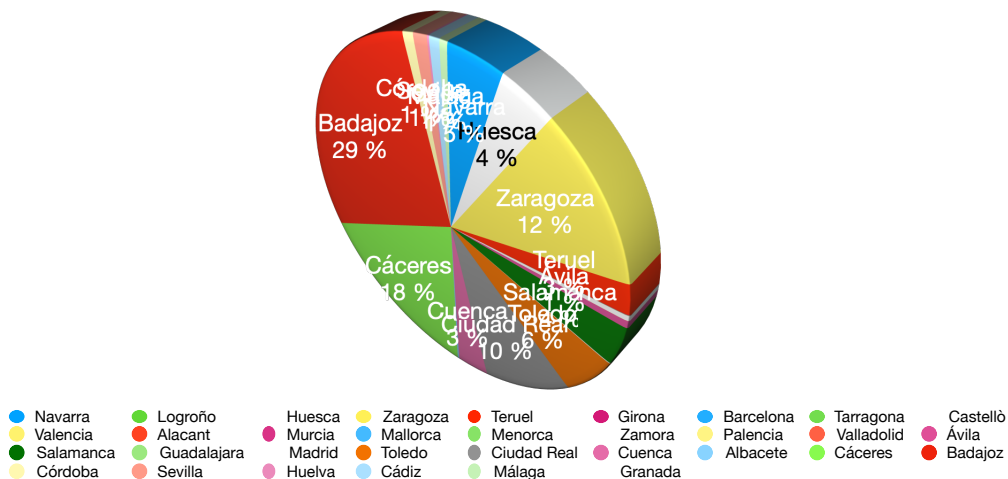
## CENSUS BY AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY

	DECEMBER	%	JANUARY	%
NAVARRA	3193	1,7	6925	4,6
LA RIOJA	0	0	0	0
ARAGÓN	36199	19,5	28880	19,3
CATALUNYA	75	0,04	99	0,06
COMUNITAT VALENCIANA	26	0,01	20	0,01
ILLES BALEARS	14	0	14	0
COMUNIDAD DE MURCIA	0	0	1	0
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	9061	4,9	8199	5,5
COMUNIDAD DE MADRID	243	1,3	130	0,08
CASTILLA LA MANCHA	41396	22,3	29380	19,6
EXTREMADURA	85894	45,8	69205	46,4
ANDALUCÍA	10265	5,5	6207	4,2
<b>ESPAÑA</b>	<b>186366</b>		<b>149060</b>	

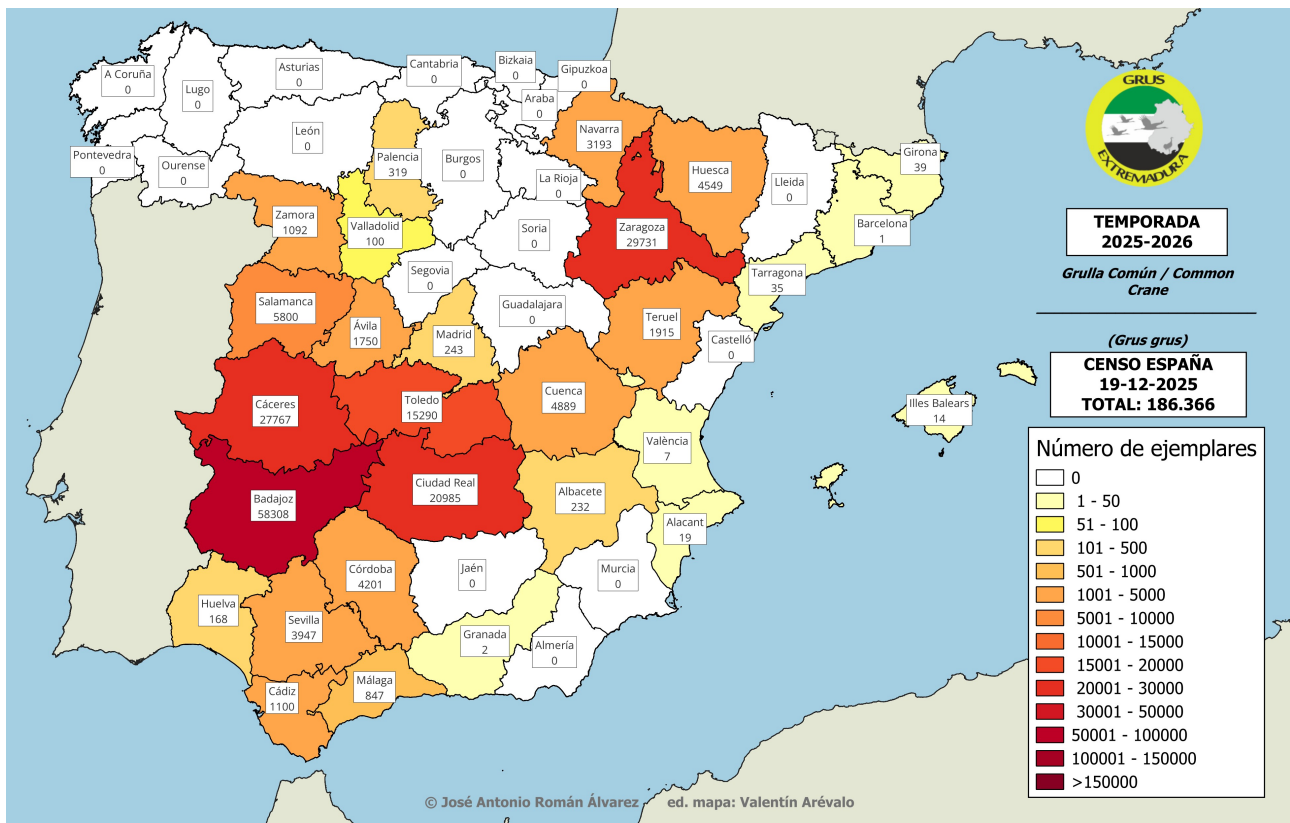
Table nº 2: Comparison by autonomous community of December and January

Badajoz continued to be the most important province, with 42,511 cranes (28.6%), followed by Cáceres province with 26,521 (17.7%), Zaragoza with 18,555 (12.4%), Ciudad Real with 14,715 (9.9%), Toledo with 9,034 (6,2%), Navarra with 6,925 (4,6%), Salamanca with 6,559 (4.4%), Huesca with 6,271 (4.2%), Cuenca with 4,991 (3.3%), Teruel with 4,054 (2.7%), Sevilla with 1,959 (1.3%), Córdoba with 1,545 (1%), Cádiz with 1,400 (1%), Ávila with 1,056 (0.9%), Málaga with 1,040 (0.7%), Zamora with 720 (0.5%), Albacete with 280 (0.2%), Huelva with 272 (0.2%), Madrid with 130 (0.08%), Girona with 63 (0.04%), Tarragona with 35 (0.02%), Valladolid with 15, Palencia with 14, Valencia with 12, Alicante with 8, Mallorca with 7, Menorca with 7, Murcia with 1 and Barcelona with 1. There were no cranes in Logroño, Guadalajara, Castellon or Granada

PROVINCES IN JANUARY

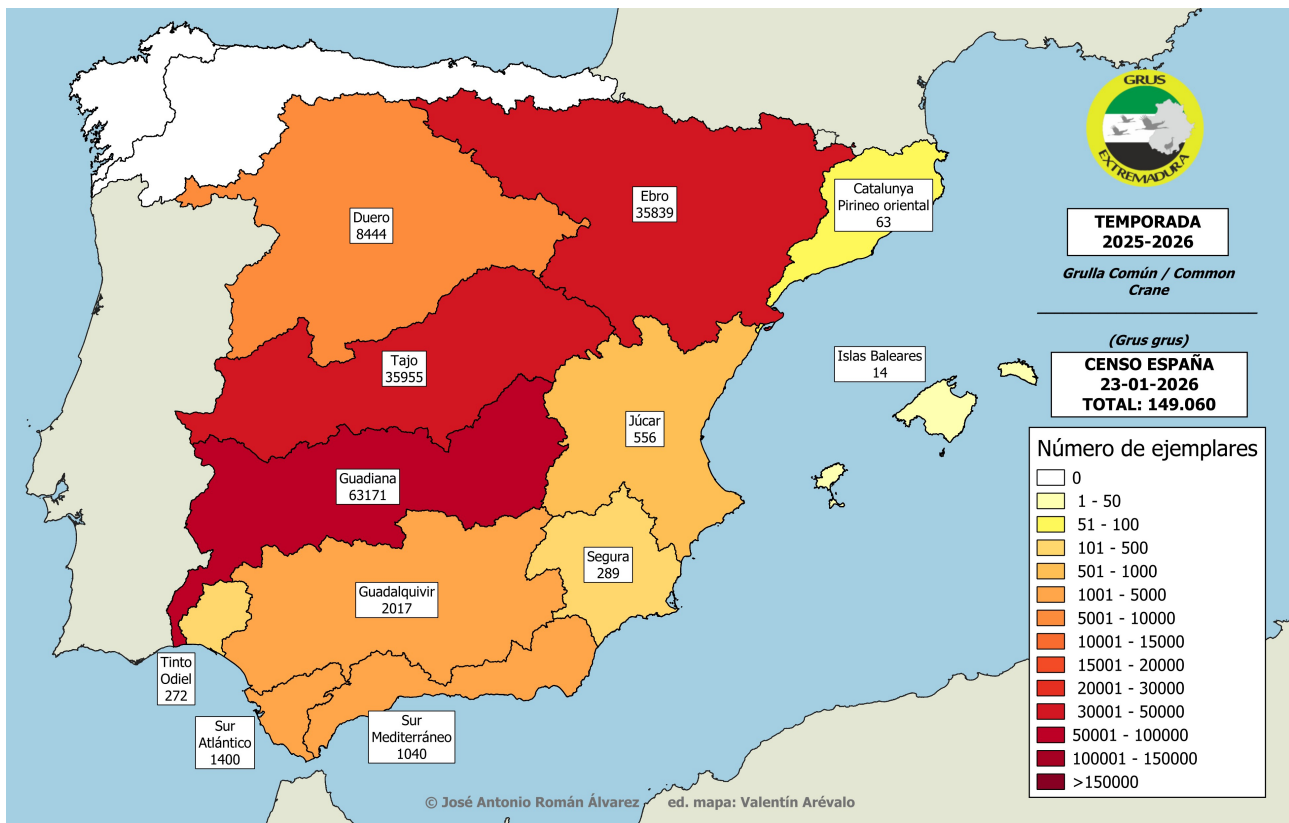


Graphic nº 19: Provincial distribution in January.



Map nº 25: Provincial distribution in January.

By water catchment areas, the Guadiana was the most important, with 63,171 cranes (42.4%), although it was also the one that lost most birds compared to December: 32,000, some 9% less. It was followed by the Tajo, with 35,955 (24%), which even had a small increase of 2,500 birds, some 7%. After that was the Ebro, with 35,839 (24%), which lost 4,400 cranes in January. Next was the Duero with 8,444 (5.6%), a decrease of 600 birds compared to December; the Guadalquivir had 2,017 (1.35%) a loss of 2,900 cranes; the South Atlantic had 1,400 (0.9%), an increase of 300 cranes; the South Mediterranean had 1,040 (0.7%), which went up by 200 birds; the Júcar had 556 (0.37%) a reduction of 1,200 birds; the Segura had 289 (0.10%), an increase of 40 individuals; the Tinto/Odiel had 272 (0.18%), an increase of 104 birds; Catalonia had 63 (0.04%), 23 birds more; Balearics was stable with the same 14 cranes in both periods.



Map nº 25: Distribution by water catchment area in January.

#### WATER CATCHMENT AREAS DECEMBER AND JANUARY

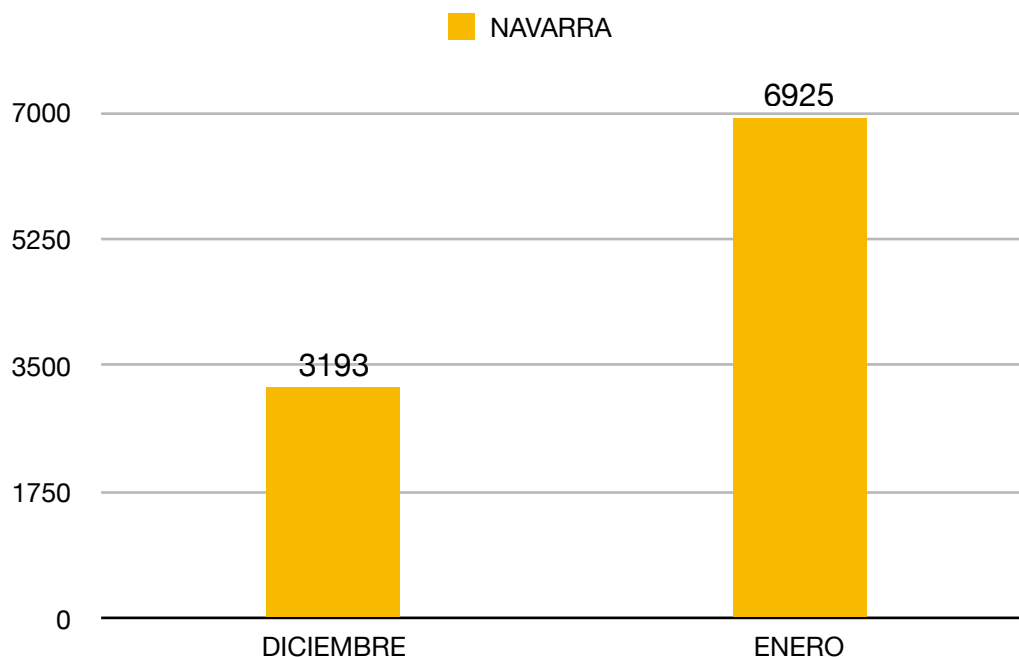
	diciembre	enero
EBRO	39427	35839
CATALUNYA	40	63
BALEARS	14	14
JÚCAR	1779	556
SEGURA	241	289
DUERO	9061	8444
TAJO	33300	35955
GUADIANA	95395	63171
GUADALQUIVIR	4992	2017
TINTO/ODIEL	168	272
S. MEDITERRÁNEO	1100	1400
S. ATLÁNTICO	849	1040
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186366</b>	<b>149181</b>

Table nº 3: Winter comparison by water catchment area.

## NAVARRA

The community of Navarra was the only one that registered an increase of birds in January. 3,193 cranes were censused in December and 6,925 in January, more than doubling the population. Probably one of the reasons was due to the weather-driven escape from Germany that happened this month, in addition to the movement of birds whose range extends into Aragón.

Nine localities were visited, four of them with negative results in both periods. Highlighted were Pitillas lagoon had a notable increase, rising from 196 cranes in December to 2,879 in January, as well as the Arguedas rice fields, going from 155 to 938.



Graphic nº 20: Comparison of both censuses in Navarra.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
Arguedas rice fields	Navarra	Arguedas	155	938
Dos Reinos lagoon	Navarra	Figarol y Alera	2785	2530
Alera rice fields	Navarra	Alera		578
La Rada rice fields	Navarra	La Rada	57	0
Las Cañas reservoir	Navarra	Viana	0	0
Pitillas lagoon	Navarra	Pitillas	196	2879
la Mueda pond	Navarra	La Mueda	0	0
la Zolina pond	Navarra	La Zolina	0	0
Yesa reservoir	Navarra			0
<b>NAVARRA</b>			<b>3193</b>	<b>6925</b>

Table nº 4: Census results for localities in Navarra.

*Census teams:*

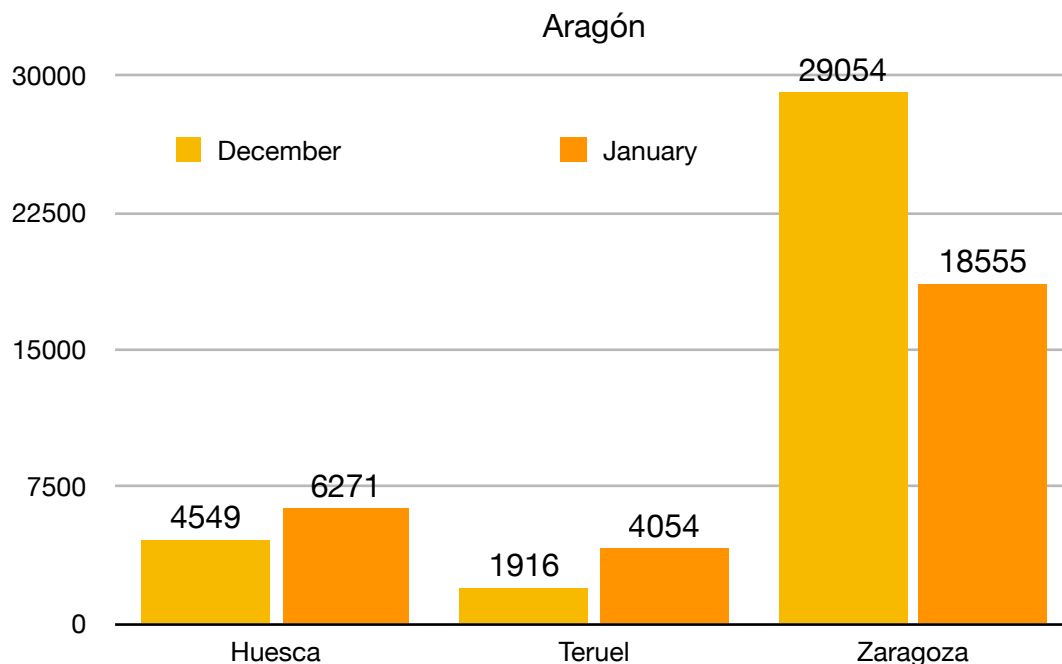
- Dos Reinos lagoon: Jesús Mari Lekuona Sánchez, David Miqueleiz Cortés, Rajendra Ayerra Vildaraz, Ángel Ibáñez Torres
- Pitillas lagoon: Jesús Mari Lekuona Sánchez
- La Zolina reservoir: Raúl Pascual
- Arguedas rice fields: Jesús Mari Lekuona Sánchez
- Las Cañas reservoir: Jesús Mari Lekuona Sánchez

**ARAGÓN**

Aragón is the third most important community, where 36,199 cranes were counted in December and 28,880 in January, which meant a decrease of some 8,000 birds. This is usual each season in this community, as many of the cranes counted in December are birds on passage which continue their journey to more southerly latitudes, although there may also be movements to the rice fields in Navarra, in search of food. Also, it snowed heavily in January and that encouraged many cranes to move further south.

By provinces, 4,549 cranes were counted in Huesca in December and 6,271 in January, a population increase of almost 2000 cranes. In Teruel there was also a significant increase in January, going from 1,916 to 4,054 in January, an increase of more than 2,000 birds, particularly at El Cañizar lagoon. However, there was a decrease in Zaragoza, going from 29,054 cranes in December to 18,555 in January, some 11,000 birds less. This is explained by Gallocanta lagoon acting as a migratory corridor and many continued the journey after the first census and others moving to the surrounding areas of Teruel and Huesca, although the increase of birds in Huesca in January could also have been related to the cold weather exodus from Germany.

30 localities were visited: 5 in Huesca, 7 in Teruel, 5 with negative results in December (although one of them, Lechago reservoir, was positive in January), 17 in Zaragoza, 9 with negative results in December, of which the salt flats of La Playa and El Planeron held birds in January.



Graphic nº 21: Provincial comparison of the censuses in Aragón.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/20	23/1/26
Las Cuevas	Huesca	Monesma		627
Embalse de la Sotonera	Huesca	Montmesa, Ortilla	3599	3620
Clamor de la Virgen	Huesca	Villanueva de Sigena		667
Embalse del Pas	Huesca	Valonga		1047
Embalse de Almudévar	Huesca	Almudevar	950	310
Laguna de Cañizar	Teruel	Villarquemado y Cella	1906	3576
Saladas de Alcañiz	Teruel	Alcañiz	9	0
Laguna El Mojón	Teruel	Odón		0
Embalse de Lechago	Teruel	Lechago	0	478
Laguna del Becerril	Teruel	El Pobo de la Sierra	0	0
El Balsón (Ojos Altos)	Teruel	Caminreal	0	
Saladas de Santed	Teruel	Santed	0	0
Embalse de Yesa	Zaragoza	Artieda	0	0
Laguna de Gallocanta	Zaragoza	Gallocanta	16995	5420
Embalse de la Loteta	Zaragoza	Pedrola	2439	2374
Plano de de Buena Vista	Zaragoza	Ejea de los Caballeros	4481	560
El Cotaz	Zaragoza	Ejea de los Caballeros	3030	6730
Turruquiel-Arana	Zaragoza	Ejea de los Caballeros	95	
Valdecenicera	Zaragoza	Quinto de Ebro	0	65
Balsa Venta el Esquilao	Zaragoza	Quinto de Ebro	0	0
Elan	Zaragoza	Quinto de Ebro	800	328
Valareña	Zaragoza	Valareña	1214	1458
Embalse de Mequinenza	Zaragoza	Chiprana	0	
Embalse de Almochuel	Zaragoza	Almochuel		0
Hoya del Castillo	Zaragoza	Azaila		0
Salada de Chiprana	Zaragoza	Chiprana	0	
Salada de la Playa	Zaragoza	Sastago	0	386
Salada de Pito	Zaragoza	Sastago	0	
El Planerón	Zaragoza	Belchite	0	80
Hoyo de la Cruz	Zaragoza	Bujaraloz	677	1154
<b>ARAGÓN</b>			<b>36199</b>	<b>28880</b>

Table nº 5: Census results for localities in Aragón.

### Aragón

Province	December	%	January	%
Huesca	4549	12,5	6271	21,7
Teruel	1916	5,2	4054	14,1
Zaragoza	29054	80,2	18555	64,2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36199</b>		<b>28880</b>	

Table nº 6: Provincial results in Aragón.

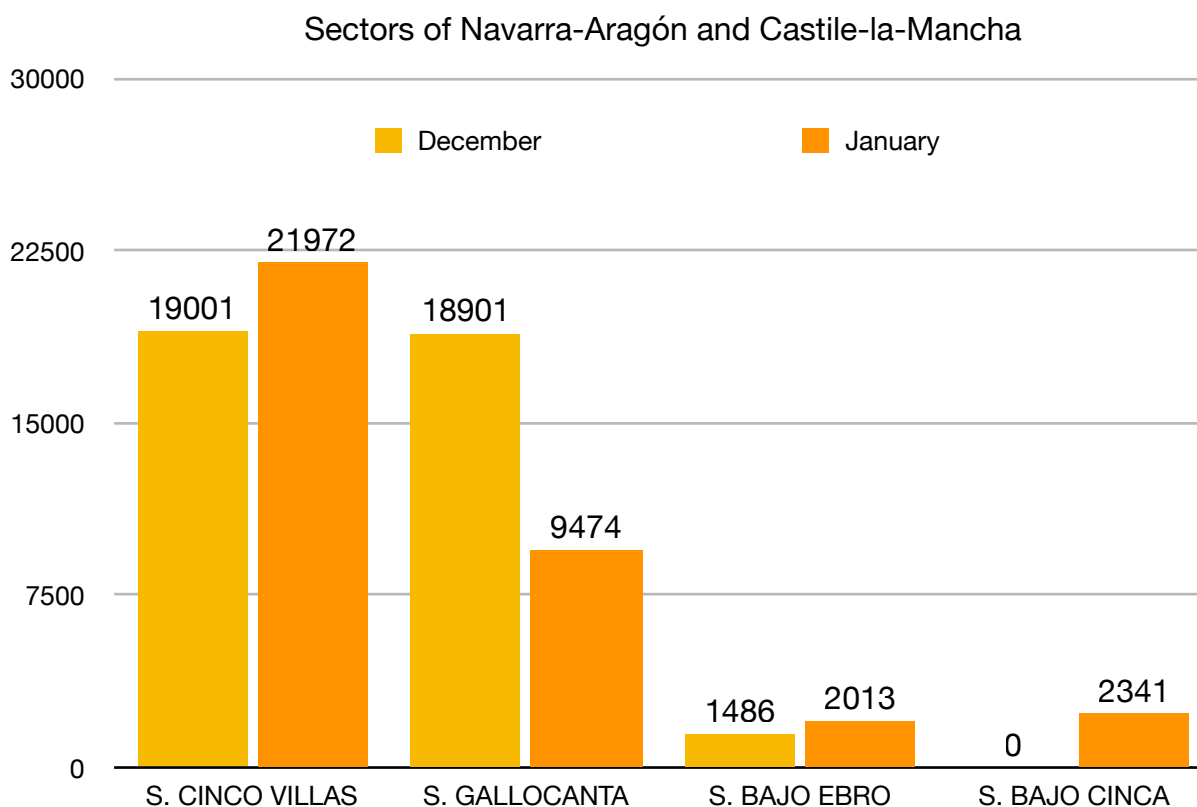
As stated previously, we divide into sectors encompassing Navarra, Aragón and Guadalajara (Castile-la-Mancha); as well as those already mentioned in December: Sector Cinco Villas/Sotonera, Sector Gallocanta, Sector Bajo Ebro, in January we added the Sector Bajo Cinca, which was not mentioned previously because it had no birds in December.

A total of 39,388 cranes were registered in December and 35,800 in January, with an overall decrease of well under 4,000 birds. The Sector Cinco Villas/Sotonera went from 19,001 individuals to 21,972, making an increase of almost 2,000 birds, thanks to arrival of birds from Navarra. The Gallocanta Sector went from 18,901 cranes to 9,474, due to the decrease of birds migrating from the lagoon. The Bajo Ebro Sector went from 1,486 a 2,013 birds, gaining some 600 cranes, and the Sector Bajo Cinca, which had no birds in December, hosted 2,341 in January.

SECTORS NAVARRA-ARAGÓN and CASTILE-LA-MANCHA

SECTOR	December	%	January	%
S. CINCO VILLAS/SOTONERA	19001	48,2	21972	61,3
S. GALLOCANTA	18901	48	9474	26,4
S. BAJO EBRO	1486	3,7	2013	5,6
S. BAJO CINCA	0	0	2341	6,5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39388</b>		<b>35800</b>	

Table nº 7: Results in the sectors of Navarra-Aragón and Castile-la-Mancha.



Graphic nº 22: Comparison by sectors of Navarra-Aragón and Castile-la-Mancha.

*Census teams:*

*Huesca*

- Selgua rice fields: Juan Carlos Albero
- Santa Rita and Pas reservoir: Juan Carlos Albero
- Sotonera reservoir: Silvia Duque Mavilla, José María Canudo Gavín, Jorge Lardiés Sanromán, Juan Brioso, Guillermo Manso González, Rajendra Ayerra Vildarraz
- Las Cuevas: Juan Carlos Albero Pérez
- Clamor de la Virgen: Antonio Torrijo Pardos
- El Pas reservoir: Antonio Torrijo Pardos
- Almudévar reservoir: Daniel Forte Jordan, Silvia Duque Mavilla

*Teruel*

- El Cañizar lagoon: Emilio Bobed Berbegal, Carmen Liberos Saura, Fernando Salas Pérez, David Mansilla Lanzuela, Martín del Castillo Garcia, Belén Peralta de Andrés
- Alcañiz salt flats: Juan Luis Muñoz Peregrina, Esther Yera Posa
- El Mojón lagoon: Uge Fuertes Sanz
- Lechago reservoir: Eva Nadal Subias, Rodrigo Pérez Grijalvo
- El Becerril lagoon: César Izquierdo Tena, Isaac Parra
- El Balsón (Ojos Altos): Antonio Torrijo Pardos
- Hoya del Castillo: Antonio Torrijo Pardos

*Zaragoza*

- Yesa reservoir: Inés Rodríguez Lasheras
- Santed salt flats: Sabi Martínez Ordás
- Gallicantá lagoon: S.A.R.G.A.: Francisco Javier Sampietro Latorre, Aitor Mora Solano, Pilar Vicente Ballestín, Javier Vicente Ballestín, Víctor Franco Ballestín, Javier Sanz Sánchez, Pablo Monroy Martínez, José Gutiérrez
- La Loteta reservoir: Santiago Domínguez Bernal, José Antonio Pinzolas, María Ibáñez Martín
- Buenavista plains: Juan Ignacio Deán Pinedo, Gonzalo Deán Oroz, Héctor Bintanel Cenís
- El Cotaz: Lander Goñi
- Turruquiel-Arana: Diego Villanua Inglada
- Valdecenicera: Juan Gómez de Valenzuela, Miguel Serrano Pérez
- Venta El Esquilao reservoir: Juan Gómez de Valenzuela, Ana L. Navarro Soto, Miguel Serrano Pérez
- Elan: Francisco Quesada Gaibar, Antonio Torrijo Pardos, Daniel Falomir López, Virginia Castrillón Sánchez, Mayte Salvador Martín
- Valereña: Sonia Fernández Martín, Esther Charles Jordan
- Mequinenza reservoir: Laila Aranda Romero
- Chiprana salt flats: Laila Aranda Romero
- El Planerón: Juan Gómez de Valenzuela, Ana L. Navarro Soto, Miguel Serrano Pérez
- Malvecino reservoir:
- Hoyo de la Cruz: Conchi Escanilla Usón
- La Playa salt flats: Conchi Escanilla Usón, Arnau Guardia Povedano
- Pito salt flats: Conchi Escanilla Usón
- Almochuel reservoir: Antonio Torrijo Pard

## LA RIOJA

There were no wintering cranes in la Rioja.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
Sotos de Alfaro	Logroño	Alfaro	0	0
<b>LA RIOJA</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Table nº 8: Census results in La Rioja.

*Census teams:*

-Sotos de Alfaro: Andrés De la Torre, Borja Sanz

## CATALONIA

In Catalunya, 75 cranes were censused in December and 99 in January in 3 localities: 1 in Girona, which doubled the population in January, 1 in Barcelona, probably the same isolated individual, and 1 in Tarragona.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
Aiguamolls de l'Ampordá	Girona	Castelló d'Ampuries	39	62
Desembocadura del Llobregat	Barcelona	Barcelona	1	
Tordera	Barcelona	Tordera		1
Delta del'Ebre	Tarragona	Amposta	35	35
<b>CATALUNYA</b>			<b>75</b>	<b>98</b>

Table nº 9: Census results for localities in Catalonia.

*Census teams :*

*Girona*

-Aiguamolls de L'Empordà: Jordi Martí-Aledo, Jordi Sargatal Vicens, David Pérez

*Barcelona*

-Llobregat Estuary: Yuhang Mañé Rodríguez

*Tarragona*

-Ebro Delta: Sisco Vidal, Marcel Gil Velasco, Manuel Hermosilla

## BALEARIC ISLES

14 cranes were censused on the Isles in both periods on two islands: Mallorca and Menorca, at a single locality on each island.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
Sa Barrada	Mallorca	Campos	6	7
P. N Albufera d'es Grau	Tavàritx	Menorca	8	7
<b>ILLES BALEARS</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>

Table nº 10: Census results from the Balearic Isles.

*Census teams:*

*Mallorca*

- Sa Barrada: Esparver,
- S'Albufera Nature Reserve: Carlos López Jurado, Josep Manchado

*Menorca*

- Lluriac: Arnau Coll

**COMMUNITY OF VALENCIA**

In Valencia, 26 cranes were censused in December and 20 in January. 12 localities were visited, 8 in Castellon province, all with negative results, 2 in Valencia and 2 in Alicante. Only L'Albufera de Valencia and El Hondo reservoir in Alicante held wintering cranes.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
Prat de Cabanes-Torreblanca	Castelló	Cabanes-Torreblanca	0	
Marjal de Almenara	Castelló	Xilxes	0	
Marjal de Nules	Castelló	Nules	0	
Laguna de Sant Mateu	Castelló	Sant Mateu	0	
Laguna de la Jana	Castelló	La Jana	0	
Balsa de Sant Jordi	Castelló	Sant Jordi	0	
Balsa de Iryda	Castelló	Sant Jordi	0	
Balsa de Lores	Castelló	Traiguera	0	
Marjal dels Moros	Valencia	Sagunto	0	
R.N de l'Albufera	Valencia	Valencia	7	12
El Hondo	Alacant	Elx, Dolores	4	8
Salines de Calp	Alacant	Calp	15	
<b>COMUNITAT VALENCIANA</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>

Table nº 11: Census results for localities in the Community of Valencia.

*Census teams:*

*Castellon*

- Sant Mateu lagoon: Quique Luque, Deborah Fandos (APNAL, Ecologistas en Acción)
- La Jana lagoon: Quique Luque, Deborah Fandos (APNAL, Ecologistas en Acción)
- Sant Jordi and Lores reservoirs: Quique Luque, Deborah Fandos (APNAL, Ecologistas en Acción).
- Cabanes, Benlloch, Vilanova d'Alcolea, Torre d'Endomenech, Serratella: Josep Bort, Lidón Bardenes Juan Lluís Bort (GER-Ecologistes en Acción).

*Valencia*

- Els Moros marsh:
- L'Albufera Nature Reserve: Paco Villena, Biel Miquel, Rodrigo Benavente Blanco

*Alacant*

- Pego-Oliva marsh:
- El Hondo reservoir: J. Domingo López Manchón, Adrián Colino Barea, Tatiana Pessano Serrat, Mario Marcos, María Real Gelardo, David Gijón Martínez

## COMMUNITY OF MURCIA

In Murcia, only 1 crane was seen in January, at the locality of Sangonera la Verde. This bird arrived in the company of two more on 6 January, but only one remained the next day, which stayed more than 6 weeks in the locality.

### Census teams:

-Sangonera la Verde: Susana Noguera

## CASTILE-Y-LEÓN

In Castile-y-León, 9,061 cranes were counted in December and 8,444 in January, being the only autonomous community that held a stable population in both periods. 17 localities were visited: 2 in Palencia, one of them with a negative census in January; 1 in Zamora, which lost 250 birds in January; 4 in Valladolid, 2 with negative results, another which could not be visited, and only 15 birds could be counted in January because the weather made their access difficult. In Ávila, 2 localities were visited, which lost 700 cranes between them. Although this is usual at El Hoyo lagoon, the high water level of the Garganta de Santa Maria reservoir was unfavourable for roosting. 7 localities were visited in Salamanca, which was the only province with a positive growth in January, with an increase of 700 birds.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
Laguna de la Nava	Palencia	Fuentes de Nava, Maza	49	14
Laguna de Boada	Palencia	Boada de Campos	270	0
Laguna de Villafáfila	Zamora	Otero de Sariegos, Villafáfila	1092	720
Laguna de la Zarza	Valladolid	Gomeznarro	0	15
Laguna de los Mullidares	Valladolid	Lomoviejo	0	
San Vicente del Palacio	Valladolid	Sna Vicente del Palacio	0	0
Cervillejo de la Cruz	Valladolid	Bobadilla del Campo	100	SD
Villanueva de los Caballeros	Valladolid	Villanueva de los Caballeros		80
Laguna del Hoyo	Avila	El Oso	1158	882
Garganta Sta María	Avila	Candeleda	592	174
Emb. de Santa Teresa	Salamanca	Montejo, Salvatierra, Pelayos, La Tala	848	1143
Azud de Riobobos	Salamanca	Campo de Peñaranda, Villar Gallimazo	4542	4995
Charca del Campo	Salamanca	Sando	251	245
Charca los Altejos	Salamanca	Puebla de Yeltes, Tamames	49	38
Llanuras río Yeltes	Salamanca	Pedraza de Yeltes	0	0
Laguna del Cristo	Salamanca	Aldehuela de Yeltes	0	0
Laguna de las Porciones	Salamanca	Boada	110	138
<b>CASTILLA Y LEÓN</b>			<b>9061</b>	<b>8444</b>

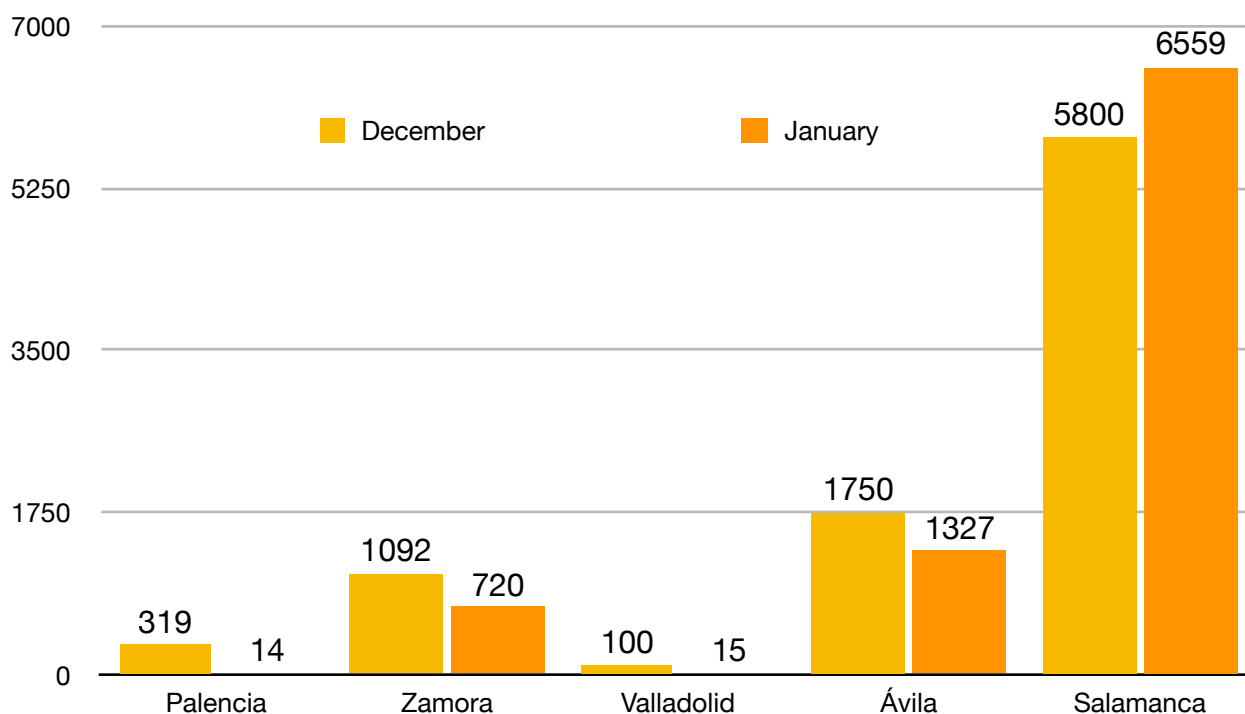
Table nº 12: Census results for localities in Castile-y-León.

### Castile-y-León

Province	December	%	January	%
Palencia	319	3.5	14	0.16
Zamora	1092	12	720	8.3
Valladolid	100	1.1	15	0.16
Ávila	1750	19.3	1327	15.3
Salamanca	5800	64	6559	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9061</b>		<b>8635</b>	

Table nº 13: Provincial census results in Castile-y-León.

### Castile-y-León



Graphic nº 23: Provincial comparison in Castile-y-León.

#### Census teams:

##### Palencia

- La Nava lagoon: Mariano Torres, David Miguélez (Fundación Global Nature)
- Boada de Campos lagoon: Mariano Torres, David Miguélez (Fundación Global Nature)

##### Zamora

- Villafáfila Nature Reserve:

##### Valladolid

- La Zarza lagoon: José Manuel Rodríguez Fernández, Piluca Enjuto Castellanos , Jorge Rodríguez Ureña

Lomoviejo: David García López, Pedro Lumeras Rodríguez

- Cervillejo de la Cruz: José Gil Alonso, Soraya Padilla, German Duce del Campo

- San Vicente del Palacio: Juan Antonio Medina Cuaresma, Sara Vallecino, Alejandro Sanz

## Ávila

-El Hoyo lagoon: José María García Jiménez, María Cruz González, Juan Ramón Cuervo, Patricia Alonso, Arón Blázquez Pindado

-Garganta de Santa María: Paula Machín, Manuel Santa Cruz, Juan Fernández

## Salamanca

-Santa Teresa reservoir: Pedro Luis Ramos Bueno (coordinator), Vicente G. Garrudo, Vega Bermejo Castelnau

-Riolobos weir: Gonzalo Criado Alonso, Arón Blázquez Pindado, Ángel Gonzalez Mendoza, José Miguel Colorado, Miguel Rodríguez Esteban, Jorge Leonor, Eneko Leonor, Juan Ramón Cuervo

-Charca del Campo: Jaime Sánchez Mateos

## COMMUNITY OF MADRID

In Madrid, 243 cranes were counted in December and 130 in January. Those in the first census were mostly birds on migration. In recent years the regular presence of a flock has been confirmed, associated with the El Pardo dehesa and roosting at the reservoir.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
El Pardo reservoir	Madrid	Madrid	3	130
Majadahonda	Madrid	Madrid	54	
Pinar de Valdelatas	Madrid	Madrid	39	
Barrio de Moncloa	Madrid	Madrid	80	
Leganés	Madrid	Madrid	57	
Santillana reservoir	Madrid	Madrid	10	
<b>MADRID</b>			<b>243</b>	<b>130</b>

Table nº 14: Census results for localities in Madrid.

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-Pinar de Valdelatas: Philip Mecola

-Majadahonda: Marcos Ansón

-Santillana reservoir: Elsa García, Noé Cuesta Ortiz

-Leganés: Alejandro Alvite

-El Pardo reservoir: Francisco José Cantos Mengs, Adolfo Rodríguez Pérez (GOEP)

## CASTILE-LA-MANCHA

Castile-la-Mancha was the second most important community, where 41,396 cranes were censused in December and 29,380 in January. The second census was quite complicated due to the bad state of tracks and the filling of reservoirs and ponds, which fragmented the roosts and resulted in a significant dispersal, and many birds from places such as those from Rosarito reservoir chose to roost in farm ponds, impossible to cover due to the weather. Other ponds in Toledo gave negative results because of disturbances, such as hunting or because they couldn't be visited. 41 localities were visited: 11 in Guadalajara

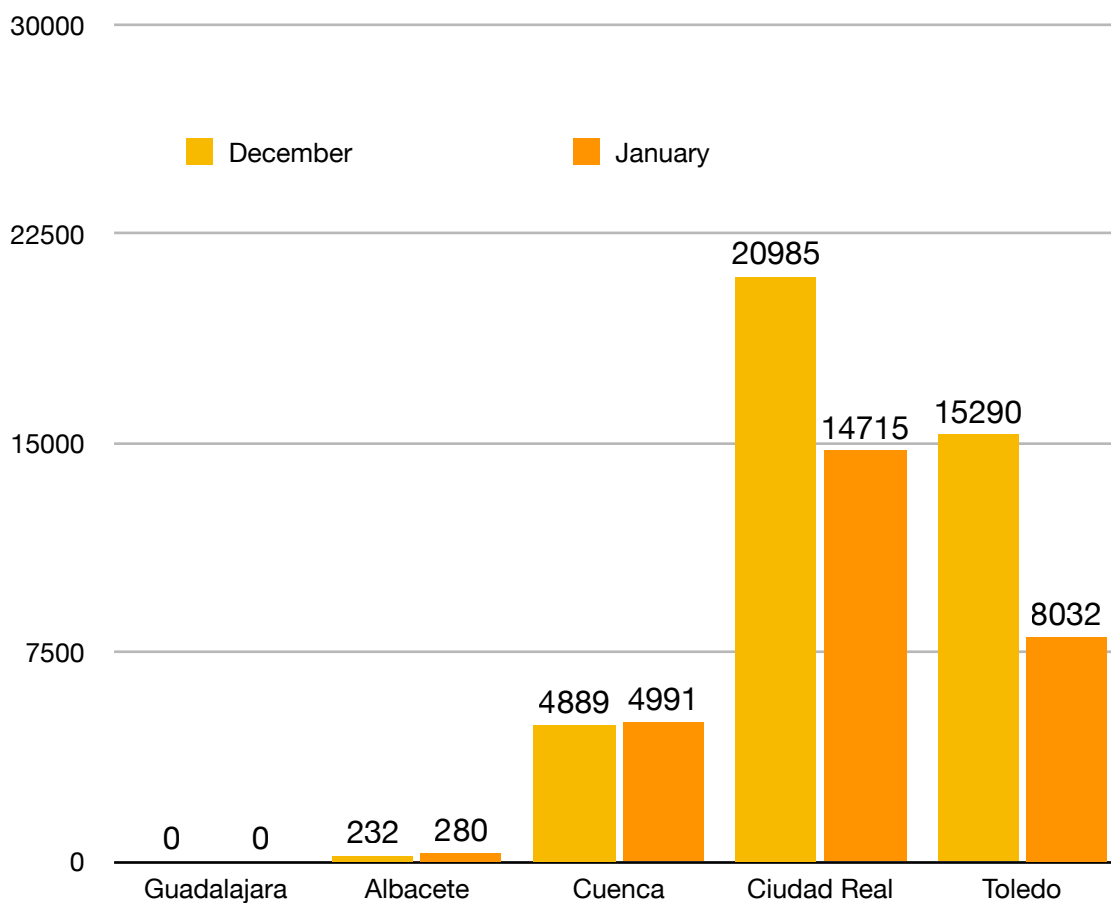
with negative results in both periods; 2 in Albacete, with a stable population; 4 in Cuenca where the same population remained, only moving between different places; 13 in Toledo, where the most significant decrease occurred, with 7,000 less birds in January, due to the conditions mentioned previously; and 10 in Ciudad Real, where there were 6,000 cranes less than in December, probably because of dispersion to different roosts in the Cabañeros and Daimiel National Parks.

### Castile-la-Mancha

Province	December	%	January	%
Guadalajara	0	0	0	0
Albacete	232	0.6	280	1
Cuenca	4889	11.8	4991	17.8
Ciudad Real	20985	50.7	14715	52.5
Toledo	15290	37	8032	28.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41396</b>		<b>28018</b>	

Table nº 15: Provincial census results in Castile-la-Mancha.

### Castile-la-Mancha



Graphic nº 24: Provincial comparison for Castile-la-Mancha.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
Laguna Honda	Guadalajara	Campillo d Dueñas	0	0
laguna de los Majanos	Guadalajara	Setiles	0	0
Laguna de Tordesilos	Guadalajara	Tordesilos	0	0
Laguna Cuartizo	Guadalajara	Campillo d Dueñas	0	
Laguna El Rubio	Guadalajara	La Yunta	0	0
Laguna Méndez	Guadalajara	La Yunta	0	0
Laguna la Pasadilla	Guadalajara	La Yunta	0	
Laguna Llana	Guadalajara	La Yunta	0	0
Laguna El Pedruche	Guadalajara	La Yunta	0	
Laguna de Mojones Blancos	Guadalajara	La Yunta	0	0
Lagunas de Colmana o del Canto	Guadalajara	Tortuera	0	0
Hoya del Monte	Albacete	Corral-Rubio	227	280
Hoya las Caras	Albacete	Pétrola	5	
Embalse de Alarcón	Cuenca	Honrubia, Hontecillas, Vvde Júcar	1053	544
Laguna de Manjavacas	Cuenca	Mota del Cuervo	1899	3541
Laguna del Hito	Cuenca	Montalbo	1237	906
Lagunilla del Silo	Cuenca	San Clemente	700	
Embalse Castrejón	Toledo	La Puebla de Montalbán	5679	3301
Embalse de Rosarito	Toledo	Oropesa	3490	510
Rio Tiétar Buenaventura	Toledo	Buenaventura	0	0
Embalse de Navalcán	Toledo	Navalcán	2720	2266
Laguna del Longar	Toledo	Lillo	734	
Embalse de Azután	Toledo	Las Herencias	270	450
Las Ventas de S. Julián	Toledo	Las Ventas de S. Julián		227
Laguna de Peña Hueca	Toledo	Villacañas	2289	
Laguna del Taray	Toledo	Villacañas		1219
Laguna del Altillo Grande	Toledo	Villacañas	100	
Laguna del Grullo/Ayo Canalejas	Toledo	La Calzada de Oropesa	SD	1350
Laguna Grande	Toledo	Villafranca de los Caballeros	8	
Graveras de la Sagra	Toledo	La Sagra		71
Lagunas de Salicor	Ciudad Real	Alcázar de San Juan	448	302
Junta de los Ríos Záncara y Cigüela	Ciudad Real	Alcázar de San Juan	79	23
Laguna de la Veguilla	Ciudad Real	Alcázar de San Juan	12	
Laguna de Pajares	Ciudad Real	Alcázar de San Juan	0	
Embalse de la Torre de Abraham	Ciudad Real	Retuerta del Bullaque	1910	4018
Embalse de las Povedas	Ciudad Real	Alcoba	6558	1746
Tablas de Daimiel	Ciudad Real	Daimiel,Villarrubia de los Ojos	11600	8500
Dehesa del Sedano	Ciudad Real	Picón		16
Campo de Calatrava	Ciudad Real	Poblete	19	
Valdoro	Ciudad Real	Valdoro	72	
Valle de Alcudia	Ciudad Real	Almodóvar del Campo	287	110
<b>CASTILLA LA MANCHA</b>			<b>41396</b>	<b>29380</b>

Table nº 16: Census results for localities in Castile-la-Mancha.

*Census teams:*

*Guadalajara*

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- Los Majanos lagoon: Antonio Torrijo Pardos, Uge Fuertes Sanz
- Colmana or El Canto lagoons: Gonzalo Peña Sanz, Antonio Torrijo Pardos

*Albacete*

- La Torrecilla lagoon: SAO: Julián Giménez, Siro González, Noé Cuesta, Alejandro Gómez, Andrés Tejada, Elena Garcia, Elsa Garcia, Carlos García and Javier Garcia Gómez, Luis Tárraga, Susana Noguera.
- Hoya del Monte and las Caras: David Cañizares (SAO)

*Cuenca*

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- El Hito lagoon: David Zulema, Eduardo Quilis, Eduardo Palencia, Nuria Cardo Maeso (Fundación Global Nature)
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*Toledo*

- Castrejón reservoir: José Carlos Oliveros, Pilar Villalobos, Roberto Oliveros, Óscar Frías
- Peña Hueca lagoon: Ángel Velasco
- Altillo Grande lagoon: Cris Álvarez
- Toledo: Ángel Velasco
- La Sagra gravel pits: Miguel García
- El Longar lagoon: Francisco Velasco, Ángel Velasco (SEO-Toledo)
- Grande lagoon, Villafranca de los Caballeros: Leo Ballering
- Rosarito reservoir: ARDEIDAS: Juan José Alarcía, José Manuel Fernández, Manuel Salcedo, Julio Menéndez, Eugenio Garrido
- Navalcán reservoir: ARDEIDAS: José Luis de la Cruz, Adrián Illescas, Ana Correa, Miguel Ángel de la Cruz, Mercedes de la Cruz, Marcos Vázquez, Javier Guerrero
- Azután reservoir: José Luis de la Cruz Alemán (ARDEIDAS)
- El Taray lagoon: Ángel Velasco
- El Grullo lagoon: Vicente Risco

*Ciudad Real*

- Salicor lagoons: Alejandro Martín Calle, Belén Ortega Palomares
- Confluence of the rivers Záncara and Cigüela: Pedro Bustamante Bustamante
- La Torre de Abraham reservoir: Ángel Gómez Manzaneque
- Las Povedas reservoir: Ángel Gómez Manzaneque
- Valdoro: Miguel Ángel Díaz Portero
- Campo de Calatrava: David Pérez
- Tablas de Daimiel National Park:
- Dehesa del Sedano: David Pérez
- Alcudia Valley: Álvaro Sánchez Sánchez, Xurxo Piñeiro Álvarez

## EXTREMADURA

Extremadura was the most important community, where 84,777 cranes were counted in December and 69,205 in January, at 71 localities: 28 in Cáceres and 43 in Badajoz, as well as 11 sectors in the so-called Central Zone. The large decrease between the two periods is notable, with well over 15,000 cranes difference.

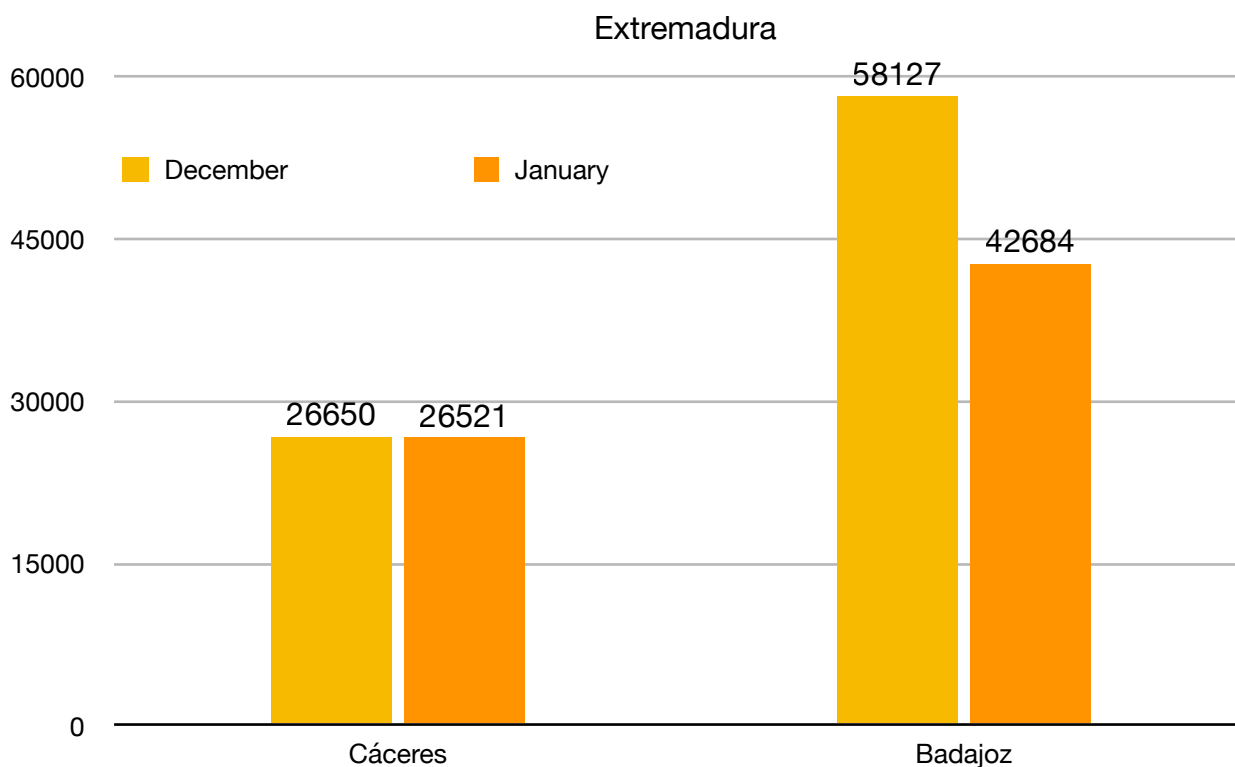
Among other reasons, this is attributable to the dispersal to multiple roost sites, especially in areas of dehesas, and leaving the stubble fields in the Central Zone for other zones where it was impossible for us to check them. In addition, some localities, such as Brozas in Cáceres and Zangallón in Badajoz were not counted, in the first case for the unavailability of observers, and in the second for the impossibility of access to the roost sites. At just these two points, some 4,000 could not be counted.

By provinces, while Cáceres appeared stable, although lacking data, Badajoz was the one with a major loss of individuals.

### Extremadura

Province	December	%	January	%
Cáceres	26650	31.4	26521	38.3
Badajoz	58127	68.6	42684	61.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84777</b>		<b>69205</b>	

Table nº 17: Provincial census results in Extremadura.



Graphic nº 25: Provincial comparison of both censuses in Extremadura.

By sectors, the Tajo sector presented the most stability, although some significant data is missing and some localities, such as Borbollón reservoir, are estimated and others, such as Valdecañas reservoir, could only be counted in parts. Although this fact was worse in January, we also believe that in December some data was under-estimated. In addition, the Brozas sector could not be counted in January, so for all that the figure must have been much higher than that recorded.

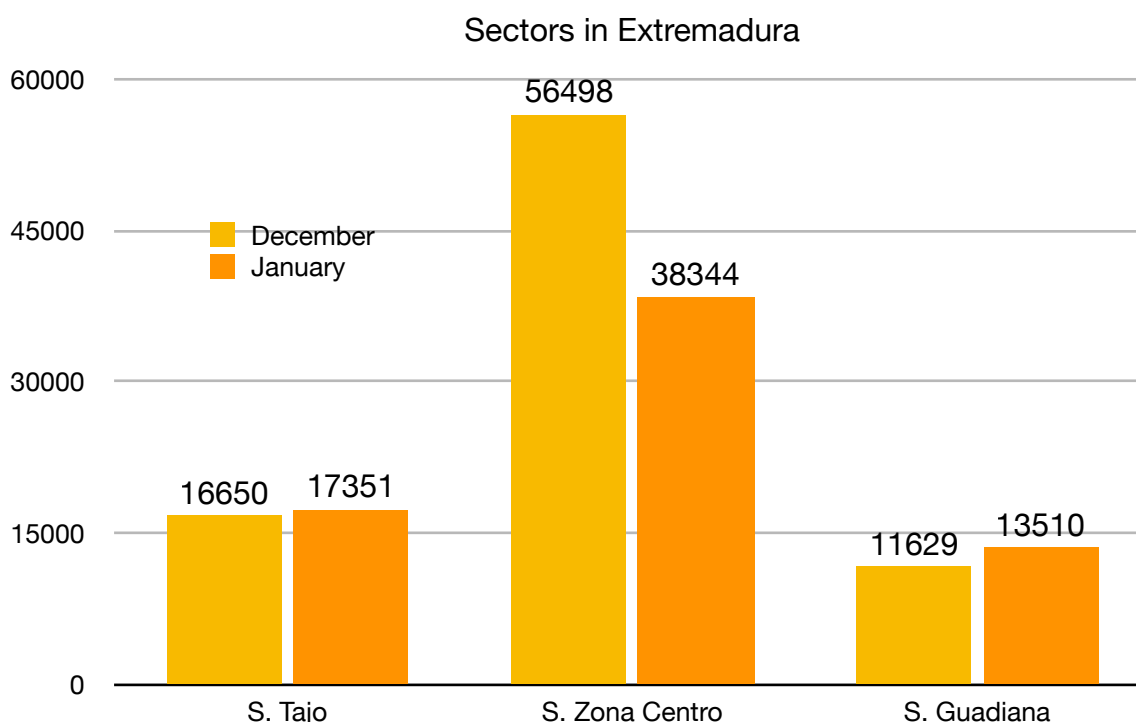
The Central Zone sector was completed successfully in both censuses, as it is done by counting in the feeding areas. The rain in December enabled cultivation of maize and rice stubbles, and sowing broad beans. The latter favours cranes, but the loss of maize fields obliged them to move to surrounding areas, to dehesas situated further north, where access is very complicated, so there was a significant desertion by cranes and it was the sector that lost most birds, some 18,000. Many of them returned to roost, but not the majority.

The Guadiana sector increased by 2,000 birds in January, even though some important roosts, such as Zangallón, were not counted.

#### Sectors in Extremadura

Sector	December	%	January	%
S. Tajo	16650	19.6	17351	25
S. Central Zone	56498	66.6	38344	55.4
S. Guadiana	11629	13.7	13510	19.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84777</b>		<b>69205</b>	

Table nº 18: Results by Extremadura sectors.



Graphic nº 26: Comparative in the Extremadura sectors.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/2025	23/1/26
Embalse de El Borbollón	Cáceres	Santibáñez el Alto	4800	6000
Embalse de Gabriel y Galán	Cáceres	Zarza de Granadilla	839	2056
Río Tiétar-Monfragüe	Cáceres	Malpartida de Plasencia	372	390
Arrozal de Pajares	Cáceres	Riolobos		3
Laguna del Palancoso	Cáceres	Navalmoral de la Mata	5320	5112
Embalse de Valdecañas	Cáceres	Bohonal del Ibor , El Gordo	1062	259
Campo de agua	Cáceres	Alcántara		75
Hornos y Rehollo	Cáceres	Salorino		100
Charca de la Clavería	Cáceres	Membrío		250
Embalse de Membrio	Cáceres	Membrío	15	
Torre de Belvís	Cáceres	Brozas	1007	322
Galaperal	Cáceres	Brozas		32
Charca de las Meladillaa	Cáceres	Villa del Rey		250
Charca de la Dehesa	Cáceres	Villa del Rey	25	45
Charca Nueva	Cáceres	Villa del Rey	10	15
Embalse de Molano	Cáceres	Arroyo de la Luz		18
Embalse de Talaván	Cáceres	Talaván	SD	49
Charca Grande	Cáceres	Talaván		12
Balsa del Tiradero	Cáceres	Santiago del Campo	0	85
Embalse de Cuartón/Tejarejos	Cáceres	Monroy	584	290
Las Seguras	Cáceres	Cáceres	298	335
La Generala	Cáceres	Cáceres	1117	441
Dehesas de Aldea del Cano	Cáceres	Aldea del Cano	657	221
Charca del Campazo	Cáceres	Aldea del Obispo	0	226
Charca dh de doña Catalina	Cáceres	Trujillo	55	
Embalse del Tozo	Cáceres	Torre de Alarcón	340	370
Embalse Arroyo Casillas	Cáceres	Trujillo	70	290
Río Tozo	Cáceres	Trujillo		180
Sector Madrigalejo/Casa Hitos	Cáceres	Madrigalejo	2658	429
Sector Logrosán	Cáceres	Logrosán	1511	2081
Sector Moheda/Vegas Altas	Badajoz	Acedera/Navalvillar Pela	4948	2472
Sector Rañas-Casas d. Pedro	Badajoz	Casas de d. Pedro	3234	2346
Sector Acedera-Puercas	Badajoz	Acedera/Don Benito	1242	1415
Sector Los Guadalperales	Badajoz	Don Benito/ Villanueva de la Se	5922	3905
Sector Palazuelo/La Mata	BA/CC	Valdivia/Madrigalejo	6183	4338
Sector Villar de Rena	BA/CC	Villar Rena/Campo Lugar	5325	2037
Sector Valdehornillos	BA/CC	Sta. Amalia/D.Benito/Miajadas	13368	6946
Sector Guadamez/Búrdalo	Badajoz	Guareña/Sta.Amalia	5180	4395
Sector Yelbes/Medellín	Badajoz	Medellín/Sta. Amalia/Guareña	6927	7980
Almansa, rio Guadalupejo	Badajoz	Valdecaballeros	516	659
Recula emb Orellana	Badajoz	Talarrubias	70	125
Río Guadalemar	Badajoz	Garbayuela	1350	1450
Embalse Gargáligas	Badajoz	Casas de Don Pedro	70	0
Las Bodeguillas	Badajoz	Talarrubias	11	169
El Zangallón	Badajoz	Alburquerque	1537	SD
Embalse de Peña del Aguila	Badajoz	Alburquerque	181	SD
Dh el Cubillo	Badajoz	Puebla de Obando	SD	64
Dehesa del Guapero	Badajoz	Badajoz		121
Morantes	Badajoz	La Roca de la Sierra	244	400
El Escobar	Badajoz	La Nava de Santiago		76
Matapegas	Badajoz	La Nava de Santiago	SD	21
Prado de Lácara	Badajoz	Mérida	SD	20

Embalse de los Canchales	Badajoz	Mérida	1042	1588
Embalse de Cornalvo	Badajoz	Mérida	47	SD
Valdelagrana	Badajoz	La Albuera	286	680
Lagunas de la Albuera	Badajoz	Torre de Miguel Sesmero	600	282
Embalse de Villalba	Badajoz	Villalba de los Barros	84	138
Embalse de Alange	Badajoz	Alange	137	8
Las Merinillas	Badajoz	Badajoz, Valverde de Leganés	402	742
Rebellao y el Romo	Badajoz	Valverde de Leganés	80	SD
Río Guadiana (Alqueva)	Badajoz	Villarreal	1138	1017
Arroyo Cabriles	Badajoz	Cheles	138	108
Embalse de Cuncos	Badajoz	Villanueva del Fresno	566	667
La Guarda	Badajoz	La Guarda	0	SD
Las Torralbas	Badajoz	Magacela	85	SD
Badija Norte (La Palomera)	Badajoz	Campanario	485	600
Badija Este (Río Guadalefra)	Badajoz	Quintana de la Serena	0	541
Puerto Mejoral	Badajoz	Castuera	0	330
Almorchón	Badajoz	Cabeza del Buey	0	226
Almorchón norte	Badajoz	Cabeza del Buey	234	
Lagunas del Aguijón	Badajoz	Cabeza del Buey	662	431
Zarza Capilla	Badajoz	Zarza Capilla	145	91
Dehesa de las Yuntas	Badajoz	Capilla	39	133
Monterrubio (río Zújar)	Badajoz	Monterrubio de la Serena	6	
Embalse del Rosal	Badajoz	Peraleda del Zaucejo	340	1360
Embalse de Arroyo Conejo	Badajoz	Berlanga, Higuera de Llerena	594	882
Dh de San Pedro	Badajoz	Casas de Reina	50	SD
Las Navas	Badajoz	Oliva de Mérida	234	284
La Osa Bastiana	Badajoz	Retamal de Llerena	90	SD
Embalse de los Molinos	Badajoz	Llera		10
Embalse de la Laja	Badajoz	Medina de las Torres		3
Embalse del Moral	Badajoz	Los Santos de Maimona	166	284
<b>EXTREMADURA</b>			<b>85894</b>	<b>69205</b>

Table nº 19: Census results in Extremadura.

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- Arrozales de Pajares: Javier Prieta
- Laguna del Palancoso: Vicente Risco
- Embalse de Valdecañas: Eva Garzón
- Hornos y Rehoyos: Antonio Galán Fariñas
- Charca de la Clavería: Fernando Sánchez Manchado

- Embalse de Membrío: Fernando Sánchez Manchado
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- Embalse de Molano: Alejandro Prieto
- Galaperal: Carlos Molinero López, Antonio Gil Gómez
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- Charca Grande: Javier Prieta
- Balsa del Tiradero: Fran Rojo Moreno
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- Charca del Campazo: Neil Renwick
- Río Tozo/ Labradillo: Jesús Porras
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- Sector Logrosán: Neil Renwick
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- Sector Acedera/Puercas: Manuel Gómez Calzado, Manuel Gómez Guarín, Miguel Gómez Guarín
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- Almansa, río Guadalupejo: José María Traverso Martínez, Carmen Galán Novella, Víctor Rodríguez
- Recula embalse de Orellana: José María Traverso Martínez, Carmen Galán Novella
- Río Guadalemar: José María Traverso Martínez, Carmen Galán Novella, Mauro Rodríguez
- Embalse de Gargáligas: José María Traverso Martínez
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- Dh de El Cubillo: José Antonio Román Álvarez
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- Rebellao y Romo: José María Álvarez Leal
- Embalse de Valdelagrana: Juan Gregorio Miranda Alor, José María Álvarez Leal
- Lagunas de la Albuera: José María Álvarez Leal
- Embalse de Villalba de los Barros: Juan Gregorio Miranda Alor
- Embalse de Alange: José A. Román Álvarez
- Las Navas: José A. Román Álvarez
- Embalse de los Molinos: Pablo de la Nava
- Embalse de La Laja: Fran Montaña
- Rio Guadiana (Alqueva) Joaquín Figueredo González
- Arroyo Cabriles: Mariano Cabrero Rubio
- Embalse de Cuncos: Joaquín Figueredo González, Antonio Núñez Ossorio
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- Embalse del Rosal: Gustavo Gahete, Miguel Corvillo Seco
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- Dehesa de S. Pedro y La Osa Bastiana : Luis Salguero Baez
- Embalse del Moral: José Ángel Sánchez González



Image nº 53: Census team of the Borbollón reservoir (CC). Photo: Miguel Todón.



Image nº 54: Census team at the Los Canchales (BA). Photo: Francisco Lopo.

## **ANDALUCÍA**

Andalucía was the fourth most important autonomous community in December, with 10,265 cranes, a lower figure than we have been seeing in recent years. Only 6,328 were counted in January. We have to look for the reasons in the Córdoba dehesas, particularly, where the small reservoirs they use for resting were clogged up, so there were no suitable shores. In addition, the natural and farm ponds had filled, which fragmented the population and made the census difficult. The weather also complicated this one, with problems or impossibility of travelling and poor visibility or impossibility of counting due to the rain, so some localities couldn't be counted.



Image nº 55: Peñazorra lagoon in Los Pedroches (CO), full after the rains and used once again as a roost. Photo: Marga Martín.

Numbers decreased in Doñana National Park and at La Janda lagoon, which, after decades, recovered its original extent and closed off many access routes. In some cases, it resulted in a dispersion of cranes and fragmentation of roosts.



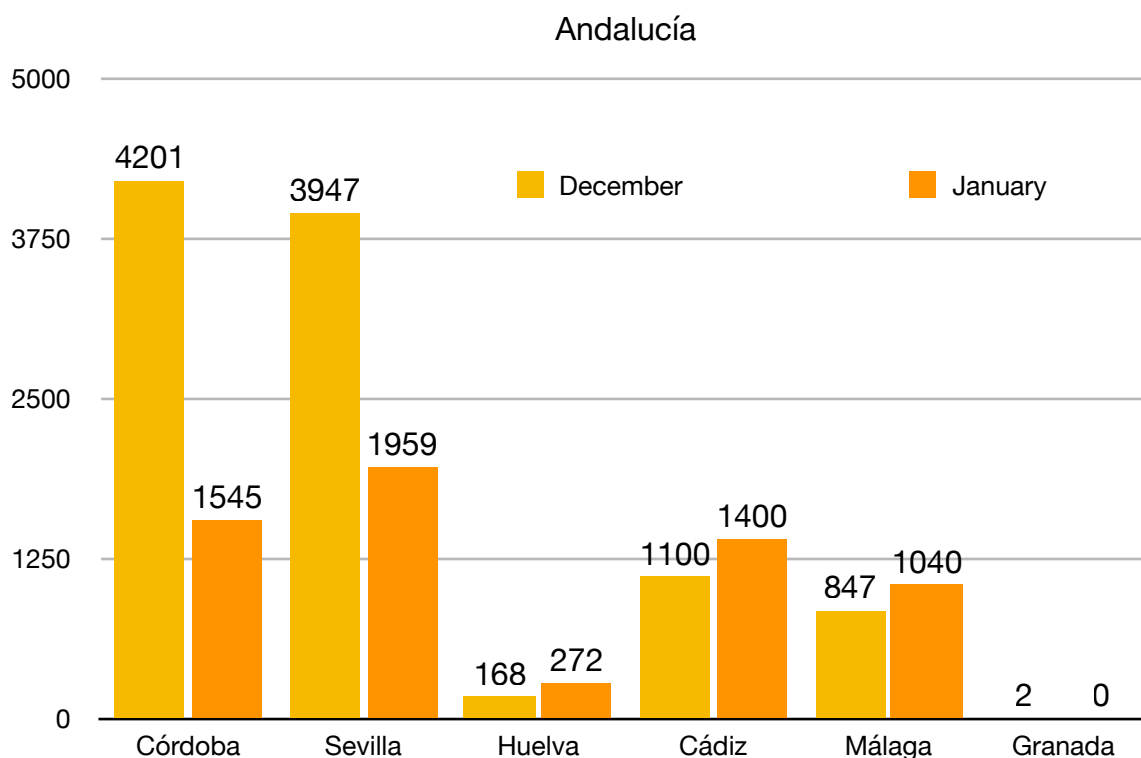
Image nº 56: La Janda lagoon, after the rains.

In Córdoba 4,201 cranes were counted in December and 1,545 in 11 localities in January, an unusually low number. In Seville, 3,947 in December and 1,959 in January, in 3 localities. In Cádiz, 1,100 in December and 1,400 in January at 1 locality. In Málaga, 847 in December at 2 localities and 1,040 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon in January. In Granada, an adult and a juvenile in December, which couldn't be located in January.

#### Andalucía

Province	December		January	
<b>Córdoba</b>	4201	41	1545	24.8
<b>Seville</b>	3947	38.4	1959	31.5
<b>Huelva</b>	168	1.6	272	4.3
<b>Cádiz</b>	1100	10.7	1400	22.5
<b>Málaga</b>	847	8.2	1040	16.7
<b>Granada</b>	2	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10265</b>		<b>6216</b>	

Table nº 20: Census results by province in Andalucía.



Graphic nº 27: Provincial comparison for Andalucía.

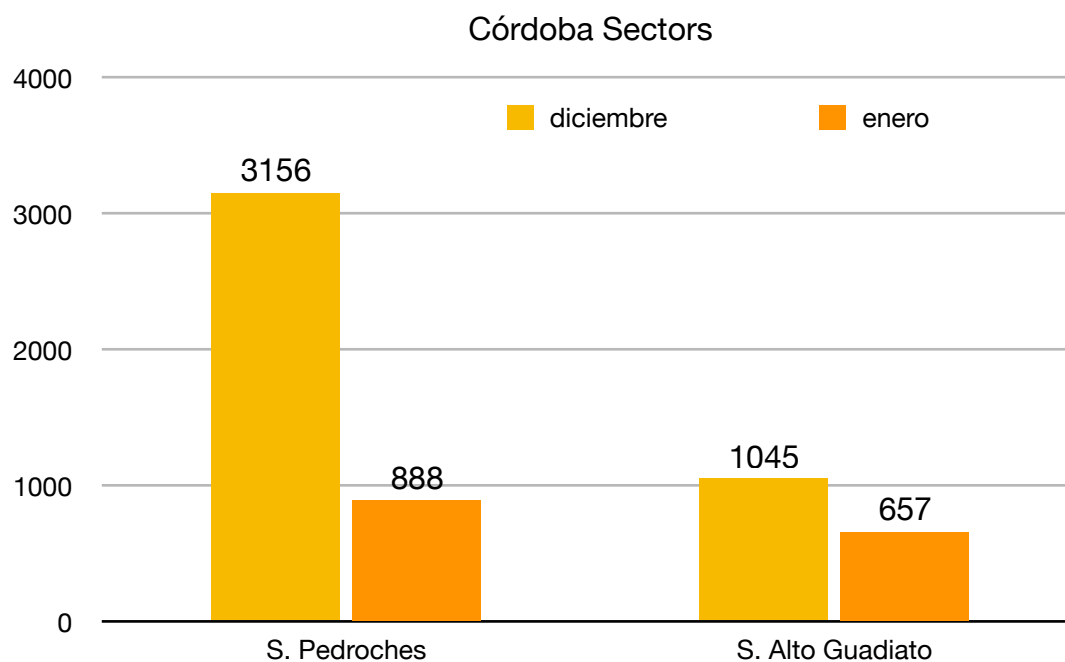
The Córdoba sectors were difficult to census, and 4,201 were counted in December, with 3,156 in Los Pedroches and 1,045 in Alto Guadiato. They managed to count 888 in December and 657 in January.

These figures are not the full picture of the winter, just the results that could be obtained.

#### Córdoba Sectors

Sector	December		January	
S. Los Pedroches	3156	75	888	57,4
S. Alto Guadiato	1045	25	657	42,6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4201</b>		<b>1545</b>	

Table nº 21: Census results in the Córdoba sectors.



Graphic nº 28: Comparison of the censuses in the Córdoba sectors.

LOCALITY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	19/12/202	23/1/26
Embalse de Cogollarta	Córdoba		26	0
Embalse de la Colada	Córdoba	El Viso	1321	174
Fuente la Zarza	Córdoba	Hinojosa del Duque	97	SD
Dehesa de Hinojosa	Córdoba	Hinojosa del Duque		200
La Pizarra	Córdoba	Belalcázar	250	SD
Solana de Guadamatilla	Córdoba	Hinojosa del Duque	632	0
Embalse de Jardoso	Córdoba	Hinojosa del Duque	0	0
Embalse de Valhondo-Campocerecero	Córdoba	Hinojosa del Duque	221	170
Laguna de Peñalazorra	Córdoba	La Granjuela	609	224
Embalse de Sierra Boyera	Córdoba	Peñarroya/Pueblonuevo	1040	657
Embalse de Navalespino	Córdoba	Fuente Obejuna	5	120
Dehesa de Bucaré	Sevilla	Alcalá de Guadaíra	83	100
Laguna de Consuegra	Sevilla	Osuna	50	50
Espacio Natural Doñana	Sevilla	Aznalcázar	3814	1800
Rio Odiel	Huelva	Gibraleón	12	71
Rio Tinto	Huelva	San Juan del Puerto	156	201
La Janda	Cádiz	Tarifa y Vejér de la Frontera	1100	1400
Marismas de Algaida y Trebujena	Cádiz	Trebujena y Sanlúcar de Barrameda	0	40
Salinas de Bonanza	Cádiz	SanLúcar de Barrameda	0	81
Laguna de Fuente de Piedra	Málaga	Fuente de Piedra	617	1040
Laguna Dulce de Campillos	Málaga	Campillos	230	0
Baza	Granada	Baza	2	SD
<b>ANDALUCIA</b>			<b>10265</b>	<b>6328</b>

Table nº 22: Census results for localities in Andalucía.

*Census teams:*

*Córdoba*

- La Colada reservoir: Juan Manuel Sánchez Esquinas, Carmen María Ayuso
- Fuente la Zarza: Juan Felipe Flores Moyano
- La Pizarra: Rafael Pinilla
- Solana de Guadamatilla: Juan Manuel Sánchez Esquinas, Marga Martín Pachón
- Jardoso reservoir: Juan Manuel Sánchez Esquinas
- Valhondo reservoir: Juan Manuel Sánchez Esquinas
- Peñalazorra lagoon: Marga Martín Pachón
- Sierra Boyera reservoir: Miguel Ángel Mesa López, Ángel Arellano González, Antonio Leiva
- Navalespino reservoir: Miguel Corvillo Seco

*Seville*

- Dehesa de Bucaré: Paco Chiclana
- Consuegra lagoon : Javier Rangel, Rocío de Andrés
- Ruíz Sánchez lagoon: Javier Rengel, Rocío de Andrés
- Doñana natural area: EBD/CSIC: Rubén Rodríguez Olivares, Antonio Martínez Blanco, José Luis Arroyo, José Luis del Valle, Giulia Bastianelli, Juanma Espinar

*Huelva*

- River Odiel: Víctor Fiscal
- River Tinto: José Manuel Méndez

*Cádiz*

- La Janda: Alejandro Onrubia Baticón (Fundación Migres), José Manuel López, Salvador Solñis and Javier Elorriaga (Asociación Amigos de la Janda), Beatriz Elena Vázquez, Elizabeth Pérez, María Jesús Rodríguez
- Algaida and Trebujena marshes
- Bonanza salt pans: Francisco Solera del Río, Inmaculada González, Manuel Barcell, Marta Arias, Rocío Arias, Inmaculada González, Íñigo Sánchez
- Asta and Trebujena marshes: Juan Pedro Torres, Juan Pedro Torres junior

*Málaga*

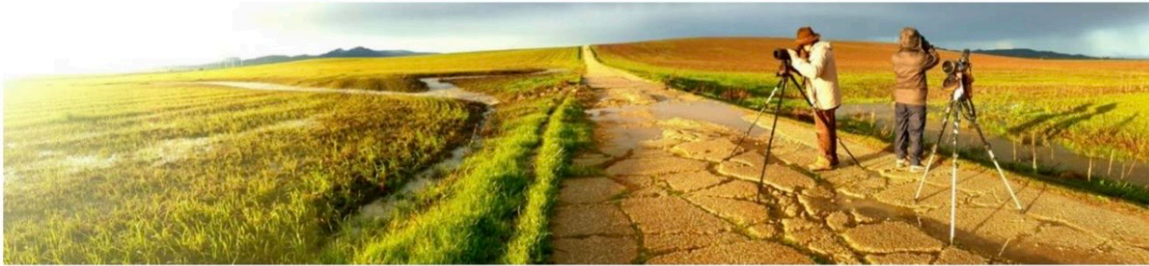
- Fuente de Piedra lagoon and Dulce de Campillos lagoon: Javier Fregenal Díaz, Alejandro Guirado López, Ana Belén Domínguez Salazar, Adrián Reina Castillo, Adrián Ruíz Álvarez, Antonio Javier Plaza Bonilla, Cristina de Alejo Sánchez-Barba, Francisco Javier Ribera García, Ignacio Castro Terol, Javier Castro Terol, José Antonio Cortés Guerrero, Lidia Jiménez Pérez, Miguel Ángel Cabalín Salazar, Miguel Domínguez Santaella, Mónica Olmedo Cheli, Zaira Belén Gutiérrez Ruiz

*Granada*

- Baza: Juan Antonio Dengra



*CRISTINA BASAÑEZ Y JOSÉ MANUEL LÓPEZ EN PUNTO DE OBSERVACIÓN 3*



*SALVADOR SOLIS Y JOSÉ MANUEL LÓPEZ EN PUNTO DE OBSERVACIÓN 3  
(AL FONDO 2 GRULLAS EN VUELO)*

Image nº 57: Census teams at La Janda (CA). Photo. Asociación de Amigos de la Janda.

### **Feeding habitat usage in the Central Zone of Extremadura**

While undertaking both winter censuses (December and January) we were sampling the land used by feeding cranes in five of the eleven sectors in which we divide the Central Zone of Extremadura: Sector Valdehornillos, Sector Yelbes/Medellín, Sector Villar de Rena, Sector Palazuelo and Sector Madrigalejo/Casa Hitos. These represent about 40% of the Vegas Altas del Guadiana (some 30,000 to 40,000 hectares), situated in both provinces of this region.

The data were collected by Martín Kelsey (Palazuelo and Madrigalejo), Fernando Yuste (Yelbes/Medellín) and José A. Román (Palazuelo, Villar de Rena y Valdehornillos).

Almost all of the area has been intensively transformed and hardly any vestiges remain of the original habitat of dehesas and grasslands (<0,1%). The largest areas are dedicated to maize and rice, although they are increasingly being replaced by woody crops, such as olives and other fruit trees, such as almonds, in such a way that, in recent years, thousands of hectares have been transformed in favour of these crops, for exclusively economic reasons.

This transformation is greatly affecting the distribution and demography of the species in traditional areas, conditioning their presence in them in the future.

Although cranes are greatly interested in vegetable remains, especially grains or seeds, products of stubble or new sowing, they nevertheless have a significant animal component to their diet, and look for vertebrates such as amphibians in muddy rice fields (flooded paddies) and invertebrates such as earthworms and American crayfish (*Procambarus clarkii*), which they find in the rice stubbles.



Image nº 58: Crane with an American crayfish, from which it has removed the legs and pincers before swallowing it, in a bed of harvested rice at Casar de Miajadas (CC). Photo: José A. Román.

46,941 feeding cranes were counted, 28,202 in December and 18,739 in January, in different habitats: maize, rice, cereal and tomato stubbles, recently-sown sown cereals, broccoli, grass within orchards, flooded plots, plots with grass (*Poa annua*), fallow plots and dehesas.

The major presence of cranes was observed in stubble fields, especially maize, with 18,925 birds (40.3%), principally during December (13,872), when these parcels offered abundant food. However, in January the number present had reduced considerably, due to these fields being worked, and the disappearance of cobs and grain.



Image nº 59: Family group in maize stubble. Photo: José A. Román.

Rice stubbles maintained a stable population of birds throughout the winter, where 17,815 cranes (38%) were observed, almost the same proportion on both dates, and although many plots were rotovated, many others remained and allowed the birds to feed on grain, American crayfish, invertebrates and amphibians all the time.

Tomato stubbles were also very important for cranes, and although these stubbles have very little waste, the cranes take advantage, probably discarded fruit, and finding ways to benefit after the harvest, which usually happens in late August. 1,639 (3.9%) were counted, two thirds of them in December.

Cereal stubbles, of rain-fed crops, were the least used by cranes for feeding, although they were used on specific occasions and only 25 were counted (0,05%) during the censuses.

Recently-sown beans were abundant and well-used by cranes, which appeared to use the latest ones. In most parcels, the purpose of this crop is to increase nitrogen in the soil, rather than for bean production, as they followed tomato or maize stubbles. Thanks to them, the birds were not disturbed while they were feeding and we could count 2.653 individuals throughout the period, practically in the same proportion in each period.



Image nº 60: Cranes feeding in tomato stubble at Yelbes (BA). Photo: José A. Román



Image nº 61: Flocks of cranes feeding in recently-sown beans, which they used during almost all of the winter, near to Yelbes (BA). Photo: José A. Román.

Recently-sown cereals represent the fourth feeding habitat, and also for resting, where they consume plant shoots and leaves, not infrequently using them as refuges when they are put up from other parcels and where they have greater visibility for watching for predators or humans. 2,590 (5,5%) were counted and they maintained the same proportion in both months.

Recently-sown fields, also cereals, attract cranes when the grain is sown, generally by direct sowing, as their access is very easy. We only saw them in January; 424 (1%).



Image nº 62: Crane in recently-sown cereal, already growing, in Badajoz. Photo: José A. Román.

Broccoli crops are frequent in the study area, but their usage was almost anecdotal as only 9 birds were detected. It seems they may consume the brassica in its initial stages, although it shouldn't be ruled out that they might also be looking for invertebrates.

The parcels (paddies) used for growing rice, when they are rotovated, usually have a sheet of water, which the cranes make use of for sleeping, bathing or resting in them, although they may find amphibians and some aquatic invertebrates. In total, 570 (1.2%) birds were found in these plots in December, then 994 (2.1%) in January, when a large proportion of them were flooded by the persistent rain. These same conditions favoured the proliferation of annual meadow grass (*Poa annua*) in these paddies, covering them in green and producing abundant seeds on which the cranes fed throughout the period.



Image nº 63: Pair of cranes in a crop of broccoli, Yelbes (BA). Photo: José A. Román.

Dehesas and grasslands, for farm livestock, only represent a minimal fraction of the habitat. Only 49 individuals were seen in dehesas in January, looking for acorns to eat, while in the grasslands 1,051 (2.2%), were seen in both periods, with more in January, 670, where as well as seeds and bulbs of wild plants, they look for beetles associated with livestock dung.



Image 64: Group in grassland used by farm livestock. Photo: José A. Román.

The presence of fallow, uncultivated land, is scarce, and the only areas found in the area are usually plots harvested early and not worked again. Only 68 cranes were observed in January.

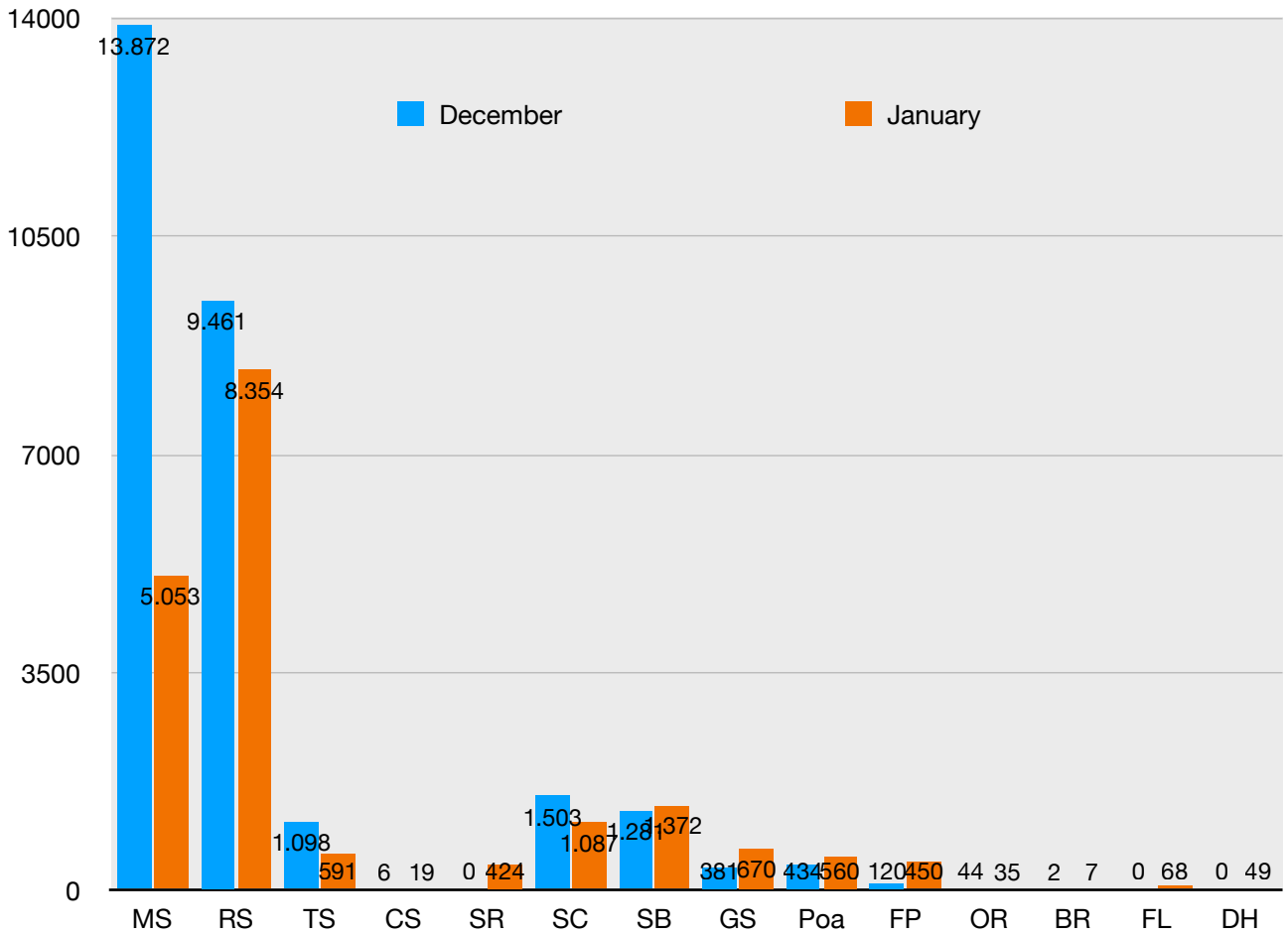
The presence of cranes in intensive fruit orchards is anecdotal and it appears they are only interested in looking for invertebrates.

#### FEEDING HABITAT USAGE

	December	%	January	%	Total	%
<b>MS (maize stubble)</b>	13872	49	5053	27	18925	40.3
<b>RS (rice stubble)</b>	9461	34	8354	44.6	17815	38
<b>TS (tomato stubble)</b>	1098	4	591	3	1689	3.6
<b>CS (cereal stubble)</b>	6		19	0.1	25	0.05
<b>SR (recently-sown)</b>	0		424	2.2	424	1
<b>SC (sown with cereal)</b>	1503	5	1087	5.8	2590	5.5
<b>SB (sown with beans)</b>	1281	4.5	1372	7.3	2653	5.6
<b>GS (grassland)</b>	381	1.3	670	3.6	1051	2.2
<b>Poa annua</b>	434	1.5	560	3	994	2.1
<b>FP (flooded paddy)</b>	120	0.4	450	2.4	570	1.2
<b>OR (orchards)</b>	44	0.1	35	0.1	79	0.1
<b>BR (broccoli)</b>	2		7		9	0.01
<b>FL (fallow)</b>	0		68	0.3	68	0.14
<b>DH (Dehesa)</b>	0		49	0.2	49	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28202</b>		<b>18739</b>		<b>46941</b>	

Table nº 23: Crane distribution in the different feeding habitats in the Central Zone of Extremadura during December and January.

### FEEDING HABITAT USAGE



Graphic nº 29: Feeding habitat usage in December and January in the Central Zone.



Image nº 65: Group of cranes in a dehesa. Photo: José A. Román.

## Monitoring ringed birds

During the 2025/26 season we have been able to monitor 241 cranes with rings and/or carrying GPS/GSM devices, as reported in “Anillas al sur de los Pirineos” (Rings south of the Pyrenees), where all the information about marked birds in Spain is collected.

Of these, four were carrying GPS/GSM devices, although they were not seen, but their routes could be followed thanks to the information of their movements being published on websites or provided by the ringers. One was from Latvia (“Báltico”), one from Lithuania and two from Estonia (“Linum” and “Ahjapoeg2”).

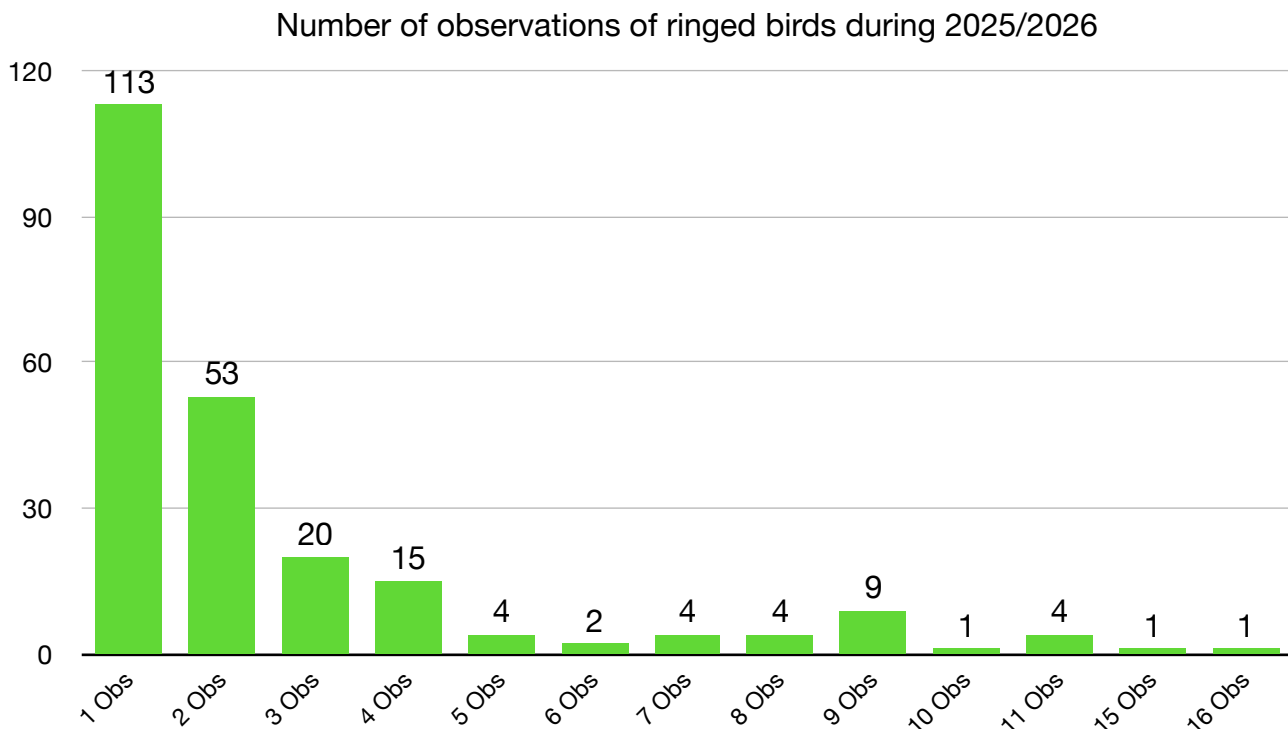
Of the total, 16 (6.6%) were juveniles (2 Finnish, 5 Estonian, 3 Swedish, 1 Norwegian, 2 Polish and 3 German); 32 (13.2%) were immatures of 2024 (2 Finnish, 2 Estonian, 3 Swedish, 5 Norwegian, 3 Polish, and 17 German); 20 (8.2%) were sub-adults of 2023 (1 Finnish, 2 Estonian, 3 Swedish, 4 Norwegian, 4 Polish and 6 German) and 174 were adults.

Two of the ringed birds were found dead, caused by avian flu: a Polish crane and an Estonian.

The oldest crane that was observed was German, ringed in 1999 and now 27 years old (seen in January 2026 at Sotonera). Other old individuals were an Estonian from 2002 (23 years old) and two Swedish cranes from 2003 (22 years old).

Currently, the oldest ringed crane known is a Swedish bird, aged 29 years, called “Lady B”, which has returned with her partner to their breeding area. She was ringed in 1997, and although she has lost her coloured rings she still has her metal ring, by which she can be identified (S. Lundgren).

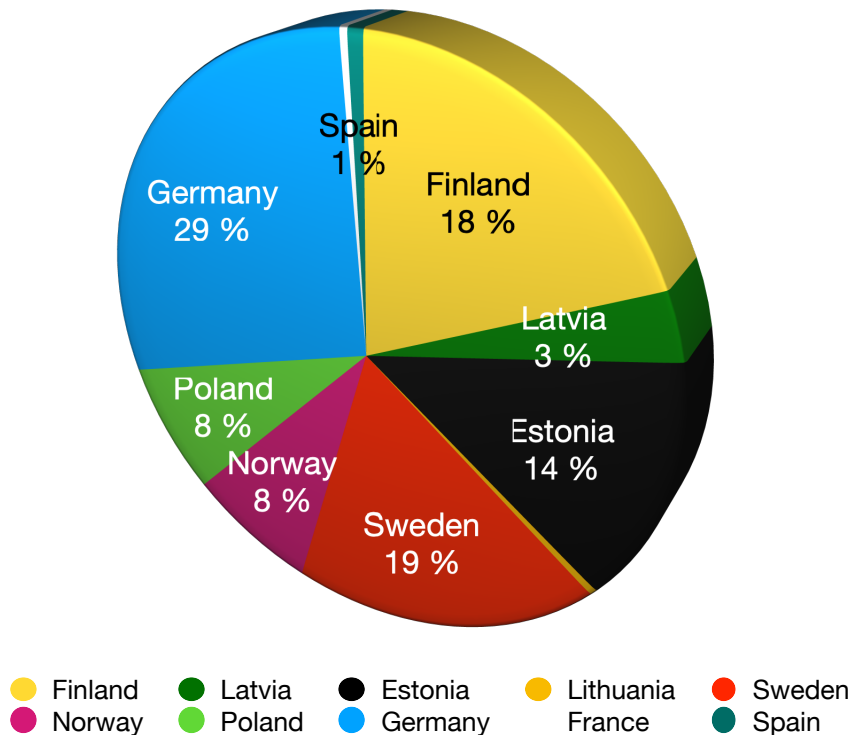
113 cranes were observed once, 53 twice, 20 on 3 occasions, 15 on 4 occasions, 4 on 5 occasions, 2 on 6 occasions, 4 on 7 occasions, 4 on 8 occasions, 9 on 9 occasions, 1 on 10 occasions, 4 on 11 occasions, 1 on 15 occasions, at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) and 1 on 16 occasions, at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE).



Graphic nº 30: Number of observations of ringed cranes during 2025/2026.

The number of rings read, by country, was as follows: 44 (18%) cranes from Finland, of which 11 carried flags; 7 (3%) from Latvia, one with GPS/GSM; 34 (14%) from Estonia, of which 9 wore GPS/GSM devices; 1 Lithuanian with GPS/GSM; 46 (19%) from Sweden, of which 9 carried GPS/GSM devices, 19 (8%) Norwegian, 19 (8%) Polish, 70 (29%) German, 2 Spanish and one French.

RINGS READ BY COUNTRY



Graphic n° 31: Rings read, by country, during 2025/2026.

In recent years Finnish cranes have been marked with the combination of a banner on which two letters are printed and 4 digits on the ring which supports the banner. The digits on the banner are easily read from a distance, but not the four that are on the ring.

The Polish rings have alphanumeric codes on white rings, which are more complicated to read as you have to get closer to the cranes than those with coloured rings, although recently they have been using bigger digits, nevertheless many remain unread.

In Germany, they have recently started using alphanumeric codes on yellow rings, and like the previous ones, it is difficult to read them correctly.

Until now, the effectiveness of colour codes, especially the ELSA octagonal type, have been shown to be the ones that offer the best identification results.

It is still possible to see spiral-type colour rings (the first kind of colour combinations) on some cranes, but most of them have usually faded in colour and it is not uncommon for some rings to have been lost, so their readings are not always correct.

The Spanish cranes were two birds ringed at “La Cañada de los Pájaros”, Coria del Río (SE) as part of the ringing program undertaken there; one of them is “Doñana”.



Image nº 66: German crane, seen in Soria province. Photo: Alina Dragan



Image nº 67: Estonian Crane "Tiiri" wearing GPS/GSM at Yelbes (BA). Photo: José A Román.



Map n° 26: Daily movements made by “Tiiri” in early November when it was using Alange reservoir to roost, which it stopped doing a few days later. Info: Ivar Ojaste.



Image n° 68: Swedish crane with discoloured spiral rings and missing one ring, at Aldea del Cano (CC). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 69: Spanish cranes in Doñana National Park, one of them is “Doñana”, on the right VBV/RAmR): Photo: Fernando Ibáñez.



Ricardo Gamero

Image nº 70: Adult and juvenile German cranes seen at Torre de Abraham reservoir (CR). Photo; Ricardo Gamero.



Image nº 71: Estonian crane, with offspring, at Casar de Miajadas (CC). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 72: Immature Norwegian crane at Yelbes (BA). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 73: German crane in dehesas at Las Ventas de San Julián (TO). Photo: Paula González.



Image nº 74: Latvian crane at Santa Amalia (BA). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 75: German crane at Alarcón reservoir (CU). Photo: Julen Santa Cristina.



Image nº 76: Finnish crane at Villar de Rena (BA). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 77: Estonian crane in dehesa at Palomas (BA). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 78: Pair of Swedish and Finnish cranes at Hernán Cortés (BA). Photo: José A. Román.

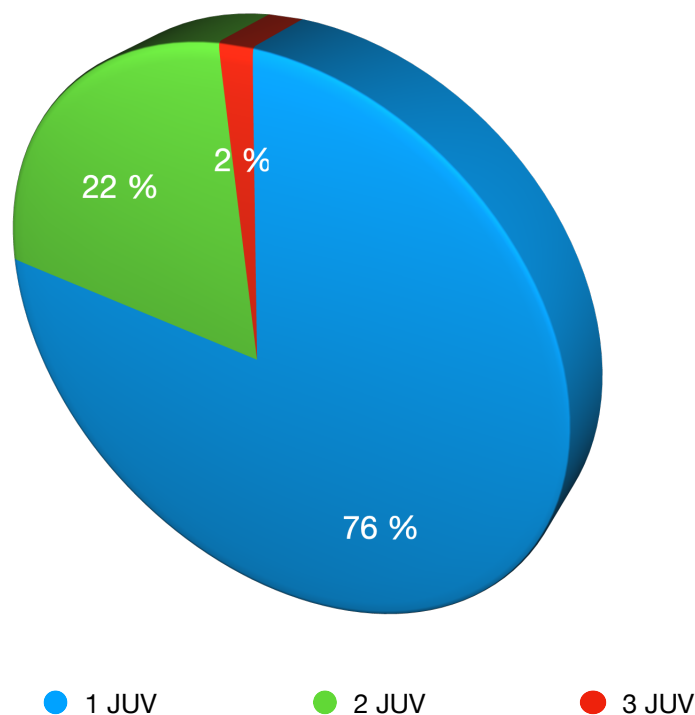
## Productivity

Some groups, in which juveniles could be detected, were monitored. The total number of birds sampled was 16,868, among them 2,340 juveniles and 14,258 adults and/or subadults. The percentage of juveniles was 13.87% and the average number of juveniles per pair with offspring was 0.7.

In a total of 116 families, 76% (88) of them only brought 1 juvenile, 22% (26) had 2 juveniles and 2 were found with 3 juveniles. Although the sample is small, it is representative.

However, it is probable that some families, especially those with three juveniles, were not biological families. Due to the effect of avian flu, some would have lost a parent, and in the case of both adults dying, youngsters joined, or at least tried to join, a pair with one or more juveniles, therefore these data must be interpreted cautiously, especially as a small sample was obtained.

PERCENTAJE OF JUVENILES



Graphic n° 32: Percentage of juveniles by family unit in 2025-2026



Image nº 79: Family group with 3 juveniles at Vegaviana (CC). Photo: Óscar Cruz.



Image nº 80: Family group with 3 juveniles at Yelbes (BA). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 81: Family with a single youngster at Palazuelo (CC). Photo: José A. Roman.



Image nº 82: Group with two juveniles at Puebla de la Reina (BA). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 83: Juvenile on 21 of November at Palazuelo (CC). Photo: José A. Román.



Image ° 84: Juvenile on 19 January at Yelbes (BA) Photo: José A Román.

FAMILIES & JUVENILES

		TM	PV	AD	JV	1p	2p	3p	Observadores
11/10/25	Laguna de Gallocanta	Gallocanta	Z	42	2				Antonio Torrijo
16/10/25	Laguna del Hoyo	El Oso	AV	61	3	3			Luis J. Martín, Juan R. Cuervo
19/10/25	Obando	Obando	BA	140	9				José A. Sánchez
19/10/25	Valdepalacios	Logrosán	CC	265	19				José A. Sánchez
23/10/25	Embalse Calnchales	Mérida	BA	5	1				José A.. Román
21/10/25	Laguna del Hoyo	El Oso	AV	125	10	6	2		Chema Garcia
29/10/25	Centro Interpretación	Bello	TE	188	17	9	4		Antonio Torrijo
2/11/25	Valdehornillos	Don Benito	BA	9	1				José A. Sánchez
9/11/25	Valdehornillos	Don Benito	BA	393	23				José A. Sánchez
11/11/25	Laguna de Gallocanta	Las Cuerlas	Z	42	2				Antonio Torrijo
11/11/25	Vegaviana	Vegaviana	CC	2	3			1	Óscar Cruz
15/11/25	Alboré	Lupiñén/Ortilla	HU	323	13	9	2		Paco Quesada
15/11/25	R.N. Villafáfila	Otero de Sariegos	ZA	155	5				Antonio Torrijo
20/11/25	Chinos Blancos	Torrefresneda	BA	42	3		1		José A.. Román
20/11/25	Rincón de Calle	Torrefresneda	BA	79	3				José A.. Román
20/11/25	Rincón de Calle	Torrefresneda	BA	32	3				José A.. Román
20/11/25	Isla	Valdetorres	BA	31	3				José A.. Román
20/11/25	Millar de Guijo	Santa Amalia	BA	24	3				José A.. Román
20/11/25	El Cuervo	Hernán Cortés	BA	31	4		1		José A.. Román
20/11/25	El Cuervo	Hernán Cortés	BA	21	2				José A.. Román
20/11/25	Tomillar	Casar de Miajadas	CC	12	2				José A.. Román
20/11/25	Tomillar	Casar de Miajadas	CC	40	4		1		José A.. Román
21/11/25	Chinos Blancos	Torrefresneda	BA	11	3				José A.. Román
21/11/25	Chinos Blancos	Torrefresneda	BA	2	3			1	José A.. Román
22/11/25	Depuradora Bello	Bello	TE	804	38	36	1		Antonio Torrijo
1/12/25	La Palanca	Vivares	BA	8	3				José A.. Román
1/12/25	La Palanca	Vivares	BA	14	5		1		José A.. Román
9/12/25	Chinos Blancos	Torrefresneda	BA	16	2				José A.. Román
9/12/25	Chinos Blancos	Torrefresneda	BA	15	3				José A.. Román
13/12/25	Chinos Blancos	Torrefresneda	BA	103	7		1		José A.. Román
13/12/25	La Patilla	Santa Amalia	BA	30	3				José A.. Román
16/12/25	Laguna de Gallocanta	Bello/Las Cuerlas	Z/TE	2412	306				Francisco J. Sampietro
17/12/25	Centro Interpretación	Bello	TE	6	5	1	2		Antonio Torrijo

## FAMILIAS Y JÓVENES

19/12/25	La Veguilla	Don Benito	BA	27	3				José A.. Román
19/12/25	Torrefresneda	Torrefresneda	BA	477	56				Elvira del Viejo, Carmen Canseco
19/12/25	Figarol	Figarol	NA	2456	948				Jesús Mari Lekuona
19/12/25	Arrozales de la Rada	La Rada	NA	23	11				Jesús Mari Lekuona
19/12/25	Arrozales Arguedas	Arguedas	NA	401	66				Jesús Mari Lekuona
19/12/25	Laguna de Pitillas	Pitillas	NA	595	233				Jesús Mari Lekuona
19/12/25	Embalse de Cornalvo	Mérida	BA	42	11				Raúl Alcantud
21/12/25	La Generala	Cáceres	CC	118	8				Francisco Javier Caballero
31/12/25	Berrueco	Bello	TE	118	20	10	5		Antonio Torrijo
31/12/25	Carabejas	Bello	TE	201	14				Antonio Torrijo
31/12/25	Paridera Peribáñez	Bello	TE	69	10	6	2		Antonio Torrijo
3/1/26	Medellín	Medellín	BA	39	3				José A. Sánchez
6/1/26	L'Ametlla del Vallès	L'Ametlla del Vallès	B	20	5				José A.. Román
6/1/26	Galapagar	Valdetorres	BA	31	4				José A.. Román
6/1/26	Isla	Valdetorres	BA	12	3				José A.. Román
6/1/26	Rincón de Calle	Torrefresneda	BA	58	6				José A.. Román
6/1/26	Chinos Blancos	Miajadas	BA	16	1				José A.. Román
6/1/26	Canchales Bajos	Miajadas	CC	216	16				José A.. Román
6/1/26	Canchales Altos	Alonso de Ojeda	CC	31	5	5			José A.. Román
7/1/26	Las Navas	Puebla de la Reina	BA	9	4	2	1		José A.. Román , Francisco Quesada
18/1/26	Don Benito	Don Benito	BA	49	7				José A. Sánchez
21/1/26	Lag. de Gallocanta	Bello/Las Cuerlas	Z/TE	177	17				Francisco J. Sampietro
23/1/26	Arrozales Arguedas	Arguedas	NA	406	69				Jesús Mari Lekuona
23/1/26	Lag. de Dos Reinos	Figarol	NA	1790	159				Jesús Mari Lekuona
23/1/26	Laguna de Pitillas	Pitillas	NA	1870	179				Jesús Mari Lekuona
3/2/26	Dehesa del Cubillo	Villar del Rey	BA	11	1	1			José A.. Román
3/2/26	Dehesa del Cubillo	Villar del Rey	BA	9	4		2		José A.. Román
3/2/26	Dehesa del Cubillo	Villar del Rey	BA	16	3	3			José A.. Román
<b>Total</b>				<b>9287</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	

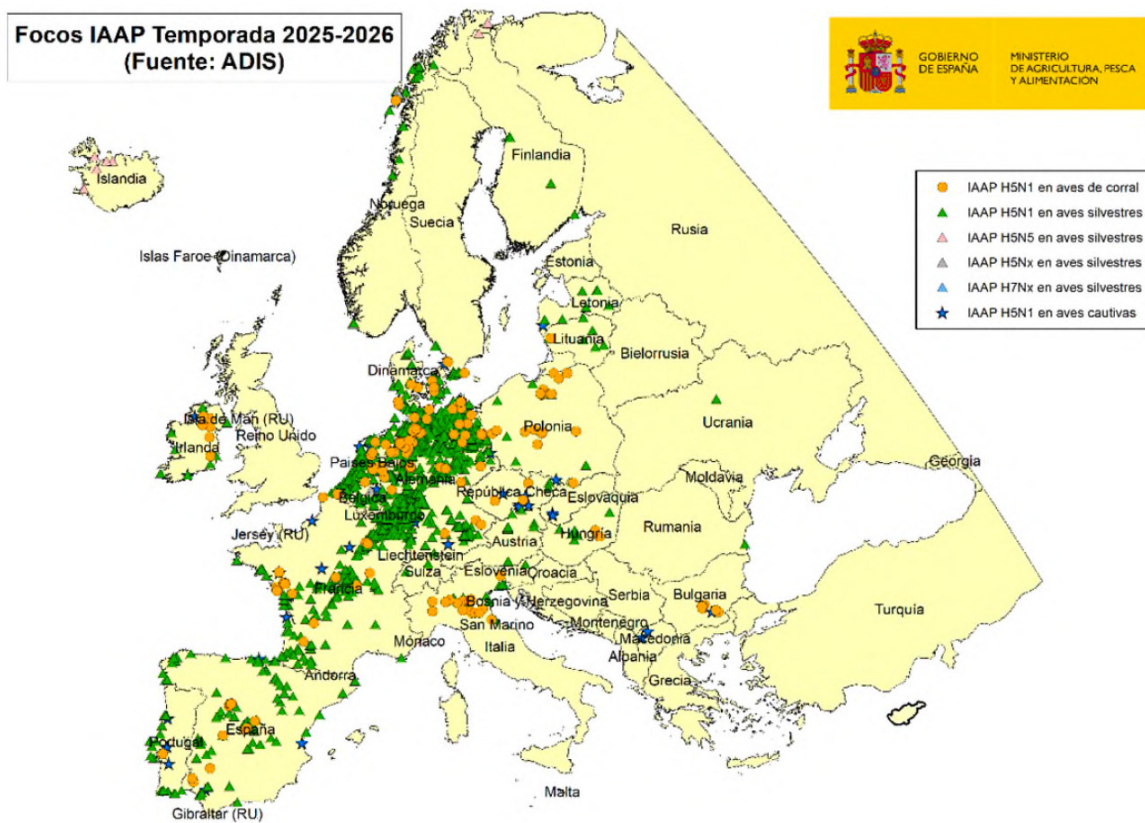
Table nº 24: List of family observations.

## Problems

### Avian flu

An outbreak of avian flu (H5N1) was detected in October 2025 in the German population of cranes. This highly contagious virus, which probably originated in a poultry farm, spread rapidly between the cranes and caused the death of many individuals before migration started. The infection continued to spread when they began their journey and dead birds were recorded at their staging locations in France: Lac du Der and the centre of the country, among others.

The infectious development is rapid, and after becoming infected the bird soon shows symptoms, usually separating from the others and staying inactive on the ground or beginning to turn until they lose strength and fall to the ground, and not getting up; if they try to they may die of suffocation as a result of the beak stuck into the soft soil.



Mapa 1: Localización de focos de IAAP en aves silvestres, cautivas y de corral notificados en Europa desde 1 de julio de 2025.

Map nº 27: European map of notifications of viral infection cases in domestic and wild birds during 2025/26. Yellow dots and stars are cases in poultry. Green triangles indicate infections in wild birds with H5N1. Source: ADIS/MAPA.

Crane deaths didn't only occur on the ground, but due to the rapid development of the infection, it caused birds to faint in mid-flight, dying on impact with the ground or roofs.



Image nº 85: A crane which crashed onto a roof in France. Info: LPO.

The disease continued spreading, infecting birds at resting places, so sick birds arrived in Spain, with deaths recorded throughout the migration route and in some wintering areas.

The highest death toll was recorded at Gallocanta lagoon, which is the stopping place for the majority of birds arriving in the peninsula at the start of winter. The arrival of sick birds at the lagoon, and the high concentration of birds over several days, favoured the viral expansion and the death of many individuals.

Before arriving at Gallocanta, three dead birds were seen at two localities in Navarra, three in La Rioja and 11 at Alboré, Huesca.

It is important to point out that remains are not always found, as predation by foxes, dogs and raptors is high, and corpses disappear quickly.

Monitoring and regular collection of dead or sick birds was only done in Aragón, by the Society of Agro-environmental Management of Aragón (S.A.R.G.A. - *Sociedad Aragonesa de Gestion Agroambiental*), while no monitoring was undertaken in the other autonomous regions.

In Extremadura, we informed the veterinary and health authorities of the advisability of carrying out monitoring, given how important the region is for cranes, but we had no response and the few reported cases were mostly observed by ourselves, or thanks to independent information from some rangers. Rangers were not even provided with PPE (personal protection equipment) for collecting infected individuals.



Image nº 86: Collecting dead birds at Gallocanta lagoon, undertaken by Countryside Rangers. Photo: S.A.R.G.A.



Image nº 87: Dead crane at Arguedas (NA). Photo: Jesús Mari Lekuona.



Image nº 88: Crane predated by an Iberian imperial eagle (*Aquila adalberti*) at El Hoyo lagoon (AV). Photo: DirectoNatura.org.



Image nº 89: Dead crane, caused by avian flu, at Alboré (HU). Photo: Guardería.

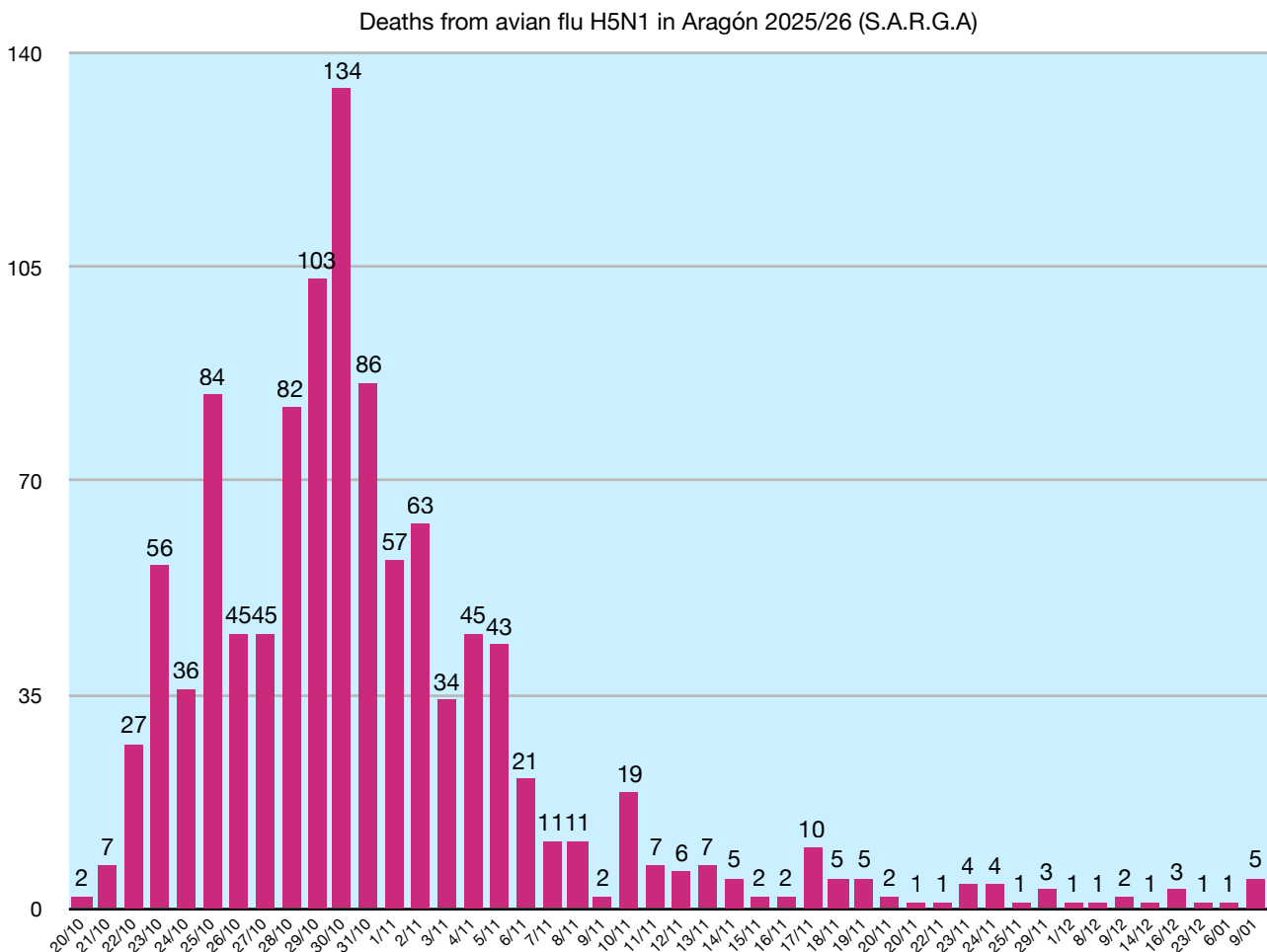


Image nº 90: An infected bird at Los Canchales (BA) on 19 October 2025. Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 91: Scavenged remains of the previous bird a week later. Photo: José A Román.

As already mentioned, there was only a systematic collection of individuals in Aragón. The first two birds were collected on 20 October, and the number continued increasing in the following days, collecting 56 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 84 on the 25<sup>th</sup>. They collected 103 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and the peak was reached on the 30<sup>th</sup> with 134 individuals. In the following days the number of deaths decreased, and throughout November birds continued to die, although in small numbers. The last recorded case was on 9 January, with 5 dead birds. From this date, it is considered that the illness had ended.



Graphic nº 33: Daily collection of dead birds in Aragón.

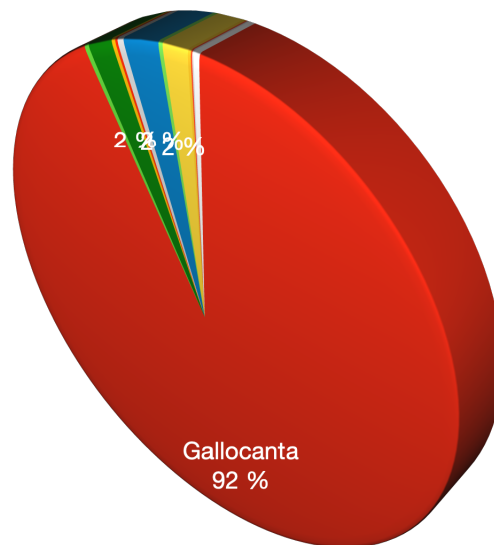
The total number of dead birds in this autonomous region was 1,112 cranes, of which 1,015 were at Gallocanta lagoon (92%), followed by La Loteta reservoir (Z) with 27 birds (2%), 21 (2%) in Teruel province, 18 at Cinco Villas (Z) and 11 at Alboré (HU).

## CRANE DEATHS IN ARAGÓN

Gallocanta	1015
Lechago reservoir	4
Teruel province	21
Jiloca	3
El Cañizar lagoon	2
Lower Aragón	5
La Loteta reservoir	27
Lower Ebro valley	3
Cinco Villas	18
Calatayud-Aranda	2
Zaragoza province	1
Tarazona	1
Alboré	11
TOTAL	1112

Table nº 25: Cranes collected at different localities in Aragón due to avian flu.

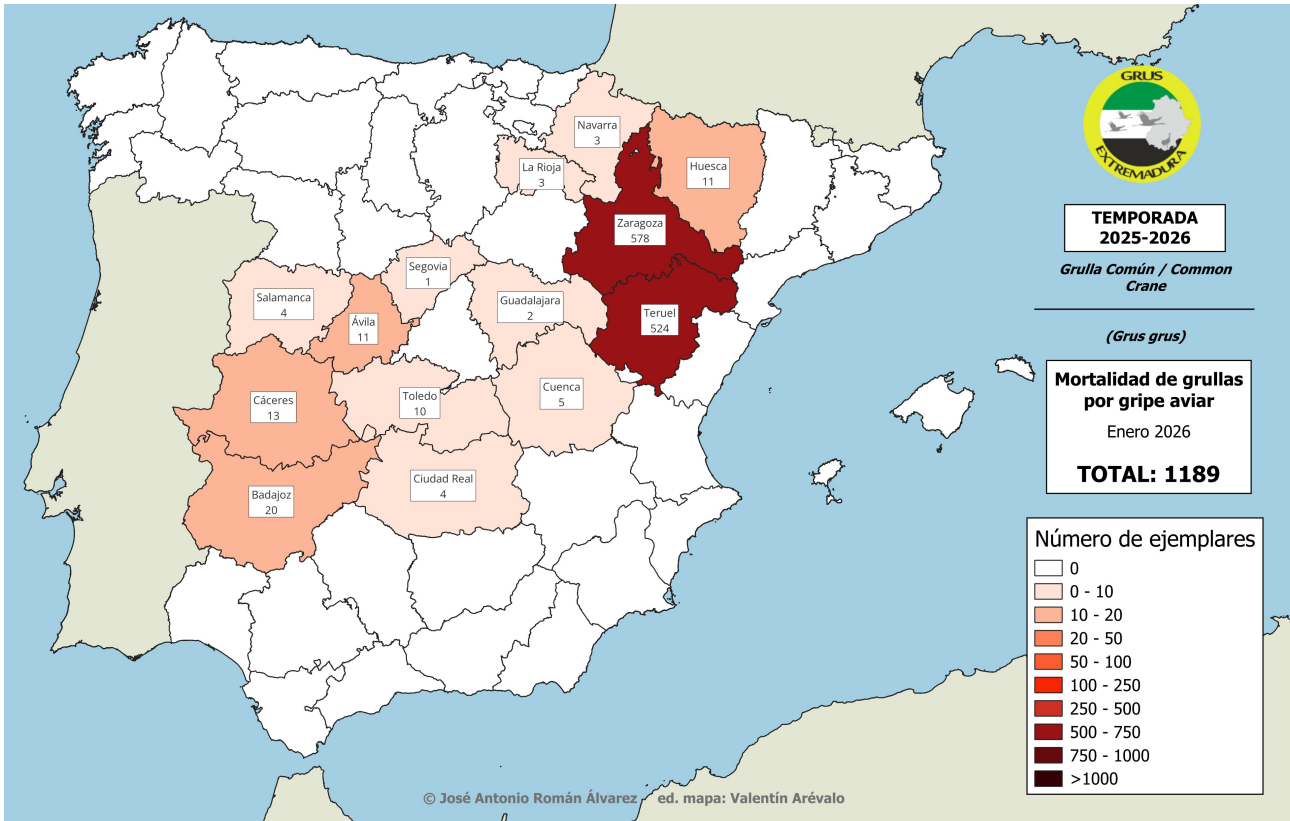
### CRANE DEATHS FROM AVIAN FLU IN ARAGÓN (S.A.R.G.A.)



- Gallocanta
- Lechago reservoir
- Province of Teruel
- Jiloca
- Cañizar lagoon
- Lower Aragón
- Loteta reservoir
- Lower Ebro river
- Cinco Villas
- Calatayud-Aranda
- Province of Zaragoza
- Tarazona
- Alboré

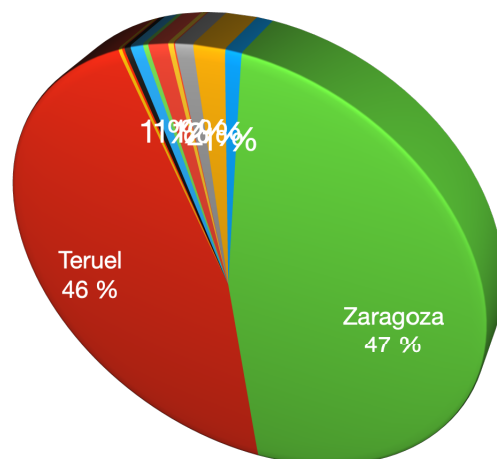
Graphic nº 34: Percentage of dead cranes collected in different localities in Aragón.

In the whole of Spain we collected information of 1,189 deaths from the virus, with 558 (47%) in Zaragoza province, followed by Teruel with 543 (46%), 22 (1.9%) in Badajoz, 15 (1.2%) in Ávila, 13 (1.1%) in Cáceres, 11 (1%) in Huesca, 10 (0.8%) in Toledo, 5 (0.4%) in Cuenca, 4 (0.3%) in Ciudad Real, 4 (0.3%) in Salamanca, 3 (0.2%) in La Rioja, 2 (0.1%) in Guadalajara and 1 in Segovia.



Map nº 28: Dead cranes collected in Spanish provinces in 2025/26.

FLU DEATHS BY PROVINCE



- Huesca
- Zaragoza
- Teruel
- Logroño
- Guadalajara
- Cuenca
- Toledo
- Ciudad Real
- Ávila
- Salamanca
- Segovia
- Cáceres
- Badajoz

Graphic nº 35: Deaths from avian flu in Spanish provinces in 2025/26

DEATHS FROM AVIAN FLU IN SPAIN

Locality	Province	Number
Gallocanta	Z/TE	1015
Lechago reservoir	TE	4
Teruel province	TE	21
Jiloca	TE	3
El Cañizar lagoon	TE	2
Lower Aragón	TE	5
La Loteta reservoir	Z	27
Lower Ebro valley	Z	3
Cinco Villas	Z	18
Calatayud-Aranda	Z	2
Zaragoza province	Z	1
Alboré	HU	11
Arguedas	NA	2
Mendigorría	NA	1
Leiva	LO	2
Sotos del Alfaro	LO	1
Manjavacas lagoon	CU	5
Buendía reservoir	GU	2
El Hoyo lagoon	AV	15
Riolobos weir	SA	4
Villacañas lagoon	TO	8
Abades	SG	1
Tablas de Daimiel National Park	CR	4
Palazuelo	CC	9
Central Zone of Extremadura	CC/BA	7
Los Canchales reservoir	BA	6
Santa Amalia	BA	3
Valdehornillos	BA	1
Ribera del Fresno	BA	2
TOTAL		1185

Table nº 26: List of localities from which information was obtained.

Although the number of 1,189 cranes found dead is the reference figure that we have, the number of birds was higher, however, as according to estimates the real figure could be between 1,933 and 11,112 dead birds, based on the numbers from the weekly censuses done in Spain and at Gallocanta lagoon, as well as the estimate of the number of days cranes stay at the lagoon (J.C. Alonso *et al, in lit*), therefore we could be talking of at least 10,000 dead birds in Spain alone.

In Germany, on the other hand, the first three birds were collected on 4 October in Saxony (in Spain we had the first notification on the 20<sup>th</sup>). The total number of birds collected was 17,560; however, it is estimated that the number of dead birds would have been around 20,000, as many were not collected (G. Nowald *pers.com.*).

In France, 12,000 birds were collected at Lac du Der, around 1,000 in the centre of the country and some 100 at Arjuzanx, in the south-west (A.Salvi *pers.com.*). Here too, many birds were not collected at Der, as it is an extensive area over which the birds spread out, and also, during the migration period fog is frequent, so many corpses were not seen or were predated. The number of dead birds was estimated to be around 20,000.

In Portugal, no infected birds were found (C. Cruz *pers.com.*).

Therefore, and considering the results and estimates, we believe the number of cranes killed by avian flu in Europe (Germany, France and Spain) was probably about **50,000** individuals, which means at least 11% of the wintering birds on the western route would have died as a consequence of this viral infection.

This has been the most serious episode in recent years, as in the previous season it is estimated that some 20,000 birds could have died from the population that migrates through Hortobagy, Hungary. In addition, in the 2023/24 season, there was another outbreak at Hula lake in Israel, with a similar number of dead birds, so in the last three years 90,000 cranes could have died because of the infection, affecting 13.8% of the European population of cranes (around 650,000). These numbers are worrying for the high mortality, which could be a handicap for the species if new outbreaks happen again; this could seriously affect the evolution of the crane population, which was maintaining a positive growth rate in the last 25 years, and this could see the entire population growth stopped or even reduced.

### ***Electricity cables, wind turbines and accidents.***

Electricity cables continue producing deaths during the winter, although little information was collected about this, due to the state of the ground because of the rains.

Wind turbines continue to spread, especially in Aragón, where an extensive network of them is being installed. In some areas, such as La Loteta reservoir in Zaragoza, there are frequent collisions with the blades, as this reservoir is used as a roost site by more than 4,000 cranes during the winter, and accidents happen on days with poor visibility or strong winds. In total, 12 individuals were picked up, although the number was higher, as depredation resulted in corpses disappearing.

Although accidents are uncommon, on foggy days, cranes that are feeding close to the verges may cross the road and be hit, as was the case of a bird in the locality of Vivares (BA) in December.



Image nº 92: Cranes over a wind turbine at La Loteta (Z). Photo: José A. Pinzolas.



Image nº 93: Crane road casualty at Vivares (BA) on 29/12/2025. Photo: José A. Román.

## ***Festivals and events***

Each year new initiatives are added to the traditional festivals and events, which indicates an increasing interest in cranes.

One of the new events was the celebration of the first crane festival at Valdehornillos, a small locality in Badajoz province, which hosts one of the biggest crane populations of the upper Guadiana floodplain in its surroundings. The festival included a route to observe cranes along with cultural activities and a meal for participants. In addition, some villagers, on their own initiative, painted crane silhouettes on the exterior of their houses, which demonstrates their interest and involvement with the species.



Image nº 94: One of the paintings of cranes on a house wall at Valdehornillos (BA). Photo: J. Alfonso López.

Another new activity consisted of a tour of the Riverside Nature Reserve of the River Gargáligas at Casas de Don Pedro (BA) on 20 February, with the objective of learning about the fauna and flora of the reserve and to observe crane migration from there; something over 9,000 birds were counted migrating to the north-east.

In addition, different talks were given in schools at El Batán (CC), Alange (BA) and Madrigalejo (CC), some included drawing competitions which actively involved the children. Learning about the species guarantees that in the future they will respect and enjoy the species.

Adenex celebrated its 34th edition of its crane festival, and the Friends of Gallocanta Association (AAG) its 28<sup>th</sup> edition, these being the longest-established events of those celebrated in Spain.



Image nº 95: Introduction to cranes on the tour at the Riverside Nature Reserve of the River Gargáligas. Photo: José M. Ruíz.



Image nº 96: Children's drawing competition at Cervantes Primary School, Alange (BA). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 97: Talk at Nueva Extremadura Primary School at El Batán (CC). Photo: Miguel Todón.



Image nº 98: Observation of crane passage at Alange (BA).

# XXXIV DÍA DE LAS GRULLAS

Recibimiento a las Grullas en Extremadura  
domingo 7 de diciembre

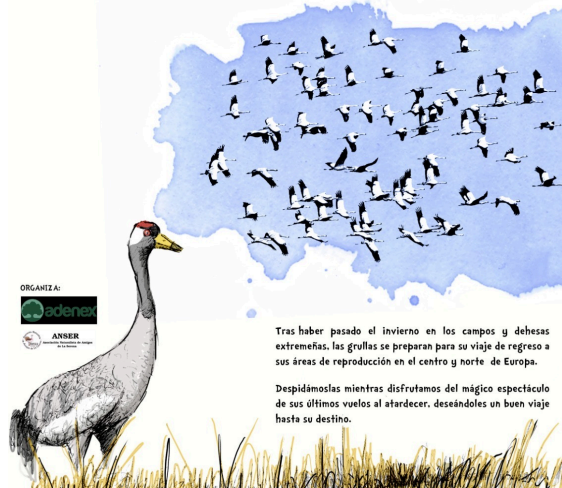


16:30 h. Aparcamiento de la presa de Los Canchales. La Garrovilla (Badajoz)  
Información e inscripción: [ecoambiental@adenex.org](mailto:ecoambiental@adenex.org)

ORGANIZA:  COLABORA: 

# DESPEDIDA DE LAS GRULLAS

Observatorio de Aves "Francisco Carbajo"  
PUERTO MEJORAL, Benquerencia de la Serena  
Sábado, 21 de Febrero, 2026 - 17,00 h.



ORGANIZA:  

Tras haber pasado el invierno en los campos y dehesas extremeñas, las grullas se preparan para su viaje de regreso a sus áreas de reproducción en el centro y norte de Europa.  
Despidámoslas mientras disfrutamos del mágico espectáculo de sus últimos vuelos al atardecer, deseándoles un buen viaje hasta su destino.

Image nº 99: Posters for Welcome and Goodbye Cranes events by ADENEX and ANSER.

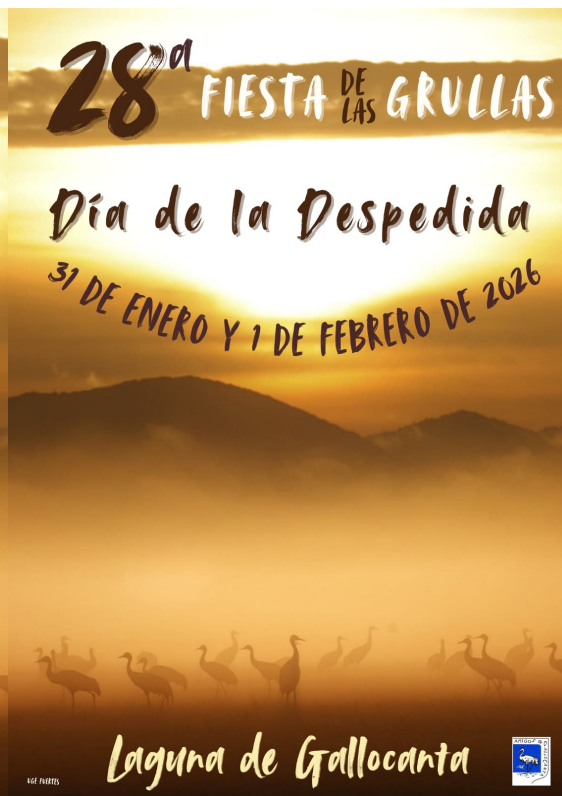


Image nº 100: Posters for Welcome and Goodbye Cranes events at Gallocanta by AAG

The second Welcome to Cranes Day was held at Alange (BA) with talks and observation of cranes flying to roost. The 9<sup>th</sup> Crane Festival took place at Candeleda (AV); the 8<sup>th</sup> Crane Festival was celebrated at Ougela, Portugal; at Madrigalejo (CC), the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Crane Festival took place. There was a day of birdwatching at Alcázar de San Juan (CR) in which cranes were the principal objective, and at Almodóvar del Campo (CR) the 6<sup>th</sup> Crane Festival of the Alcuía Valley was held. At Corral Rubio and Pétrola they celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bird Festival, where cranes were also the protagonists, and at Artieda (Z) the last of the festivals dedicated to cranes took place.



## IIª Jornada "Bienvenida a las grullas en Alange"

8/11  
16:00 H  
Casa de la Cultura

### PROGRAMACIÓN

- Charla: "Las grullas del entorno de Alange"  
Interviene: José A. Román  
(Grus Extremadura)

A continuación, observación de grullas desde el mirador del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.

\*La actividad es indivisible



Image nº 101: Poster for the 2nd Welcome to Cranes Day at Alange.

## IX Festival de la Grulla

23/24/25 DE ENERO 2026  
CANDELEDA  
(EN EL AULA DE LA NATURALEZA, LA LAGUNILLA)

**VIERNES 23**  
16:30-20:00 Excursión guiada "la grulla en su ámbito"  
5€ - inscripción 675 56 64 14 (por whatsapp)  
Horario sujeto a cambios

**SÁBADO 24**  
11:00-11:30 Inauguración  
11:30-13:00 Migración e invernada de la grulla común en España  
Charla de José Antonio Román Álvarez  
Secretario General de Grus Extremadura  
16:30-20:00 Excursión guiada "la grulla en su ámbito"  
5€ - inscripción 675 56 64 14 (whatsapp)  
Horario sujeto a cambios


**DOMINGO 25**  
09:00-12:30 Anillamiento científico de aves  
Gratuito, inscripción 643 56 24 18 (por whatsapp)  
10:00-12:30 Taller de dibujo ornitológico "La Grulla"  
Nacho Sevilla  
Gratuito, inscripción 643 56 24 18 (por whatsapp)  
10:30-14:00 Stands de información, talleres ,chocolate caliente  
SEO Birdlife Avifa, Adisvati...  
12:30: Landart "La Grulla Comun" (taller creativo)  
Natturea , Track Gre2...  
10:30/11:30/13:30 Los Cuentos/Taller de la Abubilla  
cuenta cuentos/talleres de iniciación a la ornitología dirigidos a los más peques

**INFORMACIÓN GENERAL/GRUPO PARA COMPARTIR COCHES: 643 562418**

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## VIII Festival dos Grous

Ouguela, Campo Maior  
6-7 de Dezembro 2025  
Comunidade local  
10, 15 e 16 Dezembro 2025






Image nº 102: Festival posters for Candeleda(AV) and Ouguela (PT).

## XVII festival de las grullas 2025



**29 DE NOVIEMBRE / MADRIGALEJO**  
PASEO FLUVIAL RÍO RUECAS Y PLAZA DE FERNANDO EL CATÓLICO

**Festival de las Grullas**

MÁS INFORMACIÓN: 

Consejería de Cultura, Turismo, Jóvenes y Deportes  
JUNTA DE EXTREMADURA

## RUTA EN EL COMPLEJO LAGUNAR DE ALCAZAR DE SAN JUAN

# OBSERVACIÓN DE AVES

Desde principios de noviembre hasta finales de febrero, se acercan al Complejo Lagunar cientos de grullas, que vienen desde el norte de Europa. Vente a darles la bienvenida y participaremos en el censo nacional de aves migratorias. Material de observación incluido.

**30 NOVIEMBRE 2025 • Domingo a las 9:30h**  
**PUNTO DE ENCUENTRO**  
Merendero de la depuradora, Alcázar de San Juan. Duración 3h aprox.

**NECESARIA INSCRIPCIÓN** en la Oficina de Turismo. 926 55 29 68.

**Para todos los públicos.** Se recomienda llevar ropa de abrigo, calzado apropiado y almuerzo. Si dispones de material de observación puedes llevarlo. Caminaremos 7 km.



Image nº 103: Posters for the Cranes Festival at Madrigalejo (CC) and Birdwatching Route at Alcázar de San Juan (CR).



Image nº 194: Talks about cranes in Extremadura and Estonia, given by Manolo Gómez Calzado and Arón Blázquez. Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 105: Children's workshop and Grus Extremadura stand at the Crane Festival at Madrigalejo (CC). Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 106: Posters for the Festivals at Almodóvar del Campo (CR) and Artieda (Z).



Image nº 107: Posters for the Festival at Corral Rubio (AB) and the call for participants for the crane census in that province by SAO.



Image nº 108: Presenting the “Grand Crane” award to the magazine Quercus. Photo: AAG.



Image nº 109: Observing cranes at Yesa reservoir, Artieda (Z). Photo: Javier López.

## ***Pre-nuptial migration***

*At the end of January, the first crossings through the Pyrenees of Aragón took place, when some 470 cranes followed the River Gállego (HU) upstream at the foot of the mountain range over Riglos village.*

- 01/02/26: 120 over Soto de Alcocea (Z) Joseán Domínguez.
- 03/02/26: 2 flocks heard at 05:00h and 07:30h over Utrillas (Z) José Unquera.
- 06/12/26: 154+15 over Plasencia del Monte (HU) Irene Marina; 150 over Zaragoza, Gonzalo Peña.
- 07/02/26: 85+30+16 leave from Sotonera reservoir (HU) Francisco Quesada; 300 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Aad van Gdswijk; 125 over Aibar (NA) Gaspar Zaldua; 110 over Barbastro (HU) Aitor Mora; 20 over Madrid, Alejandro Esteban.
- 08/02/26: 4 at Sotos de Alfaro (LR) Borja Sanz, 441 leave from Sotonera reservoir (HU) Francisco Quesada; 100 over Urtajo (M) Susana B.; 75 over Teruel, Deepika V.; 25+114+10 over Guadalajara, Ana Herrera, Fernando Gómez (DALMA); 30+17 over Soto del Lugar (M) Luna Redondo, Juan C. Paniagua; 256 leave from Palazuelo (CC) José A. Sánchez; 200 leave from Rosarito reservoir (CC) Dave Langlois.

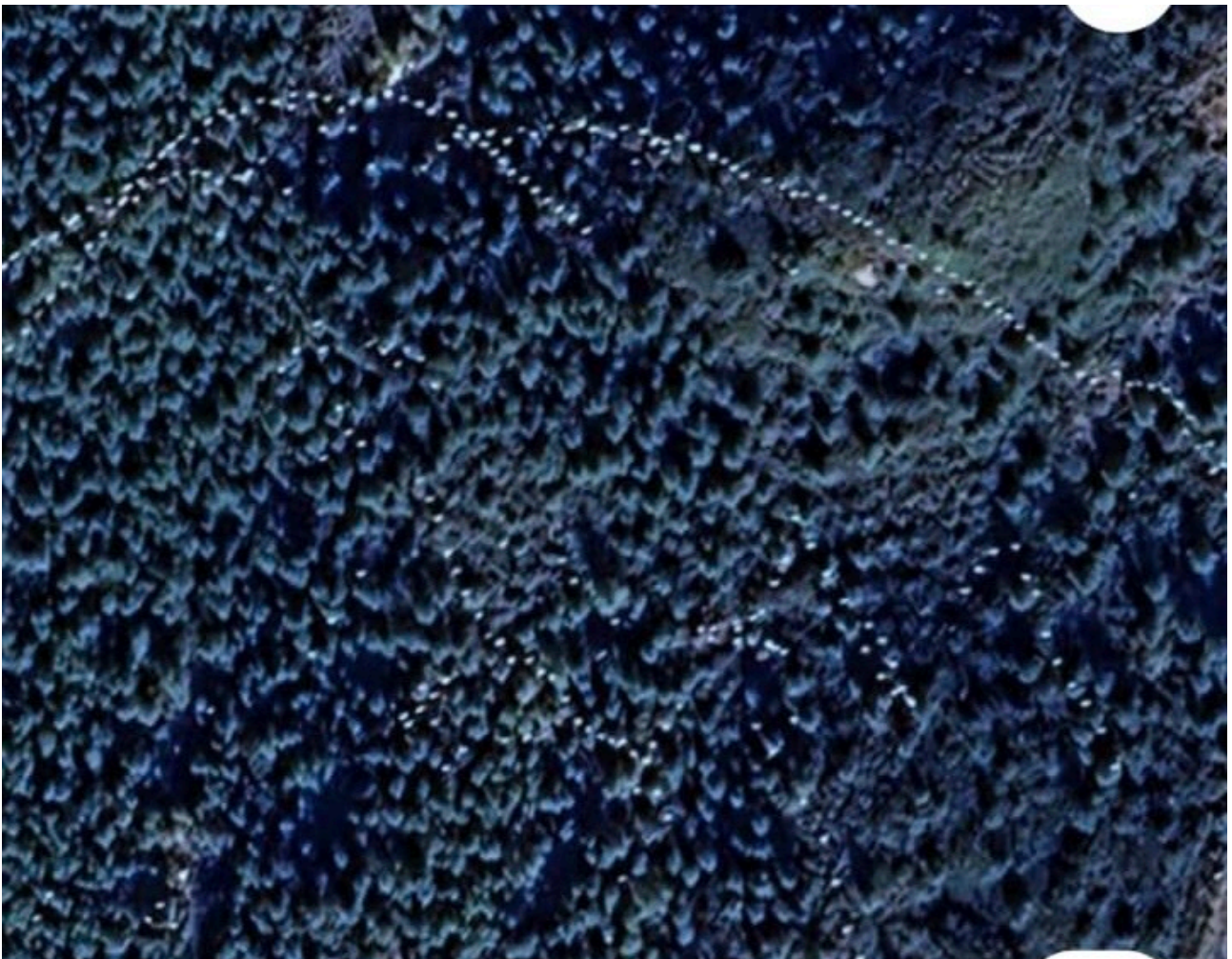


Image nº 110: Aerial view from Google Maps of cranes over the River Gállego at the end of January.

*Migration started this week, although the meteorological situation wasn't favourable to them due to heavy rain and strong, gusting west-south-westerly wind, which from Thursday allowed them to leave in large flocks, with the biggest ones on Sunday.*

-09/02/26: >1,000 leave from Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Diana; 936 over Zaragoza, Enrique Pelayo; several hundred arrive at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Juan Zugazabeitia; 650 over Gurrea del Gállego (HU) Carlos Baraza; 3 over Soto del Lugar, Aranjuez (M) Ricardo Rodríguez.



Image nº 111: One of the flocks over Zaragoza. Photo: Enrique Pelayo.

-10/02/26: 2,828 are censused at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) S.A.R.G.A.; 96+15 over Zaragoza, ANSAR; 50 over Chincón (M)

-11/02/26: 76 migrating over Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo; 82 over Yesa reservoir (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 65 over Madrid, Javier Delgado.

-12/02/26: 30+54+82+130+100+80+120 over Mérida (TO) José A. Fimia; 100 circling at the entrance to the Roncal valley (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 150 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Sol Senise; 1,570 in 9 flocks over Majadahonda (M) Paula González; 200 over Navalmoral de Béjar (SA) Fernando Aranguren; 150 over Uceró (SO) Manuel Serrano; 300+253+250 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Cristina Ruíz; 120+250+300+350+400 over Guadalajara, José M. Gómez (DALMA); 25+53 over Torija (GU) Jesús Sanz (DALMA); 160 over Casa de Campo (M) Marisa de las Heras; 80 over Valfarta (HU) Aad van Gelswijk; 150 over Villanueva de la Cañada (M) Miguel Folgado; 150 over El Pardo woods (M) Natalia Funes; 50 over Valdelatas pine woods (M) Alvar Hernández; 300 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Carla Culebras; 53+11 over Madrid, Iker Almori, José M. Paraíso; 12 over Valdetorres de Jarama (M); 200+1,000+700 over Soto del Lugar, Añover de Tajo (M) Philip Mecola, García de los Ríos, Eugenio Castillejos; 184 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS); 320 over Valdebebas Forest Park (M) Manuel García; 15 over Buendía reservoir (CU) Fernando Alonso; 60 over Villanueva de Alcorón (GU) Sofía

García; 100 over Guadalajara, Jairo Arroyo (DALMA); 189 over El Romeral (TO) Óscar Frías; 78 over Oreitia reservoir (AR) Norber Fuente; 75 (the same ones) over Vitoria/Gasteiz (AR) Pablo Varona.



Image nº 112: Cranes migrating over Valdebebas (M). Photo: Manuel García.

-13/02/26: >10,000 at dawn at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo; several thousand leave on migration mid-morning, Javier Mañas; 500 over Cuarte de Hovera (Z) Javier Domínguez; 56 over Galacho de la Alfranca (Z) Fede Sancho; 200+150+200 over Soto de Alfocea (Z) and 150 over Monzalbarba (Z) José A. Domínguez; 120+93+30+60 over Zaragoza, Francisco J. Sampietro, Conchi Esteban, Gloria Cuello, Jasón Conroy; 400 over Canchaleja weir, Miajadas (CC) Martin Kelsey; 60 over Casetas (Z) Gloria Cuenca; 250 over Aigüamolls de L'Empordà (GI) Bernat Garrigo; 31 over Medina de Rioseco (VA) Ana Martí.;

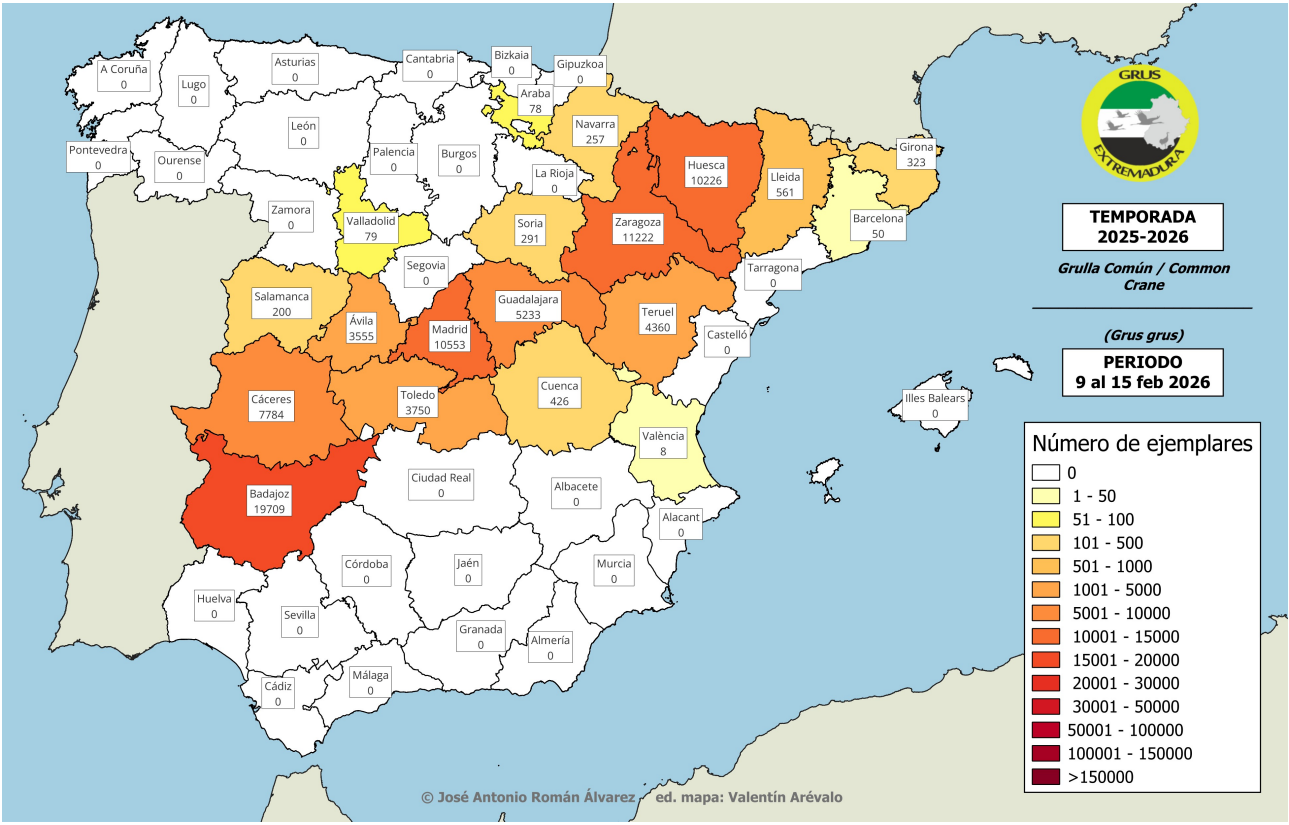
-14/02/26: Around 100 manage to migrate from Sotonera (HU) Paco Quesada, where 600 arrive, joining the 5,000 already present; > 500 to the north of Madrid, José M. Rojo; 250 over La Almolda (Z) Aad van Gelswijk; 20+25 over Huesca, Kees Woutersen; 50 over Santpedorl (B) Gerard Tejero; 2 over Cassà de la Selva (GI) María Janoher; 98 over Baix Pallars (LL) Lina Ratia; 10+7 over Soto del Lugar (M) Jen Harding, Paco Torralba; 30 over Monflorite and 84 over Sangarrén (HU) María Silvestre; 270 over Barluenga (HU) Juan C. Alberó; 51 over Besalú (GI) Christopher Stamp; 4,400+28 over Aler (HU) José L. Cortés.

-15/02/26: 141 roosted at Guarrera lagoon, Tardajos de Duero (SO) Juan L. Hernández, Jesús Ruíz; 400 roosted at Yesa reservoir (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 6,000 leave from Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo *et al*; 1,500+310 over Zaragoza, Joseán Domínguez, Enrique Pelayo, Javier Ruiz; 57 over Pamplona (NA) Diego Zalbidea; 340+230+185 over Hontanares (AV) José L. de la Cruz, Marisa Hontecillas; 245+86+98 over Huesca, José M. Canudo; 5,000 over García de Sola reservoir, Valdecaballeros (BA) Chema Traverso; 55+130 over La Aldea del Obispo (CC) Neil Renwick; 10,981 around

Puebla del Alcollarín (BA), 384 over Villar de Rena (BA), 449 at Casar de Miajadas (CC), 136 over Vivares (BA), 202 over Valdehornillos (BA), 207+119 at Santa Amalia (BA) and 178 at Yelbes (BA) José A. Román; 200 arrive at Gallocanta lagoon(TE/Z) María Berna; 100 over Guadalajara, Fernando Néstor, Mario (DALMA); 15 over Renera (GU); 200 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Luis Miguel; 2 flocks circling over Guadalajara, Isabel and Fernando; 198+20+25+40+60+++ over La Vaguada (M) José M. Rojo; 50 over Olías del Rey (TO) Carlos Lorente; >300+++ over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Gómez (DALMA); 248 over Marchamalo (GU) Santiago Michavila; flock over Corduente (GU) Francisco Martínez; 166 over Azuqueca de Henares (GU) Francisco Martínez; 82+200 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Gómez (DALMA), Luis Miguel; 220 over Renera (GU) Susana Alcolea; 3,290 leave from Sotonera reservoir (HU) Kees Woutersen; 1,500+230+80 over Goya park (Z) ANSAR; >400 over Marchamalo (GU); 3,000 leave from Barquilla de Pinares (CC) Dave Langlois; 200+26 over Marchamalo (GU) Carlos Paulos (DALMA); 44 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Gómez (DALMA); 2 over Peralada (GI) Gerard Carbonell; 5 over Pals (GI) Gabriel Gargallo; 180 over Torre de Cabdella (LL) Kim Cama; 13 over Bellcaire d'Empordà (GI) Sergi Vila; 33 over Pinell de Solsonès (LL) Francesc Sardà; 36 over Almendralejo (BA) Paco Macías; 39 over Mérida (BA) Lorenzo Alcántara, José Zafra; 75 over El Carrascalejo (BA) and 52 over La Nava (BA) Agapito J. Verde; 750 over Campo Lugar (CC) Juanma Santana; 3,000 over Higuera de Dueñas (AV) Octavio Infante; 1,350 over Los Arenales gravel pits, Albarreal de Tajo (TO) Manuel Nieto, Sergio O. Pérez; 80+150 over Villaconejos (M) Luis Carretero, Pepe Castaño, Yolanda M. C., Jorge Mañes, Alfonso Hueves, Beatriz Cortés; 10+200 over Casa de Campo (M) Mike Presiado, José A. Acuña; 200 over Peñagrande (M) Pablo Pozo; 150 over Hortaleza district (M) Andrea M.; 15 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Marisol de la Cañada; 110 over Palomares del Campo (CU) José F. Fernández; 48 over Duero lagoon (VA) Federico Iglesias; 200 over Pamplona (NA) Pedro Arratibel; 650 over Gerbe (HU) Mireia Cabrero; 60 over Alerre (HU) Marcos Rodríguez; 30 over Huesca, Jorge Lardiés; 80 over Pompenillo (HU) Javier Vera; 420 over Valmadeid (Z) Gloria Cuenca; 171 over Santa Isabel (Z) José M. Sánchez; 700 over Agua park (Z) Belén Cano, Alfredo Sánchez; 110 over Torralba de los Frailes (Z) Joan D. Villalba; 8 over La Pobla de Farnals (V) Guillermo Requeñas; 50+100 Soto del Lugar (M) Fernando López, Enrique Argibay; 15 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Ana Bartolomé; 77 over Pertusa (HU) Jesús Lavedán; 9 over Camarma de Esteruelas (M) Alberto Romero; 203+478 over Ontígola (TO) Marco Ansón; 1,500 over Boadilla del Monte (M) Sofía Borop, Hugo Díez, Pablo Gamarra; 100 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) Mark Davis; 120 over Leganés (M) Francisco J. Moreno, Jesús Moreno; 350 over Pozuelo de Alarcón (M) Ana Sáez; 250 over Rey dam, Rivas Vaciamadrid (M) Ismael Bayo; 1,339 over Colmenar de Oreja (M) Susana B.; 400 over the River Tajo at Borox (TO) Alfonso Hervás, Yolanda M. C., Luis Carretero; 120 over Torrejón de Ardoz (M) Fernando Arribas; 500+340 over Trillo (GU) Sofía García; 1 over Beteta (GU) Marta Fernández; 200 over Marchamalo (GU) Carlos Rodríguez; 300 over Manzaneque (TO) Sergio O. Pinedo; 80 over Lodorejos (SO) Juan P. del Álamo; 79 over Soto de los Tetones (NA) María Beracoechea; 125 over Aler (HU) José L. Cortés; 250 over Sant Jordi hermitage, Camarasa (LL) Florián Wild; 60+70 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Antonio Rodríguez, Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS); 80 circling at Hontanares (AV) José L. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS); 300 over Boadilla del Monte (M) Philip Mecola; 335 over Batres (M); 300 over Saelices (CU) Javier Galego, Carmen Alonso; 650 at El Hito lagoon (CU) Fernando Alonso; 150 roost in Capdesaso rice fields (HU) Eduardo Gracia; many flocks arrive during the afternoon at Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) José M. Pueyo; 511 roost at El Hoyo lagoon (AV) Chema García.



Image nº 113: Migratory group over Puebla de Alcollarín (BA). Photo: José A. Román.



Map nº 29: Provincial migration between February 9 and 15.

*Migration continues actively throughout the week, crossing the Pyrenees “en masse”.*

-16/02/26: Nocturnal passage over Huesca at 00:30h, Silvia Duque; also over Gallocanta (Z) Javier Mañas; 150 over Castillonroy (HU) Juanan Novales; 400+250 circling over the Palomera valley (CU) Fernando Alonso; 28 over Serranillos Playa, San Román de los Montes (TO) Francisco Rodríguez (ARDEIDAS); 70 over El Pardo (M) Marcos Escuredo (GOEP); 356 over Madrid, Ismael Ruíz; 1,500 circling Mount Tubo (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 57 over Albarreal de Tajo (TO) Marcos Vázquez (ARDEIDAS); 100 over Torija (GU) Jesús Sanz; continual passage over Guadalajara, Carlos Paulos, Fernando Néstor (DALMA); several thousand over Olsón (HU) Paco Quesada; 20+10 over Cornalvo reservoir (BA) Elvira del Viejo, Francis Prieto; 285 over Alquézar (HU) Dimitry de Wilde; 290 over Sant Josep d'Olp (LL) Marc Gálvez; 132 over La Seu d'Urgell (LL) Andreu Canut; 556 over Baix Pallars (LL) Lina Ratia; 150 over Santa Engracia (LL) Edu G.; 300 Abí (HU) Luis Lorente; 26 over Montearagón castle (HU) Pablo Pérez; 150 over Coslada (M) Marina González, 45 over Alcobendas (M) Ana Bartolomé; 1 over Fuencarral (M) José A. Montero; 25 over General Perón Park (M) Pablo de la Nava; 300 over El Retiro (M) Joan A. Ximenis; 120 over Madrid, José Cristóbal, 30 over Alcorcón (M) Juan D. Acedo; 210 over Casa de Campo (M) Pablo Gimeno; 1,000 over Casarrubios del Monte (TO) José L. Prieto; 1,500 over Ribagorda (CU) José F. Fernández; 25 over Lumbier Gorge (NA) Diego Zalbidea; 200 over Móstoles (M) José L. Margalet; 100 over Chamartín (M) Clara Ochoa; 2,180+6,160 over Aler (HU) José L. Cortés; 17 over Monzón (HU) Raúl Altemir; 15,000 set off from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Antonio Torrijo *et al*; 30 over Marchamalo (GU) José M. Gómez (DALMA); 18 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Manuel Salcedo (ARDEIDAS); 60+110+120 over Serranillos Playa (TO) Soledad de la Llama (ARDEIDAS); 200 over Cortalaviña (HU); 800 over Los Galachos de la Alfranca (Z) José M. Sánchez; 300 over Montañana (Z) Marcos Ascaso; 70 over Ferreruela de Huerva (TE) Ángel de Castro; 88 over Calamocha (TE) Gonzalo Peña; 30 over Puebla de Alcollarín (BA) Lorenzo Alcántara, José Zafra; 120 over Zarzacapilla (BA) Luis Mestre, Teresa Cohen, Luis Custodia, Domingos Leitao; 13 over La Closa (V) Ángel Bereje; 500 over Madrid; 200 over the River Manzanares (M) José L. Alonso; 20 over Madrid, Enrique López; 2 over Los Alcornocales Natural Park (CA) Sergio Briones.

-17/02/26: Passage over Huesca at 00:25h, Silvia Duque; nocturnal passage over Logroño (LR) Javier Ruíz; 242 over Zaragoza; 33+110 over Oyón (AR) Javier Robres; 58 over Ejea de los Caballeros (Z) Javier López; 350 over Villamayor (SA); 3,500 try to cross the Sierra de Guara (HU) but the wind makes them go back to Sotonera reservoir, where they had set off from, Jorge Lardiés; 550 over Naval (HU) Paco Quesada; heard at Villanueva de Uceda (GU) Montse (DALMA); 450 over Escalona (HU) Silvia Duque; 150 over Monzalbarba (Z) Joseán Domínguez; 40 circling at Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Miguel A. López; 250 over Huesca, Kees Woutersen; 50 over Torellò (B) Susagna Crosas; 100 over Llimiana (LL) Lluís Escalona; 29 over Plans de la Unilla (LL) Óscar Valencoso; 86 over Torrelamen (LL), 117 over Alguerri (LL), 33 over Alguaire (LL) Quim Minoves; 500 over Rocafort (NA) Ricardo Pérez ; 53 over Almenar (LL) César Piñol; 150 over Val de Boi (LL) Agents Rurals Síta Ribagorda; 14 over Deltebre (T) Oriol Clarabuch, Toni Alonso; 200 over Tortellà (GI) Michel Lockwood; 120 over Masroig (T) Santi Borràs; 5 over Pardines (GI) Oriol Baena; 2,000 over Yebra de Basa (HU) and 105 over Espín (HU) José M. Sánchez; 670 over Barasona reservoir (HU) José L. Cortés; 500 over Abí (HU) Luis Lorente; 18 over Soto del Lugar (M) and 25 over Villamayor (M) Javier Gómez; 2 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Carlos Herranz; 135+1,000+100+123 over Zaragoza, Enrique Pelayo, Albert A., Daniel Lázaro, Victoriano Carrillo; 100 over Huesca University, Rajen Ayerra; 1 at El Ojo lagoon (SO) Juan L. Hernández, Juan P. del Álamo; 13 over Cabrejas

del Pinar (SO) José Gómez; 700 over Valdetorres de Jarama (M) Gonzalo Palacios; 650 at Valdabrá reservoir (HU) Rajen Ayerra; 1,000 over Huerta de los Navarros (Z), 325 over Zaragoza and 550 over Escalona (HU) ANSAR; 74 over Toledo, Marcos Vázquez (ARDEIDAS); 158 over Fuencemillán (TO) Nuria Rodrigo (DALMA); 1,600 leave on migration from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z), where 19,883 are censused in the evening, S..A.R.G.A.; 14 over the Sierra del Pocito (CR) Juanma Santana; 784 over Toledo, Marcos Vázquez (ARDEIDAS); 20 over dehesa at Robregordo, Somosierra (M) Luis Carretero; 400 over Sigüenza (GU) Marisa Gil de las Heras; 20 over Alange (BA) Luis A. Asuar; 6,000++ roost at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Paco Quesada.



Image nº 114: Migrating group at Puebla de Alcollarín (BA). Photo: José A. Roman.

-18/02/26: 300 roosted at Yesa reservoir (Z) which set off on migration, Javier L. Ripalda; 1,030 at Amorosa and La Torre lagoons, Cabrejas del Campo (SO) Juan L. Hernández, Juan P. Del Álamo; 3,300 over Huesca, José M<sup>a</sup> Canudo; 600 over Callen and Lascasas (HU) Silvia Duque; 3,000 over Daroca (Z) Gonzalo Cienfuegos; 16,000 set off from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) José A. Sánchez *et al*; 24,011 leave from Sotonera (HU) Kees Woutersen, Esther Year, Rob Mooser, Manolo Grasa; 14 over Montañana (Z) ANSAR; 500+ over Zaragoza; 40+91 over Farlete (Z) Marco A. Escudero; 560+450 over Isaba (NA) Irai A., Erea A., José Ardaiz; 15 over Sobradriel (Z) Gloria Cuenca-Bescos; 90+150+25 over Villanueva de Alcorón (GU) Sofía García; 4 at El Hondo reservoir (A) Darío Guijón, Adrián Colino; 50 in Sevilla countryside, Javier Rengel; 300 at Grande del Hoyo lagoon, Corral-Rubio (AB) Carles Juan-Sallés; 15 over Azaila (Z) Susana Lois 248+312 over Retuerta del Bullaque (CR) Gerardo García; 350 over Guadalajara, José M<sup>a</sup> Gómez (DALMA); 550+350+65 over Marchamalo (GU) Santiago Michavila (DALMA); 520+414+127+120 over Madrid, Marcos Vázquez (ARDEIDAS), 100 over Orietà (B) María Marmi; 5 over Tárrega (LL) Robert Manzano; 350 over Panticosa (HU) and 900 over

Trancastilla de Tena (HU) Javier Gómez; 270 over Lanuza reservoir (HU) Javier Vera; 1,552 over Abay (HU) Daniel Barcelo; 2,230 over Guara Natural Park (HU) Juan C. Albero; 700 over Loreto pool (HU) Thomas Rickfeller; 300 over Cadrete (Z) Javier Ruíz; 300 over Jaulin (Z) Enrique Pelayo; 4,500 over Daroca (Z) Gonzalo Peña; 75 over Los Albercales (M) Octavio Infante; 40 over Soto de las Juntas (M) Félix Aguado; 200 over Madrid, Gonzalo López-Lago; 25+75 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) Mark Davis; 162 over Alcorcón (M) Paula González; 600+700 over Madrid, Pablo Gamarra; 180 over Polvoranca park (M) Alberto Gonzalo; 175 over Leganés (M) Carlos Herranz; 186 over Madrid, Julián Vías; 650 over Amorosa lagoon (SO) Sergio Pérez; 84 over Alind (SO) Juan L. Hernández, Juan P. Del Álamo; 150 over Záncara pond (CU) Andrés Peinado; 350 over Marchamalo (GU) Carlos Paulos (DALMA); 70 over Huesca Polytechnical School, Rajen Ayerra; at 18:22h continue arriving Sotonera (HU) Esther Yera, where 7,717+ roost, Esther Yera, Rajen Ayerra.

*The Lithuanian cranes leave the dehesas at Puebla de Obando at 11:45h, flying directly to Valdecañas reservoir (CC) at 15:45h, where they spend the night, after travelling 145km.*



Image nº 115: Cranes migrating with the Sierra de Guara (HU) in the background. Photo: Irene Marina.

-19/02/26: Flocks arriving at Gallocanta lagoon at 00:30h, where there are 9,500 at dawn José A. Sánchez *et al*, and where only a few dozen begin their migration due to the strong north wind, Diana; at Sotonera, with snow on the Pyrenees and adverse weather conditions, no departures are attempted either and only local dispersals are observed, Esther Yera; 1,552 over Abay (HU) Daniel Barcelo; 1,000 over Valdecaballeros (BA) ADENEX; 50 over Zaragoza, Joseán Domínguez; 60 over Chillarón (CU) Fernando Alonso; 1,200 in six flocks over Bujaraloz (Z) Conchi Esteban; 75 over Murillo. (LR) Ignacio Gámez; 55 over La Veguilla lagoon (TO) Vicky García; 40 over Badajoz, Nicolás

Pírez; 38 over Caracuel de Calatrava (CR) Álvaro Sánchez; 400 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Canalejas; >1,000 in seven flocks and 400 in two flocks over Guadalajara, José M. Gómez (DALMA); 30 over Hinojosa del Duque (CO) J. Felipe Flores; 152 over Villafranca de Ebro (Z) Dimitry de Wilde; 140+40 over Llançà (GI) and 30 over Vilajuiga (GI) Ponç Feliu; 200 over Parafita (B) Ramón Baucells; 52 over Vic (B) Miguel A. Paya; 351 over Baix Pallars (LL) Lina Ratia; 249 over Riudaura (GI) Francisco Sánchez; 100 over Ivars d'Urgell (LL) Lluís Isan; 175 at Castellò d'Empuries (GI) Alfred Sánchez; 26 over Calamocha (TE) Paco Quesada; 200 over the Sierra de Guara (HU) Irene Marina; 6 over Cuesta del Raso (CU) Nacho García; 600 over Ferrerueta de Huerva (Z) Ángela de Castro; 140 over Ciudad Real, Manu Santa-Cruz; 100+90 over Fuenlabrada (M) Paula González; 150 over Villaviciosa de Odón (M) Mark Davis; 180 over Soto de Viñuelas (M) Christy Esmahan; 200 over Soto de las Juntas (M) Eduardo Rey; 300 over Fuente del Berro park (M) Christophe Pontegnie; 350 over El Álamo (M) Ricardo Franco; 400 over the River Manzanares in Madrid, Daniel Gaona; 1,200 over Las Cruces park (M) José M. Paraíso; 110 over Montijo (BA) Arturo Pérez; 1,959 over Villanueva de Bogas (TO) Óscar Frías; 37 over Poblete (CR) Miguel A. Díaz; 140 over Torrecillas de la Tiesa (CC) Julius Hennig; 80+90+120+120+140 over Trujillo (CC) Carmen Pérez-Aloe.



Image nº 116: Flock migrating over Trujillo (CC). Photo: Carmen Pérez-Aloe.

*The Lithuanian cranes resumed their migration and left Valdecañas reservoir (CC) at 09:21h, flying over Fuenlabrada at 12:30h, Buendía reservoir (GU) at 14:30h, over Molina de Aragón (GU) at 15:15h and arriving at Gallocanta lagoon at 16:29h, having covered 350km.*

-20/02/26: 2,000+1,000 over Palomeras del Campo (CU), coming from El Hito lagoon, Fernando Alonso; 400 over Nombrevilla and Daroca (Z) Joseán Domínguez; 13,000 leave from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Antonio Torrijo *et al*; 2,500 over Valdabra reservoir (HU) Arturo Sanz; 2,120 over Los Galachos de la Alfranca (Z) Dani Falomir, José. M. Sánchez; 100 over the Valira valleys (LL) Marc Gálvez; 379 over Balaguer (LL) Anna Varea; 70 over Secà de Balaguer (LL) Sergi Sales; 1 at Ivars lagoon (LL) Xavier Parra; 2 over Àger (LL)

Joan Rodríguez; 250 over Oristà (B) María Marmi; 300 over Sant Agustí de Lluçanès (B) Pau Baucells; 110 over Pago de San Clemente (CC) Martin Kelsey; 7,176 over Gargáligas reservoir (BA) José A. Román, Encarni Baéz, José M. Ruíz; 120 over Cuesta del Raso (CU), 180 over Puebla de Almenara (CU) and 340 circling at Saelices (CU) Fernando Alonso; 500 over Grande lagoon, Villafranca (TO) M. Carmen Comendador; 48 circling at Vivares (BA) and 140+59+180 over Valdehornillos (BA) Iván Álvarez; 78 over Cuarte de Huerva (Z) ANSAR; 650 over Castejón de los Monegros (HU) Conchi Esteban; 1,450+650 over Villar del Infantado (CU) Ángel Arellano; 100 over the Cáceres plains, Hans de Goede; 2 over Donostia/San Sebastian (G); 1 over Plans de Sió (LL) Pawell Seymański; 230 over Abay (HU) Daniel Barcelo; 120 over Arrocampo (CC) Amparo Piz; 20 over Cubillo lagoon (SO) Óscar Martín; 1,000 over Zaragoza, Nicolás Hatt; 350 over Retascón (Z) Ángela De Castro; 400 over Nombrevilla (CU) and 120 over Segóbriga (CU) Fernando Alonso; 65 over Soto de Viñuelas (M) Christy Esmahan; 10 over Villalbilla (M) Paula Fernández; 1 over Casa de Campo (M) Johnathan Dadds; 200 over Polvoranca park (M) Fran; 180 over Fuenlabrada (M) Paula González; 1,050 over Sureste Natural Park (M) Antonio Vera; 1 over San Miguel de Corneja (AV) Lucía Sánchez; 200 over La Viguetas pond, Numancia de la Sagra (TO) Miguel García; 6 over Añover de Tajo (M) Marta G. M.; 35 over El Taray lagoon (TO) Brian Smith; 110+120+200+300+200+70 over Trujillo (CC) Neil Renwick, Carmen Pérez-Aloe; 27 over Zarza de Montánchez (CC) Francis Martín; 51 over Borox (TO) Miguel García; 240 over Montijo (BA) Arturo Pérez ; 150 over Morón de la Frontera (SE) Roberto Montero.



Image nº 117: Flock over Gargáligas reservoir (BA). Photo: José A. Román.

*The Lithuanian cranes leave Gallocanta (TE/Z) at 11:00h, flying over Daroca (Z) to Pina de Ebro, where they arrived at 15:20h and stayed for the night, covering 98km.*

-21/02/26: 120 roosted at El Taray lagoon, Villacañas (TO) and 375 at Peña Hueca lagoon (TO) Ángel Velasco; 614 roosted at Amorosa lagoon, Cabrejas del Campo (SO) and 91 at

El Cubillo lagoon, Cubo de Hogueras (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 700 roosted at Castrejón reservoir (TO) Javier Nicolau; 110 over Baztán (NA) and 2 over Etxalar (NA) Joseba Amenabar; 9,635 set off from Sotonera reservoir (HU) Kees Woutersen, Irene Marina; 20,000 set off from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Antonio Torrijo *et al*; 5,000 circling over Mount Tubo, Alberuela de Tubo (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 40 over Arcusa (HU) Jan Verhoeve; 2 over Triste (HU) Theo Sangen; 1,000+120 over Astún (HU) Pascual López, Benjamín Alland; 8 over El Temple (HU) Guillermo Aparicio; 35 over Pola escarpments (Z) Diego Hernández; 200 over Rodanas Sanctuary (Z) Javier Traín; 1,000 over Valdehorna (Z) Alejandro Esteban; 300 over Entrepeñas reservoir (GU) Ricardo Rodríguez; 113 at Hoya Gonzalo (AB) José A. Cañizares (SAO); 44 at Pétrola (AB) Alejandro Gómez; 17 over Los Ánades lagoon, Chinchilla (AB) Teresa de Miguel (SAO); 60 over Borrassa (GI) Martí González; 3,000 over Vilant, Pau (GI) José Cervetto; 62 over Les Planes d'Hostoles (GI) Ignasio Llover; 200+300 over Rueda de Jalón (Z) Carlos Baraza; 60 over Cubilar reservoir (CC), 350 over Casas de Don Pedro (BA) and 140 over Puerto Peña (BA) Martin Kelsey; 600 over Alcollarín (BA) Juan P. Prieto; 250+400 over Hernán Cortés (BA) José Bayón; 260 over Jábaga (CU) Fernando Alonso; 68 over Pozuelo de Calatrava (CR) and 92 over Cabezarados (CR) Álvaro Sánchez; 150+350 over Cáceres, Francisco Lopo (ADENEX); 550+155+173 over Valdeolivas (CU) Ángel Arellano; 120 over Belchite (Z) Javier Domínguez; 40 over Ferreruela (Z) Joseán Domínguez; >500 from the Hinojosa del Duque dehesas (CO) Carmen M. Ayuso; 22 at Pelás lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco; 900 in Capdesaso rice fields (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 18 over Zaragoza, Francisco J. Sampietro; 240 over Gargáligas reservoir (BA) Martin Kelsey; 366 over Agudo (CR) Raquel Ramiro; >1,000 going up over Fago Gorge (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 2,000 over Utebo (Z) Ignacio Romero; 210+215+60+180 over Fuendejalón (Z) Marco A. Escudero; 1,000 over Íscar (VA) Jorge Leonor; 100+ over Beleña del Sorbe (GU) Laura Calvo (DALMA); 1,000 over Artieda (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 60 over Serranillos Playa, San Román de los Montes (TO) Flora Torrido; 217+280+100+55 over Villar del Infantado (CU) Ángel Arellano; 90 over Piedratajada (Z) and 28 over Alcalá de Gurrea (HU) Caelos Barraza; 70 over Navàs (B) Joan Gimestells; 50 over Navàs (B) Susanna Crosas; 373 over Fuentelahiguera de Albatages (GU) Montserrat Viñuelas (DALMA); 90 over Vilaüt lagoon (GI) Joan Morales; 1 at Alcantarilla (MU) Susana Noguera; 1,421 over Peraltilla (HU) Raúl Altemir; 420+800 over Oronz (NA) Héctor Pinilla, Teresa Segarra; 82 over Pamplona (NA) Jorge Nubla; 900+200 over Farlete (Z) Thomas Rickfelder; 93 over Bujaraloz (Z) Greg McIven; 200+50 over Ballobar (HU) Antoni Abad, Domenec Anguera; 150+200 over Osera de Ebro (Z) and 700 over Villafranca de Ebro (Z) Daniel Barcelo; 60 over Zaragoza, Saulo Quintero; 35 over Soto de Ferreruela (Z) Javier Ruíz, Luis Gracia; 3,114 over Utebo (Z) Alfredo Sánchez; 550 over Valdelcubo (GU) Sergio Pérez; 300 over Mazarulleque (CU) and 2,000 over Valdelpino (CU) Francisco J. Martínez; 150 over Campos del Paraíso and 250 over Campos del Paraíso reservoir (CU) Luis Tárraga; 40 over Pedrezuela (M) Alejandro Mazarlas; 40 over Santillana reservoir (M) Daniel Izquierdo; 150 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Jorge González; 1 over Valchico stream (M) Javier García; 72 over Soto del Lugar (M) Blas Molina; 115 over Ontígola (M) Paula González; 700 over Sotillo de la Adrada (AV) Octavio Infante; 500 over Colmenar de Arroyo (M) Miguel Hernández; 132 over El Pardo (M) Alvar Hernández, Iker Almoril; 40 over Santillana reservoir (M) Daniel Izquierdo; 300+40 over la Pedrezuela (M) Paco Torralba, Alejandro Mazarías; 400 over Valdetorres de Jarama (M) Juan G. Sesenna; 50+60+100 over Porcal lagoon (M) Santiago Delgado, Sara Navarro; 72 over Soto del Lugar (M) Blas Molina; 51 over Sevilla la Nueva (M) Cris González; 60 over La Pedraja de Portillo (VA) Sergio Yustos; 40 over Villarrubia de los Ojos (CR) Francisco Zamora; 27+300 over Tembleque (TO) Pablo Linage, Sonia López-Romero; 210 over El Romeral (TO) Alberto Remacha, Marta Rodríguez, Paula Rodríguez; 150 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Gómez (DALMA); 197 over Torija (GU) Jesús Sanz (DALMA); 75 over Acedera (BA); Agapito J. Verde; 18 over Alange

reservoir (BA) José L. Bautista; 50 over Villar de Rena (BA) Daniel Parejo; 40 over Pago de San Clemente (CC) Carmen Pérez-Aloe; 3 at Salorino (CC) Antonio Galán; 70 over Las Casas (CR) Xurxo Piñeiro; 8 over El Cerezo (CO) Álvaro Crespín; 15 over Sevilla, Julio Mármol; 430 over Estremera (M) Adolfo Rodríguez (GOEP); 50 over La Vaguada (M) Juan C. Rubio; 111 at Amorosa lagoon (SO) Andrés Riaguas; 20 over Hontoria del Pinar (BU) Raúl Peñaranda; several thousand arrive at Gallocanta lagoon (TE) at 19:00h., Paco Quesada *et al*; 1,300 roost at Yesa reservoir (Z) Javier L. Ripalda.



Image nº 118: Cranes leaving from Sotonera (HU). Photo: Pablo Vallés.

*The Lithuanian cranes left at 10:36h, flying west-north-west; they tried to cross the Pyrenees at 14:51h, but turned around over La Nava reservoir (HU) and went to roost at Sotonera reservoir (HU), where they arrived at 15:51h, having travelled 87km.*

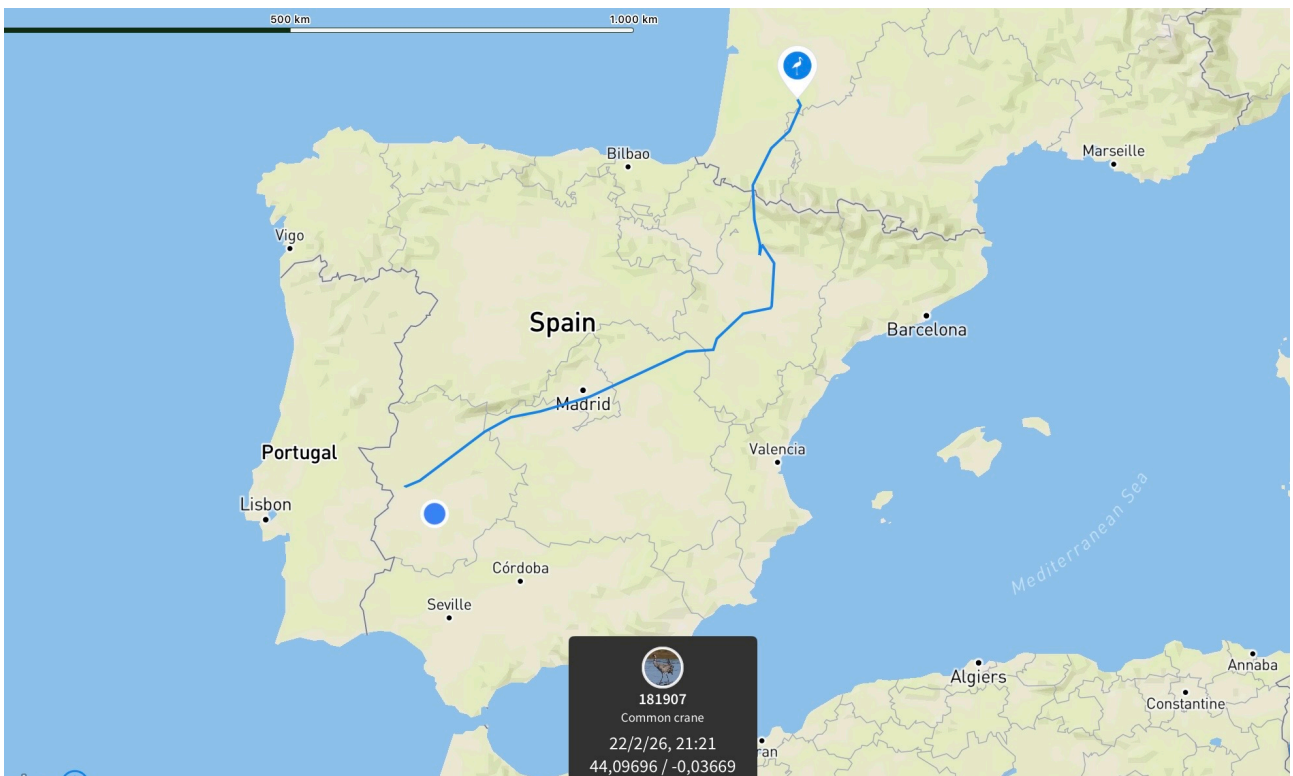
-22/02/26: 460 roosted at El Altillo Grande lagoon, Lillo (TO) Ángel Velasco; 4,036 leave from Sotonera reservoir (HU) Kees Woutersen, Esther Yera, José M. Canudo; 125 over Brozas (CC) José M. Rojo; 1,500 feeding in Capdesaso maize fields (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 26+15+45 over El Carrascalejo (BA) Agapito J. Verde; 12,000 leave from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Carmina Franco; 2,000 set off from Yesa reservoir, Artieda (Z) Javier L. Ripalda, José A. Campos, M. Mar Mújika; 350 over Torrefresneda (BA) M. Mar Román, Blanca Hernández; 400+300+80 over Yerga (LR) and 20 over Los Agudos (LR) Javier Robres; 35 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Fernando Gómez (DALMA); 40 over Guadalajara, José M. Gómez (DALMA); 162 over Buendía reservoir (CU) José L. Ramos (DALMA); 16+60 over Utebo (Z) Ignacio J. Romero; 350 over Villamanrique de Tajo (M)

and 400 over Villaconejos (M) Adolfo Rodríguez (GOEP); 260+180+250+56+22+14+146+230 over Trujillo (CC) Martin Kelsey, Carmen Pérez-Aloe; 855 over La Huerta de la Almozara (Z) Joseán Domínguez; 118 over Proserpina (BA) José A. Román, Luis Asuar, Blanca Hernández; 120 over Mirandilla (BA) Mariano Cabrero; several thousand between Torres and Alagón (Z) José M. Sánchez; several hundred arrive at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Irene Marina; 300+200+180 over Aranjuez (M) Adolfo Rodríguez (GOEP); 400 over Villar del Infantado (CU) Ángel Arellano; 4 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Manuel del Barco; 485 over Velada (TO) Beatriz Oliver; 135 over El Romeral (TO) Óscar Frías; 29+27+40+50+40 over Brozas (CC) José M. Rojo; 312+180+350 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) Cristina Ruíz; 40 over Guadalajara, José Mari (DALMA); 300 over Humanes (GU) and 170 over Arbona (GU) Fernando Gómez (DALMA); 200+200 over Marchamalo (GU) Jesús Serrano (DALMA); 300 over Cabanillas del Campo (GU) José Mari (DALMA); 216 over Puig-reig (B) Josep Campanyò; 26 over Riumors (GI) and 12 over Palau-Saverdera (GI) Ramón Aguilar; 150 over Quintanilla del Agua (BU) Israel Yáñez; 38 over Irún (G); 4 over Zaragoza, Daniel Lozano; 20 over Plaza lineal park (Z) Daniel Heredia; 835 over Monzalbarba (Z) Joseán Domínguez; 2,500 over Villarrapa (Z) José M. Sánchez; 387 over Sobradiel (Z) Gloria Cuenca-Bescós; 13 over Labrada lagoon, Noviercas (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 240 over La Pedraja de Portillo (VA) Jorge Leonor; 14 over La Zarza (VA) and 94 over Gomeznarro (VA) Víctor Coello; 60 over Arique (GU) Ricardo Rodríguez; 162 over Buendía reservoir (GU) J. Luis Ramos; 150 over Horcajada de la Torre (CU) José F Fernández; 60 over Santa María del Gadiana (CR) Laura M. Barroso, Benito Sánchez; 120 over Corral de Calatrava (CR) Sofía González; 3 over Posteruelo (CR) Francisco Hidalgo; 15 over Almodovar del Campo (CR) Carlos Carrete; 20 over Toledo, Tommy Pedersen; 1,500 over Aranjuez (M) and 25 over Soto del Lugar (M) Javier Gómez; 50 over Sureste Natural Park (M) Antonio Vera; 15 over Valdemoro (M) Rafa Al; 48 over Pinto (M) Rosa García; 50 over Campillo lagoon (M) Jesús Ruíz; 420 over Olmeda de la Fuen (M) Juan C. Del Moral; 600 over Daganzo de Arriba (M) David Rodríguez, Jorge J. Díaz; 370 over Torrelaguna (M) and 300 over Uceda (GU) Alf Ortega; 120 over Soto de Viñuelas (M) Christy Esmahan; 200+420+200+130+350 over San Sebastián de los Reyes (M) Patricia Sánchez, José González; 118 over Badajoz, Jesús Guerrero; 60 over Casa de Campo (M) Johnathan Dadds; 600 over Higuera de Dueñas (AV) Octavio Infante; 30+120 over Arrocampo reservoir (CC) Marisol de la Cuadra, Ignacio A. Rodríguez, Azahara Romero; 45+5 over Monfragüe National Park (CC) Oliver Cottis; 750 over Santa Amalia (BA) David Lindo; 400 over El Carrascalejo (BA) Francis Prieto; 6 over Chozos de Llera, Hornachos (BA) Lorenzo Alcántara, José Zafra; heard at Valdehijaderos (SA) Fernando Aranguren; 18 over Pedrosillo el Ralo (SA) Mioguiel Ruíz; 150+200+2 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) José L. de la Cruz, Javier Martín, Marcos Vázquez (ARDEIDAS); 300 over Montijo (BA) Antonio Alía (ARDEIDAS); 11 over Cabañeros National Park (CR) Marcos Vázquez (ARDEIDAS); 35 over Campanario (BA) Manuel Maximiano; 95+125+33+30+24 over Navalcán reservoir (TO) Miguel A. de la Cruz, Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS); 200+250 over San Román de los Montes (TO) 500 over the Sierra de Gredos (AV) and 150+300 over the River Guadyerbas (TO) Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS).

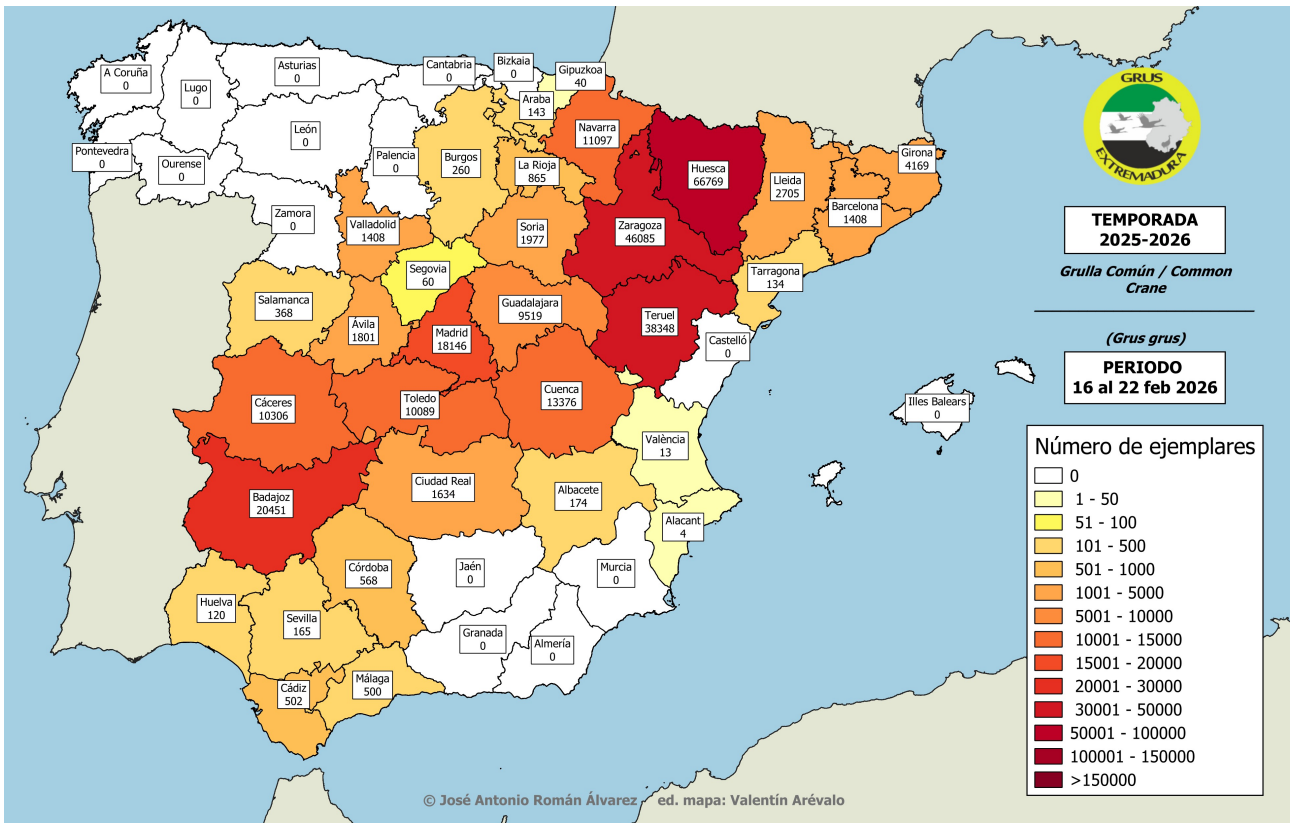
*The Lithuanian cranes left Sotonera reservoir (HU) at 10:36h, flying over the Sierra de Ayerbe towards Puente la Reina (HU), which they passed at 12:30h, then went up the Ansó valley (HU) to cross the border with France at 13:30h, flying over Saint-Engrâce, altering direction to the north-east and arriving west of Lubbon at 21:21h, travelling 235km. They have covered 915km since their departure on 18 February.*



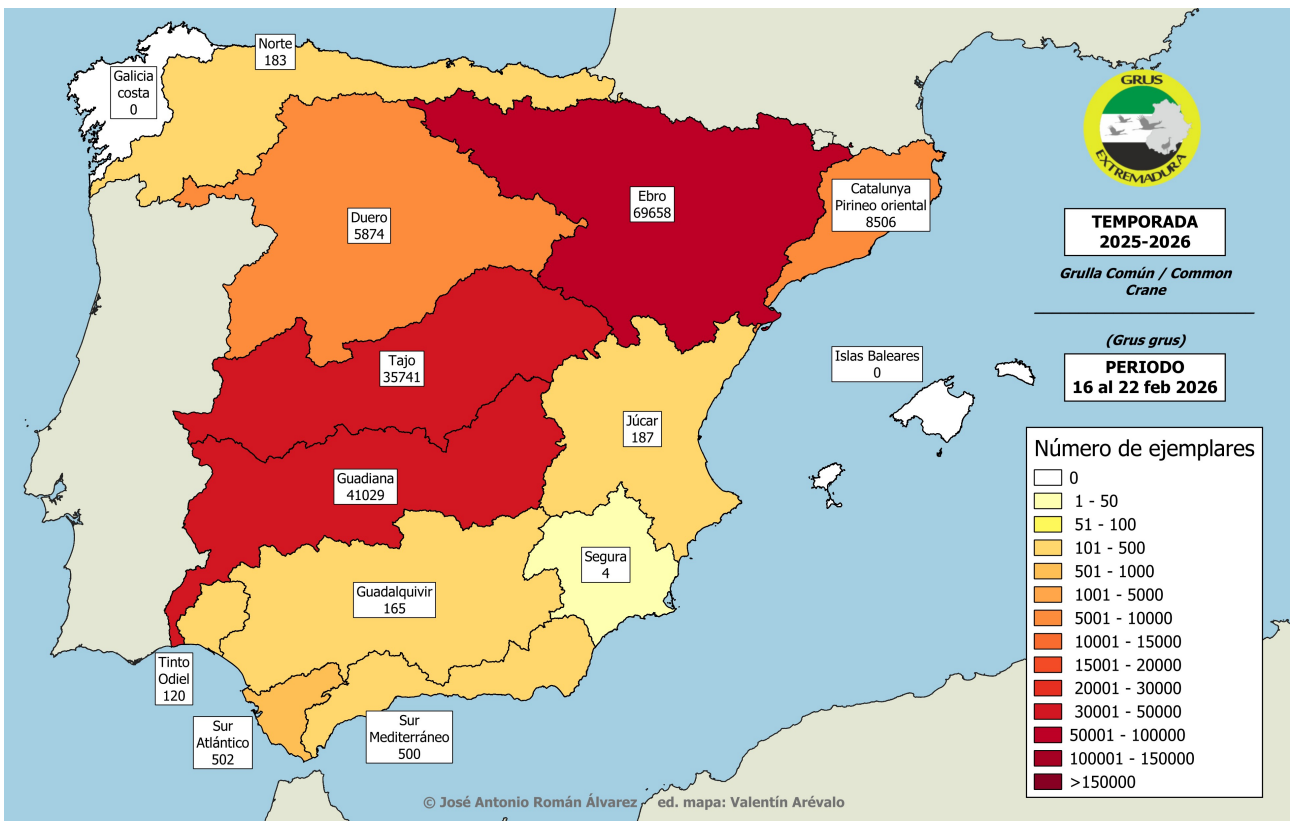
Image nº 119: Cranes before leaving Yesa reservoir, Artieda (Z). Photo: José A. Campos.



Map nº 30: Route taken by the Lithuanian cranes between 18 and 22 February, when they travelled 915km between Puebla de Obando (BA) and Lubbon (FR). Source: Animal Tracker.



Map nº 31: Provincial migration between February 15 and 23,



Map nº 32: Migration by catchment areas between February 15 and 23.

*Migration continued throughout the week, but less intensely.*

-23/02/26: 6,055 leave from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Paco Quesada, Uge Fuertes; 160+230 over Las Estanquillas (LR) Jesús Ucha; 159 over Logrosán (CC) and 480 over Zorita (CC) Juan P. Prieto; >5,000 leave from Sotonera reservoir (HU) Irene Marina, where several thousand arrived during the afternoon, Paco Quesada; 200+150+35+200 over Chica lagoon, Villafranca de los Caballeros (TO) M. Carmen Comendador; 400 over Botorrita (Z) María Huerva; 180 over Utebo (Z) Ignacio Romero; 145 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) César Pacheco (ARDEIDAS); >500 between Alagón and Torres de Berrellen (Z) Ignacio Romero; 63+77+39+54+149+55 over Valdehornillos (BA) Iván Álvarez; 550 over Rihuelo (LR) Gorka Gorospe; 32 over the Sierra de Alor (BA) Joaquin Figueredo; 34 over El Higuerón (CO) José Cañas; 147+78+70 over Torija (GU) Ana Herrero; 361 over Marchante (NA) Jesús M. Lekuona; 200 over Fuentelahiguera (GU) Montse; 470 over El Carrascalejo (BA) Francis Prieto; 200 over Navalmodal de la Mata (CC) Ángel L. Méndez; 75 over Don Álvaro (BA) Fergus Crystal; 49 over Tudela (NA) Jesús M. Lekuona; 450 going up over Fago gorge (Z) and 700 roost at Yesa reservoir (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 34 over Albalate de Zorita (GU) Marco Ansón; 25 over Albelda (HU) Carlos Saurina; 115 over Salto de Roldán (HU) Juan C. Albero; 250 over Jaca (HU) Daniel Barcelo; 800 over Hecho (HU) Juan C. Albero; 361 over Cascante (NA) Moisés Zozaya; 370 over Corella (NA) and 550 over Alfaro (LR) Gorka Gorospe; 51 over Los Galachos de Juslibol (Z) Javier Ruíz; 24 over Zaragoza, Enrique Pelayo; 1,000 over Carranque (TO) Ana López; 40 over Méntrida (TO) Eugenio Collado; 300 over Alcobendas (M) Fran Gómez; 500 over Majadahonda (M) Ricardo Fernández; 200 over Embocador reservoir, Aranjuez (M) Alfonso González; 8 over Villanueva del Pardillo (M) Daniel S.; 30 over Saucedilla (CC) Oliver Cottis; 90 over Monfragüe National Park (CC) Marcos Torres; 28 over Cáceres, Francis Martín; 311 over Montijo (BA) José L. Bautista; 30 over Valverde de Mérida (BA) Manuel Silva; 45+25 over La Vaguada (M) Juan C. Rubio; 10 over Peñarroya-Pueblonuevo (CO) Miguel Maeso; 55 over La Cañas (NA) Javier Robres, José L. Gabela; flock circling at Guadalajara, Isabel and Fernando; heard over Gualba (B) Andreu Duclau; 8 over Móstoles (M) Paula González; 160 over the Botanic Gardens (M) Pablo Gamarra; 381 over Griñón (M) M<sup>a</sup> Victoria Cabañas; 223 over Torremocha de Jarama (M) Carlos; 160 over Rivas Vaciamadrid (M) Blas Molina; 100+30 over Ugena (TO) Sagrario Ballesteros, Luis Conde; 300 over the University of Extremadura campus, Cáceres, Carmen Conde; 160+150 over Rivas Vaciamadrid (M) Blas Molina, Inés Garrido; 8 over Villanueva del Pardillo (M); 300 over Alcobendas (M) Fran Gómez; 95 over Lumbier Gorge (NA) and 16 over Aoiz (NA) Susana Lois; 59 in Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Alfonso Rodrigo.

-24/02/26: 100+80 over Ugena (TO) Cristina Cabañas; 230 over the University of Extremadura campus, Cáceres, Carmen Conde; 447 over Arrocampo (CC) and 110 over Saucedilla (CC) Neil Renwick; 9 over La Veguilla lagoon (CR) Vicky Garcia; 14 over Alcázar de San Juan (CR) Valentín López; 5,086 over Riglos (HU) José M<sup>a</sup> Canudo; 290 over Badajoz, Mariano Cabrero; 11,000 set off on migration from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 1,000 over Alfocea (Z) Joseán Domínguez; 250 over San Juan reservoir (M) Mara Brans; 167 over Brea de Tajo (M) Fernando; 325 over Chica lagoon, Villafranca de los Caballeros (TO) M. Carmen Comendador, Óscar Frías; 1,000 feeding at Santa Eulalia (TE) Eva Gascón; 56+6875+270+350 over Utebo (Z) Ignacio J. Romero; 600 over El Castellar mountain, Alfocea (Z) Javier Traín; 150+50 over Botorrita (Z) ANSAR; 100 over Ciudad Real, Raquel Ramiro; 36 over the Sierra de Alor (BA) Joaquín Figueredo; 100 over the River Gadiana in Badajoz, Jesús Valiente (ADENEX); 3,000 from Yesa reservoir (Z) towards the Roncal Valley (NA) Javier L. Ripalda; 195+ over Torija (GU) Jesús Sanz (DALMA); 90 circling over Guadalajara, Isabel and Fernando; 70+40+180 over Sotonera reservoir (HU) towards Riglos, Irene Marina; 36+47 over Sevilla la Nueva (M); 94 over Zaragoza, ANSAR; 100 over Guijuelo (SA) Vicente G. Garrudo; 150

over Miajadas (CC) Martin Kelsey; 55 over Valdehornillos (BA) Iván Álvarez; 95 over La Portiña reservoir, Talavera de la Reina (TO) Miguel A. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS); 300 over Buendía reservoir (CU) and 600+380+400 come down to roost, Fernando Alonso; 2,000 arrived at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Paco Quesada; 15,527 are censused in the evening at Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z), the majority arrived during the day, Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 40 over Almonacid de la Cuba (Z) Javier Ferreres; 400 over Zuera salt flats (Z) Susan Lois; 100+150+56 over Alcalá de Gurrea (HU) and 77 over Los Corrales (HU) Carlos Baraza; 60 over Sierra de Fuentes (CC) Pepijn Calle; 90 over Oristà (B) María Marmi; 65 over Sant Hipòlit de Voltregà (B) Susanna Crosas; 50 over Solsona (LL) Enric Bringuès; 41 over Almudévar (HU) Fede Sancho; 150 over Jaca (HU) María Silvestre; 360 over Cáseda (NA) Miguel A. López; 602 over Campos del Paraíso reservoir (CU) Javier Garcia; 80+150 over El Vellón (M) Beatriz Cortés, Inés Garrido; 30 over Carabanchel (M) Fernando E. Navarrete; 300+20 over Parla (M) Marina González, Daniel Izquierdo, Juanma Santana; 20 over Aranjuez (M) Ernesto Arroyo; 500 over Villanueva del Pardillo (M) Álvaro Carretero; 200+7 over Colmenar Viejo (M) Juan Sanz, Unai Fuente; 200 over Tres Cantos (M) Pedro J. Sanz; 150 Pedrezuela (M) Inés Garrido; 80 over El Vellón (M) Beatriz Cortés; 30 over Madrid, Fernando E. Navarrete; 170 roost at Yesa reservoir, Artieda (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 100 over Oropesa (TO) Tonia Cochran; 100 over Los Blázquez (CO) Rafa Vicente; 204 over Acehúche (CC) Manuela Rodríguez; 400 over Villanueva de la Cañada (M) Edmund Bell; 4 at El Hondo reservoir (A) José J. Ramón, from where 4 others left, Sergio Arroyo (AHSA); 10 in Sueca marsh, Albufera Natural Park (V) Joan Balfagón; 9 in Villafáfila Nature Reserve (ZA) Gary Losada.



Image nº 120: Flock between Utebo and Torres de Berrellen (Z). Photo: Ignacio J. Romero.

-25/02/26: 15,000 set off on migration from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Antonio Torrijo; 150 over Los Blázquez (CO) Marga Martín; 1,860 set off from Sotonera reservoir (HU) Kees Woutersen; 3,000 over Ejea de los Caballeros (Z) Esther Yera; 1 at Alcantarilla (MU) Susana Noguera; 95 over Colmenar Viejo (M) Samuel de la Torre; 75 over Conegro (SO) Juan P. del Álamo; 300 over Jaca (HU) Daniel Barcelo; 110 over Zaorejas (GU) Sofía García; 7 over the River Linares (GU) Rodri G. Vegas; 95+360 over Colmenar Viejo (M) Samuel de la Torre, Ángel Martínez; 20 over Hortaleza district (M); 44 over Casa de Campo (M) Irene Benito, Loweel Brady; 36 over Valdehornillos (BA) Iván Álvarez; 1 over Murcia, Teresa Niesert.

-26/02/28: roosted at Amorosa lagoon (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 32 roosted at Yesa reservoir (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 3,903 set off on migration from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Antonio Torrijo; 662 set off from Sotonera reservoir (HU) Esther Yera; 72 over Tardienta (HU) Adrián F. Fernández; 25+74+60+70 over Valdehornillos (BA) Iván Álvarez; 118 at Alcahozo lagoon (CR) Fernando Alonso; 300 over Ardanaz (NA) Ángel Larumbe; 65 over Lumbier Gorge (NA) Javier Pi; 648 over Alduide mountain (NA) Xavier Parra; 4 at Buendía reservoir (CU) José F. Fernández; 18 over Aranjuez (M) Félix Príncipe, Ricardo Rodríguez; 500 over Villanueva de la Cañada (M) José Carreras; 80 over Alcorcón (M) Ana Sierra; 500 over Navalcarnero (M) Mara Brans which are then seen over Alcorcón (M) Paula González; 80 over Alcorcón (M) Ana Sierra; 400 over Valdebernardo park (M) Luis Carretero; 300 over Mejorada del Campo (M) Miguel Martín; 120 over Madrid, Francisco Guil; 12 over Villar del Olmo (M) Juan C. del Moral; 86 over Alquézar (HU) Montse (DALMA); 240 over Guadalajara, Isabel and Fernando; 60 over the River Búrdalo, Santa Amalia (BA) Antonio M<sup>a</sup> Sánchez; 38 over El Carrascalejo (BA) Francis Prieto; 200 over Torrejón (M) Fernando Gómez; 56 over La Jonquera (GI) Joan Budó; 70 over Griñón (M) Victoria Cabañas; 38 over El Carrascalejo (BA) Francis Prieto; 20 over the Agricultural Training Centre, Navalморal de la Mata (CC) Ángel L. Méndez; 999 over Barbastro (HU) Antonio Mariñoso; 131 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Barbara Etherton, Robert Wright, Derek Etherton; 134 roost at Yesa reservoir (Z) Javier L. Ripalda;

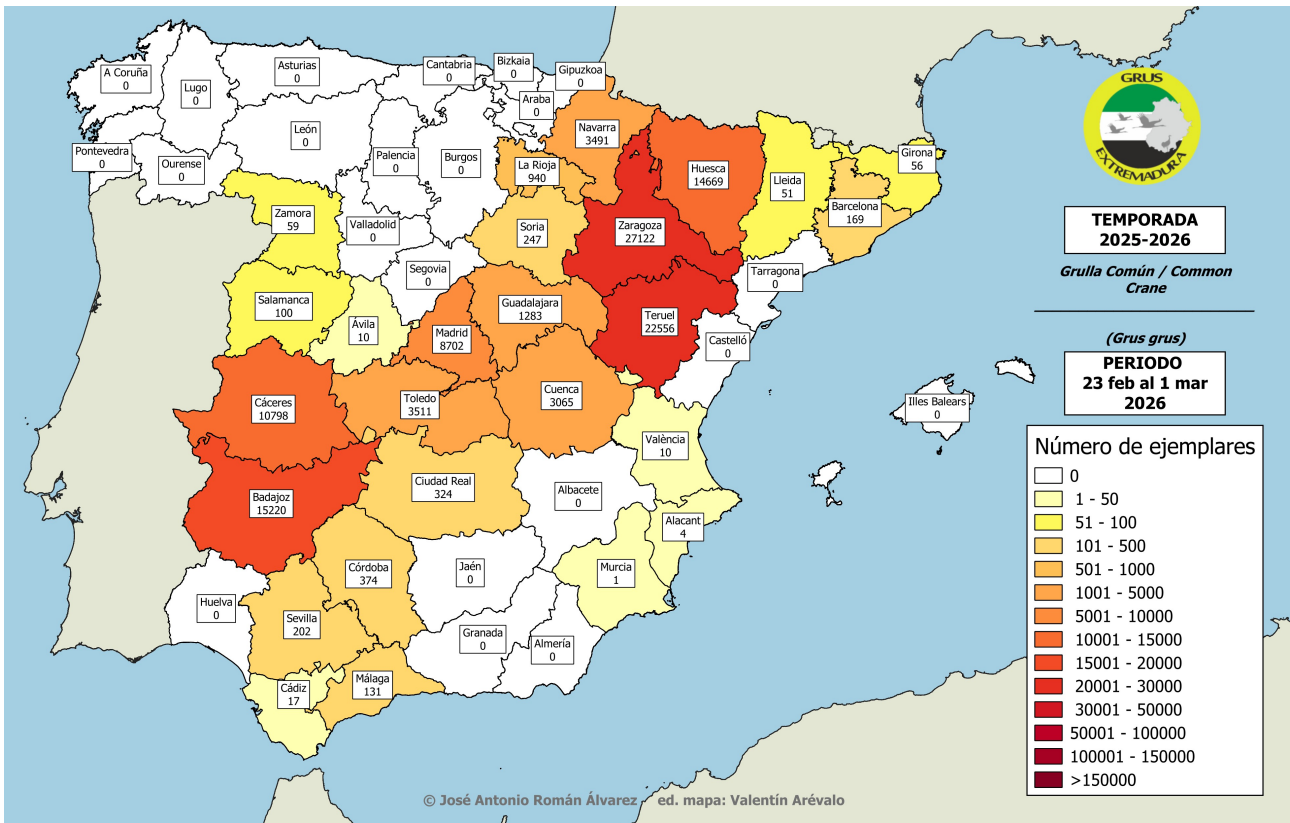
-27/02/26: >1,200 roosted at Gallocanta lagoon (Z/TE) Antonio Torrijo; 27+35 over Guadalajara, José M Gómez (DALMA); 50 over Triana (SE) Eduardo J. Rodríguez; 1,500 go from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Isa Oltra; 3,000 arrive at that lagoon, Antonio Torrijo; 48 over Valdehornillos (BA) Iván Álvarez; 28 over Almudévar (HU) Pau Castell; 213 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Jesús M. Lekuona; 215 over Madrid, Antonio Vázquez; 200 over Chamartín (M) Javier Esteban; 90 over Torrejón de Velasco (M) José L. Machuca; 38 at Las Viguetas pond (TO) Miguel García; 60 over Rivas Vaciamadrid (M) Kato Sánchez; 68 over Descampados (CR) Juan Gómez, Lucas Gómez; 1 over Monfragüe National Park (CC); 936 roost at El Rosal reservoir, Peraleda del Zaucejo (BA) Andrés González (ADENEX); 200 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Esther Yera, Paco Quesada; 23 over Villar del Olmo (M) Juan C. del Moral; 25 over Los Palacios y Villafranca (SE) Cedric Garcia; 1 over Astaxum (NA) Gorka Gorospe; 200 over Quinta de los Molinos (M) Javier Esteban; 12+237 over Lobón (BA) Antonio Muñoz; 24 over the Agricultural Training Centre, Navalморal de la Mata (CC) Ángel L. Méndez; 1,230 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) Miguel A. López; 60 over Consuegra (TO) Toni Pons, Fátima Garrido; 25 over Arenas de San Juan (CR) David Tendero; 21 over Esparragalejo (BA) José M. Benítez; 100 over Colmenar Viejo (M) Paco Torralba; 71 over Almensilla (SE) Fernando E. Navarrete, 600 at El Hito lagoon (CU) José M<sup>a</sup> de la Peña.



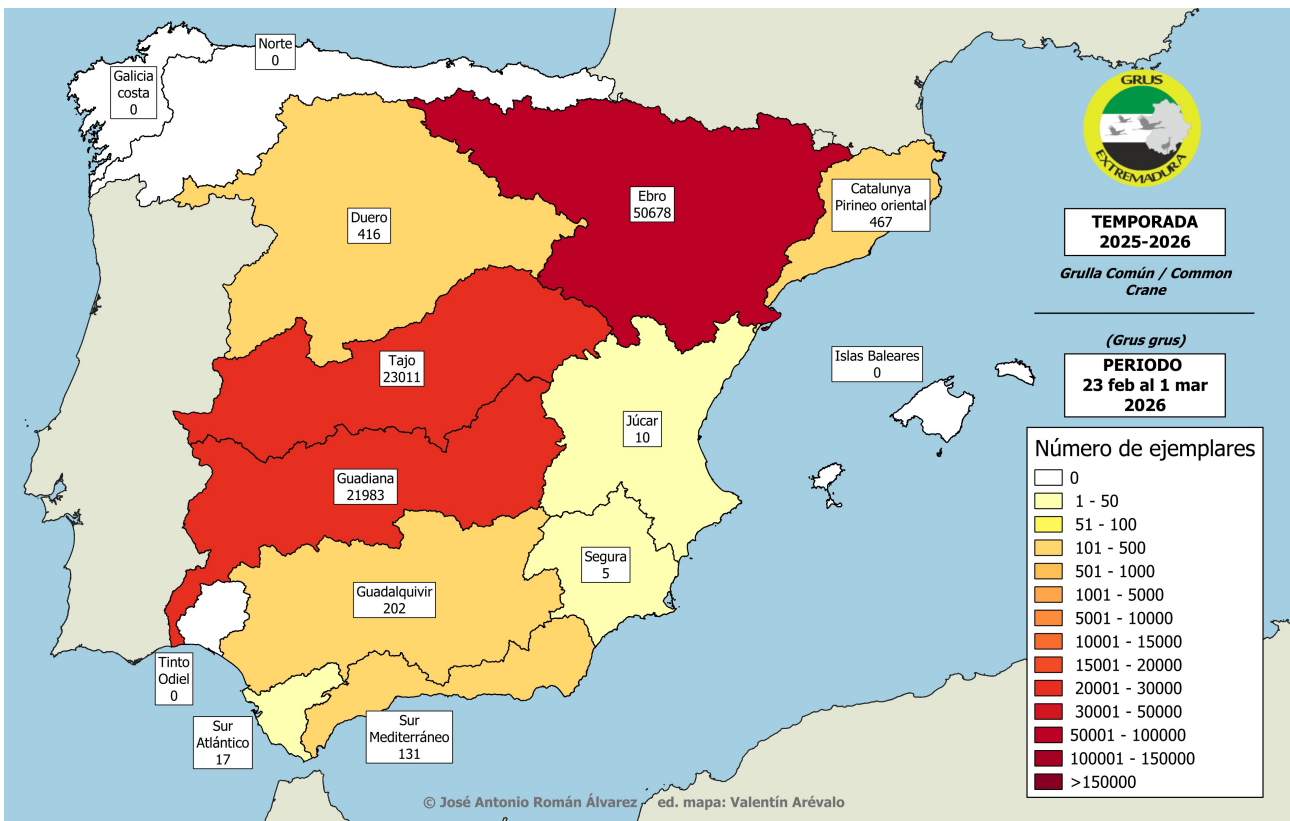
Image nº 121: Flock at Las Viguetas pond (M). Photo: Miguel Garcia.

-28/02/26: 84 go from Yesa reservoir (Z) Javier L. Ripalda; 9 at San Salvador reservoir (HU) José M. Canudo, Pau Castell, Jorge Lardiés; 3,000 set off from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Isa Oltra, Antonio Torrijo and 2,000 arrive, Antonio Torrijo; 74 roosted at Amorosa lagoon, Cabrejas del Campo (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 300+200 over Monzalbarba (Z) Joseán Domínguez; 296+300 over Cobisa (TO) Cristina Barrio; heard en Palmaces de Jadraque (GU) Isabel and Fernando; 1 over Ossó de Sio (LL) Francesc Rivero; 58 over Almensilla (SE) Fernando E. Navarrete; 2 over Sarvisé (HU) María Ascaso; 50 over Artieda (Z) María Sineste; 80 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Xabi Urmeneta; 1,200 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Jonathan Farooqui; 50 over Monfragüe National Park (CC) Fátima Garrido, Toni Pons; José M. Jiménez, José C. López; 86 at Zarzalejos, Logrosán (CC) Vicente Risco; 200 over Cuesta del Raso (CU) José F. Fernández; 4 over Granollers (B) Jorge López; 200 over Lobón (BA) Ibai Llosa; 80 over Almodovar del Río (CO) Manuel Moral; 14+3 at La Janda lagoon (CA) Fernando Patiño; 14 roost at Yesa reservoir (Z) Javier L. Ripalda.

-01/03/26: 200 over Ugena (TO) Cristina Cabañas; 200+ over Zaragoza, M<sup>a</sup> Antonia Romero; 52 over Alcalá de Gurrea (HU) and 1,800 at Sotonera (HU) reservoir Maarten Platteeuw; 4,600 leave from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) where 1,000 arrive, Antonio Torrijo, Francisco J. Sampietro; 150 at Sierras Pelás lagoon, Villacañas (TO) Ángel Velasco; 275 over El Romeral (TO) Óscar Frías; 383 over Sotonera (HU) José M<sup>a</sup> Canudo; 60+100+48 over Valdehornillos (BA) Iván Álvarez; 31 in Capdesaso rice fields (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 90 over Mirandilla (BA) Fernando Cabrero; 22 at El Hito lagoon (CU) José M<sup>a</sup> de la Peña; 550 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) Asier Sarasua; 17+1 over Lónguida (NA) Jorge Nubla; 1,200+110 over Abay (HU) Daniel Barcelo; 82 at Sasa de Abadiado (HU) Jorge Lardiés, Pau Castell; 2 at Sureste Natural Park (M) Erioc GM; 3 at Soto del Lugar, Aranjuez (M) Antonio Sandoval, Javier Gómez; 19 over Saucedilla (CC) Chus Maestro; 3 at La Bazagona (CC) José M. Zapata.



Map nº 33: Provincial migration between February 23 and March 1



Map nº 34: Migration by catchment areas between February 23 and March 1

*Migration is ending and only small groups remain.*

-02/03/26: 280 over Chisagües (HU) Juan C. Albero; 240 over Villanueva de Alcorón (GU) Sofía García; 60 over Tórtola de Henares (GU) Gloria Ballesteros; 2,000 leave Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Antonio Torrijo; 132 over the Sierra de Gredos (AV) Chema García; 200 over Berzocana (CC) Paul Brugman; 20 over Oropesa (TO) Dennis Bohmer; 47 over Sureste natural park, Titulcia (M) Ricardo Rodríguez; 30 over Leganés (M) Paula González; 42 over Villa del Olivar (M) Octavio Infante; 682 feeding at Tornos (TE) Antonio Torrijo; 500 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Alejandro López, Javier Pi; 150 over Ablitas (NA) Xavier Parra; 1 at Loza reservoir (NA) Alberto Rodríguez; 1 at Alcantarilla (MU) Susana Noguera, Luis Martínez; 80 over Mairena del Aljarafe (SE) Juan A. Sánchez, Tino Manzano; 39 over Almensilla (SE) Fernando E. Navarrete; 73 over Cebolla (TO) Marcos Vázquez (ARDEIDAS); 1,000+835 over Aínsa (HU) Álvaro Sampietro, Marcos Ascaso; 2 adults with 2 juveniles at El Hondo reservoir (A) where they have spent the whole winter, Sergio Arroyo (AHSA); 190 roost at Azután reservoir (TO) José L. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS).



Image nº 122: Cranes with Almanzor peak (AV) in the background. Photo: Chema García.

-03/03/26: 3 over Santacara (NA) and 230 over Pitillas lagoon (NA) Henk Castelijns; 3 at Soto de las Juntas (M) Kato Sánchez, Eugenio Castillejos; 300 over Quinto Real (NA) Ricardo Rodríguez, Juan C. Andrés; 40 over Plaza Elíptica (M) Chema Ibáñez; 1,426 at Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z), where there was no onward migration and a few dozen arrived, Francisco J. Sampietro (S.A.R.G.A.); 5 over Berrueco (TE) Michel Leegwater; 30 over Fraga (HU) Sergi Sales; 1 at La Aldea del Obispo (CC) Neil Renwick; 10 at La Lantejuela lagoon complex (SE) Guillermo López.

-04/03/26: 2 over Torrefresneda (BA) Antonio M<sup>a</sup> Sánchez; 1 at Alcantarilla (MU) Susana Noguera; 4 at Loreto pond (HU) José M<sup>a</sup> Canudo; 42 in Alera rice fields (NA) Thomas Rickfelder; 500 at El Cañizar lagoon (TE) Felipe Rosado; 180 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) José A. Calvo; 2 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Gonzalo Lage, M<sup>a</sup> Eloísa Moreno.

-05/03/26: 60 over Arancón (SO) Kenk Castelijns; 100 at Cantalpino (SA) Miguel Rodríguez; 9 at Tablillas del Záncara (CR) Marcos Rodríguez; 85 over Aranjuez (M) José M. Pareja; 100 over Pozuelo de Alarcón (M) Ana Sáez; 106 over Soto de Viñuelas (M) Alfonso Herrera, Unai Fuente.

-06/03/26: 5 at Alcahozo lagoon (CR) Marta Sarrimandia; 50 at Cuesta del Raso (CU) Nacho García; 2 La Isla pond, Navalvillar de Pela (BA) Stanislav Dimitrov; 1 at Alcantarilla (MU) Susana Noguera.

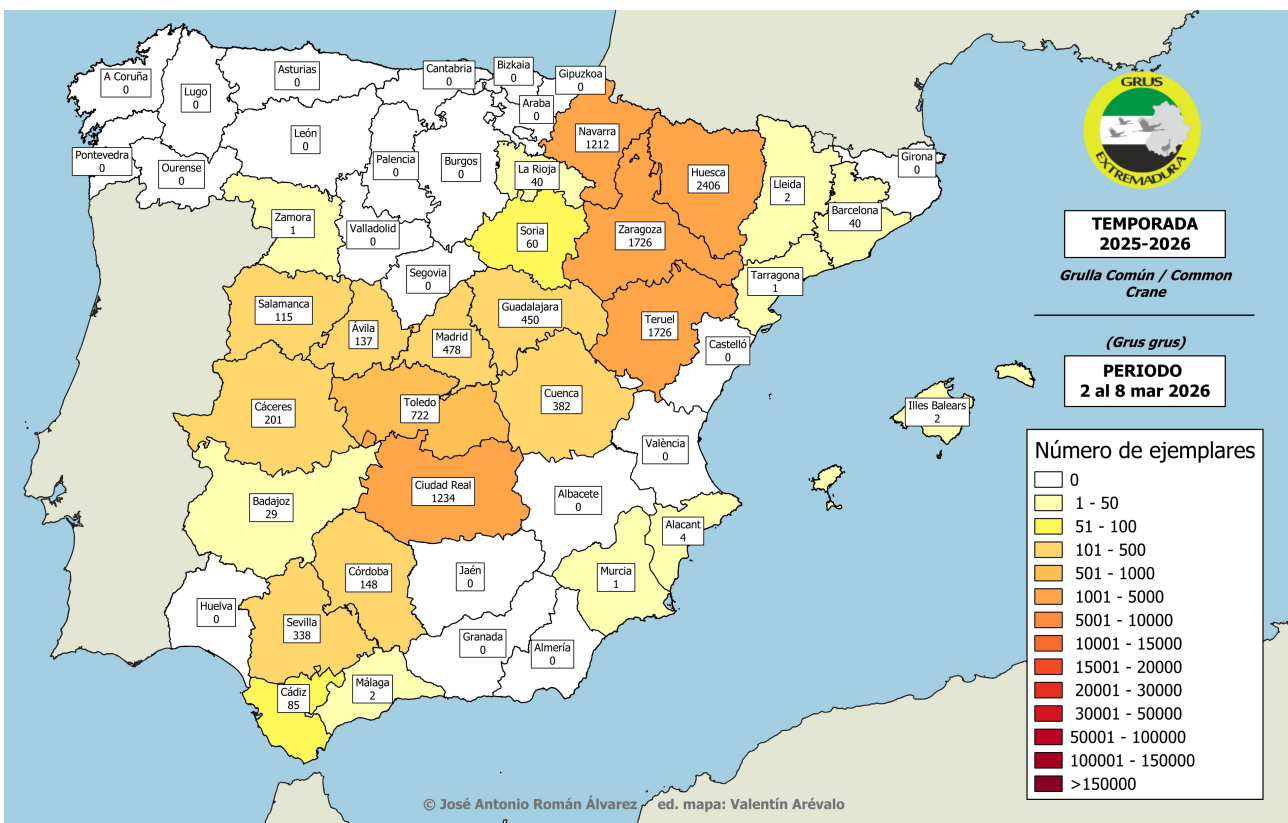


Image nº 123: Crane at Alcantarilla (MU). Photo: Susana Noguera.

-07/03/26: 120 over Villar del Infantado (CU) Ángel Arellano; 66 over Dehesa de Abajo (SE) Julio Rabadán, Beatriz; 2 over Cañada Juncosa (CU) Raúl González; 21 over Montesquiú (B) Oriol Marés; 200 over Paramera de la Langa, Huete (CU) F. Javier Martínez; 38 over Peraltilla (HU) Raúl Altemir; 28 over La Palma del Río (CO) Rafael Vázquez; 60 over Sevilla, Julio Mármol; 400 at Cambrillos de Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) Javier Nicolau; 10 at Manjavacas lagoon (CU) Alberto Ruíz, Nacho García; 450 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Vicente Malagón; 28 over Montmaneu (B) Carles León; 150 in Selgua rice fields (HU) Jesús Lavedán; 7 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Juan L. Muñoz, Esther Yera; 16 over Sangüesa (NA) Marcos Sánchez; 4 at Villa del Rey (CC) Pedro

Toscano, Joao Esteves, Ana Moreira; 65 over Corral de Calatrava (CR) Francisco Hidalgo; 29 over Montuenga (BU) Alfonso Antón.

-08/03/26: 22 over Plasencia del Monte (HU) Irene Marina; 35 in Trebujena marshes (CA) Juanpe Torres; 40 over Valdabra reservoir (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 3 at Dehesa de Abajo (SE) Gus Gahete; 37 over Talavera de la Reina (TO) Marisa Hoyos (ARDEIDAS); 130 over dehesas at Hinojosa del Duque (CO) Juanma Sánchez; 80 over Mairena del Aljarafe (SE) Carlos Moreno; migrants arrive at Gallocanta lagoon (TE) Diana; 12 in Brazo del Este natural park (SE) Paco Chiclana; 15 over Elvas (PT) and 10 over Mérida (BA) João Ferreira; 5 at El Rincón reservoir, Candeleda (AV) Jorge Leonor; 25 over Soto del Lugar, Aranjuez (M) Javier Gómez; 13 over Batres (M) Alberto Remacha; 150 over Olmeda de Cobeta (GU) Sofía García; migrating flock over Torreciudad sanctuary (HU) Alejandro Rebollo; 40 over Calahorra (LR) Susana García; 2 over Meñarguens (LL) João Ferreira; 50 at La Janda (CA) María Baracochea; 120 over Ciudad Real, Álvaro Sánchez; heard over Pedro Muñoz (CR) Antonio Paredes; 2 at Brasses de Lluriac, Menorca (IB) Jaime Sastre; 5 over Aldealengua (SA) Guillermo Hernández; 110 over Campiñuela (CO) Rafael Reyes; 220 at Caracuel lagoon (CR) Xurxo Piñeiro; 1 in Villafáfila Nature reserve (ZA) Gonzalo Paro, M. Irene León; 650 over Ciudad Real, David Pérez, 1 over Tortosa (T) Bernat Espluga; .



Map nº 35: Provincial migration and distribution between 2 and 8 March.

*Migration seemed to have finished, however, there was a migratory movement from the south of Andalucía in the middle of the week.*

-09/03/26: 50 over Daroca (Z) Dani Falomir; 144 over La Gila, Alcalá del Júcar (AB) Pablo Jutglá; 32 at Tablas de Alarcos (CR) and 40 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Xurxo Piñeiro; 300 migrate from Almudévar reservoir (HU) Esther Yera; 250 over Monzalbarba (Z) Joseán Domínguez; 6 in Madrigalejo rice fields (CC) and 28 in Palazuelo rice fields (CC) Martin Kelsey; 10 at Cabeza del Buey (BA) Robert Stoelenga; 22 over Soto del Lugar, Aranjuez (M) Chemi Ibáñez; 1 over Leganés (M) José M<sup>a</sup> Paraíso; 100 over Olmedilla del Campo (CU) Javier García; 34 on Caminreal floodplain (TE) Gonzalo Peña, Antonio Torrijo; 6 at Moheda Alta, Navalvillar de Pela (BA) Louis Lawler; 150 over Soto de Ferrerueta (Z) Albert A.; 100 over Alquézar (HU) Karin Karmann; 157 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Juan C. Albero; 18 at Manjavacas lagoon (CU) Luis Sánchez; 2 at Amorosa lagoon, Cabrejas del Campo (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 250 over Mozota (Z); 1 at Loza reservoir (NA) Alberto Rodríguez; 4 at el Hondo reservoir (A), a family group, Sergio Arroyo (AHSA); 9 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Alberto Cebrián; 80 roost at Azután reservoir (TO) José L. de la Cruz (ARDEIDAS).

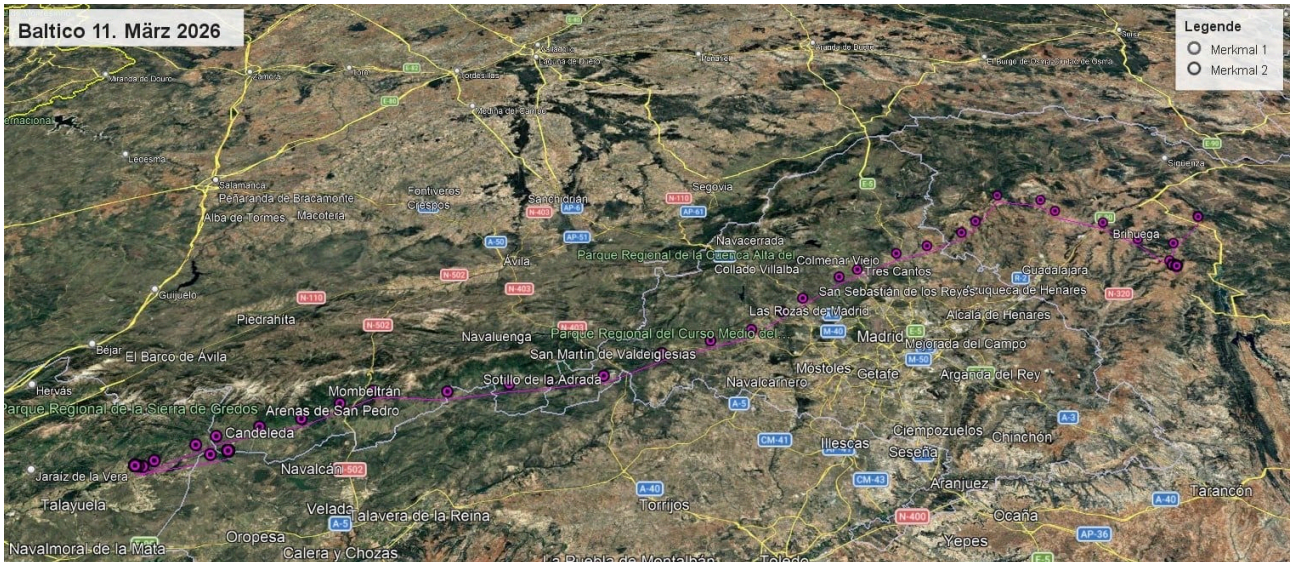
-10/03/26: 29 at Loreto pond (HU) José M<sup>a</sup> Canudo; 200 over Plasencia del Monte (HU) Irene Marina; 40 over Huesca, Jorge Lardiés; 40 (the same?) over Alquézar (HU) Karin Karmann; 45 circling at Tubo mountain, La Lueza (HU) Eduardo Gracia; 3 over Mérida (BA) Antonio M<sup>a</sup> Sánchez; 4 at Brozas (CC) Carlos Pacheco; 1 over Aranjuez (M) Diego Martínez; 1 over Lleida, Eduardo Bravo.

11/03/26: 100 over Jaca (HU) María Silvestre; 284+115 over Los Galachos de la Alfranca (Z) José M. Sánchez, Carmina Franco; 29 on Caminreal floodplain (TE) Antonio Torrijo; 30 over Argamasilla de Calatrava (CR) Álvaro Sánchez; 16 at Peñarroya-Pueblonuevo (CO) Antonio Leiva; 150 over Balaguer (LL) Francesc Moncasí; 50 over Montesquiu (B) Oriol Marés; 377 over Medina Sidonia (CA) Juan Rodríguez; 37 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Miguel A. López de Armentia; 140+85 over Córdoba, Fernando T. Rico, Sally Edwards; 2,000 over Posadas (CO) Salvador Nieto; 78 over Valdemoro (M) Chemi Ibáñez; 14 over Leganés (M) Paula González; 31 over San Blas district (M) Sara Navarro; 62 over Picón (CR) Eva López; 39 over Almogía (MA) Antonio Román; 220 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) José M<sup>a</sup> Canudo, Jorge Lardiés.



Image nº 124: Cranes over Leganés (M). Photo: Paula González.

The Latvian crane “Báltico” which spent the winter in the dehesas and crop fields between the provinces of Cáceres, Ávila and Toledo, set off at 10:45h from Grullo lagoon, where it roosted since the middle of January (previously it roosted at Rosarito reservoir, when it was using the maize stubbles, and it transferred to the lagoon when it began to feed in the dehesas). Following the course of the River Tiétar, it flew with a flock east-northeast to the south of the Sierra de Gredos, going over the north of Madrid, over Las Rozas and Tres Cantos, reaching El Berrueco to the south of the Sierra de Guadarrama, where they altered course to the east, entering Guadalajara province and arriving at San Andrés del Rey at 17:30h, spending the night in a photovoltaic park, having covered some 300kms.



Map nº 36: Route taken by “Báltico” on 11/03/26. Source: Gisela Gräflin.

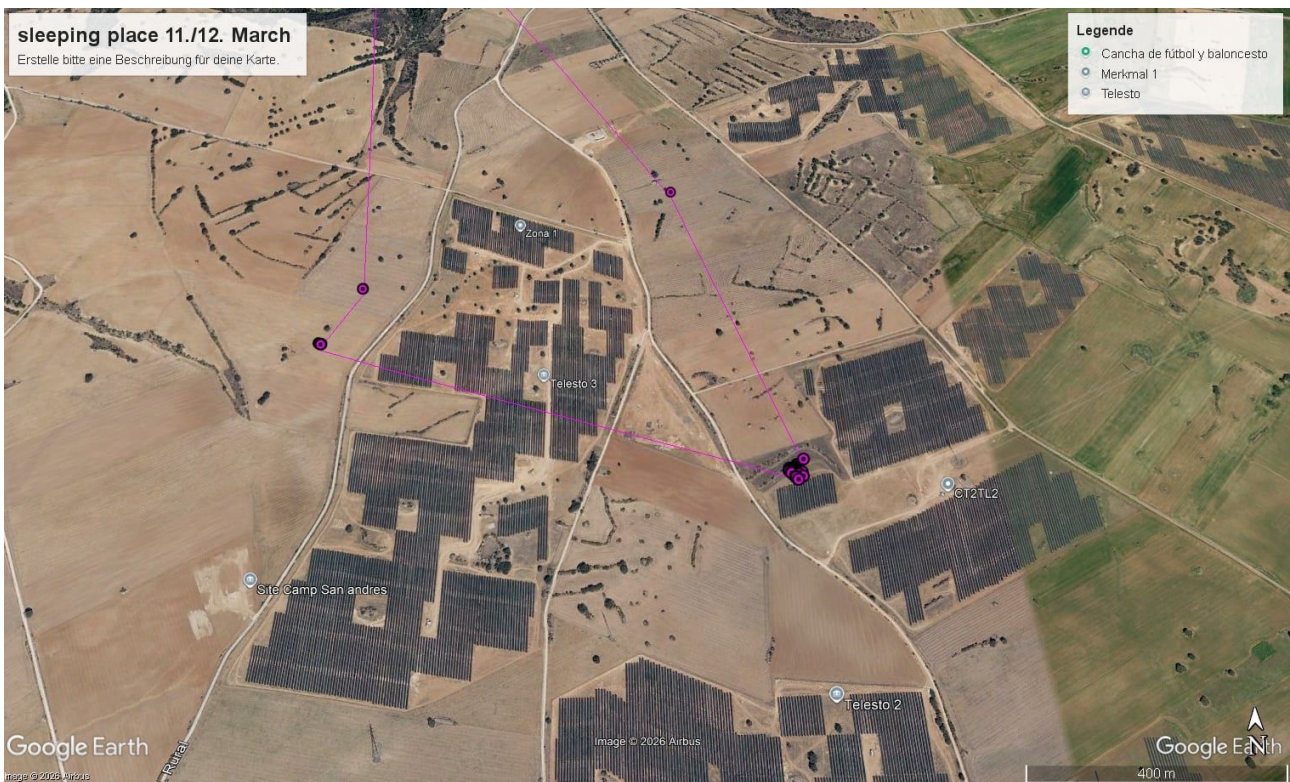


Image nº 125: Photovoltaic park where the flock with “Báltico” spent the night. Source: Gisela Gräflin.

-12/03/26: 65 over Zarautz (G) Alexander Carriel; 12 over Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Esther Murciano; 160 over Monzalbarba (Z) Joseán Domínguez; 204 over Plasencia del Monte (HU) Irene Marina; 1 at Arenas de San Juan (CR) Daniel Tendero; 72 on Caminreal floodplain (TE) Antonio Torrijo; 29 at Cambrillos del Guadarrama gravel pits (TO) José V. Oropesa; 50 over Sureste natural park (M) Ricardo Rodríguez; 60 over Los Santos de la Humosa (M) David Rodríguez; 7 over Chillarón de Cuenca (CU) Fernando Alonso; 559 at Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Antonio Torrijo; several groups over Palomares de Jadraque (GU) during the week; 30 over the Sierra de Guara (HU) Raúl.

-13/03/26: 435 leave from Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) Antonio Torrijo; 33 over Cella (TE) David Mansilla; 100 over Añora (CO) Juanma Sánchez; 3 at Nava de los Melchores, El Bonilla (AB) Rafa Torralba; 40 over Moiá (B) Isabel Casas; 21 over Linyola (LL) Jaime Bonfill; 20 over Seville, José Medina; 10 over Titulcia (M) Ismael Ruíz; 70 over El Galacho de Juslibol (Z) Samuel Aunión; 47 over Castillonroy (HU) Juanán Novales; 110 at Loreto pond (HU) Alissa de Laere; 6 in Doñana National Park (SE) José M. Méndez; 120 at El Prado lagoon (CR) Jorge Sereno; 300 at Montmesa (HU) Paco Quesada; 12 over Olmeda de las Fuen (M) Juan C. del Moral; 13 over Orió (G) Alain Britt; 2 over Canet de Mar (B) Marisol Oporto, Martín Reyes.

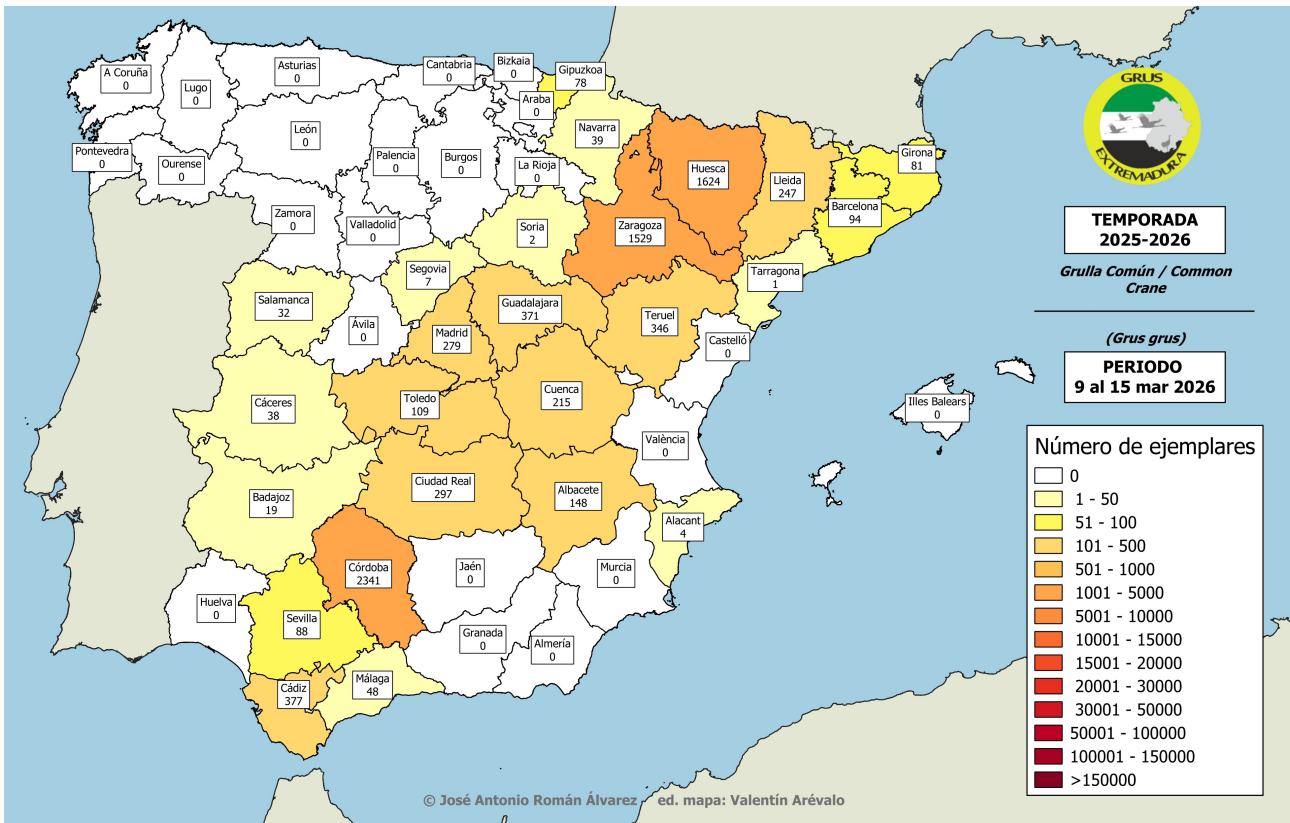
*“Báltico” left with its flock, heading north-east, flying over Sigüenza (GU) and Tarazona (Z), to reach the Arguedas rice fields (NA), where they stopped, after covering 200kms.*

-14/03/26: 120 over Valero (CU) Fernando Alonso; 7 over Abades (SG) Eduardo García; 1 at Entrepeñas reservoir (GU) Ricardo Rodríguez; 10 at El Hito lagoon (CU) Javier García; 3 at Plans de Sió (LL) Merce García, Gala Moreno, Kike del Castillo; 2 over Sant Adrià del Besòs (B) 1 over La Vall d'en Bas (GI) Joan Nasplada; 1 on the Ebro Delta (T) Thomas Domalain; 32 at Cantalpino (SA) Martín Atienza, Miguel Martín.

-15/03/26: 10 at Castellò d'Empuries (GI) Gaël Ragaru; 10 over Fontanilles (GI) Jordi Massoni; 60 over Cassà de la Selva (GI) Antoni Mariné; 2 over Vila-sana (LL) Martí González; 20+50 over Els Plans de Sió (LL) Gabriel Gargallu, Pawell Szymanski; 80 at Buendía reservoir (CU) Ricardo Rodríguez; 5 at El Cañizar lagoon (TE) Felipe Rosado; 19 at Alboré (HU) Paco Quesada, Esther Yera; 33+29 over the Brazo del Este (SE) José M Reyes, Annika Pratzlich, Sergio Romero, Fernando E. Navarrete.



Image nº 126: Cranes at Fontanilles (GI). Photo: Jordi Massoni.



Map nº 37: Provincial migration between March 9 and 15

-16/03/26: 425 at Gallocanta lagoon (TE/Z) F. Javier Sampietro, Aitor Mora; 65 at La Janda (CA) Eva Bratek; 150 at Ojos de la Rifa, Caminreal (TE) Miguel Sabio; 3 at El Hondo reservoir (A) Thomas Domalain; 1 at La Fresnedilla pond, Oliva de Plasencia (CC) Paquito Martín.

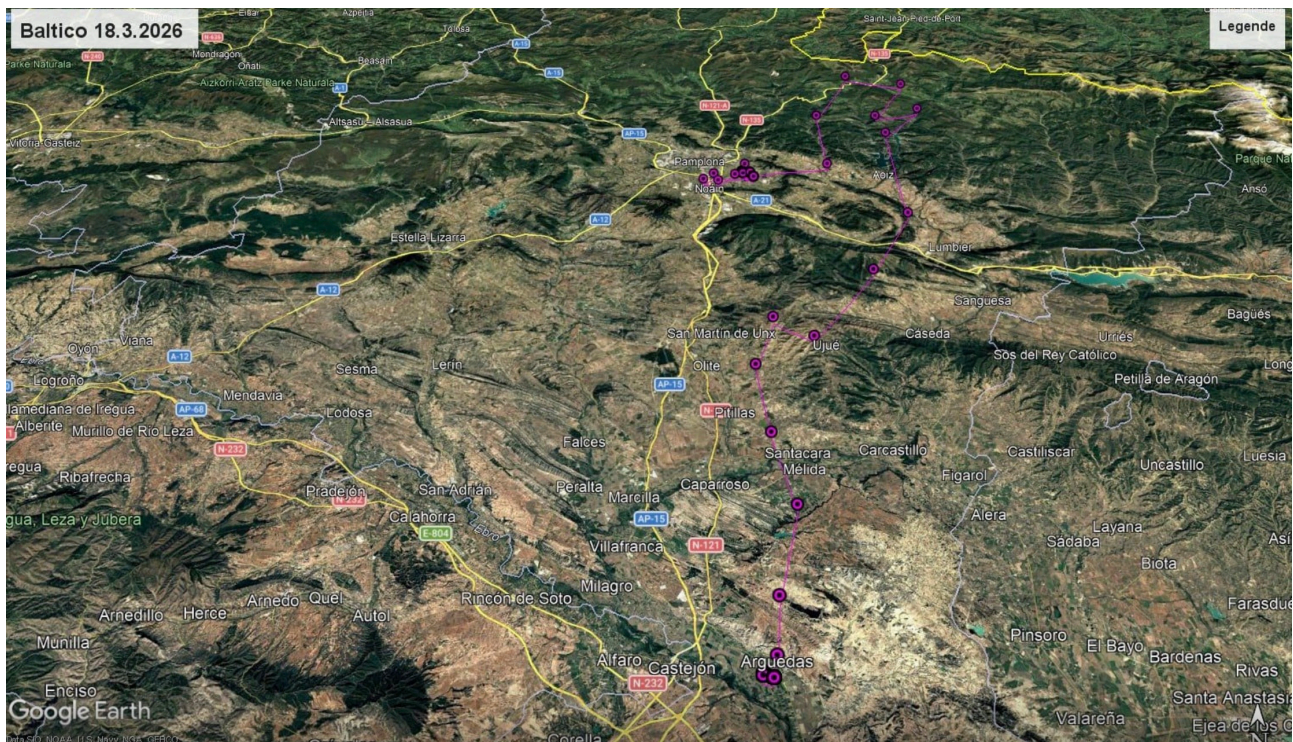


Image nº 127: Crane at Ojos de la Rifa, Caminreal (TE). Photo: Miguel Sabio.

-17/03/26: 10 over Vic (B) Carles Martorell; 3 on Alcañiz salt flats (TE) Susana Lois, Juan L. Hernández, Felipe Rosado; 26 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) David Ferrer.

-18/03/26: 1 over Tembleque (CR) Andrés Rejas; 292 on Caminreal floodplain (TE) Antonio Torrijo; 220 at the former Tornos lagoon (TE) Josep Manchado; 54 over Posadas (CO) Salvador Nieto.

*The Latvian crane, “Báltico”, after being held up for 5 days at Arguedas (NA), restarted the northward migration. However, weather conditions forced it to abort the attempt and rest at Ezkoriz reservoir, south-east of Pamplona.*



Map n° 38: “Báltico’s” attempt to cross on 18 March. Source: Gisela Gräflin.

-19/03/26: 5 at Cantalpino (SA) Carlos Villaverde; 3 over Valdecaballeros (BA) Juanma Jiménez; 23 at Ojos de la Rifa, Caminreal (TE) Chabier de Jaime, Antonio Torrijo, Adrián Sánchez; 2 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Miguel A. López.

*Once again “Báltico” and his flock try to cross, but don’t manage it.*

-20/03/26: 4 over Pamplona (NA) Rajen Ayerra; 7 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Esther Yera. “Báltico” manages to cross the Pyrenean cordillera to Dordogne, covering 160 km.

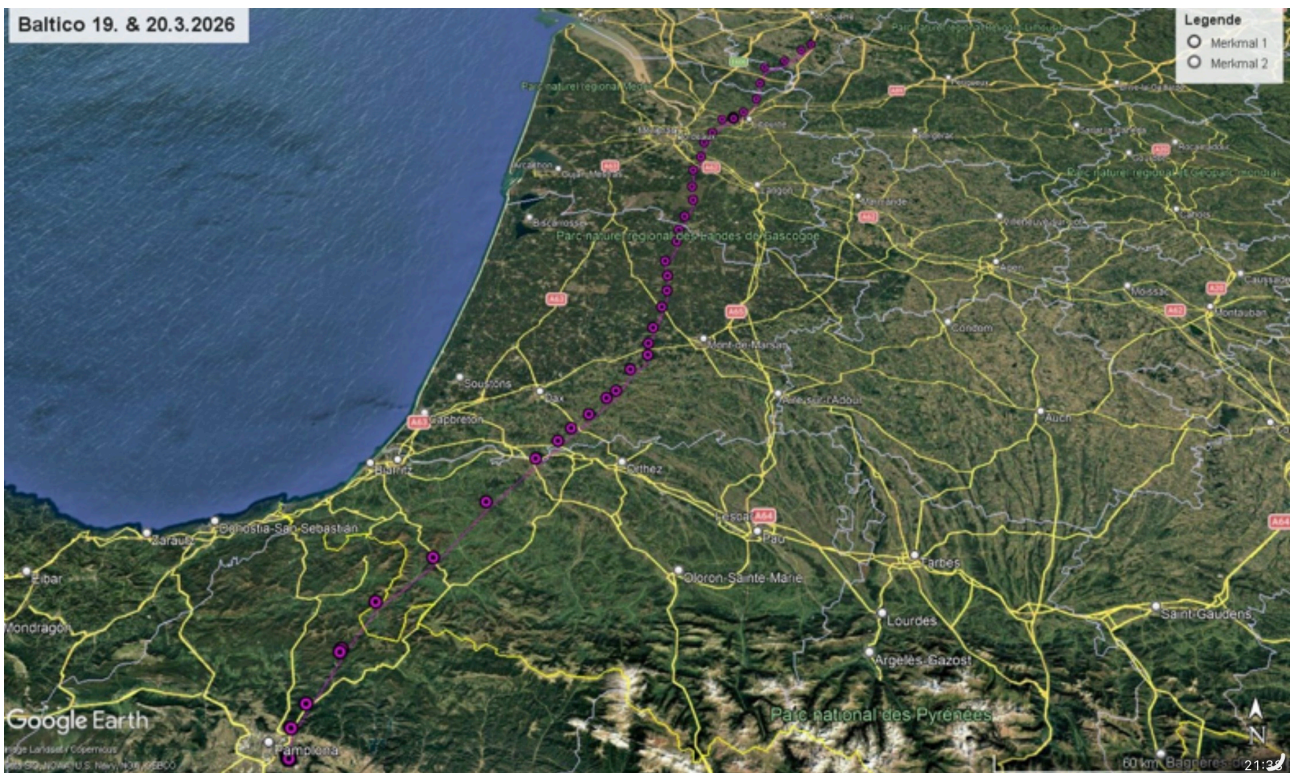
-21/03/26: 1 at Alcarrás (LL) Juan C. Bellido; 1 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Jon Sola; 96 at Gallocanta lagoon (TE); 1 at Villaseca de la Sagra (TO) Mireia Rodríguez; 1 at Fuente de Piedra lagoon (MA) Thomas Flowers.

-22/03/26: 31 at Ojos de la Rifa, Caminreal (TE) and 100 at Gallocanta lagoon (TE) Miguel A. Martín, Felipe Rosado; 9 at La Janda (CA) Christian Giese; 1 at La Nava lagoon (P) Francisco J. Calvo; 1 at Torre de Abraham reservoir (CR) David Martín; 9 at Pueblonuevo del Bullaque (CR) José V. Oropesa.

-23/03/26: 70 over Castejón de Monegros (HU) Conchi Esteban; 3 in rice fields at Vegas Altas (BA) Juan P. Prieto; 11 at El Cubillo lagoon, Cubo de Hogueras (SO) Juan L. Hernández; 1 at Llagostera (GI) Raül Calderón.

-24/03/26: 3 over Moraleja (CC) Miguel Todón; 1 at Llagostera (GI) Joan Cortés; 3 at Tranzones gravel pit, Ciempozuelos (M) Enrique Soria; 6 in rice fields at Selgua (HU) Jan Verhoeve; 1 over Don Benito (BA) Tom Smits; 1 at Rena (BA) Godfried Schreur; 3 at El

Rubio lagoon, Campillo de Dueñas (GU) Aitor Mora; 1 at Zorita de la Frontera (SA) Miguel Rodríguez.



Map nº 39: “Báltico” crossing the Pyrenees on 20/03/26. Source: Gisela Gräflin

-25/03/26: Family group of 3 birds at La Grulla, Brozas (CC) José L. Bautista; 1 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) David Miqueleiz; 1 in Sureste Natural Park (M) Eugenio Castillejos; 12 at El Cañizar lagoon (TE) Carmen Liberos, Miguel A. Martín; 27 at Ojos de la Rifa, Caminreal (TE) Miguel Sabio; 1 at Navalvillar de Pela (BA) José A. Molina.

-26/03/26: 23 over Sisante (CU) Antonio J. Palacios; 3 in Tablas de Daimiel National Park (CR) Enrique López; 3 at Dulce lagoon, Campillos (MA) Pedro Morillas.

-27/03/26: 1 at Bonanza saltpans (CA) Juan Rodríguez.

-28/03/26: 2 at El Carnerito, Brozas (CC) José L. Bautista; 12 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) and 7 at Pitillas lagoon (NA) Susana Noguera; 28 at Sotonera reservoir (HU) Esther Yera, Juan L. Muñoz; 7 at Aiguamolls de l'Empordà (GI) Hugo Framis; 4 at El Hito lagoon (CU) Ignacio Romero; 10 at Olmeda de Jadraque saltpans (GU) Sergio Pérez.



Image nº 128: Pair of cranes at El Carnerito, Brozas (CC). Photo: José L. Bautista.

-29/03/26: 15 at Dos Reinos lagoon (NA) Jorge Nubla.

-30/03/26: 18 at Almodévar reservoir (HU) Esther Yera, Juan L. Muñoz; 5 over Prat de Cabanes-Torreblanca Natural Park (CS) Ton de Groot; 5 on Pozondón moors (TE) Ilona Noorman.

-31/03/26: 5 at Esclet (GI) Lluís Amat.



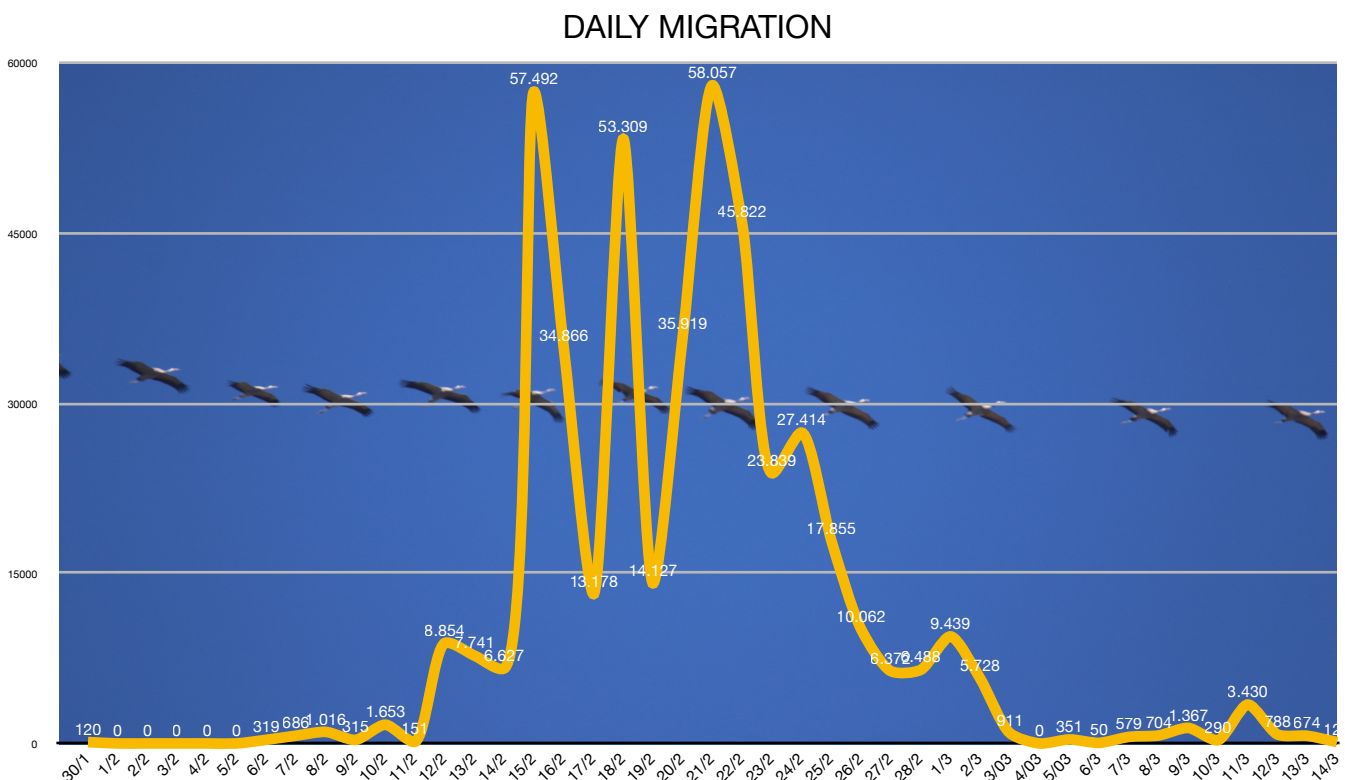
Image nº 129: Group of young birds at Esclet (GI). Photo: Lluís Amat.

-01/04/26: 79 on Caminreal floodplain (TE) Antonio Torrijo.

After a long and intense period of rain during January and early February, a change in atmospheric conditions finally happened, with clear skies and favourable winds which led to a rapid and decisive migration. It passed in just 19 days, between 12 February and 2 March, although there were some movements before and after these dates.

Cranes began to leave their wintering quarters steadily, increasing in intensity, especially on 15, 18, 21 and 22 February. Days during which the great majority of birds travelled, as can be seen in the following graphic, which reflects the movement in Spain along the route.

Clearly, some birds are seen by different observers several times along the route, which informs us of the migratory dynamics of each day. It was observed that there were three very intense days, with movements concentrated into the week of 15-23 February, in which up to 70% of the wintering birds left.



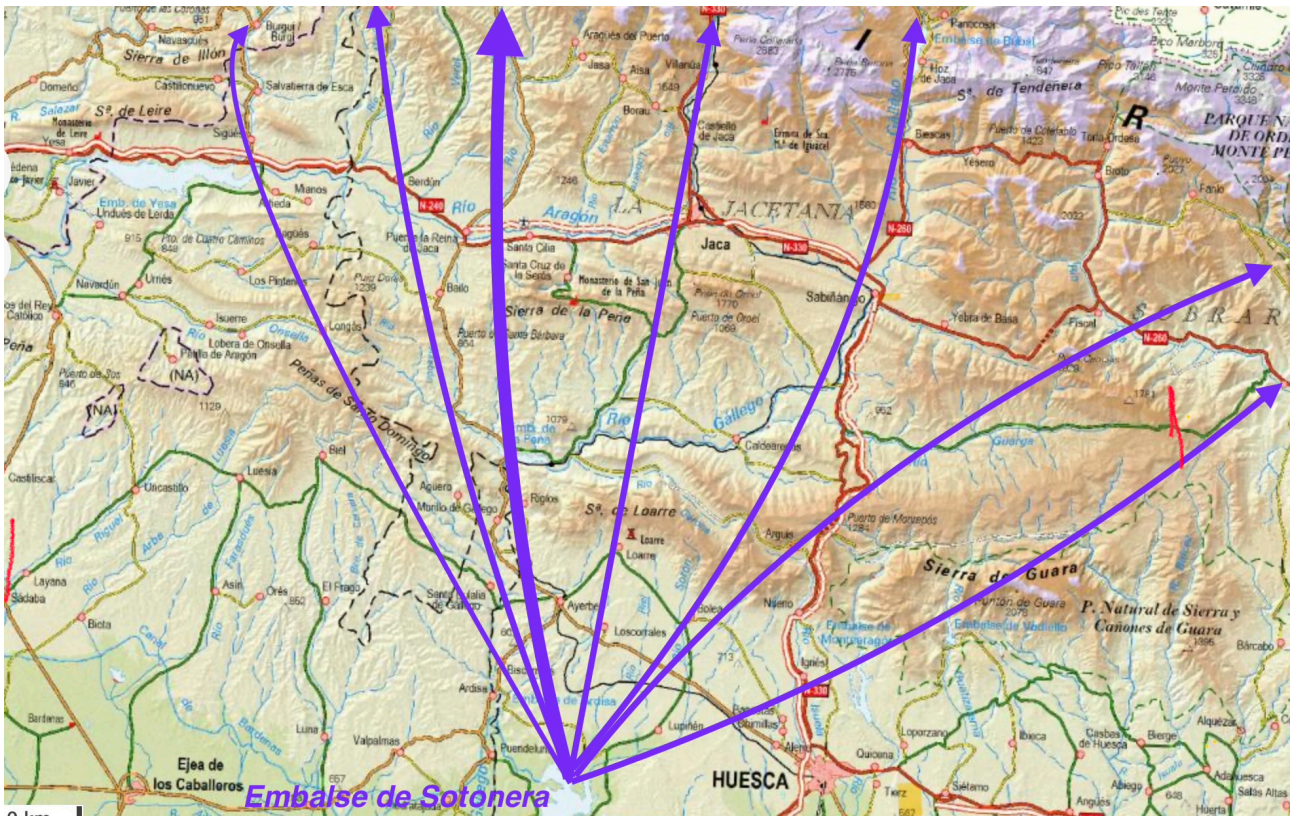
Graphic nº 36: Evolution of the daily migration across Spain between 1 February and 1 March.

The great majority followed the classic route to Gallocanta lagoon in Aragón, where they arrived in the afternoons and left the following day, towards Sotonera reservoir, Huesca, where they stopped again before crossing the Pyrenees. Sometimes they crossed directly, without taking a rest stop, or at least tried to, as happened with the Lithuanian cranes, which made a stop midway between these two localities and tried the crossing, but they turned back and spent a night at Sotonera.

In the case of Extremenian cranes, those in Cáceres and some from western Badajoz usually make a first stop at Valdecañas reservoir, between Cáceres and Toledo, and from there they go to Buendía reservoir, between Cuenca and Guadalajara, before arriving at Gallocanta, staying to the south of the Sierra de Gredos, which they don't cross.

The cranes from the upper Guadiana floodplain (Central Zone) go via the Cíjara valley to go over the Toledo hills and then they head for Buendía.

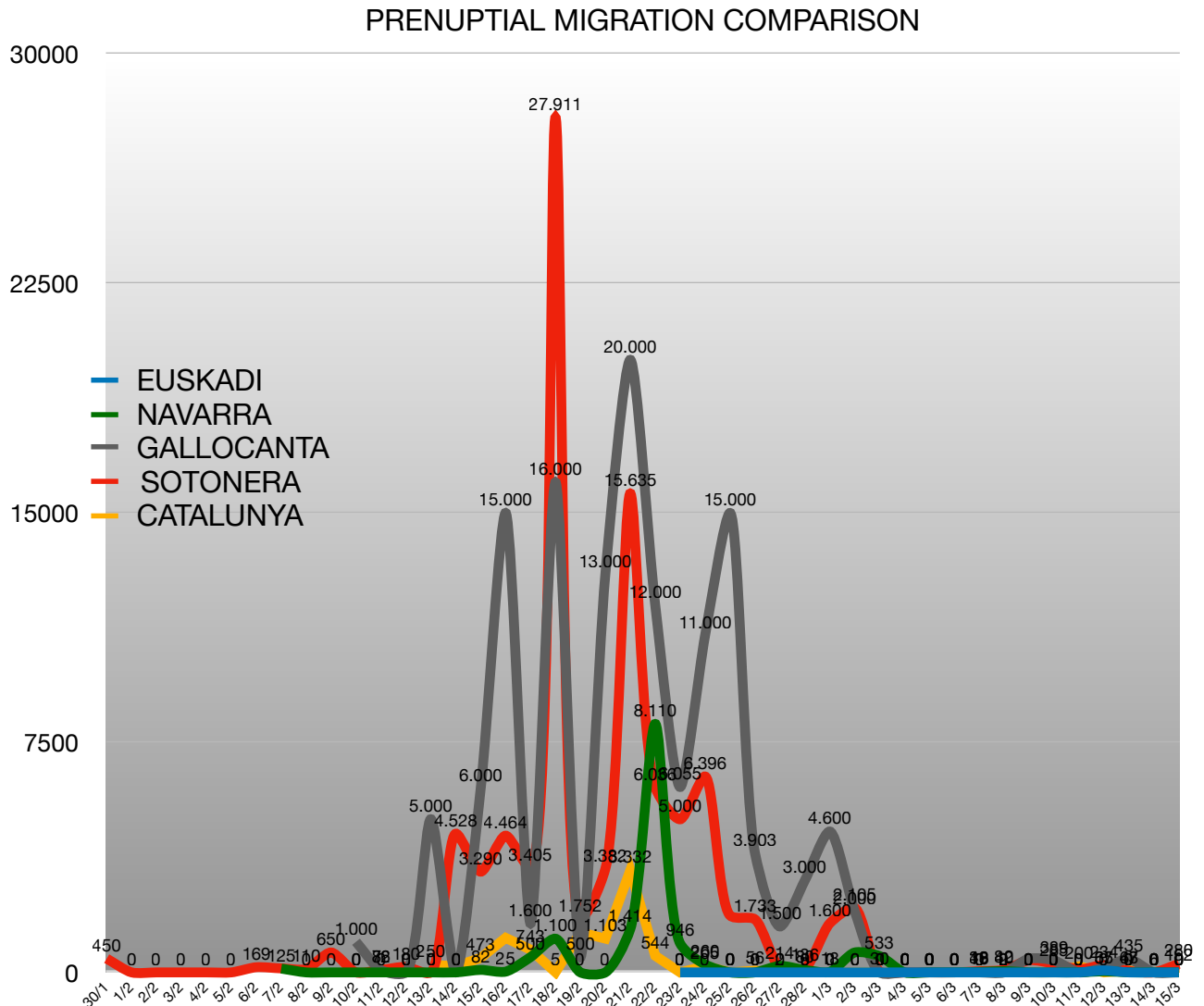
The vast majority fly over Madrid and Guadalajara provinces on a wide front, sometimes to the south of the Sierra de Guadarama, other times by the Sureste Natural Park. The birds wintering in Ciudad Real and Cuenca usually go directly. Portuguese and Andalusian usually follow the Extremadura birds' routes, although later than those. Those wintering to the north of the Sierra de Gredos, in Castilla-y-León, and some from the north of Cáceres, cross the Castilian Plateau towards El Moncayo, to go up through Navarra, generally, although some may go to Gallocanta. From Gallocanta, the vast majority choose the Sotenera route, many go via Navarra and others head east-northeast and cross the Catalanian Pyrenees or the Gulf of León towards The Camargue, from where they may continue to the north of France or follow the route across the north of Italy to Hungary. These are generally Baltic or Finnish cranes. The crossing through the Pyrenean passes is focused on those of Aragón (Huesca), taking advantage of the valleys carved out by the different rivers and streams which run north to south and open up passage through the mountain range, especially the River Gállego, which channeled the most intense migratory flow. They also use other valleys, on both sides, depending on the dominant wind conditions each day.



Map nº 40: Principal crossing routes from Sotenera reservoir, Huesca.

The most intense crossing day from Sotenera was 18 February, with 27,911 cranes crossing the border, with a second peak on the 21<sup>st</sup>, with 16,635 birds. In Navarra, the

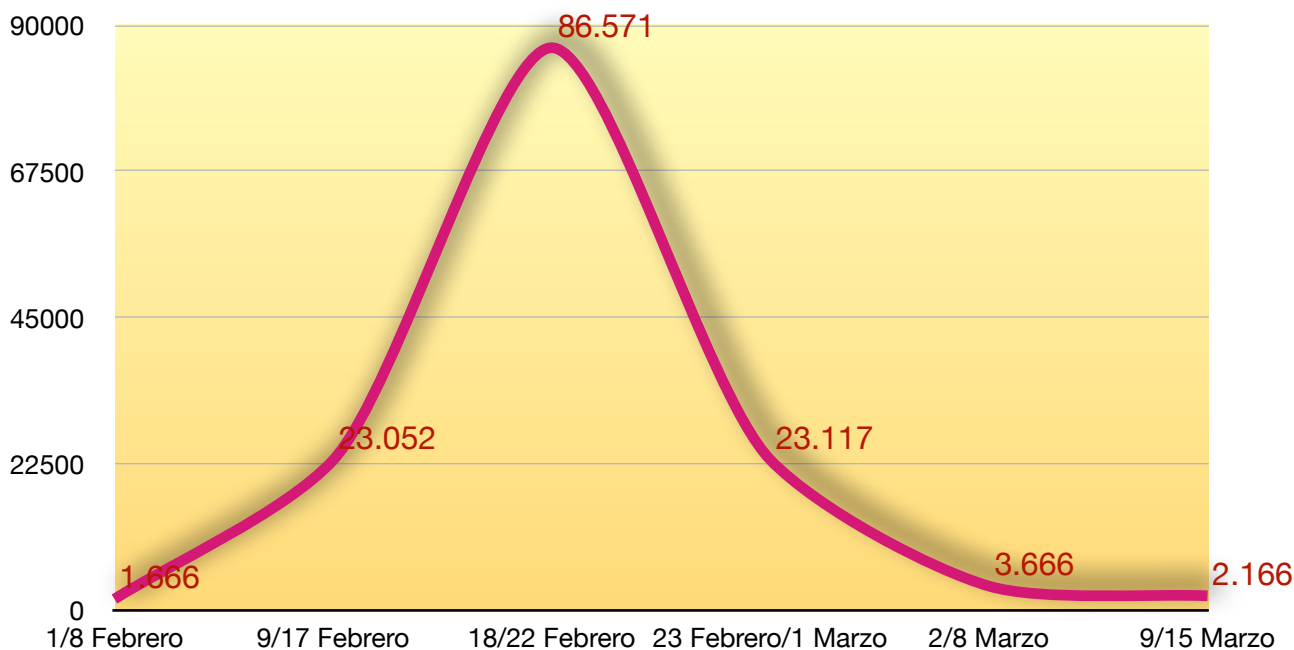
principal passage day was the 22<sup>nd</sup>, with 8,110; in Catalonia it was the 21<sup>st</sup>, with 3,332 birds, and in Euskadi (The Basque Country) only 65 birds were detected on 12 March. In the following graphic these routes are shown, combined with departures from Gallocanta.



Graphic n° 37: Daily migratory passage through Pyrenean passes and from Gallocanta.

Although there were small migratory movements and crossings in the first week of February, with a little over 1,600 cranes going over the Pyrenees, it wasn't until the week of 18-22 February that the massive passage of cranes took place during the tracking period. A total of 86,571 was counted in those days on diurnal migration, more than half of the Spanish wintering population this season. In the week before and the one after, something over 23,000 crossed, and in the last days of February and first two weeks of March the flow reduced, although over 5,700 individuals crossed.

### WEEKLY PRENUPTIAL MIGRATION



Graphic n° 38: Weekly migratory passage over the Pyrenees.

### PRENUPTIAL MIGRATION BY REGION IN 2026

	1/8 Feb	9/17 Feb	18/22 Feb	23 F/1 Mar	2/8 Marzo	9/15 Marzo	TOTAL
<b>EUSKADI</b>	0	78	183	0	0	78	339
<b>NAVARRA</b>	425	257	11097	3491	1212	38	16520
<b>ARAGÓN</b>	1241	22015	66769	19137	2406	1624	113192
<b>CATALUNYA</b>	0	694	8509	467	42	422	10134
<b>LEVANTE</b>	0	8	13	14	4	4	43
<b>BALEAR</b>	0	0	0	8	2	0	10
	1666	23052	86571	20520	3666	2166	140238

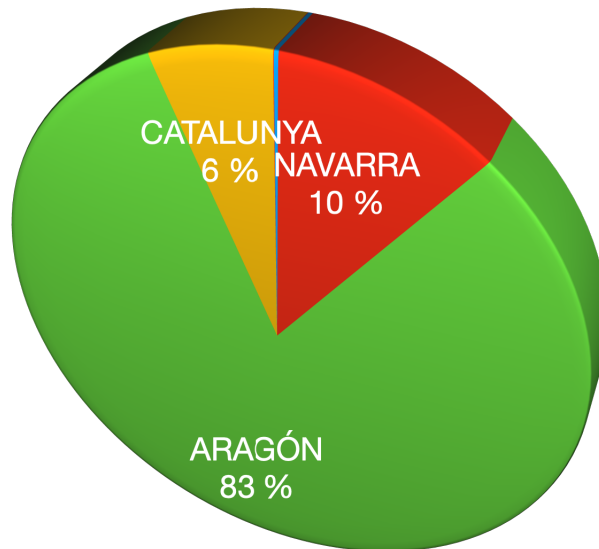
Table n° 27: Weekly migratory data between 1 February and 15 March.

During the six weeks that migration lasted we were able to count **140,238** cranes crossing the Pyrenees by day, without ruling out nocturnal passage when the atmospheric conditions were favourable for them.

The major migratory flow took place in the Pyrenean passes in Huesca, with 113,192 (80.7%) birds being observed, followed by the Navarra valleys with 16,620 (11.8%) individuals. 10,134 (7.2%) went through Catalonia. In this region, they use some Pyrenean valleys for passage, but the majority go over the Gulf of León of the coast. Generally, these are birds that had previously passed through Gallocanta and even

Sotonera. Only 339 birds (0.2%) were observed in Euskadi, and 43 cranes on the east coast (Murcia and Valencia), while only 10 (wintering) birds left the Balearic Isles.

### PRENUPTIAL MIGRATION BY AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY



● EUSKADI ● NAVARRA ● ARAGÓN ● CATALUNYA ● LEVANTE ● BALEAR

Graphic nº 39: Prenuptial migration by Autonomous Community (Levante: Community of Murcia and Community of Valencia)



Image nº 130: Group taking a thermal during migration at Puebla de Alcollarín (BA) on 16 February. Photo: José A. Román.



Image nº 131: Crane at Extremadura by Jero Milán.