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News on the 3rd edition

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the 3rd edition of the Birdwatching Festival of Sagres is back this year from September 30 to October 07. In this edition we will have many news that will sure to amaze you! From September 30 to October 04, the Festival will be open only to specific audiences, such as: companies, technicians from Municipalities, Universities, schools from the municipality of Vila do Bispo, hunters, fishermen and local people.

We will return to open the doors to the general public for 3 days, from October 05 to October 07. Will have many activities reserved for you: boat trips, field trips, short courses, workshops, bird ringing sessions, monitoring of raptors, environmental education activities for parents and children, and much more! Alone, with friends or family make sure to visit us, check on your calendar now! Stay tuned to our website and find all the news

<http://www.birdwatchingsagres.com/>

School contest

In order to engage students of kindergardens and schools in the 1st cycle of the Vila do Bispo, we launched a school competition for give wings to your imagination and creativity and build a bird using the re-use of materials , with around 1 meter high . During the Festival, these birds will cheer the village of Sagres, spread over by emblematic places! The winning class will enjoy a guided tour in the company of eared friends a prize offered by "Burros & Artes" and "Walkin'Sagres."

The Bird of the Festival

Red-billed Chough

The face of the 3rd festival of Sagres poster is the Red-billed Chough *Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax*, a specie usually associated to high mountains with cliffs and inaccessible ravines. But also do well in steep coastal cliffs, nesting in sea caves for example.

The *Cabo de São Vicente (Saint Vincent cape)* is one of the best places in the country to observe this bird, given the ease with which we come across groups of individuals and by the proximity to which they are sighted, contrasting with the observations obtained in high mountains. The southwest coast provides good ecological conditions for this species in danger of extinction in Portugal, one of their last refuges in the national territory. Other places were they still resists are: the mountains of *Aire* and *Candeeiros*, in the Internacional Douro, in the *Alvão* and *Gerês*.

The population of this emblematic corvideo has suffered a accentuated decrease in our country, following the global trend of the species. It is estimated that since the late 80s the portuguese population has declined almost 60%.

The abandonment of the extensive farming and traditional shepherding, the expansion of forest areas and increasing human pressure, either by opening new accesses, either by increasing the speleology and climbing in sensitive areas, are the main threats to this species. We can not only wish a better future for the crow-peas-red, but rather take measures so that it can continue to surprise us with their calls and their characteristic aerobatic flights.

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