

il-**Ħuttafa**

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Sparvier



Hej Huttaf...

Qerd in-naħal
(European bee-eater)



mill-**editur**

Meta nsemmu t-tniġġis naħsbu f'xi roqgħa plastik fil-baħar, jew dħaħen ħerġin minn ċumnija. Kontu tafu li anke d-dawl jista' jniġġes?

Id-dawl iniġġes mhux għax iħammeġ bħad-dħaħen u l-iskart, imma għax ifixkel ħaġa importanti fin-natura: id-dlam!

Huwa naturali li filgħaxija jaqa' d-dlam, u għan-natura d-dlam huwa meħtieġ għax fid-dlam ħafna natura tistrieħ u torqod. Anke l-pjanti jistrieħu meta tinzel ix-xemx, u ħafna pjanti jagħlqu l-fjuri u anke jitwu l-weraq.

Il-lejl huwa parti miċ-ċiklu tal-gurnata. Meta l-lejl nixegħluh bid-dwal esaġerati dan iċ-ċiklu nħarbtuh għax inħawdu l-arloġġ tan-natura.

Issa saret moda li nixegħlu anke s-siġar minn taħt, mingħalina biex jagħmlu sabiħ. Barra li hija ħela ta'

elettriku, ninsew li s-siġar huma l-kenn ta' ħafna annimali, fosthom għasafar, insetti u rettili. Jekk fis-siġra hemm bufula qed tipprova torqod, dawl qawwi f'wiċċha ma jħallihiex tistrieħ. L-għada ma jkollhiex saħħa ssib biżżejjed ikel għaliha jew għall-frieħ.

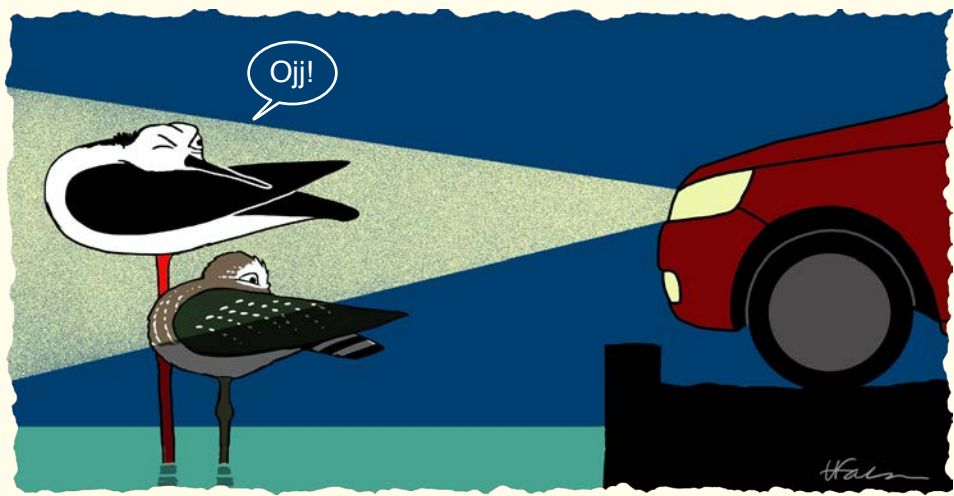
Dawn l-affarijiet ma naħsbux fihom meta nimlew kullimkien dawl. Mhux sew naħsbu li d-dinja tan-nies biss.

Tgħiduli: "Iss, allura ma nistgħux inzejnu ftit is-siġar għall-Milied jew nhar il-festa?" Uuu mela le! Imma hemm għalfejn id-dawl jibqa' mixgħul il-lejl kollu? M'ahniex kapaċi nħallu l-lejl isaltan fid-dlam imqar għal sitt sigħat?

U issa ħa nitfi u nħallikom għax qed jaqbadni n-ngħas!

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Victor Falzon L-Editur



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Hals



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Sparvier Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

L-isparvier huwa waħda mit-tajr tal-priża li jpassu minn fuq Malta fir-rebbiegħa u fil-harifa. Ghalkemm jidher kull sena, l-isparvier mhux speċi komuni. Huwa għasfur tal-foresti, u l-ispeċjalità tiegħu huwa li jziġġ b'heffa qalb is-siġar biex jaqbad il-priża, li s-soltu jkunu għasafar żgħar.

Ritratt ta' Aron Tanti

136 maqfulin... u meħlusin.



F'Settembru l-pulizija għamlet rejd f'għalqa ta' wieħed nassab f'Hal Għaxaq. Sabulu mhux inqas minn **136 ghasfur** (lista hawn taht) miżmumin f'kundizzjonijiet tal-biża'. Uħud lanqas setgħu jimxu bil-ħmieġ imwahħal ma' saqajhom, oħrajn kellhom ir-rix imqasqas. Ir-rejd sar bis-saħħa ta' tagħrif li

għabru sħabna tal-għaqda CABS. Prosit CABS!

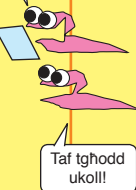
L-għasafar iċċekkjahom vet u nħelsu mill-BirdLife fir-riserva naturali tal-Għadira. Oħrajn inżammu għal xi żmien għal iktar kura.

X'ħasra li l-vizzju tal-insib tal-għasafar f'Malta għadu ma nqatax.

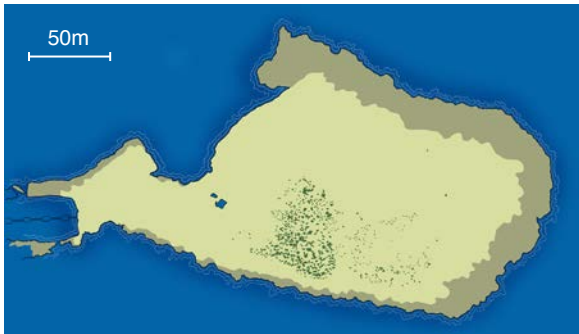
L-għasafar kienu ta' 18-il speċi u lkoll imħarsin bil-liġi:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 16-il swejda (<i>green sandpiper</i>) | 9 tertuxiet (<i>little stint</i>) | 2 gaħgaħ (<i>tree sparrow</i>) |
| 16-il swejda ċara (<i>wood sandpiper</i>) | 9 ekri (<i>siskin</i>) | 2 tertuxiet griżi (<i>Temminck's stint</i>) |
| 16-il pispisella (<i>common sandpiper</i>) | 8 sponsuni (<i>chaffinch</i>) | 1 gardell (<i>goldfinch</i>) |
| 16-il verdun (<i>greenfinch</i>) | 5 monakelli primi (<i>ringed plover</i>) | 1 isfar (<i>yellow wagtail</i>) |
| 13-il monakella (<i>little ringed plover</i>) | 5 apparelli (<i>serin</i>) | 1 diżż aħmar (<i>red-throated pipit</i>) |
| 12-il sponsun (<i>chaffinch</i>) | 3 fras-servjenti (<i>black-winged stilt</i>) | 1 ċewċewwa (<i>greenshank</i>) |

Għamilthom plus u l-answer ġieni 71,322.



Taf tghodd ukoll!



Żghira imma importanti

Fdejn il-Qawra hemm gżira żghira jisimha l-Ponta tal-Qawra. Ftit ġimgħat ilu dil-gżira ġiet imħarsa bil-liġi, jiġifieri kaċċa ma tistax' issir iktar minn fuqha. Għalkemm żghira hija importanti. Għaliex? Għax il-Ponta tal-Qawra qiegħda fid-daħla tal-bajja tas-Salina, u minn fuqha jgħaddu ħafna għasafar li jkunu sejrin jistrieħu fir-riserva naturali tas-Salina. Xieraq li ħadd ma jkun qed jistenniehomm fid-daħla bil-moħbi biex jisparalhom hux!

X'għandna mid-dinja?

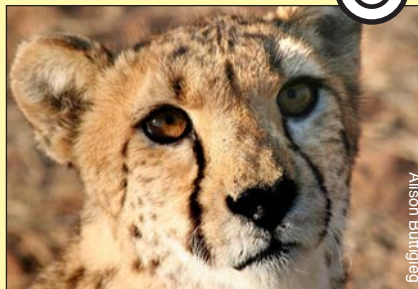
Inqas mohqrija...




 Fi **Spanja** l-ġlied bil-barri qiegħed dejjem jonqos. Minn 648 *bullfights* organizzati fl-2009, in-numru niżel għal 349 fl-2019. Ħafna nies m'għadhomx jieħdu gost jaraw annimali jinħaqru. Fejn dari *la corrida* kienet meqjusa l-isport nazzjonali ta' Spanja, illum ħafna jsejħulha l-mistħija nazzjonali!



Lura d-dar...



 Dari ċ-ċita kienet mifruxa mal-**Indja** kollha. Imma bil-kaċċa u l-qerda tal-ħabitat, sal-1952 kienet estinta. Issa, wara li saru l-istudji, tmien ċita min-Namibja ttieħdu l-Indja u ntelqu f'park nazzjonali kbir. Lkoll għandhom *radio collar* m'għonqhom biex ix-xjenzati jibqgħu jsegwuhom u jistudjawhom.

Baħar kwiet...



 Qorti fl-**Afrika t'Isfel** ma tatx permess lill-kumpanija Shell biex tftitex iż-żejt f'qiegħ l-Oċean Indjan. It-tfittix jinvolti ħsejjes qawwijn fil-baħar, wieħed kull 10 sekondi *bla waqfien għal ħames xhur sħaħ*. Il-fawna tal-baħar tbat iħafna b'dan l-istorbju speċjalment annimali sensitivi għall-ħoss bħal balieni u dniefel.

X'rajt fil-**ġnien** 9

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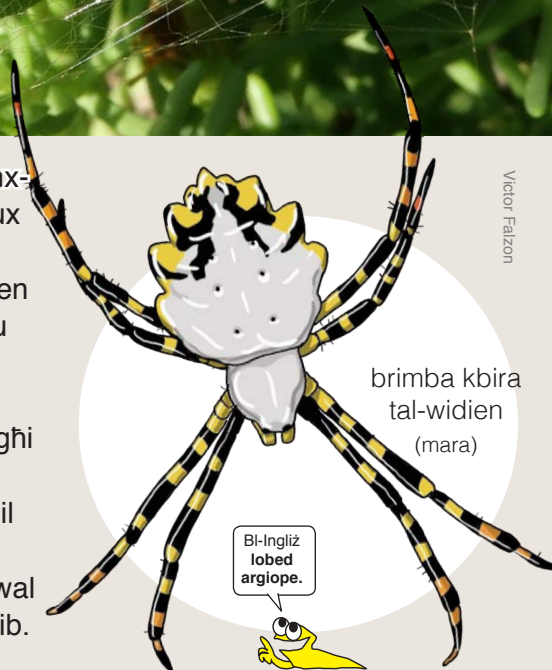


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Fil-**ġnien** għandi pjanta tax-xorbett li kibret u nfixxet mhux **ħażin**. Ix-xorbett inħobbha għax twarrad fil-**ħarifa** fi **żmien** meta **ħafna** pjanti oħra jkunu għajjenin wara sajf nixfa. In-naħal u l-friegħet inħobbuha **ħafna**. Minbarra l-fjuri, il-friegħi folti tax-xorbett jiffurmaw **ġungla** **żġhira** li tagħti kenn lil **ħafna** **animali** **żġhar**. Meta nkun fil-**ġnien** dejjem nittawwal qalb il-friegħi biex nara x'insib.

Pakkett stramb!

Is-sena l-oħra jiena u nfitteq qalb il-friegħi tax-xorbett, rajt qisu ballun **żġhir** **griz**. Kien imdendel b'**ħafna** **ħjut** irraqq bejn il-friegħi. **Ħmm**, dan poġġieħ xi **ħadd**! Meta **ħarist** iktar mill-qrib indunajt li ma kienx eżatt ballun għax il-parti ta' fuq kienet **ċatta**, qisha **borża** **bl-għatu**. Xi **stramberija**! Missejtha bil-mod. Ma **ċċaqalqitx**. Ma ppruvajtx niftaħ l-għatu għax jekk kien hemm **animal** **moħbi** fiha għax-xitwa kont infixxlu jew inwegġġhu.



brimba kbira tal-widien (mara)

Bl-Ingliż lobed argiope.

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Allura bdejt **naħseb**: Dawk il-**ħjut** min seta' għamilhom? Tghid **brimba**? Imma **brimba** mhux għanqbuta tagħmel? Imbagħad ftakart li f'it **granet** qabel kont rajt **brimba kbira tal-widien** mdendla f'**għanqbuta** **fil-istess** post. **Ħmm**, tghid dik il-**ħaġa** hi għamlitha?

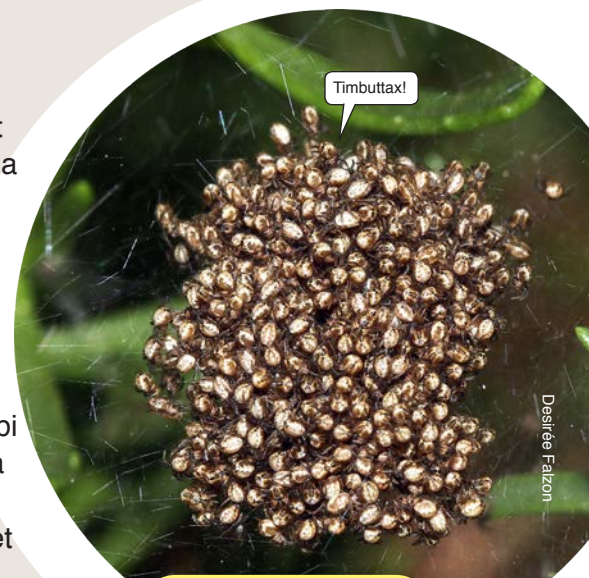
Mijiet ta' tikek!

U hekk kien! Għamilt **xitwa** **shiħa** **noħroġ** **nosserva** dak il-pakkett **stramb**, u **kważi** **qtajt** **qalbi** li **niskopri** x'kienet. Imma **ġurnata** **minnhom** **mort** **niċċekja** u **sibt** il-pakkett **miftuħ** u **madwaru** **mijiet**

ta' **tikek** **ileqqu**. **Ġibt** il-lenti u bdejt **nidhaq** **bil-pjaċir** meta **ndunajt** li **dawk** **it-tikek** **kienu** **brimb** **żġhar**!

Sewwa kont **ħsibt**. L-**omm** kienet forsi **waslet** **biex** **tmut**, għalhekk **nisġet** **dak** il-pokit tal-**ħarir**, **biedet** il-bajd fih, għalqitu u **dendlitu** **ġo** **xibka** **ħarir**. Meta **waslet** **ir-rebbiegħa** u **t-temp** **ibbnazza**, iż-**żġhar** **faqqsu**, **gerrmu** **toqba** **fl-għatu** u **ħarġu** **biex** **jibdedew** **ħajjithom**!

Xi **ġmiel**, **hux**!



Timbuttax!

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Ballun **brimb** għadu **kemm** **faqqas** **mill-pakkett**!

Xi hlew!

L-Ghasafar KOLLHA ta' Malta

F'Malta s'issa dehru f'tit iktar minn 400 speċi ta' ghasafar. Xi speċi huma komuni, oħrajn rari, uħud iżuruna f'tit ġranet fis-sena, oħrajn jgħixu magħna s-sena kollha. F'dis-sensiela qed inġibu l-lista kollha! Dawn huma **Numri 31 sa 40...**



Isem Malti
Blongun Prim
Isem Ingliz
Great Crested Grebe
Isem xjentifiku
Podiceps cristatus

31



Isem Malti
Tudun
Isem Ingliz
Common Woodpigeon
Isem xjentifiku
Columba palumbus

36



Isem Malti
Blongun Sekond
Isem Ingliz
Black-necked Grebe
Isem xjentifiku
Podiceps nigricollis

32



Isem Malti
Gamiema
Isem Ingliz
European Turtle-dove
Isem xjentifiku
Streptopelia turtur

37



Isem Malti
Fjamingu
Isem Ingliz
Greater Flamingo
Isem xjentifiku
Phoenicopterus roseus

33



Isem Malti
Gamiema tal-Kullar
Isem Ingliz
Eurasian Collared Dove
Isem xjentifiku
Streptopelia decaocto

38



Isem Malti
Tudun tal-Ġebel
Isem Ingliz
Rock Dove
Isem xjentifiku
Columba livia

34



Isem Malti
Gamiema tal-Ilwien
Isem Ingliz
Laughing Dove
Isem xjentifiku
Spilopelia senegalensis

39



Isem Malti
Tudun tas-Siġar
Isem Ingliz
Stock Dove
Isem xjentifiku
Columba oenas

35



Isem Malti
Ganga ta' Spanja
Isem Ingliz
Black-bellied Sandgrouse
Isem xjentifiku
Pterocles orientalis

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Lista approvata minn BirdLife Malta. Għalkemm xi speċi magħrufin b'iktar minn isem wieħed, dawn huma l-ismijiet uffiċjali bil-Malti li tuża BirdLife Malta. L-ismijiet bi-Ingliż u xjentifiċi huma dawk li tuża BirdLife International (www.birdlife.org)

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Titilfuhx!

Programm imtella' minn BirdLife Malta
fil-okkażjoni tas-60 sena mit-twaqqif tagħha

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Rockpools

Rockpools are formed when rainwater fills hollows in rocks formed through many years of erosion.

These rockpool habitats have **two stages in a year**, the first stage occurs when the pools fill with rainwater and the second occurs in summer when they dry up due to evaporation.

Rockpools are referred to as being ephemeral meaning that they last for a short time.

Various **plants and algae** inhabit these freshwater rock pools, these include the Maltese Waterwort (l-elatine) and the Maltese Horned - pondweed (il-ħarira tal-ilma).

There are also many **aquatic insects** which call this habitat home. These include microcrustaceans, such as the Common Copepod (il-kopepodu tal-ġhadajjar), Freshwater shrimps such as the Fairy Shrimp (il-gamblu tal-ġhadajjar) and the Water Flea (iż-żagħrun tal-ġwiebi). Other organisms like the Tadpole Shrimp (il-gamblu tal-elm), are also found in this habitat however, they are extremely rare.

During the **dry season**, some species move out of the rock pool and return when conditions become favourable, while some species have specially adapted to the habitat and remain dormant in the soil during the dry stage only to remerge during the wet stage.



Maltese Waterwort



Tadpole Shrimp

Tal-Wej



Habitats in Malta

Photos (Shrimp & Tal-Wej) by Lara Galea



Il-Qabbezin

Fil-harifa tagħmel ix-xita u jibdeu jikbru ħafna pjanti ġodda. Fl-istess ħin it-temp ikun għadu sħun. Mhux ta' b'xejn fil-harifa jitfaċċaw ħafna ġurati, għax il-ġurati jhobbu s-sħana u jhobbu l-weraq! Dawn ftit minnhom...

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Aron Tanti



Ġurat tar-Raba'
Egyptian Grasshopper



Ġurat Rasu Twila
Slant-faced Grasshopper

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Ġurat tad-Diel
White-banded Grasshopper

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Buqrun Aħdar
Common Green Bush-cricket

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Ġurat tal-Furketta
Pink-winged Grasshopper



Ruxxan Ireqiq
Slender Red-winged Grasshopper

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Kaħlani tax-Xagħri
Blue-winged Grasshopper

Il-ġurati huma interessanti. Perezempju ħafna ġurati jikkomunikaw bejniethom billi jsaffru u jpespsu, kwazi bħall-għasafar. U għandhom widnejhom... f'irkubbejhom! X'hasra li tant nies jibzghu minnhom bla bżonn!



Paletta u Agrett Abjad

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*



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THE BEAUTY AND DANGER IN THE FASCINATING WORLD OF CORAL REEFS



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What is a coral?

Corals are not plants or rocks... they are actually animals! They are the cousins of sea anemones and jellyfish. The hard structure we see is actually the skeleton of the animal, who hides inside it as a little 'worm' called polyp! They can also have tiny algae living inside their cells. These algae produce lots of food for the coral to survive and, in exchange, get free rent and can live nice and cosy inside the coral!



Why are corals important?

1. Many sea creatures live there! Coral reefs occupy only 0.1% of all the ocean surface, but yet host 25% of all marine species!
2. Scientists have found that many of the substances produced by corals can also be used as human medicine. Now that's cool!
3. The reef acts like a big wall that protects the houses of the people by the shore from waves, storms and even tsunamis.

Among so many other things... not to mention, they are beautiful and have been on the planet for over 500 million years, and that's enough reason to protect them!

Warm reef-gards from the reef, dude!



The problem of coral bleaching...

When the temperature gets too hot, the algae are expelled from inside the coral, making them become white and can end up even dying in the long term.

To save coral reefs, we need to fight threats like climate change, plastic pollution and overfishing. Will you join the fight?

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN OUR CORAL QUIZ!

1. Corals are:
 - a) Rocks
 - b) Plants
 - c) Animals related to jellyfish and anemones
2. What lives inside the cells of some tropical corals?
 - a) Algae
 - b) Trees
 - c) Worms
3. What is the main cause of coral bleaching?
 - a) Cold water
 - b) Hot water
 - c) Plastic pollution

Answers: 1.C, 2.A, 3.B



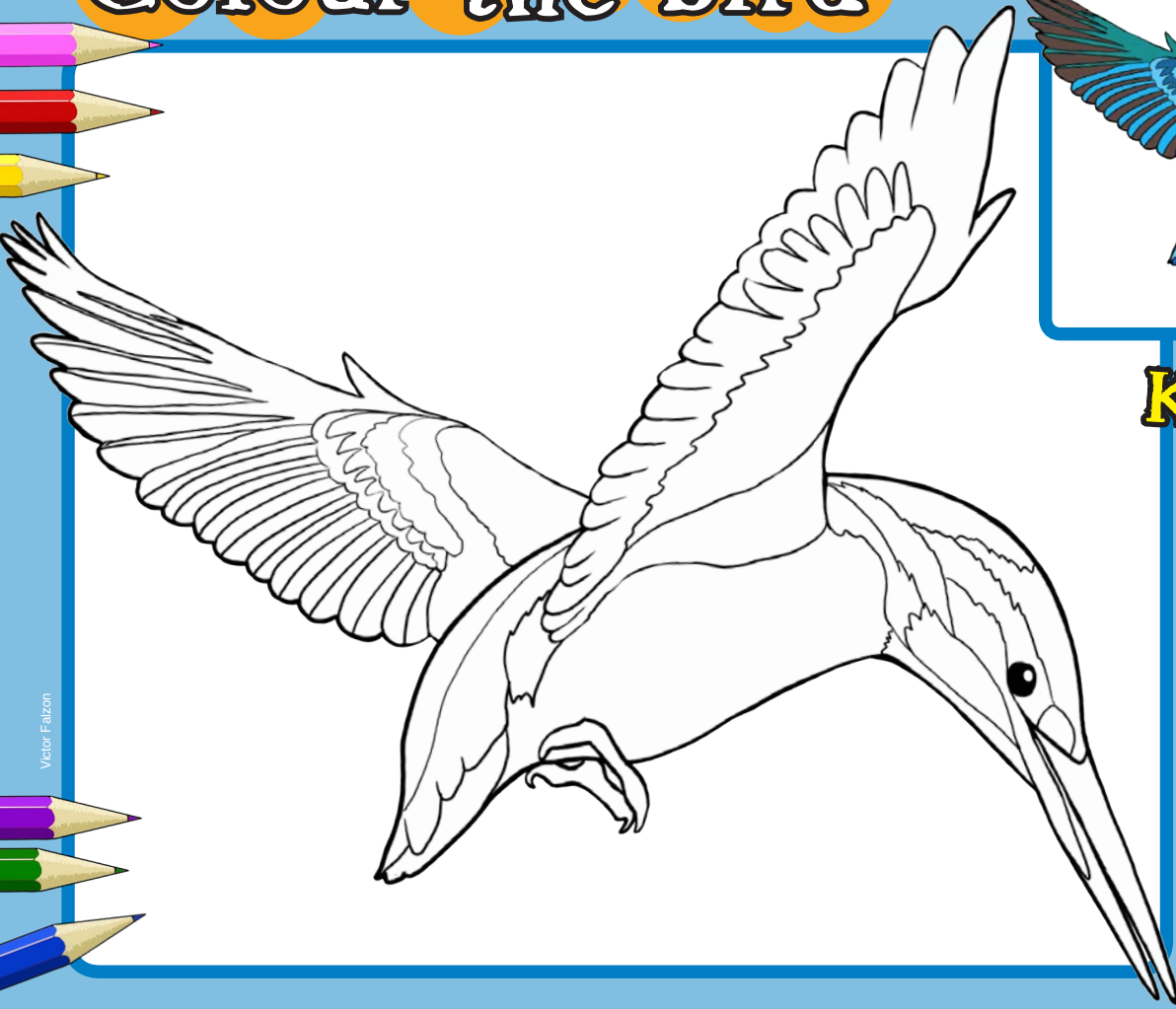
Colour the bird



Kingfisher

Kingfishers are colourful birds. They catch fish from lakes and rivers. Good places to see kingfishers are Għadira, Is-Simar and Salina nature reserves. Sit in the birdwatching hides, be quiet and patient, and you may be lucky to watch the king fishing!

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Be Nice to Nature



Birds get hungry in winter because all the juicy insects hide away in their nests and shelters. So set up a bird table and put out nice things for them to eat. It's easy to make a bird table. Just a piece of wood stuck to a broomstick, like in the picture (get a grown-up to help you with sharp tools). Stick the thing in the soil in your garden, or in a flower pot filled with sand. Put out food like cake crumbs, crushed biscuits and seeds and watch the hungry sparrows nibble that delicious snack. Be nice to nature! Thank you.

Victor Falzon

Fun Days! Club Days! Fun Days! Club Days!



We at Klabb Fluttaf do lots of fun activities and adventures for you and your family. To learn about our next awesome activity check out our website!

Young Birders Club



Hi everyone, I'm Myles McClean, I am 13 years old and I have been birding for the past 3 years. Not long ago, BirdLife Malta started a birding club for fellow birders my age and younger. This summer I joined the club and here are some of my best birding trips.



Scopoli's shearwater

Ta' Ċenċ boat trip July 2022

In July we met other birdwatchers at Ċirkezza for a boat trip around Ta' Ċenċ cliffs looking for Scopoli's shearwaters. Only 20 minutes in we saw our first 'raft. Soon after, we saw many **Scopoli's shearwaters** flying and rafting on the surface right next to the boat – some people spotted a distant **Yelkouan Shearwater** too. It was great to see the huge Ta' Ċenċ cliffs so close and to enjoy the wonderful sunset. On checking his photos after the trip, one member found he had photographed a very rare **Cory's shearwater**, which is very hard to tell from the much more common Scopoli's.

Swinhoe's petrel



Marsaskala boat trip August 2022

Another boat trip, but this one was to go looking for the amazing black terns. We had also heard from fellow birdwatchers that there was an extremely rare Swinhoe's storm-petrel about, which raised many hopes! We headed out at sea, passing by the fish farms where hundreds of **black terns** were doing acrobatics in the air. We enjoyed watching and taking pictures of them. At this time of year the terns are not all-black but changing into their winter plumage. We also observed many **European storm-petrels** sitting and flying on the water – at one point we also saw a **loggerhead turtle** relaxing at the surface! Finally, we were lucky to spot the **Swinhoe's storm-petrel** and get good record shots. I was impressed how much bigger it was than the European storm-petrels.

So cool, man!

loggerhead turtle



black tern



European storm-petrel

Buskett September 2022

We visited Buskett a number of times to do some raptor watching. From around 4pm to 7pm is the best time to see birds of prey. The first time I went I didn't get very good views of birds like **marsh-harriers** but I did see a flock of **bee-eaters**, a small flock of 3 **turtle-doves**, a **golden oriole** and a scarce **roller**, which was a ²lifer for me.

My second trip was much better. I got fantastic views of many flocks of bee-eaters and raptors such as marsh-harriers, **honey-buzzards**, **black kite**, **hobby** and **osprey**. Other birders also spotted an **Eleonora's falcon**.

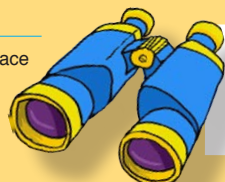


European bee-eater

¹raft. A group of seabirds resting together on the surface of the water

²lifer. A new bird on the birdwatcher's list

All photos on this page by Myles McClean



I urge you young birdwatchers to join BirdLife Malta's Young Birders Club. It will teach you lots of things and most of all you'll see birds you've never seen before.

The Migration Story

Wow!

Migration brings out the best in physical achievement. Human Olympic feats pale in comparison.

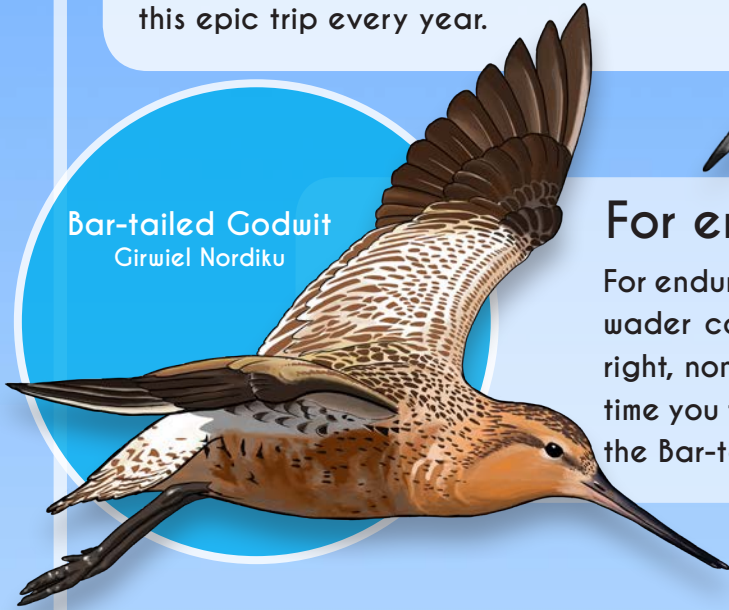
For distance . . .

The Arctic Tern holds the record for the longest migration journey: a round trip of 71,000km, all the way from the Arctic to Antarctica and back. That's like walking the length of Malta 2630 times! Oh, and it does this epic trip every year.



Arctic Tern
Cirlewwa tal-Artiku

Bar-tailed Godwit
Girwiel Nordiku

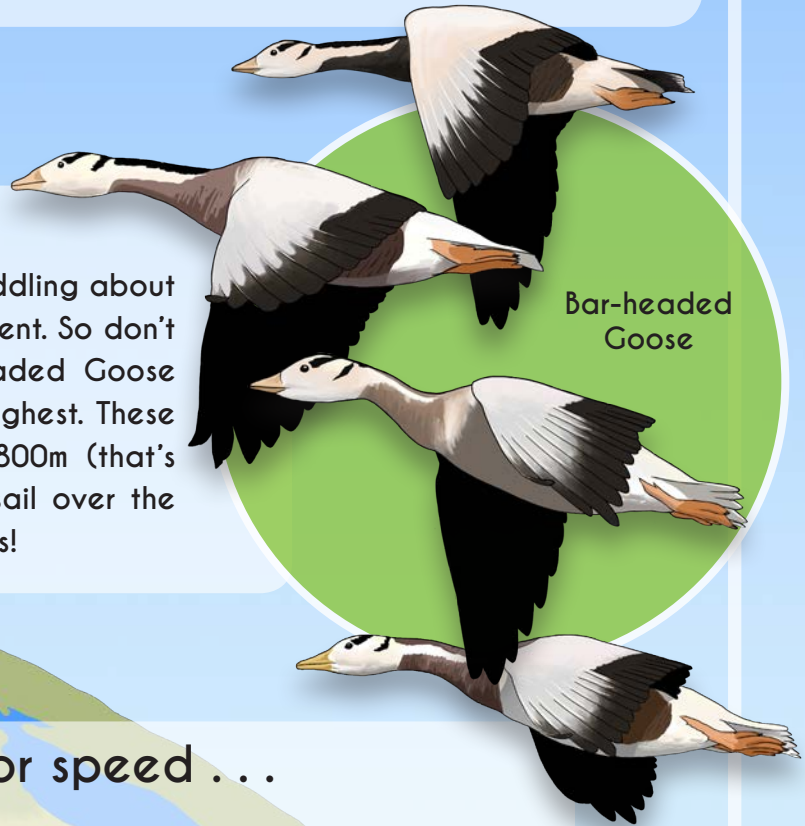


For endurance . . .

For endurance, nobody beats the Bar-tailed Godwit. This wader can fly 11,200km nonstop for eight days. That's right, nonstop! No stopping to rest or sleep or eat. Next time you take part in a race and you feel tired, remember the Bar-tailed Godwit and get on with it!

For altitude . . .

Domestic geese are big, heavy birds waddling about in a farmyard. Wild geese are very different. So don't be surprised to learn that the Bar-headed Goose holds the record of the bird that flies highest. These birds fly at a whopping altitude of 8800m (that's almost 9km) above sea level, as they sail over the Himalayas in India... with no oxygen masks!



Bar-headed Goose

Great Snipe
Bekkaċċ ta' Mejju



For speed . . .

The award for the fastest bird on migration goes to the Great Snipe. This bird can fly up to 6700km at speeds of 96km/h. On our roads that would earn it a few speeding tickets!

If you go to Is-Simar nature reserve, you will see this page as a nice big board!

HELLO TFAL!

Jien Nina,

Qed niktbilkom għax għandi bżonn ftit għajjnuna fuq proġett tal-iskola mil-lezzjoni tal-Istudji Soċjali. Mid-dehra x-xogħol għamiltu ftit bil-għagla u l-ismijiet u l-istampi tawwadthom. Tistgħu tgħinuni ftit biex nirrangahom, billi tqabblu bil-vleġeġ?

L-Għasfur Nazzjonali ta' Malta



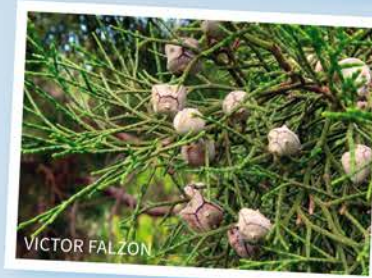
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il-Bomblu Iswed

▶ Il-bomblu iswed huwa l-ikbar naħla li għandna Malta. Huwa wkoll waħda mill-ikbar naħal fl-Ewropa!

▶ L-isem xjentifiku tal-bomblu iswed huwa *Xylocopa violacea*. Il-kelma *xylocopa* ġejja mill-Grieg u tfisser qattiegħ tal-injam! Anke bl-Ingliż jismu *large carpenter bee*. Carpenter huwa mastrudaxxa!

▶ Il-bomblu iswed għandu xedaq b'saħħtu. Dan jużah biex iħaffer mina fl-injam, bid-daħla tonda. Din il-mina tintuża jew biex il-mara tbid fiha jew għar-raqda tax-xitwa.

▶ Il-bomblu iswed spiss juża qasab niexef biex ibejjet fih. Fil-fatt isem ieħor għal dan l-insett huwa naħla tal-qasab.

▶ Il-bomblu iswed huwa insett solitarju, jiġifieri ma jgħixx fi gruppi bħan-naħla tal-għasel.

▶ Il-bomblu iswed ma jagħmilx għasel.

▶ Il-bomblu iswed jiekol nektar u polin mill-fjuri. Izur diversi speċi ta' pjanti u huwa 'dakkâr tajjeb.

▶ Meta l-mara tbid, tħalli ballun polin ma' kull bajda biex meta x-xagħat ifaqqas isib mill-ewwel x'jiekol.

▶ Bħal xi naħal ieħor, il-bomblu iswed għandu xewka f'tarf il-warrani. Din ix-xewka jużaha biex jiddefendi ruħu.

▶ Għalkemm jidher xi ffit tal-biża' l-bomblu iswed mhux aggressiv. Trid tittantah biex idur għalik! Nuru rispett u nħalluh bi kwietu.

Il-bomblu iswed jagħmel toqba tonda perfetta... daqs l-aqwa mastrudaxxa

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¹dakkâr. Annimal li jgħorr polin minn fjuri għal ohra u bis-saħħa t'hekk il-fjura tiddakkar u ssir frotha u żerriegħa



ECOHIVE MISSIONS

SAVING THE UNIVERSE

WRITTEN BY ELENA

I'M DONE GETTING CAUGHT! I'LL HEAD OFF TO SPACE. THERE'S NO WAY THE BEES WILL GET THERE!

HAHAHA!

I'LL FLY MY SMOKE MAKING ROCKET INTO ORBIT AND COVER MALTA IN DARKNESS!

3, 2, 1...

TAP!

SMOKE

TIME TO GET SMOKY!

THIS SUPER POLLUTING FUEL, WILL PRODUCE ENOUGH FUMES TO CUT OFF THE SUNLIGHT!

BLAST OFF!

8AM AT ECOHIVE

I WAS OUT WITH THE CADETS AND SUDDENLY IT TURNED DARK - AS IF SOMEONE FLIPPED A LIGHT SWITCH!

IT'S SUPER SUSPICIOUS! I'LL CONTACT AGENT MERILL RIGHT AWAY!

WE WERE CLEANING SPACE GARBAGE WHEN WE SAW "GUESS WHO" ON THE RADAR?!

WHAT IS HE DOING UP THERE?!

AGENT MERILL

YOU CAN LEAVE IT TO US! WE'LL DEAL WITH THE POLLUTION IN NO TIME!

YOU TAKE CARE OF THE MESS HE MADE AND WE'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO CATCH HIM ONCE HE LANDS!

WHAT?! BEES IN SPACE?! WELL, MY JOB HERE IS DONE! TIME TO GO BACK TO EARTH!

HE IS RELEASING CLOUDS OF POLLUTION AND BLOCKING THE SUNLIGHT!

THE GARBAGE MONSTER! HE'S ESCAPING IN A POD!

WE CAN'T CHASE HIM, HE'S ALREADY TOO FAR AWAY!

CURSE YOU, BEES! I'LL LAND SOMEWHERE YOU'LL NEVER FIND ME! SEE YOU NEXT TIME, SUCKERS!

SMOKE AND AIR POLLUTION IS VERY DANGEROUS!

CLEAN AIR KEEPS US HEALTHY. SO LET'S ALL BE CAREFUL GUYS!

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