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**3783: CAPTURE OF A CANARIAN ENDEMIC LIZARD *Gallotia galloti* BY A MIGRATING RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio***

*Capture d'un lézard endémique des îles Canaries par une Piegrèche écorcheur en migration.*

It is well known that many Western Palearctic shrikes frequently predate upon reptiles (LEFRANC, 1993; SNOW & PERRINS, 1998). For some species, like the Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis*, these vertebrates are an important trophic resource, increasing its predation from north to south (SCHÖN, 1998; LEPLEY *et al.*, 2004; PADILLA *et al.*, 2005).

In the Canary Islands, the only breeding species of the family *Laniidae* is the Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis koenigi*, that commonly capture lizards of the endemic genus *Gallotia* (*Lacertidae*) (BÁEZ *et al.*, 1984; NOGALES *et al.*, 1998; HERRERA-BRAVO DE LAGUNA & BARAHONA, 1999; PADILLA *et al.*, 2005). In terms of biomass, lizards constitute the main food resource for this bird (PADILLA *et al.*, 2005), that acts as a legitimate secondary seed disperser of some fleshy fruits plants previously eaten by the lizards (NOGALES *et al.*, 1998, 2002). On the other hand, there are some records of predation of these reptiles by migrating Woodchat Shrikes *Lanius senator* (MARTÍN & LORENZO, 2001), but there is no information about this activity in the Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*, a bird rarely observed in the Canarian archipelago (see MARTÍN & LORENZO, 2001), where it is considered a "rarity" (CLAVELL *et al.*, 2005).

Late in the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2003, for a few minutes we had the opportunity to observe, a juvenile Red-backed Shrike catching a young lizard of the species *Gallotia galloti* in the locality of Buenavista del Norte (in the west of Tenerife Island), at the edge of a recently constructed golf course. The bird, showing a confident behaviour, was seen in close proximity (not more than 12 meters away) in a small patch of coastal shrub made up mostly of "sweet spurge" *Euphorbia balsamifera*. At the site where the lizard capture took place, there is a high population of these reptiles. They normally appear in large numbers in this kind lowland xeric habitat, and even more so in cultivated areas (BÁEZ, 2004).

The present record represents one of the few data available on lizard capture by migrant birds in the Canary Islands (see MARTÍN & LORENZO, 2001). On the other hand, this observation of Red-backed

Shrike is the fourth cited for Tenerife Island, and only the seventh (this number includes some questionable records, as there may well have been some possible confusion with juvenile Woodchat Shrikes) for the whole archipelago (see MARTÍN & LORENZO, 2001; J.A. LORENZO, pers. comm.). This last sighting has recently been accepted by the Spanish Rarities Committee (BARONE *et al.*, 2005).

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