

Distribución del Pico Menor *Dendrocopos minor* en Salamanca

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Distribution of the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos minor* in Salamanca

The distribution of the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker in Salamanca is updated, and an evaluation on the size of its population in this province is presented for the first time. From April 1993 to August 2000, altogether 153 contacts with the species were noted in Salamanca. Most of the observations occurred in the deciduous forest, especially in Pyrenean oak Quercus pyrenaica forests (124, 79.5%). We have distinguished four population pockets. The obtained densities in the three main nuclei range from 0 to 0.5 territories/10 ha, with an average value density of 0.25 territories/10 ha for the whole area of our study. From these data we estimate a population scattered over 1,625 (465-2,785) territories. This population can probably be regarded as the most important in the Iberian Peninsula, along with the population in the rest of the Sistema Central mountains.

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INTRODUCCIÓN

El Pico Menor *Dendrocopos minor* es una especie muy poco estudiada en la península Ibérica, existiendo lagunas respecto a su distribución, tanto en España

(Purroy 1997) como en Portugal (Rufino 1988).

En la provincia de Salamanca, al carecer de datos sobre su población, se ha considerado como una especie muy escasa y con una distribución muy dis-