

Wardens' report to Landsort Fågelstation board

May 2020

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Weather summary

The month started with rain on 1st, there were several days with precipitation towards the beginning of the month although this was mostly in the form of light showers and drizzle. There was an unseasonably cold and squally on 13th with sleet showers and strong wind. Conditions settled and temperatures began to rise during the last week of the month.

Ringling

All data was entered on Fågel3 and submitted to Ringing Central.

A total of 1356 birds of 45 different species were ringed as well as 143 subsequent encounters of 21 different species. This total is higher than last year and higher than the average of 2016-2019 (the duration in which standardised ringling has taken place). The most numerous caught species was the Willow Warbler / Lövsångare with 438 ringed, followed by Lesser Whitethroat / Ärtsångare with 260 ringed. The highest day capture was on 2nd when 115 birds were ringed and the lowest was on 7th when nine birds were ringed. There were three foreign controls; a Pied Flycatcher / Svartvit flugsnappare with a Norwegian ring was caught on 6th, A Willow Warbler / Lövsångare with a Polish ring on 8th and a Garden Warbler with a Spanish ring was caught on 21st. There were also three Swedish controls: a Chiffchaff / Gransångare on 5th and 22nd and a Redstart / Rödstart on 9th.

Less frequently caught species included:

- Hobby / Lärkfalk: one on 14th and one on 15th, the third and fourth ringed on Landsort
- Blyth's Reed Warbler / Busksångare: one on 26th and one on 30th, the 17th and 18th ringed on Landsort

Sightings of note during May

Migrants continued to arrive throughout the month at a steady pace with weather conditions generally favourable for migration. Wader migration began to pick up in the ultimate days of the month with the first significant numbers of species such as Grey Plover / Kustpipare, Dunlin / Kärrsnäppa and Knot / Kustsnäppa.

2nd – Stejneger’s Scoter / Sibirisk knölsvärta, one migrating past Södra Udden

2nd – Collared Flycatcher / Halsbandsflugsnappare, two ringed at Bredmar

4th – Collared Flycatcher / Halsbandsflugsnappare, one at Fårhagen

6th – Ringtrast / Ring Ouzel, one at Södra Udden

8th – Nightjar / Nattskärre, one at Bredmar

9th and 10th – Ortolan Bunting / Ortolansparv, one at Södra Udden

17th and 29th – Honey Buzzard / Bivråk, one flew north over Bredmar

18th – Ring Ouzel / Ringtrast, one at Norrhamn

19th – Penduline Tit, One at Bredmar

23rd – Kittiwake / Tretåig mås, two migrating past Södra Udden

23rd – White-billed Diver / Vitnäbbad islom, one migrating past Södra Udden

26th and 31st – Blyth’s Reed Warbler / Busksångare, one ringed at Bredmar

29th – Greenish Warbler / Lundsångare, one singing at Våta Vägen

30th – Nightjar / Nattskärre, three migrating at Södra Udden

31st – Red-necked Phalarope / Smånäbbad simmsnäppa, one migrating at Södra Udden

Other work at the observatory

- Common areas cleaned weekly
- Lab cleaned weekly
- Bird bags washed

Ringing demonstrations

There was one pre-booked guiding for six adults, along with two people who attended an open guiding.

Overnight accommodation

Occupancy during May was 16 bed nights from paying members.