

# Wardens' report to Landsort Fågelstation board

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## Weather summary

Easterly winds which had dominated during the last week of September continued to prevail during the first week of October, after which westerly winds dominated until the end of the month. A fairly wet month with precipitation recorded on 12 dates, mostly in the form of showers and lighter rain but more persistent heavy rain also occurred, which allowed dried out wetland areas to refill. Unsettled weather prevented ringing on 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Ringing

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

A total of 5481 birds of 38 different species were ringed as well as 298 subsequent encounters of 20 different species. This October saw the highest number of birds ringed since standardised monitoring began, with the average being 2885. The most numerous species was the Goldcrest / Kungsfågel with 2203 ringed, followed by the Redpoll / Gråsiska with 1676 ringed. The highest day capture was on 2<sup>nd</sup> when 624 birds were ringed and the lowest was on 25<sup>th</sup> when 37 birds were ringed. There were 10 recoveries with four from Norway (Siskin / Grönsiska, two Redpoll / Gråsiska, Chiffchaff / Gransångare), four from Sweden (Goldcrest / Kungsfågel, two Redpoll / Gråsiska, Blue Tit / Blåmes), one from Poland (Blue Tit / Blåmes) and one from Finland (Goldcrest / Kungsfågel).

Less frequently caught species included:

- Sedge Warbler / Sävsångare: one ringed on 5<sup>th</sup> was the second latest record for Landsort, with the latest ringed on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2000.
- Pallas's Warbler / Kungsfågelsångare: one on 8<sup>th</sup>, the 41<sup>st</sup> ringed on Landsort
- Yellow-browed Warbler / Tajgasångare: two on 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 on 4<sup>th</sup> and one on 8<sup>th</sup>
- Radde's Warbler / Videsångare: one on 7<sup>th</sup>, the third ringed on Landsort
- Siberian Chiffchaff / Sibirisk gransångare: one on 27<sup>th</sup>, first of the autumn
- Bearded Tit / Skäggmes: five on 13<sup>th</sup>, three on 17<sup>th</sup>, first since 2018
- Long-tailed Tit / Stjärtmes: four on 17<sup>th</sup>, eight on 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 on 23<sup>rd</sup>, first since 2018
- Great Grey Shrike / Varfågel: one on 3<sup>rd</sup>, two on 12<sup>th</sup>

## Sightings of note during October:

1<sup>st</sup> – Red-flanked Bluetail / Tajga blåstjärt and Bluethroat / Blåhake: one of each at Södra Udden

2<sup>nd</sup> – Red-flanked Bluetail / Tajga blåstjärt: one in Byn

3<sup>rd</sup> – Pallas's Warbler / Kungsfågelsångare: one in Byn, present several days

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lesser White-fronted Goose / Fjällgås: three migrated southwest with Eurasian White-fronted Geese / Bläsgäss

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lapland Bunting / Lappsparv: one on West Coast

5<sup>th</sup> – Little Bunting / Dvärgsparv and Hawfinch / Stenknäck: one of each flew south over Fågelstationen

5<sup>th</sup> – Pink-footed Goose / Spetsbergsgås: four migrated southwest

7<sup>th</sup> – Radde's Warbler / Videsångare: one ringed at Bredmar

8<sup>th</sup> – Pallas's Warbler / Kungsfågelsångare: one ringed at Bredmar

8<sup>th</sup> – Red-flanked Bluetail / Tajga blåstjärt: one at Våta Vägen

8<sup>th</sup> – Dusky Warbler / Brunsångare: one near Norrhamn, present two days

8<sup>th</sup> – Arctic Redpoll / Snösiska: one at Bredmar

9<sup>th</sup> – Pallas's Warbler / Kungsfågelsångare: one at Fyren

10<sup>th</sup> – Great Egret / Ägretthäger: one over Bredmar

11<sup>th</sup> – Smew / Salskrake and Scaup / Bergand: one of the former and 48 of the latter flew southwest past Södra Udden

11<sup>th</sup> – Richard's Pipit / Större piplärka: one southwest over Bredmar

13<sup>th</sup> – Bearded Tit / Skäggmes: a flock in the reedbed at Bredmar, present several days with eight ringed

25<sup>th</sup> – Richard's Pipit / Större Piplärka: one flew over Bredmar

25<sup>th</sup> – Kittiwake / Tretåig mås: one flew south down east coast

26<sup>th</sup> – Kittiwake / Tretåig mås and Smew / Salskrake: two of the former and three of the latter migrated southwest past Södra Udden

26<sup>th</sup> – Black Redstart / Svart rödstjärt: one in Byn

### Other work at the observatory

- Common areas cleaned
- Lab cleaned
- Bird bags washed

### Ringing demonstrations

A total of 14 people attended two booked guidings (all adults), these were all for members staying at the observatory – the first for our organised October excursion, the second for Fältbiologerna's birding weekend.

### Overnight accommodation

Occupancy during October was 63 bed nights from paying members.