

**Monthly report to Landsort Board by Observatory Wardens:
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Summary

Having arrived on the island on 29th March the next couple of days were spent settling in and preparing the site for the start of the ringing season on the 1st April.

During the three days to the end of the month the wind was mainly from the north-east varying from moderate to strong, with the result that there was little obvious sign of spring migration, though there were noticeably more passerines passing over on the 31st, the least windy of the three days.

Ringing

No ringing took place during March.

Other work on the Observatory

- 24 nets put up in Bredmar out of a possible 30. The remaining six nets will be put in place once the ice has thawed enough to get the poles in place.
- Daily diary kept up to date.
- New notices for guided talks prepared and will be placed on noticeboards around the island in the next few days.
- Weekly cash reconciliation undertaken and record kept of over-night stays (see later)
- Common areas, toilet, kitchen etc cleaned on arrival.
- April & May booking forms put on board.
- A range of charts put up on the internal notice board showing the timing of movement of a range of migrants through Landsort in the spring. The results are based on ringing data from 1988 to 2017. A sample chart is shown below.

