

**Monthly report to Landsort Board by Observatory Wardens:  
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April 2018**

**Summary**

Ringling commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, using 24 nets until the 7<sup>th</sup> April when the final 6 were put up after the ice had melted in Bredmar and on the pond.

The first five days had winds from North, round the compass to west, varying from light to strong, with relatively few birds caught. After very strong SW winds on the 6<sup>th</sup>, the wind for the next three days was light and southerly, with large numbers caught. This was followed by a period of E to NE winds, mainly very strong before changing to SW light winds on the 16<sup>th</sup> producing the highest catch of the month (303). A settled period of predominantly W winds of moderate strength produced good numbers to start but reducing thereafter. West to SW winds dominated the rest of the month until the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> had strong NE winds.

**Ringling**

All data entered onto Fågel3 and submitted to Ringling Central.

Overall, captures for the month were excellent with 1,788 new birds, the 3<sup>rd</sup> best April figure out of the last 31 years. The April figure exceeds the equivalent figure for Falsterbo by 147 birds and is within 90 of their overall year total, their season having commenced on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Highlights for the month included: Long-eared Owl (Hornuggla) on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 26 Wren (Gärdsmyg) on the 8<sup>th</sup>, a spring day record for the species. Also on the 8<sup>th</sup> were 105 Goldcrest (Kungsfågel) – 2<sup>nd</sup> highest spring day ever. A total of four Wryneck, including the earliest ever caught (9<sup>th</sup>), three Lesser Whitethroat (Ärtsångare) on the 16<sup>th</sup>, the earliest by seven days, a male Bearded Tit (Skäggmes) 20<sup>th</sup>, the earliest Pied Flycatcher (Svartvit flugsnappare) 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25 Chiffchaff (Gransångare) on the 29<sup>th</sup>, the second highest spring day catch. The busiest day of the month was the 16<sup>th</sup>, with 303 new birds.

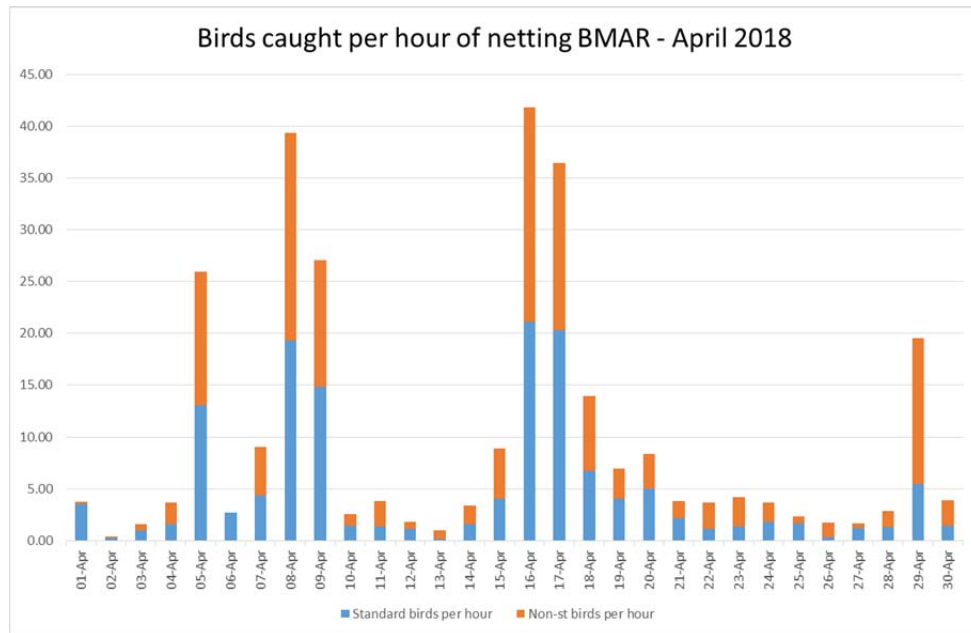
Seasonal averages (January to June) have already been exceeded for ten species. Best season totals have been achieved for: Robin (Rödhake), Song Thrush (Taltrast) and Wren (Gärdsmyg).

Ringling took place on all 30 days.

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| Hours netting   | 181.75 |
| Average per day | 6.06   |

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| Av birds/hr | 9.8 |
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| Total birds  | 1,788 |     |
| Standard     | 824   | 46% |
| Non-standard | 964   | 54% |



### Sightings of note during April

For a complete review of birds reported during the month please visit: <https://artportalen.se/search/sightings/site/2074506> The following summary is compiled from a review of the daily diary:

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|----------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
| Pink-footed Goose    | Spetsbergsgås      | 8     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                          |
| Long-tailed Duck     | Alfågel            | 760   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                          |
| Lapwing              | Tofsvipa           | 2     | 6 <sup>th</sup> & one on 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| Great Grey Shrike    | Varfågel           | 1     | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>        |
| Bean Goose           | Sädgås             | 2     | 7 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| Eider                | Ejder              | 8,300 | 7 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| Hen Harrier          | Blå kärrhök        | 1     | 7 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| Osprey               | Fiskgjuse          | 1     | 7 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| Serin                | Gulhämpling        | 1     | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>        |
| Rough-legged Buzzard | Fjällvråk          | 1     | 13 <sup>th</sup>                         |
| Marsh Harrier        | Brun kärrhök       | 1     | 17 <sup>th</sup>                         |
| Black Scoter         | Amerikansk sjöorre | 1     | 28 <sup>th</sup>                         |
| Common Scoter        | Sjöorre            | 1,000 | 28 <sup>th</sup>                         |
| Lapland Bunting      | Lapsparv           | 1     | 29 <sup>th</sup>                         |

### Other work on the Observatory

- Remaining 6 nets put up in Bredmar;
- Repairs to boardwalks in Bredmar, including building new ones;
- Kitchen cupboards, crockery and cutlery cleaned;
- Ground around the Obs cleared of many old nails from when the roof was replaced;
- Small amount of reduction of tree height;
- Daily diary kept up to date and items posted on the blog;

- New notices for guided talks and lectures prepared and placed on noticeboards around the island;
- Inserts about guided talks and lectures placed in leaflets and put on ferry and with Nynäshamn tourism;
- Signs placed around the netting area informing the public that ringing is taking place;
- A single guiding given;
- Weekly cash reconciliations undertaken and record kept of over-night stays;
- Membership list updated and sent to Pelle;
- Common areas, toilet, kitchen etc cleaned before and after each weekend;
- Lab cleaned weekly;
- Bird bags washed.

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30<sup>th</sup> April 2018