

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

Summary

Ringling commenced on the 1st April, using 24 nets until the 7th 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 6th, 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 16th 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 29th and 30th 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 3rd 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 21st March.

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

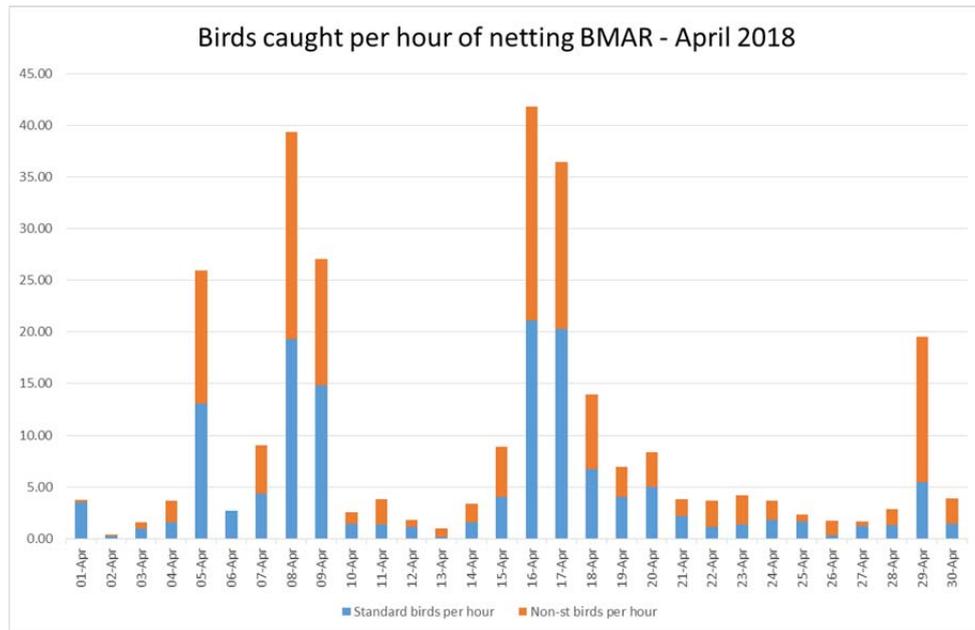
Seasonal averages (January to June) have already been exceeded for ten species. Best season totals have been achieved for: Robin (Rödhake), Song Thrush (Taltrast) and Wren (Gärdsmyg).

Ringling took place on all 30 days.

Hours netting	181.75
Average per day	6.06

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:

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

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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30th April 2018