

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

Summary

After two days of strong North-east winds at the start of the month, the period until the 16th comprised of mainly light winds from various directions, but predominantly from East to North-east. Moderate to strong North-east winds marked the start of the second half of the month before the wind backed to West then South-west reducing in strength to light to moderate until the 22nd when there were strong westerly winds. With the exception of strong North-east winds on the 28th the rest of the month was marked by light winds, mainly from the South/ South-east. The only days with rain were on the 28th (very light) and a more extended period of light rain on the 29th.

Ringling

All data entered onto Fågel3 and submitted to Ringling Central.

A total of 560 birds were trapped in the month. Ringling effort in July has historically been low, with just 649 birds in total over the 26 year period from 1988-2013 (average 25 birds per annum). Greater effort in July 2014 produced 565 birds, with just five in 2015 followed by 676 and 559 in 2016 and 2017. Thus, whilst the July 2018 totals are significantly higher than those for July 1988-2017 they are very comparable with the three previous years in which any consistent effort in the month has been possible.

Highlights for the month included:

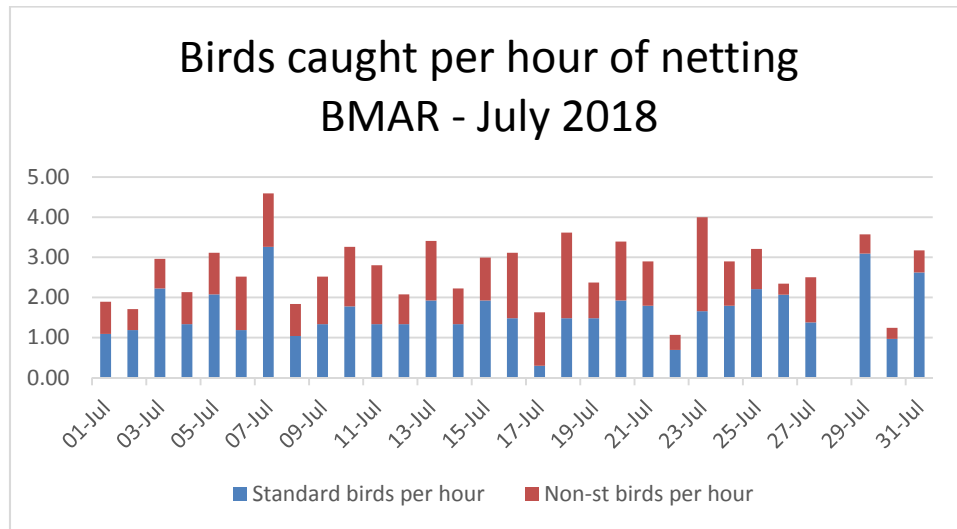
- 1st - Red Crossbill (Mindre korsnäbb) with two more on 5th
- 4th - Cuckoo (Gök) another on the 22nd
- 4th - Crested Tit (Tofsmes) 5th for the Observatory
- 7th - Sedge Warbler (Sävsångare) one more on 29th
- 7th - Marsh Warbler (Kärrensångare) one more on 19th
- 9th - Greenish Warbler (Lundsångare) fifth of the year
- 11th - Reed Warbler (Rörsångare) one more on 13th
- 13th - Lesser Whitethroat (Ärtsångare) brood of four fledged outside Obs
- 18th - Woodcock (Morkulla) first since 2007 and 14th overall
- 20th - Grey Wagtail (Forsärla) first for the Observatory
- 20th - Wood Warbler (Grönsångare) one more on 29th
- 23rd - Green Woodpecker (Gröngöling) 6th in three years – all in July
- 28th - **NO BIRDS** in 3.5 hours ringling (not much of a 'highlight')
- 29th - Common Swift (Tornseglare) 3rd of the year and fourth ever
- 29th - Grasshopper Warbler (Gräshoppångare) 1st of the year

Ringling took place on all 31 days.

Hours netting	216.25
Average per day	18.00

Av birds/hr	2.6
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Total birds	560	
Standard	335	60%
Non-standard	225	40%



Sightings of note during July

For a complete review of birds reported during the month please visit:
<https://artportalen.se/search/sightings/site/2074506>

Other work on the Observatory

- Grass and vegetation around nets and Obs cut;
- 10 guided talks given;
- Some boardwalks repaired;
- Tape of Common Swift (Tornseglare) played daily to attract birds to the nest boxes;
- Weekly cash reconciliations undertaken and record kept of over-night stays;
- Membership list and bank statements kept up to date and sent to Pelle;
- Window surrounds in hall and board under window in room 4 painted;
- Common areas, toilet, kitchen etc cleaned before and after each weekend;
- Lab cleaned weekly;
- Bird bags washed.