

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

Summary

The first ten days of the month were dominated by a mainly westerly air-stream varying from North-west to South-west with speeds from moderate to very strong, with light winds on the 2nd. The 11th to 15th brought moderate to strong South to South-east winds before a return to North-west to South-west winds from the 16th to 23rd. North to East winds from the 24th to 30th with Gale 15-23 m/s winds on the 30th before very strong South winds on the 31st.

Ringling

All data entered onto Fågel3 and submitted to Ringing Central.

Ringing did not take place on three days due to the weather. A total of 2,085 birds were trapped in the month. This is the 20th lowest October catch in the 31 year period, emphasising the impact that the persistent strong winds from the west to south-west have had. Combined with a similar picture for September, it has meant a quieter autumn than expected and significantly lower than the average for the last two years.

There were only nine days in the month when over 100 birds were trapped, a further seven with 50+ but with no days of 200 or more. The best day capture was on the 2nd, with 195 new birds.

Highlights for the month were few and far between, but included:

- 2nd - Red-breasted Flycatcher (Mindre flugsnappare) with another on 13th
- 3rd - Barred Warbler (Höksångare)
- 3rd - 9 Long-tailed Tit (Stjærtmes) First of the autumn
- 6th - Garden Warbler (Trädgårdssångare)
- 7th - Jack Snipe (Dvärgbeckasin) First since 2014
- 10th - 3 Waxwing (Sidensvans) First of the autumn
- 11th - Lesser Whitethroat (Ärtsångare) with another on the 20th
- 11th - Yellow-browed Warbler (Tajgasångare)
- 11th - Great Grey Shrike (Varfågel) First of the autumn
- 20th - Common Snipe (Enkelbeckasin) First of the autumn
- 20th - Meadow Pipit (Ängspiplärka) First of the autumn
- 25th - Blue Tit (Blåmes) Finnish marked bird
- 26th - Reed Bunting (Sävspurv) Finnish marked bird
- 28th - Sparrowhawk (Sparvhök) Finnish marked bird

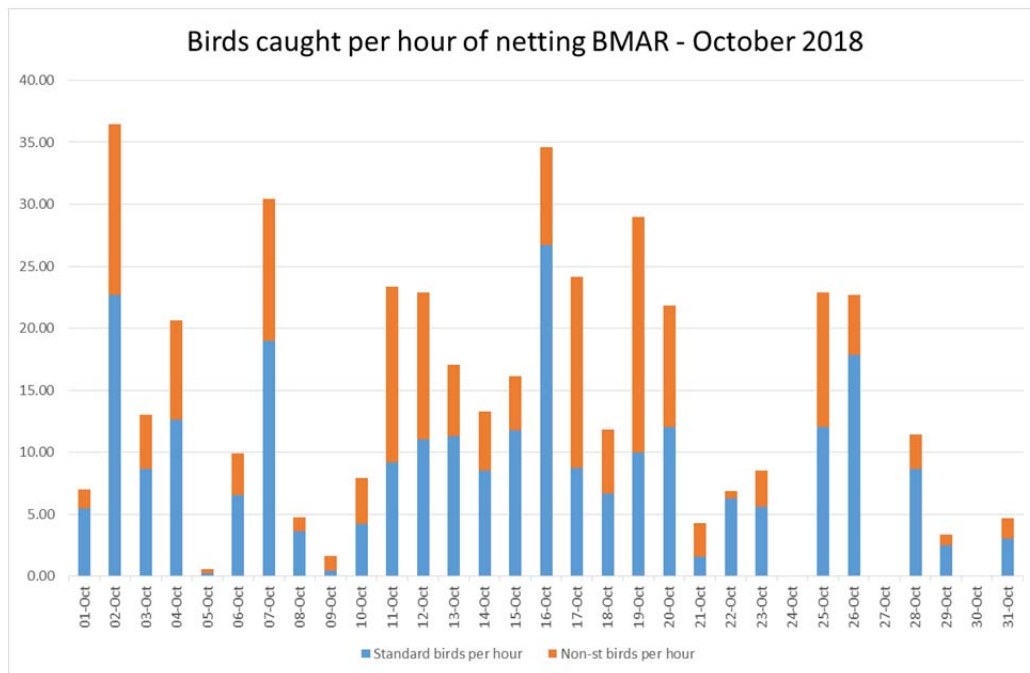
Ringing took place on 28 days.

Hours netting	163.50
Average per day	5.8

Total birds	2,085
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Av birds/hr	12.7
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Standard	979	47%
Non-standard	1,106	53%



The Autumn season so far.

Appendix A, shows a comparison of captures for the autumn of 2018 with those for 1988-2015 (prior to the introduction of standardised ringing) and those for 2016-17, the two autumns with standardised ringing. The table shows results for all of the 74 species trapped since the 1st July.

Sightings of note during October

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

Other work on the Observatory

- Photography course held during weekend of 7th - positive feedback from participants;
- Family day on 13th, another successful initiative and enjoyed by all;
- Over 80% of nest boxes cleaned and, where needed, repaired;
- Weekly cash reconciliations undertaken and record kept of over-night stays;
- Common areas, toilet, kitchen etc cleaned before and after each weekend;
- Lab cleaned weekly;
- Bird bags washed;
- Work started on tasks needed for the end of the season.

Chris Sharpe & Kay Collister.
31st October 2018

Appendix A

Species name		Autumn to October		
		Total Autumn 2018	Average 1988-2015	Average 2016-2017
Sparrowhawk	Sparvhök	14	6.9	9.0
Kestrel	Tornfalk	1	0.2	1.0
Jack Snipe	Dvärgbeckasin	1	0.6	0.0
Common Snipe	Enkelbeckasin	1	0.4	0.0
Woodcock	Morkulla	2	0.1	0.0
Wood Pigeon	Ringduva	1	0.1	0.3
Cuckoo	Gök	3	0.3	3.5
Swift	Tornseglare	1	0.0	0.0
Wryneck	Göktyta	2	1.3	12.0
Green Woodpecker	Gröngöling	1	0.3	1.7
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Större hackspett	2	5.1	6.5
Swallow	Ladusvala	9	3.1	8.5
Tree Pipit	Trädpiplärka	16	6.0	8.5
Meadow Pipit	Ängspiplärka	2	7.0	3.0
Yellow Wagtail	Gulärla	1	0.6	0.5
White Wagtail	Sädesärla	35	8.9	23.0
Grey Wagtail	Forsärla	1	0.0	0.0
Waxwing	Sidensvans	5	6.0	21.5
Wren	Gärdsmyg	85	86.4	194.5
Dunnock	Järnsparv	27	30.6	59.5
Robin	Rödhake	417	649.8	1321.0
Thrush Nightingale	Näktergal	18	4.7	9.0
Bluethroat	Blåhake	6	4.7	2.0
Redstart	Rödstjärt	32	32.6	47.5
Whinchat	Buskskvätta	9	2.2	3.5
Wheatear	Stenskvätta	6	2.5	9.0
Blackbird	Koltrast	96	56.6	105.0
Fieldfare	Björktrast	2	1.9	3.0
Song Thrush	Taltrast	95	66.1	80.0
Redwing	Rödvingetrast	11	13.4	4.0
Grasshopper Warbler	Gräshoppsångare	2	1.0	1.5
Sedge Warbler	Sävsångare	5	6.6	7.0
Marsh Warbler	Kärrsångare	2	1.1	1.0
Reed Warbler	Rörsångare	3	9.4	10.0
Icterine Warbler	Härmsångare	56	4.9	43.0
Barred Warbler	Höksångare	4	1.5	1.0
Lesser Whitethroat	Ärtsångare	488	89.3	315.0
Whitethroat	Törnsångare	50	28.0	62.5
Garden Warbler	Trädgårdssångare	85	43.8	62.0
Blackcap	Svarthätta	170	109.4	256.0
Greenish Warbler	Lundsångare	1	0.3	0.0

Yellow-browed Warbler	Tajgasångare	2	1.1	5.0
Wood Warbler	Grönsångare	22	7.8	15.5
Chiffchaff	Gransångare	102	50.6	98.5
Willow Warbler	Lövsångare	706	328.9	524.5
Goldcrest	Kungsfågel	914	1727.9	1602.5
Spotted Flycatcher	Grå flugsnappare	27	25.2	57.5
Red-breasted Flycatcher	Mindre flugsnappare	5	3.5	6.5
Pied Flycatcher	Svartvit flugsnappare	27	17.3	40.5
Long-tailed Tit	Stjärtmes	192	48.2	163.0
Marsh Tit	Entita	3	6.1	1.5
Crested Tit	Tofsmes	1	0.0	0.0
Coal Tit	Svartmes	3	37.4	12.0
Blue Tit	Blåmes	155	217.6	258.0
Great Tit	Talgoxe	140	130.3	207.5
Treecreeper	Trädkrypare	113	74.0	109.5
Red-backed Shrike	Törnskata	49	23.1	49.5
Great Grey Shrike	Varfågel	1	1.3	2.0
Starling	Stare	32	0.8	1.0
House Sparrow	Gråsparv	1	0.6	0.0
Tree Sparrow	Pilfink	114	15.8	100.5
Chaffinch	Bofink	172	50.0	111.5
Brambling	Bergfink	20	14.8	19.5
Greenfinch	Grönfink	126	105.5	182.0
Goldfinch	Steglits	10	0.9	10.0
Siskin	Grönsiska	36	100.8	599.5
Linnet	Hämpling	18	1.4	23.5
Redpoll	Gråsiska	240	352.5	922.5
Crossbill	Mindre korsnäbb	3	0.0	0.0
Scarlet Rosefinch	Rosenfink	9	5.3	9.0
Bullfinch	Domherre	17	41.7	131.5
Yellowhammer	Gulsparv	26	25.9	44.5
Ortolan Bunting	Ortolansparv	1	0.0	0.0
Reed Bunting	Sävsparv	36	58.6	18.0
Overall total		5091	4775	8044