

Wardens' report to Landsort Fågelstation board

May 2019

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Weather summary

Although mainly settled, the month brought more rain than April and this included a full morning of rain on the 2nd which prevented us opening any nets, the only day of the month on which no ringing took place. The weather remained changeable throughout the month and there were several other dates on which we had to close early because of rain, and strong wind occasionally prevented some nets being opened.

Ringing

All data was entered on Fågel3 and submitted to Ringing Central.

A total of 1175 birds of 47 different species were ringed as well as 203 subsequent encounters of 24 different species. A fairly average May compared to the most recent years, following May 2018's outstandingly low total of 729. The most numerous caught species was the Willow Warbler / Lövsångare with 354 ringed, followed by Lesser Whitethroat / Ärtsångare with 344 ringed. The highest day capture was on 19th when 208 birds were ringed and the lowest was on 28th when only three birds were ringed. The year record of Greenish Warbler / Lundsångare was broken with six birds caught during the month (the previous maximum year count being five caught in 1988 and again in 2018), continuing the upward trend of the species over recent years. There were six controls; a Common Whitethroat / Törnsångare with a Latvian ring was caught on 11th, a Willow Warbler / Lövsångare with a Spanish ring on the 12th, a Willow Warbler / Lövsångare with a Belgian ring on the 27th as well as two Lesser Whitethroat / Ärtsångare and a Collared Flycatcher / Halsbandsflugsnappare which were ringed elsewhere in Sweden.

The less frequently caught species included:

- Mistle Thrush / Dubbeltrast, 17th
- Booted Warbler / Stäppsångare, 2nd
- Hooded Crow / Kråka, 2nd

Sightings of note during May

Migration continued at a steady pace throughout the month with most of the expected species putting in their first appearances. The most notable day was 19th as a period of overnight rain followed by poor visibility had caused a fall of migrants by the morning and an impressive 208 birds were caught.

2nd – Pallid Harrier / Stäpphök – one flew north over Södra Udden

3rd – Black Woodpecker / Spillkråka, one over Bredmar

11th – Collared Flycatcher / Halsbandsflugsnappare, two caught at Bredmar

12th – Serin / Gulhämpling, one singing around the south of the island, stayed for four days

13th – Ruff / Brushane, one at Kummelhålet

16th – Greenish Warbler / Lundsångare, the first of six this month - a new year record

17th – Wood Sandpiper / Grönbena, one at Saltmar

19th – Grasshopper Warbler / Gräshoppsångare, the first two of four this month (three ringed)

21st – Booted Warbler / Stäppsångare, the second for Landsort was ringed at Bredmar

22nd – Barred Warbler / Höksångare, one at Södra Udden

Other work at the observatory

- Common areas cleaned
- Lab cleaned
- Bird bags washed
- Some nets repaired
- Rotten planks under reedbed nets replaced
- Swift / Tornseglare playback put on by boxes, with swifts starting to visit at least two of the boxes

Ringling demonstrations

There were six booked ringling demos for a total of 56 people along with a total of 12 people who came for the drop in guiding sessions on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Overnight accommodation

Occupancy during May was 23 bed nights from paying members.