

Wardens' report to Landsort Fågelstation board

June 2019

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Weather summary

Temperatures climbed quickly from the beginning of the month with most days after 5th reaching over 20°C by the afternoon. Interspersed with the fine weather were a few rainy and windy days, which prevented mist netting on 4th, 13th and 22nd and limited it on a number of other dates. The wind direction was changeable throughout the month.

Ringling

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

A total of 420 birds of 42 different species were ringed as well as 195 subsequent encounters of 25 different species. This June saw the lowest total of birds ringed compared to the previous four years, with lower totals for the majority of the traditionally more numerous species. The exception to this rule being the Tree Sparrow, which has continued it's upward trend with 32 individuals ringed, the highest recorded June total. The most numerously caught species was the Great Tit with 118 ringed, followed by Tree Sparrow with 32 ringed. The highest day capture was on 17th when 48 birds were ringed (36 of these being Great Tits from nest-boxes) and the lowest was on 26th when only two birds were ringed.

Less frequently caught species included:

- Woodpigeon / Ringduva, 11th
- Sardinian Warbler / Sammetshätta, 1st
- Jackdaw / Kaja, 11th

Sightings of note during June - birds

Late migrants continued to trickle through early in the month, but all but fizzled out by mid-month, when breeding birds and the first fledglings began to be evident. In addition to the sightings listed below Grasshopper Warbler / Gräshopssångare, Red-breasted Flycatcher

and Greenish Warbler / Lundsångare were all heard singing this month, and two of the latter species were caught showing evidence of breeding condition.

1st – Sardinian Warbler / Sammetshätta, one caught at Bredmar, the first for Landsort and the 10th for Sweden, recaptured on 5th

6th – Great Reed Warbler / Trastsångare, one caught at Bredmar and subsequently set up territory in the reedbed here, where it was heard singing almost every day (often audible from the observatory itself)

6th – Nightjar / Nattskärja, one at Saltmar, the first of four records this month

7th – River Warbler / Flodsångare, one singing near Saltmar

8th – Barred Warbler / Höksångare, one caught at Bredmar

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15th – Bee Eater / Biätare – one around the south of the island briefly mid-morning

Other work at the observatory

- Common areas cleaned
- Lab cleaned
- Bird bags washed
- Some nets repaired
- Net rides trimmed

Ringling demonstrations

There were three booked ringing demos for a total of 20 people along with a total of 30 people who came for the drop in guiding sessions on Wednesdays and Sundays. Additionally we guided a group of 19 from Nynäshamn Visitor Centre.

Overnight accommodation

Occupancy during June was 17 bed nights from paying members.