

Wardens' report to Landsorts Fågelstation board

August 2019

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Weather summary

Quite an unsettled month with several windy and rainy days. There were 10 dates on which bad weather prevented us opening any nets, these dates were: 7th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd. The number of nets opened was restricted on a few other dates.

Ringing

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

A total of 455 birds of 32 different species were ringed as well as 132 subsequent encounters of 17 different species. Just like June and July, the August 2019 total was the lowest compared with the respective August totals from 2016 -18 and most species reflected this with lower than average numbers caught, the only two species which exceeded the August totals of 16-18 were Icterine Warbler / Härmsångare with 26 caught and Tree Pipit / Trädpiplärka with 21 caught (although the larger total of the latter species was largely down to the use of playback on non-standard nets). The most numerous caught species was the Lesser Whitethroat / Ärtsångare with 120 ringed, followed by Willow Warbler / Lövsångare with 104 ringed. The highest day capture was on 21st when 52 birds were ringed and the lowest was on 5th when 7 birds were ringed.

Less frequently caught species included (with total number ringed at station in brackets):

- Cuckoo / Gök (two juveniles - 23rd and 24th)

Sightings of note during August

3rd- Garganey / Årta – 4 past Vadarbunkern

3rd - Osprey / Fiskgjuse – flew north over Saltmar

3rd - Carrion Crow / Svartkråka – one over Vadarbunkern

16th Curlew Sandpiper / Spovsnäppa – 3 south past Vadarbunkern

16th - Grasshopper Warbler / Gräshoppsångare – one ringed at obs

18th Caspian Tern / Skräntärna – one south past Vadarbunkern

20th Garganey / Årta – 3 south past Vadarbunkern

21st Black Tern / Svarttärna one south past Vadarbunkern
21st Greater White-fronted Goose / Bläsgås – one past obs
22nd Little Stint / Dvärgsnäppa – 2 south past vadarbunkern
23rd Curlew Sandpiper / Spovsnäppa – 7 south past Vadarbunkern
23rd Little Gull / Dvärgmåsar – 3 south past Vadarbunkern
24th Ortolan Bunting / Ortolansparv – 1 north past obs
24th Rustic Bunting / Videsparv – 1 at obs, seen again on 25th
24th Caspian Tern / Skräntärna – 3 south past Vadarbunkern
30th Pallid Harrier / Stäpphök – probable juvenile south past obs

Other work at the observatory

- Common areas cleaned
- Lab cleaned
- Bird bags washed
- Some nets repaired
- Net rides trimmed
- Continued with painting of new obs sign

Ringling demonstrations

There were three booked ringling demos for a total of 23 people (all adults) along with a total of 26 people (24 adults and 2 under 18s) who came for the drop in guiding sessions on Wednesdays and Sundays. The last drop-in guiding of the season took place on Wednesday 28th.

Overnight accommodation

Occupancy during August was 28 bed nights from paying members.