

Wardens' report to Landsorts Fågelstation board

September 2019

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Weather summary

A more settled month than August, although there were still 5 dates on which bad weather prevented us opening any nets, these dates were: 5th, 6th, 12th, 15th and 16th. The number of nets opened was restricted on a few other dates. Temperatures gradually dropped off throughout the month, although there was a brief warmer spell around 20th which quickly gave way to more usual autumn weather again in the run up to October.

Ringling

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

A total of 2133 birds of 41 different species were ringed as well as 221 subsequent encounters of 24 different species. This September's total is the second lowest in 2016 -19 standardised period, (with September 2018 being the lowest). Despite this it is still a welcome improvement after the poorest summer within this period for many of the island's breeding species, suggesting that some of the more numerous southbound migrants like Goldcrest / Kungsfågel and Robin / Rödhake may have fared better on their breeding grounds this summer. Many of the scarcer but near annual autumn species like Yellow-browed Warbler / Tajgasångare and Barred Warbler / Höksångare did not put in an appearance this month. One species which has had an exceptional month is the Great Grey Shrike / Varfågel, with four ringed, higher than the previous three years' September totals. Several groups of Jay (Nötskrika) were seen during the month, and two individuals were caught on different dates, becoming only the third and fourth to be ringed during the station's history. The most numerously caught species was the Goldcrest / Kungsfågel with 836 ringed, followed by Robin / Rödhake with 532 ringed. The highest day capture was on 23rd when 287 birds were ringed and the lowest was on 1st when 8 birds were ringed.

Sightings of note during September

9th – Yellow-browed Warbler / Tajgasångare – the first and only sighting this month, at Södra Udden

10th – Pallid Harrier / Stäpphök – a juvenile flew north over the obs

25th – Siberian Chiffchaff / Siberisk gransångare – one ringed at Bredmar

26th – Woodlark / Trädlärka – one on the track by Kummelhålet

28th – Penduline Tit / Pungmes – one in the reedbed at Bredmar

28th – Great Grey Shrike / Varfågel – one ringed at Bredmar

29th – Great Grey Shrike / Varfågel – two ringed at Bredmar

29th – Siberian Chiffchaff / Siberisk gransångare – one ringed at Bredmar

30th – Great Grey Shrike / Varfågel – one ringed at Bredmar

Other work at the observatory

- Common areas cleaned
- Lab cleaned
- Bird bags washed
- Net rides trimmed
- Autumn strimming of whole netting area completed
- New eider logo sign put up on front wall of the station

Ringling demonstrations

There were three booked ringling demos for a total of 39 people (all adults).

Overnight accommodation

Occupancy during September was 9 bed nights from paying members.