

Wardens' report to Landsorts Fågelstation board

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Weather summary

A rather mild October until the wind turned northerly on 27th and brought with it much colder temperatures until the end of the month. Wet and windy conditions prevented the nets being opened on the following dates: 1st, 3rd, 13th, 14th, 20th, 26th and 27th. The number of nets opened was restricted on a few other dates.

Ringling

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

A total of 2166 birds of 40 different species were ringed as well as 330 subsequent encounters of 21 different species. There were no invasions of finches which in some years can lead to a particularly high October total, but good numbers of Robin (Rödhake), Goldcrest (Kungsfågel) and thrushes lead to an average total compared to preceding years since standardisation began. As in September, Goldcrest / Kungsfågel and Robin / Rödhake took the top spots as the most numerously ringed species, with 509 and 501 respectively. The highest day capture was on 18th when 200 birds were ringed and the lowest was on 31st when 16 birds were ringed.

Less frequently ringed species included:

Penduline Tit / Pungmes (1-1st ringed on Landsort)

Yellow-browed Warbler / Tajgasångare (4)

Siberian Chiffchaff / Sibirisk gransångare (5)

Varfågel / Great Grey Shrike (1)

Jack Snipe / Dvärgbeckasin (1-19th ringed on Landsort)

Common Snipe / Enkelbeckasin (1-23rd ringed on Landsort)

Sightings of note during October

Along with the records below multiple individuals of the following species were recorded on several dates: Yellow-browed Warbler / Tajgasångare (including 4 ringed), Siberian Chiffchaff / Sibirisk gransångare (including 5 ringed) and Varfågel (including one ringed).

5th – Penduline Tit / Pungmes – one ringed at Bredmar, the first ringed on Landsort

5th – Brown Shrike / Brun törnskata – an adult male of the race *lucionensis* at Saltmar, the first for the island and 2nd for Sweden was also present on 6th, when it was widely twitched

7th – Bearded Tit / Skäggmес – a group in the reed bed at Saltmar

8th – Red-breasted Flycatcher / Mindre flugsnappare – one ringed at Bredmar

17th – Tree Pipit / Trädpiplärka – one ringed at Bredmar, the latest to be ringed on Landsort

18th – Black Redstart / Svart rödstjärt – one at Bredmar

18th – Long-eared Owl / Hornuggla – one at Bredmar

18th – Short-eared Owl / Jorduggla – one at Södra Lunden

20th – Radde's Warbler / Videsångare – one near Lotstornet

20th – Black Redstart / Svart rödstjärt – one at Norrhamn

25th – Firecrest / Brandkronad kungsfågel – one ringed at Bredmar, the second of the year

25th – Isabelline Wheatear / Isabellastenskvätta – one at Vadarbunkern, the first for Landsort, 24 previous accepted records in Sweden

26th – Black Redstart / Svart Rödstjärt – one at Bredmar

26th – Grey Wagtail / Forsärla – one at Kummelhålet

27th – Scarlet Rosefinch / Rosenfink – one at Bredmar, the latest record in Stockholms län

27th – Golden Eagle / Kungsörn – three flew south over the island and were later seen at Ankarudden

28th – Willow Warbler / Lövsångare – one ringed at Bredmar, the latest ringed on Landsort

Other work at the observatory

- Common areas cleaned
- Lab cleaned
- Bird bags washed
- Began cleaning nestboxes

Ringling demonstrations

There were two booked ringing demos for a total of 35 people (18 adults and 17 under 18s).

Overnight accommodation

Occupancy during October was 33 bed nights from paying members.