

Wardens' report to Landsort Fågelstation board

July 2020

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Weather summary

A period of strong south-westerlies which set in during the last days of June continued into the first week of the month, after which conditions settled somewhat. Temperatures were mild, only topping 20°C on a handful of dates, mostly in the latter half of the month. Unsettled weather prevented ringing on 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th and 30th.

Ringing

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

A total of 462 birds of 40 different species were ringed as well as 254 subsequent encounters of 24 different species. This July saw the lowest number of birds ringed since standardised monitoring began (in contrast to previous months with higher than average totals), although only negligibly lower than July 2019 when 475 were ringed. The most numerous species was the Lesser Whitethroat / Ärtsångare with 80 ringed, followed by Greenfinch / Grönfink and White Wagtail / Sädesärta with 33 of each. The highest day capture was on 28th when 53 birds were ringed and the lowest was six on three different dates. As well as the Standardised ringed at Bredmar, we made a trip to Lilla Kärringholmen in Norrhamn on 2nd to ring Gull and Tern Chicks, when we arrived there were much fewer than expected and we ringed two Black-headed Gull / Skrattnås and one Arctic Tern / Silvertärna.

Sightings of note during July - birds

Wader migration began during the first days of the month with small numbers seen and heard migrating southwest and increased into the middle of the month. On 22nd, 936 Black-headed Gull / Skrattnås were recorded migrating southwest across the island (this is historically one of the peak migration dates for the species on Landsort). Up to three Greenish Warblers / Lundsångare were seen around Våta Vägen, two of which were singing males.

9th – Temminck's Stint / Mosnäppa, one migrated southwest over Bredmar

9th – Great-crested Grebe / Skäggdopping, five migrated southwest past Vadarbunkern

10th – Great-crested Grebe / Skäggdopping, two migrated southwest past Södra Udden

10th – Avocet / Skärfläcka, one migrated south past Södra Udden

25th – Garganey / Årta, one migrated southwest past Södra Udden

25th – Sanderling / Sandlöpare, four migrated southwest past Södra Udden

26th – Sandwich Tern / Kentsk tärna, one migrated southwest past Södra Udden

Other work at the observatory

- Common areas cleaned
- Lab cleaned
- Bird bags washed
- Net rides trimmed

Ringling demonstrations

A total of eight people attended two open guidings (all adults).

Overnight accommodation

Occupancy during July was 13 bed nights from paying members. Additionally, room 4 was rented to Saltboden as staff accommodation until 9th and then to Svedtiljas as staff accommodation from 9th onwards.