

EURING GENERAL MEETING

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Report of the Praha Ringing Centre, Czech Republic

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Office

Officially, the bird ringing centre is a department of the Museum of Natural History, National Museum Praha. The National Museum covers salaries and office costs. However, our activities are financed partly by sponsors, ringers and grants.

Staff

In 2006, a long-time employee of Ringing Centre, Jaroslav Škopek leave his position. In 2007, the staff includes two scientific (Jaroslav Cepák, Petr Klvaňa) and one assistant (Zdeňka Žáková) full-time positions.

Ringers

At present, the PRAHA Ringing Centre has 409 licensed ringers (324 active in 2006). In 2007, a new system of licensing was adopted. The beginners must take part in summer ringing camp and some ringing session with trainees. The ringing exams include four day field course (practical part) and theoretical write proof.

Rings

There are 2 providers of rings - Aranea, Poland and Mekaniska AB, Sweden. Altogether, there are 21 different types of rings in use. Every ringer has to contribute to cover ring costs. In addition, he/she pays an annual fee. Ringers who participate in a project coordinated by the centre are provided with rings for free.

Projects

- *CES project* launched in 2004 (19 sites), 22 sites in 2006.
- *EURING Swallow project* – 6204 individuals ringed, 341 nest cards collected in 2006.
- *Black Stork colour-ringing programme* – 209 young marked in 2006.
- *White Stork ringing and monitoring programme* - 332 young ringed in 2006.
- *Corncrake ringing programme* - 287 males ringed in 2006
- *White-spotted Bluethroat ringing and monitoring programme* – 277 ringed individuals in 2006.

Ringling

	<i>ringed</i>	<i>recovered</i>	<i>Grand totals</i>
2003	123 251	2 968	4 417 004
2004	158 753	2 918	4 575 683
2005	153 453	3 778	4 728 236
2006	129 330	3 809	4 857 539

Data management and data analysis

Ringers use for free two mutually compatible software packages for computerizing ringing and recovery data to be sent to the centre. More than 95 percent of the data are collected in electronic form

Intensive work is being carried out on preparation of the **Atlas of migration of birds of the Czech Republic and Slovakia**. The book will be published in spring/summer 2008.