

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

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- Organisation:* The Bird Ringing Centre is a small unit organised within the Department of Vertebrate Zoology at the Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm.
- Staff:* Today 5 persons are employed on a permanent basis (two of them on part time). Retirements in the near future might affect the work during the coming years. One researcher has been employed during the last years working with the atlas project and other projects.
- Annual fee:* Ringers have paid an annual fee for about 20 years, but from this year the annual fee has been taken away.
- Ringers (2006):* 243 ringers with personal licenses and 189 licensed assistants.
21 bird observatories with 245 licensed ringers.
- Birds ringed:* The 2006 total was 291 970 birds of 246 species.
About 43 % of the birds in 2006 were ringed at bird observatories.
The number of nestlings ringed was 58 392 birds of 141 species.
11.2 million birds have now been ringed in Sweden (1911-2006).
- Computer routines:* A software (built in Microsoft Access) is distributed free to the ringers. By using this software the ringers can analyse and sum up their activities as well as regularly submit ringing and recovery data (own as well as foreign) to the ringing centre electronically. About 73 % of the birds ringed were received computerised in 2006. More than 2.3 million ringed birds are now housed in a database at the museum.
- A central system built in Microsoft SQL Server for handling all data concerning ringing and recovery data as well as other administration details (e.g. ring deliveries) is under development. The system will, among other things, include automatically generated email answers to finders.
- CES-project:* Started in 1997 and 24 sites were running in 2006.
- Recoveries:* All recoveries of birds ringed in Sweden are computerised and the total number of recoveries was 152 566 in the end of July 2007 (the ringers own recoveries not included).
A total of 3395 recoveries were received in 2006 and about half of them from abroad. The number of recoveries of birds ringed abroad and found in Sweden passed on to other ringing centres was 502.
- Among spectacular recoveries received recently are three Rustic Buntings *Emberiza rustica* found in bird markets in China.
- Annual report and atlas:* The annual report for 2004 was published in the end of the last year. The second volume of the Swedish Bird Ringing Atlas has been delayed and will be published in the end of this year. The third and last volume will be published next year.
- Internet:* The address to our homepage is <http://www.nrm.se/rc>
The possibility to report recoveries directly on internet has been widely used and many recovery reports are now received this way.