

# ***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 2013, the staff includes two scientific and one assistant full-time positions.

### **Ringers**

At present, the PRAHA Ringing Centre has 350 active ringers and every year we accept 5-10 new ringers, who have a restricted licence. The preparatory period of new ringers takes an average of two years. Annually, one-week ringing course for beginners is organized by RC.

### **Rings**

There are 2 providers of rings - Aranea, Poland and Mekaniska AB, Sweden. Altogether, there are 26 different types of rings in use - aluminium (20 types) and stainless steel (6 types). 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 and other equipment for free.

### **Projects**

- *CES project* was established in 2004 (19 sites). In 2012 was organized on 24 sites.
- *RAS project* started in 2009 and now 56 projects have covered 19 species.
- *White Stork and monitoring programme* - 401 young ringed in 2012
- *Corncrake ringing programme* - 347 males ringed in 2012
- *Common Quail ringing programme* – 2582 mainly males were ringed in 2012

- *White-spotted Bluethroat ringing and monitoring programme* – 549 ringed individuals in 2012.

## Colour ringing projects

- *Black Stork* – 245 young ringed in 2012
- *White-tailed Eagle* – 38 young ringed in 2012
- *Greylag Goose* – 78 individuals ringed in 2012
- *Night Heron* – 52 ringed individuals in 2012
- *Montagu's Harrier* – 301 young ringed in 2012
- *Mediterranean Gull* – 6 individuals ringed in 2012
- *Moorhen* – 157 individuals ringed in 2012
- *Rook* – 490 ringed individuals in 2012

## Geolocators studies

In 2011-2013 geolocators were used for study of migration of 9 species: Common Swift, Hoopoe, Barn Swallow, Tawny Pipit, Bluethroat, Reed Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Collared Flycatcher and Scarlet Rosefinch.

## Ringling totals

2011	Non-passerines	Passerines	Total
Birds Ringed	17 713 (104 species)	156 173 (103 species)	173 886
Most numerous ringed	Black-head Gull – 4 444 Common Quail – 2 511 Kestrel – 1 299	Great Tit – 19 160 Blackcap – 15 049 Robin – 9 674	
Number of recoveries (CZP rings)	2 008 (61 species)	6 883 (78 species)	8 891
Most numerous recovered species	Mute Swan – 592 Black-head Gull – 360 Moorhen – 309	Great Tit – 865 Reed Warbler – 711 Blue Tit – 501	

<b>2012</b>	<b>Non-passerines</b>	<b>Passerines</b>	<b>Total</b>
Birds Ringed	20 243 (105 species)	187 394 (104 species)	207 637
Most numerous ringed	Black-head Gull – 4 382 Common Quail – 2 582 Kestrel – 1 156	Great Tit – 23 554 Blackcap – 17 632 Swallow – 14 096	
Number of recoveries (CZP rings)	2 827 (68 species)	8 616 (84 species)	11 443
Most numerous recovered species	Mute Swan – 787 Moorhen – 767 Black-head Gull – 418	Great Tit – 1341 Blue Tit – 788 Reed Warbler – 696	

## **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. Almost 100 percent of the ringing data from ringers are sent in electronic form. Data have been accepted electronically since 1999. From 2008 we are able to send our recoveries in EURING 2000 exchange-code to the EURING databank. Recoveries of all birds ringed by CZP rings and all foreign ringed birds received have been computerised and almost 2,5 million ringing data are digitized.