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KAUNAS (LITHUANIA) BIRD RINGING SCHEME
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Scheme

Officially, the Kaunas (Lithuania) Bird Ringing Centre is a department of the Zoological Museum in Kaunas. The Museum is a governmental authority (it is within a system of the Ministry of Environment of Lithuanian Republic).

In Lithuania the systematic bird ringing was started and goes on since 1929.

Staff

1 full-time scientific: Ricardas Patapavicius.

1 full-time technical: Danguole Kvedariene.

1 half-time computer specialist: Antanas Juozapaitis.

Rings

Altogether, there are 16 different types/sizes of rings in use (9 types/sizes of aluminum rings and 7 types/sizes of stainless steel rings). Since 1995 all rings are manufactured by "ARANE" (Poland). Ringers do not pay for the rings.

Other equipment

The Bird Ringing Centre has not financial possibility to supply ringers with mist nets, balances, pliers, etc. Ringers himself also have no possibility to purchase equipments due to a low living standards in the country. This situation has a large negative impact on the results of bird ringing in the country.

Ringers

Number of active amateurs: 2005: 37; 2006: 34.

Number of active teams of ringers: 2005: 3; 2006: 3.

Ringing permits are issued by the Bird Ringing Centre.

Computerization

All recoveries since 1979 and part of recoveries from period 1929-1978 are coded in New EURING (1979) codes and are computerized. A FoxPro-database is used in the Centre.

A computerization of the ringing data is not started yet.

Ringing Projects

- *EURING Swallow project* (1,844 individuals ringed in 2005, 636 individuals ringed in 2006);
- *White-tailed Eagle colour-ringing project* (46 nestlings ringed in 2005, 40 nestlings ringed in 2006);
- *Great Cormorant colour-ringing project* (121 nestling ringed in 2005);
- *Black Stork colour-ringing project* (66 nestlings ringed in 2006).

Ringings & recoveries

The annual totals are given in the table.

Year	Ringed	Recoveries (finally elaborated) / species)	
	Birds / species	Own rings	Foreign rings
2006	79,415 / 130	1,114 / 52	685 / 41
2005	95,887 / 136	1,220 / 68	450 / 44
2004	97,996 / 157	1,511 / 72	355 / 37
2003	135,597 / 155	1,453 / 68	486 / 47
2002	122,991 / 170	1,133 / 69	208 / 42
2001	120,638 / 170	1,139 / 74	354 / 50
2000	94,270 / 168	1,082 / 59	377 / 41
1999	110,615 / 166	1,349 / 75	302 / 46
1998	74,963 / 148	858 / 61	280 / 38
1997	64,390 / 149	938 / 56	231 / 39
1929-2006	~2,940,000 / 260	? / ?	? / ?

Dynamics of the number of birds and bird species ringed in Lithuania during 20 last years period (1987-2006)

