



Centre for Animal Marking

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Belgrade Ringing Centre was established in 1993, in order to coordinate ringing activities in Serbia and Montenegro. Since 2006 it coordinates ringing activities only on Serbian territory, though some ringing sessions are still conducted under Belgrade's Ringing Centre, until Montenegrin Centre is established. Centre for Animal Marking is situated in Natural History Museum as its small department. At the beginning ringing activities were rather rare for number of active ringers were small. Today, Belgrade Ringing Centre has 46 ringers who hold ringing license. Great numbers of them are ornithologist amateurs, but also there are professional ringers. Once a year, Centre organizes an exam for candidates who wish to become ringers. Centre is financed by Natural History Museum and Ministry of Ecology and Environment protection.

All recovery data: foreign recoveries as well as recoveries of birds with Belgrade rings are computerized (*Excel base*). Ringing data from 2004 are computerized too (*Access base*), but unfortunately huge quantity of information before 2004 are still handled manually.

In a period 1993-2005 with Belgrade rings were ringed 141069 birds of 218 species. Number of ringed birds through age categories is given in table.

Year	Pullus	Full-grown	Total
1993	0	2699	2699
1994	7	3655	3662
1995	351	7827	8178
1996	1447	8712	10159
1997	1903	10200	12103
1998	1655	11521	13176
1999	2030	8759	10789
2000	3229	16804	20333
2001	594	12871	13465
2002	2039	10516	12555
2003	869	10503	11372
2004	1200	12480	13680
2005	1075	8123	9198
Total 1993-2005	16399	124670	141069
No. of species	99	199	218

Centre for Animal Marking participate in several European colour bird banding such as: spoonbill, black stork, pygmy cormorant, black-headed gull, Mediterranean gull, grey and purple herons, great egret and white-tailed eagle. Coordinators and participants of those colour activities in Serbia are some of our best ringers. Since 2005 four ringers participate in

CES project at 4 different localities. During the summer time there are two ringing camps (Ludaš, started in 1985 and Novi Kneževac, started in 2002) organized by professional ringers and under Center's supervision. Moreover, even the main purpose of ringing camp in Novi Kneževac is bird ringing during the fall migration, it uses also for trainee of young ringer candidates who wish to pass an exam. Each year since 1993, Center publishes reports of recovery data in amateur journal "Ciconia".

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