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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 2009, the staff includes two scientific (Jaroslav Cepák, Petr Klvaňa) and one assistant (Zdeňka Fiáková) full-time positions.

Ringers

At present, the PRAHA Ringing Centre has 429 licensed ringers (338 active in 2008).

Rings

There are 2 providers of rings - Aranea, Poland and Mekaniska AB, Sweden. Altogether, there are 23 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), 26 sites in 2008.
- *RAS project* launched in 2009 ó 23 projects, 18 species covered
- *Swallow project* ó 5562 individuals ringed, 280 nest cards collected in 2008.
- *Black Stork colour-ringing programme* ó 262 young marked in 2008.
- *White Stork ringing and monitoring programme* - 468 young ringed in 2008.
- *Corncrake ringing programme* - 480 males ringed in 2008
- *White-spotted Bluethroat ringing and monitoring programme* ó 499 ringed individuals in 2008.
- *White-tailed Eagle colour ringing program* - in 2008 we joined international colour ringing project ó 14 young ringed in 2008

Ringling totals

	<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
2007	152 530	5 061	5 011 117
2008	169 575	4 687	5 180 079

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.

From 2008 we are able to send our recoveries in EURING 2000 exchange-code to the EURING databank.

Czech and Slovak Bird Migration Atlas

Atlas was published in 2008 and contained ringing and recovery data from 1934-2002. Out of 234 species included in the "species" part of the Atlas, 193 species breed in CS and 41 species pass through or winter in region.