



EURING General Assembly

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Report of the LATVIAN RINGING CENTRE

Organization

Ringling in Latvia started in 1925. Since the 1992 bird Ringling Centre is a unit of the Institute of Biology, University of Latvia, financed by the state budget.

Staff

Two persons are employed in ringling centre – Juris Kazubiernis (Head of Scheme) and Mara Kazubierne, both in full - time positions.

Ringers

About 50 ringers and one ringling group are active in the last years. Bird and bat ringling station operating since 1962.

Beginners must have a recommendation of an experienced ringer or have to join training at a ringling station. The Ringling Centre issues ringling licenses. There is no fee for the ringers.

Rings

Rings are imported from Poland (Aranea). There are 17 different aluminum and steel sizes of LATVIA RIGA rings in use. We have special aluminum rings with plasticine lining for ringling one-day old ducklings. Additionally we have two different ring sizes for bats. Ringers do not pay for rings

Ringling projects

Wooper Swan (108), Mute Swan (255) (neck-collars) - ringling in 2008

Black Stork (cr- project) – 86 nestlings ringling in 2008

White –tailed Eagle (23), Osprey (115) (cr- project) – nestling ringling in 2008

Common Roller (cr- project) – 17 nestlings ringling in 2008

Ringling & Recoveries

	<i>ringed</i>	<i>recoveries</i>
Annual totals 2007	14134	455
2008	17326	523
Grand total 1925 – 2008	1, 5 millions	29000

Computerization

Recovery data of all Latvia ringed birds (except short term retraps at the ringling site) and all foreign ringed birds since 1986 have been computerized. Computerization of older data of Latvia rings is still on the way. FoxPro data base holds 26397 recoveries. Approximately 2500 recoveries are still on paper files. Ringling data are not computerized. It is a high priority to improve a computer programme for handling ringling and recovery data electronically.

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