



**Centre for Animal Marking  
Natural History Museum  
Belgrade**

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- Organisation:* The Bird Ringing Centre is a small unit organised within the Department of Biology at Natural History Museum Belgrade, Serbia.
- Staff:* Currently two persons are employed on a permanent basis.
- Annual fee:* There is no fee for the ringers.
- Ringers (2008):* 51 ringers with personal licenses
- Ringling courses:* In 2008 one ringling course with 15 participants was held.
- Birds ringed:* 13.718 birds were ringed in 2008 of 132 species. Since 1993 nearly 180.000 birds of 243 species have been ringed.
- Data management:* Ringing data from 2004 are computerized (*Access base*), but unfortunately huge quantity of information before 2004 are still handled manually.
- CES-project:* Started in 2005 at 4 sites, still 4 sites in 2008.
- Colour-ringing projects:* There are several colour-ringing projects currently running in Serbia:  
-wing-tagging of the Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*;  
-colour-ringing of the White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*, Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*, Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*, Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*, Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*, Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*, Great White Egret *Egretta alba*, Mediterranean gull *Larus melanocephalus*, Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*, White-tailed Sea-eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* and Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*.
- Recoveries:* All recoveries of birds ringed in Serbia are computerised and the total number of recoveries between 1993 and 2008 was 1736 (the ringers own recoveries not included). A total of 30 recoveries were received from abroad in 2008. The number of recoveries of birds ringed abroad and found in Serbia passed on to other ringling Schemes was 146.
- Rings:* 12 different sizes (most in aluminium) of rings are in use. The rings are bought from Mekaniska AB (Sweden). The rings are given for free to the ringers.
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