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KAUNAS (LITHUANIA) BIRD RINGING SCHEME

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Scheme

The Kaunas (Lithuania) Bird Ringing Centre is a unit of the Zoological Museum in Kaunas and is not economically separate from the Museum. 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: Ričardas Patapavičius.
1 full-time technical: Danguolė Kvedarienė.
1 half-time computer specialist: Gediminas Balna.

Rings

Aluminium (12 sizes) and stainless steel (3 sizes), total 13 sizes. Since 1995 all rings are produced in Poland ("ARANEA"). Ringers do not pay for the rings.

Other equipment

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

Ringers

Number of active amateurs: 2000: 65, 1999: 52.
Number of active teams of ringers: 2000: 5, 1999: 5.
Ringing permits are issued by the Bird Ringing Centre.

Ringings & recoveries

Annual totals are as follows:

Year	Ringed Birds / species	Recovered (recoveries / species)	
		Own rings	Foreign rings
2000	94,270 / 168	1,082 / 59	377 / 41
1999	110,615 / 166	1,349 / 75	302 / 46
1998	74,852 / 148	858 / 61	280 / 38
1997	64,390 / 149	938 / 56	231 / 39
1996	74,650 / 141	1,308 / 57	337 / 40
1929-2000	2,290,000 / 254	???	???

Computerization

All recoveries since 1979 are coded in New EURING (1979) codes and are computerized. A computerization of the ringing data is not started. A FoxPro-database is used in the Centre.

Swallow project

Number of swallows ringed: 1999: pullus 582, full-grown 12,645
2000: pullus 169, full-grown 1,154