



Report of the Swiss Ringing Scheme to the EURING General Assembly 2001

Ringling

In 1999, 75943 birds from 175 species were ringed and 1069 recoveries were recorded (for details see Wiprächtiger et al. 2000). In 2000, 98249 birds from 168 species were ringed and 977 recoveries were recorded (for details see Wiprächtiger et al. 2001).

Switzerland continued to participate in the EURING Swallow Project. In 1999, 10 areas have been investigated during the breeding season. Within these, 3486 juveniles and 498 adults were ringed. In 2000, the corresponding numbers were 12 areas, 3889 juveniles and 574 adults. At 17 (1999) and 15 (2000) roosts, we ringed 6537 and 5476 Swallows and recaptured 44 and 57 individuals, respectively.

In 2001, we launched a new nation-wide Integrated Population Monitoring Programme for the Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* and the Barn Owl *Tyto alba*. It aims to find out (1) how population changes are reflected by population parameters and (2) how they disperse. The project has been welcomed by several amateur ringing groups and will greatly benefit from their collaboration.

In 2002, the Sempach scheme will introduce a special type of rings for raptors and owls released from captivity after recovery from injury or poisoning.

Administration

The Swiss Ringing Scheme is based at the Swiss Ornithological Institute, Sempach. 1998-2001, the Swiss Ringing Scheme was financed by the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape SAEFL. Negotiations for a continuation of this invaluable support are under way.

A new software package facilitates the book-keeping of Sempach rings.

7 candidates successfully passed the ringer's examination in 1999, and 3 in 2000.

Staff

For more than twenty years, Lukas Jenni had strongly promoted the development of scientific ringing in Switzerland by training young ringers, supporting amateur ringing groups, leading own research projects, improving field methods and analysing ringing

data. In March 2000, Lukas Jenni was appointed as Scientific Director of the Swiss Ornithological Institute and, therefore, handed over the ringing scheme to Matthias Kestenholz who is greatly supported by Elisabeth Wiprächtiger for technical tasks and by Guido Häfliger for electronic data processing. Lukas Jenni keeps serving as General Secretary of EURING.

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