

EURING GENERAL MEETING

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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 2011, the staff includes two scientific (Jaroslav Cepák, Petr Klvaňa) and one assistant (Zdeňka Žáková) full-time positions.

Ringers

At present, the PRAHA Ringing Centre has 343 active ringers. Annually, one-week ringing course for beginners are organized by RC.

Rings

There are 2 providers of rings - Aranea, Poland and Mekaniska AB, Sweden. Altogether, there are 27 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 and other equipment for free.

Projects

- ***CES project*** was established in 2004 (19 sites). In 2010 was organized on 22 sites. Most of them are situated in reeds and littoral vegetation.
- ***RAS project*** started in 2009 and in 2010 29 projects covered 13 species.
- ***White Stork ringing and monitoring programme*** - 286 young ringed in 2010.
- ***Corncrake ringing programme*** - 389 males ringed in 2010
- ***White-spotted Bluethroat ringing and monitoring programme*** – 307 ringed individuals in 2010.

Colour ringing projects

- ***Black Stork*** – 194 young ringed in 2010
- ***White-tailed Eagle*** - 37 young ringed in 2010
- ***Greylag Goose*** - 31 ringed individuals in 2010
- ***Night Heron*** - 62 ringed individuals in 2010
- ***Rook*** - 158 ringed individuals in 2010

Ringing totals

<i>Year</i>	<i>ringed</i>	<i>recovered</i>	<i>grand totals</i>
2008	169 575	4 687	5 180 079
2009	147 294	8 206	5 327 373
2010	147 338	6 774	5 474 711

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. Data have been accepted electronically since 1999. From 2008 we are able to send our recoveries in EURING 2000 exchange-code to the EURING databank. Recoveries of all birds ringed by CZP rings and all foreign ringed birds received have been computerised and more than 2 million ringing data are digitized.