

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

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- Organisation:* The Bird Ringing Centre is a small unit organised within the Department of Vertebrate Zoology at the Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm.
- Staff:* Today 4 persons employed on a permanent basis.
- Annual fee:* The annual fee for ringers was taken away after 2006.
- Ringers (2010):* 231 ringers with personal licenses and 249 licensed assistants.
20 bird observatories with 267 licensed ringers.
- Birds ringed:* The 2010 total was 337 071 birds of 259 species.
About 45 % of the birds in 2010 were ringed at bird observatories.
The number of nestlings ringed was 58 282 birds of 145 species.
More than 12.5 million birds have now been ringed in Sweden (1911-2010).
- Computer routines:* A software (built in Microsoft Access) is distributed free to the ringers.
By using this software ringers can analyse and sum up their activities as well as regularly submit ringing and recovery data (own as well as foreign) to the ringing centre electronically. About 94 % of the birds ringed were received computerised in 2010. More than 4.2 million ringed birds are now housed in a database at the museum.
- A central system (MS SQL Server) for handling all data concerning ringing and recovery data as well as other administration details (e.g. ring deliveries) is used. Among other things, this system includes automatically generated email answers to finders as well as reports of recoveries to ringers and other schemes.
- CES-project:* Started in 1997 and 23 sites were running in 2010.
- Recoveries:* All recoveries of birds ringed in Sweden are computerised and the total number of recoveries was 165 300 in October 2011 (the ringers own recoveries not included).
A total of 2752 recoveries were received in 2010 and about half (44%) of them from abroad. During 2010, 658 recoveries of birds ringed abroad were passed on to other ringing schemes.
- Atlas work:* The Swedish Bird Ringing Atlas was finalised in the end of 2008, when the third and last volume was published.
- The Swedish bird ringing started in 1911 and a large meeting with ringers celebrating the 100-years anniversary will be held in late October.
The Swedish Bird Ringing Centre and the National Bird Banding Centre of China started in the autumn of 2010 a partner driven cooperation and within this project Swedish bird ringers have been involved in training Chinese bird ringers.

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