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REPORT OF THE UKRAINIAN BIRD RINGING SCHEME

"KIEV"

Ukrainian Bird Ringing Centre was found in the I.I. Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in May of 1992.

Since 1994 Ukrainian ornithologists had begun to use Ukrainian rings with inscription "Kiev". During 1994-2010 246 040 birds of 271 species get Ukrainian rings. The rings of other Schemes were used in Ukraine ("Moskwa", "Helgoland", "Hiddensee", "Bologna").

Number of birds ringed with rings "KIEV"

Year	Number of birds ringed	Number of recoveries *
1994	9163	5
1995	12381	6
1996	12540	9
1997	18089	14
1998	18795	42
1999	10808	63
2000	15223	71
2001	16225	31
2002	12750	57
2003	8466	50
2004	15870	46
2005	15910	37
2006	16540	45
2007	17191	26
2008	16444	14
2009	18469	29
2010	11176	84
TOTAL	246040	629

^{* -} only long-distance recoveries

Staff. The scheme involves three persons staff, two of them are scientific (Anatoliy Poluda – Head of the Scheme, Svetlana Tshukanova) and one technical.

Rings. There are 22 different sizes of Ukrainian rings in use. Rings are imported from Poland (Aranea) and United Kingdom (Porzana) as required. Ringers don't have to pay for the rings.

Colour-ringing. There are several colour-ringing projects currently running in Ukraine: *Great Cormorant, Mediterranean Gull, Yellow-legged Gull.*

Data management. All ringing data (for rings "Kiev" and "Moskwa" are computerised). Our database of the recoveries includes 6990 records.

Difficulties and problems. The lack of funding for manufacturing rings. For 20-year's history of the Ukrainian scheme we had no financing from the state budget for these purposes.

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