

**Bird Ringing Centre LATVIA RIGA**  
**Short national report for**  
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The Bird Ringing Centre is a unit of the Institute of Biology University of Latvia financed a negligible amount by the State budget only.

There have been no changes in the status and in the activity of the scheme since 1992.

**Staff**

The staff consists of 2 full time persons, - Juris Kazubiernis and Mara Kazubierne.

**Ringers**

A total about 200 ringers are licensed more then half of them are inactive.

Beginners must have a recommendation of an experienced ringer or have to join training at a ringing station. The Ringing Centre issues ringing licenses.

About 37% of birds are ringed in the ringing station at Pape.

**Rings**

Rings are imported from Poland (ARANEA). There are 17 different sizes of Latvia Riga rings in use.

We have special self-made aluminium rings with plasticine lining for ringing one-day old ducklings.

Ringers don't pay for the rings.

**International Ringing projects:**

Color ringing (neck-collars) of *Whooper swans and Mute swans*.

*Ciconia nigra*: cr-ringing and satellite tracking.

*White-tailed Eagle* cr-programe.

*SEEN* – ringing station with one Helgoland trap (only autumn).

Additionally we have several national research projects.

**Recoveries:**

Recovery data of all Latvia ringed birds (except short term retraps at the ringing site) and all foreign ringed birds since 1986 have been computerised. Computerisation of older data of Latvia rings is still one the way. FoxPro data base holds 21892 recoveries. 2500 recoveries still on paper-files.

Ringing data are not computerised.

<b>Birds ringed</b>		<b>recoveries</b>
<i>Annual total</i> 2002	15.911	187
2003	21.140	368
2004	14.736	209
<b>Grand total</b> 1925-2004	1.5 mlj.	24.487

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