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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 2005, the staff includes two scientific (Jaroslav Cepak, Jaroslav Skopek) and one assistant (Zdenka Zakova) full-time positions.

Ringers

At present, the PRAHA Ringing Centre has 452 licensed ringers (379 active in 2004). A new system of licensing is under preparation.

Rings

There are 3 providers of rings - Aranea, Poland, Mekaniska AB, Sweden and a small Czech company. Altogether, there are 18 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 for free.

Projects

- **CES project** launched in 2004 - 19 sites in 2004, 20+ sites in 2005, 6 619 „first catches“ in 2004.
- **EURING Swallow project** – 10 123 ind. ringed in 2003, 8 480 in 2004, 791 nest cards collected in 2004.
- **Black Stork colour-ringing programme** – more than 200 young marked in 2004.
- **White Stork ringing and monitoring programme** - about 400 young ringed in 2004.
- **Corncrake ringing programme** - 448 males ringed in 2004.
- **White-spotted Bluethroat ringing and monitoring programme** – 460 ringed individuals in 2004.

Ringling

| | <i>ringed</i> | <i>recovered</i> | <i>Grand totals</i> |
|------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2003 | 123 251 | 2 968 | 4 417 004 |
| 2004 | 147 373* | 3 052 | 4 564 377 |

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. More than 80 percent of the data are collected in electronic form. At present, the central database includes all ringed birds since 1999 and all recoveries from the period 1934-2005, plus recoveries of the former ringing centre LOTOS (1910-1940). In total, there are about 120 000 items in the database.

Intensive work is being carried out on preparation of the **Atlas of migration of birds of the Czech Republic and Slovakia**. The project is supported by the Ministry of Environment.

* Ringing data not yet completed. It is the highest number in the history.