

Torsdagen den 12 december 2019

OTTENBY FÅGELSTATION

VÄDER:

Morning: 8 oktas, no precipitation. Afternoon: 8 oktas, no precipitation.

| Tid | Vind | m/s | °C |
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| 0 | S | 9 | 4 |
| 6 | S | 9 | 4 |
| 12 | S | 8 | 4 |
| 18 | SV | 5 | 5 |

STRÄCK:

Udden:

Storlom 2, tobisgrissla 1 (HAN, LSK, SPT)

RINGMÄRKNING:

Inga nät

Ingen Fångst

RASTARE:

Udden:

Vitkindad gås 150, jaktfalk 1 (HAN, LSK, SPT)

Västrevet:

Sångsvan 7 (HAN, LSK, SPT)

Gäddviken:

Snatterand 60, kricka 315 (HAN, LSK)

Fyrträdgården:

Kanadagås 1, vitkindad gås 100 (HAN, LSK, SPT)

ÖVRIGA OBSERVATIONER:

Västrevet:

Havsörn 1 (HAN, LSK, SPT)

Fyrträdgården:

Sparvhök 1 1k, bergfink 1 (HAN, LSK, SPT)

DIVERSE:

LSK, HAN and SPT continued with the cleaning effort. They got the kitchen done as well as the office. Our final dinner of the year at the station was prepared by LSK and took the form of the classic Swedish dish, "Korv i ugn" (with the exception of the sausage being vegan). Jakob Lohm visited with Länsstyrelsen to discuss the water situation on Udden.

GNK and MHM worked on their Chinese ringing guide whilst a new front door to the station was installed.

Tonight was our final kryssning of 2019! It has been an incredible year with some brilliant highlights shared with a huge team of personnel from across the world. Such an international team also brought a wide set of skills, culture and life to our station living for which we are all a great deal better off.

The total number of birds ringed this year was 23246 (involving 140 species), 14902 were ringed in STTG (involving 88 species), 5703 were ringed in VADA (involving 30 species) and 1048 were ringed in AND (involving 14 species), not forgetting the 5538 controls also processed at the duck trap!

Lots of scarcities and some rarities were ringed including a record STTG year for Nightjar (eleven), and a day record of four Water Pipits ringed on local 01 (unstandardised catching with the use of wader cages

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on Udden). Our highest day total of the spring was 580 on 26th April and our highest day total in the autumn was 806 on 21st October (the 58th highest day record for Ottenby)!

There are too many ringing highlights to mention them all but some stand out scarcities were Hoopoe, three Ortolan Buntings and a White-spotted Bluethroat in the spring, two Melodious Warblers and a Buff-breasted Sandpiper in the summer and an autumn reflecting a similar number of exciting birds including Red-flanked Bluetail, Dusky Warbler and Hume's Warbler to mention but a few.

In the field, rarity highlights for some personnel who ventured out into the field included Mourning Dove and Isabelline Wheatear in the spring. Terek Sandpiper and Lesser Grey Shrike in the summer followed by Black-faced Bunting and Hawk Owl in the autumn. One should not only focus on the rarities as the commoner species and mass migration spectacles are equally impressive and memorable, perhaps even more so. Watching the bushes around the station dripping with Lesser Whitethroats in the spring, hoards of Dunlins inundating Udden in the summer as well as awe inspiring raptor migration, followed by Barnacle Geese arriving across the Baltic Sea in vast numbers during the autumn have a special place in all our hearts and minds.

A big thanks must first and foremost go to MHM for guiding us through another spectacular year, all the keen and dedicated personnel who diligently worked day in day out at early hours in the morning and a big thank you to the birdwatchers on "Hyllan" who supported our work with smiles on their faces and offering food, drink and manual labour to keep our spirits high and our stomachs full.

AMN and LBE will be taking over in 2020! We wish them an unforgettable year ahead with some equally incredible highlights, enjoy!

Thanks for reading!