

There were 2 390 recoveries of Swedish-ringed birds (excluding those of hand-reared birds) of which 1 028 (43%) were from outside Sweden; these included a Sandwich Tern and a Common Tern both recovered from the southwestern Cape coast.

Some notable elapsed times (yrs) from ringing to recovery included: Buzzard, 14,7; European Swallow, 4,5; Reed Warbler, 9,2 and Willow Warbler

3,8. The Reed Warbler was retrapped by a ringer in France 9 years and 55 days after being ringed as an adult, so it was still alive and at least 10 years old. The number of Reed Warblers ringed in Sweden since 1960 is recorded as 182 939.

An analysis of finding circumstances yielded some interesting comparative results. Amongst the passerines this showed:

Circumstances	In Sweden	In other countries	TOTAL
Controlled	339	232	571
Hit glass	50	24	74
Taken by cat	35	15	50
Shot, trapped	33	81	114
Road accident	30	12	42

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## NEW ZEALAND BIRD BANDING IN 1990-1991

The *Report on Bird Banding in New Zealand: 1990-1991* compiled by R Cossee indicates that a total of 20 439 birds of 97 species were ringed between April 1990 and March 1991. This brings the grand total of birds ringed since the start of banding in 1950 to 1 083 125 birds of 229 species. Altogether 28 institutions and 27 individual permittees participated in the 1990 ringing year.

Seabirds formed 46,6% of the birds ringed during this year whilst waders comprised 6% and passerines 27,7% of the total. The latter comprised 47 species of which 10 are introduced 'aliens', including European Starling, House Sparrow, Indian Myna and

Chaffinch. 1 939 Silvereye (= White-eye *Zosterops sp.*) were ringed, making them the most-ringed passerines of that ringing year.

There were 5 601 'recoveries' in 1990 but 'recoveries' include birds controlled or retrapped once or several times. 2 046 of these birds were dead and would qualify as recoveries in SAFRING terminology; this is a high recovery return, given the total numbers of birds ringed by the scheme.

78% of dead birds were game birds and presumably a high percentage of these were shot, which would explain the high annual tally of recoveries.

Interesting instances of movement were 2 locally-ringed Knots, one recovered in West Irian and the other in China.

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