

Summary of Birding Highlights, Southern Sweden

08-Mar to 16-Aug-2013

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Swedish Birding 2013: a balance

I got back to Portugal two weeks ago but, between the ESEB congress and several pending tasks, only now did I set my mind to make such a balance. I saw about 24 new bird species, as listed below*. Also, quite a few “almost new” species (previously recorded in difficult conditions or with no records validated by a rarities committee), interesting subspecies, hybrids, Swedish rarities (five records submitted), etc. Overall, a very nice birding experience.

(*Bewick's S, Ross's Goose (Cat. D), King and Steller's eiders, Black Grouse, R-n Grebe, B-b Sand, Black Guillemot, Caspian G, R-l Buzzard, Hawk Owl, Nutcracker, Willow Tit, Horned Lark, Greenish, Wood and River warblers, Blyth's RW, Thrush Nightingale, R-b and Collared flycatchers, Twite, Lesser Redpoll and T-b Crossbill)

New species

1. *Surnia ulula*, 1-2cy, Skrillegarten, 10-Mar-2013, with Júlio Neto
2. *Buteo lagopus*, 1♂ + 1♀ ads, Vombs angar, 10-Mar-2013, with Júlio Neto
3. *Carduelis flavirostris*, 30 inds, Sjobobadet Barsebäckshamn, 17-Mar-2013, with Júlio Neto
4. *Eremophila alpestris flava*, 4 inds, Swedechrome (Malmö), 24-Mar-2013, with Richard Ek
5. *Podiceps grisegena*, 1 ad breeding, Vombsjon, 06-Apr-2013
6. *Cygnus columbianus*, 2-2cy, Trönninge ängar, 13-Apr-2013, with Karin Enemar
7. *Tetrao tetrix*, 2♂♂, Långhulten naturreservat, 14-Apr-2013, with HG Karlsson
8. *Poecile montanus*, 1 ind, Getamossen, 14-Apr-2013, with HG Karlsson
9. *Somateria spectabilis*, 1♂ ad, Tyludden, 14-Apr-2013, with HG Karlsson et al.
10. *Cephus grylle*, ca. 10, Torekov, 21-Apr-2013, with Júlio Neto
11. *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*, 1 ind, Husie Mosse, 27-Apr-2013
12. *Ficedula albicollis*, 1♂ ad, Husie Mosse, 27-Apr-2013 with Stefan Cherrug et al.
13. *Anser rossii*, 2 ads, Glivarpa Mosse, 28-Apr-2013, with Jörgen Bernsmo (Category D)
14. *Nucifraga caryocatactes*, 3 inds, Bala (Skällåsen), 05-May-2013, with Anders Wirdheim
15. *Luscinia luscinia*, 3♂♂, Nöbbelövs mosse, 08-May-2013
16. *Locustella fluviatilis*, Vite broar (Simrishamn), 18-May-2013, with Jörgen Bernsmo
17. *Ficedula parva*, Brantevik, 18-May-2013, with Hans Larsson and Jörgen Bernsmo

18. *Larus cachinnans*, 1-4cy, Örnahusen (Simrishamn), 18-May-2013, with Hans Larsson and Jörgen Bernsmo
19. *Phylloscopus trochiloides*, Morfashamn, 19-May-2013, with Hans Larsson and Jörgen Bernsmo
20. *Limicola falcinellus*, Ängsnäsets lagun, Falsterbonäset (Skåne), 27-May-2013
21. *Acrocephalus dumetorum*, Hallarum, 21-Jun-2013, with Júlio Neto
22. *Polysticta stelleri*, Smygehuk Magdehem, 02-Jul-2013
23. *Carduelis cabaret*, Stensoffa, 05-Jul-2013, with Júlio Neto
24. *Loxia leucoptera*, Falsterbo, 10-Aug-2013

Almost new species (seen/heard previously but only once and not in the best conditions and/or no rarities committee validated records)

1. *Tetrao urogallus*, 1♂, Getamossen, 14-Apr-2013, with HG Karlsson (previously in the Spanish Pyrenees, September 2007)
2. *Sylvia curruca*, 1 ind, Husie Mosse, 27-Apr-2013 (2nd, 1st was near Gerdahallen a few days before) (previously Sagres, 05-Set-2012)
3. *Perdix perdix*, 1♂+1♀, Gullbralla, 05-May-2013, with Anders Wirdheim (heard previously in Asturias, July 2004)
4. *Acrocephalus palustris*, 2♂♂, Värpinge by, 09-May-2013 (previously Santo André, 05-Set-1991)
5. *Carpodacus erythrinus*, Vite broar (Simrishamn), 18-May-2013, with Jörgen Bernsmo (previously Berlenga, 17-Oct-2010)
6. *Hippolais icterina*, Morfashamn, 19-May-2013, with Hans Larsson and Jörgen Bernsmo (previously Sagres, 10-Set-2012)
7. *Crex crex*, Ortofta, 02-Jun-2013 (previously Azambuja, 10-Oct-2002)
8. *Anthus cervinus*, Falsterbo, 15-Aug-2013 (previously Sagres, 16-Set-2003)

Interesting subspecies, hybrids, etc.

1. *Aythya nyroca* x *A. fuligula*, Värpinge by, 16-Mar-2013
2. *Motacilla flava thunbergi*, Trönninge ängar, 04-May-2013, with Anders Wirdheim
3. *Larus fuscus fuscus*, Revet (Simrishamn), 18-May-2013, with Hans Larsson
4. *Corvus cornix* x *C. corone* ?, 1juv, Silvåkra, 04-Jun-2013
5. *Larus argentatus* 'omissus', Smygehuk Magdehem, 02-Jul-2013

Local rarities

1. *Charadrius alexandrinus*, Falsterbo, 25-May-2013, with Júlio Neto

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