

Gotland, Sverige June 25 – July 7, 2005



A holiday-trip and birding tour for Ella Maria and Leif Bisschop-Larsen, Fyn, Denmark

Itinerary / summary:

June 25: Fyn – Copenhagen – Oscarshamn – Visby – Hallshuk on northern Gotland by car. Camps south of Hallshuk on the coast in open pine forest.

June 26: A warm day. Around in the local area with very interesting botany as well as fine small fishing village. Orchids like *Cephalanthera rubra* (Rød Skovlilje) and *Epipactis atrorubens* (Rød Hullæbe) abundant.

June 27: Drove to the island Fårø, north of Gotland, to a camp site south-west of Gasmorhammaren. This area has a great bird-life with geese, ducks, terns, gulls and waders breeding on the stony coast and up on a bare cattle-grazed hill. Visited Langhammer and Norsholmen.

June 28: Camped near Ryssnäset on the southern end of Fårø for two days. A small track to Ryssudden goes straight through a breeding colony of Little Tern (*Dvärgterne*), Arctic Tern (*Havterne*), Common Gull (*Stormmåge*), Herring Gull (*Sølvmåge*) and Great Black-backed Gull (*Svartbag*).

June 29: Visited the lakes Alnäseträsk and Mölnorträsk. Caspian (*Rovterne*) and Little Tern (*Dvärgterne*) were fishing here. Also Little Gull (*Dvärgmåge*) and Montagu's Harrier (*Hedehøg*).

June 30: Left Fårø and followed the east coast of Gotland south, visited Furilden with Golden Eagle (*Kongeørn*) in old Pine Forest, further south to Sjaustrehammaren south of Gammelgarn. A nice coastal area with small harbour, *Orchis ustulata* (*Bakke-Gøgeurt*) grows on the east-side.

July 1: Followed the east-coast with a few stops south to Stockviken, one of the best areas for coastal birds. 2 nights on the coastal meadows here. 5 species of terns breed here.

July 3: Visited Holmhäller with funny animal-like cliffs (*rauker*) and an excellent beach to the north. From there we drove to the coast south-east of Sundre, very remote and close to the alvar with *Fumana procumbens* (*Gotlandssoløje*) and many *Parnassius apollo* (*Apollo*) and *Papilio machaon* (*Svalehale*). Also the fine *Cladium-marsh*, *Muskmyr*. Camped 2 nights here.

July 5: Visited the Lars Johnsson Museum in Vamlingbo, besides the beautiful pictures we saw Collared Flycatcher (*Hvidhalset Fluesnapper*) and heard Corncrake (*Engsnarre*). Overnight at Stockviken again because Grötlingboud turned out to be no good for us.

July 6: Visited the beautiful Eksta-coast and the Fågel Galleri at the main-road near Eksta, with paintings by another fine bird-painter, J. Nevala. Camped just outside bird-reserve with sunset-view to the two Karlsöer. Very big population of *Anacamptis pyramidalis* (Horndrager) on the higher part of the salt-meadows.

July 7: To Visby and back to Denmark next day.

The weather was excellent, warm and sunny with max. temperatures 25-26 C, except for 2-3 days with temp. below 20 C and showers. Early orchids had finished flowering, but still lots of flowers to see. Coastal birds were busy feeding their chicks, some juvenile Arctic Terns were flying. Small species of shrub and woodland were silent and therefore difficult to detect.



Havterne, Arctic Tern feeding young

Species List:

Scientific name	Danish name	English name	Observations (p = pair)
<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Sortstrubet Lom	Black-throated Diver	Ryssnäs 2, Sjaustru 1.
<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Toppet Lappedykker	Great Crested Grebe	Few in lakes.
<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>	Skarv	Cormorant	Common breeding along coasts
<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Fiskehejre	Grey Heron	Common. Breeding Stockviken.
<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Knopsvane	Mute Swan	Common breeding.
<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Sangsvane	Whooper Swan	Hallshuk 1.
<i>Anser anser</i>	Grågås	Greylag Goose	Common breeding.
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Kanadagås	Canada Goose	Eksta-coast 1.
<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Bramgås	Barnacle Goose	Very common breeding along east-coast.
<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Knortegås	Brent Goose	Eksta-coast 3.
<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Gravand	Shelduck	Common breeding.
<i>Anas penelope</i>	Pibeand	Wigeon	Few at Stockviken.
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Gråand	Mallard	Scattered breeding.
<i>Anas strepera</i>	Knarand	Gadwall	Eksta 1.
<i>Anas crecca</i>	Krikand	Teal	Common
<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Skeand	Shoveler	Common breeding.
<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Taffeland	Pochard	Few Stockviken
<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Troldand	Tufted Duck	Scattered.
<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Ederfugl	Eider	Very common breeding along coasts
<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Fløjlsand	Velvet Scoter	Scattered breeding.
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Hvinand	Goldeneye	Few.
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Toppet Skallesluger	Red-breasted Merganser	Common breeding.
<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Havørn	White-tailed Eagle	Fårö 2 ad, Stockviken 2 ad, Killingholm 1 ad, Grötlingbo 1 ad.
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Kongeørn	Golden Eagle	Furillen 1 juv.
<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Rørhøg	Marsh Harrier	Scattered breeding.
<i>Circus pygarcus</i>	Hedehøg	Montagu's Harrier	Alnäseträsk 1p, Mölnorträsk 1male.
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Spurvehøg	Sparrowhawk	Stockviken 1, Sundre 2, Eksta 1.
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Musvåge	Buzzard	Scattered in south.
<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Lærkefalk	Hobby	Mölnorträsk 1, Djupvik 1, Sundre 2, Eksta 1.
<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Agerhøne	Partridge	Few i south
<i>Crex crex</i>	Engsnarre	Corncrake	Vamlingbo 1.
<i>Grus grus</i>	Trane	Crane	Hallshuk 2, Norsholm 2, Ryssnässet 1-2, Alnäseträsk 3, Eksta 2.
<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Strandskade	Oystercatcher	Common breeding along coasts
<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Klyde	Avocet	Common breeding, Stockviken 200
<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Stor Præstekrave	Ringed Plover	Common breeding along coasts
<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Hjejle	Golden Plover	Few breeding or resting
<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Vibe	Lapwing	Common breeding, Stockviken 500

<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Islandsk Ryle	Knot	Eksta 3
<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Stenvender	Turnstone	Common breeding
<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alm. Ryle	Dunlin	Common breeding/resting
<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Brushane	Ruff	Norsholmen 1 male, Stockviken 10 males
<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Stor Regnspove	Curlew	Common breeding/resting
<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Stor Kobbersneppe	Black-tailed Godwit	Gasmor 1
<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Lille Kobbersneppe	Bar-tailed Godwit	Norsholmen 1
<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Rødben	Redshank	Common breeding
<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Hvidklire	Greenshank	Few resting
<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Tinksmed	Wood-Sandpiber	Few resting
<i>Tringa ocropus</i>	Svaleklire	Green Sandpiber	Eksta few
<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Mudderklire	Common Sandpiber	Few resting
<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Dobbeltbekkasin	Common Snipe	Few breeding/resting
<i>Scolopax rusticolor</i>	Skovsneppe	Woodcock	Common breeding
<i>Larus minutus</i>	Dvær gmåge	Little Gull	Alnäseträsk 1
<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Hættemåge	Black-headed Gull	Common breeding
<i>Larus canus</i>	Stormmåge	Common Gull	Common breeding
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Sølvmåge	Herring Gull	Common breeding
<i>Larus marinus</i>	Svartbag	Great Black-backed Gull	Common breeding
<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Sildemåge	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Few breeding
<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	Dvær gterne	Little Tern	Common breeding, Ryssnäset 10-20 p, Stockviken 20 p
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Fjordterne	Common Tern	Lake on Fårö 3
<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Havterne	Arctic Tern	Common breeding, Gasmor 150-200 p, Langhammarshammaren 400-500 p, Norsholmen 300 p, Ryssnäset 200-300 p
<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	Splitterne	Sandwich Tern	Few breeding
<i>Sterna caspia</i>	Rovterne	Caspian Tern	Gasmor 1, Alnäseträsk 1, Mölnorträsk 1, Fardume Träsk 1, Stockviken 1 p
<i>Columba oenas</i>	Huldue	Stock Dove	Common breeding, Stockviken 20 on a grass-field
<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Ringdue	Wood Pigeon	Scattered breeding
<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Tyrkerdue	Collared Dove	Few breeding
<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Turteldue	Turtle Dove	Stockviken 1
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Gøg	Cuckoo	Common breeding
<i>Strix aluco</i>	Natugle	Tawny Owl	Eksta 1
<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Natnavn	Nightjar	Heard Hallshuk, Sudret
<i>Apus apus</i>	Mursejler	Swift	Common
<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	Sortspætte	Black Woodpecker	Common
<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Sanglærke	Skylark	Common
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Digesvale	Sand-Martin	Locally common
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	Bysvale	House-Martin	Common
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Landsvale	Barn-Swallow	Common
<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Skovpiber	Tree-Pipit	Common
<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Engpiber	Meadow-Pipit	Common
<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Hvid Vipstjert	White Wagtail	Very common

Motacilla flava	Gul Vipstjert	Yellow Wagtail	Killingholm 1
Troglodytes troglodytes	Gærdesmutte	Wren	Killingholm 1
Erithacus rubecula	Rødhals	Robin	Eksta 1
Luscinia luscinia	Nattergal	Thrush Nightingale	Sundre few
Oenanthe oenanthe	Stenpikker	Wheatear	Very common
Turdus pilaris	Sjagger	Fieldfare	Very common
Turdus merula	Solsort	Blackbird	Common
Turdus philomelos	Sangdrossel	Song-Thrush	Common
Acrocephalus scirpaceus	Rørsanger	Reed Warbler	Few
Sylvia atricapilla	Munk	Blackcap	Few
Sylvia curruca	Gærdesanger	Lesser Whitethroat	Few
Sylvia communis	Tornsanger	Whitethroat	Common
Hippolais icterina	Gulbug	Icterine Warbler	Few
Phylloscopus trochilus	Løvsanger	Willow-Warbler	Common
Phylloscopus trochiloides	Lundsanger	Greenish Warbler	Sundre 2
Ficedula albicollis	Hvidhalset Fluesnapper	Collared Flycatcher	Vamlingbo 1
Muscicapa striata	Grå Fluesnapper	Spotted Flycatcher	Vamlingbo 1, Sundre 1
Parus major	Musvit	Great Titmouse	Common
Parus ater	Sortmejse	Coal Tit	Common
Parus caeruleus	Blåmejse	Blue Tit	Common
Sitta europaea	Spætmejse	Nuthatch	Few
Panurus biarmicus	Skægmejse	Bearded Tit	Stockviken 10
Certhia familiaris	Træløber	Treecreeper	Few
Lanius collurio	Rødrygget Tornskade	Red-backed Shrike	Sundre 1
Pica pica	Husskade	Magpie	Common
Garrulus glandarius	Skovskade	Jay	Common in the north
Corvus corax	Ravn	Raven	Common
Corvus corone cornix	Gråkrage	Hooded Crow	Common
Corvus frugilegus	Råge	Rook	Common locally
Sturnus vulgaris	Stær	Starling	Common breeding
Passer domesticus	Gråspurv	House-Sparrow	Common locally
Passer montanus	Skovspurv	Tree-Sparrow	Common locally
Fringilla coelebs	Bogfinke	Chaffinch	Common breeding
Carduelis cannabina	Tornirisk	Linnet	Common breeding
Carduelis carduelis	Stillits	Goldfinch	Few breeding
Carduelis chloris	Grønirisk	Greenfinch	Common breeding
Pyrrhula pyrrhula	Dompap	Bullfinch	Sundre 1
Carpodacus erythrinus	Karmindompap	Scarlet Rosefinch	Sundre 2 breeding
Emberiza schoeniclus	Rørspurv	Reed-Bunting	Few breeding
Emberiza hortulana	Hortulan	Ortulan Bunting	Katlunds gård 1
Emberiza citrinella	Gulspurv	Yellowhammer	Common breeding



Lambgift, sheep-shelter in savanna-like country, Fårö.



Horndrager, *Anacamptis pyramidalis*



Rød Skovlilje, *Cephalanthera rubra*



Apollo, *Parnassius apollo*



Stenvender, Turnstone