

Ringling of Migratory Paserine in La Nava Wetland. III Campaign of Constant Effort of April 5 to May 5 2003

For third consecutive year, *Fundación Global Nature* will organize a Constant Effort Ringing Campaign of migratory passerines in *La Nava* wetland (Fuentes de Nava, Palencia) during spring 2004. This activity is part of the Life-Nature Project: "*Conservation of Aquatic Warbler in the SPA Nava-Campos*" (LIFE2002NAT/E/861R EV). This wetland is classified as SPA (Area of Special Protection for Birds) and belongs to the Ramsar list of Wetlands of international importance.

The development of the campaign is going to take place between April 5 and May 5, covering a total of one month of trapping. The objectives of this campaign will be the ringing of the largest possible number of migratory species to get information about their migratory phenology, abundance, biometrics, physic state, as well as the origin places and destination of the migration, in order to enlarge our knowledge about the migratory strategies of captured birds, which are essential parameters when having to take decisions in the conservation of migrant birds.

A special attention will be given to a warbler species, the aquatic warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*), a Globally Threatened passerine whose nesting population is exclusively located in the East of Europe.

During the working month in the spring migration of the last season (year 2003) 661 birds of different species were rung, while 125 retraps and 58 controls of previously marked birds (4 of them rung abroad) were carried out.

Along the pre-nuptial migration, the most frequently rung species were reed warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*), willow warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*), sedge warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*) and great reed warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*). It is also outstanding the capture in smaller number of other species like blue throat (*Luscinia svecica*), Savi's warbler (*Locustella luscinioides*) or birds of scarce or accidental presence as the bearded tit (*Panurus biarmicus*), red-throated pipit (*Anthus cervinus*), or scops owl (*Otus scops*).

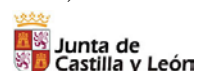
As a novelty, and thanks to the support of the Life-Nature project a "Helgoland Trap" has been built which is the only structure of this kind functioning in Spain. This trap is going to set in motion at the present ringing campaign and will facilitate the ringing work, in adverse conditions of wind or rain.

Another environmental incentive present around the ringing station is the presence of a important population of steppe birds like great bustard (*Otis tarda*) and, in smaller quantities, lesser kestrel (*Falco naumanni*), pin-tailed sandgrouse (*Pterocles alchata*) and little bustard (*Otis tetrax*).

To carry out the campaign, the collaboration of expert ringers and volunteers with previous experience in scientific ringing of birds is requested. Collaborators will have free lodging in the Center of Environmental Studies of Tierra de Campos.

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(Inscription form for ringers and volunteering in the scientific ringing works at la Nava lagoon)

Apellidos (Surname):

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Periodo de asistencia -mínimo 5 días- (Assistance time -5 days minimum-):

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Periodo de asistencia alternativo (Alternative assistance time):

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Participación como (Assistance as):*

*Indica si es como anillador experto o ayudante (Please write if you come as an expert ringer or as an assistant).

Profesión o estudios (Profession or studies):

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Motivos por los que desea acudir como voluntario (Reasons for volunteering):

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