



Ringings of Migratory Passerines in the Wetland of La Nava.
7th Campaign of Constant Effort from the 15th of July to the 17th of October 2006

For seventh consecutive year *Fundación Global Nature*, environmental government of Castilla y León, and de Fuentes de Nava council will organise a Constant Effort Ringing Campaign of migratory passerines in the wetland of La Nava (Fuentes de Nava, Palencia) during summer 2006. This wetland is classified as S.P.A. (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 the 15th of July and the 17th of October, covering a total of three months 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 places of origin and destination of the migration, in order to increase our knowledge about the migratory strategies of captured birds, which are essential parameters when having to take decisions in the conservation of migrant birds.

Special attention will be given to one particular species of warbler, the aquatic warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*), a globally threatened passerine whose nesting population is exclusively located in Eastern Europe. The ringing works realized during the previous years have revealed that La Nava is possibly the most important stop over site of the species known in Europe. In the four previous years, a total of 611 birds of this species have been ringed, and 7 birds ringed abroad have been retrapped (two in Poland, four in France and one in Belorussia).

During the working period in the postnuptial migration of the last season (year 2005) 11,723 birds of different species were ringed. The most frequently ringed species were the swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), the reed warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*), the willow warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*), the sand martin (*Riparia riparia*), the yellow wagtail (*Motacilla flava*) and the sedge warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*). We could also capture smaller number of other species like the blue throat (*Luscinia svecica*), the grasshopper warbler (*Locustella naevia*), the Savi's warbler (*Locustella luscinioides*), the bearded tit (*Panurus biarmicus*) or the iberian chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus ibericus*), besides the capture of more uncommon species like water fowls, birds of prey,

Another environmental incentive present around the ringing station is the large population of steppe birds like the great bustard (*Otis tarda*) and, in smaller quantities, the lesser krestel (*Falco naumanni*), the pin-tailed sandgrouse (*Pterocles alchata*) and the 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 village of Fuentes de Nava (more information about the village at www.fuentesdenava.com).

People interested in collaborating can download the inscription form in the web page of the project (<http://www.carricerincejudo.org/anillamiento/campanias.htm>) or contact us at the following address:

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