

## The Scandinavian Triple

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Do you want to contribute to a major initiative and take part in not only one but three Scandinavian Bird Observatories!?

This year we offer for the first time a volunteering package: **The Scandinavian Triple!**

If you would like to volunteer at the bird observatories which are run by the BirdLife partners in Scandinavia, now you have the chance!

### Come to **Ottenby** (Sweden) – **Lista** (Norway) – **Skagen** (Denmark)

Training and volunteer: These observatories are situated at some of the most important places in Scandinavia for both birdwatching and bird ringing, because of their geographical location. Millions of birds migrate through Ottenby, Lista and Skagen, including sea birds, waders, raptors, and passerines. They are all run by expert bird ringers and birdwatchers eager to share their work with others.

#### **What do we offer?**

Be part of our teams at Ottenby, Lista and Skagen Bird Observatories. You will have the chance to be out in the field, see lots of birds, collaborate on our ringing campaigns and get experience with undertaking wildlife surveys. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet eager birdwatchers from different countries.

#### **What are we looking for?**

- People with good bird ID skills.
- People that can be for at least 3 weeks at each site.

#### **When?**

- Autumn 2018: August (Ottenby), September (Lista) and October (Skagen).
- Spring 2019: April (Skagen), May (Lista) and June (Ottenby).

**What will you do?** Help the staff, collaborating on the daily routines: bird-ringing, migration counts, daily observations, maintenance, etc.

**Cost:** Travel and food are covered by volunteers. Each Observatory will provide free accommodation and a compensation of 50 SEK (Swedish kr.) pr. day of work and 800 SEK (Swedish kr.) for each travel between the Observatories.

**How to Apply:** People interested in participating should send an e-mail and CV to [ssc@dof.dk](mailto:ssc@dof.dk) Please, write "The Scandinavian Triple - volunteer" on the subject of the e-mail.

Deadline: 1st June (applications for autumn), 1<sup>st</sup> December (applications for spring)

## Welcome to Ottenby Bird Observatory!



**Ottenby Bird Observatory** is situated in SE Sweden, at the southern point of the Baltic island of Öland. The bird observatory was founded in 1946 and is run by BirdLife Sweden. Working here is great fun and a lifetime experience!

Southern Öland, and especially the Ottenby area, provides top class birdwatching during spring, summer and autumn. Peak periods are mid-April to late May, mid-July to mid-August (shorebirds) and mid-September to late October. C. 120 species breed in the area, e.g. Red-breasted Flycatcher, Collared Flycatcher, Scarlet Rosefinch, Red-backed Shrike, Barred Warbler, Icterine Warbler, Golden Oriole, Avocet, Thrush Nightingale, Corncrake, White-tailed Eagle and Greenish Warbler.

Seabird migration is terrific with approx. 1 million birds of a wide array of species passing each season and, furthermore, southern Öland is well known for numerous and regular records of Siberian vagrants (as well as masses of birdwatchers). In total, over 390 species of birds have been recorded in the Ottenby area.

Extensive research has been conducted for many years now, and the scientific areas primarily include research on bird migration, the importance of birds as reservoirs or vectors for zoonotic diseases, monitoring of population trends and trends in phenology.

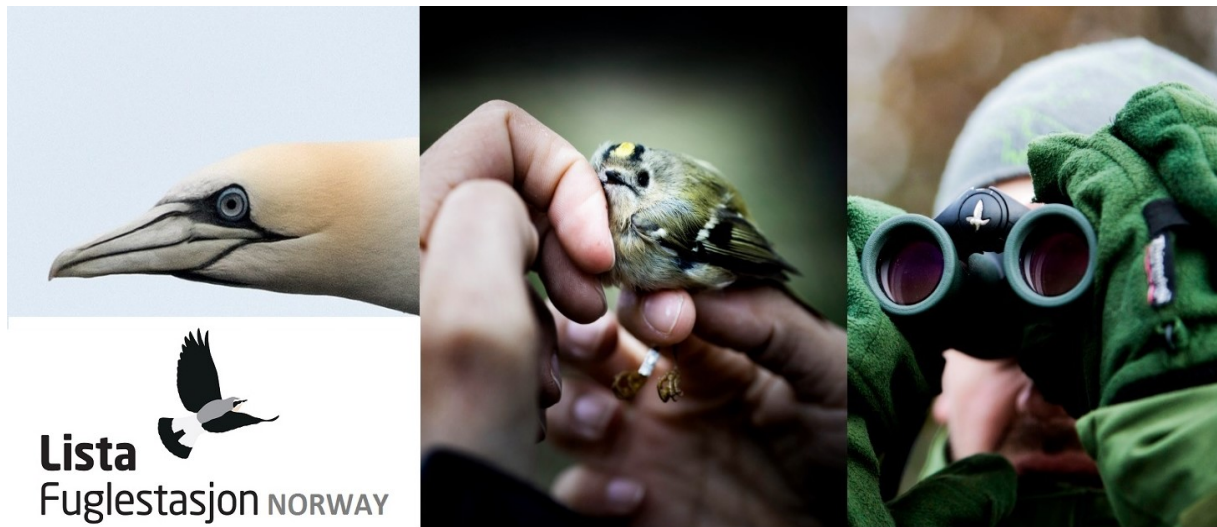
The bird observatory is a cooperative partner of a long-term avian influenza monitoring program. Ducks are trapped from August to mid-December and samples are being taken for analysis at the Linnaeus University in Kalmar. Breeding bird monitoring programs are conducted annually.

The staff size is around 5–10 persons, depending on season, and in total c. 30 volunteers work here every year.

Read more information at <http://www.ottenby.se>

<https://www.facebook.com/ottenbyfagelstation/>

## Welcome to Lista Bird Observatory!



**Lista Bird Observatory** lies at the Lista Lighthouse area in Farsund municipality, on the SW coast of Norway. The Observatory was founded in 1989 and is run by BirdLife Norway.

It is placed in a strategic area, where most of the migratory birds flying along the western coast of Norway pass through. It is an excellent area where birds can rest after/before crossing the North Sea, and find both food and shelter before arriving to their final destination.

The geographic situation combined with the variety of habitats makes it among the top places in Norway for birdwatching and bird ringing. Depending on the wind direction, it is also possible to see American and Siberian vagrants every year, making the place very attractive for birdwatchers. The study area of 3,3 km<sup>3</sup> land, has no less than 345 species at the bird species list.

The coastline inside the Observatory Study Area is one of the 10 different reserves that form the *Lista Wetlands System*.

The main objectives at Lista Bird Observatory are to collect data from the bird ringing, sea migration counts and the recording area census. The field work is done during spring and autumn migration periods and the data analysis, statistics and reports are carried out through the winter. Since April 2015, the observatory is run by the Norwegian Ornithological Society (NOF-BirdLife Norway). In addition, the Observatory has collaborated with scientists and research groups from several universities. It is possible to read and download most of the reports and publications, on our website clicking on "Publications".

The staff size is around 2–3 persons, depending on the season, and in total 6-8 volunteers work here every year.

Read more information at [www.listafuglestasjon.no](http://www.listafuglestasjon.no)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/listafuglestasjon/>

## Welcome to Skagen Bird Observatory!



**Skagen Bird Observatory** lies at the top of Denmark as a part of Skagen Grey Lighthouse – Center for Migratory Birds, situated in the beautiful landscape towards Grenen. Skagen is a pivot for migrating birds when they pass through Denmark on their fantastic journey. For many years, birdwatchers have flocked to Skagen to experience the birds. Experiences we would very much like to share with you!

Geographically Skagen is one of the very best spots in Northern Europe for migrating birds! The migration of both raptors, passerines and seabirds can be fantastic! Many different species visits every year and more than 360 species have been recorded in Skagen. The area is also renowned for offering more rarities than anywhere else in Denmark.

In addition to our participation in scientific projects, as well as conducting observations and ringing, we have a special effort to convey the birds and nature to the population, as well as educate our volunteers to increase their skills. In addition, the Observatory is often attending meetings, lectures and various events.

As volunteer we offer you a stay in a new and modern Observatory in one of Denmark's most iconic buildings: The lighthouse living quarters by the Grey Lighthouse - with the birds right outside your doorstep. The Observatory values professionalism and solidarity greatly, which gives you the possibility to develop your knowledge, skills and responsibility, but also to have life experiences together with the rest of the staff.

It is a place of space and high spirits!

Read more information at [www.skagenfuglestation.dk](http://www.skagenfuglestation.dk)

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