

Feeding habits of *Accipiter gentilis* in Estonia in 1987-1992

Data on feeding habits of *Accipiter gentilis* collected in 1987-1992 are presented. Major part of the data originate from breeding grounds (1037 prey items in total). Data has mostly been gathered in the N- and SE-Estonia and from the lowland of the Lake Võrtsjärv.

The diet of females and juveniles comprise individuals of the taxa of *Corvidae* (27.2%), *Columbiformes* (19.5%), *Turdidae* (16.8%) and *Galliformes* (9.9%). 65 species of birds and 8 species of mammals occurred in the prey remains collected from the nest-sites. The average weight of the prey was 323 g. The diet of incubating females has less variety and prey animals seem to be bigger in general than during the nestling time. The breeding time diet of adult males does not considerably differ from the diet of females and nestlings. The diet of birds inhabiting agricultural land comprise mostly Home Pigeon and individuals of *Corvidae* (app. 90%). Followed by the end of breeding season most of the Goshawks move to the arable land to feed.

In the diet of the species the author refers to three tendencies observed in the past two decades. There has been a considerable decline of the Black Grouse and the Grey Partridge in the share of the diet, also the portion of mammals has declined, while the share of crows and trushes has noticeably increased.

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Conflict between a goshawk and jaccaws

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8. juunil 1989. a. tiirles kanakull kõrgel Tõrva linna lääneserva kohal, 5 hakki kannul. Kanakull põikles kõrvale ja püüdis edasi lennata, kuid hakid ründasid teda pidevalt. Äkki pani kanakull tiivad kokku ja kukkus kui kivi allapoole. Metsa kohal avas ta tiivad ja kadus. Üks hakk järgnes samamoodi pool maad.