

Raptor plot at Laeva in 1992

An overview of the results obtained in the study area at Laeva (county of Tartu) in 1992. The major factor to impact on the breeding performance of the raptors in that year was felling work in the south-east part of the study area. Obviously due to the poor food resource the number of raptors feeding on small mammals was smaller than in 1991. Less than 50% of pairs of the Buzzard and the Ural Owl commenced breeding, which proceeded successfully in every nest (app. 60% succeeded in 1991). Also, the authors argue that Ural Owls have compensated the sparse availability of Water Rat and Voles with hunting birds and shrews.

ROOHABEKAD KURESSAARES**Bearded Tits in the town of Kuressaare**

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5. detsembril 1992. a. jälgisin 12-isendilise roohabeka salga tegevust Kuressaare linnastaadioni taga nn. Weise heinamaa roostikus mere ääres.

Tähelepanu äratasid linnud oma heledate tilksuvate häälitsustega. Madalal roostiku kohal lennates laskusid nad sammasse lähedusse. Salgas oli nii isas-, emas- kui ka noorlinde (must triip piki selga).

Linnud nokitsesid osavalt turnides roopähikutes. Raskuse all kooldus tihtipeale rookörs alla, siis jäi lind rippuma selg allapoole, painutades oma kehapikkuse saba peaagegi täisnurksest köhu peale. Linnud olid väga julged, lasid end vaadelda kuni 5 m kauguselt. Veelgi lähenedes töusid nad lendu, kuid laskusid mõni meeter eemal jälle roostikku.