

Albinism and melanism in Estonian birds

The overview is based on the data reported in the Estonian ornithological literature till 1993, but also on fragmented unpublished data.

Since the Home Pigeon with frequent albinotic forms is left out, albinism in Estonian birds have been reported in 43 species (170 cases in total). The top list of species include the Mallard (31 cases), the Starling and the Carrion Crow (both 16 cases). Melanism in Estonian birds has been registered in 6 species in 16 cases: the Mallard and the Black-headed Gull (both in 6 cases). Once a melanotic Great Spotted Woodpecker, White Wagtail, Carrion Crow and Tree Sparrow have been observed.

LINAVÄSTRIKU HUVITAV PESAPIIK

Peculiar nest site of a Pied Wagtail

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Pikk 75-6, Elva EE-2442

1993. aasta 25. juunil leidsin linavästrikku pesa mõõdukalt kasutatava raudtee rööpme alt, kahe liipri vahelt. Selles oli 5-6 peaaegu lennuvõimelist poega. Pesa paiknes u. 100 m kaugusel Elva jaamahoonest, ümbritsetuna 4 paarist rööpmetest, õlisest killustikust ja kidurast umbrohust. Vajab toonitamist, et rongid läbivad Elva jaama ööpäev läbi (keskmiselt u. 10 rongi).