## Lesser Black-backed Gull as a Winter Bird in Pärnu

The Lesser Black-backed Gull has almost been an usual wintering bird in Pärnu over the last two decades. The number of birds in the winter months (December to February) has fluctuated in the range of one to eleven birds.

When severe frost appears, the River Pärnu and the Pärnu Bay freeze, then all the wintering gulls gather in the waste dumping site of the town. Then thousand-bird flocks could be seen, comprising the herring gulls mostly. The majority of the wintering gulls form the first and second year birds, whereas all the Lesser Black-backed Gulls are over than two-year-old birds.







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