

Rarities in Estonia 2010: Report of the Estonian Rarities Committee

This ninth report of the Estonian Rarities Committee covers year 2010, but some earlier records have also been included. Altogether 72 records were definitely assessed, and 67 (93%) of these were accepted.

The records are listed in systematic order according to AERC TAC, and presented chronologically. Records of birds of escapees from captivity, corrections and changes, records not accepted are listed separately from the main list of accepted records.

The four numbers in brackets after species' name (*a/b – c/d*) indicate (a) the total number of records before 2010, (b) the number of individuals (if possible to judge) before 2010; (c) the number of records in 2010, (d) the number of individuals in 2010. X instead of a number means unknown number of records or individuals.

Details included for each record are: date(s), locality, parish (*khk.*), district, number of individuals (*is.*, *isend*), pairs (*paar*), nests (*pesa*) etc. if more than one, sex and age (if known; *a* = calendar year) and name(s) of observer(s). The meaning of some Estonian terms and expressions: *ja* = and, *s.* = island, *laht* = bay, (*tõenäoliselt sama isend* = (probably) the same individual, *pesitsemine* = breeding.

In 2010, 4 new species in an apparently wild state (AERC category A): *Aquila pennata*, *Falco cherrug*, *Vanellus gregarius* and *Lanius meridionalis* were added to Estonian list.

Altogether, 375 species of apparently wild state or released species which have established self-supporting breeding populations in Estonia or in neighbouring countries (i.e. categories A-C) and 5 species of unclear origin (category D) have been recorded in Estonia by 31.12.2010.