

LÜHITEATED * NOTES

Belated lapwings (*Vanellus vanellus*)

Hilised kiivitajad (*Vanellus vanellus*)

Phenological surveys carried out in Estonia have demonstrated that Lapwings start migrating either in the end of September or in the beginning of October whereby the prevailing weather conditions do not seem to oppose any hindrance. In 2007, there was no frost in the autumn nights and the first snow came down in the beginning of November. Therefore it was rather extraordinary to observe a flock of 20 Lapwings feeding in a recently harrowed field on the 4th of November, in Aidu, Jõgeva County. However, on the 6th of November the birds had already left, even though the recently ploughed earth stayed free from snow for several days and also no frost occurred in the night. Therefore, a flock of 300 Common Gulls (*Larus canus*) were staging in the field.

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