

**Longyearbyen Feltbiologiske Forening / Norsk Polarinstitutt -
Purple Sandpiper Project Svalbard,
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Hareid, Norway 14.12.2020

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Thank you very much for taking the time to report to us details of the sighting of a flagged **Purple Sandpiper** (*Calidris maritima*). Information about this bird and its movement is given below:

Ring no : **Stavanger 8B43319**

Flag g/w **XMM** (Left tarsus : metal. Left tibia : orange colour ring. Right tibia: (dark) green flag engraved with three white letters XMM.) **:LAO:LBM:RAGW(XMM)F**

Age/sex/biometrics: **M1K** (male, hatched 2014). Wing: 131 mm. Weight: 57,9 g. Bill:26,8 mm.

Ring date: **21.08.2014**, 18 hrs.

Ring place: **Longyearbyen (78°13'13"N-15°40'06"E) Spitsbergen, Svalbard**

Ringer: **Ole Edvard Torland**

Finding date : **20.01.2015**

Observed :**Redcar Rocks (54°37'00N-001°03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.**

Observer : **Rob Young**

Distance: **2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.**

Time: **0-4-30.** (4 months-30 days).

Remarks: **Photodocumented, very distinct photo of the flag and bird.**

Finding date :**04.11.2015**, 16 hrs.

Observed :**Redcar Rocks (54°37'00N-001°03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.**

Observer : **Rob Young**

Distance: **2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.**

Time: **1-2-14.** (1 year-2 months-14 days).

Remarks: **Photodocumented. Group of 10 birds.**

Finding date : **18.01.2016**

Observed :**Redcar Rocks (54°37'00N-001°03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.**

Observer : **Mark Stokeld**

Distance: **2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.**

Time: **1-4-27.** (1 year-4 months-27 days).

Remarks: **Photodocumented.**

Finding date : **03.02.2016**

Observed :**Redcar Rocks (54°37'00N-001°03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.**

Observer : **Rob Young**

Distance: **2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.**

Time: **1-5-7** (1 year-5 months-7 days).

Remarks: **Photodocumented.**

Finding date : 29.12.2016

Observed :Redcar Rocks (54*37'00N-001*03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.

Observer : Damian Money

Distance: 2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 2-4-8 (2 years-4 months-8 days after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented.

Finding date : 19.03.2017

Observed :Redcar Rocks (54*37'00N-001*03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.

Observer : Damian Money

Distance: 2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 2-6-28 (2 years-6 months-28 days after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented.

Finding date : 19.11.2017 +25.11.2017

Observed :Redcar Rocks (54*37'00N-001*03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.

Observer : Damian Money

Distance: 2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 3-3-5 (3 years-3 months-5 days after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented 19.11.2017.

Finding date : 24.02.2018

Observed :Redcar Rocks (54*37'00N-001*03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.

Observer : Damian Money

Distance: 2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 3-6-3 (3 years-6 months-3 days after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented.

Finding date : 22.12.2018

Observed :Hartlepool Headland (54*42'00N-001*11'00W) Cleveland, ENGLAND.

Observer : Colin Foster

Distance: 2693 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 4-4-1 (4 years-4 months-1 day after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented. (Email: colin.foster1@sky.com)

Finding date : 22.02.2019

Observed : South Gare (54*36'N-001*03'W) Redcar Cleveland, North Yorks, ENGLAND.

Observer :Barry Carter

Distance: 2702 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 4-6-1 (4 years-6 months-1 day after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented by Barry Carter. (Email: cartershous@btinternet.com)

Finding date : 17.03.2019

Observed : Redcar Scars Cleveland(54*36'N-001*03'W) Cleveland, ENGLAND.

Observer :Paul Wearne Forster

Distance: 2702 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 4-6-24 (4 years-6 months-24 days after ringing).

Remarks: Observed by Paul Wearne Forster. (Email: paul.forster1@ntlworld.com)

Finding date : 17.11.2019

Observed : Redcar Rocks (54*37'00N-001*03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.

Observer : Damian Money, email:themoneyfamily@btinternet.com

Distance: 2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 5-2-27 (5 years-2 months-27 days after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented. The letters on the flag very abraded.

Finding date : 18.11.2019

Observed : Redcar Scars Cleveland (54*36'N-001*03'W) Cleveland, ENGLAND.

Observer : Paul Wearne Forster

Distance: 2702 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 5-2-28 (5 years-2 months-28 days after ringing).

Remarks: Observed by Paul Wearne Forster. (Email: paul.forster1@ntlworld.com)

Finding date : 18.01.2020

Observed : Redcar Rocks (54*37'00N-001*03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.

Observer : Damian Money, email:damoney73@gmail.com

Distance: 2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 5-4-28 (5 years-4 months-28 days after ringing).

Remarks:

Finding date : 21.11.2020

Observed : Redcar Rocks (54*37'00N-001*03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.

Observer : Damian Money,

Distance: 2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 6-3-0 (6 years-3 months after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented. The letters on the flag very abraded.

Finding date : 14.12.2020

Observed : Redcar Rocks (54*37'00N-001*03'00W) North Yorkshire, ENGLAND.

Observer : Rob Young

Distance: 2701 km SSW. Direction: 204 deg.

Time: 6-3-23 (6 years-3 months-23 days after ringing).

Remarks: Photodocumented. The letters on the flag very abraded.

If you notice any errors in the information, please inform us about your corrections.

This information will be sent to Ringing Centre, Stavanger Museum, Norway and Ringing Centre, Tring / London, UK.

We are colour ringing waders and passerines in Norway and at Svalbard. The projects are mentioned below. Email co-ordinator: kjellmorksoot@fugler.com

Colourringing in Norway:

From season 2014 there is a collaboration between Sunnmøre Ringing Group (Giske Ornithological Station) (located in northwestern Norway, 62*30'29"N-006*01'37"E) & Maletangen OS (62*58'11"N-007*03'16"E), both stations run by Sunnmøre RG. - Revtangen Ornithological Station (located in southwestern Norway, 58*45N-005*29E) and Jomfruland Bird

Station (located in southeastern Norway, 58°52'N-009°36'E). Lista Bird Station (58°06'33"N-006°34'07"E) collaborate for some passerines. In the next years the collaboration may increase.

Waders:

Yellow flag on right tibia (3 black digits) and red maker ring on left tibia:

We hope of course, that you will look for flagged **Common Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius hiaticula*), **Dotterel** (*Charadrius morinellus*), **Golden Plover** (*Pluvialis apricaria*), **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*), **Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris ferruginea*), **Purple Sandpiper** (*Calidris maritima*), **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleuca*) and **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*Limos lapponica*) in the future ! All these species have metal ring on left tarsus, red colour ring on left tibia and yellow flag on right tibia engraved with 3 black letters /numbers.

Yellow flag on right tibia (3 black digits) and red maker ring on left tibia:

Revtangen OS (Stavanger Museum - Ringing Centre-email:birdringing@museumstavanger.no) has the the last seasons started the following four projects: **Green Sandpiper** (*Tringa ochropus*), **Wood Sandpiper** (*Tringa glareola*), **Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*) and **Spotted Redshank** (*Tringa erythropus*). All projects : Metal ring: left tarsus. Left tibia: red , plain ring. Right tibia: Yellow flag with 3 black letters engraved.

Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*): Metal ring on left tarsus. Red cr-ring above the metal ring. Right tarsus: Yellow ring engraved with 3 black letters.

Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*): Metal ring on left tarsus. Yellow colour ring on left tibia. Orange flag engraved with 3 black letters right tibia.

Curlew (*Numenius arquata*) (mostly pullus): Metal ring on left tarsus. Orange plain ring on left tibia. On right tibia orange ring with 3 black letters engraved.

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*): Metal ring on left tarsus. Orange ring on left tibia. Lime (light green) flag on right tibia with 3 black letters engraved.

Passerines:

Rock Pipit (*Anthus petrosus*), **Pied Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*), **Waxwing** (*Bombycilla garrulus*), **Wheatear** (*Oenanthe oenanthe*), **Whinchat** (*Saxicola rubetra*), **Stonechat** (*Saxicola torquata*), **Grashopper Warbler** (*Locustella naevia*) and **Twite** (*Carduelis flavirostris*) with yellow ring engraved with 3 black letters on right tarsus and metal ring on left tarsus. **Rock Pipit:** The yellow rings are soon used. We therefore have started to use (dark) green rings engraved with 3 white letters or 1 number and 2 letters. In future we will start to use orange colour ring engraved with 3 black letters / numbers, too.

Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*) and **Ring Ouzel** (*Turdus torquatus*): lime(light green) ring engraved with 3 black letters on right tarsus, metal ring on left tarsus.

Svalbard (Arctic Ocean): Longyearbyen Feltbiologiske Forening (LoFF) / Norsk Polarinstitutt (NP) in collaboration with Sunnmøre Ringing Group:

At Svalbard (Arctic Ocean) we flag **Purple Sandpiper** (*Calidris maritima*):

a) Longyearbyen: Metal left tarsus, orange ring left tibia and lime (light green) flag with 3 black

letters engraved on right tibia.

b) Longyearbyen: Metal left tarsus, orange ring left tibia and (dark) green flag with 3 white letters on right tibia.

c) Sørkappøya (South Cape Island): Metal left tarsus, yellow ring on left tibia, and orange flag with 3 black letters engraved on right tibia.

Dunlin (*Caladris alpina*) and **Red (Grey) Phalarope** (*Phalaropus fulicarius*): Left tarsus metal ring. Left tibia orange ring. Right tibia orange flag with 3 black letters engraved. Some of the Phalaropes have geolocator (white or green) on left tibia instead of the orange cr-ring.

Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*) : Left tarsus metal ring. Yellow marker ring on left tibia, and orange flag engraved with 3 black letters on right tibia.

Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*): A few pairs are breeding at Svalbard. Until now one bird is flagged : metal ring left tarsus. Orange marker ring left tibia. Right tibia: (dark) green flag engraved with one white number and two letters.

If you are interested to see photos etc from Longyearbyen, Svalbard www.LoFF.biz . It is members of LoFF (Longyearben Feltbiologiske Forening) who are ringing / flagging Purples and other waders at Svalbard. More about our projects you also find in www.svalbardbirds.com/Sorkappoya/sorkappoya.htm . The recoveries from our projects you can find in <http://sunnmoererg.wordpress.com/63/> .

Sunnmøre Ringing Group has had a website, www.fugler.com . We now work with a new website, unfortunately written only in Norwegian. There you find all recoveries we have received, what species we are ringing, etc. Your recovery will be updated in short time at this website: <http://sunnmoererg.wordpress.com/63/>

The Italian website www.crb-photoguide.com show more than 2000 photos of colour marked birds in Europe, also from our projects. Unfortunately it is not updated for a while.

A Norwegian website <http://www.ringmerking.no/cr/> process other colour ringing projects in Norway.

Regards,
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