

NEWSLETTER FROM PAPE ORNITHOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTRE IN LATVIA



Have you found a bat
with a ring from Latvia?
Please let us know by
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Migration season of 2017 is in full swing in Pape Ornithological Research Centre, where thousands of bats have been ringed since 2014. This year has set off as a slow one, with only ~1000 bats ringed, but a lot more are still to come. Some of the bats already ringed include 745 Nathusius' bats (*Pipistrellus nathusii*), 62 Soprano pipistrelles (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*) and a number of Parti-coloured bats (*Vespertilio murinus*) and other species.

Bats are captured in Heligoland type trap (see photo below) operated by a cooperation between the Leibniz institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW) in Berlin and University of Latvia Institute of Biology.



We urge bat researchers and volunteers in Europe to mist net, control bat boxes and search for bat carcasses under wind turbines in Western Europe, in concordance with local and national regulations.