

Measures against bird problems at major Nordic airports

- forms sent to 14 airports
 - 4 Swedish
 - 3 Danish
 - 3 Finnish
 - 3 Norwegian
 - 1 Icelandic
- forms received from 8 airports until now

Measures against bird problems at major Nordic airports (2)

- Preliminary results, similarities:
 - Shooting (shotgun) – good effect on gulls, lapwings, crows, Canada geese, rooks, birds of prey, migratory birds
 - Scaring pistols, distress calls etc. – medium to good effect on the same kind of birds incl. Starlings
 - Swallows and Starlings – difficult to scare away
- Preliminary results, special measures:
 - Growing plants (to obscure vision) – medium effect on gulls
 - Environmental changes (“Poor Substratum Tactics”, remove water, long grass, cutting at nights etc.) – good effect on resting migrating waterfowl and mammals
 - Visual observations by Patrol and Tower of migrating waterfowl – dispersing or elimination – good effect
 - Destroying nests – good effect

Measures against bird problems at major Nordic airports (3)

- Preliminary results, special measures:
 - Destroying/removing gull eggs – not effective as the birds lay new eggs
 - Very long grass (40-80 cm) – good effect on lapwings, oystercatchers, gulls and kestrels
 - "Birdguard" (permanent installation) – medium to poor effect on gulls
 - Trapping, shooting of badgers, foxes and hares – good effect, and "Kløver" (the food of the hares) will be chemically removed
 - Sound cannons – poor effect, the birds get quickly used to them
 - Jackdaws eating garbage in the terminal area – too many birds, difficult to scare away
 - Shooting kestrels summer 2005 – no effect as new individuals moved in to fill the gap
 - Grey herons flying over the airport – difficult to scare, but pyrotechniques can alter the flying altitude or the flight direction of the birds