

Kestrel we found dead

On our allotment on 9th October 2003

You might also be interested in the following about a kestrel we found dead at our allotment on 9 October 2003, with a Finnish (Helsinki) ring. Marianne had seen the bird the day before, on the ground, looking very weak and she could approach it closely. The next day she found it dead so she brought it home and we put it in the freezer. We sent the details to the BTO and the ringing report follows, Norman McCanch took the corpse and ring and prepared a museum reference skin. Norman found the bird to be very emaciated.

Good birding!
Steve Harper

Ring no: S231505 Ringing Scheme: Helsinki

Species: Kestrel

Age: Nestling (1) Sex: Unknown (actually the dead bird was clearly female) Brood size: 0 (We don't understand this! Norman thinks this means that perhaps there was only 1 chick or the other chicks were inaccessible and couldn't be counted)

Ringing date: 06 July 2003

Place: Simo 66 5 N 25 39E

County: Lappi, Finland
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Finding details

Finding date: 09 October 2003

Place: Ramsgate Grid Ref TR3865

County: Kent, England 51 20N 1 25E

Finding information
Freshly dead: Bird Found

Time since ringing: 95 days Distance: 2139 km
Direction: 220 deg

Reporter: M & S Harper