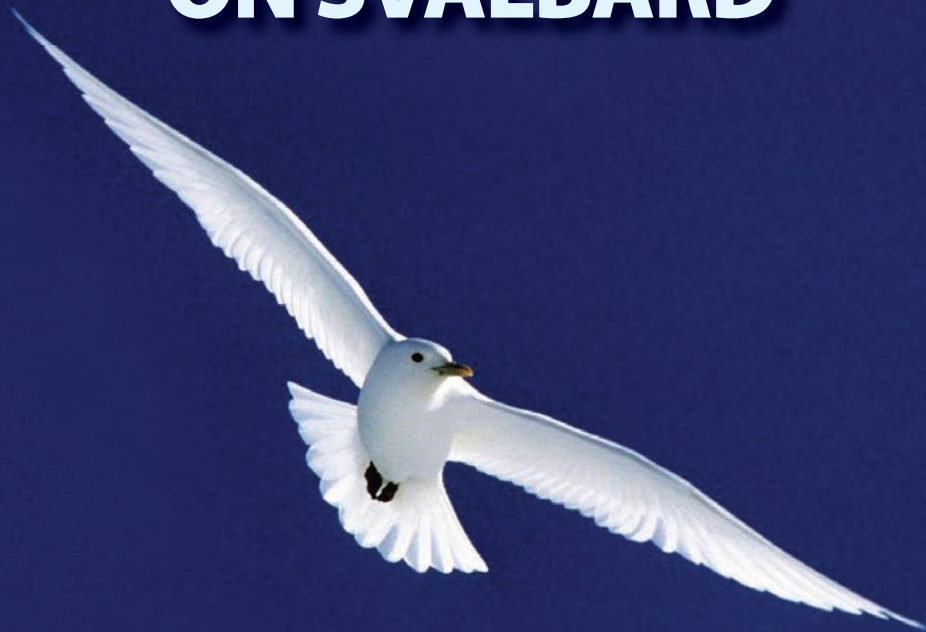


OBSERVATIONS OF BIRDS AND MAMMALS ON SVALBARD



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Dear visitor!

Longyearbyen Biological Society (LoFF), in cooperation with Oceanwide Expeditions, invites you to contribute biological observations during your stay in Svalbard. In this way you will augment our knowledge regarding the occurrence of the various species in these islands. All observations are valuable, and together these will make an important contribution to increasing our level of knowledge concerning the distribution of species in Svalbard.

What do we want you to report?

We mainly wish to receive observations of birds and mammals, with the exception of breeding records of Fulmar, Kittiwake, Brunnich's Guillemot and Little Auk. Observations of flora and other kinds of fauna are also welcome. It is better to send in too many observations than too few.

How are observations to be reported?

Observations of species that you know or believe are unusual should preferably be documented with photographs, video and/or a written description. It is important that the time and place of all observations are recorded as precisely as possible.

How will the observations be used?

All observations of birds will be verified by a local committee (Local report and rarities committee [LRSK]). This committee has the responsibility of checking the validity of all observations of species in Svalbard. The committee will also undertake the sending of these to the Norwegian Species Data Bank. This data bank has its own net portal for such reports (Artsobservasjoner.no). Here everyone has access to the reports that they have delivered, either in the form of lists, diagrams or plotting maps. Other kinds of information will be sent to the Norwegian Polar Institute or other institutions that are competent and have the aim of conveying knowledge about the various species in Svalbard. We also invite all to use the reporting system Artsobservasjoner.no which is a national data base for the management of such data (for the time being only in Norwegian). A summary and statistics of all observations that have come in via this project will also be presented at our net address: www.loff.biz.

What will you get?

All who contribute species observations will receive "the pin of the year" depicting a mammal or bird that is typical for Svalbard. New pins are produced each year, so just start collecting.

Important information

Report the date and exact location (e.g. by marking a number on the map in the folder indicating the place). The crew on board will assist regarding place names or position. Try to record the number of birds or mammals, and sex and age if possible. Observations from previous years are also of great value, and will be an equally important contribution.

We wish everyone a safe journey in Svalbard's nature, with memorable experiences among exciting bird and animal life

Other comments:



**The form should be delivered to one of the guides on board,
who also have pins to distribute.**

Alternatively the form can be sent by post to: LoFF, Post Box 694,
9170 Longyearbyen, Norway, or by e-mail to: bangjord@online.no (www.loff.biz).