

**Ring:** BY23958 **Day:** Saturday 9 September 2006

**Species:** Phylloscopus sp. (Ringed as Willow Warbler)

**Location:** In Pine forest approx 80 m from the Bothnian Bay at Vargviken on Fårön in Piteå, Sweden.  
65° 20.263' N 21° 31.109' E

**Time:** Caught 12:10

**Weather & Wind:** Fine weather with hard NV winds. Extreme NO weather situation proceeding.

**Sounds:** No calls uttered during catch, handling or after release.

**Övriga noteringar:** The brownish yellow tinge on the tarsi (Light Hedge Accentor or dark Meadow Pipit) caused careful measurements and revealed an emargination on the sixth primary on both wings.

## Biometry

**Bill length (from skull):** 11,0 mm **Bill length (from feathering):** 9,5 mm

**Bill length (outer edge of nostril):** 6,6 mm **Bill width (outer edge of nostril):** 2,4 mm

**Bill height ((outer edge of nostril):** 2,2 mm

**Other observations:** The bill was two-coloured with a darker upper mandible and a lighter lower mandible. The upper mandible with a small but obvious hook on the tip.

**Winglength (max):** 67 mm **Third primary length:** 49 mm

**Wing formula (measured from the wing-tip):**

**P1:** 36,3 mm **P6:** 1,7 mm

**P2:** 5,7 mm **P7:** 5,7 mm

**P3:** 1,0 mm **P8:** 9,7 mm

**P4:** 0,5 mm **P9:** 11,6 mm

**P5:** =Wing-tip **P10:** 13,0 mm

**S1:** 16,2 mm **Longest tertial:** 17,9 mm

**2:nd P falls between P:** =7 **Notch on 2:nd P:** 15,5 mm

**Emarginations on PP:** P 1-6!!

**Innermost tertial against middle tertial:** 6,4 mm **Middle tertial against the outer:** 6,3 mm

**Outermost (small) P against PC:** +4,4 mm **Outermost P against 2:nd P:** 31,6 mm

**Other observations:** Light fringes on P & S as well as light tips. Spikes.

**Tail length:** 51 mm **Tail rounding:** -3,3 mm

**Other observations:** Longish upper and lower tail-coverts. No colour difference between back and rump.

**Tarsus length:** 19,2 mm **Tarsus diameter:** 1,7 mm

**Leg colour:** Brownish yellow. Same tone as Hedge Accentor but lighter or Meadow Pipit but darker.

**Claws:** Dark **Soles:** Yellow

**Other observations - head:** Very dark brown iris. The supercilium was well pronounced and two-coloured: light yellowish in the front end and light beige in the rear end. No darker marginal towards the crown. Broken light eye-ring over and under the eye. Darker but not strong eye-stripe and darker lores against the eye. Gray ear-coverts with light yellow mottling. Chin and throat white.

**Weight:** 10,0 g **Fat:** 4

**Other observations:** Uniformly coloured nape, back and rump. Greyish beige band over the breast mottled with yellow streaks. Sides of breast greyish beige mixed with light yellowish streaks. Lower parts of breast and belly white without streaking. Two of the secondaries showed a darker brownish tone (not greenish) on the tips. Somewhat lighter tone on greater coverts but no wing-bands. The bird was photographed against a neutral grey back-ground and the photos are published on <http://www.cornix.se/phylloscopus/>

**Fellow observers:** Sven-Erik Sundberg, Lars Sandberg, Kjell Norman, Torbjörn Bergman, Staffan Sundin, Mats Bergquist, Roger Söderström, Ulf Tenbäck & Andreas Livbom.

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