

## **What do the ringing data tell about migration and wintering areas of Finnish Divers?**

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Since 1913, altogether 421 Black-throated and 1,367 Red-throated Divers have been ringed in Finland. Most Black-throated Divers have been ringed as full-grown individuals in the late 1960s while the majority of Red-throated Divers have been ringed as chicks during the last 30 years. There are no foreign recoveries of Black-throated Divers ringed as chicks in Finland, so strictly speaking we do not know where the Finnish birds spend their winters. However, the full-grown birds ringed in Finland during their spring migration appear to winter in the Black Sea region. The Finnish Red-throated Divers seem to winter in Western Europe and the most remote resighting is from Spain. The ring recovery data indicate that main causes of death for both species are oil spills and drowning in fish nets. In addition, many Black-throated Divers have been killed in their breeding areas in Russia.