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Gotland

My father lives on Gotland and it allows me to visit Gotland as often as I can. Gotland is a wonderful place in the summer.

Gotland is Sweden's largest island and the largest island in the Baltic Sea. The province includes the small islands of Fårö and Gotska Sandön to the north, as well as the Karlsö islands (Lilla and Stora) to the west. It has been inhabited by people for somewhere between 8000 and 6000 years (depending on the source). Farming was the first business to develop and, by the Viking Age, Gotland was a major trade center in Northern Europe.



Over 31 000 ancient remains have been recorded, making the island one of the richest areas in Sweden in ancient findings. Silver findings from Gotland has shown that trade with continental Europe was in full swing during the reign of the Roman Empire and probably even earlier

During the Viking Era and for several hundred years onwards, Gotland and especially the capital city Visby, became the center of trade in the Baltic Sea. Thanks to the Gotlanders' skills in boat building, they travelled far and wide, trading with whomever they met on their travels.

Gotland became christianised in the 12th century. According to Gutasagan, a Norwegian king, on the run from his own people, came to the island, bringing Christianity. The Gotlanders were not very impressed but finally the island joined the ranks of the faithful. It was not long before the Gotlanders took Christianity to their hearts, building many, many churches. There still exists over 90 churches on Gotland. Most of them date from the Middle Ages.



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Greece the spring 2006

Northern Pindos Mountains



*Some of my photos from a couple of cloudy, cold
and wet days in May around Milia high up in the
northern Pindos we endured!*

Photo: ©Leif G. Westrin



Our first stop in Milia.



We discovered a ditch full of newts and frogs just aside the road.



A simple ditch near the road a habitat for *Triturus (Ichtyosaura) alpestris* and *Bombina variegata*.



A nice meadow beside the road where we found *Lacerta viridis*, *Podarcis muralis* and *Lacerta agilis* some years ago on another trip when the sun was shining.



Fishing newts in ice cold water.



The logger's road up in the mountains we found. Milia.



Newt picking.



A handful of Newts. Milia, Greece.



They put the newts we found in some minutes, they were ewery where in the water dishes on the dirt road.



The first diving newt in the aquaria.



Too small aquaria! After we taken photos all the newts naturally was released back in the ice cold water.



We took our photos fast and then released the longing ones back to the cold water.



More newt picking.



The after a while over crowded mini-aquaria. Alpine Newt (*Ichthyosaura* or *Triturus alpestris*)



The loggers road was full of pit holes.



Mist and snow, cold and stiff fingers! Milia.



A Fire Salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*) on the logger's road.



A dead tortoise found at an alpine meadow where it normally not occur. Milia, Greece.



Big Puffballs we found near the dead tortoise.



Awakening a wet ice cold morning in the car high up in the forest of Milia.



It was cold before the sun rise.



A cold awakening in the Dead Tortoises Meadow



Early morning on the Dead Tortoises Meadow high up in the mountains around Milia.



Just to take down the tent and start the car to get it warm.



Our hire car with well packed things in the back.



Nice Pine Trees in Pindos.



The cocoons of The Eastern Pine Processionary (*Thaumatopoea pinivora*)



Under attack of The Eastern Pine Processionary (*Thaumatopoea pinivora*) the Pines was.



The Pine Killer. The Eastern Pine Processionary (*Thaumtopoea pinivora*)



Alexander seeking for Greeces mystery Bosnian Adders, Milia.



Wet and slippery stones.



Alexander shows that granite blocks are slippery and heavy.



A possible habitat for the Bosnian Adder (*Vipera berus bosniensis*)



Granite boulders, perfect home for Adders.



A portrait of a stiff wall lizard (*Podarcis muralis*) Alexander found under a stone beside the road.



The collar of a Wall Lizard (*Podarcis muralis*)



Granite and ferns.



Misty mountains and deep forests.



The snaking road down in the walley.



We saw the road deep down under us.



Lichens. Milia, Greece.



Spring flowers. Primula sp and others. Milia, Greece.



Grape Hyacinth *Muscari botryoides*.



The road downwards the mountain, Milia.

Hässelbyholm

a small paradise in Sweden

By Nils Kristian Nilsson



The Small-leaved Lime ” *Tilia cordata*” - alley where all the trees are filled with Mistletoe



Small-leaved Lime ” *Tilia cordata*” – alley (autumn/fall)



The Small-leaved Lime ” *Tilia cordata* ” - alley from the outside, summertime.



The Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*) sitting in the alle



A Small-leaved Lime " *Tilia cordata* " filled with Mistletoe *Viscum album* "



The **Bohemian Waxwing** (*Bombycilla garrulus*) is also found here, eating mistletoe berries



The Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) is also found here, eating mistletoe berries





An early common European adder or viper “*Vipera berus*”



A European grass snake or ringed snake “*Natrix natrix*” and a lot of *Water striders* “*Gerris remigis*”



We actually found snakes this cold day.



The **Eurasian Coot** "*Fulica atra*" laying on eggs



The **Common Buzzard** "*Buteo buteo*" you can see here every day



The Great Crested Grebe "*Podiceps cristatus*"



The eggs left alone while fishing



The mouflon "*Ovis orientalis orientalis*"



A white Fallow deer (*Dama dama*)



Some of his not so white friends



The Eurasian Tree Sparrow "*Passer montanus*"



The Long-tailed Tit or Long-tailed Bushtit "*Aegithalos caudatus*"



The Long-tailed Tit or Long-tailed Bushtit "*Aegithalos caudatus*"



Leffe slowly moves towards the deers



Pierre viewing the area



Leffe taking pictures of a **northern bat** "*Eptesicus nilssonii*" in a birch



The Common Eurasian Crane "*Grus grus*"



Two European hares "*Lepus europaeus*" early in the morning at Hässelbyholm



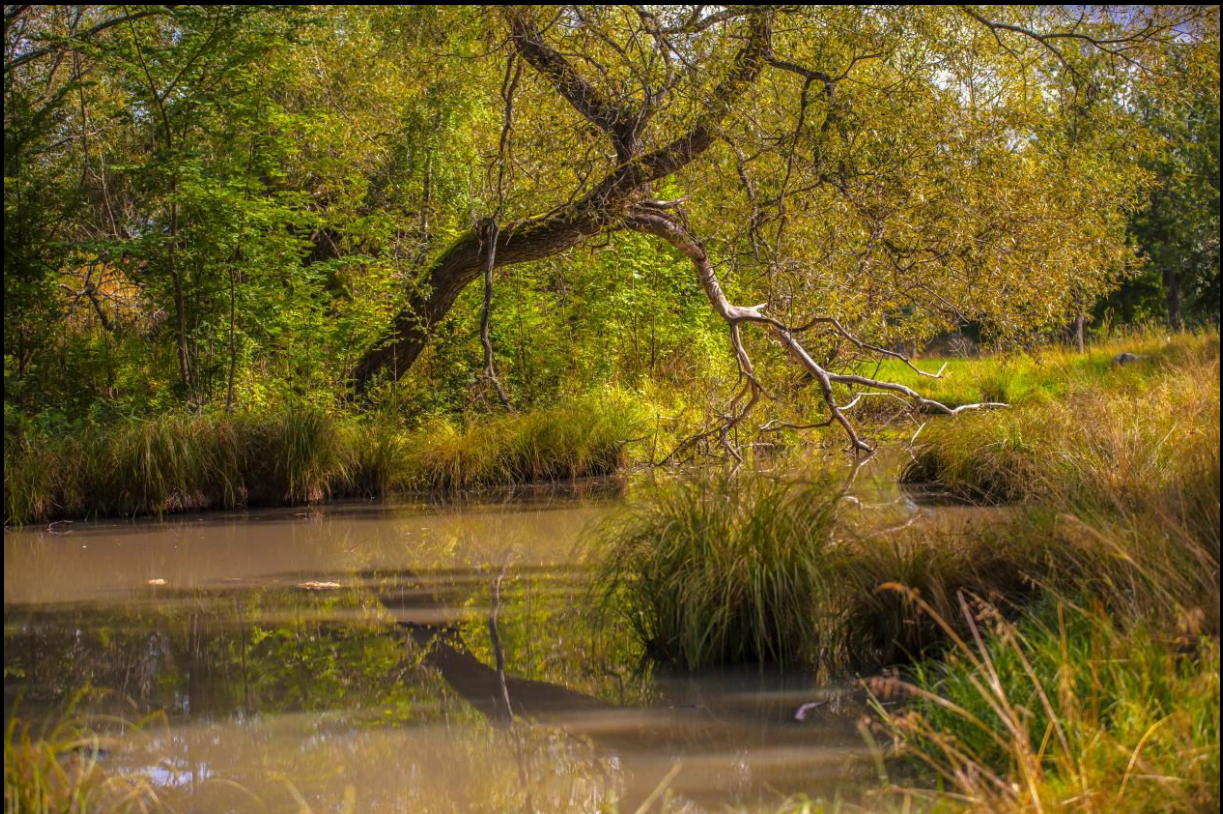
Two young Whooper Swans “*Cygnus Cygnus*”



A European grass snake or ringed snake “*Natrix natrix*”



The Common Merganser or Goosander "*Mergus merganser*"



There are some wetlands in the area where one can find interesting animals



place where one finds a lot of different dragonflies





The Small Tortoiseshell "*Aglais urticae*"



Leif G Westrin looking for eagles



Early morning at Hässelbyholm



Suddenly a **White-tailed Eagle** "*Haliaeetus albicilla*" shows up chasing an **Osprey** "*Pandion haliaetus*" with a **Common bream** "*Abramis brama*"



The red deer "Cervus elaphus"



Osprey "Pandion haliaetus" fighting over fish with some European Herring Gulls "Larus argentatus"



Osprey "Pandion haliaetus"



The moose or Eurasian elk "Alces alces"



Wild boar piglets or wild piglets "Sus scrofa"



The Rough-legged Buzzard "Buteo lagopus"



Northern bat "Eptesicus nilssonii"



The European Goldfinch "Carduelis carduelis"



The Common Pheasant "Phasianus colchicus"



The wonderful alley at summertime



The common European adder or viper "*Vipera berus*"



The European grass snake or ringed snake "*Natrix natrix*"



A really big chanterelle " *Cantharellus cibarius*". You find different kinds of chanterelles in the area. Just to pick and eat. Really tasty.



The Eurasian Coot " *Fulica atra*"



The European grass snake or ringed snake "*Natrix natrix*"



A really cold morning



Natrix natrix having sex for fun



This was a really fun day with snake penetration



A snowy day, but we found snakes this day too

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