

29. Stensholmskärret



From the reeds can be heard the song of reed warbler and sedge warbler, and sometimes the grunting of the water rail.

Stensholmskärret marsh is an exciting destination on the edge of Huskvarna for schools and other interested parties in the vicinity. For ornithologists, the wetland is especially rewarding, with a large number of resting and nesting birds. The vegetation in the marsh also has many aquatic plants and grazed shoreline meadows.

The Stensholmskärret originated when the Huskvarnaån river was dammed in the early 20th century as storage reservoir for the power station

in Huskvarna falls. At the adjacent shoreline meadows, grazing ceased in the 1960s and after that the marsh became overgrown. In the early 2000s, restoration of the marsh commenced with clearance of the river basin and reintroduction of pasture.

Some species of bird that you can expect to see here are marsh harrier, Canada goose, mallard, teal, common snipe, lapwing and reed bunting. During spring migration, wood sandpiper and green sandpiper are found

here, together with pipits and blue-headed wagtail. In the reeds, both reed warbler and sedge warbler sing, and sometimes the grunting of the water rail can be heard. Other visitors are crane, bittern, whooper swan and many species of duck.

The eastern side of the marsh is kept open by grazing cattle. Here, the rare corncrake has been observed; this bird has declined considerably during the 2000s. The cultural value of the overgrown island of Stensholmen in the



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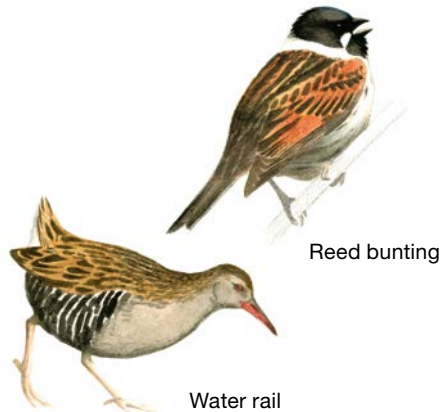
From the Stensholm pond in the south a popular path reaches the grazed shore meadow. At the football pitch in the north a path goes out to a flat area of rock with a bench and information board, and a good view of the meadows, marsh, and river basin.

HOW TO GET THERE: From Ådalsvägen (road 132), at the roundabout, right towards Stensholm (Hakarpsvägen), left towards the football pitch just before the Huskvarnaån river. Or follow Hakarpsvägen from Huskvarna, right to Stensholmsvägen.

PARKING: At the football pitch in the north and at the Stensholm pond in the south.

BUS: From Esplanaden in Huskvarna to Stensholm.

DIFFICULTY: ● Easy



Reed bunting

Water rail

middle of the marsh is considerable. On the island is an Iron Age grave, the ruins of a mediaeval castle and the remains of a paper mill. Grove plants such as Solomon's seal, lungwort and true-love add to the diversity.



Otter



Large white

