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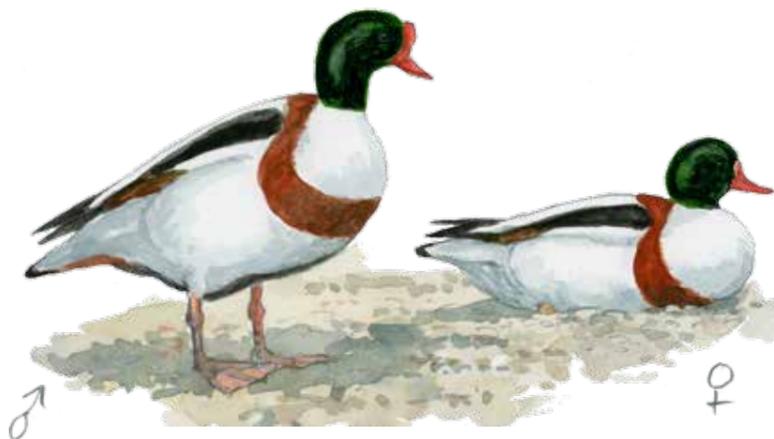
## Welcome to Måkläppen

**Like a drop on the southern tip of the Falsterbo Peninsula lies Måkläppen. The long sandbar which today almost forms a circle is built on a moraine core. But it is the sand that determines its shape. Wind and water constantly change the appearance.**

Måkläppen was subject to protection as early as 1902, when the Måkläppen Association leased the island, mainly to preserve the rich birdlife and prevent local people from plundering nests.

While Måkläppen was still an island without mainland connection, it was a major nesting site for coastal birds such as gulls, terns and eider. Today, when four-legged predators can get here, the number of breeding birds has declined.

Instead, Måkläppen has become the island of seals. For nine months of the year, harbour seal and grey seal rule over the sandbar. Here they can rest undisturbed and give birth to their young. But Måkläppen is also an important resting place for migrating birds.



The **shelduck** (*Tadorna tadorna*) has its nest under the ground. It digs out a hole or uses hollows made by other animals.

 **Gravanden** har fått sitt namn av att den har sitt bo under jorden. Den gräver ut sin boplats i marken eller utnyttjar håligheter som grävts av andra djur.

In winter, we humans have the chance to enjoy the island's environment.

From 1 November to 31 January it is possible to walk out on the peninsula. An amazing experience with the wind as a constant companion! Out on Måkläppen, you may find old wreck parts from ships that fell victim to the unpredictable waters around the Falsterbo Peninsula.

**Please note that dogs are never allowed on Måkläppen.**



### Regulations

**Within the grounds of the reserve it is forbidden to:**

- travel with craft within the area, or otherwise enter the island, sandbanks or shallow aquatic areas outside the mainland of the Falsterbo Peninsula during the period 1 February to 31 October,
- damage fixed natural objects or surface formations,
- pick or dig up plants,
- deliberately disturb wildlife, e.g. by close-up photography,
- camp,
- bring dogs,
- hunt, or collect or destroy eggs,
- put up notice boards, posters, or similar, or make inscriptions.
- start or land with aircraft, or fly unmanned remote controlled aircraft (including model airplanes) at a height less than 120 metres above sea level, or fly kites.