



## Fäliskäret, Rönnskären

Fäliskäret is a smallish, about 400 meter wide and a kilometer long C-letter shaped island that belongs to the Rönnskär archipelago and is located by the open sea. Its 22-meter high bell tower-like lighthouse is the oldest wooden sea mark in Finland. The island's two 19th century pilot stations are long one-storey wooden buildings. The island's pilot-and coastguard station was built in 1967 and it is a two-storey brick house. It currently functions as a wildlife center and is managed by the Forestry Board.



BLACK GUILLEMOT. PHOTO: SEPPO LAMMI

### Nesting species

The islands nesting species mainly include typical bleak, outer archipelago species, such as the Mew Gull, European Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Common Tern, Arctic Tern, Tufted Duck, Greater Scaup, Common Eider, Velvet Scoter, Ruddy Turnstone, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Common Redshanks, Meadow-and Eurasian Rock Pipits, as well as crows and wagtails. On the close by islets one can also find nesting Razorbills and Black Guillemots. All in all there are about 80 species nesting in the area.

More detailed information about the nesting species can be found in the third Finnish bird atlas: <http://atlas3.lintuatlas.fi/tulokset/ruutu/701:318>

### Migratory species

Through and along the edges of the archipelago there is a lively and diverse birds' migratory route. Especially waterbirds and gulls are common, but also shorebirds, birds of prey and passerines are often spotted. In particular Black-and Red-throated Loons, Common Scoters, Velvet Scoters, Common Eiders and Razorbills are strongly represented in the migratory flows. Fäliskäret offers excellent possibilities for observing sea migration as the coastguard station can be used for this purpose even in rough weather.

### Municipality

Maalahti

### Coordinators

70104:31871

### Driving Directions

Getting to Fäliskäret requires a long (about 23 kilometers) and rocky boat ride. The closest harbours are the Bredskäret's and Bredhällan's fishing harbours and the Ytterbådan's fishing harbour in Bergö. From the western tip of the Kopparfuruskäret island there is a direct rockless passage to the west that connects directly with the Rönnskär pass, but the journey takes about 40 minutes.

### Services

The public services in Fäliskär include campfire sites, a guest boat harbour, and nature trails. To protect nesting birds one should not stray off the allocated paths between 1.5 and 15.7.

### Best time for excursions

During open water season. The closest grocery stores, banks etc. can be found in the Molpe and Bergö villages.

### Rarities

Red-rumped Swallow, Common Murre, Peregrine Falcon.

