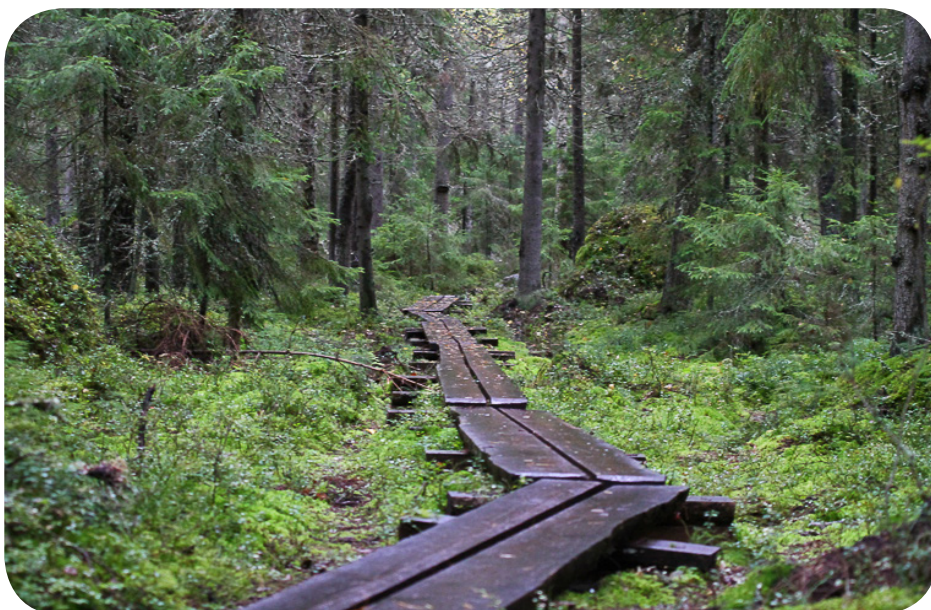




Öjen

Öjen is a roughly 26 km² large old woodland area close to the center of Vaasa. The area mainly consists of ancient spruce dominated coniferous forests, which have partly turned into bogland. The forest landscape varies between lush Beach groves and bleak rocky pine groves. There is a roughly 5 km long nature trail in the area, along which there are information boards and a fire making spot.



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Nesting species

About 130 different nesting species can be found in the area within an about five km radius. The most common species are those generally found in urban areas, inner archipelagos and mixed-and coniferous forests. The Öjen area is mainly made up of ancient coniferous forests and the area's nesting species therefore mainly include species typical to this type of landscape, such as the Common Chaffinch, Tree Pipit, Common Chiffchaff, European Robin, Dunnock and Goldcrest. The nesting species with lower numbers in Öjen are at least the Western Capercaillie, Hazel Grouse, Common Raven, Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker and the Eurasian Pygmy Owl and Boreal Owl.

More detailed information about the nesting species can be found in the third Finnish bird atlas: <http://atlas3.lintuatlas.fi/tulokset/ruutu/700:322>

Migratory species

In the midst of the old forest there are no special spots for observing bird migration, though especially in spring time the singing of countless birds that have stopped to rest on their journey can be heard in the woods. One of the loudest is sure to be the Brambling, though it rarely stops to nest so far south. Its racking singing can be heard in the woods especially in April-May time.

Municipality

Vaasa

Coordinators

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Driving directions

From the center of Vaasa drive about 4,2 km along Vaasanpuistikko (6741) west towards Sundom. Turn right a short way after the Myrgrund bridge into a resting spot. The car can be parked here. Walk about 400 meters west along Öjentie until you see a marked path after the snow dumping area to the left.

Services

Nature trail and fire making place. Shops and other services can be found in the center of Vaasa and close by.

Best time for excursions

Between April and October.

