Preliminary analysis of the Icelandic Gyrfalcon CMR

dataset - v2

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- ⁵ Here I attempt to explore the CMR dataset, before we go to inferential models to estimate survival and
- 6 perhaps link this to an integrated pop. model.

7 Basic statistics

8 How many birds have been ringed?

```
dringed<-read.csv("data/Gyrs_ringed.csv")
head(dringed) # What's in the data table</pre>
```

```
## Ring_No Ringed_date Ringed_day Ringed_month Ringed_year EurAgeCode
```

10	## 1	15551	7/12/1975	12	7	1975	1
11	## 2	15552	7/12/1975	12	7	1975	1
12	## 3	15553	7/12/1975	12	7	1975	1
13	## 4	15554	6/20/1976	20	6	1976	1
14	## 5	15555	6/20/1976	20	6	1976	1
15	## 6	15556	6/20/1976	20	6	1976	1

EurAgeText SEX

7 ## 1 Pullus 0

18 ## 2 Pullus 0

9 ## 3 Pullus 0

o ## 4 Pullus 0

ı ## 5 Pullus 0

22 ## 6 Pullus 0

length(unique(dringed\$Ring_No)) #How many unique bird IDs

23 **##** [1] 1653

OK, so we have 1653 unique IDs. Let's compare to how many gyrs have been recovered.

```
drecov<-read.csv("data/Gyrs_recovered.csv")
head(drecov)</pre>
```

25	##	Ring_No	Date_recovered	Day_recorded	Month_recorded	Year_recorded
26	## 1	15554	10/15/1976	15	10	1976
27	## 2	15556	9/18/1980	18	9	1980
28	## 3	15559	6/18/1980	18	6	1980
29	## 4	15560	4/15/1979	15	4	1979
30	## 5	15562	8/20/1987	20	8	1987
31	## 6	15567	5/13/1995	13	5	1995
32	##	Accurance	cy_of_date_Eurin	ng_code Condit	cion_Euring_code)
33	## 1			5	3	3
34	## 2			9	3	3
35	## 3			9	3	3
36	## 4			9	3	3
37	## 5			0	3	3
38	## 6			9	3	3
39	##	Circumst	tances_Euring_co	ode Ci	ircumstances_Eur	ring_text
40	## 1			1	Bird fo	ound dead
41	## 2			1	Bird found 1	long dead
42	## 3			1	Bird found 1	long dead
43	## 4			1	Bird found 1	long dead
44	## 5			1 Bird found	d dead (less tha	n month)
45	## 6			1	Bird found 1	long dead
46	##		When.dead I	Date_reported		
47	## 1			14.09.1985		
48	## 2	Die	ed summer 1980	22.09.1980		

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9 ## 3 18.12.1980

18.12.1980

29.06.1984

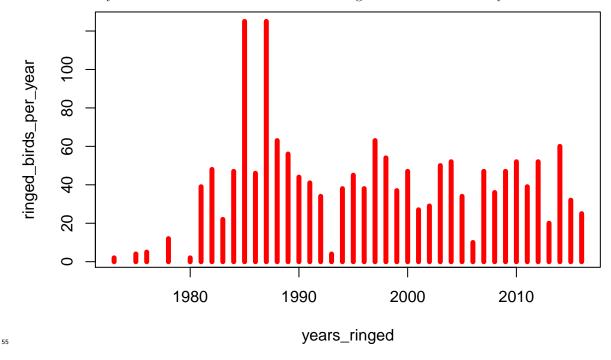
11 ## 5 Died summer 1987 25.08.1987

12 ## 6 26.05.1995
```

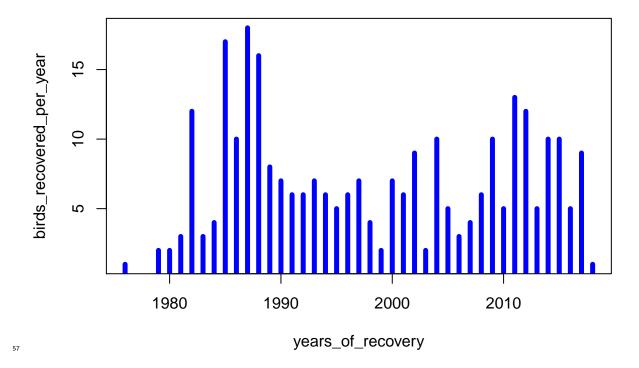
length(unique(drecov\$Ring_No)) #How many unique bird IDs in Gyrs_recovered.csv

53 ## [1] 270

Let's now analyse the number of birds that have been ringed as a function of the year



56 We now analyse the patterns of recovery (and resighting)

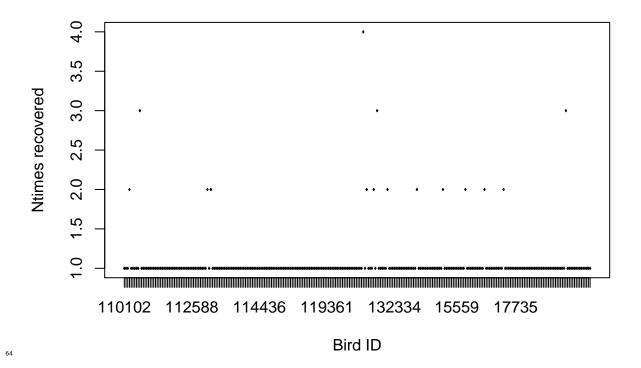


- Now how many birds have been seen several times? We see below that very few birds have been recovered
- more than once (also this tends to be recent?).

Question: when did the change from recovery of dead birds to resighting of live birds occur?

- I can infer the earliest date at which a bird has been resighted a second time, but given few birds have been
- 61 resighted, but it might be preferable to allow later for a change in protocol (in the CMR models) using a
- 62 predefined time (we can use several if unsure). I have noted 2006 earlier but I am unsure.

63



```
65 ## ntimes_recovered
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- This is coherent with the info given by Oli 1 bird recovered 4 times, 3 birds 3 times, 11 birds two times and
- 69 the rest 1 time.
- 70 Thus for all practical purposes, we can consider that such data consists mainly of individual that are either
- recovered or not recovered/resighted. We'll now turn to whether the individuals have been found live or dead,
- ₇₂ and how this varies in time.
- Also whether the recoveries of dead birds are of young vs. adult birds (which may provide quick and dirty
- estimates of survival rates, at least for the youngs...)

these are all the recovery codes that we have (top row), and how many of those we have in the datase
table(drecov\$Condition_Euring_code)

```
75 ##
76 ## 1 2 3 4 5 7 8
77 ## 2 66 136 8 26 31 21
```

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### [previous comment: For instance, we can see 15 read colourmarks.
### We need to simplify this complexity to some extent by aggregating some values.]
```

- Now we need some more info on the codes
- 79 These are defined according to The EURING EXCHANGE Code 2000+ https://euring.org/files/documents/
- 80 E2000PLUSExchangeCodeV117.pdf

Condition Code	Meaning
0	Condition completely unknown
1	Dead but no information on how recently died/killed
2	Freshly dead – within about a week
3	dead for $>$ a week. If $>>$, use 9 in Accuracy of Date, and 3 here
4	Found sick/wounded and released afterwards
5	Found sick/wounded and NOT released afterwards
6	Alive and probably healthy but taken into captivity.
7	Alive and probably healthy and certainly released (ring seen without the bird having being caught).
8	Alive and probably healthy and released by a ringer
9	Alive and probably healthy but ultimate fate of bird is not known

- 81 Thus categories 4, 7 and 8 (respectively 8, 31 and 21 birds) correspond to cases where the bird is 'released'
- alive, i.e. effectively resighted rather than recovered (when dead).

drecov\$Date_recovered[drecov\$Condition_Euring_code %in% c(4,7,8)]

```
[1] 7/16/1986
                              5/17/1987
                                         5/14/1987
                                                    4/22/1985
                                                               2/4/1988
##
                   5/16/1985
   [7] 5/6/1988
                   5/6/1987
                              5/21/1988
                                         6/3/1982
                                                    5/15/1985 5/16/1987
## [13] 5/10/1985
                   3/17/1984
                              5/28/1984
                                         5/15/1987
                                                    10/30/1985 11/29/1986
## [19] 5/9/1988
                             1/4/1988
                                                    6/9/2009
                                                               8/27/2000
                   7/28/1988
                                         9/13/1990
## [25] 3/6/2005
                   12/12/2001 6/5/2011
                                         6/30/2007
                                                    10/23/2008 6/14/2014
## [31] 6/14/2015
                   6/5/2016
                              6/17/2017
                                         5/4/2012
                                                    11/1/2011
                                                               10/1/2012
## [37] 1/2/2013
                                         6/13/2012 6/16/2016 3/7/2015
                   6/17/2010
                             6/16/2011
  [43] 6/19/2017
                   6/17/2017
                              5/5/2012
                                         2/26/2012 7/21/2012
                                                               6/11/2014
## [49] 1/22/2018
                  3/14/2016 1/5/2017
                                         3/10/2017 6/9/2015
                                                               11/11/2014
```

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## [55] 2/6/2016 3/10/2017 8/28/2015 8/13/2015 8/17/2016 10/19/2017 ## 269 Levels: 10/10/2008 10/1/2012 10/15/1976 10/15/1981 ... 9/8/1982
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drecov\$Year[drecov\$Condition_Euring_code %in% c(4,7,8)]

```
## [1] "1986" "1985" "1987" "1987" "1988" "1988" "1988" "1987" "1988" "1982"

## [11] "1985" "1987" "1985" "1984" "1984" "1987" "1985" "1986" "1988" "1988"

## [21] "1988" "1990" "2009" "2000" "2005" "2001" "2011" "2007" "2008" "2014"

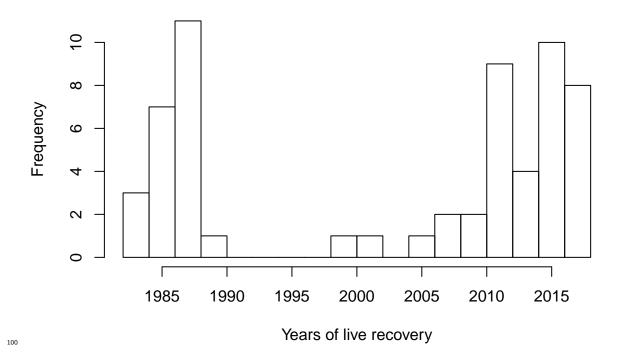
## [31] "2015" "2016" "2017" "2012" "2011" "2012" "2013" "2010" "2011" "2012"

## [41] "2016" "2015" "2017" "2017" "2012" "2012" "2012" "2015" "2014" "2016"

## [51] "2017" "2017" "2015" "2014" "2016" "2017" "2015" "2015" "2016" "2017"
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vec_year_recovered_live = as.numeric(drecov\$Year[drecov\$Condition_Euring_code %in% c(4,7,8)])
hist(vec_year_recovered_live,breaks=20,xlab = "Years of live recovery", main = "Live recaptures (Euring

Live recaptures (Euring 4,7,8)



drecov\$Date_recovered[drecov\$Condition_Euring_code %in% c(7,8)]

101 ## [1] 5/16/1985 5/17/1987 5/14/1987 2/4/1988 5/6/1988 5/6/1987 102 ## [7] 5/21/1988 6/3/1982 5/15/1985 5/16/1987 5/10/1985 3/17/1984

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## [13] 5/15/1987 10/30/1985 11/29/1986 5/9/1988
                                                        6/9/2009
                                                                   8/27/2000
103
   ## [19] 3/6/2005
                      12/12/2001 6/5/2011
                                             6/30/2007
                                                        10/23/2008 6/14/2014
   ## [25] 6/14/2015 6/5/2016
                                 6/17/2017 5/4/2012
                                                        11/1/2011 10/1/2012
105
   ## [31] 1/2/2013
                      6/17/2010 6/16/2011 6/13/2012 6/16/2016 3/7/2015
   ## [37] 6/19/2017
                      6/17/2017
                                 5/5/2012
                                             2/26/2012 7/21/2012 6/11/2014
107
                                            3/10/2017 11/11/2014 2/6/2016
   ## [43] 1/22/2018
                      3/14/2016
                                 1/5/2017
   ## [49] 3/10/2017
                      8/13/2015 8/17/2016 10/19/2017
109
   ## 269 Levels: 10/10/2008 10/1/2012 10/15/1976 10/15/1981 ... 9/8/1982
110
   drecov$Date_recovered[drecov$Condition_Euring_code ==7]
       [1] 2/4/1988
                      10/30/1985 11/29/1986 6/9/2009
                                                        8/27/2000 3/6/2005
   ##
111
       [7] 12/12/2001 6/5/2011
                                 6/30/2007 10/23/2008 6/5/2016
                                                                   5/4/2012
   ## [13] 10/1/2012 1/2/2013
                                 6/17/2010 6/16/2011 6/13/2012 3/7/2015
113
   ## [19] 5/5/2012
                      2/26/2012 7/21/2012 6/11/2014 1/22/2018 3/14/2016
114
   ## [25] 1/5/2017
                      3/10/2017 11/11/2014 3/10/2017 8/13/2015 8/17/2016
115
   ## [31] 10/19/2017
116
   ## 269 Levels: 10/10/2008 10/1/2012 10/15/1976 10/15/1981 ... 9/8/1982
   drecov$Date_recovered[drecov$Condition_Euring_code ==8]
   ##
       [1] 5/16/1985 5/17/1987 5/14/1987 5/6/1988 5/6/1987 5/21/1988 6/3/1982
       [8] 5/15/1985 5/16/1987 5/10/1985 3/17/1984 5/15/1987 5/9/1988 6/14/2014
119
   ## [15] 6/14/2015 6/17/2017 11/1/2011 6/16/2016 6/19/2017 6/17/2017 2/6/2016
   ## 269 Levels: 10/10/2008 10/1/2012 10/15/1976 10/15/1981 ... 9/8/1982
   ### Check not a problem of date recording
   drecov$Year[(drecov$Condition_Euring_code %in% c(4,7,8))&(drecov$Accurancy_of_date_Euring_code!=9)]
       [1] "1986" "1985" "1987" "1987" "1985" "1988" "1988" "1987" "1988" "1982"
   ##
122
   ## [11] "1985" "1987" "1985" "1984" "1984" "1987" "1985" "1986" "1988" "1988"
123
   ## [21] "1988" "1990" "2009" "2000" "2005" "2001" "2011" "2007" "2008" "2014"
124
   ## [31] "2015" "2016" "2017" "2012" "2011" "2012" "2013" "2010" "2011" "2012"
      [41] "2016" "2015" "2017" "2017" "2012" "2012" "2012" "2014" "2018" "2016"
126
   ## [51] "2017" "2017" "2015" "2014" "2016" "2017" "2015" "2015" "2016" "2017"
```

```
drecov$Accurancy_of_date_Euring_code[drecov$Condition_Euring_code %in% c(4,7,8)]
     128
  table(drecov$Accurancy_of_date_Euring_code)
  ##
131
                        5
  ## 212
          8
              5
                     6
                           45
  ## Check the birds whose dying dates are poorly known
  drecov$Year[(drecov$Accurancy_of_date_Euring_code %in% c(8,9))]
      [1] "1980" "1980" "1979" "1995" "1996" "1990" "2000" "1987" "2011" "1996"
133
  ## [11] "1994" "1985" "1987" "1986" "1988" "1986" "1993" "1988" "1987" "2002"
134
   ## [21] "1987" "1996" "1993" "1987" "1997" "1994" "1994" "1988" "1992" "1996"
135
  ## [31] "1996" "1998" "1998" "2017" "2003" "2002" "2006" "2008" "2013" "2014"
   ## [41] "2005" "2009" "2014" "2012" "2017"
137
  drecov$Condition_Euring_code[(drecov$Accurancy_of_date_Euring_code %in% c(8,9))]
      ## [36] 3 3 3 3 3 3 1 3 3 3
  ## New dataframe for looking into those patterns
  long_dead_birds=drecov[(drecov$Accurancy_of_date_Euring_code %in% c(8,9)),]
  head(long_dead_birds)
  ##
        Ring_No Date_recovered Day_recorded Month_recorded Year_recorded
140
  ## 2
         15556
                   9/18/1980
                                    18
                                                  9
                                                            1980
141
         15559
                   6/18/1980
                                                            1980
  ## 3
                                    18
                                                  6
  ## 4
         15560
                   4/15/1979
                                    15
                                                  4
                                                            1979
143
```

5

13

1995

5/13/1995

6

15567

```
6/1/1996
   ## 15
            15980
                                               1
                                                                            1996
145
   ## 17
            15995
                        9/23/1990
                                              23
                                                                9
                                                                            1990
   ##
          Accurancy_of_date_Euring_code Condition_Euring_code
147
   ## 2
                                         9
   ## 3
                                         9
                                                                 3
149
   ## 4
                                         9
                                                                 3
   ## 6
                                                                 3
151
   ## 15
                                         9
                                                                 3
152
   ## 17
                                         9
                                                                 3
153
          Circumstances_Euring_code Circumstances_Euring_text
154
                                            Bird found long dead
   ## 2
                                    1
155
                                            Bird found long dead
   ## 3
                                    1
156
   ## 4
                                    1
                                            Bird found long dead
157
                                            Bird found long dead
   ## 6
                                    1
158
                                            Bird found long dead
   ## 15
159
                                    1
   ## 17
                                    1
                                            Bird found long dead
160
                       When.dead Date_reported Year
   ##
161
               Died summer 1980
                                     22.09.1980 1980
   ## 2
162
   ## 3
                                     18.12.1980 1980
163
         Died winter 1978-1979
                                     29.06.1984 1979
                                     26.05.1995 1995
165
   ## 15 Died winter 1994-1995
                                     06.06.1996 1996
   ## 17 Died winter 1989-1990
                                      25.09.1990 1990
   ### Possible to correct the date using the When.dead column
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Possible to correct the date using the When.dead column
nrow(long_dead_birds)

168 ## [1] 45

long_dead_birds\$When.dead

```
169 ## [1] Died summer 1980
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170 ## [2]

171 ## [3] Died winter 1978-1979

- 172 ## [4]
- 173 ## [5] Died winter 1994-1995
- 174 ## [6] Died winter 1989-1990
- 175 ## [7] Died winter 1998-1999
- 176 ## [8]
- 177 ## [9] Dead 3-5 years
- 178 ## [10] No estimate
- 179 ## [11] Died winter 1993-1994
- 180 ## [12] Died winter 1984-1985
- 181 ## [13]
- 182 ## [14] Died winter 1985-1986
- 183 ## [15] No estimate
- 184 ## [16] Died winter 1985-1986
- 185 ## [17] No estimate
- 186 ## [18] Died winter 1987-1988
- 187 ## [19] Died winter 1986-1987
- 188 ## [20] Died winter 2001-2002
- 189 ## [21] Died winter 1986-1987
- 190 ## [22] Died fall 1995
- 191 ## [23] Died winter 1992-1993
- 192 ## [24] Died winter 1986-1987
- 193 ## [25] Dead at least 3-4 years
- 194 ## [26] Died 1993
- 195 ## [27] Died autumn 1993
- 196 ## [28] Died winter 1987-1988
- 197 ## [29] Died winter 1991-1992
- 198 ## [30] Died June 1995
- ## [31] Died autumn 1996 based on intact carcass
- 200 ## [32] Died winter 1997-1998
- 201 ## [33] Died late winter 1997-1998
- 202 ## [34] No estimate
- 203 ## [35] No estimate
- 204 ## [36] Died winter 2001-2002

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## [37] No estimate
   ## [38] No estimate
   ## [39] Died spring 2012
207
   ## [40] Died winter 2013-2014
   ## [41] Died winter 2004-2005
209
   ## [42] No estimate
   ## [43] No estimate
211
   ## [44] Died winter 2011-2012
212
   ## [45] Died winter 2016-2017
213
   ## 54 Levels: Dead 3-5 years Dead at least 3-4 years ... No estimate
   ## For which do we have information?
   long_dead_birds$When.dead[grep1("D",long_dead_birds$When.dead)]
        [1] Died summer 1980
   ##
215
        [2] Died winter 1978-1979
   ##
216
        [3] Died winter 1994-1995
   ##
217
        [4] Died winter 1989-1990
   ##
218
        [5] Died winter 1998-1999
   ##
        [6] Dead 3-5 years
   ##
220
        [7] Died winter 1993-1994
   ##
221
        [8] Died winter 1984-1985
   ##
222
       [9] Died winter 1985-1986
   ##
223
   ## [10] Died winter 1985-1986
224
   ## [11] Died winter 1987-1988
225
   ## [12] Died winter 1986-1987
   ## [13] Died winter 2001-2002
227
   ## [14] Died winter 1986-1987
   ## [15] Died fall 1995
229
   ## [16] Died winter 1992-1993
   ## [17] Died winter 1986-1987
231
   ## [18] Dead at least 3-4 years
232
```

[19] Died 1993

```
## [20] Died autumn 1993
   ## [21] Died winter 1987-1988
   ## [22] Died winter 1991-1992
   ## [23] Died June 1995
   ## [24] Died autumn 1996 based on intact carcass
238
   ## [25] Died winter 1997-1998
   ## [26] Died late winter 1997-1998
240
   ## [27] Died winter 2001-2002
241
   ## [28] Died spring 2012
242
   ## [29] Died winter 2013-2014
   ## [30] Died winter 2004-2005
   ## [31] Died winter 2011-2012
245
   ## [32] Died winter 2016-2017
   ## 54 Levels: Dead 3-5 years Dead at least 3-4 years ... No estimate
```

long_dead_birds\$Ring_No[grep1("D",long_dead_birds\$When.dead)]

248	##	[1]	15556	15560	15980	15995	17637	17743
249	##	[7]	112524	112528	112540	112562	112588	112598
250	##	[13]	113468	113474	113489	113509	113514	113660
251	##	[19]	113661	113676	113697	113704	114987	115203
252	##	[25]	115214	115229	117935	123526	124362	132341
253	##	[31]	137158	V_FARU0096				

254	## 270 Levels	: 110102	110115	110117	110118	110124	110126	110157		V FARU0096
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Accuracy of date Code	Meaning
0	Accurate to the day
1	Accurate to within 1 day either side of date coded.
2	Accurate to within 3 days either side of date coded.
3	Accurate to within 1 week either side of date coded.
4	Accurate to within 2 weeks either side of date coded.
5	Accurate to within 6 weeks either side of date coded.
6	Accurate to within 3 months either side of date coded.

Accuracy of date Code	Meaning
7	Accurate to within 6 months either side of date coded.
8	Accurate to within some years only
9	Date of earliest possible use of ring (EURING for details)

#long_dead_birds[,c(2,5,10,11)]

long_dead_birds[,c(5,10)]

255	##		Year_recorded	When.dead
256	##	2	1980	Died summer 1980
257	##	3	1980	
258	##	4	1979	Died winter 1978-1979
259	##	6	1995	
260	##	15	1996	Died winter 1994-1995
261	##	17	1990	Died winter 1989-1990
262	##	29	2000	Died winter 1998-1999
263	##	31	1987	
264	##	41	2011	Dead 3-5 years
265	##	56	1996	No estimate
266	##	92	1994	Died winter 1993-1994
267	##	94	1985	Died winter 1984-1985
268	##	95	1987	
269	##	98	1986	Died winter 1985-1986
270	##	100	1988	No estimate
271	##	104	1986	Died winter 1985-1986
272	##	109	1993	No estimate
273	##	110	1988	Died winter 1987-1988
274	##	112	1987	Died winter 1986-1987
275	##	115	2002	Died winter 2001-2002
276	##	116	1987	Died winter 1986-1987
277	##	120	1996	Died fall 1995
278	##	121	1993	Died winter 1992-1993

279	##	124	1987	Died winter 1986-1987
280	##	129	1997	Dead at least 3-4 years
281	##	130	1994	Died 1993
282	##	135	1994	Died autumn 1993
283	##	138	1988	Died winter 1987-1988
284	##	140	1992	Died winter 1991-1992
285	##	157	1996	Died June 1995
286	##	159	1996 I	Died autumn 1996 based on intact carcass
287	##	161	1998	Died winter 1997-1998
288	##	163	1998	Died late winter 1997-1998
289	##	165	2017	No estimate
290	##	166	2003	No estimate
291	##	175	2002	Died winter 2001-2002
292	##	178	2006	No estimate
293	##	185	2008	No estimate
294	##	201	2013	Died spring 2012
295	##	229	2014	Died winter 2013-2014
296	##	239	2005	Died winter 2004-2005
297	##	240	2009	No estimate
298	##	241	2014	No estimate
299	##	265	2012	Died winter 2011-2012
300	##	290	2017	Died winter 2016-2017

The column "Year_recorded" should therefore suffice for the level of precision we need in early analyses. We
can then try to create (by hand) a "Year_recorded_corrected" variable that corrects the year based on the
when dead variable. There does not seem to be an obvious pattern into how people decided which date to set,
except when the year was set to the earliest possible date of the death (which is the most logical).

For the circumstances, see the EURING pdf. Here are the numbers for the various categories

table(drecov\$Circumstances_Euring_code)

306 ## 307 ## 1 2 11 20 28 29 32 35 40 43 46 48 50 58 62 63 Old codes —

AGE Code	Meaning
100	unfledged young
101	unfledged young at the nest
501	adult at the nest

RECOVERY Code	Meaning
100	found dead
120	found dead for a long time
121	found dead with one tag only?
146	found dead just outside the nest
5700	read colourmark
981,996	found injured and had to kill it