

### 1. Daydreaming of Ravens - 18:45

Early spring in spruce forest. Quiet afternoon, faint and high-pitched trilling songs of Treecreeper and Goldcrest, casual sounds of Tits, a hungry Blackbird shuffles in the leaves in search of food. Ravens fly by through the clearing and finally settle down for a gentle talk. Bullfinches join in with their delicate calls. Now and then the sound of wind picks up in treetops and calms down again.

1. April 2012, Pähklisaare, Estonia.

### 2. Waking - 18:49

This is a mix of several recordings from the same location, presenting the spring morning dynamics in a forest clearing. It starts in darkness, 3:45 A.M. with few sounds from Woodcocks, distant Snipes and Thrush Nightingales. When the morning chorus thickens, a single Black Grouse lands on the clearing and starts vocalizing. At first he marks its presence with loud hissing, but when the morning goes on, the male Grouse switches to the bubbling courtship call. Other birds in the morning chorus join in - early wakers Cuckoo, Songthrush, European Robin and Blackbird, later on the Tree Pipit with its long notes at the end of the song. In final minutes of recording a female Capercaillie starts vocalizing.

30. April 2012, Taheva, Estonia.

### 3. Evening Nearby the Brook - 15:46

Evening birdchorus in springtime is often more "relaxed" than morning singing frenzy. In this recording, made in a nice evening in May, you can hear gentle murmuring of a brook in mixed forest. The birds singing and vocalizing throughout the recording: Wood Warbler, Common Chiffchaff, Songthrush, Cuckoo, Chaffinch, Wren, European Robin, Black Woodpecker.

19. May 2009, Selja, Estonia.

### 4. Riverside Village - 15:22

Small village Palupõhja in the middle of Alam-Pedja Nature reserve by the river Emajõgi. Barn Swallows and House Martins are already migrating and find the electric wires good for resting and socializing. There are several other birds - Greenfinches, Pied Wagtail, Great Tits, Chiffchaff, Magpies, Eurasian Jay, Golden Oriole, Bullfinch vocalizing next to the farm houses, you can also hear alarm calls of Robin and Blackbird. Farther from the river-plain we hear occasional calls of Grey Herons and very faintly the buzzing song of a Savi's Warbler.

3. August 2012, Palupõhja, Estonia.

### 5. Goodbye Summer - 8:00

The end of August in Estonia. Nights are getting darker and chillier. Bushcrickets' chorus in undergrowth fills the small grove, Tawny Owl marks its presence. Seaside is not far, the calls of waterbirds, takeoff pattering of swans, trumpeting of Common Cranes and moaning rut calls of a Moose can be heard on background from coastal lagoons and floodplains around them. Barking of a dog echoes from the forest edge.

28. August 2012. Siiksaare, Saaremaa, Estonia.

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