

Territory Names

Angel (Reivo)

When Julian and his partner, Barbara, were looking for birds in 2014, they encountered two Sámi men hunting. Barbara was struck by the angel-like beauty of one of them. As the biologists had found a new group of birds there and a new name was required, Barbara suggested calling it *Angel*. In this way, she – and the situation that led to the name – became inscribed into the study site.

Akkavare (Managed)

Akkavare is a geographical reference to a hill near the territory.

Baggins (Reivo)

Michael and Jan were expanding their study site to include *Reivo* in 2000. *Baggins*, the name of a Hobbit family in the novel *The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien was chosen, as it was next to the territory ‘*Lord*’, also named after the book. The two territories used to be closer together, but, in 2022, *Baggins* had moved some way away from *Lord* owing to the movement of the birds.

Basilika (Reivo)

This territory was named by Magdalena, one of three PhD students together with Michael and Sönke, who were part of the ‘Siberian Jay Project’ when Jan was still the PI. Contrary to her peers’ suggestions, Magdalena did not want her first name inscribed into the study site. Instead, she suggested calling it *Basilika* as she enjoyed basil on her pizza and found the name fitting.

Blot (Managed)

Blot is another territory that shifted its location. The name refers to an incident Michael had during fieldwork

in spring 2000 when he caught birds there for the first time. While he was trying to set up the net, he cut himself with a knife when cutting down a branch. As the cut was deep and quite messy with a lot of blood, Michael glued the wound on his finger with superglue, technically the same as medical glue although it is not sterile and is normally used for radio tags. He fixed it with additional tape and was able to continue working in what then became the territory *Blot*.

Fat Jana (Fat Road)

When Kate and I were doing fieldwork in *Fat Road* in 2015, we had set up a feeder and installed a camera. Kate began to conduct the behaviour observation protocol and the video recording with the oral descriptions. The birds were pulling quite firmly on the feeder until it suddenly fell down. I decided to help but, at this time, I was still very wobbly on the skis. I fell several times in front of the camera, while trying to get to the fat that was only a few meters in front of me. This (recorded) incident caused great amusement for everyone and resulted in the name *Fat Jana*.

Fat Moose (Fat Road)

When the field station of the Siberian Jay Project was newly based in Auktsjaur, once Michael became the PI, the biologists passed the road and placed some fat there, giving rise to the name *Fat Road*. In autumn 2013, Jonathan, a long-term field assistant and friend of Michael who had done his PhD with Jan, saw a large moose passing the road there.

Fello (Reivo)

Fello is a Sámi word to describe a small house that has been taken down and no longer stands where it used to. There are many ‘fellors’ in this area.

Fyra (Reivo)

Fyra is the Swedish word for four. It was chosen because the biologists had found four birds belonging to the same group, when they caught birds for the first time in this territory.

Glottje (Managed)

Relates to the nearby village, named *Glottje*.

G-liden or Guortsliden (Managed)

Relates to a geographical location, a hill nearby. The shortform *G-liden* is used as an abbreviation for the GPS system, as it is otherwise too long.

G-stjärn or Guortestjärn (Managed)

Refers to a geographical location to the north of a small lake nearby. The shortform *G-stjärn* is an abbreviation for the GPS system.

Guorbavagge (Reivo)

Guorbaive is a hill near where Jan caught birds in 2001. As there is a small, beautiful mossy valley nearby, Jan decided to change the name slightly and called it *Guorbavagge*.

Kara (Managed)

Kara was the name of the assistant in 1999.

Knott (Managed)

Knott are the small midges that were, according to Michael, ‘literally everywhere’ in summer 2000 when he caught this group for the first time. There numbers were so high that Michael decided to ring the birds in the car because ‘the knotts crawl into your ears and nose and everywhere. It’s horrible’.

Laxtjärn (Reivo)

Relates to the lake nearby. Michael assumes that there probably used to be salmon in the lake. However, this would be the origin of the name of the lake, not of the territory.

Lord (of the ring) (Reivo)

In the year that Jan and Michael wanted to extend the study site in *Reivo*, they put up fat everywhere to see if birds would come. And then, as described by

Michael, ‘Jan and I caught seven to eight birds at once. They were from different groups though, and some were kids who disappeared again. We thought: so many rings, it’s like *Lord of the Rings*. Therefore, to make it easy we just called it *Lord* and skipped the rings’. After that a new territory was found next to *Lord*, which was then called *Baggins*, which also refers to *The Lord of the Rings*.

Maderängen (Reivo)

Ängen means grassland in Swedish and *Mader* is the name of a farm nearby. The biologists decided to merge the two names into *Maderängen*.

Mader (Reivo)

Refers to a farm nearby.

Måskapie (Managed)

Near *Måskomyran* and relates to the geographical area around the surrounding territory.

Måskomyran (Managed)

A geographical reference.

Mabuse (Reivo)

Dr *Mabuse* is the main character in a book by Norbert Jacques from 1920, which has been turned into a film by Fritz Lang (another name given by Jan).

Metro (Reivo)

This is also a name given by Jan, who likes films. This name refers to Fritz Lang’s silent film, *Metropolis*, from 1927.

Nadine (Managed)

Nadine was the name of the field assistant in 1998.

Norna (Reivo)

Jan gave this name, which relates to an orchid that grows here.

Rågängen (Managed)

Swedish word for a rough bordermarking in the forest or between farmlands, with a blurry boundary of about 5–10 metres. This border line is called *rågång*, and one is located near this territory.

Södra G(uortes) (Managed)

Geographical name relating to a territory to the south of a small lake nearby.

Spång (Reivo)

Paths that are built from wood across the swampland are called *Spång*.

Take 5 (Reivo)

This is similar to *Fyra* and was established in the same year. It describes how the biologists had five birds in the net when they were catching for ringing and measuring.

Trea (Reivo)

Like *Take 5* and *Fyra*, but there were only three birds in the net.

Troll (Managed)

In 2011, Michael and his team returned to this territory for the first time in a few years, and they found birds. There was one bird among them that they had caught before in *Kara* in 2007. The bird had been missing since then. In Swedish, 'trolla' is used for something that is difficult, that can perform witchcraft, or that can do magic tricks. *Troll* was an apt name for this bird that had been 'invisible' for a while.





