

#### 4B.2 Abundance

**Phenology:** In the southeast, a few hundred Taiga Bean Geese arrive in mid/late November, and peak arrival occurs in December-January. The majority leave the region during late February/early March. One site, Holmegaards Mose, is used as a spring staging area and the geese depart from here in late March. In the northwest, Bean Geese arrive in September and numbers peak in October-November and March, respectively. The geese depart from late March to mid April. Only about half the numbers present in autumn are recorded during winter (Jørgensen et al. 1994).

**Trends and numbers:** In the southeast (including northwest Sjælland and Fyn), 8000-10,000 Taiga Bean Geese winter in mild winters. In cold winters (or during cold spells in mild winters), numbers increase to 18,000-32,000 (Fig. 1.5, Table 1.1). Often peak numbers are reached in February, the coldest month of the

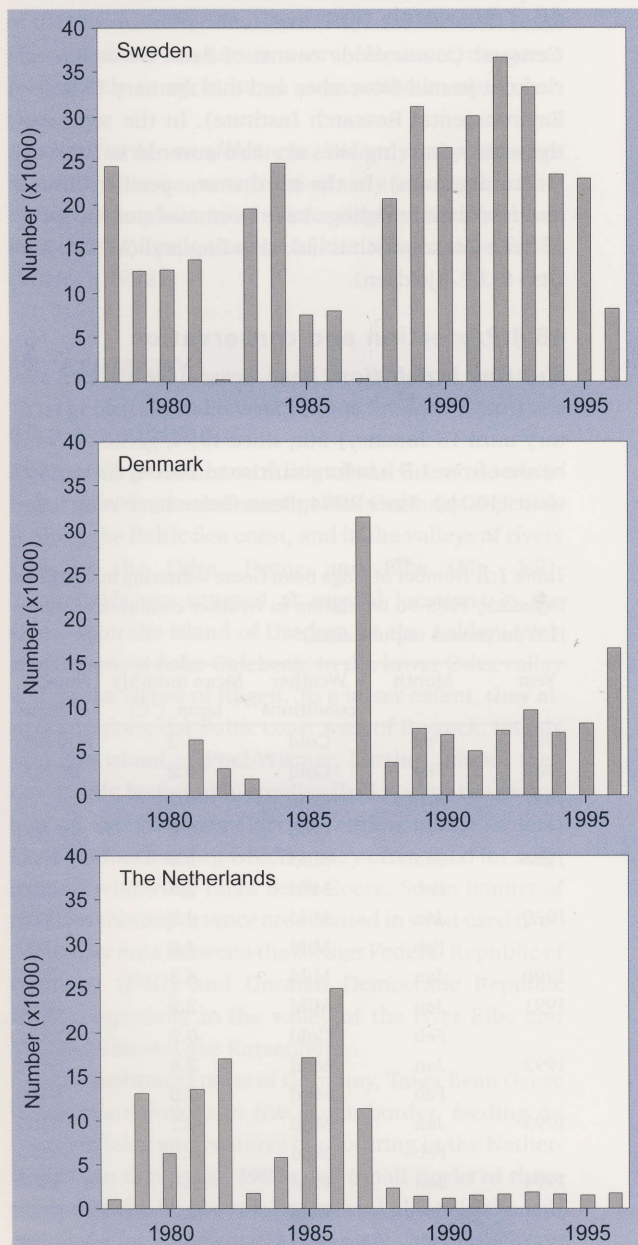


Fig. 1.5. Number of Taiga Bean Geese counted in Sweden, south-eastern Denmark and the Netherlands in January 1978-1996.