

Swedish is a Scandinavian Language spoken primarily in Sweden by 7.83 million people (1986). There are also another 341,000 speakers in Finland and smaller populations in Estonia, the U.S., and Canada. The total world-wide is approximately 10 million.

The speaker in this recording is a female in her 30's from Skåne.

Swedish Consonant Phonemes:

Stops:	p	t	ʈ	k
	b	d	ɖ	g
Affricates:		ts		
Fricatives:	f	s	ʃ	x
	v			h
Nasals:	m	n	ɳ	ŋ
Liquids:		r l	ʎ	(R)
Glides:			j	(w)

The retroflex series developed from an underlyingly trill + dental combination. /rs/, however, became [ʃ] (a phoneme that already existed in the system) instead of the retroflex [ʂ]. Depending on the speaker, [w] appears in some borrowings, but is often realised as [v]. The alveolar trill and the uvular trill are typical of the northern and southern dialects of Swedish respectively, although there is intermediate variation apparent.

Swedish Vowel Phonemes:

Vowels Exhibited:

i: y:	u(:)	u(:)	i(:) y	u	ɔ: u
ɪ ʏ			ɪ		ʊ
e(:) ø	ɔ ø	o:	e(:) ø(:)	ə	o(:)
ɛ(:) œ	ɔ		ɛ(:) œ		ɔ
a(:)			æ	a	ɑ:

Swedish Tones:

There are two tones distinguished in Swedish: 1) Falling, and 2) Rising-Falling.

I. Spontaneous Speech

II. Word Lists

Vowels:

1. [bild] 'picture'
2. [vinst] 'game'
3. [vijt] 'white'

4.	[fri]	'free'
5.	[bʁig]	'back'
6.	[lyk:a]	'fortune'
7.	[lyda]	'obey'
8.	[syn]	'sight'
9.	[møsik]	'music'
10.	[buket:]	'bouquet'
11.	[byūda]	'to offer'
12.	[fyl]	'ugly'
13.	[kun]	'king'
14.	[bunden]	'bound'
15.	[undə]	'under'
16.	[hūset]	'house'
17.	[dyka]	'ditch'
18.	[jəstalt]	'form'
19.	[tekən]	'sign'
20.	[hɛ:st:]	'horse'
21.	[lɛsə]	'read'
22.	[ɛt:ə]	'eat'
23.	[mø:sə]	'cap'
24.	[nøtə]	'nuts'
25.	[høst]	'autumn'
26.	[rɛt:]	'red'
27.	[sœt]	'sweet'
28.	[bø:n]	'prayer'
29.	[be:n]	'leg'
30.	[blɪk ^h]	'pale'
31.	[veətə]	'to know'
32.	[væt]	'pain'
33.	[mak]	'notice'
34.	[iʁø:vʁə]	'conquer'
35.	[hɛ:ɾ]	'hear'
36.	[tæk]	'thanks'
37.	[çi:na]	'China'
38.	[lam]	'lamb'
39.	[la:m]	'lame'
40.	[dɑ:g]	'day'
41.	[θɑ:t]	'dish'
42.	[kɔp]	'cup'
43.	[sɔk:əʁ]	'sugar'
44.	[sko:l]	'bowl'
45.	[holə]	'hold'
46.	[kol]	'coal'
47.	[mɔnə]	'moon'
48.	[soklat]	'of course'
49.	[unsta]	'Wednesday'
50.	[bunde]	'farmer'
51.	[jo:d]	'earth'
52.	[skju:]	'shoe'

Minimal Pairs:

1.	[fa:t]	'dish'
2.	[fa:t]	'speed'
3.	[mø:d]	'courage'
4.	[mø:d]	'murder'
5.	[ka:l]	'bald'
6.	[ka:l]	'Karl'
7.	[kø:n]	'cone'
8.	[kø:n]	'grain'
9.	[kø:s]	'rose'
10.	[kø:f]	'at the helm'
11.	[fartig]	'vessel'
12.	[fat:ig]	'poor'
13.	[kifaʁ]	'left behind'
14.	[kvaʁt]	'quarter'
15.	[vɛʁst]	'worst'
16.	[vɛ:st]	'west'

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