

## **Project Update: November 2011**

In a previous update we highlighted BRC's success in achieving its 2011 monitoring and research goals. However, in 2011, BRC also tested a new concept for its regional student Autumn Course in Migration and Conservation.

Nearly 15 students from Georgia, Armenia and Turkey constituted this year's enthusiastic group of young conservationists. Eager to learn, they worked well in our international team. We introduced them to migration from research, monitoring and conservation points of view. Some students proceeded to conduct a mini research project; others were involved in local education of school children.

The goal of working with regional students is to inspire and motivate future conservationists working in the Caucasus area, a crucial flyway for Eurasian migrants. As such we are extremely pleased that at least four of these students volunteered to work with BRC in 2012 to get even more valuable hands-on experience with implementing community-based conservation.



