

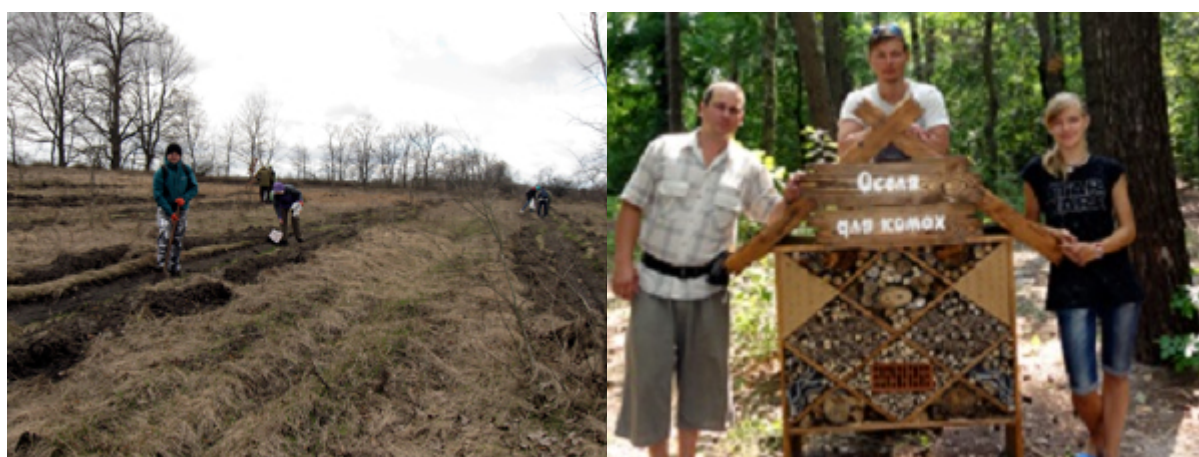
Project Update: October 2016

We undertook bird observations on two permanent plots in reed wetlands, recording 27 and 42 species. Six species require specific habitat conservation measures: *Ciconia ciconia*, *Circus aeruginosus*, *Chlidonias niger*, *Lanius collurio*, *Luscinia svecica* and *Pernis apivorus*. In cooperation with the park we carried out educational work with local communities opposed to the burning of reed (using thematic leaflets).

In cooperation with 12 volunteers and the park staff, we planted seeds on the plot for oak stand restoration and executed maintenance actions. Germination of seedlings is satisfactory. Also we placed artificial nests for Hymenoptera, for owls and studied populations of *Galanthus nivalis* and *Pulsatilla patens* and established two permanent plots on seed regeneration.

In July 2016, we executed field expedition with schoolchildren and students, for studies in natural habitats.

We designed a layout project and chose a place for a birdwatching tower.



Left: We are planting seeds on the plot for oak stands restoration, in cooperation with volunteers and the park staff, April 2016. Right: The “hotel” for Hymenoptera insects, arranged in natural woodland habitat. On the photo – a project team member Yuriy Protsenko (on the left) with students, July 2016.