

Project Update: August 2016

In the summer period the works on the analysis of the reproductive efficiency of grey goose were resumed along with detection of its pre-migratory congregation places.

A total of 90 lakes were examined by the working group during 20 field days within eight administrative districts of the North Kazakhstan Region. In total, 1330 grey geese, including 26 broods (107 goslings) were counted. The average number of goslings in one brood amounted to 4. 1. Not unimportant was the discovery of a congregation of moulting grey goose consisting of approximately 500 individuals on Lake Kalmakkol. The results of the research conducted in terms of the project were published in the magazine "GREEN WORLD" (<http://acbkestnik.weebly.com>) of the Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan (ACBK). Furthermore, a biological substantiation of two new water bodies (Karatau District and Sukhoye Swamp) was prepared with a view of their introduction into the international database of Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBA).



Left: Gray goose brood at the temporary flood near s. Roschinskoye. Right: Pre-migratory congregation of gray goose on Bolshoye Solyonoye Lake



Left: Field camp. Right: Goose count on Lake Sukhoye conducted by Mikhail Kalashnikov