

Project Update: August 2017

Zoological findings and general work in 2017

In the study of bird's fauna it was identified 255 species. European Bee-eater was found for the first time in Tyumen region on August 18, 2017, River Kizak (Photo 1). Also we could find species from regional Red Book, for which have not been any photos before. There were Demoiselle Crane on 26.05.2017, Lake Kushluk (Photo 2), Great Black-headed Gull on July 6, 2017, Lake Uktuz (Photo 3). All these species are steppe representative in the region.



In the study of mammal's fauna it was identified 61 species. All new data were used for preparation of new edition of the Red Data Book of the Tyumen Region (2018). List of new species in Red Book from our project was including in Resolution of the Government of the Tyumen Region No. 590-P from 29.11.2017.

The results of our works were reported at All-Russian conferences with international participation in Tyumen on July 31, 2017 (Photo 4) and in Tobolsk on November 16, 2017 (Photo 5). The provisions on the creation of new protected area in the forest-steppe zone of the Tyumen region passed to the resolution were submitted to the Department of Subsoil Use with proposals to amend the existing regulatory law of the region (creation of a Regional Biosphere Reserve) and to include the proposed territories in the reserve of protected areas for 2018 for further status (Resolution of the Government of the Tyumen Region No. 735-P as from 30.12.2014 with the current version).

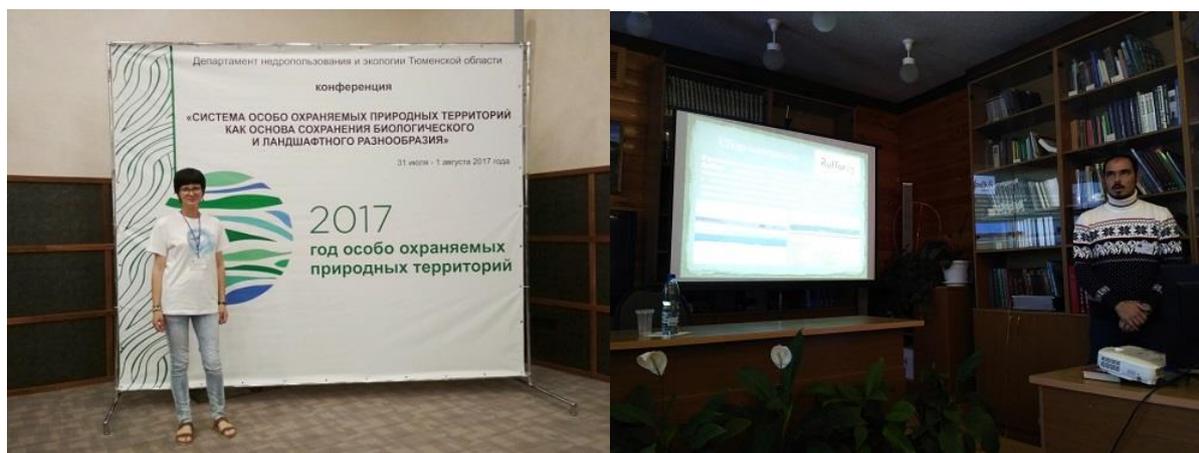


Table calendar for 2018 and poster "Birds of the forest-steppe" have been prepared within the framework of propaganda work with local people. The monograph

"Biodiversity of the forest-steppe zone of the Tyumen region" is in agreement with the printing house. Its printing is scheduled for January 2018.

Also in Village Kolmaskskoye we found partners who built a guest house (Photo 6) and are ready to cooperate on the project within the framework of the protected territory. Ecological seminars with schoolchildren are held in August 2017 on the basis of the guest house. We plan to use this guest house in future when working with the local people using it as a visit center for biosphere reserve.

