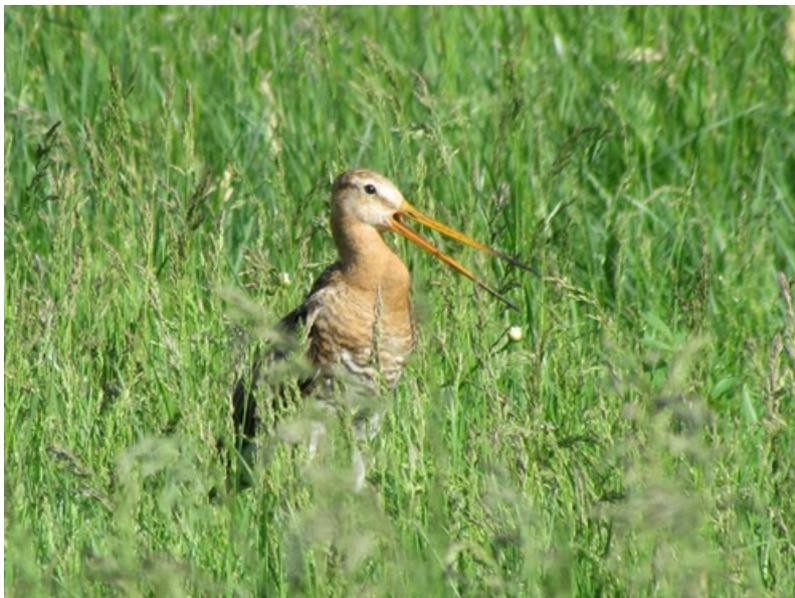
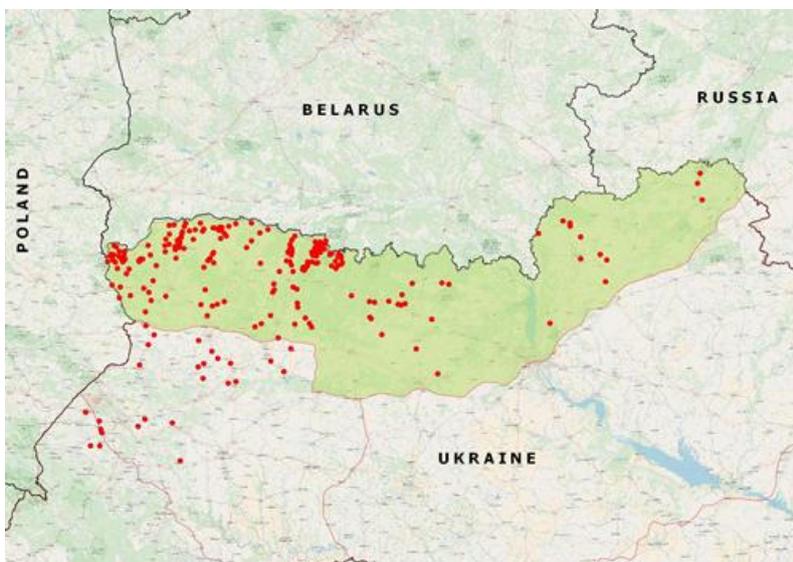


## Project Update: July 2018

In May and June 2018, we continued field work aimed to find new breeding locations and to conduct counts of grassland waders in Polissia nature zone of Ukraine. This time more attention was paid to central and eastern parts of the region. In parallel monitoring, counts were done on some stable locations in Volynian Polissia known since 1980s. Detailed analysis of the distribution and numbers change of waders in north Ukraine will be finished soon and published in a separate paper which is in preparation now. As a preliminary result, we can conclude now that population of lapwing, common redshank, and black-tailed godwit have decreased in >2.1, 1.4, and 3.3 times respectively since 1980s if taking into account only pair numbers on monitoring plots. We assume that real population decline is more severe, because of total extinction of many small breeding colonies or solitary breeding pairs in suboptimal habitats, especially in the case of Lapwing.



Black-tailed Godwit on breeding grounds, Polissia region.



Important breeding sites of grassland waders in the study area (greenish) inputted to the database by now.