

Project Update: May 2017

The main part of the project started in spring 2017. Since March we began to conduct field trainings for volunteers who we expect to participate in data collection for this particular project and for other bird conservation and research projects in the region. In mid-May, we started to conduct field surveys in the Ukrainian Polissia (forest zone). Three field expeditions were organised:

- (1) In valleys of Sluch and Goryn rivers within the Rivne Polissia,
- (2) In Zhytomyr part;
- (3) In Chernigiv part of Polissia.

Fieldwork in last two regions is still ongoing. In the first sub-region, in Sluch and Goryn river valleys, more than 100 new breeding locations of lapwing, black-tailed godwit, redshank and common snipe were found.

In general, we assess this part of field works as very successful and important for further analysis and conservation actions. All the data, after the aggregation and the analysis, will be later provided to local conservation institutions (Rivne reserve, Polissia reserve etc.).

