

Project Update: October 2006

During seven days of September, from 11-16 September, a group of six people spent on Gružansko Jezero Lake. We had extremely nice weather, so the catching birds were successful. We erected 7 mist nets. Two were positioned in emerged marsh vegetation-cattail, two between trees and three in bushes. Since we do not have any ringing data or bird recovery from this part of Serbia in past 100 years, these ringing activities would present the first data of this kind. In some previous field research in past 4 years, we recorded 80 bird species, but after activities we conducted in September, we can add to the list 5 new species more. Thanks to this project we managed to ring in total 184 birds, from 21 species which in our opinion presents great diversity of ornithofauna for this region. The majority of ringed birds were Sedge Warbler (68 examples); Blackcap (31) and Willow Warbler (23). We also ringed the other three species of Sylvia Warbler, three species of genus *Acrocephalus*, one of genus *Locustella* and another species of genus *Phylloscopus*. Beside these species we caught Spotted Flycatcher, Great Tit, Red-backed Shrike, Tree Pipit, Yellow Wagtail, Robin, Blackbird, Sand Martin and Barn Swallow.

Since the Gružansko Jezero Lake is situated on predictable Moravsko – Vardarskom migration route, it plays an important role during the migration of foreign and local population, so we hope that we will have recoveries in neighboring countries maybe next spring, during the birds migration to the nesting ground. Of course, this is not the end of our activities, for we plan to have smaller ringing sessions during the fall and winter, and several days in a row during the spring. In that order we also plan to include more people and to use more mist nets, in aim to increase our “catch”. Certainly, in the future we expect to have more species and more examples.