

Project Update: June 2008

Juniper Forest Attacked by Cormorants

In the last two months all five juniper forest localities were visited. A special emphasis was laid on Golem Grad Island, where two visits were made owing to the received information that this year a large flock of cormorants have come there and made nests on the juniper trees. Many of the trees, particularly those on the shore, are drying out because of the cormorant guano. Hence, meetings were held with the National Park management and the local population as per the measures that could be undertaken. Project activities continue with collection of large material of spring fungi and plant species, compiling of a preliminary red list of fungi and plants, enrichment of the National Collection of Fungi and Plants with new material, as well as the database programme of all identified plant and fungal species. Preparation of a brochure on juniper forest in Macedonia is also underway.



Left: Golem Grad Island. Right: *Lilium candidum* from the island.