

Project Update: November 2014

During late summer and autumn we have performed a series of field expedition snipe counts on their stopover sites in the West Polissya region of Ukraine. Our team has examined floodplain meadows, fens and bogs in valleys of such rivers as Stohid, Cyr, Pripjat and some of their main confluents. Also some valuable artificial habitats like large drained systems of fishponds were investigated. Counts of stopping over of snipe allowed us to find and map a lot of important habitats and sites for snipe during autumn migration. We plan to use this information in practical conservation in the collaboration with Shatsk National Park and Rivne Natural Reserve. Also we have found some localities which seem to be very important as spring stopover sites despite absence of snipe during autumn migration. We plan to visit these sites during additional spring surveys to check our hypotheses. Also during this report period we have published a booklet with information on snipe, their habitats and conservation, webpage in Facebook social media (<https://www.facebook.com/gallinagoandgallinago>) and webpage on the website of West-Ukrainian ornithological society to inform local people about project



Left: Common snipe on drained fishpond. Right: Counting of snipe on fens;



Frontpage of the booklet about snipe.