

### **Project Update: August 2014**

During the summer our project continues according to plan with a lot of field surveys and lectures on databases and GIS. Many people helped by sending their observations and pictures. Additionally, 34 grants were received so far by our members, accompanied by 34 detailed reports from the field.

The most interesting record is a discovery of a new butterfly species, the sandy grizzled skipper (*Pyrgus cinarae*) in southern Serbia. This skipper was known to live in neighbouring Bulgaria and Macedonia. With the sandy grizzled skipper, a total number of butterflies inhabiting my country reached 199!



The end of June and August 2014 was reserved for population study of the scarce large blue, financed by the Butterfly Conservation Europe and helped by the managers of the protected area. Four persons marked over 4000 individual butterflies in order to assess population size and population connectivity. Hopefully our actions will help in preserving this threatened species on the very north of Serbia.