

## Project Update: December 2017

During the second half of 2017, we completed all field surveys planned for the year. All three field teams provided data on distribution and numbers of waders in four regions of Ukrainian Polissia (Rivne, Zhytomyr, Volyn regions). In total, counts of breeding pairs were conducted on 288 locations and 14 breeding species of waders were detected. After the field work, all the data was inputted to the GIS database and partially processed. Apart from that training of field workers was finished and we prepared 35 people in bird identification. Our published brochure was distributed among teachers, hunters, foresters and in some cases among school youth of the region. In 2017 we started to collect questionnaires fulfilled by foresters, and local hunters to collect more data and to estimate their level of awareness concerning wetland bird's diversity and conservation. In general field season of 2017 was very successful and we managed to cover somewhat bigger area than initially planned.



