

### **Project Update: May 2002**

The team achieved a detailed census of many species of birds of prey, and made some important discoveries, such as villages inhabited by hundreds of Lesser Kestrels. New data was collected on the Imperial Eagle, a world threatened species. Program VULTURA, an international attempt to restore the populations and to work for the conservation of five key birds of prey, was launched in Macedonia. This program is a cooperation between NGO's and other agencies in Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Croatia and Romania.

So much enthusiasm was generated by the team's efforts that a new nature conservation society has been created, Wild Flora and Fauna Fund-Macedonia. Emilian Stoyanov and various Bulgarian colleagues have undertaken to support and assist the development of this new organisation.