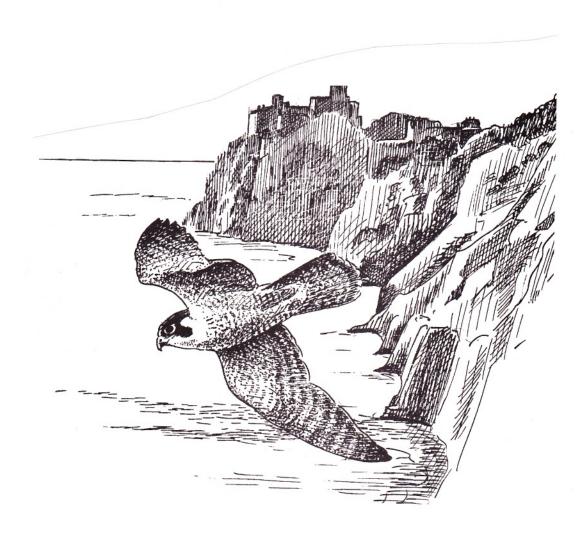
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WILDLIFE HOLIDAYS

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The group

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Win Symons

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Jenny Loring

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Keith Crees

Southend

Ann Ascroft

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Kitty Blair

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Robin McKeown

Australia

Michael Lasseter

Weymouth

Anne Lasseter

Leaders:

Paul Tout and Chris Gibson

As always, this holiday contributed to the protection of the wildlife that we enjoyed by way of a contribution to the Birdwatching and bird study association of Slovenia (DOPPS). Our donation of £375 (£25 per person) has gone towards the construction of rafts for nesting terns.

The holiday report was written by Chris Gibson and the bird list compiled by Paul Tout.

Cover illustration: peregrine falcon over the Rilke Path, with Duino behind, by Rob Hume. Other illustrations also by Rob Hume, except black-winged stilts by Gary Wright.

Number	Species / Day (June 1997)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Little Grebe	-									у
	Great Crested Grebe			У							
	Cormorant		у					у			
3	Little Bittern		y								
)	Night Heron		y								
	Night Fictori										
)	Squacco Heron		У								
1	Little Egret	У	у		у						
3	Great White Egret				у						
)	Grey Heron		у	у					У		
10	Purple Heron	у									
1	White Stork								У		
1.2	Spoonbill		у								
13	Mute Swan		у								
14	Greylag Goose		у								
15	Teal		У								
16	Garganey		У	у							
17	Pintail		У								
18	Mallard		У	У	у						
19	Shoveler		У								
20	Pochard		У						-		-
					-						-
21	Tufted Duck		У		-					v	-
22	Common Scoter		-	-	-				-	V	у
23	Eider		-		-			\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		y	У
24	Honey Buzzard		-	У	-	у		y	-	V	,
25	Black Kite		-	-	-		-	у	-	,	
			-	-	-			у		-	
26	Griffon Vulture	-	-	-	-		У	,			
27	Short-toed Eagle	+-,-	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	У	-		y				
28	Marsh Harrier	У	У	y	у	_	y	_	у	У	
29	Sparrowhawk	+	-	<u> </u>	 		y		-	-	
30	Goshawk	+	+	-	_	-	,				
21	Durand	-	-	у	V	У	У	У	У	у	У
31 32	Buzzard	-		,	-	,		У			у
33	Golden Eagle Kestrel	У	У	у	1	у		y	У	У	у
34		, y	,	y		,			1	1	
35	Hobby Peregrine	-	1	1					У		
55	Felegille	_	1								
36	Quail	1	1	h					h	h	
37	Pheasant	1	У	1	1					у	
38	Corncrake		1						у		
39	Moorhen		у								
40	Coot		У	у			у				
	0001										
41	Black-winged Stilt		У		у						
42	Ringed Plover		У								

43	Kentish Plover		у		У						
44	Lapwing		у	У					у		
45	Little Stint		У	-							
46	Ruff		У								
47	Curlew		у						h		
48	Common Sandpiper							у			
49	Black-headed Gull		У	У	у		У		у	у	
50	Yellow-legged Gull	У	У	у	у	У	У	у	у	у	у
		1									
51	Gull-billed Tern				у						
52	Common Tern		У		у		у				
53	Little Tern		У		у		у			у	
54	Black Tern		У				у				
55	White-winged Black Tern						У				
56	Rock Dove	у	у	У	у	у	у	У	У	у	у
57	Wood Pigeon	1		,					у	у	у
58	Collared Dove	У	У	у	у	у	у	у	у	У	У
59	Turtle Dove							-	у		
60	Cuckoo		V	h	h	h	h	h	у	h	У
	Outlies										
61	Scops Owl		h	h	У	у	у				
62	Eagle Owl						-	У			
63	Nightjar	1			h						
64	Alpine Swift	У		у	У	у	у	у	у	У	У
65	Common Swift	V	У	У	у	у	У	У	У	У	У
	Common Chin	+				1		_	-		
66	Bee-eater	1								У	
67	Ноорое	У			У						
68	Wryneck	1			У			h			
69	Black Woodpecker	1				У					У
70	Green Woodpecker	1					У	У	У	У	У
	Green Hoodpeene.										
71	Grey-headed Woodpecker			У							
72	Great Spotted Woodpecker		У	У	У		у	у	У	У	У
73	Crested Lark		1							h	
74	Skylark	1		У	у			У	У	У	
75	Woodlark	1			у		h				
	VVOCALAN	1									
76	Sand Martin		у								
77	Crag Martin	1									У
78	Swallow	у	у	у	у	у	У	у	у	У	у
79	House Martin	y	y	У	у	y		у	у	У	у
80	Tree Pipit	+	1			y			у	1	у
-	Tree i ipit	1		†		1					
81	Water Pipit	1		1							У
82	Grey Wagtail	1	-	у		—		h			У
83	Ashy-headed Yellow Wagtail	+	у	y				 ''	у	1	
84	White Wagtail	+	y	y	у	у	у	у	y	У	у
85	Dipper	1	<u> </u>	,	,	,	,	,	,	1	y
00	Dibbei		1				1		-	-	-

86	Wren	T		У		h					
87	Dunnock					h					h
88	Robin			у		у					h
89	Nightingale		h	h	h		у	у	у	h	h
90	Common Redstart										у
-	Common reastare										
91	Black Redstart			у	у	у	у		у	У	у
92	Whinchat			у					У		
93	Stonechat								у		
94	Blue Rock Thrush	у		у	у	у	у	у	у	У	У
95	Ring Ouzel										У
96	Blackbird	у	у	у	У	у	у	у	У	У	У
97	Fieldfare			у							
98	Song Thrush			У		У			У		
99	Mistle Thrush				у	у	h				У
100	Cetti's Warbler		У							h	
101	Fan-tailed Warbler				у						h
102	Grasshopper Warbler								h		
103	River Warbler								у		
104	Savi's Warbler		h								
105	Sedge Warbler			у							
106	Marsh Warbler		h	у					У	У	
1	142										
108	Great Reed Warbler		у	h						ļ.,	
109	Melodious Warbler				У		У			h	
110	Subalpine Warbler						У			-	
									-	-	
111	Orphean Warbler						у	У	У	У	У
112	Sardinian Warbler						у			h	
113	Barred Warbler			h					У		
114	Lesser Whitethroat									-	У
115	Whitethroat			У	h	h	h		У	У	-
										-	h
116	Blackcap		h	У	у	у	У	У	У	У	h
117	Bonelli's Warbler				-	-	-	У		-	-
118	Wood Warbler			h	ļ.,	 	ļ.,	-	-	-	h
119	Chiffchaff			h	h	h	h	У	-	h	h
120	Goldcrest			h	-	-	-		-	+	h
			-	١.	-	L	-	-	-	+	h
121	Firecrest			h	-	h	-	-	-	+	11
122	Spotted Flycatcher		-	h	-	+	У	-	-	+	-
			-	-	-	-	 			1	h
124	Marsh Tit		-	+	-	 	У	У	У	У	h
125	Willow Tit		-	-	-	У	-		-	+	111
			-		 	-	1	1.	 ,,	1,,	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
126	Crested Tit		+	У	У	1	У	У	У	У	У
127	Coal Tit		-	h	-	У		У	У	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	y
128	Blue Tit			У	 	У	У	У	y	У	У
129	Great Tit	У	У	у	У		у	у	у		у

130	Nuthatch			У		у	у		У		
131			-		-		-	-			_
132	Treecreeper		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	у
	Long-tailed Tit			У	У	У	У	У	-		-
133	Golden Oriole		у		У				у	у	
134	Red-backed Shrike		у			У			У		У
135	Lesser Grey Shrike		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	У	-
136	Jay	у	у	у	у	у	у	y	У	y	у
137	Magpie	у	у	у	у	У	У	У	У	V	y
138	Nutcracker					h		1	1	1	1
139	Alpine Chough										У
140	Jackdaw	у			У	У	у	у	у	у	у
141	Hooded / Carrion Crow	у	у	у	у	у	у	у	у	у	у
142	Raven			у	у		у	у	_	1	1
143	Starling	у	у	у	y	у	У	y	у	у	у
144	Tree Sparrow		у	,	,	,	 	у	y	-	1
145	House / Italian Sparrow	у	ý	у	-	у	у	у	у	у	у
146	Chaffinch		у	у	у	у	у	у	у	у	у
147	Serin		h	,	y	y	-	y	,	У	y
148	Greenfinch	У	у	у	у	y	у	y	у	y	y
149	Goldfinch		У	у	у	у	у	у	у	y	y
150	Linnet			у	,	,		,	y		_
151	Siskin									-	у
152	Bullfinch			у		у			_	-	y
153	Redpoll					,				 	y
154	Crossbill									-	y
155	Hawfinch		у		у			у	у	у	У
156	Rock Bunting						b			ļ	
157	Cirl Bunting	_			у		h	у	У	У	
158	Yellowhammer			.,	y h		у			-	
159	Reed Bunting			у	П				У	h	
160	Inteed Building	1 1	У	- 1					У		

Little Owl Montagu's Harrier



Maribor, 16 September, 1997

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Dear Mr Durdin,

First of all I would like to thank on the behalf of DOPPS for your financial support.

An important part of DOPPS is Nature conservation board whose main aims are protection and preservation of endangered habitats and bird species. For the same purpose we are active at several national important projects. In addition we are trying to help birds with numerous small local projects, which are easier to be presented among wider public, wherewith the opinion of people on preservation and protection of bird species is influenced in a positive way. In this year in Styria's region of Slovenia some other projects have been completed: 4 nest boxes for Ural Owl *Strix uralensis*, 8 nest boxes for Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium passerinum*, and 2 nest boxes for Kestrel *Falco timunculus* were made and placed. We also made the artificial platform (island) for breeding site for Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*.

The mentioned actions were executed by the following reasons:

- The breeding of the Ural Owl, which is present on the hill Pohorje (primeval forest), has not been proved yet.
- Pygmy Owl and Tengmalm's Owl *Aegolius funereus* are known as breeders on Pohorje but little is known about their population rate and distribution.
- Common Tern became very rare as breeder in Slovenia since the great generating stations were built on Drava river. Until the making of the artificial platform, only 2 breeding colonies were known in Slovenia. Now we have one colony of 13 breeding pairs more.

As DOPPS is a non-profit and non-governmental organisation we have often financial problems when realising our projects. In most cases the money derives from our student pockets. All of work is done voluntaryly by DOPPS members.



When we received your financial support we were very happy because we finish our project, making and placing of nest boxes for Ural and Pygmy Owl. Quite a lot of money remained namely unspent and in the next year we will make one bigger artificial island for Common Tern and enlarge new colony. You will receive an report on the matter in the near future. We are also thinking of placing some nest-boxes for Peregrine Falco peregrinus and in next year we are planning to build the ornithological observatory for the pedagogic purpose.

Thank you again for the money. It had helped new breeding pairs of Common Tern, Kestrel, and most likely to Ural, Pygmy and Tengmalm's Owl. We were very honoured by getting this

support and we will do our best to use it in the future for the good of birds.

We wish you a nice day and a lot of success!

Your sincerely,

for DOPPS leader of Styria's DOPPS branch Damijan Denac



enclosure:

- photos from actions
- comments:
- 1. Young Kestrels on the nest box, 25. May 1997
- 2., 3., 4., 5. Making the artificial platform, 11. May 1997
- 6. Breeding Common Terns on artificial platform, 7. June 1997

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