

Member Magazine

BRC 2016



Kettles of raptors over Batumi, Gabi Cauca, 2016

Dear BRC member, First of all, I would like to sincerely thank you for your support! We started our membership program last year, and we were overwhelmed with reactions. Supporting the important work of BRC in the Batumi Bottleneck by becoming a member was clearly something a lot of people had been waiting for! Don't forget to renew your membership for next year as well. Our work strongly depends on you.

In this special issue we will tell you about the two film projects we had last season, a successful international youth exchange on the conservation of the Chorokhi Delta and an elaborate report on the hunting situation over the last years. As you might know, 2017 will be a very special year for us, as it is the 10th year that we are organizing a raptorcount. Of course, that asks for some major celebrations. I would advise everybody to come to Batumi next season!

Folkert de Boer, BRC President

1,062,651 **RAPTORS**
42 **Volunteers**
133 **Members**
9th Year

The YEAR in a few words

It has been the largest migration count for Black Kites

It is the fifth year in a row with over 1 million raptors

It has been the lowest count for harriers since 2008

Finances 2016 (page 13)

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OUT: 23,538.86 EUR

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Understanding hunters' habits and motivations for shooting raptors - Sandgrouse Magazin

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Station 2, Yuval Dax, 2016

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Autumn Migration

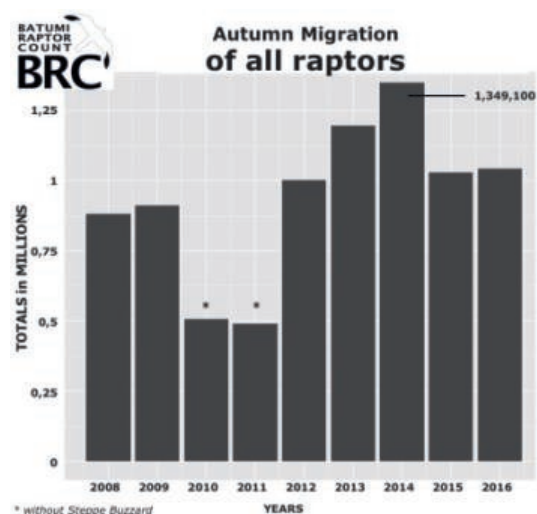


Red-footed Falcon, female, John Wright, 2016

The 9th consecutive Batumi Raptor Count has revealed another autumn season with over 1 Million migrating raptors. This is the fifth year in a row! The season has also revealed historical totals for Black Kites, Booted Eagles and Red-footed Falcons, but poor numbers of Harriers.

Fifth year over a million raptors

Since we decided to count almost all raptors that are passing our stations, we have reached over one million raptors every season. Though after correction for double counts the total number 2016 is slightly above the million bar. A big question for us is whether migration reveals another million raptors every season. The data row is not long enough to do any sufficient trend analysis yet. Though for a few species it could be possible and we are working on that analysis to prepare for publication. It is important to know that 2008 / 2009 were pilot counts when we settled the monitoring program and established the first basics for the count method. It was then when we decided to highlight focal species for conservation interest where the bottleneck data can play a huge role in it. In these days counting Steppe Buzzards didn't reveal any benefits for the conservation interest for that species. What we didn't look at was the tremendous benefit of having a million raptor bottleneck and though in 2012 we included the species into our



count protocol and since then we have reached the million bar every single year. And the benefit of counting Steppe Buzzard has probably put the largest conservation value to Batumi Raptor Count than any other species, just because with the million raptors the bottleneck is recognized as one of the most important raptor migration sites in Europe and the world.

Honey Buzzard

First half of the season was yet again a feast for Honey Buzzard migration. Even though it was the first species to pass our count stations, this year we began to feel anxious by the end of August when numbers were still very low compared to previous years ("Where are the birds?"), but eventually



Honey Buzzards, Simon Cavallès, 2016

Totals

things started to happen... big time! After a relatively slow build-up, we had our first good day of Honeys at 27th Aug with 28.000 migrants, most birds flying over Station 2. After that, the numbers started to increase even higher. Until 30th Aug when we counted more than 94.000 Honey Buzzards! Once the migration kicked off, what we were witnessing was no longer a stream: it was a wall of raptors, 5 km wide and hundreds of meters high, and our count station was right in the middle of it. Raptors all around, clicking frenzy and visiting birders in awe. Additionally we had more than 50.000 Honey Buzzards per day on 28th and 29th Aug and 2nd and 3rd Sept.

Black Kite

The season was quite spectacular in terms of numbers for Black Kite. This keeps being the only species with strong increasing numbers year per year. Totals of 2016 were even much higher than all previous years. We thought we would have reached the climax in 2015 and expected a decline but it was completely the opposite. We had three peaks (1) on 12 Sep, (2) 18 Sep, (3) 27/28 Sep. Eventually we counted over 175.000, which is the highest record for this species ever at migration count sites. Incredible to imagine that the 2015 record of 125.000 has even been raised by 50.000.

Steppe Buzzard

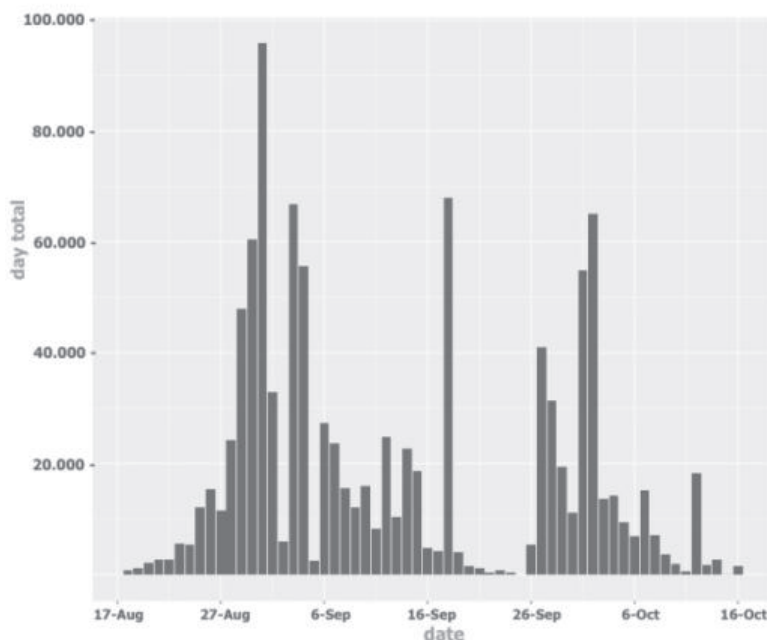
The last day of September also ended up to be the peak day for Steppe Buzzard migration with 48.000 individuals (mostly east of Station 2). Although we never really felt overwhelmed by their numbers this year, we still counted a decent 225.000 which is very much the amount of previous year.

	2014	2015	2016
Honey Buzzard	660.498	586.146	542.523
Steppe Buzzard	501.282	218.310	223.257
Common Buzzard	8	22	18
Long-legged Buzzard	7	57	94
Crested Honey Buzzard	27	29	10
Rough-legged Buzzard	0	2	0
Buzzard spec.	216	0	1.821
Medium Raptor	33.402	61.588	63.128
Black Kite	108.928	125.284	175.656
Red Kite	0	0	0
Peregrine	34	43	28
Saker	3	2	1
Lanner Falcon	0	0	0
Eleonora Falcon	0	0	0
Lesser Kestrel	-	-	-
Common Kestrel	-	-	-
Merlin	-	10	9
Hobby	-	-	-
Red-footed Falcon	348	28	2.082
Large Falcon spec.	4	6	1
Lesser Spotted Eagle	2.644	4.331	4.598
Greater Spotted Eagle	272	441	304
Steppe Eagle	269	515	264
Large Eagle spec.	7.381	2.519	2.833
Booted Eagle	6.563	6.898	7.782
Short-toed Eagle	1.492	1.394	1.566
Imperial Eagle	49	34	30
Golden Eagle	2	0	0
Osprey	109	150	157
White-tailed Eagle	4	7	7
Marsh Harrier	8.277	8.984	6.836
Montagu's Harrier	3.166	3.356	2.971
Pallid Harrier	939	794	405
Hen Harrier	44	34	6
MonPalHen spec.	6.678	5.629	3.490
Harrier spec.	38	8	65
Egyptian Vulture	21	30	31
Black Vulture	0	1	0
Griffon Vulture	9	1	4
Eurasian Sparrow Hawk	-	-	-
Levant Sparrow Hawk	6.424	2.418	3.513
Goshawk	-	-	-
All raptors	1.316.222	996.300	1.013.341

	2014	2015	2016
Roller	2.318	495	1.255
Black Stork	1.542	1.433	1.504
White Stork	1.429	225	499
White Pelican	0	2	0
Dalmatian Pelican	0	0	2
Common Crane	111	257	26
Demoiselle Crane	0	0	0
Turtle Dove	1.147	464	1.942
Wood Pigeon	1.586	32	453
Stock Dove	800	802	815
Short-eared Owl	2	0	0



**All raptors
Phenology at Batumi (2016)**
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Red-footed Falcon, adult male, John Wright, 2016

Harriers

The harriers kept us waiting very long. For some time, we speculated the reasons behind the timing of autumn migration. Eventually 30th Aug left us no reasons for speculation when the harrier migration exploded; we counted more than 1.000 Montagu's Harrier and MonPalHen Harriers (unidentified Montagu's/Pallid/Hen Harrier) combined, flying alone or in groups of +30 individuals. The 2nd Sep and 11th Sep were also excellent days for harrier migration, with 780 and 1.060 counted harrier totals! Naturally we have observed nice migration during other mornings as well, so it all seemed to be worth the wait and the count as rewarding as ever!

Red-footed Falcon

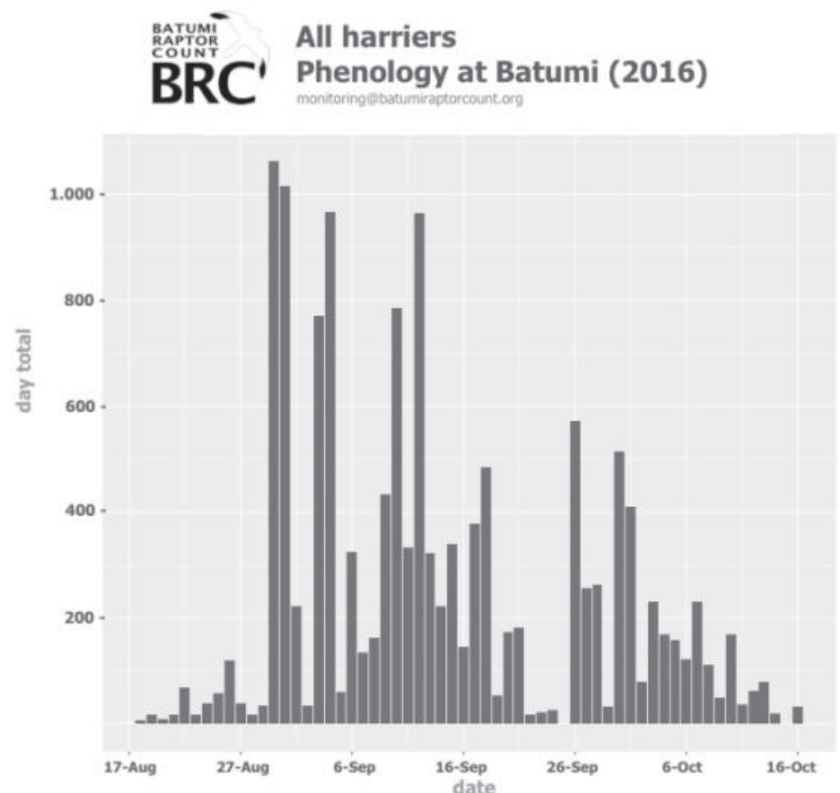
The influx of Red-footed Falcons this season was a welcomed cheer-up. Many counters will remember the last two days of September, as we counted over 229 on 29th and 934 on 30th! Especially a kettle of over 300 individuals was a sight to remember! The season total for this species finally reached 2.087 (and strongly contrasts last year's total of 28 birds).



Lesser Spotted Eagle, sub-adult, John Wright, 2016

This was the first time I came to Batumi and moreover as a coordinator. I was very used to intense migration monitoring in France but what I discovered in the field was another level: two stations, an accurate and proven organization and numerous and hardworking counters. When everyone is working so diligently it is a true delight and almost easy to count even in such intense counting situations. Of course, coordinating involve duties. I gladly did my part in order to ease an already overtired, because assiduous, permanent team.

Adrien Brun, France, Coordinator 2016



Large Eagles

After the rains finally stopped and with a visibility from the Greater to the Lesser Caucasus our watch points were once again flooded by birds and we witnessed some incredible days of eagle migration, the moment that many counters had been waiting for. Things started picking up at 26th September with some 412 Lesser Spotted and 72 Short-toed Eagles counted from Station 2 Shuamta under beautiful weather conditions. The passage of birds continued on 27th September with a variety of species and plumages all day long, until we started to get more streams and flocks, consisting exclusively of large eagles! The flocks grew larger, and in the end Station 2 was simply surrounded by eagles! We saw many flocks of over 100 eagles simultaneously in the landscape and managed to count 52 Short-toed, 979 Lesser Spotted, 10 Greater Spotted, 15 Steppe, 1 Imperial and 772

unidentified large eagles, reaching a day total of 1.800 large eagles!

The fireworks of eagles continued in early October. This time lower in numbers, but higher in variation. 4th October the counters on Station 2 were part of a Batumi Eagle Festival! From over 1.000 counted eagles we identified 222 Short-toed Eagles, 541 Lesser Spotted, 39 Steppe, 2 Imperials and 71 Greater Spotted. The juvenile fulvescens-type Greater Spotted overhead was the clear highlight for the day. The same show continued on 5th October. No fulvescens this time, but one of the very first eagles we identified was an adult Imperial Eagle! Finally we would count 8 Imperials that day, accompanied by hundreds of other eagles including 83 Greater Spotteds and 52 Steppes! And it wasn't just a privilege for the watchpoint in Shuamta, this autumn both count stations had their equal share of eagles!

5th October - reaching the million threshold

This was yet another special day for us: this day we reached, for the 5th consecutive year, the total of 1 million counted raptors in Batumi! It is always a highlight and a rewarding result which reminds us of the special place where we work in.

Rollers and Turtle Doves

As every season, we got our surprises this year as well. When the volunteers climbed up to Station 1 during first morning lights, probably they had no idea on the outcome of the day. After a slow start with famous Roller migration, these charismatic birds started to roll over Batumi in record-breaking numbers and our team counted a daily total of 447 Rollers! Biggest flocks covered more than 50 individuals. This was the best single day for Roller migration in Batumi and we were happy to write another page of BRC (Batumi Roller Count) history. Might be a matter of coincidence, but during the same day we counted more than 760 Turtle Doves, which happens to be the second highest daily total of the species in the site. These two species remain on the focus of our count as highly enjoyable species.



Turtle Doves, John Wright, 2016

I was with the BRC for the end of August and first few days of September – at the peak of Honey Buzzard migration. It is surprising how much one can learn from looking at the sky half a day for two weeks. First, there is the raptor identification and counting, difficult enough to fill those days. Then there is a protocol to follow, methods to learn, counters to team up with and a foreign society to try to adapt to. Next, comes the nature protection aspect of the project which gives you an insight into conservation in a different society. Then you realise the project incorporates much more than can be seen at first glance – it has deep social and economic effects to the local community. Aside everything else BRC offers a good chance for self-reflection.

I remember leaving Sakhalvasho with mixed feelings. I had my best days of birding there, the views of migration had been overwhelming but there was also the sense of hopelessness due to the scenes of hunting we had witnessed. I left being even more convinced that nature conservation starts with changing the way people think and act. And BRC is evidently working hard on that.

Triin Kaasiku, Estonia, Counter in 2016

So many other nice sightings could be mentioned like 4 Griffon Vultures or the calidus-Peregrine or the mixed 65 strong flock of Black and White Storks, but actually the entire migration is a highlight in itself with the endless variation in plumages of some species and the just plain odd birds you come across, those you'd never see on pics on internet or in books.

Besides the birds, we truly had an excellent atmosphere among the counting team for the whole season. We had great fun on and outside the count stations. On top, we managed to have some unforgettable parties (involving some epic 'shrimping', nipple Chartreuse shots and the first Georgian outdoor screening of Sabrina's Boyz, boyz, boyz in the Botanical garden),

don't ask specifics. A little more sophisticated was our visit to a traditional Georgian dance performance. All of you who have been here before know how it is, not just for the birds, but for the amazing atmosphere, meeting old friends and making new ones!

So warm thanks to the coordinators, all the counters, our host families, BRC members, Swarovski Optik and all other supporters and sponsors of our project. We all appreciate your part and support with long-term monitoring and our efforts towards a more safe passage for the migrating birds! A special thanks also the documentary team from Oropendola Productions who spent a month in Batumi documenting our project. Their footage should be available some time during spring or summer and will hopefully increase the awareness of the importance of this migration bottleneck and draw more people to Batumi to contribute to the conservation of this place. Even more so, because next year it will be the 10 year anniversary of the Batumi Raptor Count and it would be great if we could celebrate this event with as many former participants and new volunteers as possible. So see you next year in Georgia!



European Roller, John Wright, 2016

When I think about Batumi and more precise the BRC, I mostly remember having a bloody good time. When I first arrived there in 2010 I've had already some taste of the Georgia, but participating to the BRC made it all the more memorable. The awesome landscapes, the local people, the other counters, the settings, the elements, the birds and wildlife and the atmosphere; it's a combination I never found somewhere else and it sure is the reason why I keep coming back to Georgia and the BRC. Experience of a lifetime!

Jan Ranson, Belgium, Counter in 2016 and before

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On the station, Triin Kaasiku, 2016

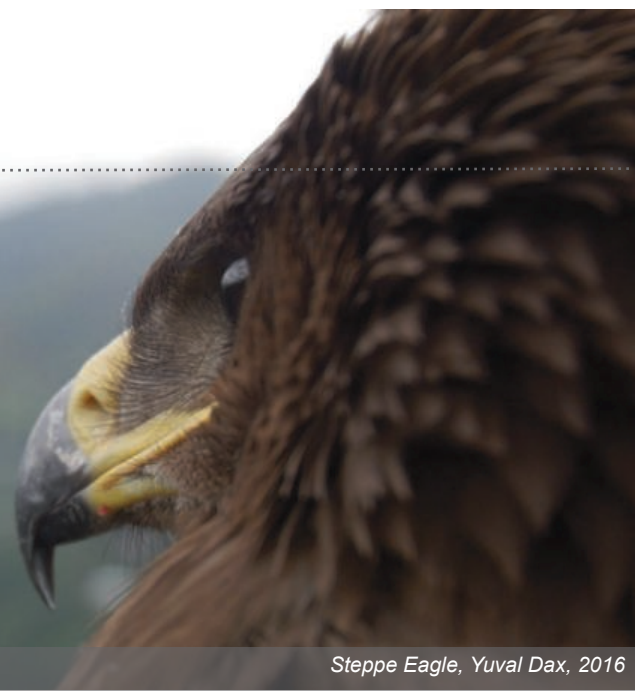


Crested Honey Buzzard on top left, adult female, John Wright, 2016



Levant Sparrowhawk, Simon Cavaillès, 2016

Conservation



Steppe Eagle, Yuval Dax, 2016

Understanding hunters' habits and motivations for shooting raptors

We are proud that our hunting monitoring and social science survey efforts are materialising in the form of a paper in *Sandgrouse* (<http://osme.org/sandgrouse>), a journal of the Ornithological Society of the Middle East (OSME).

In this paper we show the results of a survey conducted in 2014, which was aimed to give us a better understanding of the social drivers and conservation impact of illegal shooting. We filled out questionnaires with 43 local hunters about their habits and motivations, and conducted systematic observation of hunting activities in 14 villages in the Batumi Bottleneck.

Our results show that about half of the respondents' main target species were raptors; 89% were shooting primarily for fun; and 51% were eating the raptors they shot. We confirmed that spring is a no-hunting period for the majority of the hunters, as the "birds are pregnant" and they "go to breed, thus it would be unethical to shoot them then".

Respondents were overwhelmingly found to be unaware of the legislation and the potential legal consequences of their activity, although 58% claimed they distinguished between legal and illegal species, and were obeying regulations. Five percent stated explicitly that Golden Oriole, Hoopoe and Cuckoo were 'illegal' quarry, but they shoot those species nonetheless. Seven percent preferred Golden Orioles to raptors as a delicacy served for honoured guests.

We found seven raptor species to be most affected by the shooting: Honey Buzzards (53%), Montagu's, Pallid, and Marsh Harriers combined (14%), Steppe Buzzards (7%), Eurasian and Levant Sparrowhawks (6%).

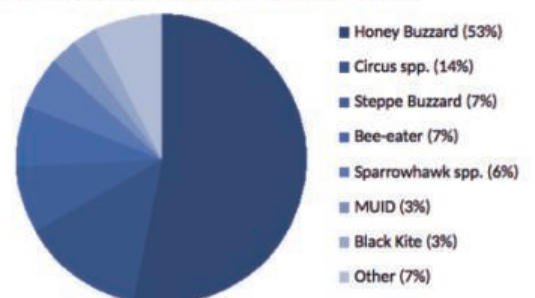
We concluded that shooting in the Batumi bottleneck is not

subsistence hunting and that it likely poses a threat to certain migratory raptor populations, especially the ones with globally decreasing trends. However, hunters' attitudes towards hunting ethics do suggest an opportunity to negotiate mutually agreeable solutions for sustainable exploitation of migrant birds with the hunting community. We hope this research will help the region and Georgia to lead by example in the conservation of raptors that migrate along the Black sea coast and in the eastern Mediterranean flyway.

The paper is authored by Anna Sandor, Johannes Jansen & Wouter M Vansteelant, and is expected to be published in *Sandgrouse* in early April.

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Birds found killed or injured during the study



Filming documentary movies in the Batumi Bottleneck

2016 was a quite different year for the Conservation working group: SABUKO took over the hunting monitoring independently, so we focussed on two filming projects we have been dreaming of for a long time. The movies will present the Batumi Bottleneck, the migration and highlight the illegal shooting of raptors. We will keep you updated about the progress! We hope you are looking forward to watching them.

When I heard that every autumn in Georgia over 1 million birds of prey migrate overhead I struggled to believe it. Growing up in England you are lucky if you see a few buzzards and kestrels whilst out in the countryside.

As a filmmaker I am particularly interested in the complex relationship between man and nature and once I learned about the illegal hunting as well as the tradition of falconry it sounded like it had all the makings of an



Traditional trapping, Nicholas Rodd, 2016

interesting story. With all conflicts there is no such thing as black and white and I was intrigued by the BRC's non-confrontational and eco-tourism approach to change. I worked on another film about the poaching of migrating passerines in Sardinia where charities took very different approaches to the BRC and so I was keen to see how does this look like in reality. This seemed fresh and interesting and I hope that this short film will not just raise the profile of the migration but will show some of the realities behind individual motivations to poaching and some of the similarities between bird watchers, counters, falconers and poachers.

The weather made things challenging, prolonged periods of rain kept the birds away, and rapid changes to warm weather took its toll on the equipment. It was a challenging project because the first day after the rain stops it's perfect for migration and so my two man crew (of which I am one) needed to be in four places at once to film the birds, the counters, the poachers and the falconry. By day two the ground had warmed up and there were bigger thermals so the birds were higher in the air, this made filming the poaching, falconry and the birds more difficult. So I would have to wait for the process to begin again. Overall I got 14 filming days out of nearly 35 days in Georgia. No doubt what I enjoyed the most was witnessing the migration of raptors. It is an intense and overwhelming incredible experience, there were times when I had to pinch myself as it really was too much. Second comes the people, from the friendliness and warmth of the Georgian hosts through to the bird counters who are without doubt some of the craziest but also most dedicated and skilled people I had the privilege to spend time with. It really was fun.

Nicholas Rodd, Oropendola Productions

<http://www.oropendolaproductions.com>
<http://www.vimeo.com/205568532>



Eagles over Batumi, Yuval Dax, 2016

As a Jerusalemite birder I've been fascinated by birds since I was five. I didn't think there's much more to experience than the massive bird migration in Israel until arriving to Batumi. Missioned to document the migration here I still had no clue about how it would really look like. Coming from sunny Israel the first impression I got was the permanent rainy weather along the black sea coast which to my surprise proved to be the best weather for migration. The coming week of late September was something I'll never forget: concentrated on an extremely narrow stretch and passing extremely low was a never ending flow of raptors. They start at sunrise and keep passing until dusk; they even keep passing while birders are hiding in the shelter from the rain.

Coming as a complete outsider I received the best warm welcome from the local survey team which for me was just as memorable – crazy raptor counts, crazy Georgian parties like only Georgians know. The company was simply excellent at Ruslan's house where I shared the living room and excellent time with researchers and birders from Europe and around the world, all having a common goal and only one washing machine.

Yuval Dax – Production and New Media

<https://www.facebook.com/yuvaldax/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/yuvaldax1>

Environmental Education



Ringling demonstration, Johannes Jansen, 2016

Youth Exchange: From Delta to Delta

For two weeks, an international group of 30 youngsters worked together on protection of the Chorokhi delta, investigating its biodiversity, stakeholders and future plans. It was a well filled, exciting and inspiring experience for many of them. And above all, it made our case to protect this valuable area for birds and wildlife even stronger!

We were excited to host an Erasmus+ youth exchange of JNM (Belgium), Droni (Georgia) and YBA (Armenia) that revolves around the protection of the Chorokhi-delta at Batumi. By organising a camp in this area with in total 30 Belgian, Georgian and Armenian youngsters with different backgrounds but a shared passion for nature and the environment, we tried to put this seemingly forgotten area back on the map.

The Chorokhi delta is an area of international importance as a stopover site for migrating birds, and of regional importance for water management, sustainable fishery and other ecosystem services. The area is threatened by unconditional privatization and development plans that want to change this natural area into a mega resort, with a large boulevard and a golf course. During our project we considered possible alternative development, in a way that progress and nature can go hand in hand.

The common theme running through all activities was intercultural exchange with debate, discussion and empathy, while collaborating on a common ground (the protection of valuable nature), where the youngsters gained new experiences and skills in a participatory way.

The working groups focused on the accessibility of the area, the nature values and the future development plans. Every project had the goal to achieve a tangible result, by interviewing stakeholders (decisionmakers, conservationists, hunters, visitors, etc). The results were exposed at the end of the camp, where all involved parties and a regional TV station were invited.

All results - images, footage, updates on the policy plans, files of leaflets and posters, experiences, ... - are passed on to local

Last autumn I was happy to join the BRC in Sakhalvasho as a volunteer counter. This was the best experience which I have ever had. I learned a lot about raptor identification, how to study them as well and I met very nice people from all over the world. After my time counting, I joined the youth exchange for protecting the delta. Here the situation was different than when counting. With people from 3 different countries (Georgia, Belgium and Armenia), Everyone from this camp seemed to have the same mind like me. It wasn't so much about studying birds, more about conservation, I enjoyed it a lot! This was one of the best times in my life. And of course this place was not as good without every person who was here.

Thank you all!
Dachi
Shoshitashvili



environmental organisations. As such, we leave a footprint in the hope that the local participation and the general attention for our exchange program will lead to a more ensured protection status for the natural hotspot of the Chorokhi delta. In any case all experiences during the exchange program definitely resulted in valuable new insights and improved competences for all young participants.

Text written by Anton Christiaens

Get Involved!



Early morning lookout for Harriers, Albert de Jong

We have different opportunities to participate in our project.

Raptor Migration Counter

Every autumn our raptor migration survey runs from 17th August to 16th October from our counting posts in Batumi, Georgia. The survey is very intensive with more than one million raptors per season and about 30 raptor species. On some days the totals can reach tens of thousands or even break 100.000 and more. This needs to be well documented by our counting team and you can be part of it. We usually have about 35 volunteers throughout the season and each volunteer stays minimum 12 days. We seek both experts and beginners.

Raptor Migration Coordinator

Counting a million of raptors within 2 months is something very special and rare. You can help doing this at BRC and consider applying as raptor count coordinator for at least one month during the autumn migration survey.

Vacancies in our team

We offer you to be the part of a strong and cheerful international team dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey in the Batumi Bottleneck, and lots of new experiences in a fantastic working environment. If you believe you can enrich one of our working groups with your insight and initiative, bring motivation to take on new challenges and responsibilities, and are keen to engage in our team on a longer term basis, then consider joining us and enjoy with us the interesting and challenging conservation work.

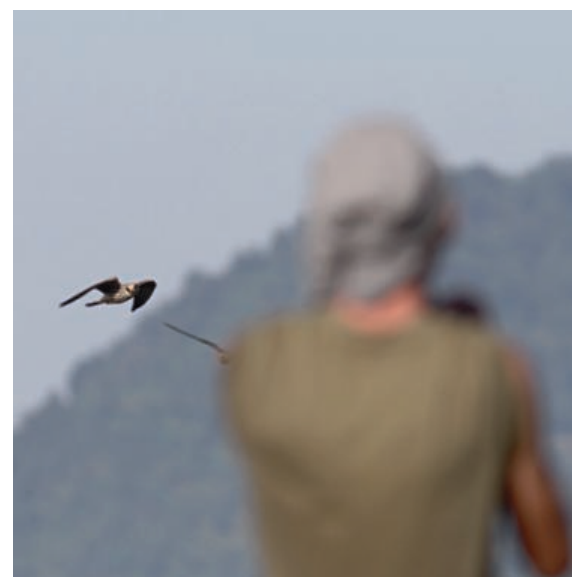
HELP CELEBRATE 10 YEARS

Already 10 years, we highly depend on volunteers to realise the annual count, and to get everything done that comes with it. We are very grateful for everyone who has put in energy, even if it seemed like a small contribution. To thank all of them, we'd like to give something back, a huge celebration in Batumi. And to make it

a succes, we depend on, who else, you, volunteers. So if you are keen to contribute to 10 years of BRC, let us know. We need hands to plan and promote this event in advance. During the event, taking place 23 September - 1 October, we rely on you for practical organisation, guiding and atmosphere. If this sounds tempting, let us know. If you just want to participate, that is as valuable! We look forward to hear from you.

Interested persons can contact us:

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Red-footed Falcons around us, Clement Rollant, 2013

Finances

BRC - FINANCIAL YEAR REPORT 2016		IN		OUT	
	Euro	GEL	Euro	GEL	
Left from 2015					
Bank account	5314.05				
Paypal	153.86				
Administrative costs					
Bank costs			210.89		
Paypal costs			59.19		
Charity status (ANBI)			34.99		
Material					
Meteo Station			113.74		
Printer				304	
Count Season			350	731	
Accommodation Georgia					
Board (40 nights)			600		
Coordinators (207 nights)			3105		
Full Season Counters (180 nights)	1800		2700		
Half Season Counters (133 nights)	1662.5		1995		
Block Counters (522 nights)	7830		7830		
Caucasian Counters (25 nights)	125		375		
Documentary Team (63 nights)			945		
Transport					
Flights Coordinators			1385.52		
Local transport Georgia (station-2, Batumi)				3270	
PR					
Facebook			44.83		
Birdfairs			125		
Promotion Material (leaflets, posters, etc.)			58.17		
Tshirts, Honey	1682	1400	1023.66	110	
Memberships					
Sparrowhawk/ Mmino	425				
Honey Buzzard/ Irao	1250				
Imperial Eagle/ Artsevi	600				
Grants					
OSME	1224.7				
Hawk Mountain (for flight African volunteer, saved for next year)	438				
Donations					
Birdfairs, Georgia, Paypal	2755	305			
Ecotourism					
Batumi Birding	3735				
Starling (rest paid in 2017)	300				
Provided Services					
Presentation Bird Festival	150				
Sending Tshirts to members			47.8		
Meetings					
Ghent December (Board)			799.57		
Wageningen February (Stichting)			37.42		
Totals	29445.11	1705.00	21840.78	4415.00	
Totals Euros	€30,100.88		€23,538.86		
1 Euro = 2.6 GEL					
INCOME - EXPENSES		€6,562.02			
Account Balance per 01-Jan-2017		€6,091.24			
Paypal Balance per 01-Jan-2017		€471.21			
TOTAL BALANCE (Euros)		€6,562.45			

Financial year report

With this report we inform you about the financial in- and outcome of the year 2016.

Apart from common expenses such as the (promotional) material, the count and board meeting, this year we used the money from last year for both short documentary films and for getting more attractive prices for local and longterm volunteers to increase the quality and the local involvement in the project.

If you like to contribute with your ideas do increase the income to fund the long term monitoring, please contact us. Your help is much appreciated and important for the project.

board@batumiraptorcount.org

Membership

Adrien Brun, 2016

Members of BRC

Type	Members 2016
Trans-Caucasian	6
Sparrowhawk (Mimino)	15
Honey Buzzard (Irao)	107
Imperial Eagle (Artsivi)	5

Continue your membership

Members can easily continue their membership by just transferring the fee to BRC. Make sure to write down your name in the subject. No need for more forms. Choose annual automatic transfer to not miss a year with BRC.

batumiraptorcount.org/membership

Transfer details:

Name: Batumi Roofvogel Club
IBAN: NL08TRIO0198379056
BIC/ SWIFT: TRIONL2U
Bank: Triodos Bank, Postbus 55,
3700 AB Zeist, The Netherlands
Subject: Current year

Paypal: batumiraptorcount.org/transfer

Where your fee goes to

Membership fees contribute directly to raptor conservation in Batumi, and cover our autumn raptor count monitoring, illegal shooting monitoring, training of regional students and involvement of Georgians. All members receive the BRC annual magazine with the annual monitoring report and conservation issues.

Memberships

Member type	Detail	Annual fee (EUR)
Trans-Caucasian	for Georgian, Azerbaijani or Armenian citizens	Free
Sparrowhawk (Mimino)	basic membership	25
Honey Buzzard (Irao)	membership + BRC T-shirt	50
Imperial Eagle (Artsivi)	membership + BRC T-shirt + acknowledgement on our website	100

Free membership for volunteers

BRC volunteers receive a free Irao membership for the year they participate and the following year.



BRC Volunteers 2016, Nick Gardner