

## Report

The **Society for Birds and Nature Protection** from Republic of Moldova (a non-profit organization which promotes ornithological research studies and educational awareness) approached the Binoculars4charity team during December 2017 in order to inquire about a potential equipment donation. The inquiry was accepted and therefore the donation was received on the 28th of March 2018 and consisted of the following equipment:

1. 1X Binoculars Waldläufer
2. 1X Binoculars Leitz
3. 1X Binoculars Trinovid
4. 1X Binoculars Hartmann
5. 1X Spotting scope Leica
6. 1X Tripod Head Manfrotto
7. 1X Tripod Swarowsky

The equipment was used at the nearest birdwatching event, namely the International Day of Birds, which has held on the 1st of April in the capital city Kishinau. This event had been organized by the Society for Birds and Nature Protection for three consecutive years, since 2016, and the 2018 edition (therefore the 3rd) was the most successful one since the organizing team was able to provide enough equipment for the participants.

There were around 20 participants attending this event, the majority of them adults. We lend them the equipment donated by Binoculars4charity, along with other pairs of binoculars collected from previous projects and activities. All four binoculars were used by the participants and were returned at the end of the event, while the spotting scope was carried and manipulated by one of the organizing team member. The participants were able to look through the spotting scope every time a certain species could be observed.

By using the equipment mentioned above, the people who attended the International Day of Birds had the opportunity to make ornithological observations during a two-hour excursion through the central park of the city, to identify several bird species and learn more about their life and ecology. Additionally, the members of the Society for Birds and Nature Protection described to them the various ways of studying bird species and the need for systematic studies, the importance of using the equipment and the usefulness of bird guides. The participants were reminded about the partners and donors who helped the Society for Birds and Nature Protection in order to prepare this event, Binoculars4charity being one of them. More than that, the logo of Binoculars4charity is placed on our website, under the „Donors” page: <https://sppn.md/donatori/>,

This short report is accompanied by a selection of pictures showing the equipment being used at the event (see the folder attached), but in case you want to see more pictures from the International Day of Birds, please check the [following link](#).

Also, the information about this event was uploaded on SPPN`s website and can be checked on this link: [https://sppn.md/ziua\\_internationala\\_a\\_pasarilor\\_2018/](https://sppn.md/ziua_internationala_a_pasarilor_2018/). Although the information is

presented in Romanian (our official language), the main partners who contributed to this event are visible, including Binoculars4charity.

In the nearest future (May-June), the Society for Birds and Nature Protection aims to involve its members and volunteers in the most important fieldwork of the year: research for a future National Atlas of Breeding Birds. The equipment donated by Binoculars4charity will be used by our volunteers who lack binoculars. In addition, in May we plan to start a small birdwatching school (a once-a-month birdwatching excursion with a small group of children who show interest in birds), during which we will use the donated equipment to help the students learn better. We will gladly provide pictures taken during these activities and keep you informed about our progress!

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