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## Binoculars in Use

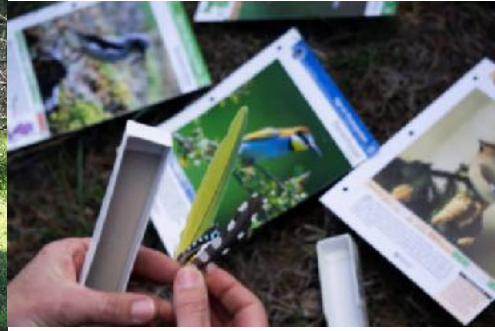
### URBAN BIRDING

This year we have started successfully our Urban Bird Campaign in connection with a wider Urban Biodiversity Campaign, where we co-operate with different institutions in the city of Tbilisi to raise awareness of the existing wildlife and their vulnerability. The campaign consisted of several components, reaching out to all age groups. With our Urban Bird Walks we particular reached young families. We have trained young guides and over the winter we will offer the next training program, as we want to connect to this success and definitely continue with this program.



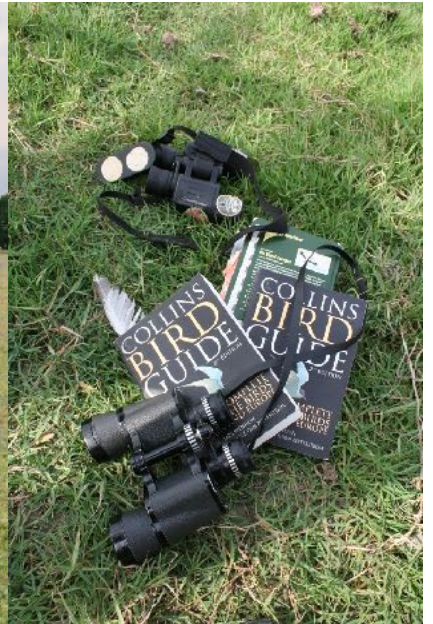


For being able to offer the Bird Walks, we trained a group of young people, not only on bird identification. They were as well provided with some tools to make a tour interesting for people who are not yet experienced birdwatchers.



Together with the GIZ biodiversity project IBiS one of the proposed IBAs near Tbilisi - Jandari Lake - was visited regularly during autumn migration. The purpose was to train staff on waterbird identification. But also to show the monthly differences in the bird abundance in that area. Most spectacular actually by the sudden presents of white stork, the amounts of rollers, starlings, blue-throats, terns, ... - This is still ongoing.





### BIRD FESTIVAL BATUMI

For the bird festival in Batumi we were offered to run an educational program for school children. Near one of the counting / observation platforms the children were introduced to the challenges of bird migration with different games. They got as well the chance to observe the spectacular raptor migration with optical support, which makes the scenario even more spectacular.



## LIFE IN QUARRY

At Dedoplistskaro we run an education camp, consisting of several weekends. While the first weekend was dedicated to botany and soil, the second one was mainly for bird identification. An excursion to the Eagle Canyon provided us with nice observations of vulture, peregrine falcon and hawks. And raptor identification was introduced in a simplified way. For most children it was their first visit to the canyon, despite it is in walking distance to the city.



The second part was dedicated to waterbirds with a visit to one of the nearby lakes. As a pre-check had revealed, that one lake was dried out and the one which was supposed to host a big amount of birds was abandoned, Patara lake was visited, as there we counted as an emergency plan on the forest birds. Besides two Little Grebes, children were even fascinated by the sight of wagtails and blackbirds through the binoculars. In addition we could show Green Woodpecker and some raptors.

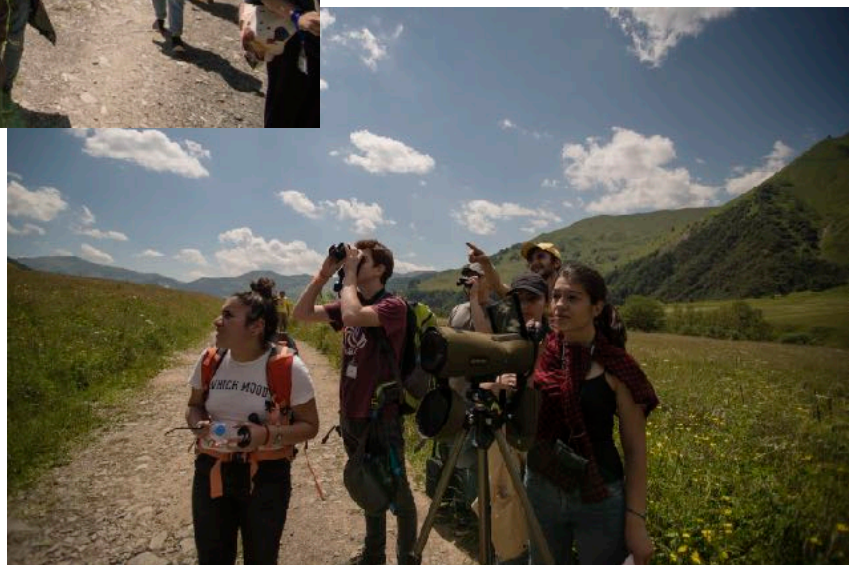


This will be continued as well.



## CO-OPERATION

We shared the binoculars with an other NGO as well. CENN had taken winners of an environmental contest on excursions. The bird guide during this excursions is as well one of our volunteers and we provided them with the binoculars.



The binoculars are a big help in our work, as most people have no access to such optical instruments. We are always excited to see the reactions when people discover the world close ups of birds unveil them.