

## Balkan Green Belt Photo Contest 2016

### Participate in the photo contest!

The nature of the Balkan Green Belt is home to an astonishing variety of landscapes and creatures.

We invite all visitors and residents along the Balkan Green Belt to go on a journey of exploration and photograph the most beautiful motives and most impressive experiences.

Participation pays off!

The prizes are books and T-shirts. In addition the prize-winning pictures will be represented on [www.pticesrbije.rs](http://www.pticesrbije.rs) and [www.europeangreenbelt.org](http://www.europeangreenbelt.org).

Be part of the first Balkan Green Belt Photo Contest taking place in all of the nine countries along the Balkan Green Belt!

### What is the Green Belt?

The Iron Curtain has ideologically and physically separated Eastern and Western Europe from the end of World War II up until the end of the Cold War. In the uninhabited bordering areas between east and west, nature took over – the European Green Belt. Today it is recognized as a preserved natural habitat with a diverse variety of flora and fauna. This unique ecological network spreads from the Barents Sea in the north, all the way to the Black Sea down south, and has a length of more than 12.500 kilometers. The European Green Belt includes four regions: the Fennoscandian, the Baltic, the Central European and the Balkan region.



The Balkan Green Belt is the southernmost part of the European Green Belt and it is of utmost importance. It consists of diverse areas and preserved natural landscapes, from pristine mountain ecosystems, through forest and steppe habitats, to wetlands, rivers and lakes. An abundance of wildlife is present in all of these habitats. Many regionally and globally endangered plant and animal species live in this area and contribute to its importance.

## **The Green Belt area in Serbia**

10 protected areas in Serbia have been singled out as parts of the Balkan Green Belt, including two national parks – Đerdap (IBA, IPA, PBA) and Šar planina - Šar mountain (IBA, IPA, PBA), five special nature reserves – Gornje Podunavlje - Upper Danube (Ramsar, IBA, IPA, PBA), Ludaško jezero - Ludaš lake (Ramsar, IBA, IPA), Selevenjske pustare - Selevenj heath (IBA, IPA), Pašnjaci velike droplje - Great bustard pastures (IBA, IPA), and Deliblatska peščara - Deliblato sands (IBA, IPA), two areas of outstanding features – Subotička peščara - Subotica sands (IBA, IPA) and the Vršачke planine - Vršac mountains (IBA, IPA) and one nature park - Stara planina – Stara mountain (IBA, IPA, PBA). All of the abovementioned protected areas are included in the EMERALD network and are on the list of potential Natura 2000 areas.

## **Who can take part?**

Each person travelling along or visiting the Balkan Green Belt in Serbia!

## **What are the prizes?**

1. LOWEPRO COMPUTADAY PHOTO 250 RUCKSACK
2. LOWEPRO LC 13X32CM (BLACK) BAG FOR LENS
3. LOWEPRO S&F LENS EXCHANGE CASE 100 AW BLACK BAG
4. + 5. : Books about nature and birds

## **When is the closing date?**

30<sup>th</sup> June 2016



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## **How can the photos be submitted?**

The participation is free. Send your pictures to: [zelenipojaskonkurs@gmail.com](mailto:zelenipojaskonkurs@gmail.com)

## **This is the jury**

Saša Preradović (Photography school Foton)

Nikola Miljković (Nikola Miljkovic Studio)

Miloš Popović (HabiProt)

The winners will be announced by the end of July 2016 on the website of Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia [www.pticesrbije.rs](http://www.pticesrbije.rs).

**We are looking forward to your pictures!**

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### Conditions of entry

**Organisation.** There is no entry fee. The organisers will bear the organisational costs of the competition. The organisers are Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia and EuroNatur (Germany). The competition is open to all persons who visited the Balkan Green Belt of the respective country. The closing date by which entries must arrive is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**Subjects and judging.** Subject is the Balkan Green Belt part of the respective country. The jury will award prizes to the top 5 pictures.

The jury consists of Saša Preradović (Photography school Foton), Nikola Miljković (Nikola Miljkovic Studio) and Miloš Popović (HabiProt)

The prize-winning pictures will be represented through the websites of the organisers and [europeangreenbelt.org](http://europeangreenbelt.org). The jury's decisions are final. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify pictures that were obviously taken by infringing the code of conduct for wildlife photographers. This can be found at <http://www.euronatur.org/Code-of-conduct.736.0.html>. Digitally manipulated pictures and pictures that were not taken along the Balkan Green Belt of the respective country will not be accepted.

**Pictures.** No more than 5 pictures may be entered per person. Entries shall be in the form of digital colour pictures, submitted by email (but no prints, no black and white photographs and no panorama formats).

The titles of digital picture files must contain the photographer's name and the name and number (1-5) of the picture (e.g. PetarPetrovic\_Whitetailedeagle\_Serbia\_1.jpg). Pictures of animals or plants taken in controlled conditions (pen, botanical gardens or similar) must be identified by a "C" in the file name and contain corresponding information in the list of pictures.

**Digital manipulation.** No subsequent modification of a picture or its content is permitted. Adding or removing animals, parts of animals, plants, unwanted elements, people etc. into/from the image is also not allowed.

**List of pictures.** The entry must include a list of the pictures in Serbian or English as pdf or Excel-file. In addition to the name, email and address of the photographer, picture title and number (1 to 5), this list must also provide a detailed description of the subject including the following information: date the picture was taken, species (if possible), location (country, region, habitat, nature reserve, etc.) as well as a short story about the development and background of the picture.



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**Entries submitted via [zelenipojaskonkurs@gmail.com](mailto:zelenipojaskonkurs@gmail.com).** No more than 5 pictures per person plus an accompanying list of the pictures may be entered. Entries can only be accepted if entrants abide the given instructions.

**Copyright, liability and posting.** The copyright for all photos entered must be held by the photographer. The photographer retains the copyright to his/her pictures at all times and his/her name will appear alongside the photo whenever it is published. By entering the competition the contestant grants the competition organisers the right to use the photos entered free of charge for the following purposes:

- The use of the photos to advertise the competition in the competition organisers' publications, on their websites and in press coverage.
- All prize-winning pictures may be used by the organiser EuroNatur and Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia for commercial sale of communication material and its advertisement, like calendars.
- All prize-winning pictures may be used by the organiser EuroNatur and Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia for an exhibition and its advertisement.
- The non-profit foundation EuroNatur and Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia have the right to use the prize-winning photos in their own publications to advertise their conservation projects at the Balkan Green Belt. Pictures that have been entered but have not won prizes will only be used for the above purposes after consultation with the photographer and by contractual agreement.

The use of the photos beyond the above-mentioned purposes may only proceed after consultation with the photographer. Rights to pictures may not be held by agencies or publishers. The organisers do not accept any liability for claims of third parties.

**Further information:**

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