

**FIRST RECORD OF THE TEREK SANDPIPER *Xenus cinereus*
IN CROATIA**

*Prvo opažanje prutke sabljarke *Xenus cinereus* u Hrvatskoj*

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The Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* is a Siberian faunal-type species, whose world distribution extends from Finland and Latvia in the west through the taiga into the Russian Far East, mostly above 55°N. In winter it is widely dispersed from the sub-equatorial west African coast to Australasia (OJANEN & RAUHALA 1997). Most of its breeding population is concentrated in Russia (15 000 – 80 000 breeding pairs). It breeds in only four other countries: Ukraine (300–500 pairs), Belarus (100–150 pairs), Finland (15–20 pairs) and Latvia (0–10 pairs) (BirdLife International 2004). It is accidental in most of Europe with only few records for each country (CRAMP 1983).

During the August 2003 my colleagues and I were ringing birds at the “Vransko Lake” Ornithological Reserve. The Vransko Lake (43.53°N 15.33°E) is situated in northern part of Dalmatia. We placed 10 mist nets (12 m) on the coast of the lake in

order to catch waders. In the afternoon on 11th August we caught adult Terek Sandpiper. It was the first Terek Sandpiper ever recorded in Croatia (KRALJ 1997). The bird was very still and it could not keep its head up. After the releasing the bird flew away showing no signs of any injury so I think that it was a consequence of stress caused by trapping. The same individual was caught again on 12th August, 17th August and 19th August 2004.

This record was approved by the Croatian Rarities Committee.

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SAŽETAK

Od srpnja do rujna 2003 na Vranskom jezeru održan je prstenovački kamp. U popodnevnim satima 11. kolovoza 2003. ulovili smo prutku sabljarku. To je prvi nalaz ove vrste u Hrvatskoj. Nalaz je potvrđen od Komisije za rijetke vrste.