

First record of Blyth's reed warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum* (Passeriformes, Sylviidae) from Slovakia

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Acrocephalus dumetorum Blyth, 1849

Material examined. SW Slovakia, Trnavská pahorkatina hills, city of Trnava, ponds (7671 = grid reference number of the Databank of Slovak fauna), 145 m a.s.l., 5.V.2002, 1 ad. ex., leg. et det. J. Matula et A. Trnka. Known distribution. The species has a C Palearctic range. It breeds from Baltic eastwards across Russia to C Siberia and south to southern C Asia. Winters from Pakistan through India and Nepal to Burma. In Europe, it is a rare breeder. Breeding populations are known only in Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia and Sweden (HAGEMEI'ER & BLAIR, 1997; SNOW & PERRINS, 1998; MITCHELL & YOUNG, 1999; BirdLife International, 2000). Based on the analysis of data available from other literature sources (GLUTZ VON BLOTZHEIM & BAUER, 1991; MITCHELL & YOUNG, 1999) and correspondents (members of European National rarities committees), non-breeding specimens were recorded also in other 20 countries (arranged according to number of records: Great Britain, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Romania, Germany, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Slovenia, Malta, Italy, Bulgaria, Faeroes, Gibraltar, Iceland, Ireland, Luxemburg, Spain, Switzerland). In C Europe, no records have been known from the Czech Republic, Austria or Hungary.

The specimen was mist-netted in a dry part of pond with dense bushy vegetation, measured, ringed, documented by photographs and then released.

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