

THE DISTRIBUTION ON HABITATS OF THE BIRD SPECIES MET IN THE BASIN OF TAZLĂU RIVER

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Abstract. The study refers to the distribution on habitats of the bird species met in Tazlau River. The study presents the field observations synthesis of the avifauna (birds' world) in the Basin of Tazlau River between 2000 and 2005. Following the observations we established the avifauna taxonomical composition distinctive to any habitat met in the Basin of Tazlau River.

Keywords: avifauna, habitat, ecological index of ecological significance.

Rezumat. Repartizarea pe habitate a speciilor de păsări întâlnite în bazinul râului Tazlău. Studiul prezintă sinteza observațiilor de teren ale avifaunei din bazinul râului Tazlău în perioada 2000-2005. În urma observațiilor am stabilit compoziția taxonomică a avifaunei caracteristică fiecărui tip de habitat întâlnit în bazinul râului Tazlău.

Cuvinte cheie: avifaună, habitat, indici ecologici.

Introduction

The field observations were made at the beginning of 2000, in autumnal aspect, in the Basin of Tazlau River. The studied surface exceeds 1000 sqm. In the studied territory are met different biotopes types which are advantageous habitats for the different birds' species. The forest zone is represented by spruce forests, mixture forests, beech forests and chestnut oaks forests. The area of riversides, riverside coppices and of watercourses shelters a large number of birds' species from the total number of the inventoried species in the area. The entropic and the agro-ecosystem areas are represented by agricultural lands, orchards, lawns and meadows.

Materials and Methods

During 6 years of observation many methods were used. The most used was the one of transects. The lines along brooks, paths, roads were avoided because the existing vegetation in these places was different from the one existing in the forest.

At each observation, where it was possible, the birds were counted, the area/space and destination, the place where they were, the sex of the bird, their activity and the meteorological factors were estimated.

In the dense forests with high crowning was used the method of fixed points. Certain fixed points along transects were established in order to ease birds' shifting and the research on troubled field. The distance between two fixed points in the same transect did not exceed 150 m. for Passeriformes species because these were hardly distinguished.

In the case of nocturnal species the shifting was made either in the evening or in the night and the different species' identification was made by following the sounds made by males.

The direct observation was used via binoculars of 8x30 and binoculars of 7x40.

The sense of direction was established by using a map and a compass; medium's temperature t^0 was estimated with an air thermometer.

In order to make a quantitative dynamics very close to reality, the data concerning the estimated birds' establishments in different parts of the basin were used.

The ecological indexes used for avifauna's analysis from the studied area are: analytics (dominance, frequency, constancy) and synthetics (the index of ecological significance -Dzuba and the index of diversity - Simpson). The last ones allow the accumulation of some values of the analytical indicators by offering a general image on the interrelationships between the species of a biocoenosis.

The sinecologic analysis regarding the avifauna of the Basin of Tazlau River was made depending on both birds' distribution on habitats and on the entire basin.

Results and Discussion

From the total 375 species of birds existing in Romania, in the Basin of Tazlau River are 122 species, representing a percentage of 32.53%. As regards the superior taxonomic units, the families' number in the Basin of Tazlau River is 41, representing 64.06% from the 64 families existing in Romania; the number of orders is 15, representing 78.64% from the 18 orders existing in the country.

Table 1. Comparative analyses in the taxonomic units of Tazlau's basin avifauna with the one existing in Romania.

No. of reg.	Taxonomic Unit	Romania	Tazlau Basin	Percentage %
1	No. of orders	19	15	78.94
2	No. of families	64	41	64.06
3	No. of species	375	122	32.53

The birds manifest certain preferences, thus being scattered in different habitats. Birds' distribution is highly influenced by external factors: geological structure, type of soil, hydrographical network, climatic conditions, type of vegetation, entropic activity.

From these, the vegetation is the determinant factor in avifauna' distribution, this is why the birds are separated on vegetation areas. The birds are distributed on crowns of trees, on their stumps, on little trees, on soil between herbs.

Sorts of biotypes from the Basin of Tazlau River:

- I. Forestry area:
 - 1. Spruce grove area
 - 2. Area of mixture forests
 - 3. Beech forests area
 - 4. Oak groves area
- II. Area of riversides, riverside coppices and watercourses.
- III. Entropic area and agro-ecosystems area:
 - 1. Agricultural lands
 - 2. Orchards
 - 3. Pasture lands
 - 4. Lawns

The avifauna of spruce groves

The surfaces occupied with spruce forests are limited in the Basin of Tazlau River, reducing it self at the Gosmanu Mountains Peaks (Holmul Geamăna - 1351 m., Răchitiş Peak, Goşmanu - 1306 m, Cracul Geamăna - 1442 m). The dominant species are represented by the spruce. Other species are: Service Tree, Beech, Mountain Sycamore, Fir Tree, Birch Tree and pine. Some perimeters occupied by forests were broke up. The birds left from these areas to the neighbouring forests to search food and shelter.

The list of bird species which nestle in the spruce forests of Tazlau River's Basin is presented in the table 3.

Considering the seasonal dynamics, from the 44 inventoried species in the Basin of Tazlau River 23 are sedentary, 5 partial migratory, 15 summer guests and a species of winter guests comply with table 2:

Table 2. Phenological Categories of bird species in the spruce groves of Tazlau River's Basin.

Reg. no.	Phenological categories	No. of species	% from total
1	sedentary	23	52.27
2	partial-migratory	5	11.36
3	summer visitors	15	34.09
4	winter visitors	1	2.27

On the subject of birds' distribution in ecosystem, we noticed that the most populated habitat offered by a spruce forest is tree's crown. It shelters species which like better the thicket of spruce fir trees (*Parus cristatus*, *Parus ater*, *Parus montanus*, *Regulus ignicapillus*, *Regulus regulus*, *Loxia curvirostra*), the branches with fewer leaves, (*Fringilla coelebs*, *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*), or the thick leaves, making a halt close to the trunk (*Bubo bubo*, *Glaucidium passerinum*, *Strix aluco*, *Strix uralensis*).

On the spruces trunks we noticed the species: *Picus canus*, *Picus viridis*, *Dendrocopos major* and *Picoides tridactylus* from the Piciformes, and *Certhia familiaris* from the Passeriformes. In the arboretum bird species live and make nests on the soil or nearby, obtaining their food from this niche: *Turdus merula*, *Turdus philomelos*, and *Phylloscopus collybita* and *Erithacus rubecula*.

The species *Bonasia bonasia* and *Tetrao urogallus* sit on the soil.

Table 3. Ecological indexes considering the avifauna from spruce groves in the Basin of Tazlau River.

Reg. no.	Species	Dominancy			Frequency	Constancy		Index of ecological signification			Simpson Index of diversity
		Value	Code	Group		Code	Group	Val.	Code	Group	
1.	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	0.59	D ₁	Subrecedent	28.12	C ₂	Accessory	0.17	W ₂	Recedent	15.28 %
2.	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	0.59	D ₁	Subrecedent	14.06	C ₁	Accidental	0.08	W ₁	Subrecedent	
3.	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	9.38	C ₁	Accidental	0.11	W ₂	Recedent	
4.	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	0.59	D ₁	Subrecedent	13.28	C ₁	Accidental	0.08	W ₁	Subrecedent	
5.	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	0.29	D ₁	Subrecedent	9.38	C ₁	Accidental	0.03	W ₁	Subrecedent	
6.	<i>Bonasia bonasia</i>	0.88	D ₁	Subrecedent	9.38	C ₁	Accidental	0.08	W ₁	Subrecedent	
7.	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	0.59	D ₁	Subrecedent	48.44	C ₂	Accessory	0.29	W ₂	Recedent	
8.	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	1.47	D ₂	Recedent	13.28	C ₁	Accidental	0.2	W ₂	Recedent	
9.	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	16.41	C ₁	Accidental	0.19	W ₂	Recedent	
10.	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	0.88	D ₁	Subrecedent	66.41	C ₃	Constant	0.58	W ₂	Recedent	
11.	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	0.88	D ₁	Subrecedent	13.28	C ₁	Accidental	0.12	W ₂	Recedent	
12.	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	9.38	C ₁	Accidental	0.11	W ₂	Recedent	
13.	<i>Strix aluco</i>	0.59	D ₁	Subrecedent	19.53	C ₁	Accidental	0.12	W ₂	Recedent	
14.	<i>Strix uralensis</i>	0.59	D ₁	Subrecedent	16.41	C ₁	Accidental	0.1	W ₂	Recedent	
15.	<i>Dendrocopos</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	28.12	C ₂	Accessory	0.33	W ₂	Recedent	

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16.	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	1.47	D ₂	Recedent	79.69	C ₄	Euconstant	1.17	W ₃	Subdominant
17.	<i>Picus canus</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	19.53	C ₁	Accidental	0.23	W ₂	Recedent
18.	<i>Picus viridis</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	14.06	C ₁	Accidental	0.16	W ₂	Recedent
19.	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>	0.29	D ₁	Subrecede-dent	9.38	C ₁	Accidental	0.03	W ₁	Subrecede-dent
20.	<i>Corvus corax</i>	1.47	D ₂	Recedent	87.5	C ₄	Euconstant	1.29	W ₃	Subdominant
21.	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	0.88	D ₁	Subrecede-dent	76.56	C ₄	Euconstant	0.67	W ₂	Recedent
22.	<i>Parus ater</i>	15.84	D ₅	Eudominant	96.09	C ₄	Euconstant	15.22	W ₅	Eudominant
23.	<i>Parus cristatus</i>	7.04	D ₄	Dominant	92.19	C ₄	Euconstant	6.49	W ₄	Dominant
24.	<i>Parus montanus</i>	5.28	D ₄	Dominant	84.38	C ₄	Euconstant	4.46	W ₃	Subdominant
25.	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	2.05	D ₃	Subdominant	69.53	C ₃	Constant	1.43	W ₃	Subdominant
26.	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	1.47	D ₂	Recedent	37.5	C ₂	Accessory	0.55	W ₂	Recedent
27.	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	42.97	C ₂	Accessory	0.5	W ₂	Recedent
28.	<i>Turdus merula</i>	0.88	D ₁	Subrecede-dent	61.72	C ₃	Constant	0.54	W ₂	Recedent
29.	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1.47	D ₂	Recedent	52.34	C ₃	Constant	0.77	W ₂	Recedent
30.	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	65.62	C ₃	Constant	0.77	W ₂	Recedent
31.	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	0.59	D ₁	Subrecede-dent	52.34	C ₃	Constant	0.31	W ₂	Recedent
32.	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	0.88	D ₁	Subrecede-dent	61.72	C ₃	Constant	0.54	W ₂	Recedent
33.	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	19.53	C ₁	Accidental	0.23	W ₂	Recedent
34.	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	9.09	D ₄	Dominant	79.69	C ₄	Euconstant	7.24	W ₄	Dominant
35.	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	11.73	D ₅	Eudominant	82.03	C ₄	Euconstant	9.62	W ₄	Dominant
36.	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	1.17	D ₂	Recedent	22.66	C ₁	Accidental	0.27	W ₂	Recedent
37.	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	1.47	D ₂	Recedent	32.81	C ₂	Accessory	0.48	W ₂	Recedent
38.	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	0.88	D ₁	Subrecede	19.53	C ₁	Accidental	0.17	W ₂	Recedent
39.	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	3.81	D ₃	Subdominant	77.34	C ₄	Euconstant	2.95	W ₃	Subdominant
40.	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	1.76	D ₂	Recedent	52.34	C ₃	Constant	0.92	W ₂	Recedent
41.	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	1.47	D ₂	Recedent	30.47	C ₂	Accessory	0.45	W ₂	Recedent
42.	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	7.33	D ₄	Dominant	76.56	C ₄	Euconstant	5.61	W ₄	Dominant
43.	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	2.64	D ₃	Subdominant	82.03	C ₄	Euconstant	2.17	W ₃	Subdominant
44.	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	0.59	D ₁	Subrecede-dent	52.34	C ₃	Constant	0.31	W ₂	Recedent

15.28 %

In the spruce groves dominances' highest values are reached by *Parus ater* and *Regulus regulus* species which are eudominant.

In the group of Euconstant' Species are: *Dryocopus martius*, *Corvus corax*, *Garrulus glandarius*, *Parus ater*, *Parus cristatus*, *Parus montanus*, *Regulus ignicapillus*, *Regulus regulus*, *Troglodytes troglodytes*, *Fringilla coelebs*, *Loxia curvirostra*.

Comply with the index of ecological signification (Dzuba), the eudominant species are represented by *Parus ater*.

Simpson diversity index has a value of 15.28%.

Avifauna of the mixture forests

The mixture forests are better represented than the spruce groves in the studied area. They are placed on the west side of the basin, between Goșmanu Mountains and Tazlăului Depression. The dominant species are the spruce and the beech. Besides these, there are also ash trees, mountain sycamore and yoke elm.

Depending on the seasoning dynamics, the 55 bird species identified in the mixture forests classify comply with table 4:

Table 4. Phenological categories of bird species in the mixture forests of the Tazlau River Basin.

Reg. no.	Phenological categories	No. of species	% from total
1.	Sedentary	28	50.91
2.	Summer visitors	19	34.55
3.	Partial migratory	4	7.27
4.	Passage	2	3.64
5.	Winter visitors	1	1.82
6.	Accidentals	1	1.82

The brooder bird species are dispersed considering their food preferences. Those who love the coniferae live in the coniferae's foliage or trunk (*Parus cristatus*, *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*), others live in the manyplies' clusters (*Ficedula parva*, *Parus major*, *Sylvia atricapilla*). Most of them like better the tree lines, the sparse growth of trees and the glades. In the old forests the species number is higher than the one of the species that live in young forests.

The bird species and the ecological indexes of the mixed forests' avifauna from Tazlau Basin are presented in the table no. 5:

Table 5. Ecological indexes of the mixed forests' avifauna in the Basin of Tazlau River.

Reg. no.	Species	Dominance			Frequency	Constance		Index of ecological signification			Simpson index of diversity
		Value	Code	Group		Code	Group	Value	Code	Group	
1.	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	0.57	D ₁	Subrecent	27.4	C ₂	Accessory	0.16	W ₂	Recent	15.28 %
2.	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	0.29	D ₁	Subrecent	32.88	C ₂	Accessory	0.1	W ₂	Recent	
3.	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	0.29	D ₁	Subrecent	12.33	C ₁	Accidental	0.04	W ₁	Subrecent	
4.	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	0.57	D ₁	Subrecent	30.82	C ₂	Accessory	0.18	W ₂	Recent	
5.	<i>Bonasia bonasia</i>	1.14	D ₂	Recent	29.45	C ₂	Accessory	0.34	W ₂	Recent	
6.	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	0.86	D ₁	Subrecent	39.73	C ₂	Accessory	0.34	W ₂	Recent	
7.	<i>Columba oenas</i>	1.15	D ₂	Recent	79.45	C ₄	Euconstant	0.91	W ₂	Recent	
8.	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	1.71	D ₂	Recent	67.12	C ₃	Constant	1.15	W ₃	Subdominant	
9.	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	0.29	D ₁	Subrecent	2.05	C ₁	Accidental	0.01	W ₁	Subrecent	
10.	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	0.86	D ₁	Subrecent	59.59	C ₂	Accessory	0.51	W ₂	Recent	
11.	<i>Athene noctua</i>	0.57	D ₁	Subrecent	31.51	C ₂	Accessory	0.18	W ₂	Recent	
12.	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	0.86	D ₁	Subrecent	30.14	C ₂	Accessory	0.26	W ₂	Recent	
13.	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>	0.14	D ₁	Subrecent	1.37	C ₁	Accidental	0	W ₁	Subrecent	
14.	<i>Strix aluco</i>	0.57	D ₁	Subrecent	36.3	C ₂	Accessory	0.21	W ₂	Recent	
15.	<i>Tyto alba</i>	0.57	D ₁	Subrecent	13.01	C ₁	Accidental	0.07	W ₁	Subrecent	
16.	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>	0.29	D ₁	Subrecent	19.18	C ₁	Accidental	0.06	W ₁	Subrecent	
17.	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	0.86	D ₁	Subrecent	35.62	C ₂	Accessory	0.31	W ₂	Recent	
18.	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>	1.14	D ₂	Recent	32.19	C ₂	Accessory	0.37	W ₂	Recent	
19.	<i>Picus canus</i>	0.57	D ₁	Subrecent	13.01	C ₁	Accidental	0.07	W ₁	Subrecent	
20.	<i>Picus viridis</i>	0.14	D ₁	Subrecent	2.05	C ₁	Accidental	0	W ₁	Subrecent	

21.	Lullula arborea	0.29	D ₁	Subrecedent	1.37	C ₁	Accidental	0	W ₁	Subrecedent	25.25 %
22.	Garrulus glandarius	2.57	D ₃	Subdominant	97.26	C ₄	Euconstant	2.52	W ₃	Subdominant	
23.	Corvus corax	0.57	D ₁	Subrecedent	45.89	C ₂	Accessory	0.26	W ₂	Subdominant	
24.	Aegithalos caudatus	0.86	D ₁	Subrecedent	64.38	C ₃	Constant	0.55	W ₂	Recedent	
25.	Parus ater	3.71	D ₃	Subdominant	84.25	C ₄	Euconstant	3.15	W ₃	Subdominant	
26.	Parus caeruleus	0.86	D ₁	Subrecedent	28.08	C ₂	Accessory	0.24	W ₂	Recedent	
27.	Parus cristatus	2	D ₃	Subdominant	67.12	C ₃	Constant	1.35	W ₃	Subdominant	
28.	Parus major	3.71	D ₃	Subdominant	69.86	C ₃	Constant	2.61	W ₃	Subdominant	
29.	Parus montanus	2.29	D ₃	Subdominant	96.58	C ₄	Euconstant	2.22	W ₃	Subdominant	
30.	Parus palustris	1.15	D ₂	Recedent	60.27	C ₃	Constant	0.69	W ₂	Recedent	
31.	Sitta europaea	1.43	D ₂	Recedent	58.9	C ₃	Constant	0.85	W ₂	Recedent	
32.	Erithacus rubecula	7.71	D ₄	Dominant	80.82	C ₄	Euconstant	6.27	W ₄	Dominant	
33.	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	1.71	D ₂	Recedent	51.37	C ₃	Constant	0.88	W ₂	Recedent	
34.	Turdus merula	8	D ₄	Dominant	82.88	C ₄	Euconstant	6.67	W ₄	Dominant	
35.	Turdus philomelos	1.15	D ₂	Recedent	33.56	C ₃	Constant	0.39	W ₂	Recedent	
36.	Turdus viscivorus	0.86	D ₁	Subrecedent	50.68	C ₃	Constant	0.44	W ₂	Recedent	
37.	Sylvia atricapilla	0.86	D ₁	Subrecedent	26.03	C ₂	Accessory	0.22	W ₂	Recedent	
38.	Sylvia curruca	0.57	D ₁	Subrecedent	2.05	C ₁	Accidental	0.01	W ₁	Subrecedent	
39.	Phylloscopus collybita	6.57	D ₄	Dominant	80.82	C ₄	Euconstant	5.34	W ₄	Dominant	
40.	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	1.71	D ₂	Recedent	35.62	C ₂	Accessory	0.61	W ₂	Recedent	
41.	Regulus ignicapillus	2.86	D ₃	Subdominant	81.51	C ₄	Euconstant	2.34	W ₃	Subdominant	
42.	Regulus regulus	3.14	D ₃	Subdominant	91.1	C ₄	Euconstant	2.88	W ₃	Subdominant	
43.	Certhia familiaris	3.43	D ₃	Subdominant	82.88	C ₄	Euconstant	2.86	W ₃	Subdominant	
44.	Ficedula albicollis	0.86	D ₁	Subrecedent	35.62	C ₂	Accessory	0.31	W ₂	Recedent	
45.	Ficedula parva	0.29	D ₁	Subrecedent	0.68	C ₁	Accidental	0	W ₁	Subrecedent	
46.	Muscicapa striata	1.71	D ₂	Recedent	80.82	C ₄	Euconstant	1.39	W ₃	Subdominant	
47.	Anthus trivialis	1.15	D ₂	Recedent	35.62	C ₂	Accessory	0.41	W ₂	Recedent	
48.	Troglodytes troglodytes	4	D ₃	Subdominant	82.88	C ₄	Euconstant	3.33	W ₃	Subdominant	
49.	Carduelis carduelis	1.14	D ₂	Recedent	59.59	C ₃	Constant	0.69	W ₂	Recedent	
50.	Carduelis chloris	1.14	D ₂	Recedent	50.68	C ₃	Constant	0.58	W ₂	Recedent	
51.	Coccythraustes coccythraustes	3.14	D ₃	Subdominant	59.59	C ₃	Constant	1.88	W ₃	Subdominant	
52.	Fringilla coelebs	10	D ₅	Eudomi-nant	80.82	C ₄	Euconstant	8.13	W ₄	Dominant	
53.	Fringilla montifringilla	2	D ₃	Subdominant	33.56	C ₂	Accessory	0.67	W ₂	Recedent	
54.	Loxia curvirostra	0.86	D ₁	Subrecedent	50.68	C ₃	Constant	0.44	W ₂	Recedent	
55.	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	2.29	D ₃	Subdominant	91.1	C ₄	Euconstant	2.28	W ₃	Subdominant	

Comply with the dominance; the eudominant species in the mixture forests are represented by *Fringilla coelebs*. The Euconstant species are: *Columba oenas*, *Garrulus glandarius*, *Parus ater*, *Parus montanus*, *Erithacus rubecula*, *Turdus merula*, *Phylloscopus collybita*, *Regulus ignicapillus*, *Regulus regulus*, *Certhia familiaris*, *Muscicapa striata*, *Troglodytes troglodytes*, *Fringilla coelebs*, and *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*. The highest values of the ecological signification index belong to the following species: *Erithacus rubecula*, *Turdus merula*, *Phylloscopus collybita*, and *Fringilla coelebs*. The diversity index has a 25.25% value.

The beech forests' avifauna

The beech forests are located at irregular intervals in the Basin of Tazlau River at altitudes of approx 500 sqm, on shadowed slopes. These exist in Tazlău Village (Măgura Mare), Berzunți (Vatala), Balcani (from Frumoasa – to west), Solonț (Cucuieți Village and Mitoc Hill), Măgura Hill in the course of Tazlăul Sărat. The dominant species is the beech. Other species which subsist in beech forests are: the chestnut oak, the sweet cherry

tree, the hornbeam and the lime tree. The herbaceous and little trees stratum are sparsely represented by: hawthorn, hazel tree, wild rose, elder and dogwood.

From the 50 registered species in beech forests 24 are sedentary, 3 partial migratory and 23 are summer visitors comply with table 6.

Table 6. Phenological Categories of Bird Species in the beech forests from Tazlau River Basin.

Reg. no.	Phenological category	No of species	% from total
1.	Sedentary	24	48
2.	Summer visitors	23	46
3.	Partial migratory	3	6

Table 7. Ecological indexes of the avifauna in the beech forest from the Basin of Tazlau River.

Reg. no.	Species	Dominance			Frequency	Constance		Index of ecological signification			Simpson index of diversity
		Value	Code	Group		Code	Group	Value	Code	Group	
1.	Accipiter gentilis	0.2	D ₁	Subrecent	42.75	C ₂	Accessory	0.09	W ₁	Subrecent	17.83 %
2.	Accipiter nisus	0.4	D ₁	Subrecent	36.64	C ₂	Accessory	0.15	W ₂	Recent	
3.	Buteo buteo	0.2	D ₁	Subrecent	32.82	C ₂	Accessory	0.07	W ₁	Subrecent	
4.	Falco subbuteo	0.1	D ₁	Subrecent	9.16	C ₁	Accidental	0.01	W ₁	Subrecent	
5.	Scolopax rusticola	0.4	D ₁	Subrecent	31.3	C ₂	Accessory	0.13	W ₂	Recent	
6.	Columba oenas	4.2	D ₃	Subdominant	81.68	C ₄	Euconstant	3.43	W ₃	Subdominant	
7.	Columba palumbus	0.8	D ₁	Subrecent	42.75	C ₂	Accessory	0.34	W ₂	Recent	
8.	Streptopelia turtur	0.8	D ₁	Subrecent	13.74	C ₁	Accidental	0.11	W ₂	Recent	
9.	Cuculus canorus	1.6	D ₂	Recent	49.62	C ₂	Accessory	0.79	W ₂	Recent	
10.	Bubo bubo	0.6	D ₁	Subrecent	31.3	C ₂	Accessory	0.19	W ₂	Recent	
11.	Strix aluco	0.4	D ₁	Subrecent	31.3	C ₂	Accessory	0.13	W ₂	Recent	
12.	Strix uralensis	0.4	D ₁	Subrecent	32.82	C ₂	Accessory	0.13	W ₂	Recent	
13.	Upupa epops	0.2	D ₁	Subrecent	22.14	C ₁	Accidental	0.04	W ₁	Subrecent	
14.	Dendrocopos leucotos	4	D ₃	Subdominant	90.08	C ₄	Euconstant	3.6	W ₃	Subdominant	
15.	Dendrocopos major	2.4	D ₃	Subdominant	93.13	C ₄	Euconstant	2.24	W ₃	Subdominant	
16.	Dendrocopos medius	0.2	D ₁	Subrecent	19.08	C ₁	Accidental	0.04	W ₁	Subrecent	
17.	Dendrocopos minor	0.2	D ₁	Subrecent	13.74	C ₁	Accidental	0.03	W ₁	Subrecent	
18.	Dryocopus martius	0.4	D ₁	Subrecent	46.56	C ₂	Accessory	0.19	W ₂	Recent	
19.	Picus canus	1	D ₁	Subrecent	60.31	C ₃	Constant	0.6	W ₂	Recent	
20.	Picus viridis	0.4	D ₁	Subrecent	23.66	C ₁	Accidental	0.09	W ₁	Subrecent	
21.	Lullula arborea	0.2	D ₁	Subrecent	17.56	C ₁	Accidental	0.04	W ₁	Subrecent	
22.	Oriolus oriolus	0.4	D ₁	Subrecent	29.01	C ₂	Accessory	0.12	W ₂	Recent	
23.	Garrulus glandarius	1.4	D ₂	Recent	78.63	C ₄	Euconstant	1.1	W ₃	Recent	
24.	Pica pica	1.2	D ₂	Recent	78.63	C ₄	Euconstant	0.94	W ₂	Recent	
25.	Aegithalos caudatus	1.6	D ₂	Recent	74.81	C ₃	Constant	1.2	W ₃	Subdominant	
26.	Parus ater	0.4	D ₁	Subrecent	29.01	C ₂	Accessory	0.12	W ₂	Recent	
27.	Parus caeruleus	2.4	D ₃	Subdominant	67.94	C ₃	Constant	1.63	W ₃	Subdominant	
28.	Parus major	4.4	D ₃	Subdominant	98.47	C ₄	Euconstant	4.33	W ₃	Subdominant	
29.	Parus palustris	4.6	D ₃	Subdominant	78.63	C ₄	Euconstant	3.62	W ₃	Subdominant	
30.	Sitta europaea	6.6	D ₄	Dominant	96.18	C ₄	Euconstant	6.35	W ₄	Dominant	
31.	Erithacus	7	D ₄	Dominant	54.96	C ₃	Constant	3.85	W ₃	Subdominant	

	rubecula										
32.	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	10.61	D ₅	Eudominant	80.92	C ₄	Euconstant	8.59	W ₄	Dominant	17.83 %
33.	Turdus merula	1.8	D ₂	Recedent	77.1	C ₄	Euconstant	1.39	W ₃	Subdominant	
34.	Turdus philomelos	0.8	D ₁	Subrecedent	32.82	C ₂	Accessory	0.26	W ₂	Recedent	
35.	Turdus viscivorus	0.8	D ₁	Subrecedent	48.85	C ₂	Acceso-rie	0.39	W ₂	Recedent	
36.	Sylvia atricapilla	0.6	D ₁	Subrecedent	9.92	C ₁	Accidental	0.06	W ₁	Subrecedent	
37.	Sylvia curruca	0.6	D ₁	Subrecedent	9.92	C ₁	Accidental	0.06	W ₁	Subrecedent	
38.	Phylloscopus collybita	1	D ₁	Subrecedent	16.03	C ₁	Accidental	0.16	W ₂	Recedent	
39.	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	6.4	D ₄	Dominant	57.25	C ₃	Constant	3.66	W ₃	Subdominant	
40.	Certhia familiaris	1.8	D ₂	Recedent	67.94	C ₃	Constant	1.22	W ₃	Subdominant	
41.	Ficedula albicollis	9.2	D ₄	Dominant	80.92	C ₄	Eucons-tanta	7.44	W ₄	Dominant	
42.	Muscicapa striata	0.2	D ₁	Subrecedent	13.74	C ₁	Accidental	0.03	W ₁	Subrecedent	
43.	Anthus trivialis	1.2	D ₂	Recedent	42.75	C ₂	Acceso-rie	0.51	W ₂	Recedent	
44.	Troglodytes troglodytes	0.6	D ₁	Subrecedent	40.46	C ₂	Acceso-rie	0.24	W ₂	Recedent	
45.	Lanius collurio	0.8	D ₁	Subrecedent	37.4	C ₂	Acceso-rie	0.3	W ₂	Recedent	
46.	Sturnus vulgaris	0.4	D ₁	Subrecedent	41.22	C ₂	Acceso-rie	0.16	W ₂	Recedent	
47.	Carduelis chloris	0.8	D ₁	Subrecedent	37.4	C ₂	Acceso-rie	0.3	W ₂	Recedent	
48.	Coccythraustes coccythraustes	0.8	D ₁	Subrecedent	52.67	C ₃	Constant	0.42	W ₂	Recedent	
49.	Fringilla coelebs	11.21	D ₅	Eudominant	90.08	C ₄	Eucons-tanta	10.1	W ₅	Eudomi-nant	
50.	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	1.2	D ₂	Recedent	80.92	C ₄	Eucons-tanta	0.97	W ₂	Recedent	

Considering the dominance, the eudominant species in beech forests are: *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*, *Fringilla coelebs*. The Euconstant species are: *Columba oenas*, *Dendrocopos leucotos*, *Dendrocopos major*, *Garrulus glandarius*, *Pica pica*, *Parus major*, *Parus palustris*, *Sitta europaea*, *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*, *Turdus merula*, *Ficedula albicollis*, *Fringilla coelebs*, and *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*. Comply with the index of ecological signification the eudominant species is *Fringilla coelebs*. The value of the diversity index is 17.83%.

The chestnut oak forests avifauna.

The chestnut oak forests in the area are well represented. The south area of chestnut oak forests is a part of the *Quercus petraeae* – *Carpinetum Association*. They reach even 400-500 sqm altitude on the sunny hills which descends from Berzunţi Peak or Pietricica Peak to Tazlăului Valley. The distinctive species are the chestnut and the hornbeam. Other species: ash trees, silver lime tree, sycamore, sweet cherry tree, field maple, wild pear tree, crab wood apples, etc.

In the basin' north side the *Quercus robori* – *Carpinetum Association* is distinguished. It is represented by low interfluvies, terrace forests or slope foots. It grows on the soils of Balcani region, Frumoasa and Sănduleni. The chestnut oak is replaced by the oak.

Considering the seasoning dynamics the bird species met in chestnut oak forests are presented in the table 8:

Table 8. Phenological categories of bird species met in chestnut oak forests from the Basin of Tazlau River

Reg. no.	Phenological category	Species no.	% from total
1.	Sedentary	22	44
2.	Summer visitors	21	42
3.	Partial migratory	3	6
4.	Winter visitors	2	4
5.	Passage	1	2
6.	Accidentals	1	2

The eudominant species in the chestnut oak forests is *Sturnus vulgaris*.

The highest frequency values are reached by the following species: *Accipiter gentilis*, *Buteo buteo*, *Columba oenas*, *Streptopelia turtur*, *Cuculus canorus*, *Caprimulgus europaeus*, *Upupa epops*, *Dendrocopos leucotos*, *Dendrocopos major*, *Parus palustris*, *Sitta europaea*, *Erithacus rubecula*, *Turdus merula*, *Turdus philomelos*, *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*, *Muscicapa striata*, *Ficedula albicollis*, *Anthus trivialis*, *Carduelis chloris*, *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*, *Fringilla coelebs*.

The ecological signification index (Dzuba) presents the highest values for dominant species: *Erithacus rubecula*, *Sturnus vulgaris*, and *Fringilla coelebs*.

The Simpson Diversity' Index Value is 21.4% in the chestnut oaks forests from the Basin of Tazlau River

The area of riversides, riverside coppices and water courses.

There are riversides and riverside coppices located in several associations of plants between the localities in the area. The dim dominant species are: *Salix alba*, *Salix fragilis*, *Salix triandra*, *Salix purpurea*, *Salix viminalis*, *Populus alba* and *Populus nigra*. The characteristic little trees and herbes are : *Cornus sanguinea*, *Viburnum sp.*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Morus alba*, *Rubus caesius*, *Calystiga sepium*, *Solanum dulcamara*, *Poa trivialis*, *Stachis palustris*, *Myosotis scorpioides*, *Ranunculus repens*, *Humulus lupulus*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Tripholium album*, *Tripholium repens* and *Agrostis stolonifera*.

The hygrophilic and hydrophilic vegetation are represented by genus species like: *Scirpo*, *Phragmites*, *Typha*, *Glyceria*, *Sparganium*, *Carex*, *Lemna*, *Utricularia*, *Ceratophyllum*, *Salvinia*.

From seasoning dynamics point of view the 87 bird species registered in this area are summarised in table 9.

Table 9. Phenological categories of the bird species from the riversides, riverside coppices and water courses in the Basin of Tazlau River.

Reg. no.	Phenological categories	No. of species	% from total
1.	Sedentary	30	34.48
2.	Summer visitors	39	44.83
3.	Winter visitors	6	6.9
4.	Partially migratory	4	4.6
5.	Passage	5	5.75
6.	Accidentals	2	2.3

Due to the ecological indexes computation, the highest dominancy values were obtained by the following species: *Parus palustris*, *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*, *Regulus ignicapillus*, *Sturnus vulgaris*, *Garrulus glandarius*, *Pica pica*, and *Parus caeruleus*.

The Euconstant species are: *Accipiter gentilis*, *Accipiter nisus*, *Scolopax rusticola*, *Cuculus canorus*, *Alcedo atthis*, *Upupa epops*, *Garrulus glandarius*, *Pica pica*, *Parus caeruleus*, *Parus palustris*, *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*, *Luscinia megarhynchos*,

Sylvia atricapilla, *Regulus ignicapillus*, *Regulus regulus*, *Muscicapa striata*, *Troglodytes troglodytes*, *Sturnus vulgaris*, and *Passer montanus*.

Comply with the index of ecological signification (Dzuba) the dominant species are: *Parus palustris* and *Sturnus vulgaris*.

The value of Simpson Diversity Index is 30.15% in riversides, riverside coppices and watercourses.

The Avifauna of anthropogenic landscape

The human settlements developed since ancient times, being concentrated along permanent Tazlau and its affluent' river beds. The villages are predominant, the only urban locality being Moineşti Town situated in the middle basin of Tazlau Sarat River.

The zone of Tazlau Basin was mostly protected against the polluting effect of excessive industrialization. Goşmanu Mountain was exploited because it has oil fields. Oil extraction, with everything that this involves, modified the eco-systems natural aspect. The north-west side of the Basin was polluted from Comăneşti until Oneşti Towns, situated in Trotus Basin. The rest of it remained "clear", the rural settlements being preferred by numerous bird species, due to the people's life natural conditions. The avifauna of villages and of Moineşti Town is reach and various. It is influenced by the vegetation type and even by the constructions made by people, some birds preferring to nest in the buildings.

Table no. 10 presents the seasoning dynamics of the bird species in the anthropogenic landscape.

Table 10. Phenological categories of bird species from the anthropogenic landscape in the Basin of Tazlau River.

Reg. no.	Phenological categories	No. of species	% from total
1.	Sedentary	31	43.66
2.	Summer visitors	29	40.85
3.	Passage	3	4.22
4.	Winter visitors	4	5.63
5.	Partial migratory	4	5.63

When calculating the ecological indexes, the biggest values were obtained by the species *Passer domesticus*.

In the anthropogenic landscape the following species are euconstant: *Streptopelia decaocto*, *Athene noctua*, *Dendrocopos syriacus*, *Galerida cristata*, *Corvus frugilegus*, *Corvus monedula*, *Garrulus glandarius*, *Parus major*, *Sitta europaea*, *Luscinia megarhynchos*, *Sylvia curruca*, *Lanius collurio*, *Sturnus vulgaris*, *Passer domesticus*, *Carduelis carduelis*, *Carduelis spinus* and *Fringilla coelebs*. Comply with the ecological signification index (Dzuba), the dominant specie is *Passer domesticus*. The value of diversity index is 37.39%.

The avifauna of agro-ecosystems.

The agro-ecosystems in the studied area expanded as a result of Tazlau' River and its affluent' adjacent populated areas. The biggest part of the natural eco-systems was replaced because the human beings modified it.

The agro-ecosystems are represented by agricultural lands, orchards, pastures and lawns.

The species that reach high dominancy values are: *Corvus frugilegus*, *Turdus pilaris*, *Sturnus vulgaris*, *Passer domesticus*, *Passer montanus*, *Fringilla coelebs* and *Carduelis carduelis*. The following species reach high frequencies: *Passer domesticus*, *Corvus frugilegus*, *Galerida cristata*, *Passer montanus*, *Alauda arvensis* and *Buteo buteo*.

Comply with the ecological signification index, the dominant species in agro-ecosystems are: *Corvus frugilegus*, *Passer montanus*, *Parus major*, *Passer domesticus* and *Carduelis carduelis*.

The values of Simpson Diversity Index are: 18.24% for agricultural lands, 20.47% for orchards, 14.56% for pastures and 13.87% for lawns.

Conclusions

From ornitho-fauna's perspective we can consider the Basin of Tazlau River a medium area by comparison with Romania.

The biotopes sorts in the Basin of Tazlau River are: spruce groves, mixture forests, pasture lands, oak groves, riversides, riverside coppices, watercourses, agricultural lands, orchards, pasture lands and lawns. In spruce groves we find 44 de species, the diversity index being 15.28%. In the mixture forests are 55 species, the diversity index being 25.25%. The beech forests shelter 50 species- the value of diversity index is 17.83%. In the oak groves were inventoried 50 species- the diversity index being 21.4%. The area of riversides, riverside coppices and watercourses has 87 bird species - The value of Simpson diversity index is 30.15%. We identified 62 bird species in the agro-ecosystems. The values of Simpson diversity index are: 18.24% for agricultural lands, 20.47% for orchards, 14.56% for pasture lands and 13.87% for lawns.

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