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New book about birds on Cape Kolka – book release!

Within the framework of the project "Baltic Wings", Nature Conservation Agency has published a book "Birdwatching at Slitere National park". The author of the book is the ornithologist Ruslans Matrozis.

In a popular science manner, the book introduces the reader to the ornithofauna research history of the Slitere surroundings and provides an insight of the birds nesting in Slitere. A separate section is devoted to the bird migration, since Cape Kolka located within the territory of Slitere National park is the best place for the observations of bird migration in Latvia.

This edition will be interesting for both bird experts, and those who have just set off for the

journey of getting to know the astonishing world of birds. The book is written in Latvian with an extensive summary in English. The book also features an appendix with the description of the best birdwatching spots within the area surrounding the Baltic Sea.

The book-launching event was held on September 12th, next to Slitere Lighthouse, and the meeting with the author was organized during the event. It was possible to learn about the practical

The book and the birdlife in the area was presented just outside the Slitere lighthouse with the new bird exhibition.





The event had to be Covid-modified but the guests – keeping a safe distance – still had a nice picnic outdoors.

side of the birdwatching tourism, to see the new Slitere Lighthouse exhibition “Bird migration routes” (also held within the framework of the project “Baltic Wings”), as well as to have a walk through the Slitere Blue mountain area of the Slitere National park in the company of the nature experts. Each participant of the event received a copy of the book.



The author, Ruslans Matrozis, signing one of the books.

In general, we have received many requests and observed great interest in acquiring this book; therefore, we opened several book delivery stations in different Latvian towns – Riga, Liepaja, Kemerī and even relatively distant Rezekne. Both professional ornithologists and people who have started their bird observations only recently have expressed their interest in this book.

The book is free of charge, and in the printed version, it will be mostly available for the visitors of Slitere National park, where it could be received at the local tourist information centres or the guesthouses.

The book is also available electronically, on the website of Nature Conservation Agency, under the section “Results of the project “Baltic wings”: https://www.daba.gov.lv/public/lat/projekti/aktualie_projekti/putnu_sparnii/;

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