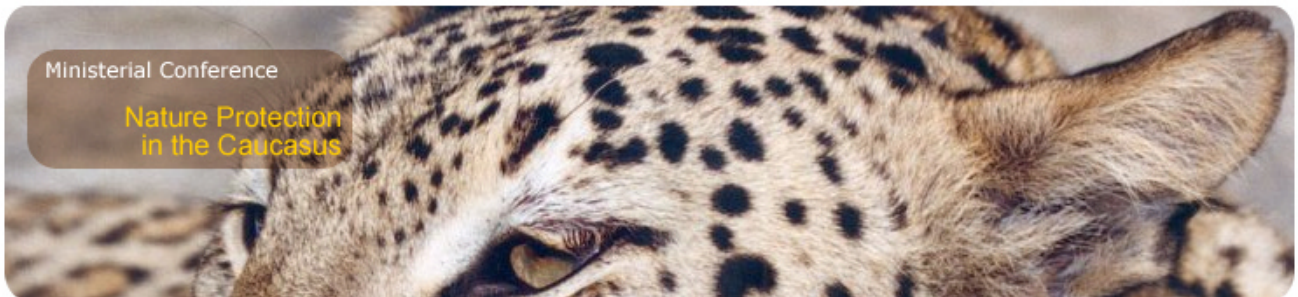


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Azerbaijan avifauna include more 370 species, 23
from them is Threatened and 11 – Globally
threatened Species. About 1,2-1,2 mln
waterbirds have wintering in Azerbaijan.

3 endemic species of Caucasus have important
part of their area and number in Azerbaijan
(*Lyrurus mlokosiewiczii*, *Tetraogallus caucasicus*,
Phylloscopus lorenzii).



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- 4) overgrazing on summer (alpine and subalpine meadows) and winter (semidesert) pastures
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Threatened non-waterbirds

- Tetrao mlokosiewiczi*
- Haliaetus albicilla*
- Aquila clanga
- Aquila heliaca*
- Aegypius monachus
- Cyrcus macrourus
- Falco naumanni
- Otis tarda*
- Tetrax tetrax*
- Chlamydotis unudulata*

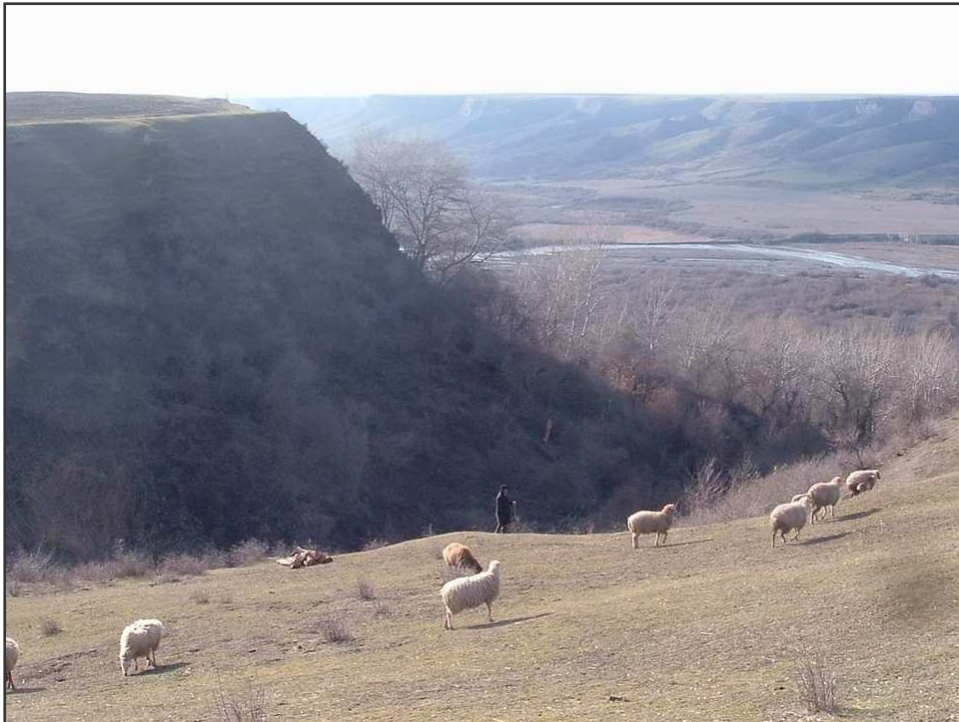
Threatened waterbirds

- Pelecanus onocrotalus
- Phalacrocorax pygmeus
- Branta ruficollis
- Anser erythropus
- Marmaronetta angustirostris
- Aythya nyroca
- Oxyura leucocephala
- Grus leucogeranus
- Crex crex
- Chettusia gregaria
- Numenius tenuirostris
- Galinago media
- Glareola nordmanni

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Most important areas for transboundary cooperation:

- 1) Samur river Delta (with Russian Federation)- threatened waterbirds,
- 2) Shahdag-Babadagh mountains (with Russian Federation) – Caucasian endemics,
- 3) Zagatala State reserve (with Georgia) – Caucasian endemics,
- 4) Alazan river valley (with Georgia) – predatory birds,
- 5) Ajinohur steppe and Akhar-Bakhar range (with Georgia) – steppe and predatory birds,
- 6) Lori/Gabirri river valley - Samukh area (with Georgia) – waterbirds and predatory birds,
- 7) Garayazi plane forest – predatory birds,
- 8) Araz river valley along Nakhchivan autonomous Republic border (with Iran) – waterbirds, steppe birds, predatory birds,



