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On the grounds of Article 21 and 22 of the Nature Protection Law and Paragraph 2 of The Indemnity Tariff for Causing Irreparable Damage to Protected components of nature (published in the Gazette No. 11 of 6th February 1981) as well as on the grounds of Ordinance No. 342 of 21st April 1986 of the Committee for the Protection of the Environment (a predecessor of today's Ministry of Environment) almost all species of birds established for Bulgaria so far from 18 taxonomic orders were declared as protected species. The purpose of this legal action was to especially protect valuable and threatened by extinction species of birds. The most numerous group listed under the above quoted documents are migratory birds of the order Passeriformes which also contains the largest number of species and subspecies.

In some of his previous works (Donchev, 1987, 1992) there are data about the breeding, migrating and wintering species and subspecies of passerines on the Balkan Peninsula, as well as the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast (Donchev, 1984).

This information will indicate the families to which belong the species and subspecies of passerine birds from Bulgaria, listed under the above quoted ordinance. They are breeding-migrating (BM) or only migrating through the country (M). Also, the months during which they are found to migrate through Bulgaria will be indicated (I - XII).

Family Alaudidae

Melanocorypha calandra calandra (L) (BM), VIII - IV.

Melanocorypha leucoptera (Pallas) (M), XII - II.

Calandrella cinerea brachydactyla (Leisler) (BM), II - IV, VIII - IX.

Calandrella rufescens heinei (Homeyer) (BM), IV, VIII - IX.
Lullula arborea pallida Zarudny (BM), VIII - IV.
Alauda arevensis cantarella Bonaparte (BM), II - IV, VIII - XII.
Eremophila alpestris flava (Gmelin) (M), X - II.

Family Hirundinidae

Riparia riparia riparia (L) (BM), III - IV, VII - X.
Hirundo rupestris rupestris Scopoli (BM), II - IV, IX - X.
Hirundo rustica rustica L. (BM), II - IV, VIII - XI.
Hirundo daurica rufula Temminck (BM), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Delichon urbica urbica (L.) (BM), III - IV, VIII - X.

Family Motacillidae

Motacilla flava flava L. (M), IV, IX - X.
Motacilla flava thunbergi Billberg (M), IV, IX.
Motacilla flava feldegg Michahelles (BM), III - IV, VIII - X.
Motacilla cinerea cinerea Tunstall (BM), IX - IV.
Motacilla alba alba L. (BM), IX - IV.
Anthus campestris campestris L. (BM), III - IV, VIII - X.
Anthus trivialis trivialis (L.) (BM), VIII - IV.
Anthus pratensis pratensis (L.) (M), VIII - IV.
Anthus cervinus (Pallas) (M), IX - XII, IV - V.
Anthus spinoletta spinoletta (L.) (BM), IX - IV.

Family Laniidae

Lanius collurio collurio L. (BM), IV - V, VII - X.
Lanius nubicus nubicus Lichtenstein (BM), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Lanius senator senator L. (BM), IV - V, VII - IX.
Lanius senator niloticus (Bonaparte) (M), VIII.
Lanius minor minor Gmelin (BM), IV, VIII - IX.
Lanius excubitor excubitor L. (M), VIII - III.
Lanius excubitor homeyeri Cabanis (M), IX - III.

Family Bombycillidae

Bombycilla garrulus garrulus (L.) (M), XI - IV.

Family Troglodytidae

Troglodytes troglodytes troglodytes (L.) (BM), IX - IV.

Family Prunellidae

Prunella modularis modularis (L.) (BM), IX - IV.

Family Muscicapidae

- Cercotrichas galactotes syriacus* (Hemprich & Ehrenberg) (BM), V, VIII.
Erithacus rubecula rubecula (L.) (BM), VII - V.
Erithacus megarhynchos megarhynchos (C.L. Brehm) (BM), III - IV,
VIII - X.
Erithacus lusciniia (L.) (M.), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Erithacus svecicus svecicus (L.) (M), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Erithacus svecicus cyneculus (Meisner) (M), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Erithacus svecicus volgae (Kleinschmidt) (M), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Phoenicurus ochruros gibraltariensis (Gmelin) (BM), IX - IV.
Phoenicurus phoenicurus phoenicurus (L.) (BM), IV - V, IX - XI.
Saxicola rubetra (L.) (BM), III - V, VIII - XI.
Saxicola torquata rubicola (L.) (BM), II - IV, VIII - XII.
Oenanthe oenanthe oenanthe (L.) (BM), III - IV, VIII - X.
Oenanthe isabellina (Temminck) (BM), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Oenanthe pleschanka pleschanka (Lepechin) (BM), IV - V, VII - X.
Oenanthe hispanica melanoleuca (Güldenstädt) (BM), III - V, VIII - IX.
Monticola saxatilis saxatilis (L.) (BM), II - IV, VIII - IX.
Monticola solitarius solitarius (L.) (BM), IX - III.
Turdus torquatus alpestris (C.L. Brehm) (BM), IX - III.
Turdus merula merula L. (M), IX - III.
Turdus ruficollis atrogularis Jarocki (M), II.
Turdus pilaris L. (M), IX - III.
Turdus philomelos philomelos (C. L. Brehm) (BM), II - IV, VIII - XII.
Turdus iliacus iliacus L. (M), X - IV.
Turdus viscivorus viscivorus L. (BM), IX - IV.
Panurus biarmicus russicus (C.L. Brehm) (BM), VIII - IV.
Cettia cetti cetti (Temminck) (BM), VIII - IV.
Locustella luscinioides luscinioides (Savi) (BM), III - V, VII - X.
Locustella fluviatilis (Wolf.) (BM), IV - V, VIII - XI.
Locustella naevia naevia (Boddaert) (BM), V, VIII - IX.
Acrocephalus paludicola (Vieillot) (M), IV - V, IX - X.
Acrocephalus schoenobaenus (L.) (BM), III - IV, VII - XI.
Acrocephalus agricola septima (Gavrilenko) IV - V, VII - IX.
Acrocephalus palustris (Bechtestein) (BM), IV - V, VII - X.
Acrocephalus scirpaceus scirpaceus (Hermann) (BM), III - IV, VII - X.
Acrocephalus melanopogon melanopogon (Temminck) (M), X - V.
Acrocephalus arundinaceus arundinaceus (L.) (BM), III - IV, VIII - IX.
Hippolais icterina icterina (Vieillot) (BM), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Hippolais olivetorum (Strickland) (BM), IV - V, VII - IX.

Hippolais pallida elaeica (Lindermayer) (BM), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Sylvia nisoria nisoria (Bechstein) (BM), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Sylvia hortensis crassirostris Cretzschmar (BM), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Sylvia borin borin (Boddaert) (BM), IV - V, VII - X.
Sylvia atricapilla atricapilla (L.) (BM), III - IV, VIII - XI.
Sylvia communis communis Latham (BM), III - IV, VIII - X.
Sylvia curruca curruca (L.) (BM), IV, VIII - X.
Sylvia melanocephala melanocephala (Gmelin) (BM), IV - V, VIII - X.
Sylvia cantillans albistriata (C.L. Brehm) (BM), IV - V, VIII - IX.
Phylloscopus trochilus trochilus (L.) (M), II - V, VIII - XI.
Phylloscopus trochilus acredula (L.) (m), III - V, VIII - XI.
Phylloscopus collybitus collybitus (Vieillot) (BM), VIII - III.
Phylloscopus collybitus abietinus (Nilsson) (M), XI - II.
Phylloscopus bonelli orientalis (C.L. Brehm) (BM), IV - V, VII - X.
Phylloscopus sibilatrix (Bechstein) (BM), III - V, VII - X.
Regulus regulus regulus (L.) (BM), X - IV.
Regulus ignicapillus ignicapillus (Temminck) (BM), III - V, X - XI.
Ficedula hypoleuca hypoleuca (Pallas) (M), IV - V, VIII - X.
Ficedula hypoleuca semitorquata (Homeyer) (BM), IV, VII - VIII.
Ficedula albicollis (Temminck) (M), III - V, VIII - X.
Ficedula parva parva (Bechstein) (BM), IV - V, VIII - X.
Muscicapa striata striata (Pallas) (BM), IV - V, VII - XI.

Family Aegithalidae

Aegithalos caudatus caudatus (L.) (M), IX - III.
Aegithalos caudatus europaeus (Hermann) (M), IX - III.
Aegithalos caudatus macedonicus (Dresser) (BM), IX - III.

Family Remizidae

Remiz pendulinus pendulinus (L.) (BM), IX - III.

Family Paridae

Parus lugubris lugubris Temminck (BM), IX - III.
Parus ater ater L. (BM), X - III.
Parus caeruleus caeruleus L. (BM), X - II.

Family Certhiidae

Certhia brachydactyla brachydactyla C.L. Brehm (BM), IX - III.

Family Emberizidae

Emberiza calandra calandra L. (BM), VIII - III.
Emberiza citrinella citrinella L. (M), IX - V.

Emberiza leucocephala leucocephala Gmelin (M), I.
Emberiza cirulus cirulus L. (BM), IX - III.
Emberiza hortulana L. (BM), II - IV, VII - X.
Emberiza pusilla Pallas (M), XI.
Emberiza rustica rustica Pallas (M), XI.
Emberiza melanocephala Scopoli (BM), IV - V, VII - IX.
Emberiza schoeniclus schoeniclus (L.), (M.), X - IV.
Emberiza schoeniclus ukraineae Zarudny (M), XI - III.
Emberiza schoeniclus wotiakororum Portenko (M), X - III.
Emberiza schoeniclus intermedia Degland (BM), X - III.
Emberiza schoeniclus reiseri (Hartert) (BM), II, X.
Calcarius lapponicus lapponicus (L.) (M), XII - I.
Plectrophenax nivalis nivalis (L.) (M), II.

Family Fringillidae

Fringilla coelebs coelebs L. (BM), VIII - III.
Fringilla coebels solomkoi Menzbier & Sushkin (M), X, I.
Fringilla montifringilla L. (M), IX - III.
Serinus serinus (L.) (BM), VII - III.
Carduelis chloris aurantiiventris (Cabanis) (BM), VIII - III.
Carduelis spinus (L.) (BM), X - IV.
Carduelis carduelis balcanica Sachtleben (BM), IX - III.
Acanthis flavirostris flavirostris (L.) (M), XI.
Acanthis cannabina cannabina (L.) (BM), IX - III.
Acanthis flammea flammea (L.) (M), I, II.
Acanthis flammea cabaret (Müller) (BM), I, II.
Carpodacus erythrinus erythrinus (Pallas) (M), V - VII.
Loxia curvirostra curvirostra L. (BM), X - XII.
Pyrrhula pyrrhula pyrrhula (L.) (BM), X - IV.
Coccothraustes coccothraustes coccothraustes (L.) (BM), IX - IV.

Family Ploceidae

Passer hispaniolensis hispaniolensis (Temminck) (BM), II - IV, VIII - XII.

Family Sturnidae

Sturnus roseus (L.) (BM), IV - V, VII - IX.

Family Oriolidae

Oriolus oriolus oriolus (L.) (BM), IV, VII - X.

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