

International Single Species Action Plan for the Western Palearctic Population of the LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE, <i>Anser erythropus</i>
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As you know Poland is not a member of AEWA agreement yet – so we don't have any remarks concerning the Species Plan. I'm sending you some information about Lesser White-fronted Goose on the voluntary basis. This species is not listed in Polish Red Data Book. It is fully protected by law since 1995. Penalties are judges on a case-by-case basis. The highest responsible National Authority is the Ministry of Environment.

I also would like to present you the outcomes of the work of the Polish Avifaunistic Commission. There is information concerning the number of Lesser White-fronted Geese observed in Poland for the years 2006 and 2007. Lesser White-fronted Goose have been observed in Poland since the year 1951. In the year 2005, **12** individuals were observed in Dolnośląskie Voivodeship – **8 adults and 4 juveniles**.

2006

Dolnośląskie Voivodeship:

Date - 30.09.06. - **1 juv.** (photo), Radziądz, district trzebnicki (W. Lenkiewicz);

Date - 25.10.06. - **1 ad.** (photo. 1), Grabówka, district milicki (P. Gębski and others);

Date - 02.12.06. - **1 ad.**, Solna, district wrocławski (G. Orłowski, T. Drazny).

Lubelskie Voivodeship:

Date - 17.04.06. - **3 ad.**, Blizocin, district lubartowski (K. Kasperek);

Date - 18.10.06. - **1 ad.**, Sobieszyn, district rycki (S. Aftyka).

Lubuskie Voivodeship :

Date - 26.11.06. - **1 ad.**, Pławidło, district słubicki (S. Rubacha, O. Krystek).

Opolskie Voivodeship:

Date - 23.03.06. - **1 juv.**, Garbów, district brzeski (M. Stajszczyk).

Wielkopolskie Voivodeship:

Date - 10.11.06. - **2 ad. i 2 juv.**, Łukowo, district wągrowiecki (A. Lange).

Zachodniopomorskie Voivodeship:

Date - 15.10.06. - **1 ad.**, Laska, district kamieński (S. Guentzel, A. Staszewski);

Date - 27.10.06. - **1 ad.** (photo), Jagniątkowo, district kamieński (Z. Kajzer).

Date - 28.10.2006 - **1 ad.** (photo), Stary Przylep, district stargardzki (Ł. Borek, M. Sowa).

2007

Dolnośląskie Voivodeship:

Date - 09.-10.02.07. - **1 ad.** (photo), Borzęcim, district trzebnicki (W. Lenkiewicz);

Date - 03.-04.10.07. - **1 juv.** (photo), Jamnik,

Date - 07.10. and 03.11.07. - **1 ad.** (photo), Radziądz, district trzebnicki (W. Lenkiewicz);

Date - 10.10.07. - **1 ad.** (photo), Jamnik, district trzebnicki (P. Gębski and others);

Date - 21.10.07. - **1 ad.**, Wilczkowice, district wrocławski (G. Orłowski),

Date - 27.10.07. - **1 ad.** (photo), Osiek, district trzebnicki (W. Lenkiewicz and others).

Lubuskie Voivodeship:

Date - 31.03.07. - **3 ad.** (photo), National Park „Ujście Warty”, district. sulęciński (Z. Kajzer, R. Głębicka).

Podlaskie Voivodeship:

Date - 20.03.07. - **1 ad.**, Kurpiki, district łomżyński (M. Polakowski).

Wielkopolskie Voivodeship:

Date - 09.03.07. - **1 ad.**, Rosko, district czarnkowsko-trzcianecki (P. Wylegała);

Date - 11.10.07. - **1 ad.** (photo), Szczodrzykowo, district poznański (A. Wąsik).

Zachodniopomorskie Voivodeship :

Date - 06.03.07. - **1 ad.** (photo), Komorówko, district gryfiński (Z. Kajzer).

*The Polish **Avifaunistic Commission** exists since 1972, appointed at the 10th Congress of the Polish Zoological Society by a resolution of the General Meeting of the Ornithological Section.*

As a member of the Association of European Rarities and Records Committees (AERC), the Commission follows its guidelines and remains in steady contact with foreign experts.

From the beginning of its activity until 2007 inclusive the Commission has held 62 plenary sessions, and has investigated nearly 9900 bird rarities reports. Current basic information is periodically published as communiqués in the quarterly "Notatki Ornitologiczne", where since 1984 also annual reports have regularly been appearing. The Commission's pronouncements are given on the principle of unanimity of all its members, who express their opinion on each report individually. In case of concordant acceptance positive pronouncements are given immediately; controversial reports are discussed on sessions held twice yearly.

[A contact point was provided to the AEWA Secretariat for the Polish Avifaunistic Commission.]