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## EARLY REGISTRATIONS OF THE NORTHERN LAPWINGS (*VANELLUS VANELLUS*) IN NORTH-WEST RUSSIA IN THE SPRING OF 2015

**Ранние встречи чибисов (*Vanellus vanellus*) на северо-западе России весной 2015 г. - М.В. Матанцева, С.А. Симонов. - Беркут. 24 (1). 2015.** - Чибисы в Карелии и Ленинградской области обычно появляются в самом конце марта – начале апреля, и лишь в отдельные годы, как правило, при теплой весне, это происходит раньше. Необычно ранние встречи чибисов на северо-западе России были зарегистрированы в 2015 г. В Санкт-Петербурге, в районе аэропорта, их отметили уже 4.03. 10.03 на полях у пос. Алексалы на юго-западе Карелии наблюдались 14 особей. Чибисы здесь держались и в последующие недели. 17.03 4 чибиса встречены на вскрытых от снега полях на северо-востоке Ленинградской области, вблизи границы с Карелией. 19.03 одну птицу наблюдали на льду озера Каменного на западе Карелии.

The Northern Lapwings (*Vanellus vanellus*) in the Republic of Karelia and Leningrad region, North-West Russia, usually appear in the end of March – beginning of April, but there have been some years (as a rule, under the conditions of warm spring) when arrival of these birds were recorded earlier (Malchevsky, 1981; Malchevsky, Pukinsky, 1983; Sazonov, 2008; Zimin, 2014). Uncommonly early arrival of the Northern Lapwings to North-West Russia was registered in 2015. According to Dr. V.M. Khrabryi (interviews for newspapers Komsomolskaya Pravda\* and Vecherniy Peterburg\*\*), 4.03.2015 the Northern Lapwings appeared in Saint-Petersburg (59° 47' N, 30° 16' E). 10.03.2015 fourteen birds of this species were observed by I.I. Loginov (pers. comm.) in the fields of Alexala settlement, South-West Karelia (60° 58' N, 32° 47' E). The Lapwings stayed there for the following weeks. 17.03.2015 we registered four individuals in the fields revealed from the snow in the North-East of Leningrad region, near the border with Karelia (60° 35' N, 33° 13' E). 19.03.2015 one bird was observed by the Director

of the Nature Reserve Kostomukshsky S.V. Tarkhov (pers. comm.) on the ice of the Kamennoe Lake, West Karelia (64° 31' N, 30° 11' E).

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