

Flyways of the bird autumn migration in Ukraine

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According to the phenological maps of bird autumn migration 7 main flyways were selected. According to other authors we considered a "flyway" as the territory with the increased concentration of migrants. Carpathian Flyway goes to the south-south-east over the Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Transcarpathian and Chernivtsi regions. It is characteristic only for a few of species: Gray Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*), Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*), etc. Bessarabian (West) Flyway lies to the south over the Zhitomir, Vinnitsa, Odessa regions and Moldova. It is used by the majority of birds. South-West Flyway goes to the south-south-west over the central regions of Ukraine from the Sumy region in the north to the Odessa region in the south. White Stork, Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), House Martin (*Delichon urbica*) migrate along it. Crimean Flyway goes to the south over the Sumy, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson regions and Crimea. It is also used by many birds. East Flyway lies to the south-south-east over the Kharkiv, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia regions. It is characteristic for the majority of birds. Dnieper Flyway is directed at first to the south then turns to the south-east over the central part of Ukraine from Kiev region in the north to the Lower Dnieper and Crimea in the south. This flyway is used only by the dendrophil bird species: Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*), Waxwing, Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*), etc. Seaside Flyway goes to the south-west along of the Azov Sea coast. It is used mainly by the waterfowl, for example by Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*).

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