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Abstract

The paper describes breeding sites of the Ruff in river valleys of the Narew basin and the lower Bug in years 1987-1999. During these thirteen years the number of breeding females decreased. At the beginning of the 1990s, up to 25 females bred in the area, while at the end of the decade - only 6 to 12. River valleys of the southern Biebrza basin and of the middle Narew are important areas of Ruff concentrations during spring migration. The studied valleys do not play a major role as sites of the species' concentration during autumn migration.

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