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Ornis Hungarica is periodically published by BirdLife Hungary (Hungarian Ornithological and Nature Conservation Society). The journal publishes original research articles, reviews, and short communications. Manuscripts from all fields of ornithology are considered for publication, but the journal mainly focuses on current results about the ecology, behaviour, evolution, biogeography or conservation of birds.

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- Lambrecht, K. 1916. Az első magyar preglaciális madárfauna – Die erste ungarische praglazielle Vogelfauna [The first Hungarian Preglacielle bird fauna]. – *Aquila* 22: 165–172. (in Hungarian and German)
- Pigniczki, Cs., Kralj, J., Volponi, S., Žuljević, A., Dakhli, M-A., Mikuska, T., Azafzaf, H. & Végvári, Zs. 2016. Migration routes and stopover sites of the Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*) between the Carpathian Basin and wintering areas. – *Ornis Hungarica* 24(1): 128–149. DOI: 10.1515/orhu-2016-0008

Book:

- Harrison, C. 1980. A field guide to the nest, eggs and nestlings of British and European birds. – Collins, London

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