

WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria*

Skalni plezalček – trije osebkki v ostenjih doline Sutjeske v predelu kanjona Vratar (650 m n.v.; UTM CP10, JV Bosna) 16.4.2002 v primernem gnezditvenem okolišu. Avtor je tu opazoval še jato 20 planinskih hudournikov *Tachymarptis melba* in par planinskih orlov *Aquila chrysaetos*.

While searching for the endemic plant species *Daphne malyana* in the crevasses of the Sutjeska rock walls (in the part of the canyon called Vratar at approx. 650 m a.s.l.) on April 16th 2002, I was attracted by the characteristic fluttering of the Wallcreeper looking for food in the warm afternoon just a couple of metres above my head. While have a more thorough look at the rest of the walls above the right bank of the Sutjeska river, I saw two more Wallcreepers. On the same day, a flock of some 20 Alpine Swifts *Tachymarptis melba* flew over the canyon towards the north where the Sutjeska joins the Drina. Above the rocky slopes over the Sutjeska left bank – the slopes are situated in the Zelengora mountain chain and are overgrown with the stands of Scots pine – a pair of Golden Eagles *Aquila chrysaetos* was seen gliding virtually all day. The data on the Wallcreeper's breeding in Bosnia are scarce and, as far as NE Bosnia is concerned, completely unknown [HERNÁNDEZ, A., R. HAURI & M. SANIGA (1997): Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*. p. 651 In: HAGEMAJER, W.J. & M.J. BLAIR, eds.: The EBCC Atlas of European Breeding Birds. T & AD Poyser, London].

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