

## BOSNA IN HERCEGOVINA / BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

**Rjava čaplja** – en osebek opažen dne 16.4.2006 na mrtvem rokavu reke Bosne (UTM BP78, srednja Bosna)

Sunday, 16 Apr 2006, was reserved for bird spotting. First of all, Ilhan Dervović and I went to TE (thermal power plant) Kakanj (UTM BP78, Central Bosnia) to check whether two young Cormorants *Phalacrocorax carbo* were still in the place where during the last winter the biggest Cormorant roosting place was found. From there we proceeded to the village of Mulići near Visoko (UTM BP77, Central Bosnia), where a large meander has been formed by the river Bosna. We spotted a Great Egret *Egretta alba*, two Grey Herons *Ardea cinerea*, over 40 Ravens *Corvus corax* and one Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*. In the end we finished our day out at a puddle near Visoko (UTM BP77, Central Bosnia), which is actually an old meander of the river Bosna that remained after the course of the river was altered to make way for the highway. Here we spotted two Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* and one Purple Heron, which was due to its colours a real reward for us at the end of the day. From a polite distance we were able to observe it for quite a long time, so that Ilhan was able to make some very nice shots of this bird. In the last ten years, we have never seen this bird in the area of the river Bosna.

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