

Príspevek k hnízdnímu výskytu výrečka malého (*Otus scops*) v Bílých Karpatěch v letech 2003 a 2004.

*Notes on the breeding occurrence of THE Scops Owl (*Otus scops*) in the Bílé Karpaty Hills.*

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SUMMARY

The article summarizes the breeding records of the Scops Owl (*Otus scops*) in the Bílé Karpaty (White Carpathians) Hills in 2003 and 2004. The first confirmed breeding of this species in the Czech Republic took place on the Czech side of these hills near the village of Nová Lhota in 1998 (cf. Pavelčík 1998, 2000). In 2003 and 2004, further breedings of 1 pair were confirmed on the Slovak side near the village of Bošáca.

In 2003, nest was located at the height of 7 m in a pear tree in an old hollow made by the Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) near the Grúň settlement (7172 grid square, ca 660 m a.s.l.) (P.Pavelčík, M.Hrouzek, J.Sviečka). The complete parent pair was trapped and ringed and min. 1 young was reared. At the same locality, 1 calling male was also heard the year before (27th April 2002, M.Demko). In 2004, the nest hollow was occupied by Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*).

Breeding in 2004 took place near the Zabudišová settlement (7173 grid square, 260 m a.s.l.) (J.Sviečka, B.Murin, P.Pavelčík). The Scops Owls again chose the hollow made by Great Spotted Woodpecker, this time in a cherry tree. A male was trapped and ringed.

Two more records were registered during the last two years but without breeding being confirmed: on 22nd September 2003, 1 ind. was seen between the villages of Nezdenice and Bánov (Czech side, 6972 grid square, V.Surovec) and in June 2004, a calling male was heard near the Predpoloma settlement (Slovak side, 7172 grid square, P.Šimčík).