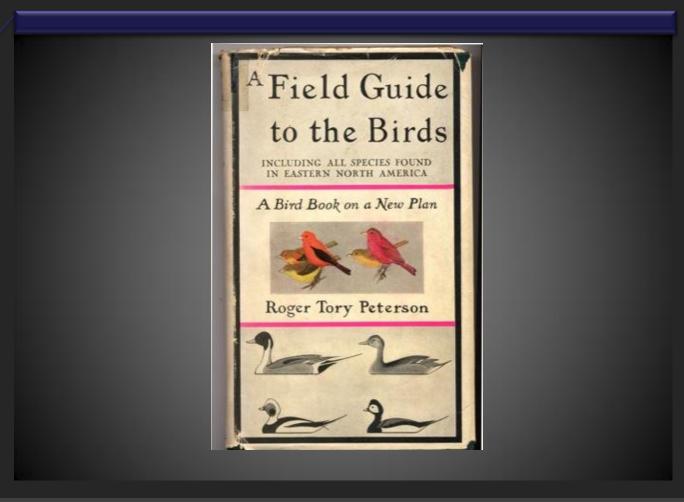
# Nature Tourism in Armenia Birds

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# Birdwatching in the World

1934 The first "Field Guide to the Birds" was published by Roger Peterson Creating new type of tourism – Birdwatching

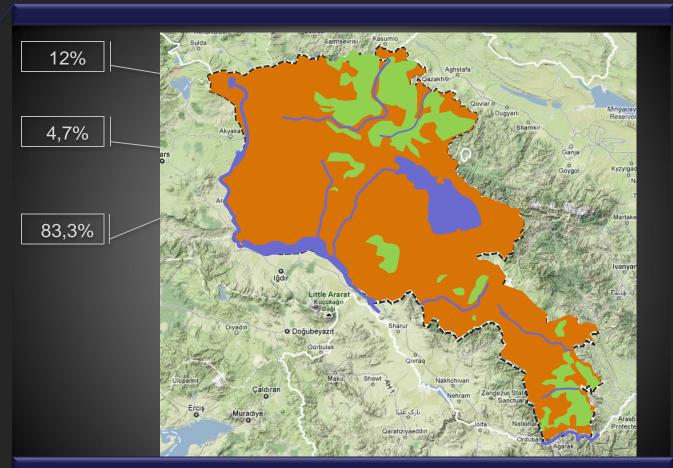




#### Armenia

Armenia is a land-locked mountainous country with total area of 29,743 sq km, and the average elevation above 1,000 m above sea level





#### Armenia

As part of Caucasus it makes bio diversity bridge between Europe and Asia

**European Species Asian Species Endemics of Caucasus Cosmopolite Species** 



#### Bird Fauna

#### In total there are 365 species recorded in Armenia

#### Birds by occurrence

#### **Breeding birds**

Summer breeders Residents

#### **Migrants**

Fall / spring migrants Summer / fall / spring visitors

#### Wintering

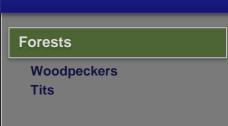
Winter visitors Migrants & wintering species

#### **Occasional visitors**

**During migration period** 



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Woodpeckers Tits

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Wetlands

Ducks Herons

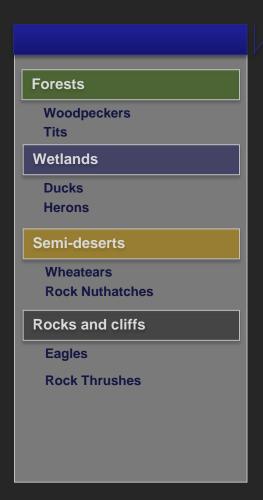
Semi-deserts

Wheatears

**Rock Nuthatches** 



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## Topical objects for nature tourism:

- Birds
- Butterflies
- Dragonflies
- Flowers

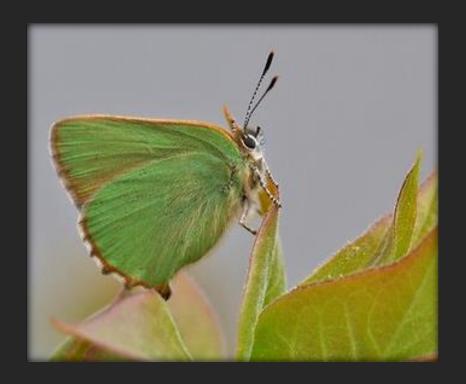
## **Birds**







## **Butterflies**





# **Dragonflies**







Flowers (Orchids, Irises, etc.)







#### **Advantages of the Country:**

- Relatively big number of interesting species
- Small territory
- Branchy network of roads
- Tasty cuisine

#### **Advantages of Protected Areas:**

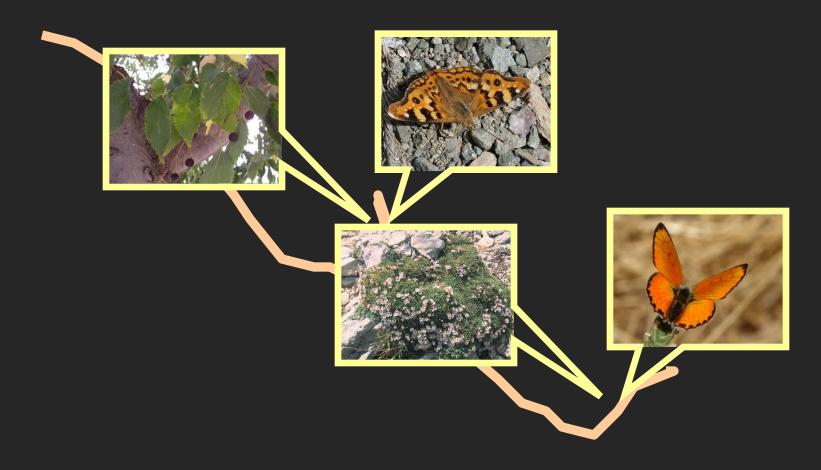
- Wild scenarios
- Lack of human influence (grazing, etc)
- Less scared animals

## **Determination**





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#### Identification





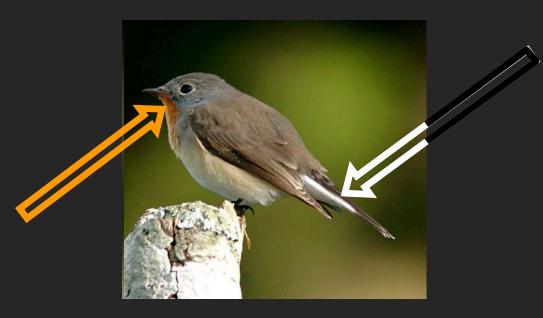
# Identification



#### Identification



#### Interpretation



#### Red-breasted Flycatcher

- Orange throat
- Tail with black center and terminal band and white sides

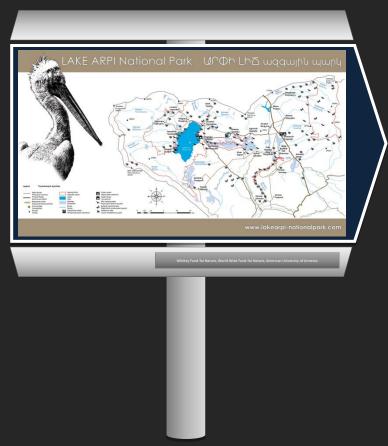
#### **Potential solutions**

- Trail development
- Supplementing Information Materials
- Training of guides
- Construction of Information Centers

**Information Infrastructure** 

**Qualified people** 

# **Trail development**



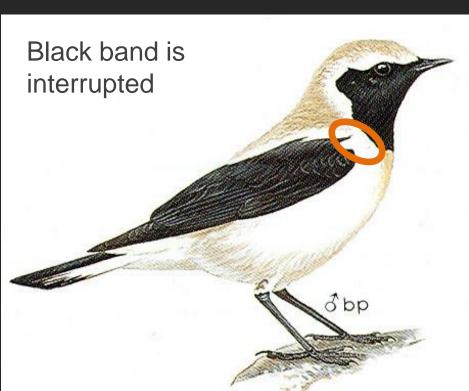
#### **Information materials**





# **Preparing guides**

Black-eared Wheatear



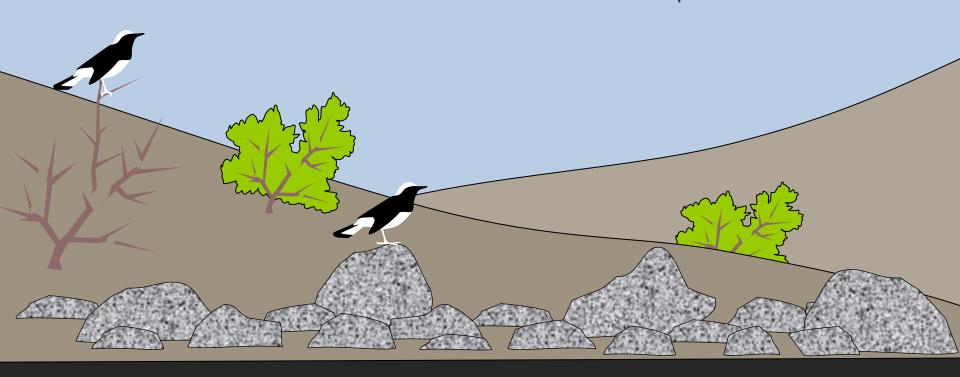
Finsch's Wheatear



# **Preparing guides**

Finsch's Wheatear

Inhabits Aghasi-Beylou area Prefers flatter slopes Perches at prominent stones or at tops of bushes



#### **Information Centers**

Two categories of tourists

That like to organize journey through travel agents



That like to travel by their own



#### **Information Centers**

Information Centers (Visitor Centers) are aimed mainly for second category



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# Thank you for your attention Questions