

ABOUT THE BLACK STORK IN THE MIDDLE TAIGA SUBZONE OF WESTERN SIBERIA

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Available literature to the distribution of the Black Stork in West Siberia is rather contradictory for the described West Siberian part of the northern border of the species. The analysis of the habitats of Black Storks in the Yugansk Preserve testifies that the border of the distribution area of Black Stork in West Siberia could be drawn along the northern border of the forests of the Middle Taiga subzone.

To evaluate the number of Black Storks in the area between the Bolshoy Yugan and Maly Yugan, a counting coupled with questionnaire was carried out. Difficulties of counting and estimation of breeding density in the conditions of West Siberia are discussed.

The greatest part of Black Storks prefer the middle and lower reaches of the rivers where there are many remaining oxbow lakes.

Due to the lack of data it is impossible to characterize either arrival or departure. The earliest observation was on 9th April, 1989, the latest in the beginning of August, 1986.

Possible future changes in habitat selection of the Black Stork in connection with the awaited mass fall-out of mature aspens and related changes of forest habitats are discussed.