

# Towards a National Bird Atlas in Turkey

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# Background Information

- Over 300 breeding species.
- Many non-European species
  - **From Indian Subcontinent:** Black Francolin, White-breasted Kingfisher, Brown Fish Owl
  - **From Africa:** White-spectacled Bulbul, Spur-winged Plover,
  - **From Central Asia:** Demoiselle Crane, Mongolian Finch, Fire-fronted Serin

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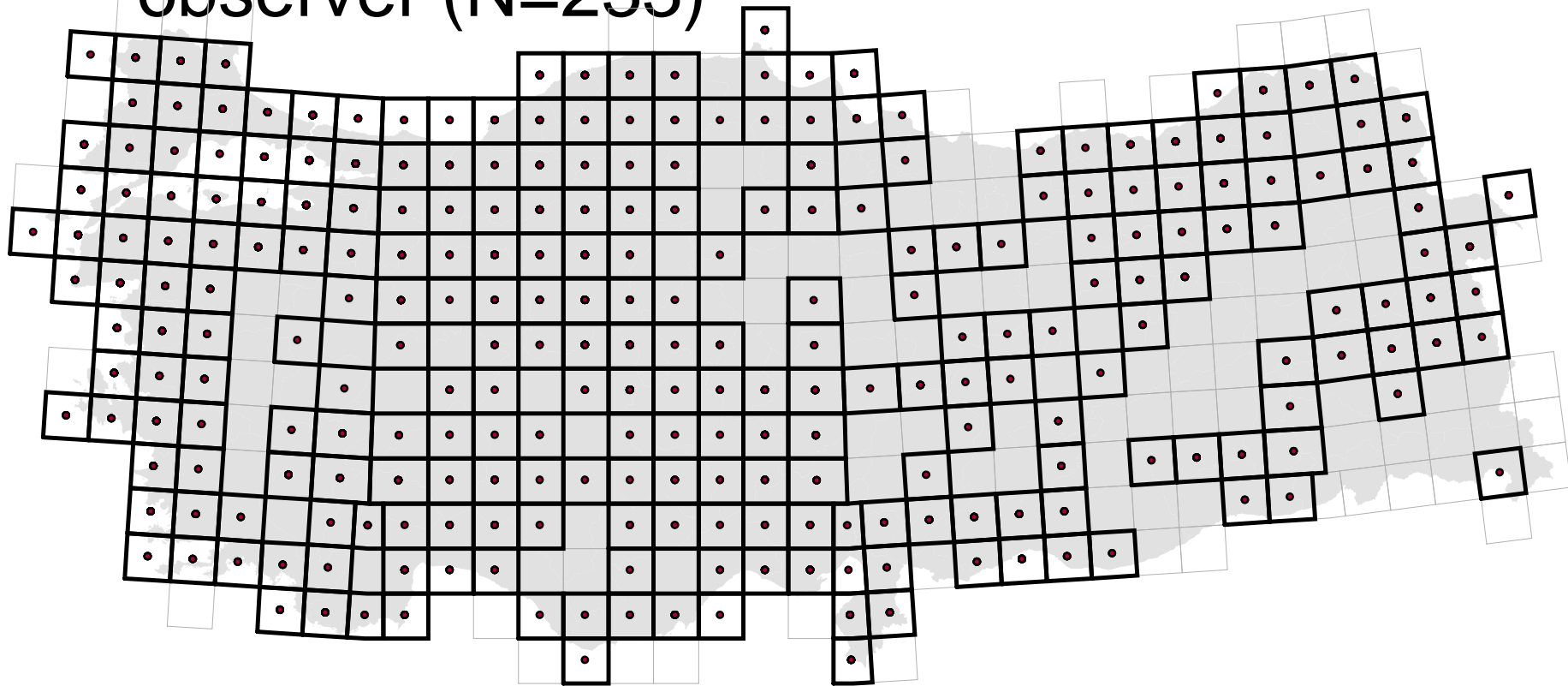
- 6 birders in 1980 and over 2000 birders in 2010. 200 active users of Kuşbank
- Two national bird conservation organizations
- Two permanent ringing stations
- E-mail lists and Facebook groups
- Bird photographers portal (very big)
- Kuşbank Database over 50.000 records/year.

# Kuşbank

- 180 active users (2012), a total of 400 users.
- Over 400.000 records
- Active management

# Birding Activity in 50x50 Sqs

- 263 / 375 grids are visited actively (in the last 5 years) during Apr-Jul at least by one observer (N=233)



# Birding Activity in 10x10 Sqs

- 943 / 8468 grids are visited actively (in the last 5 years) during Apr-Jul at least by one observer (N=233)



# Previous regional work

- Konya
- SE Turkey
- Mediterranean Coastland (partial)
- Pipeline Route (partial)