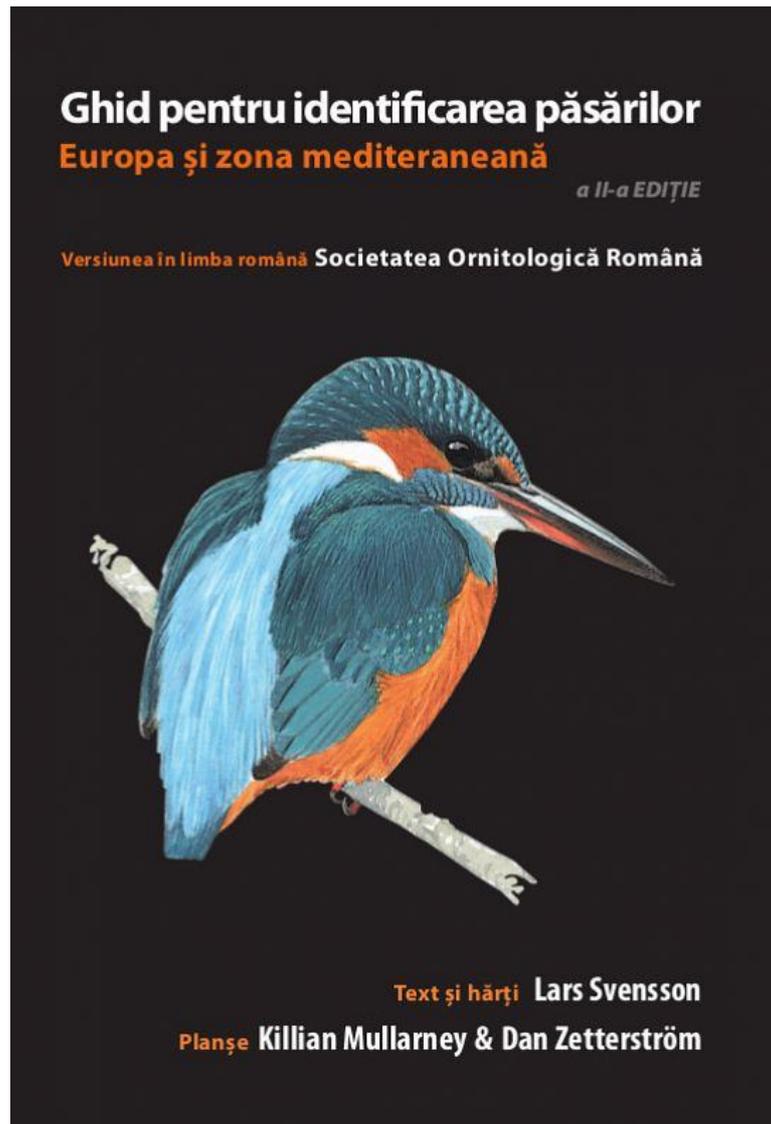


Book review: Ghid pentru identificarea păsărilor. Europa și zona mediteraneană. Lars Svensson (text & maps), Killian Mullarney & Dan Zetterström (drawings and figures) & Societatea Ornitologică Română. 2017. Collins & SOR
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Front cover (left) and back cover (right).

Societatea Ornitologică Română (SOR) [in English - "Romanian Ornithological Society"] published in November 21, 2017 the Romanian version of the guide called *Ghid pentru identificarea păsărilor. Europa și zona mediteraneană* [in English - "Guide for birds identification. Europe and the Mediterranean area"]. The book was launched both in Bucharest and Cluj-Napoca cities on November, and then in Iași city on December 8, 2017.

It is one of the most used illustrated guides for the identification of nesting and migratory bird species of Europe, North of Africa and a part of the Middle East. It is a

very useful tool both for experts and amateurs. It comprises comprehensive descriptions for more than 900 bird species, in 200 plates and 4000 drawings, all in colours, on a high quality paper.

The book was declared by the prestigious The Times magazine as "the most comprehensive birds identification guide".

Within the introductory part, there is a brief description of the main traits regarding the birds' biology and ecology and then some guidelines on how to use the guide.

For each species there is a precise and detailed description comprising:

- the coloration both for males and females, including the seasonal variations; for some species, the feathering coloration for the juveniles is also provided;
- for many species there is a drawing for the bird's shape during the flight, along with the stationary postures;
- the presentation includes key elements for the identification in the field;
- the preferred habitats;
- the behaviour;
- an updated map with species distribution in Europe for most of the species.

We really appreciated the extended references list included in the end of the field guide. Last but not least, the field guide can be bought at a very affordable price.

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