

## SUMMARY

### **Czechowski P., Bocheński M. Birds of ecological site “Flooded meadows near Słubice” (W Poland).**

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The site of ecological interest “Flooded meadows near Słubice” covering about 42 ha of wet meadows is situated in the Odra river valley (52°20'30” N, 14°34'10” E). In total, 105 bird species were recorded there in 1998–2007, including 42 breeding species. The most important of them were: Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena*, Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*, Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*, Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* and White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*. Obtained results indicate, that this area is one of the most important for these birds in the Lubuskie region. In the Polish law, “the site of ecological interest” is a form of nature protection aiming to preserve a certain fragment of an ecosystem, which is of importance to the protection of unique gene resources or habitats. Although “Flooded meadows near Słubice” became a part of large Special Protection Area “Dolina Środkowej Odry” of the Nature 2000 Net in the year 2007, it seems important to still pay attention on the sites of ecological interest as a form of nature conservation. This is a local form, established by local community and can be very useful. Firstly, until the Nature 2000 Net in Poland is finally implemented, the sites of ecological interest support nature protection in the valuable areas. Secondly, these sites can be widely used as effective tools for successful ecological education.