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NGO "Non-commercial Partnership for Birding Development "Birds and People" (NP "Birds and People") implements birdwatching competition "Birding Cup of Moscow" as educational action raising school children and wide public awareness on migratory birds' protection.

"Birding Cup of Moscow" is all-Moscow birdwatching competition coordinating by NP "Birds and People" and carrying out twice a year since 2010. This year, seven Divisions of Moscow Government-subordinated protected areas are involved in organization of the Cup. The action is sponsored by Moscow State Department of Natural Resources and Environment Protection and going simultaneously on 7 different PAs - Moscow-situated protected areas – nature parks, natural-historical monuments and refuges. 42 birding teams are registered for participation in the competition - these are more than 200 people: school children and their parents, teachers, ornithologists, photographers and others. Teams should be consisted of no more than 5 persons and may select one of nominations - "Experts" or "Beginners". Competition is based on taking pictures of different bird species - photo-birding. The team that has taken pictures and correctly recognized the most number of bird species will become a winner.

The Cup is to be carried out in two stages. Final stage will take place in the Moscow Botanical Garden of the Russian Academy of Sciences on 22 May and it is devoted to the International Day for Biological Diversity.

Since the beginning of 2011, NP "Birds and People" organizes all its events under aegis of the International Year of Forests: World Wetlands Day in Khodynka Exhibition Hall that was celebrating in partnership with Socio-Ecological Union Forest Program and Moscow State Department of Natural Resources and Environment Protection, was addressed to the problem of forest and peatland fires in Moscow region; All-Moscow contest "Birds on Feeders" was completed by awarding ceremony in Moscow State Forest Museum on 28 February and supported by the State Forest Agency.

All information on the events is available on NP "Birds and People" website in Russian:

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English report will be available in a month after the action is completed.

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