

MELISA BAL

PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Erciyas-Yavuz K., Arslan D., Bal M. et al. (2025). Rose-ringed Parakeets (*Psittacula krameri* (Scopoli, 1769)) in Turkey: Is the threat rising in the future? *J. Ornithol.*, 1-11.
- Bal M. et al. (2024). Age and season related differences in migration dynamics and body conditions of three *Acrocephalus* species in their east European migration route. *Appl. Ecol. Environ. Res.*, 23(1), 769-784.
- Bal M., Erciyas-Yavuz K. (2024). Efforts to increase conservation opportunities for breeding Northern Lapwings *Vanellus vanellus* in the Kızılırmak Delta, Türkiye. *Wader Study*, 131(2).
- Dik B., Erciyas-Yavuz K., Bal M. et al. (2023). Chewing lice (Phthiraptera, Amblycera, Ischnocera) from shorebirds (Aves, Charadriiformes) in the Kızılırmak Delta, Turkey. *Trav. Mus. Natl. Hist. Nat. "Grigore Antipa"*, 66(2), 225-262.
- Bal M., Erciyas-Yavuz K. (2022). Interactions between birds and mammals in Turkey - documentation of symbiotic relations. *Biharean Biol.*, 16(2), 87-90.
- Oğuz D., Bal M. et al. (2022). First proved breeding record of the Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) for Turkey. *Zool. Middle East*, 68(4), 375-376.
- Bal M. et al. (2021). The response of Tufted Ghost Crab, *Ocypode cursor*, populations to recreational activities in an urbanized coast with small-scale protected zones. *Zool. Middle East*, 67(1), 32-41.
- Selçuk A. Y., Özkoç Ö. Ü., Bal M. et al. (2021). Diet composition of the wintering *Asio otus* L. (Strigiformes: Strigidae) in two different habitat types in Turkey. *Trakya Univ. J. Nat. Sci.*, 22(1), 1-8.

SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

- Bal M. (2023). The breeding ecology of *Charadrius* plovers at the Berg River Estuary, South Africa.
- Bal M. et al. (2016). ODTÜ Erdemli Kampusu ve Komşu Halk Plajlarındaki Hayalet Yengeçlerin Ekolojileri. Ekolojik Kampus Raporlar Serisi / Rapor No. 1. (in Turkish)

BOOK

- Doğan H. H., Bal M. (2019). Lise Biyoloji Deneyleri (9., 10., 11. ve 12. Sınıf). Palme Yayıncılık, Türkiye. (ISBN :9786052823392)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Salameh M., Bal M., Boyla K.A. (2025). Assessing Bat Activity and Mortality Risks at Wind Farms in Turkey: Insights from Long-Term Monitoring. 8th Conference on Wind Energy and Wildlife Impacts, Montpellier, France. Poster presentation.
- Arslan D., Erciyas-Yavuz K., Bal M. et al. (2022). Invasive Rose-ringed parakeets (*Psittacula krameria*) in Turkey: Is the threat rising in the future? International Scientific Conference Invasive Alien Species Threat: From Theory to Practice, Ankara, Türkiye. Oral presentation.
- Bal M. et al. (2022). Conservation activities for breeding Northern Lapwings (*Vanellus vanellus*) in Kızılırmak Delta, Turkey. V. ÉLVONAL Conference. Oral presentation.
- Bal M. et al. (2021). Take action for the Northern Lapwings: Monitoring and awareness raising activities in Kızılırmak Delta, a Ramsar site in northern Turkey. International Wader Study Group Conference. Oral presentation.
- Bal M. et al. (2017). The effect of human beach use on the abundance and distribution of ghost crabs in East Mediterranean. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Symposium, Istanbul, Türkiye. Poster presentation.

SELECTED RESEARCH & CONSERVATION PROJECTS

- Northern Lapwing Conservation Project, Kızılırmak Delta, Türkiye (2021-2022) (Project Coordinator)
- Chestnut-banded and Kittlitz's Plover Breeding Ecology, Velddrif, South Africa (2022) (Project Coordinator)
- African Oystercatcher Breeding Ecology, Robben Island, South Africa (2022) (Research Assistant)
- Wallowland by Cooking Sections, 17. Istanbul Bienal, Türkiye (2022) (Bird Researcher)
- *Acrocephalus* Migration Ecology, Kızılırmak Delta, Türkiye (2022) (Project Coordinator)
- drosos4Turkey, ALEV Schools and Boğaziçi University (2020) (Project Instructor)
- Dendrology and Forest Education, ALEV Schools (2019) (Project Instructor)
- Laboratory Training for Biology Teachers, ALEV Schools (2018, 2019) (Project Instructor)