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Les *International Meetings of European Bird Curators* sont des rendez-vous biennuels qui réunissent la communauté des conservateurs ou chargés de collections d'un grand nombre de musées européens mais également d'autres continents. Ces rencontres internationales permettent aux participants d'échanger sur différentes thématiques en lien avec la conservation des collections d'oiseaux, leur utilisation dans la recherche, la diffusion auprès du grand public, l'enseignement.

C'est la première fois que cette manifestation scientifique se tenait en France. Elle a réuni 69 participants venant de 19 pays: Allemagne (4), Autriche (2), Brésil (2), Canada (1), Danemark (2), Espagne (2), États-Unis (4), France (24), Hongrie (1), Israël (1), Italie (3), Norvège (1), République tchèque (1), Royaume-Uni (10), Russie (2), Serbie (1), Suède (3), Suisse (4), Turquie (1). Le programme scientifique comportait 31 communications orales et 12 posters, qui ont abordé les thèmes suivants: les collections d'importance historique dans les musées d'histoire naturelle, les techniques de préparation et de conservation des collections, les collections ostéologiques et leur utilisation, les « nouvelles » collections et leur utilisation, les bases de données et leur utilisation. Les organisateurs du Congrès souhaitent remercier pour leur soutien financier et logistique le Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, et en particulier les UMR 7205 (Institut de systématique, évolution, biodiversité) et 7209 (Archéozoologie, archéobotanique : sociétés, pratiques et environnements), la Direction de la Recherche, de l'Expertise, de la Valorisation et de l'Enseignement, le LaBex BCDiv et l'Atelier d'iconographie scientifique de l'UMS 2700 (Outils et méthodes de la systématique intégrative). Ils remercient également pour leur contribution financière la Société des Amis du Muséum, l'Observatoire des Patrimoines de Sorbonne Université (OPUS), les entreprises ABIOTEC et Hygiène Office, spécialistes du contrôle des insectes dans les collections, ainsi que Alpha Visa Congrès pour son appui à l'organisation. ●

## THE ITALIAN SPECIMENS OF WHITE-BACKED WOODPECKER

### *Dendrocopos leucotos* IN ITALIAN MUSEUMS

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*In memory of Edgardo MOLTINI and Elio Augusto DI CARLO, ornithologists that so much contributed to the discovery of the Italian population of the White-backed Woodpecker.*

**Abstract.** A review of all known museum specimens of *Dendrocopos leucotos* from Italy is here presented, in order to shed light on its past distribution, which was possibly different from the current one. We located 34 specimens of both subspecies (*6 D. l. leucotos* and *28 D. l. lilfordi*), and commented on their present state of preservation, historical value and biogeographical information. We conclude that this sample (although limited in size) suggests a former Italian breeding range of *D. l. lilfordi* extended well north than today. On the other hand, the specimens of *D. l. leucotos*, despite some doubts about the origin of a few, seem to point towards a greater vagrancy rate at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In both cases, over-exploitation of beech forests may have been a determining factor for their presence in Italy.

**Mots-clés:** *Dendrocopos leucotos*, Musées italiens, Distribution actuelle et passée.

**Keywords:** *Dendrocopos leucotos*, Italian museums, Current and past distribution.

**Résumé.** Les spécimens italiens de Pic à dos blanc dans les musées italiens. Nous présentons une révision de tous les spécimens de *Dendrocopos leucotos* connus dans les musées italiens pour mettre en évidence la distribution ce taxon par le passé, qui fut potentiellement différente de l'actuelle. Trente-quatre spécimens appartenant aux deux sous-espèces (*6 D. l. leucotos* et *28 D. l. lilfordi*) ont pu être localisés. Nous discutons leur statut de conservation actuel, leur valeur historique, et leurs informations biogéographiques. Nous concluons que, globalement, ces spécimens suggèrent que l'aire de reproduction historique de *D. l. lilfordi* en Italie s'étendait plus au nord que l'actuelle. Au contraire, les spécimens de *D. l. leucotos*, en dépit de doutes sur l'origine de certains spécimens, semblent indiquer un plus grand erratisme au cours des dernières années du XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle et des premières années du XX<sup>e</sup> siècle. Dans les deux cas, la surexploitation des forêts de hêtres a pu être un facteur déterminant sur les changements d'aire de répartition.

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## INTRODUCTION

The White-backed Woodpecker *Dendrocopos leucotos* (BECHSTEIN, 1802) is a polytypic species distributed in Eurasia, with two subspecies recognized in Western Europe, *D. l. leucotos*, ranging from Norway east to Kamchakta and NE China and south to Austria and the Carpathians, and

*D. l. lilfordi* (SHARPE & DRESSER, 1871) with scattered populations mainly in old beech or mixed forests in the mountains of southern Europe (DEL HOYO *et al.*, 2002).

The Italian breeding population of the subspecies *lilfordi* was discovered as recently as 1959 (MOLTINI, 1959a, 1959b) in the Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo (now Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo,



**FIG. 1.**—The table from MANETTI *et al.* (1769) with the depiction of *Picus varius maximus*, which can be considered the first known representation of the White-backed Woodpecker before its formal description by BECHSTEIN in 1802.

*La planche de MANETTI *et al.* (1769) avec l'illustration de *Picus varius maximus*, qui peut être considérée comme la première représentation du Pic à dos blanc avant sa description formelle par BECHSTEIN en 1802.*

Lazio and Molise, hereafter PNALM). A reasonable fraction of the current range is included in national and regional parks, where the population is fairly well monitored: relatively high densities are found especially in the beech forests of the PNALM (BERNONI, 1992, 1995) and the species known breeding distribution includes many forests of the central Apennines ridge, from the mountains of the PNALM north to Mount Terminillo and the Gran Sasso Massif, covering an elevational distribution between 1000–1800 m (BERNONI *et al.*, 2009; BRICHETTI & FRACASSO, 2007, 2015).

The species is considered as “Vulnerable” in the Italian Red List (PERONACE *et al.*, 2012) and is endangered or decreasing in some other European countries (HAGEMEIJER & BLAIR, 1997). The species is fully protected by European and Italian laws.

Interestingly, this rare woodpecker is known in the Italian ornithological literature since the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, *i.e.* well before its formal description. In fact, an illustration of the so-called “*Picus varius maximus*” (FIG. 1) was published by MANETTI *et al.* (1769), but unfortunately it was accompanied only by a short text lacking details about its possible presence in the Apennines or in any other Italian region. A non-national origin of the represented specimen cannot be totally ruled out, as many exotic species are also illustrated in the same book.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

This is the first attempt to track all the specimens of Italian origin kept in museums and in other bird collections and to check their present location, original data and conservation conditions. For this purpose, we inspected the bird collections of the most important Italian museums, checked the Italian ornithological literature with special attention to the published catalogues of Italian bird collections (TAB. I), and carried out informal interview with ornithologists and bird collection curators. We firstly presented the project in 2015 at the Italian Ornithological Congress in Turin, aiming to draw the attention of ornithologists and bird watchers on this scientific issue (BOANO *et al.*, 2017). To localize Italian specimens in museums outside Italy we used the Vertnet portal (<http://portal.vertnet.org/>) and J.-L. GRANGÉ helped us by sharing the information he collected through his wide range enquiry about *Dendrocopos leucotos*, with results obtained from 60 European, Russian, Japanese and U.S. museums.

## RESULTS

We succeeded in locating 34 specimens (6 *D. l. leucotos* and 28 *D. l. lilfordi*) collected in Italy and preserved, at least for some time, in private or public bird collections. Three specimens traditionally considered in the literature as Italian came from localities presently in the Slovenian territory, close to the NE borders of Italy (TAB. II). For the sake of completeness, we also recall two more specimens from Corsica (France) kept at the Muséum

d'Histoire Naturelle de Bern, as documented by GRANGÉ (2013, 2015). The same Author also pointed out that two other specimens, kept at the Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de Bruxelles and considered to be of Corsican origin (FRAIPONT, 1910; VOOUS 1947), are in fact *D. l. leucotos* from Sweden. Unfortunately, we also found that as many as seven *D. l. lilfordi* specimens apparently disappeared from their known repositories. In particular, we lost the traces of:

- the three specimens from the Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo, studied by MOLTONI (1959a, 1959b) and confirmed as being still present there in 1987 (B. MASSA *in litt.*; M.B.)
- the female from Ventimiglia of the Arrigoni degli Oddi collection now held in Rome Zoological Museum, which was replaced by a male *Dendrocopos major*, despite that the original was clearly reported as a female in the accessions register (FIG. 2) and in the recent FOSCHI *et al.*, (1996) catalogue
- the specimen described by CHIGI (1903), also in Rome Zoological Museum, in place of which there is now a specimen of *Dendrocopus medius*
- the two specimens of the Ferrante Foschi collection in Forlì, one of which was surely stolen in 2002 with another 323 specimens (81 were later recovered, but unfortunately the White-backed Woodpecker was not among them). The second specimen was given in exchange to a private collector (Cantoni) who was willing to use it

for a project to create an ecology museum in the city of Meldola (Forlì); the project was never accomplished and Cantoni's heirs sold the collection to G. and F. Natta ("Neorurale", Vellezzo Bellini, Pavia). The collection is currently well preserved, but it does not include any White-backed Woodpeckers.

The museums now keeping the largest samples of *D. leucotos* are therefore Milan (six specimens), Florence (five specimens) and Genoa (three specimens); the oldest specimen is that preserved in Calci museum (Pisa), which was obtained by Paolo SAVI in 1842; all of them are in good conditions of preservation and curatorial care.

Most specimens were collected in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century (between 1840 and 1900) in the northern Apennines, especially in Liguria and Toscana (TAB. III), three from the eastern borders of Italy, in a territory now pertaining to Slovenia and only one collected from the Latium coast, south of the known breeding range. The other specimens were collected mainly after MOLTONI's (1959a, b) discovery of the breeding population of PNALM and came from the known breeding range in the mountains of Central Italy. The biometry of some of them is presented in Table IV and some of the described specimens are illustrated in Figure 3.

All the records outside the Central Apennines breeding range are mapped in Figure 4, including the two from Corsica (GRANGÉ, 2015).

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| -   | 505 | <i>Ciconia nigra</i> (Linnaeus) Ciconia nera. mas. ad. aprile 1863, 1864<br>renzo, alle Cascine. Avuto dal Prof. E. H. Giglioli.             |
| 260 | 506 | <i>Procteria pelagica</i> , Linnaeus. Nelle Vele Tempete. mas. ad.<br>Isola Vacca (Sardegna). aprile 1878. - Avuto dal Prof. E. H. Giglioli. |
| 261 | 507 | <i>Picus lilfordi</i> Sharpe et Dresser. Picchio del Lilford. femm. ad.<br>novembre 1868, Ventimiglia, Avuto dal Prof. E. H. Giglioli.       |
| 262 | 508 | <i>Larus Audouinii</i> , Pyramdeau. Gabbiano cordo. mas. ad. 26 agosto<br>1887. Porto Ferajo (Elba). - Avuto dal Prof. E. H. Giglioli.       |

FIG. 2.– A detail of the handwritten accessions register of the Arrigoni degli Oddi collection, now preserved in the Civic Museum of Zoology of Rome, with the record of the adult female *Dendrocopos leucotos* *lilfordi* (Cat. N. 507), now missing. The specimen collected in November 1868 in Ventimiglia was given to ARRIGONI by prof. Enrico Hillyer GIGLIOLI (1845-1909). Illustration du registre d'accession manuscrit de la collection Arrigoni degli Oddi collection, actuellement conservé au Civic Museum of Zoology of Rome, avec la mention de la femelle adulte *Dendrocopos leucotos* *lilfordi* (Cat. N. 507), actuellement manquante. Le spécimen collecté en novembre 1868 à Ventimiglia a été donné à ARRIGONI par le Prof. Enrico Hillyer GIGLIOLI (1845-1909).



**A)** *D. l. lilfordi* male MUP 2497.  
Lilfordi mâle.



**B)** *D. l. lilfordi* male MSNG  
25420. *D. l. lilfordi* mâle.



**C)** *D. l. lilfordi* female MZUF 701.  
*D. l. lilfordi* femelle.

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**D)** Front, & **E)** rear view of *leucotos* female MCZR 7384.  
Vues de **D)** face, et **E)** de dos de *leucotos* femelle.



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**F)** *D. l. leucotos* female MZUF  
3242. *D. l. leucotos* femelle.

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**G)** *D. l. lilfordi* female PNAML 88/AV (ex 113) & **H)** *D. l. lilfordi* juv. PNAML 90/AV (ex 111).  
**I)** *D. l. lilfordi* female MSNM Av12767 and original letter of E.A.Di Carlo to E. MOLTONI.

**G)** *D. l. lilfordi* femelle, **H)** *D. l. lilfordi* Juv et **I)** *D. l. lilfordi* femelle.

## DISCUSSION

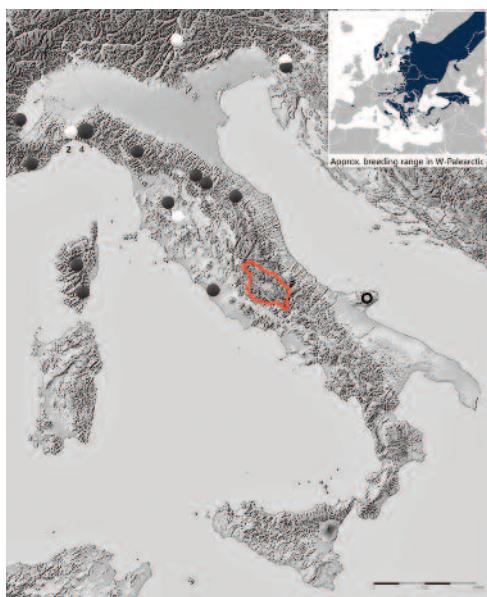
The Italian specimens of the nominotypical subspecies collected in the NE Italian Alps, probably come from the nearby breeding range in Austria, but those collected in the Apennines (two in Liguria and one in Tuscany) and the one collected in a lowland area near Pavia in 1972 (REPETTO, 1973), are of more difficult interpretation. Some of them, for example the specimen from Montagnola Senese (BROGI, 1884; CARAZZI, 1912), were considered with doubt in the past (ARRIGONI DEGLI ODDI, 1929), but others were accepted as vagrants from north or east European populations. Genetic analyses, where feasible, might help to better understand their origin.

All the *D. l. lilfordi* from the northern Apennines (Liguria, Tuscany), today kept in the museums of Genoa, Florence and Pisa, could be probably best considered as evidences of a population that once occupied the northern Apennines beech woods, and that went extinct possibly following intensive logging during the last decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup>, as previously hypothesized by DI CARLO (1972).

Another hypothesis involves the occurrence of a more intense and at least partly forced vagrancy of this species during periods of massive timber exploitation of the European woods.

In any case, the northern Apennines documentation seems at odds with the situation to the south of the current breeding range, where no accepted records occurs (LA MANTIA *et al.*, 2015; FULCO *et al.*, 2008). A remarkable exception is that of the well preserved beech forest of the Gargano headland (Apulia), where a few observations were made, also in the breeding period, in the 1960s and 1980s (DI CARLO, 1963; BRICCHETTI & FRACASSO, 2007), but where more recent searches for this species led to no results (BERNONI, 1999; LIUZZI *et al.*, 2013).

**FIG. 3.**— Some specimens of *Dendrocopos leucotos* still kept or previously kept (now missing) in Italian collections and ordered by date of collection (for details, see Table II). *Quelques spécimens de Dendrocopos leucotos conservés ou anciennement conservés (actuellement disparus) dans les collections italiennes et classées par la date de collecte (voir Tableau II pour les détails).*



**FIG. 4.**— Map of the Italian and Corsican records of *Dendrocopos leucotos*. Black dots show the records of the subspecies *lilfordi*; white dots show the records of *leucotos*; the empty dot show the location of the Gargano headland beech forest, where some observations of *D. l. lilfordi* were obtained in the past. The Italian present breeding range boundaries of *D. l. lilfordi* are shown in red. The inset (upper right) show the species' range in the Western Palearctic.

*Carte spécifiant les mentions italiennes et corse de *Dendrocopos leucotos*. Les ronds noirs indiquent les mentions de la sous-espèce *lilfordi*; les ronds blancs indiquent les mentions de la sous-espèce *leucotos*; les ronds vides indiquent la localisation de la forêt de hêtres de Gargano où des observations de *D. l. lilfordi* ont été mentionnées dans le passé. La distribution actuelle de *D. l. lilfordi* en Italie est indiquée en rouge. L'insert (en haut à droite) montre la distribution de l'espèce dans le Paléarctique occidental.*

Similar to the latter situation is the puzzling information about the presence of White-backed Woodpecker in Corsica. Even if the historical documentation about the species in this Mediterranean island is poor and recent observations are dubious, at least two preserved specimens are known, as discussed in depth by GRANGÉ (2015). Nevertheless, as occurred with the Gargano population, there are no definitive confirmations coming from recent fieldwork, and the species is officially considered either locally extinct or not breeding (THIBAULT & BONACCORSI, 1999).

Finally, considering the rarity of the species at the national level, its scientific interest, and the poor representation in the scientific collections, we stress the importance to preserve the existing specimens with great care. Moreover, we plead field researchers as well as park rangers to salvage any dead specimens of White-backed Woodpecker for their multi-purposes use (as skins/skeleton/tissue samples) in research (WEBSTER, 2017). ●

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**TABLE I.**— List of the ornithological collections and published collection catalogues checked for the presence of Italian *Dendrocopos leucotos* specimens.  
An asterisk (\*) indicates collections directly checked by the authors.

| Ornithological Collection   | Region                | Reference                        |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| "Joseph Whitaker" (National Museum of Scotland)                                       |                       | LO VALVO F. & MASSA B., 2000     |
| Museo Naturalistico, Centro Visita del Parco d'Abruzzo, Pescasseroli (Aquila)         | Abruzzo               | TOLLIS P. <i>in litt.</i>        |
| Università degli Studi della Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende (Cosenza)                  | Calabria              | MINGOZZI T. <i>in litt.</i>      |
| Museo Naturalistico degli Alburni, Corleto Monforte (Salerno)                         | Campania              | PIGNATARO M. <i>in litt.</i>     |
| NatuRa, Museo di Scienze Naturali "Alfredo Brandolini", Ravenna                       | Emilia Romagna        | ORTALI A., 1974                  |
| Liceo Classico Statale "G. D. Romagnosi", Parma                                       | Emilia Romagna        | ROSCELLI F. & CALCAGNO M., 2017  |
| ISPRA, Ozzano dell'Emilia (Bologna)   | Emilia Romagna        | *                                |
| Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Ferrara, Ferrara                                   | Emilia-Romagna        | MAZZOTTI S. <i>in litt.</i>      |
| Museo Ornitologico "Ferrante Foschi", Forlì   | Emilia-Romagna        | FOSCHI U. F., 1984               |
| Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Modena                              | Emilia-Romagna        | DAL ZOTTO M. <i>in litt.</i>     |
| Museo Friulano di Storia Naturale, Udine  | Friuli-Venezia Giulia | PARODI R., 1987                  |
| Museo Civico di Zoologia, Roma  | Lazio                 | *                                |
| "Arrigoni degli Oddi", Museo Civico di Zoologia, Roma                                 | Lazio                 | FOSCHI U.F. <i>et al.</i> , 1996 |
| Museo Civico di Storia Naturale G. Doria, Genova                                      | Liguria               | *                                |
| Collezione Noceto di Zinola, Savona   | Liguria               | TRUFFI G <i>et al.</i> , 1994    |
| Museo Civico di Storia Naturale, Morbegno (Sondrio)                                   | Lombardia             | BONVICINI P., 1992               |
| Museo di Storia Naturale di Milano  | Lombardia             | *                                |
| Museo Civico di Scienze Naturali, Brescia   | Lombardia             | BRICHETTI P. <i>in litt.</i>     |
| Università degli Studi di Pavia   | Lombardia             | BOGLIANI G. <i>in litt.</i>      |
| Collezione Ornitologica "Tommaso Salvadori", Fermo (Pesaro-Urbino)                    | Marche                | VIOLANI C. <i>et al.</i> 1997    |
| Collezione "Rolando Admetos", Valenza Po (Alessandria)                                | Piemonte              | *                                |
| Museo di Storia Naturale di Villa Brea, Chieri (Torino)                               | Piemonte              | AIMASSI G. & LEVI L., 1991       |
| Museo Civico di Storia Naturale, Carmagnola (Torino)                                  | Piemonte              | *                                |
| Museo Civico "Colonnetto Martina", Monforte d'Alba (Cuneo)                            | Piemonte              | *                                |
| Museo Civico Archeologico e di Scienze Naturali "Federico Eusebio", Alba (Cuneo)      | Piemonte              | BOANO G. & CAVALLO O., 1983      |
| Museo Civico Craveri di Storia Naturale, Bra (Cuneo)                                  | Piemonte              | *                                |
| Collezione Ornitologica "Noro", Graglia (Biella)                                      | Piemonte              | *                                |
| Liceo Ginnasio pareggiato di Torre Pellice (Torino)                                   | Piemonte              | DE BEAUX O., 1951                |
| "Marchese Pinelli Gentile", Tagliolo Monferrato (Alessandria)                         | Piemonte              | SPANÒ S., 1976                   |
| Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Stazzano (Alessandria)                             | Piemonte              | SILVANO F. <i>in litt.</i>       |
| Museo Regionale di Scienze Naturali, Torino   | Piemonte              | *                                |
| Collezione Ferrero, Parco Naturale delle Lame del Sesia, Albano Vercellese (Vercelli) | Piemonte              | *                                |
| Museo di Zoologia dell'Università degli Studi di Torino                               | Piemonte              | EITER O., 1986                   |
| Sezione Provinciale Cacciatori, Alessandria   | Piemonte              | SILVANO F., 1974                 |
| Collezione Tassidermica Provinciale, Verbano-Cusio-Ossola                             | Piemonte              | LUX E., 2009                     |

**TABLEAU I.**— Liste des collections ornithologiques et catalogues de collections publiés vérifiés pour la présence de *Dendrocopos leucotos* d'origines italiennes.  
Un astérisque (\*) indique les collections directement vérifiées par les auteurs.

| Ornithological Collection   | Region              | Reference                        |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| De Romita <sup>11</sup> Istituto Scolastico "Pitagora", Bari                                | Puglia              | LIUZZI C. et al., 2013           |
| Museo di Storia Naturale del Salento, Calimera (Lecce)                                      | Puglia              | PANZERA S. in litt.              |
| Università degli Studi di Sassari   | Sardegna            | BAGELLA S. & PRANZETTI P., 2007  |
| "Antonio Trischitta" Museo Regionale di Palazzo Daumale, Terrasini (Palermo)                | Sicilia             | DI PALMA G. et al., 1989         |
| "Carlo Orlando", Museo Regionale di Palazzo Daumale, Terrasini (Palermo)                    | Sicilia             | LO VALVO F. in litt.             |
| Istituto di Istruzione Superiore Statale "C. Gemellaro", Catania                            | Sicilia             | CANTARERO A. & SIRACUSA M., 1993 |
| Museo "La Specola", Università degli Studi di Firenze                                       | Toscana             | *                                |
| "C. Picchi", now at American Museum Natural History, New York                               | Toscana             | PICCHI C., 1904                  |
| Museo di Storia Naturale dell'Accademia dei Fisiocritici, Siena                             | Toscana             | BACCETTI N. et al., 2006         |
| "Marchesa Marianna Paulucci", San Gimignano (Siena)   | Toscana             | MASSI A., 1990                   |
| Collezione Ornitologica "Carlo Beni", Ecomuseo del Casentino, Pratovecchio di Stia (Arezzo) | Toscana             | LAPINI et al., 1994              |
| MUSE, Trento  | Trentino Alto Adige | DEFLORIAN M.C. in litt.          |
| Museo Civico di Storia Naturale, Rovereto (Trento)  | Trentino Alto Adige | STANCHER G. in litt.             |
| Museo Civico di Storia Naturale, Jesolo (Venezia)   | Veneto              | BASSO R. in litt.                |
| Museo di Storia Naturale di Venezia   | Veneto              | BON M. in litt.                  |
| "Americo Giol", Oderzo (Treviso)  | Veneto              | SEMEZATO M. et al., 2015         |

**TABLEAU II.**— List of specimens of *Dendrocopos leucotos* of Italian origin presently kept or known to have been kept in Italian museums and collections, ordered by year of collection from older to newer. Museum acronyms used: CFMF = Museo Forlì; MCSNR = Museo Civico Storia Naturale Rovereto; MCZR = Museo Civico Zoologia Roma; MFS = Museo Fisiocritici Siena; MSNG = Museo Storia Naturale Genova; MSNM = Museo di Storia Naturale Milano; MUP = Museo Universitario Pisa; MZUF = Museo Zoologico Università Firenze; MZUT = Museo Regionale Scienze Naturali Torino; PNALM = Museo Parco Abruzzo-Lazio-Molise.

*Liste des spécimens de Dendrocopos leucotos d'origine italienne, conservés ou connus pour être conservés dans les musées et collections italiennes, triés par date de collection (de la plus ancienne à la plus récente). Acronymes : CFMF = Museo Forlì; MCSNR = Museo Civico Storia Naturale Rovereto; MCZR = Museo Civico Zoologia Roma; MFS = Museo Fisiocritici Siena; MSNG = Museo Storia Naturale Genova; MSNM = Museo di Storia Naturale Milano; MUP = Museo Universitario Pisa; MZUF = Museo Zoologico Università Firenze; MZUT = Museo Regionale Scienze Naturali Torino; PNALM = Museo Parco Abruzzo-Lazio-Molise.*

**Notes:** (1) – Checked and photographed (S. FARINA, curator of Pisa Museum, 2017); (2) – Checked and photographed (GB, CM, EB, GC); (3) - Checked (G. STANCHER, curator of the Rovereto Museum, 2017); (4) - Not found in Rome Zoological Museum after accurate check of the collections (CM, GB and M. Pavia); (5) - See also LAPINI & TELLINI 1994; (6) - Specimen exchanged with a private collector and now missing, see text (UFF); (7) - Specimen stolen from the Forlì museum (UFF); (8) - All three specimens (see text), with all evidence the same ones listed by MOLTINI (1959b) and DI CARLO (1972) and successively checked by other ornithologists in 1971 (B. MASSA in litt.) and in 1987 (MB), are now missing (P. TOLLIS in litt. and CM); (9) - Specimens in PNALM from the local Museum of Villavallelonga (P. TOLLIS in litt., MB and CM); (10) - checked by M. PIGNATARO (curator of Corleto Monforte Museum).

| Subspecies         | Sex | Year    | Month  | Day | Region    | Locality                                | Previous location        |                            | Present location/situation and catalogue number | First author | Notes |
|--------------------|-----|---------|--------|-----|-----------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------|-------|
|                    |     |         |        |     |           |   | Season                   | Location                   |   |              |       |
| 1 <i>lifordi</i>   | ♂   | 1842    |        |     | Toscana   | Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Lucca        | MUP                      | MUP 2497                   | Salvadori 1872                                  | (1)          |       |
| 2 <i>leucotos</i>  | ♂   | 1855    |        |     | Liguria   | Near Genova                             | MZUF                     | MZUF 1593                  | Giglioli 1886                                   | (2)          |       |
| 3 <i>leucotos</i>  |     | 1861    |        |     | Trentino  | River Sarca, Trento                     | MCSNR                    | MCSNR 0383                 | Bonomi 1884                                     | (3)          |       |
| 4 <i>lifordi</i>   | ♂   | 1863    | winter |     | Liguria   | ?                                       | Coll. De Negri           | MSNG 25421                 | Salvadori 1872                                  | (2)          |       |
| 5 <i>leucotos</i>  | ♀   | 1863    | winter |     | Liguria   | ?                                       | Coll. De Negri           | MSNG 25240                 | Salvadori 1872                                  | (2)          |       |
| 6 <i>lifordi</i>   | ♀ad | 1868    | 11     |     | Liguria   | Ventimiglia, Imperia                    | MCZR 1057 (Arrigoni 507) | Arrigoni 1929              |   | (4)          |       |
| 7 <i>lifordi</i>   |     | 1870    | 12     |     | Marche    | Ancona                                  | MZUF                     | MZUF 1042                  | Giglioli 1886                                   | (2)          |       |
| 8 <i>lifordi</i>   | ♀   | 1874    | 1      | 12  | Liguria   | Livellato, Genova                       | MZUF                     | MZUF 701                   | Giglioli 1886                                   | (2)          |       |
| 9 <i>lifordi</i>   | ♂   | 1874    | spring |     | Liguria   | Livellato-Ceranese, Genova              | MSNG                     | MSNG 32690                 |   |              |       |
| 10 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1880    | 1      | 15  | Liguria   | Rivarolo, Genova                        | MZUF                     | MZUF 1546                  | Giglioli 1886                                   | (2)          |       |
| 11 <i>leucotos</i> | ♀   | 1883    | 11     |     | Toscana   | Rosia, Montagnola Senese, Siena         | Coll. Magni-Griffi       | MCZR 7384                  | Brogli 1884, CARAZZI 1887                       | (2)          |       |
| 12 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂   | 1883    |        |     | Toscana   | Camaldoli, Arezzo                       | Coll. Beni               | Ecomuseo Casentino         | ARRIGONI 1929                                   | (5)          |       |
| 13 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1886    | 11     | 22  | Piemonte  | Pinerolo, Torino                        | MZUT                     | MZUT 11576                 | Salvadori 1916                                  | (2)          |       |
| 14 <i>lifordi</i>  |     | 1888    |        |     | Toscana   | Falerona, Firenze                       | Coll. Beni               | Ecomuseo Casentino         | ARRIGONI 1929                                   | (5)          |       |
| 15 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀ad | 1890    | 10     | 16  | Toscana   | Montalcino, Siena                       | MZUF                     | MZUF 3242                  | Giglioli 1907                                   | (2)          |       |
| 16 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂   | 1902    | 10     |     | Lazio     | Ardea, Roma                             | Coll. Chigi della Rovere | MCZRu 831 missing          | Chigi della Rovere 1903, Arrigoni 1929          | (4)          |       |
| 17 <i>leucotos</i> | ♂   | 1914    | 12     | 14  | Slovenia  | Aidussina, Udine, now Adiuvina          | Coll. Foschi [ex Vici]   | CFMF 2801 missing          |   | (7)          |       |
| 18 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂   | <1929   |        |     | Slovenia  | Vipacco (Friuli), now Vipava (Slovenia) | Bianchi                  | ?                          | ARRIGONI 1929                                   |              |       |
| 19 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | <1929   |        |     | Slovenia  | Vipacco (Friuli), now Vipava (Slovenia) | Bianchi                  | ?                          | ARRIGONI 1929                                   |              |       |
| 20 <i>lifordi</i>  | juv | 1927    | 08     | 03  | Abruzzo   | Parco d'Abruzzo, Aquila                 | PNALM                    | PNALM 111 missing          | Moroni 1959b,<br>Di Carlo 1972                  | (8)          |       |
| 21 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂   | 1927    | 09     | 12  | Abruzzo   | Parco d'Abruzzo, Aquila                 | PNALM                    | PNALM 112 missing          | Moroni 1959b,<br>Di Carlo 1972                  | (8)          |       |
| 22 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1930    | 07     | 05  | Abruzzo   | Parco d'Abruzzo, Aquila                 | PNALM                    | PNALM 113 missing          | Moroni 1959b,<br>Di Carlo 1972                  | (8)          |       |
| 23 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1927-30 |        |     | Abruzzo   | Parco d'Abruzzo, Aquila                 | Museo Villavallelonga AQ | PNALM-89                   |   | (9)          |       |
| 24 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂   | 1959    | 10     | 30  | Abruzzo   | La Difesa, P. Naz. d'Abruzzo, Aquila    | MSNM                     | MSNM Av 267/22             |   | (2)          |       |
| 25 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1960    | 10     | 25  | Abruzzo   | Parco d'Abruzzo, Aquila                 | MSNM                     | MSNM Av 127/67             |   | (2)          |       |
| 26 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1961    | 10     | 05  | Abruzzo   | Forca d'Acerro, Pescasseroli, Aquila    | Foschi (ex Favero)       | Museo Forli CFMF 2587 mis. |   | (6)          |       |
| 27 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1961    | 12     | 28  | Abruzzo   | Forca d'Acerro, Pescasseroli, Aquila    | MSNM                     | MSNM Av 127/68             |   |              |       |
| 28 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1963    | 11     |     | Abruzzo   | Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo, Aquila       | MSNM                     | MSNM Av 127/65             |   | (2)          |       |
| 29 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1963    | 11     |     | Abruzzo   | La Difesa, P. Naz. d'Abruzzo, Aquila    | MSNM                     | MSNM Av 127/66             |   | (2)          |       |
| 30 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂   | 1970-79 |        |     | Abruzzo   | Confini Lazio-Abruzzo                   | Coll. Gabrielli          | MCZRu 2006/321             | REPETTO 1973                                    | (2)          |       |
| 31 <i>leucotos</i> | ♂   | 1972    | 3      | 31  | Lombardia | Ferrero Erbognone, Pavia                | Col. Gazzuconi           | MSNM Av 35/81              | REPETTO 1973                                    | (2)          |       |
| 32 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂   | 1981    | 8      | 8   | Abruzzo   | Forca d'Acerro, Pescasseroli, Aquila    | MFS                      | MFS Av 453                 | BACCETTI et al., 2006                           | (10)         |       |
| 33 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂   | 1970-71 |        |     | Abruzzo   | Castel di Sangro, Aquila                | MNCM                     |                            |   | (10)         |       |
| 34 <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀   | 1970-71 |        |     | Abruzzo   | Castel di Sangro, Aquila                | MNCM                     |                            |   |              |       |

**TABLE III.**—Frequency of *D. leucotos* ssp. In Italy per region, listed from the most frequent to the less frequent. Three specimens from Friuli Venezia Giulia were collected in localities at that time belonging to Italy, but now part of Slovenia.

Fréquence des mentions de *D. leucotos* ssp. en Italie classées par région avec les occurrences les plus fréquentes mentionnées en premier. Trois spécimens originaire de Friuli Venezia Giulia ont été collectés dans des localités appartenant à l'Italie au moment de la collecte, mais actuellement localisées en Slovénie.

| Region             | <i>lifordi</i> | <i>leucotos</i> | Total     |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Abruzzo            | 14             | 0               | 14        |
| Liguria            | 5              | 2               | 7         |
| Toscana            | 4              | 1               | 5         |
| Friuli V.G.        | 2              | 1               | 3         |
| Lazio              | 1              | 0               | 1         |
| Lombardia          | 0              | 1               | 1         |
| Marche             | 1              | 0               | 1         |
| Piemonte           | 1              | 0               | 1         |
| Trentino           | 0              | 1               | 1         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>28</b>      | <b>6</b>        | <b>34</b> |

**TABLE IV.**—Biometry (mm) of a sample of Italian *D. leucotos* specimens. All the specimens were measured by GB apart from the four from PNALM (MB) and one from Ardea (Rome), whose measurements were originally reported by CHIGI (1903). Museums acronyms as in Table II.

Biométrie (mm) de certains spécimens italiens de *D. leucotos*. Tous les spécimens ont été mesurés par GB à l'exception des quatre conservés au PNALM (MB) et une d'Ardea (Rome), pour lequel les mesures ont été publiées par CHIGI (1903). Les acronymes des musées et collections sont identiques à celle du Tableau II.

| Museum | N. Cat            | Subsp           | Sex      | Locality                                       | Date            | Wing  | Tail | Bill | Tarsus |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|--|-----------------|-------|------|------|--------|
| PNALM  | 90/AV<br>(ex 111) | <i>lifordi</i>  | Juv (♂?) | Parco Naz. Abruzzo,<br>Pescasseroli            |                 | 134   | 69   | 30.5 |        |
| PNALM  | 91/AV<br>(ex 112) | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂        | Parco Naz. Abruzzo,<br>Pescasseroli            |                 | 143   | 98.5 | 42.5 |        |
| PNALM  | 88/AV<br>(ex 113) | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀        | Parco Naz. Abruzzo,<br>Pescasseroli            |                 | 145.5 | 93.5 | 36.5 |        |
| PNALM  | 89/AV             | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀        | Parco Naz. Abruzzo,<br>Pescasseroli            |                 | 146   | 87   | 35.5 |        |
| MCZR   | 7834              | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂        | Ardea (Roma)                                   | 23 October 1902 | 146.0 | 105  | 37.0 | 22.0   |
| MSNG   | 25241             | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂        | Liguria  | Winter 1863     | 141.0 | 91   | 41.2 | 26.5   |
| MSNG   | 32690             | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♂        | Livellato (Genova)                             | Spring 1874     | 141.8 | 87.2 | 38   | 26     |
| MSNM   | Av 12767          | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀        | Parco Naz. d'Abruzzo                           | 25 October 1960 | 147.0 | 92   | 38.3 | 27.9   |
| MSNM   | Av 12765          | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀        | Parco Naz. Abruzzo,<br>Pescasseroli, La Difesa | November 1963   | 143.5 | 85   | 39.2 | 27.8   |
| MSNM   | Av 12766          | <i>lifordi</i>  | ♀        | Parco Naz. Abruzzo,<br>Pescasseroli, La Difesa | November 1963   | 146.0 | 82   | 37.4 | 27.6   |
| MSNG   | 25240             | <i>leucotos</i> | ♀        | Liguria  | Winter 1863     | 142.0 | 94.5 | 37.5 | 28     |
| MSNM   | Av 35481          | <i>leucotos</i> | ♂        | Ferrera Erbognone<br>(Pavia)                   | 21 March 1972   | 141.0 | 83   | 38   | 25.7   |