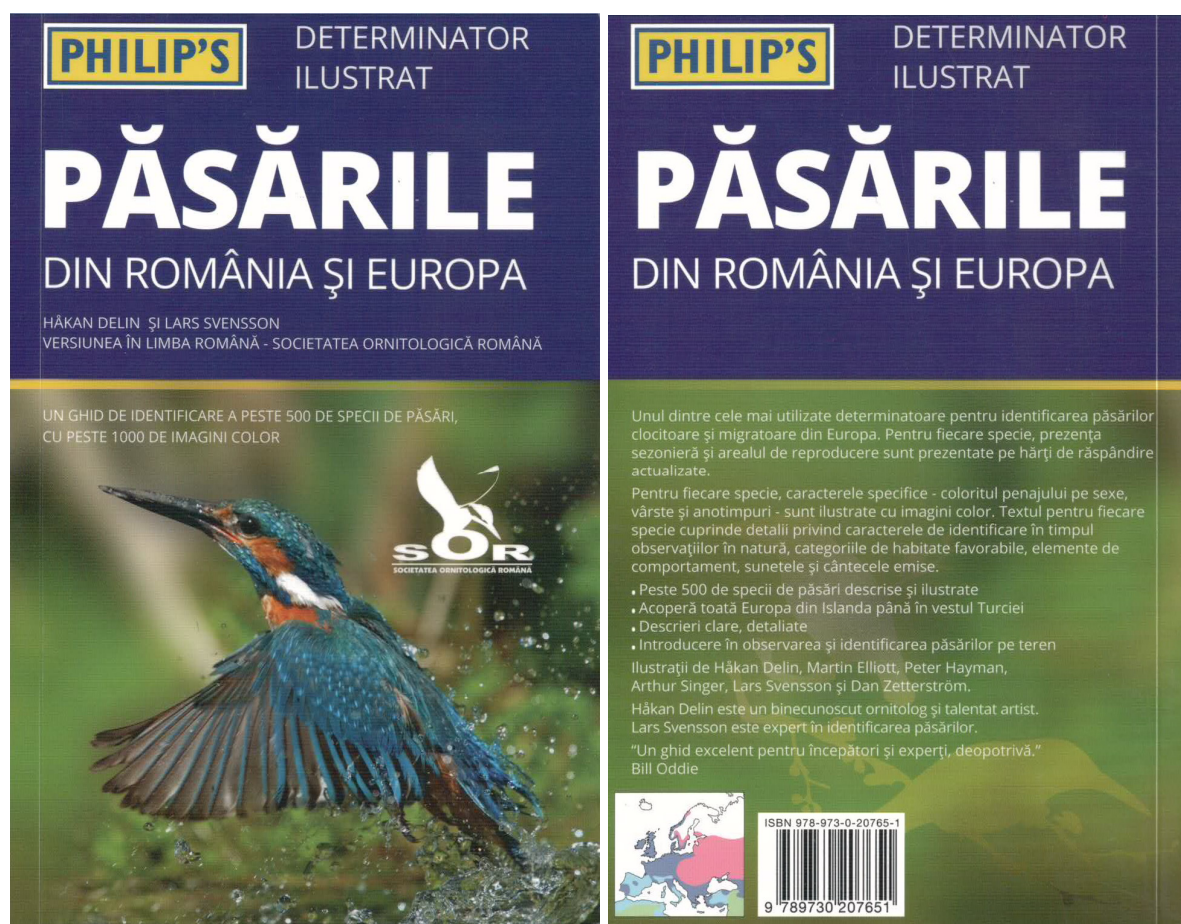




**Book review: Păsările din România și Europa.  
Determinator ilustrat. Hakan Delin & Lars  
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Front cover (left) and back cover (right).

Societatea Ornitologică Română (SOR) [in English - "Romanian Ornithological Society"] published in October 2016 the Romanian version of the field guide called *Păsările din România și Europa - determinator ilustrat* [in English - "The birds from Romania and Europe - an illustrated field guide"]. The English version is published since 2007 by the Philip's Publishing House, a division of Octopus Publishing Group Limited, London, UK.

It is one of the most used illustrated field guides for the identification of nesting and migratory bird species of Europe, very useful both for experts and amateurs. It

comprises comprehensive descriptions for more than 500 bird species, belonging to 22 orders and 65 families, in more than 1000 color drawings, on a high quality paper, all in 320 pages.

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 field guide.

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

- the feathering 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;
- the phonetic transcription of the birds' sounds and calls.

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.

## References

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