



## A Wildlife Guide to Georgia

BRECHT DE MEULENAER

- The only 'where to watch' guide for the Caucasus.
- Covers birds, mammals, reptiles, butterflies, dragonflies, flora and much more.
- Contains practical maps and suggested routes.

Considered by many to be one of the most interesting, varied and biodiverse destinations in the Western Palearctic, Georgia has a great deal to offer for the naturalist-traveller. This guidebook is the first of its kind for the area, not only giving information on where to go birding, but also covering mammals, reptiles, butterflies, dragonflies, flora and numerous other items of note.

Since the Rose Revolution in 2003, Georgia has gained popularity among western travellers. With the Caucasus being one of the richest wildlife hotspots in the world, featuring a high degree of endemism – not to mention the hospitable people, dramatic landscapes and last but not least the wonderful cuisine – it makes an excellent travel destination.

This book is the practical guide for any nature enthusiast considering a visit to Georgia – from the serious birder to the butterfly fanatic, to the traveller with a general interest in the natural world. Packed with photographs and tips, it also contains many practical maps and suggested routes. An indispensable companion for any journey to the region.

### PRAISE FOR A WILDLIFE GUIDE TO GEORGIA

A very detailed guide to the unique wildlife of Georgia, including much-needed details of Batumi - the hotspot migration spot, the high Caucasus and general information on the Georgian lifestyle. Essential for any wildlife enthusiast visiting this increasingly popular destination.

**Klaus Malling Olsen, ornithologist and author**

Brecht's new book reveals tons of secrets as to where and how to explore Georgia's rich biodiversity and is a must-have for the independent birder, mammal watcher or butterfly enthusiast dreaming of a trip to the Caucasus.

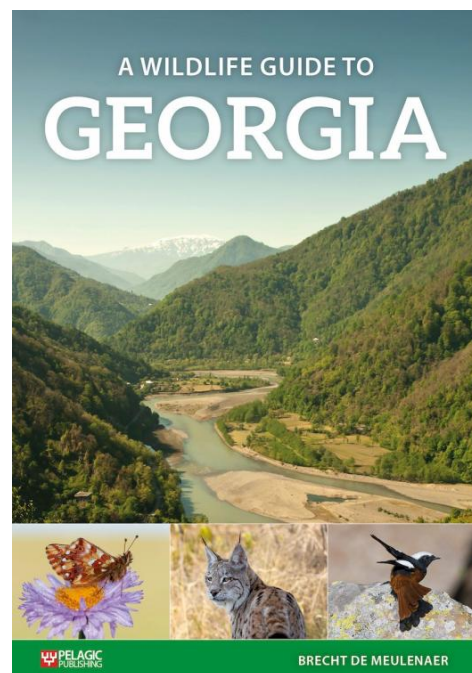
**Brecht Verhelst, BirdLife International**

Georgia is one of the most underestimated and unknown countries in Europe for nature and wildlife exploration. Thanks to this excellent new book, the gates to this splendid destination are open. The essential information on what to see and where to go is included in clear maps, descriptions and crucial hints to plan your once in a lifetime trip.

**David 'Billy' Herman, Starling Travel**

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

**Brecht de Meulenaer** has been passionate about nature and birds since childhood. After studies in biology and a short career as a researcher, he got bitten by the travel bug and ended up in the Caucasus. It was love at first sight. A polyglot, he has led many wildlife tours and scientific surveys in Georgia and elsewhere.



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