

About us

Activities

Monticola is an association of birdwatchers (amateurs as well as scientists) who are especially interested in the avifaunas of mountainous areas. We meet annually at different locations in the Alps or other mountainous regions for field trips and scientific lectures and discussions.

Our journal **monticola** provides articles concerning birds in mountainous areas, especially in the Alps, but also higher and lower mountain ranges in Europe and other parts of the Palearctic region.

If you are keen on birdwatching and natural observations and like hiking in the mountains, we invite you to join us.

The founding of Monticola

In May 1965, the „Tiroler Vogelwarte“ had invited for a meeting of „ornithologists of the Alps“ to Innsbruck. The main topic was „Ornithological field work in the mountains“, and the meeting was the foundation of what was to become **Monticola – International Association for the Ornithology of the Alps**, an association of Austrian, Swiss and Bavarian ornithologists. From the beginning it has been an essential aim to provide a platform where ornithologists working in the Alps could meet and stay in contact to each other, as well as enhance the knowledge of the Alpine avifauna.

The Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush (*Monticola saxatilis*) is the logo of our association.