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## **Monticola Flyer-Campaign „Search for Red-bill Choughs in the Eastern Alps“**

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### **Abstract**

In their article „Alpenkrähe gesucht – Alpenkrähe gefunden“ [„Having looked for and having found the Red-billed Chough“], published in issue 112 of the journal MONTICOLA in December 2020, Johannes Denkinger and Christoph Grisseemann analyse the activities and results of the leaflet campaign „Alpenkrähe gesucht“ [„Looking for the Red-billed Chough“]. The campaign had been initiated by Monticola and AVK Südtirol. By distributing the leaflets to mountain huts over a great range of the Eastern Alps, mountaineers and hikers were requested to look for Red-billed Choughs and to report sightings to Monticola. The campaign covered the regions of Ticino, Eastern Switzerland, South Tyrol, North and East Tyrol and parts of Carinthia. From 2016 to 2020, nine sightings were reported. Six more sightings from 2015 to 2020 were reported to Vogelwarte Sempach, adding up to a total of 15 sightings. Including several sightings that were made in 2014, immediately before the start of the leaflet campaign, the results indicate possible existing or emerging populations of the Red-billed Chough in the border triangle of Grisons – North Tyrol – South Tyrol (five sightings) and in the region of Karwendel – Ammergebirge (three sightings). Both regions are far away from the closed population range in the Western Alps (Valais). Advances to the northern side of the Eastern Alps (four sightings) as well as to the Southern Alps (Ticino, one sighting) are also indicated. No sightings were reported from eastern North Tyrol, East Tyrol or Carinthia.

Places with sightings and the results of the leaflet campaign are visualized in the following interactive project map.

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