# Common Swift nesting sites conservation in Vienna

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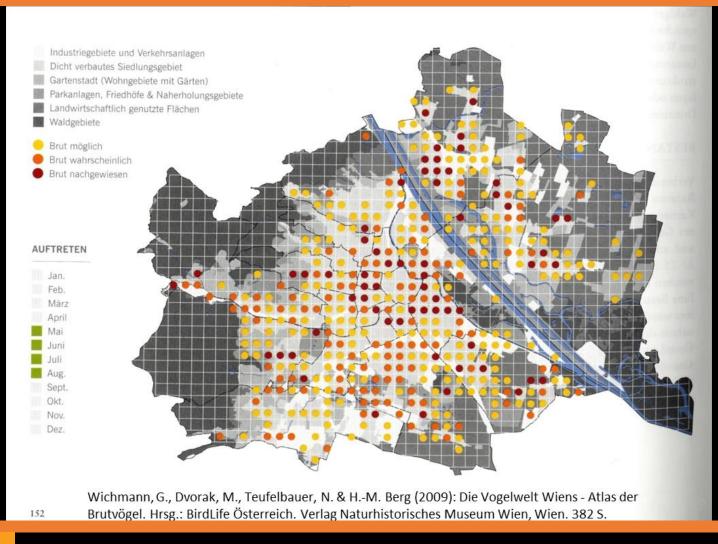








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Mapping of breeding birds in a Viennese quarter (Zuna-Kratky 1993)

Low-key mapping and estimates for different breeding bird atlases

Reports of tree-breeding, occurence in villages,...

Call to report nesting sites in Vienna (2014)





## **Aims of the Project**

- Protection of nesting sites (loss mainly due to renovation of buildings)
- Nesting sites have to be localized on correct address

Standardized mapping ensures credibility in legal proceedings







- No counting of flying individuals
- Only mapping of known or supposed nesting sites

 At least 30 minutes in the evening at good weather conditions











- Presenting the survey in media (newspaper, social media, TV)
- Presentation in lectures at Universities







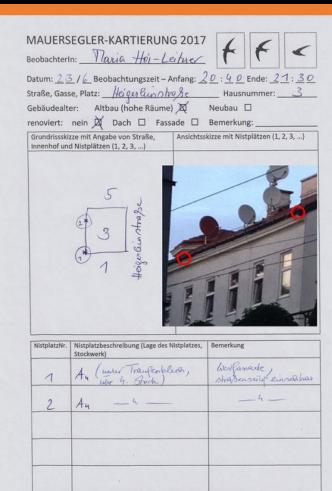




Call to report nesting sites

Training of volunteers

- Establishing survey form
- E-Mail group for interacting and feedback



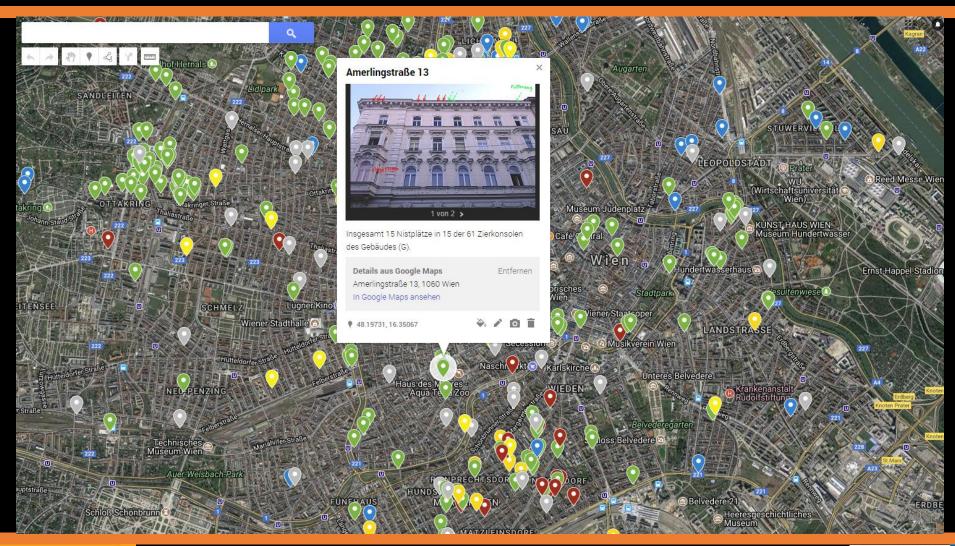
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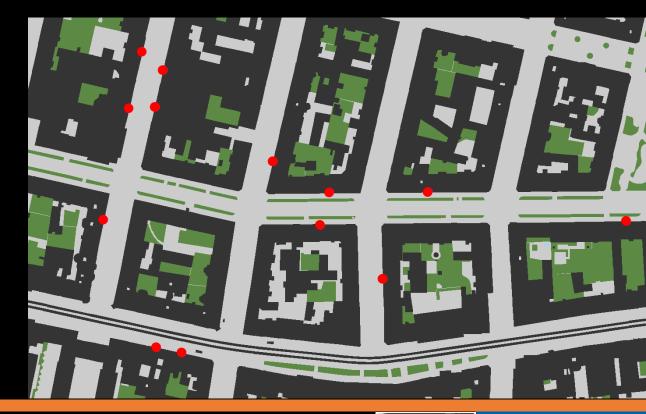


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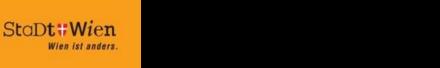
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• 236 buildings with nesting sites surveyed (+ 19 without)

832 nesting sites mapped

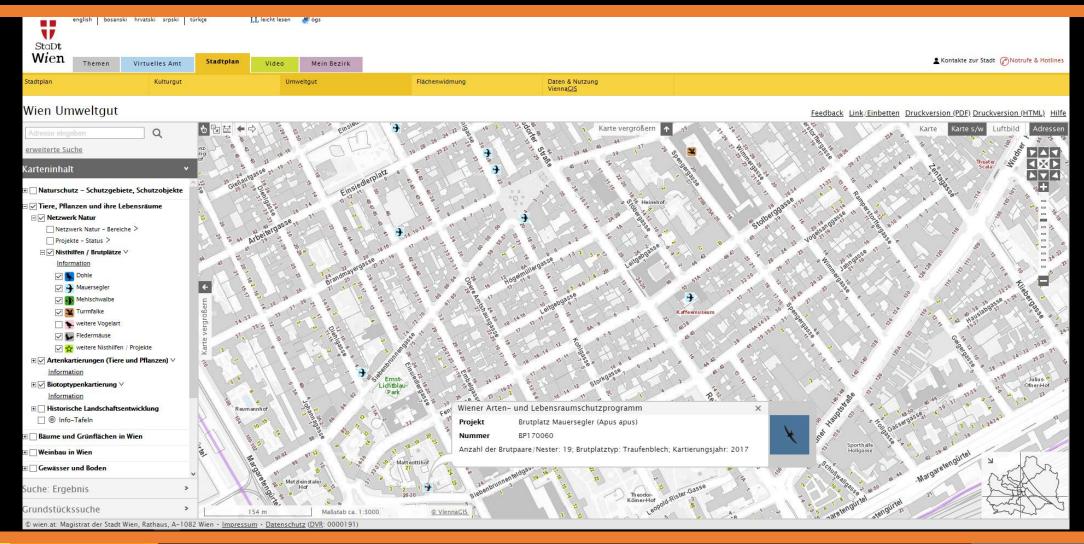








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## **Challenges for Survey 2018**

Less media coverage

Intensify cooperations with NGOs (BirdLife,...)

Making "reporters" to "mappers"

Better coverage of districts







## **Open Questions**

Interface with Dpmt. of Building Inspection

Reliable estimate of population

Population dynamics, breeding success

Daily activity







#### Outlook

Ongoing survey of large colonies

GPS-tracking?

 Publishing in "Citizen Science: Theory and Practice" and in an Ornithological Paper







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