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*Степанян Л.С. Конспект орнитологической фауны СССР. - М.:Наука, 1990. -728 с.

**Фесенко Г.В., Бокотей А.А. Анотований список українських наукових назв птахів фауни України. - Київ-Львів, 2000. - 44 с.

***The Birds of the Western Palearctic. Volume I-IX / Senior Editor S.Cramp. - Oxford-New York: Oxford University Press, 1977-1994.



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Góriska E. 1975. Badania wspólnych noclegowisk wróbla, Passer domesticus (L.); Szpaka Sturnus vulgaris L. w Poznaniu, w zimowych sezonach 1970/71 i 1971/72 // Prz. zool. – Vol. 19, № 2. – P.230-238.

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