

Project update: December 2014

We started our fieldwork stage of project on 13th September 2014. During that time, we organised field trips to Vršac Mountains and began to collect spider species using sweeping, beating and hand-collecting methods. As the main method of data gathering, we set pitfall traps on four different habitats:

1. Shrubs on a dry meadow (mostly *Rosa canina*) – this habitat is connected with pasture above village Sočica near Romanian border.
2. Dry and open deciduous wood (*Quercus* and *Carpinus*) – this wood is more insolated.
3. Deciduous closed wood (*Quercus* and *Carpinus*) – this wood is less insolated and therefore it is colder than the other one. Forest floor has dense vegetation.
4. Wet meadow – this meadow is a part of the valey where Fizeš stream flows.

During these months, students from Scientific Research Society of Students of Biology and Ecology “Josif Pančić” participated in fieldwork and had a chance to learn sweeping method for spider collecting and how to properly set pitfall traps and replace a fixative.



