

“Russian Flora and Fauna” award program



The main tasks of the awards program are:

- presentation of the Russian protected nature system to the world radio amateur community;
- motivation and involvement of Russian radio amateurs to conduct radio contacts (hereinafter – the QSO) over the World from territory of Specially Protected Nature Areas (hereinafter – the SPNA);
- increasing the activity of Russian radio amateurs conducting QSO outdoor from SPNAs;
- increasing the interest of the radio amateurs community to conduct QSO with Russian radio amateurs operating outdoors from the SPNAs.

Release history

- 1.03** – 20.VIII.2022 – minor corrections concerning e-mail address of award manager and payment ways.
- 1.02** – 20.III.2019 – the definition of the proof, confirming the presence of the activator on the corresponding protected area in the corresponding period is clarified. From now on, GPS tracks are necessary proof. [The detailed description is given in the last paragraph of the chapter “General Terms”.](#)
- 1.01** – 22.VII.2018 – minor flaws in the translation of the program into English are fixed and some minor wording, that does not affect the essence of the program, are clarified.
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General Terms

The “Russian Flora and Fauna” awards program consists of two parts:

- “**World Wide Flora and Fauna**” series, the awards are established by the national RFF-WWFF initiative team within the framework of the international “World Wide Flora and Fauna” (WWFF) awards program in conjunction with WWFF Committee;
- “**Sanctuary Russia**” series, national awards are established by the national RFF-WWFF initiative team (hereinafter – the *RFF Team*).

All licensed radio amateurs and Short Wave Listeners (hereinafter – the *SWL*) over the World can take part in the “Russian Flora and Fauna” awards program. Participants of the “Russian Flora and Fauna” awards program can act both as “**Hunters**” and as “**Activators**”. Activators are radio amateurs operating outdoor from SPNAs. Hunters are radio amateurs who are in any place and establish QSO (or SWL's) with Activators.

The Activator himself and all his radio equipment – transmitter and receiver (transceiver), antennas, power supplies, etc. – should be within the boundaries of the currently activated SPNA.

Only SPNAs, registered in the national RFF Directory, are counted for the “Russian Flora and Fauna” award program. These SPNAs have unique designations (hereinafter the “references”) of the form RFF-**nnnn**, where **nnnn** is a unique four-digit number. The national RFF Directory is published and maintained on the website of the RFF team (<http://www.outdoorgrp.org/rff/directory>).

The SPNAs, counted for the “World Flora and Fauna” part, should also be registered in the WWFF Directory, published and maintained on the WWFF website (<http://wwff.co/directory/>).

The reference numbering is completely identical in the national RFF Directory and WWFF Directory. The references missing in the WWFF Directory are specifically marked in the national RFF Directory as “national”.

In order for the reference to be credited for an Activator, he have to make in total at least 44 QSO from there. The duration and attempt quantity for conducting of these 44 QSO are not limited.

The reference is credited to a Hunter regardless to the number of QSO conducted by an Activator.

Each reference is credited to Activators and Hunters only once, regardless of the correspondent, band and mode of QSO.

The QSOs are counted if they made using any legal output power according to the radio amateur license, by any mode, on any radio amateur bands. QSO, conducted using repeaters (excluding ones placed on SAT – artificial Earth satellites), Echolink, Hamsphere, etc. – do not count.

Logs for RFF activation should be sent in the ADIF format to email address of the RFF log-manager rff-logs@outdoorORP.org along with proofs of the Activator's disposition in the corresponding SPNA in the coincident period. **Necessary proof, confirming that the activator was located on the corresponding SPNA in the corresponding period are GPS tracks of the activator's arrival to the site and departure from the site in format of GPX or KML (KMZ) files recorded by activator's navigation device (automotive or touring GPS-navigator, smartphone).** Log and proofs can be accepted by the RFF log-manager after their verifying, and accepted log will be uploaded to the WWFF LogSearch database on the WWFF web site (excluding references not registered in the WWFF Directory). QSO will be credited to Activators and Hunters since being uploaded to WWFF LogSearch (or acception by RFF log-manager for "national" references).

"World Wide Flora and Fauna" series

"RFF – Russian Flora and Fauna" award has categories:

RFF-A – Activator;

RFF-H – Hunter;

RFF-SWL – Short Wave Listener (SWL),

and are issued free of charge in the form of electronic certificates (PDF or JPG files) solely on the basis of confirmation of the conducted QSO uploaded to the WWFF LogSearch database. Another confirmations of a different kind (paper QSL, e-QSL, LoTW, etc.) are not accepted.

QSO are valid since July 1, 2008 or since date of inclusion of corresponding reference to RFF and WWFF Directories.

A special application is not required for **RFF-A** and **RFF-H** awards – the application for an award is automatically formed and sent to the award manager by clicking on a button in WWFF program participant's personal cabinet. The button becomes active after completing of each next award grade.

Applicants of the **RFF-SWL** award should prepare an application in the form of an log extract and send it by e-mail to the award manager address. The application should specify the date, time, band and reference number for the credit and both call signs for each QSO.

RFF-A

It is necessary to activate at least 5 different RFFs to obtain the award.

Separate awards (grades) are issued for the activation of 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 RFFs.

RFF-H

It is necessary to conduct QSO with at least 11 different RFFs to obtain the award.

Separate awards (grades) are issued for QSO with 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77 and 88 RFFs.

RFF-SWL

SWLs can also obtain a special SWL award. It is necessary to log QSO with at least 11 different RFFs.

Separate awards (grades) are issued for logged QSO with 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77 and 88 RFFs.

"Sanctuary Russia" series

Rules of this series awards do not differ for Hunters and Activators, they can be performed in the role of both Hunters and Activators. Awards are of three degrees:

II – second degree award, entry level, in the form of an electronic certificate (PDF or JPG file);

I – first degree award, basic level, in the form of a full-colored paper-printed certificate;

Trophy – prize in the form of a pennant, a plaque, a cup, a special souvenir, etc.

QSO conducted since January 1, 2018 or the subsequent date of inclusion of corresponding reference to RFF and WWFF Directories are valid for "Sanctuary Russia" series awards.

"Sanctuary Russia" award

The "Sanctuary Russia" award is issued for the activation and/or conducting QSO with Activators of RFF-references in different entities of the Russian Federation¹ – oblasts, krays, autonomous oblasts and okrugs, republics, cities of federal subjection.

To obtain the **II degree award**, it needs to conduct QSO with RFF-references in 22 entities of the Russian Federation.

¹ Entities of the Russian Federation – designations are in the column "Region" of the RFF Directory.

To obtain the **I degree award**, it needs to conduct QSO with RFF-references in 44 entities of all 8 Federal Districts² of the Russian Federation.

To obtain the **Trophy**, it needs to conduct QSO with RFF-references in all 85 entities of all 8 Federal Districts of the Russian Federation.

QSO with one reference is sufficient for the credit of the entity of the Russian Federation where this RFF-reference is located.

The activation of the RFF-reference in one entity of the Russian Federation is counted to Activator **as 4 entities** of the Russian Federation. The activation of the RFF-reference in one Federal District of the Russian Federation is counted to Activator **as 2 Federal Districts** of the Russian Federation.

Hunters from South and North America, Australia and Oceania, Africa need half the above mentioned number of entities of the Russian Federation to obtain the award.

"Russian-DX Flora & Fauna" award

The "Russian-DX Flora & Fauna" award is issued for the activation and/or conducting QSO with Activators of FF-references in various territories of the Russian Federation³ and other territories of the world based on the list of the "R-150-S" award.

To obtain the **II degree award**, it needs to conduct QSO with RFF-references in 10 territories of the Russian Federation and FF-references in 20 other territories of the world based on the list of the "R-150-S" award.

To obtain the **I degree award**, it needs to conduct QSO with RFF-references in 20 territories of the Russian Federation and FF-references in 40 other territories of the world based on the list of the "R-150-S" award.

To obtain the **Trophy**, it needs to conduct QSO with RFF-references in 27 territories of the Russian Federation and FF-references in 63 other territories of the world based on the list of the "R-150-S" award.

QSO with one RFF- or other FF-reference is sufficient for the credit of the corresponding territory based on the list of the "R-150-S" award.

The activation of the RFF-reference in one territory of the Russian Federation is counted to Activator **as 3 territories** of the Russian Federation.

Hunters from South and North America, Australia and Oceania, Africa need half the above mentioned number of territories of the Russian Federation to obtain the award.

Application for "Sanctuary Russia" series awards should be composed in the form of log extract with basic QSO data and sent by e-mail to RFF Team Awards Manager address rff-awards@outdoorQRP.org.

The mailing cost of I degree award is 150 roubles for Russian applicants if sent by ordinary mail or 250 roubles if sent by registered mail as of January 1, 2018 and depends on further Russian Post tariffs change.

The mailing cost of of I degree award for foreign applicants depends on the current international shipping possibility and Russian Post tariffs at the time of sending a registered letter.

The cost of Trophy depends on the Russian Post tariffs and will be announced later.

Payment is made after confirmation by award manager in the way as would agreed with the award manager.

² Federal Districts of the Russian Federation – designations are in Appendix 1 and will be included into the RFF Directory.

³ The Russian territories based on the list of the "R-150-S" award – are designated in Appendix 2 and in the column "Region" of the RFF Directory.

"Sanctuary Russia" series II degree awards and "World Wide Flora and Fauna" series awards can be sent to the applicant at his request in printed paper form with a corresponding covering of postal expenses as mentioned above.

About RFF Directory

Russian Nature Protecting system is a system of Specially Protected Nature Areas (SPNA) – land, water surface and airspace over them, where natural complexes and objects are located having special environmental, scientific, cultural, aesthetic, recreational and health value. These natural complexes and objects are withdrawn in whole or partly from economic use and the regime of special protection is established for them.

Given the nature of the protection regime, there are the following categories of SPNA in the Russian Federation:

- a) Zapovednik (state nature reserves, including biosphere reserves);
- b) Natsionalny park (National park);
- c) Zakaznik (preserve, refuge, wildlife sanctuary, protected landscape, reserve forest etc.);
- d) Pamyatnik prirody (Nature monument);
- e) Prirodny park (Natural park);
- f) Dendrologicheskiy park, botanicheskiy sad (dendrological parks and botanical gardens).

At the current time (spring 2018) we have:

- Zapovednik: 108;
- Natsionalny park: 54;
- Zakaznik: 61 federal and 2'302 regional subjection;
- Pamyatnik prirody: 7'824;
- Prirodny park: 97;
- Dendrologicheskiy park, botanicheskiy sad: 100;
- SPNA of local (municipal) subjection of different categories: 1'555.

In total – 12'101 **currently functioning** SPNAs of federal, regional and local (municipal) subjection.

Only currently functioning SPNAs of these categories with an area of 1 and more hectares can be registered in "World Wide Flora & Fauna" (WWFF) and "Russian Flora & Fauna" (RFF) award programs. Registration means the assignment of a specific reference number of a specific *RFF-**nnnn*** type, where "**nnnn**" is a unique four-digit number.

The numbering of references in WWFF is same as their numbering in the RFF.

The national RFF coordinator is responsible for the registration of SPNAs in national RFF award program, and WWFF Directory manager is responsible for their acception and approving in global WWFF award program on the submission of national RFF coordinator. If a new SPNA is registered, the date is indicated in RFF and WWFF Directories, when the reference to relevant SPNA became valid for awards.

When a SPNA is liquidated or merged with another SPNA to create a larger protected area with different name, the corresponding reference becomes invalid and the QSO with it no longer counts. The RFF and WWFF Directory marks the reference as "deleted" and the date with which the reference is no longer counted. Reorganization of SPNA with a change in area, category, an insignificant change of name does not lead to the deleting of the reference.

The national RFF coordinator is responsible for the formation and maintenance of the RFF Directory in the latest state. The RFF Directory is published on the national RFF web resource (<http://www.outdoorQRP.org> as of spring 2018) and on the WWFF website <http://wwff.co/directory/>.

Appendix 1. Entities of the Russian Federation and Federal Districts, their designations in the RFF Directory.

Entity of the Russian Federation	Capital City	Federal District (FD)	FD, designation	Entity, designation
1 Adygeya, Republic	Maikop	Yuzhny	YuFO	R6Y
2 Altay, Republic	Gorno-Altaysk	Sibirskiy	SFO	R9Z
3 Altayskiy Krai	Barnaul	Sibirskiy	SFO	R9Y
4 Amurskaya oblast	Blagoveshchensk	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0J
5 Arkhangel'skaya oblast	Arkhangel'sk	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R10
6 Astrakhanskaya oblast	Astrakhan	Yuzhny	YuFO	R6U
7 Bashkortostan, Republic	Ufa	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R9W
8 Belgorodskaya oblast	Belgorod	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3Z
9 Bryanskaya oblast	Bryansk	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3Y
10 Buryatia, Republic	Ulan-Ude	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R00
11 Vladimirskaaya oblast	Vladimir	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3V
12 Volgogradskaya oblast	Volgograd	Yuzhny	YuFO	R4A
13 Vologodskaya oblast	Vologda	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R1Q
14 Voronezhskaya oblast	Voronezh	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3Q
15 Daghestan, Republic	Makhachkala	Severo-Kavkazskiy	SKFO	R6W
16 Yevreyskaya autonomous oblast	Birobidzhan	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0D
17 Zabaykalskiy Krai	Chita	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0U
18 Ivanovskaya oblast	Ivanovo	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3U
19 Ingushetiya, Republic	Magas	Severo-Kavkazskiy	SKFO	R6Q
20 Irkutskaya oblast	Irkutsk	Sibirskiy	SFO	R0S
21 Kabardino-Balkariya, Republic	Nalchik	Severo-Kavkazskiy	SKFO	R6X
22 Kaliningradskaya oblast	Kaliningrad	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R2F
23 Kalmykiya, Republic	Elista	Yuzhny	YuFO	R6I
24 Kaluzhskaya oblast	Kaluga	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3X
25 Kamchatskiy Krai	Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0Z
26 Karachayevsko-Cherkesskiy, Republic	Cherkessk	Severo-Kavkazskiy	SKFO	R6E
27 Karelia, Republic	Petrozavodsk	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R1N
28 Kemerovskaya oblast	Kemerovo	Sibirskiy	SFO	R9U
29 Kirovskaya oblast	Kirov	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4N
30 Komi, Republic	Sykt'yvkar	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R9X
31 Kostromskaya oblast	Kostroma	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3N
32 Krasnodarskiy Krai	Krasnodar	Yuzhny	YuFO	R6A
33 Krasnoyarskiy Krai	Krasnoyarsk	Sibirskiy	SFO	R0A
34 Krym (Crimea), Republic	Simferopol	Yuzhny	YuFO	R6K
35 Kurganskaya oblast	Kurgan	Uralskiy	UFO	R9Q
36 Kurskaya oblast	Kursk	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3W
37 Leningradskaya oblast	St. Petersburg	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R1C
38 Lipetskaya oblast	Lipetsk	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3G
39 Magadanskaya oblast	Magadan	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0I
40 Mariy El, Republic	Yoshkar-Ola	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4S
41 Mordovia, Republic	Saransk	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4U
42 Moscow, City	Moscow	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3A
43 Moscow oblast	Moscow	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3D
44 Murmanskaya oblast	Murmansk	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R1Z
45 Nenetskiy autonomous district	Naryan-Mar	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R1P

Entity of the Russian Federation	Capital City	Federal District (FD)	FD, designation	Entity, designation
46 Nizhegorodskaya oblast	Nizhniy Novgorod	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R3T
47 Novgorodskaya oblast	Velikiy Novgorod	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R1T
48 Novosibirskaya oblast	Novosibirsk	Sibirskiy	SFO	R9O
49 Omskaya oblast	Omsk	Sibirskiy	SFO	R9M
50 Orenburgskaya oblast	Orenburg	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R9S
51 Orlovskaya oblast	Orel	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3E
52 Penzenskaya oblast	Penza	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4F
53 Permskiy Krai	Perm	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R9F
54 Primorskiy Krai	Vladivostok	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0L
55 Pskovskaya oblast	Pskov	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R1W
56 Rostovskaya oblast	Rostov-na-Donu	Yuzhny	YuFO	R6L
57 Ryazanskaya oblast	Ryazan	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3S
58 Samarskaya oblast	Samara	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4H
59 Saratovskaya oblast	Saratov	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4C
60 St.-Petersburg, City	St. Petersburg	Severo-Zapadny	SZFO	R1A
61 Sakha (Yakutia), Republic	Yakutsk	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0Q
62 Sakhalinskaya oblast	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0F
63 Sverdlovskaya oblast	Yekaterinburg	Uralskiy	UFO	R9C
64 Sevastopol, City	Sevastopol	Yuzhny	YuFO	R6R
65 Smolenskaya oblast	Smolensk	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3L
66 Northern Osetia – Alania, Republic	Vladikavkaz	Severo-Kavkazskiy	SKFO	R6J
67 Stavropolskiy Krai	Stavropol	Severo-Kavkazskiy	SKFO	R6H
68 Tambovskaya oblast	Tambov	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3R
69 Tatarstan, Republic	Kazan	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4P
70 Tverskaya oblast	Tver	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3I
71 Tomskaya oblast	Tomsk	Sibirskiy	SFO	R9H
72 Tulsкая oblast	Tula	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3P
73 Tyva, Republic	Kyzyl	Sibirskiy	SFO	R0Y
74 Tyumenskaya oblast	Tyumen	Uralskiy	UFO	R9L
75 Udmurtia, Republic	Izhevsk	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4W
76 Ulyanovskaya oblast	Ulyanovsk	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4L
77 Khabarovskiy Krai	Khabarovsk	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0C
78 Khakassia, Republic	Abakan	Sibirskiy	SFO	R0W
79 Khanty-Mansiyskiy autonomous district	Khanty-Mansiysk	Uralskiy	UFO	R9J
80 Chelyabinskaya oblast	Chelyabinsk	Uralskiy	UFO	R9A
81 Chechnya, Republic	Grozny	Severo-Kavkazskiy	SKFO	R6P
82 Chuvashia, Republic	Cheboksary	Privolzhskiy	PFO	R4Y
83 Chukotskiy autonomous district	Anadyr	Dalnevostochny	DFO	R0K
84 Yamalo-Nenetskiy autonomous district	Salekhard	Uralskiy	UFO	R9K
85 Yaroslavlskaya oblast	Yaroslavl	Tsentralny	TsFO	R3M

Appendix 2. Territories of the Russian Federation and their designations based on the “R-150-S” award's list

A full list of territories for “R-150-S” award can be found at <http://news.srr.ru/dx-menam/diplomy/diplom-r-150-s-2/>

Territory name	Continent	Presence of SPNA	Call signs
1 Russia	Europe/Asia	yes	R, UA-UI
2 Antarctica	Antarctica	yes	R1AN, KC4
3 Gogland Isl.	Europe	no, prospective	R1C
4 Franz Josef Land & Victoria Isl.	Europe	yes	R1FJ, R10
5 Karelia, Republic	Europe	yes	R1N
6 Novaya Zemlya Isl.	Europe	yes	R10
7 Solovets Isl.	Europe	yes	R10
8 Kolguev Isl.	Europe	no, prospective	R1P
9 Kaliningrad oblast	Europe	yes	R2F
10 The tract of Medvezhye-Sankovo, Bryansk oblast	Europe	no	R3Y
11 Marij El, Republic	Europe	yes	R4S
12 Tatarstan, Republic	Europe	yes	R4P
13 Mordovia, Republic	Europe	yes	R4U
14 Udmurtia, Republic	Europe	yes	R4W
15 Chuvashia, Republic	Europe	yes	R4Y
16 Karachaevo-Cherkesia, Republic	Europe	yes	R6E
17 Kalmykia, Republic	Europe	yes	R6I
18 Severnaya Osetia – Alania, Republic	Europe	yes	R6J
19 Crimea, Republic	Europe	yes	R6K
20 Chechnya, Republic	Europe	yes	R6P
21 Ingushetia, Republic	Europe	yes	R6Q
22 Dagestan, Republic	Europe	yes	R6W
23 Kabardino-Balkaria, Republic	Europe	yes	R6X
24 Adygeya, Republic	Europe	yes	R6Y
25 Bashkortostan, Republic	Europe	yes	R9W
26 Komi, Republic	Europe	yes	R9X
27 Altay, Republic	Asia	yes	R9Z
28 Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago	Asia	yes	ROB
29 Sibiryakova Isl.	Asia	yes	ROB
30 Ushakova & Vise Isl.	Asia	no	ROB
31 Iony Isl.	Asia	yes	ROC
32 Menshikova Isl.	Asia	no	ROC
33 Kuril Isl.	Asia	yes	ROF
34 Monron Isl.	Asia	yes	ROF
35 Wrangel Isl.	Asia	yes	ROK
36 Ratmanova (Big Diomid) Isl.	Asia	no	ROK
37 Buryatiya, Republic	Asia	yes	ROO
38 Sakha (Yakutiya), Republic	Asia	yes	ROQ
39 Medvezhii Isl.	Asia	yes	ROQ
40 Novosibirsk Isl.	Asia	yes	ROQ
41 Peschanyj Isl.	Asia	yes	ROQ
42 Khakassiya, Republic	Asia	yes	ROW
43 Karaginskij Isl.	Asia	no	ROX
44 Tyva, Republic	Asia	yes	ROY
45 Komandorskie Isl.	Asia	yes	ROZ