

Capercaillie – a feathered creature with absolutely marvellous body curves

Turning back to my early childhood, I can distinctly see a boy meeting with capercaillie for the first time. My heart quivered touched by the mysterious experience in presence of this unique jewel of nature. Since then, this exclusive sensation is not possible to be separated from my being.

The capercaillie has enchanted me with its majestic appearance, and with his shy and mysterious behaviour. I have found his court display in the romantic chiaro-scuro inside a moonlit forest most charming. No matter where I am present my soul wanders across the remote capercaillie refuges. Every day I wake up with my little capercaillies and hens on my mind. I spend my days enjoying their pleasures and experiencing their worries. In evenings I fall asleep with greetings to these beautiful creatures...

The happiest days in my life are also the days when I climb up a barely visible path up to the most remote capercaillie fortifications. Shortly after midnight, I take my place in the auditorium in front of the stage of the forest theatre built of time-honoured maple, beech, fir and spruce trees... When I am waiting patiently, freezing in front of the altar of their sacred temple until they start to recite their inimitable silent rosary.

In such moments, watching this capercaillie representation located in the moonlight under the canopy of this large temple of God, my interior penetrates into their world. For a few hours, I feel like I am one of them. This marvellous experience I am not able to describe.

Even when I am not sharing community with my beloved capercaillies, I contemplate them or make drawings to present a vivid picture of them and, in such a way, console my soul. I cannot judge my pictures' fidelity. I have left the judgement to you, dear reader. Nevertheless, I love these pictures very much, and each time when I cannot be in the forest among live capercaillies, I examine my drawings again. And the collection of these drawings is presented to the reader in this unplanned tiny book.