
The LPO in Action

The LPO, with the help of its members and supporters,

- **buys** land to protect habitats in key areas
- **improves** the habitats where birds live, by planting trees, creating ponds, working with industry to reduce the hazards from high-power cables, etc.
- **advises** farmers on land-management and protection of nest sites
- **researches** the best ways of caring for injured birds and rehabilitating them to the wild
- **educates** and raises awareness in the public, especially children, of the importance of birds and the environment
- **cooperates** with other conservation organisations, particularly via *BirdLife International*
- **publishes** the magazines *L'Oiseau Magazine* and *Ornithos*, plus booklets, leaflets, posters, etc. for information

Ornithos

A journal aimed at the active birder and field ornithologist, published six times per year. In French, but with English summaries of main items, and fully illustrated in colour.

Typical contents include:

- papers on the identification, status and biology of birds in France
- reports on rare breeding, wintering and migrant species
- the annual report of the national rarities committee
- results of censuses of breeding birds, waterbirds, etc.
- reports on events such as influxes of Waxwings and Red-footed Falcons as they occur
- detailed guides to birding hotspots in France, e.g. La Dombes, the Baie du Mont-St.-Michel, Lac de Madine ...
- notes on bird behaviour and status
- news items from France and around the world, book reviews, etc.

L'Oiseau Magazine

Full colour magazine published quarterly by the LPO, with reduced subscription rates for members.

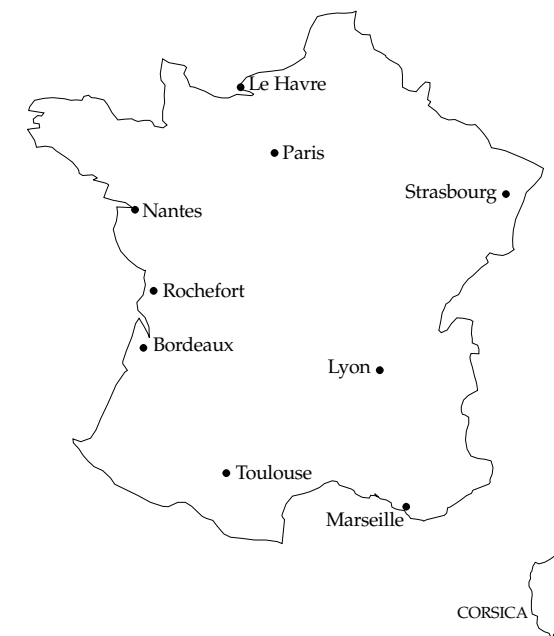
Aimed at everyone with an interest in birds in France – the best and most lively source of information around.

In French, of course, but very approachable and well worth the effort for any birdwatcher wanting an agreeable way of brushing up on the language.

Topics covered in typical issues include:

- **birding sites in France** – the Brière, the Gironde estuary, French Alps, Vosges, Lac du Der ...
– **and overseas** – Mali, Kerguelen, Madagascar ...
- **status** of individual species in France – White Stork, Black Stork, Crane, Stone Curlew, Ptarmigan, Ortolan, Whiskered Tern, Corsican Nuthatch ...
- **bird protection** stories – Loire estuary, la Crau, traffic in protected species, hunting seasons ...
- **people** involved with birds – Paul Géroutet, Hermann Heinzel, artists, writers, photographers, conservationists active in France and worldwide ...
- **activities and news** from the various LPO groups around the country
- **practical conservation** – local refuges, city parks, improving your garden for birdlife ...
- **recent reports** of birds seen in France, including the latest rarities
- **mystery photographs**
- **book reviews**
- etc. ...

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and help enjoy
and protect
the birds of
FRANCE



LPO: *La Ligue Française pour la
Protection des Oiseaux*

Wild Birds Know No Frontiers

Every day the world grows smaller. Birds are constantly crossing man-made barriers as well as the natural ones they have had to contend with for centuries. Whether from the Arctic, Scandinavia, Britain or Central Europe, their paths inevitably take them through France on their way to winter quarters in the Mediterranean and beyond.

Ospreys from Scotland, Black-tailed Godwits and Spoonbills from Holland, Cranes and Honey Buzzards from Scandinavia, Brent Geese from Russia, as well as the hordes of Willow Warblers, Swallows, Cuckoos, Tree Pipits and all the other familiar woodland and farmland birds of northern Europe – all need safe havens here if they are to survive from one season to the next.

And it is not just the migrants. France is one of the largest countries of western Europe. Its landscapes range from the high mountains of the Alps and Pyrenees, through the wooded hills of the Massif Central, the plains and lakes of Champagne, to the marshes and estuaries of the Vendée and the Camargue. Habitats like these are the very heartland of the breeding bird populations of western Europe.

Everyone knows of the Camargue – for many birdwatchers it was their first venture into the wider world of European birding. Others have visited the lakes of La Brenne and the mountains of the Pyrenees. More recently the Cranes and White-tailed Eagles of the north-eastern lakes have attracted much attention. But the rest of the country still seems to be unknown territory as far as many birdwatchers are concerned.

And yet, there are some wonderful birds and places waiting to be discovered – Bluethroats in the west coast marshes, White Storks breeding as close as Normandy, Collared Flycatchers in Lorraine, Griffon Vultures in the Cévennes, hordes of raptors crossing the Pyrenees – more than are seen at the Bosphorus. And this in spite of the fact that France is the most popular foreign destination with British holidaymakers, and that French is the most widely taught second language in British schools.

If you want to know more about the birds of France, to find out the best places to go to see them, and to help protect them and the places in which they live, join the LPO today, or subscribe to one of its publications – L'Oiseau Magazine and Ornithos

Investing for the Future

The LPO works for the protection of birds and the places on which they depend for nesting, wintering and during their migration.

- In 1912, it created its first bird reserve, 'les Sept-Iles', off the north Brittany coast, to protect the seabirds breeding there, particularly the important colony of Puffins – and hence its adoption of the species for its logo.
- Since then the LPO has purchased several more key nature reserves and visitor centres, as well as being involved in the management of many others – places such as the Basses Vallées Angevines, the Ile de Ré, the marshes of the Vendée and Poitou-Charentes, the Lac du Der-Chantecoq in the Champagne region ...
- It is active in the care of injured birds, with centres for victims of oiling at l'Île Grande in Brittany and for raptors and other birds in the Auvergne.
- There is a continuing programme of protection for individual species – Montagu's Harriers in cereal crops, Peregrines in the Massif Central, Corncrakes in Anjou, Black Terns in Charente-Maritime, White Storks using artificial nesting platforms more and more widely ...
- A series of Annual Campaigns have raised awareness and funds for specific projects. Some of the more recent ones have been those to help rare breeding raptors such as the Egyptian Vulture and Lesser Kestrel, the wetlands of La Brenne in the centre of the country, and the remaining breeding sites of the Little Bustard.
- The LPO has worked closely with environmental groups Europe-wide to bring the national hunting laws into line with those of other European countries, and to ensure that the laws are properly enforced.
- Since 1980 based in the historic Corderie Royale in Rochefort, the LPO has a network of active local branches throughout France to spread the word as widely as possible. It is the French partner for *BirdLife International*, and is coordinator of the *Important Bird Areas* programme.

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- Individual membership plus subscription to *Ornithos*: 55.00 euro.
- Individual membership plus subscription to *Ornithos* and *L'Oiseau Magazine*: 76.60 euro.
- Subscription to *L'Oiseau Magazine* at non-member rate: 25.60 euro.
- Subscription to *Ornithos* at non-member rate: 42.00 euro.

* Rates valid December 2009

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