

Two escapades are proposed on sites where actions are carried out in favour of the red-legged partridge.

The National Nature Reserve Coussouls de Crau



Between the Camargue and the Alpilles, is a steppe of a rare biological and archaeological richness: the Crau Coussouls, original habitat of an ancient alluvial plain of 60 000 hectares born from the Durance paleo-delta. The reserve covers 7,400 hectares. The biodiversity and the ecological functions of these landscapes of the steppes, traversed by sheep and goats are among the most singular in the world.

One can observe the famous pin-tailed sandgrouse, the little bustard, the stone curlew, the hoopoe, and all the other species of birds which nest or migrate in Crau during the summer period. All these birds are subject to special protection and the reserve's co-managers, CEN PACA and the Bouches-du-Rhône Chamber of Agriculture, ensure the protection and maintenance of these emblematic species.



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The Alpilles massif



The Alpilles, limestone block 30 kilometers-long and more than 10 kilometers-wide, is a landscape entity. The imprint of man, through history and its current activities, is omnipresent and has shaped this landscape over the centuries. This site is characterized by a traditional and diversified agriculture, main economic resource of this territory with the tourism.

Piloted by the Regional Park of the Alpilles, a Life program conducts actions for 13 bird species, some of which are among the rarest and most endangered species in France, as the Bonelli's eagle or the Egyptian vulture. About 40 actions are or will be carried out between 2013 and 2018, including the improvement of bird habitats by promoting human activities and alternative agricultural practices.



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