



LPN provides nature activities with minimal impact on birds and their habitats.

Enjoy a unique experience in the Castro Verde Special Protection Area, getting to know the LPN's Biodiversity Reserves. The habitat management carried out here ensures high birdwatching quality.

**BIRDWATCHING**

Guided Birdwatching Tours through excursions on foot or in all-terrain vehicles, throughout the entire Castro Verde Special Protection Area and the Biodiversity Reserves of LPN. Get to know birds and their stories, accompanied by the best experts.

**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

Special shelters located in the Biodiversity Reserves of LPN for: Great Bustard, Lesser Kestrel, European Roller, Little Bustard among others.

All year round, you can watch Steppe Birds and many other species...

For more information, go to:  
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**YOUR VISIT ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTES TO THE CONSERVATION OF STEPPE BIRDS!**



WHEN VISITING THE REGION, PLEASE CONTACT LPN!!!

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# Bird watching

Steppe Birds  
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The **Steppe Birds** are highly vulnerable species with an unfavourable conservation status worldwide.

With the agricultural changes in the 20th century, these populations declined dramatically and are now confined to very limited areas.

The **Castro Verde Special Protection Area (SPA)**, included in the **European Nature 2000 Network**, is the largest steppe area in Portugal (85 000 hectares). The traditional agriculture of dry land cereals with grasslands and pastures that predominates here is ideal for steppe birds.

The **League for the Protection of Nature (LPN)**, founded in 1948, is the oldest Non-Governmental Environmental Organisation (NGO) of the Iberian Peninsula. Since 1993, it develops the **Sustainable Castro Verde Programme**, which implements protection measures for the steppe birds and their habitat, being a national and international benchmark.

Within Castro Verde SPA area, **LPN manages 1.700 hectares of Biodiversity Reserves** for the conservation of steppe birds.

## COME AND GET TO KNOW THIS EXTRAORDINARY PLACE AND CLOSELY SEE SPECIES THAT ARE ENDANGERED WORLDWIDE.

### ALL YEAR ROUND

- GREAT BUSTARD (*Otis tarda*) (4)
- IBERIAN IMPERIAL EAGLE (*Aquila adalberti*)
- BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE (*Pterocles orientalis*) (5)
- LITTLE BUSTARD (*Tetrax tetrax*) (1)
- BLACK VULTURE (*Aegypius monachus*)
- BONELLI'S EAGLE (*Aquila fasciata*)
- GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetus*)
- GRIFFON VULTURE (*Gyps fulvus*) (6)
- BLACK-WINGED KITE (*Elanus caeruleus*)
- LITTLE OWL (*Athene noctua*) (9)

### SPRING

- LESSER KESTREL (*Falco naumanni*) (8)
- EUROPEAN ROLLER (*Coracias garrulus*) (7)
- MONTAGU'S HARRIER (*Circus pygargus*) (2)
- GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO (*Clamator glandarius*) (3)

### WINTER

- HEN HARRIER (*Circus cyaneus*)
- RED KITE (*Milvus milvus*)
- COMMON CRANE (*Groux groux*)

**Your visit contributes to the conservation of nature and environmental education in the region.**

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