



# La Pélite

*The red gorge shows up in your mailbox when you least expect it.*

## Discovering... Surrounding nature

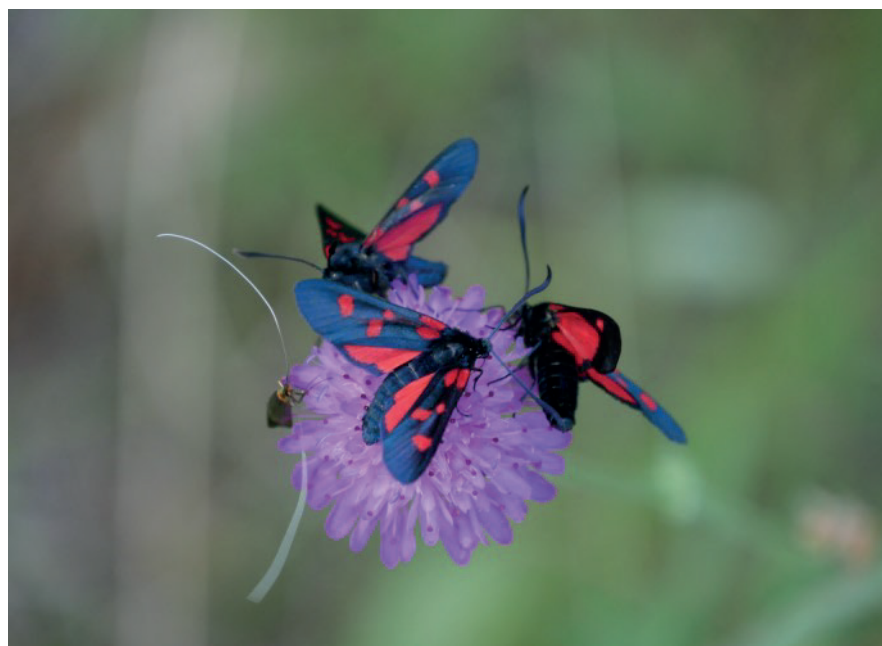
You may already know that the Gorges de Daluis Reserve is home to a one-off natural heritage. This is part of why the nature reserve was created on this territory, but there is also an infinity of seemingly "dull" species. For example, among the 88 known bird species, some 70 are considered as common. However, preserving biodiversity is not only protecting golden eagles or ocellated lizards. It is also looking after the surrounding "ordinary" biodiversity which is as challenging as protecting the "outstanding" biodiversity. Indeed, the former is directly affected by urbanization and land planning.

Small or big, diversified habitats are key elements to protect the nature surrounding us. Keeping old trees in our gardens for great spotted woodpeckers to excavate, leaving branch piles for hedgehogs to take shelter, or unmown lawn for bugs to buzz around are some nice and easy ways to help protecting biodiversity!

Would you like to know your garden's fauna and flora better? Or what to build to make your house nature-friendly? You don't have to wait for nature to come to your home... Invite it by making your house an LPO Refuge®!

As a part of its project to develop bird tourism in the Southern Alps, the LPO PACA (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Bird Protection League) helps inn and holiday cottage owners make their business an LPO Refuge®. Some of them are already deeply involved in this eco-aware initiative, as you will discover in the next section

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Zygæna and a fairy longhorn moth on a burnet. © S. Larboret

## Meeting...

### The Reinert family

The *Balcons du Paradis* Bed and Breakfast is a unique place. After all, its name means "Heaven's Balconies"! To reach this place located in the Amignons, between Péone and Valberg, one has to walk the 600-metre long trail lined with old low walls and hedges; and the hosts, **Isabelle and Gilbert Reinert** have no intention of changing that. Living so close to nature, they get to see its wonders everyday: tit, great spotted woodpecker, buck and doe watching brightens up their daily life.

The *Balcons du Paradis* Bed and Breakfast will become an LPO Refuge with the help of the LPO PACA. Isabelle and Gilles' eco-friendly practices and their idyllic living environment make it an ideal place to welcome wildlife.

The advantage of this project is that in autumn

they will be given an educational kit consisting of activities and tools (binoculars and bird identification guide) so that any curious customer can discover this natural heritage.

## Upcoming...

### Seasonal migration celebration

On **24th june**, during the seasonal migration celebration in Guillaumes, you can take part in family activities to discover the nature reserve's birds and bats!

## Did you know...?

### Useful bats?

Catching its preys most of the time in midair, always by night, a single bat can eat up to 500 insects every night!

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