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La Réserve Naturelle de l'Étang de la Mazière

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La Réserve Naturelle de l'Étang de la Mazière is just 2 kms across open country from "chez nous". This reserve represents the last vestige of the natural historic landscape



of the Garonne valley (i.e. pre-Common Market agriculture). The environment is unique in the whole of the region of Aquitaine. This may not sound too impressive, until you realise that the region of Aquitaine covers a little over 41,000 square kilometres, an area roughly similar in size to Switzerland.



The reserve is home to 230 species of plants, 500 species of insects, 15 species of fish, 10 species of reptiles and 7 species of amphibians. 195 species of birds are either nesting or migratory/winter visitors here and 72 of these are protected species.

There are hides from which you can observe the wildlife.

On the right, in a heavily shaded clearing in the woods, a [Painting Photography France](#) client singles out the individual call of a nightingale with a uni-directional, parabolic microphone whilst Jill receives an explanation on the bird's habitat from Julian, the reserve's chief guide.



Because the reserve is such an important and fragile environment and, because it is a haven for many protected species, public access is strictly prohibited, unless by prior appointment (when it is accompanied). If you would like to visit the reserve, please let us know well in advance and we will arrange a visit for you. Wildlife is at its most abundant from Mid-August to November

(due to migration).

Note for photographers :
if you are contemplating taking photos at
the reserve, you will need a 300 mm lens
as a minimum.

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