

## Reedbeds a major habitat for birds in the Camargue



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A nature trail on the Rousty estate crosses typical Camargue landscape before arriving at an important reedbed with abundant wildlife.

The Bearded reedling can be seen throughout the year and on early spring mornings the colourful males can be spotted singing from the top of a reed. Later, they form large flocks and their distinctive ping-ping contact notes give their presence away. Numbers may decline drastically during very hard winters but the main threat to the species is the destruction of its reedbed habitat, thankfully still abundant in the Camargue.

Other reedbed species rely to be found in the Camargue include: Bittern, Little bittern, Purple heron, Great egret, Moustached and Great reed warbler as well as the Bearded reedling. The Camargue is made up of a number of private estates which are not always open to the general public. To help you to enjoy your birdwatching experience in the best possible conditions, please consult our "Where to watch birds" guide for observation sites and access.

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**To find out more about the Camargue's birds :**  
Visit our web site and discover our recently produced brochure  
"Where to watch birds in the Camargue Regional Nature Park"  
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