



# Practical conservation visit to La Brenne, central France

Mon 21st - Wed 30th November 2016



An 8-day EuCAN working holiday in this little-known but fabulous region of France only 300 miles south of the Channel coast...



**La Brenne** is a land of 3000 fishponds, reedbeds, gently rolling pastures, heaths, forests and gorges, just south of the River Loire. Much lies within the Parc Naturel Régional; a significant part is further protected as La Chérine Nature reserve. It is a wintering area for many species of waterfowl and waders, and now attracts huge flocks of Cranes between November and March. The butterfly list numbers more than 100 species and there are many moth species now extinct in the UK. The rare European Pond Tortoise breeds here in good numbers. EuCAN has been bringing groups of trainees and volunteers here since 2007 and we have come to know the area, its wildlife and its people very well.

During this working holiday we will be staying in the municipal gîte in Mézières-en-Brenne and working on various parts of the nature reserve on five of the days. Mostly this work will consist of reedbed and grassland habitat management. The first day will be spent exploring and the Sunday will be a free day for birdwatching, walking, cycling etc.



**Price** includes night ferry from Portsmouth, minibus travel in France, full board (we will be mainly cooking for ourselves as a group but will eat out locally on one or two nights), excl drinks and meals on the journeys.

**Subsidised price per person in shared accommodation: £300 / £150 for unwaged.**

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