

Raķupes ielejas pļavu atjaunošana notiek Latvijas Dabas fonda īstenotā projekta "Paliņu pļavu atjaunošana Eiropas Savienības sugām un biotopiem" ietvaros. Šī projekta ietvaros rasts arī finansējums informatīvā bukleta izdošanai.

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**Sadarbības partneri:** Dabas aizsardzības pārvalde, Ziemeļvidzemes biosfēras rezervāts, Latvijas Ornitoloģijas biedrība, 22 pašvaldības, to skaitā Ances un Dundagas pagasta padome.

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**Norises vietas:** 15 īpaši aizsargājamas dabas teritorijas – *Natura 2000* vietas visā Latvijā: Kalnciema pļavas, Sitas un Pededzes paliene, Mugurves pļavas, Pededzes lejtece, Dvietes paliene, Burgas pļavas, Sedas purvs, Vidusburtnieks, Rūjas paliene, Burtnieku ezera pļavas, Lielupes palienes pļavas, Svētes paliene, Raķupes ieleja, Durbes ezera pļavas, Užavas augštece.

**Projekta mērķi:**

- ✗ bioloģiski vērtīgāko un pašlaik aizaugošo paliņu pļavu atjaunošana;
- ✗ ilgtspējīga paliņu pļavu apsaimniekošanas veicināšana, saglabājot apdraudētajām sugām piemērotus biotopus.



#### Natura 2000 - Eiropas aizsargājamo dabas teritoriju tīkls

*Natura 2000* ir vienots aizsargājamo teritoriju tīkls visās Eiropas Savienības dalībvalstīs, kas ir nozīmīgs dažādu īpaši aizsargājamo augu un dzīvnieku sugu aizsardzībai un saglabāšanai. *Natura 2000* teritoriju tīkls aizņem 20% Eiropas Savienības valstu kopējās teritorijas (Latvijā 11,9% valsts teritorijas, iekļaujot pavisam 336 īpaši aizsargājamās dabas teritorijas).



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## Nature Reserve "Raķupes ieleja"

Size of the Nature Reserve is 2204 ha, it is located in Talsi district Dundaga and Valdgale municipalities and Ventspils district Ance and Puze municipalities. It is recognized as *Natura 2000* site. Territory is marked as Important Bird Area (IBA). Already in 1987 government founded Nature Reserve in Raķupe river valley with size of 616 ha. Reason for this was protection of the landscape typically for lowland river valley, floodplain meadows with groups of the oak tree.

In current territory of the Nature Reserve two districts are separated geographically and by the way of previous use – Raķupe and Pāce with surrounding meadows and forests and marshlands. Singularity of this territory is one of the greatest values of this Nature Reserve, because variety of habitats provides plentiful content of the species in all the groups of plants and animals.



Raķupe Vally landscape in winter.

### Wild threasures

Nature Reserve "Raķupes ieleja" is important site of boreal forest, marshy forest, marshland with the black alder, springs and spring swamp as well as different meadow biotopes (e.g. Blue Moorgrass meadows, Molinia meadows, Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies, Fennoscandian lowland species-rich dry to mesic grasslands, Northern Boreal alluvial meadows, Lowland hay meadows). Significant is also the biotope of the raised bog – Dūmiņpurvs.

In this territory one of the highest density of the Corn Crake *Crex crex* nesting in Kurzeme region, as well as occurrence site of Hermit beetle *Osmoderma eremita*, endangered in Europe. In the Nature Reserve "Raķupes ieleja" following singularities are stated:

- 95 bird species, 25 of them are specially protected in Europe (among most attractive: Boreal Owl *Aegolius funereus*, Pygmy Owl *Glauclidium passerinum*, Hazel grouse *Bonasa bonasia*, rare woodpeckers etc.



Pygmy Owl *Glauclidium passerinum*.

- 25 specially protected species of the invertebrates, but for beetles this is one of the best sites in Latvia

- 6 protected species of the fishes and lampreys, 5 of them European significance

- 22 rare and protected species of the vascular plants, like wild orchids

- 9 species of rare and protected moss

- 2 species of the rare and protected species of fungus.



Maiden Pink *Dianthus deltoides* is often seen in meadows of Raķupe and is flowering from June to the October.

### Management and protection

Some of the farms on the territory of the Nature Reserve are not inhabited, therefore meadows are not mowed and the process of the overgrowing has started. Territory is mainly used for hunting and extensive timber industry.

Nature Management Plan for the Nature Reserve "Raķupes ieleja" was elaborated 2007 in the frameworks of the LIFE–Nature project "Restoration of the floodplains" with Latvian Nature Fund. During that project lot of valuable floodplain meadows were restored.



Dundaga Castle and church from above.

### Tourism and recreation

Territory of the Nature Reserve is sparsely populated, but in nearest surrounding there are more significant cultural monuments situated. Dundaga is famous for its big castle, the construction of which was started in 1249 by the chapter of priests of Riga. You will be surprised exploring the legend about the Green Virgin or story about Crocodile's monument in the Centre of village. There are several other tourist attractions in the nearest neighbourhood: ethnographic Kubalu school museum, Valpene pyramid, made from big boulders saving story about folk songs – *dainas* collection.

Dundaga is the biggest parish in Latvia, which is situated in Kurzeme peninsula's northern part. 71% of the territory is covered with forests. This region of Latvia is famous of its green forests, blue sky and the sea. Part of the territory is taken up by Slitere National Park which is the biggest nearest nature tourist attraction. Territory of the Nature Reserve "Raķupes ieleja" is not exactly tourist destination, though nature travellers and birdwatchers could visit it, keeping themselves attentive to surrounding nature.

Get off the beaten track and discover the wild wonders of Northern Kurzeme!



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# Raķupes ieleja

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