

Between forest and eagle's nest

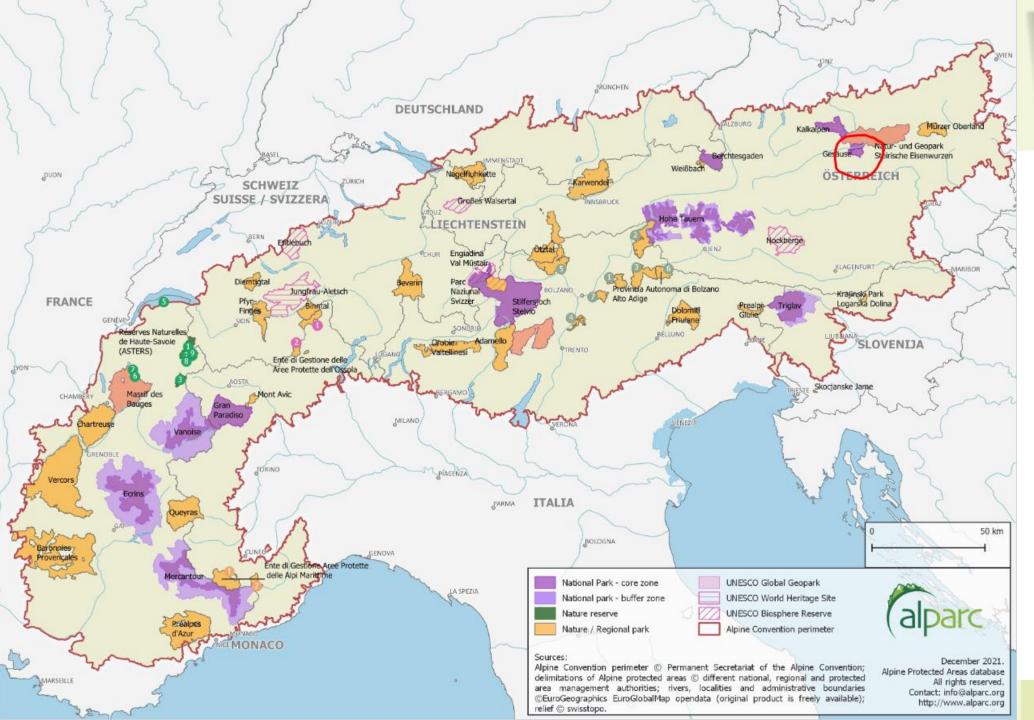
Experiences of a Ranger in wildlife monitoring in the

Gesäuse National Park



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Landscape



Rock

Forest

River



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Common Sandpiper

(Actitis hypoleucos)

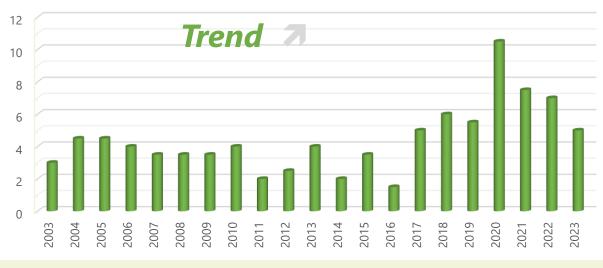


- the common sandpiper is a summer visitor from West Africa, south of the Sahara
- it needs natural rivers with gravel banks and small islands e.g. rivers like the Enns or the Johnsbach in the Gesäuse National Park
- the nest is located on the islands or close to the shore, well hidden in the dense vegetation
- the largest population in Styria breeds in the Gesäuse National Park (between 5 and 10 breeding couples)
- continuous monitoring since 2003

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Arrival:12. April 2023

5 Breeding couples

5 nestlings

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- was extinct in Austria during the last century
- since 2009 resettlement project in the Biospährenpark Wienerwald and the Wildnisgebiet Dürrenstein-Lassingtal
- a few years later first sightings in the Gesäuse National Park area
- since 2014 the Gesäuse National Park is supporting the resettlement project with nesting boxes
- 8 nesting boxes in the area

Golden Eagle

(Aquila chrysaetos)



• 3 breeding territories in the national park

continuous monitoring of the breeding success

• first golden eagle in AT got equipped with a satellite transmitter

2021: 3 nestlings

2023: 2 nestlings

cooperation with the Konrad Lorenz Research station from the University Vienna

Golden Eagle territories



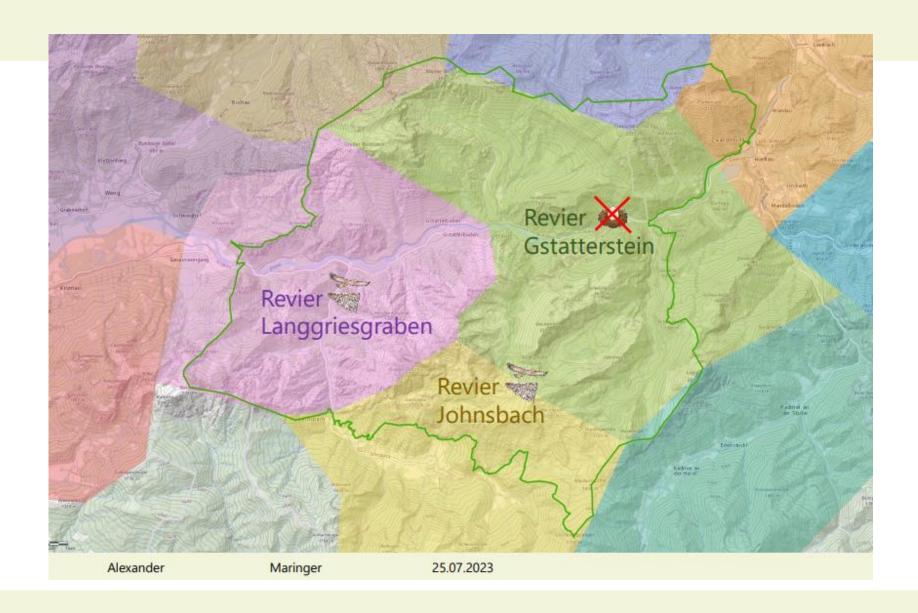


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