



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

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for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE **BG0002110**
SITENAME **Apriltsi**

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code BG0002110
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1.3 Site name

Apriltsi

1.4 First Compilation date 2005-10	1.5 Update date 2015-07
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1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation:	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
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1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	2007-03
National legal reference of SPA designation	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007).

Explanation(s):	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). Issued designation order by the Minister of Environment and Water with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the site – Order No. RD – 563/05.09.2008 (promulgated SG 84/2008).
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2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude

24.897777777777776

Latitude

42.854444444444445

2.2 Area [ha]:

1935.2735

2.3 Marine area [%]

0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code	Region Name
BG32	Северен централен / Severen tsentralen
BG31	Северозападен / Severozapaden

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Continental (100.0%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

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Species					Population in the site						Site assessment					
Group	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	Type	Size		Unit	Cat.	Data quality	A B C D			A B C		
						Min	Max		C R V P		Pop.	Cons.	Isol.	Glob.		
B	A122	Crex crex			r	38	38	p		G	C	A	C	A		
B	A238	Dendrocopos medius			r	5	5	p		G	C	B	C	C		
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			p	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	B		
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			r	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C		
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	15	15	p		G	C	B	C	C		
B	A246	Lullula arborea			r	11	11	p		G	C	B	C	C		
B	A234	Picus canus			p	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	A		

Group: A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles

S: in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes

NP: in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)

Type: p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)

Unit: i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see [reference portal](#))

Abundance categories (Cat.): C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present - to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information

Data quality: G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna (optional)

Species					Population in the site				Motivation						
Group	CODE	Scientific Name	S	NP	Size		Unit	Cat.	Species Annex		Other categories				
					Min	Max			C	R V P	IV	V	A	B	C
B	A247	Alauda arvensis			26	26								X	
B	A363	Carduelis chloris			5	30								X	
B	A113	Coturnix coturnix			82	82								X	
B	A269	Erithacus rubecula			30	30								X	
B	A359	Fringilla coelebs			55	55								X	
B	A233	Jynx torquilla			3	3								X	
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos			30	30								X	
B	A383	Miliaria calandra			35	35								X	
B	A235	Picus viridis			6	6								X	
B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla			25	25								X	

Group: A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, Fu = Fungi, I = Invertebrates, L = Lichens, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles

CODE: for Birds, Annex IV and V species the code as provided in the reference portal should be used in addition to the scientific name

S: in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes

NP: in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)

Unit: i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting, (see [reference portal](#))

Cat.: Abundance categories: C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present

Motivation categories: **IV, V:** Annex Species (Habitats Directive), **A:** National Red List data; **B:** Endemics; **C:** International Conventions; **D:** other reasons

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N06	
N21	5.0
N12	
N16	19.0
N23	1.0
N08	7.0
N15	1.0
N19	8.0
N09	17.0
N10	34.0
N17	8.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

A complex of wet meadows and pastures, located on flat or slightly sloping terrain around the Vidima river and its tributaries in the region of the town of Apriltsi, in the foothills of the Central Balkan Mountain and the Central Balkan National Park, about 30 km south-east of the town of Troyan. The meadows are overgrown with mesophyle grass vegetation with prevalence of *Agrostis capilaris*, *Festuca rubra*, *Cynosurus cristatus*, etc. (Bondev, 1991).

4.2 Quality and importance

Apriltsi meadows are of international importance for the conservation of the globally threatened Corncrake *Crex crex*, breeding there in considerable numbers. The area is not sufficiently studied for the rest of the bird species occurring there.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative Impacts			
Rank	Threats and pressures [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	F02.03		i
L	J02.05.02		i
M	D01.01		o
M	E06		o
L	E03		i
M	A10		i
M	F03.01		i
M	A04		o
M	E01.03		o
M	D01.02		o
L	A04		i
M	A03		o
M	J02.05.02		o
L	E01.03		i
L	D01.02		i
M	G02		o
L	F02.03		o
L	G02		i
M	A03		i
M	G01.02		i
L	D01.01		i
M	G01.02		o
L	E03		o
L	E06		i
M	F03.01		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	F02.03		i
M	E01.03		o
L	F02.03		o
L	E01.03		i
M	A04		o

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Dr. Ventseslav Delov - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds, Bulgaria, 1111 Sofia, P.O.Box 50, phone (+359 2) 9715855, fax (+359 2) 9715856, www.bspb.org . Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>). Documents: BDZP/BirdLife Balgariya. 2005. ?Nacionalna banka za ornitologichna informacia 1988-2005?, Balgarsko Druzhestvo za zastita na pticite; Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.); Iankov, P. 2002.(red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptici v Bulgaria. Nacionalni planove za dejstvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodzashtitna poredica, Kn. 4, Sofia: 204-219. ***. 2005. District Development Strategy of Lovech District 2005 ? 2015. Lovech. 94pp. (In Bulgarian); BirdLife International. 2000. Threatened birds of the world. Barcelona and Cambridge, UK: Lynx Edicions and BirdLife International, 695pp. Birdlife International. 2004. Birds in Europe: Population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: Birdlife International (Birdlife Conservation Series No. 12).373pp.; BSPB/BirdLife International. 2005. World Bird Database ? Important Birds Areas.Bulgaria. Cambridge. (unpublished); Guidelines for evaluation of protected zones according, which include habitats for birds to art.7, par.3, under the art.6 par.1.3 and 1.4 of the Biodiversity Act. 2005. (In Bulgarian.); Kostadinova, I., M. Mihailov, (comp.) 2002. Guide for NATURA 2000 in Bulgaria. BSPB nature conservation series No5. BSPB, Sofia, 80pp. (In Bulgarian.); Kostadinova, I. 2005. Application of C criteria for Identification of Important Bird Areas of European Union importance in Bulgaria. Preliminarily implementation and analysis of the gaps. ? In: Petrova, A. (ed.), Current state of Bulgarian biodiversity ? problems and perspectives. Pp. 533-548. Bulgarian Bioplatform, Sofia Osieck, E. 2000 Filling in the requirements of the EU Birds Directive: Lessons from the ?Dutch Case??. In: European IBA Workshop. 29 March - 2 April 2000, Brussels, Belgium. Proceedings. BirdLife International, 86-99; Waliczky, Z. 2000 ? Important Bird Areas of European Union Importance: explanation of the EU Criteria applied in IBA 2000? In: European IBA Workshop. 29 March - 2 April 2000, Brussels, Belgium. Proceedings. BirdLife International, 12-16

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002110&siteType=BirdsDirective>

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
BG06	0.2	BG00	99.8		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	ZLIEVTSI	+	0.2

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	IBA	=	100.0

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The Apriltsi Meadows territory is not protected by the national nature conservation law. In 2005 it was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Water - Pleven, Veliko Tarnovo; Forestry Department - Cherni Osam; State Game-breeding Center "Pusalka";
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

Yes No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).