



6th International symposium **BLACK STORK**

Châlons-en-Champagne - France

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Context

The Black stork's range covers three continents : Europe, Asia and Africa. The majority party of the population is in Europe and concerns the biggest number of countries.

Globally the Black stork is classified as rare (SPEC2) which means that Europe has a particular responsibility for its conservation ; There are very few studies on the species population dynamic on a wider scale. Whatever, there is increasing evidence that the Black stork population is decreasing rapidly, especially in Eastern Europe.

According to most research workers, habitat in a large part of the north of the species breeding range is in danger through forestry intensification, by lack of official protection, by management practices and various causes of disturbance, particular for birds in central and eastern Europe. Various human activities also cause problems during migration. Another major problem is the decline in available feeding areas throughout the species range.

The extensive range is both an advantage and disadvantage for this magnificent bird : the Black stork isn't considered to be globally threatened but it is considered to be threatened locally over a large part of its range.

The special problem is the fact that no one country within the range, neither that with a large population of birds or with extensive suitable resources feel responsible for the population as a whole.

Our greatest challenge for the future is to ensure equal resources for research in the east and the west, the north and the south and to ensure the same intensity of research in breeding, migration and wintering areas.

The solution to the problem of the species population dynamics is assuring a large scale study implemented by numerous groups of researchers. And this necessitates a harmonisation of methods.

We hope that the Châlons-en-Champagne symposium will allow us to compare the specie's status in many countries and accelerate the identification of the causes of decline of certain populations in order to remediate the situation





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This symposium is organised within the framework of the Bourgogne-Champagne-Ardenne interregional BLACK STORK programme.

Thanks to its Black stork network, the "Office national des forêts" has elaborated and coordinated a three year (2010-2012) interregional programme on the species, as demanded by the Champagne-Ardenne and Bourgogne regions. This programme has three parts : research, protection and communication ; the financial and technical partners have allowed the working of the project of which the Chalons-en-Champagne symposium marks the final stage.

One of the main national partners of the "Office national des forêts" for many years and principal national bird conservation organisation in France, the Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux, France's Birdlife International representative co-organised this event within the framework of its centenary celebrations (LPO 1912 – 2012) and gave financial and technical assistance.

Thanks to their experience and longstanding partnership, the "Office national des forêts" and the "Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux" decided to host in France and jointly organise this international event in September 2012 and ever 4 years thereafter.

All the partners of the interregional Bourgogne-Champagne-Ardenne Black stork programme contribute actively to this international event.





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Provisional programme - request for presentations - posters

Site : France. Chalons-en-Champagne (the Marne department).

The symposium will take place at the Hôtel de Région, hosted by the Champagne-Ardenne regional council (Rue de Jericho).

Date :

Friday 21st,
Saturday 22nd and
Sunday 23rd September 2012.

Organiseurs : Office national des forêts (ONF) and the Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux (LPO).

Official language :

French with simultaneous translation (English).

Targeted participants :

Around a hundred people could potentially take part in this international symposium: scientists, ornithologists, forest and wetland managers, electorate, ministerial and local authority representatives... Experts and enthusiasts will mingle during the three days.



Proposed subjects :

this international symposium will look at the present state of our knowledge of black storks throughout the world. The following subjects will thus be treated :

- Status and state of Black stork populations in France, in Europe and worldwide.
- The Black stork's biology
- Scientific research (ringing, following migrants...).
- Migration and wintering.
- Conservation measures and links with forestry management

Preliminary programme :

• **Thursday evening 20th September 2012**

> 17 : 00 : Coach leaves Paris airport (Paris-Roissy Charles-de-Gaulles to Châlons-en-Champagne).

There is a shuttle service between the Paris airports ; Orly and Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle (*cf. practical information*).

• **Friday 21st September 2012, morning :**

> 10 : 00 - 11 : 45 : Welcome for participants

> 11 : 45 - 12 : 45 : Meal (reservation necessary)





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• Friday 21st September 2012 :

- > 13 : 00 : Symposium opening and presentations
- > 13 : 00 - 18 : 00 : **Status and the state of populations**
- The Black stork in France (Restitution of the interregional programme)
- Overall status and history in France: regional situations
- Status in Western Europe
- Status in other countries.
- > 18 : 15 - 20 : 15 : **technical round table :**
- Climbing techniques
- Ringing techniques and ringing coordination
- Capture techniques
- Functioning of the international Black stork group.
- > 20 : 30 onwards : **culinary specialties evening** (each participant brings their local specialty).

• Saturday 22nd September 2012 :

- > 08 : 00 - 11 : 30 : **Migration / Wintering**
- > 11 : 30 - 12 : 15 : Official welcome
- > 12 : 15 - 12 : 45 : Aperitif offered by the Champagne-Ardenne region
- > 12 : 45 - 14 : 00 : Organic buffet (reservation necessary)

> 14 : 15 - 17 : 15 : **Nesting / vital range / water courses**

> 17 : 30 - 18 : 00 :

Symposium closure

> 19 : 30 : meal (reservation necessary).

• Saturday 22nd September 2012 :

event for the general public organized by LPO Champagne-Ardenne within the framework of the LPO Centenary celebrations

- > **Afternoon** : workshops and events for the general public
- > **Evening** : Black stork evening and projection of the LPO Centenary film.

• Sunday 23rd September 2012 : **A choice of two field outings for symposium participants**

> The "grands lacs" (Aube - department 10).

> The Ardennes forest (Ardennes - department 08) Places limited (prior reservation necessary).

> 07 : 30 : Leave Châlons-en-Champagne by coach

> 09 : 00 : on site welcome

> 10 : 00 : field visit

> 13 : 00 : Lunch (reservation necessary).

> 14 : 30 : Return to Châlons-en-Champagne.

> 16 : 00 : Arrive Châlons-en-Champagne.

> 16 : 30 : Champagne wine cellar visit.

• Monday 24th September 2012 :

> 07 : 00 : Depart for Paris by coach.

> 10 : 30 : expected arrival at Paris – Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle.

There is an Air France shuttle service between the Paris airports ; Orly and Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle. (cf. practical information).

> Symposium end.



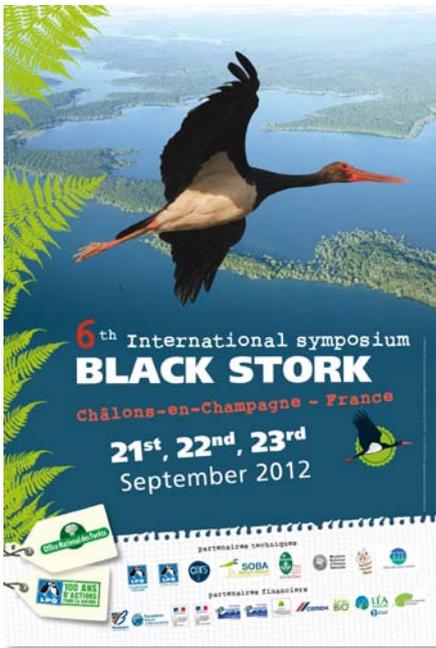


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Proposition of presentations and posters : *French or English*



All propositions of presentations and posters should be sent to :

- Luc STRENNA, scientific editor : lstrenna@gmail.com

With copies to:

- Paul BROSSAULT : paul.brossault.onf.fr
- Frédéric CHAPALAIN : frederic.chapalain.wanadoo.fr
- Nicolas GENDRE : nicolas.gendre.lpo.fr

Presentations : 10 to 15 minutes maximum
Summary of 400 words to be received before **25th May 2012**.
Scientific committee validation 15th June 2012.

Posters to be received before **1st August 2012** at :

LPO – Colloque Cigogne noire – BP 90263 – 17305 Rochefort Cedex - France





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Practical information

Inscription charges (inclusive) :

Inscription charges include :

- Symposium participation
- Sunday field outing including coach transport
- dinner on Friday evening, lunch and dinner on Saturday, Sunday lunch
- coffee breaks
- bus transfer from Paris airports (limited number of places)
- the symposium articles, prevue for 2013

At the participants expense :

- transport costs (plane, train or car)
- accommodation
- breakfasts
- the culinary specialties evening, Friday

The total inscription charge for the symposium is fixed at 60 € (tax included)

The obligatory inscription is definitive once the registration form is received and payment validated.

Payment methods :

- **France :**
 - > by cheque labelled LPO "Colloque Cigogne noire"
 - > by credit card Carte Bleue/VISA or MasterCard.
 - > by Bank transfer
- **International :**
 - > by Bank transfer
 - > by credit card Carte Bleue/VISA or MasterCard





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Practical information

For bank transfers, the LPO's bank references :

Account "Colloque Cigogne noire" :

Account holder : Ligue Française pour la Protection des Oiseaux (LPO)

Les Fonderies Royales – 8 rue du Docteur Pujos – 17 305 Rochefort – France

Bank : 20041 **Branch :** 00001 **Account number :** 0005942P020 **RIB :** 62

IBAN (International Bank Account Number) : FR71 2004 1000 0100 0594 2P02 062

BIC (International Bank Account Number) : PSSTFRPPPAR

Account centre : La Banque Postale Centre financier de Paris

Inscription (preferably by e-mail) and payment should be sent to :

LPO – Colloque Cigogne noire – BP 90263 – 17305 Rochefort Cedex - France

contact@cigogne-noire.fr

For any inquiries please contact the organisers.

All relevant information concerning the symposium and the Black stork in France can be found on the web-site :

<http://www.cigogne-noire.fr>





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How to arrive at the Black stork symposium

By plane :

Paris airport – Roissy Charles-de-Gaulles

Paris airport – Orly

There will be a connecting coach, there and back, from Paris – Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle airport (limited number of seats, reservation is required)

Leaves : Thursday 20th September at 17h00 from Paris – Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle airport

Expected return : Monday 24th September 2012 at 07h00 from the "Hôtel de la Région" at Châlons-en-Champagne for Paris – Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle airport (expected time of arrival 10h30)

There is no direct connection between the symposium site and Paris – Orly airport.

However, there is a frequent shuttle service between Orly and Charles-de-Gaulle airports in Paris.

Air France shuttle – between Paris Orly and Paris Charles-de-Gaulle (ligne 3 – line 3):

There is a regular (every 30 minutes) shuttle service between Paris's main airports.

It's best to allow for at least an hour for this service (time depends on local traffic conditions).

Adult single ticket 19 € Adult return ticket : 29,50 €

From Paris Orly to Paris Charles-de-Gaulle :

First bus : 06h30 and last bus : 22h30

From Paris Charles-de-Gaulle to Paris Orly :

First bus : 05h55 and last bus : 22h30

Tickets for ligne 3 (line 3) can be bought on internet :

https://one.secutex.com/tnsa7/live/shop/cars/INTERNET/ts/event/event_details.php?CNSACTION=TS_SELECT_REPRESENTATION&resa_event_code=LIGNE3&organizer_code=AIR&resa_channel_code=INTERNET&resa_system=tnce7&ts_event_display_mode=LIST&lang=fr





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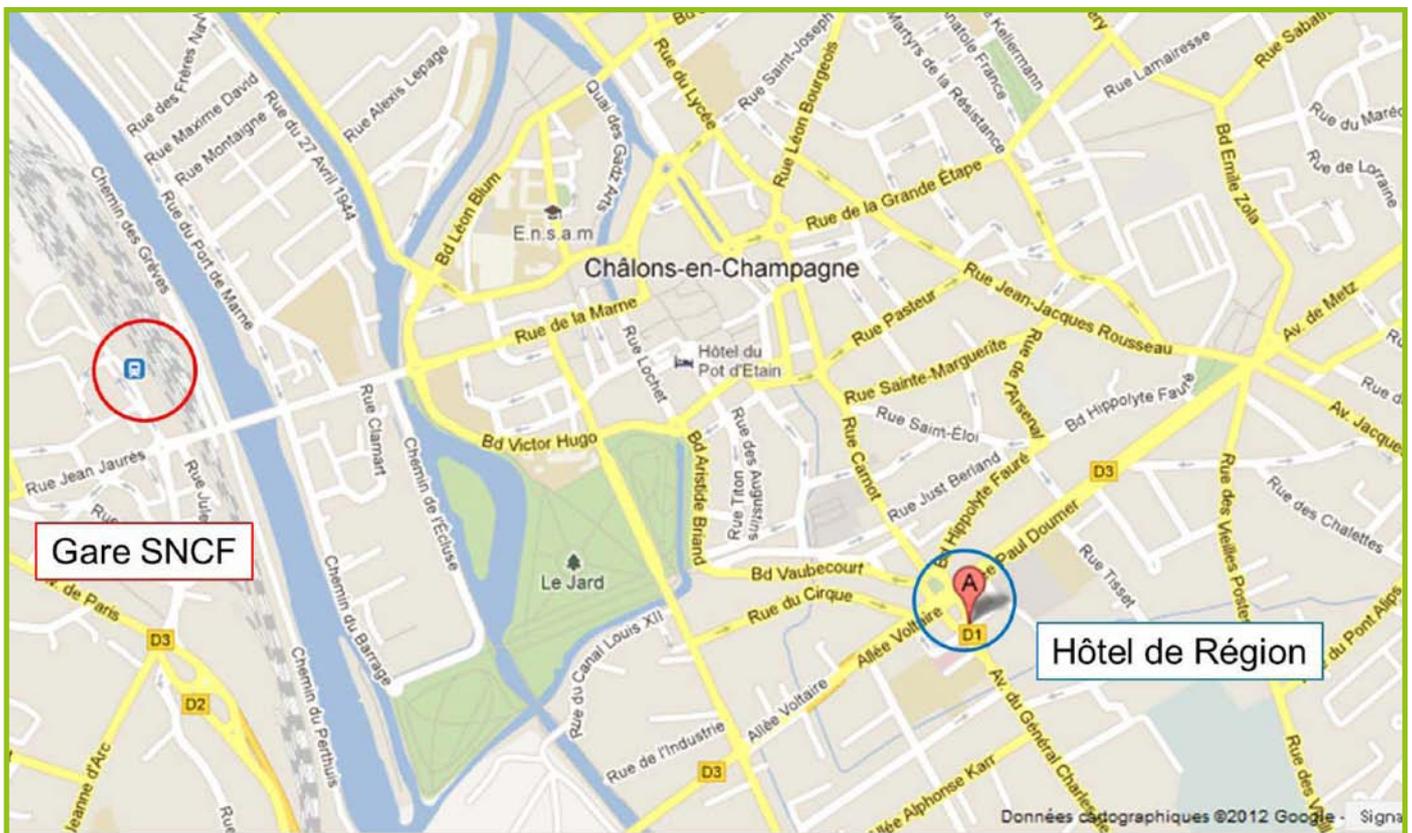
By Train :

There is a mainline TGV station in the centre of Châlons-en-Champagne.

From the Paris airports (Orly and Charles-de-Gaulle) :

- go to the Gare de l'Est in Paris via the Air France shuttle coaches or the RER urban railway (<http://www.transilien.com/web/site>)
- from the Gare de l'Est direction connections with Châlons-en-Champagne

For information concerning TGV train connections (times and reservations) :
www.voyages-sncf.com





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The "Hôtel de Région" is within a 30 minute walk from the station (about 2 kilometres).

Buses in Châlons-en-champagne :

There are two bus lines that serve the Hôtel de region (line 1 towards Croix Dampierre and line 5 towards Terrières). The closest stops ; "Préfecture" or even better "Pr. Langevin.

For more information : <http://www.stacbus.fr>

By car :

Don't forget car sharing ! To help : <http://www.covoiturage.fr>

Châlons-en-Champagne is in the Champagne-Ardenne region, in the Marne department. The town is easily reached from two motorways, the A4 (Paris - Reims - Metz) and the A26 (Troyes - Reims).

> **From Nancy**, take the A31 towards Toul. Near Toul take the N4 road as far as Vitry-le-François, then the N44 road as far as Moncetz-Longevas. Finally take the N3 road towards Epernay and Troyes.

> **From Charleville-Mézières**, take the A34 motorway towards Reims, then the A4 towards Metz. Finally, take the D21, the N44 and lastly the D977 towards Châlons-en-Champagne.

> **From Paris**, take the A4 motorway towards Reims and Metz, leave at exit 27 towards Châlons-en-Champagne (via the D21, N44 and D977).





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Accommodation

Practical information will be available on the conference website once it is open to inscriptions. 20 minutes on foot from the Hôtel de Région. There are several hotels that participants can use :

In the town centre :

- **Hôtel Pasteur **** (03.26.68.10.00) - 46 rue Pasteur : 48 to 70 € - 28 rooms.

PREFERENTIAL "Black stork Symposium" rates :

- Single room 45 €
- Double room 45 € (1 double bed)
- Twin room 50 € (2 beds)
- Triple room 50 € (1 double bed and 1 single) or (3 single beds)

Buffet Breakfast available at 9 € per person

Local tax 0,60 € per person per day

Credit card payment (not American Express) necessary. Any reservation can be cancelled up to 24 hours before arrival, after that the stay will be billed and the relevant amount debited from the account.

- **Hôtel du Pot d'Etain **** (03.26.68.09.09) - Place de la République : 67 to 84 € - 30 rooms.
- **Hôtel Sainte-Croix **** (03.26.68.28.81) – 1 boulevard Hippolyte Faure : 50 € - 23 rooms.
- **Hôtel Le Renard ***** (03.26.68.03.78) - place de la République : 80 € - 106 € - 38 rooms.

PREFERENTIAL "Black stork Symposium" rates : for bed and breakfast

- Single room 95,50 €
- Double room 114 €
- Twin room 121 €
- Twin room 146,50 €
- Quadruple room 167,00 €

Half-board rates available.





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On the town outskirts :

- Hôtel Ibis** (03.26.65.16.65) - Route de Suippes : 65 to 90 € - 43 rooms.
- Hôtel Montréal** (03.26.26.99.09) - Avenue du Gal Sarrail - 59 to 65 € - 43 rooms.
- Hôtel F1 (08.91.70.52.11) - ZAC Ouest du Mont Héry : 33 € - 50 rooms.
- Hôtel B&B (08.92.70.23.50) - ZAC des Escarnotières : 43 € - 84 rooms.
- Hôtel Bristol ** (03.26.68.24.63) - 77 avenue Pierre Semard - Fagnières : 57 to 67 € - 23 rooms.
- Hôtel Première Classe (08.92.70.72.01) - RN 44 - Route de Reims – Saint-Martin-sur-le-Pré : 40 to 50 € - 70 rooms.
- Balladins (03.26.21.12.57) - RN 44 - Route de Reims – Saint-Martin-sur-le-Pré : 32 to 59 € - 60 rooms.
- Campanile ** (03.26.70.41.02) - RN 44 - Route de Reims – Saint-Martin-sur-le-Pré : 80 € - 49 rooms.

For all the above hotels, reservations and payment must be made directly with the hotel concerned.

Limited places – camp site accommodation :

The symposium organisers have rented 8 bungalows (4 beds in each bungalow, 32 places in all) in the **** Châlons-en-Champagne camp site (Rue de Plaisance).

Price per night: 12 € per person: sheets and towels are not included.

Information – accommodation reservation: please contact the organisers, particularly Nicolas GENDRE (LPO) contact@cigogne-noire.fr

For this accommodation, possibility of buying throw-away sheets on site: 7,80 € (double bed) & 6,80 € (normal bed).

Possibility of parking a camping-car (price): please contact the organisers.





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- **The Forêt d'Orient Parc naturel regional and the Aube "great" lakes :**
visit of autumn migration stop-over sites and presentation of censuses.

On one of the major migratory flyways between northern Europe and southern areas, the Parc naturel régional, thanks to a diverse landscape and especially the presence of lakes and reservoirs covering more than 5000 hectares, offers a mosaic of habitats suitable for breeding, migrant and wintering birds. The presence of large number of birds has led to the parc being classed as a wetland of international importance (Ramsar site, ZICO and SPA). Also, of the numerous zones of outstanding ecological interest, one has been designated the Forêt d'Orient national nature Réserve ; a sanctuary for birds

More than 250 bird species have been identified within the parc, so far ; more than 130 of them breed here. There can be more than 40,000 aquatic birds (geese, ducks, waders...) in winter.

As late summer arrives, autumn migration gets underway with the arrival of Black Storks. Activity reaches its peak with the passage of Cranes in october and november. In Winter birds from farther north find a milder climate

At certain times of the year, the Parc naturel régional shelters some prestigious species, either here from northern Europe for the winter, or to breed having passed the winter much farther south. The Parc is of European and national importance for the following species : whitetailed Eagle, Bewick's Swan, Bean Goose, Black Stork, Smew ; that can be seen on or around the lakes.

The LPO organizes birdcounts on the lakes every month. Some species are studied in more depth, as Black Stork, by staff of the Parc or partner organisations (ONF & LPO).

The photo exhibition «The Black Stork in postnuptial stop on lakes Champagne» will be visible to the Park House in Piney.

Organisation : Regional Natural Park of the Orient Forest, with LPO Champagne-Ardenne & "Office national des forêts".

Number of places limited : 50 persons (prior reservation necessary).





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- **The Forêt ardennaise :**

The Ardennes forest is home to the Black stork, forestry management practices, feeding sites and cage-trap catching sites.

The Ardennes department is the bastion of France's Black stork population. In 2011, 12 broods in the Ardennes forest were studied. In this production forest, measures are taken for reducing disturbance in the sectors concerned by various forest work practices. In 2012, a very large oak held a Black stork nest with chicks for the tenth consecutive year, a record for France.

During the visit we will visit two nesting sites and present measures taken to ensure their protection.

Also, during the outing, we'll look at feeding sites and small streams populated by Bullheads a favourite prey of the Black stork. Finally, there will be a demonstration of adult capture techniques and fitting of rings and emitters.

Organisation : "Office national des forêts" and the ReNard association ("Assembly of Ardennes naturalists")

Number of places limited : 50 persons (prior reservation necessary).





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