

Field Report, April 7-8th 2012 - France

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*The goal of this short trip days at La Brenne, middle France, was dedicated to see the famous *Emys orbicularis orbicularis* which especially lives into the Parc naturel Régional de la Brenne. I spend two sunny (but rather chilly and windy) days there with my girlfriend Camille, seeking turtles and snakes in some beautiful places. Unfortunately we were unable to find any *Vipera aspis* in spite of a lot of searches in suitable habitats and known spots. We didn't spend much time looking for amphibians. Thanks to Camille for her great help ;)*



Emys orbicularis orbicularis



other



Hierophis viridiflavus, subadult



Natrix natrix helvetica





other male



other, female



other, male



other, brown female



Rana dalmatina



Anthocharis cardamines

Reptiles (5) :

Lacerta bilineata (>30)
Podarcis muralis muralis (>20)
Hierophis viridiflavus (x1)
Natrix natrix helvetica (x3)
Emys orbicularis orbicularis (x4)

Amphibians (5) :

Pelophylax kl. esculentus (>100)
Pelophylax lessonae (?)
Rana dalmatina (x1)
Triturus marmoratus (x1)
Lissotriton helveticus helveticus (x4)

Total = 10 spp.