Eifel region

The Eifel region has been strongly affected by man over a long time. The so called “Langstein” is an evidence of the Neolithic megalith culture at Wallersheim. On these sites we focus on the parts of the Eifel which geologically consist of limestone (this corresponds to the area between Mechemich in North Rhine-Westphalia and Prüm in Rhineland Palladium). Our "photo album" shows a selection of the biodiversity in this area for each month of the season.
Gagea lutea

Pulsatilla vulgaris

April

Cicindela campestris
Spring near Wallersheim:

...the perfect time for photographing Lacerta agilis [male]
Another male Lycaena thynus

Another male Callophrys rubi

Lycaena thynus

Callophrys rubi
Beech forest at Wallerstein with an interesting flora.

Hamearis lucina

Corydalis solida
May is the most beautiful month in the Eifel hills!

A masterpiece of minimalism: Erphila verna
Saxifraga granulata

Saturnia pavonia

Carpharodus alceae
Pseudopanthera macularia
Siona lineata
Tyria jacobaeae
Carterocephalus palaemon

Polyommatus icarus

Melitaea cinxia
Carabus coriaceus

Aquilegia vulgaris

Antennaria dioica
An atavistic Platanthera chlorantha

Dactylorhiza majalis and Dactylorhiza maculata

A hybrid of Ophrys insectifera and O. holoserica
Natrix natrix helvetica, Rheinland-Pfalz

Landscape at Gerolstein

Female Lacerta agilis
Albinotic Orchis ustulata

Ophrys insectifera

Melampyrum cristatum
Left: Melampyrum arvense; right: Orobanche elatior

Orobanche teucri

Dolycoris baccarum ovipositing
In summer, newts can be found far away from water: Lissotriton helveticus, Ichthyosaura alpestris, Rana temporaria.
Dark clouds in summer

Zootoca vivipara

Juvenile Zootoca vivipara
Teucrium montanum: a rare plant in the Eifel area

Perfectly designed Stachys recta

Allium oleraceum
Male Lacerta agilis – with pale colouration in late summer

Female Lacerta agilis

Anguis fragilis
In late summer, amphibians still can be found: Alytes obstetricans.

Bufo bufo

Salamandra salamandra
Polyommatus semiargus

Gonepteryx rhamni

Looks like a surreal sculpture: Parnassia palustris
It is hard to believe that such a diminutive flower is big enough for a fly: Acinos arvensis with Melanostoma mellinum

The last orchid of the season: Epipactis purpurata

September

Carpocoris purpureipennis
Eurygaster maura und Palomena prasina

Papilio machaon

Autumn butterfly: Thecla betulae
Genianella ciliata

Gentianella germanica

Winter at the celtic-roman temple in Nettersheim

The home of European lizards - by Birgit & Peter Oefinger!