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Gli Uccelli dell'Oasi Naturalistica di Isola S. Antonio (AL) (elenco aggiornato al 28/02/2017)

ABSTRACT - *Birds of Isola Sant'Antonio Wildlife Refuge, Regional Park of Po and Orba (Alessandria, Piedmont, Italy).*

An annotated check-list of the bird species known to occur in the Wildlife Refuge Isola Sant'Antonio, located in the Regional Park of Po (Alessandria province, South-eastern Piedmont, Italy) updated to 28th February 2017 is provided. Valuable information has been recently collected by regular monitoring activities in the field, most of which occurred in the period 2014-2017. In addition, ornithological literature has been reviewed. Overall, 159 bird species have been recorded in the area: 43 of them have certainly or probably bred after year 2000, 31 are of community interest (included in Annex I of Birds Directive of European Union), 53 are SPEC - Species of European Conservation Concern according to BirdLife International. The area is of significant importance for several breeding species of conservation concern like *Netta rufina*, *Ixobrychus minutus*, *Himantopus himantopus*, *Vanellus vanellus*, *Burhinus oedicephalus*, *Sterna hirundo*, as a stop-over point for migratory waterbirds and for the presence of a significant roost of *Egretta garzetta* (200-300 ind.).

KEY WORDS - Isola Sant'Antonio, Park of Po, conservation, wetlands, water-birds, migration.

RIASSUNTO - In questo lavoro viene riportato un elenco commentato degli uccelli noti per l'Oasi naturalistica di Isola Sant'Antonio (AL), nelle Aree Protette del Po Vercellese-Alessandrino, aggiornato al 28/02/2017 e vengono forniti dati di sintesi relativi alle attività di monitoraggio condotte con regolarità in anni recenti (2014-2017). I dati sono stati raccolti sia attraverso revisione bibliografica sia at-

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