

## EXCURSION TO MONTE SCHERBELINO

A big city produces lots of waste. The excursion on Saturday afternoon will bring us to **Monte Scherbelino**. This former waste deposit in Frankfurt's *Stadtwald* ("City Forest") is slowly being turned into a nature reserve – a hopeful example of how humankind's negative effects on its environment can be undone. Formerly a no-go area due to toxic gases being emitted from the 45 m high waste mound, the Monte Scherbelino project was initiated within the federal state's project



*Städte Wagen Wildnis* ("Cities Dare Wilderness"). After a long period of rehabilitation activities, landscape alterations took place in order to create a spatially heterogeneous area at the foot of the waste hill. After that, natural succession took its course, with exciting developments. What used to be a biologically dead pond is today a hunting area for kingfishers. Although plant pioneers included massive swards of invasive exotics such as *Epilobium brachycarpum*, rare and protected plant species such as *Isolepis setacea* and *Centaureum pulchellum* also managed to establish in the area. The area is normally closed to the public; only through guided tours can the nature reserve be visited. We encourage you to stay a while longer and take the chance to see and hear about a unique nature restoration project. We leave by bus on Saturday at 13 o'clock and we guarantee that we will be back at Riedberg Campus latest at 18 o'clock. A lunch bag will be provided.

A videographic impression of Monte Scherbelino from 1962 (in German):

[www.ardmediathek.de/video/Y3JpZDovL2hyLW9ubGluZS8xMjMwMDY](http://www.ardmediathek.de/video/Y3JpZDovL2hyLW9ubGluZS8xMjMwMDY)

