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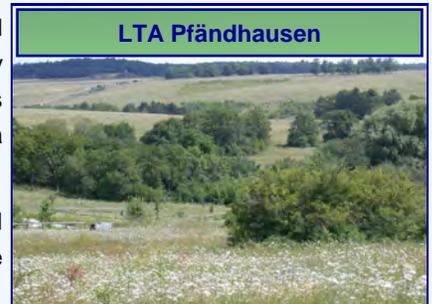


Bird of the Year 2013 - We Got It !!!

The bird of the year 2013 is the common snipe (German: "Bekassine", Latin: "Gallinago gallinago"). The snipe is classified as critically endangered on the Red List of Germany and the Red List of Bavaria and strictly protected by the Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species (*Bundesartenschutzverordnung*) as well as by the European Union Birds Directive (*Vogelschutzrichtlinie*).



During the Threatened and Endangered Species Re-Survey in 2009, a remarkable find was made at the Local Training Area Pfändhausen:



a common snipe marking its territory by displaying the typical "bleating" territory-marking flight patterns was recorded during the breeding season.

Environmental Services we provide:

- Environmental Management System
- Environmental Compliance Training and Assistance
- Hazardous Material/ Hazardous Waste Management
- Natural and Cultural Resources Management

If you have any questions, please contact us at 354-6795 or [usarmy.schweinfurt.usareur.list.dpw-environmental@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.schweinfurt.usareur.list.dpw-environmental@mail.mil)  
We can assist you with any occurring environmental issue or question!

Habitat:

Grassland:

- Important as breeding place: snipes breed in richly structured moist grasslands with varying heights of vegetation where they can protect their brood and find lots of food.
- Only in extensively used, species rich grasslands without mowing during their breeding season.
- Conditions can almost only be found in nature protection areas and ecologically restored zones.

Bog:

- Important as resting and nesting place: wetlands protect the birds from predators
- Important food source: the loose upper layer of the bog contains lots of insects, worms, etc.

High-Tech Beak:

- Length: 7 cm, approximately 2.8 inches
- Food: worms, snails, insects, berries, seeds
- Picking, locating small animals and groping at the same time
- Upper beak is flexible at the tip so the closed beak can drill easily into the soft boggy soil
- Small prey animals can be swallowed without having to pull the beak out of the soil
- At more dense soils the beak is already opened a little bit while pricking into the ground, turning it into a pair of tweezers

"Skygoat" -

Flight Acrobats with Bleating Noises:

- Acrobatic flights are the most important tool during the mating season (February - May) to mark their territory
- Male birds rise up to 50 m (54 yards) in a sharp zigzag pattern, make a steep turn sideways and drop down while spreading their wings which causes the typical bleating noise - this noise is the reason why they are also called "skygoats" in Germany ("*Himmelsziegen*")





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## Getting Ready to PCS? - Properly Managing Your Waste!



Getting ready to PCS involves lots of de-cluttering and disposing of large amounts of waste. Follow these steps to manage your waste in a safe and environmentally friendly way. You will be surprised - no overflowing trash cans involved!

### Step 1: Reduce

Many items, such as groceries, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies will not be brought along when you PCS. Begin to **reduce stockpiles** you have at home. **Limit new purchases** to the amounts you actually need before you leave. This not only reduces the amount of items you have to sort through and dispose of, but also saves you money.

### Step 2: Reuse

Just because you do not need or want something anymore, does not mean that it has to become waste! Pass such items on to friends or **donate** them to the Freecycle Center.

Many charitable organizations are also happy for item donations. Collected items are passed on to people in need or reused, repaired, or recycled for profit which is used to fund charitable projects. Check out the collection containers for used clothes or the *Caritas* (= a German charity organization) Box which is provided to collect ink cartridges, toner cartridges, and cell phones at the recycling centers!

Alternatively you can also try to sell the items by placing an ad on community boards, in the newspaper, or on the Internet. Others will be happy to receive items that are still serviceable and in good condition for free or at a reduced price!



Caritas Box



Used



### Step 3: Recycle

The things that cannot be reused should be sorted and separated for recycling. Many broken or old items might no longer be usable, but the materials they are composed of can be recycled to be used as raw materials for new products instead of becoming waste! Properly sort the **recyclables!**

### Step 4: Dispose

**Household hazardous waste** must be separated from the remaining waste. Bring used cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, paint, insecticides, and other hazardous items to the Garrison's recycling centers for proper and safe disposal!

**Bulk trash**, which includes items such as old furniture and appliances, can also be turned in at the recycling centers. If you live in on-post housing, bulk trash is picked-up regularly once a month. Check out the Community Calendar for pick-up dates.

The remaining waste needs to be disposed of as **regular trash**. After you followed the steps of reducing, reusing, and recycling, there should not be too much trash left.

Household Haz. Waste



Bulk Trash



## Weekly Market and Farmer's Market (*Wochenmarkt und Bauernmarkt*)



**Oh, and don't forget to bring your own basket or shopping bag!**



Are you a fan of fresh seasonal produce from the local farmers right around the corner? Are you interested in providing you and your family with a healthy food source which is also beneficial to the environment and climate? Then you should check out the Weekly Market or the Farmer's Market in Schweinfurt at the market place. Besides enjoying the typical European experience and having a great shopping experience, you also benefit from good prices, fresh and locally grown fruits and vegetables, honey, and many organic products! In addition to the local produce, the Farmer's Market also offers a variety of arts & crafts products and displays.

### Weekly Market:

- Tuesday and Friday: 11am to 6:30pm
- Wednesday and Saturday: 7am to 2pm (except for German national holidays)

### Farmer's Market

- 8:30am to 2pm, on the following dates in 2013:

02 March	08 June	07 September
06 April	06 July	05 October
04 May	03 August	02 November