



Bosque atlántico
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Declaration date: 20 September 2001

Surface area: 37,803 ha (core: 53.7 per cent; buffer: 40.3 per cent; transition: 6 per cent)

Administrative division: 2 Municipalities have their territory in the Biosphere Reserve

Human activities:

Farming, forestry and conservation, hunting and fishing, industrial facilities, equipment and services, public use, education and research. Some unique architecture is noteworthy such as the stone cabins with slate roofs, located in the high valleys of the summer grazing lands and the traditional stone granaries. Herds of the endangered Casina cattle or Asturian mountain cattle are to be found in Redes, and their milk is used to make the famous Casin cheese.

Western Capercaillie
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Ecological characteristics:

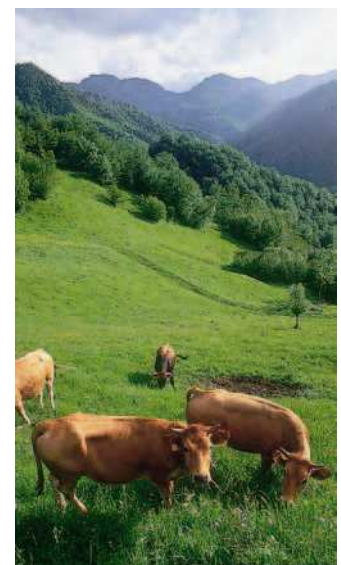
Redes is located in the northern slope of the eastern Cantabrian Cordillera in the upper basin of the Nalon, one of the rivers with the most discharge in northern Spain. The territory includes the whole of the Caso and Sobrescobio Councils, with altitude variations ranging from the River Nalon at 350 m to 2,104 m at the Pico Torres. The landforms are steep with deep ravines and spectacular waterfalls such as those along the Ruta del Alba. The ecological importance of the Biosphere Reserve is noteworthy for its vast forest masses of autochthonous Beech and Oak that are in a good state of conservation enabling emblematic species to survive, such as the Brown Bear, the Western Capercaillie, the Royal Eagle, the Egyptian Vulture, the Middle Spotted Woodpecker, etc, and also for its production of water resources that supply water to the whole central Asturian watershed.



Valdevezón waterfall
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Protection classifications:

- Redes Natural Park
- Ruta del Alba Natural Monument



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