

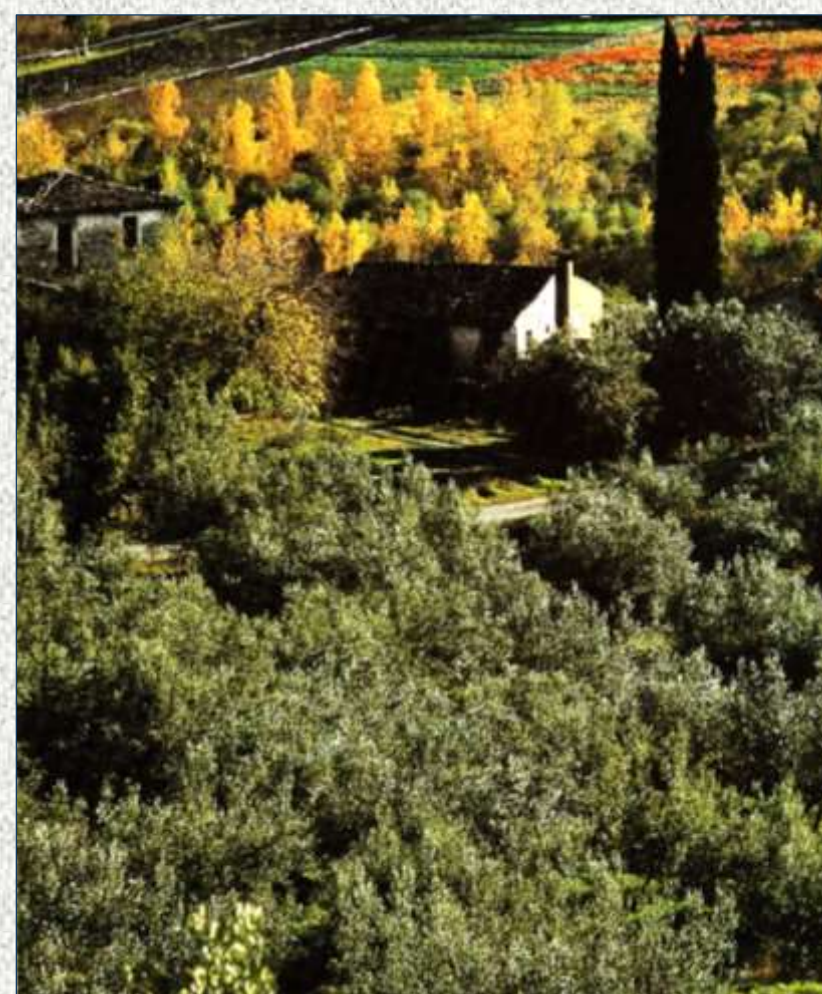
GLIMPSES OF THE COUNTRYSIDE



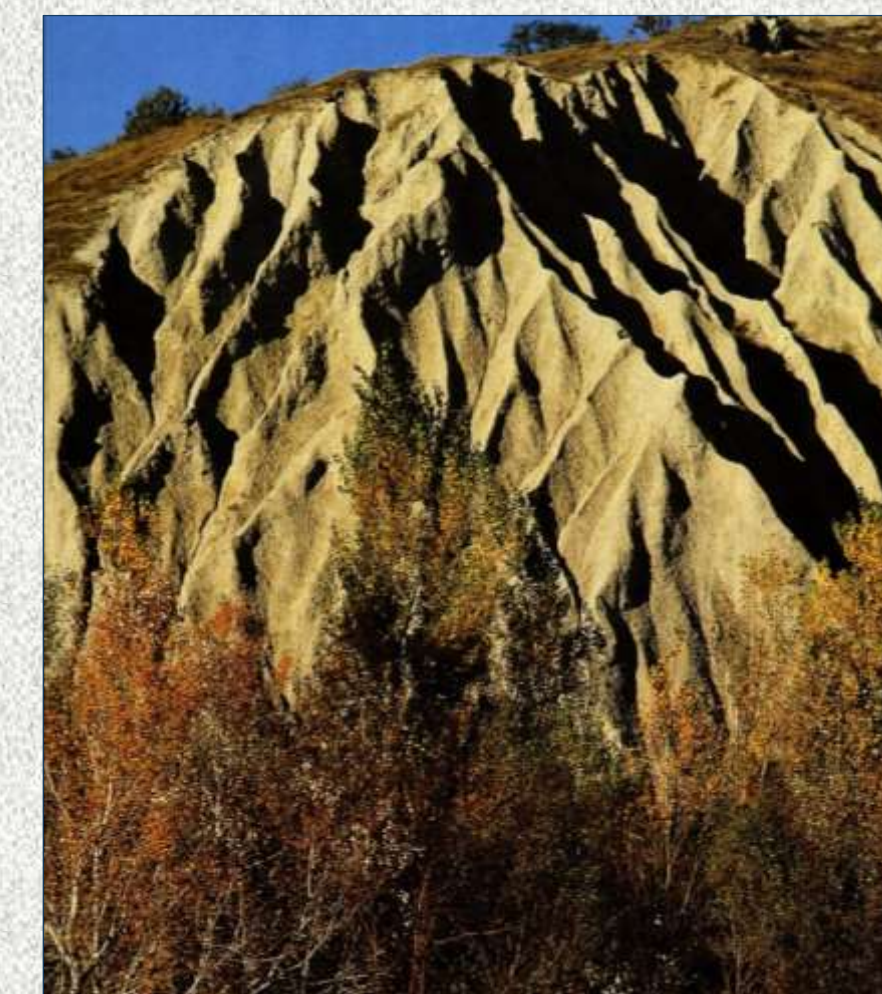
Old country cottage. In the background the Maiella mountains



Olive trees and wheat field
In the locality of "le Lupe muorte" (the Dead Wolf)



A beautiful glimpse
of the rural area:
cottages in the woods



Typical gullies on the left
shore of the Aventino river

The landscape of the rural area is formed by the interlocking of a geological mixture with the natural flora and typical "cultivar" of the Casolane countryside. An environment created, therefore, by the work of man, grafted into an extraordinary habitat, especially hilly. The combination offers fascinating landscape views. Above pictures of Casoli's rich and varied suburban heritage.

SITES OF COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

Within the municipal boundaries there are areas that, due to their naturalistic value, due to the typicality of flora and fauna, have been declared Sites of Community Importance (SIC).

HOLM OAK RESERVE OF CASOLI AND COLLE FORESTE WOOD.

The site owes its importance to the presence of one of the most inland and preserved holm oak forests. "Lu Bosche de le Iecine" (Holm Oak Wood), as it is called in Casoli, is an area with a distinctive species of the territory, one of the few examples of holm oak, the maximum expression of the evolution of the Mediterranean maquis. The site is located near the Lake of Casoli on hilly areas covered with greenery. A spectacle of nature. (News from www.latorretta.info)

HILLS OF GUARENNA.

A mixture of crops and ancient rustic stone houses.

JUNIPERS MACROCARPA AND GORGES OF THE RIO SECCO STREAM.

The site is characterized by a type of habitat (junipers) rare in the Abruzzo region and for the presence of the stream that crosses rocky walls with spectacular landscape effects.

High environmental quality for the diversity and richness of a habitat formed by a mosaic of vegetations, for the species of birds (priority) and medium-terrestrial plants rare in the region with characteristics of vulnerability.

(News from the site atcchietilancianese.it).



Panorama of the "Holm Oak Reserve
of Casoli"



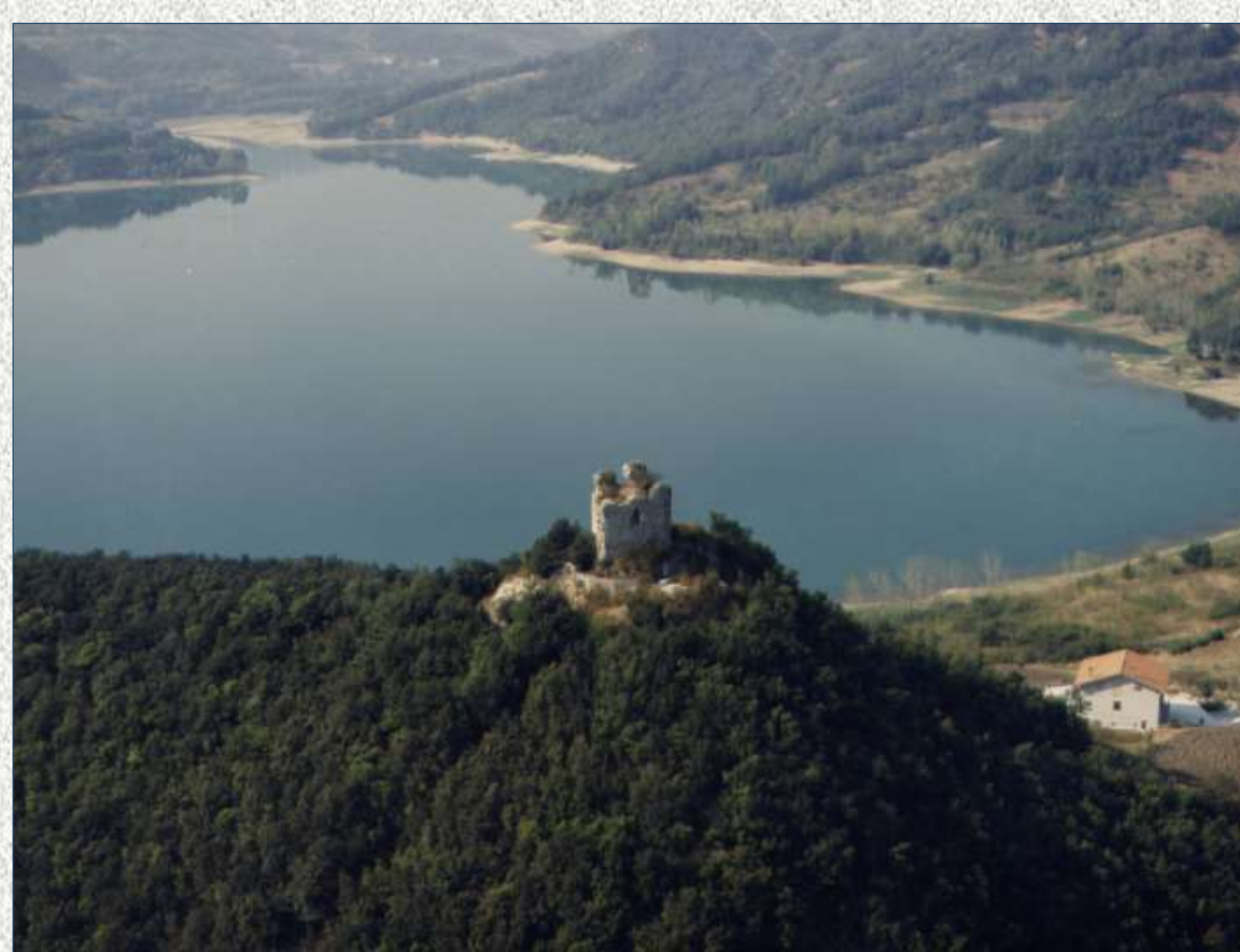
View of the Oasi di Serranella

SERRANELLA LAKE.

The WWF oasis of Serranella, also qualified as a regional nature reserve, is located within an interesting special area of conservation. The area has an extension of approximately 302 hectares and is located in the lower valley of the sangro river and the aventino river, its tributary. Of artificial origin, it quickly became a swamp full of life. Lake Serranella, thanks to its position close to the adriatic coast and the confluence of the two rivers, is one of the most important areas of central Italy for migratory birds to stop.

(News from wwf.it).

LAKE SANT'ANGELO AND THE PRATA TOWER



The artificial lake is dominated by a Lombard military outpost of the sixth or seventh century. In the locality was erected by Basilian monks the Monastery of Prata. Some friars, elected saints, became "Patrons" of neighboring countries. From here began the evangelization of Abruzzo. (News from www.casoli.org)