## Walks: video B

Serge Mercier is genuinely passionate. Passionate about nature, about animals and walking.

Nathalie: "Do you go walking often?"

Serge: "As often as possible. We try to go...let's say 2 or 3 times a month."

Nathalie: "Do you also go walking in winter?"

Serge: "Oh yes! Yes. We take snowshoes, we go up in the Alps and we walk in the snow, yes."

Nathalie: "What sort of things happen during a walk?"

Serge: "Well you hear plenty of birds. If you pay attention...

Well, we saw falcons earlier on, we saw...we saw swallows, we saw some little passerines. I can't make out, I can't make out what those are there.

Er... If you're lucky, [you might see] a pair of Bonelli's eagles that are apparently here, but I've not seen them yet.

There is a very fine bird of prey called a short-toed eagle that I've only seen once.

So there are some real rarities here...that we enjoy seeing.

And then, well, there are the birds that I told you about earlier, you'll see gulls, you'll see seagulls.

Er... once I came across a Eurasian Hoopoe... It was magnificent."

Nathalie: "Have you ever got lost during one of your walks?"

Serge: "We almost managed it once in Corsica. Er...Well...We...me, I've always got a map. I try to travel as light as possible...

Look! There was a bird that just went by there...So a compass, a map. er...

you always check the weather to see if you should be careful. Er, so you try...to take precautions, you see, you always have to be careful."

Nathalie: "Right tell me about your longest and most beautiful walk. The most beautiful or the longest."

Serge: "We often say that it will be the next