

Two Wildlife Estates sites honoured with Baillet Latour Environmental Awards

Lummen & Arendonk (Flanders), October 2025
 – Two Wildlife Estates in Flanders have been honoured with the Baillet Latour Award for the Environment, recognising private landowners' role in preserving Belgium's natural heritage. Loyer Estate received the main 2025 award (€20,000), while De Zeshonderd Estate earned the Honorary Diploma and Encouragement Award (€5,000). The awards are organised by Natuurmakers.Vlaanderen with support from the Baillet Latour Fund.



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De Zeshonderd Estate: Multifunctional management

Located in Arendonk near Landschap De Liereman, De Zeshonderd Estate, owned by the VAN PUIJENBROEK family, features pools, fens, forests, hedgerows, marshes, and farmland. The estate excels in wildlife management, water regulation, and collaboration to enhance ecological resilience. A Wildlife Estate since 2019, it exemplifies multifunctional land management combining production, biodiversity, and ecosystem services.

Loyer Estate: Centuries of stewardship

Covering over 200 hectares in the Demer Valley, Loyer Estate retains its historic landscape, as shown on 1777 maps, under the stewardship of the DE FABRIBECKERS family. Its mosaic of parkland, forests, meadows, fields, and ponds is part of Natura 2000. A sophisticated water management system protects both ecology and heritage, contributing to a doubling of the rare Great Fen-sedge habitat over the past decade. Loyer supports habitats and species of European importance and has been a Wildlife Estate since 2018.

About Natuurmakers.Vlaanderen

Natuurmakers.Vlaanderen supports private landowners in integrating biodiversity and sustainable land use, promotes the European Wildlife Estates Label in Flanders, and coordinates the Baillet Latour Award and Tree of the Year initiative.

