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The lake Toftesøen is a real pearl in the nature of Little Vildmose. In the recent decades the Toftesøen has been habitat to one of the largest colonies of cormorants in *Denmark. The chick of the cormorant has* simultaneously become an important basis for that the sea eagle again has chosen Lille Vildmose as their breeding site.

In the nesting period of the eagles, the sea eagle can be watched sitting in the small trees, which also are home to the nests of the cormorants. Occasionally the sea eagle grabs a cormorant-young. It is a fairly easy target, as long as the chick is small and their claws cannot yet be used as a defen-sive weapon.

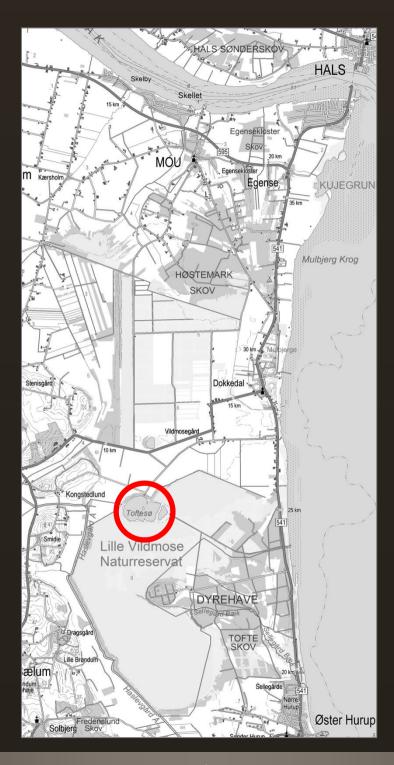
A myriad of bird species can be watched on the lake year round. Therefore a bird observation tower at the edge of the lake is a drop-in place for a lot of bird watchers. Not only birds can be watched at the lake: The red deer often swallows in the cold,

brown water of the lake and now the lake also has been a habitat for the otter. Around the old and the new tower we fre-quently can watch the adders basking in the sunshine.

In my childhood I remember that lake like the other lakes in the bog was drained. The farmers harvested the hay in the big field, which now again has been a lake. The lake has always been alluring to us young. The large animal fence blocked us to enter the area. It made the lake just on the other side of the fence even more a land of promise.

Binoculars are set out in the tower, and if you ask kindly, you can easily get permission to see interesting birds and animals in the binoculars, the bird watchers have brought along. In The Lille Vildmosecentre it is also possible to follow the wildlife through screens that transmit directly from cameras placed around the lake.









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