

RANGER PORTRAIT

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Main duties:

- observing & evaluating nature, management recommendations
- conveying nature in the capital city to residents and politicians

Why is your work important to you?

I want to share my enthusiasm for nature: Discovering new behaviours of species or new parts of a plant every time inspires me so much that I feel how important it is to share and protect this. Because we only have one nature.

What is your greatest motivator even when it's hard working out there?

I find it most motivating to see changes, for example when you have planted something new. Or when we have found a rare plant and transplanted it to protect it from destruction. Seeing how it grows and multiplies is really motivating. The same applies when people tell us how good it is that we are doing this work and we see that they really appreciate it.

Your biggest moment of luck during work?

A special moment was when we discovered a species for an area where it had long been lost. Now we can protect the place where we found the plant. It is Geranium dissectum, known as "cut leafed crane's bill". We are even collecting seeds for the seed bank in case this species gets lost again.



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