

Discover the Fauna of Our

Various genera

Kingdom: Animals (Animalia)

Phylum: Arthropods (Arthropoda)

Class: Insects (Insecta)

Order: Hemiptera

Family: Aphididae (Aphids)

Genus: Various genera (e.g., *Aphis*, *Myzus*, *Dysaphis*, etc.)

Species: Depends on the specific species (e.g., *Aphis gossypii*, etc.)

The text provided describes two different things: a biological classification of an insect (Aphids) and a geographical location in Azerbaijan (Menene Plain). While the classification at the top refers to the insect, the descriptive text refers to the **Menene Plain**.



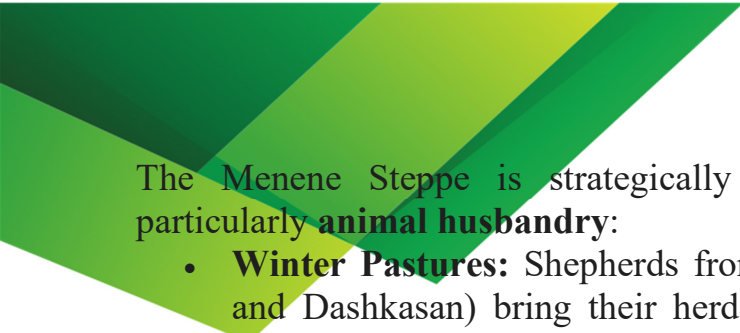
The **Menene Plain** (or sometimes called the "Menene Steppe") is a unique and distinctive natural area located in the northwestern region of Azerbaijan, specifically within the **Gazakh and Agstafa** districts.

The **Menene Plain** is situated on the right bank of the Kura River, near the border with Georgia.

- **Climate:** It possesses a predominantly dry-steppe climate. Summers are quite hot and arid, while winters remain mild.
- **Landscape:** This climate directly shapes the vegetation, creating a vast, open landscape that characterizes the region.

Though the nature of Menene might seem simple at first glance, it is rich in biodiversity:

- **Vegetation:** The area is dominated by wormwood and saline pastures, making it an invaluable wintering ground for livestock.
- **Fauna:** In addition to rodents, reptiles, and wild birds, predators such as wolves and foxes are found here. Historically, it is also known as one of the habitats for **gazelles** (ceyran).



The Menene Steppe is strategically important for Azerbaijan's agriculture, particularly **animal husbandry**:

- **Winter Pastures:** Shepherds from mountainous regions (such as Gadabay and Dashkasan) bring their herds to this plain during the winter months. Because snow cover is minimal, it remains an ideal place for animals to graze.
- **Agriculture:** In recent years, due to land reclamation (melioration) efforts, parts of the plain have been made suitable for crop farming.

In the local dialect of the Gazakh-Agstafa region, the word "**Menene**" symbolizes vastness and infinity.

- **Folklore:** There are various legends, shepherd songs, and poems (*qoşma*) associated with this plain in local folklore.
 - **Symbolism:** It is viewed as a symbol of endurance, resilience, and simplicity.
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