

Albania in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

24th May – 1st June 2023



Crested Tit



Burnt-tip Orchid



Eastern Green Lizard



Sooty Copper

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Day 1

Wednesday 24th May

Arrive Tirana

We departed a sunny Heathrow about an hour late but landed only 40 minutes behind schedule at Tirana. Here we were greeted by our friendly local guide Mirjan and our driver Zamir whom would transport us around, apart from the mountain days. Within half an hour, we arrived at a plush restaurant where we were treated to something like a banquet. Excellent food, but more than we could handle!

It was then time to proceed to our base for the next couple of nights, the historic city of Berat, situated beside the River Osum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

That evening, we took a stroll in the pleasant sunshine around the castle with a cultural guide. He told us the city was known as the city of a thousand windows, for reasons that were pretty obvious as we looked around at the houses. The various cultures, both Muslim and Orthodox Christians, live peacefully side by side and a number of mosques and churches could be seen at the imposing castle. The walk was not without wildlife interest as I spotted a pair of Little Owls on a balcony, and we noticed they were nesting in a cavity above. Our only Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, a smart male, of the trip was perched on top of a pole.

We concluded the day with a very enjoyable meal at a family restaurant by the castle which was washed down with some raki.

Day 2

Thursday 25th May

Bashtove, Karavasta

After driving about 90 minutes from Berat, we were dropped off at Bashtove, with the main aim of seeing Rollers. The hard-core birders went ahead but the road adorned with a good mix of vegetation supported a rich mix of wildlife. Here we had our only Hermann's Tortoises - a small youngster and an adult. Nightingales were constantly singing, and we also heard a Golden Oriole while Bee-eaters flitted about. Several Scarce Chasers and a couple of Keel Skimmers and White-legged Damselflies were seen.

Butterflies were plentiful with Small Whites and Meadow Browns most numerous but a good range of others including Swallowtail, Clouded Yellows, Painted Ladies, two Lulworth Skippers, Brown Argus and Green-underside Blue. New for me and others was an Iolas Blue settling on the larval food plant- a flowering Bladder Senna. Eventually we all arrived at the Roller site and those there early on had good views, but others had to wait for views from our bus. A couple of male Black-headed Buntings and Zitting Cisticola were also observed.

We then headed for the dry salt pans of Karavasta after our meal. Fortunately, biting midges weren't as bad as the previous year. Our main target here was the large breeding colony of Collared Pratincoles. Through 'scopes, we all had excellent views of these atypical waders, both on the ground and in flight. We watched them mob potential predators.

A couple of Kentish Plovers were also noted as well as several Crested and Short-toed Larks as well as Tawny Pipits. A pair of Montagu's Harriers was a delight to watch as they quartered. Along the ditch we could hear several Great Reed Warblers, one of which posed beautifully for us.

Floral delights here included a couple of Bug Orchids, some Yellow Bartsia and the related Bellardia.

On our return to our hotel in Berat we had some heavy thundery rain but fortunately we were on the bus. Our meal was taken in the main hotel.

Day 3

Friday 26th May

Narte

Today we headed south-west for a two-hour drive to the supposedly protected area of Vjose-Narte. Sadly, an airport is now being constructed in part of the site.

Before we arrived, we took a comfort stop at a service station where we could enjoy watching a nesting pair of White Storks and we did see one youngster poke its head up. Spanish Sparrows were also using the nest.

At the dry Salinas of Narte, we again had excellent views of up to three Montagu's Harrier. Mirjan was very surprised when we pointed out ten White Storks circling on the thermals as they are not normally here at this time of year.

It was good to see about fifty Gull-billed Terns feeding on insects over the dry terrain. Our main target here was Calandra Lark which we missed yesterday. We had some brief views but, on our return, we had outstanding views of a male singing on some debris close to us. As good a view as could be hoped for!

Entomological highlights include the attractive day-flying pyralid moth, *Synaphe moldavica*, the owlfly, *Libelloides macaronius*, and some Red-veined Darters along a channel.

At our secluded lunch stop by a pool amongst the pines, we were treated to many Bee-eaters, a few Alpine Swifts while we heard Golden Oriole. In the pond itself was a shy European Pond Terrapin while a Norfolk Hawker cruised above.

Following our refreshment, we explored the Salinas where many Greater Flamingos were feeding, and we also saw about forty Dalmatian Pelicans. A variety of waders was observed including Avocets, Black-winged Stilts, Ringed Plovers and an impressive number of Little Stints and fewer Curlew Sandpipers, the latter two species yet to finish their migration to more northerly latitudes.

Driving further along we saw good numbers of Slender-billed Gulls and some Little Terns. Highlight for many was a pair of Stone Curlews.

Day 4

Saturday 27th May

Leave Berat, Thana Reservoir, Lake Fierza, Prizren and Valbona NP

Today we left behind the sultry coastal lowlands to head for the north of the country to Valbona, the most southerly part of the Dinaric Alps, comprised of limestone and dolomite.

Our first stop was at Thana Reservoir. This was relatively quiet for birds where we saw another couple of Dalmatian Pelicans, several Pygmy Cormorants, Great Crested and Little Grebes but the highlight was both Black and White-winged Black terns. A mating pair of Black-tailed Skimmers was seen and some more common butterflies. We also saw our second Owlfly and a *Polistes* potter wasp at its nest. A floral treat were some tongue orchids, *Serapias bergonii*.

After leaving here we became embroiled in a testing traffic jam due to roadworks. We lost over 90 minutes and so our planned lunch at Prizren was changed. Instead, we had a lunch at the delightful location of Lake Fierza. Outside Nightingales were singing and some of us saw a Hoopoe.

We did eventually reach Prizren after going through passport control at the Kosovan border. Prizren was bustling with energy, and we strolled through the streets and along the river. At the latter we had good views of a family of Grey Wagtails and a Dipper below the bridge.

After passing back into Albania, the landscape had changed to a greener, undulating scenery before becoming mountainous. After a late arrival at Valbona we then headed to a nearby restaurant where we would have our evening meal for the next four days.

Day 5

Sunday 28th May

Snake Meadows, Valbona.

Pre-breakfast I'd found a Black Woodpecker close to our accommodation. Fortunately, several members of the group shared good views as it conveniently perched in a small pine.

Our day was then spent going up to Snake Meadow in a small coach and truck over a rough track. Several Buzzards were in the air, and we also saw Raven, Alpine Choughs (distantly), a perched Cuckoo and good numbers of Red-backed Shrikes which were seen well. We also encountered a loose flock of finches with Greenfinch, Linnet and Serins.

We took our lunch with a local shepherd family where we had a very enjoyable meal including a pastry with nettles and other mountain herbs, as well as a mountain tea.

The meadows were a delight with many buttercups, Yellow Rattle, Green-winged, many Burnt-tip, several Toothed and a single Early Purple Orchids, Pale Flax, Wild Pansies and many more.

Lizards were also numerous here where we had excellent views of both Common Wall and Eastern Green Lizards. A couple of cosy pairs of the latter species were observed by some stone piles.

When the sun shone, we saw quite a few butterflies and other insects. The former included Chequered, Green-underside and Amanda's Blues, a Sooty Copper, Clouded Apollo, Queen of Spain Fritillaries and quite a few skippers.

On our descent, rain set in so we returned to our vehicles. Close to our base we stopped off at a natural rock pool. Here we saw the special plant, *Ramonda serbica*, in flower in crevices, the leaves of Hepatica (an early flowering woodlander) and some familiar ferns like Rustyback, Wall-rue and Maidenhair Spleenwort.

Day 6

Monday 29th May

Kukaj Trail

Before breakfast Mirjan was scanning the mountains opposite our base for Alpine Chamois and eventually found one which the group eventually got onto in the scope.

Today the group opted not to do the higher trail but did the lower trail instead. On the way up we were fortunate to see a Honey Buzzard interacting with two Common Buzzards. Most people also had very close views of Crested Tits and Firecrest. We also had our only Rock Bunting of the trip with a handsome male posing on top of a solitary pine.

Plenty of butterflies were seen with many Dingy and Grizzled Skippers, another Sooty Copper and quite a few Pearl-bordered Fritillaries and Duke of Burgundy amongst others. A day flying moth, the Speckled Yellow, was frequently encountered. Some Wild Peonies were a botanical highlight and we added to our orchid tally with a Bird's-nest Orchid.

Having completed our route, we took refreshments by a farm and watched a family of Black Redstarts, while three members of the group saw a Nutcracker pass over.

As we returned to our vehicles we saw several attractive micro-moths, *Oletreutes arcuella*, sitting on some Dwarf Elder.

We later had a couple of brief stops along the Valbona River. At the first we had a distant view of Golden Eagle over the cliffs and by some buildings a singing male Black Redstart and three Serins.

The other stop was by an old water mill.

Day 7

Tuesday 30th May

Motina Valley

After being dropped off by our vehicles we proceeded in single file along the flowing river through meadow and ascending through Beech woodland.

In the sunshine good numbers of butterflies were seen, mainly species previously recorded, though several added Green Hairstreak to their lists. A couple of Cream-spot Tiger Moths (one newly emerged) and a Latticed Heath were also found.

Initially one of our target birds eluded us but on our return through the wood most of the group connected with a pair of White-backed Woodpeckers after some considerable effort. A pair of Nuthatches and Marsh Tit were also recorded.

Where we had lunch in a meadow, we heard a Black Woodpecker which gave a brief flight view.

In the wood we saw several White Helleborines, another Bird's-nest Orchid as well as seeing Spurge Laurel and the leaves of *Cyclamen hederifolium*.

On our return we heard some thunder and then the rain moved in, so we headed for base.

Day 8

Wednesday 31st May

Leave Valbona, Komani Ferry, return Tirana

As our flight was scheduled for 13.15, we had a very early start at 04.30 for the hour or so journey to the ferry start at Fierze. This was a small ferry which departed promptly at 06.00.

At this early hour, there were quite a few mist patches giving an evocative feel but also frustrating the photographers. The scenery is stunning though marred by the amount of floating rubbish.

Red-rumped Swallows, House and Crag Martins were seen over the water. At least ten female Goosanders were seen, a couple fishing, others flying over and near the dam one landed on the cliff face where she probably had a nest in a cavity. This was the only duck species recorded on the trip.

As we docked, we could see numbers of Alpine Swift coming and going from their breeding cave.

It was good to reunite with our coach driver, Zamir, who was tasked with getting us to Tirana Airport in time. Ironically the group had been concerned that time would be tight to get our flight, but though we did make it in reasonable time, our flight was then cancelled due to a technical fault back in London.

After some confusion we were expertly dealt with by BA handler, Adrian, who organised transport for us to a nearby hotel where we would have to spend an additional night in Albania.

Day 9

Thursday 1st June

Some of us explored around the hotel before and after breakfast where there was a good number of Greenfinches and a couple of us saw a male Southern Skimmer.

Mid-morning, we set off for the airport again. The early afternoon flight set off on time and landed in London around 16.00. Though we cleared passport control swiftly we had a bit of a wait to reunite with our baggage!

After e-mail exchanges and goodbyes, we set off on our independent journeys home.



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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

M = Many

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Common name	Scientific name	
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	10 from Koman Ferry
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	6 Thana Reservoir
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	2 Thana Reservoir
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	200 Narte
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	10 over Narte, pr on nest in town
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	several, various sites
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	all wetland sites
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	40 Narte, 2 Thana Reservoir
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	coupe flyovers, 6 Thana Res
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	3 Lake Koman
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	1
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	4 around wetlands
Monatagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	5 around Karavasta/Narte
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Daily sightings
Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	1 Kukaj Trail
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetus</i>	2 Valbona
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Karavasta & Narte
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	20 Narte
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	2 Narte, 2 Karavasta
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>	2 Karavasta
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularis</i>	1 Narte
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	2 Karavasta
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	2 Narte, 40 Karavasta
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	8 Karavasta, 100 Narte
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	2 Karavasta, 30 Narte
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	1 Karavasta
Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	2 Narte
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	c80 south Karavasta
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	3 Karavasta
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	20 Narte
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	various sites near water
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	2 Karavasta, 100 Narte
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	2 Karavasta, 50 Narte
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	50 Narte
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	2 Thana Reservoir
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	3 Thana Reservoir
Rock Dove	<i>Columbia livia</i>	feral birds around towns
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columbia palumbus</i>	1 over Prizren
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	common away from highlands
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	couple seen/heard in south
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	widespread, most days
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	regular in lowlands
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</i>	40 Karavasta, 15 Konan
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	occasional lowlands
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	common in lowlands
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	3 Vile Bashtove
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	4 while driving
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	2 Valbona
White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus leucotos</i>	2 Motina Valley
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	widespread in low numbers

Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1 Karavasta
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	2 sightings across lowlands
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	common Valbona
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	heard several places in lowlands
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	several Valbona I
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	common in lowlands
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	15 Valbona
Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Berat & on drive north
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	daily
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	several Valbona
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	several Valbona
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	several Valbona
Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	4 Kukaj Trail
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Several Valbona
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Valbona
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	common in lowlands, often by roads
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	3 Narte
Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	6 Karavasta, 8 Narte
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	common particularly in lowlands
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	common lowlands
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	few in Valbona
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cercropis daurica</i>	common, daily max of 20
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Valbona
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1 at Vile Bashtove
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	heard on first 3 days
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	8 Karavasta
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Valbona
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	common in Valbona
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	one heard
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	2 Kukaj Trail
Common Starling	<i>Sturna vulgaris</i>	various lowland sites
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1 heard Valbona
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	2 sites Valbona
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	few most days Valbona
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	heard Valbona
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	3 sightings Valbona
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	2 heard Valbona
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	heard on 3 days
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>	several Valbona
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	1 Karavasta
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	1 male Berat
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	1 Valbona
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	1 juv Prizren, 1 Valbona
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	common around towns
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	several in lowlands
Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	several Narte
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	family party Prizren, 2 Berat
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	fairly common
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	2 Karavasta, 4 Narte
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	mostly Valbona
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	5 Valbona
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	small numbers most days
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	small numbers most days
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	4 Snake Meadows
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	common in lowlands
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	3 male Vile Bashtove

Mammals

Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>	1 Kukaj Trail
Alpine Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>	2 days Valbona
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	1 Motina Valley

Reptiles

Caspian Whipsnape	<i>Dolichophis caspius</i>
Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>
Eastern Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>
Dalmatian Algyroide	<i>Algyroides nigropunctatus</i>
Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>

Amphibia

Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>
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Lepidoptera

Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>
Safflower Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carthami</i>
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tage</i>
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>
Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>
Wood White	<i>Leptidea daplidice</i>
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>
Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>
Iolas Blue	<i>Iolana iolas</i>
Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>
Chequered Blue	<i>Scolantides orion</i>
Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>
Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamaeris lucina</i>
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloris</i>
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglaia urticae</i>
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>
Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>
Small Heath	<i>Ceonympha pamphilus</i>
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>
Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>
Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Arctia villica</i>
Jersey Tiger	<i>Euplagia quadripunctaria</i>

Latticed Heath
Mint Moth

Chiasma clathrata
Pyrausta aurata
Synaphe moldavica
Oletheutes arcuella

Odonata

Green-eyed Hawker
Keeled Skimmer
Southern Skimmer
Scarce Chaser
Red-veined Darter
Banded Demoiselle
Beautiful Demoiselle
White-legged Damselfly
Azure Damselfly
Dark Spreadwing

Aeshna isoceles
Orthetrum coerulescens
Orthetrum brunnescens
Libellula fulva
Sympetrum fonscolombii
Calopteryx splendens
Calopteryx virgo
Platycnemis pennipes
Coenagrion puella
Lestes macrostigma

Other Invertebrates

Owfly species
Field Cricket
Marbled Bush-cricket
Egyptian Grasshopper
Rose Chafer
Chequered Beetle
Violet Carpenter Bee
Ground Bug sp
Ground Bug sp
Ornate Shieldbug
Hairy Shieldbug

Libelloides macaronius
Gryllus campestris
Eupholidoptera sp
Anacridium aegyptium
Cetonia aurata
Trichodes sp
Xylocopa violacea
Spilostethus pandurus
Spilostethus saxatilis
Eurydema ornata
Dolycoris baccarum

Plants

Pteridopytes

Pteridium aquilinum
Asplenium trichomanes
Asplenium ruta-muraria
Asplenium ceterach
Gymnocarpium roborianum

Bracken
Maidenhair Spleenwort
Wall-rue
Rustyback Fern
Limestone Fern

Gymnosperms

Cupressaceae

Juniperus communis
Juniperus oxycedrus

Common Juniper
Prickly Juniper

Pinaceae

Pinus halepensis
Pinus heldreichii
Pinus mugo
Pinus pinea

Aleppo Pine
Bosnian Pine
Mountain Pine
Stone Pine

Angiosperms

DICOTS

Anacardaceae

Cotinus coggyria
Pistacia lentiscus

Smoke Bush
Mastic Tree

Apiaceae

Aegopodium podagraria
Conium maculatum
Eryngium campestre
Eryngium maritimum
Foeniculum vulgare
Orlaya grandiflora
Sanicula europaea
Smyrniium perfoliatum
Tordylium apulum

Ground Elder
Hemlock
Field Eryngo
Sea Holly
Fennel

Sanicle
Perfoliate Alexanders

<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander
Aristolochiaceae	
<i>Asarum europaeum</i>	Asarabacca
Asteraceae	
<i>Achillea abrotanoides</i>	Yarrow
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Wormwood
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	Field Wormwood
<i>Artemisia campestris</i>	Mugwort
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Annual Daisy
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Southern Daisy
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Musk Thistle
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	Chicory
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Woolly Thistle
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>	Stink Aster
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed
<i>Picnemon acarna</i>	
<i>Ptilostemon afer</i>	
<i>Senecio leucanthemifolius</i>	
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Coltsfoot
Betulaceae	
<i>Carpinus orientalis</i>	Eastern Hornbeam
Boraginaceae	
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	
<i>Anchusa hybrida</i>	
<i>Cynoglossum montanum</i>	
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Common Hound's-tongue
<i>Echium italicum</i>	Pale Bugloss
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss
<i>Lithospermum officinale</i>	Common Gromwell
<i>Myosotis suaveolens</i>	
Brassicaceae	
<i>Cardamine bulbifera</i>	Coralroot
Campanulaceae	
<i>Campanula ramosissima</i>	
<i>Edraianthus serpyllifolia</i>	
Caprifoliaceae	
<i>Cephalaria transsylvanica</i>	
<i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	Dwarf Elder
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common Valerian
Caryophyllaceae	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort
<i>Cerastium dinaricum</i>	
<i>Drypis spinosa</i>	
<i>Moehringia muscosa</i>	
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion
Chenopodiaceae	
<i>Atriplex portulacoides</i>	
<i>Sarcocornia fruticosa</i>	Sea Purslane
Cistaceae	
<i>Cistus criticus</i>	
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	

<i>Helianthemum nummularia</i>	Common Rockrose
<i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i>	Hoary Rockrose
Convolvulaceae	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	
Cornaceae	
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood
Crassulaceae	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop
<i>Sedum hispanica</i>	
Ericaceae	
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heath
Euphorbiaceae	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	Glaucous Spurge
<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury
Fabaceae	
<i>Astragalus glycyphyllos</i>	Wild Liquorice
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree
<i>Colutea arborescens</i>	Bladder Senna
<i>Dorycnium hirsutum</i>	
<i>Dorycnium pentaphyllum</i>	
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	Goat's-rue
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	Horseshoe Vetch
<i>Lathyrus vernus</i>	Spring Vetchling
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's Foot Trefoil
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne
<i>Melilotus indica</i>	Small Melilot
<i>Onobrychis montana</i>	
<i>Psoralea bitumenosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil
<i>Trifolium alpestre</i>	
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	
<i>Trifolium noricum</i>	
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch
Fagaceae	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech
<i>Quercus frainetto</i>	Hungarian Oak
Gentianaceae	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort
Geraniaceae	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Storksbill
<i>Geranium aspideloides</i>	
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Cranesbill
<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>	Hedgerow Cranesbill
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dovesfoot Cranesbill
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Cranesbill
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Bloody Cranesbill
Gesneriaceae	
<i>Ramonda serbica</i>	
Juglandaceae	
<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut

Lamiaceae

Ajuga genevensis
Clinopodium acinos
Clinopodium vulgare
Lamium garganicum
Micromeria graeca
Origanum vulgare
Phlomis fruticosa
Salvia officinalis
Salvia verticillata
Teucrium chamaedrys
Teucrium capitatum
Thymus sp
Vitex agnus-castus

Blue Bugle
 Basil Thyme
 Wild Basil

 Marjoram
 Jerusalem Sage
 Common Sage

 Wall Germander

 Thyme
 Chaste Tree

Linaceae

Linum bienne
Linum catharticum

Pale Flax
 Fairy Flax

Malvaceae

Malva sylvestris

Common Mallow

Moraceae

Ficus carica
Morus alba

Fig
 White Mulberry

Oleaceae

Fraxinus ornus
Olea europaea

Manna Ash
 Olive

Orobanchaceae

Bartsia trixago
Euphrasia sp
Ororanche s
Parentucellia viscosa
Rhinanthus minor
Rhinanthus rumelicus

Bellardia
 Eyebright

 Yellow Bartsia
 Yellow Rattle
 Yellow Rattle

Paeoniaceae

Paeonia arietina

Papaveraceae

Chelidonium majus
Papaver dubium
Papaver rhoeas

Greater Celandine
 Long-headed Poppy
 Field Poppy

Plantaginaceae

Linaria peloponnesiaca
Plantago afra
Plantago coronopus
Plantago lanceolata
Plantago media
Veronica austriaca
Veronica chamaedrys
Veronica montana

Buckshorn Plantain
 Ribwort
 Hoary Plantain

 Germander Speedwell
 Wood Speedwell

Plumbaginaceae

Limonium narbonense

Common Sea-lavender

Polygalaceae

Polygala comosa
Polygala vulgaris

Common Milkwort

Primulaceae

Cyclamen hederifolium
Primula elatior
Primula veris

Sowbread
 Oxslip
 Cowslip

Ranunculaceae

Anemonoides nemorosa
Aquilegia vulgaris
Clematis vitalba
Clematis viticella

Wood Anemone
 Columbine
 Wild Clematis

<i>Helleborus. cyclophyllus</i>	Greek Hellebore
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Hepatica
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	
Rhamnaceae	
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Christ's Thorn
Rosaceae	
<i>Aremonia agrimonioides</i>	Bastard Agrimony
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry
<i>Fragaria moschatus</i>	
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet
<i>Potentilla argentea</i>	Silver Cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i>	Salad Burnet
<i>Rosa pendulina</i>	Alpine Rose
Rubiaceae	
<i>Asperula arvenis</i>	
Rutaceae	
<i>Haplophyllum cornatum</i>	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw
Sapindaceae	
<i>Acer hyrcanum</i>	Greek Maple
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore
Saxifragaceae	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	Round-leaved Saxifrage
Scrophulariaceae	
<i>Digitalis grandiflora</i>	
<i>Scrophularia canina</i>	French Figwort
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	
<i>Verbascum sp</i>	
Solanaceae	
<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	Deadly Nightshade
Tamaricaceae	
<i>Tamarix dalmatica</i>	
Thymelaceae	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel
<i>Daphne oleiodes</i>	
Ulmaceae	
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	Smooth-leaved Elm
Urticaceae	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the Wall
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle
Valerianaceae	
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common Valerian
Violaceae	
<i>Viola arvenis</i>	Field Pansy
<i>Viola tricolor ssp. macedonica</i>	
MONOCOTS	
Asparagaceae	
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily of the Valley
Juncaceae	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush
Orchidaceae	
<i>Anacamptis coriophora</i>	Bug Orchid
<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid
<i>Anacamptis palustris ssp elegans</i>	
<i>Cephalanthera damasonium</i>	White Helleborine
<i>Epipactis helleborine</i>	Broad-leaved Helleborine
<i>Neottia nidus-avis</i>	Bird's-nest Orchid

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Toothed Orchid

Burnt Orchid

a tongue orchid

Giant Reed

Cock'sfoot

Wall Barley

Harestail Grass

Common Reed

Annual Beard Grass

Blue Moor Grass