

Ecuador & The Galapagos Islands

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Monday 14th January

Only Ann and Richard were in the Mercure Hotel waiting for the group but unfortunately the British Airways plane had some problems with the brakes and the captain decided that they would change planes before starting from Heathrow airport, as a result the connection with American Airline flight was missed in Miami, the group had to stay overnight in the Marriott Hotel in Miami to get the flights from the following day.

Day 2

Tuesday 15th January

Terry and Clive arrived around 8:30 to Mercure Hotel and the rest arrived close to mid-night.

Day 3

Wednesday 16th January

A very early start to catch our flight to Galapagos Islands, the weather conditions had us leaving half an hour than the scheduled time but we arrive in Baltra airport slightly before 11:00 AM, then transfer to the “Cachalote” and sail to Itabaca Channel for a short stop to get supplies, later on we sailed to Islas Plazas arriving into South Plaza near 3:30 PM for our first land visit; slightly after 10:00 PM we sailed to San Cristobal Island.

Day 4

Thursday 17th January

Our first activity in the morning had us visiting Punta Pitt where after a wet landing we put on our walking shoes to climb up the trail along a galley, later on the trail took us to a more even terrain in a more scenic area before returning down to the beach and back on board. After lunch we sailed to Cerro Brujo where at around 2:30 PM we went for a walk along the snow white beach, before ending the day with an hours snorkelling in the rocky areas (Snorkel #1). In the night we sailed to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno in the south side of San Cristobal.

Day 5

Friday 18th January

In the early morning we went to the interpretation centre in San Cristobal island, and at around 10:00 AM we went to do some snorkelling along Man beach (Snorkel #2). We had lunch at midday and at around 2:30 we went to the Highlands of San Cristobal to visit “La Galapagera” in the way down we stopped to look for some of the finches before getting back on board at around 6:00 PM

Day 6

Saturday 19th January

Our first activity in the morning took us to visit the Isla Lobos where we took a short looped rocky trail and enjoyed a close encounter with the big colony of Galapagos Sea Lions; we had the opportunity to find a newly born puppy that had been born a mere few hours before we visited the colony. Then at least 10 participants in the group decided they would take another chance to go snorkeling (snorkel #3) - I was very happy that everyone enjoyed the activity even though some have not done it for twenty years, or it was their first time ever! Before lunch we started our sail to Santa Fe Island, we had lunch in the way and right after arrival we had the opportunity to have our second snorkel of the day (snorkel #4), once the heat of the day faded away we went for a couple hours walk inland Santa Fe to finish a wonderful day.

Day 7

Sunday 20th January

At 7:30am we were catching a bus ride to the highlands of Isabela, we made a couple of stops in the way up to look for birds in a brackish lagoon near Puerto Villamil and then at the base of Volcan Sierra Negra before entering the park in the more moist vegetation of the transitional zone. We walked some four kilometres up the hill to the rim of the Caldera but unfortunately the low cloud only allowed momentary views of the bottom of the caldera with no panoramic views. We ate our packed lunch and started our way back especially because a constant rain set in for the rest of the day. By the time we completed the way back it was slightly after 2:00 PM and we descended to town, paying a couple of stops in the way. After changing clothes onboard the afternoon was spent at leisure exploring the town or relaxing on the beach. We had an early dinner and slightly after 7:00 PM we started our sail to Cerro Dragon in Santa Cruz Island.

Day 8

Monday 21st January

Early in the morning we walked in Cerro Dragon (Santa Cruz Island) and returned to the boat only after having seen several “dragons” (Galapagos Land Iguanas). In the late morning we snorkelled near the start of Cerro Dragon (snorkel #5), and in the afternoon after lunch we walked on Rábida arid zone and before returning to boat where we had one more chance to do some snorkelling (snorkel #6).

Day 9

Tuesday 22nd January

After breakfast we had a short dingy ride before setting foot on the small islet known as Sombrero Chino (near Santiago Island) which we visited for almost two hours, then we returned back onboard to get ready for snorkelling (Snorkel # 7) or swimming from a nice sandy beach. We had lunch at around 12:30 PM and after lunch sailed to Sullivan Bay (Santiago island) where our first activity took us back to the water (Snorkel # 8) but this time unfortunately the visibility was very poor and murky...later on in the afternoon we had a very enjoyable walk along the lava fields of Sullivan bay.

Day 10**Wednesday 23rd January**

It was one of the greatest mornings of the trip, not only the early morning inland trip was very charming but the snorkelling (snorkel # 9) was supreme with a lot of new fish and crystal clear and calm water. Seymour North was very benevolent with us - right after coming out of water we started to sail to towards Puerto Ayora and had lunch in the way, we arrived at around 3:00 PM and went to visit the Charles Darwin Station and the town itself.

Day 11**Thursday 24th January**

In the early morning we went to town to get our bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz that took us to Rancho Mariposa where we had a great close encounter with 40+ Giant Tortoises then we drove even higher to the Los Gemelos (The Twins) forest then at around 1:00 PM we went to have a very enjoyable lunch at the Altair farm/restaurant, we returned to town in the mid-afternoon for some free time in Puerto Ayora.

Day 12**Friday 25th January**

Our first activity took us to the pretty white sandy beach of Bahia Gardner where we had a short nature walk before having some free time at leisure before returning to the boat in order to get the snorkelling equipment to go to Gardner Islet (snorkel #10). After lunch we went to Punta Suarez where we walked most of the trail and returned only after enjoying the magnificent view of the Blow hole in high tide.

Day 13**Saturday 26th January**

Early morning dingy ride around Champion islet before breakfast, then after breakfast visit to Punta Cormorant from where we also went to snorkel in Corona del Diable (Devil's Crown) (snorkel # 11), this was probably one of the most outstanding activities in the all trip - we had the chance to swim with dolphins! Then before lunch but after mid-day we paid a short visit to Post office bay, and after lunch we sailed to Puerto Velasco Ibarra to take the bus ride up to the highlands to visit El Acilo de la Paz.

Day 14**Sunday 27th January**

Early morning visit to Punta Moreno lunar landscape, a very interesting walk in the bare lava spotted with many endemic plant species, in the late morning we jumped in the water to snorkel (Snorkel # 12), and then we motored to Elizabeth Bay. In the late afternoon we had a peaceful dingy ride inside the mangrove dominated bay where there were many green sea turtles and a few penguins swimming amongst the mangrove roots.

Day 15**Monday 28th January**

The early morning we visited Urbina Bay where we had a hot but very productive visit. Unfortunately the sea was very rough and getting on and off shore proved to be quite an experience - the snorkelling was cancelled due to safety reasons and we sailed to Punta Espinosa in Fernandina Island for a mid-afternoon visit before started our long sailed to Santiago. Right after dawn we crossed the equator line with a celebration cocktail and singing.

Day 16

Tuesday 29th January

In the morning we visited the shores of Puerto Egas where along the grottos we had a chance to get close up views of the Galapagos Fur Seal, then we snorkelled (snorkel #13) before lunch and sailed to Bartolomé island, where we snorkelled again (snorkel #14) before walking up to the viewing point of Bartolome.

Day 17

Wednesday 30th January

Before breakfast we visited Black-turtle Bay and then sailed to Baltra to take our uneventful flight to Quito. Upon arrival the group went for a short city tour to catch up with the missing activity of the first day.

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Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	January														
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	Galapagos Penguin	<i>Spheniscus mendiculus</i>							5				2	300	20	6	
2	Galapagos Petrel	<i>Pterodroma phaeopygia</i>		1											1		
3	Galapagos's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus iherminieri</i>	300	100		30		300	50	50		30	50	100	50	30	20
4	Elliot's Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanites gracilis</i>		2	4	6	2	3	6	10		6	6	10	20	6	2
5	Wedge-rumped Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanodroma tethys</i>		1		2						3	2	2	10		
6	Madeiran Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanodroma castro</i>													1		
7	Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	60							4		10	6				
8	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	100	20	20	10	20	20	40	50	6	20	10	100	30	20	30
9	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>				20				40							
10	Blue-footed Booby	<i>Sula nebouxii</i>	60	30		30	30	30	50	200	10	100	20	50	50	30	10
11	Nazca Booby	<i>Sula granti</i>	10	20		200				50		60	10			12	
12	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>		10		10											
13	Flightless Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum harrisi</i>												20	30		
14	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	20	20	20	10	10	60	2	20	6	10	10	20	20	6	10
15	White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>					20	1			2		20	1			
16	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>					1						20	2			
17	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>		1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1		1	1	1	1	2
18	Cattle Egret	<i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>	1				2					30		30	2		1
19	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus striatus</i>		1						1	1			2	1		
20	Lava Heron	<i>Butorides sundevalli</i>	1		1	1		1	3		1	1		2	1	3	
21	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>											2			2	
22	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>															1
23	Galapagos Hawk	<i>Buteo galapagoensis</i>					1		1			1			1		
24	Paint-billed Crake	<i>Neocrex erythrops</i>									X		h				
25	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					3					1		3			
26	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>					2	1	1			3		2	1	2	3
27	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>					1										
28	Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus incanum</i>		h		4		3	2			1	2	h	4	6	
29	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	4	6	4	3	4						3		1	5	
30	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		1									1				

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31	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>		1			5	2									
32	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	30			20		20							50		
33	American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>		4		1	2	2	2			2	1		2	7	
34	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>					3	3						5			
35	Black-bellied (Grey) Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		1													
36	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>		4			10									1	
37	Lava Gull	<i>Larus fuliginosus</i>		1	2		2			3	4				2		1
38	Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>	1		2						1		1	1			
39	Franklin's Gull	<i>Larus pipixcan</i>			1									10			
40	Swallow-tailed Gull	<i>Larus furcatus</i>	30							50		50	20				
41	Common Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	50	20		20		100	30	30	10		10	20	6	20	10
42	Galapagos Dove	<i>Zenaida galapagoensis</i>	10			2					6	6				6	
43	Dark-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus melacoryphus</i>						1					1	1	2		
44	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>			3		2	3		6	10		10	2		2	1
45	Vermillion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>					1				1						
46	Galapagos Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus magnirostris</i>		1	2			3			6	1	4		6	6	
47	Galapagos Mockingbird	<i>Nesomimus parvulus</i>				6	6	20	10	10	20			6	20	12	2
48	Charles Mockingbird	<i>Nesomimus trifasciatus</i>											6				
49	Hood Mockingbird	<i>Nesomimus macdonaldi</i>										20					
50	Chatham Mockingbird	<i>Nesomimus melanotis</i>		6	10												
51	Large Ground Finch	<i>Geospiza magnirostris</i>													2		
52	Medium Ground Finch	<i>Geospiza fortis</i>		2	6			6		6	30		6	3	50		
53	Small Ground Finch	<i>Geospiza fuliginosa</i>	10	20	30	10	20	20		10	100	20	2	20	30	10	
54	Common Cactus-finch	<i>Geospiza scandens</i>	2					10									
55	Large Cactus-finch	<i>Geospiza conirostris</i>										1					
56	Vegetarian Finch	<i>Platyspiza crassirostris</i>			1												
57	Medium Tree-finch	<i>Camarhynchus pauper</i>											8				
58	Small Tree-finch	<i>Camarhynchus parvulus</i>			10		8				10		6		1		6
59	Woodpecker Finch	<i>Cactospiza pallida</i>			h		7				3						
60	Warbler Finch	<i>Certhidia olivacea</i>			6		6				20	6					
61	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	2	10	20	6	10	10	2	2	10	2	12	6	10	10	6

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Reptiles

	Giant tortoise:	<i>Geochelone elephantopus</i>															
1	Santa Cruz sub-sp	<i>G. e. porteri</i>							X	X							
2	San Cristobal "	<i>G. e. chatamensis</i>			10												
3	Alcedo "	<i>G. e. vandenburghi</i>												X			
4	Hood/Espanola "	<i>G. e. hoosensis</i>							X								
5	Green Sea Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas agassissi</i>	2		3	4	2	2	3	3		2	X	30	100	6	
6	Fernandina Snake	<i>Alsophis dorsalis occidentalis</i>													1		
7	Lava lizard (S. Cristobal)	<i>Microlophus bivittatus</i>		X	4												
8	Lava lizard (Espanola)	<i>Microlophus delanonis</i>									2	6					
9	Lava lizard (W & central)	<i>Microlophus albemarlensis</i>	6		6	1	6	10	6					5	20	20	
10	Galapagos Land Iguana	<i>Conolophus subcristatus</i>	10					5		X						6	
11	Santa Fe Land Iguana	<i>Conolophus pallidus</i>				2											
	Marine iguana species	<i>Amblyrhynchus cristatus</i>															
12	Fernandina sub-sp	<i>A. c. cristatus</i>														100	
13	Santa Cruz "	<i>A. c. hassi</i>	30			10		10		12	20						
14	Isabela "	<i>A. c. albemarlensis</i>					20								2		
15	Santiago/S Cristobal	<i>A. c. mertensis</i>		X	X	10				30							30
16	Espanola "	<i>A. c. venustissimus</i>										50	20				

Mammals

1	Galapagos Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus wollebacki</i>	100	X	30	200	20	20	60	50	X	100	20	10	20	10	
2	Galapagos Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus galapagoensis</i>								3							3
3	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>											100				

Fish

1	King Angelfish	<i>Holocanchus passer</i>	X			X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X
2	Barberfish	<i>Heniochus nigrirostris</i>						X	X	X			X			
3	Three-banded Butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon humeralis</i>				X	X	X		X		X				
4	Yellow-tailed Surgeonfish	<i>Prionurus laticlavus</i>	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X

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5	Moorish Idol	<i>Zanclus cornutus</i>									X			X			
6	Black Skipjack	<i>Euthynnus lineatus</i>									X				X		
7	Sierra Mackerel (Pacific Sierra)	<i>Scomberomorus sierra</i>									X						
8	Indo-Pacific Bonito												X				
9	Pelican Barracuda	<i>Sphyrnaena idiaestes</i>			X									X			
10	Dusky Chub	<i>Girella freminvillei</i>		X									X				
11	Striped Mullet	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>						X									
12	Galapagos (Yellow-tailed) Mullet	<i>Mugil galapagensis</i>	X								X				X		
13	Orange-eyed Mullet	<i>Xenomugil thoburni</i>		X		X											X
14	Graybar Grunt	<i>Haemulon sexfasciatum</i>						X									
15	Black-striped Salema	<i>Xenocys jessiae</i>			X	X		X	X				X		X		
16	Blue-striped (Blue-and-Gold) Snapper	<i>Lutjanus viridis</i>											X				
17	Pacific Dog Snapper	<i>Lutjanus novemfasciatus</i>		X									X				X
18	Giant Damsel	<i>Microspathodon dorsalis</i>	X		X	X		X									
19	Bumphead Damsel	<i>Microspathodon bairdii</i>			X			X	X								
20	White-tailed Damsel	<i>Stegastes leucurus beebei</i>		X	X	X		X	X	X			X				X
21	Yellow-tailed Damsel	<i>Stegastes arcifrons</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
22	Panamic Sergeant Major	<i>Abudefduf troschelii</i>		X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X			X
23	Bacalao (trout grouper)	<i>Mycteroperca olfax</i>								X			X				
24	Panamic Graysby	<i>Epinephelus panamensis</i>							X	X							
25	Flag Cabrilla	<i>Epinephelus labriformis</i>				X		X	X	X		X	X				
26	Leather Bass	<i>Dermatolepis dermatolepis</i>				X							X	X			X
27	Barred Serrano	<i>Serranus fasciatus</i>							X								
28	Creole fish	<i>Paranthias colonus</i>				X		X	X	X		X	X	X			X
29	Bumphead Parrotfish	<i>Scarus perrico</i>											X				X
30	Bluechin Parrotfish	<i>Scarus ghobban</i>			X			X	X	X		X	X	X			X
31	Bicolor Parrotfish	<i>Scarus rubroviolaceus</i>				X		X		X							
32	Azure Parrotfish	<i>Scarus compressus</i>								X							
33	Cortez Rainbow Wrasse	<i>Thalassoma lucasanum</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X
34	Chameleon Wrasse	<i>Halichoeres dispilus</i>		X	X	X		X	X	X							X
35	Dragon Wrasse	<i>Novaculichthys taeniourus</i>			X			X									X
36	Spinster Wrasse	<i>Halichoeres nicholsi</i>		X	X			X	X	X			X				X

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37	Streamer (Mexican) Hogfish	<i>Bodianus diplotaenia</i>			X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	
38	Blacktip Cardinalfish	<i>Apogon atradorsatus</i>				X		X	X	X			X			X	
39	Galapagos Barnacle Blenny	<i>Acanthemblemaria castroi</i>							X	X							
40	Large Banded Blenny	<i>Ophioblennius steindachneri</i>			X	X		X	X	X			X			X	
41	Sabertooth Blenny	<i>Plagiotremus azaleus</i>			X	X		X	X	X							
42	Four-eyed blenny	<i>Dialommus fuscus</i>		X													
43	Bravo Clinid (Checkspot Labrisomid)	<i>Labrisomus dendriticus</i>				X		X	X	X			X				
44	Tropical Flounder	<i>Bothus mancus</i>								X							
45	Hieroglyphic Hawkfish	<i>Cirrhitus rivulatus</i>		X		X		X		X		X	X			X	
46	Calico Lizardfish	<i>Synodus lacertinus</i>							X	X							
47	White-spot Chromis	<i>Chromis atrilobata</i>											X				
48	Bullseye (Concentric) Puffer	<i>Sphoeroides annulatus</i>			X	X	X	X					X			X	
49	Galapagos Puffer	<i>Sphoeroides angusticeps</i>		X									X				
50	Guineafowl Puffer	<i>Arothron meleagris</i>								X				X			
51	Spotted Porcupinefish	<i>Diodon hystrix</i>												X			
52	Balloonfish	<i>Diodon holocanthus</i>								X						X	
53	Pacific Burrfish	<i>Chilomycterus affinis</i>				X							X	X			
54	Yellow-spotted Burrfish	<i>Cyclichthys spilostylus</i>												X			
55	Pacific Boxfish	<i>Ostracion meleagris</i>												X			
56	Yellow-bellied Triggerfish	<i>Sufflamen verres</i>				X		X	X	X		X	X			X	
57	Finscale triggerfish	<i>Balistes polyepsis</i>								X							
58	Blunthead Triggerfish	<i>Pseudobalistes naufragium</i>								X							
59	Black Triggerfish (Black Durgon)	<i>Melichthys niger</i>	X														
60	Tiger Snake Eel	<i>Myrichthys tigrinus</i>										X					
61	White-tipped Reef Shark	<i>Triaenodon obesus</i>							X				X	X		X	X
62	Scalloped Hummerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>													X		
63	Marbled (Black-blotched) Ray	<i>Taeniura meyeri</i>														X	
64	Diamond (Whiptail) Stingray	<i>Dasyatis brevis</i>		X					X	X		X	X			X	
65	Golden Cowray	<i>Rhinoptera steindachneri</i>										X					
66	Eagle Ray	<i>Aetobatus narinari</i>						X								X	
67	Manta Ray	<i>Taenioconger klausewitzi</i>	X					X		X						X	

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Land Invertebrates

1	Galapagos Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa darwinii</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	Dragonflies	(Several genera, 8 species)		X			X	X									
3	Spot-winged Glider	<i>Pantala hymenaea</i>									X			X			
4	Galapagos Sulphur Butterfly	<i>Phoebis sennae</i>			X		X				X		X	X	X	X	
5	Queen Butterfly	<i>Danaus gilippus</i>					X	X			X		X				
6	Galapagos Blue Butterfly	<i>Leptodes parrhasiodes</i>			X						X		X				
7	Large-tailed Skipper	<i>Urbanus galapagensis</i>											X				
8	Galapagos Footman moth	<i>Utethesia spp (4 species)</i>										X					
9	Painted Locust	<i>Schistocerca melanocera</i>			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
10	Spotless ladybird	<i>Cylonedra sanguinea</i>					X								X		
11	Galapagos Green-eyed Horsefly	<i>Tabanus vittiger</i>		X	X	X		X	X								

Marine Invertebrates

1	Galapagos twin-spot octopus															X	X
2	Pencil-spined Urchin	<i>Eucidaris thouarsii</i>		X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X			
3	Crowned Sea Urchin	<i>Centrostephanus coronatus</i>			X				X				X	X		X	
4	Green Sea Urchin	<i>Lytechinus semituberculatus</i>		X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X		X	
5	Panamic Cushion Star	<i>Pentaceraster cumingi</i>						X					X			X	
6	Bradley's Sea Star	<i>Mithrodia bradleyi</i>						X									
7	Pyramid Sea Star	<i>Pharia pyramidata</i>						X	X	X			X				
8	Blue Sea Star	<i>Phataria unifascialis</i>						X				X	X			X	
9	Chocolate-chip Star	<i>Nidorellia armata</i>						X					X	X		X	
10	Sea Cucumber	<i>Holothuria atra</i>		X				X		X						X	
11	Sally Lightfoot Crab	<i>Grapsus grapsus</i>	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	Ghost Crab	<i>Ocypode sp.</i>		X				X	X				X				
13	Orange-tipped Hermit Crab	<i>Calcinus exp/orator</i>		X								X			X		
14	Galapagos Fiddler Crab	<i>Uca galapagensis</i>									X						
15	Thatched-roof Barnacle	<i>Tetraclita milleporosa</i>	X		X				X	X			X		X		
16	Ocean skater	<i>Halobates robustus</i>													X		
17	Volcano (Giant) Barnacle	<i>Megabalanus peninsularis</i>		X		X			X						X		

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18	Snail Worm	<i>Sepurlobis margaritaceus</i>							X								
19	Mexican Anemone	<i>Bunodactis mexicana</i>		X				X									
20	Brown Cone	<i>Conus brunneus</i>		X													
21	Ribbed Arc	<i>Barbatia gradata</i>		X													
22	Heart Clamb	<i>Globivenus isocardia</i>		X													
23	Fisularia	<i>Fisularia derroi</i>			X												
24	Mottled Blubble-snail	<i>Bulla puntulata</i>		X													
25	Common fireworm	<i>Eurythoe complanata</i>		X													

Plants (Native species only)

Coastal, Arid & Transitional lowland zones

(NB some species also occur in humid upland zones)

1	Galapagos Acacia	<i>Acacia rorudiana</i>														X		
2	Spiny-headed chaff flower	<i>Alternanthera echinocephala</i>			X		X			X								
3	Thread-leaved chaff flower	<i>Alternanthera filifolia</i>		X	X			X				X	X				X	
4	Galapagos three-awn grass	<i>Aristida subspicata</i>	X	X													X	
5	Salt sage	<i>Atriplex peruviana</i>								X		X						
6	Black Mangrove	<i>Avicenna germinans</i>				X		X				X	X					X
7	Lava cactus	<i>Brachycereus nesioticus</i>							X				X	X	X			
8	Palo Santo (holy pole)	<i>Bursera graveolens</i>				X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
9	Palo Santo	<i>Bursera malcophilla</i>								X								
10	Galapagos Shore Petunia	<i>Cacabus miersi</i>														X		
11	Bitterbush	<i>Castela galapaeia</i>	X	X				X										X
12	Spurred Chamaesyce	<i>Chamaesyce viminea</i>												X				X
13	Chamaesyce	<i>Chamaesyce amplexicaulis</i>		X					X									X
14	Button Mangrove	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>		X			X			X	X							
15	Muyuyo (Yellow Cordia)	<i>Cordia lutea</i>		X	X		X	X		X		X		X				
16	Revolute-leafed Cordia	<i>Cordia revoluta</i>													X			
17	Cordia	<i>Cordia leucophyctis</i>																X
18	Glorybower	<i>Clerodendrum molle</i>					X				X		X					
19	Galapagos Croton	<i>Croton scouleri</i>		X	X			X			X		X		X			
20	Saltbush	<i>Cryptocarpus pyriformis</i>		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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21	Galapagos (Anderson's) Sedge	<i>Cyperus anderssonii</i>												X		X	
22	Sedge species	<i>Cyperus sp.</i>	X									X					
23	Galapagos encelia	<i>Encelia hispida</i>		X													
24	Galápagos cotton	<i>Gossypium barbadense</i>		X	X			X					X		X		
25	Heliotrope (scorpionweed)	<i>Heliotropium angiospermum</i>			X		X									X	
26	Seaside Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>		X								X					
27	Manzanillo (poison apple)	<i>Hippomane mancinella</i>	X		X							X		X	X	X	
28	Lava morning glory	<i>Ipomoea habeliana</i>					X										
29	Beach morning glory	<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae.</i>														X	
30	Candelabra cactus	<i>Jasminocereus thouarsii</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
31	White Mangrove	<i>Laguncularia racemosa</i>												X			X
32	Curve-spined lecocarpus	<i>Lecocarpus darwinii</i>			X												
33	Wing-fruited lecocarpus	<i>Lecocarpus pinnatifidus</i>											X				
34	Narrow-leafed Lippia	<i>Lippia rosmarinifolia</i>												X			
35	Galapagos Lycium	<i>Lycium minimum</i>										X					
36	Galápagos tomato	<i>Lycopersicon cheesmanii</i>							X								
37	Macraea Galapagos Rosemary	<i>Macraea laricifolia</i>			X								X				
38	Leather leaf	<i>Maytenus octogona</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
39	Mollugo	<i>Mollugo flavescens subsp. gracillina</i>							X								
40	Club Leaf	<i>Nolana galapagensis</i>		X									X				
41	Prickly pear cactus	<i>Opuntia echios</i>	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X			
42	Prickly pear cactus	<i>Opuntia megasperma</i>		X	X								X				
43	Palo verde	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>			X		X					X	X	X			
44	Running Pop	<i>Passiflora foetida</i>			X		X						X				
45	Pectis	<i>Pectis tenuifolia</i>												X	X		
46	Galápagos mistletoe	<i>Phoradendron henslovii</i>			X								X				
47	Ground cherry	<i>Physalis pubescens</i>										X					
48	Matazarno	<i>Piscidia carthagenensis</i>		X	X		X			X							
49	Leadwort	<i>Plumbago scandens</i>											X				
50	Galápagos milkwort	<i>Polygala galapageia</i>		X												X	
51	Galapagos purslane	<i>Portulca howellii</i>							X								
52	Galapagos guava	<i>Psidium galapageium</i>			X							X					

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53	Red Mangrove	<i>Rhizophora mangle</i>	X	X			X			X	X			X	X		X
54	Galapagos Sarcostemma	<i>Sarcostemma angustissimum</i>												X		X	
55	Radiate-headed Scalesia	<i>Scalesia affinis</i>					X							X			
56	Scalesia	<i>Scalesia divisa</i>		X													
57	Heller's Scalesia	<i>Scalesia helleri</i>														X	
58	Long-haired Scalesia	<i>Scalesia villosa</i>											X				
59	Inkberri/ Sea grape	<i>Scaevola plumieri</i>		X													
60	Thorn Shrub	<i>Scutia spicata var.pauciflora</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	
61	Galapagos carpetweed	<i>Sesuvium edmonstonei</i>	X	X													
62	Common carpetweed	<i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i>						X		X							
63	Beach dropseed	<i>Sporobolus virginicus</i>										X			X		
64	Grey Mat Plant	<i>Tiquilia galapagoa</i>	X									X			X	X	
65	Grey Mat Plant	<i>Tiquilia darwinii</i>		X										X			
66	White-haired Tournefortia	<i>Tournefortia pubescens</i>									X		X				
67	Rufous-haried tournefortia	<i>Tournefortia rufo-sericea</i>									X						
68	Smooth-stemmed Tournefortia	<i>Tournefortia psilostacya</i>															X
69	Punctureweed (Caltrop)	<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>	X	X				?				X					X
70	Pearl Berry	<i>Vallesia glabra</i>		X	X		X	X						X			
71	Velvet shrub	<i>Waltheria ovata</i>			X		X	X							X		

Humid upland zones

1	Galápagos Tree fern	<i>Cyathea weatherbyana</i>			X		X										
2	Alternate-leaved aster	<i>Darwiniothamnus alternifolius</i>					X							X			
3	Thin-leafed Darwin's Shrub	<i>Darwiniothamnus tenuifolius</i>											X				
4	Buttonhole orchid	<i>Epidendrum spicatum</i>									X						
5	Indian Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium indicum</i>			X								X				
6	Yellow star grass	<i>Hypoxis decumbens</i>					X										
7	Clubmoss	<i>Lycopodium cernuum</i>					X										
8	Miconia	<i>Miconia robinsoniana</i>			X												
9	Colinvaux's passion flower	<i>Passiflora colinvauxii</i>									X						
10	Galapagos Peperomia	<i>Peperomia galapagoensis</i>			X		X				X		X				
11	White wild coffee	<i>Psychotria rufipes</i>									X						
12	Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>			X		X				X		X				

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13	Galapagos Bromeliade	<i>Tillandsia insularis</i>										X		X			
14	Scalesia "Daisy Tree"	<i>Scalesia pedunculata</i>			X							X		X			
15	Cat's Claw	<i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i>			X							X		X			

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Fish taxonomy is according to Humann, 1993.

Flowering plant names according to Conley K McMullen, 1999