Spain's Picos de Europa Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

11th - 18th June 2025



Gentiana occidentalis

Purple-edged Copper

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Tour participants: Pablo Perez and Martin Beaton (leaders) with fourteen Naturetrek clients

Day 1

Wednesday 11th June

Bilbao – Ria de Suances – Arenas de Cabrales

After an early start and a short flight, the clients arrived from London at Bilbao airport and the adventure began. After a few kilometres, we entered Cantabria, where we made our first stop of the day, braving a gap in the storm and rain that gave us a nice chance to observe some interesting birds in the estuary of the Saja River. With the tide high, we did not see waders, but we did see a large number of ducks, with the most notable being Gadwall and Shelduck. Others included Mute Swans, Greylag Geese and, more interestingly, a pair of Black-tailed Godwits and, curiously, a duck that we could not identify but that might have been an escaped Wood Duck. Perhaps the bird that gave us the greatest spectacle was a Melodious Warbler singing in front of us, and on the opposite shore in the distance a cloud of Black Kites and even a White Stork flew about over the grass just cut by a tractor in the meadows.

We continued to the hotel, arriving a little before dinner time, having had the nasty surprise of a flat tyre on the way! Fortunately, a tasty beer and an exquisite dinner awaited us at the Hotel Torrecerredo. At dusk, we could hear Tawny Owl, and some of us located and identified Common Pipistrelle and Common Noctule thanks bat detectors.

Day 2

Thursday 12th June

Poo de Cabrales - Vegas Del Toro - Jitu - Escarandi - Sotres

We hiked out from the hotel for a couple of hours on a circular path from Arenas to the amusingly-named village of Poo de Cabrales. We were contemplating the highest peak of the Picos de Europa, Torrecerredo, in the distance, when the song of the Red-backed Shrike sounded, and we quickly located it on a tree, dominating its territory. On the way through the village, as we crossed the bridge, we had the unbeatable sight of an adult Dipper feeding its chick in the middle of the river, with the sun shining on them. We could see how the underparts pattern on this bird went directly from black to white, without the rufous colour on the breast, as on British birds.

During the circular tour in the forest, we saw Great Spotted Woodpecker, Short-toed Treecreeper, an Adonis Blue, Painted Lady, Beautiful Demoiselle and interesting ferns such as Wall-rue and Rustyback Fern, until we arrived at the Palace Cernuda, where we turned downhill back to Arenas de Cabrales, to walk to the hotel for lunch.

We arrived in Vegas del Toro after lunch, fortunately locating an impressive Lizard Orchid and the birds that Pablo wanted, the brilliant Northern Wheatear with its very distinct black and white patterns, as well as the elusive Common Rock-Thrush, which to our surprise captured a lizard in front of us. In addition, at the top of the steep crags that separate the Central Massif from the Eastern Massif, an elegant Short-toed Snake Eagle paraded, pursued by the Red-billed Choughs and even a sharp-eyed Kestrel challenging it.

We crossed Sotres and enjoyed, just before parking, a large group of Griffon Vultures feeding on the ground, along with several Egyptian Vultures which also walked among the cattle, looking for lamb droppings to feed their chicks. Animal faeces provide an important source of calcium for this species.

We continued and reached the famous Jitu Escarandi, with supreme views of the vertical limestone peaks reaching almost 2500m, and the glacial geomorphology. In addition to Early Spider Orchid, there were bright traditional mountain pastures with pastoral sheepfolds, which contrasted with the colours of the snow and the fantastic spring sunshine over the green countryside.

We descended to Sotres, where we took well-deserved refreshment, and then we returned to the hotel after an adventurous day in the heart of the Picos de Europa National Park, the oldest in Spain.

Day 3

Friday 13th June

Lagos Covadonga

Fortunately for the group, Pablo had got permission for us to go up to the Covadonga Lakes with the van, and we could thus comfortably reach Ercina Lake. We walked to the top of the viewpoint located on the lateral moraine and were able to enjoy the impressive views of the Western Massif, captained by the imposing and still snow-capped mountain of Santa María de Enol, and of the glacial lakes Enol and Ercina.

Red-billed Choughs brightened up the glorious morning with their elegant pirouettes, and we continued in the vans through the traffic jams caused by the Asturian cows to the renowned viewpoint of La Reina. We waited there until the members of the Bearded Vulture Foundation arrived to feed the vultures. After a while, two adult Egyptian Vultures arrived, but unfortunately the Bearded Vultures did not appear. Maybe we would be luckier on another day of the tour, we thought.

We observed, during the wait, several interesting plants among the limestone rocks, such as Bee Orchid, while we also enjoyed the tasty snack in the shade. We decided to go for a coffee and taste the local traditional desserts (*corbatas*), before visiting the famous Basilica of Covadonga next to the statue of King Don Pelayo, and making an interesting visit to the Cave of the Santina, the patron saint of Asturias. In addition to Don Pelayo, we also met another important element of the nature of Spain, the Iberian Chiffchaff, with its imposing song; it is similar to that of Common Chiffchaff, but with a somewhat enriched final flourish.

After such a fantastic day of nature, we decided to return a little earlier to the nice Hotel Torrecerredo to enjoy the fabulous views over the mountains, appreciating a refreshing cold beer before enjoying an excellent dinner.

Day 4

Saturday 14th June

Cangas De Onis – Desfiladero Los Bellos Riaño – Boca De Huergano – Llanaves De La Reina – Cosgaya

Given that rain was forecast on the north side of the mountains, we took a longer route, but one which took us on the south side of the Cantabrian Mountains, and also avoided roadwaorks. We went first to Cangas de Onis, where we contemplated its imposing Roman bridge and the cross of Don Pelayo, well-represented in the flag of Asturias, before heading south towards the province of Leon, crossing beautiful beech forests which were covered with dense fog at higher elevations. The fog burned off, giving way to pleasant sunshine on the Mediterranean side of the mountains as we continued to the village of Riaño, where we stopped to contemplate the huge reservoir and its impressive surrounding peaks. After a short while, we stopped for a coffee and lunch in Boca de Huergano, enjoying the observation of a White Stork's nest.

After a pleasant lunch on the terrace, we continued to Llánaves de la Reina, where we hiked through the wide and impressive Naranco Valley, surrounded by the mountains of San Glorio, with their particular characteristic of being made of conglomerate rock and oriented south, something that favoured new species of birds, butterflies and plants. We made a surprising observation of a Crested Tit in a willow on the banks of the stream, where we also found the endemic butterfly of the Cantabrian Mountains (Chapman's Ringlet) and Meadow Saxifrage, among other things. In this quiet valley, we observed the famous Cantabrian Chamois on top of the rocky cliffs, and further down in the valleys some male Red Deer with their growing antlers, still in velvet.

We said goodbye to the sun in the Alto de San Glorio, which remained completely covered by a huge fog bank, as well as some cattle-guarding mastiffs, armed with spiked collars to protect them from wolf attack. After a long and interesting day, we arrived at the wonderful Hotel El Oso in Cosgaya where we enjoyed a tasty dinner and a nice beer.

Day 5

Sunday 15th June

Brez - Potes - Santo Toribio De Liébana

We were delighted with the continuous appearance of a large number of really interesting birds this morning, such as Cirl Bunting, Common Redstart, Wryneck and the star bird of Liébana, the Middle Spotted Woodpecker. We left the traditional livestock village of Brez to enter the forests of Pyrenean oaks in the direction of the Canal de las Arredondas, in the foothills of the Andará Massif, the so-called Eastern Massif. Along the route, we could see Fragrant Orchids and two native botanical jewels, the endemic Small-flowered Foxglove and Irish Heath. We were surprised by the large size of some of the Common Frog tadpoles that we saw in watering holes, and the beauty of the mountains, with fog that touched the peaks and covered the Picos de Europa.

We stopped to have a snack in a rocky area, and were able to enjoy the visit of a family of Rock Buntings feeding their chicks. Another surprise we had was a good observation of a male Common Rock Thrush, and more specimens of Middle Spotted Woodpecker.

We were able to appreciate some of the traditional buildings, such as the blacksmiths' huts and the traditional family farms, with their natural and sustainable construction materials. But for historical interest, the jewel of Liébana is undoubtedly Potes, its capital, which we visited before going to Santo Toribio de Liébana to learn about its history as a Catholic pilgrimage site.

Day 6

Monday 16th June

Fuente dé Cable - Pido

The sun finally arrived today, and with very good judgment Pablo had already booked the tickets to catch the first cable car of the morning at 10.00am. So, we were among the first to go up; we were left speechless watching the immense limestone walls of Peña Vieja and Peña Olvidada, in the heart of the Central Massif of the Picos.

We walked in the vicinity of the Vueltona under the massifs towards Aliva and Lloroza, looking for the interesting birds. We were fortunate and found White-winged Snowfinch, Water Pipit, Alpine Accentor and Alpine Chough; and we even had a brief observation of an elegant Bearded Vulture on the Aguja Ostoicoechea. Unfortunately, we could not complete the great morning with the enigmatic Wallcreeper. What we did see were interesting plants such as Alpine Gentian, Thyme-leaved Globe Daisy and Alpine Toadflax. And of course, the acrobatic Cantabrian Chamois galloped over the sharp rocks, looking for snowfields in order to refresh themselves during this sunny day.

After a coffee with dizzying views over Liébana, we returned to the lower station of the cable car, having a brief view of the Marsh Tit, before entering the cool and fantastic beech forest via the campsite. We reached several fields of flowers, where attractive plants like irises, Dark Rampion and Toadflax stood out. Without any doubt, the mammal that undoubtedly excited the whole group was an elegant Red Squirrel on a fallen beech tree; it stared at us, with the sun shining on its dark bristly fur.

We next arrived in the vicinity of the village of Pido; we crossed and continued down the road to Cosgaya, where we would return to have dinner at the exquisite Hotel El Oso.

Day 7

Tuesday 17th June

Cucayo - Peña de las Animas - Tuneles de Dobres - Potes - Rio Cubo

Because it was expected to be a very hot day, we went up to Cucayo, where we drove through the historic cattle village until we reached Peña de las Animas. There awaited us the wooden figurine representing a monk and the historical Animas, mythological beings similar to witches, depicted here among flames.

We were able to see the same image at the bar of the Posada Cucayo, where we enjoyed a refreshing drink. Undoubtedly the plant that most pleased us this morning was Martagon Lily, especially because it had a beautiful background on the rocks of Dobres. Over these crags, we also saw a large number of Griffon Vultures flying, and for the first time on the trip, Alpine Swifts mingling with Common Swifts.

Soon after the break, we went to eat sandwiches under the crags, where we saw an imposing Peregrine Falcon, before going back down to Potes for another refreshing ice cream; this was unquestionably the day of the ice cream.

We continued in the vicinity of the hotel, ascending the bank of the Rio Cubo to some meadows where we observed some nice Man Orchids and some Purple-edged Coppers. We then decided to return to the hotel to enjoy a well-deserved and refreshing beer, before continuing with the checklist and a final, excellent dinner.

Day 8

Wednesday 18th June

Cosgaya – Bilbao

Very early in the morning, we had to say goodbye to this magical place, and crossed the Hermida Gorge to Unquera in darkness. We enjoyed a tasty breakfast in Unquera before our last drive to Bilbao Airport, where we arrived in time to take the plane back to the UK after eight fantastic days in Spain, in the wonderful Picos de Europa.





Braun-Blanquet's Snapdragon and Martagon Lily

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

		June 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark				
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba							\checkmark	
Common Swift	Apus apus	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	
Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra			\checkmark					
Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	\checkmark		\checkmark					
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia				\checkmark				
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	\checkmark							
Western Cattle Egret	Ardea ibis	\checkmark							
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	\checkmark							
Bearded Vulture	Gypaetus barbatus						\checkmark		
Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus		\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus	\checkmark							
Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus		\checkmark						
Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus		\checkmark			\checkmark		\checkmark	
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Tawny Owl	Strix aluco	Н							
Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla					\checkmark			
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocoptes medius					\checkmark			
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		\checkmark			\checkmark		\checkmark	
Iberian Green Woodpecker	Picus sharpei		Н		\checkmark	\checkmark			
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	\checkmark			\checkmark			\checkmark	
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio		\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark		√	
Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	√	√	\checkmark	√				
Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax		√	√		\checkmark		\checkmark	
Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus		•	√		•	\checkmark		
Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	1	
Northern Raven	Corvus corax	√ 	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	↓	
Crested Tit	Lophophanes cristatus	v	v	v	\checkmark	V	v	V	
Marsh Tit	Poecile palustris				v		\checkmark	\checkmark	
Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	\checkmark	\checkmark			\checkmark	v	v √	
Great Tit	Parus major	\checkmark	 √	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	v √	
Woodlark	Lullula arborea	v	V	V	V	\checkmark	V	v	
Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris			\checkmark	1	√ √		\checkmark	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		\checkmark	V	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Western House Martin	Delichon urbicum		V				V		
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	Н			\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	
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Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus					\checkmark		\checkmark	
Western Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli		11			√ 			
Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		Н	,		Н			
Iberian Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus ibericus		H	\checkmark		Н			
Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta	\checkmark	\checkmark						

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Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	\checkmark							
Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	
Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin				Н				
Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla					\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea					\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla		\checkmark					\checkmark	
Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	\checkmark	\checkmark						
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	Н					\checkmark		
Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus				\checkmark				
Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	\checkmark							
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata		\checkmark			\checkmark			
European Robin	Erithacus rubecula		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark		
Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus					\checkmark			
Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis		\checkmark			\checkmark		\checkmark	
European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		\checkmark				\checkmark		
White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus		\checkmark			\checkmark		\checkmark	
White-winged Snowfinch	Montifringilla nivalis						\checkmark		
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Alpine Accentor	Prunella collaris						\checkmark		
Dunnock	Prunella modularis			\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark			
Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava							\checkmark	
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea		\checkmark		\checkmark				
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	\checkmark							
Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris		\checkmark			\checkmark			
Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis		\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark			
Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta		\checkmark				\checkmark		
Eurasian Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs			\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Eurasian Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula					\checkmark		\checkmark	
European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris		\checkmark						
Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark			\checkmark	
European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	
European Serin	Serinus serinus		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella				\checkmark				
Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia	-				\checkmark			
Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus	-				\checkmark			

Mammals

					June 2025								
Common name	Scientific name	11	11 12		14	15	16	17					
Red Squirrel	Sciurus vulgaris		\checkmark			\checkmark							
Common Noctule	Nyctalus noctula		\checkmark										
Common Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pipistrellus		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark								
Southern (Cantabrian) Chamois	Rupicapra pyrenaica			\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark						
Roe Deer	Capreolus capreolus			\checkmark									
Red Deer	Cervus elaphus			\checkmark									

Reptiles and amphibians

	June 2025					25		
Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Common Wall Lizard	Podarcis muralis		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark			
Iberian Rock Lizard	Iberolacerta monticola					\checkmark		
Common Frog	Rana temporaria				\checkmark	\checkmark		

Butterflies

		June 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Common Swallowtail	Papilio machaon						\checkmark		
Small White	Pieris rapae		\checkmark		\checkmark		\checkmark		
Green-veined White	Pieris napi				\checkmark				
Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines				\checkmark		\checkmark		
Clouded Yellow	Colias croceus		\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni				\checkmark		\checkmark		
Wood White	Leptidea sinapis		\checkmark		\checkmark				
Sooty Copper	Lycaena tityrus						\checkmark		
Purple-edged Copper	Lycaena hippothoe			\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark		
Long-tailed Blue	Lampides boeticus			\checkmark					
Brown Argus	Aricia agestis						\checkmark		
Mazarine Blue	Cyaniris semiargus			\checkmark					
Adonis Blue	Lysandra bellargus		\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark		
Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus			\checkmark					
Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta						\checkmark		
Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui		\checkmark	\checkmark			\checkmark		
Small Tortoiseshell	Aglais urticae						\checkmark		
Queen Of Spain Fritillary	Issoria lathonia			\checkmark					
Provençal Fritillary	Melitaea deione			\checkmark					
Marsh Fritillary	Euphydryas aurinia			\checkmark					
Marbled White	Melanargia galathea		\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark			
Chapman's Ringlet - E	Erebia palarica			\checkmark					
Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina		\checkmark			\checkmark			
Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus			\checkmark		\checkmark			
Pearly Heath	Coenonympha arcania					\checkmark			
Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria		\checkmark			\checkmark			
Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera			\checkmark					

		June 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus malvae				\checkmark				
Small Skipper	Thymelicus sylvestris						\checkmark		
Large Skipper	Ochlodes venatus						\checkmark		

Moths

		June 2025								
Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
Speckled Yellow	Pseudopanthera macularia			\checkmark						
Hummingbird Hawk-moth	Macroglossum stellatarum			\checkmark						

Damselflies

		June 2025						
Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Beautiful Demoiselle	Calopteryx virgo		\checkmark					

Plants

Common name	Scientific name
Bracken Family	Dennstaedtiaceae
Common Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum
Spleenwort Family	Aspleniaceae
Black Spleenwort	Asplenium adiantum-nigrum
Wall-rue	Asplenium ruta-muraria
Rustyback Fern	Asplenium ceterach
Lady Fern Family	Athyriaceae
Common Lady Fern	Athyrium filix-femina
Marsh Fern Family	Thelypteridaceae
Lemon-scented Fern	Thelypteris limbosperma
Buckler Ferns	Dryopteridaceae
Holly Fern	Polystichum lonchitis
Polypody Family	Polypodiaceae
Common Polypody	Polypodium vulgare
Pine Family	Pinaceae
Stone Pine	Pinus pinea
Poppy Family	Papaveraceae
Common Poppy	Papaver rhoeas
Buttercup Family	Ranunculaceae
Stinking Meadow-rue	Thalictrum foetidum
Green Hellebore	Helleborus viridis
Marsh-marigold	Caltha palustris
Liverleaf	Hepatica nobilis
European Wood Anemone	Anemonoides nemorosa
Plane Family	Platanaceae
London Plane	Platanus x hispanica

Common name	Scientific name
Saxifrage Family	Saxifragaceae
Mossy Saxifrage	Saxifraga hypnoides
Musky Saxifrage	Saxifraga moschata
Stonecrop Family	Crassulaceae
Common Navelwort	Umbilicus rupestris
White Stonecrop	Sedum album
Pea Family	Fabaceae
Common Broom	Cytisus scoparius
Spanish Gorse	Genista hispanica
Winged Greenweed	Genista sagittalis
Common Kidney-vetch	Anthyllis vulneraria
Badassi	Lotus dorycnium
Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	Lotus corniculatus
Horseshoe Vetch	Hippocrepis comosa
Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca
Wood Bitter-vetch	Vicia orobus
Bush Vetch	Vicia sepium
Common Restharrow	Ononis spinosa subsp. procurrens
Black Medick	Medicago lupulina
White Clover	Trifolium repens
Hop Trefoil	Trifolium campestre
Milkwort Family	Polygalaceae
Common Milkwort	Polygala vulgaris
Rose Family	Rosaceae
Wych Elm	Ulmus glabra
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica
Holm Oak	Quercus ilex
Pyrenean Oak	Quercus pyrenaica
Cabbage Family	Brassicaceae
Austrian Rocket	Sisymbrium austriacum
Cuckooflower	Cardamine pratensis
Knotgrass Family	Polygonaceae
Common Bistort	Bistorta officinalis
Campion Family	Caryophyllaceae
Large-flowered Sandwort	Arenaria grandiflora
Borage Family	Boraginaceae
Purple Gromwell	Aegonychon purpurocaeruleum
Bindweed Family	Convolvulaceae
Sea Bindweed	Calystegia soldanella
Common Dodder	Cuscuta epithymum
Plantain Family	Plantaginaceae
Braun-Blanquet's Snapdragon	Antirrhinum braun-blanquetii
Pyrenean Toadflax	Linaria supina
Common Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Cymbalaria muralis
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata
Greater Plantain	Plantago major
Hoary Plantain	Plantago media
Wall Speedwell	Veronica arvensis
Brooklime	Veronica beccabunga

Common name	Scientific name
Heath Speedwell	Veronica officinalis
Common Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea
Fairy Foxglove	Erinus alpinus
Leafless-stemmed Globularia	Globularia nudicaulis
Creeping Globularia	Globularia repens
Figwort Family	Scrophulariaceae
Hoary Mullein	Verbascum pulverulentum
Water Figwort	Scrophularia auriculata
Bladderwort Family	Lentibulariaceae
Large-flowered Butterwort	Pinguicula grandiflora
Dead-nettle Family	Lamiaceae
Large-flowered Selfheal	Prunella grandiflora
Cut-leaved Selfheal	Prunella laciniata
Wild Thyme	Thymus praecox
Wood Sage	Teucrium scorodonia
Pyrenean Germander	Teucrium pyrenaicum
Common Bugle	Ajuga reptans
Common Betony	Betonica officinalis
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica
Broomrape Family	Orobanchaceae
Ivy Broomrape	Orobanche hederae
Common Lousewort	Pedicularis sylvatica
Common Cow-wheat	Melampyrum pratense
Alpine Eyebright	Euphrasia alpina
Lesser Yellow Rattle	Rhinanthus minor
Holly Family	Aquifoliaceae
European Holly	llex aquifolium
Bellflower Family	Campanulaceae
Spreading Bellflower	Campanula patula
Clustered Bellflower	Campanula glomerata
Fairy Bellflower	Campanula erinus
Dwarf Sheep's-bit	Jasione crispa
Daisy Family	Asteraceae
Common Knapweed	Centaurea nigra
Musk Thistle	Carduus nutans
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis
Common Daisy	Bellis perennis
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare
Viburnum Family	Viburnaceae
European Elder	Sambucus nigra
Honeysuckle Family	Caprifoliaceae
Common Honeysuckle	Lonicera periclymenum
Common Teasel	Dipsacus fullonum
Narrow-leaved Red Valerian	Valeriana angustifolia
Umbellifer Family	Apiaceae
Pyrenean Eryngo	Eryngium bourgatii
European Sanicle	Sanicula europaea
Common Pignut	Conopodium majus
Cow Parsley	Anthriscus sylvestris

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Upright Hedge-parsley	Torilis japonica
Common Carrot	Daucus carota
Villose Poison-carrot	Thapsia villosa
Common Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium
Common Fennel	Foeniculum vulgare
Lily Family	Liliaceae
Martagon Lily	Lilium martagon
Orchid Family	Orchidaceae
Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid	Serapias cordifera
Early Purple Orchid	Orchis mascula ssp. laxifloriformis
Man Orchid	Orchis anthropophora
Burnt Orchid	Neotinea ustulata
Lizard Orchid	Himantoglossum hircinum
Common Bee Orchid	Ophrys apifera
Woodcock Orchid	Ophrys scolopax
Early Spider Orchid	Ophrys sphegodes
Iris Family	Iridaceae
Stinking Iris	Iris foetidissima
Asphodel Family	Asphodelaceae
White Asphodel	Asphodelus albus
Asparagus Family	Asparagaceae
Common Solomon's-seal	Polygonatum multiflorum
Spring Squill	Scilla verna