

The Spanish Pyrenees

Naturetrek Tour Report

27 May - 3 June 2007



Berdun



Portalet



Spanish Gatekeeper



Riglos

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Day 1

Sunday 27th May

Berdun

Weather details: sunny, later overcast and rainy!

Our flight with Ryanair to Zaragoza departed London on time, arriving in Spain in the early afternoon. From the airport we picked up our hired minibuses and continued on to Berdun making a stop for refreshments.

Another stop was made near Riglos. Here from a viewpoint we saw spectacular scenery with the “fingers” from a distance and birds as Woodchat Shrike and Corn Bunting, loads of Griffon Vultures, an Orphea Warbler and our first butterflies, Spanish Gatekeeper and Spanish Argus.

A stop near the river added several Crag Martins, a flyby Blue Rock Thrush and no less than four Short-toed Eagles overhead!

Upon arrival in Berdun we were welcomed by rain and our host John. He quickly allocated our rooms in the comfortable and characterful 17th century houses.

Berdun is a spectacular old hilltop village, sitting amidst the flood-plains of the Aragon and Veral rivers, yet surrounded by the mountains and foothills of the Spanish Pyrenees.

Highlights of the day

Birds: Short-toed Eagle, Griffon Vulture, Orphea Warbler, Woodchat Shrike

Invertebrates: Spanish Gatekeeper, Spanish Argus

Plants: *Phlomis lychnitis*, *Linum narbonense*, *Linum trigynum*, *Allium roseum*

Day 2

Monday 28th May

Berdun

Weather details: sunny and warm

Today we explored the bird and plant-rich areas right on our doorstep. We started the morning with a walk along the Aragon river stopping en route for a Woodchat Shrike and our first Wheatear. During our rainy walk we found good birds. Several singing Nightingales, Cetti's Warbler, Melodious and Garden Warbler, Woodlarks and Cirl Bunting and Golden Orioles calling and flying overhead.

But it was the Penduline Tits that stole the show. We watched a nest for a while with the scope as the young were being fed every few minutes or so by the "zorro" parents. Just fantastic.

We then drove to the other side of the river and quickly found a good selection of orchids with *Orchis militaris* the highlight, but also *Orchis coriophora*, *Ophrys sphegodes* and *Dactylorhiza elata* added to the mornings tally. Other plants included *Helianthemum nummularium* ssp *pyrenaicum*, *Cynoglossum creticum* and *Ajuga chaempitys*.

On the bird front we found beautiful Bee-eaters perched nicely on some dead twigs.

The afternoon was spent walking down to and near the Veral River. We first spent half an hour or so at the viewpoint admiring a good selection of birds of prey passing by at eye level. Griffon and Egyptian Vultures, Black and Red Kites, a Booted Eagle and a distant Marsh Harrier!

Once at the river we had a good time botanizing and adding many new plants to the list. Best of all were *Ononis fruticosa* and *Aphyllanthes monspeliensis*. Several Bee-eaters and a male Golden Oriole kept the birders alert. A bit higher up the slope we found a field full of Pyramidal Orchids and we glimpsed a Red-backed Shrike.

Despite it being a very rainy and overcast day we did quite well seeing a wide selection of birds and plants including a few rare ones.

Highlights of the day

Birds: Egyptian Vulture, Booted Eagle, Red Kite, Nightingale, Common Wheatear, Penduline Tit, Bee-eater, Golden Oriole, Cirl Bunting

Invertebrates: Cream-spot Tiger

Plants: *Orchis militaris*, *Plantathera bifolia* and *chlorantha*, *Orchis coriophora*, *Ophrys scolopax*

Day 3

Tuesday 29th May

Berdun

Weather details: sunny and warm

This morning we drove up the Hecho Valley. A Roe Deer crossed the road in front of us soon followed by its new born fawn!

Surrounded by stunning scenery with fresh snow we were soon looking at really good birds like Citril Finch and a young Lammergeier overhead.

A walk through the woodland with a stop in a large clearing produced a bag full of birds. Several Wheatears, Rock Bunting, Black Redstart and two young Rock Thrushes all posed for the scope. We saw some good plants as well like *Hepatica nobilis* and *Moneses uniflora*.

It was already mid-morning when we reached our target spot, a large rock-face, home to a pair of Wallcreepers. We waited for about one and a half hours but the birds failed to appear.

While waiting for the bird to appear we had great sightings of Crested Tit, Griffon Vultures and Choughs, several distant Izard (Chamois) in the snow plus *Globularia nudicaulis* and *Gentiana occidentalis* among the plants.

On the way down we stopped at a small meadow and found Burnt-tip Orchid and White and Sword-leaved Helleborine next to each other.

After our picnic lunch we drove south and during the afternoon we visited the monasteries of San Juan de la Pena. We stopped half way up and had great looks at two perched Lammergeier on a far ridge. We also looked at roadside plants such as Wild Tulip (*Tulipa australis*), *Orchis champagnouxii*, *Brimeura amethystinus* and *Muscari atlanticum*. We walked to the viewpoint and heard a few more Crested Tits, had crippling views of a Firecrest and admired the snow covered mountain range in the distance.

Highlights of the day

Birds: Lammergeier, Firecrest, Crested Tit, Citril Finch, Rock Thrush, Rock Bunting

Mammals: Roe Deer, Izard

Invertebrates: Grizzled Skipper

Plants: *Ramonda myconi*, *Gentiana occidentalis*, *Petrocoptis pyrenaica*

Day 4

Wednesday 30th May

Berdun

Weather details: overcast with sunny spells, rain in during late afternoon

After breakfast at our usual cafe we were on our way to the Spanish-French border where we spent the rest of the day. We stopped first near Formigal. Here a local ranger took us up the wooded slopes to look at the Lady's Slipper Orchids *Cypripedium calceolus* and then to a roadside meadow full of orchids with *Orchis purpurea*, *Listera ovata* and *Dactylorhiza majalis*.

Tree pipits were parachuting from the nearby woodlands, a Yellowhammer was singing and a Red-backed Shrike watched us from its perch. Overhead a Honey-buzzard and a couple of Short-toed Eagles passed, closely watched by our first of many Alpine Marmots.

From the parking lot we walked up towards our picnic spot botanising along the way and adding a whole new set of plants to the list. Best of all were *Anemone narcissifolia*, *Ranunculus gouanii*, *pyrenaicus* and *amplexicaulis*, *Corydalis solida*, *Gentiana acaulis*, *Soldanella alpina*, *Fritillaria pyrenaica* and many others.

Because of the sunny weather the butterflies were out and we saw Dingy Skipper, Little Blue and many Whites flitting over the alpine meadows. A Lammergeier flew low overhead giving outstanding views.

After our 'picnic lunch with a view' during which we were entertained by a couple of black crossbreeds (looking like a cross between a wolf and a dog), and then we walked up into the meadows in search of the specialities of the area. We found several Wheatears and Water Pipits displaying and a nice group of Izard high on the ridge! We also found a good selection of plants such as *Doronicum grandiflorus*, *Narcissus pallidiflorus*, *Crocus nudiflorus* (leaves only) and *Silene acaulis*.

After a coffee we drove down the scenic route stopping at a few roadside meadows adding several butterflies including Camberwell Beauty and Heath and Glanville Fritillary and plants such as *Muscari comosa* and *Cerastium tomentosum*.

Highlights of the day

Birds: Lammergeier, Water Pipit, Dipper, Alpine Chough

Mammals: Alpine Marmot, Izard

Invertebrates: Camberwell Beauty, Heath and Glanville Fritillary, Piedmont Ringlet, Dingy Skipper

Plants: *Fritillaria pyrenaica*, *Soldanella alpina*, *Horminum pyrenaica*

Day 5

Thursday 31st May

Berdun

Weather details: overcast, sunny and warm

Today we explored the hills and limestone outcrops to the south of Berdun.

At our first stop at Embalse de la Pena we enjoyed good views of Bee-eaters, Rock Sparrows and a pair of Great Reed Warbler. We heard several calling Golden Orioles but despite trying hard only had fleeting glimpses.

We then moved on to visit the spectacular red rock pinnacles at Riglos stopping en route for a photo stop, where we saw also our first Sardinian Warbler. At Riglos we took our picnic lunch watched by Griffon Vultures, Red-billed Chough, Sardinian, Dartford and Subalpine Warbler, Black Wheatear, a nice male Blue Rock Thrush and several brave but noisy mountain climbers. We also added several butterflies to our list including Blue-spot Hairstreak, Western Dappled and Pearly Heath.

After lunch we drove south and visited the 11th century Castillo de Loarre, set beautifully into the hillside with superb views south over the plains. We explored the area and woodlands around the Castle and found such goodies as singing Bonelli's Warbler, Crested Tits at their nest box and a beautiful Turquoise Blue Butterfly. The plant list also got a boost as we saw *Adonis annua*, *Stachys recta*, *Lactuca perennis* and *Saponaria ocyroides*.

In the evening before the log Vivien gave a very interesting talk on the history of Berdun.

Highlights of the day

Birds: Lammergeier, Great Reed Warbler, Stonechat, Sardinian Warbler, Subalpine Warbler, Bonelli's Warbler

Invertebrates: Bluespot Hairstreak, Pearly Heath, Western Dappled White

Plants: *Adonis annua*, *Lactuca perennis*, *Allium fistulosa*

Day 6

Friday 1st June

Berdun

Weather details: rain, overcast and sunny spells during the afternoon

After breakfast we drove to the Aisa Valley stopping en route for Lady and Man Orchid growing on a roadside verge.

Once at Aisa we walked among the stream-side meadows of this remote Pyrenean valley. Despite the rain and cold conditions the botanists had a great time identifying the superb flora which included *Acinos alpinus*, *Orchis purpurea*, *Dactylorhiza sambucina*, *Primula farinosa*, *Lilium martagon*, and *Carduus nutans*. A couple of Rock Thrushes and a Rock Bunting showed nicely and we found a nest of a Black Redstart with eggs.

Because the conditions worsened we decided to walk down again and drive to lower ground in search of more clement weather and wildlife.

We took our picnic with a view of the Aragon River and spotted several raptors, including Booted and Short-toed Eagle and many Griffon Vultures. Butterflies included our first Scarce Swallowtail, a Sloe Hairstreak and many Whites. A Lesser Whitethroat was singing nearby.

Another stop en route back to Jaca near a small erosion gully proved to be a good move. Butterflies finally showed in good numbers as well as species and during the next half an hour we all saw such goodies as Spanish Festoon, Southern White Admiral, Chestnut Heath, Green-underside Blue, Marbled Skipper etc (more than 20 species in total!)

A last stop during late afternoon was made near Puente de la Reina where the meadows held Bee and Woodcock Orchid, a Cleopatra and a flyby Kingfisher. We then walked the trail to the village of Arres seeing Fly Orchid, *Iris graminea* and *Melittis melissophyllum*.

After dinner we went for a night session. After waiting a while we spotted a large Eagle Owl in top of a tree and all had fantastic scope views! As it was getting dark we spent some time admiring the Remulus, Saturn (with rings!) and Venus through the scope all in one line! A very rare sight!

As we drove back to the hotel we flushed a Nightjar from the road!

Highlights of the day

Birds: Hobby, Rock Thrush, Red-backed Shrike, Eagle Owl, Nightjar

Mammals: Red Squirrel

Invertebrates: Cleopatra, Scarce Swallowtail, Spanish festoon, Chestnut Heath

Plants: Men and Lady Orchid

Planets: Venus, Saturn and Moon

Day 7

Saturday 2nd June

Berdun

Weather details: rain-overcast

We left early this morning and visited the Gabardito area again. We quickly walked to the viewpoint ignoring the Citril Finches and Firecrest en route.

It was cold when we arrived and there was a strong wind. For the next one and a half hours we carefully scanned the cliffs high above us..... in vain! No Wallcreeper ! We returned for a late breakfast and then drove through the Foz de Binies and stopped at the meadows.

The sun was shining and the winds had subsided a little. Walking through the fields we soon found a good number of butterflies and plants including *Salvia pratensis* and a single Lammergeier, several Griffon and Egyptian Vultures and several singing Bonelli's Warblers. Just as we arrived back at our parking spot Vivien arrived with our lunch. Tortillas!!

After a short rest we spend the rest of the afternoon walking through the spectacular gorge. We walked along the main road and explored the river banks in the gorge. The birders found a Dipper with young and Grey Wagtail in the stream and several Griffon Vultures close overhead! Plants were well represented too and included new ones like *Vincetoxicum nigra*, *Allium pyrenaicum*, *Orobranche hederæ* and *Petrocoptis hispanica*. Butterflies are always a highlight in the gorge and we were not going to be disappointed. We added a whole bag of new ones to the list, Provençal Fritillary, Chequered Blue, Tufted Marbled and Small Skipper,

Before dinner John had promised to show us the inside of the church. So after getting the keys we all went in and were surprised at how big and well maintained it all was despite being built in the 11th century.

Highlights of the day

Birds: Lammergeier, Griffon Vulture,

Invertebrates: Small Skipper, Chequered Blue, Scarce Swallowtail, Spanish Festoon, Chestnut Heath,

Plants: *Petrocoptis hispanica* , *Himantoglossum hircinum*.

Day 8

Sunday 3rd June

London

Weather details: sunny and warm !

After breakfast it was sadly time to say goodbye to our hosts and drive back to Zaragoza airport to check in for our flight back to London. After checking-in, we took our picnic lunch near the airport in the company of calling Bee-eaters and Tree Sparrows.

Hasta luego!

Species Lists

BIRDS

	Common name	Scientific name	May/June								
			27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
1	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1								
2	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>									15
3	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
4	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	2								5
5	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		2			2				
6	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
7	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
8	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	4		1	2	1	1	1		
9	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	1	3	4	1	2	2	5		
10	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>			3	2	1		4		
11	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
12	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1							
13	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
14	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>				2		2			
15	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		1		2	1	1	1		
16	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			1						
17	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
18	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				1		1			
19	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>					2	2			
20	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				1			1		
21	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ocropus</i>				1					
22	Redshank	<i>Tringa Totanus</i>				1					
23	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>		√			√	√			
24	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
25	Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
26	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
27	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		1							H
28	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						1			
29	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	H	H	H				
30	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	5	1				10			
31	European Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
32	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				1					
33	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		5	1		10				2
34	Black Woodpecker	<i>Picus Martius</i>			1						
35	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		H	H	H	H				
36	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		6							
37	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
38	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√
39	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
40	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
41	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				√					
42	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>				5					
43	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
44	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						2	4		
45	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
46	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			√			√	√		
47	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	√		√			√	√		

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			27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
48	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		√	√	√			√	√	
49	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>					4	2	1		
50	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
51	Common Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		√	√	√					
52	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>					2				
53	Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>			2	2		2			
54	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	1				2				
55	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
56	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			2		1	1	1		
57	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinac</i>					3				
58	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		√			√		√		
59	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		√			√	√			
60	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
61	Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	1				H				
62	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		√	√		√	√	√		
63	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>						H			
64	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>					2				
65	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>					1				
66	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		1			1	1			
67	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		√	√	√		√	√		
68	Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>					1	H	3		
69	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			√						
70	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>			2				1		
71	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Musicapa striata</i>		2							
72	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>						√	√		
73	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		2							
74	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>			4		1	2			
75	Marsh Tit	<i>Parus palustris</i>							H		
76	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>			√						
77	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
78	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√		
79	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			1						
80	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			2			1	H		
81	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>							3		
82	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		1	1	4	1	1	2		
83	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	1	3				1	1		
84	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
85	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		√	√			√	√		
86	Chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax Pyrrhonorax</i>			√		√		√		
87	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax graculus</i>				50					
88	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
89	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>								1	
90	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√		
91	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	1	5			2	2	1		
92	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
93	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>		√		√	√	√	√		
94	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
95	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>								2	
96	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
97	Citril Finch	<i>Serinus citrinella</i>			√			√	√		

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98	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
99	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
100	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		√	√	√	√	√	√	√
101	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>				√	√	√	√	
102	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			&					
103	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>						H		
104	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
105	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>				1		1		
106	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	√	√			√	√		
107	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			4	2		1		

PLANTS

Scientific name**Common Name**

Class Gymnosperms

Pinaceae*Pinus halepensis**Pinus nigra**Pinus sylvestris***Pine family**

Aleppo pine

Austrian pine

Scots pine

Cupressaceae*Juniperus communis**Juniperus phoenicea**Juniperus oxycedrus**Cupressus sempivirens* l**Cypress family**

Common juniper

Phoenician juniper

Prickly juniper

talian cypress

Class Angiosperms

Order Dicotyledons

Fagaceae*Castanea sativa**Quercus coccifera**Quercus ilex**Quercus pubescens**Quercus pyrenaica**Fagus sylvatica***Oak family**

Sweet chestnut

Kermes oak

Holm oak

Downy oak

Pyrenean oak

Beech

Santalaceae*Osyris alba***Sandalwood family**

Osyris

Aristolchiaceae*Aristolochia pistolochia***Birthwort family****Moraceae***Ficus sycomorus***Mulberry family**

Wild fig

Urticaceae*Urtica dioica**Urtica urens**Parietaria judaica***Nettle family**

Nettle

Small nettle

Pellitory of the wall

Loranthaceae*Viscum album ssp austriacum***Mistletoe family**

Mistletoe

Polygonaceae*Rumex scutatus**Polygonum viviparum***Carophyllaceae***Petrocoptis pyrenaica**Silene vulgaris**Silene rupestris**Saponaria ocymoides**Petrorhagia saxifraga**Petrorhagia prolifera**Dianthus hispanica***Dock family**

French sorrel

Alpine bistort

Pink family

ham catchfly

Bladder campion

Rock campion

Rock soapwort

Tunic flower

Proliferous pink

Scientific name

Stellaria media
Cerastium arvense
Cerastium tomentosum
Minuartia verna
Paronychia capitata

Common Name

Common chickweed
 Field mouse-ear
 Snow in summer
 Spring sandwort

Ranunculaceae

Actaea spicata
Helleborus viridus
Helleborus foetidus
Nigella arvensis
Thalictrum tuberosum
Trollius europaeus
Caltha palustris
Anemone narcissifolia
Hepatica nobilis
Clematis vitalba
Adonis annua
Adonis vernalis
Ranunculus gouanii
Ranunculus auricomus
Ranunculus bulbosus
Ranunculus pyrenaicus
Ranunculus amplexicaulis
Consolida regalis
Aquilegia vulgaris

Buttercup family

Baneberry
 Green hellebore
 Stinking hellebore
 Love-in-a-mist

 Globeflower
 Marsh marigold
 Narcissus-flowered anemone
 Hepatica
 Traveller's joy
 Pheasant's eye
 Yellow pheasant's-eye
 Gouan's buttercup
 Goldilocks buttercup
 Bulbous buttercup
 Pyrenean buttercup
 Amplexicaule buttercup
 Forking larkspur
 Common columbine

Fumariaceae

Fumaria parviflora
Corydalis solida

Fumitory family

Solid-tubered corydalis

Papaveraceae

Papaver rhoeas
 Cruciferae
Biscutella laevigata
Descurainia sophia
Alliaria petiolata
Barbarea vulgaris
Arabis hirsuta
Arabis turrata
Arabis glabra
Capsella bursa-pastoris
Draba azoides
Iberis sempervirens

Poppy family

Field poppy
 Cress family

 Flixweed
 Garlic mustard
 Common wintercress
 Hairy rockcress
 ower cress
 Tower mustard
 Shepherd's purse
 Yellow whitlow-grass
 Evergreen candytuft

Resedaceae

Reseda lutea
Reseda luteola
Reseda phyteuma

Mignonette family

Weld
 Mignonette
 Corn mignonette

Crassulaceae

Sedum album
Sedum dasyphyllum
Sedum acre

Stonecrop family

White stonecrop
 Thick-leaved stonecrop
 Biting stonecrop

Scientific name

Jovibarba globifera
Umbelicus rupestris

Common Name

Hen and chickens houseleek
Navelwort

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga granulata
Saxifraga exerata ssp *moschata*
Saxifraga pubescens
Saxifraga hirsuta
Saxifraga longifolia
Saxifraga losana

Saxifrage family

Meadow saxifrage
White musky saxifrage
Hairy saxifrage

Pyrenean saxifrage

Rosaceae

Filipendula vulgaris
Rubus fruticosus agg.
Geum urbanum
Geum pyrenaicum
Geum montanum
Potentilla rupestris
Potentilla crantzii
Fragaria vesca
Alchemilla alpina
Amelanchier ovalis
Sanguisorba minor

Rose family

Dropwort
Bramble
Wood avens
Pyrenean avens
Alpine avens
Rock cinquefoil
Alpine cinquefoil
Wild strawberry
Alpine lady's mantle
Amelanchier
Salad burnet

Leguminosae

Genista tinctoria
Echinopartum horridum
Astragalus sempervirens
Astragalus monspessulanus
Astragalus glycyphyllus
Astragalus hamosus
Astragalus purpureus
Dorycnium pentaphyllum
Vicia cracca
Vicia pyrenaica
Lathyrus pratensis
Lathyrus aphaca
Lathyrus cicera
Lathyrus latifolius
Lathyrus montanum Bitter vetch
Ononis fruticosa
Ononis natrix
Psoralea bituminosa
Medicago sativa
Melilotus altissima
Trifolium alpinum
Trifolium montanum
Trifolium ochroleucon
Anthyllis vulneraria ssp *pyrenaica*
Coronilla emerus
Coronilla scorpioides
Onobrychis viciifolia
Tetragonolobus maritimus

Pea family

Dyer's greenweed
Echinopartum
Mountain tragacanth
False vetch
Wild liquorice

Purple vetch

Tufted vetch
Pyrenean vetch
Meadow vetchling
Yellow vetch

Broad-leaved everlasting pea

Shrubby restharrow
Large yellow restharrow
Pitch trefoil
Lucerne
Tall melilot
Alpine clover
Mountain clover
Sulphur clover
Pink kidney vetch
Scorpion vetch
Annual scorpion vetch
Sainfoin
Dragon's teeth

Scientific name**Geraniaceae**

Geranium sylvaticum
Geranium pyrenaicum
Geranium lucidum
Geranium robertianum
Geranium columbium
Geranium rotundifolium
Erodium malacoides

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia exigua
Euphorbia serrata
Euphorbia characias
Euphorbia helioscopia S

Linaceae

Linum perenne
Linum viscosum
Linum narbonense
Linum trigynum
Linum suffruticosum ssp salsaloides
Linum catharticum

Polygalaceae

Polygala nicaeensis

Aceraceae

Acer monspessulanum
Acer campestre
Anacardiaceae
Pistacia terebinthus

Buxaceae

Buxus sempervirens

Vitaceae

Vitis vinifera

Rhamnaceae

Rhamnus pumilis
Rhamnus alaternus
Frangulus alnus

Thymelaceae

Daphne laureola

Hypericaceae

Hypericum nummularium
Hypericum perforatum

Violaceae

Viola pyrenaica

Cucurbitaceae**Common Name****Geranium family**

Wood cranesbill
Hedge cranesbill
Shining cranesbill
Herb Robert
Long-stalked crane's-bill
Round-leaved crane's-bill
Mallow-leaved stork's-bill

Spurge family

Dwarf spurge

Large Mediterranean spurge
un spurge

Flax family

Perennial flax
Sticky flax
Beautiful flax

White flax
Purging flax

Milkwort family

Nice milkwort

Maple family

Montpelier maple
Field maple

Turpentine tree

Box family

Box

Vine family

Wild grape vine

Buckthorn family

Dwarf buckthorn
Mediterranean buckthorn
Alder buckthorn

Daphne family

Spurge laurel

St John's wort family

Western St John's-wort
Perforate St John's-wort

Violet family

Pyrenean violet

Cucumber family

Scientific name*Bryonia dioica***Common Name**

White bryony

Cistaceae*Helianthemum nummularium* ssp
*pyrenaicum**Helianthemum nummularium**Helianthemum apenninum**Helianthemum canum**Fumana ericoides***Rockrose family**

Pink rockrose

Common rockrose

White rockrose

Hoary rockrose

Cornaceae*Cornus sanguinea***Araliaceae***Hedera helix***Dogwood family**

Common dogwood

Ivy family

Ivy

Umbelliferae*Eryngium bourgatii**Eryngium campestre**Sanicula europaea**Anthriscus sylvestris**Conopodium denudatum**Seseli montanum**Meum athamanticum**Bupleurum falcatum**Laserpitium latifolium**Laserpitium gallicum**Torilis nodosa**Daucus carota***Carrot family**

Pyrenean eryngo

Field eryngo

Sanicle

Cow parsley

Pignut

Spignel

Sickle hare's-ear

Broad-leaved sermountain

Knotted hedge parsley

Wild carrot

Pyrolaceae*Moneses uniflora***Wintergreen family**

One-flowered wintergreen

Ericaceae*Vaccinium myrtillus**Arctostaphylos uva-ursi**Rhododendron ferrugineum**Calluna vulgaris***Heath family**

Billberry

Bearberry

Alpenrose

Ling

Primulaceae*Primula elatior**Primula veris**Primula farinosa**Primula hirsuta**Androsace chamaejasme**Vitaliana primuliflora**Soldanella alpina**Anagallis arvensis* ssp *foemina**Coris monspeliensis***Primrose family**

Oxlip

Cowslip

Birdseye primrose

Ciliate rock-jasmine

Vitaliana

Alpine snowbell

Blue pimpernel

Coris

Plumbaginaceae*Armeria maritima* ssp *alpina***Thrift family**

Mountain thrift

Oleaceae*Fraxinus excelsior***Olive family**

Ash

Scientific name

Jasminium fruticans
Ligustrum vulgare
Olea europaea

Common Name

Wild jasmine
Privet
Olive

Convolvulaceae

Cuscuta epithymum
Cuscuta campestre
Convolvulus cantabrica
Gentianaceae
Gentiana acaulis
Gentiana occidentalis
Gentiana verna
Blackstonia perfoliata

Bindweed family

Dodder
Field dodder
Pink bindweed
Gentian family
Trumpet gentian
Pyrenean trumpet gentian
Spring gentian
Yellow-wort

Asclepadiaceae

Vincetoxicum hirundinarium
Vincetoxicum nigrum

Milkweed family

Swallow-wort
Black swallow-wort

Boraginaceae

Onosma bubanii
Lithodora fruticosa
Lithodora diffusa
Lithospermum arvensis
Echium vulgare
Borago officinalis
Myosotis alpestris
Cynoglossum creticum
Anchusa officinalis
Anchusa azurea

Borage family

Pyrenean golden drop
Shrubby gromwell
Scrambling gromwell
Corn gromwell
Viper's bugloss
Borage
Alpine forget-me-not
Blue hound's-tongue
Alkanet
Large blue alkanet

Verbenaceae

Verbena officinalis

Verbena family

Vervain

Labiatae

Ajuga chamaepitys
Ajuga pyramidalis
Origanum vulgare
Sideritis hirsuta
Salvia pratensis
Salvia verbenaca
Lamium amplexicaule
Lamium garganicum
Ballota nigra
Stachys recta
Melittis melissophyllum
Satureja montana
Acinos alpina
Acinos arvensis
Thymus pulegioides
Thymus vulgaris
Lavandula augustifolia
Rosmarinus officinalis
Horminum pyrenaicum
Phlomis lychnitis

Mint family

Ground pine
Pyramidal bugle
Marjoram

Meadow clary
Clary
Hen-bit deadnettle
Large red deadnettle
Black whorehound
Yellow woundwort
Bastard balm
Winter savory
Alpine calamint
Basil-thyme
Large thyme

Lavender
Rosemary
Dragonmouth

Scientific name

Phlomis herba-venti
Marrubium vulgare

Common Name

White whorehound

Scrophulariaceae

Chaenorhinum oreganifolium
Antirrhinum majus
Linaria supina
Linaria alpina
Erinus alpinus
Scrophularia canina
Verbascum lychnitis
Verbascum thapsus
Veronica beccabunga
Pedicularis pyrenaica
Rhinanthus minor

Figwort family

Snapdragon
Pyrenean toadflax
Alpine toadflax
Fairy foxglove
Alpine figwort
White mullein
Aaron's rod
Brooklime
Pyrenean lousewort
Yellow rattle

Gesneriaceae

Ramonda myconi

Gloxinia family

Ramonda

Solanaceae

Atropa belladonna
Hyoscyamus niger
Solanum dulcamara

Nightshade family

Deadly nightshade
Henbane
Bittersweet

Globulariaceae

Globularia repens
Globularia nudicaulis
Globularia punctata
Globularia cordifolia

Globularia family

Leafless-stemmed globularia
Common globularia
Matted globularia

Lentibulariaceae

Pinguicula vulgaris

Butterwort family

Common butterwort

Plantaginaceae

Plantago media
Plantago arenaria

Plantain family

Hoary plantain
Branched plantain

Orobanchaceae

Orobanche gracilis
Orobanche hederæ

Broomrape family

Slender broomrape
Ivy broomrape

Rubiaceae

Galium peregrina
Galium mollugo
Cruciata laevipes

Bedstraw family

Madder
Hedge bedstraw
Crosswort

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera pyrenaica
Lonicera etrusca
Lonicera periclymenum
Viburnum lantana
Sambucus nigra
Sambucus ebulus

Honeysuckle family

Pyrenean honeysuckle
Etruscan honeysuckle
Honeysuckle
Wayfaring tree
Elder
Dwarf elder

Scientific name**Valerianaceae**

Centranthus ruber
Valeriana globularifolia
Valeriana montana

Common Name**Valerian family**

Red valerian
 Globularia-leaved valerian

Campanulaceae

Jasione montana
Campanula persicifolia
Campanula trachelium
Phyteuma obiculare
Lobelia urens

Bellflower family

Mountain sheepsbit
 Peach-leaved bellflower
 Nettle-leaved bellflower
 Round-headed rampion
 Heath lobelia

Dipsacaceae

Knautia dipsacifolia
Dipsacus fullonum

Teasel family

Wood scabious
 Teasel

Compositae

Achillea millefolium
Artemisia herba-alba
Filago vulgaris
Bellis perennis
Bellis sylvestris
Antennaria dioica
Leucanthemum vulgare
Leucanthemum corybosum
Staehelina dubia
Tussilago farfara
Pallenis spinosa
Onopordium acanthium
Onopordium acaulon
Carduus nutans
Carduus acanthoides
Silybum marianum
Volutaria lippii
Leuzia conifera
Centaurea solstitialis
Carduncellus mitissimus
Scolymus hispanicus
Lactuca perennis
Tragopogon pratensis
Tragopogon crocifolius
Tragopogon porrifolius
Hieracium pilosella
Andrayala integrifolia
Catananche caerulea
Helichrysum stoechas
Santolina chamaecyparissus
Cinchorium intybus
 Order Monocotyledons

Daisy family

Yarrow
 Pyrenean wormwood
 Common cudweed
 Daisy
 Southern daisy
 Mountain everlasting
 Oxe-eye daisy

 Staehelina
 Coltsfoot

 Cotton thistle
 Stemless cotton thistle
 Musk thistle
 Welled thistle
 Milk thistle

Leuzia
 Yellow star-thistle
 Dwarf blue thistle
 Spanish oyster plant
 Blue lettuce
 Goatsbeard

 Salsify
 Mouse-ear hawkweed

Cupid's dart
 Curry plant
 Lavender cotton
 Chicory

Liliaceae

Aphyllanthes monspeliensis
Anthericum liliago
Paridisea liliastrum

Lily family

Blue aphyllanthes
 St. Bernard's lily
 St. Bruno's lily

Scientific name

Allium vineale
Allium sphaerocephalon
Allium ampeloprasum
Allium moly
Allium roseum
Allium pyrenaicum
Veratrum album
Asphodelus albus
Asphodelus fistulosus
Fritillaria pyrenaica
Tulipa australis
Lilium martagon
Scilla verna
Dipcadi serotonin
Ornithogalum pyrenaicum
Brimeura amethystinus
Muscari neglectum
Muscari comosum
Ruscus aculeatus
Asparagus officinalis

Common Name

Crow garlic
 Round-headed leek
 Wild leek
 Yellow onion
 Rosy garlic

 White false helleborine
 White Asphodel
 Hollow-leaved asphodel
 Pyrenean snakeshead
 Wild tulip
 Martagon lily
 Spring squill
 Dipcadi/Brown blubell
 Bath asparagus
 Pyrenean hyacinth
 Grape hyacinth
 Tassel hyacinth
 Butcher's broom
 Asparagus

Dioscoreaceae

Tamus communis

Yam family

Black bryony

Amaryllidaceae

Narcissus bicolor
Narcissus pallidiflorus

Daffodil family

Pale Lent lily

Iridaceae

Iris pseudacorus
Iris graminea
Iris xiphoides
Iris lutescens
Gladiolus italicus
Crocus nudiflorus

Iris family

Flag iris
 Grassy-leaved iris
 English iris

 Field gladiolus

Orchidaceae

Cypripedium calceolus
Ophrys apifera
Ophrys insectifera
Ophrys sphegodes
Ophrys scolopax
Orchis coriophora
Orchis laxiflora
Orchis mascula
Orchis militaris
Orchis purpurea
Orchis ustulata
Orchis champagneuxii
Dactylorhiza sambucina
Dactylorhiza fuschii
Dactylorhiza elata
Dactylorhiza majalis
Aceras anthropophorum

Orchid family

Lady's slipper orchid
 Bee orchid
 Fly orchid
 Early spider orchid
 Woodcock orchid
 Bug orchid
 Lax-flowered orchid
 Early purple orchid
 Military orchid
 Lady orchid
 Burnt tip orchid
 Champagne orchid
 Elder-flowered orchid
 Common spotted orchid
 Robust marsh orchid
 Broad-leaved marsh orchid
 Man orchid

Scientific name*Himantoglossum hircinum**Anacamptis pyramidalis**Gymnadenia conopsea**Cephalanthera longifolia**Cephalanthera damasonium**Plantathera chlorantha**Plantathera bifolia**Listera ovata***Common Name**

Lizard orchid

Pyramidal orchid

Fragrant orchid

Sword-leaved helleborine

White helleborine

Greater butterfly orchid

Lesser butterfly orchid

Twayblade

Scientific name**Common Name**

BUTTERFLIES

Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
Scarce (Spanish) Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
Spanish Festoon	<i>Zerynthia rumina</i>
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia cratargi</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>
Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidiae</i>
Western Dappled White	<i>Euchloe crameri</i>
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>
Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias hyale</i>
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx Cleopatra</i>
Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>
Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyricum ilicis</i>
False Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyricum esculi</i>
Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Satyricum acaciae</i>
Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyricum spini</i>
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>
Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>
Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>
Chequered Blue	<i>Scolitantides orion</i>
South Brown Argus	<i>Ariciacramera</i>
Spanish Chalkhill Blue	<i>Polyommatus albicans</i>
Amanda Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>
Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>
Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>
South White Admiral	<i>Limentitis reducta</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>
Twin-spot Fritillary	<i>Brenthis hecate</i>
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>
Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>
Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>
Provençal Fritillary	<i>Melitaea deione</i>
Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>
Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>
Spanish Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas desfontainii</i>
Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>
Spanish Gatekeeper	<i>Pyronia bathseba</i>
Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>
Chestnut (Spanish) Heath	<i>Coenonympha glyceron</i>
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>

Scientific name

Wall Brown
 Large Wall Brown
 Grizzled Skipper
 Large Grizzled Skipper
 Red-underwing Skipper
 Marbled Skipper
 Tufted Marbled Skipper
 Essex Skipper
 Small Skipper
 Dingy Skipper

Common Name

Lasiommata megera
Lasiommata maera
Pyrgus malvae
Pyrgus alveus
Spialia sertorius
Carcharodus lavatherae
Carcharodus floccifera
Thymelicus lineola
Thymelicus sylvestris
Erynnis tages

Other Wildlife Seen

MOTHS

Cream-spot Tiger	Silver-Y
Burnet Companion	Pine Processionary moth
Mother Shipton	Burnet sp .
Hummingbird Hawk-moth	Bee Hawkmoth
Latticed Heath	

MAMMALS

Alpine Marmot	Roe Deer
Izard (Chamois)	Red Fox
Red Squirrel	

OTHER INSECTS

Carpenter Bee	Libelloides coccajus
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REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Common Wall Lizard	Edible Frog
Green Lizard	Montpellier Snake
Psammodromus	Palmate Newt
Common Frog	