

Corsica - The Scented Isle

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Verhelle Valley



Asphodel Castelle



Red Kite



Corte

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Day 1

Sunday 11th May

Weather: warm but cloudy

Half the group flew into Calvi and half flew into Bastia, so our first task was to meet up. After that we all got together to enjoy a picnic on the beach near Calvi. This is an attractive area with many flowers, including Yellow Horned Poppy, Tassel Hyacinth, Bellardia and Galactites growing in the sand at the top of the beach. In the scrub beyond, Dartford and Sardinian Warblers were seen. We then travelled south to Venaco, stopping for a coffee en route and arriving at our hotel by the river just before 6pm. In the evening a Scops Owl was heard calling.

Day 2

Monday 12th May

Weather - rain all day, occasionally heavy

The rain was falling over the whole island so we decided to have lunch in the hotel and go out in the afternoon to an interesting region of wooded hills in the hope that we might have a walk if the rain eased. Unfortunately, the rain became torrential and birds were almost non-existent apart from the odd Jay, Spotless Starling, Swallow and a Dipper on the river back at the hotel. Some flowers were seen from the vehicles, including Provence and Dense-flowered Orchids, *Cyclamen repandum*, three species of Cistus and Cork Oak.

Day 3

Tuesday 13th May

Weather: rain all day, occasionally heavy

It was the same situation as yesterday so after lunch we went into Corte and explored the Citadel, the Museum and the shops.

Later, as the rain had eased, we went into the nearby Restonica Valley looking for flowers. We found some Corsican Saxifrage, Alder and Genista together with *Allium pendulinum*, also early Spider Orchid and scarce Tongue Orchid. A singing Cirl Bunting was the birding highlight.

Day 4

Wednesday 14th May

Weather: mainly sunny & warm

At last we awoke to sunshine and blue skies so we decided to set off early for the nearby Verghello Valley. While picnic shopping in Venaco, a Red Kite and Golden Eagle were seen flying along a nearby ridge. We parked at the bottom of the valley and soon after starting our walk another Golden Eagle plus a Buzzard, a Peregrine and some Crag Martins were observed. Later, two Wrynecks were seen by the occupants of one of the minibuses, plus a Crossbill and a pair of Citril Finches at the picnic site. We walked further on up the valley amid carpets of cyclamen with some more Provence Orchids, Purple Bird's Nest Orchids and Pink Butterfly Orchid. After a brief visit to a high level beech forest in the clouds we ended the day with a coffee stop where a Northern Wheatear was spotted.

Day 5

Thursday 15th May

Weather: mainly sunny & warm

To make up for lost time, we decided to visit the top of Restonica Valley (one of the highlights of the trip) in the morning. We left early, saw a Black Redstart in Corte, arrived at the top car park at 10am and spent the rest of the morning walking up this spectacular valley to reach a patch of Corsican Crocus flowering on the edge of the melting snow. Also found were Corsican Butterwort, with Corsican Alder; several Alpine Chough and Ravens were flying and among the peaks.

After a picnic it was time to drive north and then west towards Evisa. En route we stopped at a scrubby hillside where a Woodchat Shrike was seen as well as many Orchids, including Green winged and three types of Tongue Orchid. In the Strada di Santa Regina gorge the endemic White Thrift was found growing on the rock walls and we had very good views of a pair of Golden Eagles as they flew back and forth across the gorge. We then took a short break at the Col di Vergio before descending to the village of Evisa and our comfortable hotel situated at the top of the village.

Day 6

Friday 16th May

Weather: cloudy in the morning, sunny in the afternoon

We left the hotel at 9am and walked down through the village to the start of the Spelunca Gorge where we would descend to the village of Ota. The path was quite steep in places but the group managed well and we stopped for lunch by the river under an ancient Genoese bridge. In the trees above us we were lucky to see several Firecrests. Also seen were many Crag Martins, singing Blackcaps, Grey Wagtail, Spotted Flycatchers, Serin and Cirl Bunting. The flowers did not disappoint, with plenty of cyclamen, Three-cornered Leek, Snowflake and Pancratium found. Emerging from the gorge into sunshine we walked on to the centre of Ota and the cafe Chez Felix, returning to Evisa for dinner.

Before dinner, John took the group a short distance from the hotel to watch a pair of Corsican Nuthatches feeding their young and occasionally two little beaks could be seen at the nest hole; we were very lucky to see Corsica's only endemic bird at such close range. After dinner we went out into the village and listened to the Scops Owls calling from the valley below the hotel.

Day 7

Saturday 17th May

Weather: a little cloud & rain in the morning, a lot of cloud & rain in the afternoon

We were out before breakfast to check on the nuthatches and it was interesting to witness the parents catching flies like flycatchers do and then go directly to feed the young. Also, the parents had to chase off a Great Spotted Woodpecker which had suddenly appeared at the nest site and would have been a threat to the young. Later we took a walk in the beautiful forest of Aitone and found Corsican Mint, Yellow Violet, Aspen and Mistletoe growing, unusually, on Pine. Just before we left a pair of Corsican Nuthatches and two Crossbills were seen.

On our way to the coast we stopped at the Col de Sevi for lunch, but the rain was worsening and we only found a Linnet and a Woodlark. At the Gulf of Sagone on the west coast the rain was quite heavy so we dived into a cafe for a break. We went for a short walk later when the rain eased, but only found three Ringed Plovers, a very wet Tawny Pipit and a singing Corn Bunting. On the flower front Sea Rocket, Sea Stock, Sea Bindweed and Yellow Horned Poppy were found on the dunes.

Day 8

Sunday 18th May

Weather: low cloud & rain in the mountains; sunny & warm at the airport

We had an early breakfast, then half the group returned to Calvi and the others returned to Bastia. As luck would have it, there were two or three Red-footed Falcons hunting at the airport. This had been an unusual trip because of bad weather – never before had we lost more than two hours due to rain. Apparently a depression had been sitting over Corsica, which was most uncommon at this time of year.

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Species Lists

Birds (H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	4							
2	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	6							
3	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	4			1	2			
4	Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			1	1	1			
5	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				2	2			
6	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1				
7	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1							
8	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>					H			
9	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>							3	
10	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	
11	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>							3	
12	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>					✓	✓	✓	
13	Feral Pigeon/Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					2			
14	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
15	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>				H	1	1	1	
16	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	H				H	H		
17	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						1		
18	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>				2		1	H	
20	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>			1	1	1	2	1	
21	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>							2	
22	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		2		6	2	2		
23	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
24	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
25	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>							1	
26	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				1	1	1		
27	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		1	1					
28	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				H		1	1	
29	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			2	H	H	1	1	
30	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					1			
31	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				1				
32	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
33	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			1					
34	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>	1							
35	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>				H	1			
36	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>						6	3	
37	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	2	2		2				
38	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		H	H	H				
39	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>						4		
40	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				2		4	2	
41	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
42	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
43	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
44	Corsican Nuthatch	<i>Sitta whiteheadi</i>						2+2	4+2	
45	Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>						1	1	
46	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>					1			
47	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

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48	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>						5			
50	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>				1	1	4	2		
51	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
52	House (Italian) Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus (italiae)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
53	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
54	Citril Finch (Corsican Finch)	<i>Serinus citrinella corsicanus</i>				2	2	2	2		
55	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>					1	1			
56	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓			
57	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
58	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>								1	
59	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra (corsicana)</i>				1				2	
60	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>								H	
61	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			1	1	1	1	2		

Butterflies

Swallowtail *Papilio machaon*

Large White *Pieris brassicae*

Orange Tip *Anthocharis cardamines*

Brimstone *Gonepteryx rhamni*

Brown Argus *Aricia agestis*

Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus*

Wall Brown *Lasiommata megera*

Scarce Swallowtail *Iphiclides podalirius*

Small White *Artogeia rapae*

Clouded Yellow *Colias crocea*

Green Hairstreak *Callophrys rubi*

Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus*

Speckled Wood *Pararge aegeria*

Large Wall Brown *Lasiommata maera*

Other taxa

Corsican Salamander *Salamandra corsica*

Gecko spp *Gekkonidae sp.*

Violet Carpenter Bee *Xylocopa violacea*

Italian Wall Lizard *Podarcis sicula*

Whip snake *Hemorrhois hippocrepis*

Dung Beetle *Scarabaeinae sp.*

Plants

PTERIDOPHYTA

FERNS AND FERN ALLIES

Adiantaceae

Adiantum capillus-veneris

Maidenhair Fern Family

Maidenhair Fern

Wet rocks. Spelunca

Aspidiaceae

Dryopteris felix-mas

Male Fern

Occasional in forests

Aspleniaceae

Asplenium onopteris

Asplenium ruta-muraria

Asplenium septentrionale

Asplenium trichomanes

Ceterach officinarum

Spleenwort Family

Acute-leaved Spleenwort

Wall Rue

Forked Spleenwort

Maidenhair Spleenwort

Rustyback Fern

Shaded rocks

Santa Regina Gorge

Santa Regina Gorge

Occasional, on rocks

Santa Regina Gorge

Athyriaceae

Cystopteris fragilis

Athyrium Family

Brittle Bladder-fern

Mountain rocks

Blechnaceae <i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Blechnum Family Hard Fern	Foret d' Aitone
Cryptogrammaceae <i>Cryptogramma crispa</i>	Parsley Fern	Mountain screes
Denstaedtiaceae <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Family Bracken	Common
Hemionitidaceae <i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	Occasional. Shady banks
Osmundaceae <i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Osmunda Family Royal Fern	By rivers. Spelunca and Vecchio
Polypodiaceae <i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Polypody Family Southern Polypody	Occasional, on rocks
Selaginellaceae <i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Selaginella	Damp areas
GYMNOSPERMAE		
Cupressaceae <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Cypress Family Italian Cypress	Planted
<i>Juniperus communis</i> subsp. <i>alpina</i>	Common Juniper (form)	Common in mountains
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>macrocarpa</i>	Prickly Juniper	Coastal
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Common in maquis
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper	Common in maquis
Pinaceae <i>Abies alba</i>	Pine Family Silver Fir	Foret d' Aitone. Vizzavona
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	Planted
<i>Pinus nigra</i> subsp. <i>laricio</i>	Corsican Pine	Endemic
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Umbrella Pine	Planted near coasts
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	Maritime Pine	Restonica and Verghello
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas Fir	Planted. Foret d' Aitone
ANGIOSPERMAE		
FLOWERING PLANTS		
DICOTYLEDONS		
Aceraceae <i>Acer monspessulanum</i>	Maple Family Montpelier Maple	Santa Regina Gorge
<i>Acer obtusatum</i>		Rocky places
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	Restonica

Aizoaceae <i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i>	Dew Plant Family Red Hottentot Fig	Coast. Alien
Anacardiaceae <i>Pistacia lentiscus</i> <i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Pistacio Family Mastic Tree Turpentine tree	Frequent in maquis Common in maquis
Apocyanaceae <i>Nerium oleander</i> <i>Vinca difformis</i>	Periwinkle Family Oleander Intermediate Periwinkle	By streams in maquis Evisa cemetery
Aquifoliaceae <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly Family Holly	Foret d' Aitone
Araliaceae <i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy Family Ivy	Widespread
Asclepiadaceae <i>Gomphocarpus fruticosus</i> <i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Milkweed Family Bristle-fruited Silkweed Swallow-wort	Occasional. Alien Verghello
Berberidaceae <i>Berberis aetnensis</i>	Barberry Family A Barberry	Mountains. Endemic
Betulaceae <i>Betula pendula</i> <i>Alnus cordata</i> <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> <i>Alnus alnobetula</i> subsp. <i>suaveolens</i>	Birch Family Silver Birch Italian Alder Common Alder	Forests to treeline Frequent. Endemic Frequent Sub-alpine. Restonica Endemic
Boraginaceae <i>Anchusa arvensis</i> <i>Borago officinalis</i> <i>Cynoglossum creticum</i> <i>Echium plantagineum</i> <i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	Borage Family Bugloss Borage Blue Hound's Tongue Purple Viper's Bugloss Heliotrope	Waste ground Waste ground Waste ground Roadsides Occasional. Waste ground
Buxaceae <i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Box Family Box	Spelunca
Campanulaceae <i>Jasione montana</i> <i>Phyteuma serratum</i>	Bellflower Family Sheep's-bit	Mountain rocks Mountain rocks. Endemic
Cannabaceae <i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Hemp Family Hop	Thickets
Caprifoliaceae <i>Lonicera etrusca</i> <i>Lonicera implexa</i> <i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	Honeysuckle Family Etruscan Honeysuckle Dwarf Elder	Occasional Occasional

<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	Laurustinus	Occasional in maquis
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Arenaria balearica</i>	Balearic Sandwort	Walls. Vizzavona
<i>Cerastium boissierianum</i>	A Cerastium	Mountains
<i>Dianthus sylvestris</i> subsp. <i>godronianus</i>		Santa Regina Gorge. Endemic
<i>Petrorhagia saxifraga</i> subsp. <i>gasparrinii</i>		Rocky places. Endemic
<i>Petrorhagia velutina</i>	Kohlrauschia	Rocky places
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>		Sandy and waste places
<i>Paronychia polygonifolia</i>		Mountains
<i>Sagina apetala</i>	Common Pearlwort	Waste ground
<i>Silene alba</i>	White Campion	Occasional
<i>Silene sericea</i>		Sand dunes Endemic
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Occasional
<i>Spergularia rubra</i>	Sand-spurrey	Liamone estuary
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Widespread
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>		Common in maquis
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Common in maquis
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Common in maquis
<i>Halimium halimifolium</i>		Coastal maquis. Biguglia
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose	Frequent in maquis
<i>Tuberaria lignosa</i>		Occasional in maquis
Compositae	Daisy Family	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Widespread
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy	Occasional
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Common Daisy	Frequent
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Frequent
<i>Bellium bellidioides</i>		Frequent. Endemic
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Waste ground
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i>	Flat-topped Carline Thistle	Dry areas
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>		Waste ground
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Waste places
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>		Rocky places
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce	Frequent
<i>Otanthus maritimus</i>	Cottonweed	Coasts
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>		Rocky places. Frequent
<i>Phagnalon saxatile</i>		Dry rocky areas
<i>Prenanthes purpurea</i>	Purple Lettuce	Occasional. Damp shade
<i>Ptilostemon casabonae</i>		Open maquis. Endemic
<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	Star Hawkbit	Occasional
<i>Senecio leucanthemifolius</i>		Coasts
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Common Groundsel	Waste places
<i>Solidago virgaurea</i>	Goldenrod	Rocky places. Verghello
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Waste places

Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Larger Bindweed	Coastal thickets
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	Liamone beach
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Occasional
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Roadsides
<i>Cuscuta epithimum</i>	Dodder	Occasional
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	Occasional. Damp places
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Sedum brevifolium</i>		Mountain rocks. Endemic
<i>Sedum caeruleum</i>	Blue Stonecrop	Lowland, exposed rocks. Endemic
<i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i>	Thick-leaved Stonecrop	Rocks and walls
<i>Sedum rupestre</i>	Large Rock Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Rocks and walls
Cruciferae	Cress Family	
<i>Arabis alpina</i> subsp. <i>caucasica</i>	Alpine Rockcress	Vizzavona station
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rockcress	Rocky places
<i>Barbarea rupicola</i>		Rocks and shady cliffs Endemic
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Coasts
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse	Widespread
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bitter-cress	Widespread
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	Woad	Roadsides
<i>Lepidium hirtum</i> subsp. <i>oxyotum</i>		Mountains. Endemic
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	Occasional
<i>Maresia nana</i>	Maresia	Sand dunes
<i>Matthiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	Coastal
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	Coastal
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Radish	Liamone estuary
<i>Sinapsis alba</i>	White Mustard	Waste ground
<i>Sinapsis arvensis</i>	Charlock	Waste ground
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Coasts
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel	Casual
Ericaceae	Heath Family	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Maquis
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heath	Maquis

Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	Forest
<i>Euphorbia characias</i>		Widespread in maquis
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Coastal cliffs. Porto
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	Santa Regina Gorge
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Waste ground
<i>Euphorbia hybernea</i> subsp. <i>insularis</i>	Irish Spurge	Forest clearings Endemic
<i>Euphorbia pithyusa</i> subsp. <i>pithyusa</i>		Coast
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	Widely planted
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Forests to tree-line
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Common in maquis
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	Occasional
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak	Lowland maquis
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping Fumitory	Widespread
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort	Open places in maquis
<i>Gentiana asclepiadea</i>	Willow Gentian	Foret d'Aitone
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Erodium chium</i> subsp. <i>littoreum</i>		Rocky places near the sea
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Roadsides
<i>Erodium corsicum</i>	Corsican Stork's-bill	Galeria. Endemic
<i>Geranium columbianum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	Occasional
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Occasional
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	Spelunca
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Rocky places
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	Shaded rocks
<i>Geranium pusillum</i>	Small-leaved Crane's-bill	Rocky places
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Widespread
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family	
<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut	Frequently planted
Labiatae	Mint Family	
<i>Calamintha nepeta</i>	Lesser Calamint	Waste places, Evisa
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Rocky places in maquis
<i>Mentha requienii</i>	Corsican Mint	Damp places. Endemic
<i>Mentha spicata</i>	Spear Mint	Damp places
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	Hot rocky places
<i>Stachys corsica</i>		Frequent. Endemic
<i>Stachys glutinosa</i>		Rocky places. Endemic
<i>Teucrium marum</i>		Rocky places. Endemic
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood Sage	Widespread in forests

<i>Thymus herba-barona</i>		Mountains. Endemic
Leguminosae	Pea Family	
<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>		Common in maquis
<i>Anthyllis tetraphylla</i>	Bladder Vetch	Occasional
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>praepropera</i>	Mediterranean Kidney Vetch	Rocky places
<i>Calycotome spinosa</i>	Thorny Broom	Frequent. Maquis
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Common. Maquis
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Occasional. Maquis
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	Planted
<i>Dorycnium hirsutum</i>	Dorycnium	Verghello
<i>Genista corsica</i>		Open maquis
<i>Genista salzmannii</i> var. <i>lobelioides</i>		Mountains. Endemic
<i>Genista salzmannii</i> var. <i>salzmannii</i>		Lower altitudes than var. <i>lobelioides</i> . Endemic
<i>Genista tinctoria</i>	Dyer's Greenweed	Verghello
<i>Hippocrepis unisiliquosa</i>	A Horseshoe Vetch	Verghello
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	Occasional
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>		Waste places
<i>Lathyrus sphaericus</i>		Widespread
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Common Bird's-Foot Trefoil	Common
<i>Lotus cytisoides</i>		Sandy coasts
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin	Occasional. maquis
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Widespread
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Widespread
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Large Disc Medick	Waste places
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Coasts
<i>Ononis variegata</i>		Sand dunes. Liamone
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	Compressed Bird's-Foot	Rocky places
<i>Ornithopus pinnatus</i>	Orange Bird's-Foot	Rocky places
<i>Pisum sativum</i> subsp. <i>elatius</i>	Wild Pea	Restonica
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Common
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia	Planted. Alien
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpiurus	Waste places
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Roadsides
<i>Teline monspessulana</i>	Teline	Locally common.
<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	Strawberry Clover	Widespread
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	Waste places
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Star Clover	Widespread
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Wooly Trefoil	Waste places
<i>Vicia benghalensis</i>		Widespread
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	Widespread
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Tare	Waste places
<i>Vicia lathyroides</i>	Spring Vetch	Widespread
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	Coastal
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	Waste places
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	Waste places

Lentibulariaceae <i>Pinguicula corsica</i>	Bladderwort Family A Butterwort	Wet areas. Restonica. Endemic
Linaceae <i>Linum bienne</i>	Flax Family Pale Flax	Occasional
Lythraceae <i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Loosestrife Family Purple Loosestrife	Liamone estuary
Loranthaceae <i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>austriacum</i>	Mistletoe Family Mistletoe	Common on Pine
Malvaceae <i>Malva neglecta</i>	Mallow Family Small-flowered Mallow	Waste places
Moraceae <i>Ficus carica</i>	Mulberry Family Fig	Frequent in maquis
Myrtaceae <i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle Family Myrtle	Frequent in maquis
Oleaceae <i>Olea europaea</i> <i>Fraxinus ornus</i> <i>Phillyrea angustifolia</i> <i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Ash Family Olive Manna Ash	Frequent in maquis Below Evisa Frequent in maquis Frequent in maquis
Orobanchaceae <i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Broomrape Family Branched Broomrape	Occasional
Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis articulata</i> <i>Oxalis corniculata</i> <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Wood-sorrel Family Pink Oxalis Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Bermuda Buttercup	Alien. Garden escape Widespread alien weed Cultivated places. Alien
Papaveraceae <i>Glaucium flavum</i> <i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Poppy Family Yellow Horned-poppy Red Poppy	Coasts Fields and waste places
Phytolaccaceae <i>Phytolacca acinos</i>	Pokeweed Family Pokeweed	Fields and waste places. Alien
Plantaginaceae <i>Plantago afra</i> <i>Plantago coronopus</i> <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> <i>Plantago major</i> <i>Plantago sarda</i> var. <i>sarda</i>	Plantain Family Buck's-horn Plantain Ribwort Plantain Greater Plantain	Rocky places. Common Coastal Waste ground Waste ground Sub-alpine pasture. Endemic

Platanaceae	Plane Tree Family	
<i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	London Plane	Planted
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Armeria leucocephala</i>		Santa Regina Gorge. Endemic
<i>Armeria multiceps</i>		Mountains. Endemic
<i>Limonium corsicum</i>	A Sea Lavender	Galeria. Endemic
<i>Plumbago europaea</i>	European Plumbago	Santa Regina Gorge
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
<i>Polygonum maritimum</i>	Sea Knotgrass	Liamone Beach
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's Sorrel	Widespread
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>		Open habitats
<i>Rumex conglomerates</i>	Clustered Dock	Widespread
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Liamone estuary
Primulaceae	Primula Family	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Occasional
<i>Asterolinon linum-stellatum</i>	Asterolinon	Occasional
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Ivy-leaved Sowbread	Locally common
<i>Cyclamen repandum</i>	Spring Sowbread	Locally common
Rafflesiaceae	Rafflesia Family	
<i>Cytinus hypocistis</i>	Cytinus	Flowers yellow. Parasitic on white-flowered Cistus
<i>Cytinus ruber</i>		Flowers white. Parasitic on pink-flowered Cistus
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Aquilegia dumeticola</i>		Restonica, Foret d'Aitone Endemic
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	Fragrant Clematis	Maquis
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Traveller's Joy	Trees and hedges
<i>Helleborus argutifolius</i>	Corsican Hellebore	Endemic
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	Foret d'Aitone
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	Frequent
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	Frequent
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	Waste places
<i>Sesamoides clusii</i>		Mountains. Col de Vergio
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Crategus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Restonica
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	Widespread
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	Mountain pasture
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	Occasional
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	Occasional
<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	Occasional. Maquis
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	Frequent
<i>Rosa sempervirens</i>		Occasional

<i>Rosa serafinii</i>		Col de Vergio.
<i>Rosa tomentosa</i>	Downy Rose	Occasional
<i>Rubus ulmifolius</i>	Bramble	Common
<i>Sangisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	Common
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> subsp. <i>praemorsa</i>	Rowan	Restonica. Endemic
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	Occasional
<i>Gallium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Hedges
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Woodruff	Spelunca
<i>Galium rotundifolium</i>		Spelunca
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Spelunca
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Occasional
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Rocky places.
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar	Near water, Liamone
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Maquis. Red berries in autumn
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga corsica</i>		Shaded cliffs at low altitude. Endemic
<i>Saxifraga pedemontana</i> subsp. <i>cervicornis</i>		Shaded mountain rocks. Endemic
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	Round-leaved Saxifrage	Verghello valley
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	North coast
<i>Cymbalaria aequitriloba</i>		Damp shade. Spelunca. Endemic
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> var. <i>gyspergerae</i>	Foxglove	Widespread. Endemic variety
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	Waste places
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel Snout	Occasional
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>		Rocky places
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Waste ground
<i>Verbascum nigrum</i>	Black Mullein	Roadsides
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>		Roadsides
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	Occasional
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	Walls
Solanaceae	Potato Family	
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Shrub Tobacco	Casual alien
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family	
<i>Tamarix gallica</i>		Local. Liamone

<i>Tamarix africana</i>		Coasts
Thymelaceae	Daphne Family	
<i>Daphne gnidium</i>		Widespread in maquis
Tiliaceae	Lime Family	
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	Broad-leaved Lime	Planted
Umbelliferae	Carrot Family	
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Coastal rocks. Galeria
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Occasional
<i>Echinospora spinosa</i>	Echinospora	Coastal sands
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Coastal dunes
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Widespread
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Santa Regina Gorge
<i>Pseudorlaya maritima</i>	Pseudorlaya	Coastal dunes
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle	Shaded maquis and forest
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needle	Waste places
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Damp dunes. Liamone
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Tordylium	Coastal
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the Wall	Walls and rocks
<i>Urtica atrovirens</i>	A Nettle	Endemic
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	Widespread
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola biflora</i>		Frequent in mountains
<i>Viola kitaibeliana</i>	Dwarf Pansy	Rocky places. Frequent
<i>Viola reichenbachiana</i>	Wood Dog Violet	Frequent
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	Frequent
<i>Viola corsica</i>		Restonica
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Grape Vine	Frequent in maquis
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Waste places
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Agavaceae	Agave Family	
<i>Agave americana</i>	Century Plant	Planted
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Leucojum longifolium</i>		Spelunca. Endemic
<i>Pancratium illyricum</i>	Illyrian Sea daffodil	Maquis. Locally abundant
		Endemic
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Sand dunes

Araceae <i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Arum Family Friar's Cowl	Spelunca
Cyperaceae <i>Carex pendula</i>	Sedge Family Pendulous Sedge	Foret d'Aitone
Dioscoreaceae <i>Tamus communis</i>	Yam Family Black Bryony	Maquis
Graminae <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> <i>Arundo donax</i> <i>Avena fatua</i> <i>Briza minor</i> <i>Desmazenia rigida</i> <i>Elymus farctus</i> <i>Hordeum murinum</i> <i>Lagurus ovatus</i> <i>Melica nutans</i> <i>Nardus stricta</i> <i>Phragmites australis</i>	Grass Family Marram Grass Sweet Vernal Grass Giant Reed Wild Oat Lesser Quaking Grass Fern-grass Wall Barley Hare's Tail Mountain Melick Mat Grass Common Reed	Sand dunes Occasional Widespread Roadsides Frequent Coastal sands Sand dunes Roadsides Dry places, coastal dunes Forests Mountains Liamone estuary
Iridaceae <i>Iris pseudacorus</i> <i>Crocus corsicus</i>	Iris Family Yellow Flag	Liamone Widespread. Endemic
Juncaceae <i>Luzula forsteri</i>	Rush Family Southern Wood-rush	Foret d'Aitone
Liliaceae <i>Allium pendulinum</i> <i>Allium triquetrum</i> <i>Allium ursinum</i> <i>Asphodelus aestivus</i> <i>Asparagus acutifolius</i> <i>Asparagus albus</i> <i>Brimeura fastigiata</i> <i>Colchicum neapolitanum</i> <i>Gagea soleirolii</i> <i>Muscari comosum</i> <i>Narthecium reverchonii</i> <i>Paris quadrifolia</i> <i>Polygonatum odoratum</i> <i>Ruscus aculeatus</i> <i>Smilax aspera</i>	Lily Family Three-cornered Leek Wild Garlic Common Asphodel Brimeura A Yellow Star of Bethlehem Tassle Hyacinth Herb Paris Angular Solomon's-seal Butcher's Broom Common Smilax	Open forest. Verghello, Restonica. Damp banks Foret d'Aitone Common Maquis at low altitude Maquis at low altitude Spelunca. Col de Vergio Endemic Verghello. Leaves only Col de Vergio, Restonica Occasional Wet areas in mountains. Endemic Foret d'Aitone Foret d'Aitone Spelunca Common in maquis

<i>Urginia maritima</i>	Sea Squill	Dry rocky areas
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Helleborine	Verghello
<i>Dactylorhiza sambucina</i>	Elder-flowered Orchid	Restonica
<i>Dactylorhiza saccifera</i>		Verghello
<i>Limodorum abortivum</i>	Violet Bird's Nest Orchid	Verghello
<i>Neotinia maculata</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	Spelunca
<i>Ophrys bomyliflora</i>	Bumble Bee Orchid	Uncommon. Maquis
<i>Ophrys fusca</i>	Sombre Bee Orchid	Occasional. Maquis
<i>Ophrys incubacea</i>	Dark Ophrys	Occasional. Maquis
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i>	Early Spider Orchid	Restonica
<i>Orchis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	Occasional. Maquis
<i>Orchis papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	Locally common. Maquis
<i>Orchis provincialis</i>	Provence Orchid	Occasional. Maquis
<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>	Lesser Butterfly Orchid	Spelunca. Verghello
<i>Serapias cordigera</i>	Heart-flowered Orchid	Verghello
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	Frequent in maquis
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i>	Long-lipped Serapias	Occasional
Posidoniaceae	Posidonia Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Posidonia	Sub-marine
Typhaceae	Bulrush Family	
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Greater Reedmace	Liamone estuary