

France - Provence in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Tuesday 27th April

On arrival in Marseille we transferred uneventfully to our hotel in Sault where we were to spend the duration of the trip. The only notable birds seen on the journey were the abundant Black Kites and Yellow-legged Gulls scavenging over the local rubbish dump on the outskirts of Marseille.

Day 2

Wednesday 28th April

Our first excursion was taken along the nearby Gorges du Nesque. After the short journey to Monieux we parked at the nearby lake and set off on foot along the gorge footpath which climbed slowly as we went before we stopped at an open meadow area. We spent a little time here resting and exploring before returning the way we had come to picnic by the lake. Western Bonelli's Warblers were common throughout the walk calling from the emerging Downy Oak woodland and affording all at least brief glimpses. A pair of Short-toed Eagles provided overhead excitement, whilst several Crag Martins skimmed the rock faces along the way. Plants of interest had started well with a couple of Wild Tulip in flower near the car park and the abundant *Amelanchier ovalis* draping the rocky slopes. Once within the wooded gorge the late spring had held back the normally earlier flowering time of the *Hepatica nobilis* so that we could enjoy it at its best. The meadow area contained a singing Subalpine Warbler, several more Bonelli's Warblers and an obliging Crested Tit examining a probable nesting hole in an isolated tree. Several lady Orchids were here as well as a small group of *Ophrys araneola* for the botanists in the group.

Back at the picnic site by the lake we had an unexpected Purple Heron fly in which proved rather tricky to pick out in its chosen perch in a streamside tree. The Water Rail and Great Reed Warbler remained hidden calling and singing from the lake-side reedbeds.

After lunch we drove on along the gorge to stop first at a viewpoint looking across the gorge to a large rock face. Several Raven and Alpine Swifts entertained us as they swept by overhead. Plants at our feet included the attractive pink-flowered *Aethionema saxatile* and white *Iberis saxatilis*. A hot afternoon walk was then taken along the Combe de l'Hermitage. Due to the time of day birds were few and far between but a passing flock of 20+ Bee-eaters overhead made up for this. Butterflies were more active and included both Moroccan Orange-tip and Cleopatra as well as their more familiar relatives the Common Orange-tip and Brimstone. We then drove around to the south of the gorge to eventually take us back to our hotel. A short stop was taken to admire a large roadside colony of the delicate miniature *Narcissus requienii* which were flowering profusely.

Day 3

Thursday 29th April

A longer journey today was taken out to the Eygues Gorge and the small village of St May where we turned off the main road and proceeded to climb steadily up the rough dirt track where we stopped high above the gorge on the plateau. We then walked along the track to end at the summit overlooking the village of Remuzat. Our main reason for visiting the area was to see the re-introduced Griffon and Black Vultures. Not long after parking we had our first Griffons overhead, these were shortly followed by a large number of vultures rising on a thermal which contained several Black Vulture. During the day we were fortunate in having both species fly close overhead to get to grips with the finer points of flight ID, indeed one Black Vulture came over incredibly close. The birds of the surrounding stony fields and scrub contained several Wood Larks, Subalpine Warblers and elusive Cirl Buntings which could be heard singing but could not be found.

After lunch we drove up the Defile de Trente Pas where we stopped at the top of the gorge to scan for raptors. Several Ravens were constantly in view before a Peregrine and finally a distant Golden Eagle were seen.

Day 4

Friday 30th April

Our longest trip of the week was taken as we set off first thing to spend the day in the Camargue. We headed first for the freshwater marshes near Mas d'Agon. Along the way we stopped by a large flock of Mediterranean Gulls and by lucky chance a Coypu was spotted right alongside the vehicle. Once at the flooded wetland the numbers of birds seen rapidly grew to include numerous specialities of the area. We were lucky to see Spoonbill, Glossy Ibis and Great White Egret all of which now have small breeding populations in the area. The water levels were low this year so few wildfowl were present but this was compensated for by the variety and numbers of waders. A feeding flock of Whiskered Tern were hawking insects as well as a few Common and Gull-billed Tern. A brief Bittern was only seen by a few although birds could be heard booming on a couple of occasions.

We lunched at the visitor centre of la Capelliere before moving further south to the saline marshes where a different range of species were seen. On the way a quick stop was taken when a very unexpected Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush was spotted sitting atop a roadside fence post! Whilst watching this bird and scanning the saline scrub a pair of Spectacled Warblers were seen and a Great-Spotted Cuckoo flew past.

Our destination for the afternoon was the Etang du Fangassier and the earthen embankment which separates this lagoon from the others. Walking out along the dirt road here we were constantly having Greater Flamingos fly overhead and around us as they commuted from their feeding areas and the nesting colony on the Etang, which could be seen through the heat-haze in the distance as an amorphous pink blob. Other birds present here included several Kentish and Ringed Plover, Little Stint and Black-winged Stilt which preferred the brackish conditions to the freshwater areas we had visited earlier.

Day 5

Saturday 1st May

After the long journey times of yesterday a shorter trip was taken to visit the fascinating area of Colorado to the south where the numerous different coloured soils have been mined in the past for various uses. A handsome male Common Redstart singing from the top of a nearby tree was a nice start to the walk with a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker proving tricky to spot having been heard drumming earlier. Several flowering Sword-leaved Helleborines were seen among the abundant Meadow Saxifrage in the woods as we climbed to the top of the quarry. Once at a viewpoint looking down into the spectacular columns of coloured sandstone we also picked up another singing Common Redstart and a few hawking Bee-eaters. We continued along the top edge of the quarry before descending on the other side at arriving at an area of grassy meadows as the sun came out. This resulted in the appearance of several butterfly species as well as the discovery of an adult Peacock Moth which allowed itself to be picked up and examined.

After our lunch we headed further south into the Luberon Mountains and a walk up to the ancient hilltop Fort of Buoux. The flora on the top of this rocky promontory was very rich and included some handsome examples of the Giant Orchid.

Day 6

Sunday 2nd May

The day started with falling rain so we delayed our departure by an hour before heading to the nearby village of Aurel for a walk among the local farmland and meadows. Nightingales were loudly singing alongside the track and one did at one point actually sing in an exposed position for most of the group to see. Most notable was a pair of Subalpine Warblers which were quietly feeding for some time in view. One wet meadow contained a nice assemblage of Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid, Small Spider Orchid and Green-winged Orchid. As we cleared the more wooded area we come into the lavender fields for which the area is famous. Unfortunately they are not in flower at this time but we did see several Tawny Pipit, Northern Wheatear and Woodlark in the area.

We then headed towards our afternoon destination of Mont Ventoux, but stopping first for lunch among the pine forest. We were very lucky on the drive up coming upon a puddle in a lay-by where several Citril Finch were coming to drink. Luck was with a couple of the party at lunch when brief views of a Black Woodpecker were obtained as it flew through the surrounding trees.

We continued on up to the summit to admire the views. The top is almost devoid of vegetation but did produce a few examples of Purple Saxifrage. We headed down a little lower for a walk near the ski resort of Le Chalet Reynard where the tree line reaches its highest point. Plants here included Yellow Whitlow-grass and *Androsace vitalliana*.

Day 7

Monday 3rd May

Another long drive today as we headed for the historic town of Les Baux situated within the Chaîne des Alpilles Mountains. Several Sardinian Warblers were singing from within the scrub covered slopes surrounding the town which proved hard to pin down but were at least glimpsed by most. The interesting parasitic plant *Cytinus ruber* was found putting up its flowering shoot around the base of its host the pink flowered Grey-leaved Cistus. Several Crag Martins were present skimming the rock face above us. Once we had completed our circuit of the outside we entered through one of the ancient wooden gates to spend the remains of the morning looking around this lovely old town. Having all regrouped at the buses we then headed for our picnic within the pines of Les Alpilles before taking a walk to the area known as La Caume. Near our picnic tables a few rather wilted examples of the Dull Ophrys were found which lived up to their unprepossessing name!

The walk through the pines resulted in finding several flowering spikes of the Violet Limadore. Once clear of the pines we could admire the view and enjoy the flowers and butterflies along the trackside. Whilst scanning a raptor was spotted which passed out of sight behind the summit of La Caume before a definite ID could be made. By its flight direction we waited for it to hopefully reappear in front of us which it did spectacularly resolving to be an adult Bonelli's Eagle! It soared close by to drift away and be joined by a second bird making a great finale to the trip.

Day 8

Tuesday 4th May

We safely made our leisurely way to Marseille and our flight home after dropping two of the group at the railway station in Cavaillon.

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Species Lists

Birds (H = heard only, ✓ = common/recorded)

	Common name	Scientific name	April/May							
			27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		H		H				
2	Great-crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				4				
3	Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>				1				
4	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>				30				
5	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				10				
6	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				50				
7	Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>				1				
8	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1		12				
9	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1		6				
10	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>				2				
11	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				4				
12	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				1				
13	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopteroformes ruber</i>				✓				
14	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				12				
15	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				6				
16	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		24		30	1			
17	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			30					
18	Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>			12					
19	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			1					
20	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		3	1	3				
21	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hierraaetus fasciatus</i>							2	
22	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	15		6	12				
23	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				2				
24	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>				2	1	1	1	
25	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipter nisus</i>					2	1		
26	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1	1	6	2	2	4	
27	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1	1					
28	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		2		2	2			
29	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				2		H		
30	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		H						
31	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		2		6				
32	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		4		20				
33	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				12				
34	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				40				
35	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				1				
36	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>				8				
37	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				5				
38	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				7				
39	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				2				
40	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				40				
41	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				50				
42	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>				1				
43	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibunkus</i>				100				
44	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>				100				
45	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	12			60				
46	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>				4				
47	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirunda</i>				12				

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			27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
48	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				20				
49	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
50	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenus</i>		2						
51	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		12		25	12	✓	✓	
52	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
53	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>						1		
54	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	H	2	H	H		
55	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>				1				
56	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		50+	50+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>		8	6		6	2	20	
58	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upuga epops</i>						H		
59	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		20		6	6			
60	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>						1		
61	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		1			H	H		
62	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					H	H	1	
63	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>					1			
64	Common Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			1	2		6		
65	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>				4				
66	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			4		1	2		
67	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				100+			10	
68	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptynoprogne rupestris</i>		12	2		2		2	
69	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		20	6	30	30	60	12	
70	Common House Martin	<i>Dilichon urbica</i>		20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
71	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				1	1	3		
72	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						2		
73	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		4	4	2	1	2	2	
74	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				6				
75	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			2					
76	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H						
77	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>						H		
78	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>					H	2	H	
79	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	1	1	H	2	H	
80	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus pheonicurus</i>					2			
81	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		3	H			2	1	
82	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1		1		5		
83	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			1					
84	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>				2		1		
85	Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>				1				
86	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>						1		
87	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>					2	1	3	
88	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		6	3	4	6	H	4	
89	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		10	2		H	1		
90	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>							4	
91	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>				2				
92	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			2			1		
93	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		1	2		H	3		
94	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>				1				
95	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				10				
96	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				12				
97	European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				H				
98	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Arocephalus arundinaceus</i>		H		1				

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99	Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		12	1		H	2		
100	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		1	H	H	H	H		
101	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>						1		
102	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		10	3	6	✓	✓	✓	
103	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>		8						
104	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			2	4	✓	✓	✓	
105	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		1			H	2	1	
106	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		6						
107	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					2	H		
108	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		2			4			
109	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			1					
110	Common Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		6	✓	20	20	6	✓	
111	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		2	4	6	4	2	10	
112	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		30	20	100	30		✓	
113	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>					1			
114	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone corone</i>		2	6	12	6	4	4	
115	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		1	6		2		3	
116	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>				6		2	1	
117	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					H			
118	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		50	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		10	4		12	6	12	
120	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			6	2	H	30	2	
121	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		6			12	6	✓	
122	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		8	4			1	1	
123	Citril Finch	<i>Serinus citronella</i>						10		
124	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		4	4	2	2	6	H	
125	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>						H		
126	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		H	H		1	2	H	
127	Corn Bunting	<i>Millaria calandra</i>				10	4			
128	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>						1		

Plants

Scientific name

Common name

PTERIDOPHYTES

FERNS & ALLIES

Adiantaceae

Adiantum capillus-veneris

Maidenhair Fern Family

Maidenhair Fern

Aspleniaceae

Asplenium adiantum-nigrum

Asplenium fontanum

Asplenium petrarchae

Asplenium ruta-muraria

Asplenium trichomanes

Ceterach officinarum

Phyllitis scolopendrium

Spleenwort Family

Black Spleenwort

Smooth Rock Spleenwort

Wall-Rue

Maidenhair Spleenwort

Rustyback

Hart's-tongue Fern

Dennstaedtiaceae

Pteridium aquilinum

Bracken Family

Bracken

Scientific name	Common name
Dryopteridaceae <i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Buckler-fern Family Male Fern
Ophioglossaceae <i>Botrychium lunaria</i> <i>Ophioglossum vulgatum</i>	Adder's-tongue Family Moonwort Adder's-tongue
Polypodiaceae <i>Polypodium australe</i> <i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Polypody Family Southern Polypody Common Polypody
Woodsiaceae <i>Cystopteris fragilis</i> <i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady Fern Family Brittle Bladder Fern Lady Fern
PINOPSIDA (GYMNOSPERMS)	CONIFERS
Cupressaceae <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> <i>Juniperus communis</i> <i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> <i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Juniper Family Italian Cypress Common Juniper Prickly Juniper Phoenician Juniper
Pinaceae <i>Abies alba</i> <i>Pinus halepensis</i> <i>Pinus pinaster</i>	Pine Family Silver Fir Aleppo Pine Maritime Pine
MAGNOLIOPSIDA	FLOWERING PLANTS
Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)	
Aceraceae <i>Acer campestre</i> <i>Acer monspessulanum</i> <i>Acer opalus</i>	Maple family Field Maple Montpellier Maple Italian Maple
Anacardiaceae <i>Cotinus coggyria</i> <i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Sumach Family Smoke Tree Turpentine Tree
Apiaceae <i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i> <i>Bupleurum fruticosum</i> <i>Daucus carota</i> <i>Eryngium campestre</i> <i>Eryngium spina-alba</i> <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> <i>Heracleum sphondylium</i> <i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Carrot Family Cow Parsley Shrubby Hare's-ear Wild Carrot Field Eryngo Silver Eryngo Fennel Hogweed Shepherd's Needle
Apocynaceae <i>Vinca major</i>	Periwinkle Family Greater Periwinkle

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Lesser Periwinkle
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly
Araliaceae	Ivy Family
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family
<i>Aristolochia pistolochia</i>	-
Asclepiadaceae	Milkweed Family
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort
Asteraceae	Daisy Family
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Curry Plant
<i>Hypochaeris maculata</i>	Spotted Cat's-ear
<i>Lactuca perennis</i>	Blue Lettuce
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>	Rough Hawk-bit
<i>Leontodon crispus</i>	a Hawkbit
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce
<i>Pilosella officinalis</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish Oyster Plant
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-Thistle
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-Thistle
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goat's-beard
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	-
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify
Betulaceae	Birch Family
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel
Boraginaceae	Borage Family
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss
<i>Lithodora fruticosa</i>	Shrubby Gromwell
<i>Lithospermum arvense</i>	Corn Gromwell
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field Forget-me-not
<i>Symphytum tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Comfrey
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i>	Burnt Candytuft
<i>Alyssum alyssoides</i>	Small Alyssum
<i>Arabis stricta</i>	Bristol Rock-cress
<i>Arabis turritis</i>	Tower Rock-cress

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress
<i>Biscutella brevicaulis</i>	Buckler Mustard
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse
<i>Coronopus didymus</i>	Lesser Swine-cress
<i>Draba aizoides</i>	Yellow Whitlow-grass
<i>Erophila verna</i>	Common Whitlow-grass
<i>Erysimum burnati</i>	a Treacle Mustard
<i>Hornungia petraea</i>	Hutchinsia
<i>Iberis pinnata</i>	Narrow-leaved Candytuft
<i>Iberis saxatilis</i>	Rock Candytuft
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	Woad
<i>Thlaspi perfoliatum</i>	Cotswold Penny-cress
 Buxaceae	 Box Family
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Box
 Cannabaceae	 Hop Family
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Hop
 Caprifoliaceae	 Honeysuckle Family
<i>Lonicera xylosteum</i>	Fly Honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera implexa</i>	-
<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	Laurustinus
 Caryophyllaceae	 Pink Family
<i>Herniaria cinerea</i>	Rupturewort
<i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>	Rock Soapwort
<i>Silene nutans</i>	Nottingham Catchfly
<i>Silene otites</i>	Spanish Catchfly
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion
 Celastraceae	 Spindle Tree Family
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle
<i>Euonymus latifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Spindle
 Cistaceae	 Rock-rose Family
<i>Cistus albidus</i>	Grey-leaved Cistus
<i>Cistus laurifolius</i>	Laurel-leaved Cistus
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Fumana
<i>Helianthemum apenninum</i>	White Rockrose
<i>H.oelandicum subsp. canum</i>	Hoary Rockrose
 Crassulaceae	 Stonecrop Family
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop
<i>Sedum sediforme</i>	-
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall Pennywort
 Ericaceae	 Heath Family
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree
<i>Erica scoparia</i>	Besom Heath

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Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge
<i>E. characias subsp. characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge
<i>Euphorbia serratula</i>	-
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury
Fabaceae	Pea Family
<i>Astragalus monspessulanus</i>	False Vetch
<i>Circis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree
<i>Coronilla emurus</i>	False Senna
<i>Dorycnium pentaphyllum</i>	-
<i>Genista scorpius</i>	-
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	-
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin
<i>Onobrychis viciifolia</i>	Common Sainfoin
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Wild Pea
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover
Fagaceae	Oak & Beech Family
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Common Oak
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin
Globulariaceae	Globularia Family
<i>Globularia punctata</i>	Common Globularia
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family
<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	Spotted Dead-nettle
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Meadow Clary
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary
<i>Teucrium polium</i>	Felty Germander
<i>Thymus polytrichis</i>	Wild Thyme
<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	Breckland Thyme

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Linaceae <i>Linum bienne</i> <i>Linum narbonense</i>	Flax Family Pale Flax Beautiful Flax
Loranthaceae <i>Viscum album</i>	Mistletoe Family Mistletoe
Papaveraceae <i>Chelidonium majus</i> <i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Poppy Family Greater Celandine Common Poppy
Platanaceae <i>Platanus x hybridus</i>	Plane Family Plane Tree
Polygalaceae <i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Milkwort Family Common Milkwort
Primulaceae <i>Androsace vitaliana</i> <i>Coris monspeliensis</i> <i>Primula veris</i> <i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose Family Yellow Rock Jasmine Coris Cowslip (leaves only) Primrose
Rafflesiaceae <i>Cytinus ruber</i>	Rafflesia family -
Ranunculaceae <i>Clematis vitalba</i> <i>Hepatica nobilis</i> <i>Helleborus foetidus</i> <i>Ranunculus acris</i> <i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> <i>R. monspeliacus</i>	Buttercup Family Old Man's Beard Hepatica Stinking Hellebore Meadow Buttercup Lesser Celandine
Resedaceae <i>Reseda phyteuma</i>	Mignonette Family Corn Mignonette
Rhamnaceae <i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Buckthorn Family Mediterranean Buckthorn
Rosaceae <i>Amelanchier ovalis</i> <i>Cotoneaster integerrimus</i> <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> <i>Fragaria vesca</i> <i>Potentilla cinerea</i> <i>Potentilla reptans</i> <i>Prunus dulcis</i> <i>Prunus mahaleb</i> <i>Prunus spinosa</i> <i>Sanguisorba minor</i> <i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i> <i>Sorbus aria</i>	Rose Family Juneberry Wild Cotoneaster Hawthorn Wild Strawberry Grey Cinquefoil Creeping Cinquefoil Almond St Lucie's Cherry Blackthorn Salad Burnet Greater Burnet Whitebeam

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<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Mountain ash
Rubiaceae <i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Bedstraw Family Wild Madder
Rutaceae <i>Ruta angustifolia</i>	Rue Family Narrow-leaved Rue
Santalaceae <i>Osyris alba</i>	Sandalwood Family Osyris
Saxifragaceae <i>Saxifraga granulata</i> <i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i> <i>Saxifraga tridactylites</i>	Saxifrage Family Meadow Saxifrage Purple Saxifrage Rue-leaved Saxifrage
Scrophulariaceae <i>Antirrhinum latifolium</i> <i>Linaria supina</i> <i>Scrophularia canina</i>	Figwort Family Snapdragon Dwarf Toadflax French Figwort
Thymelaeaceae <i>Daphne laureola</i>	Mezereon Family Spurge Laurel
Ulmaceae <i>Celtis australis</i>	Elm Family Southern Nettle Tree
Urticaceae <i>Parietaria officinalis</i>	Nettle Family Large Pellitory-of-the-wall
Valerianaceae <i>Centranthus angustifolius</i> <i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Valerian Family Narrow-leaved Valerian Red Valerian
Verbenaceae <i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain Family Vervain
Liliidae (Monocotyledons)	
Araceae <i>Arum italicum</i> subsp. <i>italicum</i>	Arum Family Large Cuckoo Pint
Dioscoreaceae <i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony Family Black Bryony
Iridaceae <i>Gladiolus italicus</i> <i>Iris foetidus</i> <i>Iris lutescens</i>	Iris Family Wild Gladiolus Stinking Iris
Liliaceae <i>Anthericum liliago</i> <i>Aphyllanthes monspeliensis</i>	Lily Family St Bernard's Lily Blue Aphyllanthes

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<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	Spiny Asparagus
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Asphodel
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i> (leaves)	Meadow Saffron
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Grape Hyacinth
<i>Narcissus poeticus</i>	Pheasant's Eye Narcissus
<i>Narcissus requienii</i>	-
<i>Ornithogalum angustifolium</i>	Common Star of Bethlehem
<i>Polygonatum odoratum</i>	Angular Solomon's Seal
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax
<i>Tulipa sylvestris</i>	Wild Tulip

Orchidaceae	Orchid Family
<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Sword-leaved Helleborine
<i>Dactylorhiza majalis</i>	Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid
<i>Epipactis helleborine</i>	Broad-leaved Helleborine
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid
<i>Limodorum abortivum</i>	Violet Limodore
<i>Neottia nidus-avis</i>	Bird's-nest orchid
<i>Neottia ovata</i>	Twayblade
<i>Ophrys araneola</i>	Small Spider Orchid
<i>Ophrys fusca</i>	Sombre Bee Orchid
<i>Orchis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid
<i>Platanthera chlorantha</i>	Greater Butterfly Orchid

Butterflies

Dingy Skipper	Hesperiidae
Mallow Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>
Grizzled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alcaea</i>
Rosy Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>
	<i>Pyrgus onopordi</i>
Scarce Swallowtail	Papilionidae
Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
Wood White	Pieridae
Large White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>
Small White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Bath White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Orange Tip	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>
Moroccan Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>
Clouded Yellow	<i>Anthocharis euphonoides</i>
Cleopatra	<i>Colias crocea</i>
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>
	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>
Green Hairstreak	Lycaenidae
Little Blue	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>
Baton Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>
Common Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>
	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>

	<i>Nymphalidae</i>
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>
Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>
Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>
Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>
	<i>Satyrinae</i>
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>
Spring Ringlet	<i>Erebia epistygne</i>

MAMMALS

Coypu
Roe deer
Rabbit

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS:

Iberian Water Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>
Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta bilineata</i>
Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>