

The Camargue in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

5th – 9th May 2022



Greater Flamingos



Little Terns – courtship feeding



Mediterranean Gull



Great Spotted Cuckoo

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Summary

Naturetrek's Camargue in Spring is a long weekend in this renowned part of Provence. Waterbirds are of course the focus, and the delta of the Rhone progresses from the fresh water of the rice-growing areas of the north to the extremely salty saltpans by the sea. This range of salinity produces a variety of marshland habitats and with it a range of species that have made the Camargue famous. In addition, the gravel steppes of the Crau and the limestone ridge of Les Alpilles bring together a mix of species that we targeted during our short stay. From our base, just outside the Roman-centred town of Arles, we travelled in each direction, sampling these habitats and the species special to each. After a dry winter, the Marais were generally dry, but flooding for the beginning of the rice-growing season had begun. Spring migration was nearing its end; however, breeding was in full flow and the mix of resident and migrant species were a treat, including those perennial favourites of Hoopoe, Bee-eater and Roller. Although the focus is undoubtedly on birds, other taxa were not entirely ignored and most noteworthy was the good showing of 13 species of Butterfly, eight species of dragonflies, and even five species of orchids amongst the many flowers.

The weather was distinctly cool to begin with, with a strong showing from the Mistral, but it cleared to bright sunshine and calm days later on. As always, the Camargue is about Flamingos, and they didn't disappoint both in number and proximity and we will long remember the squadron flying over. Egrets and other herons were plentiful, including good sightings of Squacco. Birds of prey were generally scarce, with the exception of ubiquitous Black Kite; however, Lesser Kestrel hunted the Crau, and seeing both Egyptian and Griffon Vultures was a real bonus. Overall, we recorded 114 species of birds and with these were many of the local specialities: clouds of Glossy Ibis and Cattle Egrets, raucous Mediterranean gulls at their breeding colony, migrant Wood Sandpipers, Spotted Redshank, Sanderling and Little Stint in their breeding plumage, Gull-billed, Black, Whiskered, and Little Terns and singing larks and warblers all featured on the day lists. Together they provide a wealth of wonderful memories of this unique part of France.

Day 1

Thursday 5th May

Montpellier, drive to Arles & Marais du Vigueirat

The flight from Gatwick to Montpellier was without incident despite the early hour and soon enough, after an issue with the bus hire, we were on our way to Arles, arriving at Hotel des Granges at midday. We had time to unpack and meet up with the four who had come by differing routes.

With the group now complete, we headed to Marais du Vigueirat, a charming reserve just to the east of the Rhone (and therefore just outside the Camargue proper). Arriving, we followed a Red Fox along the entrance track and then had our first picnic together before heading in and, as was to become customary, we were serenaded by singing Nightingales throughout. In the reserve, the mix of marshes, pools and channels is typical of the Camargue as a whole; however, crucially, water levels are managed for the benefit of wildlife. We split into two groups and circumnavigated the reserve in two groups in alternate directions. Immediately, our attention was taken by the fly-by of numerous Glossy Ibis, a species we were to find was plentiful where-ever we went in the delta. Herons were also numerous. Grey Herons and Little Egrets were a reminder of home, but more exotic were the Great Egret, Purple Heron and even a couple of Squacco Herons by the side of the track. The pools

also held a few terns and most pleasing of these was a party of Black Terns that were most likely to be late migrants.



Camargue horses at Marais de Vigueirat

It was not only the birds, dragonflies were plentiful, and most were identified as Black-tailed Skimmer and Banded Demoiselle, although we also found what were to be the only Red-veined Darters of the trip. On the boardwalk, one group were lucky enough to discover a basking Western Green Lizard; this large species enabled many in the group to grab photos before it hopped into the reed bed. We also had our first introduction to the Camargue horses. Again, these were seen daily in the delta and live semi-wild in the marshes. Here, the white adults were joined by their bay-coloured youngsters

The early start to the day was catching up with us, so we headed back to our hotel in plenty of time to relax before enjoying the excellent local cuisine.

Day 2

Friday 6th May

Les Baux & Les Alpilles

As was to become the pattern, we met up for an optional pre-breakfast stroll at 7am. Local to the hotel, it crosses farmland down to a canal, and can attract a surprising range of species. Unfortunately, the day had dawned overcast and although a Nightingale was singing, our first birds of Wood Pigeon, Magpie and Kestrel didn't hold much hope. This all changed with an adult Great Spotted Cuckoo, no doubt trying its luck with the local Magpies. We soon added Gull-billed Tern, Mediterranean Gull and Raven to our sightings before a Stone-curlew flew up. Best however was reserved for a Nightingale that decided to sing in full view giving everyone the opportunity to see this normally hidden songster.

With the flat lands effectively out of bounds due to the wind, we headed into Les Alpilles, hoping to use the limestone ridge as a windbreak. Parking just beyond Les Baux, we strolled along the lower stretch of Val d'Enfer. Birds were singing but we struggled to get clear views of either the Western Subalpine Warbler or the Western Orphean Warbler. Further up the track the distinctive song of Crested Tit was heard and this time the birds responded, and we were treated to a pair circling us for the next 10 minutes. It was clear that heading further up the valley would only take us into the full force of the wind, but before heading back down we also found a female Pied Flycatcher. A few flowers were out in the pine woods and although the flowering spikes of the Giant

Orchid were just about over, Spanish Broom, Sage-leaved Cistus, Etruscan Honeysuckle and Blue Aphyllanthes were in full bloom.

We headed down the hill and did the full circuit of Les Baux, sticking to the bottom of the cliffs on which this very touristy village is perched. The wind was whistling around the cliffs, however we managed to find Sardinian Warbler, Serin, Black Redstart whilst overhead, the local Crag Martins were joined by Alpine Swifts, no doubt playing in the churning air currents.



Les Alpilles near Les Baux

With no respite from the wind, we headed further downhill and had lunch on the edge of an olive grove before trying another section of limestone ridge. The wind was not dropping, and we found birds hard to come by, so we moved on to a nearby section of road where a number of Orchids could be found. Again, the commonest species was the Giant Orchid, but a dramatic spike of Lady orchid was found, and close by a reasonable specimen of Woodcock Orchid. We headed back to the hotel with the hope that the Mistral would drop.

Day 3

Saturday 7th May

Mas d'Agon, Etang de Vaccares & Parc Ornithologique du Pont de Gau

Another pre-breakfast walk started the day, and although the Mistral was still blowing it was not as bad as the previous day, and the clear blue skies gave us all hope. This morning we headed on to a newly flooded field, being prepared for rice planting. Yesterday's Great Spotted Cuckoo was still present, but the lower wind meant a few more birds were singing. Corn Bunting, Melodious Warbler and Zitting Cisticola all added to the soundscape. At the flooded field, both Whiskered and Gull-billed Terns were quartering, but the biggest surprise was in the ploughed field next door where an Egyptian Vulture had joined the Black Kites. All too soon, we needed to head back, and a further surprise was a Quail singing from the field of Barley.

After breakfast, we headed south and crossed the Rhone into the delta. In common with our local 'patch' the rice fields had started to be flooded. The floods were too new to attract much more than the ubiquitous Glossy Ibis and Mediterranean Gulls; however, around Mas D'Agon we found a field with waders as well. Although the Black-winged Stilts stood out, it was the 'little brown species' we were looking for, and sure enough, a good number of Ruffs and Wood Sandpipers had joined them. We drove further south, stopping where we saw anything of interest adding Marsh Harrier, Bearded Reedling and Yellow Wagtails. Etang de Vaccares seemed quiet, so we pushed on to the more saline areas just north of Stes Maries-de-la-Mer. As expected, the shallows here were full of Greater Flamingos – over six hundred being present. Birds were moving around all the time – flocks flying over and feeding actively. The pools also held Kentish Plover and a party of breeding-plumaged

Sanderling. We watch a pair of Little Terns cement their courtship with the male feeding the female with a small fish. With the temperature rising and the wind dropping, we headed to the Parc Ornithologique du Pont de Gau.

Set up originally as a bird hospital, this is a great place to get good views of the classic Camargue species, with many of them habituated to the presence of us humans. This is particularly true of Flamingos; however, the heronry, Spoonbills and a breeding colony of Mediterranean Gulls all gave the group wonderful views of their comings and goings. Waders including Avocets, Stilts and a flush of Spotted Redshanks - all black with white spots - added to the mix. Additionally, we added a fly-over Hobby and almost strangely, a Tree Sparrow, a species that seemed out of place in these wetlands.

We headed back to the hotel and some of the group took the opportunity for a late afternoon stop in Arles, visiting the Roman Amphitheatre and Van Gogh grave amongst other sites.

Day 4

Sunday 8th May

La Crau & the south-east of the Camargue around Salin-de-Giraud



The stony plain of La Crau

Again, a pre-breakfast walk and after yesterday's success we headed straight back to the flooded field. Many of yesterday's small birds were present and we found a Hoopoe feeding by the track. The water had attracted both a Lapwing and a Common Sandpiper. Also new was the male Stonechat in the nearby hedgerow. A welcome sight was a small party of Turtle Doves, perhaps migrants for further north.

With breakfast over, we headed to Peau de Meau in La Crau, a unique area of flat stony plain to the south-east of Arles. The day was calm, but we could see a weather front that promised a little rain at some point. We walked the loop across the plain, watching the many Western Marbled Whites and Small Heaths as they attended the many flowers. The air was thick with birdsong, firstly Skylarks and Tawny Pipits and then Greater Short-toed Larks. We finally managed to see a Stone-curlew as it snuck amongst the euphorbias and asphodels, and overhead, Swifts and Alpine Swifts dashed. The area is famous for birds of prey, and at first, we thought we were going to have to be satisfied with solely the familiar Black Kites. However, Lesser Kestrels were hunting over the plains and a party of five Griffon Vultures drifted over. Back at the car park we had a picnic and watched the Copper and Banded Demoiselles on the small stream. Here, these were joined by a number of Southern Damselflies.

After leaving La Crau, we headed into the Camargue proper by crossing the Rhone by ferry at Bac de Barcarin. Just before the crossing a pair of roadside Rollers delayed our progress. Once across, this area was also popular with Bee-eaters hunting from the roadside wires.

We stopped at the older salt pans, and these held a mix of waders. Of interest were the flock of Little Stint, including a few of the larger Dunlin and a party of 24 Slender-billed Gulls with their distinctive pinkish hue. A brief stop on the beach marked we had reached the Mediterranean, but added no new birds, so we returned to Arles, stopping on the way, including for Red-rumped Swallows and at Le Verdier, where the reported pratincoles eluded us, but we found our first Red-crested Pochards as a few drops of rain started to fall.

After dinner, a few hardy souls joined us for a dusk trip to Les Alpilles. The temperature had dropped, and it had clouded over. Unfortunately, no owls were calling, but a Common Pipistrelle flew over and we could hear a Woodlark holding territory. As the darkness fell, three Nightjars started churring from the pinewoods above us, a fitting end to the day.

Day 5

Monday 9th May

Etang des Aulnes, the Petit Camargue and Aigues-Mortes

After breakfast we checked out of our rooms and headed to the Etang des Aulnes, an area of freshwater and surrounding Garrigue. There was no wind, and the sun was shining, a real Provence late-spring day. A local hotspot for Golden Oriole, it didn't take long to hear a singing male high in the poplars but seeing it was another matter.

We paused our search and concentrated on the other delights of the area. Great Reed Warblers sang from the reedbeds and Mute Swans with their cygnets, interestingly of the 'Polish' white colour morph. Some of the group were lucky enough to see a fly-by Little Bittern. The scrubby areas were attractive to butterflies, and we added Common Blue, Brown Argus and Baton Blue to our list. With the freshwater pools there were lots of dragonflies, again with Lesser Emperor and Broad Scarlet new for the trip, but it was perhaps the swathe of Lax-flowered Orchids that grabbed the attention.

Determined to see the Golden Oriole, the group staked out the Poplars whilst the leaders prepared the picnic lunch and were rewarded when the male popped into view. A Roller was also found whilst they waited. After lunch we headed back to the hotel to pick up our baggage and say farewell to those staying on. The rest headed into the Petite Camargue. We stopped for Bulls, Bee-eaters and a few other birds but after plying the backroads headed south-west towards Montpellier.

With still some time to go before needing to arrive at the airport, we headed to Aigues-Mortes, a charming medieval walled town that somehow has escaped the worst of the development on this part of the coast. The opportunity to stroll the walls, the streets or simply enjoy the pavement cafes was too much to resist and we all enjoyed this delightful corner of France before heading the few kilometres to Montpellier airport and the flight back to the UK, arriving on the dot of midnight.



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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

	I=Introduced		May 2022				
	Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
3	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	✓		✓		✓
4	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>				✓	✓
6	Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			H	H	
7	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>			H		
8	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>				✓	
9	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>				H	
10	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓		✓	
11	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	
13	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	H		H	H	H
14	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
16	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				✓	
17	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
19	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
20	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓		✓		✓
21	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓
22	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
23	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>		✓		✓	
24	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			✓		
25	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
26	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			✓	✓	✓
27	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓	
28	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			✓	✓	
29	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			✓	✓	
30	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			✓		
31	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			✓		
32	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				✓	
33	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				✓	
34	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				✓	
35	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓		
36	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			✓		
37	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓		
38	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>				✓	
39	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
40	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyæetus melanocephalus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
41	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			✓	✓	✓
43	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			✓	✓	
44	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
45	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>			✓		
46	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	✓				

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47	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
48	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
49	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
50	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			✓	✓	✓
51	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					✓
52	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	✓				
53	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	.	✓	✓	✓
55	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓		✓		✓
56	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓				✓
57	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
58	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			✓		
59	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>				✓	
60	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓		✓		✓
61	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓		✓
63	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				✓	
64	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>				✓	✓
65	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓			✓	✓
66	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				✓	
67	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	✓		✓		
69	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					✓
70	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓		✓	
71	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓		✓	
75	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		✓			
76	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓		
77	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>			✓		
78	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>				H	
79	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				✓	
80	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			✓	✓	
81	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				✓	
82	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓				
83	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓			
84	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓				
86	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>				✓	
87	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	H	H	✓	H	✓
88	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓
89	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				H	✓
90	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			✓		
91	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			✓		
92	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>			H	✓	H
93	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			✓	✓	✓
94	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca hortensis</i>		H			
95	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Western Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca iberiae</i>		✓			

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97	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	✓	H	H	✓
99	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		✓		✓	
100	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
101	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>				✓	
102	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓	
103	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>			✓		
104	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Western Yellow Wagtail (Blue-headed)	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>			✓	✓	✓
106	Western Yellow Wagtail (Italian)	<i>Motacilla f. cinereocapilla</i>				✓	
107	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				✓	
108	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓			
109	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>					✓
110	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>				✓	
111	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
112	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓		✓	
113	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓	✓	
114	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			✓	✓	✓

Others

			May 2022				
	Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9
	Butterflies						
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>					✓
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podaririus</i>				✓	✓
3	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓	✓	✓
4	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	✓				
5	Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>	.				✓
6	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>					✓
7	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓			✓	✓
8	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓		
9	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>			✓		
10	Western Marbled White	<i>Melanargia occitanica</i>				✓	✓
11	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓	✓
12	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
13	Wall	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
			
	Odonata						
1	Copper Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis</i>				✓	
2	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	✓			✓	✓
3	Southern Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion mercuriale</i>				✓	✓
4	Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>					✓
5	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>					✓
6	Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>					✓
7	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>	✓		✓		✓
8	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	✓				

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	Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9
	Mammals						
1	Coypu	Myocastor coypus	✓		✓		
2	Rabbit	Oryctolagus cuniculus				✓	
3	Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes	✓				
4	Common Pipistrelle Bat	Pipistrellus pipistrellus	.			✓	
	Reptiles/Amphibians						
1	Stripeless Tree Frog	Hyla meridionalis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Marsh Frog	Rana ridibundus	H	H			H
3	Turkish Gecko	Hemidactylus turcicus					✓
4	Western Green Lizard	Lacerta bilineata	✓		✓	.	
5	Common Wall Lizard	Podarcis muralis	✓				
6	Western Montpellier Snake	Malpolon monspessulanus					✓
	Other Insects						
1	Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptum		✓			
2	Mediterranean Spotted Chafer	Oxythyrea funesta	✓				
3	Napoleon Spider	Synema globosum		✓			
4	Chalk Burnet	Zygaena fausta		✓			
5	Paper Wasp	Polites gallicus	✓				
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	Interesting Plants						
1	Stone (Umbrella) Pine	Pinus pinea	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	A juniper	Juniperus sp.		✓			
3	Kermes Oak	Quercus coccifera		✓			
4	Small-flowered Catchfly	Silene gallica		✓			
5	Marsh Mallow	Althaea officinalis		✓			
6	Spanish Broom	Spartium junceum	✓	✓		✓	✓
7	Sage-leaved Cistus	Cistus salvifolius		✓			
8	White Rock-rose	Helianthemum appeninum		✓			
9	Olive	Olea europea		✓			
10	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Lonicera etrusca		✓			
11	Goat's-beard	Trogapogon pratensis		✓			
12	Blue Aphyllanthes	Aphyllanthes monspeliensis		✓			
13	Branched Asphodel	Asphodelus ramosus		✓		✓	
14	Yellow Iris	Iris pseudacorus	✓		✓	✓	✓
15	Giant Reed	Arundo donax				✓	✓
16	Common Reed	Phragmites australis	✓		✓	✓	✓
17	Smooth Golden Fleece	Urospermum dalechampii		✓		✓	✓
18	Rosy Garlic	Allium roseum		✓			
19	Rampion	Campanula rapunculus		.			✓
20	Black-eyes	Tolpis barbata		.			✓
21	Giant Orchid	Himantoglossum robertianum		✓			
22	Violet Limodore	Limodorum abortivum		✓			
23	Lady Orchid	Orchis purpurea		✓			
24	Woodcock Orchid	Ophrys scolopax		✓			
25	Lax-flowered Orchid	Anacamptis laxiflora		.			✓