

Corsica in Autumn

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Colchicum neapolitanum



Forêt d'Aitone



Étang d'Urbino



Restonica Valley

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Summary

We spent a week exploring the aromatic maquis, magnificent forests, rugged high mountains, and varied coastline, that make Corsica such a unique destination. We saw a many of its special endemic plants and a wide variety of birds, including unforgettable encounters with Corsican Nuthatch and Alpine Accentor. Among an abundance of insects, enjoying the autumn sunshine, twenty-nine species of butterfly were recorded.

In attractive towns and villages, we had a taste of its long history and architecture and encountered the sheep, goats, pigs, and ancient breed of cattle that provide the mainstay of its rural economy and contribute to its tasty, traditional cuisine. Stunning scenery, superb weather and, above all, the enthusiasm and good humour of the group ensured we had very enjoyable and memorable week.

Day 1

Sunday 18th September

After an hour's delayed departure, our flight arrived in Calvi in the early afternoon. We spent a short while exploring the historic streets and busy marina, below the Citadel, before heading south to a rocky coastal inlet, just north of Galeria. Plants, on the granite shoreline, included Rock Samphire *Critbnum maritimum*, a rather splendid grey-leaved spurge *Euphorbia pithyusa* subsp. *pithyusa* and two of the island's endemics, namely Corsican Stork's-bill *Erodium corsicum* and *Limonium corsicum*, a distinctive Sea Lavender, with intricately branched flower stems resembling wire netting. Close by, we started to familiarise ourselves with the common plants of the maquis, such as the sticky-leaved *Cistus monspeliensis*, Mediterranean Myrtle *Myrtus communis* and the curry-scented *Helichrysum italicum*. We also found the flowers of Bristle-fruited Silkweed *Gomphocarpus fruticosus*, a well-established alien from South Africa and our first butterflies; Clouded Yellow, Long-tailed Blue, Lang's Short-tailed Blue, and Geranium Bronze, also originally from South Africa, but now established in many coastal regions of southern Europe.

Continuing south, we followed a long, sinuous road through the maquis, stopping occasionally for spectacular views of the rugged coastline. Just before reaching Porto, we made a short walk among dramatic, steep cliffs of pink granite, where notable plants included Tree Spurge *Euphorbia dendroides*, the pungent Sticky Woundwort *Stachys glutinosa*, the narrow-endemic umbellifer, *Seseli praecox* and a flowering plant of Fragrant Clematis *Clematis flammula*. After the sun set, we climbed, steeply inland to our hotel in Evisa, where a traditional Corsican meal awaited us.

Day 2

Monday 19th September

A few early risers noted Cirl Bunting, Spotted Flycatcher and brief calls of Corsican Nuthatch, only a short distance from the hotel. After breakfast, we had a short walk in the Forêt d'Aitone, above the hotel, where we found the familiar leaves of Corsican Hellebore *Helleborus lividus* subsp. *corsicus* and the flowers of Ivy-leaved Sowbread *Cyclamen hederifolium*. We scrambled down to a series of beautiful cascades and natural pools along the river and visited the ruins of an old mill, one of several along the riverside that had harnessed waterpower, to produce chestnut flour. We admired the platy, peeling bark of Corsican Pine *Pinus nigra* subsp. *laricio* and saw Great Spotted Woodpecker, Eurasian Treecreeper, Goldcrest and Common Firecrest, in the trees.

Our next destination was the Col de Sevi, where common Tyrrhenian Lizards scurried around the rocks catching insects, and pink *Colchicum neapolitanum* pushed through the dry earth. A short walk up the hill rewarded us with sightings of Sardinian, Moltoni's and Marmora's Warbler and our first Corsican Finch. We continued down to the coast, at Sagone, where we purchased provisions for our lunches and enjoyed an ice-cream, which was very welcome, as the temperature was approaching 30°C. A short distance along the coast, we pulled in for lunch, overlooking the Liamone estuary. A limited number of birds included Little Grebe, Grey Heron, and a few yellow-legged Gulls, but there were insects in abundance. The Red Band-winged Grasshopper was plentiful, and we found the curious Nosed Grasshopper and Praying Mantis. Butterflies included Swallowtail, Plain Tiger, Two-tailed Pasha, and Corsican Wall Brown.

As we headed down to the beach, we noticed Southern Hawker, Common and Red-veined Darter and the endemic Island Bluetail, among the reeds. Several of the group enjoyed a swim, before we made a short circuit around the dunes and coastal maquis. Typical plants of the foredunes included Yellow Horned-poppo *Glaucium flavum*, Sea Bindweed *Calystegia soldanella*, Sea Medick *Medicago marina* and Sea Rocket *Cakile maritima*, while on stabilised sand, there was dense scrub of wind-pruned Mastic Tree *Pistacia lentiscus*, viciously spiny Hairy Thorny Broom *Calicotome villosa* and the endemic Corsican Broom *Genista corsica*. There were grasshoppers everywhere, along with the cryptic, endemic Southern Grayling, which becomes virtually invisible, when it closes its wings.

On the return journey, we made a brief stop at the local landfill site, where Red Kite and Northern Raven were congregating. Back at the hotel, we were treated to a spectacular orange sunset, as we sat down to dinner.

Day 3

Tuesday 20th September

After breakfast, we walked down the road, through Evisa, and ventured a little way into the Spelunca Gorge. Before the road was built, this ancient mule trail was a vital link between Evisa and the harbour in Porto. We were in mature maquis, under tall Tree Heather *Erica arborea*, Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* and Holm Oak *Quercus ilex*. The distinctive bark of Maritime Pine *Pinus pinaster* subsp. *escarena* was much admired and, coupled with its large cones, made it easily distinguishable from Corsican Pine.

Returning to the road, we drove down towards the bottom of the gorge, stopping at intervals to take in the magnificent scenery. We followed the trail, above the river, as far as the elegant Zaglia Bridge, that spans a tributary. Over lunch, we watched Tyrrhenian Wall Lizards, basking on the granite boulders and Swallowtail, Silver-washed Fritillary, Cardinal, and Corsican Wall Brown, attracted to the bright yellow flowers of Stink Aster *Dittrichia viscosa*. Retracing our route, the strange-looking bright red Cage Fungus *Clathrus ruber* caught our eye, it's intense odour of rotting meat reflecting its alternative name of Basket Stinkhorn.

We drove up to the south-facing village of Ota, where we relaxed over drinks, before continuing down through Porto to the Calanches de Piana. Here we explored the spectacular, eroded granite cliffs, which looked at their best in the late-afternoon sun. We found the delicate blooms of the endemic Pink Snowflake *Acis rosea* and a few flowers of Polyanthus Daffodil *Narcissus tazetta*, before making the long and winding drive back to Evisa.

Day 4

Wednesday 21st September

Leaving Evisa, soon after breakfast, we made another short walk to see the diminutive, aromatic Corsican Mint *Mentha requienii*, Water Mint *Mentha aquatica* and large drifts of Willow Gentian, in a damp area of forest. On an area of exposed granite, we soon found a few Bedriaga's Rock Lizard, the largest of Corsica's endemic lizards. They were quite approachable and allowed some good close-up images to be taken. At the Col de Vergio, we reached the treeline, in an open landscape with stunted trees and a prickly carpet of prostrate Juniper and the low-growing spiny Broom *Genista salzmannii* var. *lobelioides*. Here and there were the shiny, red hips of *Rosa serafinii* and the aromatic, endemic Thyme *Thymus herba-barona*. After a long descent through the forest, we stopped by a damp ditch, where we found more Corsican Mint and the insectivorous Corsican Butterwort *Pinguicula corsica*.

We stopped for lunch by the shore of the reservoir at Calacuccia, where interesting plants, on the gravelly shore, included Strapwort *Corrigiola litoralis*, the alien Spotted Spurge *Euphorbia maculata* and yet another strong-smelling mint, Pennyroyal *Mentha pulegium*. From here, we dropped into the narrow chasm of the Santa Regina Gorge and walked along a section of the beautifully engineered road. Typical plants, in the hot dry conditions included Large Mediterranean Spurge *Euphorbia characias*, French Lavender *Lavandula stoechas*, prostrate forms of Rosemary *Salvia rosmarinus* and the aromatic endemics, Sticky Woundwort and the pungent Cat Thyme *Teucrium marum*.

Leaving the mountains behind, we stopped briefly in maquis, near Francardo, where we found Autumn Lady's-tresses *Spiranthes spiralis*, more *Colchicum neapolitanum* and Yellow Odontites *Odontites lutea*. After the tortuous, narrow roads of the last few days, it was quite a relief to join the main route and after driving south, past Corte, we soon arrived at our hotel, below Venaco, where we had time to explore the riverside and surrounding maquis, before dinner.

Day 5

Thursday 22nd September

After shopping in Venaco, we explored a sheltered gully where we found a total of 18 species of butterfly, with notable new ones including Brimstone, Southern White Admiral, Great Banded Grayling, and Queen of Spain Fritillary. In addition to Swallowtail butterflies, we found their attractive caterpillars, munching on Fennel *Foeniculum vulgare*, and we watched Two-tailed Pasha, feeding on ripe figs and the fruits of Prickly Pear *Opuntia ficus-indica*, above our heads.

A short distance to the south, we reached Gustav Eiffel's dramatic railway bridge, spanning the Verghello Valley, alongside the elegant modern road bridge. We walked slowly up the road, in warm sunshine, seeing the cream flowers and orange fruits of Mediterranean Mezereon *Daphne gnidium*, and more flower spikes of Autumn Lady's-tresses. Maritime Pine gradually gave way to Corsican Pine and, at the end of the road, we enjoyed panoramic views of the mountainous landscape, while a herd of the attractive, ancient breed of Corsican cattle grazed, nearby. After lunch, we walked slowly down through the forest, in the hope of locating Corsican Nuthatch, but they remained elusive, and we had to settle for a nice male Red Crossbill.

Returning to the main road, we continued south, through Vivario, and up to the top of the Vizzavona pass. Here, rather surprisingly, the upper limit of forest is dominated by Beech *Fagus sylvatica*. In the past, the trees had been coppiced for their timber and we walked under a dense, high canopy of multi-trunked monsters, with little in the way of ground flora, except for *Cyclamen hederifolium*. The afternoon had become cloudy and cool, so we rounded

off the afternoon with drinks at Vizzavona station, the highest on Corsica's unique railway, and were back at the hotel for 5.30pm.

Day 6

Friday 23rd September

On our regular pre-breakfast walk to the nearby Pont Noceta, we watched Dipper, on the river, and found a few pure-white flowers of a grey-leaved catchfly, *Silene paradoxa*. After shopping in Venaco and another visit to our butterfly hotspot, we headed north to Corte, where we paused to take in the classic view of the Citadel, famously painted by Edward Lear. Stopping at a reliable site for Corsican Nuthatch, in the Restonica Valley, we couldn't believe our luck when we saw our first birds, even before we left the vehicle. They were just a few metres away and, over the next 45 minutes, we watched them flitting among the branches and extracting seeds from the pinecones.

We continued up the narrow road, until the trees thinned out, and parked by the café, at the end of the road. Over lunch, we were fortunate to see a Lammergeier, our second of the week, gliding effortlessly around the jagged ridge, above us. After that, we enjoyed an exhilarating 400 metre climb to Lac de Melo, at the head of the valley. The rocky trail took us through scrub of low-growing Corsican Alder *Alnus alnobetula* subsp. *suaveolens*, scattered trees of Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* and the endemic Rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* subsp. *praemorsa*, with polished bark and glowing red fruit.

The steepest part of the climb involved a short gully and a couple of fixed ladders, to aid our progress, and we were soon overlooking the placid inky waters of the circular glacial lake and the towering granite cliffs, that surround it. Once again, we were extremely fortunate to be in the right place, at the right time, when an Alpine Accentor, quite literally, hopped around our feet, quite unperturbed by our presence. Once we had safely retraced our steps, we enjoyed drinks at the café, before returning to the hotel.

Day 7

Saturday 24th September

We spent the first part of the morning exploring the historic streets of Corte and climbing to the Citadel. Then, we followed the Tavignano Valley, all the way to the coast, just beyond Aleria. After coffee, we explored the sandy beach where an interesting variety of strandline plants included Sea Stock *Matthiola sinuata*, Sweet Alison *Lobularia maritima*, Sea Holly *Eryngium maritimum*, the spiny Echinophora *Echinophora spinosa*, Sea Chamomile *Anthemis maritima* and Purple Spurge *Euphorbia peplis*. Among the storm debris were large numbers of 'sea balls', formed of aggregated hairs, from the rhizomes of Neptune Grass *Posidonia oceanica*.

A little further south, we had lunch beside the Étang d'Urbino, the second largest of Corsica's saline lagoons, where there were informative display boards, explaining the importance of these unique coastal habitats, for fishing and wildlife. Two Western Osprey were seen, over the water, and we were amused to find several, large Tubular Sea Cucumbers, at the water's edge.

On the inland margin of the lagoon, we noted Grey Heron, Little and Great Egret, and Great Crested Grebe. Marsh Harriers flew low over the reedbeds, and we heard Cetti's Warbler and Zitting Cisticola. A Red-footed Falcon flew quickly, overhead, and a solitary Eurasian Stone-curlew was spotted, skulking in the edge of the reeds. Common flowering plants, along the muddy margin of the saltmarsh included Sea Aster *Tripolium pannonicum*, a large-leaved Sea Lavender *Limonium narbonense* and Golden Samphire *Limbarda crithmoides*.

We returned to the hotel for 5.00pm, to pack for the return journey, and then gathered to share reminiscences, over a glass of wine, before dinner. It had been a wonderful and enjoyable week, that will long remain in our memories.

Day 8

Sunday 25th September

We were able to arrange an early breakfast, before a smooth and uneventful journey back to the airport, where we arrived in plenty of time to check-in for our flight back to Stansted.

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Species lists

Plants

Latin name	Common name	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS AND FERN ALLIES	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>	Black Spleenwort	Occasional on rocks
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback	Rocks
<i>Asplenium obovatum</i>	Lanceolate Spleenwort	Shaded rocks. Spelunca
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Sharp-leaved Spleenwort	Walls
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall-rue	Forêt d'Aitone, Restonica
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Occasional on rocks
Athyriaceae	Lady-fern Family	
<i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady-fern	Forêt d'Aitone
Blechnaceae	Hard-fern Family	
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Hard-fern	Forêt d'Aitone
Cystopteridaceae	Bladder-fern Family	
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder-fern	Frequent on rocks
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Common
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i> subsp. <i>cambrensis</i>	Narrow Male-fern	Common
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler-fern	Forests
<i>Dryopteris oreades</i>	Mountain Male-fern	Common
<i>Polystichum setiferum</i>	Soft Shield-fern	Forêt d'Aitone
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Branched Horsetail	Hedges
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	Occasional in ditches
Osmundaceae	Royal Fern Family	
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern	Common by rivers
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	Occasional on rocks
<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Common Polypody	Occasional on rocks
Pteridaceae	Maidenhair Fern Family	
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Wet rocks. Spelunca
<i>Cryptogramma crispa</i>	Parsley Fern	Mountain rocks. Restonica
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Toothed Clubmoss	Damp earth. Common
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS	
Cupressaceae	Cypress Family	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	Cultivated

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<i>Juniperus communis</i> var. <i>saxatilis</i>	Juniper	Common in mountains
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Common in maquis
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Abies alba</i>	European Silver-fir	Forêt d'Aitone, Vizzavona
<i>Larix decidua</i> ‡	Larch	Occasional. Forêt d'Aitone
<i>Pinus halepensis</i> ‡	Aleppo Pine	Planted
<i>Pinus nigra</i> subsp. <i>laricio</i> •	Corsican Pine	Forests
<i>Pinus pinaster</i> subsp. <i>escarena</i>	Maritime Pine	Common in lower forests
<i>Pinus pinea</i> ‡	Umbrella Pine	Planted near coasts
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> ‡	Douglas Fir	Planted. Forêt d'Aitone
ANGIOSPERMS	FLOWERING PLANTS	
DICOTYLEDONS		
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family	
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> ‡	Yellow Hottentot-fig	Coastal alien
Amaranthaceae	Goosefoot Family	
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i>	Common Amaranth	Occasional weed
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet	Liamone beach
<i>Blitum bonus-henricus</i>	Good-King-Henry	Animal pens
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat-hen	Occasional weed
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Sandy beaches
<i>Sarcocornia fruticosa</i>	A Perennial Glasswort	Salt marsh. Étang d'Urbino
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family	
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Common in maquis
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Bupleurum fruticosum</i>	Shrubby Hare's-ear	Rocky places in maquis
<i>Bupleurum stellatum</i>	Starry Hare's-ear	Rocks
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Coastal rocks
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Common
<i>Echinophora spinosa</i>	Echinophora	East coast
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	Frequent
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Coast
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Frequent
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>vulgare</i>	Fennel	Common
<i>Peucedanum ostruthium</i>	Masterwort	Mountain stream-sides
<i>Seseli praecox</i> •	Seseli	Cliffs. Porto
Apocynaceae	Dogbane Family	
<i>Gomphocarpus fruticosus</i> ‡	Bristle-fruited Silkweed	Occasional. Roadsides
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	By streams in maquis
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort	Restonica
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Frequent in forests
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Common

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Asteraceae		
Daisy Family		
<i>Achillea ligustica</i>	Southern Yarrow	Common
<i>Anthemis maritima</i>	Sea Chamomile	East coast
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Occasional
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Frequent
<i>Bellium bellidioides</i> •	False Daisy	Common
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Plymouth Thistle	Common. Waste ground
<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	Slender Thistle	Coast
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i>	Flat-topped Carlina Thistle	Common to 1000 metres
<i>Carlina macrocephala</i> subsp. <i>macrocephala</i> •	Large-headed Carlina Thistle	Occasional above 1000 metres
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Red Star-thistle	Waste places
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Rush Skeletonweed	Waste places
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Roadsides
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Grassy and waste places
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Roadsides. Frequent
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Roadsides. Common
<i>Doronicum corsicum</i> •	Corsican Leopard's-bane	Wet rocks
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Waste places
<i>Helichrysum frigidum</i> •	An Everlastingflower	Mountain rocks
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i> subsp. <i>italicum</i>	A Curry Plant	Rocky places
<i>Hypochaeris achyrophorus</i>	Mediterranean Cat's-ear	Frequent
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cat's-ear	Frequent
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Common Cat's-ear	Sand dunes
<i>Hypochaeris robertia</i>	A Cat's-ear	Widespread
<i>Jacobaea maritima</i>	Silver Ragwort	Cliffs. Porto
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort	Waste places
<i>Limbaria crithmoides</i>	Golden Samphire	Coast
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce	Walls
<i>Onopordon illyricum</i>	Illyrian Scotch Thistle	Common. Waste ground
<i>Phagnalon saxatile</i>	A Shrubby Cudweed	Rocks at low altitude
<i>Prenanthes purpurea</i>	Purple Lettuce	Forests
<i>Ptilostemon casabonae</i> •	A Ptilostemon	Verghello, Restonica
<i>Pulicaria odora</i>	Mediterranean Fleabane	Common in maquis
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Waste places
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Waste places
<i>Solidago virgaurea</i>	Goldenrod	Mountains
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	Waste places
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Waste places
<i>Tripolium pannonicum</i>	Sea Aster	Salt marsh. Étang d'Urbino
<i>Xanthium italicum</i> ‡	A Cocklebur	Coasts
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> ‡	Spiny Cocklebur	Ruderal
Berberidaceae		
Barberry Family		
<i>Berberis aetnensis</i> •	Etna Barberry	Mountains
Betulaceae		
Birch Family		
<i>Alnus alnobetula</i> subsp. <i>suaveolens</i> •	Corsican Alder	Restonica
<i>Alnus cordata</i> •	Italian Alder	Occasional
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Common Alder	Common by rivers
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	Forests to treeline
Boraginaceae		
Borage Family		
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Cretan Hound's-tongue	Roadsides

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<i>Echium italicum</i>	Italian Viper's-bugloss	Roadsides
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's-bugloss	Waste ground
<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	Heliotrope	Common. Roadsides
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Arabis alpina</i> subsp. <i>alpina</i>	Alpine Rock-cress	Restonica
<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>Cardamine resedifolia</i>	Mignonette-leaved Bitter-cress	Mountain rocks
<i>Lepidium hirtum</i> subsp. <i>oxyotum</i>	A Pepperwort	Mountains
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alison	Coastal sand
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	Near habitation
<i>Matthiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	East coast
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	Coastal
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Water-cress	Wet ditches
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>maritimum</i>	Sea Radish	Liamone beach
<i>Sinapsis arvensis</i>	Charlock	Waste places
Buxaceae	Box Family	
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Box	Spelunca
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> ‡	Prickly Pear	Widely planted
Cannabaceae	Hackberry and Hop Family	
<i>Celtis australis</i> ‡	European Nettle Tree	Planted
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera implexa</i>	A Honeysuckle	Frequent in maquis
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Mouse-ear Chickweed	Frequent
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Waste places
<i>Cerastium soleirolii</i> •	A Mouse-ear	Common. Mountains
<i>Corrigiola litoralis</i> subsp. <i>litoralis</i>	Strapwort	Calaccucia dam
<i>Corrigiola litoralis</i> subsp. <i>telephiifolia</i>	A Strapwort	Sand dunes. Liamone
<i>Dianthus armeria</i>	Deptford Pink	Occasional
<i>Dianthus gyspergerae</i> •	Madame Gysperger's Pink	Cliffs. Calanches de Piana
<i>Dianthus sylvestris</i> subsp. <i>longicaulis</i>	A Wood Pink	Cliffs
<i>Kohlruschia velutina</i>	Kohlruschia	Open maquis
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	Silvery Paronychia	Sandy coast
<i>Paronychia polygonifolia</i>	A Paronychia	Mountains
<i>Petrorhagia saxifraga</i> subsp. <i>gasparrinii</i> •	A Tunic flower	Frequent on rocks
<i>Sabulina verna</i>	Vernal Sandwort	Mountains
<i>Sagina pilifera</i> •	A Pearlwort	Common in mountains
<i>Sagina procumbens</i>	Pearlwort	Common
<i>Saponaria ocymoides</i> subsp. <i>alsinoides</i> •	A Rock Soapwort	Restonica
<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	Soapwort	Occasional. Roadsides
<i>Silene paradoxa</i>	A Catchfly	Pont Noceta
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Frequent
<i>Spergularia rubra</i>	Sand Spurrey	Rocky places
<i>Spergularia salina</i>	Lesser Sea Spurrey	Coastal
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Chickweed	Waste places

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Cistaceae	Rockrose Family	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Cretan Cistus	Common in maquis
<i>Cistus halimifolius</i>	A Halimium	East coast
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Common in maquis
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Common in maquis
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Large Bindweed	Occasional weed
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	Sand dunes. Liamone
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Frequent
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Occasional weed
<i>Cuscuta epithimum</i> subsp. <i>corsicana</i> •	A Dodder	Frequent
<i>Ipomoea indica</i> ‡	A Morning Glory	Cultivated
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Petrosedum rupestre</i>	Reflexed Stonecrop	Rocks. Occasional
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	Rocks. Frequent
<i>Sedum brevifolium</i>	Short-leaved Stonecrop	Rocks. Common
<i>Sedum cepaea</i>		Occasional
<i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i>	Fat-leaved Stonecrop	Rocks and walls
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop	Rocks. Common
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall Pennywort	Rocks. Common
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Waste places
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	Entire-leaved Scabious	Waste places
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Maquis
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Maquis
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	Restonica
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i> subsp. <i>semiperfoliata</i> •	A Wood Spurge	Frequent. Forests
<i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i>	A prostrate Spurge	Common. Waste ground
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Widespread
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Coastal cliffs
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	Occasional
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Waste ground
<i>Euphorbia hyberna</i> subsp. <i>insularis</i> •	An Irish Spurge	Forest
<i>Euphorbia lathyris</i>	Caper Spurge	Evisa
<i>Euphorbia maculata</i> ‡	Spotted Spurge	Calacuccia dam
<i>Euphorbia pepilis</i>	Purple Spurge	Coastal sands
<i>Euphorbia pithyusa</i> subsp. <i>pithyusa</i>	A Spurge	Coast. Galeria
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Ruderal
<i>Ricinus communis</i> ‡	Castor-oil-plant	Occasional
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>	Herman's Kidney Vetch	Common
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Common

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<i>Calicotome infesta</i>	Thorny Broom	Maquis
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Maquis
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i> ‡	Carob	Occasional
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i> ‡	Judas Tree	Frequent
<i>Genista corsica</i> •	Corsican Broom	Maquis
<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	Monpellier Broom	Maquis
<i>Genista salzmannii</i> var. <i>lobelioides</i> •		Mountains Lower altitudes than var. <i>lobelioides</i>
<i>Genista salzmannii</i> var. <i>salzmannii</i> •		Open forest
<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Everlasting-pea	Occasional
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Occasional
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin	Occasional
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Common
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Frequent
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Sand dunes
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Waste places
<i>Medicago sativa</i> ‡	Lucerne	Crop and escape
<i>Ononis spinosa</i> subsp. <i>antiquorum</i>	Spiny Restharrow	Rocky pasture
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> ‡	False Acacia	Cultivated
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpion vetch	Frequent
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Roadsides
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Hare's-foot Clover	Occasional
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Occasional
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Common
<i>Vicia cracca</i> subsp. <i>tenuifolia</i>	Tufted Vetch	Common
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i>	Common Vetch	Common
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i> ‡	Sweet Chestnut	Widely cultivated
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Forests to tree line
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak	Maquis
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Maquis
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	Venaco
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak	Lowland maquis
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	Spelunca
<i>Gentiana asclepiadea</i>	Willow-leaved Gentian	Forêt d'Aitone, Restonica
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Coast and waste places
<i>Erodium corsicum</i> •	Corsican Stork's-bill	Coastal rocks. Galeria
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	Spelunca
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Widespread
Hypericaceae	St John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum hircinum</i> subsp. <i>hircinum</i> •	Stinking Tutsan	Stream-sides, damp rocks
<i>Hypericum montanum</i>	Pale St John's-wort	Forests
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perfoliate St John's-wort	Frequent
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St John's-wort	Wet places
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family	

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<i>Juglans regia</i> ‡	Walnut	Occasional
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Black Horehound	Roadsides
<i>Clinopodium nepeta</i>	Lesser Calamint	Waste places. Widespread
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil	Common
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Rocky places in maquis
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	Roadsides. Ruderal
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Wet places
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	Pennyroyal	Calacuccia dam
<i>Mentha requienii</i> •	Corsican Mint	Forêt d'Aitone
<i>Mentha spicata</i>	Spear Mint	Damp places
<i>Mentha suaveolens</i> subsp. <i>suaveolens</i>	Round-leaved Mint	Étang d'Urbino
<i>Micromeria filiformis</i>	Thread-leaved Micromeria	Santa Regina Gorge
<i>Salvia rosmarinus</i>	Rosemary	Hot rocky places
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Frequent
<i>Stachys corsica</i> •	Corsican Woundwort	Frequent
<i>Stachys glutinosa</i> •	Sticky Woundwort	Rocky places
<i>Teucrium capitatum</i>	Felty Germander	Frequent. Rocky places
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	Wall Germander	Occasional
<i>Teucrium marum</i> •	Cat Thyme	Rocky places
<i>Teucrium massiliense</i>	A Germander	Evisa, Col de Sevi
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood Sage	Common in forests
<i>Thymus herba-barona</i> •	A Thyme	Common in mountains
Lentibulariaceae	Butterwort Family	
<i>Pinguicula corsica</i> •	Corsican Butterwort	Wet places. Restonica
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax	Locally common
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Malva arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	Near coast
<i>Malva multiflora</i>	Small Tree Mallow	Occasional
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Least Mallow	Occasional
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Roadsides
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small-leaved Lime	Occasional
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i> ‡	Broad-leaved Lime	Planted
Montiaceae	Blinks Family	
<i>Montia fontana</i> subsp. <i>amporitana</i>	Blinks	Springs
<i>Montia fontana</i> subsp. <i>chondrosperma</i>	Blinks	Ephemeral pools
Moraceae	Fig Family	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Frequent in maquis
<i>Morus alba</i> ‡	White Mulberry	Cultivated
Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family	
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ‡	River Red Gum	Cultivated
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	Occasional in maquis
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> ‡	Ash	Forêt d'Aitone
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Manna Ash	Common in maquis

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<i>Olea europaea</i> subsp. <i>oleaster</i>	Wild Olive	Maquis
<i>Phillyrea angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Mock Privet	Common in maquis
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Mock Privet	Frequent in maquis
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family	
<i>Epilobium anagallidifolium</i>	Alpine Willowherb	Damp mountain rocks
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Great Willowherb	Damp places
<i>Epilobium montanum</i>	Broad-leaved Willowherb	Frequent
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Euphrasia nana</i> •	An Eyebright	Lac de Melo
<i>Odontites lutea</i>	Yellow Odontites	Locally common. Maquis
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis articulata</i> ‡	Pink Oxalis	Garden escape
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Procumbent Yellow Sorrel	Ruderal
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡	Bermuda Buttercup	Alien weed
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-poppy	Sand dunes
Phytolaccaceae	Pokeweed Family	
<i>Phytolacca acinos</i> ‡	Pokeweed	Waste places
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago afra</i>	Glandular Plantain	Rocky places. Common
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	Coastal
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Widespread
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Waste ground
<i>Plantago sarda</i> var. <i>sarda</i> •	A Plantain	Mountains
Platanaceae	Plane Family	
<i>Platanus x hispanica</i> ‡	London Plane	Cultivated
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Armeria leucocephala</i> •	White-headed Thrift	Santa Regina Gorge
<i>Armeria multiceps</i> •	Multi-headed Thrift	Mountains. Common
<i>Limoniastrum monopetalum</i>	Limoniastrum	Shore. Étang d'Urbino
<i>Limonium corsicum</i> •	A Sea Lavender	Coastal rocks. Galeria
<i>Limonium narbonense</i>	A Sea Lavender	Salt marsh. Étang d'Urbino
<i>Plumbago europaea</i>	European Plumbago	Santa Regina Gorge
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	Bare ground
<i>Polygonum maritimum</i>	Sea Knotgrass	Coastal
<i>Rumex acetosella</i> subsp. <i>pyrenaicus</i>	A Sheep's Sorrel	Common
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Fiddle Dock	Frequent
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock	Damp places
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Liamone estuary
<i>Rumex pulcher</i>	Fiddle Dock	Waste places
Portulacaceae	Purslane Family	
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Common Purslane	Occasional

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Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> subsp. <i>hederifolium</i>	Ivy-leaved Sowbread	Locally common
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	Fragrant Clematis	Maquis. Common
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Man's Beard	Common
<i>Helleborus lividus</i> subsp. <i>corsicus</i> •	Corsican Hellebore	Common
<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	Lesser Spearwort	Forêt d'Aitone
<i>Ranunculus lanuginosus</i>	Woolly Buttercup	Frequent
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	Common
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Alchemilla alpina</i> forma. <i>corsica</i> •	Alpine Lady's-mantle	Restonica
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Common
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	Frequent
<i>Geum montanum</i>	Alpine Avens	Mountain rocks. Restonica
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet	Occasional in shade
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	Frequent
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	Common. Waste places
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	Occasional
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	Frequent.
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	Frequent. Maquis
<i>Rosa agrestis</i>	Small-leaved Sweet-briar	Frequent
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog-rose	Roadsides
<i>Rosa sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Rose	Roadsides
<i>Rosa serafinii</i>		Col de Vergio
<i>Rubus ulmifolius</i>	A Bramble	Common
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i> subsp. <i>balearica</i>	Salad Burnet	Common
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	Forêt d'Aitone
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> subsp. <i>praemorsa</i> •	Corsican Rowan	Restonica
<i>Sorbus domestica</i>	Service-tree	Spelunca, Verghello
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	Frequent
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Occasional
<i>Galium mollugo</i> subsp. <i>erectum</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Occasional
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	Spelunca
<i>Galium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Bedstraw	Spelunca
<i>Rubia peregriana</i>	Wild Madder	Forests and maquis
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Spelunca
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar	Frequent
<i>Populus nigra</i>	Black Poplar	Frequent
<i>Populus tremula</i>	Aspen	Occasional. Pine Forests
<i>Salix alba</i>	White Willow	Common
<i>Salix cinerea</i> subsp. <i>oleifolia</i>	Grey Willow	Common
<i>Salix purpurea</i>	Purple Willow	Damp places
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Maquis
<i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>austriacum</i>	Mistletoe	Common on Pine and Fir
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	

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<i>Acer platanoides</i> ‡ <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Norway Maple Sycamore	Near Calacuccia Restonica
Saxifragaceae <i>Saxifraga pedemontana</i> subsp. <i>cervicornis</i> • <i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	Saxifrage Family A Piedmont Saxifrage Round-leaved Saxifrage	Shaded mountain rocks Shaded damp places
Scrophulariaceae <i>Buddleja davidii</i> ‡ <i>Scrophularia canina</i> <i>Verbascum sinuatum</i> <i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Figwort Family Butterfly-bush French Figwort Wavy-leaved Mullein Great Mullein	Near habitation Rocky slopes Restonica, Vecchio Occasional
Simaroubaceae <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ‡	Tree-of-heaven Family Tree-of-heaven	Widespread
Solanaceae <i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡ <i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Nightshade Family Shrub Tobacco Black Nightshade	Roadsides. Alien Waste ground
Tamaricaceae <i>Tamarix africana</i>	Tamarisk Family Tamarisk	Near coasts
Thymelaeaceae <i>Daphne gnidium</i> <i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>	Mezereon Family Mediterranean Mezereon A Thymelaea	Widespread in maquis Near coast
Ulmaceae <i>Ulmus minor</i>	Elm Family Small-leaved Elm	Frequent
Urticaceae <i>Parietaria judaica</i> <i>Urtica atrovirens</i> • <i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle Family Pellitory-of-the-Wall A Nettle Common Nettle	Walls and rocks Evisa, Verghello Waste places
Valerianaceae <i>Centranthus ruber</i> ‡ <i>Valeriana rotundifolia</i> var. <i>rotundifolia</i> •	Valerian Family Red Valerian Round-leaved Valerian	Garden escape Restonica
Verbenaceae <i>Lantana camara</i> ‡ <i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain Family Lantana Vervain	Cultivated Roadsides
Veronicaceae <i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> ‡ <i>Digitalis purpurea</i> subsp. <i>gyspergerae</i> • <i>Linaria vulgaris</i> ‡ <i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i> <i>Veronica arvensis</i> <i>Veronica cymbalaria</i> <i>Veronica hederifolia</i> <i>Veronica officinalis</i> <i>Veronica persica</i> ‡	Speedwell Family Ivy-leaved Toadflax Foxglove Common Toadflax Water Speedwell Wall Speedwell Pale Speedwell Ivy-leaved Speedwell Heath Speedwell Common Speedwell	Walls. Calvi Common Corte Stream. Verghello Frequent Ruderal Ruderal Forêt d'Aitone Occasional

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Viburnaceae	Viburnum Family	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elderberry	Occasional
<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	Laurustinus	Shaded maquis. Common
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola biflora</i>	Yellow Wood Violet	Shaded wet places
<i>Viola corsica</i> •	Corsican Violet	Restonica
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog-violet	Frequent
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i>	Wild Vine	Spelunca
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Waste places
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Acis rosea</i> •	Pink Snowflake	Calanches de Piana
<i>Narcissus tazetta</i>	Polyanthus Daffodil	Calanches de Piana
<i>Pancratium illyricum</i>	Illyrian Sea Daffodil	Local. Shaded damp places
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Sand dunes
Araceae	Lords-and-Ladies Family	
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl	Shaded maquis
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Agave americana</i> ‡	Centuryplant	Cultivated
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	Mediterranean Wild Asparagus	Maquis
<i>Asparagus albus</i>	White Asparagus	Maquis
<i>Drimia maritima</i>	Sea Squill	Frequent
<i>Prospero autumnale</i>	Autumn Squill	Locally common
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	Shaded maquis
Asphodelaceae	Asphodel Family	
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Branched Asphodel	Common
Colchicaceae	Meadow Saffron Family	
<i>Colchicum neapolitanum</i>	A Meadow Saffron	Frequent
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Common
Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Shaded maquis
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Frequent
Nartheciaceae	Bog Asphodel Family	
<i>Narthecium reverchonii</i> •	Corsican Bog Asphodel	Wet rocks
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	Autumn Lady's-tresses	Occasional in maquis

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Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram	Sand dunes
<i>Arundo donax</i> ‡	Giant Reed	Wet places. Lowland
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Bristle Oat	Ruderal
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Barren Oat	Ruderal
<i>Avenella flexuosa</i>	Wavy Hair-grass	Roadsides
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Greater Quaking-grass	Dry places
<i>Briza minor</i>	Lesser Quaking-grass	Waste places
<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Great Brome	Frequent
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft Brome	Frequent
<i>Bromus madritensis</i>	Mediterranean Brome	Common
<i>Bromus sterilis</i>	Barren Brome	Frequent
<i>Catapodium marinum</i>	Sea Fern-grass	Sand dunes
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern-grass	Common
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda Grass	Dry places
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	Rough Dog's-tail	Mountains
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	Frequent
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	Dry places
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	Dry places
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	Golden Dog's-tail	Dry places
<i>Melica ciliata</i>	Hairy Melick	Rocky places
<i>Nardus stricta</i>	Mat-grass	Mountain grassland
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Wet areas
<i>Poa alpina</i>	Alpine Meadow-grass	Mountains
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	Pathways
Posidoniaceae	Neptune Grass Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune Grass	Sub-marine
Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax	Common in maquis
Typhaceae	Bulrush Family	
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Greater Reed Mace	Liamone estuary
Zosteraceae	Eelgrass Family	
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Eelgrass	Sub-marine
<i>Zostera noltei</i>	Dwarf Eelgrass	Étang d'Urbino

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‡ = cultivated or naturalised

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Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			✓					
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	•			✓	✓	✓	•
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓					•	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							✓	

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Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>							✓	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>							✓	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>							✓	
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓					✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓					✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>							✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>							✓	
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>							✓	
Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>				✓		✓		
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	✓	.
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		✓		.			.	.
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	H	H	H			✓		
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓				
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓	H	✓			
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>						✓		
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	.	.	.	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	.	.	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		✓			.	.	✓	
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		.					✓	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Marmora's Warbler	<i>Sylvia sarda</i>		✓						
Moltoni's Warbler	<i>Sylvia subalpina</i>		✓						
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				✓		.		
Corsican Nuthatch •	<i>Sitta whiteheadi</i>		H				✓		
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	.	✓	✓	✓	.	.	.	.
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>			.	.	.	✓	✓	.
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						✓	.	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			✓					
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓			✓		
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		.	✓					
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓						
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>						✓	.	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>			.	.	.	✓		
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	.	✓	✓		✓	✓		

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Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	.	.				
Corsican Crossbill •	<i>Loxia curvirostra corsicana</i>		.	.		✓	✓		
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓						
Corsican Finch •	<i>Carduelis corsicana</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	✓	✓				

Other vertebrates (• = Endemic to Corsica, † = introduced)

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		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Mammals	Mammalia								
Wood Mouse †	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>						✓		
Geckos	Gekkonidae								
Turkish Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>		✓						
Lizards	Lacertidae								
Bedriaga's Rock Lizard •	<i>Archaeolacerta bedriagae</i>				✓				
Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard •	<i>Podarcis tiliguerta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fish									
Brown Trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>								
Atlantic Pomfret	<i>Brama brama</i>								
Grey Mullet	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>								
Sand Smelt	<i>Atherina presbyter</i>								
Mediterranean Damselfish	<i>Chromis chromis</i>								
Garfish	<i>Belone belone</i>								
Saddled Seabream	<i>Oblada melanura</i>								
Sea Bass	<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>								

Invertebrates (L = larvae, E = evidence)

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		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Butterflies									
	Papilionidae								
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓	.	✓	L	L	
	Hesperiidae							.	
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>		✓					.	
	Pieridae				.			.	
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>					✓			
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea faillae</i>	✓	✓		✓		.		
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓		✓	✓	.	
	Lycaenidae	.	.			.	.
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeus</i>		✓	.	✓	✓	✓	.	
Purple Hairstreak	<i>Favonius quercus</i>			✓		.		.	
Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>	✓		.				.	
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	✓						.	
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	✓							

Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓		✓				
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>						✓	✓	
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	.	.	✓	✓	✓	
	Nymphalidae			.	.	.			
Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>				.	✓	✓		
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Cardinal	<i>Pandoriana pandora</i>			✓	.	✓	✓		
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Painted Lady	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>							✓	
Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>		✓						
Two-tailed Pasha	<i>Charaxes jasius</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Corsican Heath •	<i>Coenonympha corinna</i>				✓	✓	✓	.	
Southern Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Corsican Wall Brown •	<i>Lasiommata paramegaera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	
Southern Grayling •	<i>Hipparchia aristaeus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	
Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>		.	.	.	✓	.	.	
Hermit	<i>Chazara briseis</i>			✓				.	
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>					✓	✓	✓	
					
	Moths			.			.		
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>			E		E	E	E	
Box Tree Moth	<i>Cydalima perspectalis</i>			E					
Wood Tiger	<i>Arctia plantaginis</i>				✓				
French Red Underwing	<i>Catocala elocata</i>	✓							
	Dragonflies		.				.		
Island Bluetail •	<i>Ischnura genei</i>		✓	.		.	.	.
Southern (Blue) Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>		✓						
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>		✓			.			
					
	Other Insects		.	.	.		.	.
Red Band-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>		✓						.
Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>	.	✓			.	.		
Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>		✓						
A Fire Bug	<i>Scantius aegyptius</i>		✓			✓			
Beefly	<i>Bombylius major</i>	.	.		.	✓		.	
German Wasp	<i>Vespula germanica</i>			✓					
Hornet	<i>Vespa crabro</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>						✓		
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			
	<i>Bombus terrestris</i> subsp.								
Corsican Buff-tailed Bumblebee •	<i>xanthopus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Hornet Mimic Hoverfly	<i>Volucella zonaria</i>		.	.		✓	.		
				
	Others		.	.		.	.
Tubular Sea Cucumber	<i>Holothuria tubulosa</i>		.	.		.	.	✓