

France - The Vercors (By Train)

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Draba aizoides



Le Grand Veymont from the Hauts Plateaux



Baton Blue



Cardamine pentaphylla

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Day 1

Sunday 8th May

London St. Pancras – Lille Europe – Lyon-Part-Dieu – La Chapelle en Vercors:

Five tour participants met Paul at St. Pancras International Station for the 8.58am Eurostar service to Lille Europe, arriving at 11.30am local time. Following lunch taken in Pub O'Conway's, we then transferred to the 1.03pm Lille Europe to Nice TGV service, arriving at Lyon-Part-Dieu at 4pm. Despite the train being a high-speed service, it was still possible to observe wildlife as we travelled south, although it was not always possible to get the whole group onto sightings. However, birds seen included Kestrel, Mute Swan, Wood Pigeon and Black Kite.

Once we arrived at Lyon-Part-Dieu, we made our way to where Paul completed the vehicle hire formalities, and we collected our minibuses for the final leg of the journey to the Vercors region, travelling towards Grenoble and then onto the Valence Motorway which we left at St. Romans. Along the way we saw several more Black Kites and a fleeting glimpse of a Jay. We approached the Vercors plateau via Pont-en-Royans, and continued to La Chapelle via the attractive Petit Goulets, arriving at the Bellier Hotel, our base for the week, at 6.45pm. We were met by Celine, who quickly allocated our rooms, before we assembled for dinner. We all then retired after a rather long day.

Day 2

Monday 9th May

Fonte d'Urle – Forêt de Bouvante - Route Combe Laval & Col de la Machine

On an overcast and windy morning, we began today with an excursion to Vassieux en Vercors. We made a short stop at the cemetery where the victims of the Nazi massacre at that village during the Second World War are buried. While we were there, sightings included Skylark and a pair of Common Buzzards. In the area behind the cemetery which, until 2012, had been a small quarry, *Viola tricolor* subsp. *subalpina* (Alpine Heartsease) was also recorded, together with *Globularia punctata* (Common Globularia). A short stop was made on the way up to the Col de la Chau to look down into the valley and across towards the Hauts Plateaux, and the Grand Veymont which, at 2341m, is the highest point in the region. Here we found emerging *Orchis simia* (Monkey Orchid), *Erinus alpinus* (Fairy Foxglove) and *Cerastium arvense* (Field Mouse-ear) as well as singing Blackcap. We now moved up to the Font d'Urle, an area of open limestone crags and meadows used for skiing in winter.

As we arrived, a roadside bank was examined, and a good colony of *Soldanella alpina* (Alpine Snowbell) was found, together with *Daphne mezereum* (Mezereon) and *Ranunculus pyrenaicus* (Pyrenean Buttercup). Parking the vehicle at the refuge, we set off to explore. A large snow-patch margin had a good number of *Crocus vernus* subsp. *albiflorus* (Spring Crocus), in both purple and white colour forms, more *Ranunculus pyrenaicus* (Pyrenean Buttercup), and good numbers of *Erythronium dens-canis* (Dog-tooth Violet). A flock of Alpine Chough was now circling towards the southern end of the area, and several Water Pipits, Black Redstart and occasional Northern Wheatears were also recorded. A solitary, distant Griffon Vulture was also noted. As we moved towards the viewpoint we added *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* (Wild Daffodil) and emerging *Gentiana verna* (Spring Gentian). Near the viewpoint, *Scilla bifolia* (Alpine Squill) was added, together with *Draba aizoides* (Yellow Whitlow-grass), *Saxifraga oppositifolia* (Purple Saxifrage) and *Pulmonaria montanum* (Mountain Lungwort). Due to the temperature

and gusting wind, butterflies were not active. It was now time to return to the vehicles, and move to our lunch spot.

Lunch was taken in the Forêt Communale de Bouvante, a little way west of the Font d'Urle. After a short time, it began to rain, which curtailed our meal. However, a Robin was added, as well as the leaves of *Veratrum album* (White False Helleborine). We now continued on through Lente and the spectacular Route de Combe Laval, on our way to St-Jean-en-Royans to shop for the rest of the week's lunches, before returning to La Chapelle. By now, at this lower altitude, the sun was shining the temperature was a good number of degrees higher. A rough meadow produced a single spike of *Neotinea tridentata* (Toothed Orchid), and the butterflies were now flying. Small Heath, Brimstone, Glanville Fritillary, Swallowtail and Short-tailed Blue were all seen.

The penultimate stop of the day was a roadside verge above St-Jean-en-Royans. Here we saw *Orchis purpurea* (Lady Orchid), *Ophrys insectifera* (Fly Orchid), *Euphorbia amygdaloides* (Wood Spurge) and *Polygala alpestris* (Mountain Milkwort)

The last stop of the day was at the spectacular Col de la Machine, where there are wonderful views looking down the Combe Laval. However, low cloud was building fast, and rain was starting to fall, so we recorded *Lamium garganicum* (Large Red Dead-nettle) and made our way back to La Chapelle..

Day 3

Tuesday 10th May

Col de la Machine – Leoncel - Col de Bacchus - Gigors

Today we awoke to the news that the Col de la Bataille was closed for week. So, in order to reach the south-west point, just below the Vercors, we would have to take another route. Leaving La Chapelle, we made our way, once again, to the Col de la Machine and through the Route Combe Laval and St-Jean-en-Royans, where we turned south towards Leoncel. Just south of the village of Oriol-en-Royans, we stopped briefly to examine a rocky verge where we found *Orobancha caryophyllacea* (Clove-scented Broomrape), *Fragaria moschata* (Hautbois Strawberry) and *Tragopogon pratense* (Goat's-beard), before continuing down through the village of Leoncel, and south through La Vacharie to the Col de Bacchus. Here we stopped to explore a broad road verge and adjacent wood, finding *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid), *Neotinea ustulata* (Burnt Orchid), *Dactylorhiza sambucina* (Elder-flowered Orchid) in both pink and yellow colour forms, *Saponaria ocymoides* (Rock Soapwort), *Orchis simia* (Monkey Orchid), *Anacamptis morio* (Green-winged Orchid), *Silene italica* (Italian Catchfly) and many other species. Down a small track, we added *Lathyrus vernus* (Spring Vetchling), *Orchis pallens* (Pale-flowered Orchid) and emerging *Aquilegia vulgaris* (Columbine). The birders saw a Firecrest, Blackcap and Black Kite.

From here, we moved to a second site on the Col. Here we recorded the endemic *Ophrys x flavicans* (Drome Bee Orchid), *Astragalus monspessulanus* (Montpellier Milk-vetch), *Orchis simia* (Monkey Orchid), and a stunning patch of c.70 or so spikes of *Orchis provincialis* (Provence Orchid). We now continued on south through Plan-de-Baix and Beaufort sur Gervanne, where we turned west to an area of open scrubby land with marginal woodland, near Gigors, for our lunch stop. Whilst we prepared our picnic, some of the group heard and saw Western Bonelli's Warbler.

After eating, we set off to explore the woodland and the scrubby fields, finding *Thymus vulgaris* (Wild Thyme), emerging *Limodorum abortivum* (Violet Bird's-nest Orchid), *Helianthemum oelandicum* subsp. *incanum* (Hoary Rockrose), *Quercus pubescens* (Downy Oak) and several spikes of *Ophrys insectifera* (Fly Orchid). In addition there was *Ophrys fuciflora* subsp. *fuciflora* (Late Spider Orchid), *Cephalanthera longifolia* (Sword-leaved Helleborine), *Ophrys x flavicans* (Drome Bee Orchid) and several hybrid Orchids. Butterflies were becoming active with Pearl-bordered Fritillary, Berger's Clouded Yellow, Scarce Swallowtail, Weaver's Fritillary, Baton Blue and Black-eyed Blue, all being recorded. Meanwhile, the birders heard Great Spotted Woodpecker and Cuckoo, and saw Black Kite and Woodlark.

A brief check of some arable margins produced *Ranunculus arvensis* (Corn Buttercup), *Scandix pecten-veneris* (Shepherd's-needle) and *Trifolium incarnatum* (Crimson Clover)

It was now time to head north. Along the way, one group member had a fleeting glimpse of a Red-backed Shrike, and Black Kite was also seen. We now made our way to the hotel for dinner.

Day 4

Wednesday 11th May

Les Merciers – Les Bruyieres & Valchevriere

We awoke this morning to torrential rain. Nevertheless, following a good breakfast, we were soon on the road.

We travelled up to the northern end of the Vercors plateau. Our main objective was to try to find a Wallcreeper, but we found interesting things en route, too. Leaving La Chapelle, we drove north to the village of St Martin en Vercors, before turning right, up towards Herbouilly. We passed a verge bank with emerging *Orchis pallens* (Pale Orchid), and we had several encounters with both Mistle and Song Thrushes.

We continued driving on the back road to Villard de Lans, where we passed a stand or two of *Petasites albus* (White Butterbur), and on through Lans en Vercors to Les Merciers, where we parked next to *Primula elatior* (Oxlip) and *Chrysosplenium alternifolium* (Alternate-leaved Golden Saxifrage). Setting off for a tall crag, we made our way towards a viewpoint from where Wallcreepers had been seen in past years. We spent 30 minutes, hoping for the mist to lift, which it only did fleetingly. Very little birdlife was recorded, only Common Chaffinch, a very melodious Song Thrush and Common Starling. When it became apparent that the weather was not going to improve visibility, Paul took us off to explore the limestone grassland, finding *Anthyllis montana* (Mountain Kidney Vetch), *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid), *Globularia punctata* (Common Globularia) and masses of *Dactylorhiza sambucina* (Elder-flowered Orchid). Insects were just about non-existent, except for a solitary Common Carder Bee.

We now moved down to the southern end of the Gorges du Furon, to find some more mature spikes of *Orchis pallens* (Pale-flowered Orchid). However, as we were leaving Les Merciers, a solitary Spotted Nutcracker was spotted, and all of the group managed to get reasonable views.

We decided to take our lunch at the 'La Sierra' Ski station above Lans en Vercors, but due to low cloud and rain, we added nothing further. After lunch, we went for a hot coffee in Les Geymonds, before visiting some wet meadows at Les Bruyeres. Here, as the rain eased off, we found a Goldfinch, Grey Heron, Common Buzzard,

Short-toed Snake Eagle, Common House Martin and Carrion Crow. Plants included *Valeriana dioica* (Marsh Valerian), *Trollius europaeus* (Globeflower) and *Geum rivale* (Water Avens). A small pond produced a number of Hybrid Edible Frogs, and there were also a good number of Roman Snails.

We now retraced our steps from the morning, stopping briefly at the abandoned village of Valchevrière, the scene of a decisive battle between the Germans and the Resistance in 1944, before returning to La Chapelle for dinner.

Day 5

Thursday 12th May

Reserve Naturelle des Hauts Plateaux du Vercors

After checking the weather forecast, which was not particularly favorable, Paul decided to make this the day for visiting the Hauts Plateaux.

Leaving the hotel after our 8am breakfast, we made a brief stop just outside La Chapelle, on a steep grassy hillside. Here we found *Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *sphgodes* (Early Spider Orchid), *Neotinea ustulata* (Burnt Orchid) and *Neottia ovata* (Twayblade). Moving on southwards, we made our way up on to the Reserve Naturelle des Hauts Plateaux, stopping briefly at a viewpoint, where Paul pointed out the differences between *Cardamine heptaphylla* (Seven-leaflet Bitter-cress) and *Cardamine pentaphyllos* (Five-leaflet Bitter-cress). We also found *Paris quadrifolia* (Herb Paris), *Asplenium viride* (Green Spleenwort), *Asplenium trichomanes* subsp. *trichomanes* (Maidenhair Spleenwort) and *Valeriana tripteris* (Three-leaved Valerian). After parking at La Coche car park, we made our way along the roads and tracks through the forest towards the open area higher up, finding as we went, *Daphne mezereum* (Mezereum), *Ranunculus pyrenaicus* (Pyrenean Buttercup), *Pinus uncinata* (Mountain Pine) and fine stands of *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* (Wild Daffodil). Tree Pipit, Mistle Thrush and Citril Finches were all early records. Coal Tit was very obliging, feeding on the open track in front of us. As we arrived at the plateau, a pair of Alpine Marmots was spotted, as well as *Tulipa sylvestris* subsp. *sylvestris* (Wild Tulip). On the descent, we explored the mixed coniferous and deciduous woodland and found that *Abies alba* (Silver Fir), *Fagus sylvestris* (Beech) and *Picea abies* (Norway Spruce) were the predominant trees. In addition, we added Firecrest, Marsh Tit and Jay. From here we made our way back down to La Coche to re-join our vehicle for the short drive to the back of the plateau, where we took lunch.

After lunch, we travelled along the east side of the plateau, and down to a lower level, below the plateau, where we stopped to examine a long grassy verge bank near Les Meunières. Here we found a substantial stand of *Ophrys insectifera* (Fly Orchid) together with *Orchis anthropophora* (Man Orchid) and emerging *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid). European Robin was also heard.

We now returned to La Chapelle to freshen up before dinner.

Day 6

Friday 13th May

Chamaloc – Les Nonnières – Vallée de Combeau - Archiane

We awoke today to another wet morning, and the rain was particularly persistent. Our first planned stop was at the head of the spectacular Col de Rousset. As we approached and climbed higher, the low cloud obscured the

magnificent views from the top of the Col, so Paul elected to continue on down towards Die. Passing through the pretty village of Chamaloc, we made a brief stop at a crag where Vultures have been known to roost in the past. Although the cloud was lifting, it still obscured the cliff. We did, however, record Bonelli's Warbler, Coal Tit and a distant and rather persistent Cuckoo. On the verge we found *Ononis fruticosa* (Shrubby Restharrow), *Turritis glabra* (Tower Mustard) and *Cotinus coggygia* (Smoke Bush).

Moving on down the valley through to Die, we turned east through Pont-de-Quart and Châtillon-en-Diois, through Menée and up to Les Nonnières, where we parked by some meadows. It was still very misty, but the rain had eased off. Here, in the woods, we found *Cypripedium calceolus* (Lady's Slipper Orchid), but the plants were very late and none were in flower. *Gentiana angustifolia* (Narrow-leaved Gentian) was also just starting to emerge. On an adjacent verge bank we found some fine specimens of *Orchis purpurea* (Lady Orchid) together with *Genista sericea* (Silvery Greenweed), *Viola reichenbachiana* (Early Dog Violet) and *Lonicera xylosteum* (Fly Honeysuckle). The inclement weather was having an effect on the insect activity, with only Common Carder Bee recorded. Meanwhile, the birders reported Coal Tit, Firecrest and another distant Cuckoo.

We now moved down to the Vallée de Combeau, where we made our way up to the head of the valley to a picnic site by a stream. As we went, the mist began to clear and the rain stop completely, so we could have a dry picnic. During the meal, John spotted a small family group of Alpine Ibex, grazing on a distant crag. There were also good views of Tree Pipit, and the emerging blooms of *Pinguicula grandiflora* (Large-flowered Butterwort) and *Meum athamanticum* (Spignel). We now moved back down the valley in search of *Orchis spitzellii* (Spitzel's Orchid), finding eight or so spikes on a rocky verge. Here we also had good views of Firecrest and a singing Chiffchaff. As the cloud was fast-moving, it often gave tantalizing glimpses of the spectacular scenery. This was the case with the magnificent Rocher de Combeau, and many of the group took the opportunity to take photos.

We now moved back to Les Nonnières, where we took warming refreshments, before visiting the Cirque d'Archiane, a splendid amphitheatre of towering rock faces and cliffs, so group members could take some pictures. By now the sun had put in an appearance and we had some butterfly activity, with Little Blue, Green Hairstreak, Berger's Clouded Yellow, Brimstone and Orange Tip all seen, together with a good number of Griffon Vultures and a Short-toed Eagle.

We now retraced our steps back to La Chapelle en Vercors. We continued back up the valley towards the Col de Rousset, which was still shrouded in mist, on our way back to the hotel for dinner.

Day 7

Saturday 14th May

Canyons des Écourges – Forêt Domaniale des Coulmes - Presles & Pont-en-Royans

We began today, in heavy mist, by driving north through the southern end of the Gorges de la Bourne, before turning left towards Choranche. A little further on, we turned right and continued on over the Col de Romeyere and down to the Canyons des Écourges, where we parked. Along the way, we had quite good views of a male European Roe Deer. The gorge was still shrouded in mist, so looking for birds such as Wallcreeper was impossible. We explored the area finding *Primula auricula* (Bear's-ear Primrose), *Anemone ranunculoides* (Yellow Anemone), *Chrysosplenium alternifolium* (Alternate-leaved Golden Saxifrage), and *Equisetum hyemale* (Dutch Rush).

In addition, we saw Grey Wagtail and heard Robin and Song Thrush. The mist meant that a number of Snail species were evident, and we recorded Roman, Brown-lipped and White-lipped, among others.

From here, we retraced our steps back to Rancurel and on down to Choranche, where we turned up the Route de Presles, stopping about half way up to explore the small lane going to Courtevoux. Here, we found *Orchis simia* (Monkey Orchid), a good number of *Orchis anthropophora* (Man Orchid), *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid), *Cephalanthera damasonium* (White Helleborine), *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* (Common Spotted Orchid) and *Melittis melissophyllum* (Bastard Balm). For the birders, there was Chiffchaff, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Cuckoo and Blackcap calling.

Moving on, we drove through the magnificent Rocher de Presles, a limestone cliff-face overlooking the valley of the River Bourne, and on into the Forêt Domaniale des Coulmes, parking at the Fontaine de Pétouze. Here we set up our picnic. As we were eating, Song Thrush and Firecrest were heard, and Paul pointed out *Paris quadrifolia* (Herb Paris), *Polygonatum verticillatum* (Whorled Solomon's-seal) and a few *Cephalanthera longifolia* (Sword-leaved Helleborine) and *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid). Paul also pointed out the emerging buds of *Lilium martagon* (Martagon Lily).

After eating, we set off back down the Route de Presles, towards Pont-en-Royans, where we parked on the outskirts and walked down to Le Picard Restaurant, famous for its ice creams, where we indulged ourselves. Opposite the café, we watched an adult Dipper apparently nest-building, Grey Wagtails, also feeding by the river, and Crag Martins, which were performing particularly well. *Tilia cordata* (Small-leaved Lime) was noted in the gorge, and *Erysimum cheiri* (Wallflower) and *Campanula rotundifolia* (Harebell) on a steep wall.

Leaving Pont-en-Royans, we made our way back to La Chapelle en Vercors, making a brief stop at a road verge bank near Toutre, where we found the curious flowers of *Asarum europaeum* (Asarabacca), *Ophrys fuciflora* (Late Spider Orchid) and heard, but despite our best efforts could not see, Robin.

It was now time to return to our hotel in time to pack for tomorrow's homeward journey, and a last dinner of the trip.

Day 8

Sunday 15th May

La Chapelle en Vercors – Lyon-Part-Dieu – Lille Europe - London St. Pancras

We left La Chapelle en Vercors at 7.30am, bidding farewell to Mme. Bellier, her daughters and her staff, and made our way via the Gorges de la Bourne, Lans en Vercors and the outskirts of Grenoble, to the motorway A48 Motorway. We then headed north to Lyon-Part-Dieu. En route, we had plenty of time to admire the scenery and spot some birds from the vehicles, including Buzzard, Black Kite, Kestrel, Northern Raven, Grey Wagtail and Carrion Crow.

At Lyon-Part-Dieu Station, the group said farewell to Paul, who was staying on to collect another Naturetrek group visiting the Vercors. The remainder of the group then caught the TGV back to Lille, and then the Eurostar to St. Pancras.

Species Lists

Plants (* = Endemic or restricted distribution; [] = Introduced or planted)

Nomenclature contained within this list follows the taxonomic amendments, based on DNA analysis, made by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Missouri Botanic Garden, and following The Plant List, an internationally accepted list of vascular plant families, published and maintained by these two Institutions.

Scientific name	Common name	Location
PTERIDOPHYTES		
FERNS & ALLIES		
Calamophytes	Horsetails	
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Common Horsetail	St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>	Dutch Rush	Camyons des Ecoures
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Great Horsetail	Above Les Nonnieres
Leptosporangiate Ferns	True Ferns	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium fontanum</i>	Smooth Rock Spleenwort	Les Merciers
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall Rue	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> subsp. <i>quadrivalens</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Asplenium viride</i>	Green Spleenwort	Hauts Plateaux
Cystopteridaceae	Bladder-fern Family	
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder-fern	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male-fern	Foret des Coulmes
<i>Polystichum aculeatum</i>	Hard Shield-fern	Valchevriere
<i>Polystichum lonchitis</i>	Holly Fern	Hauts Plateaux
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium vulgare</i> agg.	Common Polypody	Canyons des Ecoures
GYMNOSPERMS		
CONIFERS		
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Juniper	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Abies alba</i>	European Silver Fir	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Picea abies</i> subsp. <i>abies</i>	Spruce	Foret de Bouvante
<i>Pinus nigra</i> subsp. <i>nigra</i>	Austrian or Black Pine	Gigors
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	Above Les Nonnieres
<i>Pinus uncinata</i>	Mountain Pine	Hauts Plateaux
Taxaceae	Yew Family	
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	Les Mercieres

Scientific name	Common name	Location
ANGIOSPERMS	FLOWERING PLANTS	
Pre-Dicots	Primitive Angiosperms	
Aristolochiaceae <i>Asarum europaeum</i>	Birthwort Family Asarabacca	Near Toutre
Eu-Dicots	True Dicotyledons	
Adoxaceae <i>Sambucus nigra</i> <i>Sambucus racemosus</i> <i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Moschatel Family Elder Red-berried Elder Wayfaring Tree	Common Col de la Machine Foret de Bouvante
Amaranthaceae <i>Chenopodium bonus-henricus</i>	Pigweed Family Good King Henry	Font d'Urle
Anacardiaceae <i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	Sumach Family Smoke Bush	Below Above Chamaloc
Apiaceae <i>Aegopodium podagraria</i> <i>Angelica sylvestris</i> <i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i> <i>Eryngium c.f. campestre</i> <i>Heracleum sphondylium</i> <i>Meum athamanticum</i> <i>Peucedanum carvifolia</i> <i>Pimpinella major</i> <i>Sanicula europaea</i> <i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Carrot Family Ground Elder Wild Angelica Cow Parsley Field Eryngo Hogweed Spignel - Greater Burnet Saxifrage Sanicle Shepherd's-needle	Presles Canyons des Ecoures (leaves) Near Oriol-en-Royans Gigors (leaves) Canyons des Ecoures Vallee de Combeau (leaves) Presles Canyons des Ecoures Presles Gigors
Aquifoliaceae <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly Family Holly	Les Merciers
Araliaceae <i>Hedera helix</i> agg.	Ivy Family Ivy	Near Oriol-en-Royans
Betulaceae <i>Betula pendula</i> <i>Corylus avellana</i>	Birch Family Silver Birch Hazel	Les Merciers Near Oriol-en-Royans
Boraginaceae <i>Borago officinalis</i> <i>Buglossoides (Lithospermum) purpureocaerulea</i> <i>Myosotis arvensis</i> <i>Myosotis ramosissima</i> <i>Myosotis sylvatica</i> <i>Pulmonaria montana</i> <i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Forget-me-not Family Borage Blue Gromwell Field Forget-me-not Early Forget-me-not Wood Forget-me-not Mountain Lungwort Common Lungwort	La Chapelle en Vercors Below the Grand Goulets Col de la Machine Gigors Col de Bacchus Font d'Urle Presles

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Alyssum montanum</i>	Mountain Alyssum	Les Merciers
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Thale Cress	Near Toutre
<i>Arabis alpina</i>	Alpine Rock-cress	Les Merciers
<i>Arabis hirsuta</i>	Hairy Rock-cress	Col de Bacchus
<i>Arabis turrata</i>	Tower-cress	Foret de Bouvante
<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>	Common Winter-cress	Canyons des Ecoures
<i>Bunias orientalis</i>	Warty Cabbage	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Cardamine heptaphylla</i>	Seven-leaflet Bitter-cress	Valchevriere
<i>Cardamine pentaphyllos</i>	Five-leaved Bitter-cress	Valchevriere
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Lady's Smock	Les Bruyeres
<i>Draba aizoides</i>	Yellow Whitlow-grass	Font d'Urle
<i>Erophila verna</i>	Common Whitlow-grass	Font d'Urle
<i>Erysimum cheiri</i>	Wallflower	Pont-en-Royans
<i>Erysimum ochroleucum</i>	Decumbent Treacle-mustard	Font d'Urle
<i>Hornungia petraea</i>	Hutchinsia	Col de la Machine
<i>Kernera saxatilis</i>	Kernera	Hauts Plateux
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	N of Beaufort sur Gervanne
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Lunaria rediviva</i>	Perennial Honesty	Gorges de la Bourne
<i>Thlaspi montanum</i>	Mountain Penny-cress	Font d'Urle
<i>Turritis (Arabis) glabra</i>	Tower Mustard	Above Chamaloc
Buxaceae	Box Family	
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Box	Near Oriol-en-Royans
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula rhomboidalis</i>	a Bellflower	Below Col de Romeyere
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell	Pont-en-Royans
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	Plan de Baix
<i>Knautia dipsacifolia</i>	Wood Scabious	Les Merciers
<i>Lonicera alpigena</i>	Alpine Honeysuckle	Valchevriere
<i>Lonicera xylosteum</i>	Fly Honeysuckle	Above Les Nonnieres (leaves)
<i>Valeriana dioica</i>	Marsh Valerian	Les Bruyeres
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common Valerian	Canyons des Ecoures (leaves)
<i>Valeriana tripteris</i>	Three-leaved Valerian	Very Common
<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	Common Cornsalad	Col de Bacchus
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Field Mouse-ear	Vassieux
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Gigors
<i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i>	Carthusian Pink	Les Merciers (in Bud)
<i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>	Rock Soapwort	Col de Bacchus
<i>Silene (Lychnis) flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin	Near Toutre (leaves)
<i>Silene italica</i>	Italian Catchfly	Col de Bacchus
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	Gigors
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Les Nonnieres
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	Canyons des Ecoures

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Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Helianthemum apenninum</i>	White Rock-rose	Gigors
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rock-rose	Gigors
<i>H.oelandicum</i> subsp. <i>incanum</i>	Hoary Rock-rose	Gigors
Compositae (Asteraceae)	Daisy Family	
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	Wormwood	Cirque d'Archiane
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	Pont-en-Royans
<i>Aster bellidiastrum</i>	False Aster	Foret de Bouvante
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Cornflower	Gigors
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	Perennial Cornflower	Canyons des Ecourges
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	Canyons des Ecourges
<i>Homogyne alpina</i>	Alpine Colts-foot	Hauts Plateaux (leaves)
<i>Lactuca perennis</i>	Blue or Mountain Lettuce	Above Les Nonnieres (leaves)
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	Roadsides
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce	Valchevriere
<i>Petasites albus</i>	White Butterbur	Valchevriere
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.	Dandelion	Common in fields
<i>Tephrosieris helenitis</i>	Swiss Ragwort	Les Bruyeres
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goat's-beard	Near Oriol-en-Royans
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot	Font d'Urle
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	Foret des Coulmes
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	Pont-en-Royans
<i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i>	Fat Stonecrop	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Sedum telephium</i>	Orpine	Near Oriol-en-Royans
<i>Sempervivum tectorum</i>	Common Houseleek	Hauts Plateaux (leaves)
Ericaceae	Heath family	
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i>	Bog Whortleberry	Hauts Plateaux
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	Foret de Bouvante
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge	Les Merciers
<i>Euphorbia dulcis</i>	Sweet Spurge	Col de Bacchus
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury	Foret de Bouvante
Fagaceae	Oak & Beech Family	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Foret de Bouvante
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	Gigors
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Gentiana angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Gentian	Above Les Nonnieres
<i>Gentiana clusii</i>	Clusius' Gentian	Les Merciers
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	Spring Gentian	Font d'Urle

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Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Presles
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Font d'Urle
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	Lyon Part Dieu
<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>	Hedgerow Crane's-bill	Cole de Bacchus
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Above Chamaloc
Grossulariaceae	Gooseberry Family	
<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	Mountain Currant	Les Merciers
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family	
[<i>Juglans regia</i>]	Walnut	Planted
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ajuga genevensis</i>	Blue Bugle	Les Bruyeres
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle	Les Merciers
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground Ivy	Presles
<i>Lamium album</i>	White Dead-nettle	Near Toutre
<i>Lamium garganicum</i>	Large Red Dead-nettle	Col de la Machine
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Dead-nettle	Col de la Machine
<i>Lavandula officinalis</i>	Lavender	Gigors
<i>Melittis melissophyllum</i>	Bastard Balm	Presles
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>	Corn Mint	Near Toutre
<i>Mentha longifolia</i>	Horse Mint	Near Toutre
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Meadow Clary	Common
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>	Wild Thyme	Col de Bacchus
<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	A Thyme	Gigors
Lentibulariaceae	Bladderwort Family	
<i>Pinguicula grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered Butterwort	Vallee de Combeau
Leguminosae (Fabaceae)	Pea Family	
<i>Anthyllis montana</i>	Mountain Kidney-vetch	Les Merciers
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> agg.	Kidney-vetch	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Astragalus depressus</i>	Sprawling Milk-vetch	Les Merciers
<i>Astragalus monspessulanus</i>	Montpelier Milk-vetch	Col de Bacchus
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Gigors
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion-vetch	Gigors
<i>Cytisophyllum sessilifolius</i>	Sessile Broom	Above Chamaloc
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	Horseshoe Vetch	Font d'Urle
<i>Hippocrepis emerus</i>	False Senna	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Laburnum	Above Les Nonnieres
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	-	Gigors
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Yellow Vetchling	Col de Bacchus
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	-	Gigors
<i>Lathyrus vernus</i>	Spring Vetchling	Col de Bacchus
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Presles
<i>Lotus edulis</i>	Edible Lotus	Gigors
<i>Lotus (Tetragonolobus) maritimus</i>	Dragon's-teeth	Presles
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Font d'Urle
<i>Onobrychis arenaria</i>	a Sainfoin	Above Les Nonnieres
<i>Ononis fruticosa</i>	Shrubby Restharrow	Above Chamaloc

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<i>[Robinia pseudoacacia]</i>	False Acacia	Roadsides
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Gigors
<i>Trifolium incarnatum</i> subsp. <i>incarnatum</i>	Crimson Clover	Gigors
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Vicia orobus</i>	Upright Vetch	Gigors
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i>	Cultivated Vetch	Gigors
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale flax	Gigors
<i>Linum perenne</i> agg.	Perennial Flax	N of Beaufort sur Gervanne
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small-leaved Lime	Pont-en-Royans
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	Broad-leaved Lime	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
Moraceae	Mulberry Family	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Pont-en-Royans
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family	
<i>Epilobium (Chamerion) angustifolium</i>	Rosebay Willowherb	Font d'Urle
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Orobanche caryophyllacea</i>	Clove-scented Broomrape	Near Oriol-en-Royans
<i>Orobanche gracilis</i>	Slender Broomrape	N of Beaufort sur Gervanne
<i>Rhinanthus angustifolius</i> agg.	Greater Yellow-rattle	Presles
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i> agg.	Yellow-rattle	Presles
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood-sorrel	Foret de Coulmes
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i> agg.	Common Fumitory	Gigors
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy	Gigors
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Antirrhinum latifolium</i>	Broad-leaved Snapdragon	Menée
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Pont-en-Royans
<i>Erinus alpinus</i>	Fairy Foxglove	Col de la Chau
<i>Globularia cordifolia</i>	Matted Globularia	Les Merciers
<i>Globularia nudicaulis</i>	Leafless-stemmed Globularia	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Globularia punctata</i>	Common Globularia	Les Merciers
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Gigors
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary or Lamb's-tail Plantain	Col de Bacchus
<i>Plantago sempervirens</i>	-	Font d'Urle
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	Col de Bacchus
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	Brooklime	Les Bruyeres (leaves)
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	Presles

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<i>Veronica persica</i>	Common Field Speedwell	La Chapelle
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Les Merciers
Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family	
<i>Polygala alpestris</i>	Mountain Milkwort	Font d'Urle
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>	Nice Milkwort	Gigors
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort	Gigors
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family	
<i>Persicaria bistorta</i>	Bistort	Font d'Urle
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	Near Toutre
<i>Rumex scutatus</i>	French Sorrel	Les Merciers
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Creeping Jenny	Les Bruyeres (leaves)
<i>Primula auricula</i>	Bear's-ear Primrose	Canyons des Ecourges
<i>Primula elatior</i>	Oxlip	Les Merciers
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	Font d'Urle
<i>Soldanella alpina</i>	Alpine Snowbell	Font d'Urle
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Actaea spicata</i>	Baneberry	Canyons des Ecourges
<i>Anemone ranunculoides</i>	Yellow Anemone	Canyons des Ecourges
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine	Cirque d'Archiane
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Kingcups	Les Bruyeres
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Man's Beard	Les Merciers
<i>Ficaria verna</i> agg.	Lesser Celandine	Canyons des Ecourges
<i>Helleborus foetidus</i>	Stinking Hellebore	Col de la Machine
<i>Ranunculus aconitifolius</i>	Aconite-leaved Buttercup	Canyons des Ecourges
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	Les Bruyeres
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup	Gigors
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Ranunculus montanus</i>	Mountain Buttercup	Font d'Urle
<i>Ranunculus pyrenaicus</i>	Pyrenean Buttercup	Font d'Urle
<i>Ranunculus trichophyllus</i>	Thread-leaved Water-crowfoot	Les Bruyeres
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	Lesser Meadow Rue	Les Merciers (leaves)
<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	Globeflower	Les Bruyeres
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	Near Pont-en-Royans
<i>Reseda phyteuma</i>	Corn Mignonette	Presles
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Alchemilla alpina</i>	Alpine Lady's-mantle	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Alchemilla glabra</i>	Smooth Lady's-mantle	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Amelanchier ovalis</i>	Juneberry	Near Oriol-en-Royans
<i>Cotoneaster tomentosus</i>	Cotoneaster	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Crataegus laevigata</i>	Midland Hawthorn	Presles
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Col de Bacchus
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet	Les Bruyeres (leaves)
<i>Fragaria moschata</i>	Hautbois Strawberry	Near Oriol-en-Royans
<i>Geum rivale</i>	Water Avens	Les Bruyeres

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<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens or Herb Bennet	Pont-en-Royans
<i>Potentilla crantzii</i>	Alpine Cinquefoil	Font d'Urle
<i>Potentilla sterilis</i>	Barren Strawberry	Hauts Plateaux (leaves)
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	Roadsides
<i>Prunus mahaleb</i>	St. Lucie's Cherry	Col de Bacchus
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Bramble	Les Merciers
<i>Rubus saxatile</i>	Stone Bramble	Hauts Plateaux (leaves)
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i> (<i>Poterium</i> s.) agg.	Salad Burnet	Font d'Urle
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	Great Burnet	Les Bruyeres (leaves)
<i>Sorbus aria</i> agg.	Whitebeam	Foret de Bouvante
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	Vallee de Combeau
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	Les Merciers
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Gigors
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	Canyons des Ecourges
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	Gigors
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Gigors
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Gigors
Salicaceae	Willow & Poplar Family	
<i>Populus tremula</i>	Aspen	Les Merciers (in bud)
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey Willow	Above Les Nonnieres
<i>Salix triandra</i>	Almond Willow	Vallee de Combeau
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	Foret de Bouvante
<i>Acer opalus</i>	Italian Maple	Presles
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	Above Chamaloc
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	Les Merciers
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Chrysosplenium alternifolium</i>	Alternate-leaved Golden Saxifrage	Les Merciers
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Meadow Saxifrage	Common
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	Purple Saxifrage	Font d'Urle
<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i>	Live-long Saxifrage	Les Merciers (leaves)
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	Round-leaved saxifrage	Petrouze
<i>Saxifraga tridactylites</i>	Rue-leaved Saxifrage	Col de la Machine
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	Les Bruyeres
Thymelaeaceae	Mezereon Family	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	Col de Bacchus
<i>Daphne mezereum</i>	Mezereon	Font d'Urle
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-Wall	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	La Chapelle en Vercors

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Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola calcarata</i>	Long-spurred Pansy	Font d'Urle
<i>Viola reichenbachiana</i>	Early Dog Violet	Above Les Nonnieres
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	Col de Bacchus
<i>Viola tricolor</i> subsp. <i>subalpina</i>	Alpine Heartsease	Foret de Bouvante
Viscaceae	Mistletoe Family	
<i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>album</i>	Mistletoe	Route Combe Laval
<i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>abietis</i>	Mistletoe	Below Col de Rousset
Monocots	Monocotyledons	
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	Ramsons	Near Pont-en-Royans
<i>Narcissus poeticus</i>	Pheasant's-eye Daffodil	Col de Bacchus
<i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>	Wild Daffodil	Font d'Urle
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Anthericum liliago</i>	St. Bernard's Lily	Presles
<i>Aphyllanthes monspeliensis</i>	Blue Aphyllanthes	N of Beaufort sur Gervanne
<i>Leopoldia (Muscari) comosa</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Gigors
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Grape Hyacinth	Col de Bacchus
<i>Ornithogalum angustifolium</i>	Common Star of Bethlehem	Gigors
<i>Polygonatum verticillatum</i>	Whorled Solomon's-seal	Petrouze
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	Gigors
<i>Scilla bifolia</i>	Alpine Squill	Font d'Urle
Colchicaceae	Meadow Saffron Family	
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	Autumn Crocus	Verges (in fruit)
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Carex caryophyllea</i>	Spring Sedge	Above Les Nonnieres
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Glaucous Sedge	St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Carex paniculata</i>	Great Tussock Sedge	Les Bruyeres
<i>Carex spicata</i>	Spiked Sedge	Cirque d'Archiane
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Crocus vernus</i> subsp. <i>albiflorus</i>	White Crocus	Font d'Urle
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	Near Chatillion en Diois
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Luzula campestris</i>	Field Woodrush	Font d'Urle
<i>Luzula luzuloides</i>	White Woodrush	Gigors
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
<i>Erythronium dens-canis</i>	Dog's-tooth Violet	Font d'Urle
<i>Gagea liotardii</i> (<i>G. fragifera</i> , <i>G. fistulosa</i>)	a Yellow Star of Bethlehem	Font d'Urle
<i>Lilium martagon</i>	Martagon Lily	Les Merciers (leaves)
<i>Tulipa sylvestris</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i>	Wild Tulip	Hauts Plateaux
Melanthiaceae	Herb-Paris Family	
<i>Paris quadrifolia</i>	Herb-Paris	Hauts Plateaux

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<i>Veratrum album</i>	White False Helleborine	Foret de Bouvante (leaves)
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	Col de Bacchus
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Above Beaufort sur Gervanne
<i>Cephalanthera damasonium</i>	White Helleborine	Presles
<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Helleborine	Gigors
<i>Cypripedium calceolus</i>	Lady's Slipper Orchid	Above Les Nonnieres (leaves)
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	Presles
<i>Dactylorhiza sambucina</i> (Pink)	Elder-flowered Orchid	Font d'Urle
<i>Dactylorhiza sambucina</i> (Yellow)	Elder-flowered Orchid	Font d'Urle
<i>Himantoglossum hircinum</i>	Lizard Orchid	Presles (in bud)
<i>Limodorum abortivum</i>	Violet Bird's-nest Orchid	Gigors
<i>Neottia ovata</i>	Twayblade	Near La Chapelle
<i>Neotinea tridentata</i>	Toothed Orchid	St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Neotinea ustulata</i>	Burnt Orchid	Col de Bacchus
<i>Ophrys x flavicans</i> (<i>O. drumana</i>)*	Drome Bee Orchid	Col de Bacchus
<i>Ophrys fuciflora</i> subsp. <i>fuciflora</i> (<i>O. linearis</i>)	Late Spider Orchid	Gigors
<i>Ophrys insectifera</i>	Fly Orchid	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Ophrys insectifera</i> x (<i>Ophrys x flavicans</i>)*	a Hybrid Ophrys	Gigors
<i>Ophrys scolopax</i>	Woodcock Orchid	Gigors
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>sphgodes</i>	Early Spider Orchid	Gigors
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Gigors
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i> x <i>Orchis simia</i>	a Hybrid Orchis	Gigors
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Early Purple Orchid	Col de Bacchus
<i>Orchis militaris</i>	Military Orchid	Presles
<i>Orchis pallens</i>	Pale-flowered Orchid	Col de Bacchus
<i>Orchis provincialis</i>	Provence Orchid	Col de Bacchus
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Orchis purpurea</i> x <i>Orchis simia</i>	a Hybrid Orchis	Presles
<i>Orchis simia</i>	Monkey Orchid	Col de Bacchus
<i>Orchis spitzelii</i>	Spitzel's Orchid	Vallee de Combeau
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Anisantha sterilis</i>	Barren Brome	Gigors
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	Petrouze
<i>Brachypodium pinnatum</i>	Tor-grass	Gigors
<i>Bromopsis erectus</i>	Upright Brome	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda Grass	Gigors
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	La Chapelle en Vercors
<i>Poa bulbosa</i> var. <i>vivipara</i>	Bulbous Meadow-grass	Above St-Jean-en-Royans
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow-grass	Hauts Plateaux
<i>Sesleria caerulea</i>	Blue Moor-grass	Font d'Urle
Potamogetonaceae	Pondweed Family	
<i>Groenlandia densa</i>	Opposite-leaved Pondweed	Les Bruyeres
Typhaceae	Bulrush Family	
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Bulrush	Near Chatillon en Diois

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Common Asphodel

Presles

FUNGI:*Auricularia auricula-judae*

Jelly Ear

Cirque d'Archiane

Fomitopsis pinicola

Red-belted Bracket

Hauts Plateaux

Trametes versicolor

Turkeytail Fungus

Hauts Plateaux

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

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1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓			✓			✓	✓
2	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓				
3	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓			✓		
4	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				✓		✓		
5	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓							
6	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓
7	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓
8	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓							
9	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓							
10	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓							
11	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>								✓
12	Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓		✓			✓		✓
15	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			H			H	H	
16	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>					H			
17	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	✓	✓	H			H	✓	
19	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			H			H	H	
20	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓
21	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			✓					
22	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>								
23	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
24	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>				✓				
26	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>		✓						
27	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>			✓				✓	✓
28	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓							
29	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓		✓				
31	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	
32	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		✓			✓		✓	
33	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		✓			✓		H	
34	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
35	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			✓					
37	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓					
38	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓				✓	

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40	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓			✓			
42	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	H	H	H	H	H	✓	H	
43	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>			✓			✓	H	
44	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	✓	H	H	H	H	H	H
45	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			H					
46	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			✓		✓	✓	H	
47	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H	H	H	H	H	H	
48	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			✓	✓				✓
49	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus alpestris</i>					✓			
50	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				✓	H		H	
52	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
53	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		H	H	H	H	H	H	
54	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			H					
55	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>				✓				
57	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
58	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓						
59	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>							✓	
60	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>					✓			
62	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓
63	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>					✓	✓		
65	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		✓						
66	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>						✓	H	
68	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			H	✓				
69	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
70	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>					✓			
72	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
73	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		✓	H	H				

Mammals (T=tunnels)

1	European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				✓			✓	✓
2	Alpine Ibex	<i>Capra ibex</i>						✓		
3	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>					✓			
4	Alpine Marmot	<i>Marmota marmota</i>					✓			
5	Snow Vole	<i>Chionomys nivalis</i>		T			T			
6	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓							

Amphibians & Reptiles

1	Edible-Pool Frog hybrid	<i>Pelophylax kl. esculentus</i>				✓				
2	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>		✓				✓		

Fish:

1	Brown Trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>						✓		
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Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓					
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓					
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			✓					
4	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>			✓					
5	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			✓			✓	✓	
6	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>			✓			✓		
7	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓				✓		
8	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>			✓			✓		
9	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>						✓		
10	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			✓					
11	Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido argiades</i>		✓						
12	Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>						✓		
13	Black-eyed Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche melanops</i>			✓					
14	Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>			✓					
15	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓					
16	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Clossiana euphrosyne</i>			✓					
17	Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Clossiana dia</i>			✓					
18	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		✓						
19	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓					
20	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓					
21	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓	✓					

Micros Moths

1	Crambid	<i>Pyrausta nigrata</i>							✓	
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Macros Moths (B=bivouac)

1	a Geometrid	<i>Scotopteryx coarctaria</i>			✓					
2	Lead Belle	<i>Scotopteryx mucronata umbrifera</i>							✓	
3	Small Argent & Sable	<i>Epirrhoe tristata</i>							✓	
4	Latticed Heath	<i>Semiothisa clathrata</i>		✓						
5	Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>						✓		
6	Pine Processionary	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>			B	B	B	B	B	
7	Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>		✓						
8	Mother Shipton	<i>Callistege mi</i>			✓					

Other Invertebrates

1	Field Cricket	<i>Gryllus campestris</i>		H	H		H			
2	Forest Bug	<i>Pentatoma rufipes</i>			✓					
3	Shield Bug	<i>Syromastes rhombeus</i>			✓					
4	Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
5	Common Pond Skater	<i>Gerris lacustris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Common Back-swimmer	<i>Notonecta glauca</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Ascalaphid	<i>Libelloides coccajus</i>			✓					
8	Scorpion Fly	<i>Panorpa meridionalis</i>							✓	
9	Wood Ant	<i>Formica rufa</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
10	Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa</i> sp.		✓	✓					
11	Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>			✓			✓		

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12	Buff-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus terrestris</i>		✓	✓		✓			
13	Common Carder Bee	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>			✓	✓		✓		
14	Red-tailed Bumble Bee	<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
15	Common Ground Beetle	<i>Pterostichus</i> sp.			✓					
16	Cock Chafer	<i>Melolontha melolontha</i>					✓			
17	Seven-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>			✓					
18	a Longhorn Beetle	<i>Rhagium inquisitor</i>		✓						

Gastropods & Molluscs:

1	Large Black/Orange Slug	<i>Arion ater</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Roman Snail	<i>Helix pomatia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Garden Snail	<i>Cornu aspersum</i>			✓	✓			✓	
4	Brown-lipped Banded Snail	<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	White-lipped Banded Snail	<i>Cepaea hortensis</i>							✓	
6	Copse Snail	<i>Arianta arbustorum</i>							✓	
7	Door Snail	<i>Clucilid</i> sp.					✓			

Worms

1	Lob Worm	<i>Lumbricus terrestris</i>				✓				
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