Islay & Jura in Summer

Naturetrek Tour Report

14th - 20th June 2025



Grey Seals



Grey Heron



Otter



Siskin

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Summary

While the rest of the country experienced a heat-wave, our weather was grey, breezy and drizzly all week. This did not deter us, and we eventually saw some sun, and had plenty of magical wildlife sightings. As ever, both islands looked beautiful, with meadows and verges full of wild flowers, orchids everywhere and daily sightings of multiple Hen Harriers. We were fortunate enough to see both Golden and White-tailed Eagles, and also enjoyed both Harbour and Grey Seals. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Otter on Jura that we watched at point blank range for ninety minutes: that experience will live long in everyone's memories. We were also lucky enough to hear the distinctive rasp of the Corn Crake and enjoyed the evocative call of breeding Curlews displaying over our heads. The return ferry crossing also paid dividends, when a Minke Whale showed several times before disappearing below the waves. We were able to accommodate all the varied interests of the group, greatly enjoying each other's company for a thoroughly enjoyable week on Islay and Jura.

Day 1

Saturday 14th June

Glasgow - Kennacraig - Port Askaig - Bowmore

Three group members were met at Gilmour Street Station, Paisley, and two at Glasgow Airport. We then left Glasgow and headed north-west, over the Erskine Bridge through torrential rain, which continued for most of the journey to Kennacraig. We headed up the west side of Loch Lomond, shrouded in low cloud and rain, until at Tarbert we turned west, past Loch Long and over the 'Rest and Be Thankful' pass and down to Loch Fyne, where the road runs along the water's edge. By the time we stopped at Inverary, the rain had eased a little, so we had a quick pit-stop to grab a cuppa. Two Red-breasted Mergansers and two Black Guillemots were seen around the harbour before the rain got heavier; we set off to collect the final two group members from Tarbert.

We reached Kennacraig at 4.30pm, in plenty of time for our 6.00pm sailing. It was still raining, so we viewed the bay from the minibus and soon found several more Black Guillemots. We boarded the ferry and, after a quick bite to eat, we were able to view from inside. As we sailed down Loch Tarbert, we noted several Eiders, and as we headed out to sea the number of Gannets increased, and we also saw Shag, Guillemot and Kittiwake. Midway across. we encountered a raft of 50+ Manx Shearwater.

We landed at Port Askaig at 8.00pm and made the short drive to Bowmore, where we checked into the Lochside Hotel, and settled in to our rooms after a long day of travelling.

Day 2

Sunday 15th June

Rhinns of Islay - Portnahaven - Ellister Lochan - Loch Gruinart

Our first full day saw us head to the south-west of the island, to explore a loop of the Rhinns of Islay. Eyes were kept peeled as this is a good area for Hen Harrier, but the weather was poor, so they failed to show. Arriving at Portnahaven, the weather had improved a little, and we enjoyed two female Eiders hunting for crabs in the bay as Arctic Terns fished nearby and both Grey and Harbour Seals were hauled out. Offshore, Gannets, auks and

hundreds of Manx Shearwaters were passing by, enjoying the breezy conditions. We continued the loop anticlockwise and stopped at Loch Ellister where a 'pair' of scoters were on view. These comprised a male Velvet, with a female Common! Ravens flew over, as did three Choughs, but all were superseded when an adult Whitetailed Eagle was found on a nearby crag. It was soon joined by its mate, and they both sat there drying off as we ate our lunch. Views were a little distant, but we could easily appreciate their size and immense power.





Bog Asphodel

Heath Spotted Orchid

The weather did not look like it was going to improve, so we decided to visit RSPB Loch Gruinart, where there are two hides which would give us some protection. On reaching Gruinart Flats, it was clear that the area was alive with breeding Lapwings, Redshanks displaying on posts and Snipes 'drumming' overhead. A distant ringtail Hen Harrier was seen before we parked and walked to the first hide. A summering Whooper Swan was on view, as was a Little Egret, still quite scarce on Islay, while more Snipes were drumming overhead: a magical sound! On returning to the minibus, we walked a short distance up the lane, which was full of wild flowers, and admired a huge colony of Heath Spotted Orchids.

Day 3 Monday 16th June

Machir Bay – Ardnave Point – Killinallan dunes – Loch Gruinart

Today we headed for the stunning, sandy Machir Bay in the hope of getting good views of Chough. The duneside fields were covered in wild flowers, and several Hares were seen, but the Choughs eluded us. As we returned to the car park, a family of Stonechats was seen, and a pair of Twites came down to bathe in the stream. We headed towards Ardnave Point, hearing a Grasshopper Warbler on the way, and also stopped for a pair of Choughs nesting in an old barn. They showed superbly, perched on the chimney.

An early lunch was taken overlooking the loch, before we explored Ardnave dunes. This is a wonderful area, and after a short walk we were treated to more great views of many Choughs, several Wheatears and a Cuckoo. Later on, we headed round to the other side of Loch Gruinart to explore Killinallan dunes. As we exited the minibus, a superb male Hen Harrier drifted past, the first of five we saw in the Gruinart area. It is great to know that Islay supports such a healthy breeding population of these enigmatic and endangered raptors. The dunes are one of the best places on Islay for orchids, and we were soon viewing Pyramidal, Early Marsh, Northern Marsh, Narrow-leaved Marsh and Heath Spotted species, as well as many other plants. About 150 Grey Seal were hauled out on a sandbank mid-loch, and waders included Greenshank and 150+ Bar-tailed Godwits. Finally, as we returned to the minibus, a menacing Great Skua (or Bonxie) flew over in the direction of the nesting waders on Gruinart flats.

Day 4

Tuesday 17th June

Jura: Craighouse - Feolin Bay - Inverlussa; Islay: Ballygrant - Bridgend minor road

Today we were heading to Port Askaig and the ten-minute ferry crossing to Jura. There is basically just one road on Jura, which runs along the south coast and most of the way up the east, and our plan was to drive its full thirty-mile length, stopping where appropriate. Our first stop was Craighouse, and just as we approached the first Hen Harrier of the day was seen, and then a Spotted Flycatcher. We had a quick look, but the pesky Scottish midges soon discovered us and cut short our stop! We stopped at Craighouse Bay to look for Otters, and grab a coffee and cake from the superb café. We enjoyed a Great Northern Diver and some distant feral goats. Likely spots were searched for Otters and White-tailed Eagles, but both were lacking. Some Harbour Seals were noted close to the shore further up the road, so we headed off to view these; we counted about thirty.

As we passed Feolin Bay, someone shouted 'Otter!' from the back of the minibus, so we quickly alighted to view. This was an amazing encounter; over the next 90 minutes we were treated to point blank views of a fishing Otter, which was completely unbothered by us. We were so close that we could hear it munching the young Dabs it had caught. We were able to look down at it in the bay as it fished underwater, and it would then come up on the rocks to eat. We thought that after it had caught two or three fish it would head to a quiet spot to rest, but no, it just kept fishing and putting on the most memorable show, one which will stay in all our memories for many years to come. By now, we had drawn quite a crowd, as every passing vehicle stopped to enjoy the very special wildlife encounter; literally hundreds of photos were taken!

Reluctantly, we dragged ourselves away and continued to head north-east along the coast road, passing the Paps of Jura and some beautiful bays. Eventually, we arrived at the gorgeous, Inverlussa Bay, passing some very photogenic Red Deer along the way. We took a rather late lunch while a fairly distant adult White-tailed Eagle circled over the headland. We then slowly headed back, with a stop two miles north of Tarbert to view the sea loch that almost cuts Jura in half from west to east. A forestry plantation beside the road offered some protection from the breeze, but unfortunately no butterflies, although more Northern Marsh and Heath Spotted Orchids were enjoyed. We continued on our way, noting another Hen Harrier from the minibus and 'our Otter' still fishing in Feolin Bay, before catching the ferry back to Islay.

Safely back across the sound of Jura, we decided to head back to Bowmore by the minor road from Ballygrant. This proved to be an excellent decision, as we saw multiple Hen Harriers and several of the standing stones for

which Islay is rightly famous. Whinchat and Redpoll were also seen well, but the star of the show appeared in the skies above us. Stopping to view the hills, we spotted a raptor, and as it banked it revealed a beautiful golden head: an adult Golden Eagle no less! It slowly flew around, giving great views, and then flew through a Lapwing territory; the brave adult was straight up to mob the eagle. The size difference was vast, but the plover successfully moved the eagle on, into a Buzzard territory! The Buzzard also fancied its chances, its wingspan being half that of the eagle's. The action was now superb, as both raptors twisted and turned, almost locking talons at times: what a show! However, the eagle quickly became bored of the encounter, and flew back for more interaction with the plover, before heading for the hills and disappearing from sight. It was an amazing end to an incredible day.

Day 5

Wednesday 18th June

The Oa peninsular - Kildalton Cross - Loch a' Chnuic - Bowmore

Today we set off for to explore the Mull of Oa and the attached RSPB nature reserve. The approach road verges were covered in Northern Marsh and Lesser Butterfly Orchids, Bog Asphodel and a whole host of other great plants to keep our botanists happy. On reaching the car park, we set off on the circular walk, passing a fine display of Monkshood and a herd of highland cattle before reaching a view of the sea cliffs. Almost immediately, a Golden Eagle soared into view, and it was soon joined by its mate. A brave Kestrel mobbed the eagles, but it was dwarfed in size. We had good flight views in a spectacular location, before checking out the Grey Seals in the bay below us. There were good birds here too, and we enjoyed Fulmar, Razorbill and Black Guillemot. Shortly afterwards, we found a family of Wheatears and a Whinchat.

As we made our way up to the American Monument, we admired a great herd of feral goats as Choughs called from the cliffs below us. We eventually found three of these beautiful crows, but by now the rain was setting in, so after a quick snack we headed for the boardwalk back towards the minibus. Conditions were not good for Marsh Fritillaries along the boardwalk, but Round-leaved Sundew provided some compensation. Lunch would be taken back at the minibus, but this was delayed when we heard not one but two Corn Crakes calling from an enclosed pasture nearby. This was a complete surprise, but we had finally succeeded in hearing them after several attempts this week and thinking that we had missed them.

After lunch we moved on to south-east Islay for the afternoon. Our first stop was the Kildalton Cross, a very fine eighth-century Celtic cross in an old churchyard, with Redpolls flying overhead. The next stop was Loch a' Chnuic, where we saw two Red-breasted Mergansers, before we returned to Bowmore for some souvenir shopping. A brief look around Bowmore after dinner provided us with excellent views of a lovely pair of Bullfinches.

Day 6

Thursday 19th June

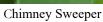
Loch Indaal – Islay Woollen Mill and River Sorn – Ballygrant Woods and Loch – Ballygrant – Bridgend minor road

Our final full day saw us have a quick stop at Loch Indaal, where we enjoyed a breeding plumaged Great Northern Diver, before heading on to the Islay Woollen Mill on the River Sorn. Some looked inside the mill and made purchases, while the rest of us admired a smart pair of Grey Wagtails on the river and countless Coal Tits,

Chaffinches and Siskins on the mill feeders. The whole group then took a leisurely stroll along the river through beautiful wild flower meadows, filled with Common Spotted and Heath Spotted Orchids. As we walked, we disturbed huge numbers of Chimney Sweeper moths, jet black their bar white wing edges, and a Treecreeper also showed.

On returning to the mill, we couldn't find any Dippers on the river, so moved on for a quick coffee and cake in one of the few cafés on Islay. Our next stop was Loch Ballygrant and woods, and as we strolled down the lane a Spotted Flycatcher showed superbly. By now, the sun was out and temperature was around 20°C, although there was still a light breeze. Unfortunately, the woods and loch were rather quiet, although the view over the loch at lunch was gorgeous. We tried a nearby clearing for insects, but this too was quiet, although we did see a Small Copper and a Common Goldenring by the minibus. We returned to Bowmore along the minor road, and inevitably saw more Hen Harriers. Things were quieter than on Tuesday evening, but we all enjoyed the lovely sight and sound of Curlews giving their bubbling calls all around us: a magical end to a magical week.







Redshank

Day 7 Friday 20th June

Bowmore - Kennacraig and onward journeys

We were quickly at Port Ellen, noting a passing Hen Harrier en route, and spotted several Black Guillemots as we awaited the ferry. Once aboard, we made our way to the observation deck, and as we left Islay waters we had great views of passing Gannets, Kittiwakes, Guillemots, Razorbills and even a couple of Puffins. We soon encountered large rafts of Manx Shearwaters on the sea, and some flew alongside, giving fantastic views. As we left Islay and Jura behind, we were treated to a Minke Whale that broke the surface a number of times, before diving out of sight. As we neared the mainland and entered Loch Tarbert, many Harbour Seals were hauled out

on the rocks, and numerous Eiders could be seen. We docked on time and made our way towards a very hot (29°C) Glasgow, before saying our goodbyes and agreeing that we had enjoyed some of the best wildlife that Islay and Jura have to offer in summer.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced				Jı	une 20			
Common name	Scientific name	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis							✓
Greylag Goose	Anser anser		✓	✓	✓		\checkmark	✓
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whooper Swan	Cygnus cygnus		1					
Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	8	6	10	6	4	12	
Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca penelope			1				
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca			8				
Common Eider	Somateria mollissima	50	6	6	6	6	12	20
Common Scoter	Melanitta nigra		1					
Velvet Scoter	Melanitta fusca		1					
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	2	1			2		1
Common Pheasant - I	Phasianus colchicus		√	√	√	√	√	
Common Swift	Apus apus							2
Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus			1	3	1		
Rock Dove	Columba livia			√	√	√	√	√
Feral Rock Dove	Columba livia 'domestica'			-			-	
Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus		√	√	√	√	√	
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	√	· ✓	· ✓	√	· √	√	√
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	·	2		•	•		
Corn Crake	Crex crex		_			2H		
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis						1	
Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	√	√	√	√	√	· ✓	√
Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula	· ·	2	14	2	•	1	
Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus		<u>-</u>	√	<u>-</u> ✓		· ✓	
Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata		1	√	√	1	4	
Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa Iapponica			150	V			
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago		6	10				
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1	2	4	8	2	1	2
Common Redshank	Tringa totanus		∠ ✓	√	0		'	
Common Greenshank	Tringa totanus Tringa nebularia		1	1				
Sanderling	Calidris alba		1	2				
Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea		30	6	30		6	20
Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	10	10	0	30		0	30
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	10	√ √	√	√	√	√	√
Common Gull	Larus canus	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
European Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	V						√
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus		√	√ √	√ √	√	√	√
		✓	✓	V	V	✓	✓	√ 2
Atlantic Puffin	Fratercula arctica	10				20		2
Black Guillemot	Cepphus grylle	10				30		16
Razorbill	Alca torda	1	40			4		40
Common Guillemot	Uria aalge	20	10		_			400
Great Northern Diver	Gavia immer		1		2	400	1	
Northern Fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis		500			100		400
Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus	50	500	4.5				400
Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus	30	√	40	20	30	8	40
European Shag	Gulosus aristotelis	2	12	2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	2	1 🗸					

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Common name	Scientific name	14	15	10	17	18	19	20
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus							1
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos				1	2		
Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus		1	5	6	1	3	1
White-tailed Eagle	Haliaeetus albicilla		2		1		_	
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		1	3	4	1	2	
Great Skua	Stercorarius skua			2				
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major				1			
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus				1	2		
Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax		3	20		3		
Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rook	Corvus frugilegus		✓	✓		✓		
Carrion Crow	Corvus corone						2	✓
Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	Corvus corax		4	8	6	6	4	2
Coal Tit	Periparus ater				1		6	
Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus			✓	√		✓	
Great Tit	Parus major		√	√	√		√	
Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis		√	√	√	√	√	
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia		√	√	6	√	√	√
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		√	√	✓	✓	√	✓
Western House Martin	Delichon urbicum		✓	√	2	-	1	
Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus			•			2	
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus		√	√	√	√		
Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita			•	V	•	•	1
Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus		√	√			1	
Common Grasshopper Warbler	Locustella naevia		V	3			_ •	1
Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla				2	1	3	1
Common Whitethroat	Curruca communis			2	1	•		·
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus		√		√	√	√	√
Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		√	√	√	√	√	√
Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris		V	V	V	V	2	V
Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	√	√	√	√	√	∠ √	√
	-	V						√
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	1	,	,				
Common Blackbird	Turdus merula		✓	✓	√	✓	√	
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata				1		1	
European Robin	Erithacus rubecula				2		2	
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra				1	1	1	
European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		4	4	8	3	2	
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		6		5			
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dunnock	Prunella modularis		2	1	2	1		
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea						2	
Pied Wagtail	Motacilla alba yarrellii	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Rock Pipit	Anthus petrosus		3	1	6	6	2	2
Eurasian Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula				2	2		
European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris				1			
Twite	Linaria flavirostris			5				
Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Redpoll	Acanthis flammea		1		10	12	8	
European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		√	√	√	√	√	√
Eurasian Siskin	Spinus spinus				20		8	

I=Introduced		June 2025						
Common name	Scientific name	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Common Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus		6			2		

Mammals

				June	2025	;		
Common name	Scientific name	14 15 16 17		18	19	20		
European Rabbit	Oryctolagus cuniculus							
European Hare	Lepus europaeus			25	10		2	
Common Minke Whale	Balaenoptera acutorostrata							1
Harbour Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	4						10
Fallow Deer	Dama dama					1		
Red Deer	Cervus elaphus				✓			
Western Roe Deer	Capreolus capreolus							
Domestic Goat	Capra hircus				7	75		
Grey Seal	Halichoerus grypus		46	150		20		
Harbour Seal	Phoca vitulina		12		30			40
Eurasian Otter	Lutra lutra				1			

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name
Large White	Pieris brassicae
Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas
Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus
Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui
Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta
Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria
Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina

Moths

		June 2025						
Common name	Scientific name	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Six-spot Burnet	Zygaena filipendulae			1				
Chimney Sweeper	Odezia atrata						150	
Silver-ground Carpet	Xanthorhoe montanata						1	
Silver-Y	Autographa gamma						1	

Damselflies & dragonflies

		June 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
Common Bluetail	Ischnura elegans						10				
Common Bluet	Enallagma cyathigerum						2				
Common Goldenring	Cordulegaster boltonii						1				

Plants

Scientific name	Common name
Amaranthaceae	Pigweed Family
Atriplex patula	Common Orache
Apiaceae	Carrot Family
Conopodium majus	Pignut
Oenanthe lachenalii	Parsley Water-dropwort
Asteraceae (Compositae)	Daisy Family
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow
Bellis perennis	Daisy
Centaurea nigra	Common Knapweed
Cirsium palustre	Marsh Thistle
Cirsium vulgare	Spear Thistle
Leucanthemum vulgare	Ox-eye Daisy
Taraxacum agg.	Dandelion
Tripleurospermum inodorum	Scentless Mayweed
Tussilago farfara	Colt's-foot
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family
Myosotis scorpioides	Water Forget-me-not
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family
Cardamine pratensis	Cuckooflower
Hesperis matronalis	Dame's Violet
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family
Lonicera periclymenum	Honeysuckle
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family
Silene dioica	Red Campion
Silene flos-cuculi	Ragged Robin
Silene uniflora	Sea Campion
Celastraceae	Spindle Family
Parnassia palustris	Grass-of-Parnassus
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family
Sedum acre	Biting Stonecrop
Sedum anglicum	English Stonecrop
Droseraceae	Sundew Family
Drosera rotundifolia	Round-leaved Sundew
Fabaceae	Pea Family
Anthyllis vulneraria agg.	Kidney Vetch
Lotus corniculatus	Bird's-foot Trefoil
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover
Trifolium repens	White Clover
Ulex europaeus	Gorse
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch
Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert
Gunneraceae	Gunnera Family
Gunnera tinctoria	Giant -rhubarb
Hydrocotylaceae	Marsh Pennywort Family
Hydrocotyle vulgaris	Marsh Pennywort
Hypericaeae	St. John's-wort Family
Hypericum androsaemum	Tutsan

Scientific name	Common name
Hypericum elodes	Marsh St.John's-wort
Hypericum pulchrum	Slender St.John's-wort
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family
Ajuga reptans	Bugle
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal
Stachys palustris	Marsh Woundwort
Thymus polytrichus subsp. britannicus	Wild Thyme
Lentibulariaceae	Bladderwort Family
Pinguicula vulgaris	Common Butterwort
Linaceae	Flax Family
Linum catharticum	Fairy Flax
Myricaceae	Bog-myrtle Family
Myrica gale	Bog-myrtle
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family
Chamaenerion angustifolium	Rosebay Willowherb
Circea lutetiana	Enchanter's Nightshade
Fuchsia magellanica	Fuchsia
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family
Euphrasia arctica subsp. borealis	Eyebright
Pedicularis palustris	Marsh Lousewort
Rhinanthus minor agg.	Yellow Rattle
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family
Oxalis acetosella	Wood-sorrel
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family
Armeria maritima	Thrift
Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family
Polygala vulgaris	Common Milkwort
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family
Persica amphibia	Amphibious Bistort
Primulaceae	Primrose Family
Lysimachia nemorum	Yellow Pimpernel
Primula vul;garis	Primrose
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family
Aconitum napellus	Monks-hood
Anemone nemorosa	Wood Anemone
Caltha palustris	Marsh-marigold
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser Spearwort
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup
Thalictrum minus	Lesser Meadow-rue
Rosaceae	Rose Family
Comarum palustre	Marsh Cinquefoil
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet
Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry
Geum rivale	Water Avens
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil
Prunus padus	Bird Cherry
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family
Galium saxatile	Heath Bedstraw
Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw

Scientific name	Common name
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family
Scrophularia nodosa	Common Figwort
Urticacae	Nettle Family
Urtica dioica	Common Nettle
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family
Centranthus ruber	Red Valerian
Valeriana officinalis	Common Valerian
Veronicaceae	Speedwell Family
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell
Iridaceae	Iris Family
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow Flag
Juncaceae	Rush Family
Luzula sylvatica	Great Woodrush
Nartheciaceae	Bog-asphodel Family
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog-asphodel Family
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family
Anacamptis pyramidalis	Pyramidal Orchid
Dactylorhiza fuchsii	Common Spotted Orchid
Dactylorhiza incarnata	Early Marsh Orchid
Dactylorhiza maculata subsp. ericetorum	Heath Spotted Orchid
Dactylorhiza purpurella	Northern Marsh Orchid
Dactylorhiza x formosa	Heath Spotted x Northern Marsh
Dactylorhiza x venusta	Common Spotted x Northern Marsh
Platanthera bifolia	Lesser Butterfly Orchid