

# Alderney – Wildlife & History

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Northern Gannet with nest material



Green Hairstreak



Glanville Fritillary



Les Etacs

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## Day 1

Friday 20th May

Hazy sunshine, becoming cloudy later; 19°C

Andrew, Anne-Isabelle and Annabel were waiting at the airport for the group to arrive on the afternoon flight from Southampton and, once luggage had been collected, we got into the minibus and hire car for a brief orientation tour of the island before going to our hotel. Annabel pointed out some of the impressive fortifications which line the rocky coastline of Alderney, before dropping us at the Braye Beach Hotel, our accommodation for the next five days. The hotel is situated in a lovely position next to the harbour, and overlooking the sandy sweep of Braye beach. Once everyone had settled in we held a brief get-together to explain the plans for the next few days, and then we enjoyed our evening meal in the hotel's restaurant.

## Day 2

Saturday 21st May

A damp, drizzly morning with a stiff breeze, but becoming dry later; 18°C

A few of our party enjoyed a pre-breakfast walk, despite the weather conditions, and spotted Oystercatchers and Rock Pipits along the beach.

After breakfast Annabel collected us in the minibus and we drove the short distance to the Giffoine headland in the south-west of the island. We unloaded on a stony track and were at once attracted to the piglets in the fields close by; these were the rare breed Oxford Sandy and Black, looking very healthy in their large grassy field. We followed the track, with its helpful "Gannets" signpost and were soon watching the gannet colony just a short distance offshore. Les Etacs holds about 6,000 pairs of gannets, and in the distance we could just make out the smaller colony on Ortac. There was an interesting cliff-top flora here, and we spotted the bristly black caterpillars of the rare Glanville Fritillary butterfly feeding on Ribwort Plantain; elsewhere there were a few Common Blue butterflies sheltering from the rain under leaves. Some spikes of the coastal form of Common Broomrape were seen on their host plant of Sea Carrot close to the cliff edge. We followed a scenic cliff-top path through gorse scrub towards Fort Clonque and noted several Oystercatchers feeding on the rocks below, and a constant passage of Gannets out at sea, plus all the common large gulls, and there were sightings of Stonechat, Whitethroat and Wheatear, but Dartford Warbler proved rather elusive and difficult to locate. Our walk led us past the Cambridge Battery, another of the impressive coastal fortifications; like many of the others, it started out as a Victorian building but was later modified during the German occupation. It has been restored, and there was an interesting flora growing on the walls and surrounding embankments. We then walked along the shore at Platte Saline where pair of Ringed Plovers was attempting to nest on the strand line and rear a second brood. We decided not to linger here and allow the birds some space, but some magnificent flowering clumps of Sea Kale growing above the strand line were photographed. Annabel picked us up in the minibus and took us into St Anne where we visited the Georgian House cafe for lunch.

After lunch Anne-Isabelle led us on a walk in more sheltered conditions along some leafy lanes where we were able to watch Spotted Flycatchers and other woodland birds like Goldcrest and Willow Warbler. There was a mix of native woodland plants and more exotic garden escapes here, all making a contrast with the exposed cliff-top

we had explored in the morning. We returned to the hotel in plenty of time for a break before our evening briefing when we went over our check-lists and explained the plans for the following day.

## Day 3

Sunday 22nd May

Rain at first, but improving later and becoming warm and sunny; 19°C

We started our explorations in a garden in St Anne where a moth-trap had been set the night before. Local expert David Wedd, and his very enthusiastic young helper, Chloe, had already checked the trap and had a good selection of moths to show us, several of which sat obligingly on leaves or the garden fence to allow photography. The Scarce Chocolate-tip, Pale Tussock and Pebble Prominent were amongst the 20 or more species we were shown. There were also some newly-emerged Glanville Fritillary butterflies which David had reared from larvae, and these also proved to be very photogenic.

We had planned to take another walk in the south-west of the island but all the roads were closed because of a training exercise at the airport, so we moved to Longis Common at the other end of the island and explored the more open habitats there. Some waders in flight turned out to be Whimbrel, and we also spotted Common Buzzard overhead and some waterbirds on a pool, including Little Grebe and Moorhen. Warblers seen and heard included Blackcap, Sedge and Reed Warblers.

After a lunch break back at the hotel, most of the group opted for the strange experience of a train ride in old London Underground rolling stock. The railway line is a reminder of the important quarry industry on Alderney, when rock was quarried to provide material for the forts and breakwaters. The short train journey took us close to the lighthouse at Mannez and there was plenty of time for exploration here, including lighthouse tours, before the return journey. This was a pleasant area for watching Wheatears and overhead there were good numbers of Swallows and House Martins. The rocky shore line at Mannez was colourful with displays of Thrift and a few naturalised Mediterranean species. Most colour was provided by the extensive stands of Gorse in full bloom, and there were a few Whitethroats spotted here. Some of the group returned on the train, whilst other opted to follow the coastal path back to the hotel, making the most of the warm, sunny afternoon.

## Day 4

Monday 23rd May

Sunny all day with a stiff breeze pm, wonderful sunset and a clear starry night; 21°C

We made an early start today and visited the bird observatory at Longis Bay. Located in an impressive building known as The Nunnery, originally a Roman Fort, the observatory has been producing some good records recently, and the warden demonstrated bird ringing to us, with a few of the birds, mainly Reed Warblers, which had been caught that morning in mist nets set near the pond and reed beds. David Wedd turned up and very kindly brought a few more moths for us, including a Cream-spot Tiger moth which sat still on the wall and allowed some photographs.

We returned to the south-west corner of the island again and had a further look at the Gannet colony, but this time in bright sunny weather. We then followed the coastal path towards Telegraph Bay, enjoying the spectacular coastal scenery. The Cherbourg Peninsula on the French coast seemed to be very close, and in the distance we could also make out the other Channel Islands. The cliff-top flora was superb here with large areas of Thrift and

the curious tall spikes of Greater Broomrape growing out of their host plants, the prostrate form of Broom. We also found a number of British rarities such as Orange Bird's-foot, Hairy Bird's-foot Trefoil and Smooth Cat's-ear. Some Green Hairstreak butterflies sat still long enough to be photographed and there were also some sightings of Wall Brown, Common Blue and Glanville Fritillary. We had good views of Peregrine on this walk, including one perched on a cliff face, and there was plenty of activity on the sea with a constant passage of Gannets and a few auks and gulls.

We returned to St Anne for a lunch break and then got ready for our afternoon boat trips. We had to divide the group as the Alderney Wildlife Trust boat could only take 10 passengers at a time. The plan was to leave the harbour and head towards Burhou to look at the Puffins and other seabirds, and then get a closer look at the Gannets on Les Etacs. The rocky coastline looked superb in the bright sunshine and the Puffins obliged when we got to Burhou; the photographers were able to get good shots of several birds on the water. When we arrived at Les Etacs we were treated to the sight, smell and sounds of a busy seabird colony. The boat was able to get very close so we could photograph birds on the rocks and see them flying in overhead, giving impressive views of the 2 metre wingspan from below. The first group returned to the harbour and allowed the second group to repeat the trip. Meanwhile a few of the party on land explored the headland at Crabby Bay in the hope of finding Bee Orchids, but were unsuccessful.

Some of the group were interested in bell-ringing and we had the offer of a tour of the tower of the parish church with its impressive ring of 12 bells. The team demonstrated the bells for us and two of our party were invited to join in.

After dinner at the hotel, Annabel came to pick us up for an evening foray to look for nocturnal mammals. We stopped on a leafy road outside St Anne and switched on bat detectors and soon picked up some calls of small bats which were probably Pipistrelles. They were difficult to see in the poor light amongst the trees but seemed to be feeding actively on small insects. We then set off for the golf course to meet a local member of the Wildlife Trust who had been studying the island's hedgehogs. It was not long before we spotted one of the curious blonde (not albino) hedgehogs which are common on the island. Normal-coloured hedgehogs occur here as well but they are greatly outnumbered by the blonde variety. We did not use flash, but with the aid of torches were able to get some good photographs of these very obliging animals.

## Day 5

Tuesday 24th May

Sunny all day with a strong breeze in the afternoon; 22°C

This was to be our last day on Alderney so bags were packed and left in storage at the hotel before Annabel picked us up to take us to Longis Bay. We walked across Longis Common, spotting the Whimbrel again, and had further sightings of Buzzard and Peregrine overhead. The most conspicuous plant was the Wild Radish, flowering freely on the grassy slopes, with the occasional rabbit glimpsed in the open areas. There was plenty of activity from warblers such as Whitethroat and Blackcap, but a very elusive Nightingale proved to be a challenge for some of the group. Our walk led us up to a viewpoint above the now-abandoned quarry where the hideous war-time bunker, known locally as "The Odeon" dominated the scene. A few Green-winged Orchids were still in flower here and more Common Broomrape was found on the slopes. A steep path led us down to a hide overlooking a little wetland area, although this proved to be rather quiet in the middle of the day. From here we were able to make our way back along Longis Bay to the Barn restaurant where we enjoyed lunch in the sheltered

garden. Sadly, it was then time to head back to the hotel to prepare for the journey home, so Annabel ferried us back to collect bags before the short trip to the airport where the tour ended.

Despite the variable weather at the start of the trip and some hitches with the transport, we managed to pack a lot in to our short stay on Alderney, catching up with much of the island's fascinating wildlife, experiencing train-rides and bell-ringing, and gaining an insight into the chequered history of this northern outpost of the Channel Islands.

A special thank you from the leaders and the rest of the group to John & Christine and Anne & Dennis for volunteering to take an alternative flight home, when strong winds reduced the capacity available on the group flight to Southampton.

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Hedgehogs

## Species Lists

Plants (Thanks to Bob and Rachel for their help)

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Equisetaceae</b> <i>Equisetum arvense</i>	<b>Horsetails</b> Field Horsetail	common
<b>LEPTOSPORANGIATE FERNS</b>	<b>TRUE FERNS</b>	
<b>Aspleniaceae</b> <i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i> <i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i> <i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	<b>Spleenwort Family</b> Wall-rue Hart's-tongue Fern Maidenhair Spleenwort	stone walls walls, shady lanes, ruins common on walls, forts
<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b> <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	<b>Bracken Family</b> Bracken	widespread,
<b>GYMNOSPERMS</b>	<b>CONIFERS</b>	
<b>Pinaceae</b> <i>Pinus nigra</i> <i>Pinus radiata</i>	<b>Pine Family</b> Corsican Pine Monterey Pine	near Golf Course gardens, St Anne
<b>DICOTS</b>	<b>DICOTYLEDONS</b>	
<b>Aizoaceae</b> <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	<b>Dewplant Family</b> Hottentot-fig	several beach/dune areas
<b>Amaranthaceae</b> <i>Atriplex prostrata</i>	<b>Amaranth Family</b> Spear-leaved Orache	near Pig fields,
<b>Apiaceae</b> <i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i> <i>Apium nodiflorum</i> <i>Crambe maritima</i> <i>Crithmum maritimum</i> <i>Daucus carota</i> <i>Eryngium maritimum</i> <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> <i>Heracleum sphondylium</i> <i>Pastinaca sativa</i> var <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>Carrot Family</b> Cow Parsley Fool's Watercress Sea-kale Rock Samphire Wild Carrot Sea-holly Fennel Hogweed Wild Parsnip	lanes and hedgerows pond margins Platte Saline beach rocky shores, leaves only clifftop grasslands Platte Saline beach widespread, near Pig fields, hedgerows open grassy areas, leaves only
<b>Apocyanaceae</b> <i>Vinca major</i>	<b>Periwinkle Family</b> Greater Periwinkle	naturalised in many sites
<b>Araliaceae</b> <i>Hedera helix (hibernica)</i>	<b>Ivy Family</b> Common Ivy	widespread,
<b>Asteraceae</b> <i>Achillea millefolium</i> <i>Arctium lappa</i> <i>Arctium minus</i> subsp <i>minus</i> <i>Bellis perennis</i> <i>Carlina vulgaris</i> <i>Cichorium intybus</i> <i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	<b>Daisy Family</b> Yarrow Greater Burdock Lesser Burdock Daisy Carlina Thistle Chicory Spear Thistle	grassy clifftops shady lane nr St Anne Longis cCommon area widespread, common

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	common on open ground
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Canadian Fleabane	
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Common Cat's-ear	grassy areas, old forts
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cat's-ear	grassy areas
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	common in grassy areas
<i>Petasites fragrans</i>	Winter Heliotrope	leaves only
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed	short grassland areas
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Common Ragwort	scattered sites
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	St Anne
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	nr Essex Castle
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Longis Common
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i>	Feverfew	
<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.	Dandelion group	common
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	Scentless Mayweed	nr Braye Beach, dunes
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Pineapple-weed	tracks near Pig fields
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Borage Family</b>	
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	Borage	Longis Common
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's-bugloss	leaves only
<i>Echium pininana</i>	Giant Viper's-bugloss	naturalised nr Essex Castle
<i>Symphytum tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Comfrey	naturalised in places
<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>	Early Forget-me-not	grassy areas
<i>Myosotis discolor</i>	Changing Forget-me-not	grassy areas
<b>Brassicaceae</b>	<b>Cabbage Family</b>	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	hedgerows
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Crabby Bay, Longis Bay
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	common
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bitter-cress	
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	Common Scurvygrass	nr Fort Clonque
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alison	naturalised nr Essex Castle
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	
<i>Matthiola incana</i>	Hoary Stock	nr Platte Saline
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish	naturalised in several sites, old forts
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>maritimum</i>	Sea Radish	Longis Common
<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflower Family</b>	
<i>Jasione montana</i>	Sheep's-bit	clifftop grasslands
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	lanes and hedgerows
<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	Common Cornsalad	
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	scattered sites
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	short grassland areas
<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	Four-leaved Allseed	
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	clifftop grasslands, hedgerows
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	lanes and hedgerows
<i>Silene uniflora</i> ( <i>vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i> )	Sea Campion	cliff edges
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	lane near airfield
<i>Silene x hampeana</i>	Hybrid Campion	lane near airfield

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<i>Spergularia rupicola</i>	Rock Sea-spurrey	rocks and cliff tops
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	nr Pig fields
<i>Sagina subulata</i>	Heath Pearlwort	nr Telegraph Bay
<i>Sagina procumbens</i>	Procumbent Pearlwort	tracks and paths
<b>Chenopodiaceae</b>	<b>Fat-hen Family</b>	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet	strand lines, common
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat-hen	nr Pig fields
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rock-rose Family</b>	
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose	
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	
<i>Crassula helmsii</i>	New Zealand Pygmyweed	Mannez Quarry Pond
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	walls, shady lanes, ruins
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heather Family</b>	
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather	near Giffoine
<i>Erica cinerea</i>	Bell Heather	near Giffoine
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurge Family</b>	
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Longis Bay
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	nr St Anne
<i>Euphorbia portlandica</i>	Portland Spurge	Crabby Bay, Longis Bay
<b>Fabaceae</b>	<b>Pea Family</b>	
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> subsp. <i>maritimus</i>	Prostrate Broom	clifftop nr Telegraph Bay
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	common
<i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>	Hairy Bird's-foot Trefoil	clifftop near Giffoine
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch	coastal rocks
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	grassy areas
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	grassy areas
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne	
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	Ribbed Melilot	
<i>Ornithopus pinnatus</i>	Orange Bird's-foot	nr Giffoine clifftop site
<i>Ornithopus perpusillus</i>	Bird's-foot	clifftop grasslands
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	scattered sites, old forts
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	grassy areas
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	grassy areas
<i>Trifolium micranthum</i>	Slender Trefoil	grassy areas
<i>Trifolium occidentale</i>	Western Clover	nr Telegraph Bay
<i>Trifolium scabrum</i>	Rough Clover	nr Telegraph Bay
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Subterranean Clover	nr Telegraph Bay
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	grassy areas
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	widespread, flowering well
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Tare	Longis Common
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	scattered sites



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<b>Fagaceae</b> <i>Castanea sativa</i>	<b>Beech Family</b> Sweet Chestnut	St Anne
<b>Gentianaceae</b> <i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	<b>Gentian Family</b> Common Centaury	cliff-top grasslands
<b>Geraniaceae</b> <i>Erodium cicutarium</i> <i>Geranium columbinum</i> <i>Geranium dissectum</i> <i>Geranium herreriae</i> <i>Geranium molle</i> <i>Geranium robertianum</i> <i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	<b>Geranium Family</b> Common Stork's-bill Long-stalked Crane's-bill Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Alderney Crane's-bill Dove's-foot Crane's-bill Herb Robert Round-leaved Crane's-bill	track near Pig field nr Essex Castle grassy areas poss nr Essex Castle nr Longis Common lanes nr St Anne nr St Anne
<b>Lamiaceae</b> <i>Glechoma hederacea</i> <i>Mentha aquatica</i> <i>Mentha suaveolens</i> <i>Prunella vulgaris</i> <i>Stachys sylvatica</i> <i>Teucrium scorodonia</i> <i>Thymus polytrichus</i> <i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	<b>Dead-nettle Family</b> Ground Ivy Water Mint Round-leaved Mint Selfheal Hedge Woundwort Wood Sage Wild Thyme Wild Clary	scattered grassy areas nr Longis pond Mannez Quarry Pond area  leaves only cliff-tops and short grassland sites nr Longis Common
<b>Malvaceae</b> <i>Lavatera arborea</i> <i>Malva neglecta</i> <i>Malva sylvestris</i>	<b>Mallow Family</b> Tree Mallow Dwarf Mallow Common Mallow	nr Giffoine near Crabby Bay widespread
<b>Oleaceae</b> <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	<b>Olive Family</b> Ash Wild Privet	nr St Anne nr St Anne
<b>Onagraceae</b> <i>Epilobium montanum</i> <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> <i>Oenothera glazioviana</i>	<b>Willowherb Family</b> Broad-leaved Willowherb Great Willowherb Large-flowered Evening Primrose	Mannez Quarry pond
<b>Orobanchaceae</b> <i>Euphrasia</i> sp. <i>Orobanche minor</i> <i>Orobanche minor</i> subsp <i>maritima</i> <i>Orobanche rapum-genistae</i> <i>Parentucellia viscosa</i> <i>Pedicularis sylvatica</i>	<b>Broomrape Family</b> Eyebright sp. Common Broomrape Common Broomrape Greater Broomrape Yellow Bartsia Lousewort	short grassland areas nr Longis Common Giffoine nr Telegraph Bay nr Mannez Quarry grassy area nr Telegraph Bay
<b>Oxalidaceae</b> <i>Oxalis acetosella</i> <i>Oxalis articulata</i> <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	<b>Wood-sorrel Family</b> Wood-Sorrel Pink-sorrel Bermuda Buttercup	naturalised in places naturalised in places

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<b>Papaveraceae</b>		
<i>Fumaria muralis</i> subsp. <i>boraiei</i>	Common Ramping-fumitory	scattered grassy areas
<i>Fumaria bastardii</i>	Tall Ramping-fumitory	scattered grassy areas
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-poppy	strand lines, scattered sites
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Longis Common
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>		
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	common, tracks and open sites
<i>Plantago lanecolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	common
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	scattered sites
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	common on old walls
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>		
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Sea-lavender Family Thrift	common on cliffs and rocks
<b>Polygalaceae</b>		
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Milkwort Family Common Milkwort	
<b>Polygonaceae</b>		
<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>	Knotweed Family Amphibious Bistort	Mannez quarry ponds
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Common Knotgrass	nr Pig fields
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel	grassy areas,
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's Sorrel	cliff tops
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	lanes and hedgerows
<i>Rumex hydrolapathum</i>	Water Dock	pond margins
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	nr Pig fields
<i>Rumex pulcher</i>	Fiddle Dock	nr Fort Clonque
<b>Primulaceae</b>		
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Primrose Family Scarlet Pimpernel	sandy ground, cliff tops
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose	leaves only
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>		
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Buttercup Family Traveller's Joy	lanes nr St Anne
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	grassy areas
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	grassy areas
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	grassy areas
<b>Resedaceae</b>		
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Mignonette Family Weld	
<b>Rosaceae</b>		
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Rose Family Hawthorn	nr St Anne
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Silverweed	nr Pig fields
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	grassy areas
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinqufoil	grassy areas
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	nr St Anne
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Japanese/Beach Rose	naturalised in places
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	Bramble	widespread
<b>Rubiaceae</b>		
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Bedstraw Family Cleavers	hedgerows

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<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	nr Longis Common
<b>Salicaceae</b>	<b>Willow Family</b>	
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar	nr Essex Castle
<b>Sapindaceae (Aceraceae)</b>	<b>Maple Family</b>	
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	St Anne Churchyard
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse-chestnut	St Anne Churchyard
<i>Aesculus indica</i>	Red Horse-chestnut	St Anne
<b>Solanaceae</b>	<b>Potato Family</b>	
<i>Lycium barbarum</i>	Duke of Argyll's Teapant	nr railway track
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	scattered sites
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	nr Pig fields
<b>Urticaceae</b>	<b>Nettle Family</b>	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall	old forts, old walls
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle	scattered sites
<i>Soleirolia soleirolii</i>	Mind-your-own-business	naturalised in places
<b>Valerianaceae</b>	<b>Valerian Family</b>	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	common on walls, forts
<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	Common Cornsalad	
<b>Veronicaceae</b>	<b>Speedwell Family</b>	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	common on old walls
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	grassy areas
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	Longis Common
<i>Veronica persica</i>	Common Field Speedwell	Longis Common
<i>Veronica hederifolia</i>	Ivy-leaved Speedwell	Giffoine area
<b>Violaceae</b>	<b>Violet Family</b>	
<i>Viola canina</i>	Heath Dog-violet	
<i>Viola reichenbachiana</i>	Early Dog-violet	
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	lanes near Telegraph Bay
<b>MONOCOTS</b>		
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>	<b>Allium Family</b>	
<i>Allium triquetrum</i>	Three-cornered Leek	common on lanes, hedgerows
<b>Araceae</b>	<b>Arum Family</b>	
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lord's-and-Ladies	lanes nr St Anne
<i>Arum italicum</i> subsp <i>neglectum</i>	Italian/Large Arum	lanes nr St Anne
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Garden Arum	lanes nr St Anne
<b>Asparagaceae</b>	<b>Asparagus Family</b>	
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	'Spanish' Bluebell	near airfield
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	cliff-tops and short grassland sites
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta x hispanica</i>	Hybrid Bluebell	near airfield
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	nr Fort Clonque
<i>Agave americana</i>	Century Plant	Coastal gardens
<b>Iridaceae</b>	<b>Iris Family</b>	

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<i>Agapanthus praecox</i>	African Blue Lily	leaves only
<i>Crocsmia aurea</i>	Montbretia	widespread, not in flowers
<i>Iris foetidissima</i>	Stinking Iris	nr Fort Clonque
<i>Romulae columnae</i>	Sand Crocus	
<b>Orchidaceae</b>		
<i>Anacamptis (Orchis) morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	nr "The Odeon"
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	
<b>Poaceae</b>		
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	Common Bent	widespread,
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bent	clifftop grasslands
<i>Aira caryophyllea</i>	Silver Hair-grass	clifftop grasslands
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram Grass	Beaches, dunes
<i>Anisantha sterilis</i>	Barren Brome	hedgerows
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	clifftop grasslands
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-grass	near airfield
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	near airfield
<i>Catapodium marinum</i>	Sea Fern Grass	walls near the sea
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Longis Common Pond
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow Grass	common
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow Grass	scattered sites
<i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	Squirrel-tail Fescue	nr Longis Common

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

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			20	21	22	23	24
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		✓	✓		✓
3	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		✓			
4	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		✓		✓	
6	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
8	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			2		
10	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		2	✓	✓	✓
11	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓		
12	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			✓		
13	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		✓	✓		✓
15	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		5			4
16	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>		2			
17	Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i>				✓	
18	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>		✓		✓	
19	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>		✓		✓	
20	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			✓		
21	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Rock/Feral Dove	<i>Columba livia feral</i>			✓	✓	✓

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25	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
28	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				1	
29	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		?		2	2
30	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>				✓	
31	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	Northern Raven	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓		✓	
33	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓			
34	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓		
35	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				✓	
36	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
41	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>		H			
42	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			✓		
43	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			✓	4	
44	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓			
48	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓		✓
49	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		2+	✓		
50	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		1	✓	✓	1
51	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓	✓		
52	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
54	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓	✓	✓
55	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			✓	✓	✓
56	Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		1	✓		
58	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓		✓
59	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓		✓

## Mammals (D = dead; B = black coloured)

1	Atlantic Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>		1			
2	Western Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>		D	D	✓	
3	Pipistrelle sp.	<i>Pipistrellus sp.</i>				✓	
4	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	B	1	1	✓	✓

## Butterflies (L = larvae)

1	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			✓		
2	Small White	<i>Pieris (Artogeia) rapae</i>			✓		
3	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>				✓	
4	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		1	✓	✓	✓
5	Peacock	<i>Aglais (Inachis) io</i>					
6	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓	✓	✓
7	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>			✓		✓

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8	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			✓	✓	✓
9	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓	✓
10	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓	✓	
11	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		L	✓	✓	✓

## Moths

1	Lackey Moth	<i>Malacosoma neustria</i>		✓			
2	Grass Eggar	<i>Lasiocampa trifolii</i>					L
3	Fox Moth	<i>Macrothylacia rubi</i>			L		
4	Emperor Moth	<i>Saturnia pavonia</i>		✓			
5	Cypress Carpet	<i>Thera cupressata</i>			✓		
6	Juniper Carpet	<i>Thera juniperata</i>			✓		
7	Green Carpet	<i>Colostygia pectinataria</i>			✓		
8	Grey Pine Carpet	<i>Thera obeliscata</i>			✓		
9	Silver Ground Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe montanata</i>			✓		
10	Water Carpet	<i>Lampropteryx suffumata</i>			✓		
11	Cypress Pug	<i>Eupithecia phoeniceata</i>			✓		
12	Scalloped Hazel	<i>Odontopera bidentata</i>			4		
13	Scarce Chocolate-tip	<i>Chlostera anachoreta</i>			✓		
14	Pale Oak Beauty	<i>Hypomecis punctinalis</i>			✓		
15	Pebble Prominent	<i>Notodonta ziczac</i>			✓		
16	Pale Tussock	<i>Calliteara pudibunda</i>			✓		
17	Brown-tail	<i>Euproctis similis</i>		L			L
18	Orange Footman	<i>Eilema sororcula</i>			✓		
19	Hoary Footman	<i>Eilema caniola</i>				✓	
20	Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Epicallia (Arctia) villica</i>				✓	
21	White Ermine	<i>Spilosoma lubricipeda</i>			✓		
22	Muslin Moth	<i>Diaphora mendica</i>			✓		
23	Shears	<i>Hada plebeja</i>			✓		
24	Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua fimbriata</i>			✓		
25	Dark Arches	<i>Apamea monoglypha</i>			✓		
26	Angle Shades	<i>Phlogophora meticulosa</i>				✓	
27	Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>			✓		
28	Rush Veneer	<i>Nomophila noctuella</i>			✓		
29	Light Brown Apple Moth	<i>Epiphyas postvittana</i>			✓		

## Other Invertebrates

1	St Mark's Fly	<i>Bibio marci</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Short-winged Cone-head Cricket	<i>Conocephalus dorsalis</i>				✓	



Atlantic Puffins