

Alderney – Wildlife & History

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Emperor Moth



Green-winged Orchid *Orchis morio*



Northern Gannet - Les Etacs



Dunlin - Longis beach

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Day 1

Friday 21st April

The flight arrived early so we took the opportunity to take a detour before heading to check in at the hotel. John had spotted a cracking flock of Yellow Wagtails an hour or so before the flight was due to land, so after introductions and loading up the luggage at the airport, we were off to the 'Whitegates fields' near Fort Albert to try and catch up with these wonderful birds. En route we passed profusions of Three-cornered Leek, very common on Alderney. On arrival, we soon located some of the Yellow Wagtails that had been joined by two White Wagtails, a Pied Wagtail and half a dozen very obliging Northern Wheatears. A Common Buzzard passed over putting up small flocks of Meadow Pipits and Linnets, and on our return journey to the hotel a fine male Stonechat showed well on a telephone wire at the roadside.

Before dinner we had a meeting to discuss our itinerary and get to know what kind of things group members was most interested in seeing and doing.

Day 2

Saturday 22nd April

Annabel collected everyone from the hotel and headed down to The Nunnery situated at Longis Bay. This magnificent building, the finest standing example of a Roman fort in Europe, is the location of the recently established Alderney Bird Observatory and Field Study Centre. The observatory was only established in March 2016 and is fast gaining a reputation as one of the busiest locations for bird migration in the British Isles, if not Europe. Here, the group met John with observatory assistant warden Justin Hart and island resident expert entomologist David Wedd. David carefully emptied the observatory moth trap and we tapped into his wealth of knowledge; identifying every moth and including information concerning each species status and even history of how they came by their highly variable names! Moths in the trap included the impressive Emperor Moth, beautiful yellow Brimstone Moth, Chocolate-tip and Flame Shoulder, to name but a few.

We then moved on to a bird ringing demonstration and were lucky enough to see both Chiffchaff and Whitethroat in the hand. The ringing procedure and specific identification features for each species were explained, along with details of the research carried out by the observatory.

Next, we headed just around the corner to The Old Barn for a refueling tea/coffee, and enjoyed a pair of Buzzards overhead before re-boarding the minibus. Our next stop was 'The Odeon', an impressive WW11 German occupation observation tower with commanding views of the north-east end of the island, looking down over Mannez Nature Reserve and lighthouse. After finding some Scarlet Pimpernel, Portland Spurge, Bush Vetch, Vipers Bugloss and Common Centuary, we embarked on a short walk from the Odeon. We soon located some 40 Green-winged Orchid plants. These small and delicate 'premier league' flowering plants were in full bloom on either side of the footpath that lead us gently down towards Longis Nature Reserve.

Migration literally flooded past us in the shape of a constant passage of Swallows, Sand Martins and the odd House Martin. This inspiring sight was the backdrop of the entire day with literally thousands of birds making their way through Alderney, migrating north. Before arriving at the newly constructed (Naturetrek sponsored) bird hide on Longis Nature Reserve, we saw a Green-veined White butterfly. After settling into the hide, we were

lucky enough to find a Wood Sandpiper; only the seventh record for Alderney. We also got fantastic views of a Little Grebe sitting on her nest.

After picking up lunch from the island bakery, we headed out on one of the trip highlights: a seabird boat trip with the Alderney Wildlife Trust. Commentary was supplied by the Trust's specialist seabird researcher, and good views were obtained of the Burhou Island Puffins, before moving on to the unmissable experience of the Les Etacs Gannet colony. The Trust boat was able to take us to the very edge of the colony, where thousands of Gannets were re-establishing nest sites for this breeding season.

Day 3

Sunday 23rd April

After breakfast we went to Water Lane to visit the private garden and wildlife oasis owned by entomologist David Wedd. In this dedicated and carefully managed wildlife garden, David shared with us his HQ of operations, showing us a variety of moths caught overnight. Here we saw also Goldcrest and Chiffchaff.

Next stop was the well-kept churchyard where Evening Primroses were still in bloom amidst Spanish Bluebells, some late Lesser Celandine and Lords and Ladies. At the nearby allotments we caught up with some early butterfly species: Large White, Small White and Red Admiral.

We took a break and coffee in the nearby High Street, in the rear garden of The Georgian public house, and then Annabel drove us up to Rose Farm. Here we were lucky enough to be granted access to another beautifully kept private garden in the Bonne Terre valley. We saw a Sedge Warbler at the pond edge and in the gardens Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Blackcap, Chiffchaff, House Sparrow and Song Thrush, among others.

Moving on, our lunch venue was Cambridge Battery, overlooking the island of Burhou. As we dined, a group of six Cormorants passed over us, and we located some Sea Rocket. Refreshed and with the benefit of sunshine and a warm breeze, we embarked on our afternoon walk along the south cliffs towards Fort Clonque. On our left, bracken covered slopes offered fantastic cover to resting small migrating birds, and to our right the rising tide was pushing waders up onto the rocks and beaches. Along the cliff slopes we saw Kestrel, Raven, Stonechat, Linnet and Chiffchaff, whilst on the shoreline we found our first Turnstone of the week, four Rock Pipits and a White Wagtail. At an established wader high tide roost site were about 40 Oystercatchers, and we were delighted to see four Whimbrels amongst the rocks. Star bird, however, was Bar-tailed Godwit in full summer plumage. Along the way we identified Sea Campion, Red Campion, Sea Kale and Sea Spurge.

We returned to the Braye Hotel for a well-earned cream tea on the terrace overlooking Braye Bay. After dinner, we assembled and went up the meet local Hedgehog expert Suzy Weir. Of course we were after the famous Alderney Blonde Hedgehog, and it wasn't too long before we found several Hedgehogs including a couple of blonde bombshells! To top it off, we heard a Barn Owl calling and then had brief views of one as it hunted across the golf course. The wildlife encounters were not over for two of our party however, as in the middle of the night they were woken by a bird in their bedroom. Switching on the light, they discovered that a migrating Whitethroat had come in through an open window. The couple managed to safely rescue the bird.

Day 4

Monday 24th April

An early morning pre-breakfast birdwatching session for those keen to make the most of the day proved productive, adding several bird species to the trip list including two Dunlin on Longis Beach (not a common bird in Alderney), Ringed Plover at Saye Beach, and Whimbrel, two Common Sandpipers and a Black headed Gull (unseasonal record) in Braye Bay. A Hobby flew over the airfield and a Ring Ouzel was flying over Rose Farm. This morning there was a large fall of Wheatears: we observed well over 100 during this early lap of the island.

We set off to the island bakery for some choice ‘tummy ammunition’ and visited the Alderney Wildlife shop before our next destination; the Giffoine. The path through this gorse-covered headland led to views of the Garden Rocks and Gannet colony, but a cracking diversity of migrant birds happily slowed our pace. First we spotted and had great views of a fine Male Common Redstart using the public footpath sign as a vantage point to feed from. Raven and Buzzard overhead were joined by no less than four Sparrowhawks that had come in off the sea together on migration. Whilst entertained by singing migrant Blackcaps, Chiffchaffs and Reed Warblers, amongst the gorse and open fields we found Greenfinches, Linnets, Whitethroats, Jackdaw and Stonechat. But the highlight here was a Grasshopper Warbler that, having made itself heard through its classic ‘fishing reel like’ call, was suddenly spotted in a bush at the path side for all to see: a rare sight indeed.

Surround by Thrift, we located patches of Prostrate Broom and Duke of Argyll’s tea plant. A single Wall Brown butterfly joined us briefly as we marveled at the 3,000 strong Gannet colony. On the nearby cliff face we admired the Alderney Fulmar colony (about 40 birds) and we managed to spot a Raven nest on a precarious ledge with a chick hunkered down amongst the ramshackle twigs making its precarious haven. Telescope views of both Guillemots and Razorbill were enjoyed, and Shags fished in the clear water in the sheltered bays beneath us.

Next we had a pit stop at the airport café for refreshments. Then, on a slow drive around the island, we were further treated to Annabel’s excellent knowledge of the islands heritage and history before arriving at Bibbettes for another picnic lunch. We found a wonderful spot overlooking the picturesque Saye Beach.

Next we had a gentle stroll along the coastline from Mannez Lighthouse, along to the north-east end of Longis Bay. We saw Green-veined White, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies, two Wheatears and a Whimbrel. Our path led us to the Longis reserve bird hide, from where we spotted a wide variety of birds (some 26 species) including three Yellow Wagtails, White Wagtail, three Snipe, Green Sandpiper, Whinchat and about 20 Sand Martins. The experience was particularly good for watching a large mixed flock of Sand Martins, House Martins and Swallows at close quarters, illustrating the identification features of each species. As we headed back along the path, we were escorted on both sides by around 25 Wheatears.

Day 5

Tuesday 25th April

It was our last day and we resolved to pick off the last of the best sightseeing and wildlife locations on the island. Starting off at Fort Albert, which looks down across the harbour and Braye Beach, we were lucky enough to find a Ring Ouzel that we all managed to see. Next we went down to Mannez Nature Reserve. The short path to the hide was lit by gorse in stunning bloom. Set in an old stone quarry, the pond within was flourishing Common Reed, Lesser Reedmace and Flag Iris. It was noticeably cooler this morning, the wind having taken a turn to the

north-west. A Sparrowhawk flew across the back of the reserve whilst Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps serenaded us, staking out their territories.

Our last lunch was at the popular Old Barn restaurant from where we noticed several Red Admirals migrating in off the sea. After lunch we checked Platte Saline Beach where we saw three White Wagtails, a Wheatear and a rather well-hidden Ringed Plover. Finally, with 20 minutes to spare before the flight departure check in, we stopped again at the Giffoine where a Peregrine swept past our minibus; the last addition to our bird list. It was such a clear fine day that from the headland we were able to clearly see the islands of Guernsey, Herm, Sark and Jersey from one spot.

In summary, blessed with good weather over five days, we shared some marvelous wildlife moments in really good company. Our Naturetrekers headed home promptly, indeed 45 Minutes ahead of their scheduled flight time.

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Naturetrek group stood amongst Thrift and Gorse at Giffoine observing Gannet colony and Raven Nest

Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; M = male, F = female)

	Common name	Scientific name	April				
			21	22	23	24	25
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	1		1		
3	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>				40	
5	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			1	2	
7	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		✓	✓	20	✓
8	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		1		2	
9	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1F	1M	4	1
10	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1	2	2	2	1
11	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		1		3	
12	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		1		6	
13	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		✓	50	✓	✓
14	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				1	1
15	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			4	2	
16	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	1		2		
17	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		1			
18	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				2	
19	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa Ochropus</i>				1	
20	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>			1		
21	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			1		
22	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				2	
23	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				3	
24	Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>		✓	1	3	
25	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>		✓	1	40	
26	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>				1	
27	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Rock/Feral Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			1		
31	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>					2
32	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		1	1		
34	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>			1		
35	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1	1		
36	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				1	
37	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					1
38	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>				1	
39	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Northern Raven	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			1	3	
41	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			1		
42	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		1	1	1	
43	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		1	2	5	2
44	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		1		30	
45	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	500	✓	✓	✓
46	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		1			2
47	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		1			

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			21	22	23	24	25
48	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		1	1	10	2
49	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		1	1	✓	
50	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1		4	
51	Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>				1	
52	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		1	1	3	
53	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				3	
54	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		1	1	✓	
56	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus Torquatus</i>				1	1F
57	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1	1	1		
59	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1		1	
60	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				1M	
61	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1		1	
62	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	1	2		2	2
63	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	6	1	✓	100+	1
64	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		1		✓	
65	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		1		2	
66	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	1		1	3
67	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	15			3	
68	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			1		
69	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	40	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Eurasian Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>			4		
71	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		1			
72	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		1		6	
73	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	2			20	
74	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2			2	

Mammals

1	Western Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>			4		
2	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Butterflies

1	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			2	4	
2	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		2	1	2	1
3	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		1		1	
4	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>				1	
5	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			1	2	5
6	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>				1	
7	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				1	

Moths

1	Brimstone Moth	<i>Opisthoptis luteolata</i>		1	1		
2	Angle Shades	<i>Phlogophora meticulosa</i>		1			
3	Knot Grass	<i>Aconicta rumicis</i>		1			
4	Early Grey	<i>Xylocampa areola</i>		1	2		
5	Cinnabar	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>		1			
6	Early Tooth-striped	<i>Trichopteryx carpinata</i>		1			
7	Drinker	<i>Euthrix potatoria</i>		1			
8	Grey Pine Carpet	<i>Thera obeliscata</i>		1			

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			21	22	23	24	25
9	Chocolate-tip	<i>Clostera curtula</i>		1			
10	Shuttle-shaped Dart	<i>Agrotis puta</i>		3	1		
11	Common Quaker	<i>Orthosia cerasi</i>		2	1		
12	Rusty Dot Pearl	<i>Udea ferrugalis</i>		1			
13	Flame Shoulder	<i>Ochropleura plecta</i>		2	3		
14	Emperor Moth	<i>Saturnia pavonia</i>		1	1		
15	Lychnis	<i>Hadena bicruris</i>			1		
16	Pale Prominent	<i>Pterostoma palpina</i>			1		
17	Green Carpet	<i>Colostygia pectinataria</i>			1		
18	Dark Sword-grass	<i>Agrotis ipsilon</i>			1		
19	Water Carpet	<i>Lampropteryx suffumata</i>			2		
20	Hebrew Character	<i>Orthosia gothica</i>			2		
21	Muslin	<i>Diaphora mendica</i>			2		
22	Waved Umber	<i>Menophra abruptaria</i>			1		

Other Insects

1	Cockchafer	<i>Melolontha melolontha</i>		5			
2	Burying Beetle	<i>Nicrophorus sp.</i>		1			

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
LEPTOSPORANGIATE FERNS	TRUE FERNS	
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	P
DICOTS	DICOTYLEDONS	
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family	
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Hottentot-fig	Fort Albert & P
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Sea-kale	Crabby Bay/Clonque Bay
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Platte Saline
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Observatory wild flower meadow
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	P
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Common Ivy	P
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	P
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	Giffione
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Common Ragwort	Longis Common
<i>Taraxacum agg.</i>	Dandelion group	P
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	Borage	P
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's-bugloss	Odeon
<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>	Early Forget-me-not	Fort Albert/Longis road

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Canbridge Battery
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-Purse	Mannez
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	Longis road
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum ssp. maritimum</i>	Sea Radish	P
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	Longis common
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	P
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	P
<i>Silene uniflora (vulgare ssp maritima)</i>	Sea Campion	Clonque
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	P
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather	P
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Clonque
Portland Spurge	<i>Euphorbia portlandica</i>	P
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Cytisus scoparius subsp.maritimus</i>	Prostrate Broom	Giffione
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Odeon
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	P
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	P
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	P
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	P
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	Odeon
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	P
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	P
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	P
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Wild Privet	P
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Orobanche rapum-genistae</i>	Greater Broomrape	Giffoine
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis articulata</i>	Pink-sorrel	Houme Herb
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago lanecolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Giffoine

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Plumbaginaceae <i>Armeria maritima</i>	Sea-lavender Family Thrift	Giffoine
Polygonaceae <i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Knotweed Family Common Sorrel	P
Primulaceae <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> <i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose Family Scarlet Pimpernel Primrose	Odeon Church yard
Ranunculaceae <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> <i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Buttercup Family Bulbous Buttercup Creeping Buttercup	P P
Rosaceae <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> <i>Potentilla reptans</i> <i>Prunus spinosa</i> <i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	Rose Family Hawthorn Creeping Cinqufoil Blackthorn Bramble	P Giffoine Mannez P
Rubiaceae <i>Galium aparine</i>	Bedstraw Family Cleavers	(Goose grass) P
Salicaceae <i>Populus alba</i>	Willow Family White Poplar	Longis reserve
Sapindaceae (Aceraceae) <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Maple Family Sycamore Horse-chestnut	Longis reserve Longis road
Solanaceae <i>Lycium barbarum</i>	Potato Family Duke of Argyll's Teaplant	Giffoine
Urticaceae <i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle Family Stinging Nettle	P
Valerianaceae <i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Valerian Family Red Valerian	P
Veronicaceae <i>Veronica chamaedrys</i> <i>Veronica persica</i>	Speedwell Family Germander Speedwell Common Field Speedwell	Allotments P
MONOCOTS	MONOCOTYLEDONS	
Amaryllidaceae <i>Allium triquetrum</i>	Allium Family Three-cornered Leek	P
Araceae <i>Arum maculatum</i>	Arum Family Lord's-and-Ladies	Church yard
Asparagaceae <i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Asparagus Family 'Spanish' Bluebell	P

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Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Target Wall (leaves only)
<i>Orchis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	Odeon
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Mannez
EXTRAS		
Typhaceae	Bulrush Family	
Lesser Reedmace	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Mannez
Laliaceae		
Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Water Lane
Papaveraceae		
Boreau's Fumitory	<i>Fumaria muralis</i> ssp <i>boroei</i>	Clonque
Violaceae		
Common Dog-violet	<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Clonque
Iridaceae		
Yellow Flag Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Longis reserve/Mannez



Bird ringing demonstration at the bird observatory