

# Go Slow in Alderney

Naturetrek Tour Report

7th – 14th September 2022

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Red-backed Shrike



Gannet



Peregrine Falcon



Hummingbird Hawkmoth

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## Day 1

## Wednesday 7th September

Flights arrived on time and as we prepared to depart from the airport, a Raven flew overhead. Everyone was soon settled into their hotel rooms with time to unpack and freshen up ahead of a 4.30pm meet and greet in the hotel cinema. Everyone said a few words about themselves, and our leaders set out the itinerary, events and housekeeping before dinner at the hotel at 6pm. Everyone now fed and rested looked forward to a good night's sleep ahead of our first full day. From the hotel balcony ahead of dinner some of the group did a little birdwatching, spotting a Grey Heron, three Bar-tailed Godwits, Greenshank, Rock Pipit, White Wagtails, and a Wheatear in Braye bay.

## Day 2

## Thursday 8th September

The first morning and an 8.30am start walking from the hotel onto the nearby historical Douglas Quay, a great location overlooking Braye Bay and Harbour from which John pointed out various historical buildings and features, introducing the group to the history of the island. At the same time, he stopped to point out various species including an obliging Shag which gave our guides the opportunity to point out differences between this species and the closely related Cormorant. On the quay we found Wall Rocket, Alfalfa, Ribbed Melilot and Hoary Stock, several Rock Pipits presented some more species identification advice from our guides as we considered the difference between these and the Meadow Pipits. Continuing our walk towards Braye Common various coastal specialist wild flower plants included Prickly Saltwort, Sea Rocket, Sea Spurge, Sea Bindweed and Sea Holly; within a few steps of the hotel a wealth of unusual wild flowers was a taste of things to come.

Our next stop was at the north end of Braye Bay where on the high tide some 20 Mediterranean Gulls had gathered - another species identification opportunity to look at these fine gulls against the easily confused Black-headed Gulls. A wader flock of around 60 Oystercatchers also included a Bar-tailed Godwit, three Curlews and Neil spotted a Common Sandpiper. A Sandwich Tern dropped in and settled allowing everyone to get great views of the bird through the guides' spotting-scope. We found further seaside wildflowers including Sea Beet, Sea Samphire and Sea Sandwort. Walking back to the van John spotted a swift, at the same time as Brigid called out 'Hobby.' As it happened, they were looking at the same bird and we got all too brief views of a superb Alpine Swift heading south-west across the skyline at the back of the golf course.

Next, we drove up to Fort Albert, a Victorian fort in a commanding position, and again John provided details of the local history as we looked out across to the small islets of Burhuo, Ortac and The Casquettes lighthouse beyond. Here Vipers Bugloss, Ivy-leaved Broomrape, and Autumn Squill were admired. A patch of Ivy was smothered in bees, mostly Ivy Bees but also White-tailed, Common Carder and a Buff-tailed. Our first Atlantic Grey Seal of the week was bobbing around in Saye Bay below. On to Whitegates fields and a stop at the WW11 Hammond memorial where John talked about the German occupation.

With heavy showers upon us it was time to head for a venue where the weather is irrelevant, the WW11 underground tunnels. These fascinating man-made tunnels were used by the Nazis during the occupation and are now also home to a few species of wildlife hard to encounter elsewhere. Not far into the darkness we found two moth species, Bloxworth Snout and Herald. Also present was a Cone-footed Cellar Spider. Close to this location our leaders took us to a site known for the rare Alderney Cranesbill where just one single small purple flower

remained amongst the sprawling Bramble on which Speckled Wood and Holly Blue butterflies perched. We headed back towards St. Anne to collect a baguette lunch but stopped at Kiln Farm where the Nazi camp gates of Camp Borkum still stand. We scanned the open fields where a large flock of Linnets were present along with Meadow Pipits, Stock Doves and White Wagtails.

We ate our lunch overlooking Longis Bay, everyone stopping to grab binoculars as a female Peregrine Falcon patrolled the Bay looking for its own lunch!

After lunch and with showers threatening, we opted to walk up to the German range finding tower known locally as 'The Odeon', this recently renovated structure now showing exactly how it was when occupied by the German Luftwaffe. Outside the tower Eve spotted some delicate Autumn Ladies Tresses Orchids, some 20 plants adorned one small area.



Autumn Ladies Tresses Orchid – Photo John Horton

We took a scenic route back along a path sheltered by tall Blackthorn adding Small Heath butterfly and Field Cricket before reaching the minibus. A full day in the field but enough time to get ready for a welcome dinner at the very popular Georgian House restaurant.

## Day 3

## Friday 9th September

A later start this morning, and under moody skies we headed for Longis Common from where we could opt quickly for a tour of the Nunnery 'Roman fort' should the heavens open. Fortunately, sunshine prevailed and we were soon adding new species to the trip list with Restharrow, Small Copper, Large White, Small White and four superb Clouded Yellow butterflies all present. John spotted an immature light phase Honey Buzzard which passed slowly overhead and several Stonechats popped up on nearby Bramble together with two Whinchats. The best was still to come as John suddenly called out 'Red-backed Shrike' and gave directions to the group who all got brief views before the bird flew and dropped behind some scrub. Then followed about 15 minutes searching for the shrike which was eventually rewarded with quite excellent views for everyone, the shrike hunted between patches of Bramble catching and devouring a large beetle. As we enjoyed this rare bird two Brown Argus, a Small Copper butterfly and a Common Darter were also spotted.

At the Nunnery, John delivered a tour of this Roman fortification that has been home to Roman, Norman, Napoleonic, and Victorian fortifications, of course stopping several times to point out wildlife including Pink Sorrel, Polypody and a very fresh-looking Painted Lady butterfly.

Time for lunch, which was taken in town at Jack's Brasserie and we then walked to the nearby area known as The Butes where John explained the local history of the area.

The wind had got up rather, so our itinerary changed to return to the north end of the island to explore in the shelter of one of the island quarries at Corbletts in which a Cormorant sat on the quarry bank, House Martins and a Sand Martin passed by, stopping for a drink whilst on the wing. At the quarry edge some 50 Common Blue butterflies were camped out amongst some flowering Water Mint and Fairy Flax. A Whinchat dropped into the quarry and the juvenile Honey Buzzard passed over offering much closer views than earlier in the day. Well satisfied and ready for a cup of tea and perhaps forty-winks, we returned to the hotel for an hour break before meeting for the evening checklist ahead of dinner in St. Anne back at Jack's Brasserie

## Day 4

## Saturday 10th September

We began with an early start to Essex Farm for a moth trapping session at the Alderney Bird Observatory research station. Matt expertly emptied the trap identifying each species as he went, an impressive variety including the Small Blood-vein, Pearly Underwing and Double-striped Pug! This location also hosted the much-anticipated bird ringing session. John explained to the group an overview of why birds are ringed, what data is taken and what it is used for ahead of demonstrating a bumper bird ringing session involving over 40 birds during the ensuing hour. Most of the birds ringed were Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs but we also saw two Garden Warblers and a Sedge Warbler literally at arm's length as John expertly talked through the identification features of each species.

Back to the hotel just in time for breakfast whilst our leaders returned to close down the ringing session, the group reconvened for lunch at the hotel. The afternoon promised another memorable experience as after lunch it was down to the harbour for our round island boat trip. The forecast had remained as predicted and we could not have asked for a better day with a light breeze and on flat calm seas the boat trip delivered as hoped for. Alongside interesting historical commentary from boat Skipper Dave Venn of Avantii boat tours we marvelled at the spectacle



of the Les Etacs Gannet colony; thousands of these majestic birds circled the breeding colony in blue skies returning to large fluffy chicks eager to be fed.

Another Grey Seal was spotted but the highlight for some was watching a Peregrine Falcon dive and take a Feral Pigeon in mid-air, smashing into the dove at around 200mph, then perching on the cliffs with its prize - breath-taking viewing to say the least.

There was time to change and shower before heading out again for dinner, this time good food at Bumps Bistro in St. Anne. From dinner we headed to the middle of the island to meet up with local Hedgehog guru Suzy Wier. Suzy met the group and fielded numerous questions about the spikey critters ahead of walking the group to a location known to her as 'hedgehog central' John was armed with a thermal imaging camera, and it wasn't long before we were admiring our first 'Blonde Hedgehog'. Over the next hour we managed to see six Blonde and four of the regular Brown Western Hedgehogs; some held and stroked the mammals as Suzy explained the tagging and monitoring research being undertaken by her and a small team on the island. As we returned to the hotel it was heading for midnight, after a long but truly memorable day.



Blonde Hedgehog – Photo John Horton

## Day 5

## Sunday 11th September

After a very late night a well-earned lay in bed this morning gave some of the guests the opportunity of a rest, a late breakfast, and for some even a swim in the sea at Braye Bay. Our guides arrived promptly to collect the group and dive into a busy afternoon schedule. We began by visiting a grand private residence where our guides had set a moth trap overnight in the extensive gardens and our host laid on coffee and treats! We added another 20 or so species to our growing moth list.

This afternoon's walk has become very much one of the favourites enjoyed by Naturetrek guests; starting out at Mannez lighthouse where which John explained the history of the building, we ventured onto the north-east coastal path heading east looking towards the nearby French Cotentin peninsula. This walk takes in three coastal Victorian forts and a wealth of wildlife. Our guides knew exactly where to find some of the British Isles rarest coastal wild flowers; the Alderney Sea Lavender kept close company with the Rock Sea Lavender, Sea Milkwort and nearby Golden Samphire. There were literally hundreds of Common Blue butterflies along with Small Copper, Wall Brown and five Clouded Yellow.

A large bull Grey Seal happily basked in the sheltered bay at Houme Herbe and migrating Swallows, Sand and House Martins constantly streamed by. There also were several Wheatears perched on the rocky outcrops. Great weather, fascinating history and a wonderful variety of flora and fauna was enjoyed by all, but we weren't finished for the day, as next we made for the Naturetrek hide situated on Longis nature reserve. With everyone seated several more plant species new for the group were pointed out. A Little Grebe fished amongst the shallow pools and a pale juvenile Honey Buzzard drifted low overhead giving everyone great views. Swallows regularly dropped in for a quick dip and drink and suddenly the shout went up of a Kingfisher! Sure enough one of these striking birds was perched on a post at the back of the pool for all to see; remaining in position the bird was enjoyed by the group for at least the next ten minutes. As we walked back to the minibus a pair of Ravens and a Sparrowhawk passed overhead whilst a family of six Stonechats entertained us perching on nearby gorse. Dinner was at the hotel.



Kingfisher – Photo Neil Pont



## Day 6

## Monday 12th September

The weather this morning was a light breeze, warm and sunny, and our guides in consideration of the potential forecast had set aside this morning specifically to take advantage of the conditions that favoured looking for Dartford Warbler. On site as we stepped off the minibus Matt spotted a Whinchat on top of some Gorse and whilst trying to locate it John spotted a Dartford Warbler! Both birds were observed at a distance before we set off to try to obtain better views and see what else we could discover. Along the pig farm paddocks an amazing six Whinchats sat perched on fence posts and a very late moving Common Swift passed overhead. Brigid spotted a bird of prey hunting low over the gorse covered cliffs and the approaching bird was a splendid ring-tail Hen Harrier. A Lapwing then passed overhead as we gathered to search for our target species the Dartford Warbler. We didn't have to wait long as several of these elusive birds were living up to their reputation, darting between the bushes perching briefly offering tantalising but fleeting views. We watched the birds for around twenty minutes estimating we had eight or nine individuals around us and then finally the inquisitiveness of one bird got the better of it and it perched close to the group on top of an Alder bush for about two minutes.

Our next stop was St. Anne allotments. Always good for butterflies and birds we were soon adding species to our trip list including wild flowers Comfrey, Selfheal and Hedge Woundwort. Butterflies gathered on the Buddleia including Large White, Red Admiral and a Painted Lady but the highlight here was a very obliging Hummingbird Hawkmoth.

John spotted a Pied Flycatcher in nearby trees and whilst directing the guests to its location the bird was joined by a Spotted Flycatcher and two Willow Warblers. The Pied Flycatcher dropped down into the very allotment we were gathered beside and sat in an apple tree happy to be admired.



Pied Flycatcher – Photo Neil Pont

We picked up lunch from PJ's and headed to the seating area overlooking Longis Bay where over lunch we saw four Curlews and 12 Ringed Plovers. On the car park verges we found Water Figwort and White Campion.

Our afternoon was to be spent at the south-west corner of the island and a cliff path walk starting at the gates of the SS camp where a Merlin shot past us raising alarm calls from several migrating Swallows. At Telegraph Bay Wood Sage was present at the path side and we also added Greater Broomrape and Prostrate Broome to our lists. Two Clouded Yellow and a Wall Brown butterfly presented themselves along the path. Looking down into Telegraph Bay Matt spotted a seal, there were several Linnets, a Kestrel and a Common Buzzard all spotted on the sloping cliffs. Our circular route offering magnificent views of the other Channel Islands was very much enjoyed by the group as we meandered along, stopping to enjoy the wildlife including Europe's largest fly, the impressive *Tachina grossa* and a male Common Darter dragonfly.

Back to the hotel for the daily checklist and a freshen up but we were not quite done for good wildlife sightings as we had a Hobby pass overhead outside our hotel just as we were about to board the van to go for a hearty pub-grub dinner at the Marias Hall public House in St. Anne.

## Day 7

## Tuesday 13th September

First stop was Platte Saline beach at high tide hopefully to see some waders feeding along the tideline. At our parking spot we added Yellow-horned Poppy and Sea Kale to our wild flowers for the week and then walked a short distance along the track beside the beach stooping at a vantage point to survey the bay. We were in luck! A gathering of waders were close by, amongst 63 Ringed Plovers were three Dunlins, five Sanderlings and a Turnstone.

From here we drove to the top of Essex Hill to visit the new HQ of Alderney bird observatory situated on a headland offering commanding views across to the French coast. Inside the observatory John and Matt explained and showed examples of their research work. On the approach path we found Creeping St. John's wort and a Hummingbird Hawkmoth whizzed by.

Rain set in so we returned to the hotel cinema where John gave a presentation about the work of the bird observatory illustrating a variety of projects the organisation is involved with and plenty of photos of exciting species the project has recorded since its launch in 2016.

Lunch was at the hotel, and it was then off to the west coast to walk from Fort Tourgis to Fort Clonque. We stopped off at Crabby Bay where a large flock of gulls were gathered. Looking at the differences between Mediterranean and Black-headed Gulls again using the leaders' scope, we moved on to look at the identification features of the Lesser Black-backed Gull present against the Great Black-backed. No sooner were we off the van at our afternoon walk start point than Eve spotted a Peregrine Falcon perched on the cliffs and the bird remained in position whilst the group got superb views via the leaders' scope. A vocal Raven passed overhead a couple of times and a patch of Honeysuckle entertained Ivy Bees.

Round-leaved mint and Slender Willowherb were added to the plant list. Some of the group walked across the causeway for a closer look at the Victorian Fort Clonque and our last spot of this particular stroll was by Jane who found a parasol mushroom. Our last evening meal was at our hotel. The winner of 'spot of the week' was very



much enjoyed and well received by all, the group expressed sadness that their trip was almost at an end and much thanks for a cracking week.

## Day 8

## Wednesday 14th September

Last morning, and ahead of a mid-day flight the group finished breakfast and checked out in time to go to St. Anne for a couple of hours shopping for those last-minute gifts and some exploring; some chose retail therapy and the coffee shops while others went to the museum or visited the Bayeux Tapestry on show at the local Library. After collecting our cases it was off to the airport and we said our farewells at the end of a memorable week.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced		September 2022						
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	5		15	2		12	
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>			3			2	1
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>							1
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>		2	8	1		4	
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			2		2		1
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			5			5	1
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					1		
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		40	✓	65	10	16	12
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>						12	63
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>						1	
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>		1					1
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>					H		
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		4	1			4	6
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>							1
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>							5
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>							3
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1						
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		1					
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		20	✓	✓	5	✓	30
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>		22		18	2		12
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>		1	1	2	2	6	1
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>		50	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>						2	1
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		2					2
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			1	2			
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>		1	1	62	2	6	6
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1				1	1	2
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		1	1		2	6	2
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				1			
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					1	1	1
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		1	1	3	1	2	1
Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			1	3	1	1	
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>						1	
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					1		
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		2	2	2	2	5	3
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>						1	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1	1	2		1	1
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>						12	
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		1		2	2	2	3
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			1	2	2	1	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>				4		2	2
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			1				

I=Introduced		September 2022						
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>						1	
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		1					
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			1	5	3	2	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		20	20	200	100	100	10
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>			2	8		10	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>						2	
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		1		5		1	2
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>				2			
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				16	2		
Dartford Warbler	<i>Curruca undata</i>						9	
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>				1			
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>						1	
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>						1	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		1	2	3	2	2	3
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		1					
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>				1	1	1	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			2	6	2	1	1
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					1		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>			3			6	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		1	10		10	6	7
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1		1	2	5	2	3
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			6		4	4	
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>				1	3	1	2
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	2	2	2	2	2	5	14
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			1				
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		12	6			20	
European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>		4	2	1	1	3	
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>				3	2	2	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		3	5	4			
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		40				20	

## Mammals

		September 2022						
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
European Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>				10			
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		1					
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>		2		1	1	1	



## Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	September 2022						
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>			5	3	5	6	
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			20	10	10	10	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			2		2	5	
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			1		3	1	
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrinas argiolus</i>		1					1
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		5	50	50	500	10	2
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		1	2	6	5	5	2
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>			1	1		2	
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		1	2		5	5	
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		1		1	1	6	1
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>					2	1	
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>						1	
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>			2				

## Dragonflies

Common name	Scientific name	September 2022						
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>				2	1		
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>		1		1	1	1	

## Moths

Common name	Scientific name	September 2022						
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Light Brown Apple Moth	<i>Epiphyas postvittana</i>					1		
Rush Veneer	<i>Nomophila noctuella</i>			10	16	✓	✓	
Willow Beauty	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>				4			
Turnip Moth	<i>Agrotis segetum</i>				1	1		
Shuttle-shaped Dart	<i>Agrotis puta</i>				3	1		
Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>					4		
Pearly Underwing	<i>Peridroma saucia</i>				1			
Small Square-spot	<i>Diarsia rubi</i>				2			
Square-spot Rustic	<i>Xestia xanthographa</i>				8			
Delicate	<i>Mythimna vitellina</i>				4			
L-album Wainscot	<i>Mythimna l-album</i>				3	1		
Vine's Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina ambigua</i>				2			
Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>				1			
Bloxworth Snout	<i>Hypena obsitalis</i>		3					
Herald	<i>Scoliopteryx libatrix</i>		1					
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>			1			1	2
Dark Swordgrass	<i>Agrotis ipsilon</i>			3	1			
Garden Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe fluctuata</i>			1				
Double-striped Pug	<i>Gymnoscelis rufifasciata</i>			1				
Rusty-dot Pearl	<i>Udea ferrugalis</i>			8				

Common name	Scientific name	September 2022						
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Flounced Rustic	<i>Luperina testacea</i>			1	1			
White Point	<i>Mythimna albipuncta</i>			1				
Small Blood-vein	<i>Scopula imitaria</i>			1				
Straw Belle	<i>Aspitates gilvaria</i>				2			
Common Grass Veneer	<i>Agriphila tristella</i>				1	✓		
Straw barred Pearl	<i>Pyrausta despicata</i>				1			
Diamond-back	<i>Plutella xylostella</i>				1			
Galium Carpet	<i>Epirrhoe galiata</i>				1			
Bussell's Lace	<i>Cleorodes lichenaria</i>				1			
Buff Ermine	<i>Spilarctia luteum</i>				1			
Small Engrailed	<i>Ectropis crepuscularia</i>				1			
Waved Umber	<i>Menophra abruptaria</i>				1			
Cypress Pug	<i>Eupithecia phoeniceata</i>				1			

### Other insects recorded

Common name	Scientific name
Field Grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus brunneus</i>
Small Bloody-nosed Beetle	<i>Timarcha goettingensis</i>
Dor Beetle	<i>Geotrupes stercorarius</i>
7-Spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>
Beetle 'sp'	<i>Bradycellus 'sp'</i>
Bug 'sp' (scientific name only)	<i>Phytocoris longipennis</i>
Ivy Bee	<i>Colletes hederæ</i>
White-tailed Bee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>
Common Carder Bee	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>
Large Carder Bee	<i>Bombus muscorum</i>
Buff-tailed Bee	<i>Bombus terrestris</i>
Red-tailed Bee	<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>
Common Wasp	<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>
Long Hoverfly	<i>Sphaerophoria scripta</i>
Marmalade Hoverfly	<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>
Sun Fly	<i>Helophilus pendulus</i>
Drone Fly	<i>Eristalis tenax</i>
Flesh Fly	<i>Sarcophaga carnaria</i>
Giant tachinid Fly	<i>Tachina grossa</i>
Bluebottle Fly	<i>Chrysomya megacephala</i>
Greenbottle Fly	<i>Lucilia sericata</i>
<b>SPIDERS</b>	
Wolf Spider	<i>Pardosa pullata</i>
Harvestman Spider	<i>Phalangium opilio</i>
European Garden Spider	<i>Araneus diadematus</i>
Cone-footed Cellar Spider	<i>Nesticus cellulanus</i>
<b>OTHER SPECIES</b>	
Garden Snail	<i>Helix pomatia</i>
White-lipped Snail	<i>Cepaea hortensis</i>

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Common Woodlouse	<i>Oniscus asellus</i>

## Plants

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<b>Brackens</b>	<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b>
Common Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<b>Spleenworts</b>	<b>Aspleniaceae</b>
Maidenhair Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>
Common Hart's-tongue	<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>
<b>Arum Family</b>	<b>Araceae</b>
Common Lords-and-ladies	<i>Arum maculatum</i>
<b>Iris Family</b>	<b>Iridaceae</b>
Stinking Iris	<i>Iris foetidissima</i>
<b>Asparagus Family</b>	<b>Asparagaceae</b>
Common Butcher's-broom	<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>
Autumn Squill	<i>Prospero autumnale</i>
<b>Grasses</b>	<b>Poaceae</b>
Common Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
<b>Poppy Family</b>	<b>Papaveraceae</b>
Yellow Horned-poppy	<i>Glaucium flavum</i>
<b>Buttercup Family</b>	<b>Ranunculaceae</b>
Creeping Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>
<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	<b>Crassulaceae</b>
Common Navelwort	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>
<b>Pea Family</b>	<b>Fabaceae</b>
Prostrate Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> ssp. <i>maritimus</i>
Common Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>
Common Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>
Ribbed Melilot	<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>
Black Medick	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>
White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>
Red Clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>
<b>Rose Family</b>	<b>Rosaceae</b>
Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>
Common Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Bramble	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
Creeping Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>
<b>Nettle Family</b>	<b>Urticaceae</b>
Common Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
Pellitory-of-the-wall	<i>Parietaria judaica</i>
<b>Wood-sorrels</b>	<b>Oxalidaceae</b>
Common Pink Sorrel	<i>Oxalis articulata</i>
<b>Willow Family</b>	<b>Salicaceae</b>
White Poplar	<i>Populus alba</i>
<b>Spurge Family</b>	<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>
Sea Spurge	<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>
<b>Crane's-bills</b>	<b>Geraniaceae</b>



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Dove's-foot Cran'es-bill	<i>Geranium molle</i>
Common Herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
<b>Willowherb Family</b>	<b>Onagraceae</b>
Large-flowered Evening-primrose	<i>Oenothera glazioviana</i>
<b>Soapberry Family</b>	<b>Sapindaceae</b>
Common Horse-chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>
Common Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<b>Cabbage Family</b>	<b>Brassicaceae</b>
Sea Rocket	<i>Cakile maritima</i>
Common Sea Kale	<i>Crambe maritima</i>
Sea Radish	<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> ssp. <i>landra</i>
Sweet Alison	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>
<b>Leadwort Family</b>	<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>
Common Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>
<b>Knotgrass Family</b>	<b>Polygonaceae</b>
Amphibious Bistort	<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>
<b>Campion Family</b>	<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>
Rock Sea-spurrey	<i>Spergularia rupicola</i>
White Campion	<i>Silene latifolia</i>
Red Campion	<i>Silene dioica</i>
<b>Amaranth Family</b>	<b>Amaranthaceae</b>
Sea Beet	<i>Beta vulgaris</i> ssp. <i>maritima</i>
<b>Iceplants</b>	<b>Aizoaceae</b>
Hottentot-fig	<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>
<b>Primrose Family</b>	<b>Primulaceae</b>
Scarlet Pimpernel	<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>
<b>Heath Family</b>	<b>Ericaceae</b>
Bell Heather	<i>Erica cinerea</i>
Common Heather	<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>
<b>Gentian Family</b>	<b>Gentianaceae</b>
Common Centaury	<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>
<b>Borage Family</b>	<b>Boraginaceae</b>
Common Viper's-bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
<b>Bindweed Family</b>	<b>Convolvulaceae</b>
Hedge Bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>
Sea Bindweed	<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>
<b>Nightshade Family</b>	<b>Solanaceae</b>
Bittersweet	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>
Duke of Argyll's Teaplat	<i>Lycium barbarum</i>
<b>Olive Family</b>	<b>Oleaceae</b>
European Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>
European Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<b>Plantain Family</b>	<b>Plantaginaceae</b>
Common Ivy-leaved Toadflax	<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>
Buck's-horn Plantain	<i>Plantago coronopus</i>
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
Common Field Speedwell	<i>Veronica persica</i>
<b>Dead-nettle Family</b>	<b>Lamiaceae</b>
Common Selfheal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>

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Wild Thyme	<i>Thymus praecox</i>
Water Mint	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>
Round-leaved Mint	<i>Mentha suaveolens</i>
Wood Sage	<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>
Hedge Woundwort	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>
<b>Broomrape Family</b>	<b>Orobanchaceae</b>
Greater Broomrape	<i>Orobanche rapum-genistae</i>
<b>Bellflower Family</b>	<b>Campanulaceae</b>
Common Sheep's-bit	<i>Jasione montana</i>
<b>Daisy Family</b>	<b>Asteraceae</b>
Common Carline Thistle	<i>Carlina vulgaris</i>
Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Smooth Sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum agg.</i>
Common Cat's-ear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>
Common Mouse-ear Hawkweed	<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>
Common Ragwort	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>
Canadian Fleabane	<i>Erigeron canadensis</i>
European Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>
Scentless Mayweed	<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>
<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>	<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>
Common Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>
Red Valerian	<i>Valeriana rubra</i>
<b>Aralia Family</b>	<b>Araliaceae</b>
Common Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>
<b>Umbellifers</b>	<b>Apiaceae</b>
Sea-holly	<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>
Common Carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>
Rock Samphire	<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>
Common Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>
Common Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>
<b>Additional species</b>	
Great Willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
Tree Mallow	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>
Ivy Broomrape	<i>Orobanche hederæ</i>
Slender Thistle	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
Sea Sandwort	<i>Honckenya peploides</i>
Prickly Saltwort	<i>Kali turgidum</i>
Autumn ladies tresses Orchid	<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>
Marram Grass	<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>
Alfalfa	<i>Medicago sativa</i>
Bristly Oxe-tongue	<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>
Lady's Bedstraw	<i>Galium verum</i>
Buddleja	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
Alderney Cranesbill	<i>Geranium herreræ</i>
Doc-leaf	<i>Rumex patientia</i>
Male Fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>
Wall Rocket	<i>Diploxys muralis</i>
Hoary Stock	<i>Matthiola incana</i>

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Fairy Flax	<i>Linum catharticum</i>
Polypody	<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>
Common Fleabane	<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>
Hawkweed Ox-tongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
Travellers Joy	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
Restharrow	<i>Ononis repens</i>
White Stonecrop	<i>Sedum album</i>
Dog Rose	<i>Rosa canina</i>
Rose-bay Willowherb	<i>Chamaenerion angustifolium</i>
Portland Spurge	<i>Euphorbia portlandica</i>
Alderney Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium normannicum</i>
Rock Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium binervosum</i>
Sea Milkwort	<i>Lysimachia maritima</i>
Golden Samphire	<i>Limbarda crithmoides</i>
Water Figwort	<i>Scrophularia auriculata</i>
Curled Doc	<i>Rumex crispus</i>
Greater Birds-foot Trefoil	<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>
Creeping St.John's Wort	<i>Hypericum anagalloides</i>
Silver Ragwort	<i>Jacobaea maritima</i>
Slender Willowherb	<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>
Redshank	<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>
<b>Mushrooms</b>	
Parasol Mushroom	<i>Macrolepiota procera</i>
Fairy-ring mushroom	<i>Marasmius oreades</i>