

Go Slow in Alderney

Naturetrek Tour Report

13th – 20th May 2025



Green Hairstreak



Telegraph Headland



Striped Shieldbug



Green Carpet

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Day 1

Tuesday 13th May

The group arrived in the late afternoon, having made good time on the short flight from Southampton. Collected from the airport by Michelle's Taxis, the group checked into the hotel and met for refreshments and introductions on the terrace. Although it was breezy, it was pleasant and sunny. We observed Oystercatcher on the beach from the hotel, then Rock Pipit and White Wagtail on the Douglas Quay, discussing the differences between the Pied and White Wagtail.

The activities scheduled for the tour were outlined and the group were advised of the limitations a windy forecast might impose. Our evening meal was at the hotel.

Day 2

Wednesday 14th May

The day started with a walk into St Anne to collect sandwiches from PJ's café, and then we headed out to the east coast to pick up the footpath on Kiln Farm. The farm is home to the cows that produce the rich golden butter, milk and yoghurt enjoyed at the hotel.

From the east cliffs we could see the French coast and the other Channel Islands. As the landmarks and history in the area were highlighted, one of the group noticed a raptor flying north along the coast; everyone stopped to view the bird and it was soon apparent that it was a Honey Buzzard. Everyone had great views, and the key identification features were noted as the bird continued north and out to sea, heading towards France.

Many plant species were added to our list as we continued along the path, with Swallows swooping and feeding beside us. As we neared the farmhouse, the House Martins that nest there started alarm calling, and when we looked up and scanned the sky there was a pair of Peregrine high up, circling and heading inland. While we were watching them, a Cuckoo could be heard calling from the Hawthorn scrub behind the farmhouse.

Continuing along the coast path we came to Telegraph House on the top of Essex Hill, now used as the base for the Alderney Bird Observatory, where we stopped for sandwiches. Common Milkwort and Trailing St John's Wort were seen on the path outside the building, and a brief history of the Bird Observatory was discussed during lunch.

From the top of Essex Hill, overlooking Longis Baye from Essex Castle, we had an overview of the historic military defences in the bay. At the bottom of the hill, we entered a wartime German tunnel; we observed Bloxworth Snout and Herald moths as we made our way inside.

The last stop of the day was at The Nunnery, the Roman signalling fort overlooking Longis Baye, where the group explored the buildings and German bunkers, studying information boards providing the timeline of events and historic pictures. The group gathered in the hotel cinema for a round-up of the day and checklists. The evening meal was at the hotel.

Day 3

Thursday 15th May

We made an early start to inspect the moth trap, which this morning was inundated with over forty Cockchafer beetles! A few of the moth highlights among the beetles included the delicate-looking Least Black Arches, and the intricately marked Spectacle. Migratory moths were Dark Sword-grass and White-point. A Cuckoo was heard calling frequently as we checked the moths.

After breakfast, the group visited the Alderney Museum which, while small, is packed with information and interesting items, from artefacts found at an Iron Age pottery site to items from the German occupation.

We stopped for lunch in town at Jack's Brasserie. A check of the weather forecast showed an improvement in the wind, and thus opportunity to head to one of the Bird Observatory's ringing sites for the afternoon. We headed to the Essex ringing hut which overlooks Longis Bay, via Barrackmaster Lane. This is a partially-wooded lane running through a valley, with grassland on one side and mature trees and gardens on the other. As we passed a stand of conifers with the sun on them, the high-pitched 'seep' of a Firecrest call could be heard. We patiently waited, but unfortunately they did not come into view. There were a probably Firecrest heard during the remainder of the walk, but frustratingly none came into view.

When we arrived at the Essex ringing hut, the group was given a presentation on bird ringing, and had the opportunity to handle the rings and inspect the equipment used. A Reed Warbler was caught during the short ringing session, so the full process of ringing could be seen.

Following the day's log, the evening meal was at Quarterdeck, a restaurant overlooking the old inner harbour.

Day 4

Friday 16th May

Traditionally on Alderney, homecoming is celebrated on December 15th, rather than the Liberation Day during May. This was a historic day on Alderney, as for the first time in eighty years liberation was being marked with commemorations of the signing of the peace treaty. Alderney was the last of the Channel Islands to be liberated from German occupation, eight days after VE day and one week after Jersey and Guernsey. A series of events took place to mark the 80th anniversary, including a service and parade in Braye Harbour, outside the RNLI station, which we attended.

Our boat trip was planned to follow lunch, but due to the wind and the tide, this was pushed back by an hour, giving the group time to discover the history of the Douglas Quay outside the hotel, and to survey the plants growing along it.

Setting off from the harbour at 3.00pm, we went south to the islet of Burhou to see the Puffins rafting there, then on to Les Etacs to visit the Gannet colony. The weather allowed for this to be a round island trip, taking in the landmarks and fortifications from the sea.

After the day's log was completed, we went to Saye Beach campsite for our evening meal. It was a lovely sunny evening, although a little cool. A small flock of Whimbrel was in Saye Bay. This was all a prelude to another Alderney highlight: as the light fell away the search for the blonde Hedgehogs commenced! Local hedgehog expert

Suzy Weir joined the group, and we were successful in our mission, with both brown and blonde Hedgehogs found.

Day 5

Saturday 17th May

After breakfast we set off across Braye Common, a meadow with plenty of flowers, including Purple Broomrape and Pale Flax. Ringed Plover and Oystercatcher were on the shoreline, and on the dune scrub a family party of Stonechat was vocal. We joined the path for Longis nature reserve by the bus shelter at Whitegates, and made our way to the Naturetrek-sponsored bird hide. As we approached the hide, a distinctive bird call could be heard in the distance. Once inside the hide, as we tried to relocate a Little Grebe that had shown briefly, the distant call came closer. Everyone made their way out of the hide to see a Zitting Cisticola perched on the reeds. After a couple of minutes it took flight, calling and giving great views while it displayed.

After spending a little more time in the hide, the group continued to where the moth trap had been set the previous evening, and then stored in the shade prior to our arrival. Highlights from this trap were Cream-spot Tiger, Scalloped Hazel and Chocolate Tip. We made use of the facilities available here and stopped for our picnic lunch that we had collected from the shop earlier.

The afternoon walk took us around the north-east coast, the Victorian-era forts standing prominent around this stretch of the coastline. As we approached Houmet Herbe, where we were lucky to find some Alderney Sea-lavender in flower, alongside Rock Sea-lavender. To finish the afternoon we got the train, which only runs only on Saturdays and is the only train in the Channel Islands, from Mannez Quarry back to Braye.

After completing the daily log our evening meal was at The Moorings, a short walk from the hotel.

Day 6

Sunday 18th May

The day started with a clear, sunny sky and light winds. Our drop-off point was at the Alderney pig farm; we were not making a special visit there, but the piglets could not be ignored! We followed the track out to the Giffoine headland, which overlooks the Gannet colony on Les Etacs. The area was carpeted in pink and yellow from Thrift, Bird's-foot Trefoil and Prostrate Broom, with Common Blue, Painted Lady and Wall Brown butterflies nectaring. Tucked on the ledges of the cliff below us were nesting Fulmar, pairs sharing ledges and individuals soaring effortlessly around the cliff face before coming in to land.

From here we joined the footpath towards the Zigzag. The group stopped on the trail, listening, on high alert for a distinctive call, waiting to see a flicker of movement. As we were immersed in this environment, we could hear Whitethroat and Wren singing and the distant calls of the Gannets on the breeze, and could smell the scent of Gorse. It was very peaceful, but we were looking for something special. As we continued along the path there was an alarm/contact call, followed by a small bird flying out of the vegetation and perching high on a stem of Gorse. It was set back from the path and a second bird was following it around. We had found a male Dartford Warbler, and he was feeding a recently-fledged juvenile. They were far enough back from the path to be unbothered by our presence, and we were able to observe them for quite a while, undisturbed, until they moved out of view.

There was another jewel to be found in this Gorse habitat: the Green Hairstreak butterfly. Once we found one, we found plenty, observing at least fifteen as we continued our walk down the Zigzag path to Fort Clonque. We encountered fresh, recently-emerged Glanville Fritillaries resting on the path, and there was Ragged Robin as we walked through to Fort Torgis. Here we saw Small-flowered Catchfly and Hare-tailed Grass on the bank by the sea.

Along Platte Saline beach the botany included a few sand and shingle specialists, such as Sea-holly, Sea Kale, Sea Spurge and Yellow-horned Poppy. After completing the day's log, we enjoyed our evening meal in the hotel.



Greater Broomrape



Purple Broomrape

Day 7

Monday 19th May

There were eight Sanderling on the beach while we were having breakfast. They were following the waves back and forth as they fed on the waterline. We took a fresh and breezy morning walk, starting on the Telegraph Bay headland. This area is where the last pairs of Skylark in the Channel Islands nest. Although things were initially quiet, we saw a couple of birds flying low and perching, before they took to the sky to perform their song. As we arrived where the now-disused path to the bay starts, we saw Greater Broomrape. This headland was also a sea of pink from Thrift, and yellow from Prostrate Broom and Bird's-foot Trefoil. It also offered another angle to view the Gannet colony on Les Etac and Ortac, as a family party of Ravens passed overhead.

After following the path around the headland, we arrived at the gates of the Second World War concentration camp, SS Lager Sylt. This was a sombre time to pay our respects to the individuals taken there during the German

occupation. Our walk continued and there was a sheltered spot on the Standing Stone Walk, perfect for our picnic on this breezy day.

We arrived in the town of St Anne in the afternoon, an opportunity for refreshments at Jack's Brasserie and to check the shops for gifts and Alderney knit jumpers. Following the daily log, the evening meal was in the hotel, and we had a chance to reflect on our week on Alderney.

Day 8

Tuesday 20th May

It was a glorious sunny morning, but we had an early departure to the airport. We had just enough time for breakfast and to enjoy views of Dunlin and Oystercatcher on the beach before the taxis arrived.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		1	1		2			
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>							1	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		2	2	1	1	1		
Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia 'domestica'</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>					2			
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		2	3				2	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					1	1		
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				2				
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				1				
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		1			2	7		
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>				5	2	✓		
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>					1	✓		
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>						8		
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								3
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>		2		6	4	✓	2	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>				84				
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>				6			26	
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>				2				
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>				6		27	2	
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					1			
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>		✓	✓	134	15	✓	✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			1					
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			1					
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		2						
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		2	1			1	2	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		2		1	1			
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓					6	
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		1					4	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			2					
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			8				2	
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>							2	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					2			
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	10	30	✓	✓	
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		12				2	8	
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		6	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			1		2			
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>					2			
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓		2	✓	✓	

I=Introduced		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		4			6	✓	8	
Dartford Warbler	<i>Curruca undata</i>						6		
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		2	6					
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓						
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		2			1	1		
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	6		✓	1		
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		2	4		2	1		
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		4			4	✓	✓	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>					2			
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	2	2	2		3	4	2	2
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓			6	✓	6	
European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	6		8	2		
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		2	1			3		
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		4	2		2	4	4	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		2	4		2	2		

Mammals

		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>				10				
Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>				3				

Molluscs

		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
White-lipped Snail	<i>Cepaea hortensis</i>		✓			✓		✓	
Brown-lipped Snail	<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>					✓			
Garden Snail	<i>Helix pomatia</i>		✓			✓	✓		

Butterflies

		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>						1		
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		1	2	1	2	5	2	
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		2				1		
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>						15		
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>						1		
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		1						
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		20	10	10	30	40	15	
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		2	1	1		6	1	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		20	5	5	3	2	4	
Peacock Butterfly	<i>Aglais io</i>						C		
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>					C	4	6	

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025							
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		2			1	2	2	
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		1	4		6	2		
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		40	10	10	25	50	30	

Moths

L = larva		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Cocksfoot Moth	<i>Glyphipterix simpliciella</i>							10	
Light Brown Apple Moth	<i>Epiphyas postvittana</i>		1	1					
Plum Tortrix	<i>Hedya pruniana</i>			1		1			
Grey Gorse Piercer	<i>Cydia ulicetana</i>						✓	✓	
Narrow-winged Grey	<i>Eudonia angustea</i>			1					
Chinese Character	<i>Cilix glaucata</i>			1					
The Lackey	<i>Malacosoma neustria</i>		L				L		
The Drinker	<i>Euthrix potatoria</i>		L	L	L	L	L	L	
Green Carpet	<i>Colostygia pectinataria</i>					1			
Double-striped Pug	<i>Gymnoscelis rufifasciata</i>					1			
The Seraphim	<i>Lobophora halterata</i>					1			
Brown Silver-line	<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>		1						
Brimstone Moth	<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i>			2					
Early Thorn	<i>Selenia dentaria</i>					1			
Scalloped Hazel	<i>Odontopera bidentata</i>					1			
Peppered Moth	<i>Biston betularia</i>			2					
Willow Beauty	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>			2		2			
Clouded Silver	<i>Lomographa temerata</i>			1		1			
Pebble Prominent	<i>Notodonta ziczac</i>					1			
Swallow Prominent	<i>Pheosia tremula</i>					1			
Chocolate-tip	<i>Clostera curtula</i>					1			
The Herald	<i>Scoliopteryx libatrix</i>		1						
Bloxworth Snout	<i>Hypena obsitalis</i>		1						
Brown-tail	<i>Euproctis chrysorrhoea</i>							L	
Pale Tussock	<i>Calliteara pudibunda</i>			6					
Buff Ermine	<i>Spilosoma lutea</i>			1		5			
White Ermine	<i>Spilosoma lubricipeda</i>			3		1			
Muslin Moth	<i>Diaphora mendica</i>			3					
Ruby Tiger	<i>Phragmatobia fuliginosa</i>					2			
Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Arctia villica</i>					3			
The Cinnabar	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>					1			
Orange Footman	<i>Eilema sororcula</i>			3					
Pinion-streaked Snout	<i>Schrankia costaestrigalis</i>					1			
The Spectacle	<i>Abrostola tripartita</i>			1		1			
Knot Grass	<i>Acronicta rumicis</i>					3			
The Coronet	<i>Craniophora ligustri</i>					1			
Vine's Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina ambigua</i>					3			
Marbled Minor	<i>Oligia strigilis</i>			2		7			
Bright-line Brown-eye	<i>Lacanobia oleracea</i>			1					
The Lychnis	<i>Hadena bicruris</i>					1			
Tawny Shears	<i>Hadena perplexa</i>					2			
White-point	<i>Mythimna albipuncta</i>			1					
L-album Wainscot	<i>Mythimna l-album</i>			1		1			

L = larva		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Heart and Dart	<i>Agrotis exclamationis</i>			1		1			
Shuttle-shaped Dart	<i>Agrotis puta</i>			2		2			
Dark Sword-grass	<i>Agrotis ipsilon</i>			3					
Flame Shoulder	<i>Ochropleura plecta</i>			2		1			
Radford's Flame Shoulder	<i>Ochropleura leucogaster</i>					1			
Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>					1			
Square-spot Rustic	<i>Xestia xanthographa</i>					1			
Least Black Arches	<i>Nola confusalis</i>			1					

Other invertebrates

		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
St Mark's Fly	<i>Bibio marci</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Green Bush-cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>		✓				✓		
Field Grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus brunneus</i>						✓	✓	
Dronefly	<i>Eristalis tenax</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Marmalade Hoverfly	<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Green Shieldbug	<i>Palomena prasina</i>							1	
Dock Shieldbug	<i>Coreus marginatus</i>			1					
Striped Shieldbug	<i>Graphosoma italicum</i>		30	10					
Bishop's Mitre	<i>Aelia acuminata</i>							1	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>		✓			1	✓		
White-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>					1			
Moss Carder Bee	<i>Bombus muscorum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hairy-footed Flower Bee	<i>Anthophora plumipes</i>					5			
Gold-fringed Mason Bee	<i>Osmia aurulenta</i>				3		4		
Yellow-legged Nomad Bee	<i>Nomada succincta</i>		4						
Gooden's Nomad Bee	<i>Nomada goodeniana</i>					2			
Common Cockchafer	<i>Melolontha melolontha</i>			40					
Thick-legged Flower Beetle	<i>Oedemera nobilis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Striped Flower Beetle	<i>Cryptocephalus vittatus</i>					1			
Seven-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>							1	
a seed bug	<i>Horvathiolus superbus</i>							8	
a fly	<i>Ectophasia crassipennis</i>					1			
a fly	<i>Zophomyia temula</i>		1						
a weevil	<i>Oxystoma pomonae</i>		1						
a weevil	<i>Liophloeus tessulatus</i>			1					
an orb-web spider	<i>Metellina merianae</i>		2						

Plants

Common name	Scientific name
Brackens	Dennstaedtiaceae
Common Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
Spleenworts	Aspleniaceae
Maidenhair Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>
Wall-rue	<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>
Common Hart's-tongue	<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>
Buckler Ferns	Dryopteridaceae
Common Male Fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Polypodies	Polypodiaceae
Common Polypody	<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>
Arum Family	Araceae
Common Lords-and-ladies	<i>Arum maculatum</i>
Orchids	Orchidaceae
Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys apifera</i>
Iris Family	Iridaceae
Stinking Iris	<i>Iris foetidissima</i>
Eastern Wild Gladiolli	<i>Gladiolus communis</i>
Yellow Flag	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
Asparagus Family	Asparagaceae
Common Butcher's-broom	<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>
Common Bluebell	<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>
Grasses	Poaceae
European Marram	<i>Calamagrostis arenaria</i>
Sea-fern Grass	<i>Catapodium maritimum</i>
Wall Barley	<i>Hordeum murinum</i>
Soft Brome	<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>
Common Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
Sand Soft-brome	<i>Bromus hordeaceus subsp. thominei</i>
Long-bracted Sedge	<i>Carex extensa</i>
Sand Sedge	<i>Carex arenaria</i>
Quaking Grass	<i>Briza media</i>
Hare's-tail Grass	<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>
Poppy Family	Papaveraceae
Common Poppy	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>
Yellow Horned-poppy	<i>Glaucium flavum</i>
Common Ramping-fumitory	<i>Fumaria muralis</i>
Ramping Fumitory	<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>
Buttercup Family	Ranunculaceae
Traveller's-joy	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
Bulbous Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>
Meadow Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>
Stonecrop Family	Crassulaceae
Common Navelwort	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>
White Stonecrop	<i>Sedum album</i>
English Stonecrop	<i>Sedum anglicum</i>
Pea Family	Fabaceae
Prostrate Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius subsp. maritimus</i>
Western Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Common Gorse	<i>Ulex gallii</i>
Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>
Greater Bird's-foot-trefoil	<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>
Hairy Bird's-foot Trefoil	<i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>
Common Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>
Common Restharrow	<i>Ononis repens</i>
Ribbed Melilot	<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>
Spotted Medick	<i>Medicago arabica</i>
Common Lucerne	<i>Medicago sativa</i>
White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>
Red Clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>
Hop Trefoil	<i>Trifolium campestre</i>

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Kidney Vetch	<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>
Milkwords	Polygalaceae
Common Milkwort	<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>
Rose Family	Rosaceae
Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>
Common Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Bramble	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
Common Tormential	<i>Potentilla erecta</i>
Creeping Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>
Wood Avens	<i>Geum urbanum</i>
Dog Rose	<i>Rosa canina</i> agg.
Nettle Family	Urticaceae
Common Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
Pellitory-of-the-wall	<i>Parietaria judaica</i>
Mind-your-own-business	<i>Soleirolia soleirolii</i>
Beech Family	Fagaceae
Sweet Chestnut	<i>Castanea sativa</i>
Wood-sorrel Family	Oxalidaceae
Common Pink Sorrel	<i>Oxalis articulata</i>
Willow Family	Salicaceae
White Poplar	<i>Populus alba</i>
Goat Willow	<i>Salix caprea</i>
Spurge Family	Euphorbiaceae
Portland Spurge	<i>Euphorbia portlandica</i>
Sea Spurge	<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>
Flax Family	Linaceae
Pale Flax	<i>Linum bienne</i>
Crane's-bill Family	Geraniaceae
Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	<i>Geranium molle</i>
Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>
Common Stork's-bill	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>
Hedgerow Crane's-bill	<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>
Ragged Robin	<i>Silene flos-cuculi</i>
Soapberry Family	Sapindaceae
Common Horse-chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>
Common Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
Mallow Family	Malvaceae
Tree Mallow	<i>Malva arborea</i>
Cabbage Family	Brassicaceae
Hoary Stock	<i>Matthiola incana</i>
Sweet Alison	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>
Sea Rocket	<i>Cakile maritima</i>
Annual Wall Rocket	<i>Diplotaxis muralis</i>
Common Sea Kale	<i>Crambe maritima</i>
Sea Radish	<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>landra</i>
Danish Scurvygrass	<i>Cochlearia danica</i>
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Field Mustard	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>
Leadwort Family	Plumbaginaceae
Rock Sea-lavender	<i>Limonium binervosum</i>
Alderney Sea-lavender	<i>Limonium normannicum</i>
Common Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>

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Knotweed Family	Polygonaceae
Redshank	<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>
Amphibious Bistort	<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>
Common Dock	<i>Rumex patientia</i>
Sheep Sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosella</i>
Campion Family	Caryophyllaceae
Rock Sea-spurrey	<i>Spergularia rupicola</i>
Sea Sandwort	<i>Honckenya peploides</i>
Sea Campion	<i>Silene uniflora</i>
White Campion	<i>Silene latifolia</i>
Red Campion	<i>Silene dioica</i>
Bladder Campion	<i>Silene vulgaris</i>
Small-flowered Catchfly	<i>Silene gallica</i>
Asparagus Family	Asparagales
Sand Crocus	<i>Romulea columnae</i>
Amaranth Family	Amaranthaceae
Sea Beet	<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>
Saltwort	<i>Salsola kali</i>
Figleaf Goosefoot	<i>Chenopodium ficifolium</i>
Iceplants	Aizoaceae
Hottentot-fig	<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>
Primrose Family	Primulaceae
Sea Milkwort	<i>Lysimachia maritima</i>
Scarlet Pimpernel	<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>
Primrose	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>
Heath Family	Ericaceae
Bell Heather	<i>Erica cinerea</i>
Common Heather	<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>
Bedstraw Family	Rubiaceae
Hedge Bedstraw	<i>Galium mollugo</i>
Common Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>
Borage Family	Boraginaceae
Common Viper's-bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Bugloss	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>
Common Comfrey	<i>Symphytum officinale</i>
Bindweed Family	Convolvulaceae
Sea Bindweed	<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>
Hedge Bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>
Common Dodder	<i>Cuscuta europaea</i>
Nightshade Family	Solanaceae
Bittersweet	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>
Duke of Argyll's Teaplat	<i>Lycium barbarum</i>
Olive Family	Oleaceae
European Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>
European Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
Plantain Family	Plantaginaceae
Common Ivy-leaved Toadflax	<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>
Buck's-horn Plantain	<i>Plantago coronopus</i>
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
Germander Speedwell	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>
Common Field Speedwell	<i>Veronica persica</i>

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Figwort Family	Scrophulariaceae
Common Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
Water Figwort	<i>Scrophularia auriculata</i>
Dead-nettle Family	Lamiaceae
Wild Thyme	<i>Thymus praecox</i>
Round-leaved Mint	<i>Mentha suaveolens</i>
Wood Sage	<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>
Wild Clary	<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>
Hedge Woundwort	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>
Broomrape Family	Orobanchaceae
Ivy Broomrape	<i>Orobanche hederæ</i>
Greater Broomrape	<i>Orobanche rapum-genistae</i>
Purple Broomrape	<i>Orobanche purpurea</i>
Yellow Rattle	<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>
Eyebright sp.	<i>Euphrasia</i> agg.
Bellflower Family	Campanulaceae
Common Sheep's-bit	<i>Jasione montana</i>
Daisy Family	Asteraceae
Common Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>
Mexican Fleabane	<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>
Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Greater Burdock	<i>Arctium lappa</i>
Prickly Sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus asper</i>
Smooth Sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.
Bristly Oxtongue	<i>Helminthotheca echinoides</i>
Common Cat's-ear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>
Common Mouse-ear Hawkweed	<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>
Common Groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>
Common Ragwort	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>
European Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>
Ox-eye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>
Golden-samphire	<i>Limbarda crithmoides</i>
Honeysuckle Family	Caprifoliaceae
Common Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>
Red Valerian	<i>Valeriana rubra</i>
Aralia Family	Araliaceae
Common Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>
Umbellifers	Apiaceae
Sea-holly	<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>
Common Carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>
Rock Samphire	<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>
Common Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>
Cow Parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
Common Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>
Alexanders	<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>
Allium Family	Amaryllidaceae
Three-cornered Leek	<i>Allium triquetrum</i>
Horse-tail Family	Equisetaceae
Horse-tail	<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>
St John's Wort Family	Hypericaceae
Trailing St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum humifusum</i>

Tamarisk Family	<i>Tamaricaceae</i>
Tamarisk	<i>Tamarix gallica</i>