

The Burren

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Spring Gentian-*Gentiana verna*



Mullach Mor



2010 Naturetrek Group



Western Marsh Orchid-*Dactylorhiza occidentalis*

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Day 1

Tuesday 25th May

Sunny, warm

Mark and six other members of the group arrived on two separate morning flights from the UK at Shannon Airport, before meeting-up with three others who had previously arrived in Ireland. Not long after, the coach arrived with Gerald our locally based driver for the next four days and we were quickly on our way directly to the hotel at Lisdoonvarna via the towns of Ennis and Ennistimon. After being welcomed by Martina Sheedy and allocated our comfortable rooms, we then wandered into the small town to sample a typical Irish lunch.

Back at the hotel, we were then united with the remainder of the group and left for the limestone hill of Cappanawalla, our destination for the remainder of the afternoon, stopping en route at Corkscrew Hill to admire the view over Ballyvaughan harbour, with Galway Bay stretching away behind. Here we had our first sight of the unique flora of the area with Mountain Everlasting *Antennaria dioica*, Burnet Rose *Rosa pimpinellifolia*, Bloody Crane's-bill *Geranium sanguineum*, many Early Purple Orchids *Orchis mascula* and our first few Spring Gentians *Gentiana verna*. Butterflies were surprisingly numerous here with a strong colony of Pearl-bordered Fritillary along with Speckled Wood, Wood White, Green-veined White, Holly Blue, Brimstone and Dingy Skipper, while three Ravens patrolled overhead.

Day 2

Wednesday 26th May

Sunny, warm

We awoke to a bright sunny morning and drove the short distance to Poll Salach on the coast to marvel at our first example of limestone pavement which here extends right down into the sea.

In the grikes (scailps in Irish) were many plants that benefit from the micro climate created by the shelter of the stone, including Golden Rod *Solidago virgaurea*, Sanicle *Sanicula europaea* and Spindle *Euonymus europaeus*, with nearer the cliff edge salt-loving plants such as Common Scurvy-grass *Cochlearia officinalis*, Sea Milkwort *Glaux maritima* and the rare endemic Rock Sea Lavender *Limonium recurvum ssp pseudotranswallianum*.

Our next stop was Black Head, where we botanised along a stretch of road marvelling at the sheer number of Spring Gentians and Mountain Avens *Dryas octopetala*, arctic-alpine plants growing at sea level, amazingly growing alongside the Mediterranean Maidenhair Fern *Adiantum capillus-veneris*! A group of Black Guillemots was also a good sighting on the sea here. Just a little further along this road we pulled in alongside the Pinnacle Well, colourfully adorned with the non-native Fairy Foxglove *Erinus alpinus*, before descending down a track to the Rine, a low spit of sand jutting into the sea. Good plants found here were Field Mouse-ear *Cerastium arvense*, Glasswort *Salicornia europaea* and Sea Radish *Raphanus raphanistrum ssp maritimus*.

After enjoying a very nice lunch in the Monk's Fish Bar at Ballyvaughan, we returned again past Black Head to Fanore, where the grave of local poet, writer and environmental campaigner John O'Donohue was respected, before turning up into the hills via the aptly named Khyber Pass. Stopping next to the almost dry (there had been a drought for the last few weeks) Caher River we noted Water Avens *Geum rivale*, and on wet rocks Common Butterwort *Pinguicula vulgaris*.

Our last walk of the day was along one of the ancient stone paved green roads from the ruined Formoyle Chapel, which in past times were extensively used by the cattle drovers. Hoary Rock-rose *Helianthemum canum*, Pale Lady's Mantle *Alchemilla xanthochlora*, the hybrid *Primula polyantha* (Primrose x Cowslip) and the diminutive Dense-flowered Orchid *Neotinea maculata*, another plant which is usually more at home in the Mediterranean, were welcome additions here, while a good colony of Small Blue Butterflies was also a good find.

Day 3

Thursday 27th May

Cloudy, cool, windy with heavy showers

After another fulfilling breakfast, we left the hotel to head eastwards to Kilfenora, for a visit to the small cathedral and the adjacent Burren Centre. Unfortunately the former was inexplicably closed, so after purchasing maps, books and post cards we moved on to park near the great mound of limestone called Mullach Mor, which is circled by turloughs - lakes that fill in the winter, but often almost disappear during the summer months.

Here walking alongside Loch Gealáin we were able to enjoy the rich flora including various orchids, Common & Heath Spotted *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* & *D. maculata* along with the all white O'Kelly's subspecies of the former, Narrow-leaved Marsh *D. traunsteineri*, Leopard Marsh *D. cruenta*, Lesser Butterfly *Platanthera bifolia*, Fly *Ophrys insectifera* and more Dense-flowered, all growing within a few metres of each other. Other notable plants were the attractive yellow Shrubby Cinquefoil *Potentilla fruticosa*, Great Fen Sedge *Cladium mariscus*, Northern Bedstraw *Gallium boreale* and the very rare Fen or Turlough Violet *Viola persicifolia*, not to be confused with the very similar Heath Violet *V. canina*. Avian interest was added by both a pair of Little Grebe and Common sandpiper on the lake.

We enjoyed a late lunch at Cassidy's in Carron and then made a detour to see the best preserved local example of a prehistoric Dolmen or burial chamber at Poul nabronme, before continuing on to the Cliffs of Moher.

These impressive cliffs tower fully 200 metres above the Atlantic Ocean and are home to a huge number of nesting seabirds including Puffins, Fulmars, Kittiwakes, Razorbills and Guillemots all crowded together on the slopes and narrow ledges. After also viewing the eco-friendly visitor centre, it was then back to the hotel to enjoy the last of the superb gourmet dinners that we had eaten during our stay.

Day 4

Friday 28th May

Sunny periods, warm

A pre-breakfast walk yielded the full set of the Marsh Orchids with the Western *Dactylorhiza occidentalis*, while a last opportunity was taken to photograph the Narrow-leaved Marsh Orchids growing in the field next to the hotel. Then it was back along the coast road, stopping briefly again at Poll Salach, before we made our way to the dunes at Fanore for our last walk of the tour.

A different habitat than we had seen before added quite a few new species of plant including both Sea & Portland Spurge *Euphorbia paralias* & *E. portlandica*, Spring Sandwort *Minuartia verna*, Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, Marram Grass *Ammophila arenaria*, Sand Sedge *Carex arenaria* and not yet in flower Sea Bindweed *Calystegia soldanella*. We were also very privileged to witness a pair of Choughs not 50 metres from us busily probing in the short turf with their elegant curved red beaks.

It was reluctantly now time to return back to the hotel, pick up our luggage, say our good-byes and disperse by car or return to the airport with Gerald to catch our flights back to the UK.

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Species Lists

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
FERNS		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	common
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	common
<i>A. marinum</i>	Sea Spleenwort	PS
<i>A. ruta-muraria</i>	Wall Rue	common
<i>Ceterach officinarum</i>	Rustyback Fern	common
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	BH
<i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	L
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i>	Scaly Male Fern	CA
<i>D. dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler Fern	L
<i>D. felix-mas</i>	Male Fern	L
<i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i>	Hart's-tongue Fern	common
<i>Polystichum setiferum</i>	Soft Shield Fern	CA
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	common
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail	frequent
<i>E. telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	L & F
CONIFERS		
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	common
SALICACEAE		
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow	frequent
<i>S. repens</i>	Creeping Willow	PS & MM
BETULACEAE		
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Downy Birch	CA
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	common
CORYLACEAE		
<i>Coryllus avellana</i>	Hazel	common
URTICACEAE		
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle	frequent
POLYGONACEAE		
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Sorrel	common
<i>R. obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	occasional
CHENOPODIACEAE		
<i>Atriplex prostrata</i>	Spear-leaved Orache	R
<i>Beta vulgaris ssp maritime</i>	Sea Beet	PS
<i>Suaeda maritima</i>	Annual Sea Blight	R
<i>Salicornia europaea</i>	Glasswort	R
CARYOPHYLLACEAE		
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	common
<i>C. arvense</i>	Field Mouse-ear	R
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	common
<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin	common
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	CA

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<i>S. uniflora</i>	Sea Campion	frequent
<i>Honckenya peploides</i>	Sea Sandwort	PS & R
<i>Minuartia verna</i>	Spring Sandwort	F
RANUNCULACEAE		
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	common
<i>R. bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	common
<i>R. acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	common
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine	CA
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	frequent
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	Lesser Meadow-rue	MM
PAPAVERACEAE		
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	L
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	occasional
CRUCIFERAE		
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Lady's Smock	common
<i>Arabis hirsuta</i>	Hairy Rock-cress	GL
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	Common Scurvy Grass	PS
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Dame's Violet	frequent
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum ssp maritimum</i>	Sea Radish	R
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	frequent
CRASSULACEAE		
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop (in bud)	PS
<i>S. album</i>	White Stonecrop (in bud)	MM
SAXIFRAGACEAE		
<i>Saxifraga tridactylites</i>	Rue-leaved Saxifrage	R
<i>Chrysosplenium oppositifolium</i>	Golden Saxifrage	L
ROSACEAE		
<i>Sanguisorba minus</i>	Salad Burnet	frequent
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet	common
<i>G. rivale</i>	Water Avens	GL
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Shrubby Cinquefoil	MM
<i>P. reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	occasional
<i>P. erecta</i>	Tormentil	common
<i>P. anserine</i>	Silverweed	common
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	common
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	common
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	CA
<i>S. aucuparia</i>	Rowan	CA
<i>Fillipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet (leaves)	occasional
<i>Rubus fruticosus ssp</i>	Bramble	frequent
<i>Rosa canina ssp</i>	Dog Rose	occasional
<i>R. pimpinelloides</i>	Burnet Rose	common
<i>R. saxatilis</i>	Stone Bramble	MM
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	common
<i>Alchemilla xanthochlora</i>	Pale Lady's Mantle	GL
<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	Mountain Avens	PS & BH
<i>Aphanes inexpectata</i>	Slender Parsley Piert	R

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LEGUMINOSAE		
<i>Vicia sativa ssp sativa</i>	Common Vetch	occasional
<i>V. cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	MM
<i>V. sepium</i>	Bush Vetch	common
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Meadow Vetchling	common
<i>L. linifolius</i>	Bitter Vetch	frequent
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	common
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	frequent
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	common
<i>T. pratense</i>	Red Clover	common
<i>T. dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	frequent
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch	occasional
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Common Gorse	common
GERANIACEAE		
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Bloody Crane's-bill	common
<i>G. lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	common
<i>G. robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	common
EUPHORBIACEAE		
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	F
<i>E. portlandica</i>	Portland Spurge	F
POLYGALACEAE		
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort	common
ACERACEAE		
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	common
<i>A. campestre</i>	Field Maple	occasional
CORNACEAE		
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	CA
CELASTRACEAE		
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle	frequent
AQUIFOLIACEAE		
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	frequent
GUTTIFERAE		
<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>	Square-stemmed St John's-wort	CA
<i>H. androsaemum</i>	Tutsan (leaves)	MM
VIOLACEAE		
<i>Viola persifolia</i>	Fen Violet	MM
<i>V. canina x persifolia = V. ritschliana</i>	a hybrid	MM
<i>V. canina</i>	Heath Dog Violet	MM
<i>V. palustris</i>	Bog Violet (leaves)	GL
CISTACEAE		
<i>H. canum</i>	Hoary Rockrose	PS & BH & MM
ARIALACEAE		
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	common

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UMBELLIFERAE		
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	common
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut	frequent
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire (leaves)	PS
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	Wild Angelica	L
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground Elder	L
<i>Torilis japonica</i>	Hedge Parsley	CA
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle	CA
<i>Smrynium olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	occasional
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot (leaves)	CA
ERICACEAE		
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Ling	frequent
PRIMULACEAE		
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	common
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	Primrose	frequent
<i>P. polyantha (P. vulgaris x veris)</i>	False Oxlip	GL
<i>Glaux maritima</i>	Sea Milkwort	PS & R
<i>Lysimachia nemorum</i>	Yellow Loosestrife	CA
PLUMBAGINACEAE		
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Sea Thrift	frequent
<i>Limonium recurvum</i> <i>ssp pseudotranswallianum</i>	a Rock Sea Lavender	PS
OLEACEAE		
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	common
GENTIANACEAE		
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	Spring Gentian	frequent
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow Wort	occasional
RUBIACEAE		
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	frequent
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	occasional
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	CA
<i>G. verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw (in bud)	frequent
<i>G. sternerii</i>	Limestone Bedstraw	PS
<i>G. boreale</i>	Northern Bedstraw	MM
CONVOLVULACEAE		
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	common
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	F
CUSCUTACEAE		
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Dodder	R & F
LABIATAE		
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Common Bugle	L
<i>T. praecox</i>	Common Thyme	common
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood sage (leaves)	frequent
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	frequent
<i>Mentha x piperita</i>	Peppermint	Caher River

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SCROPHULARACEAE		
<i>Scrophularia auriculata</i>	Water Figwort	CA
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	frequent
<i>Veronica. chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	common
<i>Pedicularis sylvatica</i>	Lousewort	MM
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle	frequent
<i>Erinus alpinus</i>	Fairy Foxglove	Pinnacle Well
PLANTAGINACEAE		
<i>Plantago major</i>	Great Plantain	frequent
<i>P. lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	common
<i>P. coronopus</i>	Buck's Horn Plantain	frequent
<i>P. maritima</i>	Sea Plantain	frequent
CAPRIFOLIACEAE		
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	frequent
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	occasional
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	CA
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	CA
VALERIANACEAE		
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common Valerian	CA
<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	Cornsalad	F
DIPSACACEAE		
<i>Succisa pratensis</i>	Devil's-bit Scabious (leaves)	PS
LENTIBULIACEAE		
<i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i>	Common Butterwort	Khyber Pass
CAMPANULACEAE		
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell (leaves)	frequent
ASTERACEAE		
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	common
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Common Ragwort (leaves)	frequent
<i>Cirsium palustris</i>	Marsh Thistle	occasional
<i>C. dissectum</i>	Meadow Thistle	MM
<i>Carlina vulgaris</i>	Carlina Thistle (seed-heads)	frequent
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common Knapweed (leaves)	common
<i>Myecelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce	MM
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	frequent
<i>Pilosella officinalis</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed	common
<i>Hieracium anglicum</i>	Irish Hawkweed	occasional
<i>Antennaria dioica</i>	Cat's-foot	common
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>	Hemp Agrimony (leaves)	common
<i>Solidago virgaurea</i>	Goldenrod	frequent
ALLIACAEA		
<i>Allium triquetrum</i>	Three-cornered Garlic	L
DIOSCOREACEAE		
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	occasional

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IRIDACEAE		
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	common
<i>I. foetidissima</i>	Roast Beef Iris	F
JUNCAGINACEAE		
<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>	Sea Arrowgrass	R
ARACEAE		
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Cuckoo Pint	occasional
JUNCACEAE		
<i>Luzula sylvatica</i>	Great Woodrush	L
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	common
<i>J. conglomeratis</i>	Compact Rush	occasional
<i>J. inflexus</i>	Hard Rush	frequent
CYPERACEAE		
<i>Carex panacea</i>	Carnation Sedge	occasional
<i>C. caryophyllacea</i>	Spring Sedge	common
<i>C. binervis</i>	Green-ribbed Sedge	PS
<i>C. elata</i>	Tufted Sedge	MM
<i>C. flacca</i>	Glaucous Sedge	common
<i>C. hostiana</i>	Tawny Sedge	MM
<i>C. pendula</i>	Drooping Sedge	L
<i>C. sylvatica</i>	Wood Sedge	L
<i>C. pilulifera</i>	Pill Sedge	occasional
<i>C. pulicaris</i>	Flea Sedge	MM
<i>C. viridula ssp oedocarpa</i>	Common Yellow Sedge	PS
<i>C. arenaria</i>	Sand Sedge	F
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	Common Cotton Grass	frequent
<i>Claudium mariscus</i>	Great Fen Sedge	MM
<i>Schoenus nigrescens</i>	Black Bog Rush	MM
POACEAE		
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Sheep's Fescue	frequent
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	common
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	common
<i>Bromus hordeaceus ssp hordeaceus</i>	Smooth Brome	frequent
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	frequent
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	common
<i>P. trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow Grass	frequent
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	occasional
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot Grass	common
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-grass	frequent
<i>Molinia caerulea</i>	Purple Moor Grass	MM
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog	frequent
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bent	frequent
<i>A. capillaris</i>	Common Bent	frequent
<i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i>	Marsh Foxtail	frequent
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram Grass	F
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern Grass	PS
<i>Helictotrichon pubescens</i>	Downy Oat Grass	frequent
<i>Melica uniflora</i>	Wood Melick	L
<i>Sesleria caerulea</i>	Blue Moor Grass	frequent

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ORCHIDACEAE		
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	F
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Early Purple Orchid	common
<i>Dactylorhiza maculata</i>	Heath Spotted Orchid	common
<i>D. fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	frequent
<i>D. fuchsii ssp okellii</i>	O'Kelly's Spotted Orchid	MM
<i>D. traunsteineri</i>	Narrow-leaved Marsh Orchid	L MM
<i>D. cruenta</i>	Leopard Marsh Orchid	MM
<i>D. majalis ssp occidentalis</i>	Western Marsh Orchid	L
<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>	Lesser Butterfly Orchid	MM
<i>Listera ovata</i>	Twayblade	occasional
<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	MM GL
<i>Ophrys insectifera</i>	Fly Orchid	MM

Birds

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Two birds on Lough Gealàin at Mullah Mor
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinera</i>	Occasional
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Occasional
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Occasional
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Occasional
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Frequent
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	A pair on a pond near Kilfenora
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	3 birds on the beach at Fanore Dunes
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Only at Loch Gealàin
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Frequent
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Frequent
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Occasional
Kittiwake	<i>Larus tridactyla</i>	On the cliffs at Moher
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	100's on the cliffs at Moher
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	6 birds on the sea at Black Head
Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Cliffs of Moher
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Cliffs of Moher
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Occasional
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Frequent
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Frequent
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Frequently heard
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Only one bird seen early morning
Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	Heard on second day
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Frequent seen and heard
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common
House Martin	<i>Dilichon urbica</i>	Common
Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	Common on the coast
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Common
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Occasional
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Frequently heard, occasionally seen
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Common
Common Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Common
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	A pair close by at the green lane
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Occasional
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Single seen on days 6
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Very common
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Very common, singing well
Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Common
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Frequent
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Frequent
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Common

Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Common
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	One heard near the hotel
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Common
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Occasional
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Frequent
Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocoeax</i>	A pair very close at Fanore Dunes
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Common
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone corone</i>	Common
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Occasional
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Very common.
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Common
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Occasional
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Occasional

Butterflies

Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	Cappanawalla
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	One seen at the Green Lane
Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>	Frequent
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	Occasional
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	Occasional
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	One seen next to the river on day 8
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>	Frequent
Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	Occasional at the Green Lane
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	Cappanawalla
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	Occasional
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>	A large colony at Cappanawalla
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	Occasional
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	One seen at Mulloch Mor
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	Occasional
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>	Frequent

Other Invertebrates

Pale Tussock Moth	<i>Callitera pudibunda</i>
Burnet Companion	<i>Euclida glyphica</i>
Six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena fillipendulae</i>
Transparent Burnet	<i>Zygaena purpuralis</i>
Wood Tiger	<i>Parasemia plantaginis</i>
Four-spot Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>
Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>
Rose Chafer Beetle	<i>Cetonia aurata</i>
Cockchafer Beetle	<i>Melolontha melolontha</i>
A Chafer Beetle	<i>Omaloplia rupicola</i>

Reptiles and Amphibians

Common Lizard	<i>Lacerta vivipara</i>
Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>

Mammals

Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>
Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>