

The Burren

Naturetrek Tour Report

21 - 24 May 2013



Spring Gentian



Mountain Avenues



2013 Naturetrek Group at Poll Salach



Irish Saxifrage

Report compiled by Maureen Ponting & Dave Shute
Images by Dave Shute



Naturetrek Cheriton Mill Cheriton Alresford Hampshire SO24 0NG England

T: +44 (0)1962 733051

F: +44 (0)1962 736426

E: info@naturetrek.co.uk

W: www.naturetrek.co.uk

Tour Leader:	Maureen Ponting Dave Shute	Naturetrek Botanist Naturetrek Naturalist
Participants:	Roy Maycock Aaron Woods Eila Lawton Peter Maddison Frances Slater Gloria Jennings Susan Clayton Pauline Grimshaw Susan Dark Christine Saber Susan Stirn Elspeth Kennedy Sena McKay Bernard Bentley Angela Bentley	

Day 1

Tuesday 21st May

We were picked up from Shannon Airport by our bus company owner, Brian Farrell, who once again would look after us so well. He has a great knowledge of Burren history and is an ardent conservationist. He took us through the Burren to lunch at Linnane's Lobster Bar on the Flaggy Shore. By the wall outside we recorded White Ramping-fumitory *Fumaria capreolata*. After lunch we had our first walk, on Cappanawalla, a limestone hill. The weather was sunny, windy and clear so we got a marvellous view of the coast and Ballyvaughan harbour and our first chance to see many of the typical Burren plants. Because of the unusually late spring we only saw a few blooms of *Rosa pimpinellifolia*, the Burnet Rose, but we did see *Antenaria dioica*, Catspaw, *Geranium sanguineum*, Bloody Cranesbill, Bitter-vetch *Lathyrus linifolius* and masses of Early Purple Orchids *Orchis mascula*. We stopped to look at many ferns growing on the rocks. The highlight of the walk was *Pinguicula grandiflora*, the Large-flowered Butterwort, thought to be a pre-glacial relic and in Northern Europe's only site. It is otherwise native of the mountains of South-west Europe. Also in the same area were masses of Spring Gentians *Gentiana verna*. A Cuckoo was flying round, calling continually. We arrived at Sheedy's Hotel, Lisdoonvarna and were warmly welcomed by Martina and John Sheedy who have been caring for Naturetrek clients for 18 years. We sat down to a delicious dinner which, thanks to the miracles of modern communication, we had chosen from the bus.

Day 2

Wednesday 22nd May

That morning we woke to sun and wind. We started with a walk at Poll Salach, where the Burren limestone pavement runs into the sea. A large Oak Eggar caterpillar was seen by the road.

We looked into the scailps (deep crevices) for the many plants nestling in their own micro-climates: Golden Rod, *Solidago virgaurea*; Vernal Sandwort *Minuartia verna*, Limestone Bedstraw *Galium sternerii*, Maidenhair Fern *Adiantum capillus-veneris* and Honeysuckle *Lonicera perichlymenum*. In the short turf, we saw masses of Heath Spotted Orchids *Dactylorhiza maculata*, Spring Gentians *Gentiana verna* and Bird's-foot Trefoil *Lotus corniculatus*, and on rocks, large patches of *Helianthemum canum*, the Burren Rockrose and also the Burren Saxifrage, *Saxifraga rosaceae* and two Broad-Leaved Marsh Orchids, *Dactylorhiza occidentalis*. Wheatear and Rock Pipit were new birds here.

We then moved to the Rine, a low spit of land jutting into the sea. The special plant here is *Limonium humile*, Sea Lavender (not in flower), growing among bright patches of thrift. We also saw Field Mouse-ear *Cerastium arvense*, growing along a sandy bank, Sea Sandwort *Honkenia peploides*, Thyme-leaved Speedwell *Veronica serpyllifolia* and Field Madder *Sherardia arvensis*. A group of waders on the shore proved to be a mix of Dunlin and Ringed Plover. On the walk back we saw a Wall Brown butterfly and a Speckled Yellow moth.

We had lunch at Monks Bar, overlooking the quay at Ballyvaughan, with delicious seafood a speciality. In the afternoon we walked a short way up the Caher, the only river in the Burren. The banks were covered with *Dryas octopetala*, Mountain Avens. We paused by the bridge to admire Fairy Foxglove *Erinus alpinus*, naturalised on the wall.

We then drove to the Green Lane, Formoyle ... an old stock road running the length of the Burren. Its original walls were built with limestone slabs laid vertically. From here we had a lovely view of the surrounding hills. In the Green Lane we saw patches of False Oxlip *Primula polyantha* and their parents, *Primula vulgaris* and *P. veris*, at various stages of hybridisation. We puzzled over *alchemillas* but decided all were Pale Lady's-mantle *Alchemilla xanthochlora*. A Dingy Skipper butterfly was seen and an attractive green ground-beetle *Carabus granulatus*.

On our arrival back at Sheedy's Hotel, some of us walked down to see Lisdoonvarna Spa with its strange early 20th Century buildings and pump. On the stream running through we saw some interesting plants, including a mass of the Brittle Bladder Fern growing on the stream wall.

Day 3

Thursday 23rd May

Another lovely day...we visited Kilfenora Cathedral and the Burren Centre, for maps, guidebooks etc.. and then went on to Mullach Mor, an area of limestone pavement with a rich flora and several turloughs – winter lakes which almost disappear in summer. We walked round one side of the biggest turlough, Lough Gealain. This is a good place for orchids, and we saw *Dactylorhiza cruenta*, the Leopard Orchid.

Our new bus driver today was Noel, a Burren botanical enthusiast, who found the Burren (or Dense-flowered) Orchid, *Orchis intacta* which was much appreciated by all. We spotted *Viola persicifolia*, the Turlough Violet and the hybrid, *Viola canina* × *V. persicifolia*. Also among the rocks *Thalictrum minus* and many shrubs, such as Stone Bramble *Rubus saxatilis*, Guelder Rose *Viburnum opulus*, Blackthorn *Prunus spinosa* and Alder Buckthorn *Frangula alnus*, growing prostrate, together with plenty of *Potentilla fruticosa*, Shrubby Cinquefoil.

On the way to Carron for lunch we drove up a hill, stopping for a marvellous view of Mulloch Mor beneath us. On the other side of the road the group were very interested to see the Carron archaeological site where *Saxifraga hypnoides*, Mossy Saxifrage, was spotted.

We left for a late lunch at Cassidy's Inn, in the village of Carron, converted from the police station and jail and then carried on to the Cliffs of Moher, where we were able to see Razorbills, Guillemots, Kittiwakes, Puffins and Fulmars on cliffs, the highest in the west of Ireland.

Day 4

Friday 24th May

Another sunny day with many projects to complete in the time available; first, to find the Pyramidal Bugle, *Ajuga pyramidalis*, which we did on the cliffs above Poll Salach, followed by a walk on the beach and dunes at Fanore. We saw seaside plants, including *Eryngium maritimum*, Sea Holly and Sea Spurge *Euphorbia paralias* and in the short turf, Wild Thyme *Thymus polytrichus* and the endemic *Euphrasia salisburgensis* var. *hibernica*, Irish Narrow-leaved Eyebright. On an erratic boulder we found the fern, Sea Spleenwort *Asplenium marinum*. Skylarks were singing all around, a Gannet passed by close inshore and a pair of Stonechats scolded us in the dune-slacks.

Then we had a quick stop at the Pinnacle Well to see more *Erinus alpinus*, Fairy Foxglove, in full flower then on to Ballyvaughan harbour to enjoy our sandwiches, with tea and coffee from Monks Bar, organised by Brian.

After lunch we set off for a brief stop at the ancient burial tomb, Poul na Brone Portal Dolmen before leaving for Shannon Airport and home, with memories of beautiful weather, interesting flora and our friendly, helpful Irish hosts.

Receive our e-newsletter

Join the Naturetrek e-mailing list and be the first to hear about new tours, additional departures and new dates, tour reports and special offers. Visit www.naturetrek.co.uk to sign up.

Naturetrek Facebook

We are delighted to launch the Naturetrek Facebook page so that participants of Naturetrek tours can remain in touch after the holiday and share photos, comments and future travel plans.

Setting up a personal profile at www.facebook.com is quick, free and easy. The [Naturetrek Facebook page](#) is now live; do please pay us a visit!

Species List

Plants (MM = Mullach Mor)

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
Apiaceae		
Hedge Parsley Family		
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	common
<i>Apium nodiflorum</i>	Fools Watercress	Caher River
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut	Cap common
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Samphire	P S and Fanore
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Fanore
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock Water Dropwort	Lisdoonvarna spa
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle	MM
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	roadside
Aquifoliaceae		
Holly Family		
<i>Ilex aquifolia</i>	Holly	scailps, common
Araliaceae		
Ivy Family		
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	common
Asteraceae		
Daisy Family		
<i>Antennaria dioica</i>	Cat's Foot	Cap. and P.S.
<i>Carlina vulgaris</i>	Carlina Thistle	common
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	Green Lane
<i>C. palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	Caher River
<i>C. vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	common
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i>	Beaked Hawks Beard	common
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>	Hemp Agrimony	PS
<i>Leucacanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	Newtown, common
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce	common
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse –ear Hawkweed	common
<i>Solidago virgaurea</i>	Goldenrod	P S
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow Thistle	MM
<i>Taraxacum palustria</i>	Turloch Dandelion	MM
<i>Tripleurospermum maritimum</i>	Sea Mayweed	P S and Fanore
Betulaceae		
Birch Family		
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	common
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Brown Birch	M M

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
Boraginaceae		
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	Comfrey	Formoyle
Brassicaceae		
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Fanore
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Cuckoo Flower	meadows
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	Scurvy Grass	P S and Fanore
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	Pinnacle Well
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	Watercress	Cap and Caher River
Caprifoliaceae		
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	P S. common
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	The Rine
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	Cap.
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	Cap and M M
Caryophyllaceae		
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	P S
<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Field Mouse-ear	P S and The Rine
<i>C. diffusum</i>	Sea Mouse-ear	The Rine
<i>C. fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	common
<i>Honkenia peploides</i>	Sea Sandwort	Fanore and The Rine
<i>Minuartia verna</i>	Vernal Sandwort	P S
<i>Silene vulgare subsp. maritima</i>	Sea Campion	P S
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	common
<i>S. media</i>	Common Chickweed	common
Celastraceae		
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle	Cap
Chenopodiaceae		
<i>Atriplex prostrata</i>	Spear-leaved Oranche	The Rine
<i>Beta vulgaris subsp. maritima</i>	Sea Beet	P S and Fanore
Cistaceae		
<i>Helianthemum canum</i>	Burren Rockrose	P S
Convolvulaceae		
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	dunes: Fanore

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	Cap.
Coryllaceae	Hazel Family	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	v. common: invasive
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	M M
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Kilfenora Cathedral
Cuscutaceae	Dodder Family	
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Dodder (on Thyme)	Dunes: Fanore
Ericaceae	Heath Family	
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather	common
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	rocks, P S and Fanore
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Anthyllis vulneria</i>	Kidney Vetch	Cap and P S
<i>Lathyrus linifolius</i>	Bitter Vetch	Cap
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Birds Foot Trefoil	common
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Fanore
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	common
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush Vetch	roadsides
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping-Fumitory	Flaggy Shore
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow Wort	Cap and P S
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	Spring Gentian	common
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Cranesbill	The Rine
<i>G. molle</i>	Soft Cranesbill	The Rine
<i>G. lucidum</i>	Shining Cranesbill	common
<i>G. robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	common

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
<i>G. sanguineum</i>	Bloody Cranesbill	scailps: common
Hippuridaceae		
<i>Hippuris vulgaris</i>	Mares Tail	Caher River Bridge
Hypericaceae		
<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	Tutsan	Cap and scailps
<i>H. pulchrum</i>	Beautiful St Johns Wort	Cap
<i>H. tetrapterum</i>	Square-stalked St Johns Wort	Green Lane
Lamiaceae		
<i>Ajuga pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Bugle	Cliffs above P S
<i>A. reptans</i>	Bugle	Caher River
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Caher River
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self Heal	P S
<i>Stachis sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	Lisdoonvarna Spa
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood Sage	common
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>	Wild Thyme	common
Lentibulariaceae		
<i>Pinguicula grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered Butterwort	Cap
Linaceae		
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Purging Flax	Cap and Green Lane
Menyanthaceae		
<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	Bog Bean	Caher Bridge
Oxalidaceae		
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood Sorrel	Cap and The Rine
Plantaganaceae		
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Bucks Horn Plantain	P S
<i>P. maritima</i>	Sea Plantain	common
<i>P. lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	common
Plumbaginaceae		
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Thrift	common
<i>Limonium humile</i>	Lax-fld. Sea Lavender	The Rine

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
<i>L. recurvum</i> subsp. <i>pseudotranswallianum</i>	Rock Sea Lavender	rocks, P S
Polygalaceae		
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Milkwort Family Common Milkwort	common
Polygonaceae		
<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i>	Knotweed Family Water Pepper	ponds
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel	common
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Cap
Primulaceae		
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Primrose Family Scarlet Pimpernel	Fanore
<i>Glaux maritima</i>	Sea Milkwort	The Rine
<i>Lysimachia nemorum</i>	Yellow Pimpernel	Green Lane and Cap
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	common
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	Primrose	common
<i>P. polyantha</i> (<i>P. vulgaris</i> x <i>P. veris</i>)	False Oxlip	Green Lane and The Rine
<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed	P S
Ranunculaceae		
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Buttercup Family Columbine	Cap
<i>Caltha palustre</i>	King Cup	Caher River, scailps
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Common Buttercup	Rine and Fanore
<i>R. bulbosa</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	Rine and Fanore
<i>R. flammula</i>	Lesser Spearwort	Green Lane
<i>R. repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	common
<i>R. ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	common
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	Lesser Meadow-rue	M M
Rhamnaceae		
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Buckthorn Family Alder Buckthorn	M M
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>	Buckthorn	P S and M M
Rosaceae		
<i>Alchemilla xanthochlora</i>	Rose Family Pale Lady's Mantle	Common
<i>Aphanes arvensis</i>	Parsley Piert	The Rine
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	scailps and roadsides
<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	Mountain Avens	Cap. & Khyber Pass
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet	Caher River

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	MM
<i>Geum rivale</i>	Water Avens	Green Lane
<i>G. urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	hedgerows
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Silverweed	common
<i>P. erecta</i>	Tormentil	Cap
<i>P. fruticosa</i>	Shrubby Cinquefoil	M M
<i>P. reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	Cap
<i>P. sterilis</i>	Barren Strawberry	hedgerows
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	scailps and roadsides
<i>Rosa pimpinellifolia</i>	Burnet Rose	scailps, common
<i>Rubus caesius</i>	Dewberry	roadsides
<i>R. saxatilis</i>	Stone Bramble	P S and M M
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	Cap
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	Cap
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium boreale</i>	Northern Bedstraw	M M
<i>G. odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	roadsides
<i>G. palustre</i>	Marsh Bedstraw	M M
<i>G. sternerii</i>	Limestone Bedstraw	common
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Cap etc
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	The Rine
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Salix aurita</i>	Eared Willow	M M
<i>S. caprea</i>	Goat Willow	roadsides
<i>S. repens</i>	Creeping Willow	Khyber Pass and M M
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Chrysosplenium oppositifolia</i>	Opposite-leaved Golden Saxifrage	Lisdoonvarna Spa
<i>Saxifraga hypnoides</i>	Mossy Saxifrage	Carron Arch. Site
<i>S. tridactylites</i>	Rue-leaved Saxifrage	common
<i>S. rosaceae</i>	The Burren Saxifrage	P S
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	walls
<i>Erinus alpinus</i>	Fairy Foxglove	Caher Br. & Pinnacle Well
<i>Euphrasia salisburgensis</i> var. <i>hibernica</i>	Irish Narrow-lvd. Eyebright	P S and Fanore
<i>Pedicularis sylvatica</i>	Lousewort	Cap and P S

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Hay Rattle	P S
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	roadsides
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	The Rine
<i>V. beccabunga</i>	Brooklime	Caher River
<i>V. chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	common
<i>V. officinalis</i>	Heath Speedwell	Cap
<i>V. serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	The Rine
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the Wall	Newtown Castle
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	roadsides
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Valerian	roadsides
<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	Lambs Lettuce	Fanore
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola canina</i>	Heath Dog Violet	MM
<i>V. canina x persicifolia = ritschliana</i>	Violet Hybrid	MM
<i>V. persicifolia</i>	Turlough violet	MM
<i>V. riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	common
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Araceae	Arum family	
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lord's and Ladies	
Asparagaceae	Bluebell family	
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	Common Cotton Grass	peat bogs
<i>C. binervis</i>	Green-ribbed Sedge	Cap
<i>C. flacca</i>	Glaucous Sedge	common
<i>C. panacea</i>	Carnation Sedge	common
<i>C. pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Lisdoonvarna Wood
<i>Schoenus nigricans</i>	Black Bog Rush	common
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Iris	ponds & rivers

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
Juncaceae		
Rush Family		
<i>J. conglomeratus</i>	Common Rush	common
<i>Luzula sylvatica</i>	Great Woodrush	Lisdoonvarna Wood
Orchidaceae		
Orchid Family		
<i>Dactylorhiza cruenta</i>	Leopard Orchid(spots on both leaf surfaces)	M M
<i>D. fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	MM
<i>D. maculata subsp. ericetorum</i>	Heath Spotted Orchid	common
<i>D. majalis subsp. occidentalis</i>	Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid	Cap and M M
<i>Listera ovata</i>	Twayblade	Cap
<i>Orchis intacta</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	M M
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Early Purple Orchid	very common
Poaceae		
Grass Family		
<i>Alepecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail	common
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram Grass	Fanore
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	common
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-grass	roadsides
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	limestone
<i>Cynosurus crestatus</i>	Crested Dogs Tail	common
<i>Dactylus glomerata</i>	Coxfoot	common
<i>Helictotrichon pubescens</i>	Downy Oat Grass	Green Lane, common
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Ryegrass	common, meadows
<i>P. trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow-grass	roadsides
<i>Sesleria albicans</i>	Blue Moor Grass	most common grass
Gymnosperms		
<i>Juniperis communis</i>	Juniper	Green Lane
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	common
Ferns		
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	P S
<i>Anthyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	roadsides
<i>Asplenium adiantum nigrum</i>	Black Spleenwort	Cap
<i>A. marinum</i>	Sea Spleenwort	Fanore
<i>A. ruta-muraria</i>	Wall Rue	common
<i>A. trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	common
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Hard Fern	LisdoonvarnaSpa
<i>Ceterach officinarum</i>	Rusty-back Fern	common

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location / comments
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder Fern	Lisdoonvarna Spa
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i>	Scaly Male Fern	Green Lane
<i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i>	Harts-tongue Fern	common
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	P S
<i>Polypodium australe</i>	Southern Polypody	Lisdoonvarna Spa
<i>Polystichum setiferum</i>	Soft Shield Fern	Cap and roadsides

Original list made from:

Flora of Connemara and the Burren (D A Webb and M J P Scannell 1983)

Floras used:

New Flora of the British Isles (Clive Stace)

Wild Flowers of Britain and Northern Europe (Collins Pocket Guide)

Orchids (Pierre Delforge)

Birds

Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	roadside
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	roadside
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Leamaneh castle
Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Cliffs of Moher
Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	Fanore
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	P S
Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	Cliffs of Moher
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	M M
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	The Rine
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	roadside
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Fanore
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	The Rine
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	The Rine
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	common
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	common
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Cliffs of Moher
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	common around coast
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Cliffs of Moher
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	off Black Head
Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Cliffs of Moher
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Cliffs of Moher
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	common
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	common

Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Fanore
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	common
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	common
Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	P S and Fanore
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	common
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	common
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Caher river
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	common
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	P S and Formoyle
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	Fanore
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	common
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	roadside
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	common
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	common
Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	common
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	common
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	common
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	common
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	common
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	common
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	common
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	roadsides
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	roadsides
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	common
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	in towns
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	common
Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	roadsides
Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	Caher river
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Cap and The Rine
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	M M
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	M M

Reptiles

Common Lizard	<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>	M M
---------------	-------------------------	-----

Butterflies

Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Fanore
Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	common
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	common
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	M M
Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>	Formoyle
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	Cap

Wall Brown

Lasiommata megera

The Rine

Dingy Skipper

Erynnis tages

Formoyle

Moths

Speckled Yellow

Pseudopanthera macularia

The Rine

Common Heath

Ematurga atomaria

M M

Oak Eggar (larva)

Lasiocampa quercus

P S

Beetles

A ground beetle

Carabus granulatus

Formoyle

Green Tiger Beetle

Cicindela campestris

Cap



Large-flowered Butterwort



Dense-flowered Orchid