

# The Italian Dolomites

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Dwarf Alpenrose



Apollo butterfly



King of the Alps



Orange Lily

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## Introduction

The Dolomites form the south-eastern range of the Alps, with the Dolomitic Limestone weathering to magnificent jagged peaks. The complex mix of geology supports a range of habitats from flower-filled hay meadows to rock crevices which provide a home for jewels of plants such as the sky-blue King of the Alps. The relatively late season meant that the various *Primula* species were exceptionally fine, as were the Lady's Slipper Orchids, but there were so many wonderful plants everywhere! With the hospitality provided by Stefano, Katia and Genio at the Gran Mugon as warm as ever, with excellent and delicious cuisine, everything contributed to a most enjoyable week.

## Day 1

Wednesday 19th June

### Flight to Venice, onwards to Tamion

Four group members met Jessica at Gatwick Airport's North Terminal for our 12.30pm flight to Venice, where we enjoyed good views of the city as we landed at Marco Polo Airport. Here we met with the other two who had already spent a few days enjoying this charismatic city. Once we were gathered, we sorted the minibus, loaded up, and headed north on the A27 towards Belluno. Near the River Piave we passed a field with an enormous number of Cattle Egrets, probably well over 50, along with Yellow-legged Gulls and some Hooded Crows. Thunderstorms were around and we drove through a torrential downpour, whereas other parts were quite dry. The mountain scenery became more impressive as we travelled, with some stunning evening light on the peaks. We stopped for a break and refreshments in Agordo town square, where Swifts were screaming above us. The final leg of our journey took us via Cencenighe, where we turned west to Falcade, over the Passo San Pellegrino, and down into the Fassa Valley, with the flowery meadows and verges whetting our appetites for what was to come. We reached the little hamlet of Tamion and the Hotel Gran Mugon, our base for the week, where we received a warm welcome from Katia and Stefano. We were allocated our rooms and had an excellent meal, during which Jessica outlined plans for the following day. We then retired for some welcome rest.

## Day 2

Thursday 20th June

### Passo Pordoi; Passo Sella

We woke to a beautiful morning and were able to enjoy the magnificent setting of the hotel. Our main destination today was the Pordoi Pass (2239 metres) so, after a delicious breakfast, we set off, stopping in Vigo di Fassa to buy the makings of our picnic. While Jessica shopped, the group were able to enjoy a beautiful flowery meadow where the Meadow Clary (*Sahvia pratensis*) was particularly fine, including a pink spike amongst the blue. Crag Martins, House Martins and Common Swift were overhead. We then headed north up the Fassa Valley to Canazei and started to climb, cautiously negotiating the hairpin bends, cyclists and bikers. We parked in the main car park at the top of the pass, before taking the footpath, route 601, along the famous 'Bindelweg', mentioned by Farrer, the author, traveller, botanist and flower painter, in his 1913 book 'The Dolomites'. Crag Martins, House Martins and Alpine Chough flew around us, and Spotted Nutcracker was calling.

On the scree by the car park we found plenty of Coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*) in flower, while carpets of tiny lilac Alpine Snowbells (*Soldanella alpina*), with their fringed flowers, showed that snow had not long melted. On the

slopes we found Monte Baldo Anemone (*Anemone baldensis*) and lemon-yellow Alpine Pasqueflowers (*Anemone alpina* subsp. *apiifolia*). Spring Sandwort (*Minuartia verna*) and Austrian Whitlow-grass (*Draba dubia*) were in a rock crevice, with Alpine Clematis (*Clematis alpina*) showing its beautiful blue flowers, and nearby was a single flower of Least Primrose (*Primula minima*). We started finding quantities of Spring Gentian (*Gentiana verna*), together with Trumpet Gentian (*Gentiana acaulis*), and the similar Clusius' Gentian (*G. clusii*), the latter on limestone boulders. Willows included Net-leaved Willow (*Salix reticulata*), Finely-toothed Willow (*Salix breviserrata*) and the rock-hugging *Salix serpyllifolia*. A boulder held Moss Campion (*Silene acaulis*), Mountain Avens (*Dryas octopetala*) and One-flowered Fleabane (*Erigeron uniflorus*). Pink *Daphne striata* was just coming into flower, while the Spring Heath (*Erica carnea*) was flowering well. As we moved slowly up, we added Alpine Bearberry (*Arctous alpina*), Yellow Whitlow-grass (*Draba aizoides*), the pink Dwarf Snowbell (*Soldanella pusilla*) and the tiny, white Least Snowbell (*S. minima*), Alpine Butterwort (*Pinguicula alpina*) and Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane (*Doronicum columnae*), amongst other treasures. Towards the ridge, we found good numbers of Oxlip (*Primula elatior*) and Long-flowered Primrose (*Primula halleri*), plus White-flowered Crocus (*Crocus caeruleus*). Marmots were calling loudly, and we saw several on the slopes below, and Water Pipit, Black Redstart and Snowfinch were seen. Painted Lady and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies were numerous, and a Marsh Fritillary was seen briefly. A Longhorn Beetle was later identified as *Brachyta interrogationis*.

From the ridge, we enjoyed the stunning views in all directions, noting that a lot of snow was still lying, and the path was closed beyond. We spent some time exploring the slope nearby, adding Alpine Bartsia (*Bartsia alpina*), Spring Pasqueflower (*Anemone verna*), still flowering well, and Alpine Leek (*Allium victorialis*), only in bud. We had planned to go a little further, but thunder and rain meant we decided it would be safer to make our way down. Fortunately, the thunder didn't last, and the sun soon reappeared.

We had lunch by a meadow with scattered boulders and a stream, with Arolla and Dwarf Mountain Pines (*Pinus cembra* and *Pinus mugo*) around. The rocks held Mountain Avens (*Dryas octopetala*), Alpine Fleabane (*Erigeron alpinus*) and a spike of the iconic flower, Edelweiss (*Leontopodium niveum* subsp. *alpinum*), while Marsh Marigolds (*Caltha palustris*) grew by the stream. In a stony part of the meadow, we found carpets of Bird's-eye Primrose (*Primula farinosa*), Mountain Milkwort (*Polygala alpestris*) and a couple of flowers of Matted Globularia (*Globularia cordifolia*).

We then set off towards the Sella Pass (2218 metres), again enjoying the magnificent views. We parked at the Pass and briefly explored, adding the richly coloured Alpine Sainfoin (*Hedysarum hedysaroides* subsp. *exaltatum*). Alpine Chough were wheeling around and a pair of Snowfinch were very confiding as they gathered food. Another heavy shower approached, so we retraced our steps back to Tamion. After a break, we met to discuss the day and do the checklist before another excellent meal.

## Day 3

Friday 21st June

### Tamion; Val di Monzoni

After another good breakfast, and in bright sunshine, we walked from the hotel to explore the meadows and woods round Tamion. We walked up beyond the tiny church, where the hay meadows were full of flowers, which included Nottingham Catchfly (*Silene nutans*), the dark-blue Meadow Clary (*Salvia pratensis*), pink Mountain Sainfoin (*Onobrychis montana*), and white Mountain Clover (*Trifolium montanum*). We quickly added Hay Rattle (*Rhinanthus minor* agg.), Clustered Bellflower (*Campanula glomerata*), Dragonmouth (*Horminum pyrenaicum*), Fragrant

Orchid (*Gymnadenia conopsea* agg.), Slender Bedstraw (*Galium pumilum*) and Common Rock-rose (*Helianthemum nummularium*). There were so many wonderful flowers everywhere! We enjoyed Bearded Bellflower (*Campanula barbata*), Dark Columbine (*Aquilegia atrata*), German Gentian (*Gentiana germanica*), Dyer's Greenweed (*Genista tinctoria*), Slender Broomrape (*Orobanche gracilis*), with its shiny dark red interior to the flowers, and the Alpine Rose (*Rosa pendulina*), with its spine-free stems. Orange Lilies (*Lilium bulbiferum* subsp. *bulbiferum*) were only in bud, but we found Bird's-nest Orchid (*Neottia nidus-avis*) with a resting Speckled Wood butterfly on one spike, and Round-headed Orchid (*Traunsteinera globosa*). Garden Chafer was very numerous, and we saw a good number of Woodland Ringlets and Painted Ladies, and a female Common Blue butterfly. Birds were surprisingly scarce, apart from the energetic Italian Sparrows and the occasional Carrion Crow.

The path entered a pine wood, with Spruce (*Picea abies* subsp. *abies*) and Larch (*Larix decidua*) where the underlying rocks were sandstone, and the vegetation showed a corresponding change. Here the plants included Juniper (*Juniperus communis*), the blue Alpine Clematis (*Clematis alpina*) and the magenta form of Shrubby Milkwort (*Polygala chamaebuxus*). As we followed the path along the hillside, we found Fly Orchid (*Ophrys insectifera*), Lesser Butterfly Orchid (*Platanthera bifolia*), some fine Military Orchids (*Orchis militaris*) by the path, and Common Spotted Orchids (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*) in bud. Bird's-eye Primrose (*Primula farinosa*) and Common Butterwort (*Pinguicula vulgaris*) were flowering in damper flushes, Alpine Gypsophila (*Gypsophila repens*) was on more open slopes, and May Lily (*Maianthemum bifolium*) was under the trees. A Eurasian Treecreeper was feeding on a wooden hut, a Nuthatch flew past, Chiffchaff was heard, and Spotted Nutcrackers were vocal but elusive. A Wood White was added to the butterfly list, and a Common Lizard was surprisingly well camouflaged on a sandstone boulder.

Eventually we emerged into another meadow full of flowers, with masses of Fragrant Orchids scenting the air, although many were still in bud. Here, we found some beautiful St. Bruno's Lilies (*Paradisea liliastrum*) and the enormous Giant Cat's-ear (*Hypochaeris uniflora*). At the top of the meadow were Verticillate Lousewort (*Pedicularis verticillata*) and Wood Crane's-bill (*Geranium sylvaticum*), while a couple of One-flowered Wintergreens (*Moneses uniflora*) were flowering under a tree. In a lay-by on the road there were a clump of beautiful, tiny, Coral-root Orchids (*Corallorhiza trifida*) in perfect condition. A little further on, the Lady's Slipper Orchids (*Cypripedium calceolus*) were at their magnificent best, with masses of really fresh flowers, quite a few of which were easily accessible to photograph, so we enjoyed these before retracing our steps. The weather was now showery, but we enjoyed our picnic on the hotel terrace, with the shelter of canopies if needed.

Duly refreshed, we decided we would risk the weather, as it was still broken, and visit the Val di Monzoni. This year, no vehicles were allowed up the access road out of Pozza di Fassa, so we had to take the tourist bus from the edge of the village. A Frog Orchid (*Dactylorhiza viridis*) was flowering near the bus stop. The shuttle bus took us up the steep and narrow road, to the Malga Monzoni (sadly, closed currently) at 1862 metres above sea level, and we set off up the track. Here the rock is granite and the conditions acidic, reflected in the flora. Along the track we found plenty of Alpenrose (*Rhododendron ferrugineum*) in flower, Yellow Wood Violet (*Viola biflora*), Mountain Avens (*Geum montanum*), Pyramidal Bugle (*Ajuga pyramidalis*), Trumpet Gentians (*Gentiana acaulis*) plus Green Alder (*Alnus viridis*). In more stony areas we found Alpine Toadflax (*Linaria alpina*), while carpets of Dwarf Snowbell (*Soldanella pusilla*) were where snow had recently melted. However, almost as soon as we set off, thunder started rumbling around and, quite soon, the rain came, light at first but then more heavily. After a while, with no further signs of breaks in the clouds, we decided to abandon the walk and descend, but with nearly an hour to wait for the return bus, we opted to keep walking down the valley, by the fast-flowing stream.

As we went, we added different plants, including Red-berried Elder (*Sambucus racemosa*), Blue-berried and Black-berried Honeysuckles (*Lonicera caerulea* and *L. nigra*), Herb-Paris (*Paris quadrifolia*) and Alternate-leaved Golden Saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium alternifolium*). Eventually, we met the bus, who returned us to our vehicle, and we took the short drive back to the hotel, where the sun was now shining.

After time to dry out, we met to update our lists and discuss the day, before dinner.

## Day 4

Saturday 22nd June

### Val San Nicolo; meadows at Vigo

Although the early morning was clear, by breakfast time the hotel was shrouded in cloud, and it had started to drizzle. Again, to access the Val San Nicolo this year was by bus only, so we returned to the parking area beyond Pozza di Fassa. The road to San Nicolo, beyond the Monzoni turning, goes through a steep-sided valley alongside the Rio di San Nicolo, before opening out into a wide upland valley of hay meadows and pasture, and numerous little wooden summer houses. Swathes of the (mainly Spruce) forest had been felled or uprooted by a very bad autumn storm, and several areas near gullies had been washed away or filled with debris.

We set off up the central road in light rain, noting Alpine Currant (*Ribes alpinum*) and Red-berried Elder (*Sambucus racemosa*). Scanning the high slopes above, we saw a single Alpine Chamois, grazing in a grassy area. Closer to hand, Fieldfare, Black Redstart and White Wagtail were all seen. We added Alpine Heartsease (*Viola tricolor* subsp. *subalpina*), Brown Clover (*Trifolium badium*), white Aconite-leaved Buttercup (*Ranunculus aconitifolius*), Smooth Honeywort (*Cerinth glabra*), Great Meadow-rue (*Thalictrum aquilegifolium*) and a lovely Austrian Vanilla Orchid (*Gymnadenia austriaca*) to our growing plant list. Taking a smaller track, we soon found patches of strikingly pink and very prostrate Garland Flower (*Daphne cneorum*), plus more Austrian Vanilla Orchids.

Near one of the wooden houses we found a patch of Snow Gentian (*Gentiana nivalis*) and in the pasture nearby were Small White Orchids (*Pseudorchis albida*), Frog Orchids (*Dactylorhiza viridis*), Fragrant Orchids (*Gymnadenia conopsea*), Lesser Butterfly Orchids (*Platanthera bifolia*) and Austrian Vanilla Orchids, just emerging. A nice find was a spike of Red Vanilla Orchid (*G. rubra*), a glowing raspberry-pink. Back on the path, a boulder held plenty of the relatively unhairy form of Cobweb Houseleek (*Sempervivum arachnoideum* subsp. *arachnoideum*), with the flower stalks just starting to form, and we also found Rock Speedwell (*Veronica fruticans*) and Great Yellow Gentian (*Gentiana lutea*), the latter still in bud. We completed the loop back onto the main road, as the rain fell more heavily, before catching the bus back down to the minibus.

We enjoyed our picnic in the dry of the hotel bar, before having some free time. We regrouped at 3.15pm to visit the Ladin Museum in Vigo, enjoying the insights into the local language and culture.

## Day 5

Sunday 23rd June

### Rosengarten; meadow in Vigo

We woke to a sunny morning and, after another delicious breakfast and with picnics made, we drove down to Vigo di Fassa, to catch the funivia up to the Rifugio Ciampedie. Common Redstart was seen just below the funivia while, nearby, a Spotted Flycatcher was flycatching from a signboard. We began our walk in the direction of the small village of Gardeccia, walking gently downhill through Spruce (*Picea abies*), Larch (*Larix decidua*) and

Arolla Pine (*Pinus cembra*); we noted on the information boards the relationship between the latter and Spotted Nutcrackers as disperser of the Arolla seeds. Nutcrackers were calling and we later saw one fly across. Along the route we found quantities of Alpine Butterwort (*Pinguicula alpina*), Yellow Wood Violet (*Viola biflora*) and Blue-berried Honeysuckle (*Lonicera caerulea*) flowering well, and False Medlar (*Sorbus chamaemespilus*) just coming out, amongst the abundant Alpenrose (*Rhododendron ferrugineum*), Bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*), and Cowberry (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*). Dark-veined Whites were on the wing, and Coal Tit was seen. A surprising call was almost certainly Black Woodpecker, Crested Tit was heard, and Chiffchaff was both heard and seen, along with the ever-present Chaffinches. As we came into a more open area with limestone boulders, Hairy Alpenrose (*Rhododendron hirsutum*) replaced the Alpenrose (*Rhododendron ferrugineum*), but was not yet in flower, while Mountain Avens (*Dryas octopetala*) and *Daphne striata* were flowering well, and we found Neglected Fleabane (*Erigeron neglectus*).

We stopped for refreshments in Gardeccia, enjoying the stunning scenery and noting climbers on the peaks and Alpine Chough wheeling around, including a flock of about 40 birds, before exploring some of the limestone scree areas by the stream. Here we found Rhaetian Poppy (*Papaver aurantiacum*), Alpine Toadflax (*Linaria alpina*), Alpine (aka as French) Figwort (*Scrophularia canina* subsp. *hoppii*), clumps of Blue Saxifrage (*Saxifraga caesia*) not yet in flower, and the tiny Leafless-stemmed Speedwell (*Veronica aphylla*). Bluish Paederota (*Veronica bonarota*) was just coming into flower on a large boulder. We had our picnic here, enjoying the peace away from the other walkers. Clusius' Gentians (*Gentiana clusii*) were flowering on a grassy area, along with Spring Gentian (*G. verna*) and Bird's-eye Primrose (*Primula farinosa*), and a very fresh Alpine Grizzled Skipper was found.

Climbing up beyond the village, the track grew steeper and we moved into an area of Dwarf Mountain Pine (*Pinus mugo*) and massive scattered limestone boulders, interspersed with areas of scree. On the loose stones we found a tiny plant of the mauve, honey-scented Round-leaved Pennycress (*Thlaspi rotundifolium*), while on the boulders we found Rock Valerian (*Valeriana saxatilis*) and a single flower of Pink Cinquefoil (*Potentilla nitida*), glowing amongst its silvery leaves. Other boulders held some fine specimens of the limestone form of Short-leaved Gentian (*Gentiana brachyphylla* subsp. *favrati*) and Triglav Gentian (*Gentiana terglouensis*), with its architectural leaves, and Pink Lousewort (*Pedicularis rosea*), amongst the other treasures. Round the rocks, plants included Dwarf Valerian (*Valeriana supina*), Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane (*Doronicum columnae*), Austrian Sandwort (*Minuartia austriaca*) and Chamois Cress (*Hornungia petraea*). Eventually we retraced our steps, stopping near the village to enjoy the antics of four Marmots in a field close by. We stopped again at the Rifugio Negritella, for refreshments, before returning to the funivia. Black Redstart and Goldfinch were seen as we walked back to the minibus.

We had seen some Orange Lilies (*Lilium bulbiferum*) in a meadow en route to the museum in Vigo, so we returned there to enjoy and photograph them. Good numbers were scattered throughout, contrasting well with the dark-blue Meadow Clary and the other flowers. We then returned to the hotel, meeting as usual to do our lists before dinner. As it was Sunday, the meal consisted of a plate of local dishes.

## Day 6

Monday 24th June

### Cimon della Pala

Today, on a beautiful morning and with the promise of a fine, settled day, we headed south-east to the dramatic peak of Cimon della Pala. We drove south to the town of Predazzo, where we turned eastwards, seeing a Grey

Heron and then a Honey Buzzard over the Lago di Paneveggio. We stopped briefly at the Rolle Pass (1972 metres), before taking the dusty track on up to the Baita Segantini at 2200 metres, to begin our walk. We soon found Trailing Azalea (*Kalmia procumbens*), Least Primrose (*Primula minima*), Yellow Pasqueflowers (*Anemone alpina* subsp. *apiifolia*) and Spring and Trumpet Gentians (*Gentiana verna* and *G. acaulis*), all flowering well. We then moved across into an area of loose rock and open ground where we found the white Segulier's Buttercup (*Ranunculus seguieri*) with its very divided leaves, One-flowered Fleabane (*Erigeron uniflorus*), Mossy Cyphel (*Minuartia sedoidea*) and Roseroot (*Sedum roseum*). Moving along the edge, with a dramatic drop to the valley below, we found Bear's-ears (*Primula auricula*), while a grassy slope gave us a refreshment stop and several very delicate Snowdon Lilies (*Gagea serotina*). Flocks of Alpine Chough were flying around, calling loudly, and Snowfinch and Water Pipit were seen and heard. Butterflies included many Painted Ladies and Dark-veined Whites, Clouded Yellow, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell and Dewy Ringlet. Marmot was heard but not seen.

Our ultimate aim was to reach an area of broken rocks and boulders below the looming cliffs of Cimon della Pala. Here, we soon found one of the specialities: King of the Alps (*Eritrichium nanum*), just coming into flower, forming a sky-blue patch on the boulders. Other plants included Purple Saxifrage (*Saxifraga oppositifolia*), Alpine Buttercup (*Ranunculus alpestris*) with white flowers but entire, glossy leaves, a fantastic patch of Dwarf Alpenrose (*Rhodothamnus chamaecistus*), the pretty, mauve Pyrenean Whitlow-grass (*Petrocallis pyrenaica*) and Triglav Gentian (*Gentiana terglouensis*), while on the acidic, leached soil around, we found Short-leaved Gentian (*Gentiana brachyphylla* subsp. *brachyphylla*). Other boulders held the tiny endemic Dolomite Whitlow-grass (*Draba dolomitica*), a Rock-jasmine (*Androsace hausmannii*), and Tyrolean Primrose (*Primula tyrolensis*), another endemic, flowering well. We had our picnic by the boulders, continuing to enjoy the amazing scenery. A Snowfinch was collecting food nearby and some had a good view of an Alpine Chamois on a snow patch. A strange hairy insect here, running over the ground, turned out to be the wingless female of a European species of Beauty moth, *Lycia alpina*.

Eventually we had to tear ourselves away, returning to the Baita for a drink. The lake nearby held Alpine Newts. At the bottom of the track, we stopped to admire a patch of Southern Butterwort (*Pinguicula leptoceras*), with mauve-and-white flowers. We then set off over the Passo Valles, stopping to admire both the mountains and Live-long Saxifrage (*Saxifraga paniculata*) in full flower. Further down the road, we stopped for Dark Rampion (*Phyteuma ovatum*) on the verge. Dusky Crane's-bill (*Geranium phaeum*), Twayblade (*Neottia ovata*) and buds of Plume Knapweed (*Centaurea nervosa*) were here too. We then climbed over the Passo San Pellegrino, stopping at the top to visit Miralago. A boulder by the car park held Alpine Aster (*Aster alpinus*) and Rock Speedwell (*Veronica fruticans*), and we were amazed by the number of Lesser Butterfly Orchids (*Platanthera bifolia*) in flower. There was also plenty of Great Meadow-rue (*Thalictrum aquilegifolium*) and we added Alpine Clover (*Trifolium alpinum*), Southern Milk-vetch (*Astragalus australis*) and the bushy Yellow Pea (*Lathyrus laevigatus*), with its creamy-lemon and orange flowers. By the lake, which held masses of Common Toad tadpoles, plus Minnows and Brown Trout, we found a form of Early Purple Orchid (*Orchis mascula* subsp. *speciosa*), with pointed petals and sepals. A Martagon Lily (*Lilium martagon*) was just opening up. As we were about to leave, we noticed Wolf's-bane (*Aconitum vulparia*) just coming into flower, plus Verticillate Solomon's-seal (*Polygonatum verticillatum*) and Alpine Lovage (*Ligusticum mutellina*).

We had a speedy list update before dinner. As it was a mild night, some of the group then went on a Glow-worm hunt, finding five females showing their tiny pin-pricks of greenish light.



## Day 7

## Tuesday 25th June

### Val Venegia; Predazzo

Today we returned south, our ultimate destination being Val Venegia, below Cimon della Pala. We took the same route as the previous morning but turned north towards Passo Valles, instead of climbing to the Passo Rolle. We entered the Val Venegia, and drove alongside the fast-flowing stream, up to the higher car park. We began our walk through some damp meadows, with many spikes of Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid (*Dactylorhiza majalis*), Alpine Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid (*Dactylorhiza alpestris*), and hybrid forms. There were also some probable hybrids with Common Spotted Orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*). Where it was slightly drier were Austrian Vanilla Orchid (*Gymnadenia austriaca*) in bud, Fragrant Orchid (*Gymnadenia conopsea* agg.) just coming out, and a Lesser Butterfly Orchid (*Platanthera bifolia*), together with Golden Hawk's-beard (*Crepis aurea*) and there were also carpets of Bird's-eye Primrose (*Primula farinosa*). In the river gravels we found Rhaetian Poppy (*Papaver aurantiacum*), Field Mouse-ear (*Cerastium arvense*) and Yellow Saxifrage (*Saxifraga aizoides*) with a single flower showing colour. A flock of Siskins were seen, but no new butterfly species.

We continued up to the Rifugio Malga Venegiota, where we stopped for refreshments, appreciating the cool of the interior. On a large boulder nearby, Bluish Paederota (*Veronica bonarota*) and Rock Valerian (*Valeriana rupestris*) were in flower. In a more wooded area, we found the tiny Lesser Twayblade (*Neottia cordata*), still in bud, Intermediate Wintergreen (*Pyrola intermedia*), not yet out, and a patch of Dwarf Alpenrose (*Rhodothamnus chamaecistus*). We then crossed an area of scree; a clump of *Saxifraga sedoides* was found nestling amongst the rocks by the path, and a clump of Alpine Thrift (*Armeria alpina*) was flowering. Beyond the scree, we came to an upland meadow with large boulders, where we had our picnic. There was more breeze here, so it was a little cooler than further down the valley. A Ring Ouzel flew overhead, and Lesser Whitethroat was singing and was seen, while the Alpine Choughs were higher up. We wandered round the boulders, enjoying the mass of flowers, with plenty of delightful Bear's-ear Primroses (*Primula auricula*), more of the rare endemic Tyrolean Primrose (*Primula tyrolensis*) and Elongated Valerian (*Valeriana elongata*), among the highlights. We also noted the similar leaves of Livelong Saxifrage (*Saxifraga paniculata*) and Encrusted Saxifrage (*Saxifraga crustata*). We spent time just enjoying this beautiful location with the mountains soaring above, before making our way back down the track. Near the Malga a Marmot was by its hole, a female Ring Ouzel was collecting food, and a Spotted Nutcracker showed well. We reluctantly left this beautiful valley to return to Tamion via Predazzo.

Just outside the town of Predazzo we stopped at an exposed rock face by the road. Here, at this lower altitude (1018 metres), we found an array of different plants. Large blue spires of Spiked Bellflower (*Campanula spicata*) were obvious, together with Wood Pink (*Dianthus sylvestris*). Other plants on the rock face included White Stonecrop (*Sedum album*, the food plant of the Apollo butterfly). Taller plants included Annual Fleabane (*Erigeron annuus*), Alkanet (*Anchusa officinalis*) and Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*). Apollo butterflies were on the wing and one was resting on a Yarrow flower (*Achillea millefolium*), giving excellent photo opportunities. There were also a few Burnet moths and Large Skippers around, which were more elusive and rarely settled.

It was very hot, and time was pressing on, so we returned to the minibuses, to head back to Tamion for our final evening.

## Day 8

Wednesday 26th June

Tamion; drive to Venice; onwards to Gatwick

After a final excellent breakfast and with packing complete, we had time for another walk into the hay meadows near the hotel. The hay had been cut in some areas, but on the banks, it was noticeable how many of the flowers had gone over in the week. There were a few new ones: Yellow Betony (*Stachys alopecuroides*) was now out, and there was a spike of St. Bruno's Lily (*Paradisea liliastrum*) which we had not seen before, but the Orange Lilies (*Lilium bulbiferum*), while showing colour, were still in bud. It was very warm and there were a few more insects about: we saw Chimney Sweeper moths, a Woodland Ringlet, Small Heath, a couple of Blues, probably Mazarine, and a fresh Queen of Spain Fritillary, as well as Painted Ladies and Small Whites. There were also a good number of the chafer *Hoplia argentea*. A Black Redstart was on a roof, and a Serin perched briefly on the fence by the hotel.

Returning to the hotel, we loaded the minibus, saying our thanks to Stefano for excellent hospitality. We set off south, over the Passo San Pellegrino, and down through the mountains, stopping for a break at the top of the autostrada. At Venice airport we checked in for our flight home, after a fabulous week of stunning scenery and alpine flowers, all enjoyed in good company.

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Yellow Pasqueflower



Least Primrose

## Species Lists

### Plants

Nomenclature contained within this list follows the taxonomic amendments, based on DNA analysis, made by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Missouri Botanic Garden, and following The Plant List, an internationally accepted list of vascular plant families, published and maintained by these two Institutions.

Scientific name	Common name	Location (first or best)
<b>PTERIDOPHYTES</b>		
<b>Lycophytes</b>		
<b>Lycopodiaceae</b>		
<i>Lycopodium annotinum</i>	<b>Clubmoss Family</b> Interrupted Clubmoss	Rosengarten
<b>Selaginellaceae</b>		
<i>Selaginella helvetica</i>	<b>Lesser Clubmoss Family</b> Swiss Clubmoss Lesser Clubmoss	Rosengarten
<i>Selaginella selaginoides</i>		Val Venegia
<b>Calamophytes</b>		
<b>Equisetaceae</b>		
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	<b>Horsetail Family</b> Field Horsetail Marsh Horsetail	Val San Nicolò
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>		Tamion
<b>Eusporangiate Ferns</b>		
<b>Ophioglossaceae</b>		
<i>Botrychium lunaria</i>	<b>Adder's-tongue Family</b> Moonwort	Val San Nicolò
<b>Leptosporangiate Ferns</b>		
<b>Aspleniaceae</b>		
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	<b>Spleenwort family</b> Wall Rue Green Spleenwort	Passo Pordoi
<i>Asplenium viride</i>		Passo Pordoi
<b>Athyriaceae</b>		
<i>Athyrium alpestre</i>	<b>Lady-fern Family</b> Alpine Lady-fern	Monzoni
<b>Cystopteraceae</b>		
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	<b>Bladder-fern Family</b> Brittle Bladder-fern Oak Fern Limestone Fern	Val San Nicolò
<i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i>		Tamion
<i>Gymnocarpium robertianum</i>		Rosengarten
<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b>		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	<b>Bracken Family</b> Bracken	Roadsides
<b>Dryopteridaceae</b>		
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i>	<b>Buckler-fern Family</b> Scaly Male-fern Holly-fern	Monzoni
<i>Polystichum lonchitis</i>		Rosengarten
<b>Polypodiaceae</b>		
<i>Polypodium vulgare</i> agg	<b>Polypody Family</b> Common Polypody	Passo Pordoi
<b>GYMNOSPERMS</b>		
<b>Cupressaceae</b>		
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	<b>Juniper Family</b> Common Juniper Dwarf Juniper	Tamion
<i>Juniperus communis</i> var. <i>saxatilis</i>		Passo Pordoi
<b>CONIFERS</b>		

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<b>Pinaceae</b>	<b>Pine Family</b>	
<i>Larix decidua</i>	European Larch	Roadsides
<i>Picea abies</i>	Spruce	Roadsides
<i>Pinus cembra</i>	Arolla Pine	Below Pordoi
<i>Pinus mugo</i>	Dwarf Mountain Pine	Below Pordoi
<b>ANGIOSPERMS</b>	<b>FLOWERING PLANTS</b>	
<b>Eu-dicots</b>	<b>True Dicotyledons</b>	
<b>Adoxaceae</b>	<b>Moschatel Family</b>	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	Roadsides
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red-berried Elderberry	Monzoni
<b>Amaranthaceae (Chenopodiaceae)</b>	<b>Goosefoot Family</b>	
<i>Chenopodium bonus-henricus</i>	Good King Henry	Tamion
<b>Apiaceae</b>	<b>Carrot Family</b>	
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	Wild Angelica	Tamion
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	Tamion
<i>Chaerophyllum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Chervil	Val San Nicolò
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut	Tamion
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	Val San Nicolò (leaves)
<i>Laserpitium latifolium</i>	Broad-leaved Sermountain	Tamion (leaves)
<i>Ligusticum mutellina</i>	Alpine Lovage	Miralago
<i>Ligusticum mutellinoides</i>	Unbranched Lovage	Rosengarten
<i>Peucedanum ostruthium</i>	Masterwort	Rosengarten
<i>Pimpinella major</i>	Greater Burnet-saxifrage	Tamion
<b>Apocynaceae</b>	<b>Periwinkle Family</b>	
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort	Predazzo
<b>Berberidaceae</b>	<b>Barberry Family</b>	
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	Barberry	Tamion
<b>Betulaceae</b>	<b>Birch Family</b>	
<i>Alnus viridis</i>	Green Alder	Monzoni
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	Val di Fassa
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Forget-me-not Family</b>	
<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	Alkanet	Predazzo
<i>Cerinth glabra</i>	Smooth Honeywort	Val San Nicolò
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's-bugloss	Roadsides
<i>Eritrichium nanum</i>	King of the Alps	Cimon della Pala
<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	Alpine Wood Forget-me-not	Passo Pordoi
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field Forget-me-not	Tamion
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Wood Forget-me-not	Val Venegia
<i>Pulmonaria australis</i>	a Lungwort	Passo Pordoi
<b>Brassicaceae</b>	<b>Cabbage Family</b>	
<i>Arabis caucasica</i>	Alpine Rock-cress	Passo Pordoi
<i>Arabis bellidifolia</i>	an Alpine Rock-cress	Rosengarten
<i>Biscutella laevigata</i>	Buckler Mustard	Passo Pordoi
<i>Cardamine amara</i>	Large Bitter-cress	Val Venegia
<i>Cardamine enneaphyllos</i>	Drooping Bitter-cress	Val Venegia

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<i>Cardamine resedifolia</i>	Mignonette-leaved Bitter-cress	Monzoni
<i>Draba aizoides</i>	Yellow Whitlow-grass	Passo Pordoi
<i>Draba dolomitica</i>	Dolomite Whitlow-grass	Cimon della Pala
<i>Draba dubia</i>	Austrian Whitlow-grass	Passo Pordoi
<i>Hornungia (Pritzelago) alpina</i>	Chamois Cress	Monzoni
<i>Kernera saxatilis</i>	Kernera	Rosengarten
<i>Petrocalis pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean Whitlow-grass	Cimon della Pala
<i>Thlaspi rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Pennycress	Rosengarten
<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflower Family</b>	
<i>Campanula barbata</i>	Bearded Bellflower	Tamion
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Clustered Bellflower	Val di Fassa
<i>Campanula scheuchzeri</i>	Scheuchzer's Bellflower	Tamion
<i>Campanula spicata</i>	Spiked Bellflower	Predazzo
<i>Phyteuma orbiculare</i>	Round-headed Rampion	Tamion
<i>Phyteuma ovatum</i>	Dark Rampion	Passo Valles road
<i>Phyteuma sieberi</i>	a Rampion	Val Venegia
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>	
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	Tamion
<i>Lonicera caerulea</i>	Blue-berried Honeysuckle	Monzoni
<i>Lonicera nigra</i>	Black Honeysuckle	Monzoni
<i>Scabiosa vestina</i>	Tyrolean Scabious	Tamion
<i>Valeriana dioica</i>	Marsh Valerian	Val Venegia
<i>Valeriana elongata</i>	Elongated Valerian	Val Venegia
<i>Valeriana montana</i>	Mountain Valerian	Passo Pordoi
<i>Valeriana saxatilis</i>	Rock Valerian	Rosengarten
<i>Valeriana supina</i>	Dwarf Valerian	Rosengarten
<i>Valeriana tripteris</i>	Three-leaved Valerian	Tamion
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>	
<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Field Mouse-ear	Val Venegia
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	Val San Nicolo
<i>Dianthus sylvestris</i>	Wood Pink	Predazzo
<i>Gypsophila repens</i>	Alpine Gypsophila	Tamion
<i>Minuartia austriaca</i>	Austrian Sandwort	Passo Pordoi
<i>Minuartia sedoides</i>	Mossy Cyphel	Passo Pordoi
<i>Minuartia verna</i>	Spring Sandwort	Passo Pordoi
<i>Moehringia ciliata</i>	Creeping Sandwort	Passo Sella
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	Moss Champion	Passo Pordoi
<i>Silene alpestris</i>	Alpine Catchfly	Val Venegia
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Champion	Passo Pordoi
<i>Silene (Lychnis) flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin	Tamion
<i>Silene nutans</i>	Nottingham Catchfly	Tamion
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Champion	Val di Fassa
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rock-rose Family</b>	
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Rock-rose	Tamion
<i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i> subsp. <i>alpestre</i>	Alpine Rock-rose	Passo Pordoi
<i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i> subsp. <i>incanum</i>	Hoary Rock-rose	Tamion
<b>Compositae (Asteraceae)</b>	<b>Daisy Family</b>	
<i>Achillea atrata</i>	Dark-stemmed Sneezewort	Rosengarten

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<i>Achillea clavennae</i>	Silvery Milfoil	Passo Pordoi
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Tamion
<i>Achillea oxyloba</i>	Alpine Sneezewort	Rosengarten
<i>Adenostyles alliariae</i>	Adenostyles	Tamion (leaves)
<i>Antennaria carpathica</i>	Carpathian Cat's-foot	Cimon della Pala
<i>Antennaria dioica</i>	Cat's-foot	Tamion
<i>Arctium lappa</i>	Greater Burdock	Val San Nicolò
<i>Arnica montana</i>	Arnica	Tamion
<i>Aster alpinus</i>	Alpine Aster	Tamion
<i>Bellidastrium michelii</i>	False Aster	Passo Pordoi
<i>Bupthalmum salicifolium</i>	Yellow Ox-eye	Val di Fassa
<i>Carduus defloratus</i>	Alpine Thistle	Val San Nicolò
<i>Carlina acaulis</i>	Stemless Carline Thistle	Passo Pordoi
<i>Centaurea nervosa</i>	Plume Knapweed	Passo Valles road
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>	Woolly Thistle	Val San Nicolò (leaves)
<i>Cirsium erisithales</i>	Yellow Melancholy Thistle	Tamion
<i>Cirsium montanum</i>	Mountain Thistle	Tamion
<i>Cirsium spinosissimum</i>	Spiniest Thistle	Val Venegia
<i>Crepis aurea</i>	Golden Hawk's-beard	Tamion
<i>Doronicum columnae</i>	Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane	Passo Pordoi
<i>Erigeron alpinus</i>	Alpine Fleabane	Below Pordoi
<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	Annual Fleabane	Predazzo
<i>Erigeron neglectus</i>	Neglected Fleabane	Tamion
<i>Erigeron uniflorus</i>	One-flowered Fleabane	Passo Pordoi
<i>Hieracium lanatum</i>	Woolly Hawkweed	Passo Pordoi (leaves)
<i>Homogyne alpina</i>	Alpine Colt's-foot	Passo Pordoi
<i>Hypochaeris uniflora</i>	Giant Cat's-ear	Tamion
<i>Jacobaea alpina (Senecio cordatus)</i>	Alpine Ragwort	Val Venegia
<i>Jacobaea vulgaris (Senecio nemorensis)</i>	Wood Ragwort	Val San Nicolò
<i>Leontopodium nivale subsp. alpinum</i>	Edelweiss	Below Pordoi
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye daisy	Roadsides
<i>Petasites alba</i>	White Butterbur	Monzoni
<i>Petasites paradoxa</i>	Alpine Butterbur	Passo Pordoi
<i>Scorzonera aristata</i>	Bearded Viper's-grass	Tamion
<i>Taraxacum agg</i>	Dandelion	Passo Pordoi
<i>Tephrosia longifolia (S. ovirensis)</i>	Southern Ragwort	Val San Nicolò
<i>Tolpis staticifolia</i>	Tolpis	Tamion
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	a Goat's-beard	Val di Fassa
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot	Passo Pordoi
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	Predazzo
<i>Sedum atratum subsp. carinthiacum</i>	Dark Stonecrop	Passo Pordoi (leaves)
<i>Sedum rosea</i>	Roseroot	Cimon della Pala
<i>Sedum sediforme</i>	Tasteless Stonecrop	Val Venegia
<i>Sempervivum arachnoideum subsp. arachnoideum</i>	a Cobweb Houseleek	Val San Nicolò
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heather Family</b>	
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry	Val Venegia
<i>Arctous alpina</i>	Alpine Bearberry	Passo Pordoi
<i>Erica carnea</i>	Spring Heath	Passo Pordoi
<i>Kalmia procumbens</i>	Trailing Azalea	Cimon della Pala
<i>Moneses uniflora</i>	One-flowered Wintergreen	Tamion

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<i>Pyrola media</i>	Intermediate Wintergreen	Val Venegia
<i>Rhododendron ferrugineum</i>	Alpenrose	Monzoni
<i>Rhododendron hirsutum</i>	Hairy Alpenrose	Rosengarten (in bud)
<i>Rhodothamnus chamaecistus</i>	Dwarf Alpenrose	Cimon della Pala
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	Tamion
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i>	Bog Whortleberry	Monzoni
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>	Cowberry	Tamion
<b>Gentianaceae</b>	<b>Gentian Family</b>	
<i>Gentiana acaulis</i>	Trumpet Gentian	Passo Pordoi
<i>Gentiana brachyphylla</i> subsp. <i>brachyphylla</i>	Short-leaved Gentian	Cimon della Pala
<i>Gentiana brachyphylla</i> subsp. <i>favratii</i>	Short-leaved Gentian (limestone)	Rosengarten
<i>Gentiana clusii</i>	Clusius's Gentian	Passo Pordoi
<i>Gentiana lutea</i>	Yellow Gentian	Val San Nicolò (in bud)
<i>Gentiana nivalis</i>	Snow Gentian	Val San Nicolò
<i>Gentiana punctata</i>	Spotted Gentian	Cimon della Pala (in bud)
<i>Gentiana terglouensis</i>	Triglav Gentian	Rosengarten
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	Spring Gentian	Passo Pordoi
<i>Gentianella germanica</i>	Chiltern or German Gentian	Tamion
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	<b>Crane's-bill Family</b>	
<i>Geranium phaeum</i>	Dusky Crane's-bill	Passo Valles road
<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>	Hedgerow Crane's-bill	Predazzo
<i>Geranium sylvaticum</i>	Wood Crane's-bill	Tamion
<b>Grossulariaceae</b>	<b>Gooseberry Family</b>	
<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	Mountain Currant	Val San Nicolò
<b>Hypericaceae</b>	<b>St. John's-wort Family</b>	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St. John's-wort	Predazzo
<b>Lamiaceae</b>	<b>Dead-nettle Family</b>	
<i>Ajuga pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Bugle	Monzoni
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle	Val Venegia
<i>Clinopodium (Acinos) alpinum</i>	Alpine Basil Thyme	Val San Nicolò
<i>Horminum pyrenaicum</i>	Dragonmouth	Tamion
<i>Lamium album</i>	White Dead-nettle	Val San Nicolò
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Oregano	Predazzo
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Meadow Clary	Tamion
<i>Stachys alopecuroides</i>	Yellow Betony	Tamion
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>	Wild Thyme	Passo Pordoi
<b>Leguminosae (Fabaceae)</b>	<b>Pea Family</b>	
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> agg.	Kidney-vetch	Passo Pordoi
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	Alpine Milk-vetch	Monzoni
<i>Astragalus australis</i>	Southern Milk-vetch	Miralago
<i>Coronilla vaginalis</i>	Small Scorpion-vetch	Tamion
<i>Genista tinctoria</i>	Dyer's Greenweed	Tamion
<i>Hedysarum hedysaroides</i> subsp. <i>exaltatum</i>	Alpine Sainfoin	Passo Sella
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	Horseshoe Vetch	Below Pordoi
<i>Lathyrus laevigatus</i>	Yellow Pea	Miralago
<i>Lathyrus sylvestris</i>	Narrow-leaved Everlasting Pea	Predazzo
<i>Lotus alpinus</i>	Alpine Bird's-foot Trefoil	Passo Pordoi

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<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Tamion
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne	Predazzo
<i>Onobrychis montana</i>	Mountain Sainfoin	Passo Pordoi
<i>Oxytropis jacquinii</i>	Mountain Milk-vetch	Val Venegia
<i>Securigera varia</i>	Crown Vetch	Predazzo
<i>Trifolium alpinum</i>	Alpine Clover	Miralago
<i>Trifolium badium</i>	Brown Clover	Val San Nicolo
<i>Trifolium montanum</i>	Mountain Clover	Tamion
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> subsp. <i>pratense</i>	Red Clover	Tamion
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Rosengarten
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	Tamion
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush Vetch	Tamion
<b>Lentibulariaceae</b>	<b>Bladderwort Family</b>	
<i>Pinguicula alpina</i>	Alpine Butterwort	Passo Pordoi
<i>Pinguicula leptoceras</i>	Southern Butterwort	Passo Valles road
<i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i>	Common Butterwort	Tamion
<b>Linaceae</b>	<b>Flax Family</b>	
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Purging or Fairy Flax	Tamion
<b>Oleaceae</b>	<b>Olive Family</b>	
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Privet	Predazzo
<b>Onagraceae</b>	<b>Willowherb Family</b>	
<i>Epilobium (Chamerion) angustifolium</i>	Rosebay Willowherb	Passo Pordoi (leaves)
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	<b>Broomrape Family</b>	
<i>Bartsia alpina</i>	Alpine Bartsia	Passo Pordoi
<i>Euphrasia roskoviana</i>	an Eyebright	Tamion
<i>Melampyrum sylvaticum</i>	Wood Cow-wheat	Monzoni (leaves)
<i>Orobanche gracilis</i>	Slender Broomrape	Tamion
<i>Pedicularis elongata</i>	a Yellow Lousewort	Tamion
<i>Pedicularis rosea</i>	Pink Lousewort	Rosengarten
<i>Pedicularis verticillata</i>	Verticillate Lousewort	Tamion
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i> agg.	Hay Rattle	Passo Pordoi
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Wood Sorrel Family</b>	
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood Sorrel	Monzoni
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppy Family</b>	
<i>Papaver alpinum (P. aurantiacum, P. rhaeticum)</i>	Rhaetian Poppy	Rosengarten
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>	<b>Plantain Family</b>	
<i>Globularia cordifolia</i>	Matted Globularia	Below Pordoi
<i>Linaria alpina</i>	Alpine Toadflax	Monzoni
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Scattered
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Scattered
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain	Tamion
<i>Veronica aphylla</i>	Leafless-stemmed Speedwell	Rosengarten
<i>Veronica austriaca</i> subsp. <i>teucrium</i>	Large Speedwell	Rosengarten
<i>Veronica (Paederota) bonarota</i>	Bluish Paederota	Rosengarten (in bud)
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	Passo Pordoi



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<i>Veronica fruticans</i>	Rock Speedwell	Val San Nicolo
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i> subsp. <i>serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Rosengarten
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	<b>Thrift Family</b>	
<i>Armeria alpina</i>	Mountain Thrift	Val Venegia
<b>Polygalaceae</b>	<b>Milkwort Family</b>	
<i>Polygala alpestris</i>	Mountain Milkwort	Below Pordoi
<i>Polygala chamaebuxus</i>	Shrubby Milkwort	Passo Pordoi
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>	Nice Milkwort	Tamion
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort	Val Venegia
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Knotweed Family</b>	
<i>Persicaria vivipara</i>	Alpine Bistort	Tamion
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Sorrel	Tamion
<i>Rumex alpinus</i>	Monk's Rhubarb	Monzoni
<i>Rumex scutatus</i>	French Sorrel / Shield Dock	Rosengarten
<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primrose Family</b>	
<i>Androsace hausmannii</i>	a Rock-jasmine	Cimon della Pala
<i>Primula auricula</i>	Bear's-ear Primrose	Cimon della Pala
<i>Primula elatior</i>	Oxlip	Passo Pordoi
<i>Primula farinosa</i>	Bird's-eye Primrose	Passo Pordoi
<i>Primula halleri</i>	Long-flowered Primrose	Passo Pordoi
<i>Primula minima</i>	Least Primrose	Cimon della Pala
<i>Primula tyrolensis</i>	Tyrolean Primrose	Cimon della Pala
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	Monzoni
<i>Soldanella alpina</i>	Alpine Snowbell	Passo Pordoi
<i>Soldanella minima</i>	Least Snowbell	Passo Pordoi
<i>Soldanella pusilla</i>	Dwarf Snowbell	Monzoni
<i>Vitaliana primuliflora</i> ( <i>Androsace vitaliana</i> )	Vitaliana	
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercup Family</b>	
<i>Aconitum vulparia</i>	Wolf's-bane	Below Pordoi (leaves)
<i>Anemone (Pulsatilla) alpina</i> subsp. <i>apiifolia</i>	Yellow Pasqueflower	Passo Pordoi
<i>Anemone baldensis</i>	Monte Baldo Anemone	Passo Pordoi
<i>Anemone (Pulsatilla) vernalis</i>	Spring Pasqueflower	Passo Pordoi
<i>Aquilegia atrata</i>	Dark Columbine	Tamion
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	Below Pordoi
<i>Clematis alpina</i>	Alpine Clematis	Passo Pordoi
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Hepatica	Tamion (leaves)
<i>Ranunculus aconitifolius</i>	Aconite-leaved Buttercup	Val San Nicolo
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	Tamion
<i>Ranunculus alpestris</i>	Alpine Buttercup	Cimon della Pala
<i>Ranunculus hybridus</i>	Hybrid Buttercup	Passo Pordoi
<i>Ranunculus montanus</i>	Mountain Buttercup	Passo Pordoi
<i>Ranunculus seguieri</i>	Seguier's Buttercup	Cimon della Pala
<i>Thalictrum aquilegifolium</i>	Great Meadow-rue	Val San Nicolo
<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	Globeflower	Passo Pordoi
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Rose Family</b>	
<i>Alchemilla</i> spp	Lady's-mantles	Passo Pordoi
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goat's-beard Spirea	Roadsides

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<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	Mountain Avens	Passo Pordoi
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet	Roadsides
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	Tamion
<i>Geum montanum</i>	Mountain Avens	Monzoni
<i>Geum rivale</i>	Water Avens	Tamion
<i>Malus</i> sp.	Apple	Predazzo
<i>Potentilla aurea</i>	Golden Cinquefoil	Cimon della Pala
<i>Potentilla crantzii</i>	Alpine Cinquefoil	Passo Pordoi
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	Tamion
<i>Potentilla nitida</i>	Pink Cinquefoil	Rosengarten
<i>Rosa pendulina</i>	Alpine Rose	Passo Pordoi
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Raspberry	Tamion
<i>Rubus saxatilis</i>	Rock Bramble	Tamion
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i> agg.	Salad Burnet	Tamion
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	Tamion
<i>Sorbus chamaemespilus</i>	False Medlar	Passo Pordoi
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	<b>Bedstraw Family</b>	
<i>Gallium album</i>	Upright Hedge Bedstraw	Tamion
<i>Gallium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Predazzo
<i>Galium pumilum</i>	Slender Bedstraw	Tamion
<b>Salicaceae</b>	<b>Willow Family</b>	
<i>Salix alpina</i>	Alpine Willow	Val Venegia
<i>Salix breviserrata</i>	Finely-toothed Willow	Passo Pordoi
<i>Salix hastata</i>	Large-stipuled Willow	Val Venegia
<i>Salix hegetschweileri</i>	Alpine Willow	Passo Pordoi
<i>Salix purpurea</i>	Purple Willow	Tamion
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	Net-leaved Willow	Passo Pordoi
<i>Salix serpyllifolia</i>	a Willow	Passo Pordoi
<b>Santalaceae</b>	<b>Sandalwood Family</b>	
<i>Thesium alpinum</i>	Alpine Bastard Toadflax	Val San Nicolo
<b>Saxifragaceae</b>	<b>Saxifrage Family</b>	
<i>Chrysosplenium alternifolium</i>	Alternate-leaved Golden Saxifrage	Monzoni
<i>Saxifraga aizoides</i>	Yellow Mountain Saxifrage	Val Venegia
<i>Saxifraga androsacea</i>	Scree Saxifrage	Rosengarten
<i>Saxifraga caesia</i>	Blue Saxifrage	Rosengarten (in bud)
<i>Saxifraga crustata</i>	Encrusted Saxifrage	Val Venegia (leaves)
<i>Saxifraga exarata</i> subsp. <i>exarata</i>	Musky Saxifrage	Below Pordoi (in bud)
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	Purple Saxifrage	Cimon della Pala
<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i>	Live-long Saxifrage	Passo Valles road
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	Round-leaved Saxifrage	Monzoni
<i>Saxifraga sedoides</i>	a Saxifrage	Val Venegia
<i>Saxifraga squarrosa</i>	-	Rosengarten (in bud)
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figwort Family</b>	
<i>Scrophularia canina</i> subsp. <i>hoppii</i>	Alpine Figwort	Rosengarten
<i>Verbascum pulverulentum</i>	Hoary Mullein	Below Pordoi
<b>Thymelaeaceae</b>	<b>Daphne Family</b>	
<i>Daphne cneorum</i>	Garland Flower	Val San Nicolo

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<i>Daphne mezereum</i> <i>Daphne striata</i>	Mezereon a Daphne	Monzoni Passo Pordoi
<b>Urticaceae</b> <i>Urtica dioica</i>	<b>Nettle Family</b> Common Nettle	Passo Pordoi
<b>Violaceae</b> <i>Viola biflora</i> <i>Viola riviniana</i> <i>Viola tricolor</i> subsp. <i>subalpina</i>	<b>Violet Family</b> Yellow Wood Violet Common Dog Violet Alpine Heartsease	Tamion Tamion Val San Nicolò
<b>Monocots</b>		
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b> <i>Allium victorialis</i>	<b>Daffodil Family</b> Alpine Leek	Passo Pordoi (leaves)
<b>Asparagaceae</b> <i>Maianthemum bifolium</i> <i>Paradisea liliastrum</i> <i>Polygonatum verticillatum</i>	<b>Asparagus Family</b> May Lily St. Bruno's Lily Whorled Solomon's-seal	Tamion Tamion Miralago
<b>Colchicaceae</b> <i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	<b>Autumn Crocus Family</b> Autumn Crocus	Tamion (leaves)
<b>Cyperaceae</b> <i>Carex firma</i> <i>Carex nigra</i> <i>Carex viridula</i> subsp. <i>oedocarpa</i> ( <i>C. demissa</i> )	<b>Sedge Family</b> Dwarf Pillow Sedge Common Sedge Common Yellow Sedge	Rosengarten Tamion Tamion
<b>Iridaceae</b> <i>Crocus caeruleus</i> ( <i>C. vernus</i> subsp. <i>albiflorus</i> )	<b>Iris Family</b> White-flowered Crocus	Passo Pordoi
<b>Juncaceae</b> <i>Luzula lutea</i> <i>Luzula luzuloides</i> <i>Luzula nivea</i>	<b>Rush Family</b> Yellow Wood-rush White Wood-rush Snowy Wood-rush	Passo Valles road Rosengarten Passo Pordoi
<b>Liliaceae</b> <i>Gagea (Lloydia) serotina</i> <i>Lillium bulbiferum</i> subsp. <i>bulbiferum</i> <i>Lillium martagon</i>	<b>Lily Family</b> Snowdon Lily Orange Lily Martagon Lily	Cimon della Pala Vigo di Fassa Miralago
<b>Melanthiaceae</b> <i>Paris quadrifolia</i> <i>Veratrum lobelianum</i>	<b>Herb-Paris Family</b> Herb-Paris Green False-helleborine	Monzoni Tamion
<b>Orchidaceae</b> <i>Dactylorhiza (Coeloglossum) viridis</i> <i>Dactylorhiza viridis</i> var. <i>longibracteatum</i> <i>Corallorhiza trifida</i> <i>Cypripedium calceolus</i> <i>Dactylorhiza alpestris</i> <i>Dactylorhiza cruenta</i> <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	<b>Orchid Family</b> Frog Orchid Long-bracted Frog Orchid Coralroot Orchid Lady's Slipper Orchid Alpine Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid Early Marsh Orchid Common Spotted Orchid	Monzoni Rosengarten Tamion Tamion Val Venegia Tamion Tamion

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<i>Dactylorhiza majalis</i>	Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid	Val Venegia
<i>Dactylorhiza x sooi</i> ( <i>D. alpestris</i> x <i>fuchsii</i> )	a Hybrid Orchid	Val Venegia
<i>Epipactis atrorubens</i>	Dark Red Helleborine	Tamion (in bud)
<i>Gymnadenia austriaca</i>	Austrian Vanilla Orchid	Val San Nicolo
<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i> agg.	Fragrant Orchid	Tamion
<i>Gymnadenia rubra</i>	Red Vanilla Orchid	Val San Nicolo
<i>Neottia cordata</i>	Lesser Twayblade	Val Venegia
<i>Neottia nidus-avis</i>	Bird's-nest Orchid	Tamion
<i>Neottia ovata</i>	Twayblade	Tamion
<i>Ophrys insectifera</i>	Fly Orchid	Tamion
<i>Orchis mascula</i> subsp. <i>speciosa</i> ( <i>O. ovalis</i> )	an Early Purple Orchid	Miralago
<i>Orchis militaris</i>	Military Orchid	Tamion
<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>	Lesser Butterfly Orchid	Tamion
<i>Pseudorchis</i> ( <i>Gymnadenia</i> ) <i>albida</i>	Small White Orchid	Val San Nicolo
<i>Traunsteinera globosa</i>	Round-headed Orchid	Tamion
<b>Poaceae</b>	<b>Grass Family</b>	
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-grass	Tamion
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking-grass	Tamion
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	Tamion
<i>Festuca glauca</i>	Blue Fescue	Val San Nicolo
<i>Melica nutans</i>	Mountain Melick	Val Venegia
<i>Patzkea</i> ( <i>Festuca</i> ) <i>paniculata</i>	-	Miralago
<i>Phleum alpinum</i>	Alpine Timothy	Val Venegia
<i>Poa alpina</i>	Alpine Meadow-grass	Val Venegia
<i>Poa bulbosa</i> var. <i>vivipara</i>	Bulbous Meadow-grass	Val Venegia
<i>Sesleria albicans</i>	A Blue Moor-grass	Passo Pordo
<i>Sesleria sphaerocephala</i>	-	Rosengarten
<b>Tofieldiaceae</b>	<b>False Asphodel Family</b>	
<i>Tofieldia calyculata</i>	Tofield's Asphodel	Val Venegia

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Earth Star sp.  
Parasol Mushroom  
Ink Cap sp.

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only; LO = Leader only)

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			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>						✓		
2	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓						
3	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>							H	
4	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓							
5	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓							
6	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓							
7	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>						✓		
8	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>						✓		
9	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			LO				H	
10	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>					H			
11	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>				✓		✓	✓	
12	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>					✓	✓	✓	

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13	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		H	H	H	✓	H	✓	
14	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>					✓	✓	✓	
15	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
16	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓							
17	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>						✓		
18	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>			H		✓		✓	
19	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		✓			H			
20	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>			H		✓			
21	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓						
24	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H	H	✓	✓	H	H	
25	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>							✓	
26	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			H					
27	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				H	H			
28	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			✓					
29	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			✓					
30	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	H						
31	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus alpestris</i>							✓	
32	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	H	✓		✓	✓	
33	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		H	H	H	H		H	
35	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		LO						
36	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					✓			
37	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
38	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					✓			
39	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
40	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>		✓				✓		
41	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓					H	
42	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
43	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		✓				✓		
44	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						✓		
45	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
46	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		LOH				H		
47	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>				H	✓		✓	

## Mammals (S=signs of)

1	European Mole	<i>Talpa europaea</i>		S						
2	Mouflon	<i>Ovis orientalis musimon</i>					S			
3	Alpine Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>			S	✓	S	✓		
4	Alpine Marmot	<i>Marmota marmota</i>		✓			✓	H	✓	

## Butterflies

1	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>							✓	
2	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>					✓		✓	
3	Dark-veined (Mountain G-v.) White	<i>Pieris bryoniae</i>					✓	✓	✓	
4	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>						✓	✓	
5	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>							✓	
6	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>			✓			✓	✓	
7	Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>						✓		

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8	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>								✓
9	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓					
10	Blue sp.			✓						
11	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>						✓	✓	
12	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
13	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
14	Comma Butterfly	<i>Polygonum c-album</i>							✓	
15	Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>		✓						
16	Woodland Ringlet	<i>Erebia medusa</i>		✓						✓
17	Dewy Ringlet	<i>Erebia pandrose</i>						✓	✓	
18	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓		✓			
19	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>								✓
20	Alpine Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus andromedae</i>					✓			
21	Large Skipper	<i>Hesperia comma</i>								✓

### Moths

1	Garden Grass-Veneer	<i>Chrysoteuchia culmella</i>				✓				
2	White Plume Moth	<i>Pterophorus pentadactylus</i>			✓					
3	a Burnet Moth	<i>Zygaena osterodensis</i>								✓
4	Grass Rivulet	<i>Perizoma albulata</i>			✓					
5	Chimney Sweeper	<i>Odezia atrata</i>								✓
6	Latticed Heath	<i>Chaismia clathrata clathrata</i>					✓			
7	Netted Mountain Moth	<i>Macaria carbonaria</i>					✓			
8	Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>			✓					✓
9	A European Beauty	<i>Lycia alpina</i>						✓		
10	Common Heath	<i>Ematurga atomaria</i>					✓			
11	Red-necked Footman	<i>Atolmis rubricollis</i>			✓					

### Fish

Eurasian Minnow, *Phoxinus phoxinus*

Brown Trout, *Salmo trutta*

### Reptiles & Amphibians

Alpine Newt, *Triturus alpestris*

Common Toad (Tadpoles), *Bufo bufo*

Common Wall Lizard, *Podarcis muralis*

### Other Invertebrates & Misc. taxa

Field Cricket, *Gryllus campestris*

Blue Shield Bug, *Canthophorus dubius*

Rhomboid Shield Bug, *Syromastes rhombeus*

Common Pond Skater, *Gerris lacustris*

Scorpion Fly, *Panorpa* sp.

Wood Ant, *Formica rufa*

Velvet Ant, *Mutilla europeae*

Paper Wasp, *Polistes cf biglumis*

Honey Bee, *Apis mellifera*

Red-tailed Bumblebee, *Bombus lapidarius*

Garden Chafer, *Phyllopertha horticola*

a Chafer, *Hoplia argentea*

Violet Click Beetle, *Ctenicera cuprea*

Glow-worm, *Lampyris noctiluca*

Longhorn Beetle, *Brachyta interrogationis*

Leaf Beetle, *Clytra 4-punctata*

Leaf Beetle, *Chrysolina coeruleans*

Crab Spider (Yellow), *Misumena vatia*

a Jumping Spider, *Salticidae* sp.

Red Velvet Mite, *Trombidioidea* sp.

Roman Snail, *Helix pomatia*