

Spring Birding in Sicily

Naturetrek Tour Report

20th – 26th April 2023



Marbled Ducks



Eastern Subalpine Warbler



Greater Flamingos



Pink Butterfly Orchid

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Day 1

Thursday 20th April

Catania airport and Syracuse

Our flight landed just a few minutes late. Once through passport control, we were collected by our guides Luca and Dave. They already had the minivans from the previous tour, so we got on the motorway and drove south. The plan was to have lunch in a service station, but the first two attempts were unsuccessful, because the service stations were deserted. One of the group had the good idea to use binoculars to check the service station on the other side of the road! It was open! It was a good move - the choice of *panini* was very good.

After lunch, we drove to our accommodation, Pozzo di Mazza, to offload our luggage and check in to our rooms. Despite the grey sky, the setting was fascinating with a series of old traditional rural buildings all restored to guest visitors and a flourishing garden with a mix of exotic and native plants, all very well cared for.

At 3 o'clock, we drove to Syracuse to visit the archaeological park called Neapolis, the "new town". While we were waiting Luca with the tickets, we kept busy observing the Spotless Starlings that were breeding in the holes of a wall. Then we explored first the rich gardens of the *Latomie del Paradiso*, some interesting ancient quarries: Sardinian Warbler, Wood Warbler and Pied Flycatcher were all sharing the same bush, not far from the "Ear of Dionysus". We entered in the stunning artificial caves dug by generations of prisoners, possibly looking of a special vein of stone.

We then climbed to the Greek theatre which used to host up to 15.000 people. The original seats, carved in the rock, were covered by wooden seats for the summer season of dramas and shows. The limestone crevices were hosting tiny little plants like in a natural botanical garden: Hollow-stemmed Asphodel (*Asphodelus fistulosus*), Small-flowered Viper's-bugloss (*Echium parviflorum*), Small Restharrow (*Ononis reclinata*), Yellow Bugle (*Ajuga chamaepitys*) and Rock Caper (*Capparis orientalis*).

From the top, the view into the theatre was memorable as well as the bay beyond and seven. distant Greater Flamingos on passage. In the rocks behind, where a *Nymphaeum* alimented by an ancient aqueduct appeared, tens of tombs were carved.

We had a second loop around the huge "Altar of Hieron" and the roman amphitheatre: all around the meadows were filled with multi-coloured flowers like Purple Viper's-bugloss (*Echium plantagineum*), Large Blue Alkanet (*Anchusa azurea*), Bladder Vetch (*Tripodion tetraphyllum*), Bear's-breech (*Acanthus mollis*), Mediterranean Lineseed (*Bellardia trixago*), etc. A few Jays flew from a bare tree, while a second Wood Warbler showed better on a bush and a mix of Common and Pallid Swifts, distinguished by the disyllabic call, were crossing in the sky.

We came back to the hotel after 6 pm and a flock of low Bee-eaters came to say "welcome!".

After the checklist, at 8 pm, we moved to the dining room of the hotel where for the first time we experienced the delicious art of chef Franca: cheese, green olives, capers, potato croquettes, peppers, then a very simple but

incredibly tasty pasta with tomato sauce, chicken with potatoes, almond mousse and a *limoncello* cream. A happy end after such a long day of travelling!

Day 2

Friday 21st April

Cava Grande del Cassibile

We met at 7.30 to have a wander around. David was awake earlier, had already seen a female of Pied Flycatcher, to which we added a dull male. The garden didn't offer many surprises, but we did see Italian Sparrow, Serin, Greenfinch, Zitting Cisticola, Great Tit and Crested Lark before breakfast: Carmen was waiting to pamper us with a selection of homemade cakes, yogurt and jams, plus local cheese and Italian coffee.

At 9 am we drove south to Avola, where we stopped at a supermarket for shopping for the picnics. Some of us took the chance to buy a few drinks or bottles of the famous Nero d'Avola, while David, through the scope, managed to find a distant Great Cormorant by the sea and the first Yellow-legged Gulls.

Then we climbed a bendy road among Giant Fennels (*Ferula communis*), Red Valerians (*Centranthus ruber*), Rock Capers, Manna Ashes (*Fraxinus ornus*), Sage-leaved (*Cistus salvifolius*) and Pink Cistuses (*Cistus creticus*) until we reached a view point. Here the wind was particularly strong, and we could hardly hear a single call of a bird. We noticed a tiny dark butterfly on a Red Valerian: the skippers of the genus *Gegenes* are almost impossible to be identify with certainty in the field, but the time of year indicated it was a Pygmy Skipper.

A second stop faced to a valley with rocky slopes: David localized a Little Owl on a stone wall, while Luca found several Rock Sparrows on an unfinished concrete building. The meadow in front was good, with Plough-share (Long-lipped) Tongue Orchid (*Serapias vomeracea*), Naked-man Orchid (*Orchis italica*), Yellow Bee-orchid (*Ophrys lutea*) and Mediterranean Spurge (*Euphorbia characias*).

In the distance there was a pair of Stonechats, and we had a glimpse of Spectacled and Subalpine Warbler, while a Cirl Bunting was singing from a garden.

We drove to the countryside of the upland until we notice a flock of birds circling: getting closer they revealed to be 39 White Storks! We got out of the minivans to admire them, then we discovered an unspoiled meadow filled with hundreds of orchids: Pink-butterfly Orchid (*Anacamptis papilionacea* var. *grandiflora*), Mirror Orchid (*Ophrys speculum*), Yellow Bee-orchid, *Ophrys incubacea* and Bertoloni's Orchid (*Ophrys bertoloni*). On a fence, a Whinchat was sitting.

We eventually arrived at Cava Grande del Cassibile – time for our picnic under the roof of a café in exchange for the purchase of some drinks and ice-cream.

After a brilliant picnic with a variety of cheese, vegetables, strawberries and melon, we went on foot along a path that sided the gorge. The roadsides were filled once again with orchids and other wonderful flowers: Sombre Bee-orchid (*Ophrys fusca*), *Ophrys fuciflora biancae*, Pink-butterfly Orchid, *Ophrys exaltata*, while Milky Orchid (*Neotinea lactea*) and Giant Orchid (*Himantoglossum robertianum*) were unfortunately over. We reached a derelict terrace from which we could scan the cliffs of the gorge: male and female Blue Rock Thrush were spotted through the

telescopes, while we could see the green pools, very popular among the tourists in summer, formed by the river Cassibile in the bottom of the valley.

While we were there, we perceived a movement under our feet: in the evening we discovered that an earthquake of 4.4 Richter occurred offshore Catania. We continued till a garigue of Almond-leaved Pears (*Pyrus spinosa*) and Mauritanian Grass (*Ampelodesmos mauritanicus*). There a male Spectacled Warbler started its concert from the top of a bush, showing perfectly to all the group.

Some of the group then returned back to the café for a drink, while other carried on a little, following a cow path through the garigue. A male Subalpine Warbler was singing from a bramble, while a Woodlark was waiting with its food in the beak perched on a wire and several Wood Warblers were hopping in the foliage.

A bit sheltered from the wind, also a few Sicilian Wall Lizards (*Podarcis waglerianus*) and butterflies, like Large White and Southern Blue (*Polyommatus celina*), were moving. Walking back, on the left side, we noticed Yellow Bee-orchid and the Lesser Yellow Bee-orchid (*Ophrys sicula*) growing side by side, so we could compare the distinctive features like the swallow tails, the size and the flatness of the lip.

We finally deserved a coffee, to celebrate the lovely day in the field.

Supper was served at 8pm in the dining room and today appeared *capponata*, *pizzetta*, filled sardines, *pasta al sugo siracusano* with anchovies and cherry tomatoes, *gratin* of swordfish, *tiramisù* and *zibibbo*, a sweet wine.

Day 3

Saturday 22nd April

Mount Etna

A moth trap was set up in the garden during the night: in the morning there was a cracking Sicilian Cream-spot Tiger (*Arctia villica konewkaii*) plus a number of smaller and browner specimens like Porter's Rustic (*Athetis hospes*), Pale Mottled Willow (*Caradrina clavipalpis*), *Mythimna languida* and micros.

The dull Pied Flycatcher of yesterday was still in the garden, while four unexpected Purple Herons on migration, passed in flight.

After breakfast, when we were loading the vans, two Marsh Harriers flew over as well.

We drove almost an hour and half along the motorway, noticing a road kill Pine Marten, maybe two, and started to climb the foothills of mount Etna among the narrow roads that went through the villages of Gravina and Mascalucia.

The first stop was in a pair of secondary craters, now covered in Aleppo (*Pinus halepensis*) and Umbrella Pines (*Pinus pinea*), called Monti Rossi. The first part of the path was the most strenuous, but it was worth because we saw Brancifort's (*Orchis brancifortii*) and *Anacamptis morio longicornu* orchids, together with Narrow-leaved Lupins (*Lupinus angustifolius*), before the trail got almost flat and Lucy spotted a Lunar Double-stripe (*Minucia lunaris*) on the ground - a rather large erebid moth. While a Great Spotted Woodpecker was calling, we searched for passerines, getting

very good views of Coal Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper, Firecrest and a pair of the sough after Sicilian Long-tailed Tit ssp. *siculus*. In the sky we noticed a passage of rather low Bee-eaters and a resident Cirl Bunting was singing from the top of a pine.

The rich flora, while we went along a path in the hillside of the crater, included Woad (*Isatis tinctoria*), Red Valerian, Fodder Vetch (*Vicia villosa*) and *Vicia* cfr. *glauca*, Long-headed Poppy (*Papaver dubium*) and Viper's Bugloss (*Echium vulgare*): very good food plants for the butterflies. The best, among a ten of species, were Small copper (*Lycaena phlaeas*), Orange Tip (*Anthocharis cardamines*), Clouded Yellow (*Colias croceus*), Wall Brown (*Lasiommata megera*) and the fascinating Eastern Orange Tip (*Anthocharis damone*). A Crab Spider (*Thomisus onustus*), looking invisible on a Woad because it was completely yellow, had caught a comparatively huge Nettle Tree Butterfly (*Libythea celtis*).

We spent some time listening at a second stop in a Chestnut grove - Chiffchaff, Blackcap, Blue Tit and Robin. In the leaves of the undergrowth, among the Tassel Hyacinths (*Muscari comosum*), we noticed two Roman Orchids (*Dactylorhiza romana*). We arrived at Rifugio Sapienza at 1 pm, then reached a restaurant where we could choose from a delicious self-service buffet.

Four people decided, despite the threatening dark clouds, to catch the cable car till an altitude of 2,500m. Despite the clearings of sunshine, it was not possible to climb higher through the huge 4x4 buses, but they enjoyed the moon surface landscape. The rest of the group joined Luca and David, and saw Firecrest, Nuthatch, Coal Tit in the pine wood, Rock Bunting, male and female Northern Wheatear, two unexpected Spectacled Warblers and Black Redstart all showed well in a not so recent lava flow, now covered in lichens.

Along a road sided by Black Poplars (*Populus nigra*), we spotted a few Etna Violets (*Viola aethnensis*), while for most of the flora it was a bit early. There were no flowers on the endemic Etna Brooms (*Genista aetnensis*), Etna Berberry (*Berberis aetnensis*), Etna Milk-vetch (*Astragalus siculus*), while the *Potentilla calabra* just had few yellow flowers.

We met with the others at 16 for a coffee, then we had two stops on the way down to look for the Sicilian Rock Partridge: in the second try, by a volcanic stone quarry, we heard an individual calling, but we couldn't locate it, but we did see a Blue Rock Thrush.

We came back to the *agriturismo* at 7pm, then for dinner we had *arancino*, *pasta al forno* with *ragù*, a veal roll filled with eggs and a milk flan.

During the night, once again, a Scops Owl was heard.

Day 4

Sunday 23rd April

Penisola Magnisi, Saline di Priolo and Capo Murro di Porco

The moth trap only had half a dozen of moths, but several people had a wonderful view of a male Golden Oriole in the garden, four Whinchats and 15 Bee-eaters on passage over our heads at breakfast time: a very good start!

We drove 30 minutes to the north of Syracuse, reaching a peaceful prairie area, Penisola Magnisi. We walked along the isthmus where the Figs were populated by loud resident Italian Sparrows. A couple of Pied Flycatchers were

perched on the fences, while the Spotless Starlings were going back and forth carrying the food to their nests in a derelict building. In the blue sky we noticed a Buzzard and two Marsh Harriers, and then a distant Osprey and a welcome female Montagu's Harrier. Beside the birds of prey, over our heads were Pallid Swifts, House and Sand Martins, Barn Swallows and two Red-rumped Swallows, distinguished by their black under-tail coverts. We went through a colourful mix of thistles where Luca tried hard to find a rare Calandra Lark, but we had to settle for the concert of Crested Larks and Corn Buntings and a brief Short-toed Lark. With so many flowers, there were also several Eastern Bath (*Pontia edusa*), Eastern Dappled (*Euchloe ausonia*) and Small Whites (*Pieris rapae*), Southern Blues, Small Heaths (*Coenonympha pamphilus*), Ragusa's Nine Spot (*Amata marjana*), *Synaphe moldavica* and Six spot Burnets (*Zygaena filipendulae*), among which, Dave spotted a *Zygaena punctum*.

Reaching the sea, we flushed eight Red-throated Pipits that landed on flat rocks nearby a small pool, to drink and have a bath, while the Osprey was now flying offshore, mobbed by a Yellow-legged Gull.

A series of Second World War bunkers were open not far from the lighthouse, while other Neolithic settlements were spread in the grassland and in the distance we spotted a submarine: considering that the Italian Navy only has eight of them in service, it was definitely a rare sighting!

We flushed half a dozen of Stone Curlews, some of them enough close to show the yellow bill, eyes and legs. For lunchtime, we transferred to the LIPU reserve Saline di Priolo: where we used the seats and tables under the Carob trees, to enjoy our picnic.

Then we walked among the invasive Golden Wreath Wattles (*Acacia saligna*) to the only surviving hide following the fire of 2019.

The height of the windows was good for dwarfs and giants, but we still managed to admire the Greater Flamingos and Black-winged Stilts. On two islands, that used to be part of the removed pipeline, we noted Ringed Plover, Little Stint, Dunlin, six Curlew Sandpipers and three Sandwich Terns.

Through the telescope, we saw what was most likely the Osprey we had before in Magnisi, now perched on a far post near a Great Cormorant.

On the way back, around the knapweeds *Centaurea seridis* was a Swallowtail (*Papilio machaon*) together with Carpenter Bees (*Xylocopa violacea*).

We moved again for half an hour through the Syracuse suburbs to reach the south end, the Capo Murro di Porco. There we had a loop through the luxuriant Mediterranean maquis formed by Tree Spurge (*Euphorbia dendroides*), Dwarf Palm (*Chamaerops humilis*), *Calicotome infesta*, Spiny Burnet (*Sarcopoterium spinosum*) and Myrtle (*Myrtus communis*), observing the deep colour of the sea and the passage of Audouin's and Yellow-legged Gulls.

Arrived by the lighthouse, we did some sea-watching, observing four Yelkouan and a couple of Scopoli's Shearwaters.

For supper, we had aubergines with eggs, *capuliatu* pasta, chicken *spiedini* with lemon, strawberries and lemon ice-cream.

Coming outside after that, we managed to see the Scops Owl in a spotlight, while the Kuhl's Pipistrelles (*Pipistrellus kuhlii*) were flying just over our heads.

Day 5

Monday 24th April

Vendicari and Ortigia (Syracuse city centre)

Once again, few things in a wet moth trap: two Giant Loopers (*Ascotis selenaria*), Gem (*Orthonama obstipata*), Vine's Rustic (*Hoplodrina ambigua*), Four-spotted (*Tyta luctuosa*) and few micros.

In the garden there were all the three species of flycatchers: Spotted, Pied and Collared, useful for a comparison, noticing the different extension of white on the base of the primaries.

After a stop to shop for the picnics, we drove south to the Vendicari Reserve, a clear pearl among the Sicilian wetlands because of its cleanness and beauty. Walking to the brackish water lakes, we first spotted a Turtle Dove singing from a Eucalyptus, then we reached a double twin hide that faced a bird bonanza: a muddy shore and an ancient saltpan and were plenty of birds! The most obvious were of course the pink Greater Flamingos, but also Shelducks, Avocets and Black-winged Stilts, all sharing the black and white plumage. But were the tens of tiny waders, with a mix of Ringed and Grey Plovers, Wood Sandpipers and Little Stints in the mudflats and shallow waters, and Curlew Sandpipers, Ruffs, Spotted Redshanks in deeper waters.

A Spoonbill landed in front of the hide, while in the distance we could see a Great Crested Grebe, Little Egrets and far small islands covered in white birds.

We continued along a concrete path that went through a reed bed where there was singing a single Reed Warbler, until a beach where we soon noticed the large masses of Neptune Grass *egagrophila*, looking like brown balls. As today was between Sunday 23rd and the 25th of April, (a national bank holiday about the liberation from the Fascism), there were plenty of people here to enjoy the sunshine along the seashore.

Among the Large-berried Juniper (*Juniperus macrocarpa*) and the Mastics (*Pistacia lentiscus*) of the dunes, there were nice pink patches of *Silene colorata* and Sea Rocket (*Cakile maritima*), but we found only one Small-flowered Tongue Orchid (*Serapias parviflora*), when usually there are a several more orchids.

We went explored the northern *pantano* and a Marsh Harrier came in flight, flushing all the white birds on the islands, revealing a mix of Pied Avocets, Slender-billed Gulls, Sandwich and Little Terns.

From another hide, we could admire from a short distance the bright pink of the Flamingos, but also a nice Greenshank and Grey Plover.

We saw the lovely turquoise of the sea nearby the Swabian Tower, and we spotted Marbled Crabs (*Pachygrapsus marmoratus*) from the fascinating *tonnara*, a tuna factory now all restored and looking like a roofless cathedral: the Little Terns were flying and fishing all around, emitting their loud calls.

We delayed the lunch in order to not stay in the car park, but to use the nice tables at the *agriturismo* Pozzo di Mazza. During the 40 minutes of driving, a few of us saw a falcon over the road from the minivan, that was most likely an Eleonora's Falcon, with its black under wing coverts, but unfortunately there was no space to stop safely on the roadside.

At 15.30, the majority of us went to have a cultural afternoon in Ortigia, the ancient city centre of Syracuse. The others just chilled out in the garden, chasing the Golden Orioles and having a look around.

We walked from the Syracuse market, to the Doric temple of Apollo, the most ancient of the city, until the spectacular oval Duomo Square, masterpiece of the Sicilian Baroque. In the Aretusa freshwater spring, so important historically for the city population to survive to the attacks of the enemies, we noticed a number of Thicklip Grey Mullets (*Chelon labrosus*) and Goldfishes, but also a few domestic waterfowls, including a Muscovy Duck stalking a white Mallard.

We had time for a *gelato*, a *cannolo* or... both, admiring the façade of the Duomo and the warm light that kissed the surrounding historical palaces.

Supper offered finally *ricotta* cheese, olives, vegetables, with courgettes, calamari and a chocolate cake.

When we came out, we had another view of the Scops Owl and of the Kuhl's Pipistrelles in the garden, then we discovered that several Moorish Geckos (*Tarentola mauritanica*) and Yellow-legged Millipede (*Pachyiulus flavipes*) had appeared on of the walls.

Day 6

Tuesday 25th April

Southern lakes

This morning the garden of Pozzo di Mazza was looking dramatically empty of birds, with only residents around and also particularly silent. But then a Peregrine Falcon with prey in its claws crossed and more stuff appeared: a Nightingale under the solar panels, a Tree Pipit and a female Collared Flycatcher in the Giant reeds and finally a male Golden Oriole and a Marsh Harrier in flight!

Once again we drove south, this time to the southern brackish water lakes called *pantani*.

Unfortunately we couldn't enter in the private reserve owned by a German Foundation, because of staff illness, but we still had a decent view into Pantano Longarini from the northern and the southern roads.

The northern track, once open to the traffic, was now exclusive for pedestrians, so we went on foot among the reed beds and a series of freshwater ponds. Despite the strong wind, we could enjoy a concert of Italian Edible Frogs (*Pelophylax* synkl. *hispanicus*), but we couldn't see any. We manage to spot, instead, one or two heads of the endemic Sicilian Pond Turtle (*Emys trinacris*), emerging from the algae, and a few dragonflies: Island Bluetail (*Ischnura genei*), Broad Scarlet (*Crocothemis erythraea*), Lesser (*Anax parthenope*) and Blue Emperor (*Anax imperator*).

In the main *pantano*, there were scattered individuals of Greater Flamingo while, looking through the scope, we could notice a pair of Gadwalls, a Great White Egret and many Coots.

We walked among two walls of flowers, mainly Crown Daisies (*Glebionis coronaria*), Purple Viper's-bugloss and Common Mallow (*Malva sylvestris*), but also Poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*), *Orobancha pubescens* and *Orobancha thapsoides*, Borage (*Borago officinalis*), Black Garlic (*Allium niger*), etc.

We flushed two nice Squacco Herons from the riverine vegetation, then reached a bank from which we could scan the western side of the *pantano*: the new islands (part of the LIFE project for Marbled Duck), were populated by Shelducks, Yellow-legged Gulls and Black-winged Stilts, while older ones hosted two Gull-billed Terns and three Ringed Plovers.

For few seconds, three Ferruginous Ducks appeared from behind another bank, then two Black Terns came in and two pairs of Red-crested Pochards were a good find by Luca.

Walking back, we noticed nine wonderful Caspian Terns passing in flight.

We moved the minivans on the southern side of Longarini: on the stacks of stones created by the Foundation to offer dens to the least fauna, there were several Northern Wheatears, Whinchats and a female Whitethroat, all sheltering there from the wind. A few metres further, on a channel, we found six Marbled Ducks, recently reintroduced here to help the very little breeding population, the only one in Italy. Two Spoonbills were feeding not far from the bend of the road, while three Pied Avocets and a Slender-billed Gull were only visible through the telescope.

At lunch time, we had our picnic by the Granelli beach: the sun was covered by high clouds, so we could sit in the open, enjoying the last glorious buffet.

As this was the 25th April, a national bank holiday in Italy, there were people everywhere, including along the beach, where we could only see a single male Kentish Plover.

We transferred to Pantano Baronello, 10 minutes further: maybe the strong wind, maybe the high level of the water, maybe both, but there were not many birds there more than the Coots with their ugly chicks. A Squacco Heron appeared from the reed beds for few seconds, while a Ruff couldn't find any mudflat where to land.

On the road again through the countryside of Pachino, covered in greenhouses of tomatoes, we arrived at our last destination, Pantano Morghella.

Walking in the dry grass with Cantabrian Morning Glory (*Convolvulus cantabriga*), Spanish Oregano (*Thymbra capitata*) and Upright Yellow-flax (*Linum strictum*), we flushed a number of loud Stone Curlews, until we reached a view point. The light wasn't great, but among the Coots we saw two close Ferruginous Ducks and a far male Pochard and among the Yellow-legged Gulls and the Shelducks some Black-headed, Audouin's and a single Mediterranean Gull.

Cathy had a brief view of a reddish mammal with short tail: a Least Weasel. Lucky her!

Walking back to the minivans, we got confused by a Flamingo, acting like a Swan in the deep water, then we walked some more seeing many Rock Capers in bloom. Of particular interest were the *Zygna erythraea* we found, two of them mating, and Southern (*Sympetrum meridionale*) and Red-veined Darter (*Sympetrum fonscolombii*). Another Stone Curlew passed in flight just after a last surprise: a male Golden Oriole flying over the grassland!

After almost an hour of driving, we came back to the agriturismo with a couple of hours to pack the suitcases and freshen up.

The last supper included anchovies bruschetta, pasta alla norma with delicious aubergines and ricotta salata, meatballs with bittersweet carrots, lemon jelly and the necessary limoncello cream.

During the night the Scops Owl came to sing in the garden once again.

Day 7

Wednesday 26th April

Catania airport

During the last there wasn't much time: we had breakfast at 7.30 am, being well looked after as usual by Carmen, and we left one hour later. In the garden we had a lovely male Pied Flycatcher and later a last Golden Oriole crossed in flight. One hour of smooth driving along the motorway led finally us to the Fontanarossa airport, where we could comfortably say goodbye to our leaders and to Sicily, having plenty of time for the check-in and passport controls.

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Sicilian Wall Lizard

Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	April 2023						
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				3	10	30	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1					20	
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>						2	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>				1			
Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>						6	
Common Pochard	<i>Anas ferina</i>						1	
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>						5	
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>						4	
Sicilian Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris (graeca) whitakeri</i>			h				
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>						1	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						5	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					2	10	
Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>				2			
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>				4			
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		1		1			
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				9			
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>			1			10	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>						3	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			3	3	5	15	
Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>						2	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>					1	2	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			4				4
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	5	39	4				
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					5		
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>					7	2	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	7	10		160	150	200	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	4	2	2		5	
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco cfr. eleonora</i>					1	1	

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		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1	2				1	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				1			
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			2	2	2	4	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				1			
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1						
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		3	2	2		1	
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>				h		2h	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				1		3	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				35	1	200	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					15	3	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				3	10	10	
Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>			h	6		6	
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				1	7	5	
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>					4	1	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>					2	2	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				1			
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				6	10	2	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				2	40		
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>					15	2	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>					2	15	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					2	1	
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					6		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					1	2	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>						4	
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>					20	1	
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>						1	
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		4		20	10	70	
Audouin's Gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>				3		2	
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>					15	2	
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>				5	3		
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>						2	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>						9	
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i> var. <i>domestica</i>	x	x	x	x	xx	xx	x
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	10	10	5	20	10	30	10
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	1	5	5	5	2	10	h
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		h			3		
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		h	h			1	
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1					
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	h	h	h	1	2	h	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	20	5	20	10	100	100	10
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	10			20	5		
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						1	
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>						1	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	10	40	10	20	5	15	
Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major italiae</i>			h				
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	1	2	1	10	2	10	1
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		2	2				
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				1		1	
Common Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		2		20	6	20	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	10	50	10	50	5	10	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>				2			

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Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	1	2	3	20		10	10
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				2		1	
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>				8			
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	h			2	2		
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				1	h		
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	h		3h				
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		h			h	1	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>			1				
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			4	1		6	
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1		7	1	3	
Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>		4	1				
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	3	5	2	2	h	1	
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		2	1				
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	2	h	5	h	h		
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	1	1				1	
Spectacled Warbler	<i>Curruca conspicillata</i>		2	2				
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	3	3		5	3	3	
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		3	3				
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	h	2		5	2h	5	1
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		2h		3h	h	2h	
European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				h	h	4	
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	2	5	1	2			
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		h	2h				
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			3				
Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		h	2h				
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					1	2	
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	1	3	2	5	1	2	1
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>					1	1	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major aphrodite</i>	2	5	3	1	2	2	
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>			5				
European Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		5	5				
Sicilian Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus siculus</i>			2				
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			1				
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			5				
Common Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	3	5	3	5	2	10	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius albipectus</i>	3	2	2		1		
Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	5		h				
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	1	3	5	3	1	5	
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		8	2				
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	10	10	5	50	10	30	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				1	3	2	1
Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	2	10	5	20	5	10	5
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	1	2		2	h	2	
Common Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>		4					
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		h	5				
Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		3	5	2	2	5	1
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	5	5	3	5	3	10	1
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	2	3	2	1	1	h	h
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	1	3	3	1	3	2	
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		3	2				
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				3		3	

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Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			3				

Invertebrates

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BUTTERFLIES:							
	Papilionidae						
Swallowtail	Papilio machaon			2	2	1	2
Scarce Swallowtail	Iphiclides podalirius		1	1			
	Pieridae						
Large White	Pieris brassicae		2	2			
Small White	Artogeia rapae		1	3	20	2	3
Eastern Bath White	Pontia edusa				2		
Eastern Dappled White	Euchloe ausonia				3		
Eastern Orange Tip	Anthocharis damone			2			
Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines		2	1			
Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea			1	2		
Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra				2		
	Lycaenidae						
Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas			2	3		
Southern Blue	Polyommatus celina		5		3		
	Nymphalidae						
Nettle-tree Butterfly	Libythea celtis			D			
Painted lady	Vanessa cardui			1	1		
Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera		2	1	2	1	
Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		5		20		
Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria		2	2		1	2
	Hesperiidae						
Tufted Skipper	Muschampia cfr. floccifera				5		
Pygmy Skipper	Gegenes cfr. pumilio		1		1		
MACRO MOTHS:							
Ragusa's Nine-spotted	Amata marjana		2		10		
Nutmeg Moth	Anarta trifolii				1T		
Cream-spot Tiger	Arctia villica konewkai			1T			
Giant Looper	Ascotis selenaria					2T	
Porter's Rustic	Athetis hospes			2T	1T	2T	
Pale Mottled Willow	Caradrina cfr. clavipalpis			1T			
Common Carpet	Epirrhoe alternata				1T		
Vine's Rustic	Hoplodrina cfr. ambigua					1T	
Hummingbird Hawk Moth	Macroglossum stellatarum			1			
Lunar Double-stripe	Minucia lunaris			1			
A noctuid	Mythimna languida			1T			
An erebid	Orgyia trigotephra					1C	
Gem	Orthonama obstipata					1	
Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa			✓✓C			
Cypress Carpet	Thera cupressata				1T		
Four-spotted	Tyta luctuosa					1T	

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Sluggish Burnet	<i>Zygaena erythrus</i>						4
Six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>				10	1	1
A burnet	<i>Zygaena punctum</i>				1		
MICRO MOTHS							
A pyralid	<i>Bostra obsoletalis</i>			1T		1T	
Carnation Tortrix	<i>Cacoecimorpha pronubana</i>			1			
Privet Tortrix	<i>Clepsis</i> cfr. <i>consimilana</i>				1T		
A tortricid	<i>Cnephasia</i> cfr. <i>gueneana</i>				1		
Cotton Tipworm Moth	<i>Crociosema plebejana</i>			1T	1T		
Locust Bean Moth	<i>Ectomyelois ceratoniae</i>					1T	
Morning-glory Plume Moth	<i>Emmelinea monodactyla</i>			4T	1T		
A pyralid	<i>Ephestia</i> sp.			1T			
Narrow-winged Grey	<i>Eudonia angustea</i>			1T			
Theresian Moth	<i>Lamoria anella</i>			1T	2t	1T	
Diamond-backed Moth	<i>Plutella xylostella</i>			1T	1T	1T	
A pyralid	<i>Synaphe moldavica</i>				✓		
OTHER INVERTEBRATES							
Island Bluetail	<i>Ischnura genei</i>						4
Vagrant Emperor	<i>Anax</i> cfr. <i>ephippiger</i>				1		
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>						1
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>						1
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>				1		3
Southern Darter	<i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>						1
Scarlet Darter	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>						1
A grasshopper	<i>Ocneridia nigropunctata</i>				1		
Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>				2	1	
A digging grasshopper	<i>Acrotylus</i> sp.				1		
Gorse Shield Bug	<i>Piezodorus lituratus</i>			1			
A shield bug	<i>Sciocoris sideritidis</i>			1			
A plant bug	<i>Macrotylus nigricornis</i>		1				
A plant bug	<i>Calocoris nemoralis</i>			✓			
Cretan Seed Bug	<i>Lygaeus creticus</i>						1
A seed bug	<i>Aellopus atratus</i>			1			
A seed bug	<i>Spilostethus pandurus</i>						✓✓
A froghopper	<i>Cercopis</i> cfr. <i>sanguinolenta</i>		1				
Sicilian Striped Shield-bug	<i>Graphosoma lineatum siciliensis</i>		2		✓		
Greater Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius</i> cfr. <i>major</i>		1				
A bee fly	<i>Bombylius medius</i>		1				
Common Drone Fly	<i>Eristalis tenax</i>						1
A lagoon fly	<i>Eristalinus</i> sp.						1
A bee fly	<i>Usia</i> sp.				1		
A bee fly	<i>Usia versicolor</i>		✓				
A bee fly	<i>Parusia taeniolata</i>		✓				
A robber fly	Asilidae sp.		1				
A stiletto fly	<i>Thereva</i> sp.					1	
A flesh fly	<i>Sarcophaga</i> sp.		1				
A woodlouse fly	<i>Melanophora</i> cfr. <i>roralis</i>	1					
An ant	<i>Tapinoma</i> sp.						✓
An ant	<i>Aphaenogaster</i> sp.			✓			

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Pallid Big-headed Ant	<i>Pheidole pallidula</i>		✓					
Gold-fringed Mason Bee	<i>Osmia aurulenta</i>				1			
A red-resin bee	<i>Rhodanthidium</i> sp.		✓		✓			1
Sicilian Mortar Bee	<i>Megachile sicula</i>				✓	✓		1
Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>				2			
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus</i> cfr. <i>terrestris</i>	5	10	5				1
A bee	<i>Anthophora</i> cfr. <i>dispar</i>		1					
A wasp	<i>Euodynerus</i> sp.				1			
A paper wasp	<i>Polistes</i> sp.				✓			
Mammoth Wasp	<i>Megascolia bidens</i>				1			
A scarab beetle	Scarabaeidae sp.				✓			
A firefly	<i>Lampyrus ambigena</i>				1			
A darkling beetle	<i>Pimelia</i> cfr. <i>rugulosa</i>			1				✓
A darkling beetle	<i>Akis trilineata</i>							1
Seven Spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>			1				1
Mediterranean Spotted Chafer	<i>Oxythyrea funesta</i>		✓	1	✓			✓
A soldier beetle	Cantharidae sp.				✓			
A flower beetle	<i>Psilothrix</i> sp.				✓			
A leaf beetle	<i>Labidostomis taxicornis</i>			2				
Daffodil Leaf-beetle	<i>Exosoma</i> cfr. <i>lusitanicum</i>		1					
A leaf beetle	<i>Lachnaia italica</i>	1						
A longhorn beetle	<i>Phytoecia coerulescens</i>			1				
Napoleon Spider	<i>Synema globosum</i>			1	1			
Pink Crab Spider	<i>Thomisus onustus</i>			1				
A spider	<i>Xysticus</i> sp.							1
A spider	<i>Oxyopes</i> sp.			1				
Marbled Crab	<i>Pachygrapsus marmoratus</i>					2		
Yellow-legged Millipede	<i>Pachyiulus flavipes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Garden Snail	<i>Cornu aspersum</i>		1					
White Italian Snail	<i>Theba pisana</i>				✓			

Other groups

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MAMMALS:									
Western Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>						2d		
Kuhl's Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus kuhlii</i>			h	3	4	h		
Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>			d				d	
Least Weasel	<i>Mustela nivalis</i>						1		
AMPHIBIANS:									
Italian Edible Frog	<i>Pelophylax</i> synkl. <i>hispanicus</i>						5h		
REPTILES:									
Sicilian Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys trinacris</i>						2		
Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis siculus</i>		5	5	5	5		1	

Sicilian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis waglerianus</i>		3		3			
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>			1	1	15	1	1
FISH:								
Thicklip Grey Mullet	<i>Chelon labrosus</i>					✓✓		
Eastern Mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>					✓	✓✓	

Plants (** = Endemic to Sicily, * = Endemic to Italy and Sicily)

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PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & ALLIES		
Lycophytes			
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family		
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Leptosporangiate Ferns	True Ferns		
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family		
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	3	Etna
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	3	Etna
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family		
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	3	Etna
Pteridaceae	Ribbon Fern Family		
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	3	Etna
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS		
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family		
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Juniper	3	Etna
<i>Juniperus macrocarpa</i>	Large-berried Juniper	5	Vendicari
Pinaceae	Pine Family		
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Pinus nigra laricio</i>	Corsican Pine	3	Etna
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone or Umbrella Pine	1	Syracuse archaeological park
ANGIOSPERMS	FLOWERING PLANTS		
Eu-dicots	True Dicotyledons		
Acanthaceae	Bear's-breech Family		
<i>Acanthus mollis</i>	Bear's-breech	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Amaranthaceae	Amaranth Family		
<i>Arthrocaulon meridionalis</i>	Glaucous Glasswort	4	Capo Murro di Porco (leaves)
<i>Atriplex portulacoides</i>	Sea-purslane	5	Vendicari

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<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Nettle-leaved Goosefoot	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Suaeda</i> cfr. <i>vera</i>	Shrubby Sea-blite	6	Pantano Longarini (leaves)
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family		
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Lentisc or Mastic	1	Syracuse archaeological park
[<i>Schinus molle</i>]	Peruvian Pepper Tree	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Apiaceae	Carrot Family		
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needles	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Smyrniolus olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Smyrniolus perfoliatum rotundifolium</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Tordylium	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family		
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	1	Syracuse archaeological park
[<i>Vinca major</i>]	Greater Periwinkle	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Araliaceae	Ivy Family		
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Berberidaceae	Barberry Family		
<i>Berberis aetnensis</i>	Etna Barberry	3	Etna
Boraginaceae	Borage Family		
<i>Alkanna tinctoria</i>	Spanish-bugloss	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Cerinthe majus</i>	Honeywort	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Echium arenarium</i>	Sand Bugloss	5	Vendicari
<i>Echium italicum</i>	Pale Bugloss	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Echium parviflorum</i>	Small-flowered Viper's-bugloss	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's-bugloss	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	3	Etna
<i>Myosotis</i> cfr. <i>ramosissima</i>	Early forget-Me-Not	3	Etna
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family		
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	3	Etna
<i>Alyssum minutum</i>	-	3	Etna
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rockcress	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	5	Vendicari
<i>Cardamine</i> cfr. <i>hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bittercress	3	Etna

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<i>Diploaxis eruroides</i>	White Wall-rocket	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Draba verna praecox</i>	Vernal Whitlowgrass	3	Etna
<i>Erysimum bonannianum</i> (<i>etnense</i>)**	a treacle-mustard	3	Etna
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	Woad	3	Etna
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alyssum	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Matthiola incana</i>	Hoary Stock	5	Syracuse
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Jointed Charlock	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	3	Etna
Cactaceae	Cactus Family		
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Indian Fig Opuntia	6	Pantano Morghella
<i>Opuntia stricta</i>	Shell Mound Pricklypear	4	Capo Murro di Porco
Cannabaceae	Hackberry Family		
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Nettle Tree	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Capparaceae	Caper Family		
<i>Capparis orientalis</i>	Rock Caper	1	Syracuse archaeological park (leaves)
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family		
<i>Centranthus calcitrapa</i>	Annual Valerian	3	Etna
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Fedia graciliflora</i>	-	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Sixalix atropurpurea</i>	Sweet Scabious	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family		
<i>Cerastium</i> cfr. <i>glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	Algerian Tea	3	Etna
<i>Scleranthus annuus aetnensis</i> **	a perennial knawel	3	Etna
<i>Silene colorata</i>	-	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Silene conica</i>	Sand Catchfly	3	Etna
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Champion	3	Etna
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder champion	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Spergularia</i> sp.	a spurrey	4	Pantano Longarini
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	3	Etna
Cistaceae	Rockrose Family		
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Cretan Cistus	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Compositae (Asteraceae)	Daisy Family		
<i>Anthemis</i> cfr. <i>arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Anthemis</i> cfr. <i>secundiramea</i>	-	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	3	Etna
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile

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<i>Carduus corymbosus</i>	-	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Plymouth Thistle	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Centaurea napifolia</i>	a Knapweed	1	Syracuse service station
<i>Centaurea seridis sonchifolia</i>	-	4	Saline di Priolo
<i>Centaurea sicula</i>	a yellow star-thistle	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Centaurea</i> cfr. <i>sphaerocephala</i>	-	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	Crupina	3	Etna
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Artichoke Thistle	4	Capo Murro di Porco (leaves)
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	4	Penisola Magnisi (leaves)
<i>Erigeron sumatrensis</i>	Tropical Horseweed	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Filago pygmaea</i>	Pygmy Cudweed	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Galactites tomentosus</i>	Galactites	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Launaea fragilis</i>	-	5	Vendicari
<i>Limbarda crithmoides</i>	Golden Samphire	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Logfia minima</i>	Little Cotton-rose	3	Etna
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Onopordum illyricum</i>	Illyrian Thistle	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Pallenis	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Phagnalon saxatile</i>	Mediterranean Phagnalon	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Reichardia picroides</i>	Brighteyes	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Scolymus grandiflorus</i>	Oyster Plant	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Common Golden Thistle	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Senecio squalidus aethnensis**</i>	A Ragwort	3	Etna (leaves)
<i>Senecio squalidus squalidus</i>	Rock Ragwort	3	Etna
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	3	Etna
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Sonchus tenerrimus</i>	Slender Sow Thistle	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Taraxacum</i> sp.	Dandelion	3	Etna
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	3	Etna
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>	Urospermum	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	-	3	Etna
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family		
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	Cantabrian Morning Glory	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Convolvulus elegantissimus</i>	-	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Convolvulus pentapetaloides</i>	-	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Convolvulus siculus</i>	Small Blue-convolvulus	5	Vendicari
<i>Cuscuta planiflora</i>	Flat-flowered Dodder	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family		
<i>Sedum caeruleum</i>	Blue stonecrop	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i>	Fat-leaved Stonecrop	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile

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<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop	3	Etna (leaves)
<i>Phedimus stellatus</i>	Starry Stonecrop	3	Etna (leaves)
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	A Wall Pennywort	5	Vendicari
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall Pennywort	3	Etna (leaves)
Cucurbitaceae	Gourd Family		
<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	White Bryony	2	Pozzo di Mazza
Ericaceae	Heather Family		
<i>Erica multiflora</i>	Mediterranean Heath	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family		
<i>Euphorbia ceratocarpa</i>	Horned spurge	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Euphorbia characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Euphorbia segetalis</i>	Grainfield Spurge	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Mercurialis annuus</i>	Annual Mercury	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil Plant	1	Syracuse
Fagaceae	Beech Family		
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	3	Etna
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holly Oak	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family		
<i>Centaurium</i> cfr. <i>tenuiflorum</i>	Slender Centaury	5	Vendicari
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family		
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	1	Pozzo di Mazza
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	3	Etna
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved crane's-bill	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family		
<i>Ajuga chamaepitys</i>	Yellow Bugle	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	3	Etna
<i>Lamium bifidum</i>	-	3	Etna
<i>Micromeria graeca</i>	-	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Greek Sage	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Sideritis romana</i>	Common Ironwort	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Teucrium capitatum</i>	Felty Germander	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Teucrium flavum</i>	Yellow Germander	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile (leaves)
<i>Teucrium fruticans</i>	Shrub Germander	1	Syracuse archaeological park

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<i>Thymbra capitata</i>	Spanish Oregano	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Leguminosae (Fabaceae)	Pea Family		
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Golden Wreath Wattle	1	motorway
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria maura</i>	-	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Astragalus boeticus</i>	Yellow Milkvetch	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Astragalus siculus**</i>	Etna Milk-vetch	3	Etna (leaves)
<i>Calicotome infesta</i>	Thorny Broom	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob Tree	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Genista aetnensis**</i>	Etna Broom	3	Etna
<i>Hedysarum coronarium</i>	Italian Sainfoin	1	motorway
<i>Hippocrepis multisiliquosa</i>	Many-flowered Horseshoe-vetch	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	-	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>	Winged Vetchling	6	Pantano Baronello
<i>Lathyrus sphaericus</i>	Grass Pea	3	Etna
<i>Lotus cfr. cytisoides</i>	-	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Lotus edulis</i>	Edible Lotus	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Lotus cfr. hirsutus</i>	Hairy Canary-clover	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i>	-	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Lotus tetragonolobus</i>	Asparagus Pea	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin	3	Etna
<i>Medicago cfr. intertexta</i>	Hedgehog Medick	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Medicago minima</i>	Little Bur-Clover	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Medicago rigidula</i>	Tifton Bur-clover	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ononis natrix ramosissima</i>	-	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Ononis reclinata</i>	Small Restharrow	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	Compressed Bird's-foot	3	Etna
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	False Acacia	1	Syracuse
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Caterpillar-plant	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	3	Etna
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Hare's-foot Clover	3	Etna
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	Small White Clover	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover	1	Pozzo di Mazza
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Tripodion (Anthyllis) tetraphyllum</i>	Bladder Vetch	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Vicia cfr. benghalensis</i>	Reddish Tufted Vetch	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Vicia cfr. glauca</i>	-	3	Etna
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow Vetch	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Vicia lathyroides</i>	Spring Vetch	3	Etna
<i>Vicia cfr. sativa</i>	Common Vetch	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	3	Etna
Linaceae	Flax Family		
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Biennial Flax	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Linum strictum</i>	Upright Yellow Flax	6	Pantano Morghella

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Malvaceae	Mallow Family		
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Lavatera trimestris</i>	Annual Mallow	5	Vendicari
<i>Malva cretica</i>	Cretan Mallow	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Moraceae	Mulberry Family		
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Morus</i> cfr. <i>alba</i>	White Mulberry	4	Penisola Magnisi
Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family		
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle	4	Capo Murro di Porco
Oleaceae	Olive Family		
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Flowering Ash	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family		
<i>Bartsia (Bellardia) trixago</i>	Bellardia	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Orobanche amethystea</i>	Amethyst Broomrape	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Orobanche pubescens</i>	Hairy Broomrape	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Orobanche thapsoides</i>	-	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Phelipanche nana</i>	Dwarf Sorrel Broomrape	5	Vendicari
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Broadleaf Glandweed	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family		
<i>Oxalis</i> cfr. <i>dillenii</i>	Slender Yellow Woodsorrel	5	Pozzo di Mazza
<i>Oxalis pres-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family		
<i>Fumaria</i> cfr. <i>capreolata</i>	White Ramping Fumitory	3	Etna
<i>Fumaria</i> cfr. <i>officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	Long-headed Poppy	3	Etna
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family		
<i>Antirrhinum siculum</i>	a Snapdragon	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Linaria multicaulis</i>	-	3	Etna
<i>Linaria purpurea</i>	Purple Toadflax	3	Etna
<i>Linaria reflexa</i>	a Toadflax	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel-snout	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Plantago afra</i>	Glandular Plantain	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Stag's-horn Plantain	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Plantago crassifolia</i>	Fleshy Plantain	5	Vendicari
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-tail Plantain	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Plantago serraria</i>	A Plantain (toothed leaves)	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	White Speedwell	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile

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<i>Veronica hederifolia</i>	Ivy-leaved Speedwell	3	Etna
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family		
<i>Limonium narbonense</i>	Narrow-leaved Sea-lavender	5	Vendicari
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Blue Statice	4	Capo Murro di Porco
<i>Limonium syracusanum</i>	-	4	Capo Murro di Porco (leaves)
Polygonaceae	Dock Family		
<i>Rumex bucephaliflorus</i>	Horned Dock	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Rumex scutatus aetnensis**</i>	Etna Sorrel	3	Etna
Primulaceae	Primrose Family		
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family		
<i>Anemone hortensis</i>	An Anemone	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-mist	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i>	Million-leaved Buttercup	3	Etna
<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>	-	2	Pozzo di Mazza
<i>Ranunculus paludosus</i>	Jersey Buttercup	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family		
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family		
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Mediterranean Buckthorn	4	Penisola Magnisi
Rosaceae	Rose Family		
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Potentilla calabra</i>	-	3	Etna
<i>Prunus amygdalus (dulcis)</i>	Almond	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis (spinosa)</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Rubus ulmifolius</i> agg.	Bramble	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Spiny Burnet	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family		
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Madder	5	Vendicari
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Valantia muralis</i>	Wall Valantia	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Salicaceae	Willow Family		
<i>Populus nigra</i>	Black Poplar	3	Etna
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family		
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile

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Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family		
<i>Scrophularia canina</i>	French Figwort	3	Etna
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullein	1	Syracuse archaeological park (leaves)
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Great Mullein	3	Etna (leaves)
Simaroubaceae	Tree of Heaven family		
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	3	Etna
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family		
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet Nightshade	5	Vendicari
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family		
<i>Tamarix</i> sp.	a tamarisk	6	Pantano Longarini
Urticaceae	Nettle Family		
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pelitory-of-the-Wall	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Mediterranean Nettle	5	Syracuse
Verbenaceae	Verbena Family		
[<i>Lantana camara</i>]	Lantana	1	Syracuse archaeological park
[<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>]	Turkey Tangle Frogfruit	1	Pozzo di Mazza
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Common Vervain	6	Pantano Longarini
Violaceae	Violet Family		
<i>Viola aethnensis</i> **	Etna Pansy	3	Etna
Vitaceae	Grape Family		
<i>Vitis</i> cfr. <i>vinifera</i>	Wine Grape	6	Pantano Longarini
Monocots	Monocotyledons		
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family		
<i>Allium nigrum</i>	Black Garlic	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rosy Garlic	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>	Hairy Garlic	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	4	Saline di Priolo (leaves)
Araceae	Lords and Ladies Family		
[<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>]	Calla Lily	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Arecaceae	Palm Family		
<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Mediterranean dwarf palm	4	Capo Murro di Porco
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family		
[<i>Agave americana</i>]	Agave or Century Plant	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	Prickly Asparagus	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Drimia (Urginea) pancration</i>	Sea Squill	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Muscari (Leopoldia) comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile

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<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Grape Hyacinth	3	Etna
<i>Ornithogalum</i> cfr. <i>divergens</i>	Divergent Star-of-Bethlehem	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	A Spiked Star of Bethlehem	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family		
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	Sea Clubrush	6	Pantano Longarini
<i>Cyperus capitatus</i>	Capitate Galingale	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Schoenus nigricans</i>	Black Bog-Rush	5	Vendicari
Iridaceae	Iris Family		
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Italian Gladiolus	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Iris pseudopumila</i>	An Iris	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile (leaves)
<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Juncaceae	Rush Family		
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Spiny Rush	4	Penisola Magnisi
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family		
<i>Anacamptis morio longicornu</i>	-	3	Etna
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea grandiflora</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchis	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman Orchid	3	Etna
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Neotinea lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile (dead)
<i>Ophrys bertolonii</i>	Bertoloni's Bee Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ophrys fuciflora biancae</i> **	Beaked Ophrys	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> agg.	Sombre Bee Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ophrys lutea sicula (minor)</i>	-	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ophrys lutea lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ophrys speculum</i>	Mirror Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> (form. <i>exaltata</i>)	A Late Spider Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Ophrys sphegodes atrata (incubacea)</i>	Dark Ophrys	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Orchis brancifortii</i> *	Brancifort's Orchid	3	Etna
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	5	Vendicari
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i>	Plough-share Tongue Orchid	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
Poaceae	Grass Family		
<i>Aegilops</i> cfr. <i>geniculata</i>	Ovate Goat Grass	6	Pantano Morghella
<i>Ampelodesmos mauritanicus</i>	Mauritanian Grass	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Avena</i> sp.	An oat	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Great Quaking-grass	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda Grass	4	Saline di Priolo
<i>Hordeum</i> cfr. <i>murinum</i>	Wall Barley	4	Penisola Magnisi
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	4	Capo Murro di Porco

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<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	Lamarck's Golden Grass	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	5	Vendicari
<i>Polypogon viridis</i>	Water Bent	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Stipellula capensis</i>	Cape Ricegrass	1	Syracuse archaeological park
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Asphodel Family		
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	1	Syracuse archaeological park
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Branched Asphodel	2	Cava Grande del Cassibile
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Lecanoromycetes	LICHENS		
<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>	Common Sunburst Lichen	3	Etna



Lunar Double-stripe



Red-throated Pipit