

Spring Birding in Sicily

Naturetrek Tour Report

22nd – 28th April 2026



Greater Flamingoes



Bee-eater



Ragusa's Nine-spotted moth



Squacco Heron

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Summary

Sicily provided a superb blend of spring migration, resident wildlife and spectacular scenery. Wetland sites such as Foce del Simeto, Siracusa Salinas, Vendicari Nature Reserve and Saline di Priolo Nature Reserve were alive with birds, including large numbers of Greater Flamingoes, Glossy Ibis, Squacco Heron, Temminck's and Little Stints, and a fine selection of terns and gulls. A visit to Pantano Cuba e Longarini again proved exceptional, with breeding Collared Pratincoles and excellent wetland birding. Upland habitats added further variety, with Cirl Bunting, Blue Rock Thrush and Northern Wheatear, while Mount Etna offered dramatic volcanic landscapes and close-up views of recent eruptive activity. Cultural visits to Siracusa Archaeological Park and Noto complemented the wildlife perfectly. With excellent food, warm weather and great company throughout, the week was an outstanding success.

Day 1

Thursday 22nd April

Arrival

Marcus and Emily were already in Sicily, having led a previous group, and after meeting up, we were on our way. Our first stop was at Foce del Simeto, a small wetland site at the mouth of the Simeto River. Here we went for a short walk while Emily prepared our picnic lunch. In addition to becoming acquainted with some of the regular Mediterranean wildlife we would encounter during the trip, there had clearly been an arrival of waders, with Temminck's and Little Stint, along with three Wood Sandpipers, Black-winged Stilts and several Common Sandpipers on the pools. An Osprey was also observed offshore, upsetting the gulls and terns, which included a single Audouin's Gull.

After the picnic, we headed straight for the hotel to check in and get settled. A small but eager group of birdwatchers then headed off for an hour at the Siracusa Salinas, which paid off with views of Night Heron and our first Slender-billed Gull of the trip. Back at the hotel, the group gathered for the checklist and an introduction to Sicily, along with an outline of the plans for the week ahead, before our first meal together.

Day 2

Friday 23rd April

Penisola Magnisi – Saline di Priolo – Siracusa Archaeological Park

The pre-breakfast moth trap was fairly quiet after a slightly colder night, but the birding was good, with up to three Stone-curlews seen well in the adjacent fields, along with Pied Flycatcher and Bee-eaters leaving their nearby roost.

After a quick supermarket stop for picnic supplies, we headed for Penisola Magnisi, a beautiful limestone island accessed via a causeway and of archaeological importance, with settlement dating back to the Middle Bronze Age. As a result of the protection it has been afforded, it has become a wonderful oasis, with wild flowers and sweeping views. Almost immediately, we were watching Hoopoe and Bee-eater, both of which gave excellent views. As we traversed the island to the soundtrack of singing Crested Larks and Corn Buntings, we also enjoyed views of Tawny Pipit and a distant Montagu's Harrier.

We then moved the short distance to Saline di Priolo Nature Reserve for a lovely picnic lunch, before exploring this large, saline waterbody. Greater Flamingoes were very much the focus here and, with over a thousand birds present, we were able to witness all aspects of their lives, from parading, courtship and mating, to the elaborate volcano-like nests on which their single eggs are laid.

Once we had all had our flamingo fix, we moved the short distance to the Siracusa Archaeological Park for a bit of culture, exploring the Greek theatre, Roman amphitheatre, and the Ear of Dionysius. Birds observed and heard here included Crag Martin, Jackdaw and Robin, our only chance to see these species during the trip. We then gathered in a local café for much-needed caffeine and gelato, before returning to the hotel for a wonderful home-cooked meal.

Day 3

Saturday 24th April

Pantano Cuba e Longarini – Siracusa Salinas

An early breakfast this morning preceded our trip across to the amazing private reserve at Pantano Cuba e Longarini, where we met the reserve manager, Paolo, at 9.00am. This area was once the domain of poachers, and an illegal rubbish tip. With the support of donations, a private foundation purchased the 440ha site fourteen years ago, and transformed it into a nature reserve, where iconic species such as Greater Flamingo and Collared Pratincole are now breeding successfully once again.

Before we had even started, we were surrounded by swifts, among which we managed to pick out both Pallids and Alpines. We first explored the area to the north of the road, a vast shallow saline lagoon packed full of wildlife. A Hoopoe busied itself flying to and fro from a probable nest site, while a flock of twenty-four Glossy Ibises cruised by. We also recorded multiple Squacco and Purple Herons. Good numbers of waders were present, including several Curlew Sandpipers, Ruffs, Spotted Redshanks, Kentish Plovers and Collared Pratincoles.

Back across the road, we had a short rest before exploring the lake area. Along with the wetland species on the water, we encountered several small migrants on this side of the road, including Pied Flycatcher, Wood and Eastern Subalpine Warblers, Woodchat Shrike and several Whinchats. The highlight, however, was a couple of Richard's Pipits which posed nicely.

Back at the centre, we settled down for another lovely picnic, while chatting to Paolo about the wildlife of the area. It was another hot day, so we opted to head back to the hotel for a couple of hours' siesta, before heading out again to our old favourite, the Siracusa Salinas.

No two visits to the *salinas* are the same. Upon arrival, we were treated to close views of a Wood Sandpiper, and a tantalising Woodchat Shrike. We then noticed a concentration of birds fishing offshore, comprising three tern and four gull species, giving an excellent opportunity to compare not only the different plumages, but also the varying feeding techniques between species: it was all topped off by a close fly-by from an Osprey. As we looked back across the saltern, we found a settled pair of Little Terns, the male offering a fishy treat to the female as part of their courtship display. It was all too soon time to return to the hotel for the checklist (during which the Scops Owl started calling) and another lovely meal.

Day 4

Sunday 25th April

Siracusa Salinas – Vendicari – Capo Murro di Porco

A great turnout assembled for the pre-breakfast walk at the Siracusa Salinas, just seven minutes down the road from the hotel. As we arrived, hundreds of Common Swifts were flying low over the site, hovering up aerial insects. Overnight arrivals included a Glossy Ibis and a small group of stints, comprising both Temminck's and Little Stints. The Little Terns were still cavorting, while a couple of close Squacco Herons in flight were a real treat. A visiting Marsh Harrier caused chaos amongst the nesting Avocets and Black-winged Stilts.

We went back to the hotel for a leisurely breakfast in the sunshine, before heading off to Vendicari Nature Reserve, via a supermarket stop in Avola. It being a bank holiday, Vendicari was busy with visitors, most heading for the beach rather than the hides. As ever, Vendicari was wonderful. Along with the hordes of Flamingoes, the group enjoyed purring Turtle Doves, which eventually showed well. Out on the water, a group of four Gull-billed Terns loafed on an islet with some Slender-billed Gulls, while a group of Spoonbills snoozed nearby. A summer-plumaged Spotted Redshank looked particularly smart as it fed around the main island.

The day was becoming hot, and it was picnic time, so we opted to head back to the hotel for lunch in the comfortable shade of the courtyard. An afternoon siesta followed, before a trip out to Capo Murro di Porco.

Scanning the sea, we noticed a passing fishing boat, trailing a large number of both Scopoli's and Yelkouan Shearwaters. As they passed relatively close, we managed good views of both species. It became even more exciting when a Pomarine Skua dashed in and encouraged a Yellow-legged Gull to disgorge its last meal. As we headed back to the vehicles, we managed brief glimpses of Nightingale and Whinchat, and one eagle-eyed client spotted a juvenile Sardinian Warbler being fed by the adults: we opted to leave it in peace.

Back at the hotel, Emily spotted a smart male Golden Oriole flying over the grounds. This was followed by the daily checklist and debrief, before another fantastic four-course meal.

Day 5

Monday 26th April

Cava Grande – Noto

The pre-breakfast moth trap and birding session proved productive today, with both Striped Hawk-moth and Mediterranean Brocade in the trap. The birdwatching also delivered, with a trio of Stone-curlews, a passing Hoopoe, and the now-regular female Pied Flycatcher. Even the Scops Owl called unseen for a short while.

As we took the switchback road up to the plateau, both Turtle Doves and a female Blue Rock Thrush were seen dashing across the road. Arriving at Cava Grande del Cassibile, we were welcomed by a singing Cirl Bunting. Taking in the wonderful views and array of wildflowers, we followed the track down to the first viewpoint.

The highlight here was a pair of Peregrines circling on a thermal far below us, before slowly rising to our level and continuing to gain height, allowing excellent views from all angles as they glided gracefully past. On our visit the

week before we had recorded nine species of orchids here, but it appeared that all had been picked, including the wonderful group of Pink Butterfly Orchids: only the cut stems remained.

The next viewpoint produced a few interesting butterflies, along with a smart male Black Redstart and some showy Ravens. By now it was very hot, and our stomachs were beginning to growl, so we returned to the café, claiming tables with a wonderful view in return for a round of cappuccinos for all.

Picnic consumed, we headed on to our next stop in Noto. After battling the tight and winding streets in search of a parking spot, we spent a while exploring this wonderful town, the main highlight being the hordes of House Martins and Swifts bombing to and fro overhead. Coffee and gelato consumed, we regrouped to return to the hotel for a couple of hours to relax and refresh, before meeting again for the checklist and evening meal.

Day 6

Tuesday 27th April

Siracusa Salinas – Mount Etna

An early start for the keen birders in the group saw us meeting at 6.15am for a pre-breakfast visit to the Siracusa Salinas. It proved to be a good decision, with prolonged views of Squacco Heron and a good mix of waders, including several Ruffs, and both Temminck's and Little Stints.

We had an early breakfast before setting off on the long drive to Mount Etna. The only traffic jam of the journey proved conveniently to be beside a nesting White Stork, complete with chick, providing some welcome entertainment. Once on the lower slopes, we paused for a leg stretch in a lay-by, seeing a smart Eastern Subalpine Warbler and hearing Firecrest, Coal Tit and Cirl Bunting in song.

Once parked at the main centre, we headed up the mountain by cable car and 4x4 buses, to reach the snow-covered 3000m mark. An enthusiastic group embarked on the circular walk to gain close-up views of the most recent activity, from the January 2026 eruption. The ground here was actively steaming, and hot to the touch.

Back at base camp, we settled for a much-needed hot lunch in the café, comprising some delicious local produce. Just as we were leaving, some birds were seen flitting around an area of old lava flow: they were a smart pair of Northern Wheatears. Also present were single White and Grey Wagtails, together with resident Italian Sparrows and hawking Crag and House Martins. This apparently barren location was far from birdless!

A straightforward and uneventful journey then returned us to the hotel in time for a quick siesta (or packing), before regrouping for our final checklist and another tasty meal.

Day 7

Wednesday 28th April

Departure

We had another early start, departing at 6.30am, having said goodbye to the hotel staff. A straightforward journey then took us to Catania Airport, where the group split for flights to London Gatwick and Manchester. It had been a wonderful trip, with many memorable moments, amazing wildlife and stunning scenery.

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026						
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>			✓				
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>			✓				
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			✓				
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			✓				
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			✓				
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>			✓	✓			
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i> var. <i>domestica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	✓			✓	✓		
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			H	H			
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓	✓				
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓	✓				
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓	H				
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			✓				
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>			✓				
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			✓				
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>			✓				
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			✓				
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			✓	✓			
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓				
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	✓		✓			✓	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			✓	✓			
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	✓			✓		✓	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	✓			✓		✓	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>			✓				
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	✓		✓	✓			
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			✓	✓		✓	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>			✓				
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓						
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	✓		✓	✓			
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			✓				
Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	✓		✓				
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			✓				

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Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>				✓			
Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>				✓			
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>				✓			
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓					✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			✓	✓			
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			✓	✓			
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓						
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			✓	✓		✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			✓				
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓		✓			
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓	✓				
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		✓					
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓		✓			✓	
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	✓	H	H	H	H	H	H
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓				
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	H		H	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					✓		
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				✓			
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	✓		✓	✓			
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓					
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓				✓	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>						H	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>					✓		
Great Tit	<i>Parus major aphrodite</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					H		
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			✓	✓			
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓				✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓		✓				✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			✓	✓			
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>						✓	
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	✓		✓				
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	✓		✓	✓			
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			✓	✓		✓	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				H			
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>			✓			✓	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		✓	✓				
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						✓	

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		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>						✓	
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			✓				
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓				
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>				✓			
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					✓	H	
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		✓					
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					H		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓	✓	✓			
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>					✓		
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blue-headed (Yellow) Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>	✓		✓				
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓		✓		✓	
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>			✓				
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		✓					
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>						✓	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓					
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>					✓	H	

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026						
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Kuhl's Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus kuhlii</i>		✓					
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>			✓				

Reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026						
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>						✓	
Turkish Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	✓	✓			✓		
Sicilian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis waglerianus</i>		✓					
Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis siculus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026						
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			✓		✓		
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		✓					
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>				✓			
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>				✓	✓		
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>					✓		
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓	✓			
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓		✓	✓		
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓		✓	✓		
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				✓	✓		
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓			✓		

Moths

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026						
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Diamond-back	<i>Plutella xylostella</i>			1				
Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix	<i>Pandemis cerasana</i>					1		
Six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>		2					
Rush Veneer	<i>Nomophila noctuella</i>		1					
Silver-spotted (Necklace) Veneer	<i>Euchromius ocella</i>		1					
Striped Hawk-moth	<i>Hyles livornica</i>	1				1		
Cypress Carpet	<i>Thera cupressata</i>					1		
Lustrous Least Carpet	<i>Idaea filicata</i>			1				
Petite Wave	<i>Scopula minorata</i>			1		1		
Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>			1				
Lime-speck Pug	<i>Eupithecia centaureata</i>			1				
Ragusa's Nine-spotted	<i>Amata marjana</i>		6	1	2			
Hoary Footman	<i>Eilema caniola</i>		1					
Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>					1		
Small Mottled Willow	<i>Spodoptera exigua</i>					2		
Mediterranean Brocade	<i>Spodoptera littoralis</i>					1		
Pale Mottled Willow	<i>Caradrina clavipalpis</i>		2	3		2		
Vine's Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina ambigua</i>		15	26		23		
Porter's Rustic	<i>Athetis hospes</i>		7	1		3		
Nutmeg	<i>Anarta trifolii</i>			1				
Turnip Moth	<i>Agrotis segetum</i>			2		1		
Radford's Flame Shoulder	<i>Ochroleura leucogaster</i>			1				

Dragonflies

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026						
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>			✓				
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>			✓				

Other invertebrates

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		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Bugs								
European Firebug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>		✓					
Bees & wasps								
a red-resin bee	<i>Rhodanthidium</i> sp.			✓				
Sicilian Mortar Bee	<i>Megachile sicula</i>			✓				
Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>		✓	✓				
European Hornet	<i>Vespa crabro</i>					✓		
Beetles								
Seven-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		✓	✓				
Bloody Nose Beetle	<i>Timarcha tenebricosa</i>		✓					