

# Puglia in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

7th – 14th April 2026

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Italian Festoon



*Iris pseudopumila*



Italian Wall Lizard



*Serapias orientalis* subsp. *apulica*

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## Day 1

Tuesday 7th April

### Fly Gatwick to Bari – Bari to Otranto – Masseria Panareo Hotel

Twelve clients met Paul at Gatwick for the flight to Bari. Upon arrival, we met with second leader, Luca, before making our way to our minibuses. We drove south via Brindisi, making for the coastal town of Otranto. Along the way, we noted several small groups of Lesser Kestrels, Marsh Harrier, Common Kestrel, Yellow-legged Gull and Monk Parakeet.

After passing Brindisi, we had a comfort and coffee stop, and explored an adjacent Olive grove. Here we found Eastern Bath White, Small Heath, Wall Brown and Clouded Yellow butterflies. In addition, there were Zitting Cisticola, Serin and Sardinian Warbler. Among the olive trees we found Field Marigold (*Calendula arvensis*), Early Spider Orchid (*Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *passionis*), a Childing Pink (*Petrorhagia dubia*), the South African Feather-grass (*Stipa capensis*), Common Fumitory (*Fumaria officinalis*) and Cretan Mallow (*Malva multiflora*).

We continued our journey, arriving at the lovely Hotel Masseria Panareo, our base for the next three nights. We soon settled into our rooms, before meeting at 7.00pm, when Paul and Luca outlined the plans for the next two days. It was time to go into the restaurant for dinner. That evening, Scops Owl could be heard calling in the woods.

## Day 2

Wednesday 8th April

### Rough ground east of hotel – Faro di Punto Palascia – Otranto

Luca led a pre-breakfast walk around the grounds of the hotel: Northern Wheatear, Italian Sparrow, Sardinian Warbler, Tree Pipit and Yellow Wagtail were all seen, and a Hoopoe was heard. Meanwhile, Paul had checked around the outside lights in search of moths, finding Small Dusty Wave, Cypress Carpet, Spiny Hook-tip and Rusty-dot Pearl.

After breakfast, we made the short journey to an area of rough, scrubby land, east of our hotel. It was not long before the birders spotted Montagu's and Marsh Harriers, Sparrowhawk, Zitting Cisticola, Corn Bunting and an unexpected Spoonbill on migration. The botanists found the endemic bellflower relative (*Asyneuma limonifolium*), Asparagus Pea (*Lotus tetragonolobus*), Pink Butterfly Orchid (*Anacamptis papilionacea*), Dyer's Alkanet (*Alkanna tinctoria*), Mediterranean Kidney Vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria* subsp. *rubiflora*), Bithynian Vetch (*Vicia bithynica*), Pyramidal Orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) and Common Asphodel (*Asphodelus ramosus*).

A few insects were recorded, including Wall Brown, Small Heath, Eastern Bath White and Painted Lady butterflies, Silver-Y, Yellow Belle and Purple Marbled moths, and Egyptian Grasshopper, Apple Blossom Beetle, European Fire Bug and a bee (*Andrena albopunctata*).

We now moved on to the Faro di Punta Palascia, a headland with a path leading down to a lighthouse. Lesser Kestrel, Sardinian Warbler, Audouin's Gull, Alpine Swift, Barn Swallow, Common Swift and Marsh Harrier were all seen. The rocky margins of the descending path produced Prasium (*Prasium majus*), the leaves of an endemic

bellflower (*Campanula versicolor*), Pink Hawk's-beard (*Crepis rubra*), Mediterranean Bird's-foot Trefoil (*Lotus creticus*) and Honeywort (*Cerintho major*). Insects noted included Eastern Dappled White, Green Hairstreak, Wall Brown and Painted Lady butterflies, Violet and Small Violet Carpenter Bees, and the Black Mud Bee (*Megachile panetina*). Among the plants, we found the bellflower (*Asyneuma limonifolium*), Yellow Bee Orchid (*Ophrys lutea* subsp. *lutea*), Asparagus Pea (*Lotus tetragonolobus*), Tordylium (*Tordylium apulum*), Pink Butterfly Orchid (*Anacamptis papilionacea*), Jersey Toadflax (*Linaria pelisseriana*) and Fenugreek (*Trigonella balansae*). We returned to our hotel for our picnic, which was taken on the patio.

After lunch, we rejoined the vehicles for the short drive to the walled section of the coastal town of Otranto, for a free afternoon of exploration. Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill (*Erodium malacoides*), Rough-fruited Buttercup (*Ranunculus muricatus*) and Italian Arum (*Arum italicum* subsp. *neglectum*) were reported, as well as additional sightings of Audouin's Gull and a solitary Holly Blue. It was time to return to our hotel for dinner, and to be serenaded by Scops Owls.

## Day 3

Thursday 9th April

### Le Cesine – the East Coast

Luca led a morning walk around the hotel grounds, reporting Crested Lark, together with Apulian Orchid (*Ophrys holosericea* subsp. *apulica*), Sage-leaved Rock-rose (*Cistus salvifolius*), and Hoary Rock-rose (*Cistus creticus*).

Our main objective today was to visit the Riserva Naturale Le Cesine, near the coastal town of Lecce. Having driven around the outskirts of Otranto, we made our way north-west, along the coast, taking about an hour to reach our destination. We set off to explore. Adonis Blue butterflies were busy nectaring on Horseshoe Vetch (*Hippocrepis glauca*) and we also recorded Small White, Clouded Yellow and Cleopatra. The trackside produced Mastic Bush (*Pistacia lentiscus*), Mediterranean Buckthorn (*Rhamnus alaternus*) and Pink Cistus (*Cistus creticus*). A side track led us towards the beach, passing several of saline lagoons. Here, Marsh Harrier, Coot, Little and Great Crested Grebes, Common Redshank, Grey Heron and Little Egret were seen, and Greenshank was heard. We made our way back to the buses for our picnic.

After lunch, we explored the area around the vehicles. An endemic stork's-bill (*Erodium nervulosum*), Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*), Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) and Spiny Spurge (*Euphorbia spinosa*) were added, as well as Sardinian Warbler and Zitting Cisticola.

Leaving Le Cesine, we retraced our route, making a stop on the beach at Torre Specchia Ruggeri. Here, we scanned the sea, recording Scopoli's and Yelkouan Shearwaters, Mediterranean, Little, Yellow-legged and Audouin's Gulls, and Sandwich Tern. Plants included Cottonweed (*Achillea maritima*), Three-horned Stock (*Matthiola tricuspidata*), Barbary Nut (*Moraea sisyrinchium*) and Apulian Orchid (*Ophrys holosericea* subsp. *apulica*).

After dinner we tried to encourage the numerous Scops Owls to show themselves, with limited success.

## Day 4

Friday 10th April

## Faro di Punta Palascia – transfer to Parco delle Querce Hotel – hotel grounds

After breakfast, we checked out of our hotel and set off for our second base, to the north and west. However, as there were signs that migration was picking up, we made a brief stop at Faro di Punta Palascia. Here, we saw Yellow-legged Gull, Marsh Harrier, Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, Barn Swallow and Common Swift. We continued north, via Lecce and up to Brindisi, where we turned west towards Taranto, making a comfort and coffee stop along the way.

At around 12.30pm, we arrived at the Hotel Parco delle Querce, our base for the remainder of the tour. We were met by Martino and Katia, who soon allocated our rooms, before we reconvened on the hotel patio for our picnic.

After lunch, we spent the afternoon exploring the meadow at the rear of the Hotel, as well as an adjacent track. The meadow was full of flowers: the orchids in particular were amazing. We found the endemic taxon *Ophrys tarentina*, not yet well-recognised by British taxonomists, Dark Ophrys (*O. sphogodes* subsp. *atrata*), Gargano Ophrys (*O. sphogodes* subsp. *passionis*), Bertoloni's Bee Orchids (*O. bertolonii*), Yellow Bee Orchid (*O. lutea* subsp. *lutea* and *O. lutea* subsp. *galilea*), Green-winged Orchids (*Anacamptis morio*), Pink Butterfly Orchids (*A. papilionacea*) and their hybrids (*A. x nicodemii*), Naked Man Orchids (*Orchis italica*), Common Tongue Orchid (*Serapias lingua*), Apulian Ophrys (*Ophrys holosericea* subsp. *apulica*) and a spike of the early-flowering Giant Orchid (*Himantoglossum robertianum*), with some flowers still just alive. We had to be conscious of where we put our feet! We also noted Toadflax (*Linaria reflexa*), Mediterranean Bartsia (*Parentucellia latifolia*), a solitary pea (*Lathyrus cicera*) and Almond-leaved Pear (*Pyrus spinosa*).



Kotschy's Gecko

*Erodium nervulosum*

We walked through scrubby woodland of Macedonian Oak (*Quercus trojana*), with butterflies including Italian Festoon, numerous Eastern Bath Whites, Clouded Yellows and Eastern Dappled White. Eastern Subalpine Warbler was singing, and we had some excellent views of the smart male bird (although the Merlin app assured users it was only Sardinian Warbler that was singing!). Italian Wall Lizards & Kotschy's Gecko were also seen basking in the warm sunshine. We returned to the hotel to freshen up for dinner.

## Day 5

Saturday 11th April

### Gravina di Laterza – Taranto, Quartiere Paolo VI

Today, we travelled west towards Matera, but we were heading for the Gravina de Laterza, a deep canyon in the limestone plains, almost on the border with Basilicata. It is managed by LIPU, the Italian equivalent of the RSPB. After breakfast, we made up individual picnics and were ready to leave at 8.30am.

We took a cross-country route along the ridge of hills, seeing Marsh Harrier and Buzzard along the way. We skirted Mottola and picked up the SS7, part of the Appian Way from Rome to Brindisi, and turned off to Laterza, where the reserve is located on the edge of the town.

We walked to the first viewpoint over the gorge. Black Kites were overhead, and we had sightings of Pallid Swift, Cirl Bunting, Common and Lesser Kestrels, Sardinian Warbler, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie and Jay. Willow Warbler was heard, as well as Blackcap, Great Tit, Chiffchaff and Robin. Frogs were calling from the river below, probably of the Italian hybrid complex. Butterflies included Scarce and Common Swallowtails, Cleopatra, Holly Blue and Wall Brown, and Italian Wall Lizards were a constant presence.

The path wound through wooded and open areas. The taller vegetation included Macedonian Oak (*Quercus trojana*), Montpellier Maple (*Acer monspessulanum*) and Prickly Juniper (*Juniperus oxycedrus*), and abundant Narrow-leaved Cistus (*Cistus monspeliensis*), not yet in flower. Further on, we also saw Eastern Hornbeam (*Carpinus orientalis*). There was a scattering of orchids, with Small-patterned Ophrys (*Ophrys holosericea* subsp. *parvimaculata*) and Common Tongue Orchid (*Serapias lingua*). We also saw two Black Storks in flight. We enjoyed our picnics in the warm sun.

We returned to the visitor centre and utilised their facilities, before setting off on the return journey, this time via Taranto, as one of our leaders had knowledge of another floristic location there. After a refreshment and comfort stop, we made our way to the area called Quartiere St. Paolo VI. This is a recreation area comprising paths and open spaces, many of which are allowed to stay natural. This floriferous area produced Small Restharrow (*Ononis reclinata*), Plough-share Tongue Orchid (*Serapias vomeracea*), a white-flowered form of Small-flowered Tongue Orchid (*Serapias parviflora*), Hairy Onion (*Allium subbirsutum*) and plenty of (*Ophrys tarentina*).

## Day 6

Sunday 12th April

### Bosco delle Pianelle – local roads

We had a slightly more relaxed start to the day, with Luca leading a morning walk while Paul went buy picnic provisions. After breakfast, set off for the Bosco delle Pianelle, only some eleven kilometres or so from the hotel. The *bosco* is a wood in a doline (or collapsed cavern), with the path starting at a higher level and gradually descending. We parked at a back entrance and set off on the path into the wood, under Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*) trees, most of which were younger, or had once been coppiced. An early plant was the deep-blue Purple Gromwell (*Aegonychon purpurocaeruleum*), along with the leaves of the autumn-flowering Ivy-leaved Cyclamen (*Cyclamenhederifolium*). We then took a path up into a more open area, where there was a semi-ruined *trullo*, once used by charcoal burners. We could see the structure of the building, and plants on the wall included Rustyback fern (*Asplenium ceterach*) and Spring Rock-cress (*Arabis verna*). Bifid Dead-nettle (*Lamium bifidum*) was growing in the

shade, and a small clump of a delicate yellow iris (*Iris pseudopumila*). There were more Green-winged and Pink Butterfly Orchids, plus a number of the hybrids (*Anacamptis* × *nicodem*), showing intermediate characteristics. However, the highlight for many of us was an unexpected Smooth Snake, trying to bask in the pale sunshine.

We walked back into the wood, admiring an old, uncoppiced Holm Oak, where a Speckled Wood butterfly was recorded. Ascending, we found two spikes of Roman Orchid (*Dactylorhiza romana*), together with a solitary Hermann's Tortoise crossing the path ahead of us. We heard Blackbird, Robin and Blackcap during our walk, but did not see them. We soon connected with the path back to where we had parked the vehicles. Along the way, we added several ferns, two subspecies of Maidenhair Spleenwort (*Asplenium trichomanes* subsp. *quadrivalens* and *A.t.* subsp. *pachyrachis*), Rustyback Fern (*Asplenium ceterach*), Irish Spleenwort (*Asplenium onopteris*) and Intermediate Polypody (*Polypodium interjectum*), before emerging back at the car park. Our leaders now set about preparing our picnic lunch, whilst the group sat in the shade, followed butterflies or photographed plants.

After lunch, we set off back towards the Parco della Querce. However, we stopped at two locations on the return journey. The first was an arable margin which opened up behind a substantial line of mature trees. Here we found Corn Buttercup (*Ranunculus arvensis*), Crown Anemone (*Anemone coronaria*), Corn Gromwell (*Buglossoides arvensis*) and Corn Marigold (*Glebionis segetum*), plus a couple of Whinchats.

The second spot was a wide, grassy verge along a quiet lane. Here, we found the substantial spikes of Plough-share Tongue Orchid (*Serapias orientalis* subsp. *apulica*), Yellow Bee Orchid (*Ophrys lutea* subsp. *galilea*), Hairy Viper's-grass (*Scorzonera villosa*) and Giant Orchid (*Himantoglossum robertianum*). A distant, hovering Short-toed Snake Eagle was also spotted by the birders and, on a sun-soaked dry-stone wall, we located a couple of Kotschy's Geckos enjoying the heat.

## Day 7

Monday 13th April

### Murgia Timone (the Belvedere) – Matera

This morning dawned cloudy and overcast, and the wind had strengthened overnight. Nevertheless, Paul found Striped Twin-spot Carpet and Great Prominent moths, perched on the patio walls. We departed our hotel and made our way westward. As we went, we noted Short-toed Snake Eagle, Black Kite, Common and Lesser Kestrels, and Crested Larks. We made our first stop in at an area of grassland, with limestone exposures, east of the visitor centre. Fan-lipped Orchid (*Anacamptis collina*) was, sadly, well past its best, but we did add Burnt Orchid (*Neotinea ustulata*), Silver Sage (*Salvia argentea*), and a solitary Swallowtail butterfly. Lesser Kestrels were numerous and provided great opportunities for the photographers. We moved to an area of limestone outcrops, where we added the Stock (*Matthiola fruticulosa*) and another new orchid species, Sombre Bee Orchid (*Ophrys fusca* subsp. *fusca*). A solitary Black Kite was also seen.

We made our way into the city of Matera, where we parked near the centre of the old town. We made our way down towards the Piazza Vittorio Veneto on foot, and down to the edge of the gorge separating the city from the Belvedere, to a restaurant situated in one of the famous former cave dwellings for lunch.

After eating, we had free time to explore at leisure, but not before having scanned the gorge. Barn Swallows and House Martins were plentiful, but a couple of rarer Red-rumped Swallows were also noticed. Wren was heard, and

a Blue Rock Thrush seen. However, the highlight was a small group of Wild Boar, feeding way below us at the edge of the stream. When we had all reconvened, back at the piazza, we reboarded our vehicles for the return journey to our hotel.

## Day 8

Tuesday 14th April

### Transfer to Bari – fly to UK

After an early breakfast, we packed our luggage into the minibuses and made a 7.30am departure for Bari. Travelling via Mottola, we joined the A14 autoroute back to the coast, pausing for a coffee and comfort break along the way. We arrived at our destination in good time for our flight back to the UK.

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## Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026							
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>							2	
A diving duck	<i>Aythya</i> sp.			1					
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		3			1			
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		10			20	H	30	
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>			1		10		2	
Rock Dove [Feral]	<i>Columba livia</i>	150	5	15	2	1	30	50	5
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	20	1		1	10	2	5	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	10	10	5	10	20	5	10	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			10					
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			1					
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			2					
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>							1	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			1					
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			H					
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			5					
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>			30					
Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>		3	1					
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>			6					
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	5	2	5	2	5	5	10	
Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>			10	1				
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>			1					
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					3			
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		1						
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1	2			1			
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	10		6			6	14	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			2					
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>						1	1	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		2						
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		4						
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1	4	4		2		2	
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>							1	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				H	1	1	3	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2		2	2	10	2		
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		2H	H					
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	5	7	5H	H				
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		H	1	7			2	
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	20	2			10		30	2
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	10	2	2	5	10	5	2	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1						
Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	2							
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		1				1		
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>				2	3	7	2	
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	20	10	5	20	10	2	5	5
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	10	30	50	20	50	5	10	1
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	1	2	5	2	3	1	3	2
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					1		H	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	3	3	3H	2	3	10		

		April 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		2H	2H	H	5	3H	1	
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	2	5	5	2	5	3	5	1
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		4						
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	2	15	5	5	20	10	10	5
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		5	1	1	2		20	
European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis rufula</i>					1		4	
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		2H	5	2	2H	2	3H	H
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			10H		5	5		
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H						
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>					H	H		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					H	H		
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	2	2	10	5	10	2	2H	H
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			3H	2	5	2H	2H	
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	H	8	5	3	5	5	3	
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>				2	2	2		
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>						3H	H	
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		H	3					
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	10	50	100	20	1	10	10	5
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	2					2H		
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			H	2	H			
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		1				1		
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	1							
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		1						
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			2H					
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>							1	
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>						3		
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>							1	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		5						
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>				2				
Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	10	20	10	20	10	5	20	10
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		4		H				
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1		1	2	H	1	1	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		3			5		4	
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		H	3		2	H		
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	3		2	2				
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		3	3	H	2	H		
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	1	5	4	5	5	10	H	H
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	H	2	3H	2	10	5	5	
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>					3		H	

## Mammals

		April 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>					2D			
Western Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	D							
South European White-toothed Shrew	<i>Crocidura fimbriata</i>			D					
Bicoloured White-toothed Shrew	<i>Crocidura leucodon</i>						D		

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026							
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Roman Mole	<i>Talpa romana</i>		S	S					S
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>			S		S	S		10
Stone Marten	<i>Martes foina</i>								D

## Amphibians &amp; reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026							
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Italian Pool x Edible Frog	<i>Pelophylax synkl. hispanicus</i>			10H		H			
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		1	2		3			
Kotschy's Gecko	<i>Mediodactylus kotschy</i>				3		2		
Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis siculus</i>	10	5	10	5	15	3		
Western Whip Snake	<i>Coluberhierophis viridiflavus</i> var. <i>carbonarius</i>				1				
Smooth Snake	<i>Coronella austriaca</i>						1		
Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>						1		

## Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	April 2026							
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>					1			
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			2		1		1	
Italian Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cassandra</i>				4	1			
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>	1		1	1				
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>					2			
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>			10	2	3			
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	1		5		2	1		
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>	1	2	5	3	1			
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>					1			
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	5	1	3	2	1			
Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>		1		2	2	1		
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>				1	2	5		
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>					1			
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		1			1			
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		1						
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>						1		
Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>			10					
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		2			3			
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		1	2		1	1		
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>					1			
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	2	1	1	5	2	1		
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>						3		
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	3	5	3	5	5	2		

## Moths

L=larva		April 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Scarce Crimson & Gold	<i>Pyrausta sanguinalis</i>				1				
Rusty-dot Pearl	<i>Udea ferrugalis</i>		1		1				
a tortrix moth	<i>Aphelia peramplana</i>				1				
Spiny Hooktip	<i>Watsonalla uncinula</i>		1						
Franconian Lackey	<i>Malacosoma franconicum</i>							L	
Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		1			5			
Small Dusty Wave	<i>Idaea seriata</i>	3	1	1	1				
Gem	<i>Nycterosea obstipata</i>			1					
a geometrid	<i>Cataclyme riguata</i>			1	1				
Garden Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe fluctuata</i>			1					
Pine Carpet	<i>Pennithera firmata</i>			1	1				
Cypress Carpet	<i>Thera cupressata</i>		1	1					
Striped Twin-spot Carpet	<i>Coenotephria salicata</i>			1			1	1	
Embellished Thorn	<i>Gerinia honoraria</i>				1				
Yellow Belle	<i>Aspitates ochrearia</i>			1	5	1			
Great Prominent	<i>Peridea anceps</i>							4	
Ragusa's Nine-spotted	<i>Amata cfr. marjana</i>						L		
Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>		3	1	1	1			
Four-spotted	<i>Tyta luctuosa</i>			1					
Purple Marbled	<i>Eublemma ostrina</i>		1						

## Other invertebrates

		April 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Dragonflies</b>									
Hairy Hawker	<i>Brachytron pratense</i>			2					
<b>Grasshoppers and allies</b>									
Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>	1		10					
European Mole Cricket	<i>Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa</i>			1					
<b>Bugs</b>									
A red-striped Shield Bug	<i>Graphosoma semipunctatum</i>				1				
European Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>		1		100				
Froghopper (Black & red)	<i>Cercopis sanguinolenta</i>				3		20		
<b>Flies</b>									
Crane-fly	<i>Tipula sp.</i>			1	1				
Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius major</i>				1				
a Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius sp.</i>		1			5	2		
Drone-fly	<i>Eristalis cfr. tenax</i>			1					
<b>Bees</b>									
Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>	5	10	2	1	1			
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1	1	1	10	1		
a bumblebee	<i>Bombus sp.</i>			2			5		
<b>Beetles</b>									
Pistachia Root Beetle	<i>Capnodis cariosa</i>					1			
Rose Chafer	<i>Cetonia aurata.</i>					2			
A Chafer Beetle	<i>Oxythyria funesta</i>		2	1		2			
Yellow-haired Barbary Bug	<i>Tropinota cfr. squalida</i>		5	20		2			
A darkling beetle	<i>Pimelia sp.</i>	1							

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Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Soldier Beetle	<i>Trichodes alvearius</i>					1			
Two-spot Ladybird	<i>Adalia bipunctata</i>		1						
Seven-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>				1	1			
a green leaf beetle	<i>Chrysomelidae</i> sp.				1				
<b>Myriapods</b>									
Giant Centipede	<i>Scolopendra cingulatus</i>			1			1		
a black millipede	<i>Ommatoiulus</i> sp.					x	x	x	
<b>Spiders</b>									
Nursery-web Spider	<i>Pisaura</i> cfr. <i>mirabilis</i>						2		
a crab spider	<i>Thomisus onustus</i>		1		1				
<b>Molluscs</b>									
a clusilid snail	<i>Papillifera bidens</i>	x	x	x	x				
Brown-lipped Banded Snail	<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>	1							
White Italian Snail	<i>Theba pisana</i>	100							

## Fungi

Scientific name	Common name	Day	Location
a turkey tail	<i>Trametes</i> sp.	6	Bosco delle Pianelle

## Lichens

Scientific name	Common name	Day	Location
<i>Lobaria pulmonaria</i>	Tree Lungwort		
<i>Cladonia pyxidata</i>	-		
<i>Cladonia foliacea</i>		3	Le Cesine

## Plants

E = endemic	Scientific name	Common name	Day	Location
	<b>PTERIDOPHYTES</b>	<b>FERNS &amp; ALLIES</b>		
	<b>Leptosporangiate Ferns</b>	<b>True Ferns</b>		
	<b>Aspleniaceae</b>	<b>Spleenwort family</b>		
	<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
	<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Irish Spleenwort	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
	<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> subsp. <i>quarivalens</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
	<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> subsp. <i>pachyrachis</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
	<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b>	<b>Bracken Family</b>		
	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	3	Le Cesine
	<b>Polypodiaceae</b>	<b>Polypody Family</b>		
	<i>Polypodium interjectum</i>	Intermediate Polypody	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
	<b>GYMNOSPERMS</b>	<b>CONIFERS</b>		
	<b>Cupressaceae</b>	<b>Juniper Family</b>		
	[ <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> ]	Italian Cypress	1	Planted
	<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	5	Gravina di Laterza
	<b>Pinaceae</b>	<b>Pine Family</b>		
	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	1	Otranto
	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone or Umbrella Pine	1	Roadsides

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<b>ANGIOSPERMS</b>	<b>FLOWERING PLANTS</b>		
<b>Pre-dicots</b>	<b>Primitive Angiosperms</b>		
<b>Aristolochiaceae</b>	<b>Birthwort Family</b>		
<i>Aristolochia rotunda</i>	a Birthwort	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Eu-dicots</b>	<b>True Dicotyledons</b>		
<b>Aizoaceae</b>	<b>Dew-plant Family</b>		
<i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i>	Sally-my-handsome	3	Torre Specchia Ruggeri
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>	<b>Sumach Family</b>		
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Bush	2	Punta Palascia
<b>Apiaceae</b>	<b>Carrot Family</b>		
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Elaeoselinum asclepium</i>	Elaeoselinum	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Opopanax chironium</i>	Hercules Heal-all	7	Belvedere of Matera (leaves)
<i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>	Orlaya	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needle	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Smyrnium olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	2	Otranto
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Tordylium	2	Otranto
<i>Vinca major</i>	Periwinkle	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Common Fennel	2	Otranto
<b>Araliaceae</b>	<b>Ivy Family</b>		
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	3	Le Cesine
<b>Asteraceae</b>	<b>Daisy Family</b>		
<i>Achillea (Otanthus) maritimus</i>	Cottonweed	3	Torre Specchia Rugiere
<i>Anthemis cotula</i>	Stinking Mayweed	3	Le Cesine
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy	3	Le Cesine
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	6	Bosco delle Pianelle?
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Carduus macrocephalus</i>	Large-headed Thistle	7	Belvedere of Matera
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Plymouth Thistle	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Carduus tenuifolius</i>	Slender Thistle	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Centaurea deusta</i>	a Knapweed	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Star-thistle	5	Quartiere Paolo VI (Taranto)
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	3	Le Cesine
<i>Crepis rubra</i>	Pink Hawk's-beard	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	Crupina	5	Quartiere Paolo VI (Taranto)
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Woody Fleabane	3	Le Cesine (leaves)
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Glebionis coronarium</i> var. <i>coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy (yellow)	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Glebionis coronarium</i> var. <i>discolor</i>	Crown Daisy (yellow and white)	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	3	Le Cesine
<i>Hyoseris radiata</i>	-	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Jurinea mollis</i>	a 'soft' Thistle	5	Gravina di Laterza?
<i>Phagnalon saxatile</i>	Phagnalon	5	Gravina di Laterza?
<i>Scorzonera villosa</i>	Hairy Viper's-grass	6	Pineta di Crispiano
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	6	Bosco delle Pianelle

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<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>	Urospermum	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	-	2	Punta Palascia
<b>Betulaceae</b>	<b>Birch Family</b>		
<i>Carpinus orientalis</i>	Eastern Hornbeam	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Forget-me-not Family</b>		
<i>Aegonychon purpureocaerulea</i>	Purple Gromwell	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Alkanna tinctoria</i>	Dyer's Alkanet	2	Otranto
<i>Anchusa undulata</i> subsp. <i>hybrida</i>	-	7	Belvedere di Matera
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Buglossoides arvensis</i>	Corn Gromwell	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Cerintho major</i>	Honeywort	2	Otranto
<i>Cynoglossum cheirifolium</i>	a Hound's-tongue	7	Belvedere di Matera
<i>Echium platagineum</i>	Purple Viper's-bugloss	4	Punta Palascia
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's-bugloss	2	Punta Palascia (leaves)
<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>	Early Forget-me-not	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Onosma echioides</i>	Pale Goldendrops	7	Belvedere di Matera
<b>Brassicaceae</b>	<b>Cabbage Family</b>		
<i>Aurinia (Alyssum) saxatilis</i>	-	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Biscutella	3	Le Cesine
<i>Bunias erucago</i>	Bunias	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	Woad	4	Brindisi
<i>Matthiola fruticulosa</i>	-	7	Belvedere di Matera
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	3	Torre Specchia Rugiere
<i>Rapistrum rugosum</i>	Bastard Cabbage	3	Le Cesine
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	Raddish	3	Masseria Panareo
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock	3	Masseria Panareo
<i>Turritis (Arabis) glabra</i>	Tower mustard	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Cactaceae</b>	<b>Cactus Family</b>		
<i>[Opuntia ficus-indica]</i>	Prickly Pear	1	Brindisi
<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflower Family</b>		
<i>Asyneuma limonifolium</i>	-	2	Otranto
<i>Campanula versicolor - E</i>	a bellflower	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Legousia speculum-veneris</i>	Large Venus's Looking Glass	6	Crispiano
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>		
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	a Scabious	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Lonicera implexa</i>	a Honeysuckle	3	Le Cesine
<i>Fedia graciliflora</i>	African Valerian	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Valeriana (Centranthus) ruber</i>	Red Valerian	7	Matera
<i>Valeriana tuberosa</i>	Tuberous Valerian	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Valerianella</i> agg.	Cornsalad	4	Parco delle Querce
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>		
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	6	Bosco delle Pianelle?
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Petrorhagia dubia</i>	a Childing Pink	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Silene colorata</i>	a Catchfly	3	Torre Specchia Ruggeri

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<i>Silene conica</i>	Sand Catchfly	3	Le Cesine
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	2	Otranto
<i>Silene italica</i>	Italian Catchfly	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Champion	2	Otranto
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Champion	6	Crispiano
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	2	Otranto
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rock-rose Family</b>		
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	3	Otranto
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	3	Otranto
<i>Helianthemum jonium - E</i>	An endemic Rock-rose	3	Le Cesine
<i>Helianthemum salicifolium</i>	Willow-leaved Rock-rose	5	Gravina di Laterza
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>		
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	5	Quartiere Paolo VI (Taranto)
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> subsp. <i>tenuissimus</i>	a Mallow-leaved Bindweed	5	Quartiere Paolo VI (Taranto)
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>		
<i>Petrosedum ochroleucum</i>	European Stonecrop	5	Gravina di Laterza (leaves)
<i>Umbilicus chloranthus</i>	Green Venus' Navel	6	Bosco delle Pianelle (leaves)
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall Pennywort	5	Quartiere Paolo VI (Taranto)
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heather Family</b>		
<i>Erica manipuliflora (E. forskalii)</i>	-	3	Le Cesine
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurge Family</b>		
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Mediterranean Spurge	7	Belvedere di Matera
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	2	Otranto
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	2	Otranto
<i>Euphorbia spinosa</i>	Spiny Spurge	2	Otranto
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	1	Trepuzzi
<b>Fabaceae</b>	<b>Pea Family</b>		
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Blue Wattle	1	Otranto
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>rubriflora</i>	Mediterranean Kidney Vetch (Pink)	2	Otranto
<i>Astragalus hamosus</i>	a Milk-vetch	4	Punta Palascia
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	4	Punta Palascia
[ <i>Cercis siliquastrum</i> ]	Judas Tree	1	Roadsides
<i>Coronilla valentina</i> subsp. <i>valentina</i>	Shrubby Scorpion Vetch	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Chamaecytisus (Cytisus) spinescens</i>	Spiny Hairy Broom	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Hippocrepis emerus</i> subsp. <i>emeroides</i>	False Senna	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Hippocrepis unisiliquosa</i>	-	7	Crispiano
<i>Lathyrus annuus</i>	Annual Pea	2	Otranto
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	2	Otranto
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	a Vetchling	2	Otranto
<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>	Winged Vetchling (cream)	3	Le Cesine
<i>Lathyrus oleraceus (Pisum sativum</i> subsp. <i>elatius)</i>	Wild Pea	2	Otranto
<i>Lotus creticus</i>	Southern Bird's-foot Trefoil	2	Otranto
<i>Lotus hirsutus (Dorycnium hirsutum)</i>	Dorycnium	2	Otranto
<i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i>	-	2	Otranto
<i>Medicago minima</i>	Bur Medick	5	Quartiere Paolo VI (Taranto)
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	2	Masseria Panareo

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<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	7	Murgia Timone
<i>Melilotus italicus</i>	a Melilot	3	Le Cesine
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cock's-comb Sainfoin	5	Gravina di Laterza
[ <i>Robinia pseudacacia</i> ]	False Acacia	4	Brindisi
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	a Scorpiurus	7	Murgia Timone
<i>Sulla spinosissima (Hedysarum spinosissimum)</i>	-	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	a white clover	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover	3	Le Cesine
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Burrowing Clover	7	Crispiano
<i>Trigonella balansae (T. corniculata)</i>	a Fenugreek	2	Otranto
<i>Tripodion (Anthyllis) tetraphyllum</i>	Bladder Vetch	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Vicia benghalensis</i>	Bengal Vetch	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Vicia bithynica</i>	Bithynian Vetch	2	Otranto
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	a Yellow Vetch	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Vicia sativa subsp. sativa</i>	a Fodder Vetch	2	Otranto
<i>Vicia sativa subsp. segetalis</i>	Common Vetch	1	Trepuzzi
<b>Fagaceae</b>	<b>Beech Family</b>		
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	3	Le Cesine
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Quercus trojana</i>	Macedonian Oak	5	Gravina di Laterza
<b>Gentianaceae</b>	<b>Gentian Family</b>		
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort	3	Le Cesine
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	<b>Crane's-bill Family</b>		
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	-	7	Murgia Timone
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Musk Stork's-bill	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Erodium nervulosum - E</i>	a Stork's-bill	3	Le Cesine
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Bloody Crane's-bill	4	Parco delle Querce
<b>Lamiaceae</b>	<b>Dead-nettle Family</b>		
<i>Ajuga chamaepitys</i>	Ground-pine	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	6	Crispiano
<i>Lamium bifidum</i>	Bifid Dead-nettle	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Micromeria graeca</i>	a Micromeria (appressed hairs)	2	Otranto
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	1	Otranto
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Salvia argentea</i>	Silver Sage	7	Murgia Timone
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	2	Otranto
<i>Sideritis romana</i>	Common Sideritis	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Teucrium polium</i> agg.	Felty Germander	5	Quartiere Paolo VI
<b>Linaceae</b>	<b>Flax Family</b>		
<i>Linum squamulosum</i> subsp. <i>tommasinii</i>	Perennial Flax	2	Otranto
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax	3	Le Cesine
<b>Malvaceae</b>	<b>Mallow Family</b>		
<i>Malva (Lavatera) arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	7	Matera
<i>Malva cretica</i>	Cretan Mallow	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	2	Trepuzzi

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<b>Moraceae</b>	<b>Mulberry Family</b>		
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	1	Trepuzzi (leaves)
<b>Myrtaceae</b>	<b>Myrtle Family</b>		
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle	3	Le Cesine
<b>Oleaceae</b>	<b>Olive Family</b>		
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Ash		
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Flowering Ash	5	Gravina di Laterza (leaves)
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	6	Crispiano
<i>Phillyrea angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Phillyrea	3	Le Cesine
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Broad-leaved Phillyrea	3	Le Cesine
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	<b>Broomrape Family</b>		
<i>Bartsia (Bellardia) trixago</i>	Bellardia	2	Otranto (leaves)
<i>Orobanche nana</i>	Dwarf Broomrape	6	Pineta di Vrispiano
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	3	Le Cesine
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Wood-sorrel Family</b>		
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	1	Trepuzzi
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppy Family</b>		
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping Fumitory	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	2	Otranto
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>	<b>Plantain Family</b>		
<i>Antirrhinum siculum</i>	Sicilian Snapdragon	5	Quartiere Paolo VI (Taranto)
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	7	Matera
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	2	Otranto
<i>Linaria reflexa</i>	-	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Plantago afra</i>	-	2	Otranto
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	3	Le Cesine
<i>Plantago (arenaria) indica</i>	Branched Plantain	2	Otranto
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Plantago serraria</i>	-	2	Otranto (leaves)
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	<b>Thrift Family</b>		
<i>Limonium sp.</i>	a Sea-lavender	3	Le Cesine
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Knotweed Family</b>		
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Horned Dock	3	Le Cesine
<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primrose Family</b>		
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Ivy-leaved Cyclamen	6	Bosco delle Pianelle (leaves)
<i>Lysimachia (Anagallis) arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Lysimachia (Anagallis) loefflingii</i>	Blue Scarlet Pimpernel	2	Otranto
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercup Family</b>		
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Anemone hortensis</i>	-	2	Otranto
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	5	Gravina di Laterza
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i>	Million-leaved Buttercup'	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>	Rough-fruited Buttercup	3	Le Cesine

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<b>Resedaceae</b>	<b>Mignonette Family</b>		
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	5	Gravina di Laterza
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>	<b>Buckthorn Family</b>		
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Mediterranean Buckthorn	3	Le Cesine
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Rose Family</b>		
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Pyrus (amygdaliformis) spinosa</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Rubus sp.</i>	Bramble	2	Otranto
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	5	Gravina di Laterza
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	<b>Bedstraw Family</b>		
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	2	Otranto
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	3	Le Cesine
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	3	Le Cesine
<i>Valantia hispida</i>	Valantia	3	Le Cesine
<i>Valantia muralis</i>	a Valantia	2	Punta Palascia
<b>Santalaceae</b>	<b>Sandalwood Family</b>		
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	5	Gravina di Laterza (leaves)
<b>Sapindaceae</b>	<b>Maple Family</b>		
<i>Acer monspessulanus</i>	Montpellier Maple	5	Gravina di Laterza (leaves)
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figwort Family</b>		
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	a Figwort	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Italian (Nettle-leaved) Figwort	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	a Mullein	1	Trepuzzi (leaves)
<b>Tamaricaceae</b>	<b>Tamarisk Family</b>		
<i>Tamarix gallica</i>	Tamarisk	3	Le Cesine
<b>Thymelaeaceae</b>	<b>Daphne Family</b>		
<i>Daphne gnidium</i>	Flax-leaved Daphne	4	Punta Palascia
<b>Ulmaceae</b>	<b>Elm Family</b>		
<i>Ulmus canescens</i>	Mediterranean Elm	3	Le Cesine
<b>Urticaceae</b>	<b>Nettle Family</b>		
<i>Parientaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the Wall	7	Matera
<i>Parientaria officinalis</i>	Common Pellitory	2	Otranto
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle		
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Membranous Nettle	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Violaceae</b>	<b>Violet Family</b>		
<i>Viola alba</i> subsp. <i>dehnhardtii</i>	a Violet	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Monocots</b>	<b>Monocotyledons</b>		
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>	<b>Daffodil Family</b>		
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Wild Leek	2	Punta Palascia
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rosy Garlic	2	Otranto
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>	Hairy Garlic	2	Otranto
<b>Araceae</b>	<b>Arum Family</b>		
<i>Arum italicum</i> subsp. <i>neglectum</i>	-	2	Otranto
<b>Asparagaceae</b>	<b>Asparagus Family</b>		
<i>Agave americana</i>	Century Plant	3	Otranto (leaves)
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	Prickly Asparagus	2	Otranto (leaves)
<i>Drimia (Urginea) pancracion</i>	Sea Squill	2	Otranto (leaves)

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<i>Muscari comosum</i> ( <i>Leopoldia comosa</i> )	Tassel Hyacinth	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Dark Grape Hyacinth	7	Belvedere di Matera
<i>Ornithogalum gussonei</i>	a Star of Bethlehem	2	Otranto
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Asphodelaceae</b>	<b>Asphodel Family</b>		
<i>Asphodeline liburnica</i>	a Yellow Asphodel		
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	7	Belvedere di Matera
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Common Asphodel	2	Otranto
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-leaved Asphodel	4	Parco delle Querce
<b>Cyperaceae</b>	<b>Sedge Family</b>		
<i>Schoenus nigricans</i>	Black Bog-rush	3	Le Cesine
<b>Dioscoreaceae</b>	<b>Yam Family</b>		
<i>Dioscorea</i> ( <i>Tamus</i> ) <i>communis</i>	Black Bryony	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Iridaceae</b>	<b>Iris Family</b>		
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	2	Otranto
<i>Iris</i> ( <i>Hermodactylus</i> ) <i>tuberosus</i>	Widow or Snake's-head Iris	5	Gravina di Laterza (in fruit)
<i>Iris pseudopumila</i> - E	-	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	3	Torre Specchia Ruggeri
<b>Juncaceae</b>	<b>Rush Family</b>		
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	3	Le Cesine
<i>Luzula forsteri</i>	Southern Wood-rush	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<b>Orchidaceae</b>	<b>Orchid Family</b>		
<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	2	Otranto
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	2	Otranto
<i>Anacamptis x nicodemi</i> ( <i>A. papilionacea x morio</i> )	Hybrid Anacamptis	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman Orchid	6	Bosco delle Pianelle
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	6	Pineta di Crispiano
<i>Neotinea</i> ( <i>Orchis</i> ) <i>ustulata</i>	Burnt Orchid	7	Murgia Timone
<i>Ophrys bertolonii</i>	Bertoloni's Bee Orchid	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Ophrys	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Ophrys holosericea</i> ( <i>fuciflora</i> ) <i>subsp. apulica</i> - E	Apulian Ophrys	3	Torre Specchia Ruggeri
<i>Ophrys holosericea</i> ( <i>fuciflora</i> ) <i>subsp. parvimaclulata</i>	-	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> <i>subsp. fusca</i>	Sombre Bee Orchid	7	Belvedere di Matera
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> <i>subsp. galilea</i> (formerly <i>sicula</i> )	Small Yellow Ophrys	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> <i>subsp. lutea</i>	Yellow Ophrys	2	Otranto
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> <i>subsp. passionis</i> ( <i>garganica</i> )	Gargano Ophrys	1	Trepuzzi
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> <i>subsp. atrata</i> ( <i>O. incubacea</i> )	Dark Ophrys	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i>	Sawfly Ophrys	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Ophrys x lyrata</i> ( <i>O. bertolonii x sphegodes ssp atrata</i> )	-	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Ophrys tarentina</i>	-	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	4	Parco delle Querce
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	2	Otranto
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i>	Plough-share Tongue Orchid	5	Quartiete Paolo VI (Taranto)
<i>Serapias orientalis apulica</i>	Eastern Tongue Orchid	6	Pineta di Crispiano
<b>Poaceae</b>	<b>Grass Family</b>		
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	3	Le Cesine

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<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking Grass	3	Le Cesine
<i>Briza minor</i>	Small Quaking Grass	3	Le Cesine
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	2	Otranto
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-foot Grass	3	Le Cesine
<b>Posidoniaceae</b>	<b>Posidonia family</b>		
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Posidonia or Neptune grass	3	Torre Specchia Ruggeri
<b>Smilacaceae</b>	<b>Smilax Family</b>		
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax	3	Le Cesine