

Go Slow in Tuscany

Naturetrek Tour Report

3rd – 10th May 2025



European Bee-eater



Woodchat Shrike



Spotted Fritillary



Elban Heath

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Summary

Italy and, in particular Tuscany, is a lovely holiday location, especially in spring. Cristina and team at our hotel for the week, the Fattoria Il Duchesco, gave us an excellent experience of authentic Italian food, its own wine and beer, with great care and good humour to make us comfortable and happy. The weather was good: warm and sunny.

Our trips covered different habitats, and we found fauna and flora typical of the Mediterranean, with resident and passage birds, plants and butterflies keeping everyone interested and pleased. Singing Nightingales and calling Eurasian Scops Owls were daily treats, night and day. Excellent views of other birds, colourful butterflies and a variety of orchids and other Mediterranean plants resulted in a comprehensive checklist of species. Visits to San Gimignano, Siena and the remains of an Etruscan village added a cultural dimension to the week, with a relaxing boat trip to Giglio Island and amazing views of a very uncommon gull. The 'Go Slow' ethos was welcomed and enjoyed. Optional bird, botany and night walks were on offer; additional spa sessions and a pasta-making demonstration were taken up by some. Great wildlife, Glyn's 'theatrical' outbursts, a musical finale and much fun gave great satisfaction to all. The group left Tuscany with very fond memories and wish to return.

Day 1

Saturday 3rd May

Pisa Airport, San Gimignano

Steve and Glyn met the party at the small Pisa airport and the two vans were quickly on the road, heading for San Gimignano, a drive of eighty minutes. It is a popular place, so we patiently waited for a parking spot, then headed into the warren of narrow streets, lined with amazing medieval architecture: fourteen of the seventy-seven famous towers are still standing. These are testament to the family power and rivalry in this lovely town, which was once an Etruscan community, then a Roman town.

Common Swifts were hawking overhead, and Wood Pigeons and Jackdaws were disappearing into nest sites (holes in the tower walls). A very handsome Common Redstart sang and displayed well. Italian Wall Lizards scampered across the paths. Walls and buildings were dotted with Pellitory-of-the-wall (*Parietaria judaica*). On the drive to Alberese, through picturesque Tuscany landscape, so green in early spring after a very wet winter, we passed many magnificent Stone or Umbrella Pines (*Pinus pinea*), and Italian or Funeral Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*) trees. The roads were also dotted with Giant Fennel (*Ferula communis*) and less obvious Judas Trees (*Cercis siliquastrum*). Many birds were spotted too, including Hooded Crow, Common Buzzard, Common Kestrel, and lots of Cattle Egrets.

We arrived at our hotel, Fattoria Il Duchesco, to a very warm welcome from our hosts, Cristina, Fabio, and Matteo. Tea and biscuits were taken as we ordered our evening meal. Rooms were allocated, and we took a little time to unwind. Following a brief orientation meeting, we tucked into a delicious, authentic Italian meal, with local organic provenance, including wine to keep the conversation flowing. At the end of a long day, sleep was called for, but only after admiring a silent starry night, punctuated by the very distinctive song of Scops Owl. What a great start to our week in Tuscany!

Day 2

Sunday 4th May

WWF Orbetello Lagoon Oasi, WWF Oasi Patanella

It was overcast and a little cool for our first (optional) pre-breakfast walk along a track behind the hotel. But the first birds seen were bright and beautiful: a pair of migrant Woodchat Shrikes. Close views were enjoyed as they fed and perched on fencing and Italian Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*). A European Hare was seen in the vineyard. Calling Bee-eaters were noisy as they flew over the vines, and we found Corn Bunting, Serin, Woodlark, Nightingale and Zitting Cisticola. Hooded Crows and Cattle Egrets were about, and male Whinchat looked very smart in the scope.

After a very tasty breakfast we headed south for twenty minutes to the WWF nature reserve, Orbetello Lagoon Oasi. We tried to translate the Italian vernacular bird names on the sightings board, and off we went along easy, sandy paths. They lacked any gradient, but in places were well churned up by the resident Wild Boar. Hides overlooking the adjacent lagoon offered great views of an Osprey on a nest and in flight, delighting everyone. Greater Flamingo, Avocet, Spoonbill, Oystercatcher, Black-winged Stilt, Common and Green Sandpipers, Whiskered Tern, Great and Little Egrets, Squacco Heron, Shelduck, Garganey, Mallard and Marsh Harrier added further pleasure. Turtle Dove, Nightingale, Sardinian Warbler, Blackcap, Hoopoe and Cetti's Warbler filled the air with their distinctive songs and calls, and were also seen. Knot, Grey Plover, Curlew Sandpiper were new birds. Roller and Short-toed Snake Eagle pleased everyone. What a list!

The meadows were dotted with the blue flowers of Narrow-leaved Lupin (*Lupinus angustifolius*), some in great stands. Italian (*Silene italica*) and Small-flowered Catchfly (*Silene gallica*), Borage (*Borago officinalis*), Milk Thistle (*Silybum marianum*) and a host of vetches adding colour. Several patches of Smeawort (*Aristolochia rotunda*), in flower and fruit, lined the paths. This fascinating plant has an ancient lineage, and is the larval food plant of Southern Festoon, but this butterfly was not on show. The parasitic Common Broomrape (*Orobancha minor*) was an interesting find. There were also butterflies: Clouded Yellow, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Small Heath, Holly Blue, Swallowtail, Small Copper and Wall Brown. White-spotted Rose Chafer Beetles were feeding on the large yellow flowers of Golden Fleece or Urospermum (*Urospermum dalechampii*), with False Firefly Beetles flying around. Great excitement came when a Green Whip-snake was spotted on the ground. It climbed the branches of a bush, where it gave tantalising and lovely views, but was a difficult subject for the eager photographers. A smaller whip-snake and a Western Green Lizard were also under the bush.

A delicious picnic lunch was enjoyed on handy trestle tables back at the entrance to the reserve. Shrubby Germander (*Teucrium fruticans*), Jerusalem Sage (*Phlomis fruticosa*) and Tree Spurge (*Euphorbia dendroides*) were admired here. Lunch over, our next venue was a ten-minute drive away at another WWF Reserve, Oasi Patanella. In the reserve, Maritime Pine (*Pinus pinaster*), Umbrella Pine (*Pinus pinea*), Mastic (*Pistacia lentiscus*), Narrow-leaved Mock Privet (*Phillyrea angustifolia*), Tree Heath (*Erica arborea*), Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*), Sage-leaved Cistus (*Cistus salvifolius*) and Montpellier Cistus (*Cistus monspeliensis*) were common. Osyris (*Osyris alba*) was in flower. Six Violet Limodore orchids (*Limodorum abortivum*) along the track were going over into fruit. Common Terns were nesting on a platform on the lagoon, Grey Herons had chicks in a more distant heronry, and Yellow-legged Gulls flew around.

After a leisurely circuit, we drove into Alberese, the village close to our hotel, for gelato or beer. Then we had time to relax, before completing a checklist of sightings on our first two days, with wine. It was most enjoyable, as was the dinner that followed. It had been a great day, with much to see. Scops Owls were singing as we retired to our rooms.

Day 3

Monday 5th May

Parco Regionale della Maremma

Before breakfast a pair of Woodchat Shrikes was seen well, along with a Red-backed Shrike. Bee-eaters performed well, and throughout the day. Two European Hares were in the vineyard. The weather forecast was for rain, so we chose to stay local and have lunch at the hotel. Parco Regionale della Maremma, whose wooded hills rose up behind our hotel, was most convenient. The area was drained and planted centuries ago to remove the 'mal aria', i.e. the mosquitoes causing malaria. Yet, there were still a few around to bite us! Along the entrance road to the park, we passed fields containing Maremma cattle with attendant Cattle Egrets, and Maremma horses. As we neared our car park a bird was seen close by, large and blue, then another: Rollers were nesting here. We had excellent views for a long time as they flew about and perched on the pines. Fantastic!

A slow amble along the sandy track in the pine woodland took us to a dyke, across which a cave in the limestone was reached. Evidence of Neanderthal Man has been collected here; our evidence was more contemporary and prosaic, in the form of a Badger latrine. Turtle Doves were seen, along with Collared Doves and less common Wood Pigeons. A brightly coloured Wood Warbler was in the pine trees. Short-toed Snake Eagle, Common Buzzard and European Hobby were overhead. A Yellow Wagtail flew through, and Sardinian Warblers and Nightingales skulked in the bushes, singing. European Pond Terrapins and Green Edible Frogs were in a dyke, and a Red-veined Darter flew about. Nettle-leaved Figwort (*Scrophularia peregrina*), a Fig Tree (*Ficus carica*) with figs, Prasiolum (*Prasium majus*), Violet Limodore (*Limodorum abortivum*), Common (*Helianthemum nummularium*) and Spotted Rock-rose (*Tuberaria guttata*), Biennial Flax (*Linum bienne*) grew along the path.

After lunch, we drove to the start of a different trail behind the village church. First we scoured a small meadow, finding brightly coloured black and yellow owlflies. Italian Wall Lizards were skittering everywhere. A young Western Green Lizard was spotted. Butterflies seen over the day included Small Heath, Swallowtail, Scarce Swallowtail, Southern White Admiral, Clouded Yellow, Small Copper, Wall Brown, Speckled Wood, Cleopatra, Common and Holly Blues, Red Admiral, Orange-tip, and Painted Lady. Lackey Moth caterpillars were common. A Wavy Mullein (*Verbascum sinuatum*) hosted very pretty (but not tasty for predators) Mullein Moth caterpillars. Narrow-leaved Cistus (*Cistus monspeliensis*), Belardia (*Bartsia trixago*), Musk Storks-bill (*Erodium moschatum*), a wide-winged vetch (*Lathyrus ochrus*), Pink Convovulus (*Convolvulus cantabrica*) and Evax (*Filago pygmaea*) were flowering. Jerusalem Thorn (*Paliurus spina-christi*) held last year's fruit, and was in flower bud.

We returned to Il Duchesco to relax with spa treatments or massage for some, and/or drinks, before the daily checklist and dinner. The Scops Owls called as ever, and so ended another great day.

Day 4

Tuesday 6th May

Oasi San Felice, Oasi Diaccia Batrona

After a pre-breakfast walk we set off at 9.30am to drive north, bypassing the small regional centre of Grosseto, then along the coast to park near the very pretty town of Castiglione della Pescaia, which we visited for an hour after lunch. Sightings of Hooded Crows, Common Kestrel, Magpies, Italian Lords and Ladies (*Arum italicum*), Borage (*Borago officinalis*) and wonderful scenery enriched our thirty-minute drive.

Our first destination was an extensive wetland reserve, Oasi Diaccia Batrona. Cetti's Warbler was heard in the carpark. The very elaborate and historic red house, "Casa Rosa Ximenes" guards the entrance, from where a walk onto the salt marsh took us to a boardwalk and hide, from which we enjoyed fantastic views of Black-winged Stilt, Common Redshank, lots of Greater Flamingoes, Pied Avocet and Cattle Egrets. A Common Tern came close, but Gull-billed Terns were distant. Several Yellow Wagtails delighted us in flight, and a Grey Heron flew over. Plants noticed included Rough-fruited Buttercup (*Ranunculus muricatus*), White Henbane (*Hyoscyamus albus*), Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*), Pink Oxalis (*Oxalis articulata*) - a common garden escape - and more. Plants taking advantage of the salt marsh environment included Sea Purslane (*Atriplex portulacoides*), Golden Samphire (*Limbarda crithmoides*), Shrubby Glasswort (*Sarcocornia fruticosa*) and Winged Vetchling (*Lathyrus ochrus*).

Our picnic lunch was taken in the shade next to the Red House, where toilets were handy too. Replete, we headed to the small town, a tourist spot, with a wide beach overlooked by an Etruscan castle. It was very picturesque. Lots of Barn Swallows hunted low over the sea in the harbour. Earlier, we had watched Perch catching flies on the water surface.

Our next destination was Oasi San Felice, a compact conservation area along the coast. A walk to the beach produced several birds, with a Roller being the most exciting find. Interesting plants included the very common Mastic bush (*Pistacia lentiscus*), Myrtle (*Myrtus communis*) and Maritime Pine (*Pinus pinaster*). The maquis contained Annual Scorpion Vetch (*Hippocrepis emerus*), Dorycnium (*Dorycnium birsutum*), Prickly Juniper (*Juniperus oxycedrus* subsp. *macrocarpa*), Tree Heath (*Erica arborea*) and Mediterranean Buckthorn (*Rhamnus alaternus*). The dunes held patches of Sea Purslane (*Atriplex portulacoides*), Sea Holly (*Eryngium maritimum*), Sea Rocket (*Cakile maritima*), Sea Medick (*Medicago maritima*) and Sea Clover (*Trifolium squamosum*). Leaves and lightweight fruit of Sea Daffodil (*Pancratium maritimum*) were found. A chunky Violet Carpenter Bee inspected the vegetation. Several very colourful Nine-spot Moths were admired; so too a well-patterned Oak Hawk-moth. Italian Wall Lizards skittered around the scrub. Butterflies were also seen: Swallowtail, Clouded Yellow, Painted Lady, Brimstone and Speckled Wood.

We were ready to return to base which basked in warm sunshine as we arrived. Light refreshments were available as usual, and time was taken to relax or explore the grounds. Dinner followed completion of a checklist.

Day 5

Wednesday 7th May

Città di Cosa, Ansedonia

Birds before breakfast included Bee-eaters, Northern Wheatear, Whinchat, and a Red-Backed Shrike in the scope (another was found later in the day). Moths and a male Firefly caught the night before were examined with interest,

before being released. After breakfast, we drove south for thirty minutes to the modern village of Ansedonia, a settlement that contains the Roman remains of Città di Cosa, an important settlement dating back to 273BCE. A small museum here holds a mix of Etruscan and Roman relics, which we enjoyed as the sole visitors.

The walk to the museum entrance and then around the site was also of interest botanically: Rosy Garlic (*Allium roseum*), Naples Garlic (*Allium neapolitanum*), Sicilian Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum siculum*), Branched Asphodel (*Asphodelus ramosus*), White Ramping Fumitory (*Fumaria capreolata*) and more were seen. European Nettle Tree (*Celtis australis*) was in full leaf, and Nettle Tree Butterfly, quite a curious beast, was seen in the museum grounds. Blue Houndstongue (*Cynoglossum creticum*) was flowering, and Ivy-leaved Toadflax (*Cymbalaria muralis*), Pellitory-of-the-wall (*Parietaria judaica*) and Herb Robert (*Geranium robertianum*) grew on the entrance walls. Common Pheasant, Green Woodpecker and Blackcap were heard, and Sardinian Warbler was heard and seen. The sun was out and so butterflies were giving great displays: Swallowtail, Clouded Yellow, Cleopatra, Red Admiral, Painted Lady, Southern Grizzled Skipper, Small White and Eastern Bath White. A Nine-spotted Moth was admired.

It was time for coffee. We drove a short distance to a beach to find a small bar, before setting out our picnic lunch. This site was compact yet full of interest with dyke, cliff, beach and wasteland to explore. Common Dolphins were spotted in the sea, and Yellow-legged Gulls were about too. Blue Rock Thrush, Peregrine, Rock Doves, Alpine and Common Swifts and Turtle Doves were seen. A large stand of Bears' Breeches (*Acanthus mollis*) was flowering, and Wild Carrot (*Daucus carota*) was in early flower. Tree Mallow (*Malva arborea*) was in full flower. A sheer cliff was covered in vegetation: Sweet Alysum (*Lobularia maritima*), White Henbane (*Hyoscyamus albus*) and the dandelion-like *Hyoseris radiata*. White Mignonette (*Reseda alba*), was just coming into flower, while Hedge Mustard (*Sisymbrium officinale*), Crown Daisy (*Glebionis coronaria*) and others were already out. Neptune Balls, the remains of the sea grass (*Posidonia oceanica*) were collected on the beach.

A further short drive took us to the entrance of the WWF Nature Reserve, Oasi di Burano, to admire fields full of Corn Poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*), Common Vetch (*Vicia sativa*), Corn Marigold (*Glebionis segetum*), Purple Viper's Bugloss (*Echium plantagineum*), Wall Rocket (*Diplotaxis sifolia*) and more. The roadside was lined with white-flowering False Acacia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) and Judas trees (*Cercis siliquastrum*). Further fields hosted Maremma cattle, including most impressive adults with young. Bee-eaters were feeding just over the short vegetation and resting on the ground. Wood Larks and a Common Kestrel were there too. A Coypu was found and a Roller was seen from the van.

We stopped in Alberese for gelato, before returning to our hotel for tea and a relaxing break. Checklist and dinner followed.

Day 6

Thursday 8th May

Giglio Island

We had great views of Stone-curlew and Black Kite this morning before breakfast. Then an earlier start than normal was necessary, to reach Porto Santo Stefano for shortly after 9.30am. The port, only thirty minutes from our hotel, sparkled in the warm sunshine. Our usual skipper Dharma took us to a small, modern boat moored in the harbour, but was unable to join us for the trip. At 10.00am Florian, our skipper today, cast off, and we headed west to Giglio

Island, which took about an hour to reach. We were pleased to see shearwaters along the way: both Yelkouan and Scopoli's.

Once we reached the island we made several stops to see wildlife on the water, in the air and on the cliffs: a good range of birds was picked up. Our biggest target bird was the very uncommon Audouin's Gull. The crossing yielded views of Yellow-legged Gulls, but on the western side of the island we scanned the cliff faces closely for our prize find. We were delighted to see Audouin's Gull the air, mixed in with the more numerous Yellow-legged Gulls. Audouin's Gull's agility, very neat plumage and dark red bill were diagnostic features. Excellent close views were had of both species in flight, on the sea and on nest. The breeding colony, of at least forty pairs of Audouin's Gull, is a rare find. This was a real treat, both for keen, and perhaps not so keen birders! A male Peregrine Falcon was on a high ledge near its nest site; then the female of the pair flew in. Both gave amazing views. A Common Buzzard showed up and, later, a Honey Buzzard drifted high overhead. Alpine Swifts were distant in the sky and Common Linnets closer on the rocks.

Botanising from afar was not so easy (we did not land). Plants recognized through binoculars included Phoenician Juniper (*Juniperus phoenicea*), Prickly Pear (*Opuntia maxima*), Hottentot Fig (*Carpobrotus edulis*), which had 'gone over', Tree Spurge (*Euphorbia dendroides*) and Dwarf Fan Palm (*Chamaerops humilis*). The bright yellow flowers of Shrubby Everlasting (*Helichrysum stoechas*) stood out. There was much more that needed a closer view to identify in the garigue and maquis on the island. Umbrella Pine (*Pinus pinea*) and Maritime Pine (*Pinus pinaster*) trees grew on the hill tops.

Refreshment stops were much appreciated, with bruchetta, pasta, wine, coffee and fruit tasting better than ever in the warm sunshine. It was a calm and relaxing trip. By 3.00pm we were passing the massive rock outcrop that wrecked the cruise ship 'Costa Concordia' in 2012, a tragic event in such a beautiful spot. By 4.00pm we were heading back to port via a large offshore rock, where Shags were on the water and adjacent rocks, and Alpine Swifts flew over. Some six small fishing vessels were near the harbour, attracting good flocks of Yellow-legged Gulls and shearwaters. It was a veritable 'shearwater fest' with dozens of both species seen earlier, this time much closer as they flew by and rested on the sea. What a fantastic way to end a fantastic trip around Giglio Island!

We celebrated with gelato and drove back to Il Duchesco, where further refreshments awaited us. Our dinner was a delicious fish meal, and rather appropriate having seen different fishes on our boat trip. Eurasian Scops Owls performed as well as ever as we returned to our rooms, and another wonderful day ended.

Day 7

Friday 9th May

Argentario Promontory, Maremma Park

After an early morning walk and breakfast, we assembled by the vans and, by chance, a Roller flew onto the top of a tree that the scope was aimed at. Incredible! Within seconds, a further two birds appeared: we were astonished and delighted. Once again, we drove south to Porto Santo Stefano, but not to the harbour. Instead, we climbed high onto the Argentario Promontory to search in the maquis and garigue. New plants were found: Alkanet (*Anchusa undulata*), Annual Scorpion Vetch (*Coronilla scorpioides*), Feltty Germander (*Teucrium polium*), Mediterranean Kidney Vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*) and Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus unedo*). Two patches of the curious red and white Cytinus (*Cytinus ruber*) were found under a pink-flowering Cistus bush: the former is a parasite on the latter. Another

parasitic plant was found: a Branched Broomrape (*Phelipanche lavandulacea*), probably feeding on the nearby Pitch Trefoil (*Bituminaria bituminosa*), whose leaves smelt strongly of pitch.

We returned to Il Duchesco for our last picnic lunch, enjoyed as ever with a glass of wine. Then we revisited Maremma Park for a short walk. We were grateful when the sun peeked out of the clouds at times to encourage insects to be active: the Owlflies were eagerly photographed, and several species of beetles and bugs were on the vegetation. Golden Oriole was in song, as were Hoopoes and Nightingales, and two Short-toed Snake Eagles flew over. Back at the hotel, refreshments preceded a most entertaining and informative demonstration of making pasta. Seven novices, led by Cristina and Matteo, had a hands-on experience, watched and supported by the rest of the group. The slow process was explained well and participants took to the task with enthusiasm and diligence. Eventually, Tagliatelle and Maremmano tortello were prepared, boiled for several minutes, and then eaten. What an experience, and what tasty outcomes! After a break, we assembled to complete an interesting checklist before our final dinner. The evening concluded with song, music and much laughter. With Scops Owls calling we headed for bed, it had proved to be another lovely day for all.

Day 8

Saturday 10th May

Siena, Pisa Airport

Our flight not leaving Pisa until 8.00pm essentially gave us an extra day, which we used to full effect by visiting Siena. A final bird walk was a most successful finale: Golden Oriole, Bee-eater, Roller, Stone-curlew, Cattle Egret and a pair of Woodchat Shrikes. The sun was shining, the sky was blue, and it was warm. It was a pity to leave! A leisurely breakfast followed, with time to say farewell to Cristina and Matteo and to thank them for their fantastic hospitality. They, along with the hard-working staff, had made us comfortable and happy throughout the week.

At 10.00am we set off, to arrive at Siena for late morning coffee. The streets were not too busy, so we could amble along them at ease, appreciating the magnificent medieval architecture. One couple headed off for Florence to extend their holiday. We passed walls hosting plants seen earlier, such as Pellitory-of-the-wall (*Parietaria judaica*) and Ivy-leaved Toadflax (*Cymbalaria muralis*). We visited the university botanical garden to see orchids, very well into fruit: Italian Naked Man (*Orchis italica*), Green-winged (*Anacamptis morio* subsp. *morio*), Tongue Orchid (*Serapias lingua*), Early Spider Orchid (*Ophrys sphegodes*), Few-flowered Orchid (*Orchis pauciflora*), and Violet Limodore (*Limodorum abortivum*). At the far end of the site, growing wild in the tree-lined meadow, was a magnificent stand of Lady Orchids (*Orchis purpurea*), and the hybrid *Orchis militaris* × *O. purpurea*. Several ferns were admired: Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*), Intermediate Polypody (*Polypodium interjectum*), Rustyback Fern (*Asplenium ceterach*), Maidenhair Fern (*Asplenium capillus-veneris*), and Maidenhair Spleenwort (*Asplenium trichomanes* subsp. *pachyrachis*). A Firecrest was singing, and kindly flitted between trees. We also enjoyed Common Redstart, Robin, Blackbird, Jay and Green Woodpecker. Several butterflies were on the wing, as was a Violet Carpenter Bee.

All too quickly, it was time to find our vans to return to Pisa Airport, which was very busy. A good flight back to Heathrow completed what had been a great holiday.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025							
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		✓						
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓				
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓	H	H	H	H	H	
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>					✓	✓		
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	H		H			
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		H	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				H	✓			
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				H				
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				H				
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		✓						
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>				✓				
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓		✓				
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		✓						
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				✓				
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>		✓						
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		✓						
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>				✓				
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>				✓				
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓		✓				
Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>						✓		
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>						✓		
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>						✓		
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓						
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>					✓	✓		
Northern Bald Ibis - I	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>				✓				
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				3				
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓	✓		✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓						
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				2				
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				✓				
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		✓			✓			
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>						✓		
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>						✓		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			H	✓		✓	✓	
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>					H	H		
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	H	✓	H	H	H	H	✓	✓
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		✓	✓		✓		3	✓

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European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>							✓	
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		H	H	H	✓	H	H	✓
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				✓				
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						✓		
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	H	H	✓	✓
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓					✓
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			✓					
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	H	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		H	✓				H	
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		H	✓	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	H	✓				
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H						
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					H			
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				✓				
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				✓				
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		✓	H					
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	H	H	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H		H	H	H	H	
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>		H	✓	H	H	H	✓	
Western Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca iberiae</i>		H					✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>							✓	
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓					
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		H			✓			✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓						
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			H				✓	✓
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	H	H	H	H		H	H
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		✓						
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	✓							✓
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓						
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>							✓	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>							✓	
Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				✓	✓			
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	H	H	H		✓	✓
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

E=evidence		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>					✓			
Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>				✓				
Stone (Beech) Marten	<i>Martes foina</i>		✓						
Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>		E						
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>			✓			✓		
Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>			✓				✓	
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		E						
Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>					✓			

Reptiles and amphibians

		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>			✓					
Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis sicula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>								
Western Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>		✓	✓					
Green Whip-snake	<i>Hierophis viridiflavus</i>		✓			✓			
Green Edible Frog	<i>Pelophylax esculentus</i>			✓					

Fishes

		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Saddled Bream	<i>Oblada melanura</i>						✓		
Damselfish	<i>Chromis chromis</i>						✓		
Mediterranean Rainbow Wrasse	<i>Coris junis</i>						✓		
Salema	<i>Sarpa sapla</i>						✓		

Butterflies

		May 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			✓		✓			
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>				✓	✓			
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocus</i>					✓			
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>							✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓			✓		✓	
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			✓					
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓			✓		✓	
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓		✓				
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agrestis</i>			✓				✓	
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓			✓			
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓						

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025							
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>					✓			
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		✓						
Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>			✓				✓	
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>								
Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>		✓		✓				
Elban Heath	<i>Coenonympha elbana</i>							✓	
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓					
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓			✓		✓	

Moths

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025							
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lackey	<i>Malacosoma neustria</i>		✓	✓					
Common Heath	<i>Ematurga atomaria</i>		✓						
Lace Border	<i>Scopula ornata</i>							✓	
Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Arctia villica</i>							✓	
Yellow Belle	<i>Aspitates ochrearia</i>				✓				
Scarce Bordered Straw	<i>Helicoverpa armigera</i>		✓						
Mullein	<i>Cucullia verbasci</i>			✓				✓	
Broom	<i>Ceramica pisi</i>							✓	
Oak Eggar	<i>Lasiocampa trifolii</i>			✓					
Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>			✓					
Nine-spotted	<i>Amata phegea</i>				✓				
Striped Hawk-moth	<i>Hyles livornica</i>				✓				
Double-striped Pug	<i>Gymnoscelis rufifasciata</i>				✓				
Dwarf Cream Wave	<i>Idaea fuscovenosa</i>				✓				
Oblique Carpet	<i>Orthonama vittata</i>				✓				
Plumed Fanfoot	<i>Pechipogo plumigeralis</i>				✓				

Damselflies and dragonflies

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025							
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>				✓				
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>				✓				
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>			✓					
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>				✓				
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>			✓					
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>			✓					

Other invertebrates

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025							
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>				✓			✓	
European Hornet	<i>Vespa crabro</i>				✓				
White-spotted Rose Chafer	<i>Oxthyrea funesta</i>							✓	
Two-spot Ladybird	<i>Adalia bipunctata</i>			✓					
a Rhopalid bug	<i>Corizus hyoscyami</i>					✓			
Rosemary Beetle	<i>Chrysolina banskii</i>							✓	
Firefly	<i>Lampyrus noctiluca</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Sulphur Owlfly	<i>Libelloides coccajus</i>			✓					
Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>			✓				✓	

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location/Notes
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall Rue	Siena
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback Fern	walls, Botanic garden
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> subsp. <i>pachyrachis</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	woodland
	Maidenhair Fern	walls, Botanic garden
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	woodland, common
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male-fern	woodland
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium interjectum</i>	Intermediate Polypody	botanic garden
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian / Mediterranean / Funeral Cypress	common
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>macrocarpa</i>	Prickly Juniper	maquis Maremma
<i>Juniperus phoeniceus</i>	Phoenicean Juniper	dunes
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	coastal strip
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	Maritime Pine	coastal strip
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Umbrella Pine	frequent - wild, planted
Acanthaceae	Bear's Breech Family	
<i>Acanthus mollis</i>	Bear's Breech	along dyke
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
<i>Aristolochia rotunda</i>	Smearwort / round-leaved birthwort	rides Orbetello
Adoxaceae	Moschatel Family	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	roadsides
Aizoaceae	Fig-marigold Family	
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Hottentot Fig	Giglio Island, beach
Amaranthaceae	Goose-foot Family	
<i>Atriplex portulacoides</i>	Sea Purslane	wetlands
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family	
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Bush	common
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Aegipodium prodragaria</i>	Ground Elder	woodland
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea-holly	dunes
<i>Echinophora spinosa</i>	Prickly Samphire	dunes

<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	common roadsides
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	common
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	common Orbetello
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	wasteland
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle	woodland
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Hartwort	frequent, hotel
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	frequent
Arecaceae	Palm Family	
<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Dwarf Fan Palm	maquis
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Ammi visnaga</i>	a wild carrot	along dyke
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Camomile	common, hotel
<i>Bellis annuus</i>	Annual Daisy	wasteland
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	wasteland
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	woodland Maremma
<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	Slender Thistle	wasteland hotel
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Cornflower	meadows Orbetello
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Viper's Bugloss	Orbetello, hotel
<i>Filago pygmaea</i>	Evax	Maremma
<i>Galactites tormentosa</i>	Galactites	Diaccia Botrona
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	Maremma
<i>Jacobaea maritima</i> (<i>Senecio cineraria</i>)	Silver Ragwort	Orbetello
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce	San Gimignano
<i>Petasites albus</i>	White Butterbur	occasional
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Alberese
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	common, hotel
<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.	Dandelion	occasional
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i> ssp. <i>australis</i>	Salsify	woodland, hotel
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot	occasional
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>	Urospermum	common
Betulaceae	Birch Family	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	woodland
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family	
<i>Anchusa undulata</i> subsp. <i>hybrida</i>	Undulate Anchusa	coastal strip
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	common, roadsides
<i>Buglossoides purpureocaerulea</i> .	Purple gromwell	common
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Cretan Hound's-tongue	frequent, Maremma
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	wasteland, hotel
<i>Myosotis arvense</i>	Field Forget-me-Not	Maremma
<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>	Early Forget-me-Not	woodland
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Wood Forget-me-Not	woodland
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	Maremma
<i>Arabis caucasicus</i>	Garden Rockcress	village
<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>	Winter-cress	wasteland
<i>Calpina irregularis</i>	White Ball Mustard	common
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	dunes
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse	common
<i>Cardamine amara</i>	Greater Bitter-cress	common
<i>Diplotaxis siifolia</i>	Wall-rocket	woodland trail
<i>Diplotaxis eruroides</i>	White Wall-rocket	verges
<i>Draba muralis</i>	Wall Whitlow-grass	wasteland

<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>raphanistrum</i>	Wild Raddish	wasteland, meadows
<i>Sinapsis alba</i>	White Mustard	common
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	common
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Opuntia maxima</i>	Prickly Pear	planted and in maquis
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	Annual Bellflower	occasional
<i>Campanula rapunculus</i>	Rampion	Maremma
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Centranthus calcitrapa</i>	Annual Valerian	Alberese, San Gimignano
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Wild Teasel	occasional
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	Maremma
<i>Lonicera implexa</i>	a Honeysuckle	occasional
<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	Laurastinus	Patanella
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i> subsp. <i>serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	coastal strip
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	wasteland, verges
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow-in-Summer	village
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	woodland
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Orbetello
<i>Silene italica</i>	Italian Catchfly	Orbetello
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	common
<i>Silene nutans</i>	Nottingham catchfly	Maremma
<i>Silene otites</i>	Spanish Catchfly	Maremma
<i>Spergularia marina</i>	Lesser Sea Spurrey	dunes
<i>Spergularia media</i>	Sea Spurrey	dunes
<i>Sellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	woodland
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Chickweed	wasteland
<i>Stellaria neglecta</i>	Greater Chickweed	wasteland
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Cistus x incanus</i>	Hybrid Pink Cistus	garigue
<i>Cistus albidus</i>	Grey-leaved Rock Rose	Patanella
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Montpellier or Narrow-leaved Cistus	Maremma
<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Patanella
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rock-rose	Maremma
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose	Maremma
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	Pink Bindweed	Maremma
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	Orbetello
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Crassula tillaea</i>	Mossy Stonecrop	San Gimignano
<i>Hylotelephium telephium</i>	Orpine	woodland
Ericaceae	Heath Family	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry tree	Patanella, hotel
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heath	Patanella
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	woodland
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Euphorbia	Orbetello
<i>Euphorbia dulcis</i>	Sweet Spurge	occasional
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	wasteland
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	dunes

Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Anthyllis barba-jovis</i>	Jupiter's Beard	Maremma
[<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>]	Judas Tree	common on roadside and villages
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion Vetch	Argentario
<i>Genista pilosa</i>	Creeping Broom	occasional
<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Laburnum	Alberese
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Red vetchling	meadows
<i>Lathyrus nissolia</i>	Grass Vetchling	Museum
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin	Orbetello
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Maremma
<i>Mericago maritima</i>	Sea Medick	dunes
<i>Medicago minima</i>	Bur Medick	Maremma
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	hotel
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	a Bird's-foot	olive grove at hotel
[<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>]	False Acacia	common roadsides
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	roadsides
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	wasteland
<i>Trifolium incarnatum</i> subsp. <i>incarnatum</i>	Crimson Clover	infrequent
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	common
<i>Trifolium squamosum</i>	Sea Clover	dunes
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	common on roadside and villages
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	a Vetch	olive grove at hotel
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	meadows
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i>	Cultivated Vetch	field edge
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	field edge
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Turkey Oak	occasional
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	common
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	common
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak	common
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	common
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Musk Stork's-bill	infrequent
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	common
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	common
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	frequent
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	occasional
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	common
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	common
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort	Maremma
<i>Centaureum maritimum</i>	Yellow Centaury	Maremma
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ajuga chamaepitys</i>	Groundpine	Argentario
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle	meadows
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild basil	hotel
<i>Lamium garganicum</i>	Large Red Dead-nettle	occasional
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Dead-nettle	common
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	meadows
<i>Mentha spicata</i>	Garden Mint	village
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Oregano	Maremma
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem sage	village, reserve

<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	scrub
<i>Prunella grandiflora</i>	Large Selfheal	scrub
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	occasional
<i>Salvia glutinosa</i>	Jupiter's Distaff	infrequent
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	common
<i>Stachis cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	occasional
<i>Teucrium fruticans</i>	Shrubby Germander	Orbetello
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>	Wild Thyme	common
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Biennial Flax	Maremma
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Malva arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	woodland
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	common on roadside and villages
Moraceae	Fig Family	
[<i>Ficus carica</i>]	Fig	common planted and wild
Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family	
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle	woodland
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia?</i>	Narrow-leaved Ash	Maremma
<i>Olea europea</i>	Olive	planted and wild
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Bartsia trixago</i>	Belardia	Argentario
<i>Orobanche minor</i>	Common Broomrape	Orbetello
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood Sorrel	woodland
[<i>Oxalis articulata</i>]	Pink Oxalis	roadsides
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Procumbent Yellow Sorrel	hotel
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	infrequent
<i>Corydalis cava</i>	Bulbous Corydalis	occasional
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping-fumitory	hedges
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i> agg.	Common Fumitory	wasteland
<i>Papaver argemone</i>	Prickly Poppy	wasteland
<i>Papver dubium</i>	Long-headed Poppy	wasteland
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy	common, hotel
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Antirrhinum latifolium</i>	a Snapdragon	Maremma
<i>Antirrhinum siculum</i>	Sicilian Snapdragon	village, archeological site
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	walls
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Stag's-horn Plantain	common weed
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	wasteland
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	common
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	occasional
<i>Veronica persica</i>	Common Field Speedwell	wasteland
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family	
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Horned Dock	wasteland, hotel
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	common, Orbetello
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Sowbread	woodland
<i>Cyclamen repandum</i>	Spring Sowbread	woodland
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold / Kingcup	Botanic garden

<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	meadows
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Crowfoot	arable
<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	Lesser Spearwort	wetland
<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>	Rough-fruited Buttercup	common weed
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	wasteland
<i>Ranunculus velutinus</i>	a buttercup	meadows
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Mignonette	wasteland
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Christ's or Jerusalem Thorn	Maremma, hotel
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Mediterranean Buckthorn	dunes
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	common
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	common
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens or Herb Bennet	woodland edge
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	wasteland
<i>Potentilla sterilis</i>	Barren Strawberry	occasional
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	woodland
<i>Rosa sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Rose	scrub
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Bramble	occasional
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i> agg.	Salad Burnet	meadows
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	Maremma
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	common weed
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	meadows
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Patenella
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	Patenella
<i>Acer monspessulanum</i>	Montpelier Maple	Patenella
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	occasional
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family	
<i>Tamarix africana</i>	Tamarix	Patenella
Thymelaeaceae	Mezereon Family	
<i>Daphne gnidium</i>	Mediterranean Daphne	maquis
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	maquis
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
<i>Celtis australis</i>	European Nettle Tree	Museum
<i>Ulmus canescens</i>	Mediterranean Elm	occasional
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-on-the-wall	walls
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	field edge
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Membranous Nettle	wasteland
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle	wasteland
<i>Urtica urens</i>	Annual Nettle	field edge
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	woodland
<i>Allium chamesmoly</i>	a leek	field edge
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic	Orbetello
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rosy Garlic	Orbetello
<i>Allium triquetrum</i>	Three-cornered Leek	Orbetello
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil (leaves)	dunes
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arum italicum</i> subsp. <i>italicum</i>	Italian Lords-and-Ladies	woodland, verges

<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	-	field edge
<i>Ornithogalum broteri</i>	Star-of-Bethlehem	Argentario
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	Common Star-of-Bethlehem	Maremma
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Muscari (Leopoldia) comosa</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	woodland edge
Dioscoreaceae	Bryony Family	
<i>Dioscorea communis</i>	Black Bryony	common
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort	Maremma
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	olive groves
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	Maremma
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family	
<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut	Alberese
Posidonaceae	Poseidon Sea Grass Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune Grass (fibrous balls)	beach
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis morio</i> subsp. <i>morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	Botanic garden
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	roadside Alberese
<i>Limadum abortivum</i>	Violet Limadore	Patanella
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>sphogodes</i>	Early Spider Orchid	Botanic garden
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Italian Naked Man Orchid	Botanic garden
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid	Botanic garden
<i>Orchis militaris</i> x <i>O.purpurea</i>	hybrid	Botanic garden
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	roadside Alberese
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	hotel
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i>	Long-lipped Tongue Orchid	Botanic garden
Poaceae	Grass Family	infrequent
<i>Aegitops</i>	Ovate Goat Grass	Diaccia Botrona
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> subsp. <i>arundinacea</i> (<i>littoralis</i>)	a Marram	dunes
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	infrequent
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	Diaccia Botrona
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Winter Wild Oat	common
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	common
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Great Quaking Grass	Maremma
<i>Briza minima</i>	Small Quaking Grass	Maremma
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern-grass	infrequent
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	Reed Sweet Grass	Diaccia Botrona
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	common
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	Orbetello
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed Canary Grass	wetlands
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	wetlands
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	common
<i>Poa bulbosa</i>	Bulbous Meadow-grass	common
Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax	common
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Asphodel Family	
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	Museum
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	an asphodel	maquis