The Dolomites in Autumn

Naturetrek Tour Report

5th - 12th October 2023



Blue Hawker



Round-leaved Pennycress

Sella massif



White-winged Snowfinch

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Summary

The second autumn tour in the Dolomites offered an incredibly mild and warm climate that allowed us to discover an amazing number of plants still in flower, often with just one or two flowers, but sometimes with spectacular blossoms. While there were still a few butterflies and insects around, birding was much slower than 2020, recalling late summer conditions. On the other hand, outstanding sunny days and a keen group gave us the opportunity to reach high altitudes and to admire the spectacular scenery in a much less crowded condition than in summertime, seeing the first Larches turning into a bright autumnal yellow.

Day 1

Thursday 5th October

Venice airport, Passo Giau and Tamion

We landed in Venice on time at 09.35. Out of the arrivals gate we met Luca, our local guide. With him we drove north along a comfortable motorway, discussing the popularity of the Prosecco, a grape originally cultivated only in the northern part of the Treviso province. Surrounded by hills covered in vineyards, we stopped for a sandwich in a service station. Green Woodpecker and White Wagtails were around, while a Clouded Buff (*Diacrisia sannio*) was found on a wall.

The view, coming first through the Prealps and the Cadore valley, was dramatic, with an increasing number of peaks and bare rock. Small traditional villages gave way to the "Pearl of the Dolomites", Cortina d'Ampezzo. Home of the 2026 Winter Olympic Games, the town was surrounded by magnificent mountains like Tofane, Cristallo, Sorapiss, Cinque Torri and Pelmo, the "Devil's chair".

We climbed to an altitude of 2,236m at Passo Giau: from here there were 360° views of mountains, all free from the clouds but with some haze. Flocks of Siskins and Chaffinches showed that migration was active at that altitude, despite the mild climate caused by an African anticyclone.

A couple of Red Admirals were flying, but first of all there were still a lot of late flowers: Golden Cinquefoils (*Potentilla aurea*), Dwarf Gentians (*Gentianella* cfr. *anisodonta*), Fringed Gentians (*Gentianopsis ciliata*), etc. For some spring or summer species we could only find the leaves, eg. Trailing Azalea (*Kalmia procumbens*), Mountain Avens (*Dryas octopetala*), Moretti's Bellflower (*Campanula morettiana*), Fairy Primrose (*Primula minima*) or Bear's Ear (*Primula auricula*), some others were surprisingly in bloom with a single flowers like Trumpet (*Gentiana* cfr. *acaulis*) and Spring Gentian (*Gentiana verna*), Alpine Pasqueflower (*Pulsatilla alpina* ssp. *apiifolia*), Early Thyme (*Thymus praecox*), Alpine Basil-thyme (*Clinopodium alpinum*) and Alpine Avens (*Geum montanum*). Among some large boulders, while a flock of Alpine Chough passed high overhead, we found Edelweiss (*Leontopodium nivale*), Dwarf Alpenrose (*Rhodothamnus chamaecistus*), Fairy's-thimble (*Campanula cochleariifolia*) and the endemic Pink Cinquefoil (*Potentilla nitida*) all in flower.

After a very good slice of cake and a coffee in the *rifugio*, we continued down a very bendy road to Caprile, and then uphill to the Passo Fedaia (2,057m). We stopped first to have a look to the gorge Serrai di Sottoguda, and then to the remaining patches of the Marmolada glacier, now threatened by global warming.

We arrived at Tamion, in the Fassa valley, around 17.30, and found our lovely accommodation for the week. There were still plenty of multi-coloured flowers on the terraces.

The Gran Mugon hotel, run by the siblings Katia and Stefano, was particularly remarkable because of its Michelin starred restaurant that we could appreciate in the evening, with a delicious four courses supper.

Day 2

Friday 6th October

Passo Pordoi and Passo Sella

In the morning there was a Raven, some Italian Sparrows and several Fieldfares in the meadows in front of the hotel. After the breakfast, we left at 08.30 to drive through the Fassa valley until Canazei and then, from there, to climb the bendy road to the 2,239m of Passo Pordoi. In comparison with the day before, the air was much clearer, the sky deep blue and the warm light of the sun on the dolomitic peaks looked magnificent.

From the pass, we went on foot along a path that climbed the south eastern slope of Sasso Beccé (2,520m). Many Horseshoe Vetches (*Hippocrepis comosa*) and Fringed Gentians were in bloom, but we also found a single late flowers of Yellow Melancoly Thistle (*Cirsium erisithales*), Alpine Adenostyles (*Adenostyles alpina*), Gypsophila (*Gypsophila repens*), Meadow Vetchling (*Lathyrus pratensis*), Alpine Cinquefoil (*Potentilla crantzii*), Shining Scabious (*Scabiosa lucida*) and Eastern Leopard's Bane (*Doronicum columnae*). There weren't any Marmot in the boulders below us, (probably already on hibernation), despite the warm sunshine, and only a few Black Redstarts, Water Pipits and a Spotted Nutcracker. When we reached the saddle, migration was happening with Siskin, Chaffinches, Coal Tits and single Lesser Redpolls and Linnets, but also with several Clouded Yellows and Small White Butterflies.

We went along a ridge with a different chemical composition, passing from the dolomitic limestone to a volcanic conglomerate. The view into the shining Marmolada glacier and into the Passo Fedaia valley was memorable and once again we were surrounded at 360° by bare peaks.

The meadows at almost 2,400m were almost completely yellow now and the few flowers we found included a fresh Spring Gentian, Bearded Bellflower (*Campanula barbata*) and Fringed Pink (*Dianthus superbus*).

Walking downhill we admired the acrobatic flights of a large flock of Alpine Choughs, soon joined by a second flock.

We descended a few hairpin bends to have lunch near a clearing where Northern Wheatear, Crossbill, Blackbird and Dunnock were all observed. Luca prepared a buffet in the boot of the minivan with a rich selection of local cheeses and ham, vegetables and fruit.

Then we went down to a junction following a huge German coach, climbing a second pass, Passo Sella (2,240m). To drive slowly behind this large vehicle that could hardly turn on each bend, allowed us to enjoy the landscape, with more views into the vertical cliffs of the Sella massif, to the scattered Arolla Pines (*Pinus cembra*) and erratic boulders.

A coffee or a tea outside, enjoying the sunshine and the panorama into the Sasso Lungo massif was well deserved, then we walked through the so called "City of the stones".

Several Spotted Nutcrackers were calling among the Arolla Pines, while a Willow Tit came to have a look to us.

A number of plants were now in fruit like Alpine Bearberry (*Arctous alpina*), with deep red leaves, and Alpine Rose (*Rosa pendulina*), but there were still some exceptions like Round-headed Rampion (*Phyteuma orbiculare*), Alpine Catchfly (*Heliosperma pusillum*), Edelweiss and Dragonmouth (*Horminum pyrenaicum*), all with at least a flower.

Walking back with the afternoon light, the western wall of the Sella massif was stunning, as well as the Marmolada with the ice patches looking blue in the distance.

We came back to Tamion at 17.30, with time to relax before another beautiful supper prepared by Stefano, Katia's husband, and his staff.

Day 3

Saturday 7th October

Col Margherita e Paneveggio

Today, just after breakfast, we prepared our own sandwiches for the day. Today, we planned to have the most challenging walk of the week, almost 600m.

We drove 40 minutes through Passo San Pellegrino, first, and then down and up to Passo Valles (2,033m). A number of vintage cars were driving along the pass, so the *rifugio* wasn't available to offer us a coffee. We continued on foot noticing the passage of many migrant passerines: Meadow Pipit, Mistle Thrushes, Coal Tits, Spotted Nutcrackers, Chaffinches, Serin and Red Crossbill.

Many flowers and nice plants were growing on the cliffs of the volcanic reddish porphyry: Shrubby Milkwort (*Polygaloides chamaebuxus*), Bearded Bellflower, Livelong Saxifrage (*Saxifraga paniculata*) and a single flower of *Viola thomasiana*, endemic of the Alps. By a small pond, we flushed a Snipe, while in the clear waters several larvae of Alpine Newt (*Ichthyosaura alpestris*) were swimming.

We continued climbing gently along a track through a lovely upland area with the grass now almost completely golden and, here and there, there were patches of Fringed Gentian, Meadow Buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*), Brown Clovers (*Trifolium badium*), Scheuchzer's Harebell (*Campanula scheuchzeri*) and Golden Cinquefoil.

There were very few birds like Black Redstarts and Water Pipits, but the view was enchanting, with a cloudless sky and sharp dolomitic peaks in every direction. The closest was Cima Uomo (3,030m), just on the other side of Passo San Pellegrino, while the Marmolada was partially visible behind. Others were visible in the distance - Civetta, Pelmo, Antelao and, massive, the Pale di San Martino massif, still in backlight.

The second half of the walk climbed more steeply among green meadows grazed by the horses, shrubby patches of Alpenroses (*Rhododendron ferrugineum*), Bearberries (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*), Junipers (*Juniperus communis*) and rather flat dark red rocks, covered in Yellow Map Lichens (*Rhizocarpon geographicum*).

The hardest part of our walk had been along a ski run, but all members of the group reached the upper cable car station of Col Margherita. Here we had our deserved lunch sitting on and sheltered by the station, enjoying the amazing view of tens of dolomitic peaks in each direction. Some Coal Tits on migration, lacking any trees, came to perch on the antennas.

After lunch, we went a bit further to the top of a hill, 2,550m high, to admire a 360° view. The ridge dominated the much lower Passo San Pellegrino, with Catinaccio and Latemar massifs visible, as well as a couple of Alpine Accentors, hopping among the crevices of dark vertical cliffs.

Among the stones were flowering Alpine Avens, Spring Sandwort (*Sabulina verna*) and a single Spring Gentian, while were gone over Dwarf Soapwort (*Saponaria pumila*) and Mossy Saxifrage (*Saxifraga bryoides*).

All the walk was memorable, with such a wonderful weather, and we kept finding flowers and plants also on the way back: Alpine Thrift (*Armeria alpina*), Golden Hawksbeard (*Crepis aurea*), Arnica (*Arnica montana*), Moss Campion (*Silene acaulis*), etc.

We had a stop, driving back to the Fassa valley, in Paneveggio: the café was closed here but in a wide enclosure we watched an excited stag (*Cervus elephus*) trying to chase and seduce, rutting and rubbing its antlers on a tree, a nearby female was not particularly interested but it was likely to ward off younger males. A Crested Tit was hopping high on a Spruce (*Picea abies*) while in a meadow we noticed Clustered Bellflower (*Campanula glomerata*) and Parasol mushroom (*Macrolepiota procera*).

We returned to the hotel around 17.30.

Day 4

Sunday 8th October

Eggental and Tamion

This morning we were surprised in finding a Red Fox in the middle of the road, just outside the hamlet of Tamion, already with its fluffy winter coat and not particularly scared by our arrival. Then we turned left and climbed with the minivan to Passo Costalunga, seeing the obvious consequences of the Vaia storm of 2018: entire forested slopes downed, including those around the famous turquoise lake of Carezza.

From the pass, we entered in the Bolzano province (= South Tyrol), the only German-speaking one in Italy, and we descended along the Eggental valley. We stopped by the river Ega and we went on foot: the riverine banks had a mixed vegetation with native and invasive plants like Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*), Crowned Vetch (*Securigera varia*), Jerusalem Artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*), Sweet Annie (*Artemisia annua*) and Annual Fleabane (*Erigeron annuus*). Several Dippers and Grey Wagtails were perching on the rocks in the middle of the stream while, on the short trees of the bank, where feeding Blue Tits and Chaffinches.

With the warm sunshine a number of insects came up, including Common Grayling, Comma and hoverflies (*Chrysotoxum lessonae*, *Episyrphus balteatus* and *Eristalis tenax*), but also a couple of Common Wall Lizards (*Podarcis muralis*).

On the cliffs of a gorge we noticed the leaves or few flowers of Livelong Saxifrage (Saxifraga paniculata), Petrosedum montanum, Spiked Bellflower (Campanula spicata) and Long-headed Poppy (Papaver dubium).

We were expecting more wildlife, so we consoled ourselves coming back to Passo Costalunga for a coffee and strudel break. Some Crossbills perched on a Larch (*Larix decidua*), while Coal Tits were busy migrating in small groups.

Luca prepared the lunch on the tables outside our hotel in Tamion, then, at 2pm, we left from there for a walk in the surroundings.

On the grassy roadside flowers included Meadow Cleary (*Salvia pratensis*), Clustered Bellflower (*Campanula glomerata*), Mountain Clover (*Trifolium montanum*) and Yellow Ox-eye Daisy (*Buphthalmum salicifolium*).

In the sparse forest of Norway Spruces, Larches, Scots Pines (*Pinus sylvestris*) and Common Junipers mixed flocks of Crossbills, Siskins and Goldfinches, but there were also handfuls of Coal, Crested, Willow and Great Tits were feeding.

The boggy meadows nearby a dry stream, offered the leaves of Common Butterwort (*Pinguicula vulgaris*), then under the spruces many fungi like King Bolete (*Boletus edulis*), Orange-latex Milky (*Lactarius deterrimus*) and Hollow Bolete (*Suillus cavipes*).

We finally reached a lovely deep green clearing with Autumn Crocuses (*Colchicum autumnale*), Globe Flowers (*Trollius europaeus*) and Common Milkworts (*Polygala vulgaris*): we enjoyed views into the Sasso Lungo and Sella massifs in the distance, and the closer Auta and Monzoni chains, illuminate in spots by the sunshine that was penetrating among grey clouds.

On the way back to the Gran Mugon hotel, we stopped to admire the flock of Vallese sheep belonging to Stefano's uncle, particularly cute with their twisted horns, black face and knees and thick wool.

An easier but once again enjoyable day ended with the Ladin supper: a single large plate with local specialities like mushrooms, *polenta* with *fonduta* cheese and spinach *spätzle*.

Day 5

Monday 9th October

Passo San Pellegrino and Val Gares

Today we headed south to Moena and we drove up again to Passo San Pellegrino, to park nearby the hotel Miralago.

Walking around the small lake, we noticed tadpoles of Common Toad (*Bufo bufo*) and Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*), Italian Minnows (*Phoxinus lumaireul*) and a hawker dragonfly (*Aeshna* sp.), unfortunately in backlight.

There were quite a few flowers on the track sides, including Singleflower Knapweed (*Centaurea nervosa*), Shrubby Milkwort and the dead stems of Martagon Lilies (*Lilium martagon*), carrying many seed pods.

With lovely sunshine, in a clearing, we were surprised in finding two different species of blue lycaenids, Common (*Polyommatus icarus*) and Chalk-hill Blue (*Lysandra coridon*), that Luca taught us how to tell apart. We walked gently for about an hour, first through a Spruce and Larch forest, then reaching wonderful alpine pastures. Here and there pretty little wooden houses have been built, often with red *Pelargonium* flowers and cute curtains on the windows.

Being Monday, there were just a few people around, so we could admire the landscape quietly, noticing Broadleaved Cottongrass (*Eriophorum latifolium*), Water Avens (*Geum rivale*) and two Spring Gentians with an unusual pale blue colour.

We reached the Rifugio Fuciade (1,982m), announced by two large wooden kissing marmots, at midday: although it was officially closed, we could have a coffee and strudel break.

Then, while Luca rushed back to prepare the picnic, we returned, finding an unexpected male Adonis Blue (*Lysandra bellargus*).

After the lunch, we descended the Biois valley to Falcade, with its authentic alpine houses and *masi*, and Canale d'Agordo, the birth village of Luciani pope, to arrive finally to the Val Gares. Surrounded by high mountains, it still has a glacial appearance, despite the glacier disappearing a long time ago, leaving a small morenic lake, many erratic boulders and a couple of spectacular waterfalls. The undergrowth was particularly humid with an interesting selection of plants like Five-ranked Bogmoss (*Sphagnum quinquefarium*), Interrupted Clubmoss (*Lycopodium annotinum*), Green Spleenwort (*Asplenium viride*), Bilbery (*Vaccinium myrtillus*) and Bearberry, while on the rock crevices we noticed the calcified leaves of the Encrusted Saxifrage (*Saxifraga crustata*). As the Sycamores (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) leaves turning into yellow proved, the season was very advanced in the valley, so we couldn't see any butterflies, and only some Tyrol Kapweeds (*Centaurea nigrescens*) and Globeflowers in bloom, while the Alpine Popies (*Oreomecon alpina*) in the river bed were over.

The transfer back to Tamion lasted about an hour: because we arrived rather early, at 4.30pm, Luca proposed us to try to see the rutting stags reported by Stefano.

We met at 6pm to drive in the direction of Passo Costalunga. We stopped by a view point and Luca scanned with his scope, finding a good number of Alpine Chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra*) first, on the Monzoni chain opposite of the valley, and then, slightly closer, on the Latemar massif. The light, with the clouds, fell rather quickly without any stag roars so, after we spotted a nice family of Roe Deers (*Capreolus capreolus*), with male, female and youngster, we decided to head back.

In the evening, some of us could attend the confrontation in between Paris, the hotel Newfoundland dog, and a Fox: they knew each other and they played until the Fox, after a last look to the dog, disappeared in the darkness.

Tuesday 10th October

Val Venegia and Baita Segantini

This morning we drove for almost an hour south to Val di Fiemme and, from Predazzo, we enterted the Paneveggio Natural Park.

We parked at the beginning of the Val Venegia and we continued on foot among lovely alpine pastures seeing about 30 flying Linnets. The sun appeared and disappeared a number of times, creating games of light passing among the Pale di San Martin peaks and illuminating the Larches, finally almost yellow.

Climbing gently, we encountered a Black Woodpecker and a Willow Tit, but also, on the track sides, Stemless Thistle (*Cirsium acaulon*), Water Avens, Dragonmouth, Alpine Basil-thyme, Fairy's-thimble, Ciliate Sandwort (*Moehringia ciliata*) and a single Yellow Saxifrage (*Saxifraga aizoides*), all in flower.

When we went over the tree line, we found wide clearings with screes and large boulders: checking carefully we could recognize the leaves of Tyrol Primrose (*Primula tyrolensis*), Bear's Ear, Dolomites Saxifrage (*Saxifraga squarrosa*), Blue Saxifrage (*Saxifraga caesia*) and Encrusted Saxifrage, but also a few flowers of Dwarf Alpenrose, Kidney-vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*), Shining Scabious, Wild Thyme, Alpine Bistort and Spring Gentian.

The last part of the walk climbed along a series of bends among dry grasslands and erratic boulders until the Baita Segantini (2,200m) - unfortunately already closed. Never mind, the sun came up again and we could sit on the grass in the foothill of the *rifugio*, having our sandwiches, soon joined by six Mallards from the nearby pond, and several Alpine Choughs all arrived in time for lunch.

Later we walked few hundred metres further to Punta Rolle and a panoramic ridge, from which we could admire Passo Rolle and San Martino di Castrozza, below us, and amazing series of geological layers deposed under the Tethys sea during the Paleozoic. Despite our searches, we couldn't see any Chamois and could only hear an Alpine Accentor, while a few Lesser Redpolls flew over.

The flora was much more interesting, with late flowers of Alpine Pasqueflower, Fairy Primrose, Golden Cinquefoil, *Gentianella* cfr. *engadinensis* and Short-leaved Gentian (*Gentiana brachyphylla*), in the meadows, and, later, on some dolomitic rocks, Monte Baldo Anemone (*Anemonoides baldensis*), Moss Campion, Pink Cinquefoil and Alpine Thrift.

The sky was now definitely cloudy but, even in these conditions, the close view of hundreds of metres of vertical rocks, the sharp peaks including the Cimon de la Pala, the tiny Travignolo glacier, the golden alpine pastures, all these aspects made the long walk back memorable.

Day 7

Wednesday 11th October

Sella massif

The weather forecast was promising a day without a single cloud so Luca suggested visiting the most spectacular place of the Fassa valley: the moon surface upland on the top of the Sella massif.

We drove for a second time to Passo Pordoi then, from there, we caught a large cable car that climbed 700m to the 2,950m of altitude of the Sass Pordoi. From there, most of the dolomitic peaks were visible and we had learn to recognize many of them during the week, from Antelao, to Pelmo, Civetta, Marmolada, Cima Uomo, Pale di San Martino... mountains at 360°. Even the distant glaciers of the western Trentino-Alto Adige, could be seen, like Adamello and Ortles, located in the Adamello-Brenta and Stelvio parks.

From here we descended a path, noticing some pyramidal memorials: down to the rifugio Forcella we discovered they were about four rescuer that were swept away by an avalanche while they were searching for two frozen waterfall climbers in December 2009.

Here and there we started to notice few patches of green or yellow: One-flowered Mouse-ear (*Cerastium uniflorum*), Purple Saxifrage (*Saxifraga oppositifolia*), *Saxifraga facchinii*, Alpine Rock-cress (*Arabis alpina*), Spring Sandwort (*Sabulina verna*), usually with just the leaves, sometimes with a few flowers or seed pods.

In the glacial debris, Dave spotted an amazingly fast dark micro-mammal that, at this altitude, could only be a Snow Vole (*Chionomys nivalis*).

Then the trail got steeper, involving some easy climbing, and half of the group decided sensibly to not continue any further. The others pushed on using the cables and steps. The flora was really minute, but we could still find the endemic *Draba dolomitica* in bloom, Round-leaved Pennycress (*Noccaea rotundifolia*) and Chamois Cress (*Hornungia alpina*).

At the end we reached the summit of the most prominent peak of the Sella massif, Piz Boé (3,150m), with on the top a *rifugio*, unfortunately closed - Capanna Fassa. We had lunch there, sitting on the rocks and admiring the wonderful panorama, soon visited by tame Alpine Chough and White-winged Snowfinches. The downhill was interesting but with patience and assisting one each, we all returned safely. Julian had the time to look around spotting first a Wallcreeper and then an Alpine Accentor, soon identified by Luca.

At Sass Pordoi we re-encountered the other half of the group, admiring several para-gliders that were flying up and down among the peaks, with the stunning back ground of Sassolungo and Ciampanil dl Sela.

We celebrated the amazing day, before taking the cable car back to Passo Pordoi, with the umpteeth slice of strudel and coffee in the Rifugio Mania.

Day 8

Thursday 12th October

Santa Croce lake, Col Indes and Cansiglio plateau

After breakfast, we said goodbye to Stefano and, at 08:45, everybody was ready to load the baggage into the van.

We drove for about two hours, climbing for the last time the Passo San Pellegrino and then going through the Agordo valley, the homeland of the spectacle production of Luxottica, and the city of Belluno. We had a coffee break and we explored the northern side of the Santa Croce lake. We were first interested by the presence of a yellow water plane and by the presence of the *carabinieri*: we suddenly though to a Montalbano episode, but in the truth the fireguards aircraft had to do an emergency landing in the lake, luckily successfully.

In the muddy shores of the lake, were feeding Mallards, Teals and a Grey Heron, while more in the distance, with the telescope, we could spot Great Crested Grebes, Yellow-legged and Black-headed Gulls and a Great Cormorant. Despite the weak sunshine, with an unusual heat, the meadows and the woodland edges were alive with insects: Speckled Wood, Lang's Short-tailed Blue, Oberthur's Skipper, Southern Skimmer, Migrant Hawker, Ruddy and Common Darter were all observed.

We passed an pedestrian bridge over the river Tesa, and explored a woodland of Ashes (*Fraxinus excelsior*), White Willows (*Salix alba*), Black Alders (*Alnus glutinosa*) and False Acacias (*Robinia pseudoacacia*). Many Siskins were feeding on the trees, but we also observed a stunning pair of Firecrests, while in the sky Serin, Tree Sparrow, Greenfinches and Goldfinches were passing.

At 1pm we went for lunch to the quiet village of Tambre, where we could choose a beautiful thin pizza.

After that, we drove a bit higher to the locality called Col Indes, to see an interesting Beech forest, with its vertical whitish trunks and the foliage turning into the autumn colours. The pastures in Pian delle Lastre had still some Woolly Thistles (*Lophiolepis eriophora*) in flower, particularly attractive for butterflies and bugs. A small pond hosted several Blue Hawkers (*Aeshna cyanea*), while a Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*) was exploring the path.

The rose bushes and the grass were populated by a number of birds, most of which were migrating south west: Yellowhammers, Goldfinches, Black Redstarts, Meadow and Water Pipits, tits and a pair of Spotted Nutcrackers.

In the undergrowth of the forest, we notice fungi (*Oudemansiella mucida*, *Coprinellus* sp. and *Lyophyllum* sp.), Rambling Tail-moss (*Anomodon viticulosus*) as well as the leaves of Round-leaved Saxifrage (*Saxifraga rotundifolia*).

We transferred for a last walk to Valmenera, a secondary valley of the Cansiglio plateau. In winter, often one of the coldest places in Italy, covered by one of the most extended forests.

We were hoping in some late rutting Red Deers, but a Fire Guards helicopter decided to train right in that valley, so things were a little disturbed!

We could only spot a distant stag, but we were still pleased by seeing tens of Hawfinches on migration and rescuing an unhappy Italian Slow Worm (*Anguis veronensis*) in the middle of the track.

We finally found some females and young Red Deer on the upper end of a clearing in the Cansiglio plain, but it was now time to drive to the Venice airport: the transfer took a bit more than an hour, descending from the mountains to the Adriatic coast, while the darkness was falling.

We arrived at the airport before 19.30, to say goodbye to Luca who took great care of us during the week, and to check-in for our late flight to Gatwick.



Alpine Pasqueflower

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

•		October 2023							
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Common Teal	Anas crecca								3
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos			30		30	40		5
Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus								1
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto								1
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago			1					
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus								1
Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis								3
Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus								5
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo			2			1		1
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea				1		1		4
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	1							
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	2	1		3				4
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		2h	h	3	3	2h		4
Black Woodpecker	Dryocopus martius						1		
European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis	h	h		h				2h
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	1					1	
Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	3	3		5	3	2	2	2
Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	2				3	2	1	3
Spotted Nutcracker	Nucifraga caryocatactes		5	5	7	4h	3	2	2
Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus	7	100	2			35	 15	
Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	5	100	_			00	10	
Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	1	12	5	20	10	5		
Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	h	12	1	20	10	0		5
Northern Raven	Corvus corax		2	5	3			1	h
Coal Tit	Periparus ater	1	15	10	25	20	5	•	31
Crested Tit	Lophophanes cristatus	-	10	10	5	5	5		h
Willow Tit	Poecile montanus		2	-	2h	3h	3		2h
Marsh Tit			2		211	511	5		3
Eurasian Blue Tit	Poecile palustris		0		2			4	-
	Cyanistes caeruleus		2				-	1	3
Great Tit	Parus major	45			2h		h		1
Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	15							01
Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus			01	_	01			2h
Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita			3h	5	3h	h		3h
Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla								2
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus				5	5	2		h
Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes			h	3h	3	h		5h
Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea								4ł
Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla								h
Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris			h	2h	3h	3h		1
Wallcreeper	Tichodŕoma muraria							1	
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	1	h	1	1	2			
Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		1	4	5	3	h		10
Common Blackbird	Turdus merula		1	2	2	2	h	1	
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris		5	12	10	6		5	6
European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	1	1	3	7	5	h		1(

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European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola								1	
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		1							
Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros	4	6	10	3	2	5	2	5	
White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus				4					
White-winged Snowfinch	Montifringilla nivalis							2		
Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae	10	5		20	5	5	5		
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		1		5					
Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus								1	
Alpine Accentor	Prunella collaris			2			h	2		
Dunnock	Prunella modularis		4			2	2		3h	
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	h			1	1	1		h	
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	3	2	1	3	5	3	1	3	
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis			1					5	
Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta	5	3	5		1	2		5	
Eurasian Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	20	20	5	3	5	2	h	20	
Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes								50	
European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris								3	
Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina	h	h				30		20	
Lesser Redpoll	Acanthis cabaret		h				5			
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	2h	20	1	50	20	5h			
European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis				20				15	
European Serin	Serinus serinus			1					1	
Eurasian Siskin	Spinus spinus	40	15		50	15	h		15	
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella								2	

Other vertebrates

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Mammals										
European Mole	Talpa europaea	S	S	S	S	S			s	
Common Shrew	Sorex cfr. araneus								d	
Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes				1	1	1			
Wild Boar	Sus scrofa								s	
Roe Deer	Capreolus capreolus					3				
Red Deer	Cervus elaphus								15	
Alpine Chamois	Rupicapra rupicapra					30				
Red Squirrel	Sciurus vulgaris				1					
Alpine Marmot	Marmota marmota						S			
Snow Vole	Chionomys nivalis							1		
Reptiles & Amphibians										
Alpine Newt	Ichthyosaura alpestris			t						
Common Toad	Bufo bufo					t				
Common Frog	Rana temporaria			d					1	
Common Wall Lizard	Podarcis muralis				6				5	
Italian Slow Worm	Anguis veronensis								1	

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Fishes									
Italian Minnow	Phoxinus lumaireul					5			

Invertebrates

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Butterflies and moths										
Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus cfr. armoricanus								1	
Clouded Yellow	Colias croceus		3	1	1	3		1	10	
Small White	Pieris rapae	3	5	2	1	2			3	
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	Leptotes pirithous								1	
Adonis Blue	Lysandra bellargus					1				
Chalk-hill Blue	Lysandra coridon					7				
Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus					3			1	
Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	3	1	2	2	1	3		5	
Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui					1				
Small Tortoiseshell	Aglais urticae			5	1			10		
Comma	Polygonia c-album				1					
Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus								2	
Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria								10	
Common Grayling	Hipparchia semele				1					
Clouded Buff	Diacrisia sannio	1								
Hummingbird Hawk-moth	Macroglossum stellatarum	1	1	1	3			1	2	
Other Invertebrates										
Blue Hawker	Aeshna cyanea					?			4	
Migrant Hawker	Aeshna mixta								5	
Southern Skimmer	Orthetrum brunneum								1	
Ruddy Darter	Sympetrum sanguineum								1	
Common Darter	Sympetrum striolatum								2	
Long-winged Mountain Grasshopper	Miramella irena	1								
Common Green Grasshopper	Omocestus viridulus		1	x						
Alpine Grasshopper	Chorthippus alticola		1							
Steppe Grasshopper	Chorthippus dorsatus								x	
A caddiesfly	Trichoptera sp.		1							
Black-shouldered Shieldbug	Carpocoris purpureipennis								1	
Sloe Bug	Dolycoris baccarum					1			1	
A plant bug	Lygus pratensis								1	
Southern Green Stink Bug	Nezara viridula		1							
A seed bug	Spilostethus saxatilis								1	
A plant bug	Stenodema sp.	1								
A crane fly	Limoniidae sp.				1					
A hover fly	Chrysotoxum lessonae				1					
Marmalade Fly	Episyrphus balteatus				3				1	
Drone Fly	Eristalis tenax	1	10	1	2				<u> </u>	

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Eurasian Smoothwing	Scaeva pyrastri					2			
Yellow-bowed Smoothwing	Scaeva cfr. selenitica		1	5			3		1
A globetails	Sphaerophoria sp.	1							
A bee fly	Villa sp.				1				
An ant	Camponotus sp.	х							
Wood Ant	Formica rufa complex		х	1					
An ichneumonid wasp	Aglaojoppa cfr. centummaculata								1
A paper wasp	Polistes sp.				1				
Honey Bee	Apis mellifera	1			х			1	
Garden Bumble Bee	Bombus cfr. hortorum								1
Mountain Bumble Bee	Bombus monticola						1		
Common Carder Bumble Bee	Bombus cfr. pascuorum			1	1				
Woodland Dor Beetle	Anoplotrupes stercorosus								1
Black-punctured Leaf Beetle	Galeruca tanaceti								
Saddleback Harvestman	Mitopus morio					1			
A slug	Arion sp.								1
A slug	Deroceras sp.				1				
Roman Snail	Helix pomatia				d				

Plants etc

Common name	Scientific name	Day	Location
PLANTS			
	Conocephalaceae		
Snakewort	Conocephalum salebrosum	5	Val Gares
	Marchantiaceae		
Narrow Mushroom-headed Liverwort	Marchantia quadrata	5	Val Gares
	Amblystegiaceae		
Dull Starry Feather-moss	Campylium protensum	5	Val Gares
Curled Hook-moss	Palustriella commutata	3	Passo Valles
	Anomodontaceae		
Rambling Tail-moss	Anomodon viticulosus	8	Col Indes
	Bartramiaceae		
Haller's Apple Moss	Bartramia halleriana	3	Passo Valles
	Grimmiaceae		
A rock moss	Racomitrium sp.	1	Passo Giau
Hoary Fringe-Moss	Racomitrium canescens	3	Passo Valles
	Hylocomiaceae		
Rough Goose Neck Moss	Hylocomiadelphus triquetrus	4	Tamion
Stairstep Moss	Hylocomium splendens	4	Tamion
	Hypnaceae		
Cypress-leaved Plait-moss	Hypnum cupressiforme	4	Eggental
	Mniaceae		
Many-fruited Thyme-moss	Plagiomnium affine	4	Eggental
Palm-tree Moss	Plagiomnium undulatum	4	Eggental
	Myuriaceae		
Comb-moss	Ctenidium molluscum	4	Eggental
	Polytrichaceae		

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Urn Hair Moss	Pogonatum urnigerum	2	Passo Pordoi
A haircap moss	Polytrichum sp.	4	Eggental
	Pylaisiaceae		
Lindberg's Hypnum Moss	Calliergonella lindbergii	4	Tamion
Ostrich-plume Moss	Ptilium crista-castrensis	5	Val Gares
	Sphagnaceae		
Five-ranked Bogmoss	Sphagnum quinquefarium	5	Val Gares
	Tracheophyta		
	Aspleniaceae		
Maidenhair Spleenwort	Asplenium trichomanes	4	Eggental
Green Spleenwort	Asplenium viride	1	Passo Giau
Wall-rue	Asplenium ruta-muraria	6	Val Venegia
	Cystopteridaceae		
Brittle Bladder Fern	Cystopteris fragilis	1	Passo Giau
Oak Fern	Gymnocarpium dryopteris	4	Tamion
Limestone Fern	Gymnocarpium robertianum	8	Col Indes
	Dennstaedtiaceae		
Common Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	1	Passo Giau
	Dryopteridaceae		
Holly Fern	Polystichum lonchitis	3	Passo Valles
Common Male Fern	Dryopteris filix-mas	3	Passo Valles
	Equisetaceae		
Field Horsetail	Equisetum arvense	4	Eggental
Variegated Horsetail	Equisetum variegatum	5	Rifugio Fuciade
	Lycopodiaceae		
Interrupted Clubmoss	Lycopodium annotinum	5	Val Gares
	Ophioglossaceae		
Moonwort	Botrychium Iunaria	3	Col Margherita
	Polypodiaceae		
Common Polypody	Polypodium vulgare	4	Eggental
	Selaginellaceae		
Lesser Clubmoss	Selaginella selaginoides	2	Passo Pordoi
	Thelypteridaceae		
Long Beech Fern	Phegopteris connectilis	3	Col Margherita
9	Pinaceae		
European Larch	Larix decidua	1	Passo Giau
Norway Spruce	Picea abies	1	Passo Fedaia
Arolla Pine	Pinus cembra	2	Passo Sella
Dwarf Pine	Pinus mugo	1	Passo Giau
Scots Pine	Pinus sylvestris	4	Eggental
	Cupressaceae		
Common Juniper	Juniperus communis	4	Tamion
	Juniperus communis var. saxatilis	1	Passo Giau
	Melanthiaceae		
Herb-paris (dead stem)	Paris quadrifolia	5	Val Gares
,	Colchicaceae	-	
Meadow Saffron	Colchicum autumnale	4	Tamion
-	Orchidaceae		
Common Spotted Orchid (leaves)	Dactylorhiza fuchsii	4	Tamion

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Frog Orchid (dead stem)	Dactylorhiza viridis	2	Passo Pordoi
Dark Red Helleborine (leaves)	Epipactis cfr. atrorubens	4	Tamion
Bird-nest Orchid (dead stem)	Neottia nidus-avis	4	Tamion
	Amaryllidaceae		
Keeled Garlic	Allium carinatum	4	Tamion
Common Chives (dead stem)	Allium schoenoprasum	5	Passo San Pellegrino
	Liliaceae		
Martagon Lily (in fruit)	Lilium martagon	5	Passo San Pellegrino
	Asparagaceae		
Scented Solomon's-seal (leaves)	Polygonatum cfr. odoratum	1	Sottoguda
	Juncaceae		
Jointed Rush	Juncus cfr. articulatus	4	Tamion
Snowy Woodrush	Luzula nivea	8	Col Indes
	Cyperaceae		
Blue Sedge	Carex flacca	4	Tamion
Yellow-green Sedge	Carex cfr. flava	6	Val Venegia
Broad-leaved Cottongrass	Eriophorum latifolium	5	Passo San Pellegrino
	Poaceae		
A grass	Achnatherum calamagrostis	4	Eggental
Quaking-grass	Briza media	4	Tamion
A grass	Calamagrostis sp.	4	Eggental
Common Cock's-foot	Dactylis glomerata	8	Col Indes
Barnyardgrass	Echinochloa crus-galli	4	Eggental
Timothy Grass	Phleum pratense	2	Passo Pordoi
Common Reed	Phragmites australis	3	Bellamonte
A moor-grass	Sesleriella sphaerocephala	2	Passo Sella
Yellow Foxtail	Setaria pumila	4	Eggental
Alpine Bluegrass	Poa alpina	11	Sella massif
	Papaveraceae		
Common Fumitory	Fumaria cfr. officinalis	2	Passo Sella
Alpine Poppy (leaves)	Oreomecon alpina	5	Val Gares
Long-headed Poppy	Papaver dubium	4	Eggental
	Berberidaceae		
Common Barberry (in fruit)	Berberis vulgaris	4	Tamion
	Ranunculaceae		
Common Wolf's-bane (leaves)	Aconitum lycoctonum	2	Passo Pordoi
Common Monk's-hood (leaves)	Aconitum (napellus) tauricum	1	Passo Giau
Monte Baldo Anemone	Anemonoides baldensis	6	Baita Segantini
Traveller's Joy (in fruit)	Clematis vitalba	4	Eggental
Green Hellebore (leaves)	Helleborus viridis	8	Col Indes
Liverleaf (leaves)	Hepatica nobilis	4	Eggental
Alpine Pasqueflower	Pulsatilla alpina apiifolia	1	Passo Giau
Meadow Buttercup	Ranunculus acris	1	Passo Giau
Woolly Buttercup	Ranunculus lanuginosus	8	Col Indes
Mountain Buttercup	Ranunculus montanus complex	5	Val Gares
European Globeflower	Trollius europaeus	4	Tamion
	Saxifragaceae		
Yellow Saxifrage	Saxifraga aizoides	6	Val Venegia
Mossy Saxifrage	Saxifraga bryoides	3	Col Margherita

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Blue Saxifrage (leaves)	Saxifraga caesia	6	Val Venegia
Encrusted Saxifrage	Saxifraga crustata	5	Val Gares
A saxifrage (leaves)	Saxifraga facchinii	7	Sella massif
Musky Saxifrage (leaves)	Saxifraga moschata	7	Sella massif
Purple Saxifrage (leaves)	Saxifraga oppositifolia	7	Sella massif
Livelong Saxifrage	Saxifraga paniculata	3	Col Margherita
Round-leaved Saxifrage (leaves)	Saxifraga rotundifolia	8	Col Indes
Eastern Saxifrage (leaves)	Saxifraga sedoides	7	Sella massif
Dolomites Saxifrage (leaves)	Saxifraga squarrosa	1	Passo Giau
	Santalaceae		
Alpine Bastard Toadflax (leaves)	Thesium alpinum	2	Passo Pordoi
· · · ·	Crassulaceae		
A stonecrop (leaves)	Petrosedum montanum	4	Eggental
Roseroot (dead stems)	Rhodiola rosea	3	Col Margherita
White Stonecrop (leaves)	Sedum album	4	Eggental
Alpine Stonecrop (leaves)	Sedum alpestre	3	Col Margherita
Dark Stonecrop (leaves)	Sedum atratum	3	Col Margherita
Thick-leaved Stonecrop	Sedum dasyphyllum	4	Eggental
Mountain Houseleek (leaves)	Sempervivum montanum	3	Col Margherita
inountain nouseleek (leaves)	Vitaceae	5	Con Marghenta
Wine Grape (leaves)	Vitis vinifera	8	Lago di Santa Croce
	Fabaceae	0	
Kidney-vetch	Anthyllis vulneraria	1	Passo Giau
Wild Liquorice (in fruit)	Astragalus glycyphyllos	8	Col Indes
A scorpion-vetch	Coronilla vaginalis	4	Tamion
Horseshoe Vetch	Hippocrepis comosa	2	Passo Pordoi
Meadow Vetchling	Lathyrus pratensis	2	Passo Pordoi
Spring Vetch	Lathyrus vernus	4	Eggental
Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	Lotus corniculatus	3	Passo Valles
Black Medick	Medicago lupulina	2	Passo Sella
Alfalfa			
False Acacia	Medicago sativa	4	Eggental
	Robinia pseudoacacia	4	Eggental
Crowned Vetch	Securigera varia Trifolium badium		Eggental
Brown Clover		<u>1</u>	Passo Giau
Alsike Clover	Trifolium hybridum	5	Passo San Pellegrino
Mountain Clover	Trifolium montanum	4	Tamion
Red Clover	Trifolium pratense	1	Passo Giau
White Clover	Trifolium repens	<u>1</u>	Passo Giau
Red Trefoil	Trifolium rubens	5	Val Gares
Common Vetch	Vicia sativa	2	Passo Sella
Bush Vetch	Vicia sepium	1	Passo Giau
	Polygalaceae		
Mountain Milkwort	Polygala alpestris	2	Passo Pordoi
Common Milkwort	Polygala cfr. vulgaris	4	Tamion
Shrubby Milkwort	Polygaloides chamaebuxus	3	Col Margherita
	Rosaceae		
A lady's-mantle	Alchemilla sp.	1	Passo Giau
Goatsbeard (fruits)	Aruncus dioicus	4	Eggental
Mountain Avens (leaves)	Dryas octopetala	1	Passo Giau

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Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	1	Cortina d'Ampezzo
Wild Strawberry	Fragaria vesca	6	Val Venegia
Alpine Avens	Geum montanum	1	Passo Giau
Creeping Avens	Geum reptans	3	Col Margherita
Water Avens	Geum rivale	5	Passo San Pellegrino
Wood Avens	Geum urbanum	4	Eggental
Golden Cinquefoil	Potentilla aurea	1	Passo Giau
Alpine Cinquefoil	Potentilla crantzii	2	Passo Pordoi
Common Tormentil	Potentilla erecta	4	Tamion
Pink Cinquefoil	Potentilla nitida	6	Baita Segantini
Sulphur Cinquefoil (leaves)	Potentilla cfr. recta	4	Eggental
Dog Rose (in fruit)	Rosa canina complex	4	Tamion
Alpine Rose (in fruit)	Rosa pendulina	2	Passo Sella
European Dewberry (in fruit)	Rubus caesius	4	Eggental
Wild Raspberry (leaves)	Rubus idaeus	2	Passo Sella
Salad Burnet (leaves)	Sanguisorba minor	4	Eggental
Common Rowan	Sorbus aucuparia	1	Passo Giau
	Rhamnaceae		
Dwarf Buckthorn (leaves)	Rhamnus pumila	2	Passo Pordoi
	Urticaceae		
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	1	Passo Giau
	Betulaceae		
Silver Birch	Betula pendula	4	Eggental
Green Alder	Alnus alnobetula	3	Col Margherita
Italian Alder	Alnus cordata	4	Eggental
Common Alder	Alnus glutinosa	8	Lago di Santa Croce
Grey Alder	Alnus incana	4	Eggental
Hazel	Corylus avellana	4	Eggental
	Fagaceae		
Beech	Fagus sylvatica	5	Val Gares
	Celastraceae		
Spindle	Euonymus europaeus	8	Lago di Santa Croce
	Euphorbiaceae		
Cypress Spurge	Euphorbia cyparissias	3	Col Margherita
	Oxalidaceae		
Common Wood Sorrel (leaves)	Oxalis acetosella	4	Eggental
	Hypericaceae		
Spotted St John's-wort (in fruit)	Hypericum maculatum	2	Passo Pordoi
Perforate St John's-wort (in fruit)	Hypericum perforatum	4	Eggental
	Violaceae		
Field Pansy	Viola arvensis	6	Val Venegia
Yellow Wood Violet (leaves)	Viola biflora	2	Passo Sella
A violet	Viola thomasiana	3	Col Margherita
	Salicaceae		
Black Poplar	Populus nigra	4	Eggental
European Aspen	Populus tremula	8	Col Indes
White Willow	Salix alba	1	Ponte nelle Alpi
Large-leaved Willow	Salix appendiculata	2	Passo Pordoi
Bitter Willow	Salix eleagnos	4	Eggental

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Smooth Willow	Salix cfr. glabra	2	Passo Pordoi
	Geraniaceae		
Long-stalked Crane's-Bill	Geranium columbinum	8	Col Indes
Dusky Crane's-bill	Geranium phaeum lividum	1	Passo Giau
Meadow Crane's-bill	Geranium pratense	5	Passo San Pellegrino
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum	4	Eggental
Wood Crane's-bill	Geranium sylvaticum	5	Passo San Pellegrino
	Lythraceae		
Purple Loosestrife (leaves and fruits)	Lythrum salicaria	4	Eggental
	Onagraceae		
Rosebay Willowherb	Epilobium angustifolium	1	Passo Giau
Rosemary-leaved Willowherb (in fruit)	Chamaenerion dodonaei	4	Eggental
An evening-primrose	<i>Oenothera</i> sp.	4	Eggental
	Sapindaceae		
Sycamore Maple	Acer pseudoplatanus	5	Val Gares
	Simaroubaceae		
Tree-of-Heaven	Ailanthus altissima	4	Eggental
	Thymelaeaceae		
Common Mezereon (leaves)	Daphne mezereum	3	Col Margherita
Striated Mezereon (leaves)	Daphne striata	2	Passo Pordoi
	Cistaceae		
Alpine Rock-Rose	Helianthemum alpestre	1	Passo Giau
Common Rock-rose	Helianthemum nummularium	4	Tamion
	Brassicaceae		
Alpine Rock-cress	Arabis alpina	7	Sella massif
A winter-cress	Barbarea bracteosa	3	Col Margherita
Bitter Wintercress (leaves)	Barbarea vulgaris	3	Col Margherita
Shepherd's-Purse	Capsella bursa-pastoris	2	Passo Pordoi
Trefoil Cress (leaves)	Cardamine trifolia	8	Col Indes
A whitlow-grass	Draba dolomitica	7	Sella massif
Swiss Treacle-Mustard	Erysimum cfr. rhaeticum	4	Eggental
Chamois Cress	Hornungia alpina	7	Sella massif
Round-leaved Pennycress	Noccaea rotundifolia	7	Sella massif
Bog Yellowcress	Rorippa palustris	8	Val Menera
	Plumbaginaceae		
Alpine Thrift	Armeria alpina	3	Col Margherita
	Polygonaceae		
Alpine Bistort	Bistorta vivipara	6	Baita Segantini
Spotted Lady's Thumb	Persicaria maculosa	4	Eggental
Monk's-rhubarb	Rumex alpinus	2	Passo Pordoi
Maiden Sorrel	Rumex arifolius	1	Passo Giau
Curled Dock	Rumex crispus	2	Passo Pordoi
French Sorrel (leaves)	Rumex scutatus	6	Val Venegia
	Caryophyllaceae		
Two-flowered Sandwort	Arenaria biflora	3	Col Margherita
Common Mouse-ear Chickweed	Cerastium holosteoides	2	Passo Pordoi
One-flowered Mouse-ear	Cerastium uniflorum	7	Sella massif
Cyphel (leaves and fruits)	Cherleria sedoides	7	Sella massif
Fringed Pink	Dianthus superbus	2	Passo Pordoi

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A sandwort (leaves)	Facchinia cherlerioides	1	Passo Giau
Gypsophila	Gypsophila repens	2	Passo Pordoi
Alpine Catchfly	Heliosperma pusillum	2	Passo Sella
Ciliate Sandwort	Moehringia ciliata	6	Val Venegia
Mossy Sandwort (leaves)	Moehringia muscosa	8	Col Indes
Tunicflower	Petrorhagia saxifraga	8	Lago di Santa Croce
A sandwort	Sabulina austriaca	2	Passo Pordoi
Spring Sandwort	Sabulina verna	7	Sella massif
Common Soapwort	Saponaria officinalis	8	Col Indes
Dwarf Soapwort (leaves and fruits)	Saponaria pumila	3	Col Margherita
Moss Campion	Silene acaulis	3	Col Margherita
Red Campion	Silene dioica	6	Val Venegia
White Campion	Silene latifolia	4	Eggental
Bladder Campion	Silene vulgaris	1	Passo Giau
Water Chickweed	Stellaria aquatica	4	Eggental
Lesser Stitchwort	Stellaria graminea	2	Passo Pordoi
	Amaranthaceae		
Redroot Amaranth	Amaranthus cfr. retroflexus	4	Eggental
Good-King-Henry	Blitum bonus-henricus	1	Passo Giau
Common Lambsquarters	Chenopodium album	4	Eggental
	Balsaminaceae		
Himalayan Balsam	Impatiens glandulifera	4	Eggental
	Primulaceae		
Bear's Ear (leaves)	Primula auricula	1	Passo Giau
Fairy Primrose	Primula minima	6	Baita Segantini
Tyrol Primrose (leaves)	Primula tyrolensis	6	Baita Segantini
	Ericaceae		
Bearberry (leaves and fruits)	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	2	Passo Pordoi
Alpine Bearberry (leaves and fruits)	Arctous alpina	2	Passo Sella
Common Heather	Calluna vulgaris	3	Passo Valles
Spring Heath (in bud)	Erica carnea	1	Passo Giau
Trailing Azalea (leaves)	Kalmia procumbens	1	Passo Giau
Alpenrose (leaves and fruits)	Rhododendron ferrugineum	1	Passo Giau
Hairy Alpenrose (leaves and fruits)	Rhododendron hirsutum	1	Passo Giau
Dwarf Alpenrose	Rhodothamnus chamaecistus	1	Passo Giau
Common Bilberry (leaves)	Vaccinium myrtillus	4	Tamion
Bog Bilberry (leaves and fruits)	Vaccinium uliginosum	1	Passo Giau
Cowberry (leaves and fruits)	Vaccinium vitis-idaea	1	Passo Giau
	Rubiaceae		
White Bedstraw	Galium album	4	Eggental
Alpine Bedstraw	Galium anisophyllon	2	Passo Pordoi
Lady's Bedstraw	Galium verum	1	Vallonga
	Gentianaceae		
Koch's Gentian	Gentiana cfr. acaulis	1	Passo Giau
Short-leaved Gentian	Gentiana brachyphylla	6	Baita Segantini
Spotted Gentian (dead stem)	Gentiana punctata	3	Col Margherita
Spring Gentian	Gentiana verna	1	Passo Giau
A gentian	Gentianella cfr. anisodonta	1	Passo Giau
A gentian	Gentianella cfr. engadinensis	6	Baita Segantini

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Fringed Gentian	Gentianopsis ciliata	1	Passo Giau
	Apocynaceae		
Common Swallow-wort (leaves)	Vincetoxicum hirundinaria	4	Eggental
	Boraginaceae		
Common Viper's-bugloss	Echium vulgare	4	Eggental
Alpine Forget-me-not	Myosotis alpestris	1	Passo Giau
Lungwort (leaves)	Pulmonaria officinalis	4	Eggental
Common Comfrey (leaves)	Symphytum officinale	4	Eggental
,	Solanaceae		
Black Nightshade	Solanum nigrum	8	Valmenera
	Oleaceae		
European Ash	Fraxinus cfr. excelsior	8	Lago di Santa Croce
	Plantaginaceae		
Matted Globularia (leaves)	Globularia cordifolia	2	Passo Pordoi
Common Toadflax	Linaria vulgaris	1	Cadore valley
Bluish Paederota (leaves)	Paederota bonarota	1	Passo Giau
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	6	Val Venegia
Greater Plantain	Plantago major	1	Passo Giau
Hoary Plantain	Plantago media	1	Passo Giau
Leafless-stemmed Speedwell (leaves)	Veronica aphylla	7	Sella massif
Brooklime	Veronica beccabunga	6	Baita Segantini
Violet Speedwell (leaves)	Veronica bellidioides	1	Passo Giau
Germander Speedwell	Veronica chamaedrys	2	Passo Sella
Bird's-eye Speedwell	Veronica persica	4	Tamion
	Scrophulariaceae		Tarnon
Butterfly Bush	Buddleja davidii	4	Eggental
Nettle-leaved Mullein	Verbascum chaixii	8	Valmenera
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White Mullein	Verbascum lychnitis	8	Eggental Valmenera
Dark Mullein Greater Mullein	Verbascum nigrum	0	Passo Fedaia
	Verbascum cfr. thapsus		
A figwort (leaves and fruits)	Scrophularia canina hoppii	5	Val Gares
	Lentibulariaceae		T
Common Butterwort (leaves)	Pinguicula vulgaris	4	Tamion
	Lamiaceae		
Yellow Betony	Betonica alopecuros	2	Passo Pordoi
Basil-thyme	Clinopodium acinos	4	Eggental
Alpine Basil-thyme	Clinopodium alpinum	1	Passo Giau
Wood Calamint	Clinopodium menthifolium	4	Eggental
Hairy Hemp-nettle	Galeopsis pubescens	8	Col Indes
Common Hemp-nettle	Galeopsis tetrahit	2	Passo Sella
Ground-ivy (leaves)	Glechoma hederacea	4	Eggental
Dragonmouth	Horminum pyrenaicum	2	Passo Sella
White Dead-nettle	Lamium album	1	Passo Giau
Horse Mint	Mentha longifolia	8	Col Indes
Large Self-Heal	Prunella grandiflora	4	Tamion
Common Selfheal	Prunella vulgaris	4	Eggental
Meadow Sage	Salvia pratensis	4	Tamion
Perennial Yellow-woundwort	Stachys recta	4	Eggental
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	8	Col Indes

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Wild Thyme	Thymus praecox	1	Passo Giau
Large Thyme	Thymus pulegioides	4	Eggental
	Orobanchaceae		
Rostkov's Eyebright	Euphrasia officinalis rostkoviana	4	Tamion
Slender Broomrape	Orobanche gracilis	4	Tamion
Whorled Lousewort (leaves)	Pedicularis cfr. verticillata	6	Baita Segantini
Aristate Yellow-rattle	Rhinanthus cfr. glacialis	4	Tamion
	Campanulaceae		
Bearded Bellflower	Campanula barbata	3	Col Margherita
Tufted Harebell	Campanula cespitosa	4	Tamion
Fairy's Thimble	Campanula cochlearifolia	4	Tamion
Clustered Bellflower	Campanula glomerata	2	Tamion
Moretti's Bellflower (leaves)	Campanula morettiana	1	Passo Giau
Scheuchzer's Harebell	Campanula scheuchzeri	1	Passo Giau
Spiked Bellflower	Campanula spicata	4	Eggental
Globe-headed Rampion (leaves)	Phyteuma hemisphaericum	3	Col Margherita
Round-headed Rampion	Phyteuma orbiculare	2	Passo Sella
	Asteraceae		
Silvery Milfoil (leaves)	Achillea clavennae	1	Passo Giau
European Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	2	Passo Pordoi
Alpine Sneezewort (leaves)	Achillea oxyloba	7	Sella massif
Alpine Adenostyles	Adenostyles alpina	2	Passo Pordoi
Mountain Catsfoot (leaves)	Antennaria dioica	1	Passo Giau
Stinking Aposeris	Aposeris foetida	8	Col Indes
Mountain Arnica (leaves)	Arnica montana	3	Col Margherita
Sweet Annie	Artemisia annua	4	Eggental
Common Mugwort	Artemisia annua Artemisia vulgaris	3	Col Margherita
Daisy Aster		1	Passo Giau
	Aster bellidiastrum Bidens frondosa		
Devil's Beggarticks		4	Eggental
Yellow Ox-eye Daisy	Buphthalmum salicifolium	4	Tamion
Alpine Thistle	Carduus defloratus	2	Passo Sella
Stemless Carline Thistle	Carlina acaulis	1	Passo Giau
Singleflower Knapweed	Centaurea nervosa	5	Passo San Pellegrino
Tyrol Knapweed	Centaurea nigrescens	4	Tamion
Spotted Knapweed	Centaurea cfr. stoebe	4	Eggental
Chicory	Cichorium intybus	8	Lago di Santa Croce
Stemless Thistle	Cirsium acaulon	4	Tamion
Field Thistle	Cirsium arvense	2	Passo Sella
Yellow Melancoly Thistle	Cirsium erisithales	2	Passo Pordoi
Melancoly Thistle (dead stems)	Cirsium heterophyllum	5	Passo San Pellegrino
Cabbage Thistle	Cirsium oleraceum	8	Lago di Santa Croce
Spiniest Thistle (leaves)	Cirsium spinosissimum	3	Col Margherita
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	3	Paneveggio
Alpine Thistle	Carduus defloratus	1	Passo Giau
Golden Hawksbeard	Crepis aurea	3	Col Margherita
Eastern Leopard's Bane	Doronicum columnae	2	Passo Pordoi
Bitter Fleabane	Erigeron acris	4	Tamion
Alpine Fleabane	Erigeron alpinus	6	Val Venegia
Annual Fleabane	Erigeron annuus	4	Eggental

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Tropical Horseweed	Erigeron sumatrensis	4	Eggental
Hemp Agrimony (leaves and fruits)	Eupatorium cannabinum	8	Lago di Santa Croce
Shaggy Soldier	Galinsoga quadriradiata	4	Eggental
Jerusalem Artichoke	Helianthus tuberosus	4	Eggental
A hawkweed	Hieracium sp.	2	Passo Sella
Alpine Coltsfoot (leaves)	Homogyne alpina	3	Col Margherita
Grey Ragwort	Jacobaea carniolica	1	Passo Giau
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum cfr. vulgare	1	Passo Giau
Rough Hawkbit	Leontodon hispidus	1	Passo Giau
Edelweiss	Leontopodium nivale alpinum	1	Passo Giau
Woolly Thistle	Lophiolepis eriophora	8	Col Indes
Pineappleweed	Matricaria discoidea	2	Passo Sella
Wall Lettuce	Mycelis muralis	8	Col Indes
White Butterbur	Petasites albus	2	Passo Pordoi
Alpine Butterbur (leaves)	Petasites paradoxus	2	Passo Sella
Mouse-eared Hawkweed	Pilosella officinarum complex	4	Tamion
A hawkbit	Scorzoneroides montana	3	Col Margherita
A ragwort	Senecio cfr. cacaliaster	3	Col Margherita
Narrow-leaved Ragwort	Senecio inaequidens	8	Lago di Santa Croce
Alpine Ragwort	Senecio nemorensis glabratus	12	Valmenera
Rock Ragwort	Senecio rupestris	6	Valimenera Val Venegia
Sticky Groundsel	Senecio rupestitis Senecio viscosus	6	Val Venegia
Canada Goldenrod	Solidago cfr. canadensis	4	Eggental
European Goldenrod (in fruit)	Solidago virgaurea	3	Col Margherita
Prickly Sowthistle	Sonchus asper	8	Col Indes
Smooth Sow-thistle	Sonchus oleraceus	4	Eggental
New England Aster	Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	12	Lago di Santa Croce
Dandelion		2	Passo Sella
A hawkweed (leaves)	Taraxacum sp. Tolpis staticifolia	4	Tamion
· · ·	Tripleurospermum inodorum	4	
Scentless Mayweed			Eggental
Colt's-foot (leaves)	Tussilago farfara Viburnaceae	3	Col Margherita
European Elder			Daaga Dardai
European Elder	Sambucus nigra	2	Passo Pordoi
Wayfaring-tree (leaves)	Viburnum lantana	8	Valmenera
Field Sachieve	Caprifoliaceae	A	Tomion
Field Scabious	Knautia arvensis	4	Tamion
Hungarian Widow Flower	Knautia drymeja	8	Col Indes
Shining Scabious	Scabiosa lucida	1	Passo Giau
	Araliaceae		
Common Ivy (leaves)	Hedera helix	4	Eggental
2	Apiaceae		
Caraway	Carum carvi	1	Passo Giau
Common Carrot	Daucus carota	4	Eggental
Common Hogweed (leaves and fruits)	Heracleum sphondylium	2	Passo Pordoi
LICHENS			
Iceland Lichen	Cetraria islandica	4	Tamion
Finger Cup Lichen	Cladonia digitata	5	Val Gares
Curled Snow Lichen	Flavocetraria cucullata	6	Baita Segantini

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Crinkled Snow Lichen	Flavocetraria nivalis	6	Baita Segantini
Shield Lichen	Parmelia sulcata	5	Passo San Pellegrino
A pelt lichen	<i>Peltigera</i> sp.	2	Passo Pordoi
Tree Moss	Pseudevernia furfuracea	4	Tamion
Yellow Map Lichen	Rhizocarpon geographicum	3	Col Margherita
Elegant Sunburst Lichen	Rusavskia elegans	7	Sella massif
A lichen	Solorina sp.	6	Val Venegia
A lichen	Squamarina sp.	1	Passo Giau
A beard lichen	Usnea sp.	5	Passo San Pellegrino
FUNGI			
Fly Agaric	Amanita muscaria	5	Passo San Pellegrino
King Bolete	Boletus edulis	4	Tamion
Giant Puffball	Calvatia gigantea	3	Col Margherita
Blewit	Collybia nuda	6	Val Venegia
A cap mushroom	Coprinellus sp.	8	Col Indes
Shaggy Mane	Coprinus comatus	5	Val Gares
Red-banded Polypore	Fomitopsis pinicola	5	Passo San Pellegrino
Collared Earthstar	Geastrum triplex	4	Eggental
Anise Mazegill	Gloeophyllum odoratum	5	Val Gares
A wxcap	Hygrocybe sp.	4	Tamion
Orange-latex Milky	Lactarius deterrimus	4	Tamion
Common Puffball	Lycoperdon cfr. perlatum	3	Col Margherita
A domecap	Lyophyllum sp.	8	Col Indes
Parasol	Macrolepiota procera	3	Paneveggio
Lilac Bonnet	Mycena pura	4	Eggental
Porcelain Mushroom	Oudemansiella mucida	8	Col Indes
Hollow Bolete	Suillus cavipes	4	Tamion
Larch Bolete	Suillus grevillei	3	Passo Valles