

Spring Birding in Mallorca

Northumbria Natural History Society Tour

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Astragalus balericus



A Bee Orchid



Bug Orchid, *Anacamptis coriophora fragrans*



Wild flowers as far as the eye can see!

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Day 1

Saturday 28th April

Fly UK to Palma – transfer to Pollenca Bay Hotel

The group arrived from Newcastle after a delayed flight, but we were soon on our way across Mallorca, impressed by the quality of the roads and the occasional distant kite.

The hotel is divided from the beach by a busy road, but hidden behind groves of tamarisk and high hedges of fragrant *Pittosporum tobira*. We found our rooms then met up in the bar for a quick chat about the forthcoming week. As the hotel backs straight on to S'Albufereta marsh, we were able to meet up after supper for a preliminary look at the local birdlife. The mosquitoes were biting, but we still had first encounters with Night Herons, Marsh Harriers, Stone-curlews and Black-winged Stilts.

Day 2

Sunday 29th April

Bocquer Valley and south S'Albufereta Marsh

Some of the group leapt out of bed to meet Andy for a little birding before breakfast. They were rewarded with a good array of waders including a lovely Stone-curlew and a magnificent flypast by six Flamingoes in close formation with the sun glinting off their feathers.

After breakfast we went to the Bocquer valley where the first bird of note was a Wryneck in the olive trees, followed by a couple of lovely Blue Rock Thrushes perched on posts near the finca. Although the weather was cloudy with a strong breeze, several raptors were seen including a male Peregrine, two light phase Booted Eagles and some Ravens were seen.

Meanwhile the plant hunters were finding everything was new, starting with a large pale *Echium italicum* and followed by a host of new plants including the endemics *Astragalus balearicus* (a spiny little cushion with insignificant flowers), *Hypericum balearicum* (a shrubby evergreen St John's Wort) and the low growing *Rosemarinus ericalyx*. Much of the hillside was covered by *Smilax aspera* ssp. *balearica*, not the most attractive of plants, but too tough for goats.

Lunch was taken in the car park, where several of the group decided to do a little light litter picking to improve it for the next visitors. Then we made a short transfer to S'Albufereta marsh. An initial glance round the quarry where we parked threw up some magnificent *Ornithogalum arabica*. Then the group split with most going to a raised platform where they saw Great Egrets, and then a hide where they saw their first Red-crested Pochards, Curlew Sandpiper and Audouin's Gull.

The plant hunters meanwhile found some very good specimens of *Ophrys speculum*, the Mirror Orchid and some *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, the Pyramidal Orchid, but much thinner and paler than we are used to in the UK. The ubiquitous *Galactites tomentosa* added a wash of mauve to the fields around, neatly offsetting the yellow of the

vetches and deeper purples of *Gladiolus italica*. The group finally met up again to hear tales of an Iberian Woodchat Shrike.

Day 3

Monday 30th April

Cuber Reservoir and Lluc Monastery

Those that made it out of bed for early birding with Andy were rewarded with a Green Sandpiper, several Night Herons, Little Stint, two Curlew Sandpipers, Kentish Plovers, Little Ringed Plover and Spanish Wagtail, the Iberian form of Yellow Wagtail.

After breakfast we set off to the mountains, wending our way past gaily coloured shoals of lycra-clad cyclists. The views were spectacular for all but the drivers, who needed to keep their eyes firmly on the road ahead. After parking in the car park, we were scarcely out of the vehicles when we had a wonderful view of a Golden Eagle soaring over the ridge, quickly joined by Cinereous (previously called Black) Vultures.

Botany was very thin in this area due to the combined efforts of donkeys, cows, sheep and goats, so other than some rather chewed hussocks of *Stipa*, the plants were minute and mainly too small to identify. *Euphorbia characias*, too poisonous to be eaten even by goats, and *Smilax* which was too prickly, were about the only things to be seen.

The birders were having more luck, spotting the elusive Tawny Pipit and gaining very good views of Nightingales and Blackcaps in the woods. When we reached the dam we had good views of Mediterranean Flycatchers and a Cirl Bunting, while Andy picked up Griffon and Cinereous Vultures in his telescope.

The botanists were rewarded for their patience with dainty groups of *Cyclamen balearicum* in the fissures of the rocks rising up from the far side of the dam. There was also a beautiful colony of white felted Rustyback fern *Asplenium ceterach*, some club moss and sellaginella. Botanising through binoculars, we spotted some orchids high up on the cliff face; a tantalising glimpse of what might have been with less livestock.

After lunch, taken at picnic tables by the car park and accompanied by Chaffinches, we descended to Lluc to visit the monastery. Several of the group glimpsed Firecrests and we also saw Nightingales and Blackcaps. The botanic garden was not very exciting, though it did have nice little water rills running around it.

The evening birders had a heron night, seeing five Night Herons and three Grey Herons, plus some Little Ringed Plovers.

Day 4

Tuesday 1st May

Formentor Peninsula and S'Albufereta Marsh

The day started off cold and wet, but those that made it out to the marsh before breakfast were rewarded with hundreds of Swifts, Purple Heron, two Wood Sandpipers, lots of Common Sandpipers, quarrelling Black-winged Stilts, Ringed Plover, three Curlew Sandpipers, one turning into lovely summer colours, and another Spanish Wagtail with white throat and eye stripe.

Determined to get on the road before the cyclists, we set off early and had a clear run out to the lighthouse. On the way we saw some lovely little pink foxgloves. Unable to stop because of the precipitous nature of that bit of road, we later identified these as the endemic *Digitalis dubia*.

At the lighthouse we were treated to a spectacular display of shearwaters. At least two hundred Balearic Shearwaters and more than a hundred Scopoli's Shearwaters were feeding close in: skimming the waves, diving and turning, to our huge delight. Everyone was able to tell the difference between the neat little dark Balearic Shearwater and the larger paler Scopoli's Shearwater by the time we left. For many, it was the highlight of the whole trip. Views of Peregrine and Blue Rock Thrush paled into insignificance.

Meanwhile the botanists, regarding the arid rocky landscape, were amazed to find that a small prickly cushion was in fact a dandelion *Launaea cervicornix*. Next find was a tiny little two-toned daisy with the magnificent name of *Senecio leucanthemumifolius* ssp. *rodriguezii*, and finally a tiny catchfly *Silene sedoides* tucked in between boulders.

Stopping off on the way back along the peninsula at Casa Vellas we saw Kestrel, Goldfinch and Mediterranean Flycatcher, while the botanists turned up Gordon's favourite plant *Blackstonia perfoliata* and the pretty pink *Convolvulus cantabrica*.

We drove back to the Roman quarry at S'Albufereta for our picnic, where we sat around on rocks conveniently situated at the right height. While we were eating we noticed an Orobanche which had escaped us at the last visit – *Orobanche minor*. We then went to the northern end of S'Albufereta marsh where we saw Gadwall on the pools, a Little Grebe and some Common Sandpipers. Lots of Cetti's Warblers were calling and a Nightingale showed itself clearly. The path was strewn with flowers and some of the group came across their first Bee Orchids *Ophrys apifera*, in both normal and white form. Then the rain came down so we dashed back to the vehicles.

Day 5

Wednesday 2nd May

S'Albufera

There was no time for early birding today as we needed to get off early to the reserve to secure parking places for the minibuses. After driving past miles of tourist hotels and shops, we arrived at the car park and got the last two spaces.

A Little Bittern flew past as we walked up the track past the elegant bridges and canals at the entrance. Some of the group had excellent views of Night Herons and Little and Cattle Egrets in the trees, but others were too busy identifying their first Bug Orchid *Orchis coriophora fragrans*, and making sure that it did indeed have a vanilla scent. The track to the information centre was scattered with Bee Orchids, and we had great views of Western (previously called Purple) Swamphen paddling around between the reeds. The bridges were covered in silver *Phragmites sordidum*, but most of the vegetation was Phragmites. At the visitor centre, those not checking out the facilities were treated to a glide-by from an Eleanora's Falcon.

The first set of hides turned up lots of waders, Marbled Duck and a nice pair of Stone-curlew, plus a lovely display from a Yellow Wagtail. The astonishing sight of a Golden Eagle being mobbed by a Marsh Harrier, and having a good look at the only two surviving Red-knobbed Coots, gave everyone something to think about over lunch. There were also glimpses of a Great Reed Warbler and plenty of chances to hear them singing.

The second two hides, reached by passing a lovely *Rosa sempervirens*, provided a wealth of waders including charming Avocets with fluffy little chicks, Spotted and Common Redshanks, Ruff and Little Stint, and to top it all, an Osprey. The botanists walked down to the sea and found swathes of Bug Orchids *Cistus salvifolius* and some interesting plantains.

After supper Pip took a group to the beach to see what was growing there. We found Sea Stock *Mattiola sinuata*, Sea Bindweed *Calystegia soldanella*, Rock Samphire *Crithmum maritimum*, Sea Rocket *Cakile maritime*, *Helichrysum ambiguum* and *Baratsia trixago*, with some nice Bladder Campion *Silene vulgare* on the other side of the road. The beach was scattered with hairy little balls like big kiwi fruit, which turned out to be *Posidonia oceanic*, part of the Eelgrass which covers the beach. Meanwhile, the evening birders saw large numbers of Barn Swallows over the marsh, a Squacco Heron on the far pool and, as they walked away, a European Nightjar churred.

Day 6

Thursday 3rd May

Salinas de Levante and south Mallorca

Early morning again found hundreds of Barn Swallows over the marsh, now joined by the odd House Martin, and the noise of a squealing Water Rail was heard.

It was a glorious day for our trip to the south of the island. Our first stop was at Es Cruce Service Station where many locals were consuming plates of barbecued meats, some accompanied by alcoholic drinks including brandy. We stuck to coffee, but did discover some very large Orobanches in the car park.

Turning onto narrow country lanes, our first stop was to find larks. Only people in one minibus saw Thekla Lark, but there were good views of Short-toed Lark and a singing Corn Bunting. We also found the remains of some Giant Orchids *Himantoglossum robertianum*, plus some different Asparagus and Erodiums.

At the salt pans we were serenaded by Turtle Doves, Golden Orioles and Hoopoes while we ate our lunch. The Turtle Doves were carefully identified, the Hoopoes dust bathed, and the Golden Oriole was glimpsed by a few. On the salt pans were multitudes of Shelduck, as well as Black-winged stilts, Avocets and Kentish Plovers. The Botanists scoured the field where we had our lunch and turned up Scorpion Vetch *Scorpiarus muricatus*, the strange *Plantago afra* that bears no resemblance to any other plantain, and some nice mallows. In the salt marsh were lots of different salt tolerant shrubs including Sea Lavender and Samphire.

Wending our way gently back, we passed through the town of Campos which was full of swooping House Martins. A narrow twisty track led us up to a castle perched high on a rocky outcrop. Here we watched a lovely pair of Booted Eagles playing in the thermals, saw numerous busy brown Crag Martins entering their nests in the cliff, and had a couple of glimpses of Alpine Swift zipping past at speed.

The evening birders had a brief glimpse of Eleanora's Falcon hunting in the twilight amongst the bats and Night Herons.

Day 7

Friday 4th May

Southern end of S'Albufera (S'Illot and Depudora)

The weather forecast was for rain, and quickly it proved to be correct. However the early birders had a great morning, spotting six Kentish Plovers, six Ringed Plovers, a Stone-curlew, five Black-winged Stilts, a Grey Heron, six Common Sandpipers, four Gadwall and four Redshanks.

After breakfast we parked by the last hotel before S'Illot and walked to the site along a path by the road. At the first S'Illot pond we saw lots of Swallows and Sand Martins flitting low over the water, two Marbled Ducks, Common Pochard, Little Grebe, Coot with chicks, Red-crested Pochard with chicks and Gadwall with chicks. The track into the marsh was lined with magnificent Bee Orchids in every shade from purple to white, and with every marking imaginable. At the head of the track, the botanists plunged through the brambles into a wet meadow covered in orchids, while the birders found Cetti's Warbler, Linnets, Sardinian Warblers and a Moustached Warbler. There was lots of Nightingale song, and a few distant Bee-eaters were seen.

Lunch was at the Depudora Platform, where we watched hundreds of Swifts, Zitting Cisticola, four Common and three Whiskered Terns, two Red-rumped Swallows and a Greenshank. However as the rain was getting heavier and the mosquitoes were biting, we headed back to the hotel to dry out.

After a change of footwear, some of the group went with Pip to explore the lanes at the back of the marsh behind our hotel. They ended up in Pollenca, exploring the narrow streets and window shopping in the town's squares. A Golden Eagle was spotted from the top of the town by the tiny church, and a huge Orobanche was seen in an orchard on the way back to the car park.

Day 8

Saturday 5th May

Transfer to airport and return to UK

A very early flight meant a 3.30am start for all, and a night drive to the airport. Not a bird was stirring. We flew back to the UK where the tour ended.

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Species Lists

Plants

Group/Series	English Name (if any)	Location
LYCOPODIOPSIDA	CLUBMOSESSES	
Lycopodiaceae <i>Lycopodiella cernua</i>	Clubmoss Family Stagshorn Club Moss	Cuber res
PTEROPSIDA	FERNS	
Aspleniaceae <i>Asplenium cterach</i> <i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i> <i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Spleenwort Family Rustyback fern Wall-rue Maidenhair Spleenwort	Cuber res Lluc Cuber res
Dryopteridaceae <i>Polystichum setiferum</i>	Buckler-fern Family Soft Shield-fern	Cuber res
Polypodiaceae <i>Polypodium caambricum</i>	Polypody Family Southern Polypody	Cuber res
Cupressaceae <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> <i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Juniper Family Italian Cypress Prickley juniper	Alcudia beach
Pinaceae <i>Pinus pinaster</i> <i>Pinus pinea</i>	Pine Family Maritime Pine Stone or Umbrella Pine	
Ephedraceae <i>Ephedra fragilis</i>	Joint Pine Family Joint Pine	Cap Formentor
MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS)	FLOWERING PLANTS	
Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)		
Acanthaceae <i>Acanthus mollis</i>	Bear's-breech Family Bear's-breech	Lluc
Amaranthaceae <i>Atriplex halimus</i> <i>Atriplex portulacoides</i> <i>Beta vulgaris</i> <i>Salicornia ramisissima</i> <i>Sarcocornia fruticosa</i>	Amaranth Family Shrubby Orache Sea Purslane Sea Beet	coast coast coast Saltmarsh Saltmarsh
Anacardiaceae <i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Sumach Family Mastic Tree	Day 2
Apiaceae <i>Crithmum maritimum</i> <i>Daucus muricatus</i>	Carrot Family Rock Samphire a Carrot	beach

Group/Series	English Name (if any)	Location
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	
<i>Torilis nodosa</i>		Marsh track
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	
<i>Vinca difformis</i>	a Periwinkle	
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Artemisia campestris</i>		
<i>Artemisia maritima</i>		
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy	
<i>Carlina racemosa</i>		
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Southern Mallorca
<i>Calendula suffruticosa</i>	Marigold	
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Thistle	
<i>Centaurea aspera</i>	a centurea	
<i>Centaurea deusta</i>	a centurea	
<i>Centurea pulchellum</i>	a centurea	
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Canadian Fleabane	
<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	a fleabane	
<i>Cynara humilis</i>		Marsh track
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel	
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	
<i>Glebionis coronarium var. coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	
<i>Glebionis coronarium var. discolor</i>	Crown Daisy	
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Curry Plant	
<i>Hyocercis scabra</i>		
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>		Albufera
<i>Launaea arborescens</i>		
<i>Launaea cervicornix</i>		Cap Formentor
<i>Launaea nudicata</i>		Day 2
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Pallenis	Car park
<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	Phragmalon	
<i>Phagnalon saxatile</i>		
<i>Phagnalon sordidum</i>		Albufera bridges
<i>Riechardia tingitana</i>		
<i>Senecio leucanthemumfolius ssp. Rodriguezii</i>		Cap Formentor
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	
<i>Tragapogon hybridum</i>		
<i>Tragapogon pratensis</i>		
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>		Day 2
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Anchusa undulata</i>	Undulate Anchusa	
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	

Group/Series	English Name (if any)	Location
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	
<i>Echium italicum</i>		
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	
<i>Echium tuberculatum</i>		South Mallorca
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	beach
<i>Iberis procumbens</i>	Candytuft	
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alison	
<i>Mathiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	beach
<i>Raphanus maritima</i>		
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>		
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>		
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	Scabious	
<i>Valeriana discoides</i>		
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Paronychia capitata</i>		Roman quarry
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	Silvery Paronychia	Roman quarry
<i>Petrorhagia nanteuillii</i>	Proliferous Pink	South Albufera
<i>Silene littorea</i>	a Catchfly	
<i>Silene sedoides</i>	a catchfly	
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	
Cistaceae	Rockrose Family	
<i>Cistus albidus</i>	Grey-leaved Cistus	
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	
<i>Helianthemum syriacum</i>		
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	beach
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	
<i>Convolvulus calabria</i>	a Bindweed	
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>		
<i>Cuscuta planiflora</i>	Little Dodder	Cap formentor
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Sedum sediforme</i>	a Stonecrop	
<i>Sedum telephium</i>		
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall Pennywort	
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Erica arborea</i>		
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	
<i>Euphorbia characias subsp.characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	
<i>Euphorbia lanceolata</i>		
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	

Group/Series	English Name (if any)	Location
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Acacia longifolia</i>		
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>maura</i>	Mediterranean Kidney-vetch	
<i>Astragalus balearica</i>		Bocquer valley
<i>Bitumaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	
<i>Callicombe villosa</i>		
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob or Locust Tree	
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	
<i>Dorycnium hirsutum</i>	a Dorycnium	
<i>Dorycnium pentaphyllum</i>		
<i>Genista anthoclada</i>		
<i>Hedysarum cornarium</i>		
<i>Lathyrus anuus</i>		
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>		
<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>		
<i>Lotus ornithopoides</i>		
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	
<i>Medicago litoralis</i>		
<i>Medicago obicularis</i>		
<i>Melilotis messanensis</i>		
<i>Ononis reclinata</i>		
<i>Ononis pubescens</i>	Soft Restharrow	South Mallorca
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpiurus	
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover	
<i>Trifolium spumosum</i>		Cuber res
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil	
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Tare	
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i>	Fodder Vetch	
<i>Vicia tetrasperma</i>	Smooth Tare	
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak	
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort	
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	
<i>Erodium lacineatum</i>		
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	
Hypericaceae	Hypericum Family	
<i>Hypericum balearicum</i>		Bocquer valley
<i>Hypericum perfoliatum</i>		Albufera
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Phlomis italica</i>	a Phlomis	
<i>Rosmarinus ericalyx</i>		Bocquer valley

Group/Series	English Name (if any)	Location
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Wild Clary	
<i>Sideris romana</i>		
<i>Stachys germanica</i>	Downy Woundwort	
<i>Stachys ocymastrum</i>		
<i>Teucrium cossonii</i>		
<i>Teucrium polium</i>		
Lythraceae		
<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranite	
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	
<i>malva cretica</i>		
<i>Malva multiflora</i>		
<i>Malva neglecta</i>	Dwarf Mallow	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	
Moraceae	Mulberry Family	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i>		
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>	A Broomrape	
<i>Orobanche minor</i>		
<i>Paranatucellia latifolia</i>		
Oxalidaceae	Wood-Sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>		
<i>Glaucium flavium</i>	Yellow-horned Poppy	beach
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Round-headed Prickly Poppy	
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>		
<i>Misopartes calycinum</i>		
<i>Plantago afra</i>		South Mallorca
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	
<i>Plantago maritima</i>	Sea Plantain	Alcudia beach
<i>Plantago seraria</i>	A Plantain	
<i>Veronica persica</i>	Speedwell	
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Limonium echiodes</i>	Sea Lavender	
<i>Limonium minimum</i>	Tiny Sea Lavender	Cap formentor
<i>Limonium vulgare</i>		

Group/Series	English Name (if any)	Location
Polygalaceae <i>Polygala rupestris</i>	Milkwort Family	
Polygonaceae <i>Rumex scutatus</i>	Dock Family French Sorrel	
Primulaceae <i>Anagallis arvensis (Red and Blue)</i> <i>Cyclamen balearicum</i>	Primrose Family Scarlet Pimpernel Cyclamen	Cuber dam
Ranunculaceae <i>Ranunculus muricatus</i> <i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Buttercup Family Celery-leaved Buttercup	
Resedaceae <i>Reseda alba</i> <i>Reseda lutea</i>	Mignonette Family White Mignonette Mignonette	
Rosaceae <i>Clydonia oblonga</i> <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> <i>Prunus dulcis</i> <i>Pyrus bourgaeana</i> <i>Rosa sempervirens</i> <i>Sanguisorba minor agg.</i>	Rose Family Quince Hawthorn Japanese Loquat Almond Iberian Pear A Dog Rose Salad Burnet	Albufera reserve
Rubiaceae <i>Rubia balearica</i> <i>Rubia peregrina</i> <i>Sherrdia arvensis</i>	Bedstraw Family a madder	
Scrophulariaceae <i>Antirrhinum cirrhigerum</i> <i>Bellardia trixago</i> <i>Digitalis dubia</i> <i>Misopates orontium</i> <i>Parentucellia viscosa</i> <i>Scrophularia frutescens</i> <i>Verbascum sinuatum</i> <i>Veronica hederifolia</i>	Figwort Family Climbing Snapdragon Bellardia Foxglove Weasel Snout Yellow Bartsia a Figwort Ivy leaved Toadflax	Cap formentor
Solanaceae <i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	Nightshade Family White Henbane	
Tamaricaceae <i>Tamarix africana</i>	Tamarisk Family	
Thymelaeaceae <i>Daphne oleaoides</i> <i>Thymalacaea hirsuta</i>	Daphne Family a daphne	South Albufera

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Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pelitory of the Wall	
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Membranous Nettle	
<i>Urtica urens</i>	Annual Nettle	
Vitaceae	Grape-vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Grape-vine	
Liliidae (Monocotyledons)		
Araceae	Birthwort Family	
<i>Arum italicum</i>	Arum	Bocquer valley
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friars Cowl	Bocquer valley
Areaceae		
<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Dwarf Fan Palm	Bocquer valley
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Italian Gladiolus	
<i>Iris lutescens</i>		
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	
<i>Juncus maritimus</i>	Sea Rush	
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Wild Leek	
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>		
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rosy Garlic	
<i>Allium triquetrum</i>		
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>		
<i>Asparagus albus</i>		
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>		
<i>Asparagus horridus</i>		
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	
<i>Asphodelus fistulosa</i>	Hollow-leaved Asphodel	
<i>Dioscorea communis</i>	Black Bryony	
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	
<i>Ornithogalum arabicum</i>		
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	A Star of Bethlehem	
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	
<i>Smilax aspera</i> ssp. <i>Balearica</i>	Common Smilax	
<i>Watsonia pillansii</i>	Bugle-lily	
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis coriophora fragrans</i>	Bug Orchid	Albufera
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Roman quarry
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Country lane
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	Albufera
<i>Ophrys apifera</i> white form		Albufera
<i>Ophrys speculum</i>	Mirror Orchid	Roman quarry
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	

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<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Aegilops genticulata</i>		Country lane
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking Grass	
<i>Briza minor</i>	Small Quaking Grass	
<i>Helictotrichon pratense</i>	Meadow Oat-grass	
<i>Hordeum marinum</i>	Sea Barley	
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	
<i>Melica nutans</i>		
<i>Stipa tenacissima</i>	Esparto grass	

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

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			28	29	30	1	2	3	4
1	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	2	6	2	2	✓	2	8
2	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		8	6	6	15	6	6
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>					2		2
5	Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>					3		4
6	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>		4			20		20
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							2
8	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>						2	3
9	Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>				100+			
10	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>				200+			
11	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				1	4		1
12	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							3
13	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		6		3	4		8
14	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					1		
15	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	2		1		12	2	
16	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>							1
17	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	4			1		6
18	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1			1		1
19	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			1	1	1		1
20	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		2			✓		
21	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓	✓	1	✓	1	1
22	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		1	1	1	1		1
23	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					1		
24	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>						3	
25	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			7		1		
26	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>			6				
27	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		2	2			2	
28	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			1		1		1
29	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	2	4	1	2	8		6
30	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	1		1		1		
31	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1						1
32	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>					8		1
33	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		1	1	2	3		4
34	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>					2		

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			28	29	30	1	2	3	4
35	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	4	✓	6	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	H	1		2	3		3
37	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	2	10	18	14	30	60	✓
38	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					35	50	✓
39	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		1					
40	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			2	3	4		6
41	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		1	2	4	3	20	
42	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		4	6	10	30		10
43	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					22		1
44	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		H	2	1	12	1	4
45	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			1			1	
46	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				2		8	1
47	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	2	2	2	12			1
48	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>				4		1	
49	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			1		4		8
50	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		1	2	3	7	2	21
51	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>					2		1
52	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					2		4
53	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>	4	5	1				
54	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		1		1	10		10
56	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>							3
57	(Feral) Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia (feral)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>						4	
60	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>						H	
62	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>						3	
63	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>						17	3
65	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					1	6	1
66	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		1	H				
67	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1		1		4	
68	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonorae</i>				1	1	1	
69	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1		1			
70	(Balearic) Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator badius</i>		1					
71	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>						1	
104	Spotless Starling	<i>Sternus unicolor</i>						1	
72	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		1	7			2	
73	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			2	1			
74	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		1	4		1	2	2
75	Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>						2	3
76	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>						3	4
77	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>							100
78	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		6	8	8	4	100	100
79	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		6	4			10	2
80	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>					1	30	
81	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			2				
82	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	H	H	1	3	3	2	H
83	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					1		
84	Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>							1

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85	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		1	H	4	3	2	4
86	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			5	2		H	
87	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		6	2	3	4	10	
88	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		2					
89	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H					
90	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		2	8	4	1		1
92	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	2	2	2	H	H
93	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		2		2		2	
94	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		1	8		2	8	10
95	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Spanish (Yellow) Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava iberiae</i>		1	1	1	4	7	
97	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			1				
98	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		6	6	3	4	15	✓
101	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		H	6	2	4	6	
102	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	H	3				20	H
103	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		H	1				
	Bahama Pintail (escape)	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>							1

Butterflies

Swallowtail, *Papilio machaon*

Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*

Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*

Small White, *Artogeia rapae*

Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*

Cleopatra, *Gonepteryx cleopatra*

Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*

Large White, *Pieris brassicae*

Small Copper, *Lycaena phlaeas*

Dragonflies

Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*

Common Darter, *Sympetrum striolatum*

Emperor Dragonfly, *Anax imperator*

Reptiles and Amphibians

Iberian Water Frog, *Rana perezi*

Mammals

Rabbit, *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

Brown Hare, *Lepus europaeus*