

The Camargue in Spring

Private Group – Northampton Bird Club

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Short-toed Eagle



Coypu



Firecrest

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Introduction

Neil had previously led this tour on behalf of Naturetrek and strongly felt it would be a good trip for the Bird Club and offered to lead it on our behalf. We were all looking forward to seeing the specialist birds the region offered as well as the invertebrates, wildflowers and other wildlife.

Day 1

Tuesday 11th June

After an eventful start with three of our group being bumped off the flight due to problems caused by French Air Traffic Control, we met up with Neil at Marseille Airport in the late afternoon. Neil had just waved off his latest Naturetrek group. Our three colleagues would be joining us the following day. After collecting our second vehicle, we were ready to see some birds. As it was fairly late, Neil suggested a short detour via a grass airstrip at Berre-la-Fare where we enjoyed good but distant views of several Little Bustard, a pair of Whinchat and some Common Shelduck.

With that under our belt we made the 45-minute drive to the delightful Hotel Des Granges where we met our hosts, Christine and Pasqual, and enjoyed the first of many excellent meals.

Day 2

Friday 12th June

Only two of us made the first early morning walk but we were rewarded with Roller, Hoopoe, Marsh Harrier, Black Kite, Melodious Warbler, Cattle Egret, Mediterranean Gull and, what seemed like wall-to-wall Nightingales, including one particularly noisy individual in the hotel garden. A Crossbill was also seen in the garden.

After a substantial breakfast, we headed to the dry, stony plains of Le Crau with several planned stops en route. These stops produced a range of goodies including Golden Oriole, Turtle Dove, Short-toed Snake Eagle, Montagu's Harrier and Hoopoe.

The area of Le Crau was thin on birds although Woodchat Shrike, Short-toed Lark and Tawny Pipit were added to the list. It was, however, great for insects with Western Marbled White, Common Blue, Swallowtail and Clouded Yellow Butterflies, Copper and Beautiful Demoiselles, Southern and Blue-tailed Damselflies and Black-tailed Skimmer made up the dragonfly list. The impressive Egyptian Grasshopper showed well.

We then moved on to the wetlands that the Camargue is famous for, stopping at the attractive reserve Marais du Vigueirat. We enjoyed the full spectrum of water birds the area is known for: Little, Great and Cattle Egrets, Grey, Purple, Squacco and Black-crowned Night Herons, White Stork and Glossy Ibis. Waders were also well represented by Black-winged Stilt, Ringed Plover, Greenshank, Wood and Common Sandpipers, and Temminck's Stint. Gull-billed and Common Terns were plentiful. Collared Pratincole was seen in flight from the car park.

Wall and Green Lizards were plentiful on the boardwalks as was the beautiful Scarlet Darter dragonfly.

While the rest of us relaxed at the hotel, Neil went back to the airport to pick up our three missing comrades, returning to the hotel via the airfield and the Little Bustards. Another fine dinner with some excellent beers and wine followed.

Day 3

Saturday 13th June

The morning walk from the hotel added Crested Lark, Black Redstart, Red-legged Partridge and Sardinian Warbler to the trip list.

One of our members had brought a portable, actinic moth trap with him which we had run overnight with some success. Spurge Hawkmoth was the pick of the bunch, while Cream-spot Tiger was common, also being seen around the hotel bollard lights. Other moths were The Delicate, Scarce Bordered Straw and the beautifully named Etruscan Viridian.

Today we planned to cover various areas of the Camargue wetlands including St Cecille, Mas d'Agon, Etang du Vaccares and Marais de Grenouillet before finishing at the coastal lagoons of Digne a la Mar.

We enjoyed our first real sightings of Greater Flamingos for which the area is famed. Other notable additions were Black Stork, Honey Buzzard, Osprey, Kentish Plover, Whimbrel, Whiskered Tern, Hobby, Red-backed Shrike, Bearded Tit, Western Bonelli's Warbler and Great Reed Warbler.

The coastal area of Digue a la Mar added Grey Plover, a colony of Slender-billed Gulls, Little Tern and Black Tern, Spectacled Warbler was seen and heard well in the scrub.

Day 4

Sunday 14th June

Today was forecast to be really windy and so it proved. Our morning walk added Little Owl and Red-footed Falcon to the trip list.

Our planned trip today was to the rocky, hilltop town of Les Baux followed by a lunchtime picnic at La Caume (an area of pine woodland), ending the day at the spectacular viaduct of Pont du Gard.

The rocky outcrops of Les Baux yielded Alpine Swift, Crag Martin and Cirl Bunting but, unfortunately, not the hoped-for Blue Rock Thrush. The town itself held breeding Black Redstarts and a selection of cafes and restaurants.

The pines of La Caume held Crested Tit, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Cirl Bunting and Jay.

Pont du Gard, whilst spectacular and well worth the visit, only added White Wagtail and Firecrest to the list. although great views of Alpine and Common Swifts and Crag Martins were enjoyed from the viaduct itself.

Day 5

Monday 15th June

Today was forecast to be even windier so the decision was taken to get an early start and head north to Mont Ventoux, an alpine area some two hours north-east of Arles. The road over the mountain was closed near the summit, even though the snow had gone. A stop on the way up the mountain road gave us excellent views of Firecrests which were singing in the pines.

Parking at the ski centre, we covered the immediate area on foot. Black Redstarts were common around the buildings and typical upland birds added on the day were Citril Finch, Linnet, Northern Wheatear, Raven and Coal Tit. The highlight was good flight views of Black Woodpeckers which were obviously breeding nearby. Insect highlights were mainly butterflies, in the form of Brimstone, Cleopatra, Orange Tip, Glanville Fritillary and Scarce Swallowtail, but we did photograph the smart Longhorn Beetle *Iberodorcadion fuliginator*.

Our next stop (after coffee at the quaint town of Sault) was at some riverside meadows by the Gorges de Nesque where we enjoyed views of Wryneck, Western Orphean Warbler and Subalpine Warbler. Rocher du Cire is a spectacular gorge and here we were met by a female Wild Boar searching for free food. She was obviously used to visitors although we were assured she was wild and we could hear the rest of her party close by. The avian highlights were a pair of Egyptian Vultures which were known to breed in the area and a Peregrine Falcon.

We finished the day with a late meal back at Hotel des Granges.

Day 6

Tuesday 16th June

Thankfully it wasn't so windy today, but the morning walk only added a lone Canada Goose although we enjoyed good but distant views of a pair of Red-footed Falcons.

Today we headed back to the Camargue where a slow drive from St Gilles to Etang de Scamandre, with plenty of stops along the way, produced good numbers of the usual species. One stop at a lovely old windmill gave some great photo opportunities in the form of a White Stork on the nest with its chick. The only new species was Western Swamphen.

Our main stop was the Parc Ornithologique, a former bird hospital but now a series of man-made lagoons, with breeding herons, egrets and other water birds, and a super place to enjoy point-blank views of loafing Great Flamingos. A great place for photography with opportunities for both static and flight shots. Coypu are plentiful and also very photogenic.

The visit started well with four young Tawny Owls sitting quietly in some low trees by the picnic area, with local schoolchildren noisily running around totally unaware of the owls a few feet above their heads.

A highlight came in the shape of a Grey Heron tackling a Viperine Water Snake which was doing its best not to get eaten. The Heron eventually won after 15-20 minutes of trying, swallowing the two- to three-foot snake whole.

Day 7

Wednesday 17th June

This morning walk from the hotel added Stone-curlew for the trip. Meanwhile the moth trap attracted a really smart Puss Moth, Small Elephant Hawk-moth and White-speck.

After breakfast we headed back to Le Crau, but this time to the southern end where we quickly added Lesser Kestrel. A Booted Eagle was a nice addition.

A short ferry crossing took us to an area of coastal lagoons where waders and terns were the main attraction. Avocet, Redshank, Turnstone, Knot, Sanderling, Little Stint, Dunlin, Little Gull, Caspian Tern, Sandwich Tern and White-winged Tern were all seen.

A walk to the sea gave us Gannet, Balearic Shearwater and Scopoli's/Cory's Shearwater.

After dinner we headed back towards Le Baux and some limestone cliffs in search of European Eagle-Owl. Although that failed to materialise, we did enjoy a churring European Nightjar.

Day 8

Thursday 18th June

Our final day and as we weren't flying until late afternoon, we headed back to Le Baux for a wander around the citadel. Neil spotted a Blue Rock Thrush and we enjoyed good views of a family of Black Redstarts; two more Honey Buzzards drifted over.

All too soon it was back to the hotel to collect our bags, say our goodbyes to Christine and Pasqual and head off to the airport.

All in all we clocked up a very respectable bird list of 167 species along with an impressive list of invertebrates and wild flowers.

Our thanks go to Neil McMahon for both organising and leading the trip on our behalf with all the work that involves, including laying on some excellent picnics. Neil leads this trip for Naturetrek and, indeed, we used Naturetrek as our booking agents and I would certainly recommend this tour to any other Bird Club.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May								
			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		✓	5	✓			✓	✓	
2	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	H	✓	✓	H			✓	✓	
3	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>							1		
4	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
5	Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>		1							
6	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			2	✓	
7	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		1	✓				1	✓	
8	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
9	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>		5	3				✓	✓	
10	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>								1	
11	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>				✓	✓			1	1
12	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
13	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	6	3						1	
14	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	✓		H		H	H	
15	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
16	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
17	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		2	1	1	H		4+	✓	
18	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
19	Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>							4+		
20	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓	
21	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
22	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓	✓				✓		
23	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		1	✓					✓	
24	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>			✓				100+	✓	
25	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>								2	
26	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
27	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>								✓	
28	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			1				1		
29	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			1					H	
30	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		1	✓					✓	
31	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			✓					✓	
32	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			1						
33	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								3	
34	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>								✓	
35	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>								25	
36	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>								✓	
37	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>		3							
38	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>								✓	
39	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								✓	
40	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>								✓	
41	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		1							
42	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>								✓	
43	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		40	2					✓	
44	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		1	8						
45	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		10							12
46	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			100				2	✓	
47	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	

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			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
48	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>								4	
49	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
50	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
52	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>								2	
53	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>								✓	
54	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			1				12+	✓	
55	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
56	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>			✓						
57	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>								2	
58	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>			✓					2	
59	Scopoli's/Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea/borealis</i>								✓	
60	Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>								✓	
61	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			2						
62	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
63	Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>								5	
64	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓				2	✓	
65	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
66	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			3				18+	1	
67	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			1/2						
68	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		2	1					6	
69	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		4+	1				4	1	
70	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
71	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
72	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1	4				10	6	
73	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
74	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
75	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			1						
76	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>						2			
77	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			7				2	2	2
78	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		3+	4+			3	6	4	
79	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>								1	
80	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1		1	1♂			1	
81	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		4	2	2	1		6	6	
82	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1	1						
83	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
85	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	H								
86	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>							4		
87	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			1	1				H	
88	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	2	2			2	✓	
89	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		✓	4	3	1		4	4	✓
90	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			2				1		
91	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
92	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		H				2			
93	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>						1			
94	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>					H			2	
95	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>								12	
96	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		1	✓	
97	Red footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>				1			1	3	
98	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			7	1				4	

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			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
99	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					1			
100	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			1	1	1			
101	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		2						
102	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		3						
103	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		1		1	3		1	
104	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
106	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					6			1
109	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>					✓			
110	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	H	H		✓	✓			
111	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	H	✓	✓			
112	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Bearded Tit (Reedling)	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>			2					
114	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		H			H			
115	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓			H	✓	
116	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
117	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		2/3	1					
118	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
119	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				✓	✓			✓
121	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
122	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		✓	✓			H	H	
123	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	H		✓		H	
124	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>			1		✓			
125	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		H	4			4		
126	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			✓			✓	H	
127	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>		H	✓	✓		✓	✓	
128	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	H
129	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	H	✓	✓	H	H	
130	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>					2			
131	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>			2					
132	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>					2		H	
133	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
134	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>				1	2/3			
135	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					H			
136	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					H			
137	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>				2	1+			
138	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>					✓			
140	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				1				
141	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				1	4			
142	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
143	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		1						
144	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		2	1	3	4		H	✓
145	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				H	H			H
146	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>								1
147	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	2	2	2					
148	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>					1			
149	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					✓			

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			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
150	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
151	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	H	✓	✓				✓	✓
152	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>					✓			
153	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
154	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>					✓			
155	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	H	✓		✓	✓			✓
156	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		✓	✓					2
157	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>					3			
158	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>				✓	✓			✓
159	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓	✓	✓		1	3
160	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>					✓			
161	Crossbill	<i>Loxia sp.</i>		1						
162	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
163	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>					4/5			
164	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		2	✓
165	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
166	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>				✓	H			H
167	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>							1	

Dragonflies

Southern Damselfly, *Coenagrion mercurale*
 Copper Demoiselle, *Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis*
 Black-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum cancellatum*
 Broad-bodied Chaser, *Libellula depressa*

Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*
 Banded Demoiselle, *Calopteryx splendens*
 Scarlet Darter, *Crocothemis erythraea*

Grasshoppers & others

Ring-legged Earwig, *Euborellia annulipes*
 Egyptian Grasshopper, *Anacridium aegyptium*
 Stripe-winged Toothed Grasshopper, *Stenobothrus lineatus*

Cockroach, *Blatta orientalis*
 Roesel's Bush Cricket, *Roeseliana roeselii*

Bugs

Southern Green Shieldbug, *Nezara viridula*
 Shieldbug, *Eurydema ventralis*
 Shieldbug, *Chlorochroa juniperina*
 Rhombic Leatherbug, *Syromastus rhombeus*
 Leatherbug, *Gonocerus insidiator*
 Fire Bug, *Pyrrhocoris apterus*
 Groundbug, *Beosus maritimus*
 Mirid Bug, *Dryophilacorhis flavoquadrimaculatus*

Burrowing Shieldbug, *Cydnus aterrimus*
 Shieldbug, *Eurydema ornata*
 Shieldbug, *Carpocoris mediterraneus*
 Leatherbug, *Strobilotoma typhaecornis*
 Dock Bug, *Coreus marginatus*
 Groundbug, *Lygaeus equestris*
 Assassin Bug, *Rhynocoris erythropus*
 Frog hopper, *Cercopsis intermedia*

Beetles

Green Tiger Beetle, *Cicindela campestris*
 Darkling Beetle, *Akis acuminata*
 Malachite Beetle, *Clanoptilus elegans*
 Soldier Beetle, *Rhagonycha fulva*
 Soldier Beetle, *Cantharis livida*
 Bryony Ladybird, *Henosepilachna argus*
 Longhorn Beetle, *Iberodorcadion fuliginator*

Swollen-thighed Beetle, *Oedemera nobilis*
 Jewel Beetle, *Anthaxia hungarica*
 Malachite Beetle, *Clanoptilus rufus*
 Soldier Beetle, *Malthinus flaveolus*
 7-Spot Ladybird, *Coccinella septempunctata*
 Longhorn Beetle, *Calamobius filum*
 Longhorn Beetle, *Stenopterus rufus*

Longhorn Beetle, *Grammoptera ruficornis*
 Fairy-ring Longhorn Beetle, *Pseudovadonia livida*
 Leaf Beetle, *Labidostomis longimana*
 Rosemary Beetle, *Chrysolina americana*
 Leaf Beetle, *Cryptocephalus rugicollis*
 Chafer, *Tropinota hirta*
 Carpet Beetle, *Attagenus trifasciatus*

Longhorn Beetle, *Agapanthia cardui*
 Leaf Beetle, *Exosoma lusitanicum*
 Leaf Beetle, *Lachinaia paradoxa*
 Elm Leaf Beetle, *Xanthogalerula luteola*
 Chafer, *Oxythyrea funesta*
 Chafer, *Amphimallon ruficornis*

Butterflies

Brown Argus, *Aricia agestis*
 Meadow Brown, *Maniola jurtina*
 Spanish Gatekeeper, *Pyronia bathseba*
 Western Marbled White, *Melanargia galathea*
 Holly Blue, *Celastrina argiolus*
 Scarce Swallowtail, *Iphiclides podalirius*
 Large White, *Pieris brassicae*
 Bath White, *Pontia daplidice*
 Speckled Wood, *Parage aegeria*
 Orange Tip, *Anthocharis cardamines*
 Cleopatra, *Gonepteryx cleopatra*
 Green Hairstreak, *Callophrys rubi*
 Meadow Fritillary, *Boloria bellona*

Olive Skipper, *Pyrgus serratulae*
 Small Tortoiseshell, *Aglais urticae*
 Wall, *Lasiommata megera*
 Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*
 Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*
 Swallowtail, *Papilio machaon*
 Small White, *Pieris rapae*
 Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*
 Clouded Yellow, *Colias croceus*
 Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*
 Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*
 Glanville Fritillary, *Melitaea cinxia*

Moths

Puss Moth, *Cerura vinula*
 Heart & Dart, *Agrotis exclamationis*
 Cream-spot Tiger, *Arctia villica*
 The Delicate, *Mythimna vitellina*
 Scarce Bordered Straw, *Helicoverpa armigera*
 White Plume Moth, *Pterophorus pentadactyla*
 Small Elephant Hawkmoth, *Deilephila porcellus*
 Common Heath, *Ematurga atomaria*
 Carpet, *Idaea filicata*
 Grass Eggar, *Lasiocampa trifolii*
 Yellow Belle, *Aspitates ochrearia*
 Straw-barred Pearl, *Pyrausta despicata*
 Lychnis, *Hadena bicruris*

Spurge Hawkmoth, *Hyles euphorbiae*
 Muslin Moth, *Diaphora mendica*
 Shuttle-shaped Dart, *Agrotis puta puta*
 Lace Border, *Scopula ornata*
 Pale Mottled Willow, *Paradrina clavipalpis*
 Eublemma cochylionides, *Eublemma cochylionides*
 Etruscan Viridian, *Phaiogramma etruscaria*
 Chocolate Tip, *Clostera curtula*
 Pale-shouldered Brocade, *Lacanobia thalassina*
 Wainscot, *Mythimna sicula f scirpi*
 Snout Moth, *Acrobasis centunculella*
Synopsis sociaria
 White-speck, *Mythimna unipuncta*

Flies

Fan-bristled Robberfly, *Dysmachus trigonus*
 Hoverfly, *Chrysotoxum vernale*
 Hoverfly, *Scaeva pyrastris*
 Hoverfly, *Sphaerophoria scripta*
 Marmalade Hoverfly, *Episyrphus balteatus*
 Fly, *Fallenia fasciata*

Cinnamon Sedge, *Limnephilus marmoratus*
 Hoverfly, *Helophilus trivittatus*
 Hoverfly, *Xanthogramma pedissequum*
 Large Marsh Horsefly, *Tabanus autumnalis*
 Snakefly, *Xanthostigma xanthostigma*
 Bee Fly, *Hemipenthes morio*

Ants, Bees & Wasps

Ant, *Camponotus cruentatus*
 Mammoth Wasp, *Scolia hortorum*

Ant, *Camponotus ligniperdus*
 Yellow-legged Hornet, *Vespa velutina*

European Paper Wasp, *Polistes dominula*
Rhodanthidium sticticum, *Rhodanthidium sticticum*

Violet Carpenter Bee, *Xylocopa violacea*
Wasp, *Amblyteles armatorius*

Non-Insects

Napoleon Spider, *Synema globosum*

Med. Banded Centipede, *Scolopendra cingulata*

Reptiles & Amphibians

European Tree Frog, *Hyla arborea*
Viperine Water Snake, *Natrix maura*
Western Green Lizard, *Lacerta bilineata*
Moorish Gecko, *Tarentola mauritanica*

Stripeless Tree Frog, *Hyla meridionalis*
Aesculapian Snake, *Zamensis longissimus*
Wall Lizard, *Podarcis muralis*
Common Pond Turtle, *Emys orbicularis*

Mammals

Coypu, *Myocastor coypus*
Brown Hare, *Lepus europaeus*
Wild Boar, *Sus scrofa*

Rabbit, *Oryctolagus cuniculus*
Red Fox, *Vulpes vulpes*

Plants

Scientific names	Common names	Where seen
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	General locations
<i>Amelanchier lamarckii</i>	Snowy Mespilus	Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Anacyclus clavatus</i>	White Anacyclus	General locations
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Pont du Gard
<i>Anagallis foemena</i>	Blue Pimpernel	Crau N
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile	Crau S
<i>Anthemis cotula</i>	Stinking Mayweed	General locations
<i>Aphyllanthes monspeliensis</i>		General locations
<i>Aristolochia clematitis</i>	Birthwort	Pont du Gard
<i>Aristolochia rotunda</i>		Hotel des Granges
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	Crau N and S
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-leaved Asphodel	Crau S
<i>Astragalus spruneri</i>		Les Baux and Pont du Gard
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	General locations
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Pont du Gard
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Crau S
<i>Campanula ranunculus</i>	Rampion Bellflower	Les Baux
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Italian Thistle	Crau N
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Purple Starthistle	Les Baux
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	General locations
<i>Centranthus ruber alba</i>	White Valerian	Les Baux
<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Field Mouse-ear	Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown Marigold	Parc Ornithologique
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	General locations
<i>Cistus albidus</i>	Grey-leaved Cistus	Les Baux
<i>Cistus crispus</i>		La Caume
<i>Colutea arborescens</i>	Bladder Senna	Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	Pink Convolvulus	Crau S and Les Baux
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	Crau S and Marais du Vigueirat

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<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Crau S
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	General Locations
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	General Locations
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Crau N
<i>Erodium sp poss ciconium</i>		Les Baux
<i>Erysimum rhaeticum</i>	Tufted Wallflower	Crau N and Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Euphorbia characias</i>	Mediterranean Spurge	Les Baux and Pont du Gard
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge	General Locations
<i>Filago pygmaea</i>	Dwarf Evax	Crau N
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme Rock-rose	Les Baux
<i>Galium corrudifolium</i>	Asparagus Cleavers	Les Baux
<i>Geranium sp</i>	Crane's-bill sp	Les Baux
<i>Geranium sp.</i>	Crane's-bill sp	Les Baux to Pont du Gard
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Shrubby Everlasting	Les Baux
<i>Helleborus foetidus</i>	Stinking Hellebore	General Locations
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Liverwort	Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	Horseshoe Vetch	Les Baux
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	General Locations
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Dead-nettle	General Locations
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	La Caume
<i>Linum perenne</i>	Perennial Flax	Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Lobularia maritime</i>	Sweet Alison	Les Baux to Pont du Gard
<i>Lonicera implexa</i>	Mediterranean Honeysuckle	Les Baux
<i>Lotus sp</i>		
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Les Baux
<i>Medicago arborea</i>	Tree Medick	La Caume
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne	General Locations
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Les Baux
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Grape Hyacinth	Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Myosotis secunda</i>	Creeping Forget-me-not	Pont du Gard
<i>Narcissus poeticus</i>	Poet's Narcissus	General Locations
<i>Orbanche rapum-genistae</i>	Greater Broomrape	General Locations
<i>Ornithalgum umbellatum</i>	Star of Bethlehem	La Caume
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Starwort	Crau S
<i>Picris echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	Hotel des Granges
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>	Nice Milkwort	Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Prasium/Marrubium sp</i>		
<i>Primula veris</i>	Primrose	Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Bitumen Trefoil	General Locations
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	General Locations
<i>Ranunculus velutinus</i>	Buttercup	General Locations
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish	Crau S
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	General Locations

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<i>Ruta angustifolia</i>		Les Baux
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	Small Scabious	Les Baux
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Pont du Gard
<i>Silene italica</i>	Italian Catchfly	Les Baux
<i>Silene sp</i>		Mont Ventoux/Serein
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Hotel des Granges
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Crau S
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Seablite	Parc Ornithologique
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i>	Feverfew	Les Baux
<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	Common Thyme	General Locations
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius ssp australis</i>	Southern Salsify	General Locations
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goatsbeard	Hotel des Granges
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Les Baux
<i>Trifolium rubens</i>	Noble Clover	Les Baux and from there to Pont du Gard
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Les Baux
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>	Urospermum	General Locations
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle	Les Baux
<i>Veronica polita</i>	Grey Field Speedwell	Pont du Gard