

# Slovenia – Bears, Birds & Caves

Naturetrek Tour Report

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*Allium ericetorum*



Large Conehead



Hawfinch



Sooty Copper

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## Day 1

**Sunday 20th August**

### Heathrow - Ljubljana airport and Markovec

We landed at the Ljubljana airport on time at 20.27. In the dusk we could still notice the shape of the Grintovec massif (2,558 m), the second highest peak in Slovenia. The airport was surprisingly small, so we hadn't any difficulty to find Luca, our Italian guide, outside the Arrivals gate.

We loaded the minivan and we drove in the darkness along a highway. We stopped by a service station for a nice slice of strudel and a cup of tea, then in 45 minutes we reached Markovec and the guesthouse, where we were welcomed by the owner and bear hides manager, Miha, who showed us our rooms for the week. Being almost 11pm, we all went soon for a deserved sleep.

## Day 2

**Monday 21st August**

### Snežnik castle and Jelenov Žleb (bear hide)

We met at 7.30 am to have breakfast on the lovely veranda of the guesthouse, with a three sides view into the garden and the nearby meadows. A Nuthatch came to show well in front of a window.

At 8.30 am we met in the car park, where Lesser Whitethroat and Goldfinches were hopping in the Silver Birches (*Betula pendula*), then Luca showed us a bird hide in the garden: a drinking pool was surrounded by perches and trees from where passerines soon started to fly down: Great and Marsh Tits, Nuthatches, but also a Spotted Flycatcher and a female Hawfinch appeared on a Beech tree (*Fagus sylvatica*).

Later we transferred not far from Markovec, on the southern edge of the Losko Polje, to the Snežnik castle, a kind of romantic manor surrounded by a nice park with old trees. Birds were mainly heard with just short views when they flew, but sightings included Coal Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper, Wood Warbler, Middle Spotted Woodpecker and a couple of dark morph Red Squirrels.

On the edge of the clearings there were still some late flowers like Willow Gentian (*Gentiana asclepiadea*), Sticky Sage (*Salvia glutinosa*), Alpine Cyclamen (*Cyclamen purpurascens*), Nettle-leaved Bellflower (*Campanula trachelium*) and Hairy Hemp-nettle (*Galeopsis pubescens*), but also several butterflies like Sooty Copper, Provencal Short-tailed Blue and what were probably, according to a new distinctive feature mentioned by Swiss butterfly experts, Cryptic Wood Whites (*Leptidea juvernica*).

From the lakeside we got the best photo opportunity for the castle, while around the waters, which held plenty of Chub (*Squalius cephalus*), Kingfisher and Grey Wagtail were flying. Several tandems of Common Darters were laying eggs on the water surface, while Beautiful Demoiselles, Azure Damselflies and a Blue Hawker were perching on the tree leaves or patrolling the lake banks.

We came back to the guesthouse for lunch at midday, enjoying a pasta dish and a pudding.

While a Bee-eater was hovering overhead, we listened to the bear hide rules from Hana, one of the "bear guys". Then, at 1 pm, we followed her for more than half an hour through the forest, to reach a remote hide not far from Jelenov Žleb, a locality known because of a dramatic fight between an Italian battalion and the Yugoslavian partisans during the Second World War, commemorated by a little chapel.

We walked a few minutes along a path and we reached a multiple hide, where we could choose our favourite point of view into a grassy clearing in the mixed forest. Hana baited with sweetcorn and left us to wait. For a long while we had just Jays and Chaffinches then, at about 4 pm, finally a Brown Bear appeared. It wasn't huge, but confident enough in proceeding to look mature: maybe a lonely female. It was distinguishable because of a blond collar behind the ears. It ate in peace for more than an hour, allowing special pictures in a surprising scene of light and dark, created by the foliage.

Hana came to pick up us at 7pm and Luca drove us back to the guesthouse where supper was immediately served.

## Day 3

Tuesday 22nd August

### Bloke plateau, Križna cave and Racna Gora (bear hide)

After breakfast, this morning we went to the Bloke plateau, to have a short walk in the wet meadows beside the Blossica stream. In the clear waters were swimming Chub and Danube Gudgeon (*Gobio obtusirostris*), while on the leaves of Bog-beans (*Menyanthes trifoliata*) were posing several Beautiful Demoiselles.

Most of the grass had been mowed, but in the few surviving patches there were still in bloom Southern Succisella (*Succisella inflexa*), Common Hedge-nettle (*Betonica officinalis*), Greater Knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa*) and Brown Knapweed (*Centaurea jacea*), Keeled Garlic (*Allium carinatum*) and wonderful Marsh Gentians (*Gentiana pneumonanthe*), visited by Scotch Argus and Adonis Blue butterflies.

Birders were pleased to find a pair of Crossbills and a curious Crested Tit, on the Norway Spruces (*Picea abies*) edging the valley, and a pair of White Storks, peacefully walking in a meadow.

We left soon this place because we were due at the Križna cave entrance at 10 o'clock. Here we were welcomed by a speleologist guide who gave us each a pair of wellingtons and a torch. The "cave of the cross" was in fact left without artificial illumination in order to maintain the natural biodiversity, composed of more than 60 species of animals.

We descended into the depths of the Earth, seeing here and there traces of human presence, like the signs of the first visitors in 1557, but also of much larger visitors of the Ice Age. We saw in fact the rocks consumed by the passage of generations of Cave Bears (*Ursus spelaeus*) that used to live here, orientating only by their nose, a safe hibernation site. They were 100% vegetarian and two metres high at their shoulders!

The contemporaneous animals we encountered were instead much tinier: an unidentified bat, Tissue Moths (*Triphosa dubitata*), Neglected Cave-Crickets (*Troglophilus neglectus*), Millipedes (*Brachydesmus inferus*), flies... all not any larger than a few centimetres.

We had a lovely navigation in the first of the 22 lakes of the cave, admiring the clear water made green, in the light under the dinghy boat, by the calcium. Then we climbed to the secondary “Bear Tunnel”, where Cave Bears used to hibernate, eventually dying as well there and mixing their bodies with the mud, where we could find today the abundant remains of jaws, teeth and other bones.

Exiting from the 8° C of the cave back into summer sunshine, all the spectacles and lenses got misty, then we went straight for our lunch at midday.

When we were waiting for Lenart and Hana, who transported us comfortably to the afternoon bear hide, we spotted a juvenile Willow Warbler and, surprisingly, a juvenile Goshawk, circling just over head and showing well the striped breast and the white brow: what a view!

Possibly we used all our good fortune with that observation, because in the following almost six hours in the Racna Gora hide we didn't see any bear. It's something that happens, bears are wild and are completely free to decide to come or to join another food source somewhere else in the forest.

During the unsuccessful waiting, in a nice beech wood, we were entertained by a Red Squirrel, Wood Pigeons, Nuthatches and a Bank Vole (*Clethrionomys glareolus*).

Supper was served at 8 pm and tonight included a vegetable soup and meat with chips.

## Day 4

Wednesday 23rd August

### Cerknica lake and Rakov Škočjan

Today we had a day off from the bear hides, so we spent all day in the field. We drove first through the Loško Polje, seeing in a field a funny bicoloured quartet composed by two White Storks and two black-and-white cats and then, on its nest, a young White Stork, with a shorter black bill than the adults. The nest was settled on a roof in Dane, really a lovely village with plenty of gardens and nice flowers on the balconies, and we were enchanted there also by the quantity of Barn Swallows and House Martins, which were nesting on several buildings.

Later we reached the Cerknica lake, “Cerknisko Jezero” in Slovene, a sort of intermittent lake that appears and disappears depending on seasons and quantity of precipitation in the nearby mountains. We were lucky because this summer the water level was surprisingly high, so the wet meadows on the Laze causeway sides were still filled with water, often invisible under a rich cover of Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Reeds (*Phragmites australis*), Southern Succisella, Skullcap (*Scutellaria galericulata*) and Buckthorn bushes (*Rhamnus cathartica*). We soon spotted a Sedge Warbler on a tree, then several Whinchats and Red-backed Shrikes, perched in the open, and more secretive Garden Warblers, hopping in the roadside hedges. There was a passage of Coal Tits in progress, because we found them often on deciduous trees, definitely not their usual habitat.

From the bridge that connects Laze with Gorenje Jezero, we heard Water Rail, Yellow Wagtail and a distant young Goshawk, begging for food.

We continued in the minivan, taking another track from Martinjak that reached the lake basin. Here we explored vast wet fields covered in Marsh Gentians, Watermint (*Mentha aquatica*), Great Burnet (*Sanguisorba officinalis*), Saw-wort (*Serratula tinctoria*) and Grass of Parnassus (*Parnassia palustris*). Despite the abundance of flowers, there wasn't a large variety of butterflies, with only Small Heaths, Adonis and Short-tailed Blue, but several Common and Ruddy Darters and a couple of Southern Migrant Hawkets.

A pair of Common Buzzards was circling, when a pair of White Storks joined them, forming another unexpected quartet. Where the path got muddy, we discovered a couple of mirrors of water with plenty of Grey Herons and Great Egrets, while a female Marsh Harrier was hunting in the distance.

We had a break in a cafe in Cerknica, while Luca went shopping for the picnic, that was arranged later on the shady benches nearby the Dolenje Jezero information centre. It was too hot to continue under the sunshine, so we relaxed in the shade, having another coffee or a beer before transferring to Rakov Škocjan. Here the bravest of us followed Luca, descending into a sinkhole and exploring a number of caves, tunnels and a deep canyon created by the river Rak. A magic Jurassic-looking bushland was growing in the wet bottom of the gorge, with ancient plants like Snakewort (*Conocephalum salebrosum*), Crome Sphagnum (*Sphagnum squarrosum*), mosses and ferns, but also Nettle-leaved Bellflowers, Wood Ragwort (*Senecio ovatus*) and Willow Gentians. Luca spotted also an unexpected female of Slow Worm (*Anguis fragilis*). Being a legless lizard, it had lost its tail that had just started to re-grow.

The clear water stream, over which was built a stone bridge, made the experience extremely refreshing, but when we climbed back up the sinkhole, perceiving clearly the change of temperature on the surface, we decided to drive back to Markovec: it was definitely too hot.

Dinner was at 7 pm, then we went out again for a night drive at 20.15. We first had a loop in the Loško Polje, seeing a Roe Deer, a Red Fox, two Brown Hares (*Lepus europaeus*) and, surprisingly, a male of Northern Wheatear in the middle of the track.

Then we moved to the Cerknica lake, finding a road-killed Grass Snake (*Natrix natrix*), a few Common Toads and frogs, a beetle *Carabus caelatus* and a wonderful Japanese Silk Moth (*Antheraea yamamai*), a huge introduced Saturniidae from East Asia.

A Tawny Owl was hunting over the settlement of Otok, while here and there we found three different Badgers, but only Luca had a glimpse of a Beech Marten (*Martes foina*).

On the way back to Markovec, we were finally entertained by four Red Deer, another Fox and a number of striped cats, but no one of those was looking convincing wild.

We came to our guesthouse before 11 pm, tired but happy after the rich evening and day.

## Day 5

## Thursday 24th August

### Rakov Škocjan and Racna Gora (bear hide)

Today we drove again 30 minutes to the Rakov Škocjan area, this time to park in front of the only hotel and to have a peaceful walk, beside the river Rak. We first explored a mixed woodland with Spruces, Silver Firs (*Abies alba*), Ashes (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Beeches and a couple of centenary Penduculate Oaks (*Quercus robur*). Even if most of the birds were quiet, as usual in this season, Katherine soon spotted a silent Middle Spotted Woodpecker in the open, unfortunately in back light, then Goldcrest, Wood Warbler, Hawfinch, Crested, Coal, Marsh and Long-tailed Tit suddenly appeared, while we could only hear Black and Great Spotted Woodpecker, Short-toed Treecreeper and Pied Flycatcher.

The undergrowth was still rich in late flowers like Large-flowered Hemp-nettle (*Galeopsis speciosa*), Wood Avens (*Geum urbanum*), Sticky Sage, Knotted Crane's-bill (*Geranium nodosum*), while for other plants we could only find leaves or fruits, like Lily-of-the-valley (*Convallaria majalis*), May Lily (*Maianthemum bifolium*), Primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) and Yellow Archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*).

From the limestone rocks, in several places, abundant clear water was flowing out, alongside which Banded and Beautiful Demoiselles were dancing.

In the second half of the walk, we left the shade of the trees to walk beside the calm stream Rak, the "crayfish river", and in its transparent waters, rich in algae and other underwater vegetation, were swimming shoals of Chub, Rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*) and Tench (*Tinca tinca*), among which an interesting leucistic individual, looking almost golden.

A Grey-headed Woodpecker crossed in flight, while a pair of Ravens were calling from the forest, maybe announcing the arrival of a single Honey Buzzard.

The deep green meadow was coloured by Long-leaved Speedwell (*Veronica longifolia*), Northern Bedstraw (*Galium boreale*) and Mouse Garlic (*Allium angulosum*), while over the surface of the water or in the Grey Willow (*Salix cinerea*) bushes were flying or perching Migrant and Southern Migrant Hawkers, Common and Ruddy Darters, Blue-tailed Damselflies and a single Balkan Emerald (*Somatochlora meridionalis*), with its bronze body and green eyes.

We finally reached a spectacular natural bridge, where the river disappeared under a rocky arch, to reappear on the surface first in the Planinsko Polje and then again in the Ljubljansko Barie, to flow through Ljubljana with the name of Ljubljana.

After lunch, we were left again at the Racna Gora hide, promising a cooler temperature than other hides, being situated in the forest.

We had to wait almost until 4pm, observing Bank Vole, Wren, Goldcrest, Willow Warbler and Common Treecreeper, when finally a mother bear with three adorable one year old cubs appeared. They stayed for about 40 minutes, eating every single grain of sweet corn. At one point, they heard a noise and stood up on two feet, looking

around, and they soon ran away. One of the babies, that was looking shyer than the others, had to rush at the end to join the family.

Luca came to pick up us earlier than usual, at about 6 pm, and when we arrived at the guesthouse, a small flock of Bee-eaters was coming over.

## Day 6

Friday 25th August

### Cerknica lake, mount Nanos and Ljubljana airport

After another breakfast on the bright veranda of the Miha's guesthouse, we loaded our baggage on the minivan and we headed once again to the Cerknica lake. We were just out from the car park when Luca spotted a huge Goshawk, incredibly perched on the red roof of a house: definitely a good start!

We walked for about a kilometre not far from the hamlet of Otok, through a series of clearings and woodland patches with rich undergrowth of Wood Cow-Wheat (*Melampyrum nemorosum*), Alpine Cyclamen, Nettle-leaved Bellflower and Sticky Sage, and we reached a modern hide, built on a prominent point dominating the Cerknisko Jezero. From the large windows, we could admire the vast area of reeds, with here and there mirrors of water. Unfortunately most of the waterfowl were back-lit but we could still distinguish Little Grebes, Coots, Teal, Shoveler and a single Garganey.

A Hobby was hunting just over the water surface, while a juvenile Montagu's Harrier crossed in front of the hide.

A number of Blue-winged Grasshoppers (*Oedipoda coerulescens*) and butterflies came up with the heat, including Silver-washed Fritillary, Meadow Brown and a Great Banded Grayling.

We had another stop at the Dolenje Jezero bridge and from there the Cerknica lake was visible on both the sides in a stunning landscape of water, reedbeds and forested mountains.

In the scope we could spot several Greenshanks and Little Egrets, while in the water under the bridge, among the Chub, a small Pike and two Grass Snakes were swimming.

We had a coffee stop in Cerknica, then the plan was to transfer to Mount Nanos, to escape the humidity and the boiling temperatures by going to higher altitudes, but the shortest access road was closed, so we had to add a loop of half an hour to the expected journey of an hour.

On the way we found a nice picnic spot near a chalet: Luca prepared once again a rich buffet with local cheeses, melon, pepper, tomatoes and the Balkan bright red pepper sauce called Ajvar. A couple of Common Wall Lizards (*Podarcis muralis*) came to have a look, while a distant male Honey Buzzard was hovering over a rocky hill.

Along a rough path we could drive almost to the peak of Mount Nanos (1,313 m). A short walk among the Beech forest, with Martagon Lily (*Lilium martagon*) in fruit and in bloom Manchurian Monkshood (*Aconitum variegatum*) and Knotted Crane's-bill, and we reached the impressive ridge of the mountain. There we had the impression of having all Slovenia under our feet, because from the summit of vertical cliffs our view stretched from the Adriatic Sea to all the lower hills in the south and the east and the noisy motorways just hundred metres below us.

The sunshine was bright, but there was a nice cool breeze to refresh our minds. Despite the late season, although the Common Houseleeks (*Sempervivum tectorum*) were over, there were still plenty of other interesting flowers in full bloom, like Pink Savory (*Satureja subspicata*), Squarrose Knapweed (*Centaurea triumfettii*), Rock Knapweed (*Centaurea rupestris*), Silver Thistle (*Carlina acaulis*) and *Veronica barellieri*.

Of course, with such an abundant source of food, many butterflies were flying: Common and Scarce Swallowtail, Woodland and Common Ringlet and the extremely rare and localized Black Ringlet (*Erebia melas*).

Luca checked the traffic situation and gave us bad news: all the Ljubljana ring road was solid with traffic jams and the same situation appeared along the motorway to the airport. We had to leave earlier than expected and follow the Google indication to find several diversions to avoid getting blocked in the traffic, going mainly along secondary and very bendy roads.

Luckily the strategy worked, so we arrived at the airport almost three hours before the flight, but with half of Europe going through Slovenia to the holiday grounds, it was definitely better to not take a risk.

We said good bye to Luca and we had plenty of time to go through check-in and passport controls - bye bye Slovenia!

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	August 2023					
		20	21	22	23	24	25
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>						5
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>						1
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>						10
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		3	3			5
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>						200
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					h	3
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			2	9	4	2
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1	1	15	3	5
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				15		10
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>						3
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				2		6
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					2	1
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>						1
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			1	h		1
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				1		
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						1
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		h	1	8	7	10
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>				2h	h	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						10
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				1		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						5
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>						1
Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia var. domestica</i>						10
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			2	1	3	1
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>			h	1		
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1				
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		1			10	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		h	h	h	3h	3
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		1		1	1	
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>					h	
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		h			h	
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		h			1	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1		4	1	1
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>						2
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>				10		
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		10	5	1	7	5
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		5		7	3	
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		50		2	20	30
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			5	3	5	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		2	2h	5	3	2h
European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>			1		1	
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>		3	h	2	3	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		3	1		5	h
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		5	3	2	2	h
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		2	10	20	5	30
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		50	3	300		5
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					2	

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Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		1	1		1	
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		h	1		2	
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		5	h		3	2h
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>				2		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		2	1	2h		
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>				10		
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>		1				
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			1		3	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			1	h	5	
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		5	8		3h	h
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>					1	
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		2			3h	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		5		100		30
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		5	1	3	5	3
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		3		h	2	
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		h	5	h		1
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1		1	1	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		5	1	3	3	h
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>					h	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		2	1	2		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>				5		
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				1		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		5	2	3	15	h
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>				1		
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				5		1
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1				
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		2	1	2	1	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			1	2	h	
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>				10	5	20
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		3	2	h	5	1
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			h			
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>				3		
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			2			
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		10	5	15	1	h
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>				2		
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			1	3		

Other vertebrates (d = dead, LO = Leader only, s = signs)

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<b>Mammals:</b>							
Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>						
N. White-breasted Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus roumanicus</i>		1			4	
Daubenton's Bat	cfr. <i>Myotis daubentoni</i>					d LO	
European Free-tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida teniotis</i>				3		
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>				1 LO		
Stone or Beech Marten	cfr. <i>Martes foina</i>				2		
Eurasian Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>				1 LO		
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>				3		

European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				4		
Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>				1		
Bank Vole	<i>Clethrionomys glareolus</i>		3	d	1		
Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>			1		1	
Mole	<i>Talpa europaea</i>				2		
<b>Amphibians &amp; Reptiles:</b>							
Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>						
Edible-Pool Frog hybrid	<i>Pelodytes punctatus</i>	1			10	1	3
Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>				10	5	1
Slow Worm	<i>Anguis fragilis</i>				2		3
Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>				1		
<b>Freshwater Fish</b>							
Northern Pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>						
Italian Minnow	<i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i>						1
Tench	<i>Tinca tinca</i>		20	10			
Danube Gudgeon	<i>Gobio obtusirostris</i>					5	
Common Chub	<i>Squalius cephalus</i>			1			
Rudd	<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>		5	50	100	50	10
						50	

## Invertebrates (LO=Leader only, d=dead)

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<b>Butterflies:</b>							
<b>Papilionidae</b>							
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>				1		5
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>						3
<b>Pieridae</b>							
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			1	1	2	3
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		2	1	2	3	
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>			1		1	
Cryptic Wood White	<i>Leptidea cfr. juvernica</i>		5	1			1
<b>Lycaenidae</b>							
Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>		1				
Provençal Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido alcetas</i>		1				
Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido argiades</i>				1		
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>					2	
Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>			1	2		
<b>Nymphalidae</b>							
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		1				
Comma Butterfly	<i>Polygonum c-album</i>				1		
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>						2
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>					2	2
Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cfr. didyma</i>					1	
Heath Fritillary	<i>Mellicta cfr. athalia</i>						1
<b>Satyridae</b>							
Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>					1	1
Common Grayling	<i>Hipparchia semele</i>						1
Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia cfr. fagi</i>						5

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Scotch Argus	<i>Erebia aethiops</i>			3			
Black Ringlet	<i>Erebia melas</i>						2
Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferula</i>						5
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		1	1	1	2	5
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		1		10	3	
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>				1		
<b>Moths:</b>							
Japanese Silk Moth	<i>Antheraea yamamai</i>				1		
Lesser Cream Wave	<i>Scopula immutata</i>					1	
Tissue Moth	<i>Triphosa dubitata</i>			4			
Jersey Tiger	<i>Euplagia quadripunctaria</i>						1
Common Grass-veneer	<i>Agriphila</i> cfr. <i>tristella</i>		1	1	2		
<b>Dragonflies and Damselflies</b>							
Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>					1	
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>		2	5	1	10	
Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>		3	1		1	
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>					2	1
Blue-eye Damselfly	<i>Erythromma lindenii</i>			1			
Southern Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna affinis</i>				2	1	
Blue Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>		2				
Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>					2	
Balkan Emerald	<i>Somatochlora meridionalis</i>					1	
White-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum albistylum</i>				1		
Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>				1	20	10
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>		10		10	1	
<b>Other Invertebrates:</b>							
Steppe Grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus dorsatus</i>				1		
Field Cricket	<i>Gryllus</i> cfr. <i>campestris</i>			1 LO			
Blue-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda coerulescens</i>						20
Schmidt's Bright Bush-Cricket	<i>Poecilimon schmidtii</i>				1 LO		
Meadow Grasshopper	<i>Pseudochorthippus parallelus</i>		1				
Large Cone-head	<i>Ruspulia nitidula</i>				1	1	
Large Marsh Grasshopper	<i>Stethophyma grossum</i>			1	1	2	
Neglected Cave-Cricket	<i>Troglophilus neglectus</i>			2			
Italian Shield Bug	<i>Graphosoma italicum</i>		1				
Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>		5				
A fire bug	<i>Spilostethus saxatilis</i>		2	2			1
A pondskater	<i>Aquarius</i> sp.					x	
A hover-fly	<i>Chrysotoxum intermedium</i>					1	
A hover-fly	<i>Chrysotoxum lessonae</i>		1				
Marmalade Hover-fly	<i>Episyrrhus balteatus</i>		1				
Drone-fly	<i>Eristalis tenax</i>		1		2		
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A paper wasp	<i>Polistes</i> sp.				1		
Common Carder Bee	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>		1				
Shrill Carder-Bumble Bee	<i>Bombus sylvarum</i>		1				
A ground beetle	<i>Carabus caelatus</i>				1		
A cave millipede	<i>Brachydesmus inferus</i>			1			

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Spanish Slug	<i>Arion vulgaris</i>				1		
Roman Snail	<i>Helix pomatia</i>		d		1		
Ash-black Slug	<i>Limax cinereoniger</i>					1	1

## Plants

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<b>MARCHANTIOPHYTES</b>	<b>LIVERWORTS</b>		
<b>Marchantiopsida</b>	<b>Liverworts</b>		
<i>Conocephalum conicum</i> gr.	Snakewort	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Conocephalum salebrosum</i>	A liverwort	3	Križna cave
<b>BRYOPHYTES</b>	<b>MOSSES</b>		
<b>Sphagnopsida</b>	<b>Sphagnum mosses</b>		
<i>Sphagnum</i> cfr. <i>squarrosum</i>	Crome Sphagnum	4	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Bryopsida</b>	<b>Mosses</b>		
<i>Ctenidium molluscum</i>	Comb-moss	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Exsertotheca crispa</i>	Crisped Neckera	3	Križna cave
<i>Plagiomnium undulatum</i>	Palm-tree Moss	3	Križna cave
<b>PTERIDOPHYTES</b>	<b>FERNS &amp; ALLIES</b>		
<b>Leptosporangiate Ferns</b>	<b>True Ferns</b>		
<b>Aspleniaceae</b>	<b>Spleenwort Family</b>		
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall-rue	3	Križna cave
<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>	Hart's-tongue Fern	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Asplenium viridis</i>	Green Spleenwort	3	Križna cave
<b>Cystopteridaceae</b>	<b>Fern Family</b>		
<i>Gymnocarpium robertianum</i>	Limestone Oak Fern	3	Križna cave
<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b>	<b>Bracken Family</b>		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Common Bracken	4	Cerknica lake
<b>Dryopteridaceae</b>	<b>Shieldfern Family</b>		
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male Fern	3	Križna cave
<b>Polypodiaceae</b>	<b>Polypody Family</b>		
<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Common Polypody	2	Snežnik castle
<b>GYMNOSPERMS</b>	<b>CONIFERS</b>		

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<b>Pinaceae</b>	<b>Pine Family</b>		
<i>Abies alba</i>	European Silver Fir	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Larix decidua</i>	Larch	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Picea abies</i>	Spruce	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Austrian Black Pine	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Cupressaceae</b>	<b>Cypress Family</b>		
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	3	Bloke plateau
<b>ANGIOSPERMS</b>	<b>FLOWERING PLANTS</b>		
<b>Eu-dicots</b>	<b>True Dicotyledons</b>		
<b>Apiaceae</b>	<b>Carrot Family</b>		
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	Wild Angelica	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Astrantia major</i>	Great Masterwort	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Bupleurum ranunculoides</i>	Crowfoot-leaved Hare's-ear	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>	Italian Eryngo	3	Bloška Polica
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	Wild Parsnip	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Siler montanum</i>	Laserwort	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Sium latifolium</i>	Greater Water-Parsnip	4	Cerknica lake
<b>Araliaceae</b>	<b>Ivy Family</b>		
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Aristolochiaceae</b>	<b>Birthwort Family</b>		
<i>Asarum europaeum</i>	Asarabacca (leaves)	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Asteraceae (Compositae)</b>	<b>Daisy Family</b>		
<i>Achillea</i> cfr. <i>millefolium</i>	Yarrow	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Aposeris foetida</i>	Aposeris (leaves)	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Arctium</i> cfr. <i>minus</i>	Lesser Burdock	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Common Mugwort	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Buphthalmum salicifolium</i>	Ox-eye	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Carlina acaulis</i>	Silver Thistle	2	Jelenov Žleb
<i>Carlina biebersteinii brevibracteata</i>	A thistle	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	Brown Knapweed	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	Tyrol Knapweed	2	Markovec
<i>Centaurea rupestris</i>	Rock Knapweed	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Centaurea scabiosa fritschii</i>	Greater Knapweed	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Centaurea triumfettii</i>	Squarrose Knapweed	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Common Chicory	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Cirsium erisithales</i>	Yellow Melancholy Thistle (leaves)	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Cirsium oleraceum</i>	Canbage Thistle	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Bull Thistle	2	Jelenov Žleb

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<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	Annual Fleabane	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Erigeron</i> cfr. <i>canadensis</i>	Canadian Fleabane	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>	Hemp Agrimony	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Hieracium</i> cfr. <i>murorum</i>	Wall Hawkweed	3	Križna cave
<i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>	New England Hawkweed	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Inula helenium</i>	Elecampane	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	4	Dane
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce	3	Križna cave
<i>Petasites albus</i>	White Butterbur (leaves)	3	Križna cave
<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	Hawkweed Oxtongue	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Prenanthes purpurea</i>	Purple Lettuce	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Senecio ovatus</i>	Wood Ragwort	2	Jelenov Žleb
<i>Serratula tinctoria</i>	Saw-wort	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada Goldenrod	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Solidago virgaurea</i>	European Goldenrod	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common Sow-Thistle	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Tansy	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Taraxacum</i> sp.	A dandelion	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Tragopogon</i> cfr. <i>orientalis</i>	Oriental Goat's Beard	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Berberidaceae</b>	<b>Berberry Family</b>		
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	European Barberry	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Betulaceae</b>	<b>Birch Family</b>		
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Black Alder	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Hornbeam	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Hop Hornbeam	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Forget-me-not Family</b>		
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	Water Forget-me-not	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Pulmonaria officinale</i>	Lungwort (leaves)	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	Common Comfrey	2	Markovec
<b>Brassicaceae</b>	<b>Mustard Family</b>		
<i>Arabidopsis arenosa</i>	Sand Rock-cress	3	Križna cave
<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflower Family</b>		
<i>Campanula trachelium</i>	Nettle-leaved Bellflower	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Cannabaceae</b>	<b>Hops Family</b>		
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Common Hops	4	Cerknica lake
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>		
<i>Knautia drymeia</i>	A scabious	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Knautia fleischmannii</i>	A scabious	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Lonicera alpigena</i>	Alpine Honeysuckle	3	Križna cave
<i>Lonicera xylostium</i>	Fly Honeysuckle	3	Križna cave
<i>Succisella inflexa</i>	Southern Succisella	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Succisa pratensis</i>	Devil's-bit Scabious	4	Cerknica lake

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<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>		
<i>Dianthus hyssopifolius</i>	A pink	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Moehringia muscosa</i>	Mossy Sandwort	3	Križna cave
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Stellaria aquatica</i>	Water Chickweed	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Celastraceae</b>	<b>Staff-vine Family</b>		
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Common Spindle	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Euonymus verrucosus</i>	A spindle	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Parnassia palustris</i>	Grass of Parnassus	4	Cerknica lake
<b>Cornaceae</b>	<b>Dogwood Family</b>		
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Common Dogwood	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>		
<i>Sedum sexangulare</i>	Tasteless Stonecrop	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Sempervivum tectorum</i>	Common Houseleek	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurge Family</b>		
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge (leaves)	6	Cerknica lake
<b>Fabaceae (Leguminosae)</b>	<b>Pea Family</b>		
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	Common Milkpea	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Meadow Pea	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White Sweetclover	2	Racna Gora
<i>Melilotus sp.</i>	A yellow melilot	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Ononis spinosa</i>	Spiny Restharrow	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Hop Trefoil	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Trifolium montanum</i>	Mountain Clover	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	3	Bloke plateau
<b>Fagaceae</b>	<b>Oak &amp; Beech Family</b>		
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	2	Markovec
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Turkey Oak	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pendunculate Oak	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Gentianaceae</b>	<b>Gentian Family</b>		
<i>Gentiana asclepiadea</i>	Willow Gentian	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Gentiana lutea</i>	Yellow Gentian (dead stems)	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Gentiana pneumonanthe</i>	Marsh Gentian	4	Cerknica lake
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	<b>Geranium Family</b>		
<i>Geranium nodosum</i>	Knotted Crane's-bill	4	Rakov Škocjan



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<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	3	Križna cave
<b>Haloragaceae</b>	<b>Watermilfoil Family</b>		
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Spiked Watermilfoil	3	Bloke plateau
<b>Hypericaceae</b>	<b>St. John's Wort Family</b>		
<i>Hypericum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Saint-John's-wort	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	St. John's Wort	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Lamiaceae</b>	<b>Dead-nettle Family</b>		
<i>Betonica officinalis</i>	Common Hedge-nettle	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Galeopsis pubescens</i>	Hairy Hemp-nettle	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Galeopsis speciosa</i>	Large-flowered Hemp-nettle	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Lamiastrum</i> cfr. <i>galeobdolon</i>	Yellow Archangel (leaves)	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>	European Bugleweed	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Mentha longifolia</i>	Horse Mint	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Mentha</i> × <i>verticillata</i>	Whorled Mint	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Common Self-heal	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Salvia glutinosa</i>	Sticky Sage	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Meadow Clary	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Satureja subspicata</i>	A savory	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>	Common Skullcap	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Stachys palustris</i>	Marsh Woundwort	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Thymus</i> cfr. <i>pulegioides</i>	Large Thyme	6	Cerknica lake
<b>Lythraceae</b>	<b>Lythrum Family</b>		
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Malvaceae</b>	<b>Mallow Family</b>		
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small-leaved Lime	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Menyanthaceae</b>	<b>Bog-bean Family</b>		
<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	Bog-bean (leaves)	3	Bloke plateau
<b>Nymphaeaceae</b>	<b>Water-lily Family</b>		
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>	Yellow Water-lily (leaves)	6	Cerknica lake
<b>Oleaceae</b>	<b>Olive tree Family</b>		
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Common Ash	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Manna Ash	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Common Privet	6	Cerknica lake
<b>Onagraceae</b>	<b>Evening Primerose Family</b>		
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's-nightshade	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Epilobium</i> cfr. <i>parviflorum</i>	Hoary Willowherb	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	<b>Broomrape Family</b>		
<i>Euphrasia stricta</i>	Drug Eyebright	2	Snežnik castle

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<i>Melampyrum nemorosum</i>	Wood Cow-Wheat	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Rhinanthus</i> cfr. <i>serotinus</i>	Greater Yellow-rattle	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Wood-sorrel Family</b>		
<i>Oxalis</i> cfr. <i>acetosella</i>	Wood-sorrel (leaves)	3	Križna cave
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppy Family</b>		
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	4	Dane
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>	<b>Plantain Family</b>		
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Common Toadflax	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Veronica barrelieri</i>	A speedwell	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Veronica longifolia</i>	Long-leaved Speedwell	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Knotweed Family</b>		
<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>	Water Smartweed	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primrose Family</b>		
<i>Cyclamen purpurascens</i>	Alpine Cyclamen	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	Yellow Loosestrife	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose (leaves)	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercup Family</b>		
<i>Aconitum lycoctonum</i>	Yellow-flowered Monkshood	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Aconitum variegatum</i>	Manchurian Monkshood	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Man's Beard	5	Cerknica lake
<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Christmas Rose (leaves)	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Hepatica (leaves)	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Crowfoot	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Thalictrum</i> cfr. <i>minus</i>	Lesser Meadow-rue (leaves)	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Resedaceae</b>	<b>Mignonette Family</b>		
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Yellow Mignonette	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>	<b>Buckthorn Family</b>		
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Alder Buckthorn	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Common Buckthorn	4	Cerknica lake
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Rose Family</b>		
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	Common Agrimony	6	Cerknica lake
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goat's Beard	3	Križna cave
<i>Cotoneaster</i> cfr. <i>integerrimus</i>	Common Cotoneaster	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet (leaves)	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Rosa</i> sp.	A rose	6	Cerknica lake

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<i>Rosa pendulina</i>	Alpine Rose (fruits)	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Rubus caesius</i>	European Dewberry	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	European Raspberry	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	Great Burnet	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	<b>Bedstraw Family</b>		
<i>Galium boreale</i>	Northern Bedstraw	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Galium laevigatum</i>	A bedstraw	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Salicaceae</b>	<b>Willow &amp; Poplar Family</b>		
<i>Populus nigra</i>	Black Poplar	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Salix alba</i>	White Willow	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey Willow	3	Bloke plateau
<b>Sapindaceae</b>	<b>Maple Family</b>		
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse Chestnut	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figwort Family</b>		
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Verbascum nigrum/chaixi</i>	A mullein	4	Dane
<b>Simaroubaceae</b>	<b>Quassia Family</b>		
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Solanaceae</b>	<b>Nightshade Family</b>		
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet Nightshade	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Staphyleaceae</b>	<b>Bluddernut Family</b>		
<i>Staphylea pinnata</i>	European Bladdernut	4	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Thymelaeaceae</b>	<b>Daphne Family</b>		
<i>Daphne mazereum</i>	Mazereon (leaves)	5	Racna Gora
<b>Viburnaceae</b>	<b>Elder Family</b>		
<i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	Dwarf Elder	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring-Tree	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Gelder Rose	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Urticaceae</b>	<b>Nettle Family</b>		
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Monocots</b>	<b>Monocotyledons</b>		
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>	<b>Daffodil Family</b>		
<i>Allium angulosum</i>	Mouse Garlic	5	Rakov Škocjan

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<i>Allium carinatum</i>	Keeled Garlic	3	Bloke plateau
<i>Allium ericetorum</i>	Heather Garlic	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Allium lusitanicum</i>	A garlic	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Araceae</b>	<b>Arum Family</b>		
<i>Arum</i> sp.	An arum lily (in fruit)	4	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Asparagaceae</b>	<b>Asparagus Family</b>		
<i>Anthericum ramosum</i>	Branched St. Bernard's Lily	6	Mount Nanos
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily of the Valley (leaves)	4	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Maianthemum bifolium</i>	May Lily (leaves)	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	Solomon's Seal (fruits)	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Polygonatum odoratum</i>	Scented Solomon's-Seal (leaves)	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Butomaceae</b>	<b>Flowering-rush Family</b>		
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Flowering-rush (dead stem)	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Liliaceae</b>	<b>Lily Family</b>		
<i>Lilium martagon</i>	Martagon Lily (in fruit)	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Melanthiaceae</b>	<b>Bunchflower Family</b>		
<i>Paris quadrifolia</i>	Herb Paris	2	Snežnik castle
<b>Orchidaceae</b>	<b>Orchid Family</b>		
<i>Epipactis</i> cfr. <i>helleborine</i>	Broad-leafed Helleborine (leaves)	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Neottia nidus-avis</i>	Bird's-nest Orchid (dead stem)	5	Rakov Škocjan
<b>Poaceae</b>	<b>Grass Family</b>		
<i>Molinia caerulea</i>	Purple Moor Grass	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed Canary Grass	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	4	Cerknica lake
<i>Setaria</i> sp.	A foxtail	6	Mount Nanos
<b>Typhaceae</b>	<b>Cattail Family</b>		
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	Branched Bur-reed	2	Snežnik castle
<b>FUNGI</b>			
<i>Fomes fomentarius</i>	Hoof Fungus	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Lentinus tigrinus</i>	Tiger Sawgill	5	Rakov Škocjan
<i>Suillellus</i> cfr. <i>queletii</i>	Deceiving Bolete	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Turkey-tail	4	Rakov Škocjan
<b>LICHENS</b>			
<i>Flavoparmelia</i> cfr. <i>caperata</i>	Common Greenshield Lichen	2	Snežnik castle
<i>Lobaria pulmonaria</i>	Tree Lungwort	2	Jelenov Žleb
<i>Ramalina farinacea</i>	Farinose Cartilage Lichen	2	Snežnik castle