

Italy's Sibillini Mountains

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Sunday 8th June

London to Amandola

Most of the group arrived at Ancona airport where they were met by Philip and Marco before loading into the minibuses and our transfer to Amandola, which was to be our base for the week's excursions. Our first bird of the trip was the singing Zitting Cisticola displaying in the airport car park environs!

En route we stopped at the Abbadia di Fiastra Regional Park for refreshments and to stretch our legs. Most of the group relaxed among the historic abbey buildings, while a few made a rapid exploration of the adjoining ancient forest. It was here that the first good plants and birds of the trip were seen, including Nightingales and a Collared Flycatcher which was heard.

Once at Amandola we were shown our rooms before most used what remained of the day to explore this historic old town, but not before meeting the final two members of the group who had made their own way to the hotel.

Day 2

Monday 9th June

Monte Sibilla

During our drive to the Refugio below Monte Sibilla the richness of the roadside flora in this region became apparent. Once at the top of the mountain gravel track leading to the Refugio we set off for our walk below the summit of Mount Sibilla. The birds were not in great abundance but did include both Red-billed and Alpine Chough feeding in the meadows. The highlight was a sighting of an immature Golden Eagle which drifted below us then away into the distance; luckily the majority of the group managed to see it.

On two occasions we spotted groups of Wild Boar foraging below us in the open scrublands – these are an abundant part of the fauna of the region. The cloud on the summits gradually built up during the morning, eventually enveloping us in mist. As rain was threatening, we returned to the Refugio for our lunch and a coffee.

We then spent the remainder of the day exploring the slopes on either side of the access road during the many stops taken during our descent to the tarmac road. The flora here was very rich with numerous species of orchid, including *Ophrys bertolloni*. We also spotted a couple of the localised Sooty Ringlet Butterflies flying over the grassy slopes.

Day 3

Tuesday 10th June

Piano Grande

We set off in good time for our long and winding journey to visit the Piano Grande region which spreads out below Castelluccio.

We made our first stop on the final climb to the ridge overlooking Piano Grande to examine the flowers, among which were several *Orchis tridentata* and *Orchis picta*. Several stops were made by the roadsides as we descended into the plain to admire the flowers and, at one bank, the meadow crickets which had made their burrows here.

We moved on to Castelluccio for lunch followed by a walk through the sloping meadows. The area round our picnic site held several Red-backed Shrikes, to which we added a Lesser Grey Shrike during our walk. The unseasonably cool and rainy weather had held back the floral splendour that the Piano Grande region is famous for, but it was still possible to appreciate the many wonderful vistas of flowery meadows.

For our final walk we explored one of the beech woods that clothe the slopes surrounding the plain just in time to avoid the worst of a heavy downpour of rain. As a result, the hoped-for singing Bonelli's and Wood Warblers remained silent, but there were abundant *Cardamine bulbifera* and *Cardamine enneaphyllos* within the wood, as well as a very fine show of *Orchis mascula* with a few *Fritillaria orientalis* on the outskirts.

Day 4

Wednesday 11th June

Monte Vettore

Today was to be the longest day in the field and the group split into three smaller parties. The initial walk across flatter ground was taken by one large group, while a faster party headed into the distance to the Lago de Plato. Once the beech woodland was reached the slower trailing party then split into two, with half continuing up the incredibly steep ascent to the open meadows above. The remaining group went no further and spent a very enjoyable three hours botanising in the open glades and rocky ground below the steep slopes and many new plants were found there. The lead group eventually went on to reach the Lago de Plato and the second splinter group spent their time reaching the snow-line in the meadows above the beech forest. In the upper meadows the plant highlights included *Gentiana verna*, *G. acaulis* and *G. bavarica* and *Pulsatilla alpina*. The lowland party added *Gentiana utricularia* to the day's tally.

The butterflies were in low numbers due to the heavy cloud and rain but Eastern Large Heath was found lower down. Unfortunately, the hoped-for Grisson's Fritillary turned out, after careful examination of photos, to be Heath Fritillary.

The whole group reunited and had coffee in Foce before some moved on and spent a little time exploring the gorge below the town. We had a brief sighting of Dipper on the river and found accessible rosettes of *Saxifraga callosa* to examine.

Day 5

Thursday 12th June

Monte Conero

It was decided, in view of the poor weather forecast, to spend today on the coast at Monte Conero Regional Park. We took our first walk through the forest and past the lagoon at Portonova. The plants here were in complete contrast to those seen already on the tour, being of a predominantly Mediterranean flavour, and we found numerous new species for the trip. The thick evergreen forest proved rather impenetrable, though, and meant we didn't add any birds to our list.

We moved on to the quarry where a display had been made of the various folded and exposed layers of rock to show the geological timeline going back to the reign of the dinosaurs and beyond! We took our picnic lunch here, sheltering under the conifers which were shielding the picnic tables from the expected hot sun, although in our case it was light drizzle! A singing Subalpine Warbler was seen by some and this pleased the birders in the group.

A second move was then made to the car park near the summit of Monte Conero. We were just getting our group sights onto a singing Short-toed Treecreeper when the heavens opened with a vengeance and we were forced to retreat to the shelter of the nearby cafe and have a warming coffee. Luckily the rain was short-lived and we were soon able to set out on our walk to the various viewpoints and down the steep descent of the main Park route. Again the thick forest prevented any meaningful birding, but plants remained of interest, the best find being our last – a single *Cephalanthera rubra* by the roadside.

On our return to Amandola the two minibuses got separated and made their own way back. Marco's bus, having waited for Philip's, taking a magical mystery tour of the Italian countryside, much to the delight of his passengers, before eventually returning for dinner.

Day 6

Friday 13th June

Colfiorito

Today our focus was mainly on birds and we visited another recently designated Regional Park at Colfiorito. This large wetland and reedbed holds a good range of herons and bitterns as well as many other wetland birds.

Early rain soon eased off and the remainder of our day was spent in pleasant sunshine. One lucky group member had a good but brief view of a Little Bittern as it flew over and into the reeds (a sighting he was to repeat once more during the day). Night Herons were seen repeatedly flying round the reeds and perching in the open.

We walked alongside the reserve on the good gravel footpath and saw several Purple Herons in flight, but these were eclipsed by a splendid extended view of one of the breeding Bitterns flying over the reeds and then high into the air before it returned towards us and finally dropped back into cover. We were also lucky to spot a couple of fledged Penduline Tits being fed by their parents at close range.

We then took an enjoyable and relaxed picnic lunch overlooking the marsh while being serenaded by Great Reed Warbler. We then drove a short distance into the surrounding hills for a walk alongside the arable fields down to the reedbeds once more. These fields were full of what are now very rare and endangered arable weeds in the UK such as Corn Cleavers, Corncockle, Corn Buttercup, Cornflowers and Venus's Looking Glass.

Our journey home was taken on a route through outstanding mountain scenery, but not before we'd had a coffee by the Lago di Fiastra. The road then wound its way up to a height of 1,500 metres before dropping down towards Sanarno and on to Amandola. We stopped in beautiful sunshine not far from the top to admire a Rock Thrush collecting caterpillars and then took a walk. We were then, after a short while, enveloped in thick cloud that swept over the ridge and reduced visibility to a few metres. On returning to the buses we continued on to the top to admire the *Paeonia officinalis* and *Asphodelus alba* at the summit before being enveloped in fog!

Day 7

Saturday 14th June

Gola del Infernaccio

Having checked the weather forecast we decided to take a final long mountain walk and make this a fitting climax to our trip. The day started bright and sunny as we set off down to the River Tena. The steep gorge walls held many exciting new plants and several breeding Alpine Choughs. We climbed through the very narrow and dramatic early sections of the gorge before entering an area of beech forest. These woodlands held many specialist orchids such as *Epipactus helleborine*, *E. purpurea*, *Cephalanthera damasonium*, *C. longifolia* and *Neottia nidus-avis*.

We continued up alongside the River Tena towards its source for our intended picnic in the flower meadows. We then had to shelter under trees during a heavy downpour before returning to the basic Refugio to light a fire and eat in the dry. More group photos were now taken inside this rustic shelter than had been taken all week outside in the beautiful mountain scenery. It was deemed prudent to curtail any further ascent and we then, rather damply, returned the way we had come down the gorge and back into pleasant sunshine to end the day.

Day 8

Sunday 15th June

Montefalcone & London

The main group made their farewells shortly after breakfast to the four members who were returning home or continuing with their travels, before themselves leaving for home via Montefalcone. We had opted to make the most of our remaining hours by taking minor roads to this very attractive and historic village, which lived up to its name within minutes of our arrival, with sightings of the local breeding Peregrine Falcons sweeping past the terraced viewpoint. Then, having safely negotiated the local cycle racers on these steep and winding roads, we made our way to the airport ready to return home.

Despite rather variable weather, we left for home having been more than impressed with this beautiful and unspoilt mountainous area of Italy. The view from our hotel bedroom balconies will take some beating!

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Species Lists

Plants

CLASS

PINACEAE

Pinus nigra
Pinus pinaster
Pinus halepensis

CUPRESSACEAE

Cupressus sempervirens
Juniperus communis
Juniperus communis ssp. nana
Juniperus oxycedrus

CLASS

ORDER

JUGLANDACEAE

Juglans regia

CORYLACEAE

Carpinus betulus
Ostrya carpinifolia
Corylus avellana

FAGACEAE

Fagus sylvatica
Castanea sativa
Quercus ilex
Quercus pubescens

ULMACEAE

Ulmus minor

MORACEAE

Morus alba
Ficus carica

URTICACEAE

Urtica dioica
Parietaria judaica

SANTALACEAE

Osyris alba
Thesium pyrenaicum

POLYGONACEAE

Oxyria digyna
Rumex alpinus

CARYOPHALLACEAE

Cerastium tomentosum
Cerastium scaranii

GYMNOSPERMS

Pine Family

Black Pine
 Maritime Pine
 Aleppo Pine

Cypress Family

Italian Cypress
 Common Juniper
 Dwarf Juniper
 Prickly Juniper

ANGIOSPERMS

DICOTYLEDONS

Walnut Family

Walnut

Hazel Family

Hornbeam
 Hop Hornbeam
 Hazel

Beech Family

Beech
 Sweet Chestnut
 Holm Oak
 Downy Oak

Elm Family

Small-leaved Elm

Mulberry Family

White Mulberry
 Fig

Nettle Family

Nettle
 Pellitory-of-the-Wall

Sandalwood Family

Pyrenean Bastard Toadflax

Dock Family

Mountain Sorrel
 Monk's Rhubarb

Pink Family

Snow in Summer
 Italian Mouse-ear

<i>Paronychia kapela</i>	Corn Cockle
<i>Agrostemma githago</i>	Nottingham Catchfly
<i>Silene nutans</i>	White Campion
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	Rock Soapwort
<i>Saponaria ozymoides</i>	Carthusian Pink
<i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i>	Wood Pink
<i>Dianthus sylvestris</i>	Tunic Flower
<i>Petrorhagia saxifraga</i>	
<i>Drypis spinosa</i>	
<i>Stellaria nemorum</i>	Wood Chickweed
NYMPHAEACEAE	Water-Lily Family
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>	White Water-lily
RANUNCULACEAE	Buttercup Family
<i>Helleborus bocconei</i>	
<i>Helleborus foetidus</i>	Stinking Hellebore
<i>Helleborus odoratus</i>	
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	Fragrant Clematis
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Man's Beard
<i>Clematis recta</i>	
<i>Aconitum lamarkii</i>	
<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	
<i>Ranunculus gramineus</i>	Grass-leaved Buttercup
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous buttercup
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup
<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	Lesser Spearwort
<i>Pulsatilla alpina</i>	Alpine Pasque Flower
<i>Thalictrum aquilegifolium</i>	Great Meadow Rue
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	
<i>Consolida regalis</i>	Forking Larkspur
PAEONIACEAE	Peony Family
<i>Paeonia officinalis</i>	Common Peony
PAPAVERACEAE	Poppy Family
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Field Poppy
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-Poppy
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine
CRUCIFERAE	Mustard Family
<i>Cardamine bulbifera</i>	Coralroot
<i>Cardamine enneaphyllos</i>	Drooping Bittercress
<i>Biscutella laevigata</i>	Buckler Mustard
<i>Erysimum pseudorhaeticum</i>	
<i>Arabis turrata</i>	Tower Cress
<i>Lunaria rediviva</i>	
<i>Alyssoides utriculata</i>	
<i>Thlaspi perfoliata</i>	Perfoliate Pennycress
RESEDACEAE	Mignonette Family
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Weld
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Mignonette
<i>Reseda phyteuma</i>	Corn Mignonette
CRASSULACEAE	Stonecrop Family
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop

<i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i>	Thick-leaved Stonecrop
<i>Sedum alpestre</i>	
<i>Sedum telephium</i>	Orpine
<i>Sedum rupestre</i>	Rock Stonecrop
<i>Sempervivum tectorum</i>	Common Houseleek
<i>Sempervivum arachnoideum</i>	Cobweb Houseleek
<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>	Roseroot

SAXIFRAGACEAE

<i>Saxifraga callosa</i>	Saxifrage Family
<i>Saxifraga porophylla</i>	Thick-leaved Saxifrage
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	Apennine Saxifrage
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Round-leaved Saxifrage
	Meadow Saxifrage

PITTOSPORACEAE

<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Pittosporum Family
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ROSACEAE

<i>Rosa pendulina</i>	Rose Family
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Alpine Rose
<i>Amelanchier ovalis</i>	Wild Strawberry
	Snowy Mespilus

LEGUMINOSAE

<i>Colutea arborescens</i>	Pea Family
<i>Laburnum anagyriodes</i>	Bladder Senna
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Laburnum
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Spanish Broom
<i>Astragalus sempervirens</i>	Broom
<i>Astragalus monspessulanus</i>	Mountain Tragacanth
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	False Vetch
<i>Vicia onobrychioides</i>	Tufted Vetch
<i>Lathyrus vernus</i>	False Sainfoin
<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Spring Vetchling
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	Broad-leaved Everlasting Pea
<i>Trifolium ochroleuchum</i>	Common Melilot
<i>Trifolium montanum</i>	Sulphur Clover
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Mountain Clover
<i>Coronilla emerus</i>	
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Scorpion Vetch
<i>Hedysarum coronarium</i>	Italian Sainfoin
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cockscomb Sainfoin
<i>Onobrychis vicifolia</i>	Sainfoin
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch
<i>Anthyllis montana</i>	Mountain Kidney Vetch

GERANIACEAE

<i>Geranium molle</i>	Geranium Family
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill
<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>	Herb Robert
<i>Geranium phaeum</i>	Hedgerow Crane's-bill
<i>Erodium alpinum</i>	Dusky Crane's-bill
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Alpine Stork's-bill
	Common Stork's-bill

LINACEAE

<i>Linum narbonense</i>	Flax Family
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Beautiful Flax
	Pale Flax

<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Fairy Flax
<i>Linum suffruticosum</i>	White Flax
EUPHORBIACEAE	Spurge Family
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury
POLYGALACEAE	Milkwort Family
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>	Nice Milkwort
<i>Polygala major</i>	Large Milkwort
ANACARDIACEAE	Cashew Family
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree
ACERACEAE	Maple Family
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore
HIPPOCASTANACEAE	Horse-Chestnut Family
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse-Chestnut
CELASTRACEAE	Spindle-Tree Family
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle
RHAMNACEAE	Buckthorn Family
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Christ's Thorn
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>	Buckthorn
THYMELAEACEAE	Daphne Family
<i>Daphne oleoides</i>	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel
VIOLACEAE	Violet Family
<i>Viola arvensis</i>	Field Pansy
<i>Viola eugeniae</i>	
<i>Viola tricolor</i>	Heartsease
CISTACEAE	Rockrose Family
<i>Cistus incanus</i>	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	
<i>Helianthemum canum</i>	Hoary Rockrose
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rockrose
<i>Helianthemum apenninum</i>	White Rockrose
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	
TAMARICACEAE	Tamarisk Family
<i>Tamarix africana</i>	
LYTHRACEAE	Loosestrife Family
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife
ARALIACEAE	Ivy Family
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy
APIACEAE	Umbellifer Family
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo
<i>Smyrnium olustrum</i>	Alexanders

<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needle
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel
<i>Cachrys ferulacea</i>	
<i>Laserpitium latifolium</i>	
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild carrot
PRIMULACEAE	Primrose Family
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip
<i>Primula elatior</i>	Oxlip
<i>Anagalis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel
<i>Cyclamen repandum</i>	Spring Sowbread
<i>Cyclamenhederifolia</i>	Ivy-leaved Sowbread
PLUMBAGINACEAE	Sea Lavender Family
<i>Armeria alliacea</i>	Jersey Thrift
OLEACEAE	Olive Family
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Flowering Ash
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive
GENTIANACEAE	Gentian Family
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort
<i>Blackstonia acuminata</i>	
<i>Gentiana lutea</i>	Great Yellow Gentian
<i>Gentiana ligustica</i>	Trumpet Gentian
<i>Gentiana acaulis</i>	
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	Spring Gentian
<i>Gentiana bavarica</i>	Bavarian Gentian
<i>Gentiana utricularia</i>	Bladder Gentian
APOCYNACEAE	Dogbane Family
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander
ASCLEPIADACEAE	Milkweed Family
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinarium</i>	Swallow-wort
RUBIACEAE	Madder Family
<i>Galium tricornerutum</i>	Corn Cleavers
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers
<i>Galium molugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw
<i>Galium sternerii</i>	Limestone Bedstraw
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort
<i>Sberardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder
CONVOLVULACEAE	Convolvulus Family
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	Pink Convolvulus
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides ssp.tenuissimus</i>	
BORAGINACEAE	Borage Family
<i>Onosma echioides</i>	Golden Drop
<i>Cerintheglabra</i>	Smooth Honeywort
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss
<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	Alpine Wood Forget-me-not

LABIATAE

Teucrium chamaedrys
Teucrium flavum
Scutellaria columnae
Marrubium incanum
Acinos alpinus
Acinos arvensis
Lamium garganicum
Lamium amplexicaule
Stachys germanica
Salvia pratensis
Salvia verbenaca
Thymus pulegiodes
Thymus longicaulis
Mellitis melissophyllum

Mint Family

Wall Germander

Large Skullcap

Henbit Dead Nettle

Downy Woundwort

Meadow Clary

Bastard Balm

SOLANACEAE

Solanum dulcamara

Nightshade Family

Bittersweet

SCROPHLARIACEAE

Verbascum sinuatum
Verbascum pulverulentum
Antirrhinum majus ssp. tortuosum
Antirrhinum latifolium
Linaria purpurea
Cymbalaria pallida
Scrophularia canina
Veronica prostrata
Digitalis lutea
Digitalis ferruginea
Bellardia trixago
Rhinanthus minor
Pedicularis elegans
Pedicularis comosa
Pedicularis foliosa

Figwort Family

Hoary Mullein

Greater Snapdragon

Large Snapdragon

Purple Toadflax

Alpine Figwort

Small Yellow Foxglove

Rusty Foxglove

Yellow Rattle

Crested Lousewort

Leafy Lousewort

GLOBULARIACEAE

Globularia punctata
Globularia cordifolia
Globularia repens

Globularia Family

Globularia

Matted Globularia

OROBANCHACEAE

Orobanche minor
Orobanche gracilis
Orobanche caryophyllacea

Broomrape Family

Common Broomrape

PLANTAGINACEAE

Plantago media
Plantago major
Plantago lanceolata
Plantago coronopus
Plantago arenaria

Plantain Family

Hoary Plantain

Greater Plantain

Ribwort Plantain

Buck's-horn Plantain

Branched Plantain

CAPRIFOLIACEAE

Sambucus ebulus
Sambucus nigra

Honeysuckle Family

Dwarf Elder

Elder

<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	
<i>Lonicera xylosteum</i>	Fly Honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera implexa</i>	
VALERIANACEAE	Valerian Family
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Valerian
<i>Valeriana montana</i>	Mountain Valerian
<i>Centranthus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Red Valerian
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	
DIPSACACEAE	Scabious Family
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious
CAMPANULACEAE	Bellflower Family
<i>Campanula spicata</i>	Spiked Bellflower
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Clustered Bellflower
<i>Campanula rapunculus</i>	Rampion Bellflower
<i>Campanula patula</i>	Spreading Bellflower
<i>Campanula persicifolia</i>	Peach-leaved Bellflower
<i>Legousia speculum-veneris</i>	Large Venus's Looking Glass
<i>Legousia hybrida</i>	Venus's Looking Glass
<i>Legousia falcata</i>	
COMPOSITAE	Daisy Family
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Curry plant
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>	
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	Yellow Chamomile
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	Corn Marigold
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold
<i>Leucanthemopsis alpina</i>	Alpine Moon Daisy
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Coltsfoot
<i>Petasites albus</i>	White Butterbur
<i>Adenostyles alliariae</i>	
<i>Buphthalmum salicifolium</i>	Yellow Ox-eye
<i>Doronicum columnae</i>	Heart-leaved Leopardsbane
<i>Carlina acanthifolia</i>	
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i>	
<i>Cirsium oleraceum</i>	Cabbage Thistle
<i>Onopordium illyricum</i>	
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Cornflower
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	Mountain Cornflower
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>	
<i>Lactuca perennis</i>	Blue lettuce
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goat's-beard
<i>Tragopogon crocifolius</i>	
<i>Stachelina dubia</i>	Stachelina

ORDER**LILIACEAE**

Colchicum autumnale
Asphodelus albus
Anthericum liliago
Allium sphaerocephalon
Allium ampeloprasum
Allium ursinum
Lilium martagon
Fritillaria orientalis
Scilla bifolia
Ornithogalum umbellatum
Ornithogalum pyrenaicum
Muscari neglectum
Muscari comosum
Asparagus acutifolius
Ruscus aculeatus
Ruscus hypoglossum
Polygonatum multiflorum
Paris quadrifolia
Smilax aspera

AMARYLLIDACEAE

Narcissus poeticus

ARACEAE

Arum italicum

ORCHIDACEAE

Epipactis helleborine
Epipactis purpurata
Cephalanthera damasonium
Cephalanthera longifolia
Cephalanthera rubra
Limodorum abortivum
Neottia nidus-avis
Listera ovata
Platanthera bifolia
Gymnadenia conopsea
Dactylorhiza saccifera
Dactylorhiza majalis
Dactylorhiza sambucina
Dactylorhiza fuchsii
Aceras anthropomorphum
Orchis morio
Orchis picta
Orchis ustulata
Orchis purpurea
Orchis provincialis
Orchis tridentata
Orchis coriophora
Orchis mascula
Ophrys fusca
Ophrys sphegodes
Ophrys fuciflora
Ophrys bertolonii

MONOCOTYLEDONS**Lily Family**

Meadow Saffron
 White Asphodel
 St Bernard's Lily
 Round-headed Leek
 Wild Leek
 Ramsons
 Martagon Lily
 Slender-leaved Snakeshead
 Alpine Squill
 Star-of-Bethlehem
 Bath Asparagus

 Tassel Hyacinth

 Butcher's Broom
 Large Butcher's Broom
 Solomon's Seal
 Herb Paris

Daffodil Family

Pheasant's Eye Narcissus

Arum Family**Orchid Family**

Broad-leaved Helleborine
 Violet Helleborine
 White Helleborine
 Sword-leaved Helleborine
 Red Helleborine
 Violet Limadore
 Bird's Nest Orchid
 Common Twayblade
 Lesser Butterfly Orchid
 Fragrant Orchid
 Wedge-lipped Orchid
 Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid
 Elder-flowered Orchid
 Common Spotted Orchid
 Man Orchid
 Green-winged Orchid
 Mediterranean Green-winged Orchid
 Burnt Tip Orchid
 Lady Orchid
 Provence Orchid
 Toothed Orchid
 Bug Orchid
 Early Purple Orchid
 Dull Ophrys
 Early Spider Orchid
 Late Spider Orchid
 Bertoloni's Bee Orchid

<i>Ophrys scolopax</i>	Woodcock Orchid
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid
<i>Himantoglossum adriaticum</i>	Adriatic Lizard Orchid
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid

Birds (C = common; H = heard)

	Common name	Scientific name	June							
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					2	2	2	
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>						2	1	
3	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>						2		
4	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>						15	6	
5	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						6	1	
6	Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>						1		
7	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						3		
8	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>						2		
9	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1					4		
10	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					1	2		
11	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						1		
12	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					1	1	1	
13	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2			1	2	2	1	
14	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		1						
15	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	2	C	C	C	C	C	
16	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					2	1		2
17	Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>				H				
18	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>			2					
19	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		H	H	H	H			
20	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>					1	1		
21	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>						H		
22	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					3	4	2	
23	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						C	C	
24	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>					5	4		
25	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columbo livia</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
26	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columbo palumbus</i>	5			C	C	C	C	
27	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	2	1	C	C	C	C	C	
28	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		C	C	C	C	C	C	
29	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	H	H	H	H	H	
30	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>				H				
31	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
32	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	H		3			2		
33	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		H		H	H	1		
34	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
35	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>				1				
36	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		C	C			C		
37	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			1					
38	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		C	C	C	C	C	C	
39	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>							1	
40	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
41	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		2	3					
42	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		H	2	1				
43	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		10	2	3				

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
44	White Wagtail	<i>Moticilla alba</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
45	Grey Wagtail	<i>Moticila cinerea</i>					2		1	
46	Ashy-headed Wagtail	<i>Moticilla flava cinereocapilla</i>						3		
47	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>				1			1	
48	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	H	H	C	C	C	C	C	
49	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1							
50	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				H				
51	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
52	Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatalis</i>		1				1		
53	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1	
54	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	4			H	H	H	1	
55	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	1	1	H	H	H	H		
56	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	
57	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
58	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>		3	2	1			2	
59	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		3	3	4				
60	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	1	1	1		H			
61	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	H	H					1	
62	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>							1	
63	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	4							2
64	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					H			
65	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					6			
66	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					6			
67	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H	H	H	H	H	H	
68	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		H	H				H	
69	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>				H				
70	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			H					
71	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H	H	H	H	H	H	
72	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		H		H		H		
73	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>						H		
74	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	2	2	2	1				
75	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
76	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
77	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	1	1	2				1	
78	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	H	H			1			
79	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						12		
80	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>						H	H	
81	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		H	1	1	1	1		
82	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			1					
83	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
84	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
85	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		4	25	4	2			
86	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>		20		10			12	
87	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	C	20	C	C	C	C	C	
88	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
89	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
90	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer x italiae</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
91	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	C							
92	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	2					12		
93	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		H	C	C	C	C	C	C
94	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
95	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>	C	C	C	C			C	
96	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
97	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		2		2	1		2	
98	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		1		1				
99	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>					4	1		
100	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		C	C	C	C	C	C	

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
1 Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	18 Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
2 Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>	19 Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
3 Black-veined White	<i>Aporia craetegi</i>	20 Painted Lady	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>
4 Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	21 Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>
5 Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	22 Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea fascelis</i>
6 Mountain Small White	<i>Artogeia ergane</i>	23 Heath Fritillary	<i>Mellicta athalia</i>
7 Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>	24 Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>
8 Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	25 Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurina</i>
9 Moroccan Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis belia</i>	26 Sooty Ringlet	<i>Erebia pluto</i>
10 Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	27 Small heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilis</i>
11 Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	28 Eastern Large Heath	<i>Coenonympha rhodopensis</i>
12 Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	29 Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
13 Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>	30 Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>
14 Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>	31 Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>
15 Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	32 Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus action</i>
16 Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	33 Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>
17 Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>	34 Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes venatus</i>