

Wildlife Photography - in the Spanish Pyrenees

Naturetrek Tour Report

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High alpine valley by Robert Williams



Napazal, Aisa Valley by Sammi Timms and Nick Boyes



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Introduction

This was our second photography tour in the Aragonese Pyrenees and it was a great week of learning photographic techniques for nature photography. The group was made up of people wanting to learn and improve their photo-techniques and everyone finished the week with plenty of useful knowledge, more confidence in using their cameras and we returned with great memories, and photos, of the outstanding fauna, flora and landscapes of the Spanish Pyrenees. We had a fun and entertaining week with a wonderful group of people united by common interests. Thanks to everyone in the group...

Day 1

Sunday 18th September

We arrived at Zaragoza Airport to be picked up and taken to Casa Sarasa in Berdún. Late to bed tonight and no photos!

Day 2

Monday 19th September

After breakfast Sergio gave a general outline of the course objectives and went on to explain how the camera works and the methods for controlling light with the aperture, exposure and ISO. We talked about how to overexpose and underexpose images according to our needs, and how the light meter works, and about the various camera programs.

We then did our first outing to a Poplar grove on the banks of the nearby River Aragon where we worked with varying depths of field by changing the aperture. We studied hyperfocal distance and then, at the river, studied the way we can use different shutter speeds to get different effects when shooting water. The group then dispersed to try these techniques for themselves. Along the river we saw Red Kites, Yellow-legged Gulls, a Sparrowhawk, Grey Heron and Northern Wheatear.

We returned to Casa Sarasa for a great buffet lunch and then set out for the Foz de Binies Gorge just up the road from Berdún. The spectacular gorge offers beautiful changing light and contrasts. The main task here was controlling light and how to properly expose images. Sergio also got us thinking about camera position when taking shots, which got us into some interesting postures and gave some novel results. We saw many Griffon Vultures soaring above the cliffs and saw a Lammergeier (first of many) circle above us. A walk along the gorge revealed a flock of Long-tailed Tits flitting from tree to tree downstream, a Peregrine, Rock Doves, Black Redstart, Crag Martins and a Spotted Flycatcher.

Once back at Casa Sarasa, Sergio went over everyone's photos and commented on them. A good dinner rounded off a great first day!

Day 3

Tuesday 20th September

A day dedicated to the study of different lenses: after a theoretical explanation which also reviewed the concepts of the previous day we went to the Monastery of San Juan de la Peña. Once there we began the exercises with different focal lengths, seeing how lens selection affects how we see the subject and changes how the subject relates to its surroundings. Another exercise was to look at the distance between camera and subject and how to judge which lens is appropriate in each situation. While at San Juan de La Peña we saw Spotted Flycatcher, Short-toed Treecreeper, Blackcap, Great Tit, Coal Tit and Blue Tit, Serin and Grey Wagtails as well as Adonis Blue and Common Blue Butterflies.

We then drove down to a hide near Santa Cilia to see the Griffon Vultures feeding at a muladar (where farmers dispose of dead livestock). The vultures were cautious at first, circling above us before one vulture (the hungriest!) swooped down on the carcasses. Within seconds the sheep were buried under a seething mass of hungry vultures. There were at least 300 birds there – quite a sight! With Sergio's tips about photographing birds in flight we got some excellent shots of Griffons in as they flew in. Within 15 minutes there was not a trace of the sheep except for a few bones and skins.

We had our picnic lunch (not put off by the vultures!) and then headed down to the River Aragón near Ascara and continued with our focal length exercises. We saw dragonflies (extremely hard to photograph as they move so fast and unpredictably), Pied Wagtails, Blackcap, Red Kite, Black Kite, Great Tit and Pied Flycatcher.

Day 4

Wednesday 21st September

Today we set out immediately for Napazal in the high Aisa Valley. Again it was a beautiful sunny day with just a few high clouds. Once up on the alpine pastures below the glacial cirque, Sergio gave us some useful pointers on using polarising filters (essential on such a bright day), and lenses for landscape photography, and we spent a fantastic morning in the valley. Nature highlights included a Short-toed Eagle patrolling the valley with its characteristic hover, and a Lammergeier soaring above. When the Short-toed Eagle perched we got a great sighting of it in the scope, and its almost owl-like face was really striking. We also saw a Golden Eagle soaring above the peaks, Griffons, Egyptian Vulture and several Kestrels which hunt over the alpine meadows. Other birds seen were Skylark, Coal Tit, Jays, Red Kites, Wood Warbler, Northern Wheatear, Black Redstart, and Whinchat.

By the end of a dry, hot summer, the flowers were well past their best, but we saw Yellow Rattle, Eyebright, Alpine Kidney Vetch, Pyrenean Iris seed heads, Merendera and Autumn Crocus. We had a late picnic (excellent as always) by the mountain stream and saw Brimstone butterflies, numerous Bath Whites, Adonis Blue and Hummingbird Hawk-moth. After lunch we slowly made our way back to the minibus and drove down the valley to the pretty village of Aisa where we enjoyed a very welcome cold drink.

Once back at Casa Sarasa we went over the images – many excellent – and after dinner, some of us spent several hours photographing the night sky – very clear and no light pollution here – with Robert's expertise as an astronomy photographer helping us get some great shots. His advice was greatly appreciated as was his amazing, home made, star-following kit. A long and productive day!

Day 5

Thursday 22nd September

Today's theme was white balance, which always causes some head scratching, so after breakfast we had a short class on how to select the best white balance, colour temperature and how to work in different weather and light conditions. After the class we headed up the Hecho Valley, stopping first in Hecho village for a look around the fascinating local museum which explains how life was for people here in the mountains until very recently. We then drove up-valley to the magnificent Boca del Infierno (Hell's Mouth) Gorge where we tried our first white balance exercises. Many of us got great shots of the impressive Pyrenean Saxifrage flower spikes growing from the limestone cliffs.

Then a little further up the valley we got some great river shots and good close ups of Clouded Yellow (everywhere today) butterflies. We also saw Dipper on the river and heard Black Woodpecker drumming. We then continued up to the Oza Beech forest for more white balance exercises in the trees – a few of us followed the sound of a calling and drumming Black Woodpecker and were rewarded with a brilliant, very close sighting of this impressive bird. We had our picnic in the shade of a Beech and saw Bonellis Warbler, Coal Tit and Wood Warbler.

Then we continued up to the alpine pastures of Guarrinza. We enjoyed the spectacle of the pair of Lammergeiers which nest here (this year just over the border in France) soaring and landing on the hillside and those with long lenses got some good shots. We also saw Yellowhammer, Dunnock, more Wood Warbler, Garden Warbler in the bushes and another Dipper. We saw a Longhorn beetle, Four Spot Orb Weaver spider (*Araneus quadratus*), Praying Mantis and many Dung Beetles.

The developing clouds added contrasting light and made photography conditions more interesting than just blue skies. We continued working with white balance and managing light for an hour or so until it was time to head back to Berdún to go over the photos and relax before dinner. Another productive day and it was great to see how much more confident the group was becoming as photographers...

Day 6

Friday 23rd September

For Friday and Saturday Sergio wanted to concentrate on composition so we had an interesting theory session about the rule of two thirds, colours, shapes, lines, rhythm and sequences. With these concepts in mind we set off North up the Ansó Valley.

On leaving Casa Sarasa it was good to see a Little Owl perched on a barn. First stop was the Linza beech forest – the finest forest in Aragón. As soon as we arrived we saw a pair of Golden Eagles circling above. In the forest we did exercises with the topics explained, while taking advantage of the dappled sunlight in the forest. Typical forest birds seen were; many Nuthatch, Treecreeper (here they can be either Short-toed or the Common variety), Crested and Coal Tit, Wren, Green Woodpecker (Black Woodpecker drumming) and of course the omnipresent Chaffinches.

After a picnic by the Linza hut we went to Taxeras, another magnificent beech forest beneath the jagged ridge of the Sierra de Alano. Richard drove nearly the entire group to just below the cliffs and from there we began a quiet descent down the track constantly photographing any subject of interest: trees, landscapes, fungi, flowers, etc. We saw another Golden Eagle, a Sparrowhawk, Alpine and Red-billed Choughs and a few late flowers including Carline Thistle, Milkwort, Self Heal, Scabious and Alpine Kidney Vetch. We were also lucky to see a Viperine Water Snake (*Natrix maura*).

On our way back to Berdún we stopped in the village of Anso where they were having their annual fiesta. Some of us were inadvertently caught up in the cow running (like Pamplona bull running but with cows) and could have had a closer encounter with nature (the sharp end!) than we wanted. The holiday atmosphere was great fun though, and it was good to experience something of traditional Spain as well as the natural wonders of the area. Another great day!

Day 7

Saturday 24th September

We had a briefing about the elements of composition - balance, movement, positive-negative space, texture, etc. The weather forecast indicated a possibility of rain, the first day of bad weather in the entire week. Today we drove up to Lizara beneath the huge mass of Pico Bisaurin (2670m) in the Aragüés Valley. Black clouds and sunlight provided very good light for photographing the stunning scenery. No sooner had we arrived we saw a Golden Eagle and then we spread out to take pictures. We saw Red-billed and Alpine Choughs, many Mistle Thrushes, Crested Tit, Yellowhammer, Linnet, Blackcap, Dunnock, Pied Wagtail, Jay, Raven and, of course many Griffon Vultures. We also saw Pyrenean Chamois very close and an Iberian Rock Lizard on a Neolithic dolmen (5000 year old burial structure)

The group moved quietly around the area with Sergio giving on the spot tips while we photographed and enjoyed the autumn colours amazing scenery and wildlife. Of course, when we sat down for our picnic it started raining! It didn't last too long so we took some more shots before heading down the valley. We stopped for a drink and look around the pretty village of Aragues with its traditional architecture and then spent an enjoyable afternoon reviewing our photos before our final and excellent dinner.

Day 8

Sunday 25th September

Our last day! After a late-ish breakfast and relaxed morning to pack, we set off towards Zaragoza spending the day visiting some wonderful spots on the way. First we went to the vultures lookout point viewpoint at Sarsamarcuello where we had our picnic while overlooking the spectacular rock pinnacles of the Mallos de Riglos. This is one of Europe's biggest vulture colonies and we saw and photographed plenty flying just past us on our cliff top picnic spot.

From there we continued to Loarre Castle where some of us saw Black Wheatear as well as Crag Martins, Black Redstart, Stonechat and Red-billed Chough among the medieval walls and towers. We then went to Ayerbe – a lovely market town where there was a big rural fair happening. We saw mules working, various artisans, a display of birds of prey including a Saker and a stunning Peregrine. We all enjoyed sampling the cheeses and hams in the food tent!

Then we continued to Zaragoza Airport where we said goodbye after an excellent week.

Everyone was pleased with their progress with nature photography and it was a friendly and fun week. Thanks to all!

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Griffon Vulture by Robert Williams

Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	September							
			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			6					
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>								2
3	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>								2
4	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		3	1	1	1		2	
5	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>								4
6	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>		1		2				
7	Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>								1
9	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				1		1	2	
10	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				1		1		
11	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennata</i>								1
12	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>							1	
15	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1						
16	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1		1	1	1	1	3
17	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			1					
18	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1						
19	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		2						
20	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		2						2
21	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓						✓
22	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓
23	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						1		
25	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	4							
26	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1				1		
27	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		1						
28	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>				1				
29	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				1				
30	Common Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				3		2		
31	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		2	2	4	2	4	2	
35	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		4		3		1	1	
36	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>				2				
37	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>				4	2	2	4	
38	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		6	2					
41	Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>								1
42	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>				2				
43	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>				1				1
44	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
45	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>				1			25+	
46	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>								1

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48	Garden warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>						1		
49	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		2	1					
50	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>								h
51	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			4	3		2	6	
52	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>				1				
53	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
54	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			h			h		
55	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>			h			h		
56	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
57	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1					1	1
58	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1					
59	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	European Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
62	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>						2	4	
63	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		15+						
64	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			2			5		
65	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			2			2		
66	Iberian Great Grey shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>		1						
67	Common Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>				2	4	6	4	
78	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>							4	
79	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		4						
80	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
81	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		2		3				
82	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			2					

Mammals

1	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>						1		
2	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				1				
3	Pyrenean Chamois (Izard)	<i>Rupicapra pyrenaica</i>							2	
4	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>		1	1		1		1	
5	Alpine Marmot	<i>Marmotta marmotta</i>				4			2	
6	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>								

Amphibians & Reptiles

1	Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>		3						
2	Common Lizard	<i>Zootoca vivipera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Iberian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>		1					1	
5	Viperine Water Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>						1		

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Butterflies

1	Silver Spotted Skipper	<i>Hesperia comma</i>			1					
2	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		2						
3	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>				25				
4	Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>		1						
5	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		1	2					
6	Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>		1						
7	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>	1							
8	Comma	<i>Polygonia comma</i>		1					1	
9	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	15							
10	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>							1	
11	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Moths

1	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		1		2		3		1
2	Tiger Moth	<i>Cymbalophora pudica?</i>				1				

Other invertebrates

1	Bee	<i>Anthophora plumipes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>	many							
3	Dung Beetle	<i>Aphodius sp</i>			10+					
4	Alpine Rosalia Longhorn	<i>Rosalia alpina</i>			1					

Plants

Scientific name	Common name	Location
PINOPIIDA (GYMNOSPERMS)		
Cupressaceae		
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Cypress Family Italian Cypress	Riglos
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	All mountain and valley areas
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper	Riglos
Pinaceae		
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Pine Family Austrian Pine	Hecho/Aragues Valley
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	All mountain and valley areas
MAGNOLIOPSIDA		
FLOWERING PLANTS		
Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)		
Aceraceae		
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Maple Family Field maple	Biniés, Hecho,
<i>Acer monspessulanum</i>	Montpelier maple	Biniés, Hecho
Anacardiaceae		
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Sumach Family Turpentine tree	Riglos
Apiaceae		
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Carrot Family Cow Parsley	

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<i>Eryngium bourgatii</i>	Pyrenean Eryngo	Aragues
<i>Selinum pyreneaeum</i>	Pyrenean Angelica	Aragues
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Hecho Valley
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	
<i>Filago vulgaris</i>	Common Cudweed	
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Curry Plant	Berdún
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot	Hecho Valley
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	All valleys
Buxaceae	Box Family	
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Box	
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	Biniés
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring Tree	All valleys
Carophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Petrocoptis pyrenaica</i>	Petrocoptis	Biniés
<i>Saponaria ocymoides</i>	Rock Soapwort	Biniés and San Juan de La Peña
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	Moss Campion	Aragues
Cistaceae	Rockrose Family	
<i>Fumana ericoides</i>	Fumana	San Juan de La Peña
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rockrose	San Juan de La Peña
<i>H.nummularium subsp. pyrenaicum</i>	Pink Rockrose	San Juan de La Peña
<i>H.oelandicum subsp. canum</i>	Hoary Rockrose	
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	Pink Bindweed	San Juan de La Peña
<i>Cuscuta epithimum</i>	Dodder	San Juan de La Peña
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Jovibarba globifera</i>	Hen and chickens Houseleek	Hecho Valley
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Hecho Valley
<i>Umbelicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Hecho Valley
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Knautia dipsacifolia</i>	Wood Scabious	Ansó Valley
Ericaceae	Heath Family	
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	Hecho Valley
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphobia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	
<i>Euphorbia characias subsp. characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Biniés

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<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	San Juan de La Peña
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Echinospartum horridum</i>	Echinospartum	All valleys
<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Everlasting Pea	Biniés
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne	Cultivated
<i>Onobrychis viciifolia</i>	Sainfoin	Cultivated
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	Biniés
<i>Lotus alpinus</i>	Alpine Birds Foot Trefoil	Hecho/Aragues Valley
Fagaceae	Oak Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Hecho, Ansó, Aisa Valleys
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak	Riglos
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	All valleys
<i>Quercus pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean Oak	Hecho Valley
<i>Quercus petraea</i>	Sessile Oak	All valleys
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Gentiana acaulis</i>	Trumpet Gentian	Hecho Valley
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	Spring Gentian	Hecho Valley
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Biniés
Malvaceae		
<i>Malva alcea</i>	Cut leaved Mallow	Aragues
Gesneriaceae	Gloxinia Family	
<i>Ramonda myconi</i>	Ramonda	Biniés
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ajuga pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Bugle	Hecho Valley
<i>Horminum pyrenaicum</i>	Dragonmouth	Hecho Valley
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Lavender	Biniés
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Marjoram	Near Berdún
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	Riglos
<i>Thymus pulegioides</i>	Large Thyme	Biniés
<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	Perennial Thyme	All valleys
Lentibulariaceae	Butterwort Family	
<i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i>	Common Butterwort	Hecho Valley
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum narbonense</i>	Beautiful Flax	San Juan de La Peña
<i>L. suffruticosum subsp. salsaloides</i>	Pyrenean Flax	San Juan de La Peña
<i>Linum viscosum</i>	Sticky Flax	San Juan de La Peña
Loranthaceae	Mistletoe Family	
<i>Viscum album subsp austriacum</i>	Mistletoe	On Scots Pine
Moraceae	Mulberry Family	
<i>Ficus sycomorus</i>	Wild Fig	Agüero

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Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	All valleys
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	Riglos
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Lathraea clandestina</i>	Purple Toothwort	Anso
<i>Orobanche alba</i>	Thyme Broomrape	Agüero
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Meconopsis cambrica</i>	Welsh Poppy	Hecho Valley
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago arenaria</i>	Branched Plantain	Hecho/Aragues Valley
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Armeria maritima subsp. alpina</i>	Mountain Thrift	Anso
Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family	
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort	Biniés
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	Hecho Valley
<i>Helleborus foetidus</i>	Stinking Hellebore	Hecho Valley
<i>Helleborus viridis</i>	Green Hellebore	Aragues
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Hepatica	Biniés
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Potentilla rupestris</i>	Rock Cinquefoil	Anso Aragues
<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>	Bramble	All valleys
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium verum</i>	Ladies Bedstraw	Hecho/Aragues Valley
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Meadow Saxifrage	Hecho/Aragues Valley
<i>Saxifraga longifolia</i>	Pyrenean Saxifrage	All valleys
<i>Parnassia palustris</i>	Parnassus Flower	Hecho Valley
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Snapdragon	Biniés
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle	Hecho Valley
<i>Verbascum pulverulentum</i>	Hoary Mullein	Hecho Valley
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Hecho Village
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	Deadly Nightshade	Aragón Valley
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	All valleys
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Wild Grape-vine	Embún

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Liliidae (Monocotyledons)		
Iridaceae		
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	Autumn Crocus	Aisa
<i>Merendera pirineica</i>	Merendera	Aisa/hecho/Aragues
Liliaceae		
<i>Aphyllanthes monspeliensis</i>	Blue Aphyllanthes	Biniés
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	Berdún
Orchidaceae		
<i>Orchis laxiflora</i>	Lax-flowered Orchid	Aisa
<i>Orchis palustris</i>	Bog Orchid	Aisa