

Albania in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

30 May - 6 June 2017



Paeonia mascula, Bladder Gentian



Gentiana utriculosa



Campanula ramosississima



View from Koman Ferry

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Day 1

Tuesday 30th May

UK to Tirana; transfer to Berat

We departed mid-afternoon from Gatwick, leaving a little later than our allotted time spot. Journey time was just under three hours and once we had changed currency into the local lek and collected our luggage, we were met by our genial local guide Ardi. He was very knowledgeable on the history and culture of Albania and during our two-hour drive to Berat, informed us about many things Albanian. We were struck by the proliferation of petrol stations here!

As we arrived at the Mangalemi Hotel in historic Berat we were treated to a large meal just before bed time!

Day 2

Wednesday 31st May

Divjaka-Karavasta National Park & Berat

As we didn't get to bed until gone midnight, we had breakfast at 7.30am looking over the cobbled road in glorious warm sunshine. The food choice was good and the rooms comfortable. Red-rumped Swallows were seen by the hotel with more familiar Barn Swallow and House Martin.

We were then ready for our first trip out of Berat with a two-hour drive to the Karavasta Lagoon on the coast to the north-west. Driving along, Neil spotted a couple of Bee-eaters hawking insects by the road. We pulled over and discovered a sandy bank where a small colony of these handsome insectivores were breeding. We all had wonderful views of these gaudy birds while a Corn Bunting sang on nearby wires. In the gravel we looked at *Echium italicum* and the generally abundant *E. Plantagineum*.

We picked up a local guide who worked at Karavasta and stopped at the visitor centre. The sunny glade was populated by good numbers of butterflies including several Meadow Browns and Cleopatras, Clouded Yellows and Painted Lady. The male Cleopatras were a joy to look at with the bright orange on the forewing contrasting with the otherwise bright yellow wings. We also saw our only Green-eyed (Norfolk) Hawker of the trip. This was also the only place we encountered a couple of Hermann's Tortoises. It was surprising how quickly they could move when they didn't want to be photographed! We met with John, the tame Dalmatian Pelican that had been adopted by the centre. He couldn't be released back into the wild due to a damaged wing.

Moving to the lagoon, we were surprised by how few birds we saw. A couple of distant wild Dalmatian Pelicans and a couple of Pygmy Pelicans flying over were the main interest here. At our second stop we walked to the raised hide where many of the group ascended. Here we saw a flock of about 250 Greater Flamingoes, both feeding in the water and in flight. Eastern Olivaceous Warbler sang from the scrub, occasionally yielding a view and both Little and Common Terns fished the waters. A Great Banded Grayling flew past us and conveniently landed on a bush for all to see. In the same area a Lesser Emperor was hunting midges, while a variety of bush-crickets were found in the grass.

In a shady woodland setting we had a huge fish (apart from the vegetarians) lunch and relaxed for an hour or so. Some of us saw a Woodchat Shrike here.

Our final stop at Karavasta resulted in the only wader of the day- a non-breeding plumaged Grey Plover. Birding was extremely quiet, but we did see three species of orchid: Bug, Lax-flowered and Small-flowered Tongue Orchids. The area looked colourful with many Evening Primroses but our guide said these were unwelcome invasive aliens!

Returning to Berat, Ardi took us around some of the historic city and we explored the citadel. This was built in the 13th century and stands at an imposing 214 metres overlooking the River Osum. There were numerous Byzantine churches and Ottoman mosques. We rounded off with a visit to a cultural museum where the enthusiastic guide explained the significance of the Onafri icons, who were a father and son living in the 16th century.

Day 3

Thursday 1st June

Narte Lagoon

On another hot, sunny day we left our base at Berat and headed south-west to Narte Lagoons. Picking up a new local guide, we were pleased that there were many birds present. Black-headed Wagtails were common along the tracks giving good views. Black-winged Stilt, Avocet and Kentish Plover were present in good numbers, and across the track we saw a mother stilt with a small chick which she carefully guarded. Our guide found a single Collared Pratincole on a ridge and also a pair of Stone-curlews which were well received. One of these flew off and the remaining bird was being seriously harassed by some terns.

Further along the track we saw about 500 Greater Flamingos and 20 loafing immature Dalmatian Pelicans. Also, fairly inactive, was a small flock of ten Slender-billed Gulls. The colourful flowery banks attracted many butterflies; especially Eastern Bath Whites and Clouded Yellows.

Walking down another track a small flock of Curlew Sandpipers and a pair of Dunlin landed. Driving to the far side for a picnic lunch, we paused to watch a small group of Bee-eaters and Neil spotted some Alpine Swifts flying in the same area. Near our lunch spot under the pines, a small pond revealed a European Pond Terrapin which kept diving, and more obliging dragonflies including a splendid male Scarlet Darter and a couple of male Black-tailed Skimmers which regularly had aerial skirmishes.

Following lunch, some of the group took a long walk with the local guide to the beach where they heard a Turtle Dove purring and saw the first Sand Martins of the trip. Along the path we eventually identified some orchids as *Orchis palustris*.

We then headed back to our base in Berat for a free afternoon. A few of the group wished to explore more of the city so Ardi kindly guided them around and shared his knowledge.

Day 4

Friday 2nd June

Berat to Valbona via Prizren

Following breakfast it was time to say our farewells to Berat and head for the Albanian alps at Valbona National Park. On our journey north-east Neil spotted a circling White Stork: in fact it was a pair which were seen by most of the group and the only ones seen on the trip. At a coffee stop we encountered a Common Wall Lizard and a Nightingale was in full song.

Before reaching Valbona we had to enter Kosovo and had to wait for our passports to be checked as group members wanted to have a national stamp in their passports. We then visited the country's second largest city, Prizren with the River Prizren Bistrica running through it, which was where we had lunch. Along the river we saw a Dipper which was nesting in a man-made structure by the bridge, while under the bridge itself a pair of Grey Wagtails were feeding a recently fledged juvenile.

Passing back through Albanian passport control, we were struck by the wonderful scenery of the Albanian alps and stopped a couple of times for photographs. At one of these we made our first encounter with the attractive blue flowers of *Campanula lingulata*.

Day 5

Saturday 3rd June

Mountains & Arif Kadris

Following breakfast we set off in four 4-wheel drive vehicles to the mountains and to Arif Kadris. On the way up we saw our first Red-backed Shrike sitting on a bush. We went on to see several of these attractive birds over the next few days.

We passed woods of Beech, Oriental Hornbeam, Hazel and Cornelian Cherry. Beyond these were colourful meadows featuring Yellow Rattle, various clovers, Kidney Vetch and Bloody Cranesbill with small patches of Glaucous Spurge and Greek Hellebore, now fruiting. We went on to find Green-winged Orchid.

As we set off a Black Woodpecker landed on a pine and gave good views to the back half of the group. It proceeded to play hide and seek, disappearing round the back of the trunk before reappearing. Also showing well was a male Eastern Green Lizard which posed at the base of a hedge; a rich green colour with a bright blue head. A Smooth Snake was another fine addition to our herps tally.

We did hear a Cirl Bunting singing but couldn't locate it. More obliging were the numerous butterflies in the meadows. Such a contrast to back home as there was such a large number in both species and numbers. A variety of blues were identified including Common, Mazarine, Chequered and Small Blues as well as good numbers of Glanville Fritillary, Swallowtail and a couple of Black-veined Whites. There were also a variety of day flying moths including Speckled Yellow, 6-spot Burnet and Burnet Companion.

Lunch was very special as we had it in a local farmhouse where our hosts provided home-made food with a variety of cheeses, corn bread and salads, accompanied by some liquid yoghurt and the infamous raki. It was difficult to drag ourselves away from the warm hospitality shown by this family.

On our return, we paused to look at one of the meadows we passed on the way up but returned to our vehicles as it started to rain. By 5pm, back at our hotel, a thunderstorm had begun.

Day 6

Sunday 4th June

Valbona NP

After the previous evening's storm, dawn broke fresh and sunny. Today we were joined by Catherine, who originates from New York but is now a naturalised Albanian and runs a hotel. She was great fun and led our walks over the next couple of days. Today we were exploring Maja e Thate.

As yesterday our first birds of interest were Red-backed Shrikes, though we frequently heard an elusive Cuckoo. Butterflies were everywhere with the lower meadows containing similar species to yesterday. A Chequered Blue posed brilliantly for cameras and sheep dung was a real attractant to Small and Mazarine Blues as well as Dingy Skipper. We also found our first Green Hairstreak. Amongst the flowers we encountered in the lower meadows were Small Sainfoin, Horseshoe Vetch and Hoary Rock-rose.

At times the walk uphill could be tiring and several members of the group decided to stop half-way and have a more relaxing return. Passing through some Beech woodland we saw the leaves of Hepatica, Lily of the Valley, and flowering Bird's-nest Orchid and White Helleborine. We enjoyed watching a couple of Nuthatches feeding their flying youngsters.

As we ascended the flora began to change. We found the colourful Thyme Broomrape, a fabulous colony of *Paeonia mascula* in full flower and Maria was the only person lucky enough to see the endemic Albanian Lily: just a single flowering plant. Sadly, Catherine was unable to locate the *Iris pumila* seen on previous trips. We did get to enjoy a number of flowering Bladder Gentians, while Cross Gentians were in leaf only.

Those of us who continued to our highest point were treated to some tremendous views, while a group of fifty Alpine Choughs circled and landed around some scree, and a few Alpine Swifts flew past us. At this altitude we were treated to a few new butterflies: some Clouded Apollos, a couple of Apollos, many Woodland Ringlets and a male Berger's Clouded Yellow.

On our descent, Catherine spotted a bird that she said she hadn't seen before land in a field below us. Neil picked it up as it took off. It was a good view of a male Honey Buzzard, but unfortunately only three of us were there to see it. Whilst we were not seeing many raptors, we had heard Common Buzzard earlier. More of the group saw the singing Tree Pipit at the edge of the wood, and a pair of Marsh Tits were located. As we returned to where our vehicles were parked we had refreshments at a local farmhouse, and Tony saw a Golden Eagle.

Day 7

Monday 5th June

Valbona NP

Today started sunny, though it clouded up by lunchtime with a brief heavy shower. Catherine took us on a five-kilometre walk along the fast flowing River Valbona, from Ram Avdytit to Maia and Kollates. The early section

of the walk was fairly flat through pasture, though the presence of cattle meant fewer flowers! Grey Wagtails were common along the river.

We checked the base of an old stone wall for reptiles and found Eastern Green and Common Wall Lizards. The first orchids we encountered were Fragrant and Bug Orchids. The former we saw quite a few of later. We also found three flowering plants of the bellflower, *Edraianthus tenuifolius*. Later parts of the walk became more strenuous and a little taxing for some. Through the mature beechwood we found Common Twayblade, and in sunnier glades we discovered other orchids including Fly Orchid, *Dactylorhiza saccifera*, and Red and White Helleborines.

Lunch was taken by a rickety wooden bridge which Catherine jumped up and down on before we crossed to check its robustness. The final section was more of a track, but we took a taxi back to base from the road bridge.

Day 8

Tuesday 6th June

Kruje; Tirena; return flight to the UK

After an early breakfast we departed from the guesthouse at 7.30am to reach the Koman Ferry, which set sail at 9am. The views of the deep gorges were spectacular and we were lucky that early mist had cleared leaving a fine sunny day. The ferry journey has been elected as one of the world's finest, comparable to the Norwegian fjords. Birding highlights included a Goosander flying past us, a Honey Buzzard gently cruising across the lake in front of us and, at the terminus, over 20 Alpine Swifts flying in and out of their breeding cave, calling excitedly.

Continuing our journey, we could see a change in the vegetation. Lunch was taken at a scenic lakeside location at the Perla Restaurant. Though there were few birds on the lake, we did see a Pygmy Cormorant.

Our final cultural stop was at Kruje, some 20 kilometres north of Tirena. Ardi took us up to the castle where there were some great views and we could see Tirena airport. Growing in the walls was the stunning *Campanula ramosissima*. Apart from an attractive selection of plants, Margaret spotted a dragonfly hanging from a plant which Neil was excited to identify as a Sombre Goldenring. A little later we saw it in flight. Before our final dinner we explored the narrow cobbled road that held the bazaar with all manner of trinkets from clothing to old military artefacts and some unpleasant looking gin traps.

Reaching Tirena airport, it was time to say goodbye to both Bob and Margaret who were on the tour extension and to our guide Ardi. For the rest of the group, it was a quick and efficient procedure going through customs and we arrived back at Gatwick after 11pm after an enjoyable week in Albania, if a little strenuous in places for some.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May/June						
			31	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Common Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>							1
2	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	250	500					
3	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			2				
4	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	2		1				2
5	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	30	8					1
6	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	60	20					
7	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	8	1					2
8	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	13		6				20
9	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		1	1	3	H		1
10	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					1		1
11	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetus</i>					1		
12	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>							1
13	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicanus</i>		2					
14	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		20					
15	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		40					
16	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	1						
17	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		1					
18	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		10					
19	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		8					
20	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		2					
21	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		1					
22	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	10	4					14
23	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	10	10					
24	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	10	30					
25	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	15	8					
26	Rock Dove	<i>Columbia livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			2				
28	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		1	4				
29	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	10	8	10				10
30	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>				H	H		
31	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		1	1				
32	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		H					
33	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		6			14		25
34	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		12	2	10			6
35	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	30	30					
36	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1		1				1
37	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>						H	
38	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>				1	1		
39	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	6	6				3
40	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				1			
41	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	1	5	1				1
42	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>				5	2	3	1
43	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>							1
44	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			1	6	1	2	2
45	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	4	6	8				
46	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>					50		
47	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	4		30				4

	Common name	Scientific name	May/June						
			31	1	2	3	4	5	6
48	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	10	8	8		8	2	8
49	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					1		1
50	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>					2	1	
51	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	4	H	H	8	6	8	2
52	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>						1	
53	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	6	6	2				
54	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓	5				
55	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	12	✓	✓				✓
56	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	40	✓	✓	2	4		✓
57	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	1				2		6
58	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cercropis daurica</i>	50	✓	✓				✓
59	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					1	8	
60	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	H		H	1			
61	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				H	H	1	H
62	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>					1		
63	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	5	H					
64	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	H	H					
65	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	H						
66	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	H	H		1	H		
67	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					1		
68	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					4		
69	Common Starlin	<i>Sturna vulgaris</i>		6	6				15
70	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	1		1	2	1	7	3
71	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				H	H		
72	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				H	H	1	H
73	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>							1
74	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>							1
75	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			2		1	1	
76	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓
77	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		10	3				
78	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>		20					
79	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			3		1	8	2
80	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		1	3	2	2	4	2
81	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	1		3				
82	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>					1		
83	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	3	H		H	2	4	1
84	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	2	3	3	H	2	1	
85	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	8	6	2				5
86	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	3	4	2				1
87	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirius</i>				H		H	

Mammals

Rabbit, *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

Reptiles

Hermann's Tortoise, *Testudo hermanni*

Smooth Snake, *Coronella austriaca*

Eastern Green Lizard, *Lacerta viridis*

European Pond Terrapin, *Emys orbicularis*

Common Wall Lizard, *Podarcis muralis*

Lepidoptera

Hungarian Skipper, <i>Spialia orbifer</i>	Dingy Skipper, <i>Erynnis tages</i>
Large Skipper, <i>Ochlodes Sylvanus</i>	Grizzled Skipper... <i>Pyrgus malvae</i>
Apollo, <i>Parnassius Apollo</i>	Clouded Apollo, <i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>
Swallowtail, <i>Papilio machaon</i>	Brimstone, <i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>
Cleopatra, <i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	Berger's Clouded Yellow, <i>Colias alfacariensis</i>
Clouded Yellow, <i>Colias crocea</i>	Black-veined White, <i>Aporia crataegi</i>
Large White, <i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Small White, <i>Pieris rapae</i>
Orange Tip, <i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	Eastern Bath White, <i>Pontia edusa</i>
Eastern Wood White, <i>Leptidea duponcheli</i>	Green Hairstreak, <i>Callophrys rubi</i>
Small Copper, <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	Chequered Blue, <i>Scolantides orion</i>
Brown Argus, <i>Aricia agestis</i>	Holly Blue, <i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
Small Blue, <i>Cupido minimus</i>	Mazarine Blue, <i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>
Common Blue, <i>Polyommatus Icarus</i>	Amanda's Blue, <i>Polyommatus amandus</i>
Adonis Blue, <i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>	Southern Comma, <i>Polygonia egea</i>
Painted Lady, <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Red Admiral, <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Peacock, <i>Aglais io</i>	Small Tortoiseshell, <i>Aglais urticae</i>
Camberwell Beauty, <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	Balkan Fritillary, <i>Boloria graeca</i>
Glanville Fritillary, <i>Melitaea cinxia</i>	Speckled Wood, <i>Pararge aegeria</i>
Woodland Ringlet, <i>Erebia medusa</i>	Balkan Marbled White, <i>Melanargia larissa</i>
Great Banded Grayling, <i>Brintesia circe</i>	Meadow Brown, <i>Maniola jurtina</i>
Small Heath, <i>Ceonympha pamphilus</i>	Six-spot Burnet Moth, <i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>
Speckled Yellow, <i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>	Burnet Companion, <i>Euclidia glyphica</i>
Cream-spot Tiger, <i>Arctia villica</i>	Small Elephant Hawk-moth, <i>Deilephila porcellus</i>
Heart and Dart, <i>Agrotis exclamationis</i>	Latticed Heath, <i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>

Odonata

Green-eyed Hawker, <i>Aeshna isosceles</i>	Blue Emperor, <i>Anax imperator</i>
Lesser Emperor, <i>Anax parthenope</i>	Black-tailed Skimmer, <i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>
Scarlet Darter, <i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>	Red-veined Darter, <i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>
Sombre Goldenring, <i>Cordulegaster bidentata</i>	Banded Demoiselle, <i>Calopteryx splendens</i>

Other Invertebrates

Owlfly species, <i>Libelloides</i> sp	Hornet, <i>Vespa crabro</i>
Rose Chafer, <i>Cetonia aurata</i>	Seven-spot Ladybird, <i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>
Southern Field Cricket, <i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>	

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name
Pteridopytes	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken
<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Common Polypody
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall-rue
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback Fern

Scientific Name**Common Name****Gymnosperms****Cupressaceae**

<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper
<i>Juniperus macrocarpa</i>	
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper

Pinaceae

<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine
<i>Pinus heldreichii</i>	Bosnian Pine
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Black Pine
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine

Angiosperms**DICOTS****Amaranthaceae**

<i>Atriplex portulacoides</i>	Sea Purslane
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Anacardaceae

<i>Cotinus coggyria</i>	Smoke Bush
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<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree
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<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground Elder
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<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock
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<i>Eryngium ameythistinum</i>	
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<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo
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<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly
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<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel
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<i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>	
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<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle
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<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders
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Apocyanaceae

<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander
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Aristolochiaceae

<i>Asarum europaeum</i>	Asarabacca
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Asclepiadaceae

<i>Cynanchum acutum</i>	
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<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort
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Asteraceae

<i>Achillea abrotanoides</i>	
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<i>Achillea crithmifolia</i>	
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<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
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<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	Wormwood
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<i>Artemisia campestris</i>	Field Wormwood
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<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort
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<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy
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<i>Carduus thoemeri</i>	
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<i>Carlina corymbosa</i>	
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<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>	Woolly Thistle
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce
<i>Onopordum tauricum</i>	
<i>Ptilostemon afer</i>	
<i>Scolymus hispanica</i>	Spanish Oyster Plant
<i>Senecio leucanthemifolius</i>	
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle
Betulaceae	
<i>Carpinus orientalis</i>	Eastern Hornbeam
Boraginaceae	
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	Bugloss
<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	Alkannet
<i>Asperugo procumbens</i>	Madwort
<i>Buglossoides purpureoerulea</i>	
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Common Hound's-tongue
<i>Echium italicum</i>	Pale Bugloss
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss
<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Common Lungwort
Brassicaceae	
<i>Arabis turrata</i>	Tower Cress
<i>Alyssum</i> sp	
<i>Cardamine bulbifera</i>	Coralroot Bittercress
<i>Erysimum sylvestre</i>	
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard
Campanulaceae	
<i>Campanula lingulata</i>	
<i>Campanula ramosissima</i>	
<i>Edraianthus tenuifolius</i>	
<i>Legousia speculum-veneris</i>	Large Venus's Looking-glass
Caprifoliaceae	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle
<i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	Dwarf Elder
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder
Caryophyllaceae	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort
<i>Cerastium alpinum</i>	
<i>Dianthus petraeus</i>	
<i>Drypis spinosa</i>	

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<i>Gypsophila muralis</i>	
<i>Saponaria bellidifolia</i>	
<i>Silene colorata</i>	
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion
<i>Silene nutans</i>	Nottingham Catchfly
<i>Silene viscaria</i>	Sticky Catchfly
Cistaceae	
<i>Cistus criticus</i>	
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	
<i>Helianthemum nummularia</i>	Common Rockrose
<i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i>	Hoary Rockrose
Convolvulaceae	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed
Cornaceae	
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry
Crassulaceae	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop
<i>Sedum hispanicum</i>	
<i>Umbilicus rupestre</i>	Navelwort
Dipsacaceae	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel
<i>Scabiosa ochroleuca</i>	
Ericaceae	
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heath
Euphorbiaceae	
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	Glaucous Spurge
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury
Fabaceae	
<i>Astragalus glycyphyllos</i>	Wild Liquorice
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch
<i>Cercis siliquistrum</i>	Judas Tree
<i>Colutea arborescens</i>	Bladder Senna
<i>Dorycnium hirsutum</i>	
<i>Dorycnium pentaphyllum</i>	
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	Goat's-rue
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	Horseshoe Vetch
<i>Hippocrepis emerus</i>	
<i>Lathyrus vernus</i>	Spring Vetchling
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's Foot Trefoil
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne
<i>Melilotus indica</i>	Small Melilot
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	

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<i>Trifolium echinaceum</i>	
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover
<i>Trifolium roseum</i>	
<i>Trifolium norricum</i>	Cream Clover
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover
<i>Trigonella balansae</i>	
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch
Fagaceae	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Turkey Oak
<i>Quercus frainetto</i>	Hungarian Oak
Fumariaceae	
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory
Gentianaceae	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliate</i>	Yellow-wort
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>	Lesser Centaury
<i>Gentiana cruciata</i>	Cross Gentian
<i>Gentiana lutea</i>	Yellow Gentian
<i>Gentiana utriculosa</i>	Bladder Gentian
Geraniaceae	
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Cranesbill
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Cranesbill
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dovesfoot Cranesbill
<i>Geranium phaeum</i>	Dusky Cranesbill
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Cranesbill
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Bloody Cranesbill
Juglandaceae	
<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut
Lamiaceae	
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil
<i>Lamium garganicum</i>	Large red Dead-nettle
<i>Leonurus cardiac</i>	Motherwort
<i>Micromeria graeca</i>	
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Marjoram
<i>Phlomis fruticose</i>	Jerusalem Sage
<i>Salvia officinalis</i>	Common Sage
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Meadow Clary
<i>Salvia verticillata</i>	
<i>Scutellaria alpina</i>	
<i>Stachys cretica</i>	
<i>Teucrium alpina</i>	

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<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	Wall Germander
<i>Teucrium polium</i>	
<i>Thymus</i> sp	Thyme
Linaceae	
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Fairy Flax
Malvaceae	
<i>Malva neglecta</i>	Dwarf Mallow
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow
Moraceae	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig
Myrtaceae	
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle
Oleaceae	
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Manna Ash
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive
Orobanchaceae	
<i>Euphrasia</i> sp	Eyebright
<i>Orobancha alba</i>	Thyme Broomrape
<i>Orobancha minor</i>	Common Broomrape
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia
<i>Rhinanthus</i> sp	Yellow Rattle
Oxalidaceae	
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood-sorrel
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	
Papaveraceae	
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	Long-headed Poppy
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Field Poppy
Plantanaceae	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	
Plantaginaceae	
<i>Linaria peloponnesiaca</i>	
<i>Plantago afra</i>	
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buckshorn Plantain
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort
<i>Plantago maritima</i>	Sea Plantain
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain
<i>Veronica austriaca</i>	
<i>Veronica montana</i>	Wood Speedwell
Plumbaginaceae	
<i>Limonium vulgare</i>	Common Sea-lavender
Polygalaceae	
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>	
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort

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Primulaceae	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Sow-bread
<i>Lysimachia atropurpurea</i>	
<i>Primula elatior</i>	Oxslip
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose
<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed
Pyrolaceae	
<i>Orthilia secunda</i>	Serrated Wintergreen
Ranunculaceae	
<i>Anemone nemorosa</i>	Wood Anemone
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Wild Clematis
<i>Helleborus cyclophyllus</i>	Greek Hellebore
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Hepatica
Rhamnaceae	
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Christ's Thorn
Rosaceae	
<i>Aremonia agrimonioides</i>	Bastard Agrimony
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet
<i>Rosa pendulina</i>	Alpine Rose
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Raspberry
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet
Rubiaceae	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw
<i>Rubia peregrine</i>	Wild Madder
Saxifragaceae	
<i>Saxifraga paniculate</i>	Live-long Saxifrage
<i>Saxifraga tridactylites</i>	Rue-leaved Saxifrage
Scrophulariaceae	
<i>Digitalis lanata</i>	
<i>Digitalis lutea</i>	
<i>Scrophularia canina</i>	French Figwort
<i>Verbascum longifolium</i>	
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	
Tamaricaceae	
<i>Tamarix dalmatica</i>	
Thymelaceae	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel
Ulmaceae	
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	Smooth-leaved Elm

Scientific Name**Common Name****Urticaceae***Parietaria Judaica*

Pellitory of the Wall

Urtica dioica

Nettle

Valerianaceae*Valeriana officinalis*

Common Valerian

Verbenaceae*Verbena officinalis*

Vervain

Vitex agnus-castus

Chaste Tree

Violaceae*Viola calcarata***MONOCOTS****Alliaceae***Allium spaerocephalon***Araceae***Arum italicum***Asparagaceae***Asparagus maritimus**Convallaria majalis*

Lily of the Valley

Dioscoreaceae*Dioscorea communis*

Black Bryony

Juncaceae*Juncus acutus*

Sharp Rush

Liliaceae*Lilium albanicum**Polygonatum multiflorum*

Solomon's-seal

Orchidaceae*Anacamptis coriophora*

Bug Orchid

Anacamptis laxiflora

Lax-flowered Orchid

Anacamptis morio

Green-winged Orchid

Cephalanthera damasonium

White Helleborine

Cephalanthera rubra

Red Helleborine

Dactylorhiza maculata

Heath-spotted Orchid

*Dactylorhiza saccifera**Gymnadenia conopsea*

Fragrant Orchid

Neottia nidus-avis

Bird's-nest Orchid

Neottia ovata

Common Twayblade

Neotinea ustulata

Burnt Orchid

Orchis mascula

Early Purple Orchid

*Orchis palustris**Ophrys cornuta**Ophrys insectifera*

Fly Orchid

Serapias parviflora

Small-flowered Tongue Orchid

Poaceae*Arundo donax*

Giant Reed

Avena barbata

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern Grass
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock'sfoot
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Harestail Grass
<i>Melica ciliata</i>	
<i>Phragmites communis</i>	Common Reed

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