

Butterflies of the Picos de Europa

Naturetrek Tour Report

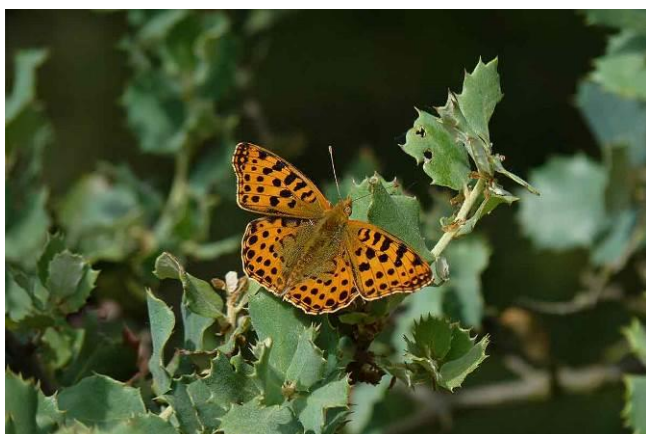
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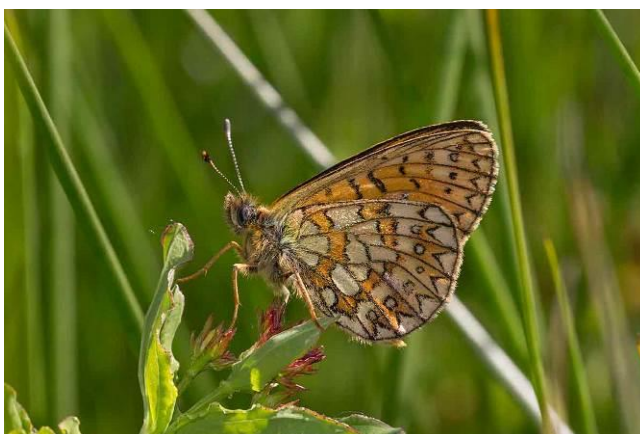
Black-eyed Blue



Chapman's Ringlet



Queen of Spain Fritillary



Ocellate Bog Fritillary

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Summary

During the eight days of this tour we enjoyed excursions through a wide variety of landscapes and environments in the impressive Cantabrian Mountains. We had the opportunity to visit lush forests of oak, beech and lime trees, valley bottom meadows, oak groves and rocky or subalpine mountain pastures above 2,000 metres.

The main objective of the tour was butterflies, of which we saw 72 species. In addition, 71 species of birds and 168 species of plants were observed, as well as representatives of other groups such as moths, mammals, amphibians and reptiles.

Day 1

Thursday 14th June

The group arrived at Santander airport at 10.00pm and after introductions we drove directly to the Torrecerredo hotel, where we stayed for our first three nights.

During the journey of just over an hour along the winding Cantabrian roads we noted our first species for the list, a fox that crossed the road in front of us, plus several domestic cats and two large domestic goats.

It was of course late by the time we arrived and as soon as the rooms were allocated everyone headed straight to bed.

Day 2

Friday 15th June

Cloudy with light rain in the afternoon. 15°C

We started today with a short tour between the towns of Canales and La Molina. The walk runs along a narrow road with practically no traffic, through a lush forest of oak and lime trees dotted with pastures that offered us the opportunity to see our first species of orchids, including Pyramidal Orchid, Bird's Nest Orchid and, above all, an abundance of the spectacular Tongue Orchid.

Upon reaching La Molina we continued along a narrow path beside the Casaño River, stopping to eat in a limestone area where we enjoyed seeing raptors such as Griffon Vulture and Egyptian Vulture, along with other birds such as Eurasian Crag Martin, Iberian Chiffchaff and Eurasian Bullfinch.

Although very cloudy, this was the day that we also observed our first species of butterfly; Marbled White, Wood White and Comma.

Day 3

Saturday 16th June

Cloudy until 11:00, sunny in the afternoon. 20°C

The day dawned with low clouds but the sun soon managed to break through leaving a beautiful day. We drove to Poncebos Bridge from where we started a four kilometre climb, ascending almost 500 metres to Bulnes, a small Asturian town which has no road access.

During the ascent, we observed typical birds of the limestone rocks such as Griffon Vulture, Alpine Swift and Red-Billed Chough, as well as several pairs of White-throated Dipper on the Tejo River.

The community of plants is also very interesting, and we found species such as Alpine Dandelion, numerous large-flowered Butterworts in small, peaty areas, as well as several specimens of Man Orchid.

We saw plenty of butterflies, notable species including Pearly Heath, Short-tailed Blue and Dingy Skipper.

After enjoying a sunny picnic in Bulnes, some of the group decided to come down in the Funicular de Bulnes, while others descended back along the path to Puente Poncebos.

Day 4

Sunday 17th June

Sunny all day. 20°C

This morning we left the comfortable Torrecerredo hotel. Since the Hermida highway was cut off by road-works, we went by the valleys of Puentenansa and Polaciones as far as the Piedrasluengas pass located at an altitude of 1,355 metres. This marks the watershed between the regions of Castilla y León and Cantabria.

From this point we took a pleasant stroll through the meadows where the endemic *Echium cantabricum* is found. We saw pastures full of plants such as White Asphodel, Bistort, Foxglove and enjoyed new orchid species such as Early Marsh Orchid and Burnt-tip Orchid.

The sightings of butterflies this day were also exceptional, the highlights being species such as Ocellate Bog Fritillary, De Prunner's Ringlet and Pearly Heath and in addition we could see the northward migration of dozens of Painted Lady and Clouded Yellow.

There were also sightings of rock-dwelling birds such as Red-billed Chough and Griffon Vulture, as well as some passerines like Rock Bunting, Grey Wagtail and Dunnock.

Day 5

Monday 18th June

Sunny all day. 22°C

After a substantial breakfast, we set out for the longest day of the tour. We left the Nevandi hotel and went to the cable car of Fuente Dé, where in a journey of just five minutes we ascended 753 metres to reach 1,823 metres, allowing us to access a spectacular alpine landscape of pastures and impressive limestone cliffs.

The main objectives today were the birds and plants of the alpine and subalpine plateaus. We had excellent close views of species such as Alpine and Red-billed Chough, Water Pipit, Northern Wheatear and further in the distance we saw spectacular White-winged Snowfinches. We also viewed several Chamois, including some females with young.

Among the plants we were able to pinpoint were Spring and Pyrenean Trumpet Gentian, Mountain Thrift, Alpine Lady's-mantle, Pyrenean Violet and Horned Pansy.

After recovering from our lengthy walks with a picnic in the mountain refuge of Aliba, we started the second part of the day. We descended from the subalpine pastures to the town of Espinama, crossing a spectacular landscape of meadows next to leafy, deciduous forests. This was the best part of the day to find butterflies, and we found lots, including Spanish Purple Hairstreak, Berger's Clouded Yellow, Weaver's Fritillary and Red-underwing Skipper.

After a day involving 11 kilometres walking in hilly terrain, the whole group arrived tired but very satisfied at the hotel, and there was time for us to enjoy a very well-deserved beer before dinner.

Day 6

Tuesday 19th June

Sunny all day. 18-24°C

After a long day yesterday, this morning we took a short walk from the hotel to the pastures and oak groves of the neighbouring town of Pido.

The walk through a forest of oak, beech and birch gave us the opportunity to see and hear a number of woodland birds such as Iberian Chiffchaff, Eurasian Nuthatch, Spotted Flycatcher, Cirl Bunting and Middle Spotted Woodpecker.

Plant observations were also interesting, with some new species checked off the list such as Maiden Pink, Creeping Jenny, Brooklime or Tassel Hyacinth.

While the impressive limestone gorge of La Hermida was still closed due to the widening of the road, in the afternoon we decided to make an excursion into the southern part of it. The workers allowed us to drive as far as the town of Lebeña where, taking advantage of the fact that the road was closed to traffic, we could enjoy a peaceful walk around the River Deva walking along the national highway! It was more than 25°C at the low altitude of the bottom of the gorge, barely 200 metres above sea level. We observed various Mediterranean species along the river valley including Cork Oak, Terebinth, Sage-leaved Cistus, Strawberry Tree and Common Peony.

The afternoon gave us some excellent sightings and magnificent photo opportunities for butterflies including Cleopatra, False Ilex Hairstreak, Silver-washed Fritillary, Pearly Heath and Purple-Shot Copper.

We dedicated the last hour of the afternoon to enjoying a walk and a coffee in the tourist town of Potes, where some of the group took the opportunity to buy a last-minute souvenir.

Day 7

Wednesday 20th June

Sunny all day. 25°C

This day began with a climb (in the vehicle) to the Piedrasluengas pass to cross to the southern slope of the Picos de Europa where our destination was the town of San Felices de Castillería. From this small town, where only five inhabitants live during the winter months, we began a comfortable walk through a magnificent, lush meadow surrounded by an lovely forest of Pyrenean and Sessile Oak.

The heavy snows of last winter and the frequent spring rains provided an unforgettable walk. On many occasions we ploughed through peaty soils covered with plants such as Bistort and Common Hedgenettle. The first of these is the food plant of the rare butterfly Ocellate Bog Fritillary, of which there were quite a few specimens. The second species was the food plant of the threatened species Dusky Large Blue, which had not yet begun to fly, although we were walking through one of the most important colonies of this species in the Cantabrian Mountains.

Other interesting species of butterflies that were observed that day were Olive Skipper, Black-veined White, Osiris Blue, Turquoise Blue, Duke of Burgundy, Niobe Fritillary, Meadow Fritillary and the spectacular Chapman's Ringlet and Southern White Admiral.

The day also allowed us to observe some species of birds such as several White Storks at their nests or feeding in the pastures, Western Bonelli's Warbler, Eurasian Nuthatch and Great Spotted Woodpecker.

The picnic took place inside the old forest and, shortly afterwards, at a clearing in the oak grove, some of the group decided on a nap in the shade of an oak which was several hundred years old.

Day 8

Thursday 21st June

Sunny all day, moderate wind in the afternoon. 22°C

The last day of our tour, and on the way to Santander airport we visited the area of Covalagua-Las Tuerces, an impressive karst landscape south of the Cantabrian Mountains. Our walk started from the Covalagua car park, running for the first two kilometres through a Portuguese Oak forest with an interesting understorey where we could observe bird species such as Iberian Chiffchaff, Black Kite, Common Cuckoo, Woodlark and Tree Pipit.

Between the forest and the mountain pastures, we were delighted to find two new species of orchid; Red and White Helleborine, to which a little later we added another new species, the Fragrant Orchid. The uplands gave us the opportunity to enjoy a multi-coloured landscape with low-growing shrubs and flowers, among which the Dropwort, the abundant Eastern Gladiolus and the Blue-eyed grass stood out.

As for the butterflies, the main objective was the impressive Apollo, although we only managed to see one specimen flying away from us. The rainy and cold spring of this year has caused a delay of almost a month in the flight of many species of lepidoptera, including this butterfly, which is usually seen in this limestone landscape in its hundreds during the last days of June and throughout the month of July.

The star of the day was a recently emerged specimen of Chequered Blue, to which we added other interesting species such as Green-underside Blue, Chestnut Heath, Western Dappled White, dozens of Black-veined White and, as the culmination of the trip, several specimens of Swallowtail and Southern Scarce Swallowtail flying together at the Valcabado viewpoint. After stopping for a coffee on the way to Santander, at 7.00pm we arrived at the airport without incident to take the flight back to London after an enjoyable and productive tour of the mountains of northern Spain.

Species Lists

Butterflies (✓=recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	June						
			15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
2	Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia sertorius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>						✓	
4	Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>					✓		
5	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>			✓				
6	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>		✓				✓	✓
7	Safflower Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carthami</i>			✓				✓
8	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>							✓
9	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>							✓
10	Southern Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides feisthamelii</i>					✓	✓	✓
11	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>					✓		
12	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>				✓	✓		✓
16	Western Dappled White	<i>Euchloe crameri</i>							✓
17	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓	✓	✓	
18	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓		✓	✓		
19	Green veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓			✓		
20	Orangetip	<i>Anthocaris cardamines</i>		✓	✓	✓			
21	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	
22	Spanish Purple Hairstreak	<i>Laeosopis roboris</i>					✓		
23	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>				✓			
24	False Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium esculi</i>					✓		
25	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			✓	✓			
26	Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>					✓		
27	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
28	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia cramera</i>							✓
29	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>			✓		✓		
30	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓	✓			✓	
31	Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
32	Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>						✓	
33	Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido argiades</i>		✓	✓			✓	
34	Chequered Blue	<i>Scolitantides orion</i>							✓
35	Black-eyed Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche melanops</i>			✓			✓	
36	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>							✓
37	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>						✓	✓
38	Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri</i>						✓	
39	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>	✓				✓		
42	Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>				✓		✓	
43	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
45	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>					✓	✓	
47	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>						✓	

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48	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>					✓		
49	Niobe Fritillary	<i>Argynnis niobe</i>						✓	
50	Mediterranean Fritillary	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>							✓
51	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓
52	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>			✓				
53	Ocellate Bog Fritillary	<i>Boloria eunomia</i>			✓			✓	
54	Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Boloria dia</i>				✓		✓	✓
55	Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>					✓	✓	
56	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>			✓	✓			✓
57	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓
58	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>							✓
59	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>				✓	✓	✓	
60	Meadow Fritillary	<i>Melitaea parthenoides</i>			✓			✓	✓
61	Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>						✓	
62	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>						✓	
63	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		
64	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>							✓
65	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>					✓		
66	Chapman's Ringlet	<i>Erebia palarica</i>						✓	
67	De Prunner's Ringlet	<i>Erebia triaria</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓
68	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>	✓				✓		
69	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓				✓		
70	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓
71	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			✓	✓		✓	
72	Chestnut Heath	<i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>							✓

Moths

1	Crowned Moth	<i>Eurranthia plummistaria</i>				✓			
2	Light Emerald	<i>Campaea margaritata</i>					✓		
3	Chimney Sweeper	<i>Odezia atrata</i>		✓			✓	✓	
4	Latticed Heath	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>		✓		✓			
5	Common Heath	<i>Ematurga atomaria</i>		✓					
6	Drab Looper	<i>Minoa murinata</i>		✓					
7	Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>		✓	✓				
8	Grass Eggar	<i>Lasiocampa trifolii</i>		✓	✓				
9	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>			✓	✓	✓		
10	Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
12	Mother Shipton	<i>Euclidia mi</i>							✓

Birds

1	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>							✓
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>						✓	
3	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>						✓	✓
4	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>					✓		
5	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
6	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>					✓		
7	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>					✓	✓	✓
8	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
9	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>						✓	

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10	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓					✓	✓
12	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓					
13	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
14	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>							✓
15	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>					✓		
16	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	✓				✓	✓	
17	Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpei</i>	✓				✓		✓
18	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓					
19	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>					✓		
20	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
21	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓					✓	✓
22	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrhacorax pyrrhacorax</i>		✓	✓	✓			
23	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrhacorax graculus</i>				✓			
24	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓				✓		
25	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
26	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>					✓		
27	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓				✓	✓	
28	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓				✓	✓	
29	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>							✓
30	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>							✓
31	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
32	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓			✓		
33	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓		
35	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓
36	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>						✓	
37	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			✓		✓		✓
39	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
40	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>				✓			
41	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
42	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	
43	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>				✓			
44	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓					✓	
46	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						✓	
47	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					✓		
48	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>					✓		
50	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
51	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				✓			
52	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>				✓			
53	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓
54	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓			✓
55	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		✓					
56	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
57	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>				✓			
58	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			✓				
59	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓			✓	
60	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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61	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>							✓
62	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓
63	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>				✓			
64	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
65	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	✓						
66	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓		✓		
67	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
68	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>					✓		
69	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
70	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		✓	✓				
71	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	✓				✓		

Mammals

1	Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	✓						
2	Chamois	<i>Rupicapra pyrenaica</i>				✓			
3	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>				✓	✓		
4	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>					✓		

Reptiles and Amphibians

1	Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>	✓	✓	✓				
2	Seoane's Viper	<i>Vipera seoanei</i>			✓				
3	Slow worm	<i>Anguis fragilis</i>		✓					
4	Palmate Newt	<i>Triturus helveticus</i>	✓						
5	European Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>			✓		✓		

Fish

1	Brown Trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>		✓					
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Other Taxa

1	European Medicinal Leech	<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	✓						
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Plants

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Ferns		
<i>Adiantum capillis-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	La Molina
<i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i>	Hart's-tongue Fern	La Molina
<i>Ceterach officinarum</i>	Rusty-backed Fern	La Molina
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	La Molina
Conifers		
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Umbrella Pine	La Molina
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Juniper	La Molina
Dicotyledons		
Anacardiaceae		
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Terebinth	La Hermida

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Apiaceae (Umbellifers)	Carrot Family	
<i>Astrantia major</i>	Masterwort	La Molina
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut	Piedrasluengas
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	La Molina
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Piedrasluengas
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	Bulnes
<i>Levisticum officinale</i>	Lovage	Pido
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Piedrasluengas
Asclepiadaceae	Milkweed Family	
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort	Bulnes
Aspargaceae		
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Grape Hyacinth	San Felices de Castillería
Asteraceae (Compositae)	Daisy family	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	La Molina
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	La Molina
<i>C. carlinoides</i>	Pyrenean Thistle	Fuente Dé
<i>C. nigra</i>	Black Knapweed	La Molina
<i>Cicorium intybus</i>	Chicory	San Felices de Castillería
<i>Cirsium palustris</i>	Marsh Thistle	Piedrasluengas
<i>Doronicum grandiflorum</i>	Large-flowered Leopardsbane	Piedrasluengas
<i>Galactites tomentosum</i>	Galactites	La Hermida
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort	La Molina
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	La Molina
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	La Molina
<i>Taraxacum alpinum</i>	Alpine Dandelion	Bulnes
<i>Tragopogon crocifolius</i>		San Felices de Castillería
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goatsbeard	La Molina
Betulaceae	Birch Family	
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	Piedrasluengas
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	Fuente Dé
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family	
<i>Lithodora diffusa</i>	Scrambling Gromwell	Bulnes
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	La Molina
<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	Alpine Forget-me-not	Fuente Dé
Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)	Cabbage/Cress Family	
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	Watercress	Fuente Dé
<i>Sisymbrium austriacum</i>	Austrian Rocket	Piedrasluengas
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Jasione crispa</i>	Dwarf Sheep's-bit	Piedrasluengas
<i>Phyteuma charmelii</i>	Horned Rampion	Bulnes
Cannabaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Common Hop	San Felices de Castillería

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Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	Piedrasluengas
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elderflower	La Molina
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>D. deltoides</i>	Maiden Pink	Pido
<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin	Piedrasluengas
<i>S. alba</i>	White Campion	La Molina
<i>S. dioica</i>	Red Campion	La Molina
<i>S. vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	La Molina
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	Pido
<i>S. nemorum</i>	Wood Stitchwort	Pido
<i>S. graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort	Pido
Cistaceae	Rock-rose family	
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	La Hermida
<i>Heliathemum nummularian</i>	Common Rockrose	La Molina
Clusiaceae (Hypericaceae)	St John'-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	Tutsan	La Hermida
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Bulnes
Corylaceae	Hazel Family	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	La Molina
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	La Molina
<i>S. acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	La Molina
Disacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel	La Molina
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	La Molina
<i>Succisa pratensis</i>	Devil'sbit Scabious	La Molina
Ericaceae	Heath Family	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	La Hermida
<i>Erica cinerea</i>	Bell Heather	Pido
<i>E. arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Bulnes
<i>Daboecia cantabrica</i>	St. Dabeoc's Heath	La Molina
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	La Molina
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	Piedrasluengas
Fabaceae (Leguminosae)	Pea Family	
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Broom	Piedrasluengas
<i>Lathyrus laevigatus ssp occidentalis</i>	Yellow Pea	Fuente Dé
<i>L. latifolius</i>	Everlasting Pea	Piedrasluengas
<i>Ononis repens</i>	Restharrow	Covalagua
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	La Hermida
<i>T pratense</i>	Red Clover	La Molina

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<i>T. repens</i>	White Clover	La Molina
Fagaceae	Oak and Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	La Molina
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	La Molina
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Bulnes
<i>Q. pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean Oak	La Molina
<i>Q. petraea</i>	Sessile Oak	San Felices de Castillería
<i>Q. suber</i>	Cork Oak	La Hermida
<i>Q. faginea</i>	Portuguese Oak	Covalagua
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Gentiana occidentalis</i>	Pyrenean Trumpet Gentian	Fuente Dé
<i>G. verna</i>	Spring Gentian	Fuente Dé
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>G. saguineum</i>	Bloody Cranesbill	La Molina
<i>G. robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	La Molina
Globulariaceae	Globularia Family	
<i>Globularia nudicaulis</i>	Leafless-stemmed Globularia	Pido
<i>G. repens</i>	Matted Globularia	Fuente Dé
Grossulariaceae	Gooseberry Family	
<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i>	Wild Gooseberry	San Felices de Castillería
Labiatae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Common Bugle	Piedrasluengas
<i>Mellittis melissophyllum</i>	Bastard Balm	La Molina
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Marjoram	Bulnes
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	Meadow Clary	La Hermida
<i>S. sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	Pido
Lentibulariaceae	Butterwort Family	
<i>Pinguicula grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered Butterwort	Bulnes
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>M. sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	La Molina
Onograceae	Willowherb Family	
<i>E. tetragonum</i>	Square-stemmed Willowherb	San Felices de Castillería
<i>Oenothera glazoviana</i>	Large-flowered Evening Primrose	La Molina
Paeoniaceae	Peony Family	
<i>Paeonia officinalis</i>	Common Peony	La Hermida
Papaverceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	La Molina
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Ramping Fumitory	La Molina
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Field Poppy	La Molina

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Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	La Molina
<i>P. major</i>	Greater Plantain	La Molina
Platanaceae	Plane Tree Family	
<i>Plantanus hispanica</i>	London plane	Piedrasluengas
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Armeria maritima ssp alpina</i>	Mountain Thrift	Fuente Dé
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family	
<i>P. bistorta</i>	Bistort	Piedrasluengas
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	Bulnes
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	La Molina
<i>Androsace villosa</i>	Ciliate Rock-jasmine	Fuente Dé
<i>L. nummularia</i>	Creeping Jenny	Pido
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Anenome trifolia</i>		Fuente Dé
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine	La Molina
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	Piedrasluengas
<i>Helleborus foetidus</i>	Stinking Hellebore	Bulnes
<i>Helleborus viridis</i>	Green Hellebore	La Molina
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Hepatica	La Molina
<i>R. aquatilis</i>	Water Crowfoot	Fuente Dé
<i>Trollius europaeus</i>	Globeflower	Piedrasluengas
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	Bulnes
<i>R. luteola</i>	Weld	Piedrasluengas
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Alchemilla alpina</i>	Alpine Lady's-mantle	Fuente Dé
<i>A. vulgaris</i>	Lady's-mantle	Piedrasluengas
<i>Filipendula ovalis</i>	Dropwort	Covalagua
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	La Molina
<i>P. reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	Pido
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	La Molina
<i>R. arvensis</i>	Field Rose	La Hermida
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	La Molina
<i>Sorbus sp.</i>	A Whitebeam	Piedrasluengas
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Gallium aparine</i>	Cleavers	La Molina
<i>Gallium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	Piedrasluengas
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Meadow Saxifrage	Piedrasluengas
<i>S. bryoides</i>	Mossy Saxifrage	Fuente Dé

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Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Antirrhinum braun-blanquetii</i>		Piedrasluengas
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	San Felices de Castillería
<i>Digitalis parviflora</i>	(Small Brown Foxglove)	Bulnes
<i>D. purpurea</i>	Foxglove	Piedrasluengas
<i>L. triornithophora</i>		Piedrasluengas
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	Brooklime	Pido
Thymelaeaceae	Daphne Family	
<i>Daphne laureola ssp philippi</i>	Spurge Laurel	Piedrasluengas
Tiliaceae	Lime Family	
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small-leaved Lime	La Molina
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	Wych Elm	La Molina
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>V. pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean Violet	Fuente Dé
<i>V. cornuta</i>	Horned Pansy	Fuente Dé
Viscaceae	Mistletoe Family	
<i>Viscum album</i>	Mistletoe	La Molina
Monocotyledons	Monocotyledons	
Liliaceae		
<i>Asphodelus albus</i>	White Asphodel	Piedrasluengas
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Pido
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Star of Bethlehem	San Felices de Castillería
<i>O. pyrenaicum</i>	Bath Asparagus	La Hermida
<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	Common Solomon's Seal	Piedrasluengas
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butchers Broom	La Molina
<i>Scilla verna</i>	Spring Squill	Fuente Dé
<i>Sisyrinchium bermudiana</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	Covalagua
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Sasparilla	La Hermida
<i>Narcissus</i>		La Hermida
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Iris latifolia</i>	English Iris	Pido
<i>Iris foetida</i>	Stinking Iris	La Molina
<i>Gladiolus communis</i>	Eastern Gladiolus	Covalagua
Cyperaceae		
<i>Eriophorum sp.</i>	Cotton Grass	Piedrasluengas
Orchidaceae		
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	La Molina
<i>Aceras anthropophorum</i>	Man Orchid	Bulnes
<i>C. rubra</i>	Red Helleborine	Covalagua
<i>C. damasonium</i>	White Helleborine	Covalagua

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<i>D. incarnate</i>	Early Marsh Orchid	Piedrasluengas
<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i>	Fragrant Orchid	Covalagua
<i>Himantoglossum hircinum</i>	Lizard Orchid	Fuente Dé
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	La Molina
<i>Orchis papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	Fuente Dé
<i>O. ustulata</i>	Burnt-tip Orchid	Fuente Dé
<i>S. lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	La Molina

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