

France - Butterflies of the Pyrenees

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Large Ringlet



Meadow Fritillaries



Mazarine Blue



Stag Beetles

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Summary

Based in the charming Pyrenean village of Gèdre, our excellent family-run hotel was perfectly placed to explore the valley of Gavarnie-Gèdre which encompasses a wide range of landscapes, from impressive glacial cirques, to pastoral plateaux, the spectacular Brèche de Roland and the legendary Vignemale.

Although our main focus was butterflies, we were keen to explore the *cirques* for which the region is so well known. We started with the smaller, more discreet Cirque d'Estaubé with its beautiful Lac des Gloriettes. We then progressed to the impressively wide Cirque de Troumouse, with an 11 km circumference. Finally we made a gentle day-walk into the Cirque de Gavarnie, the best known of the three glacial cirques in the valley with its high walls towering to 1500 m and at its heart, one of the largest waterfalls of Europe (427m), and the source of the Gave de Pau.

The weather was a little unsettled at times – a trait of the high mountains – however, it was mostly dry and sunny with one day an unseasonably chilly 18°C and on the hottest day the mercury hit 27°C. The scenery was spectacular and the wildlife too. In all an astonishing 80 species of butterfly were recorded – quite remarkable when you consider that there are 59 butterfly species regularly found in the whole of the UK! The bird list was rather more modest but included some quality, sought after species including Lammergeier, Griffon Vulture, Short-toed Eagle, Rock Thrush and Snowfinch.

Day 1

Friday 6th July

Although the flight arrived on time into Lourdes, unfortunately the border control police were on a 'go-slow', delaying our departure for the hotel a little. However, with the picnic shopping already done for the following day, we were able to head straight for Gèdre. Our first experience of the region's wildlife came in the form of a raptor species: the rather common, yet elegant Black Kite. An hour later we arrived at the hotel where we settled into our rooms, after which we met for the first of many excellent dinners together.

Day 2

Saturday 7th July

Waking to cool but sunny conditions, we had breakfast then spent some time birdwatching from the grounds of the hotel. While several of the species on offer were quite familiar, a soaring Short-toed Eagle soon livened things up!

Leaving Gèdre, we headed east up the Héas Valley, slowing down several times to admire the flowery banks as well as the first of many Black-veined Whites. Leaving the valley floor behind, we started to climb towards our destination, the Lac des Gloriettes. A short circular walk around the lake before lunch gave time to enjoy the wonderful flora, with colourful Maiden and Fringed Pinks both in flower. A short stop alongside a stream saw dozens of small butterflies 'puddling' on damp ground and a careful inspection revealed a few Marbled Skippers and several species of blue including the exquisite Turquoise Blue, the attractive Mazarine Blue and the more familiar for some Silver-studded Blue. Returning to the bus, we headed back down the valley to the hotel for a picnic lunch on the terrace.

The afternoon was spent climbing, in stages, towards the Pont de Saugué. A fine example of Deadly Nightshade was spied without leaving our seats, before stopping above Saussa where Essex and Small Skippers were plentiful as were Marbled White butterflies, and a Bright Wave moth was a welcome find. By the time we made our second stop the clouds were rolling in and butterflies were hard to find but a Lace Boarder moth kept our interest along with the masses of Pyramidal Orchids dotting the bank. By the time we arrived at the bridge, a thundery rain shower was imminent but we had just enough time to enjoy the abundance of orchids before heading back down the valley; Fragrant Orchid, the less showy but interesting Common Twayblade and a species of marsh orchid were all at their flowery best.

Day 3

Sunday 8th July

After breakfast, clouds were already gathering so we decided to chase the sun and headed north towards Lourdes where we turned off and climbed the road towards Hautecam; this is a route frequently used by the Tour de France and popular with road cyclists of which we saw dozens making the ascent. Stopping at the roadside, we explored an area of hillside covered in flowers and within minutes we had our first Meadow Fritillary of the tour and other 'common' species on the wing included dozens of Piedmont Ringlets and Adonis Blues. A Fox Moth was a good find and a mating pair of Meadow Fritillaries attracted much camera attention. Our first False Heath Fritillary made it onto the tour list as did a rather worn Grizzled Skipper. In rising temperatures raptors were also noted with two Egyptian Vultures and both kites - Red and Black - putting in an appearance.

At the top of Hautecam, we enjoyed a coffee before another butterfly session finding three species of fritillaries: Mountain, Piedmont and Bright-eyed along with a nice Olive Skipper. Descending back towards Lourdes, lunch was taken on a picnic table in the shade close to a rushing stream giving us a welcome chance to cool off, and also produced an unexpected Sombre Goldenring dragonfly.

Closer to the valley floor, a Comma, High Brown and Marbled Fritillaries kept us well occupied and a Common Goldenring dragonfly was seen hawking a small stream, while a second, newly emerged individual was found perched with its wings still closed. Arriving at the Gave de Pau, a fairly large river which starts life above Gèdre, we made several stops but in cooling conditions we didn't manage any new species before retracing our steps back towards our hotel.

The last stop of the day was just below Luz-St-Sauveur where a minor road allows views over the tree canopy, giving an interesting perspective and the chance of some hairstreak butterflies; we were not disappointed, finding a Purple Hairstreak for our efforts. Beyond the village of Chèze, we found 'southern' Speckled Wood, White Admiral and a Dark Green Fritillary, the latter basking on the road.

Day 4

Monday 9th July

With the threat of afternoon rain, we set off for an early walk around the stunning Cirque de Troumouse, first stopping at the side of the road by an area of steep meadow. Several butterflies were already buzzing over the hillside with several ringlets already present, including our first Common Brassy Ringlet. However, it was a fine Clouded Apollo that stole the show, closely followed by a handsome Red-backed Shrike which was perusing its territory from the top of a bush.

Heading higher, we climbed the final stretch of switchback road, parked in the cirque and set off hoping to find another local speciality, the Pyrenean Brook Newt. A careful search soon turned up this salamander-like amphibian in a cold mountain stream. The stream banks were a picture, covered in Butterwort, Birds-eye Primrose and Garland Flower with a Large Red Damsel perched on the latter.

A walk to the back of the cirque didn't turn up the hoped for Alpine Accentor but the masses of Northern Wheatears, Linnets and a handful of Red-billed Chough were more than adequate compensation. With rumbling stomachs, we headed back down to the Auberge de Maillet where we enjoyed our picnic and a coffee. With some threatening cloud bubbling up, we slowly headed back down to the valley floor, making several stops along the way. The first produced a stunning male Rock Thrush with three young begging for food and two Dippers in a nearby stream. More orchids were in bloom, with Burnt, Greater Butterfly and Common Twayblade all present. A careful search of the low vegetation turned up dozens of Silver-studded Blues along with a few Heath and Lesser Marbled Fritillaries.

Back at the bus, we set off for Gèdre making a final and very productive stop in a meadow just a few kilometres from the hotel. Again, the cool condition meant that the butterflies were in 'roost mode' making them far easier to observe and photograph. The best of a fine selection included Purple-edged Copper, Dark Green Fritillary, while Rose and Bee Chafer beetles added interest as did several Black-veined Moths; an extremely rare Red Data Book species in the UK!

Day 5

Tuesday 10th July

Today we visited the famous and spectacular Cirque de Gavarnie. Having parked in the village, we walked along the Gave de Gavarnie, a pale-blue glacial stream, with a fantastic meadow crammed with wildflowers on one side and tantalising glimpses of the cirque through a veil of mist in front. The first Scarce Copper of the tour teased us as it flew just out of reach above the wildflower meadow.

After a kilometre or so, we turned a corner and as if by magic the mist parted and the cirque appeared before us – a truly magical experience. Heading up the main tourist route we passed through meadows surrounded by forest, an ideal habitat for Crested Tit and Goldcrest which were both heard calling. In rising temperatures, we arrived at an area of wooded slopes where both Pearl-bordered and Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries sprung into life as did the confusingly dark *ocellaris* form of Large Ringlet, and a high-flying Lammergeier circled over craggy peaks.

Just below the cirque, a Chequered Skipper posed for the cameras; one of the group joked that the sighting had saved him a trip to Scotland! Arriving in the cirque for lunch, we feasted with a view like a film backdrop; the three 'stages' of the cirque were bathed in glorious sunshine and the 'Grand Cascade' was a picture with the light shining through plumes of spray while Alpine Choughs frolicked overhead.

Fed and watered, most of the group retraced their steps into the village while some of us made our way towards the base of the waterfall in search of an Alpine Accentor but unfortunately just a few Black Redstarts and Northern Wheatears were noted on this occasion. We then made a slow return to the valley floor, heading back on a different route. Initially passing through woodland, we crossed over a stream where Burnt, Greater Butterfly

and Spotted Orchids were growing in numbers and the unusual Herb Paris was seen. The same pretty meadow boasted numerous marsh orchids in the wet flushes and both Crested Tit and Bullfinch were heard calling.

Meeting up with the rest of the group, we explored a meadow which was absolutely alive with butterflies; a Purple-edged Copper and a stunning Large Blue were some of the best but a cow pat hosted three species of Blue - Silver-studded, Little and Turquoise - along with a fine Safflower Skipper! Other interest came in the shape of the confusingly dark local form of Heath Fritillary – *celadussa*. Arriving back in Gavarnie village, we stopped at a café for a well-earned ice cream before returning to the hotel and another excellent dinner.

Day 6

Wednesday 11th July

With a moth trap left running overnight, several of us assembled before breakfast to take a look at the 'catch' before all the moths were released unharmed. An exciting haul included Sweet Gale Moth, Pale Shining Brown, Birdwing, Clay Fan-foot and a Beech Green Carpet. However, the biggest thrill for many of the group were two impressively large Stag Beetles which were duly photographed – many times!

Conditions were a little foggy, so we headed for the Col de Tentes hoping to find better weather at higher altitude. Brief views of a distant Rock Thrush was perhaps a good sign, as on approaching the car park the fog parted and we were greeted by blue skies. Parked up, we walked the short distance to the French-Spanish border with its magnificent views down into the Ordesa National Park. We spent time taking in the splendour of the scenery and the contrastingly dry, south-facing Spanish side compared with the greener north-facing aspect of the French Pyrenees. Griffon Vultures passed close overhead but the bird highlight was a small flock of eight handsome Snowfinches. At an altitude of around 2,200m butterflies species were limited, but De Prunner's Ringlet was fairly numerous and these were joined by a few Lefebvre's Ringlets.

A stop lower down in search of Brassy Ringlets drew a blank, but a Pyrenean Brook Newt was a good find. The area also turned up both Red-billed and Yellow-billed Choughs and the local Marmots posed well for our cameras. But the best was yet to come; as we turned one of many hair-pin bends, two small yellow birds flew from the roadside prompting a stop. And sure enough, with some patience, two smart Citril Finches eventually gave themselves up.

A stroll close to one of many streams that feed into the Gave de Gavarnie, produced a fine Purple-shot Cooper, along with several Mountain and Bright-eyed Ringlets. But with fog closing in once more, we headed back towards Gèdre stopping just below Gavarnie to explore a small wooded track where a Firecrest called energetically and a clearing was host to a few False Heath Fritillaries and the ever-popular Turquoise Blue.

Day 7

Thursday 12th July

Leaving Gèdre, we passed through the outskirts of Gavarnie, turning into the Ossoue Valley where we parked in the lower section. A small meadow nestled below the towering les Arrouettes produced two firsts, a Spotted Fritillary and an Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper along with a probable Chapman's Blue. Pearly Heaths were numerous and a smart Large Blue was a popular find, as were several Sulphur Owl Flies; an exotic-looking insect which is a relative of the ant-lions and lacewings.

With a few clouds gathering we made haste to the Barrage d'Ossoue, where following a short walk we found some tiny Frog Orchids for our troubles before the rain arrived. Back at the vehicle, we headed slowly back towards lower ground in the hope of better weather; after a short while the rain stopped and we set out our picnic on a huge boulder. In vegetation close by, dozens of Silver-studded Blues were sitting out the cool conditions and a Ring Ouzel was seen briefly before disappearing into the boulder scree, where a Lammergeier was spotted gliding slowly across the slope.

With the weather improving, a post lunch walk down the valley produced lots of Escher's Blues feeding in the company of more Silver-studded and Little Blues and Marbled Skippers on a damp patch of ground. Then, from nowhere, an Apollo appeared; a much-anticipated speciality that didn't disappoint and just like buses, we added two more before the afternoon was over!

Close to the meadow we had a walk, which, although short, passed through a number of different habitats and the plants were equally diverse, with colourful banks of Rock Rose, a limestone boulder covered with bryophytes and Ramonda – the only European member of a plant family which includes the African Violet. Passing back over the river, we came upon a clearing alive with butterflies; Southern White Admiral, Pearl-bordered and Heath Fritillaries were the headline species. Other insect interest came in the form of a Yellow-winged Darter dragonfly and a Slender Burnet moth.

Day 8

Friday 13th July

With our flight departing in the afternoon, we had time to visit the Saugué plateau which boasts stunning views into the Cirque de Gavarnie. Quails were calling all around, with one briefly seen and a Red-backed Shrike also put in an appearance. However, most of the excitement surrounded the butterflies with no less than four species new for the tour; Red-underwing Skipper, both Ilex and Blue-spotted Hairstreaks and several Niobe Fritillaries which were spotted flying next to the minibus moments before we were due to head back to the hotel for lunch – we were a tiny bit late!

Having said goodbye to our host, we left the hotel for the airport, stopping en-route along the Gave du Pau where amazingly we added yet one more new species – Great Banded Grayling – taking the butterfly list to a nice round and impressive 80 species!

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Species Lists

Butterflies (✓ = many; F = Few)

	Common name	Latin name	July							
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>			1		F	F	F	
2	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>								3
3	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>				1				
4	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		F	F		✓		F	
5	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>		✓	F	✓	✓		F	F
6	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			x	x	x			
7	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			x	x		x		
8	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		1	x					
9	Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>				1				
10	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			1		✓	1		
11	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		1	F	F	1	F	F	F
12	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>			1				F	
13	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		1	x		F		F	
14	Purple Hairstreak	<i>Neozephyrus quercus</i>			1					
15	Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium ilicis</i>								1
16	Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium spini</i>								1
17	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		1						
18	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			1					
19	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena virgaurea</i>					1			1
20	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>		1			2			
21	Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>						1		
22	Purple-edged Copper	<i>Lycaena hippothoe</i>				1	1	1	F	
23	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			F		F			
24	Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>		✓		F	F	F	F	
25	Large Blue	<i>Maculinea arion</i>					2		F	
26	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>		F			F	1	F	
27	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>		2			2		F	1
28	Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri</i>							✓	
29	Common blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		1			F	F		F
30	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>		1	✓	F	1		F	
31	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>			1	1	F		F	
32	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>		F		✓	✓		✓	F
33	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			1					
34	Northern Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>		2			F			
35	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		1	F					1
36	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>		2	F	F	F	1	F	✓
37	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>				2	F		✓	1
38	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓	✓	F	F	✓	✓
39	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>			F					
40	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		F	x	x	x	x	x	x
41	Large Ringlet	<i>Erebia euryale</i>					✓			
42	Yellow-spotted Ringlet	<i>Erebia manto</i>		1		F				
43	Mountain Ringlet	<i>Erebia epiphron</i>		F	1	F		F		
44	De Prunner's Ringlet	<i>Erebia triaria</i>						✓		
45	Western Brassy Ringlet	<i>Erebia arvenensis</i>				F		1	1	
46	Lefebvre's Ringlet	<i>Erebia lefebvrei</i>						✓		
47	Bright-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia oeme</i>			1	F	F	F	F	F

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48	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>		✓	✓	F	✓	F	✓	F	
49	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>		x	x	x	x	x	x		
50	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>								2	
51	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>			1	1					
52	High Brown Fritillary	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>			3						
53	Niobe Fritillary	<i>Argynnis niobe</i>								4	
54	Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>			1						
55	Lesser Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis ino</i>				F	✓		F		
56	Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>					1				
57	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>		F			✓	1			
58	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitus reducta</i>								3	
59	White Admiral	<i>Limenitus camilla</i>			F						
60	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>		x	x	x	x	x		x	
61	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>			x						
62	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		x	x		x			x	
63	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		x	x	x	x	x	x		
64	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>			F			1			
65	False Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea diamina</i>			1		1	1	✓		
66	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>							✓		
67	Heath Fritillary	<i>Mellicta athalia</i>		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
68	Meadow Fritillary	<i>Mellicta parthenoides</i>			F		F				
69	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		1		1	1				
70	Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>		F			F		F		
71	Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia sertorius</i>								1	
72	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>			1	F					
73	Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>						F			
74	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>		F	1	F	F	1			
75	Safflower Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carthami</i>					1				
76	Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>			1		2				
77	Large Chequered Skipper	<i>Heteropterus morpheus</i>			1						
78	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineolus</i>		x		x	x		x		
79	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		x	x	x			x	x	
80	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>		x	x		x		x	x	

Birds (h = heard only)

1	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	x		x					
2	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	x	x	x					
3	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>			F					
4	Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>		2		2	1	1	1	
5	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			2					
6	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		15+	x	x	60+	50+	x	x
7	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		1						
8	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			x		1			
9	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>					1			
10	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		1		1		1		
11	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			x			1		
12	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		h						1
13	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>			x		x			
14	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	x							
15	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>							h	
16	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			x					

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17	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
18	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	x		x						
19	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
20	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>				x			x	x	
21	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		h	x	x					x
22	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
23	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		x		x	x			x	
24	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>				2				1	x
25	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			x	x	x			x	
26	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		x				h		h	
27	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				x	x	x			
28	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>							1		
29	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
30	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>								x	
31	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		3							
32	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		x		x	x	x	x	x	
33	Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>				4			1		
34	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>								1	h
35	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		x	x	x	x			x	x
36	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			h	h	h	h	h		x
37	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>					x				h
38	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		x	x		x	x	x	x	x
39	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>							1		
40	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					h		1		
41	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>					h				
42	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>							1		
43	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>					x				
44	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>				h	x				h
45	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			x		x				
46	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>									x
47	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		h	x	x	x				x
48	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>				1				2	1
49	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
50	Common Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	x	x	x						
51	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>		x		x	x	x			
52	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		5		2		10+		x	
53	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					1	2		h	
54	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	x		x		x			x	
55	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
56	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>						8			
57	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
58	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>						4			
59	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>				h	x	x	x	x	x
60	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>					h				
61	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		x		x		x	x	x	x
62	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>					h				
63	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		x		x		x	x	x	x
64	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		x							

Mammals

Red Squirrel, *Sciurus vulgaris*

Alpine Marmot, *Marmota marmota*

Reptiles

Common Wall Lizard, *Podarcis muralis*

Western Green Lizard, *Lacerta bilineata*

Pyrenean Rock Lizard, *Iberolacerta bonnali*

Amphibians

Pyrenean Brook Newt, *Euproctus asper*

Common Frog, *Rana temporaria*

Dragonflies

Beautiful Demoiselle, *Calopteryx virgo*

Small Spreadwing, *Lestes virens*

Large Red Damsel, *Pyrhosoma nymphula*

Common Goldenring, *Cordulegaster boltonii*

Sombre Goldenring, *Cordulegaster bidentata*

Yellow-winged Darter, *Sympetrum flaveolum*

Four-spotted Chaser, *Libellula quadrimaculata*

Broad-bodied Chaser, *Libellula depressa*

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Moths (Kindly supplied by Ron Follows)

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1	424	Bird-cherry Ermine	<i>Yponomeuta evonymella</i>					✓		✓		✓		✓		
2	464	Diamond-back Moth	<i>Plutella xylostella</i>									✓				
3	163	Forester agg.	<i>Adscita statures</i>				✓									✓
4	172	Transparent Burnet	<i>Zygaena purpuralis</i>													✓
5	167	Slender Scotch Burnet	<i>Zygaena loti</i>													✓
6	Trist.		<i>Zygaena osterodensis</i>		✓											✓
7	162	Goat Moth	<i>Cossus cossus</i>	✓												
8	950		<i>Aethes francillana</i>					✓								
9	1033	Green Oak Tortrix	<i>Tortrix viridana</i>			✓										
10	1032		<i>Aleimma loeflingiana</i>	✓		✓										
11	1010	Red-barred Tortrix	<i>Ditula angustiorana</i>									✓				
12	1076		<i>Celypha lacunana</i>	✓												
13	1174		<i>Notocelia cynosbatella</i>		✓											
14	1261	Codling Moth	<i>Cydia pomonella</i>					✓		✓		✓				
15	1260		<i>Cydia splendana</i>									✓				
16	1458	Thistle Ermine	<i>Myelois circumvoluta</i>		✓											
17	1483		<i>Phycitodes binaevella</i>	✓												
18	1332		<i>Scoparia subfusca</i>					✓								
19	1338		<i>Eudonia lacustrata</i>	✓				✓				✓				
20	1293	Garden Grass-veneer	<i>Chrysoteuchia culmella</i>			✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		
21	1305		<i>Agriphila tristella</i>		✓											
22	1316		<i>Catoptria falsella</i>			✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		
23	1319		<i>Chrysocrambus linetella</i>						✓							
24	1395	Rusty Dot Pearl	<i>Udea ferrugalis</i>									✓				
25	1388		<i>Udea lutealis</i>								✓					
26	1368	Beet Webworm	<i>Loxostege sticticalis</i>		✓				✓				✓		✓	
27	1365	Straw-barred Pearl	<i>Pyrausta despicata</i>		✓					✓						
28	1371		<i>Sitochroa verticalis</i>						✓							
29	1379		<i>Anania terrealis</i>		✓											
30	1402		<i>Diasemia reticularis</i>				✓									

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31	1409a	Box Moth	<i>Cydalima perspectalis</i>							✓						
32	1635	Ground Lackey	<i>Malacosoma castrensis</i>									✓				
33	1638	Fox Moth	<i>Macrothylacia rubi</i>				✓									
34	1976	Privet Hawk-moth	<i>Sphinx ligustri</i>											✓		
35	1984	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		✓		✓					✓			✓	✓
36	1991	Elephant Hawk-moth	<i>Deilephila elpenor</i>									✓				
37	1992	Small Elephant Hawk-moth	<i>Deilephila porcellus</i>	✓								✓				
38	1887	Clouded Border	<i>Lomaspilis marginata</i>						✓							
39	1893	Tawny-barred Angle	<i>Macaria liturata</i>									✓				
40	1894	Latticed Heath	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>				✓									
41	1922	Swallow-tailed Moth	<i>Ourapteryx sambucaria</i>									✓				
42	1931	Peppered Moth	<i>Biston betularia</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		
43	R638		<i>Peribatodes abstersaria</i>	✓								✓				
44	1941	Mottled Beauty	<i>Alcis repandata</i>		✓							✓				
45	1955	Common White Wave	<i>Cabera pusaria</i>									✓				
46	1958	Clouded Silver	<i>Lomographa temerata</i>	✓												
47	R707	Black Mountain moth agg.	<i>Glacies alticolaria</i> agg						✓							
48	1966	Black-veined Moth	<i>Siona lineata</i>						✓				✓			
49	1669	Common Emerald	<i>Hemithea aestivaria</i>	✓												
50	R127	Southern Grass Emerald	<i>Chlorissa cloraria</i>									✓				
51	1683	Lewes Wave	<i>Scopula immorata</i>												✓	
52	1687	Lace Border	<i>Scopula ornata</i>		✓							✓				
53	1693	Cream Wave	<i>Scopula floslactata</i>				✓									
54	R136		<i>Idaea aureolaria</i>		✓										✓	
55	1706	Isle of Wight Wave	<i>Idaea humiliata</i>		✓											
56	1713	Riband Wave	<i>Idaea aversata</i>	✓						✓						
57	1724	Red Twin-spot Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe spadicearia</i>											✓		
58	1727	Silver-ground Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe montanata</i>		✓							✓				
59	1728	Garden Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe fluctuata</i>							✓						
60	1737	Small Argent & Sable	<i>Epirrhoe tristata</i>		✓									✓		
61	1744	Grey Mountain Carpet sp.	<i>Entephria caesiata</i>									✓				

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62	1752	Purple Bar	<i>Cosmorhoe ocellata</i>	✓				✓		✓							
63	1764	Common Marbled Carpet	<i>Dysstroma truncata</i>											✓			
64	1774	Beech-green Carpet	<i>Colostygia olivata</i>									✓					
65	1782/R534	Fern agg.	<i>Horisme tersata/radicaria</i>									✓					
66	1807	Grass Rivulet	<i>Perizoma albulata</i>		✓		✓								✓		
67	1813	Haworth's Pug	<i>Eupithecia haworthiata</i>	✓													
68	1858	V-Pug	<i>Chloroclystis v-ata</i>	✓													
69	1870	Chimney Sweeper	<i>Odezia atrata</i>		✓						✓				✓	✓	
70	1875	Small White Wave	<i>Asthenes albulata</i>									✓		✓			
71	1878	Drab Looper	<i>Minoa murinata</i>												✓		
72	2021	Pine Processionary	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>											✓			
73	2002	Three-humped Prominent	<i>Notodonta tritophus</i>	✓													
74	2003	Pebble Prominent	<i>Notodonta ziczac</i>											✓			
75	1994	Buff-tip	<i>Phalera bucephala</i>			✓						✓					
76	2281	Alder Moth	<i>Acronicta alni</i>							✓							
77	2278	Poplar Grey	<i>Subacronicta megacephala</i>					✓									
78	2288	Sweet Gale Moth	<i>Acronicta cinerea</i>					✓				✓					
79	2291	Coronet	<i>Craniophora ligustri</i>					✓		✓		✓					
80	2494	Clay Fan-foot	<i>Paracolax tristalis</i>									✓					
81	2489	Fan-foot	<i>Herminia tarsipennalis</i>									✓					
82	2463	Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>		✓				✓		✓				✓		
83	2434	Burnished Brass	<i>Diachrysis chrysitis</i>											✓			
84	2441	Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓				✓		
85	2449	Dark Spectacle	<i>Abrostola triplasia</i>							✓							
86	2403	Bordered Straw	<i>Heliothis peltigera</i>		✓												
87	2400	Scarce Bordered Straw	<i>Helicoverpa armigera</i>	✓													
88	R1142		<i>Caradrina montana</i>	✓													
89	2389	Pale Mottled Willow	<i>Caradrina clavipalpis</i>									✓					
90	2381	Uncertain	<i>Hoplodrina octogenaria</i>	✓				✓				✓		✓			
91	2382	Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina blanda</i>			✓		✓						✓			
92	R1144		<i>Hoplodrina respersa</i>					✓		✓		✓					

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93	2301	Bird's Wing	<i>Dypterygia scabriuscula</i>									✓						
94	2302	Brown Rustic	<i>Rusina ferruginea</i>			✓						✓						
95	2305	Small Angle Shades	<i>Euplexia lucipara</i>									✓						
96	2318	Dun-bar	<i>Cosmia trapezina</i>									✓						
97	2321	Dark Arches	<i>Apamea monoglypha</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓				
98	R1348		<i>Apamea rubirena</i>									✓						
99	2337	Marbled Minor agg.	<i>Oligia strigilis agg.</i>	✓				✓		✓		✓		✓				
100	2340	Middle-barred Minor	<i>Oligia fasciuncula</i>						✓									
101	2157	Light Brocade	<i>Lacanobia w-latinum</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓				
102	2158	Pale-shouldered Brocade	<i>Lacanobia thalassina</i>	✓		✓		✓				✓						
103	2170	Varied Coronet	<i>Hadena compta</i>									✓						
104	2166	Campion	<i>Aneda rivularis</i>					✓							✓			
105	2153	Bordered Gothic	<i>Sideridis reticulata</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓				
106	2155	Dot Moth	<i>Melanchra persicariae</i>							✓		✓						
107	2148	Pale Shining Brown	<i>Polia bombycina</i>	✓				✓		✓		✓						
108	R1372		<i>Polia serratilinea</i>							✓								
109	2192	Brown-line Bright-eye	<i>Mythimna conigera</i>					✓			✓							
110	2193	Clay	<i>Mythimna ferrago</i>			✓		✓				✓						
111	2194	White-point	<i>Mythimna albipuncta</i>									✓						
112	2205	Shoulder-striped Wainscot	<i>Leucania comma</i>					✓				✓		✓				
113	2110	Broad-bord. Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua fimbriata</i>									✓						
114	R1513		<i>Epilecta linogrisea</i>							✓								
115	2118	True Lover's Knot	<i>Lycophotia porphyrea</i>												✓			
116	R1491		<i>Chersotis multangula</i>									✓						
117	2138	Green Arches	<i>Anaplectoides prasina</i>							✓		✓		✓				
118	2119	Pearly Underwing	<i>Peridroma saucia</i>					✓		✓		✓						
119	2089	Heart & Dart	<i>Agrotis exclamationis</i>	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓						
120	2088	Heart & Club	<i>Agrotis clavis</i>								✓							
121	2037	Rosy Footman	<i>Mitochrista miniata</i>	✓				✓		✓		✓		✓				
122	2039	Red-necked Footman	<i>Atolmis rubricollis</i>							✓		✓						
123	2051	Four-spotted Footman	<i>Lithosia quadra</i>					✓				✓						

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124	2049	Buff Footman	<i>Eilema depressa</i>			✓				✓		✓		✓					
125	2050	Common Footman	<i>Eilema lurideola</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓					
126	2047	Scarce Footman	<i>Eilema complana</i>	✓		✓				✓		✓		✓					
127	2043	Orange Footman	<i>Eilema sororcula</i>					✓		✓		✓		✓					
128	2036	Dew Moth	<i>Setina irrorella</i>				✓												
129	2059	Clouded Buff	<i>Diacrisia sannio</i>		✓							✓							
130	2068	Scarlet Tiger	<i>Callimorpha dominula</i>				✓												