

# Spring Birding in Sicily

Naturetrek Tour Report

30 April – 6 May 2014



Little Terns



Penduline Tit



Purple Swamphen



Sardinian Warbler

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## Day 1

**Wednesday 30th April**

The trip started with a flight from Gatwick, arriving at Catania an hour late at 19:30. On the flight the group were fortunate in having good views of Vesuvius and then the snow-capped Mount Etna as the flight descended. The group met up with Dave who was already in Sicily from leading the group the previous week. After loading up in our minibuses, we left Catania and made the hour's journey to the Case del Feudo, where we were welcomed by Jassin who was to look after our day to day needs. Having settled in to our wonderful rooms, we assembled for our "light dinner". We sampled for the first time the superb wines which are made on the premises. What a welcome! We retired, tired but replete.

## Day 2

**Thursday 1st May**

As we had put the moth trap on last night, we had a look at our catch. Hugh had a special interest so took charge and diligently went through the night's catch. Throughout the week he put a lot of effort into this and the resulting catches are in the checklist at the end of this report. Many thanks go to Hugh from the leaders for helping in this way.

After a lovely continental breakfast we left for the coast and our first destination of the week – Capo Murro di Porco - for a relaxing walk. We stopped at the supermarket on the way to pick up our picnic, then, in glorious sun we arrived at the Capo.

As we drove, birds seemed to be flitting everywhere and we made several stops before we even got to the car park. Several Woodchat Shrikes sat atop bushes and Whinchats were very conspicuous, together with Northern Wheatears but one that caught our eye was a splendid Black-eared Wheatear which sat on a nearby wall for all to admire. A Subalpine Warbler in a neighbouring garden was also seen by some of the group. Overhead, a friendly chirp alerted us to the presence of two Red-rumped Swallows – always a lovely bird to see. We eventually made it to the car park - we walked across the headland towards the lighthouse, getting good views of Fan-tailed Warblers (or Zitting Cisticolas if you prefer!) and Whinchats perched on the vegetation. Sardinian Warblers were singing from the undergrowth and we saw several of them too. A sharp spotting of a flying bird caused some of the group to go and investigate and soon we were rewarded with a fine adult Great Spotted Cuckoo in the telescope! What an excellent start to the trip – only the second time that we have seen this species on our trips here. The rest of the group joined us so that we could all see this wonderful bird trying to hide in a bush. A migrating Marsh Harrier passed distantly overhead, as did a Honey Buzzard which was a new species for some.

Moving towards the lighthouse, keen ears picked up a couple of migrating Ortolan Buntings but sadly they kept on going. A Woodchat Shrike sat on top of the bushes for all to admire him. Arriving at the lighthouse, we all had a geology lesson from Dave as this is an excellent example of limestone pavement. We all gazed out to sea to see if there was anything passing but we could find no shearwaters. Examination of an alba wagtail was interesting as it appeared to be a Pied rather than the expected White but views were distant and sadly it flew off. Good views were had of the Crested Larks which were singing all around us and we found a Pigmy Skipper butterfly. Walking north towards a walled area through the Dwarf Fan Palms (*Chamaerops humilis*) we put up a Richard's Pipit and amongst the vegetation we found several Sedge Warblers and Subalpine Warblers. We saw several Northern Wheatears, then another Black-eared Wheatear – a gorgeous bird. A small clump of bushes came up trumps with a nice Icterine Warbler, several Spotted Flycatchers, Whitethroats and more Subalpine Warblers. Pallid Swifts were picked out overhead amongst the Common Swifts and Woodchat Shrikes continued to entertain us.

Arriving back at the buses, we moved on to Pepe's Bar in Isola where Dave and Marcus prepared our first picnic lunch as the group enjoyed a drink at the bar. After our lunch we partook of a coffee and gelato at Pepe's as the sun was quite strong now. Scoping the bay, we added some distant Sandwich Terns on the mussel pontoons and a lone Flamingo flew past. As it had cooled down a bit, we moved on to the Saline di Siracusa. Walking through the shade of the trees was welcomed as we heard a Marsh Warbler singing and several Great Reed Warblers chuntered their grating song from the reeds. We saw the lone Flamingo had stopped for a rest on the Salinas, alongside a large flock of distant Ruff that were shimmering in the haze. A Marsh Harrier gave a spectacular very close fly-past for some and we watched Greenshank and Wood Sandpipers on the pools. Little Egrets and Grey Herons flew by, followed by a Squacco Heron. At the beach, Little Terns were offshore and Kentish Plovers and Common Sandpipers on the shoreline. Retracing our steps, we returned to cool down and relax, arriving to the sound of Bee-eaters calling as they flew over our heads. We were to learn that this was a wonderful regular occurrence at the Case del Feudo that had us all regularly looking upwards to admire them. We went through the checklist before dinner, enjoying a glass of wine and canapés at the same time. Our dinner was another winner and we all enjoyed an early night.

## Day 3

Friday 2nd May

As Hugh catalogued the night's moths, some enjoyed an early morning bird walk around the farm. We heard five Nightingales – what a thrill – but our patience was not rewarded with sightings of these secretive birds. We saw many Bee-eaters performing their aerial acrobatics and heard a Golden Oriole. But the star of the show was a magnificent male Lesser Kestrel which sat there whilst we examined him through the telescopes.

We breakfasted at 07:30 and left at 08:30, heading south towards Avola. Exiting the motorway, we took the wiggly road west, climbing steadily until we came to the viewpoint with an amazing view down to the coast. There was a bit of a breeze but we persevered and had soon clocked a couple of birds of prey on a mountainous ridge which was obviously being used by raptors as a migration route. They turned out to be Honey Buzzards and were joined by several Ravens and a Sparrowhawk. This is a good site for Rock Sparrow and after some patience we eventually all had good views of this specialist species in the telescope. A Cuckoo called in the distance and a Cirl Bunting was singing away but our efforts to find it were unsuccessful. Sardinian Warblers were singing in the valley and a Blue Rock Thrush was heard singing but we could not find him. We tried the Rock Partridge tape but it was somewhat optimistic in the wind and there was no response. Some splendidly marked Stonechats were very popular with the group.

We drove on, climbing to the top of the ridge. The terrain was of open limestone meadows and we stopped to view a Corn Bunting in a tree. This proved fortuitous as we then heard another Cirl Bunting singing close by. They often sit just below the tops of trees so can be very difficult to find in the leaves, but after some perseverance we located him and had good views through the telescope. Some lucky group members also managed to see a Cetti's Warbler in a bush.

Arriving at the Cava Grande car park, we were presented with the most spectacular view down hundreds of metres into the canyon. After a comfort stop, we checked out the gorge to see if there was anything to see. We looked for Blue Rock Thrush but without any luck. Along the track we had a very obliging Cirl Bunting as well as some nice Stonechats and a female Pied Flycatcher in the woods. Moving on to an old house overlooking the gorge, we were luckier this time as we found a Blue Rock Thrush perched on a crag so that we could all see him properly through the telescopes, glistening blue in the sun. What a stunner! A little further on and we started looking for the specialist of the area – Spectacled Warbler. It was still very windy and quite overcast so we weren't too hopeful but we gave it our best shot and after some time waiting, we eventually came to have excellent views of a singing male atop grass stems and small almond trees. Some even managed to get photos of this special little warbler. We also heard the lovely fluty song of the Woodlark.

Elated, we headed back to where Marcus and Dave prepared the picnic lunch. Some took a look at the orchids in the adjoining meadow before we boarded the buses for our descent. As we packed up the picnic a large falcon flew low over us. Thoughts turned to the possibility of it being a Lanner but the views obtained were unfortunately not sufficient to confirm its identity.

We headed for the Siracusa historic site to view the fantastic Greek and Roman remains there. We got our tickets then drove round to the leafy car park where Dave went food shopping whilst the group spent several hours soaking up the atmosphere of the ruins. All enjoyed this, and even managed a little birding on the site with a Pied and many Spotted Flycatchers plus Jackdaws. We returned to the accommodation in good time to relax before checklists and another wonderful dinner.

## Day 4

## Saturday 3rd May

Several got up early for a pre-breakfast walk to try to see the Nightingales, but were unlucky. We departed at 08:30 to explore the lakes and headlands of the most southerly part of the island. Our first stop was the lake at Pantano Morghella on the east coast. Here we saw Greenshank and Redshank on the mud, along with a Bar-tailed Godwit that we able to use as an ID workshop! Also here we admired Little Ringed Plovers, Kentish Plovers, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper and Common Sandpipers plus Shelducks in the distance. A partly summer plumaged Grey Plover also looked very curious. Nearby we saw some Spanish Sparrows close to the sewage works.

We stopped in Pachino for a coffee and loo at a nice little corner bar before proceeding to our next stop Pantano Cuba. It was still windy here but sunny. Ferruginous Ducks were in evidence on the lake and we scoped them for all to see this Red Data Book species. Little Grebes patrolled the reed edges and uttered their trilling little call whilst their larger cousins the Great Crested Grebes were more in the open water. We also heard a Water Rail squealing from deep within the reeds. A Corn Bunting sang from the bushes and both Reed Warbler and Great Reed Warbler in the reeds. A flock of Sand Martins flew low over the water to feed on emerging insects and a Black Kite treated us by soaring overhead so that we could see the key ID criteria. Pallid Swifts were also identified as they flew around us.

We then moved on to Pantano Longarini where as we drove along the road a heron flew up. We soon observed that it was a Purple Heron, and it was then joined by a second bird! They dropped briefly into the reeds then gave us a fly-past. What magnificent birds they are! We had two Squacco Herons flying over the reeds as well as Little Egrets and some cute baby Coots. A Yellow Wagtail of one of the black headed races alighted on the marsh and some were lucky enough to see it well. Water Rails called from the reeds and two Gadwalls were admired on the water. As we drove along the road, we picked up several Wood Sandpipers very close, and then as we were watching more Ferruginous Ducks, a Gull-billed Tern flew by. What a great sequence of birds. By now time was getting on and we were getting hungry so we adjourned to the beach to enjoy our picnic lunch out of the wind a bit. Here we found Greenshank and Kentish Plover whilst offshore there were many Scopoli's Shearwaters passing by.

We then moved on to Portopalo harbour where our main quarry, the Audouin's Gull, showed very well as soon as we got there. It was good to compare these with the Yellow-legged Gulls which they were consorting with. We looked offshore for shearwaters but everyone was more interested in the ice creams that the leaders had mentioned! We returned to Portopalo to visit the gelateria where everyone enjoyed their chosen flavour before we returned after a very successful day. We arrived in good time to relax before checklists and another wonderful dinner. Afterwards we had a go at finding some owls nearby and struck it lucky with four Scops Owls calling, and a brief Barn Owl.

## Day 5

## Sunday 4th May

Some partook of an early morning bird walk and succeeded in seeing a Nightingale sat out in the open singing! Also Tree Sparrow young had emerged from their nests and were on show, plus a Golden Oriole was briefly seen. Not a bad list before breakfast! After breakfast we headed north through the rather unsightly petrochemical works to our pleasant destination of Penisola Magnisi. We parked by the shore and walked on to the peninsular. Woodchat Shrikes were sat atop fences and the low vegetation was alive with migrating Whinchats accompanied by a few Northern Wheatears. Whitethroats churred from the vegetation and Zitting Cisticolas, now a familiar bird to us all, sang all around. Several Turtle Doves flew through northwards and we picked out some Pallid Swifts from the many Common Swifts. In the small clump of bushes we waited to see if any migrants would appear but there was nothing showing.

As Dave tried to find a Richard's Pipit, the rest of the group called across to him and waved frantically. They had been very lucky indeed and found a Rufous Bush Robin sat on the top of a bush. Sadly it didn't stick around and dived into cover, never to be seen again. A Subalpine Warbler was scant compensation. Walking down the track, some group members had our first encounter with Stone Curlews as a couple of them took flight. We then stopped to try our luck with Calandra Larks. We could hear a couple of them singing away very high up, their buzzing song standing out from the Skylarks and Crested Larks. After much squinting skywards we eventually got on to one of them and saw their funny shape, the dark underwings and the white trailing edge to the wing. But there was no doubt that they were being very difficult to find.

As we headed northwards across the island, we had several more sightings of Stone Curlew in flight and tried to pin down where they had dropped down so that we could locate them on the ground. But that was, as we well knew, a fruitless task as they are masters at hiding with their cryptic plumage, and we just succeeded in getting a bit closer to them before they flew up again. Many Yellow Wagtails were flying over calling, moving swiftly northwards. A couple of Shelducks flew past on the sea, and we saw several Northern Wheatears on the way back to the buses.

We then adjourned to the nearby town of Priolo Gargallo for a comfort stop and a nice coffee before returning to the beach for our picnic lunch. On our way, we stopped to view an industrial pool by the petrochemical works and were astonished to find a Purple Swamp-hen strutting about in the open just looking at us! Proof that wildlife just needs the habitat and it moves in, no matter how awful the surroundings! We then had a Purple Heron flying over – a double “purple patch”! We enjoyed the antics of the Little Terns feeding offshore as we ate our picnic lunch on the beach.

We then visited the Saline di Priolo reserve, a wonderful place with excellent hides overlooking the old salinas which have been sculpted to form islands for nesting birds. The place was alive with birds – the islands in front of us were humming with nesting birds – Little Terns, Black-winged Stilts, Kentish Plovers and Avocets and many had small chicks too. Reed Warblers and Great Reed Warblers sang from the reeds and bushes. There were waders everywhere, stopping for a refuel on their way to the Arctic to breed – we saw many Little Stints, Ruff and Wood Sandpipers, plus Curlew Sandpipers, Grey Plover and Greenshank.

It was good to compare Kentish, Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers and a Temminck's Stint was a great find. A large flock of Flamingos at the back was very popular, particularly when they took flight to show off their dazzling colours and several Yellow Wagtails, probably of the feldegg variety, added more colour. Four Slender-billed Gulls were also a nice find but sadly after most of the group had set off back to the buses. In the bushes we found an Icterine Warbler and two very smart Wood Warblers. What a feast of birds we had enjoyed and on the return all the talk was of the wonderful waders we had seen. Another sumptuous dinner followed before bed.

## Day 6

Monday 5th May

We were up with the lark and breakfasted early for our 07:00 departure to Mount Etna. We headed off northwards, encountering several White Storks on their pylon nests on the journey. As we drove, the bus was quiet as we could see that Etna was shrouded in cloud. Would it clear in time? An hour and a half later we stopped for a photo opportunity at the foot-slopes of Etna as the cloud had cleared a bit and this might be the only opportunity we get. We saw a Sparrowhawk and a couple of Northern Wheatears. As we got to the Rifugio Sapienza it was still cloudy at the top of Etna but Dave went to see if the cable car was running as the group prepared their rucksacks. Dave emerged – with tickets! The cable car was running but the 4x4 bus from there to the top was not. We got excited again as we were going up after all! We boarded the cable cars and were soon being transported up the mountain. Getting to the top, we waited to see if the 4x4 bus would start running – in the meantime we had a coffee and checked out the souvenir shop. Sadly the buses did not start because of the very poor visibility – the walk along the top ridge has very steep sides so they very sensibly didn't want anyone to attempt it. Instead we walked along the track to see the snowdrifts and to take some photos but it was very cold so we returned to the café and decided to take lunch at the bottom of the cable car. After the cable car descent, we found another restaurant with very helpful staff and we were soon tucking in to our pizzas and cakes with local wine.

We then drove a little further down the slope to a layby where we had a Northern Wheatear as well as a migrating Common Kestrel, swiftly followed by a splendid Red-footed Falcon! Good spot, Marcus! Quite why they were migrating up Etna rather than going around it is difficult to understand. We enjoyed a lecture from Dave on the geology of the area and found some great examples of rope lava.

Stopping further down we were in the pine woods and soon found a splendid male Black Redstart and four very pale Northern Wheatears. We heard a Firecrest singing and many of the group managed to see this tiny bird as well as a brilliant Short-toed Treecreeper and Coal Tits. We tried to call in Rock Buntings and one showed to some of the group and a male Lesser Kestrel flew past over the heathland. We heard Crossbills flying over and two were seen perched and we also saw Linnets, Stonechats, Chiffchaffs and Chaffinches. A Woodlark was singing away and we listened to its lovely fluty song whilst watching him do his song flight. We had a long drive home and it was time to set off – we had a dinner date! So we made our way back down the mountain and along the motorway home. All agreed that, whilst it was disappointing that we had not got right to the top, it had still been a memorable day up Etna!

Returning to the accommodation, we freshened up then drove to Ortigia where we were soon in the luxurious surroundings of the Baron's abode. We had a wonderful evening being regaled by fascinating

stories about the history of the building and of the Baron's family. This was followed by a gorgeous meal which rounded off a great day for all.

## Day 7

Tuesday 6th May

We had a leisurely start today to enable us to complete our packing. We headed south to the extensive marshes of Vendicari, stopping at Cassibile on the way to buy our picnic bread. Arriving at the Vendicari car park we were greeted by the beautiful purring of Turtle Doves, a summer sound now sadly missing from many places back home. As we walked along the track to the sound of Cetti's Warblers singing, we were soon at the first hides. Here there was a feast of water birds and waders. A Squacco Heron obviously hadn't read the book saying it was a skulker as it fished right out in the open. Four Spoonbills were very popular and a large number of Flamingos waded in the water in the distance. The many waders included lots of Wood Sandpipers, Little Stints and Ruff, Curlew Sandpipers in their smart orange summer plumage, and it was nice to again compare Kentish, Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers. Two Grey Plovers were crowd pleasers and the Little Terns added character.

The many Black-winged Stilts were very popular too and a Great White Egret flew over the reeds in the distance. Last week Dave had located a nest of the Penduline Tit just outside the hide and the group lined up outside the hide to try to find it. They had done a good job of hiding their nest though, as after a few minutes Dave had to help everyone find it. There it was – a nest hanging down from one of the waterside willows! We were spellbound as we watched the birds going backwards and forwards to their nest – what special little birds they are! We then took the boardwalk and heard Reed Warblers on the way to the beach. A sighting of a strange looking bird flying over the sea turned out to be our first Hoopoe of the trip and this was also seen by some in the sand dunes. We pressed on to the next hide where we saw more Black-winged Stilts, Great Crested Grebes, and a Squacco Heron. The highlight for many was the fly-past by a group of Flamingos. On our return we were treated to a confiding Kestrel that sat in a very close bush enabling us to see every minute detail of its plumage in the telescope. We visited Peter's tower and the old fish factory and got excellent views of some Spoonbills feeding very close, plus more Ruff and a Marsh Harrier.

Marcus and Dave returned to the minibuses to prepare the packed lunch which we all enjoyed under the shade of some convenient orange and lemon trees in the beautiful sunshine, to the purring of Turtle Doves. We headed back to the Case del Feudo where we got changed and freshened up for our journey, loaded the cases and set off reluctantly for the airport. We again saw the White Storks but otherwise the journey was uneventful and we were in good time for our flight home. What an amazing week we had experienced. Good weather, a stunning selection of birds that performed so very well for us all, and a group of lovely people.

A group is only as good as the people who form it and thanks must go to all the group members who got on so well together, sharing knowledge and stories to enhance the overall enjoyment of the trip.

Marcus and Dave hope that everyone had an enjoyable week, seeing many new species on a beautiful island. We look forward to seeing you all on your next Naturetrek trip...

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## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	April/May						
			30	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				30	4		✓
2	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				2			
3	Mallard	<i>Anus platyrhynchos</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓
4	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				20			
5	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				3			2
6	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				10			4
7	Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea diomedea</i>				20			
8	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>							✓
9	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		1		2			1
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓		✓			✓
11	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>							✓
12	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		4		4	1		2
13	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				2	1		
14	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>						5	4
15	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>							✓
16	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		1			80		100
17	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>			1			1	
19	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>						1	
20	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					1		
21	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				1			
22	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		2		1			1
23	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1	1				
24	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>							
25	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			2	2	1	1	3
26	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		1	2				
27	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1			1	
28	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>				H	H		
29	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓
30	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓
31	Purple Swamp-hen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>					1		
32	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>							✓
33	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					10		✓
34	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓
35	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>					6		
36	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>				2	2		2
37	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		1		4	12		5
38	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		9		3	15		4
39	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>				2			2
40	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>							20
41	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					✓		✓
42	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>					1		
43	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				2	17		25
44	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		5	1	8	25		30
45	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		4		1	2		3

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			30	1	2	3	4	5	6
46	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		2		2			1
47	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				1			
48	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>				1			
49	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		50		5	1		40
50	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					2		
51	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>					4		
52	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓
53	Audouin's Gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>		1		4	2		
54	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>					1		
55	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		2			100		20
56	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>		6					
57	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>				1			1
58	Rock / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		6	2	5	3	2	6
62	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			H		H	H	
63	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>		1					
64	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	H		4H				
65	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓
67	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>					4		
68	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>							1
69	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		20	25	18	12	2	20
70	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>			H			H	
71	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>					✓		✓
72	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			H			2	
74	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>					1S 5H		
75	Common Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				30	7		
76	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		2	1				
78	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
79	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>		1					
80	White/Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		1	1		3	2	
81	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava sp.</i>				✓	14		✓
82	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>						2H	H
83	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	H	5H	H	4H 2S	H	H
84	Rufous Bush Robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>					1		
85	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>						2	
86	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		4			1	6	
87	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		2					
88	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		50+	2		20		
89	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>			6	1	1	2	
90	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			1				
91	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			1S 2H			H	
93	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>					1		
94	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		4	2H		1H	H	
95	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓

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96	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>			1				
97	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		5	1		1		1
99	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		3					
100	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
101	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		2		3	6		4
103	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>				H			
104	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		3		1	1		2
105	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		1			1		
106	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>					2		
107	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>						4	
108	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						2	
109	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			H		H	H	H
110	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		6	5	6	8		2
111	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1				
112	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>						✓	
114	European Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓			✓	✓
115	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>							2
116	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>						1	
117	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		9	1		1		
118	Common Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>			✓				
121	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
122	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			2			H	
123	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		1		6			
124	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
125	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			H		1S	H	
126	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>				5	1	1	
128	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		6	1		20	2	
129	Common Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>			3				
130	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓		✓	✓	
131	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
132	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
133	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓		✓	H	✓
134	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
135	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>						2	
136	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>		2H					
137	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			3			H	
138	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		1	10+	6	3		
139	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>						1	

## Mammals

1	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>			✓		✓		
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## Amphibians &amp; Reptiles

1	Frog sp.					✓			
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			30	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	Western Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta bilineata</i>			✓		✓		
3	Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis sicula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
4	Sicilian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis wagleriana</i>					✓		
5	Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
6	Western Whip Snake	<i>Hierophis viridiflavus carbonarius</i> (Sicilian black form)		✓					

## Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓		✓		✓
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
4	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
5	Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>					✓		
6	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
7	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>			✓		✓		✓
8	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓				✓
9	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>					✓		
10	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓				✓
11	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓
12	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓		✓		✓
13	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>			✓				
14	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>							✓
15	Marsh Fritillary	<i>Eurodryas aurinia</i>							✓
16	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>			✓		✓		✓
17	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			✓		✓		✓
18	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓			✓		
19	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓		✓		
20	Pigmy Skipper	<i>Gegenes pumilio</i>		✓					

## Macro Moths - "T" = in trap

1	Blair's Mocha	<i>Cyclophora puppillaria</i>				T			
2	Bordered Straw	<i>Heliothis peltigera</i>				T	T		
3	Bright Wave	<i>Idaea ochrata</i>		✓			✓		
4	Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Arctia villica</i>			T	T	T		
5	Delicate	<i>Mythimna vitellina</i>			T				
6	Elephant Hawkmoth	<i>Deilephila elpenor</i>					T		
7	Flame	<i>Axylia putris</i>			T				
8	Four-spotted	<i>Tyta luctuosa</i>			T	T	T		
9	Geometrician	<i>Grammodes stolidia</i>		✓		T	T		
10	Lime-speck Pug	<i>Eupithecia centaureata</i>				T			
11	Lustrous Least Carpet	<i>Idaea filicata</i>			T	T	T		
12	Many-lined	<i>Costaconvexa polygrammata</i>			T				
13	Mediterranean Pug	<i>Eupithecia breviculata</i>				T			
14	Pale Mottled Willow	<i>Caradrina clavipalpis</i>					T		
15	Pale Shoulder	<i>Acontia lucida</i>			T				
16	Pinion-streaked Snout	<i>Schrankia costaestrigalis</i>				T			
17	Purple Marbled	<i>Eublemma ostrina</i>			T				
18	Ragusa's Nine-spotted	<i>Amata kruegeri</i>		✓	✓		✓		
19	Rosy Wave	<i>Scopula emutaria</i>		✓					
20	Scarce Footman	<i>Eilema complana</i>			T				
21	Six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>				✓	✓		

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22	Smoky Wainscot	<i>Mythimna impura</i>				T			
23	Spanish Chinese Character	<i>Cilix hispanica</i>					T		
24	Striped Hawkmoth	<i>Hyles livornica</i>			T				
25	Uncertain	<i>Hoplodrina alsines</i>				T			
26	Uncertain/Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina alsines/blanda</i>			T				
27	a Noctuid	<i>Eutelia adulatrix</i>					T		
28	a Noctuid	<i>Nodaria nodosalis</i>				T	T		

Micro moths - "T" = in trap

1		<i>Acleris variegana</i>			T	T			
2		<i>Aethes sp.</i>		T					
3		<i>Alucita sp.</i>				T	T		
4		<i>Batia internella cf.</i>					T		
5		<i>Carcina quercana</i>				T			
6		<i>Cnephasia sp.</i>				T			✓
7		<i>Cochyliomorpha straminea</i>					T		
8		<i>Cochylis molliculana</i>					T		
9		<i>Coleophora sp.</i>			T				
10		<i>Dolicharthria punctalis</i>					T		
11		<i>Ethmia bipunctella</i>					T		
12		<i>Eudonia sp.</i>					T		
13		<i>Morophaga morella</i>			T				
14	Rush Veneer	<i>Nomophila noctuella</i>					T		
15		<i>Notocelia uddmanniana</i>					T		
16		<i>Oegoconia sp.</i>			T				
17		<i>Palpita vitrealis</i>					T		
18		<i>Synaphe moldavica</i>			✓		✓		

Other Invertebrates (Kindly compiled by Hugh Griffiths)

1	House Centipede	<i>Scutigera coleoptrata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	tiger beetle	<i>Cicindela flexuosa</i>				✓			
3	glow-worm	<i>Lampyrus ambigena cf.</i>				T			
4	Tawny Cockroach	<i>Ectobius pallidus</i>		T					
5	Tephritid fly	<i>Urophora terebrans</i>					✓		
6	Broad-shouldered Shield Bug	<i>Cydnus aterrimus</i>		✓					
7	assassin bug	<i>Rhynocoris erythropus</i>		✓					
8	Lygaid bug	<i>Spilostethus pandurus</i>					✓		
9	Southern Emerald Damselfly	<i>Lestes Barbarus</i>				✓			
10	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombi</i>				✓			
11	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>		✓					