

# Albania in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

25th May – 1st June 2022

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Chamois by Mirjan Topi



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## Day 1

Wednesday 25th May

### Arrive Tirana

We departed a rather drizzly Heathrow mid-afternoon. The flight was delayed by the best part of an hour but the pilot did well to catch up on some of the time so we arrived about twenty minutes late. On arrival we were warmly greeted by our excellent local guide Mirjan and our driver for the first part of the tour, the steady Zamir.

In the pleasant warmth we were driven to the very comfortable Mangalemi Hotel in historic Berat overlooking the meandering Osum River. After a late meal we retired to our rooms to prepare for our adventures over the coming days.

## Day 2

Thursday 26th May

### Vile Boshtov, Flake-Sektor Rinia Lagoon, Karavasta

On a hot and sunny day, we took a diversion from our planned itinerary to visit a site for breeding Rollers as somebody had requested to see these glamorous birds. As we arrived at Vile Boshtov we saw a singing Black-headed Bunting on the overhead wire and not too far away also Corn Bunting, Stonechat and Crested Lark also utilising the wires. We were treated to some excellent views of a couple of Rollers but maintained a respectful distance to avoid disturbing them. Bee-eaters were also present here. A Zitting Cisticola was both seen and heard over the field.

Among the flowers by our feet were Pitch Trefoil and Purple Viper's-bugloss while Clouded Yellows and Meadow Browns flitted amongst them.

Returning to the planned schedule we headed for the saline lagoons of Karavasta where we saw about a hundred Greater Flamingos and a few rather distant Dalmatian Pelicans. Pygmy Cormorants were frequently flying over us and after eluding us while singing we eventually saw a couple of Eastern Olivaceous Warblers.

Most conspicuous amongst the insects were a couple of Green-eyed (Norfolk) Hawkers and several Cleopatras.

After a fish lunch for most of us we went to a dried-up area of saltmarsh south of Karavasta. The vegetation was dominated by *Salicornia* and in the distance there were many Collared Pratincoles mobbing a Marsh Harrier. Eventually we had many close views of these beautiful waders. The big downside of this site is that it was infested with millions of aggressive midges which left some of us covered in bites. Despite this we all enjoyed the stunning views of the pratincoles as well as our only Short-tailed Eagle of the trip and also a Montagu's Harrier.

Walking back to the bus we saw a patch of flowers containing Yellow Bartsia, Bellardia and a couple of Bug Orchids just past their best. We saw several of the attractive micro-moth, *Synaphe moldovica*.

## Day 3

Friday 27th May

### Vjose- Narte, Berat

To break our two-hour drive to Narte on another very warm day we stopped at a service station at Fier where we were able to observe a pair of White Storks that were nesting on a pylon behind the building. A Woodchat Shrike was also observed perched on a low wire.

As we disembarked from our bus at Narte we were thrilled to see a flock of nine Rosy Starlings fly past us and land in a bush. According to Mirjan these were the first records for this site. Gull-billed Terns were seen in flight across the road while as we walked around the dry area, we encountered both Calandra and Short-toed Larks at fairly close range.

Given the heat we took our picnic lunch in the shelter of some pines where we were able to watch Bee-eaters and overhead our first Alpine Swifts.

Unusually we didn't see any dragonflies here, but a Small Copper was new to the butterfly list.

Following lunch, we drove back along the track and made several stops to view birds. We had much closer views of both Greater Flamingos and Dalmatian Pelicans than we had yesterday. New additions today were close views of Slender-billed Gulls, Avocet and Kentish Plovers.

We arrived back to our hotel early to allow the group to freshen up before the evening cultural walk around Berat Castle which is a fortress overlooking the town and was built in the thirteenth century containing Byzantine churches and Ottoman mosques. We then completed our day with a delicious meal in a family restaurant by the castle.

## Day 4

Saturday 28th May

### Depart Berat, Prizren, Valbona

Having had a couple of splendid days exploring some of the lowlands it was time to head north to Valbona National Park, part of the largely limestone Dinaric Alps.

Whilst having our final Berat breakfast we saw both Grey Wagtail and a showy male Eastern Black-eared Wheatear on a neighbouring roof.

About an hour's drive north of Berat we stopped at a reservoir near Thana. The only birds seen on the water were several Great Crested Grebes and a pair of Little Grebes though we could hear a singing Nightingale and a vocal Golden Oriole in the distance.

Along the edge of the reservoir were many flowering Christ's Thorn, a shrub bedecked in yellow flowers, humming with insects. An attractive purple flowered *Clematis viticella* was scrambling through the scrub. Along the road we also saw flowering *Echium italicum* and *Teucrium capitatum*.

Roadworks in Prizren meant we were late for our lunch in a restaurant overlooking the Prizren River. The town, Kosovo's second most populous town is situated between the Sharr Mountains.

As we waited to cross the border to re-enter Albania, we saw a male Cirl Bunting sitting on a wire.

Before we reached our destination, we explored a field near Barjam Curri that had been abandoned. Along a hedge line we had excellent views of a pair of Red-backed Shrikes as well as singing Corn Bunting. A pair of Peregrines were watched flying around beyond some pylons.

The field was alive with grasshopper nymphs and we saw good numbers of Silver-studded Blues.

Botanical highlights included *Anthericum ramosum* with its white starry flowers and the tongue orchid, *Serapias bergonii*.

After settling into our base for the next four nights we took a local vehicle to a restaurant down the road.

## Day 5

Sunday 29th May

### Snake Meadow, Valbona

Following breakfast, we headed up into the mountains towards Snake Meadow. Initially somewhat misty and overcast we got out to observe Red-backed Shrikes. Many flowers were found here with highlights including good numbers of Burnt-tip and Green-winged Orchids as well as a single Bug Orchid. Pale Flax, Bloody Cranesbill and Wild Pansy added to the colourful palette of wildflowers.

As we moved onto our final stop the skies opened with heavy thundery rain and thick mist at times. We decided to head to our lunch stop early for shelter and were provided with a choice of Turkish coffee or herbal tea from local plants. After an hour or so chatting we were served a wonderful banquet of local delights.

Fortunately, following lunch, the rain cleared for a couple of hours with some sunny spells. We descended to get out of the mist and saw some Marsh Tits as well as the ever-present Red-backed Shrikes.

In the increasing warmth a good variety of butterflies were recorded including several Queen of Spain Fritillaries, a variety of blues including Mazarine, Little, Chequered and Amanda's and some attractive moths such as a showy Cream-spot Tiger, Speckled Yellow and a Nine-spotted.

New plants included Woodcock Orchid, Greek Hellebore, Spring Vetchling and Blue Bugle.

One of the treats of walking down was to see several adult male Eastern Green Lizards in all their fluorescent finery.

Returning to base the rain returned but stopped before we headed for our evening meal in a different restaurant.

## Day 6

Monday 30th May

### Kukaj, Valbona

Before breakfast Mirjan had been scanning the mountainside opposite our residence and had managed to find four Chamois. With the telescope the group managed to see three adults and a young one - an excellent start to the day.

On this fine day we set off for our most challenging walk to Kukaj at over a thousand metres elevation. Several of the group opted to stay at various lower levels to avoid getting too tired.

At the start we managed several raptors with a couple of Common Buzzards and a Kestrel while a little further on a Golden Eagle surveyed its lofty kingdom as it soared.

Cuckoos were heard throughout our walk and higher up a White-backed Woodpecker was heard drumming.

Another Eastern Green Lizard was seen and Common Wall Lizards were numerous.

In this scenery the flora and the butterflies excelled. Lower down we saw masses of Bloody Cranesbill, Mountain Sainfoin, Globularia and several magnificent Wild Peonies. Hepatica leaves were seen on the woodland floor while in the alpine meadows there were Elder-flowered Orchids, Spring Gentian and some Grape Hyacinths.

Dingy Skipper was one of the most numerous butterflies and we saw many various blues including Geranium Argus ovipositing on Bloody Cranesbill, Blue Argus, Green-underside, Little, Mazarine and Chequered Blues. Higher up we encountered Berger's Clouded Yellow, Clouded Apollo and Woodland Ringlets.

Alpine Choughs were watched in the upper alpine meadows.

Many of the group that descended early had gone to a farmhouse for refreshment. Spirits there were high and one the group became "married" to a local! You had to be there to understand it!

## Day 7

Tuesday 31st May

### Motina Valley, Valbona

Around our breakfast outside in the warm sunshine we were again treated to sightings of Chamois. This time they were closer and more of them - about 10 individuals.

Today our vehicles took us to the Motina valley, a tributary of the Valbona River.

Butterflies were landing on the damp stones and beside a Dingy Skipper and both Mazarine and Green-underside Blue we saw our first Yellow-banded Skipper. In the same area on our return, we also saw a Marbled Skipper. Hummingbird Hawkmoth and another obliging Nine-spotted were also noted.

A few fritillaries were seen today with Queen of Spain, Glanville, Heath and Pearl-bordered recorded.

Along the river Dipper was briefly sighted in flight as well as Grey Wagtail. The Beech woodland was fairly quiet, although Nuthatch and Marsh Tit were heard. We all heard White-backed Woodpecker and a lucky few had sightings of it.

Under the canopy, Spurge Laurel was numerous, and we saw leaves of Sowbread and a single flowering Columbine.

Herptile highlight was a Greek Slow Worm under some fallen branches.

We returned mid-afternoon for people to rest and pack for our departure tomorrow. An optional local walk was made to a pond in the woodland in the early evening. Growing on a rock opposite us was the attractive flower, *Ramonda serbica*.

## Day 8

Wednesday 1st June

### Leave Valbona, Koman ferry, Shkodra Tirana to London

Following an early breakfast, we departed our mountain home at 07.30 to reach the Koman Ferry. We were again blessed with fine sunny weather.

Lake Koman is a reservoir on the River Drin with also the Valbona and Shala Rivers feeding into it and is surrounded by forested gorges. The scenery along the route was spectacular.

As we boarded the ferry many House Martins seemed to be nesting on it and we watched them collecting cotton fluff from a poplar by the terminal.

Cormorants were frequently seen and a single Goosander. One of our group was lucky to spot a Blue Rock Thrush while we all saw Buzzards. Alpine Swifts were seen several times overhead but at the end of the journey we saw many at close quarters entering their breeding cave.

Our driver picked us up promptly and we set off on our journey south. A coffee stop allowed us to see some Barn Swallow nests up close on the building with hungry mouths waiting to be fed. Several Black-tailed skimmers were flying around and resting on the rocks while we observed various unidentified fish species.

Lunch was taken in the city of Shkodra, considered the capital of northern Albania and the country's fifth largest city.

Following our delicious meal, we continued to Tirana to reach the airport in very good time. Here we said goodbye to two of our group, who were staying an extra day here and to our wonderful local guide, Mirjan, who was the perfect host, entertaining the group and educating us about all things Albanian!

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## Species lists

### Birds

#### Common name

Goosander  
Mallard  
Great Crested Grebe  
Little Grebe  
Greater Flamingo  
White Stork  
Squacco Heron  
Grey Heron  
Great Egret  
Little Egret  
Dalmatian Pelican  
Pygmy Cormorant  
Great Cormorant  
Short-toed Snake Eagle  
Western Marsh Harrier  
Montagu's Harrier  
Eurasian Sparrowhawk  
Common Buzzard  
Honey Buzzard  
Golden Eagle  
Eurasian Coot  
Black-winged Stilt  
Pied Avocet  
Kentish Plover  
Collared Pratincole  
Yellow-legged Gull  
Slender-billed Gull  
Little Tern

#### Common name

Gull-billed Tern  
Rock Dove  
Common Wood Pigeon  
Eurasian Collared Dove  
European Turtle Dove  
Common Cuckoo  
Little Owl

#### Scientific name

*Mergus merganser*  
*Anas platyrhynchos*  
*Podiceps cristatus*  
*Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
*Phoenicopterus roseus*  
*Ciconia ciconia*  
*Ardeola ralloides*  
*Ardea cinerea*  
*Ardea alba*  
*Egretta garzetta*  
*Pelecanus crispus*  
*Microcarbo pygmaeus*  
*Phalacrocorax carbo*  
*Circaetus gallicus*  
*Circus aeruginosus*  
*Circus pygargus*  
*Accipiter nisus*  
*Buteo buteo*  
*Pernis apivorus*  
*Aquila chrysaetus*  
*Fulica atra*  
*Himantopus himantopus*  
*Recurvirostra avosetta*  
*Charadrius alexandrinus*  
*Glaucopis pratensis*  
*Larus michahellis*  
*Chroicocephalus genei*  
*Sternula albifrons*  
*Gelochelidon nilotica*  
*Columbia livia*  
*Columba palumbus*  
*Streptopelia decaocto*  
*Streptopelia turtur*  
*Cuculus canorus*  
*Athene noctua*

1 female/immature from Koman Ferry  
6 Thana Reservoir, 3 south Koman  
2 Thana Reservoir  
100 Karavasta, 60 Narte  
4 seen, pr on nest in town  
1 Karavasta  
several, various sites  
1 Karavasta, 1 south Koman  
all wetland sites  
10 Karavasta, 20 Narte,  
20 Karavasta  
60+ Lake Koman  
1 south of Karavasta  
2 Karavasta, 1 Narte  
1 south Karavasta, 1 Narte  
1 sighting  
Daily sightings  
2 from bus south Lake Koman  
1 Valbona  
Karavasta & Narte  
10 Narte  
4 Narte  
c100 south Karavasta, 2 Narte  
various sites near water  
10 Narte  
4 Karavasta, 40 Narte  
6 Narte  
feral birds around towns  
1 near Vlabona  
common away from highlands  
couple seen/heard in south  
widespread, most days  
regular in lowlands



Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	6 Narte, several in Valbona 100+ Konan Ferry
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	occasional lowlands
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	common in lowlands
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	2 Vile Bashtove
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1 Karavasta
Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	Valbona
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	2 Berat
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	widespread in low numbers
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	pair south Valbona
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	5 sightings across lowlands
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	common Valbona
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	2 heard -Karavasta & Thana Reservoir
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	several various locations
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	common in lowlands
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	20+ Valbona,
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	several on day north through Kosovo
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	daily
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	1 Valbona
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	several Valbona
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	several Valbona
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	several Valbona
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Valbona
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	seen on first 3 days
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	3 Karavasta, 2 Narte
Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	3 Karavasta, 6 Narte
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	common particularly in lowlands
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	common lowlands
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	few in Valbona
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cercropis daurica</i>	common, daily max of 20
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	5 together in Valbona
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1 at Vile Bashtove, 2 Karavasta
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	heard on first 3 days
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Valbona
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	common in Valbona
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	several Karavasta
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	several Karavasta in reeds
Common Starling	<i>Sturna vulgaris</i>	most from bus after leaving Kosovo
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1 heard Valbona
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	heard 2 sites Valbona
Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	9 Narte
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	few most days
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1 heard, 1 seen
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	2 heard Valbona
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	heard on 2 days
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>	several Valbona
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	2 Berat, 3 from bus south Koman
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	2 Berat
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	2 in Valbona
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	common around towns
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	several
Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	several Narte
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	2 Prizren 1 Berat, several Valbona
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	fairly common
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	1 Karavasta
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	seen or heard most days
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	small numbers most days
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	small numbers in lowlands
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	pair Valbona
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	common in lowlands
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	2 male Vile Bashtove

## Mammals

Alpine Chamois *Rupicapra rupicapra* 2 days Valbona. 4 on one day, 10+ following day

## Reptiles

Nose-horned Viper... *Vipera ammodytes* (1 dead)

Common Wall Lizard *Podarcis muralis*  
 Eastern Green Lizard *Lacerta viridis*  
 Greek Slow Worm *Anguis graeca*

### Lepidoptera

Grizzled Skipper *Pyrgus malvae*  
 Yellow-banded Skipper *Pyrgus sidae*  
 Dingy Skipper *Erynnis tage*  
 Marbled Skipper *Carcharodus lavatherae*  
 Scarce Swallowtail *Iphiclides podalirius*  
 Swallowtail *Papilio machaon*  
 Brimstone *Gonepteryx rhamni*  
 Cleopatra *Gonepteryx cleopatra*  
 Clouded Yellow *Colias crocea*  
 Large White *Pieris brassicae*  
 Small White *Pieris rapae*  
 Orange Tip *Anthocharis cardamines*  
 Eastern Bath White *Pontia edusa*  
 Wood White *Leptidea daplidice*  
 Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeas*  
 Little Blue *Cupido minimus*  
 Green-underside Blue *Glaucopsyche alexis*  
 Chequered Blue *Scolantides orion*  
 Silver-studded Blue *Plebejus argus*  
 Brown Argus *Aricia agestis*  
 Holly Blue *Celastrina argiolus*  
 Mazarine Blue *Cyaniris semiargus*  
 Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus*  
 Amanda's Blue *Polyommatus amandus*  
 Geranium Argus *Eumedonia eumedon*  
 Blue Argus *Aricia enteros*  
 Comma *Polygonia c-album*  
 Southern Comma *Polygonia egea*  
 Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*  
 Glanville Fritillary *Melitaea cinxia*  
 Heath Fritillary *Mellicta athalia*  
 Pearl-bordered Fritillary *Boloria euphrosyne*  
 Queen of Spain Fritillary *Issoria lathonia*  
 Silver-washed Fritillary *Argynnis paphia*  
 Woodland Ringlet *Erebia medusa*  
 Meadow Brown *Maniola jurtina*  
 Large Wall Brown *Lasiommata maera*  
 Small Heath *Ceonympha pamphilus*  
 Hummingbird Hawkmoth *Macroglossum stellatarum*  
 Speckled Yellow *Pseudopanthera macularia*  
 Cream-spot Tiger *Arctia villica*  
 Burnet Companion *Euclidia glyphica*  
 Nine-spotted *Amata phagea*  
*Synaphe moldavica*

### Odonata

Green-eyed Hawker *Aeshna isoceles*  
 Hairy Dragonfly *Brachytron pratense*  
 Black-tailed Skimmer *Orthetrum cancellatum*

### Other Invertebrates

Owlfly species *Libelloides macaronius*  
 Field Cricket *Gryllus campestris*  
 Speckled Bush-cricket *Leptophyes punctatissimus*  
 Egyptian Grasshopper *Anacridium aegyptium*  
 Rose Chafer *Cetonia aurata*

### Plants

#### **Pteridopytes**

*Pteridium aquilinum*

Bracken

<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall-rue
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback Fern
<i>Gymnocarpium roberianum</i>	Limestone Fern
<b>Gymnosperms</b>	
<b>Cupressaceae</b>	
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper
<b>Pinaceae</b>	
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine
<i>Pinus heldreichii</i>	Bosnian Pine
<i>Pinus mugo</i>	Mountain Pine
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine
<b>Angiosperms</b>	
<b>DICOTS</b>	
<b>Anacardaceae</b>	
<i>Cotinus coggyria</i>	Smoke Bush
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree
<b>Apiaceae</b>	
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground Elder
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly
<i>Eryngium serbicum</i>	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel
<i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>	
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle
<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	
<b>Apocyanaceae</b>	
<i>Cionura erecta</i>	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander
<b>Aristolochiaceae</b>	
<i>Asarum europaeum</i>	Asarabacca
<b>Asteraceae</b>	
<i>Achillea abrotanoides</i>	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	Wormwood
<i>Artemisia campestris</i>	Field Wormwood
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	Musk Thistle
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>	Woolly Thistle
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	Wall Lettuce
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed
<i>Picnomon acarna</i>	
<i>Ptilostemon afer</i>	
<i>Senecio leucanthemifolius</i>	
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Coltsfoot
<b>Betulaceae</b>	
<i>Carpinus orientalis</i>	Eastern Hornbeam
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	
<i>Anchusa hybrida</i>	
<i>Cynoglossum montanum</i>	
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Common Hound's-tongue
<i>Echium italicum</i>	Pale Bugloss
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss
<i>Lithospermum officinale</i>	Common Gromwell
<i>Myosotis suaveolens</i>	

**Brassicaceae***Alyssum bertolonii**Alyssum scardicum**Cardamine bulbifera*

Coralroot

**Campanulaceae***Campanula ramosissima**Campanula rapunculus**Edraianthus serpyllifolia*

Rampion Bellflower

**Caprifoliaceae***Cephalaria transsylvanica**Sambucus ebulus**Sambucus nigra**Valeriana officinalis*

Dwarf Elder

Elder

Common Valerian

**Caryophyllaceae***Arenaria serpyllifolia**Cerastium dinaricum**Drypis spinosa**Silene latifolia**Silene vulgaris*

Thyme-leaved Sandwort

White Campion

Bladder Campion

**Chenopodiaceae***Atriplex portulacoides**Sarcocornia fruticosa*

Sea Purslane

**Cistaceae***Cistus creticus**Helianthemum nummularia**Helianthemum oelandicum*

Common Rockrose

Hoary Rockrose

**Convolvulaceae***Convolvulus arvensis**Convolvulus cantabrica*

Field Bindweed

**Cornaceae***Cornus mas**Cornus sanguinea*

Cornelian Cherry

Dogwood

**Crassulaceae***Sedum album**Sedum acre**Sedum hispanica*

White Stonecrop

Biting Stonecrop

**Ericaceae***Erica arborea*

Tree Heath

**Euphorbiaceae***Euphorbia amygdaloides**Euphorbia cyparissias**Euphorbia myrsinites**Euphorbia oblongata**Mercurialis perennis*

Wood Spurge

Cypress Spurge

Glaucous Spurge

Dog's Mercury

**Fabaceae***Amorpha fruticosa**Astragalus glycyphllos**Anthyllis vulneraria**Cercis siliquistrum**Colutea arborescens**Dorycnium hirsutum**Dorycnium pentaphyllum**Galega officinalis**Hippocrepis comosa**Lathyrus setifolius**Lathyrus vernus**Lotus corniculatus**Medicago sativa**Melilotus indica**Onobrychis montana**Psoralea bitumenosa**Trifolium alpestre**Trifolium angustifolium**Trifolium noricum**Trifolium repens**Trifolium pratense**Trifolium resupinatum**Vicia cracca*

Wild Liquorice

Kidney Vetch

Judas Tree

Bladder Senna

Goat's-rue

Horseshoe Vetch

Spring Vetchling

Bird's Foot Trefoil

Lucerne

Small Melilot

Pitch Trefoil

White Clover

Red Clover

Tufted Vetch

<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch
<b>Fagaceae</b>	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech
<i>Quercus frainetto</i>	Hungarian Oak
<b>Fumariaceae</b>	
<i>Corydalis cava</i>	
<b>Gentianaceae</b>	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort
<i>Gentiana verna</i> ssp. <i>balcanica</i>	Spring Gentian
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Storksbill
<i>Geranium aspedeloides</i>	Shining Cranesbill
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Little Robin
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Hedgerow Cranesbill
<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>	Herb Robert
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Dovesfoot Cranesbill
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Round-leaved Cranesbill
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Bloody Cranesbill
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	
<b>Gesneriaceae</b>	
<i>Ramonda serbica</i>	
<b>Globulariaceae</b>	
<i>Globularia cordifolia</i>	
<b>Juglandaceae</b>	
<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut
<b>Lamiaceae</b>	
<i>Ajuga genevensis</i>	Blue Bugle
<i>Clinopodium acinos</i>	Basil Thyme
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil
<i>Lamium garganicum</i>	
<i>Melittis melissophyllum</i>	Bastard Balm
<i>Micromeria graeca</i>	
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Marjoram
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage
<i>Salvia officinalis</i>	Common Sage
<i>Salvia verticillata</i>	
<i>Stachys alopecuroides</i>	
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	Wall Germander
<i>Teucrium capitatum</i>	
<i>Thymus</i> sp	Thyme
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree
<b>Linaceae</b>	
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Fairy Flax
<b>Malvaceae</b>	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow
<b>Moraceae</b>	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig
<i>Morus alba</i>	White Mulberry
<b>Oleaceae</b>	
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Manna Ash
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	
<i>Bartsia trixago</i>	Bellardia
<i>Euphrasia</i> sp	Eyebright
<i>Ororanche</i> s	
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle
<i>Rhinanthus rumelicus</i>	Yellow Rattle
<b>Paeoniaceae</b>	
<i>Paeonia arietina</i>	
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	Long-headed Poppy
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Field Poppy
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>	
<i>Linaria peloponnesiaca</i>	
<i>Plantago afra</i>	

<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buckshorn Plantain
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain
<i>Veronica austriaca</i>	
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell
<i>Veronica montana</i>	Wood Speedwell
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	
<i>Limonium narbonense</i>	Common Sea-lavender
<b>Polygalaceae</b>	
<i>Polygala comosa</i>	
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort
<b>Primulaceae</b>	
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Sowbread
<i>Primula elatior</i>	Oxslip
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	
<i>Anemonoides nemorosa</i>	Wood Anemone
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Wild Clematis
<i>Clematis viticella</i>	
<i>Helleborus. cyclophyllus</i>	Greek Hellebore
<i>Hepatica nobilis</i>	Hepatica
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>	
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Christ's Thorn
<b>Rosaceae</b>	
<i>Aremonia agriminooides</i>	Bastard Agrimony
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet
<i>Potentilla argentea</i>	Silver Cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i>	Salad Burnet
<i>Rosa pendulina</i>	Alpine Rose
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	
<i>Asperula arvensis</i>	
<b>Rutaceae</b>	
<i>Haplophyllum cornatum</i>	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw
<b>Sapindaceae</b>	
<i>Acer hyrcanum</i>	Greek Maple
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore
<b>Saxifragaceae</b>	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	Round-leaved Saxifrage
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	
<i>Digitalis grandiflora</i>	
<i>Scrophularia canina</i>	French Figwort
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	
<i>Verbascum sp</i>	
<b>Solanaceae</b>	
<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	Deadly Nightshade
<b>Tamaricaceae</b>	
<i>Tamarix dalmatica</i>	
<b>Thymelaceae</b>	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel
<i>Daphne oleiodes</i>	
<b>Ulmaceae</b>	
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	Smooth-leaved Elm
<b>Urticaceae</b>	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the Wall
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle
<b>Valerianaceae</b>	
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common Valerian
<b>Violaceae</b>	
<i>Viola arvensis</i>	Field Pansy
<i>Viola tricolor ssp. macedonica</i>	

**MONOCOTS**

**Asparagaceae***Anthericum ramosum**Asparagus acutifolius**Convallaria majalis**Muscari botryoides*

Lily of the Valley

**Iridaceae***Iris reichenbachii***Juncaceae***Juncus acutus*

Sharp Rush

**Liliaceae***Fritillaria messanensis subsp.gracilis***Orchidaceae***Anacamptis coriophora*

Bug Orchid

*Anacamptis morio*

Green-winged Orchid

*Cephalanthera damasonium*

White Helleborine

*Dactylorhiza saccifera*

Wedge-lipped Orchid

*Dactylorhiza sambucina*

Elder-flowered Orchid

*Epipactis helleborine*

Broad-leaved Helleborine

*Neotinea ustulata*

Burnt Orchid

*Ophrys scolopax*

Woodcock Orchid

*Serapias bergonii*

a tongue orchid

**Poaceae***Arundo donax*

Giant Reed

*Avena barbata**Dactylis glomerata*

Cock'sfoot

*Hordeum murinum*

Wall Barley

*Lagurus ovatus*

Harestail Grass

*Phragmites communis*

Common Reed

*Polypogon monspeliensis*

Annual Beard Grass

*Sesleria caerulea*

Blue Moor Grass

**Smilacaceae***Smilax aspera*