# Switzerland - Alpine Flowers of the **Upper Engadine**

Naturetrek Tour Report

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The group at Piz Palu

Papaver aurantiacum

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## Day 1 Sunday 8th July

After assembling at Zurich airport, we caught the train to Zurich main station. Once on the intercity express, we settled down to a comfortable journey, through the Swiss countryside, towards the Alps. We passed Lake Zurich and the Walensee, meeting the Rhine as it flows into Liectenstein, and then changed to the UNESCO World Heritage Albula railway at Chur. Dramatic scenery and many loops, tunnels and bridges followed, as we made our way through the Alps. After passing through the long Preda tunnel, we entered a sunny Engadine and made a third change, at Samedan, for the short ride to Pontresina. We transferred to the hotel by minibus and met the remaining two members of our group, before enjoying a lovely evening meal. After a brief talk about the plans for the week, we retired to bed.

Day 2 Monday 9th July

After a 20-minute walk from the hotel, we caught the 9.06am train at Surovas. We had a scenic introduction to the geography of the region, as we travelled south along the length of Val Bernina, crossing the watershed beside Lago Bianco and alighting at Alp Grum. As it was our first day, there were many flowers to be discovered, as we made slow progress up the hillside to the Belvedere, for morning coffee. We found good specimens of Black Alpine Sedge Carex atrata subsp. aterrima, the pale-yellow Alpine Leek Allium victorialis and the huge flowers of Giant Cat's-ear Hypochaeris uniflora. Our first orchids included Vanilla Orchid Gymnadenia rhellicani, Frog Orchid Coeloglossum viride and Small-white Orchid Pseudorchis albida. We lingered over coffee, taking in the views down to the Poschiavo Valley, to the south.

Below the station, we walked down through the forest, finding Yellow Melancholy Thistle Cirsium erisithales, Wood Crane's-bill Geranium sylvaticum, Martagon Lily Lilium martagon, Southern Lungwort Pulmonaria australis and Whorled Solomon's-seal Polygonatum verticillatum. The deep-blue flowers of a large colony of Alpine Blue-sowthistle Cicerbita alpina shone out from the forest edge. We had lunch by the railway line, where the bright-orange Purple-edged Copper was nectaring on the flowers. We continued through the forest, where there were showy plants of Large-flowered Foxglove Digitalis grandiflora and Carthusian Pink Dianthus carthusianorum subsp. vaginatus. A little further on, we encountered colonies of One-flowered Wintergreen Moneses uniflora and the parasitic Coralroot Orchid Corallorhiza trifida, both familiar plants in the conifer forests of northern Europe. We emerged in the delightful old village of Cavaglia, where fine specimens of Wolf's-bane Aconitum lycotonum subsp. vulparia and Monk's-hood Aconitum napellus grew alongside the river. Below the village, we did a circular walk around the Gletscher Garten, where we saw a series of amazing potholes and other erosion-features, carved under the ice during the last glaciation. Special plants in the woodland were Chickweed Wintergreen Trientalis europaea and Streptopus amplexifolius, with small, yellowish, pendant flowers, on bent pedicels, hidden beneath its leaves. We had made good time and after catching the 4.48 train, we were back at the hotel, just after 6pm.

## Day 3 Tuesday 10th July

After a mostly sunny morning, it clouded over and by midday the mountains were obscured. We took the train, as far as Bernina Lagalb, where we crossed the road to the start of our walk around Piz Lagalb. The lower slopes of Piz Alv have a rich limestone flora and there were colourful displays of Rockroses and Alpine Gypsophila

Gypsophila repens. Vanilla Orchids Gymnadenia rhellicani and G. rubra dotted the turf and around the rocks we found Striped Daphne Daphne striata, Meadow Clary Salvia pratensis, Jacob's-ladder Polemonium caeruleum and a single plant of Edelweiss Leontopodium nivale subsp. alpinum. Huge plants of Martagon Lily stood sentinel from the mounds of juniper and Dragon-mouth Horminum pyrenaicum, with purple flowers and crinkled leaves was plentiful, in just one gully. Notable, among the butterflies were Moorland Clouded Yellow and Shepherd's Fritillary. Higher up the valley, the soils are mostly acidic and the flora is typical of much of the region. We came across some fine stands of Spotted Gentian Gentian punctata and the pale-yellow Alpine Pasqueflower Pulsatilla alpina subsp. apiifolia, on the rocky slopes. We stopped for lunch, when we reached a massive boulder-field, by the first lake. Prominent, among the rocks, were Clusius' Leopard's-bane Doronicum clusii and the hairy, silver leaves and pink flowers of White-leaved Adenostyles Adenostyles leucophylla. As we approached Lej Minor, the largest of the lakes, the wet turf had lots of Dwarf Snowbell Soldanella pusilla, and patches of lavender-purple Entire-leaved Primrose Primula integrifolia. Many of these were already past their best, after a drier than usual winter. On rocky knolls there were pink patches of Trailing Azalea Kalmia procumbens and clumps of Broad-leaved Primrose Primula latifolia, with deep-purple flowers on its characteristic one-sided inflorescence.

A short steep climb held more surprises. Cushions of Moss Campion Silene acaulis and Stemless Moss Campion Silene exscapa lined the path and there were fine plants of Mountain Lentil Astragalus penduliflorus, Carniolian Ragwort Jacobaea incana subsp. carniolica and clumps of Trumpet Gentian Gentiana acaulis. A band of metamorphosed limestone supported a very distinctive flora, dominated by Net-leaved Willow Salix reticulata, Retuse-leaved Willow Salix retusa and Mountain Avens Dryas octopetala, along with tight silvery hummocks of Blue Saxifrage Saxifraga caesia and Alpine Butterwort Pinguicula alpina. Over the top of the pass, a shallow lake, fringed with Scheuchzer's Cottongrass Eriophorum scheuchzeri made an impressive foreground but the backdrop of Piz Cambrena was lost in the cloud. From here it was a gentle descent to the Bernina Pass and Ospizio Bernina, where we caught our return train.

### Day 4

## Wednesday 11th July

The cloud had cleared overnight, and the weather was, once again, settled. We took our familiar 9.06 train and got off, one station up the line, at Morteratsch. The attractive Fleischer's Willowherb *Epilobium fleischeri* was flowering, on the moraines, along with the striking red flowers of Cobweb Houseleek *Sempervivum arachnoideum* and the yellows of a variety of Hawkweeds. In the late 1800's the glacier almost reached the railway station, but today, we had over four kilometres to walk, to reach the melting ice. There were many interesting plants, along the way, including a bewildering array of willows, many of them obviously hybrids, beautiful mats of Fairy's-thimble *Campanula cochleariifolia* and the large grey leaves and fluffy pink flowers of *Adenostyles leucophylla*, looking particularly striking, along the edges of the streams. The snout of the glacier was an awesome sight and we were able to get very close to ice-cliffs and the torrents of melt-water flowing from beneath them.

We were back at the station for 1pm, for our picnic, and then caught the next train up the valley to Ospizio Bernina. We followed the railway-line, along the shore of the White Lake, where the ice-smoothed bedrock, bore testimony to the great depth of ice that had flowed south, from the Alpine ice-cap. There were many colourful plants to see, as we walked, the most notable being the endemic Rhaetian Rampion *Phyteuma hedraianthifolium*, on the cliffs, and the lovely yellow Rhaetic Poppy *Papaver aurantiacum*. Once we were beyond the dam, we descended into the forest and emerged at the Belvedere. There were some fine plants, here, of pure-white forms of Bearded

Bellflower *Campanula barbata*. We had time to relax over refreshments, before catching the train at Alp Grum station, and were back at our hotel for 6pm.

### Day 5

## **Thursday 12th July**

We took advantage of another crystal-clear day and boarded the train to Diavolezza. An airy ascent, on the cable car, took us swiftly to the viewpoint at 2,940 metres where an awe-inspiring spectacle greeted us. The panorama of peaks, from Piz Palu to Piz Morteratsch stood out against a clear blue sky and, below us, stretched the sinuous, moraine-streaked Pers Glacier, flowing from the ice-fields below Piz Palu. We followed the ridge for a little way, accompanied by Alpine Accentors, feeding among the rocks. There were spectacular mounds of Glacier Crowfoot Ranunculus glacialis on the slopes and among the rocks the tiny Globularia-leaved Rampion Phyteuma globulariifolium, the dark blue Orbiculate-leaved Gentian Gentiana orbicularis and the deep-purple Kerner's Lousewort Pedicularis kerneri. On the crags, we found the beautiful blue King-of-the-Alps Eritrichium nanum and the silver-leaved Artemisia umbelliformis.

After a group photograph, we returned on the cable-car and crossed the road to the lower part of Val da Fain for our picnic. Around us, the springs and wet flushes contained a fascinating range of locally uncommon plants, including Flecked Marsh-orchid Dactylorhiza incarnata subsp. cruenta, Marsh Lousewort Pedicularis palustris, the inconspicuous Marsh Arrowgrass Triglochin palustris and a few fine specimens of Dwarf Orchid Chamorchis alpina. Below the cliffs of Piz Alv, among a jumble of boulders, we were able to compare the huge pleated leaves of Great Yellow Gentian Gentiana lutea and White False-helleborine Veratrum album and found several plants of Gentiana x charpentieri, the hybrid between G. lutea and G. punctata which grew nearby. The showy orange flowers of Pinnate-leaved Ragwort Jacobaea abrotanifolia were conspicuous, in the turf. We explored a complex mixture of habitats, on and around the boulders, with many dwarf willows, Mountain Avens Dryas octopetala, Alpine Bearberry Arctostaphylos alpinus and Cotoneaster integerrima providing shelter for Clematis alpina, Aquilegia alpina and Polemonium caeruleum, among others. We continued our explorations as far as the limestone screes, which run down from the mountain summit. In this much more open habitat Blue Saxifrage Saxifraga caesia and Roundleaved Wintergreen Pyrola rotundifolia were plentiful and we found more tiny specimens of Dwarf Orchid. All too soon, we had to leave this botanical wonderland and walk down to catch our train at Bernina Suot.

## Day 6

## Friday 13th July

For a change, we caught the 8.47 bus and travelled through St Moritz and Silvaplana to Surlej, where boarded the cable-car. We rode high above the treetops to the intermediate station, at Murtel and then continued on a further cable-car to the top station at 3,300 metres. From this lofty vantage point we had amazing views of Alpine peaks, stretching to the horizon, in all directions. Returning to the intermediate station at Murtel, we followed the broad track across the moraines to Fuorcla Surlej. New plants, for us, included the yellow-flowered Seguier's Saxifrage Saxifrage Saxifraga seguieri, Scree Saxifrage Saxifraga androsacea, Purple Saxifrage Saxifraga oppositifolia and the tiny pale-blue Arabis caerulea. There were vivid patches of Primula integrifolia, beautiful large plants of deep-purple Primula latifolia and splashes of pink Alpine Rock-jasmine Androsace alpina, nestling in the rocks.

At Fuorcla Surlej, we enjoyed our lunch, overlooking the panorama of snowy peaks and ice-fields at the head of Val Roseg. On our long descent into the valley, the scenery was breathtaking and there was a gradual change in the flora, as we lost altitude. There were quite a few butterflies on the wing, including the alpine form of Marsh

Fritillary and Cynthia's Fritillary, the male of which has a very distinctively-marked upperside. It was nice to find the pink-flowered Hairy Stonecrop *Sedum villosum*, in a wet flush, familiar to botanists in northern Britain, but a rarity, in Switzerland. When we eventually emerged from the forest at the Roseg Hotel, some of the party were relieved to have the option of horse-drawn carriage down to Pontresina. After refreshments, the rest of us enjoyed a lovely seven kilometre, forest walk, during which the undoubted highlights were the extensive colonies of Twinflower *Linnaea borealis*, covering mossy banks and boulders. We were back quite late for dinner, but it had been another memorable day.

### Day 7

## Saturday 14th July

Another early start saw us catching 8.48 bus, to St Moritz. From here we had the two stages of the funicular railway to Corviglia, followed by a cable-car to Piz Nair. After coffee, most of us climbed to the summit of the mountain. A little way further down, in an area of brecciated limestone, we found a colourful array of exquisite alpine gems, including King-of-the-Alps, Short-leaved Gentian *Gentiana brachyphylla*, White Musky Saxifrage *Saxifraga exarata* subsp. exarata, Glacier Cinquefoil Potentilla frigida and Androsace alpina.

We returned to Corviglia, on the cable-car, and walked a little way down the mountainside to find a sheltered spot for lunch, looking across the lakes, up the Engadine Valley. We continued down the mountain, through an area of metamorphosed crystalline limestones, with many deep swallow-holes creating an almost lunar landscape. An astonishing diversity of flowers included Edelweiss, Blue Saxifrage Saxifraga caesia, Alpine Sainfoin Hedysarum hedysaroides, Southern Milk-vetch Astragalus australis and many Fragrant-orchids Gymnadenia conopsea and Shortspurred Fragrant-orchids Gymnadenia odoratissima. There were also little colonies of Dwarf Orchid, Lesser Butterfly Orchid Platanthera bifolia, and both Lesser and Round-leaved Wintergreen. Beyond the railway the wet meadows had abundant Broad-leaved Marsh-orchids Dacylorhiza majalis and, just before a final forested section, we found or final orchid, the distinctive Round-headed Orchid Traunsteinera globosa. From Chantarella, we took the funicular back to St Moritz, and finished the day with drinks and ice creams, in the square. It had been a day of amazing contrasts and we had seen some of the best flora that the region has to offer.

### Day 8

## **Sunday 15th July**

As our flight was scheduled for late in the afternoon, we had most of the morning to fill, so after breakfast, we caught the bus to Punt Muragl and had a thrilling ride on the old funicular railway to Muottas Muragl. We spent an hour or more simply enjoying the superb views over the Upper Engadine and could see many of the places we had visited during the week. Back at the hotel, we thanked the hotel staff for their hard work and hospitality, before our transfer to the station and the scenic journey back to Zurich.

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### **Species Lists**

Athyrium distentifolium

Athyrium filix-femina

Cystopteris fragilis

Woodsia ilvensis

Plants (‡ = cultivated or naturalised)

**Latin Name Common Name Notes PTERIDOPHYTES FERNS AND FERN ALLIES Spleenwort Family Aspleniaceae** Asplenium ruta-muraria Wall-rue Walls Asplenium septentrionale Forked Spleenwort Rare on rocks Asplenium trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort Walls and cliffs Asplenium viride Green Spleenwort Damp mountain rocks Dryopteridaceae **Buckler-fern Family** Dryopteris dilatata Broad Buckler-fern Frequent Male-fern Dryopteris filix-mas Widespread Gymnocarpium dryopteris Oak Fern Woods. Local Polystichum Ionchitis Holly-fern Mountain rocks **Equisetaceae Horsetail Family** Limestone turf. Val da Fain Equisetum hyemale Rough Horsetail Equisetum palustre Marsh Horsetail Wet pasture Equisetum sylvaticum Wood Horsetail Val Roseg Equisetum variegatum Variegated Horsetail Wet flushes Lycopodiaceae **Clubmoss Family** Huperzia selago Fir Clubmoss Frequent. Acidic pasture Lycopodium annotinum Interrupted Clubmoss Rare. Forest. Alp Grum **Ophioglossaceae** Adder's-tongue Family Common in short turf Botrychium lunaria Moonwort Polypodiaceae **Polypody Family** Polypodium vulgare Common Polypody Occasional on rocks Pteridaceae Maidenhair Fern Family Cryptogramma crispa Parsley Fern Acidic rocks and screes Selaginellaceae **Lesser Clubmoss Family** Selaginella helvetica Swiss Clubmoss Mountain turf. Bernina Lagalb Selaginella selaginoides Lesser Clubmoss Frequent in turf Marsh Fern Family Thelypteridaceae Phegopteris connectilis Beech Fern Woods. Occasional Woodsiaceae Lady-fern Family

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Alpine Lady-fern

Brittle Bladder-fern

Oblong Woodsia

Lady-fern

Mountain rocks

Rare on scree

Frequent on rocks

Occasional

Latin Name Common Name Notes

GYMNOSPERMS CONIFERS

Cupressaceae

Juniperus communis subsp. nana Common Juniper Common

Pinaceae Pine Family

Larix decidua Larch Occasional

Picea abies Norway Spruce Common in northern valleys

Juniper Family

Pinus cembra Arolla Pine Forests

Pinus mugo Dwarf Mountain-pine Gletschergarten

Pinus sylvestris Scots Pine Common in northern valleys

ANGIOSPERMS FLOWERING PLANTS

**DICOTYLEDONS** 

Adoxaceae Moschatel Family

Sambucus racemosa Alpine Elder Frequent

Amaranthaceae Goosefoot Family

Chenopodium albumFat-henOccasional weedChenopodium bonus-henricusGood-King-HenryFrequent weed

Apiaceae Carrot Family

Astrantia minor Lesser Astrantia Common

Bupleurum stellatum Starry Hare's-ear Locally common

Chaerophyllum hirsutum Hairy Chervil Woods Chaerophyllum villarsii Villars' Chervil Woods Heracleum sphondylium Hogweed Common Imperatoria ostruthium Masterwort Common Laserpitium gaudinii Gaudin's Sermountain Rocky places Laserpitium halleri Haller's Sermountain Rocky places Laserpitium latifolium **Broad-leaved Sermountain** Common

Ligusticum mutellinaAlpine LovageMountain pastureLigusticum mutellinoidesUnbranched LovageHigh mountain pasture

Pimpinella majorGreater Burnet-saxifrageMeadowsPimpinella saxifragaBurnet-saxifrageMeadows

Araliaceae Ivy Family

Hedera helix Ivy Occasional in woods

Asteraceae Daisy Family

Adenostyles alliariae Adenostyles Val Roseg

Adenostyles leucophylla White-leaved Adenostyles River gravels. Morteratsch

Achillea atrata Dark-stemmed Sneezewort Rocky places on limestone

Achillea erba-rotta subsp. moschata Musk Milfoil Rocky places on acidic soils

Achillea macrophyllaLarge-leaved SneezewortOccasionalAchillea millefoliumYarrowFrequentAchillea nanaDwarf MilfoilScreesAntennaria carpathicaCarpathian Cat's-footMountain turfAntennaria dioicaCat's-footCommon

Antennaria dioicaCat's-footCommonArnica montanaArnicaCommonArtemisia genipiBlack GenipiScrees

#### **Latin Name Common Name Notes** Screes and cliffs Artemisia umbelliformis Yellow Genipi Artemisia vulgaris Mugwort Pontresina Aster alpinus Alpine Aster Limestone rocks and turf Bellidastrum michelii False Aster Frequent Bellis perennis Daisy Frequent Carduus defloratus Alpine Thistle Common **Great Marsh Thistle** Carduus personata Pontresina Carlina acaulis Stemless Carline Thistle Mountain turf Common Carline Thistle Occasional. Lower valleys Carlina vulgaris Centaurea nervosa Plume Knapweed Woods below Alp Grum Greater Knapweed Meadows Centaurea scabiosa Cicerbita alpina Alpine Blue-sowthistle Woods and forests **Dwarf Thistle** Cirsium acaule Occasional in pasture Cirsium eriophorum Woolly Thistle Morteratsch Cirsium erisithales Yellow Melancholy Thistle Alp Grum Cirsium heterophyllum Melancholy Thistle Meadows Cirsium palustre Marsh Thisle Damp places Cirsium spinosissimum Spiniest Thistle Mountain turf Crepis aurea Golden Hawk's-beard Common Marsh Hawk's-beard Wet meadows Crepis paludosa Doronicum clusii Clusius' Leopard's-bane Screes Erigeron acris subsp. politus Blue Fleabane Moraines Erigeron alpinus Alpine Fleabane Local Erigeron neglectus Neglected Fleabane Local Erigeron uniflorus One-flowered Fleabane Local Eupatorium cannabinum Hemp Agrimony Lowland Norwegian Cudweed Occasional in mountain pasture Gnaphthalium norvegicum Gnaphthalium supinum **Dwarf Cudweed** Snowbeds Hieracium angustifolium Glacier Hawkweed Morteratsch Hieracium aurantiacum‡ Orange Hawkweed Pontresina Whitish Hawkweed Stony places. Morteratsch Hieracium intybaceum Hieracium lactucella Common Hieracium murorum Occasional Hieracium piliferum Stony places Hieracium pilosella Mouse-ear Hawkweed Common Hieracium prenanthoides Stony places Hieracium staticifolium Statice-leaved Hawkweed Morteratsch Hieracium villosum Hairy Hawkweed Stony pasture Homogyne alpina Alpine Colt's-foot Common Giant Cat's-ear Hypochaeris uniflora Alp Grum Jacobaea abrotanifolia Pinnate-leaved Ragwort Local Jacobaea incana subsp. carniolica Carniolian Ragwort Locally common Leontodon helveticus Swiss Hawkbit Mountain turf Alpine Hawkbit Leontodon hispidus Acidic pasture Leontopodium nivale subsp. alpinum Edelweiss Limestone turf Alpine Moon Daisy Common. Mountain rocks Leucanthemopsis alpina Leucanthemum atratum agg. Saw-leaved Moon Daisy Mountain turf Leucanthemum vulgare Ox-eye Daisy Meadows Matricaria discoidea Pineappleweed Ruderal Walls Mycelis muralis Wall Lettuce Prenanthes purpurea Purple Lettuce Forests Saussurea alpina Alpine Saw-wort Mountain turf

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Autumn Hawkbit

Stony pasture

Scorzoneroides autumnalis

#### **Latin Name Common Name Notes**

Senecio doronicum Chamois Ragwort Locally common Forest below Alp Grum Senecio hercynicus Shrub Ragwort Senecio ovatus Wood Ragwort **Forests** Senecio rupestris Rock Groundsel Rocky places Groundsel Senecio vulgaris Ruderal

Solidago virgaurea subsp. minuta Goldenrod Mountain rocks Taraxacum alpinum Alpine Dandelion Mountain rocks Taraxacum officinale Dandelion Widespread Goat's-beard

Colt's-foot Tussilago farfara Common. Damp rocky places

Meadows

**Betulaceae Birch Family** 

Tragopogon pratensis

Common Alder Valleys, by rivers Alnus glutinosa Alnus incana Grey Alder Valleys, by rivers Alnus viridis Green Alder Mountain scrub Betula pendula Silver Birch Widespread Betula pubescens Downy Birch Frequent Corylus avellana Hazel Cavaglia

Boraginaceae **Borage Family** 

Cerinthe glabra Smooth Honeywort Rare on Limestone. Alp Nova

Echium vulgare Viper's Bugloss Waste places

Eritrichium nanum King-of-the-Alps Acidic mountain rocks

Myosotis alpestris Alpine Forget-me-not Common Water Forget-me-not Pontresina Myosotis scorpioides Myosotis sylvatica Wood Forget-me-not Woods

Pulmonaria australis Southern Lungwort Below Alp Grum. Pontresina

**Brassicaceae Cabbage Family** 

Arabis alpina subsp. alpina Alpine Rock-cress Mountain rocks Arabis caerulea Blue Rock-cress Screes and moraines

Arabis soveri subsp. subcoriacea Sover's Rock-cress Rocky places Biscutella laevigata **Buckler Mustard** Rocky places Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherd's-purse Widespread

Cardamine alpina Alpine Bitter-cress Acidic rocks and screes

Cardamine amara Large Bitter-cress Streamsides Cardamine resedifolia Mignonette-leaved Bitter-cress Mountain rocks

Draba aizoides Yellow Whitlowgrass Rocky places on limestone Draba dubia Austrian Whitlowgrass Acidic rocks. Corvatsch

Draba fladnizensis **Bald White Whitlowgrass** Alpine rocks Draba tomentosa Tomentose Whitlowgrass Limestone rocks Hornungia alpina subsp. brevicaulis Chamois Cress Mountain rocks

Kernera saxatilis Rock Kernera Rocks

Near habitation Thlaspi perfoliatum Perfoliate Penny-cress

Campanulaceae **Bellflower Family** 

Campanula barbata Bearded Bellflower Mountain turf Campanula cochleariifolia Fairy's-thimble Mountain rocks Clustered Bellflower Occasional, Meadows Campanula glomerata

Campanula rotundifolia Harebell Common Campanula scheuchzeri Scheuchzer's Bellflower Mountain turf Phyteuma betonicifolium Betony-leaved Rampion Common

Phyteuma globulariifolium Globularia-leaved Rampion Alpine rocks

Damp meadows

Occasional

#### Latin Name Common Name Notes

Phyteuma hedraianthifoliumRhaetian RampionRocks. Lago BiancoPhyteuma hemisphaericumGlobe-headed RampionAcidic rocksPhyteuma orbiculareRound-headed RampionMeadows. Frequent

Phyteuma scheuchzeri Scheuchzer's Rampion Cavaglia and Morteratsch

CaprifoliaceaeHoneysuckle FamilyKnautia dipsacifoliaWood ScabiousShady placesLinnaea borealisTwinflowerLocally common in forests

Lonicera caeruleaBlue-berried HoneysuckleRocky placesLonicera xylosteumFly HoneysuckleWoodsScabiosa columbariaSmall ScabiousOccasionalValeriana montanaMountain ValerianLimestone rocks

Common Valerian

Valeriana tripteris Three-leaved Valerian Woods

Caryophyllaceae Pink Family

Valeriana officinalis

Stellaria holostea

Arenaria bifloraTwo-flowered SandwortAcidic turfArenaria ciliataCiliate-leaved SandwortScreesCerastium alpinumAlpine Mouse-earMountain turfCerastiun arvense subsp. strictumField Mouse-earFrequent

Cerastium cerastoides Starwort Mouse-ear Rocks and pasture

Cerastium fontanum Common Mouse-ear Common

Cerastium latifolium Broad-leaved Mouse-ear Moraines and screes

Cerastium pedunculatumPedunculate Mouse-earAcidic screesCerastium uniflorumOne-flowered Mouse-earAcidic screes

Dianthus carthusianorum subsp. vaginatus Carthusian Pink Local. Open woodland

Dianthus superbus Large Pink Damp turf Dianthus sylvestris Wood Pink Rocky places Gypsophila repens Alpine Gypsophila Frequent Herniaria glabra Smooth Rupturewort Railway ballast Minuartia biflora Northern Sandwort Limestone scree Minuartia sedoides Alpine rocks and turf Mossy Cyphel Minuartia recurva Sickle-leaved Sandwort Stony places

Minuartia recurvaSickle-leaved SandwortStony placesMinuartia rupestrisRock SandwortRocks and screesMinuartia vernaVernal SandwortStony placesMoehringia ciliataCreeping SandwortScreesSagina procumbensProcumbent PearlwortCommon

Sagina saginoides Alpine Pearlwort Alpine turf and screes

Saponaria ocymoidesRock SoapwortChantarellaScleranthus annuusAnnual KnawelOccasionalSilene acaulisMoss CampionMountain turfSilene diociaRed CampionMeadows

Silene exscapa Stemless Moss Campion Mountain turf

Silene nutansNottingham CatchflyRocks and meadowsSilene rupestrisRock CampionRocksSilene vulgarisBladder CampionMeadows

Stellaria graminea Lesser Stitchwort Woods and meadows

Greater Stichwort

Stellaria mediaCommon ChickweedOccasionalStellaria nemorumWood StitchwortWoods

Celastraceae Spindle Family

Parnassia palustris Grass-of-Parnassus Damp flushes

#### **Common Name Latin Name Notes**

Cistaceae

Helianthemum nummularium subsp.

grandiflorum

Crassulaceae

Sedum acre

Sedum album

Sedum alpestre

Sedum annuum

Sedum atratum

Sedum villosum

x S. montanum)

Sedum dasyphyllum

Sempervivum arachnoideum

Sempervivum montanum

Helianthemum oelandicum subsp. alpestre

**Rock-rose Family** Large-flowered Common

Rocky places Rockrose

Alpine Rockrose Calcareous turf

Stonecrop Family

Frequent Biting Stonecrop White Stonecrop Stony places Alpine Stonecrop Mountain rocks

Annual Stonecrop Moraines. Morteratsch, Val Roseg

Dark Stonecrop Mountain rocks Thick-leaved Stonecrop Walls and rocks

Hairy Stonecrop Acidic flushes. Rare. Val Roseg

Cobweb Houseleek Common. Stony places

A hybrid Houseleek Val Minor

Mountain Houseleek Common. Stony places Common Houseleek Occasional. Rocky turf

Sempervivum tectorum **Ericaceae** 

Arctostaphylos alpinus Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Calluna vulgaris

Empetrum nigrum subsp. hermaphroditum

Sempervivum x barbulatum (S. arachnoideum

Kalmia procumbens Moneses uniflora Orthilia secunda Pyrola minor Pyrola rotundifolia

Rhododendron ferrugineum Vaccinium myrtillus Vaccinium uliginosum agg. Vaccinium vitis-idaea

**Euphorbiaceae** 

Euphorbia cyparissias

**Heath Family** 

Alpine Bearberry Limestone turf and screes

Bearberry Rocky pasture Frequent Hermaphrodite Crowberry Acidic heaths Trailing Azalea Acidic heaths One-flowered Wintergreen Forest

Serrated Wintergreen Forest Lesser Wintergreen Forest

Round-leaved Wintergreen Val da Fain, Alp Nova

Alpenrose Common Bilberry Common Bog Whortleberry Common Cowberry Common

Spurge Family

Cypress Spurge Frequent on limestone

**Fabaceae** 

Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. alpestris

Astragalus alpinus Astragalus australis Astragalus penduliflorus Hedysarum hedysaroides Hippocrepis comosa Lathyrus pratensis Lotus alpinus Lotus corniculatus Medicago lupulina Medicago sativa‡ Melilotus albus

Melilotus officinalis Onobrychis arenaria Onobrychis montana Oxytropis campestris **Pea Family** 

Alpine Kidney Vetch Mountain pasture Alpine Milk-vetch Mountain turf

Southern Milk-vetch Mountain turf on limestone Pasture and stony places. Local Mountain Lentil

Alpine Sainfoin Mountain pasture Horseshoe Vetch Common on limestone

Meadow Vetchling Meadows Alpine Bird's-foot Trefoil Mountain turf Bird's-foot Trefoil Meadows Black Medick Common Lucerne Pontresina

White Melilot Waste places. Pontresina Ribbed Melilot Waste places. Pontresina Occasional. Pontresina Small Sainfoin Mountain Sainfoin Mountain pasture Yellow Milk-vetch Common in pasture

Latin Name	Common Name	Notes
Oxytropis lapponica	Northern Milk-vetch	Stony places
Trifolium alpinum	Alpine Clover	Common
Trifolium badium	Brown Clover	Mountain meadows
Trifolium montanum	Mountain Clover	Frequent
Trifolium pallescens	Pale Clover	Pasture and rocky places
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	Meadows
Trifolium repens	White Clover	Common
Trifolium thalii	Thal's Clover	Mountain turf
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch	Frequent
Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch	Occasional
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
Gentiana acaulis	Trumpet Gentian	Mountain pasture
Gentiana bavarica	Bavarian Gentian	Marshes
Gentiana brachyphylla	Short-leaved Gentian	Alpine turf
Gentiana x charpentieri ( G. lutea x G. punctata )	Charpentier's Gentian	With both parents
Gentiana lutea	Great Yellow Gentian	Limestone pasture
Gentiana nivalis	Snow Gentian	Mountain turf
Gentiana orbicularis	Orbiculate-leaved Gentian	Occasional
Gentiana punctata	Spotted Gentian	Mountain pasture
Gentiana verna	Spring Gentian	Common
Gentianella campestris	Field Gentian	Pasture
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family	
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert	Common
Geranium sylvaticum	Wood Crane's-bill	Common
Hypericaceae	St John's-wort Family	
Hypericum maculatum	Imperforate St John's-wort	Frequent
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
Ajuga pyramidalis	Pyramidal Bugle	Locally common
Ajuga reptans	Common Bugle	Common
Clinopodium alpinum	Alpine Calamint	Rocky turf on limestone
Clinopodium vulgare	Wild Basil	Frequent
Dracocephalum ruyschiana	Northern Dragon-head	Open forest. Rare
Horminum pyrenaicum	Dragon-mouth	Val Minor
Lamiastrum galeobdolon	Yellow Archangel	Woods. Alp Grum
Lamium album	White Dead-nettle	Frequent
Prunella vulgaris	Self-heal	Common
Salvia pratensis	Meadow Clary	Roadside banks. Pontresina
Teucrium montanum	Mountain Germander	Limestone rocks. Chantarella
Thymus polytrichus	Wild Thyme	Common
Lentibulariaceae	Butterwort Family	
Pinguicula alpina	Alpine Butterwort	Damp mountain turf and rocks
Pinguicula leptoceras	Southern Butterwort	Wet flushes
Linaceae	Flax Family	
Linum catharticum	Fairy Flax	Common

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Springs

**Blinks Family** 

Blinks

Montiaceae Montia fontana

#### Latin Name Common Name Notes

#### Onagraceae

Chamerion angustifolium Epilobium alpestre Epilobium anagallidifolium Epilobium fleischeri

Epilobium montanum

Orobanchaceae

Bartsia alpina Euphrasia alpina Euphrasia minima

Euphrasia rostkoviana Euphrasia salisburgensis Melampyrum pratense Melampyrum sylvaticum Pedicularis kerneri

Pedicularis palustris Pedicularis recutita Pedicularis rostratospicata

Pedicularis tuberosa Pedicularis verticillata Rhinanthus alectorolophus

Rhinanthus minor

#### Oxalidaceae

Oxalis acetosella

#### **Papaveraceae**

Papaver aurantiacum Papaver croceum‡

#### **Plantaginaceae**

Chaenorhinum minus
Digitalis grandiflora
Globularia cordifolia
Linaria alpina
Linaria vulgaris
Plantago alpina
Plantago atrata
Plantago lanceolata
Plantago major

Plantago maritima subsp. serpentina

Plantago media
Veronica alpina
Veronica aphylla
Veronica beccabunga
Veronica bellidioides
Veronica chamaedrys
Veronica fruticans
Veronica fruticulosa
Veronica officinalis

Veronica serpyllifolia

Willowherb Family

Rosebay Willowherb Occasional Whorled-leaved Willowherb Frequent Alpine Willowherb Frequent

Fleischer's Willowherb River gravels and moraines

Broad-leaved Willowherb Occasional

#### **Bromrape Family**

Alpine Bartsia Alpine turf Alpine Eyebright Mountain turf **Dwarf Eyebright** Mountain rocks Common Eyebright Meadows Irish Eyebright **Pasture** Common Cow-wheat Forest Small Cow-wheat **Forest** Kerner's Lousewort Alpine turf Marsh Lousewort Local in flushes Beakless Red Lousewort Rare. Wet pasture Flesh-pink Lousewort Fuorcla Surlej Acidic mountain turf Long-beaked Yellow Lousewort Whorled Lousewort Mountain turf Greater Yellow-rattle Meadows Yellow-rattle Frequent

### **Wood-sorrel Family**

Wood-sorrel Shaded rocks

### Poppy Family

Rhaetic Poppy Scree. Local Islandic Poppy River gravels.

### Plantain and Speedwell

Family

Small Toadflax Railway tracks Large Yellow Foxglove Local. Woods

Matted Globularia Frequent on limestone
Alpine Toadflax Screes and rocky places
Common Toadflax Below Alp Grum
Alpine Plantain Mountain turf
Dark Plantain Mountain turf

Ribwort Plantain Occasional Greater Plantain Occasional Fleshy Plantain Frequent Hoary Plantain Occasional Alpine Speedwell Stony pasture Leafless-stemmed Speedwell Stony pasture Brooklime Wet places Violet Speedwell Acidic pasture Germander Speedwell Occasional

A Rock Speedwell Rocky moraines. Morteratsch

Mountain rocks

Heath Speedwell Woods and banks

Thyme-leaved Speedwell Common

Rock Speedwell

Latin Name Common Name Notes

Veronica urticifolia Nettle-leaved Speedwell Woods

Polemoniaceae Jacob's-ladder Family

Polemonium caeruleum Jacob's-ladder Limestone rocks

Polygalaceae Milkwort Family

Polygala alpestrisMountain MilkwortCommonPolygala chamaebuxusShrubby MilkwortFrequent

Polygonaceae Dock Family

Oxyria digyna Mountain Sorrel Rocks and screes Persicaria bistorta Common Bistort Meadows Persicaria vivipara Alpine Bistort Common Rumex alpestris Alpine Sorrel Widespread Rumex alpinus Monk's-rhubarb Disturbed areas Rumex obtusifolius Broad-leaved Dock Occasional

Rumex scutatus French Sorrel Screes and rocky places

Primulaceae Primrose Family

 Androsace alpina
 Alpine Rock-jasmine
 Alpine scree

 Androsace chamaejasme
 Ciliate Rock-jasmine
 Frequent

 Androsace obtusifolia
 Blunt-leaved Rock Jasmine
 Limestone turf

 Lysimachia nemorum
 Yellow Pimpernel
 Val Roseg

 Primula farinasa
 Primula farinasa
 Mountain turf

Primula farinosa Bird's-eye Primrose Mountain turf

Primula halleri Long-flowered Primrose Rare. Below Alp Grum Primula x heerii ( P.hirsuta x P. integrifolia ) A hybrid Primrose Val Minor Primula hirsuta Hairy Primrose Mountain rocks Primula integrifolia Entire-leaved Primrose Common. Wet turf Primula latifolia **Broad-leaved Primrose** Locally common Soldanella alpina Alpine Snowbell Mountain turf Soldanella pusilla **Dwarf Snowbell** Wet turf

Trientalis europaea Chickweed Wintergreen Local in forest

Ranunculaceae Buttercup Family

Aconitum lycoctonum subsp. vulparia Wolf's-bane Frequent. Forests and streamsides

Aconitum napellus agg.Monk's-hoodDamp pastureAquilegia alpinaAlpine ColumbineLimestone pastureCaltha palustrisMarsh MarigoldFlushes and streamsidesClematis alpinaAlpine ClematisForest and pasturePulsatilla alpina subsp. apiifoliaAlpine PasqueflowerMountain pasture

Pulsatilla vernalis Spring Pasqueflower Mountain pasture

Nountain pasture

Ranunculus aconitifolius Aconite-leaved Buttercup Forest Ranunculus acris Meadow Buttercup Common Ranunculus glacialis **Glacier Crowfoot** Alpine scree Ranunculus kuepferi Kupfer's Buttercup Mountain turf Ranunculus montanus Mountain Buttercup Mountain turf Ranunculus platanifolius Rare in open forest

Ranunculus platanifoliusMaple-leaved ButtercupRare in open foresThalictrum foetidumStinking Meadow-ruePasture

Trollius europaeus Globeflower Damp pasture

Rhamnaceae Buckthorn Family

Rhamnus pumilus Dwarf Buckthorn Mountain Rocks

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga aizoides

Saxifraga androsacea

#### **Latin Name Common Name Notes** Rosaceae **Rose Family** Alchemilla alpina Alpine Lady's Mantle Common Alchemilla conjuncta Silver Lady's Mantle Frequent Alchemilla glabra Smooth Lady's Mantle Frequent Alchemilla hybrida agg. Hybrid Lady's Mantle Occasional Alchemilla pentaphyllea Cut-leaved Lady's Mantle Damp mountain turf Alchemilla vulgaris agg. Lady's-mantle Common Alchemilla xanthochlora Pale Lady's-mantle Frequent Cotoneaster integerrima Wild Cotoneaster Rocks Mountain rocks and scree Dryas octopetala Mountain Avens Filipendula ulmaria Meadowsweet Valleys Fragaria vesca Wild Strawberry Woods and pasture Mountain turf Geum montanum Alpine Avens Geum reptans Creeping Avens Alpine rocks and scree Potentilla crantzii Alpine Cinquefoil Common. Mountain turf Potentilla erecta Tormentil Acidic turf Potentilla frigida Glacier Cinquefoil Acidic alpine rocks Potentilla grandiflora Large-flowered Cinquefoil Acidic pasture Poterium sanguisorba Salad Burnet Widespread Bird Cherry Near Hotel Palu Prunus padus Rosa canina Dog-rose Wooded slopes Rosa pendulina Alpine Rose Frequent. Mountains Rubus idaeus Raspberry Woods Rubus saxatilis Stone Bramble Occasional. Rocky places Sanguisorba officinalis **Great Burnet** Meadows Sibbaldia procumbens Sibbaldia Stony places in mountains Sorbus aucuparia Rowan Woods and scrub Rubiaceae **Madder Family** Galium boreale Northern Bedstraw Occasional. Grassy places Galium mollugo Hedge Bedstraw Occasional Galium pumilum Slender Bedstraw Frequent Galium verum Lady's Bedstraw Meadows Salicaceae Willow Family Populus tremula Aspen Occasional Salix aurita **Eared Willow** Frequent Salix eleagnos Hoary Willow Occasional, Streamsides Salix foetida Stinking Willow Val da Fain Silky Willow Occasional Salix glaucosericea Salix hegetschweileri Alpine Willow Mountain turf Salix herbacea Least willow Mountain turf Salix myrsinites Whortle-leaved Willow Mountain turf Salix reticulata Net-leaved Willow Mountain rocks and turf Salix retusa Retuse-leaved Willow Mountain rocks and turf Salix serpyllifolia Thyme-leaved Willow Mountain rocks and turf Santalaceae **Bastard-toadflax Family** Thesium alpinum Alpine Bastard-toadflax Occasional, Pasture

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Saxifrage Family

Scree Saxifrage

Yellow Mountain Saxifrage

Wet turf and screes

Damp screes and rocks

#### **Latin Name Common Name Notes** Saxifraga aspera Rough Saxifrage Rocky places Saxifraga bryoides Mossy Saxifrage Rocky places Saxifraga caesia Blue Saxifrage Limestone scree and turf Saxifraga exarata subsp. exarata White Musky Saxifrage Rocky places Saxifraga exarata subsp. moschata Musky Saxifrage Rocky places Saxifraga oppositifolia Purple Saxifrage Moraines and screes Saxifraga paniculata Livelong Saxifrage Rocks and cliffs Saxifraga seguieri Sequier's Saxifrage Damp alpine turf and rocks Saxifraga stellaris Starry Saxifrage Wet acidic flushes Scrophulariaceae **Figwort Family** Verbascum nigrum Dark Mullein Lowland **Tamaricacae Tamarisk Family** German Tamarisk Myricaria germanica River gravels. Morteratsch **Mezereon Family Thymelaeaceae** Limestone rocks. Local Daphne mezereum Mezereon Daphne striata Striped Daphne Stony pasture **Urticaceae Nettle Family** Urtica dioica Common Nettle Widespread Violaceae Violet Family Viola biflora Yellow Wood Violet Common Viola calcarata Long-spurred Pansy Locally common Viola palustris Marsh Violet Common Viola riviniana Common Dog-violet Common

### **MONOCOTYLEDONS**

Viola tricolor

Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
Allium schoenoprasum	Chives	Occasional
Allium victorialis	Alpine Leek	Alp Grum, Alp Nova
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
Convallaria majalis	Lily-of-the-Valley	Occasional
Maianthemum bifolium	May Lily	Forests
Paradisea liliastrum	St Bruno's Lily	Pasture. Alp Grum
Polygonatum verticillatum	Whorled Solomon's Seal	Woods and Juniper scrub
Colchicaceae	Meadow Saffron Family	
Colchicum autumnale	Meadow Saffron	Occasional. Meadows

Wild Pansy

Waste places

#### Cyperaceae **Sedge Family** Carex atrata subsp. aterrima Black Alpine Sedge Wet pasture. Frequent Carex atrata subsp. atrata Black Alpine Sedge Frequent Carex canescens White Sedge Wet heaths Carex capillaris Hair Sedge Rocky places Carex curvula An alpine Sedge Locally dominant Carex davalliana Davall's Sedge Frequent Carex dioica Calcareous flushes. Val Minor Dioecious Sedge

Latin Name	Common Name	Notes
Carex echinata	Star Sedge	Common
Carex ferruginea	Rusty Sedge	Locally dominant on limestone
Carex flacca	Glaucous Sedge	Common
Carex frigida	Ice Sedge	Moraines. Morteratsch
Carex lachenalii	Hare's-foot Sedge	Wet acid rocks
Carex leporina	Oval Sedge	Moraines. Morteratsch
Carex microglochin	Bristle Sedge	Base-rich flushes
Carex montana	Soft-leaved Sedge	Limestone grassland. Val Minor
Carex nigra	Black Sedge	Common
Carex ornithopoda	Bird's-foot Sedge	Frequent
Carex pallescens	Pale Sedge	Frequent
Carex panicea	Carnation Sedge	Common
Carex parviflora	Small-flowered Sedge	Frequent
Carex pauciflora	Few-flowered Sedge	Oligotrophic flushes
Carex pulicaris	Flea sedge	Occasional. Calcareous flushes
Carex rostrata	Bottle Sedge	Swamps and lake margins
Carex rupestris	Rock Sedge	Limestone scree
Carex sempervirens	Evergreen Sedge	Common
Eleocharis quinqueflora	Few-flowered Spike-rush	Wet flushes. Val da Fain
Eriophorum angustifolium	Common Cottongrass	Common
Eriophorum scheuchzeri	Scheuchzer's Cottongrass	Lakes and pools
Kobresia simpliciuscula	False-sedge	Base-rich alpine flushes
Trichophorum cespitosum	Northern Deergrass	Common
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
Crocus vernus	Spring Crocus	Locally common
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
Juncus alpinoarticulatus	Alpine Rush	Wet mountain pastures
Juncus filiformis	Thread Rush	Occasional
Juncus jacquinii	Jacquin's Rush	Frequent
Juncus trifidus	Three-leaved Rush	Acidic turf
Juncus triglumis	Three-flowered Rush	Wet flushes. Val da Fain
Luzula alpinopilosa	Alpine Wood-rush	Mountain pasture
Luzula lutea	Yellow wood-rush	Mountain pasture
Luzula luzuloides	White Wood-rush	Woods
Luzula multiflora	Heath Wood-rush	Mountain pasture
Luzula nivea	Snowy Wood-rush	Woods
Luzula spicata	Spiked Wood-rush	Mountain pasture
Luzula sylvatica	Great Wood-rush	Woods
Juncaginaceae	Arrowgrass Family	
Triglochin palustris	Marsh Arrowgrass	Local. Wet flushes
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
Gagea fistulosa	A Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem	Locally common
Gagea serotina	Snowdon Lily	Mountain turf
Lilium martagon	Martagon Lily	Woods
Streptopus amplexifolius	Streptopus	Woods. Cavaglia
Melanthiaceae	Herb-Paris Family	

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White False-helleborine

Veratrum album

Mountain pasture

#### **Latin Name Common Name Notes**

Orchidaceae **Orchid Family** Chamorchis alpina Screes and mountain turf. Local **Dwarf Orchid** Coeloglossum viride Frog Orchid Frequent Corallorhiza trifida Coralroot Orchid **Forests** Common Spotted-orchid Dactylorhiza fuchsii Common Dactyrorhiza incarnata subsp. cruenta Flecked Marsh-orchid Calcareous flushes. Local Dactylorhiza majalis Broad-leaved Marsh-orchid Wet pasture. Common Gymnadenia conopsea Fragrant-orchid Common Short-spurred Fragrant-orchid Gymnadenia odoratissima Locally common Gymnadenia rhellicani Vanilla Orchid Locally common Gymnadenia rubra Red Vanilla Orchid Locally common Neottia ovata Twayblade Occasional. Meadows Orchis mascula Locally common Early-purple Orchid Platanthera bifolia Lesser Butterfly-orchid Local. Grassland Pseudorchis albida Small-white Orchid Common

Traunsteinera globosa Round-headed Orchid Local, Chantarella

#### Poaceae **Grass Family**

Agropyron repens Common Couch Waste places Common Bent Common Agrostis capillaris Alopecurus pratensis Meadow Foxtail Common in lower meadows

Anthoxanthum alpinum Alpine Vernal-grass Common Anthoxanthum odoratum Sweet Vernal-grass Common Arrhenatherum elatius False Oat-grass Occasional

Brachypodium pinnatum False Brome Forest. Alp Grum

Briza media Quaking-grass Common Bromus hordeaceus Soft Brome Lowland Calamagrostis epigejos Wood Small-reed Val Roseg Calamagrostis varia Variable Small-reed Gletschergarten Cynosurus cristatus Crested Dog's-tail Meadows Dactylis glomerata Cock's-foot Waste places

Tufted Hair-grass Wet turf. Common Deschampsia cespitosa Common Deschampsia flexuosa Wavy Hair-grass Festuca ovina Sheep's-fescue Common

Festuca rubra Red Fescue Common Festuca violacea Violet Fescue Mountains. Common

Glyceria fluitans Floating Sweet-grass Lej Pitschen Holcus lanatus Frequent Yorkshire-fog Holcus mollis Creeping Soft-grass Frequent Koeleria macrantha Crested Hair-grass Frequent

Lolium perenne Perennial Rye-grass Waste places Molinia caerulea Purple Moor-grass Oligotrophic flushes

Nardus stricta Mat-grass Common Oreochloa disticha Two-lined Moor-grass Alpine Rocks Phleum albinum Alpine Cat's-tail Frequent Phleum pratense Timothy Meadows Phleum rhaeticum Rhatisches Cat's-tail Common

Alpine Meadow-grass Poa annua Annual Meadow-grass Common on trackways

Poa nemoralis Wood Meadow-grass **Forests** Poa pratensis Smooth Meadow-grass Meadows Poa supina Creeping Meadow-grass Meadows Poa trivialis Rough Meadow-grass Meadows

Poa alpina

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Common

Latin Name Common Name Notes

Schedonorus pratensisMeadow FescueCommonSesleria caeruleaBlue Moor-grassLimestone

Tofieldiaceae Scottish Asphodel Family

Tofieldia calyculata Tofield's Asphodel Common

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

			July						
	Common name	Latin name	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Bearded Vulture	Gypaetus barbatus			✓		✓		
2	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo							✓
3	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos			✓				
4	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus			✓		✓		
5	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			✓				
6	Common Swift	Apus apus		<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major					✓	✓	
8	Spotted Nutcracker	Nucifraga caryocatactes		Н		✓	✓	✓	
9	Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus			✓		✓	✓	✓
10	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		✓					
12	Coal Tit	Periparus ater		✓	✓			✓	
13	Great Tit	Parus major		✓			✓	✓	✓
14	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus					✓		
15	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris						✓	✓
16	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		✓	✓	✓			
17	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca			✓	✓			
18	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes					Н		
19	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea		✓					
20	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
21	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		✓	✓	✓	✓		
23	White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus						✓	
24	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	White-winged Snowfinch	Montifringilla nivalis		✓	✓				
26	Alpine Accentor	Prunella collaris			Н		✓		
27	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea				✓		✓	
28	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		✓	✓				
29	Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31	European Serin	Serinus serinus	✓	Н	Н				✓
32	Citril Finch	Carduelis citrinella					✓		
33	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina					✓		

### Mammals (E = Evidence)

1	Red Squirrel	Sciurus vulgaris	✓	✓		✓		
2	Alpine Marmot	Marmota marmota		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Snow Vole	Microtus nivalis		Е				
4	Alpine Chamois	Rupicapra rupicapra					✓	

						July			
	Common name	Latin name	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Re	eptiles								
1	Viviparous Lizard	Zootoca vivipara		<b>✓</b>	✓				
2	Adder	Viperus berus			Е				
An	nphibians								
1	Common Frog	Rana temporaria		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1 2	Swallowtail Apollo	Papilio machaon Parnassius apollo		<b>√</b>	L		<b>✓</b>	✓	
Bu	itterflies (L = Larva)								
2	Apollo	Parnassius apollo			_		✓		
3	Moorland Clouded Yellow	Colias palaeno			✓				
4	Berger's Clouded Yellow	Colias alfacariensis		✓		✓		✓	<b>~</b>
5	Mountain Clouded Yellow	Colias phicomone			✓				
6	Black-veined White	Aporia crataegi		✓					
7	Purple-edged Copper	Lycaena hippothoe		✓					
8	Purple-shot Copper	Lycaena alciphron		✓		✓			
9	Little Blue	Cupido minimus		✓				✓	
10	Large Blue	Maculinea arion							<b>✓</b>
11	Iolas Blue	Iolana iolas						✓	<b>✓</b>
12	Alpine Blue	Albulina orbitulus					✓		
13	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus		✓		<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
14	Amanda's Blue	Polyommatus amandus							<b>✓</b>
15	Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui			<b>✓</b>				
16	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta		✓					
17	Small Tortoiseshell	Aglais urticae				<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	
		<u> </u>							

Boloria pales

Boloria napaea

Melitaea athalia

Maniola jurtina

Pyrgus malvae

Ochlodes venatus

Boloria euphrosyne

Euphyhydras cynthia

Coenonympha gardetta

Euphyhydras aurinia subsp. debilis

Euphydryas aurinia subsp. graciegenita

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### Moths

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21

23

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27

Shepherd's Fritillary

20 Pearl-bordered Fritillary

Alpine Marsh Fritillary

19 Mountain Fritillary

Heath Fritillary

Marsh Fritillary

Meadow Brown

Grizzled Skipper

Alpine Heath

28 Large Skipper

22 Cynthia's Fritillary

1	Six-spot Burnet	Zygaena filipendulae					✓
2	Broad-bordered Bee Hawkmoth	Hemaris fuciformis				✓	
3	Cinnabar	Tyria jacobaeae	✓				
4	Chimney Sweeper	Odezia atrata	✓	✓	✓		
5	Lackey Moth	Malacosoma neustria			L	L	
6	Latticed Heath	Chiasmia clathrata		✓			
7	Burnet Companion	Euclidia glyphica	✓				
8	Argrent and Sable	Rheumaptera hastata		✓			
9	Forester	Adscita ststices					✓

		July						
Common name	Latin name	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Other Insects								
Red and Black Froghopper	Cercopis vulnerata		✓					

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