Spain - Spring Flowers of Western Andalucia

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Hyacinthoides hispanicu

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Day 1

Wednesday 21st March

Weather: Fine Warm and sunny with a breeze.

Eight tour group members met with Paul at Malaga airport, having arrived on flights from several UK airports. We made our way from the arrivals hall to the multi-storey car park, where our minibus was waiting. Leaving the airport, we drove toward Campillos, passing extensive Olive groves and Citrus plantations as we went. After a brief stop for refreshments, we turned off the main Ronda road towards Teba, in order to make a stop at the Tajo del Molino Gorge. Common House Martin and Eurasian Crag Martin were our first sightings, but we also added Blue Rock Thrush, Corn Bunting, Eurasian Blackcap and Grey Wagtail. Although the ground was very dry, we did find some plants, including Asphodelus fistulosa (Small Asphodel), Ophrys fusca (Sombre Bee Orchid), Asphodelus albus (White Asphodel) and Antirrhinum graniticum. Large White and Spanish Festoon butterflies were also seen, together with European Pond Terrapin. Iberian Water Frog could also be heard calling. From here, we drove south towards Ronda, to the Finca la Guzmana, where we were met by Peter, our host, who, having settled us in our rooms, provided pots of tea and coffee to refresh us. After freshening up, we met on the patio for sherry and nibbles, before heading off for dinner at a local 'venta', Venta La Codorniz..

Day 2

Thursday 22nd March

Weather: Fine, hot and sunny

After a superb breakfast, we drove down to Ronda, and out on the Seville road to the village of Grazalema. As we drove, we recorded Corn Bunting, Swallow and Crested Lark. On the cliff faces just outside the town, Redbilled Choughs were seen. Driving into town, we parked by the National Park Visitors Centre, to which we made a short visit. The occasional Griffon Vulture drifted aimlessly over the town, and Goldfinches were chattering in the trees. The high town walls below the car park produced a fine display of *Saxifraga granulata* (Meadow Saxifrage).

Our morning walk was to be in the Sierra del Pinar. Along the path-side, as we set off, we found Romulea bulbocodium (a Sand Crocus), Ophrys fusca (Sombre Bee Orchid), and the young leaves of Ptilostemon hispanicus (a Thistle). The path rose through Pinus pinaster (Maritime Pine) forest, mixed with Quercus species (Oaks) and Juniperus species (Juniper).

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Common Blue and Wall Brown butterflies were also recorded, together with *Psammodromus algirus* (Large Psammodromus Lizard). After about a kilometre and a half, we emerged from the forest onto an open saddle, with splendid views in all directions. Exploration of an area of broken limestone boulders, adjacent to the path, revealed *Narcissus assoanus* (Rush-leaved Jonquil) and the diminutive, yellow *Viola demetria*. On the northern side of the ridge, towards the Cerro de San Cristobel, we could clearly see one of only two relic population remnants of *Abies pinsapo* (Spanish Fir) forest.

After our descent, we took our picnic, before continuing on. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and numerous Griffon Vultures were seen, as we ate. Our next stop of the day was at the 'Gargante Verde', with the specific purpose of visiting the largest nesting colony of Griffon Vultures in Europe. Many of these majestic birds were present and we were fortunate to see several sitting out in the open. Plants seen included *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid), *Ulex parviflorus* (Small-flowered Gorse) and *Fedia cornucopiae* (Fedia). Black Redstarts, Sardinian Warbler and Crag Martin were also fairly numerous.

Our next port of call was a rough bank adjacent to the road to Les Mezas, where we found a good number of Himantoglossum robertianum (Giant Orchid), Ophrys fusca (Sombre Bee Orchid) and Asphodelus aestivus (Common Asphodel). Our last stop of the day was an arable margin near the town of Monte Corte. Here we found Narcissus papyraceus (Paper-white Daffodil), Cerinthe major var. purpurescens (Greater Honeywort), Adonis annua (Pheasant's-eye) and Lathyrus annuus (Annual Pea). Corn Bunting was singing loudly and a Whinchat was seen close by. From here we set off back towards Ronda, returning to the Finca in time for dinner.

Day 3 Friday 23rd March

Weather: Mostly fine, warm and sunny, with a cold wind in exposed places

Today we travelled in the opposite direction, towards the village of El Burgo. We stopped first at the 'Puerto del Viento' to seek out *Paeonia broteroi* (Peony), which was in bud, but not flowering. We found approximately ten plants, well protected from grazing goats by a number of bushes of *Quercus coccifera* (Kermes Oak). We also spotted a solitary Stonechat. A little further on, we stopped to see a rather good display *Iris planifolia* (Flat-leaved Iris), *Hornungia petraea* (Hutchinsia), *Veronica cymbalaria* (White Speedwell) and the endemic *Biscutella frutescens* (Perennial Buckler-mustard). Several Red-billed Chough, Chaffinch and Stonechat were also recorded.

Our next stop was at the Mirador del Guarda Forestal. Here we saw Aristolochia baetica (a Birthwort), Quercus ilex (Holm Oak) and Hyacinthoides hispanicus (Spanish Bluebell). Crag Martins, Great Tit and Peregrine were seen and also a Red Admiral. Continuing on to El Burgo, and on towards Ardales, we took the road along the eastern shore of the Embalse del Conde de Guadalhorce Lake. Our objective was the 'Mirador' where three lakes meet. An exploration the Pinus halepensis (Aleppo Pine) woodland revealed how parched the area was, with no sign of many of the species we have come to know here. We did, however, find evidence of the splendid Narcissus cantabricus (White Hooped-petticoat Daffodil), but it was past its best. Rupicapnos africana and Chaenorhinum villosum were flowering sparsely, and only a single plant of Fritillaria lusitanica (Portuguese Fritillary) was seen. Birds seen here included Great Tit, Chaffinch and Great Crested Grebe.

After our picnic lunch, we made our way to El Chorro, through a spectacular gorge, to the cafe by the lake. Along the way we saw a good stand of *Acanthus mollis* (Bear's-breech). The area around the café and verges produced a good number of species. *Convolvulus althaeoides* (Mallow-leaved Bindweed), *Parietaria officinalis* (Large Pellitory-of-the-Wall), *Erodium malacoides* (Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill), *Adiantum capillus-veneris* (Maidenhair Fern), *Allium triquetrum* (Three-cornered Leek) and *Polygala rupestris* (Rock Milkwort) were all recorded. We also admired the geology of the gorge, together with the famous cliff-side Kings Walk, which hangs precariously to the gorge walls, one hundred and fifty feet, or so, above the water.

Our final stop, before making our way back to Ronda, was overlooking the Embalse del Conde de Gaudalhorce. Coot, Mallard and Great Crested Grebe were all that was on the water, and a mixed flock of Common House Martins and Swallows were feeding over it. *Moricandia moricandioides* (Moricandia), *Ophrys fusca* (Sombre Bee Orchid), *Lathyrus clymenum* and *Lathyrus cicera* were also added to the plant list.

Day 4

Saturday 24th March

Weather: Cloudy with light rain. Cold at altitude

After breakfast, we headed off in a south easterly direction and into the Sierra de las Nieves National Park. Our objective was the Los Quejigales recreation area, situated some ten kilometres from the main San Pedro road. The park road took us, initially, through *Quercus* (Oak) woodland and shrubby scrub below, then on up through a mixture of *Pinus halepensis* (Aleppo Pine) and *Pinus pinaster* (Maritime Pine) woodland, before emerging above the tree line into an exposed limestone area. It was in this latter habitat that we made our first stop to check out a colony of *Narcissus assoanus* (Rush-leaved Jonquil), which were at their peak. Here, we also found *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid). Our next short stop was a site for *Narcissus bugei* (Long-spathed Daffodil) with *Helleborus foetidus* (Stinking Hellebore), *Prunus prostratus* (Prostrate Plum), *Asplenium trichomanes* (Maidenhair Spleenwort) and *Viscum cruciatum* (Red-berried Mistletoe). There was quite a chill in the air, and this seemed to affect the bird population, which was conspicuous by its absence.

From here we continued on, passing a larger colony of Narcissus bugei (Long-spathed Daffodil), before stopping at the car park at Los Quejigales. After parking, we set off, taking the path towards the region's second relic population of Abies pinsapo (Spanish Fir), passing Lonicera arborea (Tree Honeysuckle) as we went, and climbing through more mixed Pine forest, on up the path. Great Tit, Coal Tit, Wren and Robin were present, and Great Spotted Woodpecker was heard in the distance. As we continued, the Pine began to thin out making way for shrubs such as Ulex parviflorus (Small-flowered Gorse), Daphne gnidium (Mediterranean Daphne) and Daphne laureola (Spurge Laurel). We also began to find young Abies pinsapo. It was not too long before we reached some of the more ancient and noble specimens. Growing below them we also found Lavandula lanata (Woolly Lavender), a local endemic. We also found a second large population of Narcissus bugei (Long-spathed Daffodil.).

After our picnic lunch, we made our way into the Moorish influenced town of Ronda for the afternoon. Walking along the cliff edge walk we saw Crag Martin and Red-billed Chough, and we also had very good views of a pair of Blue Rock Thrushes and numerous Serins. *Ailanthus altissima* (Tree of Heaven), *Moricandia moricandioides* (Moricandia) and the emerging flowers of the endemic *Ornithogalum reverchonii* (a Star of Bethlehem) were seen clinging to the cliff edge. After time for sight-seeing and a little shopping, we made our way back to base.

Day 5

Sunday 25th March

Weather: Cloudy at first and at altitude, becoming warmer and brighter later

Leaving Finca de Guzmana, we took the road towards Campillos. Crested Lark and Spotless Starlings were seen as we went. When we reached the small village of Teba, we turned east and stopped, once again, to explore the river gorge at Tajo del Molino. Sadly, from the plant perspective, there was little different to what we had seen on day one. However, in the gorge we saw Rock Doves and Red-billed Chough, and over the river, reasonable views of Kingfisher. Above our heads were a few Griffon Vultures and good numbers of House Martin and Swift, with the occasional Swallow. Moving on, we made our way towards Antequera, via Campillos, stopping to the west of the latter, where water has often stood in the past. Once again, due to the dry year, there was no water, but we did find Cattle Egrets, Corn Bunting and Crested Lark.

Passing through Antequera, we continued on to El Torcal, the highest point in the El Torcal de Antequera National Park. The access road was shrouded in low cloud, but we continued to the visitor centre car park. After a warming coffee and with thinning cloud, we began to explore the spectacular limestone outcrops and boulders. We immediately encountered a small group of female Spanish Ibex (*Capra pyrenaica subsp. hispanica*). Sedum brevifolium (Small-leaved Stonecrop) and Ruscus aculeatus (Butcher's Broom) were both present, and several Black Redstarts and Rock Buntings were also in evidence. We walked through part of one of the circular summit tracks, finding Euphorbia characias subsp. characias (Mediterranean Spurge) and the emerging flowers of the beautiful Linaria anticaria (a Toadflax), a local endemic, and Ophrys tenthredinifera (Sawfly Orchid). We now returned to the vehicle, in order to make our descent, making a short stop to see the rare, Iris subbiflora.

After taking our picnic in a quiet, but blustery spot, we continued in a north-westerly direction, making a stop at the La Reserva Natural Laguna Dulce Lake. Many species of waterfowl and some waders were seen here, including Coot, Gadwall, Red-crested and Common Pochard, Black-winged Stilt, Greater Flamingo, Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Black-necked Grebe and White-headed Duck. A pair of Marsh Harriers was also seen hunting in the reeds on the east side of the lake. We now returned to base for supper.

Day 6

Monday 26th March

Weather: Fine warm and sunny, with a strong, gusty wind

After breakfast, we again left the hotel and drove down towards Ronda, before taking the Seville road, turning off towards Benaojan and Montejaque. Our objective was the famous Cueva de la Pileta. This cave is the only site where you can still see original wall paintings, some of which are thought to be around 30,000 years old! We arrived in good time for the first scheduled excursion, and while we were waiting to start, we found *Jasminum fruticans* (Wild Jasmine), *Anogramma leptophylla* (Jersey Fern) and *Centaurea pullata* (a Knapweed).

After our visit, we moved on to the small town of Montejaque, making our way up to the 'Hidden Valley' in the Sierra de Montalata, where we parked. Stonechat, Rock Bunting and Griffon Vulture were seen. The first cliff we stopped at produced endemic *Saxifraga bourgaeana* (a Saxifrage) and *Ornithogalum reverchonii* (a Star of Bethlehem). Continuing up the valley, we recorded Black Wheatear, Black-eared Wheatear, Linnet and Stonechat, before parking at the head of the valley.

We set off for a walk into the valley. Orchis olbiensis (an Early Purple Orchid) and Narcissus cuatrecasasii (Rock Jonquil) were seen. It was a good afternoon for butterflies, with Western Dappled White, Large Tortoiseshell, Wall Brown, Brimstone, Small Heath and Cleopatra. The birds included Red-billed Chough and Robin, both heard, and Great Tit. Everywhere there were the emerging buds of Paeonia broteroi (Peony), but unfortunately, none were yet fully in flower. We also found good numbers of Romulea bulbocodium (a Sand Crocus) and Orchis italica (Naked Man Orchid).

Leaving the Hidden Valley, we sent off north from the village of Montejaque, stopping by a failed hydro dam system. Here we saw Griffon Vultures and Red-billed Chough. Plants included Ranunculus spicatus subsp. blepharicarpos (Rock Buttercup), Linaria aeruginea (a Toadflax), Saxifraga granulata (Meadow Saxifrage) and Vinca difformis (Periwinkle). A second stop on the roadside at Cerro Tavizna, in an area of scrubby shrubs and arable fields, produced emerging spikes of Himantoglossum robertianum (Giant orchid), and a few a number of spikes of Narcissus fernandesii (a Daffodil). Sardinian Warbler and Corn Bunting we also heard, before it was time to return to base for dinner.

Day 7

Tuesday 27th March

Weather: Fine, warm and sunny with a strong wind

Following a leisurely breakfast, we set off in the direction of Ronda, joining the Seville road, again turning off towards Grazalema, and stopping briefly by the roadside to the east of the town to see *Quercus faginea* (Beechleaved Oak), *Cistus ladanifer* (Gum Cistus) and a tiny plant of *Cephalanthera longifolia* (Sword-leaved Helleborine). Next we made a brief stop on the road to Villaleuaga to admire an extensive colony of *Narcissus fernandesii* (a Daffodil), which was coming to the end of its flowering period.

Moving on, we parked below the cliffs just outside the village of Grazalema, where we set off to explore the cliffs and boulder-strewn fields and roadsides. Osyris alba (Osyris), Narcissus papyraceus (Paper-white Daffodil), Scrophularia sambucifolia (Elder-leaved Figwort) and Ophrys tenthredinifera (Sawfly Orchid) were all seen, together with Spanish Festoon, Common Blue and Provence Hairstreak butterflies. Birds included Blue Rock Thrush, Rock Bunting, Red-billed Chough and a pair of sitting Griffon Vulture.

We now moved on through the village, and north, stopping to have a picnic at the Mirador de Los Acebuches. Fritillaria lusitanica (Portuguese Fritillary), Astragalus lusitanicus and Gagea foliosus (a Yellow Star of Bethlehem) were seen as well as Psammodromus algirus (Large Psammodromus Lizard) and a Buthus occitanicus (Scorpion). We then continued on towards Zahara de la Sierra. Parking at the top of the town, we walked back towards the centre, recording Linaria platycalyx (a Toadflax), Centranthus calcitrapa (Annual Valerian) and Rupicapnos africana, before stopping for refreshments. As we enjoyed our drinks and the afternoon sun, Jackdaws and Red-billed Chough kept us entertained circling overhead, calling. As we were leaving the village, we stopped at a low cliff face with Mucizonia hispida (Mucizonia), Hyoscyamus albus (White Henbane) and Campanula mollis (a Bellflower).

Our final stop was to explore the banks of the Embalse de Zahara-El Gastor, where we began to examine the ancient Olive groves. Thekla Lark, Crested Lark, Grey Heron and Whinchat were all evident. Among the plants recorded were *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid), *Arisarum vulgare* (Friar's Cowl), *Himantoglossum robertianum* (Giant Orchid) and *Ophrys lutea* (Yellow Bee Orchid). We returned to Ronda in time to pack before dinner.

Day 8

Wednesday 28th March

Weather: Cloudy at first, becoming warm, dry and sunny

After we had said out farewells to Peter and thanked him for a wonderful stay in this beautiful area, we set off for Malaga airport in good time for our flight back to the UK.

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Species Lists

Plants

Scientific name Common name Location **FERNS & ALLIES**

PTERIDOPHYTES

Equisetaceae **Horsetail Family** Equisetum ramosissima **Branched Horsetail** El Chorro

Maidenhair Fern Family Adiantaceae

Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern El Chorro Anogramma leptophylla Jersey or Annual Fern Cueva de La Pileta Cheilanthes pteridioides Resurrection Fern Below Grazalema

Aspleniaceae Spleenwort Family

Asplenium trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort Sierra de Las Nieves Ceterach officinarum Rustyback North of Ronda

PINOPSIDA

CONIFERS

Juniper Family Cupressaceae

Cupressus macrocarpa Monterey Cypress Below Grazalema Planted Cupressus sempervirens Italian Cypress Juniperus communis Juniper Near El Burgo Gargante Verde

Juniperus phoenicea subsp. phoenicea Phoenician Juniper

Pinaceae Pine Family

Abies pinsapo Sierra Del Pinar Spanish Fir Cedrus deodar Deodar Cedar Planted

Pinus halepensis Sierra Del Pinar Aleppo Pine Pinus pinaster Maritime Pine Sierra Del Pinar Pinus pinea Umbrella Pine Common on roadsides Pinus sylvestris Scots Pine Sierra de Las Nieves

> **MAGNOLIOPSIDA** FLOWERING PLANTS

> > Magnoliidae

Acanthaceae **Bear's-breech Family**

Acanthus mollis Bear's-breech El Chorro

Anacardiaceae **Sumach Family**

Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Bush Gargante Verde

Apiaceae Carrot Family

Bupleurum fruticosum Shrubby Hare's-ear Near El Burgo Bupleurum spinosum Spiny Hare's-ear Sierra Del Pinar Giant Fennel Ferula communis Tajo del Molino gorge Foeniculum vulgare Fennel Tajo del Molino gorge North of Ronda Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders Thapsia garganica Thapsia Sierra de las Nieves

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Nerium oleander Oleander Tajo del Molino gorge Vinca difformis Intermediate Periwinkle Common on roadsides

Araliaceae

Hedera helix agg Sierra de las Nieves lvy

Ivy Family

Aristolochiaceae

Aristolochia baetica A Birthwort Mirador del Guadal Forestal

Asteraceae

Bellis sylvatica Calendula arvensis Carduus pycnocephalus Carlina corymbsosa Centaurea calcitrapa Centaurea clementei Centaurea pullata

Cynara cardunculus (in seed)

Glebionis coronarium var. coronarium

Glebionis coronarium var. discolor

Helichrysum stoechas Ptilostemon hispanica Sencio vulgare Silybum marianum

Sonchus oleraceus

Berberidaceae

Berberis hispanica

Bignoniaceae

Catalpa bignonioides

Boraginaceae

Anchusa azurea Cerinthe major var. purpurescens

Cynoglossum cheirifolium Cynoglossum clandestinum Echium boissieri (over) Echium plantagineum

Echium vulgare

Lithodora prostrata subsp. lusitanica

Neastosetma apulum Nonea vesicaria

Brassicaceae

Biscutella frutescens* Capsella bursa-pastoris Clypeola jonthlaspi Draba hispanica (leaves) Erophila verna subsp. praecox

Erysimum cheiri Hornungia petraea Ionopsidium prolongoi* **Birthwort Family**

Periwinkle Family

Daisy Family

Southern Daisy Sierra Del Pinar Wild Marigold Tajo del Molino gorge Plymouth Thistle Mirador del Guadal Forestal

Flat-topped Carline Thistle Sierra Del Pinar Red Star Thistle Gargante Verde Below Grazalema Clemente's Knapweed **Near Monte Corto**

Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor Cardoon

Crown Daisy Malaga Airport Crown Daisy Malaga Airport Curry Plant Sierra de las Nieves Spanish Thistle Sierra Del Pinar Groundsel Sierra Del Pinar

Milk Thistle Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor Smooth Sowthistle Mirador del Guadal Forestal

Barberry Family

Spanish Barberry Sierra Del Pinar

Bignonia Family

Indian Bean Tree Finca la Guzmana

Forget-me-not Family

Large Blue Alkanet Zahara

Greater Honeywort Near Monte Corto a Hound's-tongue Tajo del Molino gorge Below Grazalema a Hound's-tongue

Boissier's Viper's Bugloss Roadsides Purple Viper's Bugloss Zahara Ronda Viper's Bugloss

a Gromwell Near El Chorro

Yellow Gromwell Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Nonea Tajo del Molino gorge

Cabbage Family

North of Ronda Shepherd's Purse Finca la Guzmana Finca la Guzmana Clypeola Spanish Whitlow-grass Sierra Del Pinar Whitlow-grass Sierra Del Pinar

Wallflower Grazalema Hutchinsia North of Ronda Sierra de las Nieves Lobularia maritimaSweet AlisonTajo del Molino gorgeMoricandia moricandioidesMoricandiaScattered on roadsides

Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum Watercress El Chorro Sinapis alba White Mustard Ronda

Sinapis arvensis Charlock Tajo del Molino gorge
Thlaspi perfoliata Perfoliate Pennycress Gargante Verde

Cactaceae Cactus Family

Opuntia ficus-indica Barbary Fig or Prickly Pear Ronda

Campanulaceae Bellflower Family

Campanula mollis a Bellflower Zahara

Caprifoliaceae Honeysuckle Family

Lonicera arborea Tree Honeysuckle Sierra de las Nieves
Lonicera implexa - Gargante Verde

Caryophyllaceae Pink Family

Paronychia capitataParonychiaS of AntequeraSilene colorata-Finca la GuzmanaSilene gallicaSmall-flowered CatchflyNear El ChorroStellaria mediaChickweedFinca la Guzmana

Cistaceae Rock-rose Family

Cistus albidusGrey-leaved CistusN of GrazalemaCistus ladaniferGum CistusE of GrazalemaCistus salvifoliusSage-leaved CistusEl ChorroFumana erichoides-Near El Chorro

Helianthemum origanifolium Marjoram-leaved Rock-rose Sierra Del Pinar

Convolvulaceae Bindweed Family

Convolvulus althaeoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed Near El Chorro
Convolvulus arvensis Field Bindweed Near Monte Corto

Crassulaceae Stonecrop Family

Aeonium arboreumTree AeoniumZaharaMucizonia hispidaMucizoniaZahara

Sedum album White Stonecrop

Sedum brevifoliumShort-leaved StonecropNear El ChorroSedum dasyphyllumFat-leaved StonecropNear El ChorroSedum sediformeLarge StonecropTajo del Molino gorge

Umbilicus rupestris Navelwort Tajo del Molino gorge

Cucurbitaceae White Bryony Family

Bryonia cretica White Bryony Mirador del Guadal Forestal

Ecballium elaterium Squirting Cucumber Zahara

Euphorbiaceae Spurge Family

Euphorbia characias subsp. characias Large Mediterranean Spurge El Torcal

Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge Finca la Guzmana

Euphorbia nicaeensis - Roadsides W of Grazalema
Euphorbia peplus - Petty Spurge Finca la Guzmana

Euphorbia pepiusPetty SpurgeFinca la GuzmaiMercurialis annuaAnnual MercurySierra Del PinarRicinus communisCastor Oil PlantMalaga Airport

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Fabaceae

Anthyllis cystoides

Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. reuteri

Astragalus Iusitanicus
Bituminaria bituminosa
Ceratonia siliqua
Cercis siliquastrum
Cytisus baeticus

Hedysarum spinosissimum Hippocrepis comosa Lathyrus annuus Lathyrus cicera Lathyrus clymenum

Lygos monosperma

Lygos sphaerocephala (leaves) Scorpiurus vermiculatus

Spartium junceum

Tetragonolobus purpureus

Ulex parviflorus Vicia vicioides

Fagaceae

Quercus coccifera Quercus faginea Quercus ilex

Fumariaceae

Quercus suber

Fumaria capreolata Fumaria muralis Fumaria officinalis Rupicapnos africana

Geraniaceae

Erodium cicutarium
Erodium malacoides
Erodium moschatum
Geranium lucidum
Geranium molle
Geranium robertianum
Geranium rotundifolium

Lamiaceae

Ballota pseudodictamus
Lamium amplexicaule
Lavandula lanata*
Marrubium vulgare
Mentha x verticillata
Phlomis purpurea (leaves)
Rosmarinus officinalis
Salvia argentea
Salvia verbenaca
Teucrium polium agg.
Thymus capitatus

Pea Family

Shrub Kidney-vetch
a Kidney-vetch
Near El Chorro
a Milk-vetch
North of Grazalema
Pitch trefoil
Tajo del Molino gorge
Carob
Gargante Verde

Judas Tree Planted

Near Cueva de la Pileta
Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Horseshoe Vetch El Torcal

Annual Pea Tajo del Molino gorge

Near Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor Near Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

White Broom Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Lygos S of Antequera
a Scorpion-vetch Tajo del Molino gorge

Spanish Broom Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Asparagus Pea Below Grazalema Small-flowered Gorse Gargante Verde

Mirador del Guadal Forestal

Oak & Beech Family

Kermes Oak North of Ronda
- E of Grazalema
Holm oak Sierra Del Pinar
Cork Oak E of Grazalema

Fumitory Family

White Ramping Fumitory
Common Ramping Fumitory

Common Fumitory

El Chorro

Near Monte Corto

Cordabes Near El Chorro

Geranium Family

Common Stork's-bill Tajo del Molino gorge
Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Tajo del Molino gorge
Musk Stork's-bill Finca la Guzmana

Shining Crane's-bill El Chorro

Dove's-foot Crane's-bill Tajo del Molino gorge

Herb-robert El Chorro Round-leaved Crane's-bill El Chorro

Dead-nettle Family

Garden Horehound

Henbit Deadnettle

Woolly Lavender

White Horehound

Near Cueva de la Pileta

Finca la Guzmana

Sierra de las Nieves

Tajo del Molino gorge

Round-leaved Apple-mint El Chorro
Purple Phlomis Sierra Del Pinar
Rosemary Near El Chorro
Silver Sage Sierra Del Pinar
Wild Clary Tajo del Molino gorge
a Germander Sierra Del Pinar
Capitate Thyme Sierra Del Pinar

Malvaceae Mallow Family

Malva sylvestris Common Mallow Tajo del Molino gorge

Moraceae Fig Family

Ficus carica Fig Widely naturalised

Myrtaceae Myrtle & Gum Family

Eucalyptus camaldulensisRiver Red GumRoadsidesEucalyptus globosusTasmanian Blue GumRoadsidesMyrtis communisMyrtleGargante Verde

Oleaceae Olive Family

Jasminum fruticansJasmineNear Cueva de la PiletaOlea europaeaOliveTajo del Molino gorge

Orobanchaceae Broomrape Family

Orobanche rapum-genistae Great Broomrape Sierra de las Nieves

Oxalidaceae Wood-sorrel Family

Oxalis pes-caprae Bermuda Buttercup El Chorro

Papaveraceae Poppy Family

Papaver rhœas Common Poppy Cordabes

Paeoniaceae Peony Family

Paeonia broteroi a Peony North of Ronda

Plantaginaceae Plantain Family

Plantago lagopus Hare's-tail Plantain Near Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Polygalaceae Milkwort Family

Polygala rupestris Rock Milkwort El Chorro

Polygonaceae Dock Family

Rumex scutatus French or Shield Dock Tajo del Molino gorge

Primulaceae Primrose Family

Anagallis arvensis (Red & Blue) Scarlet Pimpernel Near Monte Corte
Samolus valerandi Brookweed Near El Chorro

Ranunculaceae Buttercup Family

Adonis annuaPheasant's-eyeNear Monte CorteClematis cirrhosaVirgin's BowerGargante VerdeHelleborus foetidusStinking HelleboreSierra de las NievesRanunculus spicatus subsp. blepharicarposa ButtercupNear El Chorro

Resedaceae Mignonette Family

Reseda albaWhite MignonetteEl ChorroReseda luteolaWeldRonda

Reseda suffruticosa a Mignonette Near El Chorro

Rhamnaceae Buckthorn Family

Rhamnus alaternus Mediterranean Buckthorn El Chorro

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Rosaceae

Crataegus monogyna

Malus sp. Prunus avium Prunus dulcis

Prunus persica

Prunus prostrata Prunus spinosa Rosa sp.

Rubus fruticosus agg.

Sanguisorba minor subsp. minor

Rubiaceae

Galium aparine Galium verrucosum

Rubia peregrina Sherardia arvensis

Rutaceae

Citrus aurantium Citrus limon Citrus sinensis

Salicaceae

Populus x canescens

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga biternata* (leaves) Saxifraga bourgaeana* Saxifraga globulifera* (leaves)

Saxifraga granulata

Scrophulariaceae

Antirrhinum barrelerii Antirrhinum graniticum

Chaenorhinum villosum

Cymbalaria muralis Linaria aeruginea*

Linaria anticaria* Linaria platycalyx* Linaria tristis

Misopates orontium

Scrophularia canina

Scrophularia sambucifolia

Verbascum giganteum

Verbascum sinuatum

Veronica arvensis

Veronica beccabunga Veronica cymbalaria

Veronica plantago-aquatica

Veronica polita

Simaroubaceae

Ailanthus altissima

Rose Family

North of Ronda Hawthorn

Apple

E of Grazalema Wild Cherry Almond Roadsidea

Peach

Prostrate Plum Sierra Del Pinar Blackthorn E of Grazalema Gargante Verde

Bramble Tajo del Molino gorge Salad Burnet Sierra Del Pinar

Bedstraw Family

El Chorro Cleavers

Below Grazalema Wild Madder Sierra Del Pinar Field Madder Finca la Guzmana

Rue Family

Bitter Orange Planted as crop Planted as crop Lemon Planted as crop Orange

Willow & Poplar Family

Roadside W of Ronda **Grey Poplar**

Saxifrage Family

El Torcal Saxifrage El Torcal a Saxifrage Hidden Valley

Mirador del Guadal Forestal

Meadow Saxifrage Grazalema

Figwort Family

Ronda a Snapdragon

a Snapdragon Tajo del Molino gorge

Near El Chorro

Ivy-leaved Toadflax Ronda

a Toadflax Cerro Tavizna a Toadflax El Torcal a Toadflax Zahara a Toadflax Ronda

Weasel-snout

Dog Figwort Near Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

N of Ronda

Elder-leaved Figwort Below Grazalema

Giant Mullein

Tajo del Molino gorge

Wall Speedwell

Brooklime

White Speedwell

Blue Water Speedwell Grey Field Speedwell

Tree of Heaven Family

Tree of Heaven Below Grazalema Solanaceae Nightshade Family

Solanum nigrum Black Nightshade El Chorro

Tamaricaceae Tamarisk Family

Tamarix gallica Tamarisk Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Thymelaeaceae Daphne Family

Daphne gnidium (leaves)Mediterranean MezereonSierra Del PinarDaphne laureolaSpurge LaurelSierra de las Nieves

Urticacae Nettle Family

Parietaria judaicaPellitory-of-the-wallZaharaParietaria officinalisLarge Pellitory-of-the-wallEl Chorro

Urtica urens Small Nettle Finca la Guzmana

Valerianaceae Valerian Family

Centranthus calcitrapa Annual Valerian Mirador del Guadal Forestal

Fedia cornucopiae Fedia Gargante Verde

Violaceae Violet Family

Viola demetria - Sierra Del Pinar

Viscaceae Mistletoe Family

Viscum cruciatum Red-berried Mistletoe N of Ronda

Liliidae

Agavaceae Century Plant Family

Agave americana Century Plant Widely naturalised

Araceae Arum Family

Arisarum vulgare Friar's Cowl Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Arecaceae Palm Family

Chamærops humilis Dwarf Fan Palm Tajo del Molino gorge

Cyperaceae Sedge Family

Carex caryophylleaSpring SedgeSierra Del PinarSchoenus nigricansBlack Bog-rushSierra Del Pinar

Dioscoreaceae Black Bryony Family

Tamus communis Black Bryony Mirador del Guadal Forestal

Iridaceae Iris Family

Iris foetidissimaStinking IrisEl TorcalIris planifoliaBroad-leaved IrisN of RondaIris subbiflorus-El Torcal

Moraea sisyrinchium Barbary Nut Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Romulea bulbocodium a Sand Crocus Sierra Del Pinar

Juncaeae Rush Family

Scirpoides holoschoenus Round-headed Clubrush N of Ronda

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Liliaceae

Allium ampeloprasum Allium triquetrum

Aphyllanthes monspeliensis Asparagus acutifolius

Asparagus acutionus
Asparagus albus
Asphodelus aestivus
Asphodelus albus
Asphodelus fistulosus
Fritillaria lusitanica
Gagea foliosa

Hyacinthoides hispanica Muscari neglectum

Narcissus assoanus (N. requienii) Narcissus bugei (N. longispathus bugei)

Narcissus cantabricus (over)

Narcissus cuatrecasasii* (N. rupicola)

Narcissus fernandesii Narcissus papyraceus

Ornithogalum orthophyllum subsp.baeticum

Ornithogallum reverchonii*

Ruscus aculeatus

Urginea maritima (leaves)

Lily Family

Wild Leek Finca la Guzmana

Three-cornered Leek El Chorro
Blue Aphyllanthes Sierra Del Pinar
Sharp-leaved Asparagus Tajo del Molina gorge

White-Stemmed Asparagus Near El Chorro

Common Asphodel Tajo del Molina gorge
White Asphodel Tajo del Molina gorge
Small Asphodel Tajo del Molina gorge

Portuguese Fritillary Near El Chorro a Yellow Star of Bethlehem Near El Chorro

Spanish Bluebell Mirador del Guadal Forestal Grape Hyacinth Tajo del Molina gorge Rush-leaved Jonquil Roadside Gargante Verde Long-spathed Daffodil Sierra de las Nieves

White Hoop-petticoat Daffodil Near El Chorro
Rock Jonquil Hidden Valley

- Below Cerro Tavizna
Paperwhite Daffodil Near Monte Corto
a Star of Bethlehem Hidden Valley
a Star of Bethlehem Hidden Valley

Butcher's Broom Mirador del Guadal Forestal Sea Squill Tajo del Molina gorge

Orchidaceae

Cephalanthera longifolia Himantoglossum robertianum

Ophrys fusca
Ophrys lutea
Ophrys speculum
Ophrys tenthredinifera

Orchis italica Orchis olbiensis

Orchid Family

Sword-leaved Helleborine E of Grazalema
Giant Orchid Mezas Bus stop
Sombre Bee Orchid Tajo del Molina gorge

Yellow Bee Orchid Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor Mirror Orchid Embalsa de Zahara-El Gastor

Sawfly Orchid Gargante Verde
Naked Man Orchid Hidden Valley
an Early Purple Orchid Sierra Del Pinar

Poaceae Grass Family

Arundo donaxGiant ReedRoadsidesCatapodium rigidumFern GrassN of RondaHyparrhenia hirta-El ChorroPhragmites australisCommon ReedEl ChorroPoa annuaAnnual Meadow GrassEl Torcal

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; LO = Leader Only; B = bivouac; H = Heard Only)

			March						
	Common name	Scientific name	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa		✓		✓			
2	Gadwall	Anas strepera					✓		
3	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos			✓		✓	✓	
4	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata					✓		
5	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta					✓		
6	Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina					✓		
7	Common Pochard	Aythya farina					✓		
8	White-headed Duck	Oxyura leucocephala					✓		
9	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis					✓		

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10	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus			✓		✓		
11	Black-necked Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis					✓		
12	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus					✓		
13	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus					✓		
14	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis			✓		✓		
15	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea					✓		✓
16	Great Egret	Ardea alba		✓					
17	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	✓		✓	✓	✓		
18	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo			✓				
19	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
20	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus							✓
21	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus					✓		
22	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		✓	✓				
23	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus							✓
24	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	/	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
25	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			✓				
26	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus					√		
27	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra			✓		✓		
28	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus					✓		
29	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago					✓		
30	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus					✓ ·		
31	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis					✓ ·		
32	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus					✓		
33	Rock Dove	Columba livia	✓				✓		
34	Common Pigeon	Columba livia feral	\ \ \ \	✓	✓	✓	· ✓	✓	✓
35	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	+ -	· /	· ·				· ✓
36	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	· ·	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Common Swift	Apus apus	· /	· ·	•	•	✓	,	_
38	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	+	_			✓		
					10				
39 40	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops			LO	✓	Н		
	Great-spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		✓		V			
41	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker European Green	Dendrocopos minor		•					
42	Woodpecker	Picus viridis						Н	
43	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		✓		✓			
44	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓
45	Western Jackdaw	Corvus monedula							✓
46	Northern Raven	Corvus corax						√	✓
47	Coal Tit	Periparus ater		✓	Н	✓		✓	
48	Great Tit	Parus major	√	✓	Н	✓	√	✓	✓
49	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	/	✓	✓	√	√	√	✓
50	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	✓	✓	✓	√	√	√	✓
51	Thekla Lark	Galerida thecklae	+ -	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	· ·	· ·		· ✓
52	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis	Н						<u> </u>
53	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	→ 11	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
54	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	→	✓	✓	✓		<u> </u>	
55	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	▼	,	✓	,	✓		
56	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	+				Н		
57	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	✓	✓	Н	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia atricapilia Sylvia melanocephala	H	✓	П	—	—	Н	Н

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59	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla				Н			
60	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		✓	Н	Н		Н	Н
61	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla		✓		✓			
62	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		✓		✓			✓
65	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	✓	Н		✓		✓	
66	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra		✓			✓	✓	✓
68	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
69	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica						✓	
70	Black Wheatear	Oenanthe leucura				✓		✓	
71	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius	✓			✓	✓		✓
72	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	✓						
74	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
75	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	European Serin	Serinus serinus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	✓	Н			Н		Н
78	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Common Linnet	Carduelis cannabina		✓				√	√
80	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		✓	√		✓	√	Н
81	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia			LO		✓	√	✓
82	Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortulana					✓		
Bu	tterflies	Papilionidae							
1	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon						✓	
2	Spanish Festoon	Zerynthia rumina	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
_	Opariion i coccon	Pieridae							
3	Large White	Pieris brassicae	✓				✓	✓	
4	Small White	Artogeia rapae	─ ✓		✓				
5	Western Dappled White	Euchloe crameri	✓				✓	✓	
6	Moroccan Orange Tip	Anthocaris belia						✓	
7	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		✓				✓	
8	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni		✓				✓	
9	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra		✓				√	
	Olcopalia	Lycaenidae							
10	Provence Hairstreak	Tomares ballus		✓					✓
11	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas		✓ ·				✓	· /
12	Green-underside Blue	Glaucopsyche alexis		· ✓				·	·
13	Black-eyed Blue	Glaucopsyche melanops algirica		✓					
14	Brown Argus	Aricia agrestis cramera	✓	✓					
15	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus		✓					
		Nymphalidae							
16	Large Tortoiseshell	Nymphalis polychloros		✓				✓	
17	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta			✓				
• •		Satyrinae			·				
18	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus			✓		✓	✓	✓

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19	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera		✓				✓	✓
Mc	oths: Macro								
1	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa		В		В		В	В
Oth	er invertebrates								
1	Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa sp.		✓	✓			✓	
2	Honey Bee	Apis mellifera		✓	✓				
3	White-tailed Bumble Bee	Bombus lucorum		✓					
4	Buff-tailed Bumble Bee	Bombus terrestris						✓	
5	Oil Beetle	Meloe proscarabaeus			✓				
6	Scorpion	Buthus occitanicus							✓
Ma	ımmals								
1	Spanish Ibex	Capra pyrenaica subsp. hispa	nica				✓		
2	Rabbit	Oryctologus cuniculatus					✓		✓
An	nphibians & Reptiles								
1	Iberian Water Frog	Rana perezi	Н						
2	Iberian Wall Lizard	Podarcis hispanica		✓					
3	Large Psammodromus	Psammadromus algirus	✓	✓				✓	✓
4	European Pond Terrapin	Emys orbicularis	✓						



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