Spain - Spring Flowers of Western Andalucia

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Wednesday 9th March

Five tour group members, Caroline, John V., Banba, John and Ann, met with Paul at Gatwick Airport's North Terminal, for the Easyjet flight, EZY8605, to Malaga. Upon our arrival, we met up with Penny and Colin, who had arrived earlier on an earlier Easyjet fight EZY6051 from Bristol, before making our way to our hire vehicle, in the multi-storey car park.

We left Malaga airport in a north-westerly direction, past the cargo area, via the perimeter road towards El Peron, where we took the A7052 for several miles before joining the A357, Campilos road. We continued north-west, passing the 'white village' of Ardales on our left, and on to the junction with the A367, the Ronda road. Along the way, Barn Swallows, Little Egret and Sand Martin were seen. After a light snack at the Venta El Cordobes, we continued on the A367 south, through Cuevas del Becerro, to the outskirts of Ronda, where we joined the A366, El Burgo road, north-east for about 4km to our final destination, the Finca La Guzmana, our accommodation for the week. On arrival, we were met by Peter McLeod, our host, who quickly settled us into our rooms before supplying tea and coffee.

At 7pm, we met in the kitchen, where Peter outlined details of the Finca and the surrounding area, and Paul gave a brief outline of the plans for the first day. We then went down the road to the La Venta Cordoniz for supper.

Day 2

Thursday 10th March

After a superb breakfast, we drove down to Ronda, and off on the Seville road towards the village of Grazalema. Along the way we recorded Griffon Vulture, Corn Bunting and Crested Lark. As we made our way off the main road, John D spotted a pair of Griffon Vultures sitting in a tree. As they were really quite close, we stopped to see them more clearly. Whilst we were there, we saw *Paronychia capitata* (a Paronychia), *Conium maculatum* (Hemlock), *Urtica membranacea* (Membranous Nettle) and a good show of *Silene colorata*. We made a second brief stop on a broad verge to the south of Grazalema, on the road to Ubrique. Approaching this, we saw a Woodchat Shrike, European Stonechat on an overhead electricity line, and Black Redstart on a fence. Here we recorded our first native Daffodil, *Narcissus flavus*, together with *Erodium cicutarium* (Stork's-bill) and the dead skeletons of last year's spikes of *Echium boissieri* (Boissier's Viper's-bugloss). An adjacent cliff face produced several Griffon Vultures, a pair of Raven and a good number of Red-billed Chough.

Retracing our steps, we made our way through Grazalema, and onwards, a short distance from the town, to the car park at the start of our proposed walk in the Sierra del Pinar. Along the path-side we found Romulea bulbocodium (Sand Crocus), Orchis olbiensis (an Early Purple Orchid), and the young leaves of Ptilostemon hispanicus (Spanish Thistle). The path rose through Pinus pinaster (Maritime Pine) forest, mixed with Quercus species (Oaks). Along the path we added Asphodelus albus (White Asphodel), together with Great Tit, Jay and Great Spotted Woodpecker. Blue Tit was also heard. Butterflies were quite active in the warm sunshine, and we saw several Black-eyed Blues, Large Tortoiseshell and Wall Brown, as we progressed.

After about 1.5km, 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 the diminutive yellow Violet, *Viola demetria, Berberis hispanicus* (Spanish Barberry) and *Draba hispanica* (Spanish Whitlow-grass). 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 and lunch, during which a small group of Spanish Ibex were seen, we drove on up and over the 'Puerto de las Palomas' (Pass of the Doves), where we began the descent towards Zahara, stopping in the car park of our second location, the 'Garganta Verde'. Here, we saw *Narcissus assoanus* (Rush-leaved Jonquil) on the road verge, *Ophrys fusca* subsp. *fusca* (Sombre Bee Orchid), *Ulex parviflorus* (Small-flowered Gorse), *Ceratonia siliqua* (Carob) and *Myrtus communis* (Myrtle). Continuing on down towards the hilltop village of Zahara, we noted *Vinca difformis* (Intermediate Periwinkle) along the roadside as well as more spikes of *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid).

Our final stop of the day was on a piece of rough pasture at Las Mezas. *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid), *Urtica urens* (Small Nettle), *Fedia cornucopiae* (Fedia) and a good colony of *Himantoglossum robertianum* (Giant Orchid) were all recorded. From here, we set off back towards Ronda and the Finca in time for a splendid dinner, cooked by Peter.

Day 3

Friday 11th March

Today was sunny but with a chilly wind, as we travelled in the opposite direction, towards the village of El Burgo. Our first stop was on a verge to the east of the Puerto del Viento (Pass of the Wind), to see *Iris planifolia* (Flat-leaved Iris). Unfortunately, only two or three were in flower. However, some adjacent rocks had *Viola demetria* and several clumps of the endemic *Biscutella frutescens* (Perennial Buckler Mustard). At the base of the rocks, there was *Umbilicus rupestris* (Navelwort) and some *Crataegus monogyna* (Hawthorn) bushes which had been infested with *Viscum cruciatum* (Red-berried Mistletoe). Numerous Griffon Vultures were searching for thermals, Red-billed Choughs were seen patrolling a distant cliff face, and Stonechat was also recorded.

Our second stop of the morning was at the Mirador del Guarda Forestal. Here we saw a solitary Peregrine Falcon and several Crag Martins. The plants included *Hyacinthoides hispanicus* (Spanish Bluebell), *Aristolochia baetica* (a Birthwort), *Microthlaspi perfoliata* (Perfoliate Pennycress), *Olea europaea* (Wild Olive), *Clematis cirrhosa* (Maiden's Bower) and *Asphodelus albus* (White Asphodel). As we were about to leave, a splendid Short-toed Snake Eagle was clearly seen hunting over the adjacent mountainside.

Continuing on to El Burgo, we made good time, before turning right and on towards Ardales. Along the way, Paul pointed out *Fraxinus angustifolius* (Narrow-leaved Ash). In Ardales, we noted *Nicotiana glauca* (Shrub Tobacco) growing on some waste ground. We now took the road along the eastern shore of the Embalse del Conde de Guadalhorce reservoir, to our main objective, the 'Mirador de las Embalsas', where three reservoirs meet. Here we parked. An exploration of the *Pinus halepensis* (Aleppo Pine) woodland revealed *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid), *Narcissus cantabricus* (White Hoop-petticoat Daffodil), *Cistus albidus* (Grey-leaved Cistus) and *Muscari neglectum* (Grape Hyacinth). Birds included Great Tit, Blackbird and Chaffinch.

After our picnic lunch, we walked down towards the road, exploring the sandstone verges, finding Rupicapnos africana, Ranunculus spicatus subsp. blepharicarpos (Rock Buttercup), Chaenorhinum villosum, Orchis anthropophora (Man Orchid), Muscari neglectum (Grape Hyacinth), and Reseda suffruticosa (a Mignonette).

From here we made our way through the gorge to a point just west of El Chorro. Here we explored the verges overlooked by El Caminito del Rey (The King's Little Pathway), finding *Adiantum capillus-veneris* (Maidenhair Fern), *Scirpoides holoschoenus* (Round-headed Club-rush), *Cistus salvifolius* (Sage-leaved Cistus) and *Vicia lutea* (Yellow Vetch). At this point we made our way to a small café for refreshments. Whilst enjoying our drinks we noted approximately 150 Griffon Vulture sitting around on two high ledges and drifting on thermals above us.

It was now time to make our way back to Ronda, in time to freshen up for dinner.

Day 4

Saturday 12th March

Another fresh, clear sunny day dawned and, after breakfast, we headed off in a south-easterly direction, towards San Pedro, and into the Sierra de las Nieves National Park. Our objective was the Los Quejigales recreation area, situated some 8km from the road. The park road took us, initially, through *Quercus* woodland and shrubby scrub below, then on up through a mixture of *Pinus halepensis* and *Pinus pinaster* (Aleppo and 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, finding *Narcissus assoanus* (Rush-leaved Jonquil), *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid), *Neotinea tridentata* subsp. *conica* (a Toothed Orchid), and *Quercus coccifera* (Kermes Oak). Birds here were rather quiet, but Chaffinch and Great Tit were seen.

Our second stop was close to the Area Recreativa Los Quejigales. This is a wet grassy area which has a good colony of *Narcissus hispanicus* (Long-spathed Daffodil), scattered among small bushes. Also growing here was *Ficaria verna* subsp. *ficariiformis* (Lesser Celandine) and, on *Crataegus* (Hawthorn) bushes, *Viscum cruciatum* (Redberried Mistletoe). We also noted Common Chaffinch and Painted Lady butterfly.

Parking the vehicles at Los Quejigales, we set off for a walk on a path that would eventually lead to the Puerto de los Pilones. We began in *Pinus pinaster* (Maritime Pine) and *Pinus halepensis* (Aleppo Pine) woodland. Also present were *Rubia peregrina* (Wild Madder), *Daphne laureola* (Spurge Laurel) and *Narcissus hispanicus* (Long-spathed Daffodil). After a gentle climb of about 300 metres, we came to the tree line, where occasional *Abies pinsapo* (Spanish Fir) were scattered. Above this, where the path began to climb more steeply, the second native population of this tree remains. All members of the group continued on up to them, passing *Lavandula lanata* (Woolly Lavender), a local endemic, as we went. Birds were once again infrequent, with the occasional Siskin, Chaffinch, and the distant drumming of Great Spotted Woodpecker, the only evidence. After our descent, we took our lunch in the Los Quejigales picnic site.

After lunch, we drove back to Ronda, parking in the car park on the north side of the town. We then walked down though the pedestrian precinct to the cliff-edge walk. Crag Martins and Red-billed Chough were all seen, as well as *Smyrnium olusatrum* (Alexanders), *Moricandia moricandioides* (a Purple Cabbage), *Sedum sediforme* (Large Stonecrop), *Antirrhinum barrelieri* (a Snapdragon) and *Echium vulgare* (Viper's Bugloss).

At this point, Paul left us to explore Ronda at our leisure, before collecting us from a pre-arranged spot to return to the Finca for dinner.

Day 5

Sunday 13th March

A breezy but sunny morning dawned and, leaving Finca La Guzmana early, we took the road towards Campillos. Common House Martin and Crested Lark were seen as we went. When we passed through the small village of Teba, and turned east joining the main Malaga to Antequera road, and continued on Via Campillos. Passing through Antequera, we made our way up to the summit of El Torcal, the highest point in the El Torcal de Antequera National Park, and parked by the visitor centre. Rock Bunting, Robin and Black Redstart were very much in evidence. After we had had coffee, we set off to explore the 'Karst' limestone structures. We walked one of the circular tracks, finding *Euphorbia characias* subsp. *characias* (Mediterranean Spurge) and several clumps of the endemic *Linaria anticaria* (a Toadflax), sadly not yet flowering, and also the leaves of *Saxifraga biternata* (El Torcal Saxifrage), both local endemics, and *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid). In addition we also saw Griffon Vulture and Blackbird.

We then enjoyed our picnic lunch among the spectacular limestone outcrops and boulders. Black Redstart and Rock Bunting were evident during the meal. After we had eaten, most of the group began to descend on foot. As they went they saw Spanish Ibex, *Himantoglossum robertianum* (Giant Orchid) and *Narcissus papyraceus* (Paper-white Daffodil).

It was now time to begin our journey back to Ronda. However, we made two more stops before reaching our destination. Retracing our steps, we made a stop at Laguna Dulce, near Campillos, and along the way we saw Crested Lark and Stonechat. The lake, unfortunately, had dried up, so birdlife was restricted to Goldfinch, Corn Bunting and a solitary female Whinchat. However, on the verge we found *Nonea vesicaria* (Nonea), *Calendula suffruticosa* and *Platycapnos spicatus*, as well as Painted Lady and Small White butterflies.

Our last stop of the day was the cutting, hillside and river gorge at Tajo del Molino. The roadside had a number of clumps of the white *Antirrhinum graniticum* (a Snapdragon) and *Asphodelus fistulosus* (Small Asphodel), whilst the gorge produced a skittish group of Rock Doves, together with Blackcap and Stonechat. We also heard the explosive call of Cetti's Warbler, and noted Cleopatra and Spanish Festoon butterflies, before we re-joined the vehicle for the final leg of the journey back to Ronda.

Day 6

Monday 14th March

After breakfast, we left the Finca in warming sunshine, and drove down towards Ronda, before taking the Seville road, turning off towards Benaojan and Montejaque. At Benaojan, we made our way up to the car park at the 'Cueva de la Pileta' caves. After a brief look at the information board, we walked up the path and steps to the entrance, where Paul discovered that we were not able to go in with the first party, as it was a group booking, so he decided to return later in the day.

Moving on to the small town of Montejaque, we took a sharp turn and made our way up to Los Llanos de Libar, in the Sierra de Montalata and known as the 'Hidden Valley. A stop by a high cliff produced Saxifraga bourgaeana

(a Saxifrage), Narcissus cuatrecasasii (Rock Jonquil), Ornithogalum reverchonii (a Star of Bethlehem), Scrophularia sambucifolia (Elder-leaved Figwort) and Fedia cornucopiae (Fedia). Eurasian Crag Martin, Great Tit and Griffon Vultures were also seen. It was a good morning for butterflies, despite the strong wind, and several were recorded, including Small Copper, Small Heath, Western Dappled White and Clouded Yellow. The group began to walk up the valley, admiring the Karst limestone mountains as they went. Continuing to scan the sky, it was not long before Black Wheatear, Red-billed Chough, Common Chaffinch, Rock Bunting and more Griffon Vultures were seen. As we walked, we recorded Orchis olbiensis (an Early Purple Orchid), Erodium primulaceum (a Stork's-bill), Narcissus cuatrecasasii (Rock Jonquil) and Linaria tristis (a Toadflax).

At the top of the walk, where Paul had parked the bus, we set up our picnic. During which European Serin, Great Tit, Blue Tit and Barn Swallow were seen, together with Red Admiral and Large Tortoiseshell.

On the descent, we saw Sardinian Warbler and Rock Bunting, and paused to see a stand of *Antirrhinum barrelieri* (a Snapdragon), *Moraea sisyrinchium* (Barbary Nut), *Lathyrus clymenum* (a Pea) and *Tripodion tetraphyllum* (Bladder Vetch). We also saw two rather distant Short-toed Eagles.

We now left Montejaque, and made our way north, stopping below the Cerro de Tavizna, to explore a patch of scrub, a rocky verge. These produced *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid), *Vinca difformis* (Intermediate Periwinkle), *Saxifraga granulata* (Meadow Saxifrage), *Linaria aeruginea* (a Toadflax) and *Muscari neglectum* (Grape Hyacinth). Western Dappled White and Small White butterflies and Eurasian Crag Martin and Blue Rock Thrush were also seen

Returning to Montejarque, and the caves of Pileta, we were now able to complete our excursion. The cave car park area held *Calycotome villosa* (Prickly Broom) and *Asphodelus aestivus* (Common Asphodel), while European Serin, Eurasian Blackcap and Sardinian Warbler were all active. We completed our visit to the 'Cueva de la Pileta' caves, before making our way back to the Finca in time for dinner.

Day 7

Tuesday 15th March

Today, we returned to the Grazalema area. The day had dawned cloudy as we set off from the Finca. We made two stops on the road to the east of Grazalema. At the first we found *Cistus laurifolius*, and *Lavandula stoechas* subsp. *stoechas* (French Lavender). We also noted Eurasian Jay and Eurasian Blue Tit. At the second we added *Teucrium fruticans* (Shrub Germander), *Cistus populifolius* (Poplar-leaved Cistus) and *Quercus faginea* (Beech-leaved Oak).

On the outskirts of Grazalema, we parked below the cliffs on the south side of the village. The plan was to explore the cliffs, rocky fields and broad road verges. Anagyris foetida (Bean Trefoil), the endemics Centaurea clementei (Clemente's Knapweed) and Ornithogalum reverchonii (a Star of Bethlehem) were early finds. Above the cliffs, a few Red-billed Chough were soaring. As we made our way towards the village, we added Scrophularia sambucifolia (Elder-leaved Figwort), Narcissus papyraceus (Paper-white Daffodil), Ophrys tenthredinifera (Sawfly Orchid) and Cerinthe major var. purpurescens (Greater Honeywort). The boulder-strewn fields produced Blackcap, Serin, Spotless Starlings and Wren. From here, we went through Grazalema and on up over the Puerto de las Palomas (Pass of the Doves), where the cloud was too low for any good views, we carried on to the Mirador de

las Acebuches. Here, we found *Fritillaria lusitanica* (Portuguese Fritillary) and *Astragalus lusitanicus* (a Milk-vetch). We now carried on north, to the car park at the Garganta Verde, where we took our picnic lunch.

Our next stop was the village of Zahara de la Sierra, where we parked at the top of the town. Here, we found the endemic *Erodium tordyloides* (a Stork's-bill) and *Linaria platycalyx* (a Toadflax), also endemic. In the town centre, we enjoyed some refreshments. Whilst seated outside the cafe, we enjoyed the aerial displays of a pair of Lesser Kestrels.

The cliffs on the north side of the town produced *Campanula erinus* (Annual Bellflower) and *Hyoscyamus albus* (White Henbane), before setting off back towards Ronda.

On the outskirts, we made a short stop on the track leading to the Puerta de las Muelas. Here we found *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid), *Ophrys fusca* subsp. *fusca* (Sombre Bee Orchid), *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid) and two spikes of emerging *Ophrys lutea* (Yellow Bee Orchid)

We now re-joined the vehicle for the journey back to the Finca, in time to pack before dinner.

Day 8

Wednesday 16th March

After an early breakfast, we said out farewells to Peter and thanked him for a wonderful stay in this beautiful area. We set off, to clearing skies, and headed for Malaga Airport, making it in good time for our flights back to the UK and Holland.

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Species Lists

Plants (* indicates a plant is endemic [] = Indicates a plant is introduced/planted)

Nomenclature contained within this list follows the taxonomic amendments, based on DNA analysis, made by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Missouri Botanic Garden, and following The Plant List, an internationally accepted list of vascular plant families, published and maintained by these two Institutions.

Scientific name	Common name	Location
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PTERIDOPHYTES FERNS & ALLIES

Leptosporangiate Ferns True Ferns

Aspleniaceae Spleenwort Family

Asplenium ceterach Rustyback Sierra del Pinar

Polypodiaceae Polypody Family

Polypodium cambricum Southern Polypody Mirador del Guada Forestal

Polypodium interjectum Intermediate Polypody The Hidden Valley

Pteridaceae Ribbon Fern Family

Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern Near El Chorro

Cheilanthes pteridioides Scented Cheilanthes Mirador del Guada Forestal

GYMNOSPERMS CONIFERS

Cupressaceae Juniper Family

Juniperus communis Juniper W of El Burgo

Juniperus phoenicea subsp. phoenicea Phoenician Juniper Mirador de las Embalsas

Pinaceae Pine Family

Abies pinsapoSpanish FirSierra del Pinar[Cedrus deodara]Deodar CedarSierra de las NievesPinus halepensisAleppo PineSierra de las NievesPinus pinasterMaritime PineSierra del PinarPinus pineaStone or Umbrella PineS of Grazalema

ANGIOSPERMS FLOWERING PLANTS

Pre-dicots Primitive Angiosperms

Aristolochiaceae Birthwort Family

Aristolochia baetica a Birthwort Mirador del Guada Forestal

Eu-dicots True Dicotyledons

Acanthaceae Bear's-breech Family

Acanthus mollis Bear's-breech Near El Chorro

Anacardiaceae Sumach Family

Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Bush Garganta Verde

Apiaceae

Berula erecta

Bupleurum fruticosum Bupleurum spinosum Conium maculatum Ferula communis Foeniculum vulgare

Scandix pecten-veneris Smyrnium olusatrum

Thapsia garganica

Apocynaceae

Nerium oleander Vinca difformis

Araliaceae

Hedera helix agg.

Berberidaceae

Berberis hispanica

Bignoniaceae

[Catalpa bignonioides]

Boraginaceae

Borago officinalis

Cerinthe major var. purpurescens Cynoglossum clandestinum

Echium boissieri Echium plantagineum Echium vulgare Nonea vesicaria

Pardoglossum (Cynoglossum) cheirifolium

Brassicaceae

Biscutella frutescens* Capsella bursa-pastoris Clypeola jonthlaspi

Draba hispanica Eruca vesicaria Hornungia petraea Iberis sempervirens

Lobularia maritima

Descurainia sophia

Microthlaspi (Thlaspi) perfoliatum Moricandia moricandioides

Sinapis alba Sinapis arvensis Sisymbrium irio

Cactaceae

[Opuntia ficus-indica]

Carrot Family

Lesser Water-parsnip Near El Chorro

Shrubby Hare's-ear Mirador de las Embalsas

Spiny Hare's-ear Sierra del Pinar
Hemlock E of Grazalema
Giant Fennel Tajo del Molina
Fennel Near El Chorro

Shepherd's Needle E of the Puerto del Viento
Alexanders Mirador del Guada Forestal

Thapsia El Torcal

Periwinkle Family

Oleander Tajo del Molina

Intermediate Periwinkle Common

Ivy Family

Ivy El Torcal

Barberry Family

Spanish Barberry Sierra del Pinar

Bignonia Family

Indian Bean Tree Puerto de las Muelas

Forget-me-not Family

Borage Near El Chorro Greater Honeywort Below Grazalema

a Hound's-tongue

Boissier's Viper's-bugloss

Purple Viper's-bugloss

Sof Grazalema

Near Malaga Airport

Viper's-bugloss Mirador del Guada Forestal

Nonea Laguna Dulce

a Hound's-tongue Mirador del Guada Forestal

Cabbage Family

- E of Puerto del Viento (leaves)

Shepherd's Purse Mirador del Guada Forestal

Clypeola E of Grazalema
Flixweed Laguna Dulce
Spanish Whitlow-grass Sierra del Pinar
Rocket Finca la Guzmana

Hutchinsia El Torcal

Candytuft Mirador de las Embalsas
Sweet Alison Mirador del Guada Forestal
Perfoliate Penny-cress Mirador del Guada Forestal

Purple Cabbage Ronda

White Mustard Zahara de la Sierra
Charlock Below Grazalema
London Rocket Laguna Dulce

Cactus Family

Barbary Fig or Prickly Pear Commonly naturalised

Campanulaceae

Campanula erinus Annual Bellflower Zahara de la Sierra

Campanula mollis a Bellflower Zahara de la Sierra (leaves)

Bellflower Family

Honeysuckle Family

Caprifoliaceae

Centranthus calcitrapaAnnual ValerianRondaFedia cornucopiaeFediaLas Mezas

Caryophyllaceae

Arenaria tetraquetra
Cerastium glomeratum

Dianthus sp.

Paronychia capitata Silene colorata Silene gallica Silene latifolia Silene vulgaris

Cistaceae

Cistus albidus
Cistus laurifolius
Cistus monspeliensis
Cistus populifolius
Cistus salvifolius
Fumana ericoides

Helianthemum origanifolium

Tuberaria echioides Tuberaria guttata

Compositae (Asteraceae)

Bellis perennis
Bellis sylvestris
Calendula arvensis
Calendula suffruticosa
Carduus pycnocephalus
Centaurea calcitrapa
Centaurea clementei*
Centaurea pullata

Galactites tomentosa

Dittrichia viscosa

Glebionis coronarium var. discolor Glebionis segetum Hyoseris radiata Phagnalon saxatile Ptilostemon hispanica Reichardia intermedia Senecio nevadensis

Silybum marianum Sonchus asper

Sencio vulgare

Sonchus oleraceus

Pink Family

Spanish Sandwort
Sticky Mouse-ear
Below Cerro Tavizna

White Campion Mirador del Guada Forestal

Bladder Campion Hidden Valley

Rock-rose Family

Grey-leaved Cistus Mirador de las Embalsas

- E of Grazalema Narrow-leaved Cistus E of Grazalema

Poplar-leaved Cistus E of Grazalema (leaves)

Sage-leaved Cistus E of Grazalema

Mirador de las Embalsas

Marjoram-leaved Rock-rose Sierra del Pinar
a Spotted Rock-rose Puerta de las Muelas
Spotted Rock-rose Mirador de las Embalsas

Daisy Family

Daisy Below Grazalema
Southern Daisy Sierra del Pinar
Field Marigold Sierra del Pinar
Laguna Dulce
Plymouth Thistle Laguna Dulce

Red Star Thistle Sierra del Pinar (leaves)
Clemente's Knapweed Below Grazalema

- Garganta Verde
Woody Fleabane Near El Chorro
Galactites Near El Chorro
Crown Daisy Near Tajo del Molina
Corn Marigold Tajo del Molina

Hyoseris Pileta

Phagnalon Hidden Valley
Spanish Thistle Sierra del Pinar

Reichardia Mirador de las Embalsas

a Ragwort Hidden Valley

Groundsel Mirador del Guada Forestal

Milk Thistle Hidden Valley
Prickly Sow-thistle Near El Chorro

Smooth Sow-thistle Mirador del Guada Forestal

Convolvulaceae

Convolvulus althaeoides

Cuscuta epithymum

Crassulaceae

[Aeonium arboreum] Crassula tilaea Sedum album Sedum brevifolium Sedum sediforme

Cucurbitaceae

Bryonia dioica Ecballium elaterium

Umbilicus rupestris

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia characias subsp. characias

Euphorbia helioscopia Euphorbia nicaeensis Euphorbia peplus Euphorbia sulcata Mercurialis annuus [Ricinus communis]

Fagaceae

Quercus coccifera Quercus faginea Quercus ilex Quercus suber

Geraniaceae

Erodium cicutarium
Erodium malacoides
Erodium moschatum
Erodium primulaceum
Erodium recoderi*
Erodium tordylioides*
Geranium lucidum
Geranium molle
Geranium purpureum
Geranium pyrenaicum

Lamiaceae

Ballota pseudodictamnus Lamium amplexicaule Lavandula lanata*

Lavandula stoechas subsp. stoechas

Marrubium vulgare Mentha x verticillata Phlomis lychnitis Phlomis purpurea **Bindweed Family**

Mallow-leaved Bindweed Near El Chorro

Dodder Mirador de las Embalsas

Stonecrop Family

Tree Aeonium Zahara de la Sierra Mossy Stonecrop Laguna Dulce

White Stonecrop Mirador del Guada Forestal

Short-leaved Stonecrop Sierra del Pinar

Large Stonecrop Mirador del Guada Forestal Navelwort Mirador del Guada Forestal

White Bryony Family

White Bryony E of Grazalema Squirting Cucumber Roadsides

Spurge Family

Large Mediterranean Spurge El Torcal

Sun Spurge Sierra del Pinar - Puerto de las Muelas

Petty Spurge Pileta

- Tajo del Molino

Annual Mercury E of Puerto del Viento

Castor Oil Plant Roadsides

Oak & Beech Family

Kermes Oak E of Grazalema
- E of Grazalema
Holm oak E of Grazalema
Cork Oak E of Grazalema

Geranium Family

Common Stork's-bill Sierra del Pinar

Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Mirador del Guada Forestal

Musk Stork's-bill

a Stork's-bill

E of Grazalema

a Stork's-bill El Torcal

a Stork's-bill

Shiny Crane's-bill

Dove's-foot Crane's-bill

Little Robin

Hedgerow Crane's-bill

Zahara de la Sierra

El Torcal (leaves)

E of Grazalema

Near El Chorro

Laguna Dulce

Dead-nettle Family

Garden Horehound Mirador del Guada Forestal
Henbit Deadnettle E of Puerto del Viento
Woolly Lavender Sierra de las Nieves
French Lavender E of Grazalema
White Horehound Sierra del Pinar
Apple Mint Near El Chorro

Mirador del Guada Forestal (leaves)

Purple Phlomis Mirador del Guada Forestal

Paeoniaceae

Paeonia broteri

Scientific name Common name Location Rosmarinus officinalis Rosemary Mirador de las Embalsas Salvia argentea Silver Sage Sierra de las Nieves Salvia verbenaca Wild Clary E of Grazalema Teucrium fruticans Shrub Germander E of Grazalema Teucrium polium agg. Felty Germander Sierra del Pinar Thymus capitatus Capitate Thyme Sierra del Pinar **Pea Family** Leguminosae (Fabaceae) Acacia retinodes Swamp Wattle Roadsides N of Malaga Bean Trefoil Below Grazalema Anagyris foetida Anthyllis cystoides Shrub Kidney-vetch Mirador de las Embalsas a Milk-vetch Mirador de Acebuches Astragalus lusitanicus Bituminaria bituminosa Pitch Trefoil Near El Chorro Prickly Broom Pileta Calycotome villosa Ceratonia siliqua Carob Garganta Verde [Cercis siliquastrum] Judas Tree Grazalema Hidden Valley Cytisus baeticus Hippocrepis scabra Hidden Valley Hidden Valley Lathyrus clymenum Lotus tetragonolobus (Tetragonolobus purpureus) Asparagus Pea Below Grazalema Toothed medick Medicago polymorpha Garganta Verde **Bridal Veil Broom** Retama (Lygos) monosperma Sierra del Pinar Retama (Lygos) sphaerocarpa E of Grazalema (leaves) Spartium junceum Spanish Broom Common Bladder Vetch Hidden Valley Tripodion tetraphyllum (Anthyllis tetraphylla) Ulex (Stauracanthus) bovinii Serra del Pinar Ulex parviflorus Small-flowered Gorse Common [Vicia faba] **Broad Bean** Below Grazalema Vicia lutea Yellow Vetch Near El Chorro Malvaceae **Mallow Family** Malva sylvestris Common Mallow Roadsides Moraceae Fig Family Ronda Ficus carica Fig Myrtaceae Myrtle & Gum Family [Eucalyptus camaldulensis] River Red Gum Naturalised Tasmanian Blue Gum Naturalised [Eucalyptus globulus] [Eucalyptus robusta] Iron Bark Naturalised Myrtus communis Myrtle Garganta Verde Oleaceae **Olive Family** Fraxinus angustifolia Narrow-leaved Ash Between El Burgo & Ardales Jasminum fruticans **Jasmine** Pileta (leaves) Olea europaea Wild Olive Mirador del Guada Forestal Oxalidaceae **Wood-sorrel Family** [Oxalis pes-caprae] Bermuda Buttercup Common

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Peony Family

a Peony

E of Puerto del Viento

Papaveraceae

Fumaria muralis Fumaria officinalis Papaver dubium Papaver rhœas Platycapnos spicatus

Rupicapnos africana

Plantaginaceae

Antirrhinum barrelieri
Antirrhinum graniticum
Chaenorhinum villosum
Linaria aeruginea*
Linaria anticaria*
Linaria platycalyx*
Linaria tristis
Misopates orontium

Misopates orontium Veronica cymbalaria

Polygalaceae

Polygala rupestris

Polygonaceae

Rumex bucephaloflorus Rumex scutatus

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis (Red & Blue) Samolus valerandi

Punicaeae

[Punica granatum]

Ranunculaceae

Clematis cirrhosa

Ficaria verna subsp. ficariiformis

Helleborus foetidus

Ranunculus spicatus subsp. blepharicarpos

Resedaceae

Reseda alba Reseda phyteuma Reseda suffruticosa

Rosaceae

Crataegus monogyna Prunus avium [Prunus dulcis] Prunus prostrata Prunus spinosa Rosa sp.

Rubus ulmifolius

Poppy Family

Common Ramping Fumitory

Common Fumitory Long-headed Poppy Common Poppy

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Mirador del Guada Forestal

E of Grazalema Near El Chorro E of Grazalema Laguna Dulce

Mirador de las Embalsas

Plantain Family

a Snapdragon Ronda

a Snapdragon Tajo del Molina

- Mirador de las Embalsas a Toadflax Below Cerro Tavizna a Toadflax El Torcal (leaves) a Toadflax Zahara de la Sierra a Toadflax Hidden Valley

Weasel-snout Mirador de las Embalsas

White Speedwell Sierra del Pinar

Milkwort Family

Rock Milkwort Near El Chorro

Dock Family

Horned Dock E of Grazalema
French or Shield Dock El Torcal

Primrose Family

Scarlet Pimpernel Las Mezas
Brookweed Near El Chorro

Pomegranate Family

Pomegranate Near El Chorro

Buttercup Family

Virgin's Bower Mirador del Guada Forestal

Lesser Celandine Sierra de las Nieves
Stinking Hellebore Sierra de las Nieves
a Buttercup Mirador de las Embalsas

Mignonette Family

White Mignonette Mear El Chorro

Corn Mignonette Puerto de las Muelas
a Mignonette Mear El Chorro

Rose Family

Hawthorn Sierra de las Nieves
Wild Cherry E of Grazalema
Almond Below Cerro Tavizna
Prostrate Plum Sierra del Pinar
Blackthorn E of Grazalema
- Below Grazalema
Bramble Sierra del Pinar

Bedstraw Family

Rubiaceae

Galium aparineCleaversE of Puerto del VientoGalium verrucosum-Below GrazalemaRubia peregrinaWild MadderSierra del PinarSherardia arvensisField MadderGarganta Verde

Rue Family

Rutaceae

[Citrus aurantium]Bitter OrangeCultavated[Citrus limon]LemonCultavated[Citrus sinensis]OrangeCultavated

Santalaceae Sandalwood Family

Osyris albaOsyrisBelow GrazalemaViscum albumMistletoeN of RondaViscum cruciatumRed-berried MistletoeHidden Valley

Saxifragaceae Saxifrage Family

Saxifraga biternata*El Torcal SaxifrageEl Torcal (leaves)Saxifraga bourgaeana*a SaxifrageHidden ValleySaxifraga granulataMeadow SaxifrageBelow Cerro Tavizna

Scrophulariaceae Figwort Family

Scrophularia sambucifolia Elder-leaved Figwort Hidden Valley

Verbascum sinuatum - Below Grazalema (leaves)

Simaroubaceae Tree of Heaven Family

Ailanthus altissima Tree of Heaven Ronda

SolanaceaeNightshade FamilyHyoscyamus albusWhite HenbaneZahara de la Sierra

Mandragoria autumnalisMandrakeLaguna DulceNicotiana glaucaShrub TobaccoArdales

Solanum nigrum Black Nightshade Near El Chorro

ThymelaeaceaeDaphne FamilyDaphne gnidiumMediterranean MezereonSierra del Pinar (leaves)

Daphne laureola Spurge Laurel Sierra de las Nieves

Ulmaceae Elm Family

Ulmus canescens Small-leaved Elm W of Ronda

Urticacae Nettle Family

Parietaria officinalisLarge Pellitory-of-the-wallNear El ChorroUrtica membranaceaMembranous NettleE of Puerto del Viento

Urtica urens Small Nettle Las Mezas

Violaceae Violet Family
Viola demetria - Sierra del Pinar

Monocots

Monocotyledons

Amaryllidaceae

Allium ampeloprasum Allium triquetrum

Narcissus assoanus (N. requienii)

Narcissus hispanicus (N. longispathus, N. bujei)

Narcissus cantabricus

Narcissus cuatrecasasii* (N. rupicola) Narcissus flavus (N. fernandesii)

Narcissus papyraceus

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare

Arecaceae

Chamærops humilis

Asparagaceae

[Agave americana] Asparagus acutifolius Asparagus albus Dipcadi serotinum Drimia (Urginea) maritima

Hyacinthoides hispanica

Leopoldia comosa (Muscari comosum)

Muscari neglectum Ornithogalum baeticum Ornithogalum reverchonii*

Ruscus aculeatus

Dioscoreaceae

Dioscorea (Tamus) communis

Iridaceae

Iris foetidissima Iris planifolia Moraea sisyrinchium

Romulea bulbocodium

Juncaeae

Scirpoides holoschoenus

Liliaceae

Fritillaria lusitanica Gagea foliosa Gagea lacaitae

Orchidaceae

Himantoglossum robertianum

Neotinea tridentata subsp. conica (Orchis conica)

Ophrys fusca subsp. fusca

Amaryllis Family

Wild Leek Mirador del Guada Forestal Three-cornered Leek Below Grazalema Rush-leaved Jonquil Sierra de las Nieves Long-spathed Daffodil Sierra de las Nieves White Hoop-petticoat Daffodil Mirador de las Embalsas

Rock Jonquil Hidden Valley S of Grazalema El Torcal

Paper-white Daffodil

Arum Family

Friar's Cowl El Torcal (leaves)

Palm Family

Dwarf Fan Palm Garganta Verde

Asparagus Family

Century Plant Naturalised Sierra de las Nieves Sharp-leaved Asparagus White-stemmed Asparagus Mirador del Guada Forestal Brown Bluebell Mirador de las Ebalsas Sea Squill Common (leaves)

Mirador del Guada Forestal Spanish Bluebell Tassel Hyacinth Hidden Valley Grape Hyacinth Finca la Guzmana a Star of Bethlehem Hidden Valley a Star of Bethlehem Hidden Valley

Butcher's Broom Mirador del Guada Forestal

Black Bryony Family

Black Bryony Mirador del Guada Forestal

Iris Family

Stinking Iris El Torcal

Broad-leaved Iris E of Puerto del Viento

Barbary Nut Hidden Valley a Sand Crocus Sierra del Pinar

Rush Family

Round-headed Clubrush E of Puerto del Viento

Lily Family

Portuguese Fritillary Mirador de las Acebuches a Yellow Star of Bethlehem Sierra de las Nieves a Yellow Star of Bethlehem Mirador de las Embalsas

Orchid Family

Giant Orchid Las Mezas

a Toothed Orchid Sierra de las Nieves Sombre Bee Orchid Garganta Verde

Ophrys luteaYellow Bee OrchidPuerto de las MuelasOphrys speculumMirror OrchidLas MezasOphrys tenthrediniferaSawfly OrchidEl Torcal

Orchis anthropophora Man Orchid Mirador de las Embalsas

Orchis olbiensis an Early Purple Orchid Sierra del Pinar

Poaceae Grass Family

Anisantha diandra **Great Brome** Laguna Dulce Arundo donax Giant Reed Near El Chorro Cynosurus echinatus Rough Dog's-tail Near El Chorro Hordeum murinum Wall Barley Laguna Dulce Zahara de la Sierra Hyparrhenia hirta Hare's-tail Grass Puerto de las Muelas Lagurus ovatus

Lamarckia aurea
Lamarckis Golden Grass
Pileta
Phragmites australis
Poa annua
Annual Meadow Grass
Finca la Guzmana

Smilacaceae Smilax Family

Smilax aspera Common Smilax Sierra del Pinar

Xanthorrhoeaceae Asphodel Family

Asphodelus aestivusCommon AsphodelLas MezasAsphodelus albusWhite AsphodelSierra del PinarAsphodelus fistulosusSmall AsphodelTajo del Molino

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

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	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos								✓
2	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia							✓	
3	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea			✓					✓
4	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	✓		✓		✓			
5	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo			✓					
6	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
7	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus			✓			✓		
8	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo							✓	
9	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago			✓					
10	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	✓							
11	Rock Dove	Columba livia					✓			
12	Rock Dove [Feral]	Columba livia feral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops							Н	
15	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		✓		Н				
16	European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis						Н		
17	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni		✓					✓	
18	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	✓				✓	✓		
19	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			✓					
20	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator		✓						
21	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		✓		✓			✓	
22	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica								✓

			March								
	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
23	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
24	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		✓				✓			
25	Great Tit	Parus major		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
26	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		Н	✓		✓	✓	✓		
27	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
28	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	✓								
29	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
30	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris			✓	✓		✓			
31	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
32	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti					Н				
33	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita				✓					
34	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla				LO	✓		✓		
35	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala						✓			
36	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		✓				Н	Н		
37	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
38	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
39	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos				✓			✓		
40	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		✓							
41	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	✓				✓				
42	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
43	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra					✓				
44	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
45	Black Wheatear	Oenanthe leucura						✓			
46	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius					✓	✓			
47	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
48	Yellow (Blue-headed) Wagtail	Motacilla flava iberiae				✓					
49	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
50	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
51	European Serin	Serinus serinus			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
52	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris		✓		✓	Н	Н	Н		
53	Eurasian Siskin	Spinus spinus				LO					
54	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
55	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		✓			✓		✓		
56	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia					✓	✓			

Mammals (D = Dead)

1	Greater Mouse-eared Bat	Myotis myotis			✓	✓	✓		
2	Spanish Ibex	Capra pyrenaica	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
3	Brown Hare	Lepus europaeus				D			

Amphibians & Reptiles

1	Iberian Wall Lizard	Podarcis hispanica		✓	✓	✓	
2	Large Psammodromus	Psammodromus algirus	✓				
3	European Pond Terrapin	Emys orbicularis			✓		

Butterflies

1	Spanish Festoon	Zerynthia rumina		✓	✓	✓	
2	Large White	Pieris brassicae	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Small White	Pieris rapae		✓	✓	✓	

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	Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4	Western Dappled White	Euchloe crameri			✓		✓	✓		
5	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea						✓		
6	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra					✓	✓		
7	Provence Hairstreak	Tomares ballus						✓		
8	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas						✓		
9	Black-eyed Blue	Glaucopsyche melanops algirica		✓	✓					
10	Large Tortoiseshell	Nymphalis polychloros		✓				✓		
11	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta			✓			✓		
12	Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui				✓	✓	✓		
13	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus						✓		
14	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera		✓	✓	✓	✓			

Moths (B = bivouac)

Ŀ	1	Yellow Belle	Semiaspilates ochrearia						✓	
1	2	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa	В	В	В	В	В	В	
(3	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	Macroglossum stellartarum			✓				

Other Invertebrates (N=nest)

1	a Ground Bug	Lygaeus sp.		✓					
2	Wood Ant	Formica rufa		✓			✓		
3	European Paper Wasp	Polistes gallicus					✓	N	
4	Honey Bee	Apis millifera		✓		✓			
5	Buff-tailed Bumble Bee	Bombus terrestris			✓	✓	✓		
6	Dor Beetle	Geotrupes ster	✓				✓		
7	a Chafer	Tropinota squalida	✓						
8	7 Spot Ladybird	Coccinella 7-punctata					✓		
9	Oil Beetle	Meloe proscarabaeus		✓					

Gastropods

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1	a Slug	Drusia valenciennii				✓	
2	El Torcal' Snail	Iberus qualtieranus rositai			✓		





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Orchis conid