

The Canary Islands

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Saturday 27th February

After what was apparently not the smoothest of flights and about an hours delay the group all got together at the Reina Sofia airport in southern Tenerife. Obviously the passage of hurricane Xynthia through the Canary Islands had some effect, but apart from debris in many places and the evidence of some damage to advertising boards and some bent and buckled television aerials, Tenerife had seemingly got away with it lightly. The winds had gusted up to 200 kph as the winds howled around Güímar during the previous night before the tour, but now with the sun shining things had obviously improved and so we headed off in the direction of Mount Teide.

On arrival at the picnic/barbeque area at Las Lajas we found the whole area had been taped off by the Medio Ambiente. However, the possibility of a falling branch didn't seem a good enough reason to stop us so we picnicked at the picnic tables anyway and came away unscathed from the event. As always this area made a good start to the trip as it produced some really excellent views of the well known endemic Blue Chaffinch plus superb looks at the local race of Great Spotted Woodpecker with its distinctive dirty underparts. Also in this area we were treated to more superb views of the local form of the African Blue Tit with its slate coloured upperparts and a Great Tit like dark line on the centre of the breast.

So after the nice lunch stop we headed on up towards Mount Teide but on arrival at the junction at Boca de Tauce we found the road was closed which was presumably associated with damage caused by the previously mentioned hurricane. This meant we would be unable to transverse the caldera of Cañadas del Teide, for now, and so we went back to Vilaflor the way we came up but instead of taking the road back to San Miguel we went along the valley to Granadilla which produced a few *Soebus canariensis* which is a rare and localised species found only on Tenerife and the neighbouring island of Gran Canaria. We rejoined the motorway near San Isidro and then took the motorway north-east along the coast until we passed through the only tunnel on the road and turned inland towards Güímar and the hotel Finca Salamanca which was to be our base for the first four nights of the tour.

Day 2

Sunday 28th February

Today was an exploration of the north coast of Tenerife and we started to the west of Puerto de La Cruz at the Mirador La Grimona. By looking at the vegetated cliff on the inland side of the lookout we soon located a few Laurel Pigeons and got some great views through the scope of a couple of perched birds. This was also quite a good location for butterflies and we got some superb views of the endemic Canary Island Large White plus Indian Red Admiral, Red Admiral and Cleopatra. We also had our first looks at the Western Canaries Lizard although they were not as obliging as they were in previous years. Moving on, but only a short distance, our next brief stop was at the Barranco de Ruiz where Hugh photographed a Darter which on our return was identified as Island Darter *Sympetrum nigrifemur* which is a rare dragonfly on Tenerife and one of the highlights of the tour. We also saw a Canary Island Robin briefly and some interesting plants which included the unusual plate like *Aeonium tabuliforme* and the large, white flowered shrub *Echium giganteum*.

Continuing westwards we arrived at the north western tip of Tenerife the spectacular sea cliffs of Punta de Teno. This area is particularly rich in plant life including *Euphorbia aphylla*, *Euphorbia atropurpurea*, *Sonchus radicans*, *Cheirolophus burchardii*, *Argyranthemum coronopifolium*, *Vieraea laevigata*, *Polycarphaeae carnosae* and the rare and localised *Limonium fruticosum* to name but a few. Also this area is a known nesting site for Barbary Falcon and after some frustration we located a pair of these magnificent birds and were treated to some excellent views as they flew around the cliffs, we even enjoyed one bird in a stoop after Rock Doves but could not see if it was successful.

Our picnic was taken close to Buenavista and there was a minor distraction when a Monarch Butterfly flew passed but unfortunately it didn't wait around for the photographers among us. In the afternoon we took the track towards Monte del Agua where we searched for the other Canary Island endemic pigeon, the Bolle's Pigeon. Regrettably this was not as easy to see as its counterpart and only a few of the group managed to get some glimpses of this laurel forest specialist. Another thing we were on the lookout for in this area was a flowering *Isoplexis canariensis* but even though we saw many plants we couldn't find a single one in flower which was a little disappointing. However the bell-shaped blooms of the *Canarina canariensis* were some compensation and a popular subject for those with cameras.

Our final destination for the day was the second most popular tourist spot on Tenerife, the highly scenic, very impressive but not easy to drive Valle de Masca. The views were spectacular – we limited our stops to one on the way into Masca and then one at the top of the ridge as we left the gorge. This second stop was a good one for the botanists among us as we were able to locate a few examples of the endemic *Orchis canariensis* near by.

Day 3

Monday 1st March

An early start this morning because we had a ferry to catch to the small neighbouring island of La Gomera. The sea crossing was rather uneventful but we did get some superb views of Cory's Shearwater and we were able to study their effortless flight as they sheared the waves. Once on La Gomera our first port of call was the town park where we searched rather unsuccessfully for the small butterfly African Grass Blue but some of us did get some brief views of a Monarch. The big surprise was the discovery, among a small group of Spanish Sparrows, of a male House Sparrow which was found by John and Paul and might prove to be the first record of this species for La Gomera!

Going inland from the island capital of San Sebastian we followed the road along the Barranco de la Villa and stopped for a short walk along one of the old sections of road. This was a botanical stop and we saw a few nice things here and further up the barranco including *Sideritis gomeraea*, *Dichranthus plocamoides*, *Greenovia diplocycla*, three species of *Aeonium* (*decorum*, *castello-paivae* and *subplanum*) and the common *Sonchus hierrensis*. We continued driving and were soon within the boundaries of the Garajonay National Park which contains a large area of Atlantic Laurel forest and was declared a world heritage site in 1986. We stopped at the Mirador del Rejo but the weather was beginning to turn against us as the rain started to fall. We still saw a couple of Laurel Pigeons but viewing conditions were getting worse and to be honest we had much better looks at this species yesterday on Tenerife.

The weather at the picnic area at La Laguna Grande was no better, in fact it was getting heavier, but a few words in the ear of the restaurant owner and he gave us permission to eat under cover in the bar. This wasn't ideal but it was much better than getting absolutely soaked. Also in the vicinity of the bar we got some great views of the local race of Chaffinch plus most of us got some nice views, during breaks in the weather, of the Tenerife Kinglet which is obviously very closely related to the Goldcrest and some authors consider that it is just a subspecies and does not deserve specific status.

After lunch back at the Mirador de Bailadero we saw our only Bolle's Pigeon of the day plus a fine example of the endemic *Euphorbia lambii* and a few examples of another Gomeran endemic *Echium acanthocarpum*, which we had also seen earlier in the day. We moved on from here to an area known as Los Roques where the three volcanic plugs, Roque de Agando (1251m), Roque de la Zarcita (1223m) and Roque de Ojila (1171m), are now protected as they have been given natural monument status. The views of these rock towers were spectacular and we found a few plants in the area including two orchids, *Gennaria diphylla* and the endemic *Habenaria tridactylites*.

All too soon it was time to head back to San Sebastian to catch the return ferry to Tenerife but on the way we managed to add Corn Bunting to the bird list and the endemic *Argyranthemum callichrysum* with its distinctive pale yellow flowers. The return crossing on the ferry was almost as uneventful as the one in the morning but we did see three Atlantic Spotted Dolphins and David and Ann were fortunate enough to see the only Short-finned Pilot Whale of the trip.

Day 4

Tuesday 2nd March

Today had been designed so we would be able to explore the north-eastern part of Tenerife, the Anaga Peninsula. Our first stop for the day was at the picnic area on Monte Las Mercedes where we had some great views of two perched Bolle's Pigeons, a Canary Island Robin, a few of the endemic local race of the Common Chaffinch *F. c. canariensis* and a couple of Tenerife Kinglets as well as a few plants, some interesting lichens including the large epiphytic *Lobaria pulmonaria* and an impressive fungus, *Laurobasidium lauri*, growing on one of the laurel trees.

From here we moved on to Cruz del Carmen where we had a look around the display in the visitors centre and took advantage of the facilities provided. Continuing on our next port of call was on the northern side of the ridge, through the village of Las Carboneras to the small settlement of Chinamada.

From here we did the short walk to the lookout which was really just a nice stroll to look at a few different plants but Paul and Tony did get some good views of a Barbary Falcon from the lookout. The plants in this area included *Limonium macrophyllum*, *Lotus dumetorum*, *Aeonium lindleyi* and *Sideritis dendro-chaborra* were all seen easily but unfortunately the *Habenaria tridactylites* (Canary Twayblade) had all finished flowering and were only leaves and old flower spikes. Also the *Echium simplex* hadn't started to flower so the impressive white flower spike wasn't visible and just the basal rosette of leaves could be seen. Other species seen along the roadsides in the vicinity included the giant fern *Woodwardia radicans* and the rather rare *Sideritis macrostachys* which is actually fairly numerous in this area.

The drive along the ridge towards El Bailadero was very scenic as was the journey from here back to the coast at San Andrés. Here, on the imported beach at Playa de Las Teresitas we located our only examples of Lesser Black-backed Gull seen during the tour. From this location we returned to our hotel via the coastal route and by passing through the island capital of Santa Cruz.

Day 5

Wednesday 3rd March

First thing this morning was a drive through Arafo then upwards towards Mount Teide with a few stops en route. This was mainly a repeat visit for the Blue Chaffinch but there were some excellent scenic views over the areas that had been closed off on Saturday. But this was only for those who could tear themselves away from the Blue Chaffinches and Canaries that were coming to the food put out by the restaurant in Las Cañadas. However, all too soon it was time to return to lower elevations and the airport at Los Rodeos but not before a quick lunch stop on the way down where we saw a *Adenocarpus foliolosus*, possibly the only one positively identified during the tour.

The flight across to Fuerteventura was just a short 45 minute hop in a twin propeller ATR 72 and once on the island we hired a vehicle and headed off to the south of the island towards our base for the next three nights. Unfortunately there had been a delay on the flight and so our options for the afternoon had been reduced to a quick drive through the desert before we checked in to our hotel. This proved to be a good decision as we soon located, and got some great views of, two Houbara Bustards and a few Black-bellied Sandgrouse as well as passing looks at a few *Convolvulus caput-medusae*, an interesting and uncommon endemic plant. This was a nice introduction to the fauna and flora of this island with its drier more desert-like climate.

Day 6

Thursday 4th March

Today we started with an early morning excursion onto the desert plain behind Costa Calma. Seeing a male Houbara in display was a thing that I used to dream about but nowadays it is becoming a regular feature of the Canary Islands tour. We were able to watch two birds this morning as they puffed out their neck feathers, threw their heads onto their backs and ran around like over sized headless chickens. It was a bit like watching a plastic bag blowing around the desert! We also saw some more Black-bellied Sandgrouse including some good looks at a few walking around on the ground, two pairs of very obliging and photographable Stone Curlew and half a dozen or so rather distant Cream-coloured Coursers, not bad before breakfast!

So once we had picked up everyone who had opted out of the early morning excursion we went back into the desert for a good look at the *Convolvulus caput-medusae*. This dwarf cushion shrub is endemic to the Canary Islands being found on both Fuerteventura and Gran Canaria but it is rare and only located easily at this location. However this might not be the case for long as some authorities consider that the relatively low numbers of small plants suggest that the population is not recruiting sufficient new members to maintain the species.

Next for the morning was a trip along the coast to the Barranco de la Torre, here in the inland section of this site we got our first views of the endemic Fuerteventura Stonechat (Canary Islands Chat), some great looks at a few Trumpeter Finches, a couple of nice Hoopoes and in addition three species of Dragonfly - Scarlet Darter, Blue Emperor and Sahara Bluetail. On the small dam here we located a few of the islands rarer inhabitants Ruddy Shelduck, Black-winged Stilt and Little Ringed Plover were usually seen on a couple of the larger dams but these are now dry leaving these species few places to go. As we were leaving this area a chance encounter with a pair of adult Egyptian Vultures would prove to be our only sighting of the trip and they certainly gave us some excellent views.

From here we went to the coast at Salinas del Carmen where we went to eat at the restaurant Caracolitas. After the usual excellent meal we had a look around the coastal habitat in front of the restaurant where we saw a few things including a Spoonbill, a Grey Plover and a Whimbrel. Moving on we checked the coastal section of the Barranco de la Torre but hardly surprising as it was mid afternoon there was little evidence of anything much moving around apart from a few Spectacled Warblers.

The final location for the day was the introduced vegetation near the Oasis Park zoo at La Lajita. A short walk up the hill on the opposite side of the road to the zoo and we had soon located our quarry, a recent coloniser to the Canary Islands, Laughing Dove. These birds were a little flighty but eventually we did get some good looks at a few of them. John, Karen and Tony also saw a perched Barbary Falcon but it was very distant and the views were best described as poor before it flew off low and out of sight. So that was that for today, another interesting day in the field.

Day 7

Friday 5th March

Our last full day in the field and we began the same as yesterday with a pre-breakfast excursion onto the desert plain behind Costa Calma. The species were also similar to those seen yesterday although we saw an extra Houbara Bustard this morning and a few less Cream-coloured Coursers. After breakfast we had a quick look in the plantation at Costa Calma where we saw a few Goldfinches and the local race *A. c. barterti* of Common Linnet before heading off inland.

The first major stop for the day was in the village of Pajara where within a few minutes we had located a fine adult African Blue Tit of the local race *P. u. degener* which is confined to Fuerteventura and Lanzarote and is an uncommon bird at the best of times. This one however gave us some excellent views in a hibiscus at the edge of the village car park and we could clearly see the paler greyer upperparts and the obvious white wingbar and tertial fringes, distinct differences not shown by the race on Tenerife. But unfortunately it didn't hang around long enough for all the group members to see it.

Moving on from here our next port of call was the lookout above the Presa de Las Peñitas which has been dry for a few years now but the area around the lookout still hosts a rather tame population of Barbary Ground Squirrels. We had to persevere a bit but eventually a few of these comical little rodents came out in search of food, they seem to have a liking for ham flavoured crisps! Down in the valley we parked up again and this time we went for a short walk down the barranco following the small trickle of water. Not long out of the vehicles and we spotted a rather unfamiliar looking small white butterfly which on close inspection was identified as a Green-striped White which is rarely reported on these tours. A little further along the barranco and we came across a few dragonflies including a new one for the trip, the Epaulet Skimmer.

Just a few kilometres along the road and we stopped again at the Castillo de Lara recreation area where it was time for us to have our picnic. On the approach road we saw a few Barbary Partridges and whilst eating John located an obliging African Blue Tit for those who hadn't seen the one in Pajara. Just as we were about to leave the area Paul declared that he had located a rather unusual plant, *Caralluma burchardii* is a fleshy and superficially cactus-like plant which was seemingly quite common along the access road to the barbeque area. Most of the afternoon was taken up with driving but we did add another short stop in the afternoon along the Barranco de Rio Cabras where we saw nothing much but a couple of Trumpeter Finches, a Little Ringed Plover, a Hoopoe and we heard a Canary Island Chat.

Day 8

Saturday 6th March

Our last day on the Canary Islands and we started the same as the last two with a pre-breakfast excursion onto the Costa Calma plain. As with the previous mornings we had views of Houbara Bustards, Black-bellied Sandgrouse and Cream-coloured Coursers and so we felt that getting up early was certainly well worth it. After breakfast today we left our luggage in the hotel storage room and went out for the morning session to the south of the hotel with the first stop at Morro Jable. Here at the Dunas Jandia Resort we soon located the Monk Parakeets that breed communally in the palm trees and there were a few Cattle Egrets on the grass. Another surprise here were the Sacred Ibis that were originally part of the zoo but are now feral breeders, free to come and go as they please.

Moving on from here we continued south onto the Jandia Peninsula where we easily found the main target species for the morning the rare and endangered *Euphorbia handiensis*, which is a prickly succulent that grows to about 1 metre in height and is known from only a few locations in this area. After a little searching we did manage to locate one plant that was actually in flower even though these structures were small and very inconspicuous. On our way back to the hotel for lunch we stopped briefly at Risco del Paso where we found a small flock of about seventy Sandwich Terns and the big surprise was the tame Yellow-billed Stork that was wandering around outside (only just) the bar.

After a snack at the hotel and completing the procedures of check out we had a couple of hours to kill before heading to the airport. We went for a look around the golf course and particularly around the club house where we searched for a couple of butterflies but our search was in vain and so the tour finished on a bit of a low, but after all the highs this was not going to worry us for long. All I can add is roll on next year and let's hope it will be as good as this one was!

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Species Accounts

Birds

PROCELLARIIDAE

Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea borealis*

This species was seen from the ferry between Tenerife and La Gomera and a couple off the north coast of Tenerife. Obviously our best views were from the ferry crossing and watching their aerial control and skills was a very memorable experience. The subspecies *borealis*, as a breeding bird, is confined to the Macaronesian Islands of the Azores, Madeira, Selvagens and Canary Islands.

ARDEIDAE

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Two on the outskirts of Costa Calma early morning of the 5th and a few at Morro Jable on the 6th were the only records for the trip, but they are now a regularly seen species on Fuerteventura at this time of year.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

This species was recorded in small numbers on both Tenerife and Fuerteventura, but it has been much more numerous on some of our previous trips.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

The only record for the trip this year was on the 1st, the day we visited La Gomera.

CICONIIDAE

[Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*]

The long staying escape was seen wandering around just outside the beach bar at Risco del Paso, Fuerteventura, on the 6th.

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

One typically sleepy individual at Salinas del Carmen, Fuerteventura on the 4th was the only record for the tour.

[Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*]

One was seen at Los Cristianos by a fortunate few on the 1st and then a bird was seen nesting in the grounds of the Dunas Jandia Resort on Fuerteventura on the 6th.

ANATIDAE

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

A pair was seen on the small dam along the inland section of the Barranco de la Torre, Fuerteventura on the 4th.

ACCIPITRIDAE

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus majorensis*

Two adults were seen well in flight as we left the inland section of the Barranco de la Torre on the 4th. This subspecies has only been described recently and is confined to the eastern Canary Islands.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus granti*

A single bird was seen in the Garajonay National Park on La Gomera on the 1st and was the only record during the tour. The subspecies *granti* is found on both the Canary Islands and Madeira.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo insularum*

This year we recorded this species on nearly all the days of the tour and on all the islands we visited, the only day we missed was on the first day. The maximum count this year was ten on Fuerteventura on the 5th. The subspecies *insularum* is confined to the Canary Islands.

FALCONIDAE

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus canariensis* and *dacotiae*

F. t. canariensis was a common and widespread species on Tenerife and La Gomera.

F. t. dacotiae was not so numerous and only seen on Fuerteventura.

Barbary Falcon *Falco peregrinoides*

On Tenerife two were seen very well by the whole group at Punta de Teno on the 28th and then another was seen by just Tony and Paul at Chinamada on 2nd. Then later in the week another individual was seen perched briefly by the Oasis zoo at La Lajita, Fuerteventura, on the 4th.

PHASIANIDAE

Barbary Partridge *Alectoris barbara*

Single birds were seen on both Tenerife and La Gomera and then on Fuerteventura two were seen on the 4th whilst the following day we had our best views of about five birds along the approach road to the picnic area at Castillo de Lara.

RALLIDAE

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Half a dozen were on the small dam along the Barranco de La Torre on the 4th and then one was seen briefly in the Barranco de Rio Cabras on the 5th.

OTIDIDAE

Houbara Bustard *Chlamydotis undulata fuertaventurae*

We saw our first birds during the late afternoon of the 3rd on the plain behind Costa Calma.

On the following three mornings we saw up to three birds in the same area all of which were displaying males. Being able to watch this rather bizarre behaviour is rapidly becoming both a regular feature as well as a highlight of this tour.

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Three were seen on the small irrigation dam in the Barranco de la Torre, Fuerteventura, on the 4th.

BURHINIDAE

Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus insularum*

Good views of two pairs on the 4th and a single pair on the 5th in the usual desert area behind Costa Calma, Fuerteventura. This subspecies is endemic to the eastern Canary Islands.

GLAREOLIDAE

Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor*

This species was seen daily on the Costa Calma plain although it was never common and usually a little difficult to locate as none of these birds came close to the vehicles.

CHARADRIIDAE

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

This year this species was only recorded from Fuerteventura in very low numbers, a pair in the Barranco de La Torre on the 4th and at least one in the Barranco de Rio Cabras the following day.

Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

This species was only recorded from Fuerteventura when birds were seen at the Salinas del Carmen on the 4th.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

The only record for the tour this year was a solitary bird on the Costa Calma plain on the 4th.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

The only one recorded on the tour was a lone individual at Salinas del Carmen, Fuerteventura on the 4th.

SCOLOPACIDAE

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

The only record was one at Las Salinas del Carmen on Fuerteventura on the 4th.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Only recorded at Barranco de la Torre, Fuerteventura where one was seen on the 4th.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Rather scarce this year with just one record from the Salinas del Carmen on the 4th.

LARIDAE

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

The only record for the tour this year were three on the beach at Las Terisitas, Tenerife, on the 2nd.

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis atlantis*

A common and widespread species, which was seen daily and on all the islands visited.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

This year we recorded this species only once on Fuerteventura where a flock of about seventy birds were at Risco del Paso on the 6th.

PTEROCLIDIDAE

Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis*

Only recorded on the plains behind Costa Calma, where it was seen daily and on occasions the views of birds on the ground were excellent.

COLUMBIDAE

Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*

Feral Pigeon was recorded on all days of the tour but some genuine looking Rock Doves were seen in the mountainous regions of Tenerife, particularly at Punta de Teno.

Bolle's Pigeon *Columba bollii*

This species was seen on three dates and on both Tenerife and La Gomera. Unquestionably the best views were those we saw perched at Monte Las Mercedes on the 2nd. This bird is endemic to the western Canary Islands, where it is restricted to areas of native Laurel forest.

Laurel Pigeon *Columba junoniae*

We had some great views of this species on Tenerife at Mirador de Lagrimona on the 28th and a couple were also seen briefly when we visited La Gomera. As with the previous species this is a western Canary Islands endemic.

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*

This species was seen daily on Fuerteventura with a maximum concentration at La Lajita on the 4th. Clearly this recent coloniser is becoming more numerous and well established as the years progress.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

Seen on all days and on all islands visited, not so many years ago this was a rare bird in the islands.

Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

The only record of this species was three on Fuerteventura on the 5th at Vega de Rio Palmas.

PSITTACIDAE

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus*

At least 20 birds were seen around the Dunas Jandia Resort on the outskirts of Morro Jable, Fuerteventura.

APODIDAE

Common Swift *Apus apus*

One was seen on Fuerteventura by John on the 5th.

Plain Swift *Apus unicolor*

Seen on all the main islands visited but it was nowhere common, indeed it was rather scarce this year and was only positively identified once on Fuerteventura.

UPUPIDAE

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

This species was seen daily on Fuerteventura but it was not common on any date.

PICIDAE

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major canariensis*

This year three were seen at the Las Lajas picnic area on Tenerife where we stopped for our lunch despite the obvious warnings against this. The views we had were excellent although they were not as easy to see as in previous years. This endemic subspecies is dirtier on the underparts than the form in the UK.

ALAUDIDAE

Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens polatzeki*

This is a fairly common bird on Fuerteventura and we got some good views of quite a few birds on the desert plain behind Costa Calma.

HIRUNDINIDAE

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

The only one of the tour this year was seen by a few as we waited for the ferry in Los Cristianos, Tenerife, on the 1st.

MOTACILLIDAE

Berthelot's Pipit *Anthus berthelotii berthelotii*

We saw this species on six dates this year but it was seen daily in small numbers on Fuerteventura. The nominate subspecies is found on the Ilheus Selvagens as well as on the Canary Islands. The species is endemic to the Macaronesian Islands as it is also found on Madeira.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea canariensis*

This endemic subspecies was recorded only from Tenerife and only a small number were recorded in total.

TURDIDAE

Canary Island Robin *Erithacus superbus*

Rather rare this year and only seen on the 28th and the 2nd. On the second date this species was seen by the majority of the group around the picnic area at Monte Las Mercedes. This recent split is endemic to Tenerife and Gran Canaria.

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*

One was seen in the grounds of the Hotel Sol Gorriones, Fuerteventura, on the 5th but it was only seen by a few of us.

Canary Islands Stonechat *Saxicola dacotiae*

This species is confined to the island of Fuerteventura where we recorded it along the inland section of the Barranco de la Torre on the 4th and then the following day it was heard along the Barranco de Rio Cabras.

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula cabreræ*

This endemic subspecies was a common feature of the avifauna on both Tenerife and La Gomera.

SYLVIIDAE

Spectacled Warbler *Sylvia conspicillata orbitalis*

Our only records this year were from Fuerteventura where it was a fairly common resident. The best views were obtained along the Barranco de La Torre where some of the birds obligingly sang from the tops of bushes.

Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala leucogastra*

This species was heard on Tenerife and La Gomera but the only birds seen were on Fuerteventura at the Barranco de La Torre on the 4th and it was quite common at Vega de Rio Palmas on the 5th. This subspecies is confined to the Canary Islands but the taxonomy of this bird within the islands is uncertain.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla heineken*

This form which is also found in mainland Spain and in North Africa was seen on Tenerife and also heard on La Gomera. We also recorded this species on Fuerteventura but the subspecies there is unknown.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

The only record this year was a bird that was heard in the Costa Calma plantation on Fuerteventura on the 5th.

Canary Islands Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus canariensis*

This recently recognised endemic species is probably one of the commonest birds on both Tenerife and La Gomera.

Tenerife Kinglet *Regulus teneriffae*

This year we saw this species during our visit to the Garajonay National Park on La Gomera on the 1st and then the following day in the Monte Las Mercedes area of Tenerife.

PARIDAE

African Blue Tit *Cyanistes teneriffae teneriffae* and *degener*

The *teneriffae* subspecies was common in the forested areas of Tenerife and La Gomera but the *degener* subspecies is a rare and localised bird on Fuerteventura which we only located at Pajara and at along the barranco at Vega de Rio Palmas on the 5th.

LANIIDAE

Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis koenigi*

Only recorded on Fuerteventura where it was seen daily and is a widespread species but this year it was not a common species.

CORVIDAE

Common Raven *Corvus corax tingitanus*

A few were seen on Tenerife, particularly at Punta de Teno, but it was much more numerous on Fuerteventura where we saw it daily with a maximum of 10+ on the 5th.

PASSERIDAE

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*

Rather unusually only one was seen on Tenerife but we did see a few in the town park in San Sebastian on La Gomera and then it was seen daily on Fuerteventura. It is very common around the hotel on Fuerteventura which is no surprise as its name is taken from the Spanish for sparrow which is Gorrion.

FRINGILLIDAE

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs canariensis*

This subspecies which is found on the central Canary Islands was seen well by everybody at Monte Las Mercedes on Tenerife and in the Garajonay National Park on La Gomera.

Blue Chaffinch *Fringilla teydea teydea*

This year we only saw this species on the first day at the Las Lajas recreation area and then on the 3rd at Las Cañadas. As usual the birds performed well and gave ample opportunity for those with cameras.

Atlantic Canary *Serinus canaria*

This was a common and widespread species on both Tenerife and La Gomera. This bird is endemic to the Macaronesian Islands of Azores, Madeira and Canary Islands.

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis parva*

This year only recorded from Fuerteventura in the plantation at Costa Calma and along the valley at Vega de Rio Palmas on the 5th.

Linnet *Acanthis cannabina*

A. c. meadewaldoi was seen in the fields as we drove up and down Mount Teide on our first day on Tenerife,

A. c. barterti was recorded in small numbers on Fuerteventura mainly in the Costa

Calma plantation and around the hotel.

Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githagineus amantum*

Only recorded from Fuerteventura where we saw in excess of 10 birds in the Barranco de La Torre on the morning of the 4th.

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*

The only bird seen this year was a lone individual on wires as we drove back to San Sebastian de La Gomera on the 1st.

Mammals

Spotted Dolphin *Stenella frontalis*

Short-finned Pilot Whale *Globicephala macrorhynchus*

Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

Barbary Ground Squirrel *Atlantoxerus getulus*

Reptiles

Tenerife Lizard *Gallotia galloti*

Fuerteventura Lizard *Gallotia atlantica*

Canary Island Gecko *Tarentola delalandii*

Moths

Abrostola canariensis

Butterflies

Canary Islands Large White *Pieris cheiranthi*

Small White *Pieris rapae*

Green-striped White *Euchloe belemia*

Greenish Black-Tip *Euchloe charlonia*

Monarch *Danaus plexippus*

Canary Red Admiral *Vanessa vulcania* – recent studies have concluded that this should be treated as a full species in its own right and not a subspecies of the Indian Red Admiral.

Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*

Cleopatra *Gonepteryx cleopatra*

Dragonflies

Broad Scarlet *Crocothemis erythraea*Epaulet Skimmer *Orthetrum chrysostigma*Emperor *Anax imperator*Sahara Bluetail *Ischnura sabarensis*Island Darter *Sympetrum nigrifemur*

Bees

Bombus canariensis (solitary - black body - white tail)*Amegilla quadrifasciata* (solitary - black and white stripes)

Plants

* = Atlantic Island Endemic

Ω = Canary Island Endemic

Φ = Island Endemic

Group/Species	English Name(If any)	Location
PTERIDOPHYTES		
FERNS & ALLIES		
Lycopodiaceae	Clubmoss Family	
<i>Diphasiastrum</i> sp	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
<i>Selaginella kraussiana</i>	-	-
Adiantaceae	Maidenhair Fern Family	
<i>Adiantum reniforme</i> *	Kidney-leaved Fern	Monte Las Mercedes, Anaga, Tenerife
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium aureum</i> Ω	-	-
<i>Asplenium bembionitis</i> *	Mules Fern	Monte Las Mercedes, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Irish Spleenwort	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
<i>Phyllitis sagittata</i>	-	-
Blechnaceae	Hard Fern Family	
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Hard Fern	Near Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Woodwardia radicans</i> *	-	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
Davalliaceae	Hare's-foot Fern Family	
<i>Davallia canariensis</i>	Davallia	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium macaronesticum</i>	Marcaronesium Polypody	Les Roques, La Gomera
PINOPSIDA (Gymnosperms)		
CONIFERS		
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Pinus canariensis</i> Ω	Canary Islands Pine	La Lajas, Tenerife

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MAGNOLIOPSIDA (Angiosperms)	FLOWERING PLANTS	
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family	
<i>Aizoon canariense</i>	Canary Aizoon	Peninsula de Jandia, Fuerteventura
<i>Aizoon hispanicum</i>	Spanish Aizoon	La Lajeta, Fuerteventura
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i>	Baby Sun Rose	Mirador Bailadero, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>	-	Las Salinas, Fuerteventura
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Ice Plant	La Lajeta, Fuerteventura
Amaranthaceae	Pigweed Family	
<i>Achyranthes sicula</i>	-	Berranco de la Villa, La Gomera
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Astydamia latifolia</i>	Canary Samphire	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	
<i>Drusa glandulosa</i> Ω	-	Les Roques, La Gomera
<i>Ferula linkii</i> Ω	-	Near Buenovista, Tenerife
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family	
<i>Vinca major</i>	Greater Periwinkle	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
<i>Ilex canariensis</i> Ω	Canary Island Holly	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
<i>Ilex perado</i> subsp. <i>platyphylla</i> *	Broad-leaved Holly	Anaga Peninsula, Tenerife
<i>Tinjarra cervariaefolia</i> Ω	-	Viewpoint above San Sebastian, La Gomera
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera canariensis</i> Ω	Canary Ivy	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
Asclepiadaceae	Milkweed Family	
<i>Caralluma burchardii</i> Ω		Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura
<i>Ceropegia dichotoma</i> Ω	Tenerife Wax Plant	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Periploca laevigata</i> Ω	-	-
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>	-	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Allagopappus dichotomus</i> Ω	-	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife
<i>Andryala glandulosa</i>	-	Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura
<i>Andryala pinnatifida</i> Ω	Canary Mouse-Ear	Roadside north of Taborno, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Argyranthemum broussonetii</i> Ω	-	La Laguna, La Gomera
<i>Argyranthemum callichrysum</i> ♀	Gomera Yellow Daisy	Roadside, La Gomera
<i>Argyranthemum coronopifolium</i> ♀	Buenavista Daisy	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i> Ω	Paris Daisy	Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife
<i>Argyranthemum tenerifae</i> ♀	-	Teide National Park, Tenerife
<i>Artemisia canariensis</i> Ω	-	-
<i>Artemisia thuscula</i>	-	Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife
<i>Atalanthus pinnatus</i> Ω	Fennel-leaved Sow-thistle	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Bidens</i> sp.	Bur-marigold	Buenavista, Tenerife
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife
<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	Slender Thistle	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Carlina salicifolia</i> *	Canary Carlina Thistle	Masca Valley, Tenerife

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<i>Carlina xeranthemoides</i> Ω	-	Cañadas del Teide, Tenerife
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	-	-
<i>Cheirolophus burchardii</i> φ	Teno Knapweed	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Cheirolophus teydis</i> φ	Teide Knapweed	Cañadas del Teide, Tenerife
<i>Cotula australis</i>	Annual Buttonweed	Barranco de Ruiz, Tenerife
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	Mexican Fleabane	-
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Common
<i>Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura
<i>Gonospermum fruticosum</i> Ω	Canary Tansy	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife
<i>Iflogia spicata</i> Ω	-	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
<i>Kleinia nerifolia</i> Ω	Canary Islands Candle Plant	Common
<i>Launaea arborescens</i>	Spiny Lettuce or Barbed-Wire Bush	Common
<i>Launaea nudicaulis</i>	-	Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura
<i>Lugoa revoluta</i> φ	Tenerife Tansy	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Nauplius aquaticus</i>	Sea Daisy	-
<i>Nauplius sericeus</i> φ	Fuerteventura Sea-Daisy	Roadside, North of Parjara, Fuerteventura
<i>Pericallis cruenta</i> φ	-	Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife
<i>Pericallis echinata</i> φ	-	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Pericallis lanata</i>	-	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife
<i>Pericallis steezii</i> φ	-	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
<i>Pericallis tussilaginis</i> Ω	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Phagnalon purpurascens</i> Ω	-	Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura
<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	-	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Reichardia ligulata</i> Ω	-	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Reichardia tingitana</i>	-	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
<i>Schizogyne sericea</i> Ω	Canary Samphire	-
<i>Senecio teneriffae</i>	-	Los Roques de La Gomera
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Sonchus acaulis</i> Ω	Stemless Sow-Thistle	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	Common
<i>Sonchus canariensis</i> Ω	-	Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife
<i>Sonchus congestus</i> Ω	Anaga Sow-Thistle	Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife
<i>Sonchus gummifer</i> φ	-	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife
<i>Sonchus hierrensis</i> Ω	-	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
<i>Sonchus leptocephalus</i>	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Common
<i>Sonchus ortunoii</i> φ	Gomerian Sow-thistle	La Gomera
<i>Sonchus radicans</i> φ	Tuberous Sow-thistle	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Tragopogon hybridum</i>	Slender Salsify	-
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Mirador de Monte Grande, Tenerife
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	-	Dried up waterway, San Sebastian, La Gomera
<i>Vieraea laevigata</i> Ω	Tenerife Samphire	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Echium acanthocarpum</i> φ	Gomeran Bugloss	Above Mirador Reja, La Gomera
<i>Echium aculeatum</i> Ω	-	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Echium bonnetii</i> Ω	-	La Lajeta, Fuerteventura
<i>Echium decaisnei</i> Ω	Gran Canaria Bugloss	Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura
<i>Echium giganteum</i> φ	Giant White Bugloss	Barranco de Ruiz, Tenerife
<i>Echium leucophaeum</i> φ	-	North of San Andres, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Echium platagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura

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<i>Echium simplex</i> ♀	Silver Viper's Bugloss	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Echium strictum</i> Ω	Rough-leaved Bugloss	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Echium virescens</i> ♀	Tenerife Viper's Bugloss	Above Güímar, Tenerife
<i>Echium wildpretii</i> ♀	Teide Bugloss	Cañadas del Teide, Tenerife
<i>Heliotropium bacciferum</i>	Heliotrope	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
<i>Heliotropium ramosissimum</i>	Heliotrope	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
<i>Myosotis latifolia</i>	Broad-leaved Forget-me-not	Monte las Mercedes, Anaga, Tenerife
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Risco del Paso beach, Fuerteventura
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse	Mirador de Montana Grande, Tenerife
<i>Carrichtera annua</i>	-	Roadside near Risco del Paso, Fuerteventura
<i>Crambe arborea</i> ♀	-	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife
<i>Crambe gomeraea</i> ♀	-	Los Roques, La Gomera
<i>Crambe scaberrima</i> ♀	-	-
<i>Descurainia bourgeauana</i> *	-	Cañadas del Teide, Tenerife
<i>Descurainia millefolia</i> Ω	Canary Flixweed	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Erysimum bicolor</i> *	-	Los Roques, La Gomera
<i>Erysimum scoparium</i> ♀	Canary Islands Wallflower	Cañadas del Teide, Tenerife
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	Hoary Mustard	Los Roques de La Gomera
<i>Lobularia canariensis</i>	Canary Islands Alison	Barranco de la Villa, La Gomera
<i>Matthiola bolleana</i>	-	Roadside near Risco del Paso, Fuerteventura
<i>Notoceras bicorne</i>	-	Coasta Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Opuntia dillenii</i>	-	Barranco de la Torre, Fuerteventura
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Barbary Fig or Prickly Pear	Common
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula occidentalis</i>	-	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
<i>Canarina canariensis</i> Ω	Canary Bellflower	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Sambucus palmensis</i> Ω	-	Roadside, La Gomera
<i>Viburnum rigidum</i> Ω	Canary Islands Guelder Rose	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
Caryophyllaceae	Pink family	
<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Field Mouse-ear	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Dichranthus plocamoides</i> *	Gomoran All-Seed	Barranco de La Villa, La Gomera
<i>Paronychia canariensis</i> *	-	Los Roques, La Gomera
<i>Polycarphaea carnosa</i> *	Succulent All-Seed	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Polycarphaea nivea</i> Ω	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Sagina apetala</i>	Annual Pearlwort	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Mirador La Lagrimonas, Tenerife
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Spergularia fimbriata</i>	a Spurrey	Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Chickweed	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
Chenopodiaceae	Goosefoot Family	
<i>Atriplex glauca</i> ssp. <i>ifniensis</i>	-	La Salinas beach, Fuerteventura
<i>Atriplex semilunaris</i>	-	La Salinas beach, Fuerteventura
<i>Bassia (Chenoleoides) tomentosa</i>	-	La Salinas beach, Fuerteventura
<i>Beta</i> sp.	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife

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<i>Patellifolia patellaris</i>	-	La Salinas beach, Fuerteventura
<i>Patellifolia procumbens*</i>	-	-
<i>Salsola vermiculata</i>	-	Barranco de la Antigua, Fuerteventura
<i>Suaeda maritima</i>	-	Fuerteventura
<i>Traganum moquinii</i>	-	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
Cistaceae	Cistus Family	
<i>Cistus ladanifer</i>	Gum Cistus	Mirador de Monte Grande, Tenerife
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Cistus symphytifolius</i> Ω	-	Mirador de Chipeque, Teide, Tenerife
<i>Helianthemum canariense</i>	Canary Island Rockrose	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
Clusiaceae	St. John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum canariense*</i>	Canary St. John's Wort	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Hypericum grandifolium*</i>	Large-leaved St. John's Wort	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Hypericum reflexum*</i>	Reflexed St. John's Wort	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	-
<i>Convolvulus canariensis</i>	Canary Bindweed	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Convolvulus caput-medusae</i> Ω	Dwarf Sea-Bindweed	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
<i>Convolvulus floridus</i> Ω	Canary Tree Bindweed	-
<i>Cuscuta</i> sp.	Dodder	-
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Aeonium canariense</i> ♀	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Aeonium castello-paivae</i> ♀	-	Barranco de La Villa, La Gomera
<i>Aeonium decorum</i> Ω	-	Barranco de La Villa, La Gomera
<i>Aeonium holochrysum</i> Ω	-	Mirador de Chivsaya, Teide, Tenerife
<i>Aeonium howorthii</i> ♀	-	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Aeonium lindleyi</i> ♀	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Aeonium sedifolium</i> Ω	-	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Aeonium subplanum</i> ♀	-	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
<i>Aeonium tabulaeforme</i> ♀	Saucer Houseleek	Barranco de Ruiz, Tenerife
<i>Aeonium urbicum</i> Ω	Giant Houseleek	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Aichryson laxum</i> Ω	Annual Houseleek	Roadside near Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
<i>Aichryson parlatorei</i>	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Aichryson punctatum</i> Ω	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Crassula multicava</i>	-	Near Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Crassula tillaea</i>	Mossy Stonecrop	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Greenovia aurea</i> Ω	Golden Houseleek	Masca Valley, Tenerife
<i>Greenovia diplocycla</i> Ω	-	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera
<i>Monanthes adenocephala</i> ♀	-	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife
<i>Monanthes anagensis</i> ♀	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Monanthes laxiflora</i> Ω	-	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Monanthes pallens</i> Ω	-	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Monanthes polyphylla</i> Ω	-	-
<i>Monanthes subcrassicaulis</i> Ω	-	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	-	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort or Wall Pennywort	
Cucurbitaceae	White Bryony Family	
<i>Bryonia verucosa</i> Ω	-	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife

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Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Pterocephalus dumetorum</i> Ω	-	Cañadas del Teide, Tenerife
<i>Pterocephalus lasiospermus</i> φ	-	Mirador la Crucita, Teide National Park, Tenerife
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Arbutus canariensis</i> Ω	Canary Strawberry Tree	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heath	Monte del Agua, Tenerife
<i>Erica scoparia</i>	Besom Heath	Mirador Cruz del Carmen, Anaga, Tenerife
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia aphylla</i> Ω	Leafless Spurge	Punta del Teno, Tenerife
<i>Euphorbia atropurpurea</i> Ω	-	Punta del Teno, Tenerife
<i>Euphorbia balsamifera</i>	-	Dry slopes north of Pajara, Fuerteventura
<i>Euphorbia berthelotii</i> Ω	-	Barranco de La Villa, La Gomera
<i>Euphorbia broussonetii</i> Ω	-	Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife
<i>Euphorbia c.f. prostrata</i>	Prostrate Spurge	Near Tarajalego, Fuerteventura
<i>Euphorbia canariensis</i> Ω	Canary Islands Cactus-Spurge	North of San Andres, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Euphorbia handiensis</i> φ	-	Punta de Jandia, Fuerteventura
<i>Euphorbia lambii</i> φ	Gomera Spurge	Mirador de El Bailadero, La Gomera
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	Buenavista, Tenerife
<i>Euphorbia regis-jubae</i>	Common Canary Spurge	Dry slopes north of Pajara, Fuerteventura
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil Plant	Common on roadsides
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Acacia cyclops</i>	-	-
<i>Adenocarpus foliolosus</i> Ω	Sticky Broom	North of Arafa, Tenerife
<i>Adenocarpus viscosus</i> Ω	Teide Sticky Broom	Cañadas del Teide, Tenerife
<i>Astragalus solandri</i>	-	Roadside west of Costa Calm, Fuerteventura
<i>Cassia didymobotrya</i>	Popcorn Bush	Planted
<i>Chamaecytisus proliferus</i> Ω	Tagasaste	Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	-	Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura
<i>Lotus dumetorum</i> φ	San Andrés Birdsfoot Trefoil	-
<i>Lotus glinoides</i>	-	Roadside north of Pajara, Fuerteventura
<i>Lotus lancerottensis</i> Ω	-	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
<i>Lotus sessilifolius</i> Ω	-	-
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Buenavista, Tenerife
<i>Ononis hebecarpa</i>	Sticky Restharrow	Costa Calma plain
<i>Ononis natrix</i>	Large Yellow Restharrow	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife
<i>Scoparius muricata</i>	Scorpion Vetch	Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura
<i>Spartocytisus supranubius</i> Ω	Teide White Broom	Cañadas del Teide, Tenerife
<i>Spartum junceum</i>	-	Common on roadsides
<i>Teline canariensis</i> Ω	-	Near Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Teline stenopetala</i> Ω	-	Mirador de El Bailadero, La Gomera
<i>Trifolium campestris</i>	Hop Trefoil	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Clover	-
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	-
<i>Vicia benghalensis</i>	Purple Vetch	North of Pajara, Fuerteventura

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Frankeniaceae <i>Frankenia capitata</i> <i>Frankenia ericifolia</i>	Sea Heath Family Canary Islands Sea Heath -	- Punta del Teno, Tenerife
Fumariaceae <i>Fumaria capreolata</i> <i>Fumaria coccinea</i> <i>Fumaria montana</i>	Fumitory Family White Ramping Fumitory - -	Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura - Mirador de El Bailadero, La Gomera
Geraniaceae <i>Erodium malacoides</i> <i>Erodium moschatum</i> <i>Geranium canariense</i> Ω <i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Geranium Family Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Musk Stork's-bill Canary Islands Crane's-bill Little Robin	Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife Barranco de Ruiz, Tenerife La Laguna, La Gomera Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
Lamiaceae <i>Bystropogon canariensis</i> Ω	Dead-nettle Family Canary Island Mint	Mirador la Crucita, Teide National Park, Tenerife
<i>Cedronella canariensis</i> Ω <i>Lavandula buchii</i> ♀ <i>Lavandula minutolii</i> Ω <i>Lavandula multifida subsp.canariensis</i> Ω <i>Micromeria varia</i> Ω <i>Salvia</i> sp. <i>Sideritis cretica</i> Ω <i>Sideritis dendro-chaborra</i> ♀ <i>Sideritis gomeraea</i> ♀ <i>Sideritis lotsyi</i> ♀ <i>Sideritis macrostachys</i> ♀ <i>Sideritis nervosa</i> ♀ <i>Sideritis roteneriffae</i> ♀ <i>Sideritis soluta</i> ♀	Balm of Gilead - - Canary Islands Lavender Common Canary Savory a Clary Teno False Sage Anaga False Sage - White False Sage - - -	La Gomera Punta de Teno, Tenerife - Punta de Teno, Tenerife Barranco de la Villa, La Gomera Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura Punta de Teno , Tenerife Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Barranco de la Villa, La Gomera Los Roques de La Gomera Near Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Punta de Teno , Tenerife Mirador de Chivsoya Mirador la Crucita, Teide National Park, Tenerife Barranco de la Villa, La Gomera Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Sideritis spicata</i> ♀ <i>Stachys arvensis</i>	- Field Woundwort	Barranco de la Villa, La Gomera Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
Lauraceae <i>Laurus novo-canariensis</i> * <i>Persea indica</i>	Laurel Family Azores Laurel Wild Mahogany	Monte Las Mercedes, Anaga, Tenerife -
Malvaceae <i>Lavatera acerifolia</i> Ω	Mallow Family Canary Tree Mallow	Punta de Teno, Tenerife
Myricaceae <i>Myrica faya</i>	Bog-myrtle Family Wax Myrtle	-
Oleaceae <i>Jasminum odoratissimum</i> Ω	Olive Family -	North of San Andres, Anaga, Tenerife
Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Wood Sorrel Family Bermuda Buttercup	Very Common
Orobanchaceae <i>Cistanche phelypaea</i>	Broomrape Family Cistanche	Roadside west of Costa Calma, Fuerteventura

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Papaveraceae <i>Eschscholzia californica</i> <i>Papaver somnifera</i>	Poppy Family California Poppy Opium Poppy	South of San Miguel, Tenerife Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife
Plantaginaceae <i>Plantago arborescens</i> * <i>Plantago aschersonii</i> Ω <i>Plantago lagopus</i> <i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Plantain Family Canarian Shrubby Plantain - Hare's-foot Plantain Ribwort Plantain	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife - Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife Common
Plumbaginaceae <i>Limonium arborescens</i> ♀ <i>Limonium fruticosum</i> ♀ <i>Limonium macrophyllum</i> ♀ <i>Limonium pectinatum</i> Ω	Thrift Family - Tenerife Sea-Lavender Dwarf Sea-Lavender	Barranco de Ruiz, Tenerife Punta del Teno, Tenerife Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Punta de Teno, Tenerife
Polygonaceae <i>Emex spinosa</i> <i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i> <i>Rumex lunaria</i> * <i>Rumex maderensis</i> <i>Rumex vesicarius</i>	Dock Family Emex Horned Dock Canary Islands Sorrel Madeiran Sorrel -	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Common Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife La Lajeta, Fuerteventura
Portulacaceae <i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Blinks Family Common Purslane	San Sebastian Park, La Gomera
Primulaceae <i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Primrose Family Scarlet Pimpernel	-
Ranunculaceae <i>Ranunculus cortusifolius</i> *	Buttercup Family Atlantic Islands Buttercup	Common
Resedaceae <i>Reseda lancelotae</i> Ω <i>Reseda lutea</i>	Mignonette Family - Mignonette	Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura -
Rhamnaceae <i>Rhamnus crenulata</i> Ω <i>Rhamnus glandulosa</i> *	Buckthorn Family - -	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife La Laguna, La Gomera
Rosaceae <i>Geum urbanum</i> <i>Marcetella moquiniana</i> Ω <i>Prunus lusitanica</i> subsp. <i>bixa</i> <i>Rubus ulmifolius</i>	Rose Family Herb Bennet Red Shrubby Burnet - a Bramble	Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife - -
Rubiaceae <i>Galium aparine</i> <i>Phyllis nobla</i> * <i>Plocama pendula</i> Ω <i>Rubia fruticosa</i> Ω <i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Bedstraw Family Cleavers Capitana Balo Madder Field Madder	Tenerife Mirador Rejo, La Gomera Roadside south of Vilaflor La Laguna, La Gomera Monte del Agua, Tenerife
Salicaceae <i>Salix canariensis</i> *	Willow & Poplar Family Canary Willow	Mirador Rejo, La Gomera

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Sapotaceae <i>Sideroxylon marmulano</i>	Star Apple Family -	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
Scrophulariaceae <i>Campylanthus salsoloides</i> Ω <i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> <i>Isoplexus canariensis</i> Ω <i>Misopates orontium</i> <i>Salvia</i> sp. <i>Scrophularia glabrata</i> Ω <i>Scrophularia smithii</i> Ω	Figwort Family - Ivy-leaved Toadflax Isoplexus Weasel Snout a Clary Canary Figwort	Ladera de Guimar, Tenerife Near Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Monte del Agua, Tenerife Mirador Bailadero, Anaga, Tenerife Vega de Río Palmas, Fuerteventura Mirador Chipeque, Teide National Park, Tenerife Las Mercedes, Anaga, Tenerife
Solanaceae <i>Datura innoxia</i> <i>Datura stramonium</i> <i>Lycium intricatum</i> <i>Nicotiana glauca</i> <i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Nightshade Family a Datura Thornapple - a Tobacco Black Nightshade	- Dried up waterway, San Sebastian, La Gomera Costa Calma Plain, Fuerteventura Common on Roadsides Mirador de Monte Grande, Tenerife
Tamaricaceae <i>Tamarix canariensis</i>	Tamarisk Family Canary Island Tamarisk	Roadsides near Vilaflor, Tenerife
Thymelaeaceae <i>Daphne gnidium</i>	Mezereon Family -	Mirador de Montana Grande
Urticaceae <i>Forsskaolea angustifolia</i> * <i>Gesnouinia arborea</i> * <i>Parietaria filamentososa</i> * <i>Urtica morifolia</i> *	Nettle Family Narrow-leaved Forskolea Tree Pellitory Canarian Wall Pellitory	Common Mirador Rejo, La Gomera Punta de Teno, Tenerife Mirador de El Bailadero, La Gomera
Zygophyllaceae <i>Fagonia albiflora</i> <i>Fagonia cretica</i> <i>Zygophyllum fontanesii</i>	Caltrop Family - - Canarian Bean-Caper	Punto de Teno, Tenerife Vega de Río Palmas, Fuerteventura La Salinas beach, Fuerteventura

***Liliidae* (Monocotyledons)**

Agavaceae <i>Agave americana</i> <i>Agave attenuata</i> <i>Agave sisalana</i>	Century Plant Family Century Plant - Sisal	Commonly naturalised Planted Planted
Araceae <i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Arum Family Friar's Cowl (leaves)	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
Arecaceae <i>Phoenix canariensis</i> Ω	Palm Family Canary Palm	Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife

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Cyperaceae <i>Cyperus capitatus</i>	Sedge Family -	Roadside west of Costa Calm, Fuerteventura
Iridiaceae <i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Iris Family Field Gladiolus	Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
Juncaceae <i>Juncus acutus</i> <i>Luzula canariensis</i> Ω	Rush Family Sharp Rush Canary Woodrush	Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura Mirador Cruz del Carmen, Anaga, Tenerife
Liliaceae <i>Allium roseum</i> <i>Aloe succotrina</i> <i>Aloe vera</i> <i>Asparagus pastorianus</i> <i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Lily Family Rosy Garlic - - - Common Asphodel	Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife Planted Becoming naturalised Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura Viewpoint above San Sebastian, La Gomera
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i> <i>Dipcardi serotinum</i> <i>Dracaena draco</i> * <i>Muscari comosum</i> <i>Romulea grandiscapa</i> Ω <i>Scilla haemorrhoidalis</i> Ω <i>Smilax aspera</i>	Hollow-leaved Asphodel Brown Bluebell Dragon Tree Tassel Hyacinth Canary Crocus	Roadside north of Pajara, Fuerteventura Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Urginea maritima</i> (leaves only)	Smilax Sea Squill	Mirador Cruz del Carmen, Anaga, Tenerife Roadside north of San Miguel, Tenerife
Orchidaceae <i>Gennaria diphylla</i> <i>Habenaria tridactylites</i> Ω <i>Orchis canariensis</i> Ω	Orchid Family Gennaria Canary Twayblade Canary Orchid	Los Roques, La Gomera Los Roques, La Gomera Masca Valley, Tenerife
Poaceae <i>Anisantha diandra</i> <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> <i>Arundo donax</i> <i>Avena barbata</i> <i>Avena canariensis</i> <i>Briža maxima</i> <i>Briža media</i> <i>Briža minor</i> <i>Bromus rubens</i> <i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i> <i>Ceratochloa cathartica</i> <i>Dactylis smitbii</i> * <i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> <i>Eremopogon foveolatus</i> <i>Hyparrhenia birta</i> <i>Lamarckia aurea</i> <i>Lolium perenne</i> <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> <i>Phalaris paradoxa</i> <i>Phragmites communis</i>	Grass Family Great Brome Sweet Vernal Grass Giant Reed Bristle Oat Canary Oat Greater Quaking Grass Quaking Grass Annual Quaking Grass - Sandbur Rescue Brome - Hairy Finger-grass - Lamarck's Golden Grass Perennial Rye-grass - Awned Canary Grass Common Reed	Los Roques, La Gomera Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife Buenavista, Tenerife - Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Tenerife and La Gomera Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura Punto de Teno, Tenerife North of Pajara, Fuerteventura Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura Common on Roadsides Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura Vega de Rio Palmas, Fuerteventura

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<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	Mirador de Lagrimonas, Tenerife
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Annual Beard-grass	Castillo de Lara, Fuerteventura
<i>Setaria verticillata</i>	Rough Bristle Grass	San Sebastian Park, La Gomera
<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>	Buffalo Grass	Park, San Sebastian, La Gomera
<i>Stipa capensis</i>	Cape Feather-grass	Buena Vista, Tenerife
<i>Stipa neesiana</i>	-	Near Tarajalego, Fuerteventura
<i>Tricholaena teneriffae</i>	-	Roadsides, Chinamada, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	Squirrel-tail Fescue	Mirador de Monte Grande, Tenerife

NB.

* = Atlantic Island Endemic

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Lower Plants

Lichens

<i>Lobaria pulmonaria</i>	Lungwort	Monte Las Mercedes, Anaga, Tenerife
<i>Stereocaulon sp</i>	-	Los Roques, La Gomera
<i>Teloschistes flavicans</i>	Golden Hair Lichen	Los Roques, La Gomera
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	-	Los Roques, La Gomera

Fungi

<i>Laurobasidium laurii</i>	Madeiran Laurel Fungus	Monte Las Mercedes, Anaga, Tenerife
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