Corsica - The Scented Isle

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Pancratium illyricum

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Day 1

Sunday 3rd May

After an early departure from Gatwick, we arrived in Bastia around 9.30 am. From the airport, we drove south down the flat coastal plain and then followed the Golu River inland to Ponte Leccia, where we relaxed over coffee. We then drove north and along the scenic coast to Calvi. Everywhere, the hillsides were covered in the characteristic maquis, made colourful with yellow Broom, pink and white Cistus and purple French Lavender. A stop in Calvi, to pick up provisions, allowed a brief exploration of this interesting old port and its busy marina, before we set off south. We rejoined the coast, at a small rocky bay near Galeria, where we enjoyed our lunch, to the unusual accompaniment of a loud Rock Music: the car park had been the venue, the previous day, for Corsica's first-ever Motorbike Festival! Growing on the rocks here were Corsican Stork's-bill *Erodium corsicum* and a Sea Lavender *Limonium corsicum*, two of Corsica's more localised endemic plants.

The road south is one of Corsica's most dramatic roads, with many twists and turns through the maquis-clad granite hills and views of the rocky coastline, far below. A couple of stops allowed a leg-stretch and a chance to familiarise ourselves with some of the more common plants. Overhead and along the coast, an interesting variety of birds included Osprey, Golden Eagle, a number of Ravens and a small party of Bee-eaters. The maquis was, typically, very quiet but we did see our first small flock of Corsican Finch and a couple of Blue Rock Thrush in their classic habitat, on the dramatic red granite cliffs on the approach to Porto. From here we made the long ascent inland to Evisa, arriving around 6.30pm. Once we were settled into our rooms we met up for a hearty dinner and, after checklists and an outline of the days ahead, we retired to bed after along day.

Day 2

Monday 4th May

After yesterday's travelling, an easier day was welcome. A little way above the village, we entered the extensive Aitone Forest, where the straight-trunked Corsican Pine is the dominant tree, along with Silver Fir and Holly. The Corsican Hellebore *Helleborus argutifolius*, a familiar plant in our gardens, and *Cyclamen repandum* were conspicuous components of the ground flora. We walked to the ruins of an old Chestnut mill, where *Saxifraga rotundifolia* and curtains of the endemic Corsican Bog Asphodel *Narthecium reverchonii* clung to the damp rocks by a waterfall. A Corsican Painted Frog was found in one of the small pools and a pair of White-throated Dippers flew to and fro from their nest under the waterfall. In the trees were Firecrest, Treecreeper and Coal Tit and we had our best views of Corsican Nuthatch, our most sought-after species and one that remained largely elusive for the rest of the week. A damp area of forest had extensive stands of Willow-leaved Gentian *Gentiana asclepiadea* and a carpet of strong-smelling Corsican Mint *Mentha requienii*.

We moved on to have lunch at the Col de Sevi, at 1,100 metres, where a patient search on a scrubby hillside revealed our only Marmora's Warbler of the week. Moving down to the coast, we visited the mouth of the Liamone River. It was stiflingly hot, with the temperature approaching 30°C. Away from the maquis and forest, not surprisingly, there was a different range of birds, albeit in very small numbers. On patches of mud, seven species of wader included Black-winged Stilt, Kentish Plover and Curlew Sandpiper, the reeds held Great and Eurasian Reed Warblers and on the seaward side we were lucky enough to find two Audouin's Gull. Along the shore a narrow strip of dunes had an interesting coastal flora with Yellow Horned-poppy *Glaucium flavum*, Sea Bindweed *Calystegia soldanella*, Sea Medick *Medicago marina*, Three-horned Stock *Matthiola tricuspidata* and the rare

endemic Catchfly *Silene sericea*, its sticky leaves covered in grains of sand. The dunes slacks, just inland, had more birds, which included Corn Bunting, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, a couple of Stock Dove and a single Tawny Pipit. A special find, just before leaving, was a magnificent Hermann's Tortoise. On the way we stopped near a huge landfill site, where numbers of Red Kite, Black Kite, Buzzard and Raven were congregating to feed on the rich pickings.

Day 3

Tuesday 5th May

After breakfast, a stroll down the long main street of Evisa brought us to the start of our 700 metre descent down the Spelunca Gorge. The old mule trail was once Evisa's connection with the outside world, before the building of the tortuous modern road. Parts of it are still intact but floods and the passage of time have rendered much of it quite rough underfoot. We descended through the maquis, under a high canopy of mature Tree Heather *Erica arborea* and Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo*, where botanical highlights included more *Gyclamen repandum*, Dense-flowered Orchid *Neotinea intacta*, the delicate white, endemic Snowflake, *Acis longifolia* and the curious flowers of *Aristolochia tyrrhena*. The high-pitched call of Firecrest could be heard in the treetops but, apart from the raucous call of Jays, little birdlife was evident. We were relieved to reach the river and the recently-restored Genoese, Zaglia Bridge, where we enjoyed our lunch. The rest of the walk followed the river, punctuated by the beautiful, scented white blooms of the Illyrian Sea Daffodil *Pancratium illyricum*. On reaching the road, we drove up to the delightful village of Ota for relaxing drinks, where Crag Martins, Common and Alpine Swift and Barn Swallows wheeled overhead. Two minibus journeys returned us all to our hotel for another delicious evening meal.

Day 4

Wednesday 6th May

After breakfast and loading the minibuses, we left Evisa and headed up through the forest to the Col de Vergio. For a change, the morning was cloudy with a little light rain, but this soon cleared. The last of the season's *Crocus corsicus* was flowering amongst the low scrub, at the top of the ski-tows, and the silver-leaved *Helichrysum frigidum* sheltered in crevices in the granite. Among the rocks, we watched a number of the endemic Bedriaga's Rock Lizard. Birds, along the exposed ridge, included Corsican Finch, a number of Woodlark and a couple of Water Pipit. We descended to the east, through the dense pine forest, where the handsome Spurge *Euphorbia hyberna* subsp. *insularis* formed colourful drifts along the roadsides. Lower down, we stopped in a more open area of mixed Corsican Pine and Chestnuts, where we located a dozen or so of the Corsican race of Red Crossbill and a single Wryneck. Below Calacuccia, the dramatic Santa Regina Gorge was home to Blue Rock Thrush and Dipper and some notable plants included the endemic white Thrift *Armeria leucocephala* and *Saxifraga pedemontana* subsp. *cervicornis*.

After leaving the mountains, an area of maquis close to the railway provided a number of orchids, including Green-winged Orchid *Anacamptis morio*, Pink Butterfly Orchid *Anacamptis papilionacea*, Provence Orchid *Orchis provincialis*, and the dark-flowered *Ophrys incubacea*. The Warblers were difficult to spot but, after a patient search, we eventually had fleeting glimpses of a Sardinian Warbler and a couple of Moltoni's Warbler. It was a welcome relief to be back on a main road and we had time for a visit to Corte, Corsica's historic old capital, before making the final leg of the journey to our hotel below Venaco, where we arrived around 6pm.

Day 5

Thursday 7th May

On our pre-breakfast walks, we explored the maquis along the roadside, as far as the Pont Nocetta, a little way up the river from the hotel. After a lot of patience and frustration, we did manage brief sightings of Moltoni's Warbler, each morning. The weather remained hot and sunny for the rest of the week, with daily temperatures around 25°C.

After shopping in Venaco, we drove a short distance to Eiffel's dramatic railway bridge and the elegant span of the modern road bridge. The maquis was full of flowers, including the white-flowered *Cistus salvifolius*, Spotted Rockrose *Tuberaria guttata*, French Lavender *Lavandula stoechas* and some lovely specimens of the robust Heart-shaped Tongue Orchid *Serapias cordigera* and the parasitic Violet Bird's-nest Orchid *Limodorum abortivum*. Pale pink flowers of Short-leaved Stonecrop *Sedum brevifolium* clothed the rock-faces and Tyrrhenian Wall lizards scuttled everywhere. One of the few damp areas, along a diverted stream, had colonies of Tongue Orchid *Serapias lingua*, a few Twayblade *Neottia ovata* and the Wedge-lipped Orchid *Dactylorhiza saccifera*. At the end of the road, we made a short walk along a forest track, before breaking for lunch and enjoying the magnificent mountain views. Around us were magnificent stands of Branched Asphodel *Asphodelus ramosus* and some fine spikes of the pale-yellow Barton's Orchid *Dactylorhiza insularis*. After lunch, we had another leg stretch to see and photograph the colourful banks of *Cyclamen repandum*, a little way down the road.

In the afternoon, by way of a change from the maquis, we continued south through Vivario to Vizzavona railway station, the highest on Corsica's unique railway, where a cup of coffee was a popular choice. We waited to see the next trains, before heading for the top of the pass, below the imposing peak of Monte d'Oro. Ancient coppiced Beech of massive proportions forms a dense high canopy, here, and was particularly impressive with the fresh green of its young leaves. The ground flora was sparse, with leaves of the autumn-flowering *Cyclamen hederifolium* and patches of *Corydalis pumila*, that had flowered much earlier in the season. We were back at our hotel just before 6.00pm.

Day 6

Friday 8th May

The weather was perfect, again, for our walk in the Restonica valley. We stopped at the bridge for the classic view of Corte's Citadel, famously painted by Edward Lear, before the long drive up the valley. Above the forest, Crag Martins were common, below the high granite cliffs and, along the rugged skyline, we picked out Alpine Chough and a solitary, distant Lammergeier. The botanical highlight was undoubtedly the pristine white flowers of the Corsican subspecies of Alpine Pasqueflower *Pulsatilla alpina* subsp. *cyrnea*.

The group had decided to split for the afternoon walks, so we had our lunch at the cafe and bought hot drinks. Several of us then set off to Lac de Melo, while the rest opted for the easier options of either remaining around the car park, or walking down the road to a lower cafe. We climbed the popular rocky path, towards the lake, passing through banks of the low-growing endemic Corsican Alder *Alnus alnobetula* subsp. *suaveolens*, which favours wet mountain slopes. On one wet bank there were patches of Corsican Butterwort *Pinguicula corsica* and, as we climbed higher, we found plenty of *Crocus corsicus*, the little yellow Star-of-Bethlehem *Gagea solerolii* and the tiny hyacinth *Brimeura fastigiata*, dotting the turf. After a final steep rocky section and a couple of fixed ladders, to

ease our progress, we arrived at the beautiful Lac de Melo, surrounded by high cliffs and jagged ridges. It was a stunning scene, with the deep blue waters of the circular lake set against the snow-streaked hillsides, the occasional Water Pipit flitting by and plenty of Alpine Chough, ever-optimistic of picnic leftovers. We returned to the cafe for refreshments where some of the party had had a relaxing afternoon and then picked up the other walkers, who were waiting for us at the lower cafe.

Day 7

Saturday 9th May

For our final day, we had a change from the mountains and followed the river south-eastwards to the coast. After shopping for lunch in Aleria, we drove down to the coast for coffee, and explored the sandy beach. The cafe had been rebuilt after severe winter storms and piles of debris still littered the shore. Through the telescope, Scopoli's Shearwater could be seen out at sea. Further south, we visited the Etang d'Urbino, the second-largest saline lagoon in Corsica. Overlooking open water and saltmarsh, we could see Great and Little Egret, Coot and several Shelduck, while overhead a variety of birds included Eurasian Hobby, a male Red-footed Falcon, and a small party of Bee-eaters. Two Nightingales sang, close-by, and the explosive call of Cetti's Warbler could be heard in the reeds. We had lunch on the water's edge, in front of a fisherman's cottage, which provided welcome shade from the hot sun and the luxury of tables and chairs. In front of us, among the usual Yellow-legged Gulls, we picked out a Sandwich Tern, a couple of Common Tern, a European Shag and several Great Cormorants.

Travelling back to Aleria, we visited the hill-top Roman site, which offered us commanding views of the surrounding countryside and an insight into Corsica's complex history. Some of us watched a small group of Golden Oriole, passing through the trees just below us. Italian Wall Lizards sunned themselves on the walls of the Roman ruins and a number of new butterflies included Scarce Swallowtail, Corsican Small Tortoiseshell and Meadow Brown. We were back at our hotel for before 6.00pm and to celebrate a successful week in this unique island, we enjoyed wine and snacks, before dinner.

Day 8

Sunday 10th May

We made an early start and, after a quick breakfast, headed for the airport. The roads were quiet and we made good progress, stopping for a leg-stretch at Ponte Novu to see a beautifully constructed model village, and arriving at Bastia airport in time for check-in.

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Species Lists

Plants (• = endemic to Corsica or nearby region, ‡ = cultivated or naturalised)

Plant classification largely follows the familiar 'old' system, likely to be encountered in current floras of the region. Recent taxonomic changes have been incorporated, where relevant. or ease of reference, families genera and species are presented in alphabetic order

Latin name	Common name	Notes
LYCOPODIOPSIDA	CLUBMOSSES	
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
Selaginella denticulata	Toothed Clubmoss	Damp earth. Common
EQUISETOPSIDA	HORSETAILS	
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
Equisetum arvense	Field Horsetail	Occasional in pasture
Equisetum ramosissimum	Branched Horsetail	Hedges
Equisetum telmateia	Giant Horsetail	Occasional in ditches
PTEROPSIDA	FERNS	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
Asplenium adiantum-nigrum	Black Spleenwort	Occasional on rocks
Asplenium ceterach	Rustyback	Rocks
Asplenium obovatum	Lanceolate Spleenwort	Shaded rocks. Spelunca
Asplenium onopteris	Sharp-leaved Spleenwort	Walls
Asplenium ruta-muraria	Wall-rue	Foret d'Aitone, Restonica
Asplenium septentrionale	Forked Spleenwort	Shaded rocks. Spelunca
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Occasional on rocks
Blechnaceae	Hard-fern Family	
Blechnum spicant	Hard-fern	Foret d'Aitone
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	Common
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
Dryopteris cambrensis	Narrow Male-fern	Common
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad Buckler-fern	Forests
Dryopteris expansa	Northern Buckler-fern	Mountain rocks and scrub
Dryopteris oreades	Mountain Male-fern	Common
Polystichum aculeatum	Hard Shield-fern	Cascades des Anglais
Polystichum setiferum	Soft Shield-fern	Foret d'Aitone
Osmundaceae	Royal Fern Family	
Osmunda regalis	Royal Fern	Common by rivers
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
Polypodium cambricum	Southern Polypody	Occasional on rocks
Polypodium vulgare	Common Polypody	Occasional on rocks

Pteridaceae

Adiantum capillus-veneris Anogramma leptophylla Cheilanthes acrosticha Cheilanthes maderensis Cheilanthes tinaei Cryptogramma crispa

Woodsiaceae Athyrium distentifolium Athyrium felix-femina Cystopteris fragilis

PINOPSIDA

Cupressaceae

Cupressus sempervirens ‡ Juniperus communis subsp. alpina Juniperus oxycedrus subsp. oxycedrus Juniperus phoenicea subsp. turbinata

Pinaceae

Abies alba Larix decidua ‡ Pinus halepensis ‡ Pinus nigra subsp. laricio • Pinus pinaster Pinus pinea ‡ Pseudotsuga menziesii ‡

Taxaceae Taxus baccata

MAGNOLIOPSIDA

MAGNOLIIIDAE

Aceraceae Acer monspessulanum Acer pseudoplatanus

Aizoaceae Carpobrotus edulis ‡

Anacardiaceae Pistacia lenticus

Apiaceae Bunium alpinum subsp. corydalinum • Bupleurum fruticosum Bupleurum stellatum Chaerophyllum temulum Conopodium majus

Common name

Maidenhair Fern Family Maidenhair Fern Jersey Fern Scented Cheilanthes

Parsley Fern

Lady-fern Family Alpine Lady-fern Lady-fern Brittle Bladder-fern

CONIFERS

Cypress Family Italian Cypress Juniper Prickly Juniper Coastal Phoenician Juniper

Pine Family European Silver-fir Larch Aleppo Pine Corsican Pine Maritime Pine Umbrella Pine Douglas Fir

Yew Family Yew

FLOWERING PLANTS

DICOTYLEDONS

Maple Family Montpelier Maple Sycamore

Dewplant Family Yellow Hottentot-fig

Sumach Family Mastic Tree

Carrot Family A Pignut Shrubby Hare's-ear Starry Hare's-ear Rough Chervil Pignut Notes

Wet rocks. Spelunca Damp places. Spelunca Cliffs Dry cliffs. Spelunca Cliffs Mountain rocks. Restonica

Above Lac de Melo Foret d'Aitone Frequent on rocks

Cultivated Common in mountains Commonin maquis Open maquis, rocks, dunes

Foret d'Aitone, Vizzavona Occasional. Foret d'Aitone Planted Forests Common in lower forests Planted near coasts Planted. Foret d'Aitone

Cascades des Anglais

Spelunca Restonica

Coastal alien

Common in maquis

Mountain pasture Rocky places in maquis Rocks Roadsides Frequent

Crithmum maritimum Daucus carota Eryngium campestre Eryngium maritimum Ferula communis Foeniculum vulgare subsp. vulgare Imperatoria ostruthium Mutellina corsica var. corsica • Oenanthe fistulosa Peucedanum paniculatum • Pseudorlaya pumila Sanicula europaea Scandix pecten-veneris Smyrnium olusatrum Tordylium apulum Tordylium maximum Torilis arvensis Torilis nodosa

Apocynaceae Nerium oleander Vinca difformis

Aquifoliaceae Ilex aquifolium

Araliaceae Hedera helix

Aristolochiaceae Aristolochia tyrrhena •

Asclepiadaceae Gomphocarpus fruticosus ‡ Vincetoxicum hirundinaria

Asteraceae

Achillea ligustica Achillea millefolium‡ Adenostyles briquetii • Andryala integrifolia Anthemis arvensis Anthemis maritimus Bellis annua Bellis perennis Bellis sylvestris Bellium bellidioides • Calendula arvensis Carduus pycnocephalus Carduus tenuiflorus Carlina corymbosa Carlina macrocephala subsp. macrocephala• Chondrilla juncea

Common name

Rock Samphire Wild Carrot Field Eryngo Sea Holly **Giant Fennel** Fennel Masterwort A Lovage Tubular Water-dropwort Panicled Hog's Fennel **Dune Carrot** Sanicle Shepherd's-needle Alexanders Tordylium Hartwort Spreading Hedge-parsley Knotted Hedge-parsley

Oleander Family Oleander Intermediate Periwinkle

Holly Family Holly

Ivy Family Ivy

Birthwort Family Tyrrhenian Birthwort

Milkweed Family Bristle-fruited Silkweed Swallow-wort

Daisy Family

Southern Yarrow Yarrow Briquet's Adenostyles Andryala Corn Chamomile Sea Chamomile Annual Daisy Daisv Southern Daisy False Daisy Field Marigold **Plymouth Thistle** Slender Thistle A Carline Thistle Large-headed Carline Thistle Rush Skeletonweed

Notes

Coastal rocks Common Frequent Coast Frequent Common Mountain streamsides Restonica Watermeadows. Liamone Maguis and forests Coastal sands Occasional Dry rocky places Weedy places Occasional Occasional Weedy places Dry sandy places

By streams in maquis Evisa

Frequent in forests

Common

Spelunca

Occasional. Roadsides Restonica

Common Weedy places Restonica Weedy places Ruderal Coast Occasional Occasional Frequent Common Occasional Common. Waste ground Coast Common to 1000 metres Occasional above1000 metres Waste places

Cichorium intybus Cirsium vulgare Crupina crupinastrum Dittrichia graveolens Dittrichia viscosa Doronicum corsicum • Eupatorium cannabinum subsp. corsicum • Filago gallica Filago minima Filago pygmaea Galactites tomentosa Glebionis coronaria var. coronaria Glebionis coronaria var. discolor Glebionis segetum Gnaphalium luteoalbum Helichrysum frigidum • Helichrysum italicumsubsp. Italicum Hyoseris radiata Hypochaeris achyrophorus Hypochaeris glabra Hypochaeris radicata Jacobaea maritima Lapsana communis Mycelis muralis Otanthus maritimus Pallenis spinosa Phagnalon saxatile Pilosella lactucella Pilosella officinarum Prenanthes purpurea Ptilostemon casabonae• Pulicaria dysenterica Pulicaria odora Rhagadiolus edulis Robertia taraxacoides • Scolymus hispanicus Senecio transiens • Senecio vulgaris Silybum marianum Solidago virgaurea Sonchus asper Sonchus oleraceus Taraxacum sp. Tolpis barbata Tragopogon porrifolius Urospermum dalechampii Urospermum picroides Xanthium italicum ‡ Xanthium spinosum ‡

Berberidaceae

Berberis aetnensis •

Common name

Chicory Spear Thistle Crupina Aromatic Inula Stink Aster Corsican Leopard's-bane A Hemp-agrimony Narrow-leaved Cudweed Small Cudweed Pygmy Cudweed Galactites Crown Daisy Crown Daisy Corn Marigold Jersey Cudweed An Everlastingflower A Curry Plant Hyoseris Mediterranean Cat's-ear Smooth Cat's-ear Common Cat's-ear Cineraria Nipplewort Wall Lettuce Cottonweed Spiny Golden-star A Shrubby Cudweed Mouse-ear Hawkweed Spanish Oyster Plant

Purple Lettuce A Ptilostemon **Common Fleabane** Mediterranean Fleabane A Star Hawkbit

A Sea Groundsel Grounsel Milk Thistle Goldenrod Prickly Sow-thistle Smooth Sow-thistle A Dandelion Tolpis Salsifv Urospermum Prickly Golden-fleece A Cocklebur Spiny Cocklebur

Barberry Family

Etna Barberry

Notes

Roadsides Grassy and waste places Weedy places Roadsides. Frequent Roadsides . Common Wet rocks Wet forests Dry places Rocky places Dry places Waste places Waste places Waste places Liamone beach Waste places Mountain rocks Rocky places Ruderal Frequent Frequent Sand dunes Cliffs. Porto Waste places Walls Sandy coasts Frequent Rocks at low altitude Common Frequent Forests Verghello. Restonica Damp places. Roadsides Common in maguis Frequent Widespread Roadsides Coastal rocks and sand Waste places Waste places Mountains Waste places Waste places Occasional Occasional Frequent Locally common Weedy places Coasts. Alien Ruderal. Alien

Mountains

Betulaceae

Alnus alnobetula subsp. suaveolens • Alnus cordata • Alnus glutinosa Betula pendula

Boraginaceae

Anchusa italica Borago officinalis Cynoglossum creticum Echium italicum Echium plantagineum Heliotropium europaeum Myosotis discolor Myosotis ramosissima Myosotis soleirolii •

Brassicaceae

Alliaria petiolata Arabidopsis thaliana Arabis alpina subsp. alpina Arabis hirsuta Arabis verna Barbarea rupicola • Barbarea verna Barbarea vulgaris Cakile maritima Capsella bursa-pastoris Capsella rubella Cardamine flexuosa Cardamine hirsuta Cardamine impatiens Cardamine resedifolia Coincya monensis subsp. cheiranthos Draba muralis Erophila verna Hirschfeldia incana Isatis tinctoria Lepidium graminifolium Lepidium hirtum subsp. oxyotum Lobularia maritima Lunaria annua ‡ Malcomia ramosissima Matthiola sinuata Matthiola tricuspidata Nasturtium officinale Raphanus raphanistrum subsp. maritimum Sinapis alba Sinapis arvensis Sisymbrium officinale Teesdalia coronopifolia Thlaspi brevistylum Turritis glabra

Common name

Birch Family Corsican Alder Italian Alder Common Alder Silver Birch

Borage Family

Large Blue Alkanet Borage Blue Hound's-tongue Italian Viper's-bugloss Purple Viper's-bugloss Heliotrope Changing Forget-me-not Early Forget-me-not A Forget-me-not

Cabbage Family

Garlic Mustard Thale Cress Alpine Rock-cress Hairy Rock-cress Spring Rock-cress Rock Winter-cress Spring Winter-cress Common Winter-cress Sea Rocket Shepherd's-purse Pink Shepherd's-purse Wavy Bitter-cress Hairy Bitter-cress Narrow-leaved Bitter-cress Mignonette-leaved Bitter-cress

Wall Whitlowgrass Common Whitlowgrass Hoary Mustard Woad Tall Pepperwort A Pepperwort Sweet Alison Honesty

Sea Stock Three-horned Stock Water-cress Sea Radish White Mustard Charlock Hedge Mustard A Shepherd's Cress A Penny-cress Tower Mustard

Notes

Restonica Occasional Common by rivers Forests to treeline

Occasional Occasional Roadsides Roadsides Waste ground Common. Roadsides Damp places Frequent Wet places in mountains

Ruderal Frequent Restonica Rocky places Frequent Damp rocks Damp places Damp places Coasts Widespread Occasional Frequent Widespread Occasional Mountain rocks Mountain rocks Rocks Rocks Waste places Roadsides Ruderal Mountains Coastal rocks Near habitation Sand dunes Coastal Coastal Wet ditches Liamone beach Waste places Waste places Waste places Occasional Rocky places Occasional

Buddlejaceae Buddleja davidii ‡

Buxaceae Buxus sempervirens

Cactaceae Opuntia ficus-indica ‡ Opuntia microdasys ‡

Campanulaceae Campanula erinus Campanula rapunculus Jasione montana Phyteuma serratum •

Cannabaceae Humulus lupulus

Caprifoliaceae Lonicera implexa Sambucus ebulus Sambucus nigra Viburnum tinus

Caryophyllaceae

Arenaria balearica • Arenaria serpyllifolia Cerastium boissierianum Cerastium diffusum Cerastium fontanum Cerastium glomeratum Cerastium soleirolii • Corrigiola litoralis Dianthus sylvestris subsp. longicaulis • Minuartia verna Moehringia trinervia Moenchia erecta Paronychia argentea Paronychia polygonifolia Petrorhagia saxifraga subsp. gasparrinii • Petrorhagia prolifera Petrorhagia velutina Sagina procumbens Saponaria ocymoides subsp. alsinoides • Saponaria officinalis Scleranthus annuus Silene gallica Silene latifolia Silene rupestris Silene sericea •

Common name

Butterfly-bush Family Butterfly-bush

Box Family Box

Cactus Family Prickly Pear

Bellfower Family Annual bellflower Rampion Bellflower Sheep's-bit Toothed Rampion

Hop Family Hop

Honeysuckle Family A Honeysuckle Danewort Elderberry Laurustinus

Pink Family

Balearic Sandwort Thyme-leaved Sandwort A Mouse-ear Sea Mouse-ear Mouse-ear Chickweed Sticky Mouse-ear A Mouse-ear Strapwort A Wood Pink Vernal Sandwort Three-nerved Sandwort Upright Chickweed Silvery Paronychia A Paronychia A Tunic Flower Proliferous Pink Kohlrauschia Procumbent Pearlwort A Soapwort Soapwort Annual Knawel Small-flowered Catchfly White Campion Rock Campion

Near habitation

Spelunca

Notes

Widely planted Planted. Corte

Occasional Frequent Mountain rocks Rocks. Restonica

Rare

Frequent in maquis Foret d'Aitone. Vizzavona Occasional Shaded maquis

Cascades des Anglais Rocky places Mountains Frequent Frequent Waste places Common. Mountains Borders of lagoons Rocks and cliffs Mountains Frequent Frequent Sandy coast Mountains Frequent on rocks Rocky places Rocky places Common Col de Vergio Occasional. Roadsides Rocks Common Occasional Rocky places Sand dunes

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Silene succulentasubsp. corsica • Silene vulgaris Spergularia salina Spergularia rubra Stellaria media Stellaria nemoreum Stellaria neglecta

Chenopodiaceae

Beta vulgaris subsp. maritima Chenopodium album Chenopodium bonus-henricus Halimione portulacoides Salsola kali Sarcocornia fruticosa

Cistaceae

Cistus creticus Cistus monspeliensis Cistus salvifolius Helianthemum grandiflorum Tuberaria guttata

Convolvulaceae

Calystegia sepium Calystegia soldanella Convolvulus altheoides Convolvulus arvensis Cuscuta epithymum subsp. corsicana •

Corylaceae Corylus avellana

Crassulaceae

Sedum album Sedum brevifolium Sedum caeruleum • Sedum cepaea Sedum dasyphyllum Sedum rubens Sedum rupestre Sedum stellatum Umbilicus rupestris

Cucurbitaceae Ecballium elaterium

Ericaceae

Arbutus unedo Erica arborea Erica terminalis Vaccinium myrtillus

Common name

Bladder Campion Lesser Sea Spurrey Sand Spurrey Common Chickweed Wood Stitchwort Greater Stitchwort

Goosefoot Family

Sea Beet Fat-hen Good-King-Henry Sea Purslane Prickly Saltwort A Perennial Glasswort

Rockrose Family

Cretan Cistus Narrow-leaved Cistus Sage-leaved Cistus Large-flowered Rockrose Spotted Rockrose

Bindweed Family

Hedge Bindweed Sea Bindweed Mallow-leaved Bindweed Field Bindweed A Dodder

Hazel Family Hazel

Stonecrop family

White Stonecrop Short-leaved Stonecrop Blue Stonecrop

Thick-leaved Stonecrop Red Stonecrop Large Rock Stonecrop Starry Stonecrop Wall Pennywort

Cucumber Family

Squirting Cucumber

Heather Family

Strawberry Tree Tree Heather Corsican Heath Bilberry

Notes

Rare. Sand dunes Frequent Coastal Rocky places Waste places Shaded habitats Frequent

Liamone beach Occasional weed Animal pens Beaches Sandy beaches Salt marsh. Etang d'Urbino

Common in maquis Common in maquis Common in maquis Occasional Occasional. Open places

Occasional weed Liamone estuary Frequent Occasional weed Frequent

Frequent

Rocks. Frequent Rocks. Common Spelunca Frequent Rocks and walls Rocks. Common Rocks. Occasional Occasional Rocks. Common

Waste places

Maquis Maquis Verghello valley Restonica

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia amygdaloides subsp. semiperfoliata • Euphorbia characias subsp. characias Euphorbia dendroides Euphorbia exigua Euphorbia helioscopia Euphorbia hyberna subsp. insularis • Euphorbia lathyris Euphorbia maculata ‡ Euphorbia paralias Euphorbia peplus Euphorbia pithyusa subsp. pithyusa Mercurialis annua Mercurialis perennis

Fabaceae

Anthyllis hermanniae Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. rubriflora Bituminaria bituminosa Calycotome infesta Calycotome villosa Ceratonia siliqua Cercis siliquastrum ‡ Cytisus villosus Dorycnium hirsutum Dorycnium pentaphyllum Genista corsica • Genista monspessulana Genista salzmannii var. lobelioides • Genista salzmannii var. salzmannii • Lathyrus aphaca Lathyrus clymenum Lathyrus cicera Lathyrus hirsutus Lathyrus latifolius Lathyrus setifolius Lathyrus sphaericus Lathyrus venetus Lotus corniculatus Lotus cytisoides Lotus edulis Lupinus angustifolius Lupinus micranthus Medicago arabica Medicago lupulina Medicago marina Medicago orbicularis Medicago polymorpha Melilotus albus ‡ Melilotus elegans Melilotus indicus Onobrychis viciifolia ‡ Ononis reclinata

Common name

Spurge Family

A Wood Spurge Large Mediterranean Spurge Tree Spurge Dwarf Spurge Sun Spurge An Irish Spurge Caper Spurge Spotted Spurge Sea Spurge Petty Spurge A Spurge Annual Mercury Dog's Mercury

Pea Family

Herman's Kidney Vetch Mediterranean Kidney Vetch Pitch Trefoil Thorny Broom Hairy Thorny Broom Carob Judas Tree Hairy Broom Dorycnium Five-leaved Dorycnium Corsican Broom Montpellier Broom

Yellow Vetchling Crimson Pea Red Vetchling Hairy Vetchling Broad-leaved Everlasting-pea Red Pea Round Pea

Bird's-foot Trefoil Grey Bird'-foot Trefoil Edible Lotus Narrow-leaved Lupin Hairy Lupin Spotted Medick Black Medick Black Medick Sea Medick Large Disc-medick Toothed Medick White Melilot Elegant Melilot Small Melilot Sainfoin Small Restharrow Frequent. Forests Widespread Coastal cliffs Occasional Waste ground Forest Evisa Trackways Sand dunes Ruderal Coast Common Frequent

Common Occasional Common Maquis Maguis Occasional Frequent Occasional Locally common Frequent Maquis Maquis Mountains Lower altitudes than var. lobelioides Occasional Waste places Frequent Brackish reedbeds Open forest Frequent Widespread Forests Occasional Coastal rocks Common Occasional Occasional Common Frequent Sand dunes Occasional Waste places Ruderal Occasional, Coastal Occasional Waste places Coastal sands

Ornithopus compressus Ornithopus perpusillus Ornithopus pinnatus Pisum sativum subsp. elatius Robinia pseudoacacia ‡ Spartium junceum Trifolium angustifolium Trifolium arvense Trifolium bocconei Trifolium campestre Trifolium fragiferum Trifolium glomeratum Trifolium micranthum Trifolium pratense Trifolium repens Trifolium resupinatum Trifolium scabrum Trifolium stellatum Trifolium tomentosum Vicia benghalensis Vicia bithynica Vicia cracca subsp. tenuifolia Vicia hirsuta Vicia lathyroides Vicia lutea Vicia sativa subsp. nigra Vicia sativa subsp. sativa Vicia villosa

Fagaceae

Castanaea sativa ‡ Fagus sylvatica Quercus coccifera Quercus ilex Quercus pubescens Quercus suber

Fumariaceae

Corydalis pumila Fumaria capreolata Fumaria officinalis

Gentianaceae Centaurium erythraea Centaurium maritimum Centaurium tenuiflorum subsp. acutiflorum Gentiana asclepiadea

Geraniaceae Erodium cicutarium Erodium botrys Erodium corsicum • Erodium malacoides

Common name

Compressed Bird's-foot Common Bird's-foot Orange Bird's-foot Wild Pea False-acacia Spanish Broom Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover Hare's-foot Clover **Twin-headed Clover** Hop Trefoil Strawberry Clover **Clustered Clover** Slender Trefoil Red Clover White Clover **Reversed Clover** Rough Clover Star Clover Wooly Trefoil **Bengal Vetch Bithynican Vetch** A Tufted Vetch Hairy Tare Spring Vetch Yellow Vetchling Narrow-leaved Common Vetch Common Vetch Fodder Vetch

Oak Family Sweet Chestnut Beech

Kermes Oak Holm Oak Downy Oak Cork Oak

Fumitory Family Dwarf Corydalis White Ramping Fumitory Common Fumitory

Gentian Family Common Centaury Yellow Centaury Slender Centaury Willow-leaved Gentian

Crane's-bill Family Common Stork's-bill Mediterranean Stork's-bill Corsican Stork's-bill Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Notes

Dry places Rocky places Rocky places Restonica Cultivated Roadsides Open places Occasional Frequent Occasional Widespread Common. Waste places Damp places Common Common Waste places Common. Tracksides Common Occasional Widespread Frequent Common Waste places Widespread Coastal Frequent Common Waste places

Widely planted Forests to tree-line Maquis Maquis Venaco Lowland maquis

Forest. Vizzavona Common Verges

Dry places Common Coastal Foret d'Aitone. Restonica

Coast and waste places Weedy places Coastal rocks. Galeria Open places

Erodium moschatum Geranium columbinum Geranium dissectum Geranium lucidum Geranium molle Geranium pyrenaicum Geranium robertianum Geranium rotundifolium

Hypericaceae

Hypericum australe Hypericum corsicum • Hypericum hircinum Hypericum montanum Hypericum perfoliatum Hypericum perforatum Hypericum tetrapterum

Juglandaceae

Juglans regia ‡

Lamiaceae

Ballota nigra Clinopodium calamintha Clinopodium vulgare Lamium amplexicaule Lamium purpureum Lavandula stoechas Marrubium vulgare Mentha aquatica Mentha requienii • Mentha spicata Mentha suaveolens subsp. insularis • Micromeria filiformis Prunella vulgaris Rosmarinus officinalis Salvia verbenaca Stachys corsica • Stachys glutinosa • Teucrium capitatum Teucrium chamaedrys Teucrium marum • Teucrium scorodonia Thymus herba-barona •

Lentibulariaceae Pinguicula corsica •

Linaceae Linum bienne

Loranthaceae Viscum album subsp. austriacum

Common name

Musk Stork's-bill Long-stalked Crane's-bill Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Shining Crane's-bill Dove's-foot Crane's-bill Hedgerow Crane's-bill Herb Robert Round-leaved Crane's-bill

St John's-wort Family

Southern St John's-wort Corsican St John's-wort Stinking Tutsan Pale St John's-wort Perfoliate St John's-wort Perforate St John's-wort Square-stalked St John's-wort

Walnut Family Walnut

Dead-nettle Family

Black Horehound Lesser Calamint Wild Basil Henbit Dead-nettle Red Dead-nettle French Lavender White Horehound Water Mint **Corsican Mint** Spear Mint A Round-leaved Mint **Thread-leaved Micromeria** Self-heal Rosemary Wild Clary Corsican Woundwort Sticky Woundwort Felty Germander Wall Germander A Germander Wood Sage A Thyme

Butterwort Family

Corsican Butterwort

Flax Family Pale Flax

Mistletoe Family Mistletoe

Notes

Open places Verges. Waste places Waste places Spelunca Frequent Frequent Widespread Frequent

Frequent. Maquis Streamsides Streamsides, damp rocks Forests Frequent Wet places Damp places

Occasional

Roadsides Waste places. Widespread Common Ruderal Ruderal Rocky places in maquis Roadsides. Ruderal Wet places Foret d'Aitone Damp places Wet places Santa Regina Gorge Frequent Hot rocky places Frequent Frequent Rocky places Frequent. Rocky places Occasional Rocky places Common in forests Common in mountains

Wet places. Restonica

Locally common

Common on Pine and Fir

Malvaceae

Althaea hirsuta Lavatera arborea Lavatera cretica Malva neglecta Malva parviflora Malva sylvestris

Moraceae Ficus carica Morus alba ‡

Myrtaceae Eucalyptus camaldulensis ‡ Myrtus communis

Oleaceae

Fraxinus ornus Olea europaea subsp. oleaster Phillyrea angustifolia Phillyrea latifolia

Onagraceae

Epilobium anagallidifolium Epilobium hirsutum Epilobium montanum Epilobium parviflorum

Orobanchaceae Orobanche minor

Oxalidaceae Oxalis articulata ‡ Oxalis corniculata Oxalis pes-caprae ‡

Papaveraceae Glaucium flavum Papaver dubium subsp. dubium Papaver hybridum Papaver rhoeas

Phytolaccaceae Phytolacca acinos ‡

Plantaginaceae Plantago afra Plantago bellardii Plantago coronopus Plantago lagopus Plantago lanceolata

Common name

Notes

Mallow Family

Rough Marsh Mallow Tree Mallow Small Tree Mallow Dwarf Mallow Least Mallow Common Mallow

Fig Family Fig White Mulberry

Myrtle Family River Red Gum Common Myrtle

Olive Family Manna Ash Wild Olive Narrow-leaved Mock Privet Mock Privet

Willowherb Family Alpine Willowherb Great Willowherb Broad-leaved Willowherb Hoary Willowherb

Broomrape Family Common Broomrape

Wood-sorrel Family Pink Oxalis Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Bermuda Buttercup

Poppy Family Yellow Horned-poppy Long-headed Poppy Round-headed Prickly Poppy Common Poppy

Pokeweed Family Pokeweed

Plantain Family Glandular Plantain Hairy Plantain Buck's-horn Plantain Hare's-foot Plantain Ribwort Plantain Roadsides Near coast Occasional Animal pens. Ruderal Occasional Roadsides

Frequent in maquis Cultivated

Cultivated Frequent in maquis

Common in maquis Maquis Common in maquis Frequent in maquis

Damp mountain rocks Damp places Frequent Streamsides

Frequent

Garden escape Ruderal Alien weed

Sand dunes Ruderal Ruderal Frequent

Waste places

Rocky places. Common Dry rocky places Coastal Common Widespread

Plantago major Plantago sarda var. sarda • Platanaceae Platanus x hispanica ‡

Plumbaginaceae Armeria leucocephala • Armeria multiceps • Limonium corsicum •

Polygalaceae Polygala nicaeensis subsp. corsica • Polygala vulgaris

Polygonaceae

Polygonum aviculare Polygonum maritimum Rumex acetosella subsp. pyrenaicus Rumex bucephalophorus Rumex conglomeratus Rumex crispus Rumex pulcher

Portulacaceae Montia fontana Portulaca oleracea

Primulaceae Anagallis arvensis Asterolinon linum-stellatum Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. hederifolium Cyclamen repandum

Ranunculaceae Aquilegia dumeticola • Clematis cirrhosa Clematis flammula Clematis vitalba Ficaria verna Helleborus argutifolius • Pulsatilla alpina subsp. cyrnea • Ranunculus bulbosus Ranunculus flammula Ranunculus lanuginosus Ranunculus muricatus Ranunculus platanifolius Ranunculus repens Ranunculus sceleratus Ranunculus velutinus

Resedaceae

Reseda alba Reseda luteola

Common name

Greater Plantain A Plantain **Plane Family** London Plane

Thrift Family White-headed Thrift Multi-headed Thrift A Sea Lavender

Milkwort Family Corsican Milkwort Common Milkwort

Dock Family

Knotgrass Sea Knotgrass A Sheep's Sorrel Horned Dock Clustered Dock Curled Dock Fiddle Dock

Purslane Family Blinks Common Purslane

Primrose Family

Scarlet Pimpernel Asterolinon Ivy-leaved Sowbread Spring Sowbread

Buttercup Family

A Columbine Virgin's Bower Fragrant Clematis Old Man's Beard Lesser Celandine Corsican Hellebore An Alpine Pasqueflower Bulbous Buttercup Lesser Spearwort Wooly Buttercup Rough-fruited Buttercup Maple-leaved Buttercup Creeping Buttercup

Mignonette Family

White Mignonette Weld

Notes

Waste ground Mountains

Cultivated

Santa Regina Gorge Mountains. Common Coastal rocks. Galeria

Occasional Foret d'Aitone

Bare ground Coastal Common Frequent Damp places Liamone estuary Waste places

Damp places Occasional

Frequent Frequent Locally common Shady places. Locally common

Foret d'Aitone. Restonica Occasional in maquis Maquis. Common Common Frequent Common Restonica Meadows Foret d'Aitone Frequent Occasional Col Vizzavona Common Damp places Damp places

Occasional. Ruderal Ruderal

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Sesamoides clusii	Sesamoides	Col de Vergio
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
Rhamnus alaternus	Mediterranean Buckthorn	Occasional in r
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
Alchemilla alpina forma. corsica •	Alpine Lady's-mantle	Restonica
Amelanchier ovalis var. rhamnoides •	A Juneberry	Foret d'Aitone
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	Common
Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry	Frequent
Geum montanum	Alpine Avens	Mountain rocks
Geum urbanum	Herb Bennet	Occasional in s
Malus sylvestris	Crab Apple	Occasional
Potentilla anglica subsp. nesogenes •	A Trailing Tormentil	Damp turf
Potentilla crassinervia •	-	Rocks. Lac de
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	Mountain pastu
Potentilla micrantha		Frequent
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinqufoil	Common. Was
Potentilla rupestris var. pygmaea •	Rock Cinquefoil	Occasional. Mo
Poterium sanguisorba	Salad Burnet	Common
Prunus avium	Wild Cherry	Occasional
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	Frequent.
Pyrus spinosa	Almond-leaved Pear	Frequent. Maq
Rosa agrestis	Small-leaved Sweet-briar	Frequent
Rosa canina	Dog-rose	Roadsides
Rosa sempervirens	Evergreen Rose	Roadsides
Rosa tomentosa	Downy Rose	Occasional
Rubus ulmifolius	A Blackberry	Common
Sorbus aria	Whitebeam	Occasional
Sorbus aucuparia subsp. praemorsa •	Corsican Rowan	Restonica
Sorbus domestica	Wild Service Tree	Spelunca
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	

Rubiaceae

Cruciata laevipes Galium aparine Galium mollugo Galium odoratum Galium rotundifolium Galium scabrum Galium verum Rubia peregrina Sherardia arvensis

Salicaceae

Populus alba Populus nigra Populus tremula Salix alba Salix cinerea subsp. oleifolia Salix purpurea

Santalaceae

Osyris alba

Bedstraw Family

Crosswort Cleavers Hedge Bedstraw Sweet Woodruff Round-leaved Bedstraw

Lady's Bedstraw Wild Madder Field Madder

Willow Family

White Poplar Black Poplar Aspen White Willow Grey Willow **Purple Willow**

Sandalwood Family Osyris

Occasional in maquis Restonica Foret d'Aitone Common Frequent Mountain rocks. Restonica Occasional in shade Occasional Damp turf Rocks. Lac de Melo Mountain pasture Frequent Common. Waste places Occasional. Mountains Common Occasional Frequent. Frequent. Maquis Frequent Roadsides Roadsides Occasional Common Occasional Restonica Spelunca

- Frequent Occasional Occasional Spelunca Spelunca Shaded maquis Occasional Forests and maquis Spelunca
- Frequent Frequent Occasional Common Common Occasional

Maquis

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga corsica • Saxifraga pedemontana subsp. cervicornis • Saxifraga rotundifolia

Scrophulariaceae

Bartsia trixago Digitalis purpurea subsp. gyspergerae • Linaria pelisseriana Linaria vulgaris ‡ Misopates orontium Odontites lutea Parentucellia latifolia Parentucellia viscosa Scrophularia canina Scrophularia peregrina Verbascum sinuatum Verbascum thapsus Veronica arvensis Veronica cymbalaria Veronica hederifolia Veronica officinalis Veronica persica ‡ Veronica verna

Simaroubaceae

Ailanthus altissima‡

Solanaceae

Atropa belladonna Datura stamonium ‡ Hyocyamus albus Nicotiana glauca ‡ Solanum nigrum

Tamaricaceae Tamarix africana

Thymelaeaceae Daphne gnidium Thymelaea hirsuta

Tiliaceae *Tilia cordata Tilia platyphyllos* ‡

Ulmaceae Celtis australis ‡ Ulmus minor

Urticaceae

Common name

Saxifrage Family

Corsican Saxifrage A Piedmont Saxifrage Round-leaved Saxifrage

Figwort Family

Bellardia Foxglove Jersey Toadflax **Common Toadflax** Weasel's Snout Yellow Odontites Southern Red Bartsia Yellow Bartsia French Figwort Nettle-leaved Figwort Wavy-leaved Mullein Great Mullein Wall Speedwell Pale Speedwell Ivy-leaved Speedwell Heath Speedwell **Common Speedwell** Spring Speedwell

Tree-of-heaven Family Tree-of-heaven

Nightshade Family Deadly Nightshade Thornapple

White Henbane Shrub Tobacco Black Nightshade

Tamarisk Family African Tamarisk

Mezereon Family Mediterranean Mezereon Hairy Thymelaea

Lime Family Small-leaved Lime Broad-leaved Lime

Elm Family European Nettle Tree Small-leaved Elm

Nettle Family

Damp rocks. Spelunca Shaded mountain rocks Shaded damp places

Notes

Occasional Common Dry places Corte Occasional Locally common. Maquis Frequent Watermeadows. Liamone Rocky slopes Common Frequent Occasional Frequent Ruderal Ruderal Foret d'Aitone Occasional Common

Widespread

Foret d'Aitone, Vizzavona Ruderal. Alien Occasional Roadsides. Alien Waste ground

Near coasts

Widespread in maquis Near coast

Occasional Planted

Planted Common

Parietaria judaica Parietaria lusitanica Urtica atrovirens • Urtica dioica Urtica membranacea Urtica pilulifera Urtica urens

Valerianaceae

Centranthus calcitrapa Centranthus ruber ‡ Valeriana rotundifolia var. rotundifolia • Valerianella carinata Valerianella locusta

Verbenaceae

Lantana camara ‡ Verbena officinalis

Violaceae

Viola alba subsp. dehnardtii Viola arvensis Viola biflora Viola corsica • Viola kitaibeliana Viola odorata Viola reichenbachiana Viola riviniana

Vitaceae Vitis vinifera subsp. sylvestris

Zygophyllaceae *Tribulus terrestris*

LILIIDAE

Amaryllidaceae

Acis longifolia • Allium neapolitanum ‡ Allium pendulinum Allium roseum Allium subhirsutum Allium triquetrum Allium ursinum Narcissus tazetta Pancratium illyricum Pancratium maritimum

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare Arum italicum

Common name

Pellitory-of-the-Wall A Pellitory-of-the-Wall A Nettle Common Nettle Membranous Nettle Roman Nettle Small Nettle

Valerian Family

Small Red Valerian Red Valerian A Valerian A Cornsalad Common Cornsalad

Vervain Family Lantana Vervain

Violet Family Mediterraean White Violet Field Pansy Yellow Wood Violet Corsican Violet Dwarf Pansy Sweet Violet Early Dog-violet

Grape-vine Family Wild Vine

Common Dog-violet

Caltrop Family Maltese Cross

MONOCOTYLEDONS

- **Daffodil Family**
- Long-leaved Snowflake Naples Garlic Italian Garlic Rosy Garlic Hairy Garlic Three-cornered Leek Ramsons Polyanthus Daffodil Illyrian Sea Daffodil Sea Daffodil

Lords-and-Ladies Family Friar's Cowl Italian Lords-and-Ladies

Notes

Walls and rocks Occasional. Walls and rocks Evisa. Verghello Waste places Ruderal Ruderal Ruderal

Common Garden escape Restonica Tracksides Tracksides

Cultivated Roadsides

Forests and maquis Occasional Shaded wet places Restonica Dry places Occasional Forests. Frequent Frequent

Spelunca

Waste places

Spelunca gorge Aleria Locally common Occasional Occasional. Maquis Frequent Vizzavona Watermeadows. Liamone Local. Shaded damp places Sand dunes

Shaded maquis Near habitation

Asparagaceae

Agave americana‡ Asparagus acutifolius Asparagus albus Brimeura fastigiata • Charybdis maritima Leopoldia comosa Ornithogalum pyrenaicum Ornithogalum umbellatum ‡ Polygonatum odoratum Ruscus aculeatus

Cyperaceae

Bolboschoenus maritimus Carex caryophyllea Carex distachya Carex divisa Carex divulsa Carex distans Carex echinata Carex flacca Carex nigra Carex pendula Carex remota Carex viridula subsp. oedocarpa Cyperus capitatus Cyperus longus Eleocharis palustris Scirpoides holoschoenus Schoenus nigricans

Dioscoreaceae

Tamus communis

Iridaceae

Crocus corsicus • Gladiolus italicus Iris germanica ‡ Iris pseudacorus

Juncaceae

Juncus acutus Juncus articulatus Juncus bufonius Juncus bulbosus Juncus conglomeratus Juncus effusus Juncus maritimus Luzula campestris Luzula forsteri Luzula luzulina Luzula multiflora Luzula pedemontana

Common name

Asparagus Family Centuryplant Mediterranean Wild Asparagus White Asparagus Brimeura Sea Squill Tassel Hyacinth Spiked Star-of-Bethlehem Common Star-of-Bethlehem Angular Solomon's-seal Butcher's-broom

Sedge Family

Sea Club-rush Spring Sedge

Divided Sedge Grey Sedge Distant Sedge Star Sedge Glaucous Sedge Common Sedge Pendulous Sedge Remote Sedge Small Yellow Sedge A Galingale Galingale Common Spike-rush Round-headed Club-rush Black Bog-rush

Yam Family

Black Bryony

Iris Family

Corsican Crocus Field Gladiolus Tall Bearded Iris Yellow Flag

Rush Family

Sharp Rush Jointed Rush Toad Rush Bulbous rush Compact Rush Soft Rush Sea Rush Field Wood-rush Southern Wood-rush

Heath Wood-rush Piedmont Wood-rush

Notes

Cultivated Maquis Maquis Locally common Frequent Frequent Occasional Near habitation Rare. Foret d'Aitone Shaded maquis

Saline lagoons Common Forests and maquis Damp sandy places Dry places Wet places Wet places Wet places Common Foret d'Aitone Frequent Wet places. Mountains Coastal sands Wet places Wet borders of lagoons Occasional Occasional. Wet places

Shaded maquis

Mountains. Locally common Occasional Occasional Liamone

Liamone Wet places Damp sands Wet places Common Damp saline habitats Common Foret d'Aitone Corsican Alder thickets Damp places Frequent

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Luzula spicata subsp. italica	Spiked Wood-rush	Frequent
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
Gagea soleirolii •	A Yellow star-of-Bethlehem	Locally common. Mountains
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Nartheciaceae	Bog Asphodel Family	
Narthecium reverchonii •	Corsican Bog Asphodel	Wet rocks
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
Anacamptis laxiflora	Jersey Orchid	Watermeadows. Liamone
Anacamptis morio	Green-winged Orchid	Occasional. Maquis
Anacamptis papilionacea subsp. papilionacea	Pink Butterfly-orchid	Frequent in maquis
Cephalanthera longifolia	Sword-leaved Helleborine	Verghello valley
Dactylorhiza insularis	Barton's Orchid	Verghello valley
Dactylorhiza saccifera	Wedge-lipped Orchid	Verghello valley
Epipactis helleborine	Broad-leaved Helleborine	Occasional. Forests
Limodorum abortivum	Violet Bird's-nest Orchid	Occasional. Forests
Neotinea maculata	Dense-flowered Orchid	Occasional. Maquis
Neottia ovata	Twayblade	Occasional. Wet places
Ophrys incubacea	An Early Spider-orchid	Occasional. Maquis
Orchis mascula subsp. olbiensis	Early-purple Orchid	Frequent
Orchis provincialis	Provence Orchid	Occasional. Maquis
Serapias cordigera	Heart-shaped Tongue-orchid	Restonica and Verghello
Serapias lingua	Tongue-orchid	Locally common
Serapias parviflora	Small-flowered Tongue-orchid	Occasional
Serapias vomeracea	Long-lipped Tongue-orchid	Occasional in maquis
Poaceae	Grass Family	
Aegilops geniculata	Ovate Goat-grass	Occasional
Aira caryophyllea	Silver Hair-grass	Dry places
Aira cupaniana	A Hair-grass	Dry places
Ammophila arenaria	Marram	Sand dunes
Anisantha diandra	Great Brome	Dry places
Anisantha sterilis	Barren Brome	Ruderal
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass	Common
Arrhenatherum elatius subsp. sardoum •	A False Oat-grass	Frequent
Arundo donax‡	Giant Reed	Wet places. Lowland
Avena barbata	Bristle Oat	Ruderal
Avena sterilis	Barren Oat	Ruderal
Briza maxima	Greater Quaking-grass	Dry places
Briza minor	Lesser Quaking-grass	Waste places
Bromus diandrus	Great Brome	Frequent
Bromus hordeaceus	Soft Brome	Frequent
Bromus madritensis	Mediterranean Brome	Common
Bromus sterilis	Barren Brome	Frequent
Calamagrostis varia subsp. corsica •	A Small-reed	Streamsides
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Sea Fern-grass

Burmuda Grass

Rough Dog's-tail

Fern-grass

Sand Couch

Yorkshire-fog

Wall Barley

Sand dunes

Common

Dry places

Mountains

Sand dunes

Wet pasture

Dry places

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Catapodium marinum

Catapodium rigidum

Cynosurus echinatus

Cynodon dactylon

Elytrigia juncea

Holcus lanatus

Hordeum murinum

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Lagurus ovatus	Hare's-tail Grass	Dry places
Lamarckia aurea	Golden Dog's-tail	Dry places
Melica ciliata	Hairy Melick	Rocky places
Nardus stricta	Mat-grass	Mountain grassland
Phragmites australis	Common Reed	Wet areas
Poa alpina	Alpine Meadow-grass	Mountains
Poa annua	Annual Meadow-grass	Pathways
Poa bulbosa	Bulbous Meadow-grass	Common
Poa trivialis	Rough Meadow-grass	Occasional
Vulpia ciliata	Bearded Fescue	Common
Vulpia myuros	Rat's-tail Fescue	Common
Posidoniaceae	Neptune Grass Family	
Posidonia oceanica	Neptune Grass	Sub-marine
Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
Smilax aspera	Common Smilax	Common in maquis
Typhaceae	Bulrush Family	
Typha latifolia	Great Reedmace	Liamone estuary
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Asphodel Family	
Asphodelus ramosus	Branched Asphodel	Common
Zosteraceae	Eelgrass Family	
Zostera marina	Eelgrass	Sub-marine

Birds (<-recorded but not counted; H = heard only, • = endemic)

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	Common name	Latin name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa					Н				
2	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna							3		
3	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos								2	
4	Scopoli's Shearwater	Calonectris diomedea							8		
5	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis		2							
6	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea				1					
7	Great Egret	Ardea alba							2		
8	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta							1		
9	European Shag	Phalacrocorax aristotelis							1		
10	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		1					3		
11	Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1								
12	Red Kite	Milvus milvus	15	30	1	6	3	8	20	5	
13	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	4	10							
14	Bearded Vulture	Gypaetus barbatus						1			
15	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	3	6	3	2	3	3	4	1	
16	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	1								
17	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	3			2	1	2	3		
18	Red-footed Falcon	Falco vespertinus							1		
19	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo							1		
20	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus							2		
21	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra							10		
22	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus		1							

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	Common name	Latin name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
23	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula		1						
24	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius		2						
25	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus		1						
26	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		2						
27	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		4						
28	Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea		2						
29	Audouin's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii		2						
30	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	20	100					100	2
31	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo							2	
32	Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis							1	
33	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	 ✓ 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Stock Dove	Columba oenas		2				1		
35	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus		Н	5	1		1		
36	European Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur		2						
37	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		2	2	Н	1	Н	Н	
39	Eurasian Scops Owl	Otus scops		Н	Н	Н		Н	Н	
40	European Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus			1					
41	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba		6	10					
42	Common Swift	Apus apus	10	10	50	100	30	100	100	40
43	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus			6	4		6		
44	European Bee-Eater	Merops apiaster	6		12				6	
45	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops				1	н			
46	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla				1				
47	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		1	4	2	3			
48	Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio							1	
49	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator						1	2	
50	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus			1				3	
51	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	3	3	6	4	4	6	3	2
52	Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus					30	40		
53	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Northern Raven	Corvus corax	6	30	6	6	6	4	2	
55	Coal Tit	Periparus ater		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
56	Great Tit	Parus major		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Woodlark	Lullula arborea				6				
59	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	5	10	10	1			10	
60	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	2		10	6	6	20	10	
61	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	20	20	40	50	5		40	10
62	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		1					Н	
63	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus		6			4	5	6	
64	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus		2			1		Н	
65	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		Н						
66	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix			1					
67	Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus		2						
68	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus		2						
69	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		Н					2	
70	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		2	Н	Н	2	2	2	
71	Garden Warbler	Sylvia borin		1			н			
72	Marmora's Warbler	Sylvia sarda		1						
73	Moltoni's Warbler	Sylvia subalpina				2	3	2	3	

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74	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	2	1		1		Н	5			
75	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla		6	1	1	1	Н	н			
76	Goldcrest	Regulus regulus		Н								
77	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	Н	Н		Н	Н	3	2			
78	Corsican Nuthatch •	Sitta whiteheadi		5	1	Н	Н					
79	Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris		3				1				
80	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	20	3		4	2	2	20	10		
81	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
82	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		1				1				
83	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula		2	2		3	5				
84	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		Н		Н		Н	2			
85	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola				1			1			
86	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius	2			2	1					
87	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata		1	1							
88	White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus		2	3	2	1	1				
89	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓	✓	✓							
90	Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
91	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	1	3	Н	6	2	6				
92	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	1	2								
93	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris		1								
94	Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta				2		4				
95	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
96	European Serin	Serinus serinus	1	3	3	6	4	5	4	Н		
97	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	5	5	4	4		1	6			
98	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	5	5	10	4	6	4	10			
99	Corsican Finch •	Carduelis corsicana	7	6	2	10	1					
100	Corsican Crossbill •	Loxia curvirostra corsicana			1	12						
101	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		6					6			
102	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus	1	3	3	4	2	2	1			

Mammals (‡ = introduced, D=Dead, E= Evidence)

1	Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus		D			
2	Rabbit ‡	Oryctolagus cuniculus	Е				

Reptiles (• = endemic)

1	Hermann's Tortoise	Testudo hermanni	✓				D	✓	
2	Bedriaga's Rock Lizard •	Archaeolacerta bedriagae	✓		✓		✓		
3	Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard •	Podarcis tiliguerta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
4	Italian Wall Lizard	Podarcis sicula	✓					✓	
5	Western Whip Snake	Hierophis viridiflavus			D	✓			

Amphibians

1	Tyrrhenian Tree Frog •	Hyla sarda		н	Н	Н	
2	Corsican Painted Frog •	Discoglossus montalentii	✓				

Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon	✓			✓	
2	Scarce Swallowtail	Iphiclides podalirius				\checkmark	
3	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni	✓		\checkmark		

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	Common name	Latin name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
5	Large White	Pieris brassicae	✓	✓	✓				✓	
6	Green-veined White	Pieris napi		✓				✓		
7	Southern Small White	Pieris mannii		✓				✓	✓	
8	Small White	Pieris rapae	✓			✓				
9	Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines		✓			✓	✓		
10	Wood White	Leptidea sinapis					✓	✓		
11	Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi		✓				✓		
12	Brown Argus	Aricia agestis							✓	
13	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
14	Painted Lady	Cynthia cardui			✓	✓	✓			
15	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	✓						✓	
16	Corsican Small Tortoiseshell •	Aglais ichnusa							✓	
17	Queen of Spain Fritillary	Issoria lathonia						✓		
18	Southern Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
19	Corsican Wall Brown •	Lasiommata paramegaera		✓	✓		✓		✓	
20	Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina							✓	

Moths (L = Larvae)

1	Giant Peacock Moth	Saturnia pyri					✓	
2	Striped Hawkmoth	Hyles lineata livornica			✓			
3	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa	E	Е		L		

Dragonflies

1	Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombii							✓	
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Other Insects

1	Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptium			✓		
2	Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa violacea		✓			
3	Dung Beetle	Scarabaeus laticollis	✓	✓			