# **Corsica - The Scented Isle**

## Naturetrek Tour Report

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Bellium bellidioides

Cistus salvifolius





Stachys corsica

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## Day 1 Sunday 10th May

After loading the minibus, we drove south and then followed the Golu River westwards. Roadsides were colourful with Corn Poppies *Papaver rhoeas*, *Galactites tomentosa* and Woad *Isatis tinctoria* and the maquis, that stretched everywhere to the skyline, was a blaze of colour from French Lavender *Lavandula stoechas*, Hairy Thorny Broom *Calycotome villosa*, white *Cistus monspeliensis* and pink *Cistus creticus*. After a coffee stop, by the graceful Genoese bridge in Ponte Leccia, we drove north and along the scenic north coast, where a roadside market provided fresh produce for our lunches. We made a brief visit to Calvi, before heading south to our picnic spot on the coast near Galeria. On the rocky shore, we found Corsican Stork's-bill *Erodium corsicum* and the Sea Lavender *Limonium corsicum*, both endemic to the island and of quite limited distribution. We then set off on the long twisting road to Porto, stopping to enjoy the magnificent coastal cliffs of pink granite and familiarise ourselves with the flora. It was a hot day with a temperature around 27°C and we saw very few birds. From Porto, we headed inland to Evisa, arriving at our hotel around 6.30pm. After dinner, we had a brief discussion of the plans for the week ahead, before retiring to bed.

## Day 2 Monday 11th May

We left the hotel around 9.00am and headed up into the Aitone Forest, a little way above the village. Our first short walk was to the ruins of a chestnut mill, that originally used water power to produce the all-important chestnut flour. *Cyclamen repandum* and Corsican Hellebore *Helleborus argutifolius* were the prominent flowers, under the high canopy of Corsican Pine, Silver Fir and Holly. By the waterfalls we found *Saxifraga rotundifolia*, the deepyellow endemic Winter-cress *Barbarea rupicola* and curtains of Corsican Bog Asphodel *Narthecium reverchonii*. Great Spotted Woodpecker was heard and our first Dipper shot past upstream to its nest under a waterfall. Corsican Nuthatch was our top-priority species and we were fortunate to have good views of four birds, high in the pine trees. In a wet area of forest Willow-leaved Gentian *Gentiana asclepiadea* was common and the tiny highly-aromatic Corsican Mint *Mentha requienii* formed a carpet in the wet acidic turf. Exposed areas of bare granite provided views over the forest and its many crevices provided a home to Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard and the more robust Bedriaga's Rock Lizard, both endemic to the island. We moved on to the Col de Sevi, where the local pigs eagerly devoured the leftovers from our lunch. A careful search of the scrub-covered hillside produced a male Marmora's Warbler, the only one we saw during the week.

We moved down to the coast in the afternoon, where, again, it was 27°C. Around the Liamone estuary, there were extensive water meadows with swathes of Yellow Flag *Iris pseudacorus* and abundant stands of Jersey Orchid *Orchis laxiflora*. As there was no exposed mud, suitable for waders, the birdlife on the river was a little disappointing with only a solitary Moorhen and a couple of Great Crested Grebe on the water. Nightingale sang from the shelter of some dense Poplar trees, Great Reed Warbler could be heard in the reeds and a Little Bittern was spotted on the water's edge. On the seaward side, a single Audouin's Gull made a brief appearance, as we made our way to the beach and a narrow strip of dunes, where a colourful flora included Sea Bindweed *Calystegia soldanella*, Sea Medick *Medicago marina*, Three-horned Stock *Matthiola tricuspidata* and Sea Rocket *Cakile maritima*, all playing a role in stabilising the shifting sand of this windy coast. A rather fine Hermann's Tortoise was rescued from the roadside and, after posing for photographs, was returned to the safety of the dunes. On our return journey, we stopped to watch large numbers of Yellow-legged Gulls, Ravens, Red Kite and several Black Kite,

over a landfill site. We arrived back at the hotel at 6.30 and, after dinner, caught up with our records for the last couple of days.

### Day 3

## Tuesday 12th May

After breakfast, we made a leisurely stroll down the long main street of Evisa to the start of our walk down the Spelunca Gorge. It follows the old mule trail, once Evisa's connection with the outside world until the building of the tortuous modern road. The path descends steeply through mature maquis under a high canopy of Tree Heather Erica arborea and Strawberry Tree Arbutus unedo, where botanical highlights included Cyclamen repandum and the delicate white endemic Snowflake, Acis longifolia. Lunch was prepared at the recently-restored Genoese, Zaglia Bridge and most of the group were there by around 1.00pm. From here we followed a gentle undulating path along the river, following, in part, an eroded basalt dyke. At intervals there were the broad grey strap-shaped leaves and sweetly-scented white blooms of the Illyrian Sea Daffodil Pancratium illyricum. On reaching the road, we were reunited with the minibus and drove up to Ota, where we relaxed over drinks at Chez Felix, while watching House Martins, Crag Martins and Swifts wheeling over the village. From Ota we continued down to Porto and south to the Calanche de Piana, a spectacular section of eroded pink granite cliffs, where we marvelled at the amazing natural pinnacles and sculptured rocks, in the late-afternoon sun. Our extra diversion meant that it was quite late by the time we were back in Evisa.

### Day 4

### Wednesday 13th May

Having loaded the minibus, we left Evisa after breakfast and headed up through the forest to the Col de Vergio. We made the short walk up to the top of the ski-tows, where we had splendid views in all directions. Prostrate Juniper Juniperus communis subsp. nana and the endemic Genista salzmannii var. lobelioides were the dominant shrubs on the slopes, along with Berberis aetnensis, Thymus herba-barona and cushions of Plantago sarda and Armeria multiceps. After a long drive down through the forest, to the east, we walked along part of the dramatic Santa Regina Gorge, either side of lunch. Dipper and Grey Wagtail were present on the river and Blue Rock Thrush could be heard singing above us. Notable plants in the gorge 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, Provence Orchid Orchis provincialis, Pink Butterfly Orchid Anacamptis papilionacea, the dark Ophrys incubacea and many Tongue Orchids. The site is normally good for a variety of Sylvia Warblers but as the temperature today was approaching 30°C, they were staying well hidden. Eventually, however, after much patience, we managed to get fleeting glimpses of four Moltoni's Warbler, a recent split of Subalpine Warbler. We had time for a visit to Corte, Corsica's intriguing former capital, to see some of its interesting architecture and complex history, before the final leg of the journey to our hotel below Venaco, on the banks of the Vecchio River, where we arrived around 6.20pm.

## Day 5

## **Thursday 14th May**

After shopping in Venaco, we drove a little way south to Eiffel's dramatic railway bridge and the elegant new road bridge that span the Vecchio River. We walked steadily up the almost deserted road. The maquis was full of flowers, including the white-flowered *Cistus salvifolius*, pink *Cistus creticus*, French Lavender and plentiful robust

specimens of Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid Serapias cordigera. Pale pink flowers of Short-leaved Stonecrop Sedum brevifolium erupted from cracks in the lichen-covered granite and Tyrrhenian Wall lizards scuttled everywhere. A damp area alongside a diverted stream had many colonies of Tongue Orchid Serapias lingua varying from deep pink to pale yellow, a number of Wedge-lipped Orchid Dactylorhiza saccifera and a few Twayblade Neottia ovata, and under the pines were several fine specimens of the parasitic Violet Bird's-nest Orchid Limodorum abortivum. At the top of the road, Cyclamen repandum was especially plentiful, making a fine show, on shady banks, together with the pendant flowers of Italian Garlic Allium pedulinum and spikes of the rather striking pale-yellow Barton's Orchid Dactylorhiza insularis. After a short walk into the forest, we enjoyed wide views of the mountains, while we ate our lunch.

In the afternoon we continued south through Vivario to the top of the Vizzavona pass, where, rather surprisingly, the upper limit of forest is dominated by Beech Fagus sylvatica. The trees had been coppiced for their timber, in the past, and now form a dense high canopy of multi-trunked monsters. 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. Where a large tree had fallen, a few years previously, there were many young trees growing to fill the gap and a large patch of Deadly Nightshade Atropa belladonna. We finished off the afternoon relaxing over drinks at Vizzavona railway station, the highest point of Corsica's unique railway, before returning to the hotel around 6.00pm.

Day 6 Friday 15th May

Light rain in the early morning soon cleared away but the day became increasingly windy. In Corte, we stopped at the bridge for the classic view of the Citadel, famously painted by Edward Lear. It was then a long drive up the Restonica Valley, with a short stop, where we saw one more Corsican Nuthatch. At the end of the road, we reached the limit of the trees and had great views of the glaciated upper part of the valley and the high jagged ridges that surround it. From the car park, we had a short but stiff climb to Lac de Melo. The popular rocky trail led us through banks of the low-growing Corsican Alder *Alnus alnobetula* subsp. *suaveolens*, and small trees of Sycamore and the Corsican subspecies of the familiar Rowan. Other notable plants included the tiny pale hyacinth *Brimeura fastigiata* and the little Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem *Gagea soleirolii*. On a wet bank, we found bank the distinctive Corsican Butterwort *Pinguicula corsica* and as we gained height, there were many *Crocus corsicus* where the snow had recently melted. 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 rugged scenery, streaked with the remnants of the winter snows. By now the wind was increasing and we found a sheltered spot to eat our lunch by the water's edge. It wasn't long before the Alpine Choughs descended: they were clearly accustomed to tourists and we spent an amusing time feeding them from our hands and from the end of our boots. Once back in the shelter of the valley, we retraced our steps to the cafe and enjoyed hot drinks before returning to our hotel.

## Day 7 Saturday 16th May

With only one day left, we were eager to cram in as much as possible. Firstly, we returned to Corte to allow a little time for souvenir shopping and further exploration of town. We then walked a little way into the Tavignano valley, immediately to the north. It was another hot day and lizards scurried everywhere, including some particularly fine specimens of the striking emerald-green Italian Wall Lizard. The rocks here were much-folded

schists and being hot, dry and south-facing supported an interesting maquis, with the pungent *Teucrium marum*, sticky-leaved *Salvia glutinosa*, *Cistus salvifolius*, *Cistus monspeliensis* and Corsican Lavender-cotton *Santolina corsica*.

We then returned to the minibus and followed the valley all the way down to Aleria. Just south of the town, we stopped where we were overlooking the Etang d'Urbino, the second-largest of Corsica's saline Lagoons. Out on the water were lots of Coot, two Shelduck and, in the distance, several Great Egrets and a Greater Flamingo. We had our last picnic lunch, on the shore of the lagoon, where a fisherman's hut gave us the luxury of tables and chairs and we added Common Tern and Great Cormorant to our list. After lunch, we returned to a narrow lane that led us down to the edge of the saltmarsh. Dragonflies were plentiful, conveniently posing for photographs on the brambles and were later identified as Small Red Damsel and Scarce Chaser. New birds seen included a pair of Bee-eaters, Zitting Cisticola, a couple of fast-flying Red-footed Falcon and two Western Marsh Harriers, over the reedbeds. Our final stop of the day was a visit to the hilltop site at Aleria, with its Genoese Fort and ruins of the Roman town, from where we had commanding views of the surrounding countryside and the distant line of rugged mountains.

### Day 8

### **Sunday 17th 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 to see a delightful model village at Ponte Novu 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

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#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Pteridaceae Maidenhair Fern Family Wet rocks. Spelunca Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern Anogramma leptophylla Jersey Fern Damp places. Spelunca Cheilanthes acrosticha **Scented Cheilanthes** Cliffs Dry cliffs. Spelunca Cheilanthes maderensis Cheilanthes tinaei Cliffs Parsley Fern Mountain rocks. Restonica Cryptogramma crispa Woodsiaceae Lady-fern Family Athyrium distentifolium Alpine Lady-fern Above Lac de Melo Athyrium felix-femina Lady-fern Foret d'Aitone Cystopteris fragilis Brittle Bladder-fern Frequent on rocks **PINOPSIDA CONIFERS** Cupressaceae **Cypress Family** Cupressus sempervirens ‡ Italian Cypress Cultivated Juniperus communis subsp. alpina Juniper Common in mountains Juniperus oxycedrus subsp. oxycedrus **Prickly Juniper** Common in maquis Juniperus phoenicea subsp. turbinata Coastal Phoenician Juniper Open maquis, rocks, dunes **Pinaceae Pine Family** Foret d'Aitone, Vizzavona Abies alba European Silver-fir Occasional. Foret d'Aitone Larix decidua‡ Larch Pinus halepensis‡ Planted Aleppo Pine Pinus nigra subsp. laricio • Corsican Pine **Forests** Pinus pinaster Maritime Pine Common in lower forests Umbrella Pine Pinus pinea ‡ Planted near coasts Planted. Foret d'Aitone Pseudotsuga menziesii ‡ Douglas Fir **Taxaceae** Yew Family Taxus baccata Yew Cascades des Anglais **MAGNOLIOPSIDA** FLOWERING PLANTS **MAGNOLIIIDAE DICOTYLEDONS** Aceraceae **Maple Family** Acer monspessulanum Montpelier Maple Spelunca Acer pseudoplatanus Restonica Sycamore **Aizoaceae Dewplant Family** Carpobrotus edulis ‡ Yellow Hottentot-fig Coastal alien Anacardiaceae **Sumach Family** Pistacia lenticus Mastic Tree Common in maquis **Apiaceae Carrot Family** Bunium alpinum subsp. corydalinum • A Pignut Mountain pasture Bupleurum fruticosum Shrubby Hare's-ear Rocky places in maquis Bupleurum stellatum Starry Hare's-ear Rocks

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Rough Chervil

**Pignut** 

Roadsides

Frequent

Chaerophyllum temulum

Conopodium majus

#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Crithmum maritimum **Rock Samphire** Coastal rocks Wild Carrot Common Daucus carota Field Eryngo Frequent Eryngium campestre Eryngium maritimum Sea Holly Coast Giant Fennel Ferula communis Frequent Foeniculum vulgare subsp. vulgare Fennel Common Imperatoria ostruthium Masterwort Mountain streamsides Mutellina corsica var. corsica • Restonica A Lovage Oenanthe fistulosa **Tubular Water-dropwort** Watermeadows. Liamone Corky-fruited Water-dropwort Oenanthe pimpinelloides Damp pasture Peucedanum paniculatum • Panicled Hog's Fennel Maquis and forests Pseudorlaya pumila **Dune Carrot** Coastal sands Sanicle Occasional Sanicula europaea Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's-needle Dry rocky places Seseli praecox • Seseli Cliffs. Porto Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders Weedy places Tordylium apulum Tordylium Occasional Tordylium maximum Hartwort Occasional Torilis arvensis Spreading Hedge-parsley Weedy places Torilis nodosa Knotted Hedge-parsley Dry sandy places **Apocynaceae Oleander Family** Nerium oleander Oleander By streams in maquis Intermediate Periwinkle Vinca difformis Evisa Aquifoliaceae **Holly Family** Ilex aquifolium Holly Frequent in forests **Araliaceae Ivy Family** Hedera helix lvy Common **Aristolochiaceae Birthwort Family** Aristolochia tyrrhena • Tyrrhenian Birthwort Spelunca **Asclepiadaceae** Milkweed Family Gomphocarpus fruticosus ‡ Bristle-fruited Silkweed Occasional. Roadsides Vincetoxicum hirundinaria Swallow-wort Restonica **Daisy Family Asteraceae** Achillea ligustica Southern Yarrow Common Achillea millefolium ‡ Yarrow Weedy places Adenostyles briquetii • Briquet's Adenostyles Restonica Andryala integrifolia Weedy places Andryala Anthemis arvensis Corn Chamomile Ruderal Anthemis maritimus Sea Chamomile Coast Bellis annua **Annual Daisy** Occasional Bellis perennis Daisy Occasional Bellis sylvestris Southern Daisy Frequent Bellium bellidioides • False Daisy Common Calendula arvensis Field Marigold Occasional Carduus pycnocephalus Plymouth Thistle Common. Waste ground Carduus tenuiflorus Slender Thistle Coast

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A Carline Thistle

Carlina corymbosa

Common to 1000 metres

#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Occasional above 1000 metres Carlina macrocephala subsp. macrocephala • Large-headed Carline Thistle Centaurea sphaerocephala Sand dunes. East coast A Knapweed Chondrilla juncea Rush Skeletonweed Waste places Cichorium intybus Chicory Roadsides Spear Thistle Cirsium vulgare Grassy and waste places Crupina crupinastrum Crupina Weedy places Aromatic Inula Roadsides. Frequent Dittrichia graveolens Stink Aster Roadsides . Common Dittrichia viscosa Corsican Leopard's-bane Wet rocks Doronicum corsicum • Eupatorium cannabinum subsp. corsicum • A Hemp-agrimony Wet forests Filago gallica Narrow-leaved Cudweed Dry places Filago minima Small Cudweed Rocky places Filago pygmaea Pygmy Cudweed Dry places Galactites tomentosa Galactites Waste places Glebionis coronaria var. coronaria Crown Daisy Waste places Glebionis coronaria var. discolor Crown Daisy Waste places Glebionis segetum Corn Marigold Liamone beach Gnaphalium luteoalbum Jersey Cudweed Waste places Helichrysum frigidum • An Everlastingflower Mountain rocks A Curry Plant Helichrysum italicumsubsp. Italicum Rocky places Hyoseris radiata Hyoseris Ruderal Frequent Hypochaeris achyrophorus Mediterranean Cat's-ear Hypochaeris glabra Smooth Cat's-ear Frequent Hypochaeris radicata Common Cat's-ear Sand dunes Jacobaea maritima Cineraria Cliffs. Porto Lapsana communis **Nipplewort** Waste places Wall Lettuce Walls Mycelis muralis Otanthus maritimus Cottonweed Sandy coasts Pallenis spinosa Spiny Golden-star Frequent Phagnalon saxatile A Shrubby Cudweed Rocks at low altitude Pilosella lactucella Common Pilosella officinarum Mouse-ear Hawkweed Frequent Prenanthes purpurea Purple Lettuce **Forests** A Ptilostemon Verghello. Restonica Ptilostemon casabonae • Pulicaria dysenterica Common Fleabane Damp places. Roadsides Pulicaria odora Mediterranean Fleabane Common in maquis Rhagadiolus edulis A Star Hawkbit Frequent Robertia taraxacoides • Widespread Santolina corsica • Corsican Lavender-cotton Tavignano Spanish Oyster Plant Roadsides Scolymus hispanicus Senecio lividus Ruderal A Sea Groundsel Senecio transiens • Coastal rocks and sand Senecio vulgaris Grounsel Waste places Milk Thistle Silybum marianum Waste places Solidago virgaurea Goldenrod Mountains Sonchus asper Prickly Sow-thistle Waste places Sonchus oleraceus Smooth Sow-thistle Waste places Taraxacum sp. A Dandelion Occasional Tolpis barbata **Tolpis** Occasional Tragopogon porrifolius Salsify Frequent Urospermum dalechampii Urospermum Locally common Urospermum picroides Prickly Golden-fleece Weedy places Xanthium italicum ‡ A Cocklebur Coasts. Alien

#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Ruderal. Alien Xanthium spinosum ‡ Spiny Cocklebur Berberidaceae **Barberry Family** Berberis aetnensis • Etna Barberry Mountains **Betulaceae Birch Family** Alnus alnobetula subsp. suaveolens • Corsican Alder Restonica Alnus cordata • Italian Alder Occasional Common Alder Alnus glutinosa Common by rivers Silver Birch Forests to treeline Betula pendula **Boraginaceae Borage Family** Occasional Anchusa italica Large Blue Alkanet Borago officinalis Borage Occasional Cynoglossum creticum Blue Hound's-tongue Roadsides Echium italicum Italian Viper's-bugloss Roadsides Echium plantagineum Purple Viper's-bugloss Waste ground Heliotropium europaeum Heliotrope Common. Roadsides Myosotis discolor Damp places Changing Forget-me-not Myosotis ramosissima Early Forget-me-not Frequent Myosotis soleirolii • A Forget-me-not Wet places in mountains **Brassicaceae Cabbage Family** Alliaria petiolata Garlic Mustard Ruderal Arabidopsis thaliana Thale Cress Frequent Arabis alpina subsp. alpina Alpine Rock-cress Restonica Arabis hirsuta Rocky places Hairy Rock-cress Arabis verna Spring Rock-cress Frequent **Rock Winter-cress** Barbarea rupicola • Damp rocks Barbarea verna Spring Winter-cress Damp places Barbarea vulgaris Common Winter-cress Damp places Cakile maritima Sea Rocket Coasts Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherd's-purse Widespread Capsella rubella Pink Shepherd's-purse Occasional Cardamine flexuosa Wavy Bitter-cress Frequent Cardamine hirsuta Hairy Bitter-cress Widespread Cardamine impatiens Narrow-leaved Bitter-cress Occasional Cardamine resedifolia Mignonette-leaved Bitter-cress Mountain rocks Coincya monensis subsp. cheiranthos Mountain rocks Draba muralis Rocks Wall Whitlowgrass Erophila verna Common Whitlowgrass Rocks Hirschfeldia incana Hoary Mustard Waste places Isatis tinctoria Roadsides Woad Mountains Lepidium hirtum subsp. oxyotum A Pepperwort Coastal rocks Lobularia maritima Sweet Alison Lunaria annua‡ Near habitation Honesty Malcomia ramosissima Sand dunes Matthiola incana Hoary Stock Rocks near the sea Matthiola tricuspidata Three-horned Stock Coastal Liamone beach Raphanus raphanistrum subsp. maritimum Sea Radish Sinapis alba White Mustard Waste places

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Hedge Mustard

Waste places

Waste places

Charlock

Sinapis arvensis

Sisymbrium officinale

#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Occasional Teesdalia coronopifolia A Shepherd's Cress A Penny-cress Thlaspi brevistylum Rocky places Turritis glabra **Tower Mustard** Occasional **Butterfly-bush Family** Buddlejaceae Buddleja davidii ‡ Butterfly-bush Near habitation **Buxaceae Box Family** Buxus sempervirens Box Spelunca Cactaceae **Cactus Family** Opuntia ficus-indica ‡ Prickly Pear Widely planted Campanulaceae **Bellfower Family** Occasional Campanula erinus Annual bellflower Campanula rapunculus Rampion Bellflower Frequent Jasione montana Sheep's-bit Mountain rocks Phyteuma serratum • **Toothed Rampion** Rocks. Restonica Caprifoliaceae Honeysuckle Family Lonicera etrusca Etruscan Honeysuckle Occasional Frequent in maquis Lonicera implexa A Honeysuckle Foret d'Aitone. Vizzavona Sambucus ebulus Danewort Sambucus nigra Elderberry Occasional Viburnum tinus Laurustinus Shaded maquis Caryophyllaceae **Pink Family** Arenaria balearica • **Balearic Sandwort** Cascades des Anglais Arenaria serpyllifolia Thyme-leaved Sandwort Rocky places Cerastium boissierianum A Mouse-ear Mountains Cerastium diffusum Sea Mouse-ear Frequent Cerastium fontanum Mouse-ear Chickweed Frequent Cerastium glomeratum Sticky Mouse-ear Waste places Cerastium soleirolii• A Mouse-ear Common. Mountains Corrigiola litoralis Strapwort Borders of lagoons Dianthus furcatus subsp. gyspergerae • Madame Gysperger's Pink Cliffs. Calanche de Piana Dianthus sylvestris subsp. longicaulis • A Wood Pink Rocks and cliffs Minuartia verna Vernal Sandwort Mountains Moehringia trinervia Three-nerved Sandwort Frequent Moenchia erecta **Upright Chickweed** Frequent Paronychia argentea Silvery Paronychia Sandy coast Paronychia polygonifolia A Paronychia Mountains Petrorhagia nanteulii A Tunic Flower Rocky places Petrorhagia saxifraga subsp. gasparrinii • A Tunic Flower Frequent on rocks Proliferous Pink Petrorhagia prolifera Rocky places Petrorhagia velutina Kohlrauschia Rocky places Polycarpon tetraphyllum subsp. diphyllum Four-leaved Allseed Ruderal Sagina procumbens **Procumbent Pearlwort** Common Saponaria ocymoides subsp. alsinoides • A Soapwort Col de Vergio. Verghello Saponaria officinalis Soapwort Occasional, Roadsides

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**Annual Knawel** 

White Campion

Small-flowered Catchfly

Rocks

Common Occasional

Scleranthus annuus

Silene gallica

Silene latifolia

#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Silene rupestris **Rock Campion** Rocky places Silene sericea • Sand dunes Silene succulentasubsp. corsica • Rare. Sand dunes Silene vulgaris **Bladder Campion** Frequent Spergularia salina Lesser Sea Spurrey Coastal Spergularia rubra Sand Spurrey Rocky places Stellaria media Common Chickweed Waste places Stellaria nemoreum Wood Stitchwort Shaded habitats **Greater Stitchwort** Stellaria neglecta Frequent Chenopodiaceae **Goosefoot Family** Beta vulgaris subsp. maritima Sea Beet Liamone beach Fat-hen Occasional weed Chenopodium album Chenopodium bonus-henricus Good-King-Henry Animal pens Sarcocornia fruticosa A Perennial Glasswort Salt marsh. Etang d'Urbino Cistaceae **Rockrose Family** Cistus creticus Cretan Cistus Common in maquis Cistus monspeliensis Narrow-leaved Cistus Common in maquis Cistus salvifolius Common in maquis Sage-leaved Cistus Helianthemum grandiflorum Large-flowered Rockrose Occasional Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rockrose Occasional. Open places Convolvulaceae **Bindweed Family** Calystegia sepium Occasional weed Hedge Bindweed Calystegia soldanella Sea Bindweed Liamone estuary Convolvulus altheoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed Frequent Convolvulus arvensis Field Bindweed Occasional weed Convolvulus cantabrica Southern Bindweed Occasional Cuscuta campestris ‡ Yellow Dodder Calacuccia Cuscuta epithymum subsp. corsicana • A Dodder Frequent Crassulaceae Stonecrop family Crassula tillaea Seasonally wet rocks Mossy Stonecrop Sedum album White Stonecrop Rocks. Frequent Sedum brevifolium **Short-leaved Stonecrop** Rocks. Common Sedum caeruleum • Blue Stonecrop Spelunca Sedum cepaea Frequent Sedum dasyphyllum Thick-leaved Stonecrop Rocks and walls Rocks. Common Sedum rubens Red Stonecrop Sedum rupestre Large Rock Stonecrop Rocks. Occasional Sedum stellatum Starry Stonecrop Occasional Umbilicus rupestris Wall Pennywort Rocks. Common Cucurbitaceae **Cucumber Family** Ecballium elaterium **Squirting Cucumber** Waste places **Dipsacaceae Teasel Family** Knautia integrifolia **Entire-leaved Scabious** Waste places **Ericaceae Heather Family** Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree Maquis

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Maquis

Tree Heather

Erica arborea

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Erica terminalis	Corsican Heath	Verghello valley
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	Restonica
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
Euphorbia amygdaloides subsp. semiperfoliata	A Wood Spurge	Frequent. Forests
Euphorbia characias subsp. characias	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Widespread
Euphorbia dendroides	Tree Spurge	Coastal cliffs
Euphorbia exigua	Dwarf Spurge	Occasional
Euphorbia helioscopia	Sun Spurge	Waste ground
Euphorbia hirsuta	Hairy Spurge	Damp places. Liamone
Euphorbia hyberna subsp. insularis •	An Irish Spurge	Forest
Euphorbia lathyris	Caper Spurge	Evisa
Euphorbia maculata ‡	Spotted Spurge	Trackways
Euphorbia paralias	Sea Spurge	Sand dunes
Euphorbia peplus	Petty Spurge	Ruderal
Euphorbia pithyusa subsp. pithyusa	A Spurge	Coast
Mercurialis annua	Annual Mercury	Common
Mercurialis perennis	Dog's Mercury	Frequent
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
Anthyllis hermanniae	Herman's Kidney Vetch	Common
Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. rubriflora	Mediterranean Kidney Vetch	Occasional
Bituminaria bituminosa	Pitch Trefoil	Common
Calycotome infesta	Thorny Broom	Maquis
Calycotome villosa	Hairy Thorny Broom	Maquis
Ceratonia siliqua	Carob	Occasional
Cercis siliquastrum‡	Judas Tree	Frequent
Cytisus villosus	Hairy Broom	Occasional
Dorycnium hirsutum	Dorycnium	Locally common
Dorycnium pentaphyllum Genista corsica •	Five-leaved Dorycnium	Frequent
Genista corsica • Genista monspessulana	Corsican Broom  Montpellier Broom	Maquis Maguis
Genista salzmannii var. lobelioides •	Montpeller Broom	Maquis Mountains
Genista salzmannii var. salzmannii •		Lower altitudes than var. <i>lobelioides</i>
Lathyrus aphaca	Yellow Vetchling	Occasional
Lathyrus clymenum	Crimson Pea	Waste places
Lathyrus cicera	Red Vetchling	Frequent
Lathyrus hirsutus	Hairy Vetchling	Brackish reedbeds
Lathyrus latifolius	Broad-leaved Everlasting-pea	Open forest
Lathyrus setifolius	Red Pea	Frequent
Lathyrus sphaericus	Round Pea	Widespread
Lathyrus venetus		Forests
Lotus corniculatus	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Occasional
Lotus cytisoides	Grey Bird'-foot Trefoil	Coastal rocks
Lotus edulis	Edible Lotus	Common
Lupinus angustifolius	Narrow-leaved Lupin	Occasional
Lupinus micranthus	Hairy Lupin	Occasional
Medicago arabica	Spotted Medick	Common
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	Frequent
Medicago marina	Sea Medick	Sand dunes
Medicago orbicularis	Large Disc-medick	Occasional
Medicago polymorpha	Toothed Medick	Waste places

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Melilotus albus ‡	White Melilot	Ruderal
Melilotus elegans	Elegant Melilot	Occasional. Coastal
Melilotus indicus	Small Melilot	Occasional
Onobrychis viciifolia ‡	Sainfoin	Waste places
Ononis reclinata	Small Restharrow	Coastal sands
Ornithopus compressus	Compressed Bird's-foot	Dry places
Ornithopus perpusillus	Common Bird's-foot	Rocky places
Ornithopus pinnatus	Orange Bird's-foot	Rocky places
Pisum sativum subsp. elatius	Wild Pea	Restonica
Robinia pseudoacacia ‡	False-acacia	Cultivated
Scopiurus muricatus	Scorpion-vetch	Frequent
Spartium junceum	Spanish Broom	Roadsides
Trifolium angustifolium	Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover	Open places
Trifolium arvense	Hare's-foot Clover	Occasional
Trifolium campestre	Hop Trefoil	Occasional
Trifolium fragiferum	Strawberry Clover	Widespread
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	Common
Trifolium repens	White Clover	Common
Trifolium resupinatum Trifolium scabrum	Reversed Clover	Waste places
Trifolium stellatum	Rough Clover Star Clover	Common. Tracksides Common
Trifolium striatum	Soft Clover	Frequent
Trifolium subterraneum	Burrowing Clover	Open places
Trifolium tomentosum	Wooly Trefoil	Occasional
Vicia benghalensis	Bengal Vetch	Widespread
Vicia bithynica	Bithynican Vetch	Frequent
Vicia cracca subsp. tenuifolia	A Tufted Vetch	Common
Vicia hirsuta	Hairy Tare	Waste places
Vicia lathyroides	Spring Vetch	Widespread
Vicia lutea	Yellow Vetchling	Coastal
Vicia sativa subsp. nigra	Narrow-leaved Common Vetch	Frequent
Vicia sativa subsp. sativa	Common Vetch	Common
Vicia villosa	Fodder Vetch	Waste places
Fagaceae	Oak Family	
Castanaea sativa ‡	Sweet Chestnut	Widely planted
Fagus sylvatica	Beech	Forests to tree-line
Quercus coccifera	Kermes Oak	Maquis
Quercus ilex	Holm Oak	Maquis Venaco
Quercus pubescens Quercus suber	Downy Oak Cork Oak	
Quercus suber	Cork Oak	Lowland maquis
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
Corydalis pumila	Dwarf Corydalis	Forest. Vizzavona
Fumaria bastardii	Tall Ramping Fumitory	Ruderal
Fumaria capreolata	White Ramping Fumitory	Common
Fumaria officinalis	Common Fumitory	Verges
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
Blackstonia perfoliata	Yellow-wort	Spelunca
Centaurium erythraea	Common Centaury	Dry places
Centaurium maritimum	Yellow Centaury	Common
Centaurium tenuiflorum subsp. acutiflorum	Slender Centaury	Coastal

### Latin name Common name Notes

Gentiana asclepiadea Willow-leaved Gentian Foret d'Aitone. Restonica

#### Geraniaceae

Erodium cicutarium
Erodium botrys
Mediterranean Stork's-bill
Erodium corsicum • Corsican Stork's-bill
Erodium malacoides
Mallow-leaved Stork
Erodium moschatum
Musk Stork's-bill
Geranium columbinum
Geranium dissectum
Geranium lucidum
Geranium molle
Geranium pyrenaicum
Geranium robertianum
Geranium rotundifolium
Common Stork's-bill
Mediterranean Stork
Mallow-leaved Stork
Musk Stork's-bill
Long-stalked Crane'sCut-leaved Crane'sGeranium pyrenaicum
Hedgerow Crane'sGeranium robertianum
Geranium rotundifolium
Round-leaved Crane

### 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 •

#### **Crane's-bill Family**

Common Stork's-bill Coast and waste places

Mediterranean Stork's-bill Weedy places

Corsican Stork's-bill Coastal rocks. Galeria

Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Open places

Musk Stork's-bill Open places

Long-stalked Crane's-bill Verges. Waste places

Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Waste places

Shining Crane's-bill Spelunca

Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Waste place
Shining Crane's-bill Spelunca
Dove's-foot Crane's-bill Frequent
Hedgerow Crane's-bill Frequent
Herb Robert Widespread
Round-leaved Crane's-bill Frequent

### St John's-wort Family

Southern St John's-wort Frequent. Maquis
Corsican St John's-wort Streamsides

Stinking Tutsan Streamsides, damp rocks

Pale St John's-wort Forests
Perfoliate St John's-wort Frequent
Perforate St John's-wort Wet places
Square-stalked St John's-wort Damp places

### **Walnut Family**

Walnut Occasional

#### **Dead-nettle Family**

Black Horehound Roadsides

Lesser Calamint Waste places. Widespread

Wild Basil Common
Henbit Dead-nettle Ruderal
Red Dead-nettle Ruderal

French Lavender Rocky places in maquis White Horehound Roadsides. Ruderal

Water Mint Wet places
Corsican Mint Foret d'Aitone
Spear Mint Damp places
A Round-leaved Mint Wet places

Thread-leaved Micromeria Santa Regina Gorge

Self-heal Frequent
Rosemary Hot rocky places
Wild Clary Frequent
Corsican Woundwort Frequent
Sticky Woundwort Rocky places

Felty Germander Frequent. Rocky places

Wall Germander Occasional
A Germander Rocky places
Wood Sage Common in forests
A Thyme Common in mountains

Latin name Common name **Notes** Lentibulariaceae **Butterwort Family** Pinguicula corsica • Corsican Butterwort Wet places. Restonica Linaceae Flax Family Linum bienne Pale Flax Locally common Loranthaceae **Mistletoe Family** Viscum album subsp. austriacum Mistletoe Common on Pine and Fir **Loosestrife Family** Lythraceae Lythrum hyssopifolia Occasional. Damp places Grass-poly Lythrum salicaria Purple Loosestrife Ditches. Calvi Malvaceae **Mallow Family** Althaea hirsuta Rough Marsh Mallow Roadsides Lavatera arborea Tree Mallow Near coast Lavatera cretica Small Tree Mallow Occasional Malva neglecta **Dwarf Mallow** Animal pens. Ruderal Malva parviflora Least Mallow Occasional Roadsides Common Mallow Malva sylvestris Moraceae Fig Family Ficus carica Fig Frequent in maquis Morus alba ‡ White Mulberry Cultivated Myrtaceae Myrtle Family Eucalyptus camaldulensis ‡ River Red Gum Cultivated Myrtus communis Common Myrtle Frequent in maquis Oleaceae **Olive Family** Fraxinus ornus Manna Ash Common in maquis Olea europaea subsp. oleaster Wild Olive Maquis Phillyrea angustifolia Narrow-leaved Mock Privet Common in maquis Mock Privet Phillyrea latifolia Frequent in maquis Onagraceae Willowherb Family **Great Willowherb** Epilobium hirsutum Damp places Epilobium montanum **Broad-leaved Willowherb** Frequent Epilobium parviflorum Hoary Willowherb Streamsides Orobanchaceae **Broomrape Family** Orobanche minor Common Broomrape Frequent Oxalidaceae **Wood-sorrel Family** Oxalis articulata ‡ Garden escape Pink Oxalis Oxalis corniculata Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Ruderal Oxalis pes-caprae ‡ Bermuda Buttercup Alien weed **Papaveraceae Poppy Family** Sand dunes Glaucium flavum Yellow Horned-poppy Papaver dubium subsp. dubium Ruderal

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Common Poppy

Long-headed Poppy

Round-headed Prickly Poppy

Ruderal

Frequent

Papaver hybridum

Papaver rhoeas

Common name

**Pokeweed Family** 

**Plantain Family** 

**Notes** 

Waste places

Phytolaccaceae

Latin name

Phytolacca acinos ‡ Pokeweed Waste places

**Plantaginaceae** 

Plantago afraGlandular PlantainRocky places. CommonPlantago bellardiiHairy PlantainDry rocky placesPlantago coronopusBuck's-horn PlantainCoastalPlantago lagopusHare's-foot PlantainCommonPlantago lanceolataRibwort PlantainWidespread

Plantago majorGreater PlantainWaste groundPlantago sarda var. sarda •A PlantainMountains

Platanaceae

Platanus x hispanica ‡ London Plane Cultivated

Plumbaginaceae

Armeria leucocephala •White-headed ThriftSanta Regina GorgeArmeria multiceps •Multi-headed ThriftMountains. CommonLimonium corsicum •A Sea LavenderCoastal rocks. Galeria

**Plane Family** 

**Thrift Family** 

Milkwort Family

**Dock Family** 

Fiddle Dock

**Purslane Family** 

**Primrose Family** 

Polygalaceae

Polygala nicaeensis subsp. corsicaCorsican MilkwortOccasionalPolygala vulgarisCommon MilkwortForet d'Aitone

Polygonaceae

Polygonum aviculare Knotgrass Bare ground Polygonum maritimum Sea Knotgrass Coastal Rumex acetosella subsp. pyrenaicus A Sheep's Sorrel Common Rumex bucephalophorus Horned Dock Frequent Rumex conglomeratus Clustered Dock Damp places **Curled Dock** Rumex crispus Liamone estuary

Portulacaceae

Rumex pulcher

Montia fontanaBlinksDamp placesPortulaca oleraceaCommon PurslaneOccasional

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel Frequent
Asterolinon linum-stellatum Asterolinon Frequent

Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. hederifolium Ivy-leaved Sowbread Locally common

Cyclamen repandum Spring Sowbread Shady places. Locally common

**Buttercup Family** 

Ranunculaceae

Anemone hortensis subsp. hortensis An Anemone Near Corte

Aquilegia dumeticola •A ColumbineForet d'Aitone. RestonicaClematis cirrhosaVirgin's BowerOccasional in maquisClematis flammulaFragrant ClematisMaquis. CommonClematis vitalbaOld Man's BeardCommon

Clematis vitalbaOld Man's BeardCommonFicaria vernaLesser CelandineFrequentHelleborus argutifolius •Corsican HelleboreCommonPulsatilla alpina subsp. cyrnea •An Alpine PasqueflowerRestonicaRanunculus bulbosusBulbous ButtercupMeadows

#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Ranunculus flammula Foret d'Aitone Lesser Spearwort Ranunculus lanuginosus Frequent Wooly Buttercup Ranunculus muricatus Rough-fruited Buttercup Occasional Ranunculus platanifolius Maple-leaved Buttercup Col Vizzavona Common Ranunculus repens Creeping Buttercup Ranunculus sceleratus Celery-leaved Buttercup Damp places Ranunculus velutinus Damp places Resedaceae **Mignonette Family** White Mignonette Occasional. Ruderal Reseda alba Reseda luteola Weld Ruderal Sesamoides clusii Sesamoides Col de Vergio Rhamnaceae **Buckthorn Family** Rhamnus alaternus Mediterranean Buckthorn Occasional in maquis Rosaceae **Rose Family** Alchemilla alpina forma. corsica • Alpine Lady's-mantle Restonica Amelanchier ovalis var. rhamnoides • A Juneberry Foret d'Aitone Hawthorn Common Crataegus monogyna Wild Strawberry Fragaria vesca Frequent Geum montanum Alpine Avens Mountain rocks. Restonica Geum urbanum Herb Bennet Occasional in shade Malus sylvestris Crab Apple Occasional Potentilla anglica subsp. nesogenes • A Trailing Tormentil Damp turf Potentilla crassinervia • Rocks. Lac de Melo Potentilla erecta Tormentil Mountain pasture Potentilla micrantha Frequent Potentilla reptans Creeping Cinqufoil Common. Waste places Potentilla rupestris var. pygmaea • Rock Cinquefoil Occasional. Mountains Poterium sanguisorba Salad Burnet Common Prunus avium Wild Cherry Occasional Prunus spinosa Blackthorn Frequent. Almond-leaved Pear Pyrus spinosa Frequent. Maquis Small-leaved Sweet-brian Frequent Rosa agrestis Rosa canina Dog-rose Roadsides Rosa sempervirens Evergreen Rose Roadsides Rosa tomentosa Downy Rose Occasional Rubus ulmifolius A Blackberry Common Whitebeam Sorbus aria Occasional Sorbus aucuparia subsp. praemorsa • Corsican Rowan Restonica Sorbus domestica Wild Service Tree Spelunca Rubiaceae **Bedstraw Family** Frequent Cruciata laevipes Crosswort Galium aparine Occasional Cleavers Galium mollugo Hedge Bedstraw Occasional Galium odoratum Sweet Woodruff Spelunca Galium rotundifolium Round-leaved Bedstraw Spelunca Galium scabrum Shaded maquis Galium verum Lady's Bedstraw Occasional Rubia peregrina Wild Madder Forests and maquis Field Madder Sherardia arvensis

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Spelunca

#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Rutaceae **Rue Family** Ruta chalepensis Fringed Rue Occasional Salicaceae **Willow Family** Populus alba White Poplar Frequent Populus nigra Black Poplar Frequent Populus tremula Occasional Aspen Salix alba White Willow Common Salix cinerea subsp. oleifolia **Grey Willow** Common Purple Willow Occasional Salix purpurea Santalaceae Sandalwood Family Osyris alba Osyris Maquis Saxifragaceae Saxifrage Family Saxifraga corsica • Corsican Saxifrage Damp rocks. Spelunca Saxifraga pedemontana subsp. cervicornis • A Piedmont Saxifrage Shaded mountain rocks Saxifraga rotundifolia Round-leaved Saxifrage Shaded damp places Scrophulariaceae **Figwort Family** Bartsia trixago Bellardia Occasional Shaded damp rocks. Spelunca Cymbalaria aequitriloba • Corsican Toadflax Cymbalaria hepaticifolia • Damp rocks. Restonica Digitalis purpurea subsp. gyspergerae • Foxglove Common Euphrasia nana • An Eyebright Lac de Melo Linaria pelisseriana Jersey Toadflax Dry places Linaria vulgaris‡ Common Toadflax Corte Misopates orontium Weasel's Snout Occasional Odontites lutea Yellow Odontites Locally common. Maquis Parentucellia latifolia Southern Red Bartsia Frequent Parentucellia viscosa Yellow Bartsia Watermeadows. Liamone French Figwort Rocky slopes Scrophularia canina Scrophularia peregrina Nettle-leaved Figwort Common Wavy-leaved Mullein Verbascum sinuatum Frequent Verbascum thapsus **Great Mullein** Occasional Veronica arvensis Wall Speedwell Frequent Veronica cymbalaria Pale Speedwell Ruderal Veronica hederifolia Ivy-leaved Speedwell Ruderal Veronica officinalis Heath Speedwell Foret d'Aitone Veronica persica ‡ Occasional Common Speedwell Veronica verna Spring Speedwell Common Simaroubaceae Tree-of-heaven Family Ailanthus altissima ‡ Tree-of-heaven Widespread Solanaceae **Nightshade Family** Foret d'Aitone, Vizzavona Atropa belladonna Deadly Nightshade Datura stamonium ‡ Thornapple Ruderal. Alien Hyocyamus albus White Henbane Occasional Nicotiana glauca ‡ Shrub Tobacco Roadsides, Alien

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Black Nightshade

Waste ground

Solanum nigrum

Latin name Common name **Notes Tamaricaceae Tamarisk Family** Tamarix africana African Tamarisk Near coasts **Thymelaeaceae Mezereon Family** 

Daphne gnidium Mediterranean Mezereon Widespread in maquis Daphne oleoides Olive-leaved Daphne Col de Vergio Thymelaea hirsuta Hairy Thymelaea Near coast

**Tiliaceae Lime Family** Tilia cordata Small-leaved Lime Occasional Tilia platyphyllos ‡ **Broad-leaved Lime** Planted

**Ulmaceae Elm Family** Celtis australis ‡ European Nettle Tree Planted Ulmus minor Small-leaved Elm Common

**Urticaceae Nettle Family** Parietaria judaica Pellitory-of-the-Wall Walls and rocks Parietaria lusitanica A Pellitory-of-the-Wall Occasional. Walls and rocks Urtica atrovirens • A Nettle Evisa. Verghello Urtica dioica Common Nettle Waste places Urtica membranacea Membranous Nettle Ruderal Roman Nettle Ruderal Urtica pilulifera Urtica urens Small Nettle Ruderal

Valerianaceae **Valerian Family** Centranthus calcitrapa Small Red Valerian Common Centranthus ruber ‡ Red Valerian Garden escape Valeriana rotundifolia var. rotundifolia • A Valerian Restonica Valerianella carinata A Cornsalad **Tracksides** Valerianella locusta Common Cornsalad **Tracksides** 

Verbenaceae **Vervain Family** Lantana camara ‡ Lantana Cultivated Verbena officinalis Roadsides Vervain

Violaceae **Violet Family** Viola alba subsp. dehnardtii Mediterraean White Violet Forests and maquis Viola arvensis Field Pansy Occasional Viola biflora Yellow Wood Violet Shaded wet places Viola corsica • Corsican Violet Restonica

Viola kitaibeliana **Dwarf Pansy** Dry places Viola odorata Sweet Violet Occasional Viola reichenbachiana Early Dog-violet Forests. Frequent Viola riviniana Common Dog-violet Frequent

**Grape-vine Family** Vitaceae Vitis vinifera subsp. sylvestris Wild Vine Spelunca

Zygophyllaceae **Caltrop Family** Tribulus terrestris Maltese Cross Waste places

### Latin name Common name Notes

#### **LILIIDAE**

#### **MONOCOTYLEDONS**

### **Amaryllidaceae**

Acis longifolia •
Allium neapolitanum ‡
Allium pendulinum
Allium roseum
Allium subhirsutum

Allium triquetrum
Allium ursinum

Pancratium illyricum

#### **Araceae**

Arisarum vulgare Arum italicum

#### **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 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
Romulea columnae

### **Daffodil Family**

Long-leaved Snowflake Spelunca gorge

Naples Garlic Aleria

Italian GarlicLocally commonRosy GarlicOccasional

Hairy Garlic Occasional. Maquis

Three-cornered Leek Frequent
Ramsons Vizzavona

Illyrian Sea Daffodil Local. Shaded damp places

### **Lords-and-Ladies Family**

Friar's Cowl Shaded maquis Italian Lords-and-Ladies Near habitation

#### **Asparagus Family**

Centuryplant Cultivated

Mediterranean Wild Asparagus Maquis

White Asparagus Maquis

Brimeura Locally common

Sea Squill Frequent

Tassel Hyacinth Frequent
Spiked Star-of-Bethlehem Occasional
Common Star-of-Bethlehem Near habitation
Angular Solomon's-seal Rare. Foret d'Aitone
Butcher's-broom Shaded maquis

#### Sedge Family

Sea Club-rush Saline lagoons
Spring Sedge Common
Star Sedge Wet places
Glaucous Sedge Wet places
Common Sedge Common
Pendulous Sedge Foret d'Aitone
Remote Sedge Frequent

Small Yellow Sedge Wet places. Mountains

A Galingale Coastal sands
Galingale Wet places

Common Spike-rush Wet borders of lagoons

Round-headed Club-rush Occasional

Black Bog-rush Occasional. Wet places

### Yam Family

Black Bryony Shaded maquis

#### **Iris Family**

Corsican Crocus Mountains. Locally common

Field Gladiolus Occasional
Tall Bearded Iris Occasional
Yellow Flag Liamone
A Sand Crocus Occasional

#### Latin name Common name **Notes** Juncaceae **Rush Family** Juncus acutus Sharp Rush Liamone Juncus articulatus Jointed Rush Wet places Juncus bufonius Toad Rush Damp sands Juncus bulbosus Bulbous rush Wet places Juncus conglomeratus Compact Rush Common Juncus effusus Soft Rush Common Juncus maritimus Sea Rush Damp saline habitats Field Wood-rush Common Luzula campestris Southern Wood-rush Luzula forsteri Foret d'Aitone Luzula luzulina Corsican Alder thickets Luzula multiflora Heath Wood-rush Damp places Piedmont Wood-rush Luzula pedemontana Frequent Luzula spicata subsp. italica Spiked Wood-rush Frequent Liliaceae **Lily Family** Gagea soleirolii • A Yellow star-of-Bethlehem Locally common. Mountains **Nartheciaceae Bog Asphodel Family** Narthecium reverchonii • Corsican Bog Asphodel Wet rocks Orchidaceae **Orchid Family** Occasional Anacamptis coriophora subsp. fragrans Fragrant Bug Orchid 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 Wedge-lipped Orchid Dactylorhiza saccifera 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 Dry places Aira caryophyllea Silver Hair-grass 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

Latin name	Common name	Notes
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
Catapodium marinum	Sea Fern-grass	Sand dunes
Catapodium rigidum	Fern-grass	Common
Cynodon dactylon	Burmuda Grass	Dry places
Cynosurus echinatus	Rough Dog's-tail	Mountains
Elytrigia juncea	Sand Couch	Sand dunes
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog	Wet pasture
Hordeum murinum	Wall Barley	Dry places
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	
Zastara marina	Folgrand	Cub marina

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

Zostera marina

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	Common name	Latin name	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
1	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna							2			
2	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus		2								
3	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus							1			
4	Little Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus		1								
5	Great Egret	Ardea alba							3			
6	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo							5			
7	Red Kite	Milvus milvus		50		3	1	3	4			
8	Black Kite	Milvus migrans		4		1						

Eelgrass

Sub-marine

						Ma	av	May								
	Common name	Latin name	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17						
9	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus		1					2							
10	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		Н		Н	1	2	2							
11	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		1			1		1							
12	Red-footed Falcon	Falco vespertinus							2							
13	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus		1												
14	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra							40							
15	Audouin's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii		1												
16	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis		100+	10				200							
17	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo							<b>✓</b>							
18	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	Columba livia		✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
19	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>						
20	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		1	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н							
21	Eurasian Scops Owl	Otus scops		H	Н	Н										
22	European Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus		2	4	3	1									
23	Common Swift	Apus apus	<b>✓</b>	<u>∠</u>	<b>→</b>	<b>√</b>	<u>'</u>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
24	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus	<u> </u>	2	2	· ·		<u> </u>		-						
25	European Bee-Eater	Merops apiaster							2							
26	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops				Н				-						
27	Eurasian Wryneck			Н	Н	Н				-						
	•	Jynx torquilla			-		4		4	-						
28	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		2	2	Н	1	Н	1							
29	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		6	4	5	3	6	10	-						
30	Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus						30								
31	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax			2											
32	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix		✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>								
33	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		30	2	3	3	2	1							
34	Coal Tit	Periparus ater		✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<u> </u>						
35	Great Tit	Parus major		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<u> </u>						
36	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓							
37	Woodlark	Lullula arborea					1									
38	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia		3												
39	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		6												
40	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris			2	1	2	3	10							
41	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum		40	60	✓	✓	20	50							
42	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		Н					Н							
43	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus				3	1	1								
44	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		Н												
45	Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus		Н												
46	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		Н					2							
47	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		Н	2	Н	Н	Н	Н							
48	Marmora's Warbler	Sylvia sarda		1												
49	Moltoni's Warbler	Sylvia subalpina				4	Н	2	1							
50	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	2	Н	Н		Н	Н	Н	Н						
51	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla	<u> </u>	6	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	_						
52	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		Н	Н	ļ . <b>.</b>	Н	Н	Н							
53	Corsican Nuthatch •	Sitta whiteheadi		4	· · ·		<u> </u>	1								
54	Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris		2				1								
55	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor		4		3		4	50							
56	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	<b>✓</b>	<b>4</b> ✓	<b>✓</b>	<i>√</i>	<b>✓</b>	<b>→</b>	√	<b>✓</b>						
57	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	_	2	2	1	<b>, ,</b>	1	_	<u> </u>						
58	Common Nightingale			H		<u> </u>		Н	Н							
บด	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		П				_ п	П	<u> </u>						

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	Common name	Latin name	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
60	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius				Н				
61	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata		1					2	
62	White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus		1		3		2	1	
63	Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava flava		2	2	2		2	2	6
65	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba			1					
66	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	European Serin	Serinus serinus				2		4	6	
68	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris			1	2	Н	Н	1	
69	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		10	6		2	1	20	
70	Corsican Finch •	Carduelis corsicana				6	10	2		
71	Corsican Crossbill •	Loxia curvirostra corsicana				3				
72	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		Н					2	
73	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus		2	Н	1	Н			

## Mammals (‡ = introduced)

1   Wild Boar ‡   Sus scrofa       ✓	
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## Reptiles

1	Hermann's Tortoise	Testudo hermanni	✓						
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				✓		✓	

## Amphibians

1	Tyrrhenian Painted Frog •	Discoglossus sardus	✓	✓			
2	Tyrrhenian Tree Frog •	Hyla sarda		Н	Н		
3	Italian Pool Frog ‡	Rana bergeri	✓				

### Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon				✓			✓	
2	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni	✓			✓				
3	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		✓	✓				✓	
4	Large White	Pieris brassicae	✓	✓			✓			
5	Small White	Pieris rapae							✓	
6	Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines	✓							
7	Wood White	Leptidea sinapis				✓		✓		
8	Painted Lady	Cynthia cardui	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
9	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta				✓				
10	Southern Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
11	Corsican Wall Brown •	Lasiommata paramegaera	✓		✓		✓	✓		
12	Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina							✓	
13	Corsican Heath •	Coenonympha corinna				✓				

### Moths (E = Evidence)

1	Giant Peacock Moth	Saturnia pyri				✓	✓	✓	
2	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	Macroglossum stellatarum			✓				
3	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa	Е	Е			Е	E	

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Common name	Latin name	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

## Dragonflies

1	Small Red Damsel	Ceriagrion tenellum				✓	
2	Scarce Chaser	Libellula fulva				✓	

### Other Insects

1	Fire Bug	Pyrrhocoris apterus			✓	✓	✓	
2	Dung Beetle	Scarabaeus laticollis		✓				