# **Corsica - The Scented Isle**

# Naturetrek Tour Report

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Tralonca



Cytinus hypocistis subsp. clusii

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David Tattersfield and Steve Gater (leaders) with 11 Naturetrek clients.

### Day 1

### Sunday 5th May

After dropping off the first group, at the airport, we visited the nearby Biguglia Lake and explored a range of coastal and farmland habitats. The sandy beach was backed by Cottonweed *Achillea maritima*, the handsome knapweed *Centaurea sphaerocephala*, Sea Chamomile *Anthemis maritima* and Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum* and in coastal maquis, there were large stands of the grey-leaved, yellow-flowered *Cistus halimifolius*. On the lake, we saw the rare Audouin's Gull and our raptor sightings included Eleonora's Falcon, Western Marsh Harrier and a pair of Golden Eagle. Other birds, we had not seen during the previous week, included Pallid Swift, Stonechat and a very smart Woodchat Shrike, not far from the airport runway.

Unfortunately the weather had been atrocious, with high winds and periods of rain. The airport had been closed for much of the afternoon and the inbound flight, carrying our second group, was delayed by over an hour. Once we had loaded the minibuses, we set off on our journey across the island. The first part was through colourful maquis, with bright-yellow Woad *Isatis tinctoria* often lining the route. At Francardo, we turned west towards the mountains and our progress was slowed by the narrow, winding roads. After the dramatic Santa Regina Gorge and a few villages, we entered the extensive Foret d'Aitone. The wind had dropped but, above 1,000 metres, the rain turned to snow and we were soon driving through a winter wonderland. We learned later that the road had been closed, earlier in the day, but the ploughs had been out and we reached the Col de Vergio, without undue difficulty. From here, it was a short drive to Evisa and we arrived at our hotel at 8.00pm.

### Day 2

### **Monday 6th May**

It was a cool 6°C, in the morning. We drove a little way up into the forest and made a short walk to the ruins of a chestnut mill, where water power was once used to produce the all-important chestnut flour. *Cyclamen repandum* and Corsican Hellebore *Helleborus lividus* subsp. *corsicus* were the prominent flowers, under the high canopy of Corsican Pine *Pinus nigra* subsp. *laricio*, Silver Fir *Abies alba* and Holly *Ilex aquifolium*. We heard Great Spotted Woodpecker and the high-pitched calls of Firecrest, in the trees, and saw our first White-throated Dipper, down by the river. On the damp rocks, near the waterfalls, we found Round-leaved Saxifrage *Saxifraga rotundifolia*, the deep-yellow endemic Winter-cress *Barbarea rupicola*, curtains of Corsican Bog Asphodel *Narthecium reverchonii* and huge specimens of Royal Fern *Osmunda regalis*.

We moved on to the Col de Sevi, at 1,100 metres, where there were plantations of Wild Cherry *Prunus avium* and a scattering of Hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*. Small flocks of Corsican Finch and Linnet flitted around and we had distant views of a pair of Golden Eagle. Where the local pigs had churned up much of the ground, the common plants included Corsican Hellebore, the endemic Broom *Genista salzmanii* var. *lobelioides* and Curry Plant *Helichrysum italicum* and there were tall clumps of Three-leaved Figwort *Scrophularia trifoliata*, a Tyrrhenian species, also found in Sardinia and mainland Italy.

We drove down to Sagone, on the coast, where it was a pleasant 20°C. We stocked up on food for the next few days, before driving a little way south to the Liamone Estuary and a convenient place for lunch. Along the edges of the reeds, we recorded Little and Great Egret and a Squacco Heron and heard Cetti's Warbler and Common Nightingale. A Western Marsh Harrier hunted over the water-meadows and a flock of 12 Honey Buzzard passed

by. Down on the seaward edge of the lagoon, a selection of waders included singles of Ruff, Common Redshank, Little Ringed Plover and Common Sandpiper and an Eleonora's Falcon flew along the coast.

Large carpets of the invasive Yellow Hottentot Fig *Carpobrotus edulis* made a colourful show, all over the dunes, but, attractive as they were, they had no place here. Three-horned Stock *Matthiola tricuspidata*, Sea Rocket *Cakile maritima* and Yellow horned-poppy *Glaucium flavum* were plentiful and we were pleased to find Sea Knotgrass *Polygonum maritimum* and Sea Bindweed *Calystegia soldanella*, both rare British natives. In the more stable areas of dune, Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard scuttled across the sand, among Sheep's-bit *Jasione montana* and deep-yellow bushes of the endemic Corsican Broom *Genista corsica*. Large patches of Yellow Flag *Iris pseudacorus* were flowering in the water-filled dune-slacks and, here and there, were patches of Yellow Centaury *Centaurium maritimum* and some fine specimens of Heart-lipped Tongue Orchid *Serapias cordigera*. We were back at the hotel just after 6.00pm.

### Day 3

### **Tuesday 7th May**

After breakfast, we drove down to the foot of the village and the start of the trail down the Spelunca Gorge. The maquis, here, is fully developed, with a dense canopy of Holm Oak, *Quercus* ilex, Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* and Tree Heather *Erica arborea*, which was covered in white flowers. Growing through these were huge trees of Maritime Pine *Pinus pinaster* subsp. *escarena* and Corsican Pine, easily distinguishable by their cones and bark.

Rather than walk the full length of the old mule trail, we returned to the minibuses and made several stops to view the gorge from above. Lower down, the maquis became more diverse with flowering shrubs of French Lavender, *Lavandula stoechas*, Shrubby Hare's-ear *Bupleurum fruticosum*, Sticky Woundwort *Stachys glutinosa* and the pungent Germander *Teucrium marum*. When we reached the lower bridge, we followed an undulating path upstream to the Genoese Zaglia Bridge, which crosses a tributary. Flowers, alongside the path included Friar's Cowl *Arisarum vulgare*, Three-cornered Leek *Allium triquetrum*, Dense-flowered Orchid *Neotinea maculata*, the delicate Long-leaved Snowflake *Acis longifolia* and the spectacular Illyrian Sea Daffodil *Pancratium illyricum*. Growing under white-flowered *Cistus salnifolius*, we found the curious yellow-flowered parasite *Cytinus hypocistis* subsp. *hypocistis*.

We ate our lunch by the river, before returning to the road and driving up to the hill village of Ota. We relaxed for a while, over drinks at Chez Felix and then headed a little way south of the coastal village of Porto to the Calanches de Piana, which forms part of the west coast UNESCO World Heritage Site. We wandered through an amazing landscape of weather-eroded pink granite, which looked splendid in the afternoon sun. Tree Spurge *Euphorbia dendroides* was in full flower, on the cliffs, and we found good spikes of Provence Orchid *Orchis provincialis* and Barton's Orchid *Dactylorhiza insularis*. On our return journey, we stopped to see Corsican Saxifrage *Saxifraga corsica*, on a damp roadside cliff, and it was quite late in the evening when we sat down for dinner.

### Day 4

### Wednesday 8th May

Shortly after leaving Evisa, we made another stop in the Aitone Forest. In a wet area, there was a large stand of Willow-leaved Gentian *Gentiana asclepiadea* and the tiny highly-aromatic Corsican Mint *Mentha requienii* formed a carpet in the wet acidic turf. An exposed area of bare granite provided extensive views over the forest and its many crevices were home to Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard and the more robust Bedriaga's Rock Lizard, both endemic to the island.

On the Col de Vergio, most of the snow had gone and we had a short walk. Prostrate Juniper Juniperus communis var. saxatlis and the endemic Genista salzmannii var. lobelioides were the dominant shrubs, along with Etna Barberry Berberis aetnensis, Thymus herba-barona and cushions of Plantago sarda and Armeria multiceps. During the long drive through the forest, we stopped to see the robust Corsican form of Irish Spurge Euphorbia hyberna subsp. insularis and Corsican Butterwort Pinguicula corsica. After our lunch break and coffee in Calacuccia, we continued into the dramatic Santa Regina Gorge, where we walked for some distance along the road. Notable finds included a striking colony of Pink Butterfly Orchid Anacamptis papilionacea, the endemic White-headed Thrift Armeria leucocephala and, on a wet patch of cliff, the bizarre Dragon's Mouth Helicodiceros muscivorous, a distinctive aroid found also in Sardinia and the Balearic Islands.

When we left the mountains, we turned our attention to the maquis, where a roadside verge turned up good flowering specimens of Green-winged Orchid *Orchis morio*, Early Spider-orchid *Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *atrata* and reddish patches of Rue-leaved Saxifrage *Saxifraga tridactylites*. At Francardo, we turned south, glad to be off the winding mountain roads, and stopped in Corte, the ancient capital, for a coffee and a short exploration of its intriguing architecture. We were at our hotel, set in the maquis below Venaco, just after 6.00pm.

### Day 5

### **Thursday 9th May**

After shopping in Venaco, we drove a little way south to where Gustav Eiffel's dramatic railway bridge and the elegant new road bridge span the Vecchio River. We walked steadily up the almost deserted road. The maquis was full of flowers, including French Lavender, white-flowered *Cistus sahifolius* and pink *Cistus creticus*. Under the latter, were splendid examples of the white-flowered parasite, *Cytinus hypocistis* subsp. *clusii*. Butterflies were in abundance, and included Small Heath, Corsican Heath, Corsican Small Tortoiseshell, Clouded Yellow and Corsican Wall Brown. 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*. It was a nice surprise to find a large Hermann's Tortoise, crossing the road. On a gravelly slope, we saw the vivid-pink flowers of the endemic form of Rock Soapwort *Saponaria ocymoides* subsp. *alsinoides* and *Cyclamen repandum* made a fine show, on shady banks, together with the pendant flowers of Italian Garlic *Allium pendulinum*.

During lunch, we disturbed a basking Western Whip Snake. It had been unseasonably cold for the previous two weeks and today, at last, the weather was returning to normal. Up to now, Corsican Nuthatch had proved hard to locate but we heard their distinct calls from the forest and soon located two birds.

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 showed clear evidence of coppicing and formed a high canopy of pale-green young leaves. The ground flora was sparse, with only the leaves of the autumn-flowering *Cyclamen hederifolium* and a few plants of Maple-leaved Buttercup *Ranunculus platanifolius*. 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 10th May

After an unavoidable delay, we left Venaco around 11.30am but we still had time to follow our proposed itinerary, on what turned out to be a perfect sunny day. From Corte, we followed the road up the Restonica Valley, stopping, in the forest, to see 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. We had lunch by the café before setting off on the short but stiff climb to Lac de Melo, at 1700 metres. The 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 *Sorbus aucuparia* subsp. *praemorsa*. Other notable plants included the small, pale-lilac, hyacinth *Brimeura fastigiata*, the Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem *Gagea soleirolii* and Corsican Butterwort.

As we gained height, there were many beautiful patches of *Crocus corsicus*, where the snow had recently melted and, after a final steep, rocky section and a couple of fixed ladders, we arrived at the, almost circular, glacial lake. We were surrounded by high cliffs and rugged scenery, streaked with the remnants of the winter snows. New birds, in this high desolate terrain, included Alpine Chough, Northern Wheatear, Water Pipit and a Tawny Pipit. We were back at the café around 17.40 and enjoyed hot drinks before we returned to the hotel.

### Day 7

### Saturday 11th May

With only one day left, we were eager to cram in as much as possible. Firstly, we returned to Corte and stopped at the bridge for the classic view of the Citadel, famously painted by Edward Lear. We spent an hour or so in the town to allow for a visit to the bookshop and a little more sightseeing. A short distance to the north, we visited the attractive hill-top village of Tralonca, where we found astonishing numbers of orchids and other plants along the roadsides. There were beautiful flowers of *Anemone hortensis* subsp. *hortensis* and, among nine species of orchid, the most noteworthy included Man Orchid Orchis anthropophora, Lady Orchid Orchis purpurea and a distinct-looking Bee Orchid Ophrys morisii. (This is now considered to be Ophrys ×arachnitiformis, a hybrid between Ophrys fuciflora and Ophrys sphegodes).

Time was getting on, as we headed down to the coast at Aleria. We did our final shopping in the supermarket, before driving south to the Etang d'Urbino, the second-largest of Corsica's saline lagoons. We had a late lunch beside the Conservatoire du Littoral, where display boards explained the significance of these unique coastal habitats. On the water were Great Cormorant, Mediterranean Gull and Common Tern and Nightingale called from the reeds. We returned inland to fields, where we had a good view of the inland shores of the lagoon and the adjacent salt marsh. European Bee-eaters perched on the overhead wires and we spotted a pair of Stone Curlew, along the water's edge. More distantly, we saw a Little and Great Egret and Greater Flamingo, while on the water there were a dozen, or so, Pochard, a few Little Grebe and Great Crested Grebe and many Coot. In the fallow fields, we found plenty of Yellow Bartsia *Parentucellia viscosa* and pink Bellardia *Bartsia trixago* and swathes of Field Gladiolus *Gladious italicus* and Rosy Garlic *Allium roseum*. We added Small-flowered Tongue-orchid *Serapias panviflora* and Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera* to our impressive list for the day. Eventually we had to tear ourselves away and returned to the hotel. To conclude a very busy and productive day and our week together, we met over a snacks and a glass of wine before dinner.

### Day 8

# Sunday 12th May

We made an early start and, after a quick breakfast, headed for the airport. The roads were quiet and we made good progress. We stopped at Pont Novu to see a beautifully constructed model village, which portrayed the unique architecture of many of the mountain settlements we had seen. We were soon at Bastia Airport in time for check-in.

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## **Species Lists**

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

Latin name	Common name	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS AND FERN ALLIES	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
Asplenium adiantum-nigrum	Black Spleenwort	Occasional on rocks
Asplenium ceterach	Rustyback	Rocks
Asplenium obovatum	Lanceolate Spleenwort	Shaded rocks. Spelu

Asplenium onopteris Asplenium ruta-muraria Asplenium septentrionale Asplenium trichomanes

#### Athyriaceae

Athyrium distentifolium Athyrium felix-femina

Blechnaceae Blechnum spicant

Cystopteridaceae Cystopteris fragilis

Dennstaedtiaceae Pteridium aquilinum

Dryopteridaceae Dryopteris cambrensis Dryopteris dilatata Dryopteris expansa Dryopteris oreades Polystichum setiferum

Equisetaceae Equisetum ramosissimum Equisetum telmateia

Osmundaceae Osmunda regalis

Polypodiaceae Polypodium cambricum Polypodium vulgare

Pteridaceae Adiantum capillus-veneris Anogramma leptophylla Cryptogramma crispa

Selaginellaceae Selaginella denticulata Sharp-leaved Spleenwort Wall-rue Forked Spleenwort Maidenhair Spleenwort

Lady-fern Family Alpine Lady-fern Lady-fern

Hard-fern Family Hard-fern

**Bladder-fern Family** Brittle Bladder-fern

**Bracken Family** Bracken

**Buckler-fern Family** Narrow Male-fern Broad Buckler-fern Northern Buckler-fern Mountain Male-fern Soft Shield-fern

**Horsetail Family Branched Horsetail Giant Horsetail** 

**Royal Fern Family Royal Fern** 

**Polypody Family** Southern Polypody Common Polypody

Maidenhair Fern Family Maidenhair Fern Jersey Fern Parsley Fern

Lesser Clubmoss Family **Toothed Clubmoss** 

unca Walls Foret d'Aitone, Restonica Shaded mountain rocks Shaded rocks

Above Lac de Melo Foret d'Aitone

Foret d'Aitone

Shaded rocks

Common

Common Forests Mountain rocks and scrub Common Foret d'Aitone

Hedges Occasional in ditches

Common by rivers

Occasional on rocks Occasional on rocks

Wet rocks. Spelunca Damp places. Spelunca Mountain rocks. Restonica

Damp earth. Common

#### GYMNOSPERMS

#### Cupressaceae

Cupressus sempervirens ‡ Juniperus communis var. saxatilis Juniperus oxycedrus subsp. oxycedrus Juniperus phoenicea subsp. turbinata

#### Pinaceae

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

#### ANGIOSPERMS

#### DICOTYLEDONS

Aizoaceae Carpobrotus edulis ‡

#### Amaranthaceae

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

Anacardiaceae Pistacia lentiscus

#### Apiaceae

Apium graveolens Bunium alpinum subsp. corydalinum • Bupleurum fruticosum Chaerophyllum temulum Conopodium majus Crithmum maritimum Daucus carota Eryngium campestre Eryngium maritimum Ferula communis Foeniculum vulgare subsp. vulgare Peucedanum ostruthium Pseudorlaya pumila Scandix pecten-veneris Smyrnium olusatrum Tordylium apulum Tordylium maximum

#### Common name

#### 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

#### FLOWERING PLANTS

#### Dewplant Family Yellow Hottentot-fig

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

#### Sumach Family Mastic Tree

#### **Carrot Family**

Wild Celery A Pignut Shrubby Hare's-ear Rough Chervil Pignut **Rock Samphire** Wild Carrot Field Eryngo Sea Hollv **Giant Fennel** Fennel Masterwort Dune Carrot Shepherd's-needle Alexanders Tordylium Hartwort

#### Notes

#### Cultivated Common in mountains Common in 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

Coastal alien

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

Common in maquis

Wet places near the sea Mountain pasture Rocky places in maguis Roadsides Frequent Coastal rocks Common Frequent Coast Frequent Common Mountain streamsides Coastal sands Dry rocky places Weedy places Occasional Occasional

#### Torilis arvensis

Apocynaceae Gomphocarpus fruticosus ‡ Nerium oleander Vinca difformis Vincetoxicum hirundinaria

Aquifoliaceae Ilex aquifolium

Araliaceae Hedera helix

Aristolochiaceae Aristolochia rotunda subsp. insularis •

#### Asteraceae

Achillea ligustica Achillea maritima Achillea millefolium ‡ Anthemis arvensis Anthemis maritimus Bellis annua Bellis perennis Bellis sylvestris Bellium bellidioides • Calendula arvensis Carduus pycnocephalus Carduus tenuiflorus Carlina corymbosa Carlina macrocephala subsp. macrocephala • Centaurea sphaerocephala Chondrilla juncea Cichorium intybus Cirsium vulgare Dittrichia graveolens Dittrichia viscosa Doronicum corsicum • Eupatorium cannabinum subsp. corsicum • Filago pygmaea Galactites tomentosa Geropogon hybridus ‡ Glebionis coronaria var. coronaria Glebionis coronaria var. discolor Glebionis segetum Helichrysum frigidum • Helichrysum italicum subsp. italicum Hyoseris radiata Hypochaeris achyrophorus Hypochaeris glabra Hypochaeris radicata Hypocharis robertia •

#### Common name

#### Spreading Hedge-parsley

**Dogbane Family** Bristle-fruited Silkweed Oleander Intermediate Periwinkle Swallow-wort

Holly Family Holly

**Ivy Family** Ivy

Birthwort Family A Smearwort

#### **Daisy Family**

Southern Yarrow Cottonweed Yarrow Corn Chamomile Sea Chamomile Annual Daisy Daisy Southern Daisy False Daisy Field Marigold **Plymouth Thistle** Slender Thistle Flat-topped Carline Thistle Large-headed Carline Thistle A Knapweed **Rush Skeletonweed** Chicory Spear Thistle Aromatic Inula Stink Aster Corsican Leopard's-bane Corsican Hemp-agrimony Pygmy Cudweed Galactites Slender Salsify Crown Daisy Crown Daisy Corn Marigold An Everlastingflower A Curry Plant Hyoseris Mediterranean Cat's-ear Smooth Cat's-ear Common Cat's-ear A Cat's-ear

#### Notes

Weedy places

Occasional. Roadsides By streams in maquis Evisa Restonica. Verghello

Common in forests

Common

Occasional

Common Sandy coasts Weedy places Ruderal Sand dunes. East coast Occasional Occasional Frequent Common Frequent Common. Waste ground Coast Common to 1000 metres Frequent above1000 metres Sand dunes. East coast Waste places Roadsides Grassy and waste places Roadsides. Frequent Roadsides Common Wet rocks Wet forests Dry places Waste places Rare ruderal Waste places Waste places Liamone beach Mountain rocks Rocky places Ruderal Frequent Frequent Sand dunes Widespread

Lapsana communis Limbarda crithmoides Logfia gallica Logfia minima Mycelis muralis Phagnalon saxatile Pilosella lactucella Pilosella officinarum Prenanthes purpurea Ptilostemon casabonae • Pulicaria odora Rhagadiolus edulis Scolymus hispanicus Senecio lividus Senecio transiens • Senecio vulgaris Silybum marianum Solidago virgaurea Sonchus asper Sonchus oleraceus Taraxacum sp. Tragopogon porrifolius Tripolium pannonicum Urospermum dalechampii Urospermum picroides Xanthium italicum ‡ Xanthium spinosum ‡

#### Berberidaceae

Berberis aetnensis •

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 pusilla Myosotis ramosissima Myosotis soleirolii •

#### Brassicaceae

Alliaria petiolata Arabidopsis thaliana Arabis alpina subsp. alpina

#### Common name

Nipplewort Golden Samphire Narrow-leaved Cudweed Small Cudweed Wall Lettuce A Shrubby Cudweed

Mouse-ear Hawkweed Purple Lettuce A Ptilostemon Mediterranean Fleabane A Star Hawkbit Spanish Oyster Plant

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

Barberry Family Etna Barberry

#### **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 A Forget-me-not Early Forget-me-not A Forget-me-not

Cabbage Family Garlic Mustard Thale Cress Alpine Rock-cress

#### Notes

Waste places Etang d'Urbino Dry places Rocky places Walls Rocks at low altitude Common Frequent Forests Verghello. Restonica Common in maquis Common Roadsides Ruderal Sand dunes. Liamone Waste places Waste places and fields Mountains Waste places Waste places Occasional Frequent Salt marsh. Etang d'Urbino Locally common Weedy places Coasts. Alien Ruderal, Alien

#### Mountains

Restonica Occasional Common by rivers Forests to treeline

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

Ruderal Frequent Restonica

Arabis hirsuta Arabis verna Barbarea rupicola • Barbarea verna Cakile maritima Capsella bursa-pastoris Cardamine flexuosa Cardamine hirsuta Cardamine impatiens Draba muralis Erophila verna Isatis tinctoria Lepidium hirtum subsp. oxyotum Lobularia maritima Lunaria annua ‡ Malcomia ramosissima Matthiola tricuspidata Nasturtium officinale Raphanus raphanistrum subsp. maritimum Sinapis alba Sinapis arvensis Sisymbrium officinale Teesdalia coronopifolia Turritis glabra

Buxaceae Buxus sempervirens

**Cactaceae** Opuntia ficus-indica ‡

Campanulaceae Campanula erinus Jasione montana Phyteuma serratum •

Cannabaceae Celtis australis ‡ Humulus lupulus

**Caprifoliaceae** Lonicera etrusca Lonicera implexa

Caryophyllaceae Arenaria balearica • Arenaria serpyllifolia Cerastium boissierianum Cerastium diffusum Cerastium fontanum Cerastium glomeratum Cerastium soleirolii • Corrigiola litoralis subsp. telephiifolia

#### Common name

Hairy Rock-cress Spring Rock-cress Rock Winter-cress Spring Winter-cress Sea Rocket Shepherd's-purse Wavy Bitter-cress Hairy Bitter-cress Narrow-leaved Bitter-cress Wall Whitlowgrass Common Whitlowgrass Woad A Pepperwort Sweet Alison Honesty

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

Box Family Box

Cactus Family Prickly Pear

Bellfower Family Annual bellflower Sheep's-bit Toothed Rampion

Hackberry and Hop Family European Nettle Tree Hop

Honeysuckle Family Etruscan Honeysuckle A Honeysuckle

Pink Family Balearic Sandwort Thyme-leaved Sandwort A Mouse-ear Sea Mouse-ear Mouse-ear Chickweed Sticky Mouse-ear A Mouse-ear A Strapwort Notes

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

Spelunca

Widely planted

Rocks and walls Liamone dunes Mountain rocks. Restonica

Planted Liamone

Occasional Frequent in maquis

Shaded rocks Rocky places Mountains Frequent Frequent Waste places Common. Mountains Sand dunes. Liamone

Dianthus furcatus subsp. gyspergerae • Dianthus sylvestris subsp. longicaulis • Moehringia trinervia Moenchia erecta Paronychia argentea Paronychia polygonifolia Petrorhagia saxifraga subsp. gasparrinii • Petrorhagia prolifera Petrorhagia velutina Polycarpon tetraphyllum subsp. diphyllum Sabulina verna Sagina pilifera • Sagina procumbens Saponaria ocymoides subsp. alsinoides • Saponaria officinalis Scleranthus annuus Silene gallica Silene latifolia Silene rupestris Silene sericea • Silene vulgaris Spergularia salina Stellaria media Stellaria nemoreum Stellaria neglecta

#### Cistaceae

Cistus creticus Cistus halimifolius Cistus monspeliensis Cistus salvifolius Helianthemum nummularium Tuberaria guttata

#### Convolvulaceae

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

Corylaceae Corylus avellana

#### Crassulaceae

Crassula tillaea Petrosedum rupestre Sedum album Sedum brevifolium Sedum cepaea Sedum dasyphyllum Sedum rubens

#### Common name

Madame Gysperger's Pink A Wood Pink **Three-nerved Sandwort** Upright Chickweed Silvery Paronychia A Paronychia A Tunic Flower **Proliferous Pink** Kohlrauschia Four-leaved Allseed Vernal Sandwort A Pearlwort **Procumbent Pearlwort** Rock Soapwort Soapwort Annual Knawel Small-flowered Catchfly White Campion Rock Campion

Bladder Campion Lesser Sea Spurrey Common Chickweed Wood Stitchwort Greater Stitchwort

#### **Rockrose Family**

Cretan Cistus A Halimium Narrow-leaved Cistus Sage-leaved Cistus Common Rockrose Spotted Rockrose

#### **Bindweed Family**

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

Hazel Family Hazel

#### Stonecrop family

Mossy Stonecrop Reflexed Stonecrop White Stonecrop Short-leaved Stonecrop

Thick-leaved Stonecrop Red Stonecrop

#### Notes

Cliffs. Calanche de Piana Rocks and cliffs Frequent Frequent Sandy coasts Mountains Frequent on rocks Rocky places Rocky places Ruderal Mountains Mountains. Common Common Verahello Occasional. Roadsides Rocky places Common Occasional Rocky places Sand dunes. Liamone Frequent Coastal Waste places Shaded habitats Frequent

Common in maquis East coast Common in maquis Common in maquis Occasional Occasional. Open places

Occasional weed Liamone dunes Frequent Occasional weed Occasional Frequent

#### Frequent

Seasonally wet rocks Rocks. Occasional Rocks. Frequent Rocks. Common Frequent Rocks and walls Rocks. Common

Sedum stellatum Umbilicus rupestris

Cucurbitaceae Ecballium elaterium

**Cytinaceae** Cytinus hypocistis subsp. clusii Cytinus hypocistis subsp. hypocistis

**Dipsacaceae** Dipsacus fullonum Knautia integrifolia

#### Ericaceae

Arbutus unedo Erica arborea Vaccinium myrtillus

#### Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia amygdaloides subsp. semiperfoliata • Euphorbia chamaesyce Euphorbia characias subsp. characias Euphorbia dendroides Euphorbia helioscopia Euphorbia hyberna subsp. insularis • Euphorbia lathyris Euphorbia maculata ‡ Euphorbia paralias Euphorbia peplus Mercurialis annua Mercurialis perennis Ricinus communis

#### Fabaceae

Anthyllis hermanniae Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. rubriflora Bituminaria bituminosa Calvcotome infesta Calycotome villosa Ceratonia siliqua Cercis siliquastrum ‡ Cytisus villosus Ervilia hirsuta Genista corsica • Genista monspessulana Genista salzmannii var. lobelioides • Genista salzmannii var. salzmannii • Laburnum anagyroides ‡ Lathyrus aphaca Lathyrus clymenum Lathyrus cicera Lathyrus hirsutus

#### Common name

Starry Stonecrop Wall Pennywort

Cucumber Family Squirting Cucumber

**Cytinus Family** Cytinus (white flowers) Cytinus (yellow flowers)

Teasel Family Teasel Entire-leaved Scabious

Heather Family Strawberry Tree Tree Heather Bilberry

#### Spurge Family

A Wood Spurge A prostrate Spurge Large Mediterranean Spurge Tree Spurge Sun Spurge An Irish Spurge Caper Spurge Spotted Spurge Sea Spurge Petty Spurge Annual Mercury Dog's Mercury Castor-oil-plant

#### **Pea Family**

Herman's Kidney Vetch Mediterranean Kidney Vetch Pitch Trefoil Thorny Broom Hairy Thorny Broom Carob Judas Tree Hairy Broom Hairy Tare Corsican Broom Montpellier Broom

Laburnum Yellow Vetchling Crimson Pea Red Vetchling Hairy Vetchling

#### Notes

Occasional Rocks. Common

Waste places

Parastic on pink Cistus Parastic on white Cistus

Occasional Waste places

Maquis Maquis Restonica

Frequent. Forests Common. Waste places Widespread Coastal cliffs Waste ground Aitone Forest Evisa Trackways Sand dunes Ruderal Common Frequent Occasional

Common Occasional Common Maquis Maquis Occasional Frequent Occasional Waste places Maquis Maquis Mountains Lower altitudes than var. lobelioides Vizzavona Occasional Waste places Frequent Brackish reedbeds

Lathyrus latifolius Lathyrus setifolius Lathyrus sphaericus Lathyrus venetus Lotus conimbricensis Lotus corniculatus Lotus cytisoides Lotus dorycnium Lotus edulis Lotus hirsutus Lupinus angustifolius Medicago arabica Medicago lupulina Medicago marina Medicago orbicularis Medicago polymorpha Medicago sativa ‡ Melilotus albus ‡ Melilotus indicus Onobrychis viciifolia ‡ Ononis spinosa subsp. antiquorum Ornithopus compressus Ornithopus perpusillus Ornithopus pinnatus Robinia pseudoacacia ‡ Scopiurus muricatus Spartium junceum Trifolium angustifolium Trifolium campestre Trifolium fragiferum Trifolium glomeratum Trifolium incarnatum ‡ Trifolium pratense Trifolium repens Trifolium stellatum Trifolium subterraneum Trifolium tomentosum Vicia benghalensis Vicia bithynica Vicia cracca subsp. tenuifolia Vicia lathyroides Vicia sativa subsp. sativa Vicia villosa

#### Fagaceae

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

#### Gentianaceae

#### Common name

Broad-leaved Everlasting-pea Red Pea Round Pea **Bird's-foot Trefoil** Grey Bird's-foot Trefoil **Five-leaved Dorycnium Edible Lotus** Dorycnium Narrow-leaved Lupin Spotted Medick Black Medick Sea Medick Large Disc-medick **Toothed Medick** Lucerne White Melilot Small Melilot Sainfoin Spiny Restharrow Compressed Bird's-foot Common Bird's-foot Orange Bird's-foot False-acacia Scorpion-vetch Spanish Broom Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover Hop Trefoil Strawberry Clover **Clustered Clover** Crimson Clover Red Clover White Clover Star Clover **Burrowing Clover** Wooly Trefoil **Purple Vetch Bithynian Vetch Fine-leaved Vetch** Spring Vetch Common Vetch Fodder Vetch

#### Oak Family

Sweet Chestnut Beech Kermes Oak Holm Oak Downy Oak Cork Oak

#### **Gentian Family**

#### Notes

Open forest Frequent Widespread Forests Open places Frequent Coastal rocks Frequent Common Locally common Occasional Common Frequent Sand dunes Occasional Waste places Open places. Liamone Ruderal Occasional Waste places Rocky pasture Dry places Rocky places Rocky places Cultivated Frequent Roadsides Open places Occasional Widespread Common. Waste places Field crop Common Common Common Open places Occasional Widespread Frequent Common Widespread Common Waste places

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

Blackstonia perfoliata Centaurium erythraea Centaurium maritimum Gentiana asclepiadea

#### Geraniaceae

Erodium cicutarium Erodium botrys Erodium malacoides Erodium moschatum Geranium columbinum Geranium dissectum Geranium lucidum Geranium molle Geranium pyrenaicum Geranium robertianum Geranium rotundifolium

#### Globulariaceae

Globularia alypum

#### Hypericaceae

Hypericum hircinum subsp. hircinum • Hypericum perfoliatum Hypericum perforatum Hypericum tetrapterum var. corsicum •

### Juglandaceae

Juglans regia ‡

#### Lamiaceae

Ballota nigra Clinopodium nepeta Clinopodium vulgare Lamium amplexicaule Lamium bifidum Lamium purpureum Lavandula stoechas Marrubium vulgare Mentha aquatica Mentha requienii • Mentha spicata Mentha suaveolens subsp. suaveolens Micromeria filiformis Prunella vulgaris Salvia rosmarinus Salvia verbenaca Stachys corsica • Stachys glutinosa • Teucrium capitatum Teucrium chamaedrys Teucrium marum • Teucrium scorodonia

#### Common name

Yellow-wort Common Centaury Yellow Centaury Willow-leaved Gentian

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

Common Stork's-bill Mediterranean Stork's-bill Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill 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

**Globularia Family** Shrubby Globularia

#### St John's-wort Family Stinking Tutsan Perfoliate St John's-wor

Perfoliate St John's-wort Perforate St John's-wort Corsican 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 Round-leaved Mint Thread-leaved Micromeria Self-heal Rosemary Wild Clary Corsican Woundwort Sticky Woundwort Feltv Germander Wall Germander A Germander Wood Sage

#### Notes

Frequent Dry places Common Foret d'Aitone. Restonica

Coast and waste places Weedy places Open places Open places Verges. Waste places Waste places Spelunca Frequent Frequent Widespread Frequent

Pont Noceta

Streamsides, damp rocks Frequent Wet places Streamsides

Occasional

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

Thymus herba-barona •

Lentibulariaceae Pinguicula corsica •

Linaceae Linum bienne

Malvaceae Althaea hirsuta Malva arborea Malva cretica Malva neglecta Malva parviflora Malva sylvestris Modiola caroliniana ‡

Montiaceae Montia fontana subsp. chondrosperma

Moraceae Ficus carica Morus alba ‡

Myrtaceae Eucalyptus camaldulensis ‡ Eucayptus globulus Myrtus communis

Oleaceae Fraxinus excelsior ‡ Fraxinus ornus Olea europaea subsp. oleaster Phillyrea angustifolia Phillyrea latifolia

**Onagraceae** Epilobium hirsutum Epilobium montanum

Orobanchaceae Bartsia trixago Euphrasia nana • Odontites lutea Parentucellia latifolia Parentucellia viscosa

Oxalidaceae Oxalis articulata ‡ Oxalis corniculata Oxalis pes-caprae ‡

Papaveraceae

#### Common name

A Thyme

Butterwort Family Corsican Butterwort

Flax Family Pale Flax

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

Blinks Family Blinks

**Fig Family** Fig White Mulberry

Myrtle Family River Red Gum Southern Blue-gum Common Myrtle

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

Willowherb Family Great Willowherb Broad-leaved Willowherb

Broomrape Family Bellardia An Eyebright Yellow Odontites Southern Red Bartsia Yellow Bartsia

**Wood-sorrel Family** Pink Oxalis Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Bermuda Buttercup

**Poppy Family** 

Notes

Common in mountains

Wet places. Restonica

Locally common

Roadsides Near coast Occasional Animal pens. Ruderal Occasional Roadsides Liamone

Ephemeral pools

Frequent in maquis Cultivated

Cultivated Cutivated Frequent in maquis

Cultivated Common in maquis Maquis Common in maquis Frequent in maquis

Damp places Frequent

Occasional Lac de Melo Locally common. Maquis Common Common

Garden escape Ruderal Alien weed

Corydalis pumila Fumaria capreolata Fumaria officinalis Glaucium flavum Papaver rhoeas

#### Phytolaccaceae Phytolacca acinos ‡

Phytolacca acinos

Plantaginaceae Plantago afra Plantago bellardii Plantago coronopus Plantago lagopus Plantago lanceolata Plantago major Plantago sarda var. sarda •

Platanaceae Platanus x hispanica ‡

Plumbaginaceae Armeria leucocephala • Armeria multiceps • Limoniastrum monopetalum Limonium narbonense

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 Portulaca oleracea

Primulaceae Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. hederifolium Cyclamen repandum Lysimachia arvensis Lysimachia linum-stellatum Samolus valerandi

Ranunculaceae Anemone hortensis subsp. hortensis Aquilegia dumeticola •

#### Common name

Dwarf Corydalis White Ramping Fumitory Common Fumitory Yellow Horned-poppy Common Poppy

Pokeweed Family Pokeweed

#### **Plantain Family**

Glandular Plantain Hairy Plantain Buck's-horn Plantain Hare's-foot Plantain Ribwort Plantain Greater Plantain A Plantain

Plane Family London Plane

Thrift Family White-headed Thrift Multi-headed Thrift Limoniastrum 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 Common Purslane

Primrose Family Ivy-leaved Sowbread Spring Sowbread Scarlet Pimpernel Asterolinon Brookweed

Buttercup Family An Anemone A Columbine

#### Notes

Forest. Vizzavona Common Verges Sand dunes Common

Waste places

Rocky places. Common Dry rocky places Coastal Common Widespread Waste ground Mountains

Cultivated

Santa Regina Gorge Mountains. Common Shore. Etangd'Urbino Edge of saline lagoon. Etang d'urbino

Frequent Foret d'Aitone

Bare ground Sand dunes. Liamone Common Damp places Liamone estuary Waste places

Occasional

Locally common Shady places. Locally common Frequent Frequent Damp rocks. Spelunca

Near Corte Foret d'Aitone. Restonica

Clematis cirrhosa Clematis flammula Clematis vitalba Ficaria verna Helleborus lividus subsp. corsicus • Ranunculus bulbosus Ranunculus flammula Ranunculus lanuginosus Ranunculus muricatus Ranunculus platanifolius Ranunculus repens Ranunculus sceleratus Ranunculus velutinus

#### Resedaceae

Reseda alba Reseda luteola Sesamoides clusii

Rhamnaceae Rhamnus alaternus

#### Rosaceae Alchemilla alpina forma. corsica • Amelanchier ovalis var. rhamnoides • Crataegus monogyna Fragaria vesca Geum urbanum Potentilla anglica subsp. nesogenes • Potentilla erecta Potentilla micrantha Potentilla reptans Potentilla rupestris var. pygmaea • Prunus avium Prunus spinosa Pyrus spinosa Rosa agrestis Rosa canina Rosa sempervirens Rosa serafinii Rosa tomentosa Rubus ulmifolius Sanguisorba minor subsp. balearica Sorbus aria Sorbus aucuparia subsp. praemorsa • Sorbus domestica

#### Rubiaceae

Cruciata laevipes Galium aparine Galium mollugo Galium odoratum Galium rotundifolium

#### Common name

Virgin's Bower Fragrant Clematis Old Man's Beard Lesser Celandine Corsican Hellebore Bulbous Buttercup Lesser Spearwort Wooly Buttercup Rough-fruited Buttercup Maple-leaved Buttercup Creeping Buttercup Celery-leaved Buttercup

#### **Mignonette Family**

White Mignonette Weld Sesamoides

Buckthorn Family Mediterranean Buckthorn

### Rose Family

Alpine Lady's-mantle A Juneberry Hawthorn Wild Strawberry Herb Bennet A Trailing Tormentil Tormentil

Creeping Cinqufoil Rock Cinquefoil Wild Cherry Blackthorn Almond-leaved Pear Small-leaved Sweet-briar Dog-rose Evergreen Rose

Downy Rose A Blackberry Salad Burnet Whitebeam Corsican Rowan Service-tree

#### **Bedstraw Family**

Crosswort Cleavers Hedge Bedstraw Sweet Woodruff Round-leaved Bedstraw

#### Notes

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

Occasional. Ruderal Ruderal Col de Vergio

Occasional in maquis

Restonica Restonica Common Frequent Occasional in shade Damp turf Mountain pasture Frequent Common. Waste places Occasional. Mountains Occasional Frequent. Frequent. Maquis Frequent Roadsides Roadsides Foret d'Aitone Occasional Common Common Occasional Restonica Spelunca, Verghello

Frequent Occasional Occasional Spelunca Spelunca

Galium scabrum Galium verum Rubia peregrina subsp. longifolia Rubia peregrina subsp. requienii • Sherardia arvensis

#### Salicaceae

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

# Santalaceae

Osyris alba Viscum album subsp. austriacum

Sapindaceae Acer monspessulanum Acer pseudoplatanus

Saxifragaceae Saxifraga corsica • Saxifraga pedemontana subsp. cervicornis • Saxifraga rotundifolia Saxifraga tridactylites

Scrophulariaceae Buddleja davidii ‡ Scrophularia canina Scrophularia peregrina Scrophularia trifoliata • Verbascum sinuatum Verbascum thapsus

**Simaroubaceae** Ailanthus altissima ‡

#### Solanaceae

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

**Tamaricaceae** Tamarix africana

Thymelaeaceae Daphne gnidium

Tiliaceae

#### Common name

Lady's Bedstraw Wild Madder Wild Madder Field Madder

#### Willow Family

White Poplar Black Poplar Aspen White Willow Grey Willow Purple Willow

Sandalwood Family Osyris Mistletoe

Maple Family Montpellier Maple Sycamore

Saxifrage Family Corsican Saxifrage A Piedmont Saxifrage Round-leaved Saxifrage Rue-leaved Saxifrage

Figwort Family Butterfly-bush French Figwort Nettle-leaved Figwort Three-leaved Figwort Wavy-leaved Mullein Great Mullein

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

Lime Family

#### Notes

Shaded maquis Occasional Forests and maquis Forests and maquis Common

Frequent Frequent Occasional Common Occasional

Maquis Common on Pine and Fir

Spelunca Restonica

Damp rocks. Spelunca Shaded mountain rocks Shaded damp places Occasional. Open places

Near habitation Rocky slopes Common Col de Sevi Frequent Occasional

Widespread

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

Near coasts

Widespread in maquis

Tilia cordata Tilia platyphyllos ‡

Ulmaceae Ulmus minor

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

#### Valerianaceae

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

Verbenaceae Lantana camara ‡ Verbena officinalis

#### Veronicaceae

Cymbalaria aequitriloba • Digitalis purpurea subsp. gyspergerae • Linaria pelisseriana Linaria vulgaris ‡ Misopates orontium Veronica arvensis Veronica cymbalaria Veronica hederifolia Veronica officinalis Veronica persica ‡ Veronica verna

#### Viburnaceae

Sambucus ebulus Sambucus nigra Viburnum tinus

#### Violaceae

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

#### Common name

Small-leaved Lime Broad-leaved Lime

Elm Family Small-leaved Elm

Nettle Family 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 Common Cornsalad

**Vervain Family** Lantana Vervain

#### Speedwell Family

Foxglove Jersey Toadflax Common Toadflax Weasel's Snout Wall Speedwell Pale Speedwell Ivy-leaved Speedwell Heath Speedwell Common Speedwell

Viburnum Family Danewort Elderberry Laurustinus

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

Occasional Planted

Frequent

Walls and rocks Occasional. Walls and rocks Widespread Waste places Ruderal Ruderal Ruderal

Common Garden escape Restonica Tracksides

Cultivated Roadsides

Shaded damp rocks. Spelunca Common Dry places Corte Occasional Frequent Ruderal Ruderal Foret d'Aitone Occasional Common

Foret d'Aitone. Vizzavona Occasional Shaded maquis

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

Vitaceae Vitis vinifera subsp. sylvestris

#### **Zygophyllaceae** *Tribulus terrestris*

#### MONOCOTYLEDONS

#### Amaryllidaceae

Acis longifolia • Allium pendulinum Allium roseum Allium triquetrum Allium ursinum Pancratium illyricum Pancratium maritimum

#### Araceae

Arisarum vulgare Arum italicum Helicodiceros muscivorus •

#### Asparagaceae

Agave americana ‡ Asparagus acutifolius Asparagus albus Brimeura fastigiata • Drimia maritima Leopoldia comosa Ornithogalum umbellatum ‡ Ruscus aculeatus

Aphodelaceae Asphodelus ramosus

Colchicaceae Colchicum neapolitanum

#### Cyperaceae

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

#### Common name

Grape-vine Family Wild Vine

Caltrop Family Maltese Cross Notes

Spelunca

Waste places

#### Daffodil Family Long-leaved Snowflake Italian Garlic Rosy Garlic Three-cornered Leek Ramsons Illyrian Sea Daffodil Sea Daffodil

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

### Asparagus Family

Centuryplant Mediterranean Wild Asparagus White Asparagus Brimeura Sea Squill Tassel Hyacinth Common Star-of-Bethlehem Butcher's-broom

Asphodel Family Branched Asphodel

Meadow Saffron Family A Meadow Saffron

Sedge Family Sea Club-rush Spring Sedge

Star Sedge Glaucous Sedge Common Sedge Pendulous Sedge Remote Sedge Small Yellow Sedge Sand Galingale Galingale Round-headed Club-rush Black Bog-rush Spelunca gorge Locally common Occasional Frequent Vizzavona Local. Shaded damp places Sand dunes

Shaded maquis Near habitation Rare. Santa Regina Gorge

Cultivated Maquis Maquis Locally common Frequent Common Near habitation Shaded maquis

Common

Frequent

Saline lagoons Common Forests and maquis Wet places Wet places Common Foret d'Aitone Frequent Wet places. Mountains Coastal sands Liamone estuary Occasional. Biguglia Occasional. Wet places

#### 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 Luzula spicata subsp. italica

#### Liliaceae

Gagea soleirolii • Streptopus amplexifolius

Nartheciaceae Narthecium reverchonii •

#### Orchidaceae

Anacamptis morio subsp. morio Anacamptis papilionacea subsp. papilionacea Cephalanthera longifolia Dactylorhiza insularis Dactylorhiza maculata subsp. saccifera Epipactis helleborine subsp. helleborine Limodorum abortivum Neotinea maculata Neottia ovata Ophrys apifera Ophrys sphegodes subsp. atrata Ophrys xarachnitiformis Orchis anthropophora Orchis mascula subsp. mascula Orchis provincialis Orchis purpurea Serapias cordigera Serapias lingua Serapias parviflora Serapias vomeracea subsp. vomeracea

#### Common name

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 Spiked Wood-rush

Lily Family A Yellow star-of-Bethlehem Streptopus

**Bog Asphodel Family** Corsican Bog Asphodel

#### **Orchid Family**

Green-winged Orchid Pink Butterfly-orchid Sword-leaved Helleborine Barton's Orchid Wedge-lipped Orchid Broad-leaved Helleborine Violet Bird's-nest Orchid **Dense-flowered Orchid** Twayblade Bee Orchid An Early Spider-orchid A hybrid Orchid Man Orchid Early-purple Orchid **Provence Orchid** Lady Orchid Heart-lipped Tongue-orchid Common Tongue-orchid Small-flowered Tongue-orchid Long-lipped Tongue-orchid

Notes

#### 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 Frequent

Locally common. Mountains Foret d'Aitone. Rare

Wet rocks. Foret d'Aitone, Restonica

Occasional. Maguis Maquis Verghello valley Verghello valley Verghello valley Occasional. Forests Occasional. Forests Occasional. Maquis Occasional. Wet places Soveria Occasional. Maguis Local in maguis Soveria Frequent Occasional. Maquis Shaded maquis Liamone, Restonica and Verghello Locally common Occasional Occasional in maguis

#### Poaceae

Aira caryophyllea Ammophila arenaria Anthoxanthum odoratum Arrhenatherum elatius subsp. sardoum • Arundo donax ‡ Avena barbata Avena sterilis Avenella flexuosa Briza maxima Briza minor Bromus diandrus Bromus hordeaceus Bromus madritensis Bromus sterilis Calamagrostis varia subsp. corsica • Catapodium rigidum Cynodon dactylon Cynosurus echinatus Elytrigia juncea Holcus lanatus Hordeum murinum Lagurus ovatus Lamarckia aurea Melica ciliata Nardus stricta Phragmites australis Poa alpina Poa annua Poa bulbosa Poa trivialis Polypopgon monspeliensis Vulpia ciliata Vulpia myuros

Posidoniaceae Posidonia oceanica

Smilacaceae

Smilax aspera

**Typhaceae** *Typha latifolia* 

Zosteraceae Zostera marina

#### Common name

**Grass Family** Silver Hair-grass Marram Sweet Vernal-grass A False Oat-grass Giant Reed Bristle Oat Barren Oat Wavy Hair-grass Greater Quaking-grass Lesser Quaking-grass Great Brome Soft Brome Mediterranean Brome Barren Brome A Small-reed Fern-grass **Burmuda Grass** Rough Dog's-tail Sand Couch Yorkshire-fog Wall Barley Hare's-tail Grass Golden Dog's-tail Hairy Melick Mat-grass Common Reed Alpine Meadow-grass Annual Meadow-grass **Bulbous Meadow-grass** Rough Meadow-grass Annual Beard-grass **Bearded Fescue** Rat's-tail Fescue

Neptune Grass Family Neptune Grass

Smilax Family Common Smilax

Bulrush Family Great Reedmace

Eelgrass Family Eelgrass

Dry places Sand dunes Common Frequent Wet places. Lowland Ruderal Ruderal Common Sandy places Waste places Frequent Frequent Common Frequent Streamsides Common Dry places Mountains Sand dunes Wet pasture Dry places Dry places Dry places Rocky places Mountain grassland Wet areas Mountains Pathways Common Occasional Edge of saltmarsh, Etang d'Urbino Common Common

Notes

Sub-marine

Common in maquis

Liamone estuary

Sub-marine

**Birds** ( $\checkmark$  =recorded but not counted; H = heard only; • = endemic)

			Мау								
	Common name	Latin name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos							✓		
2	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina							12		

						Μ	lay			
	Common name	Latin name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis		✓					✓	
4	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus							✓	
5	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus							✓	
6	Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides							✓	
7	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea		✓		✓			✓	
8	Great Egret	Ardea alba		✓					✓	
9	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta		✓					✓	
10	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo							✓	
11	European Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus		12						
12	Red Kite	Milvus milvus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus		✓					✓	
14	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		✓	✓	✓	✓			
15	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos		2						
16	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		✓				✓		
17	Eleonora's Falcon	Falco eleonorae		✓						
18	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra		✓					<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	
19	Stone-curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus							2	
20	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius		✓					∠ ✓	
21	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus		✓						
22	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		· •						
22	Ruff	Calidris pugnax		· ·						
23	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		· ·						
24 25	Mediterranean Gull	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus		•					<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	
		Larus michahellis		✓					▼ √	
26	Yellow-legged Gull			v					▼ ✓	
27	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▼ √	✓
28	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	v	v	▼ ✓	▼ ✓	▼ ✓	▼ ✓	▼ √	v
29	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus								
30	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	<ul> <li>✓</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> <li>···</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> <li>↓</li> </ul>	✓ ✓	✓
31	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		H	н	H	H	H	✓ 	
32	Eurasian Scops Owl	Otus scops		H	H	Н	Н	Н	Н	<u> </u>
33	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba		<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>					
34	Common Swift	Apus apus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓
35	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster							✓	
36	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla			H		Н	H	Н	
37	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		Н	✓	✓	Н	✓	✓	
38	Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio							✓	
39	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus						✓		
41	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Northern Raven	Corvus corax	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	Coal Tit	Periparus ater	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Great Tit	Parus major	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓					✓	
47	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris			✓	✓	✓	✓		
48	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
49	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		Н						
50	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus					✓			
51	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus		Н						
52	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		н						
53	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix				✓				

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54	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis							н	
55	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
56	Dartford Warbler	Sylvia undata						✓		
57	Moltoni's Warbler	Sylvia subalpina						✓	✓	
58	Western Orphean Warbler	Sylvia hortensis							2	
59	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla		Н	Н		Н			
61	Goldcrest	Regulus regulus		✓		✓	н			
62	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes				✓		✓	✓	
63	Corsican Nuthatch •	Sitta whiteheadi					✓	✓		
64	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		✓	✓	✓				
67	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	✓	~	✓	✓	н	✓	✓	
68	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		н		н			н	
69	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra						✓	✓	
70	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		✓				✓		
71	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata				✓	✓		✓	
72	White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus		✓		✓	✓			
73	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		✓						
74	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus							✓	
75	Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
77	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		✓						
78	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris						✓		
79	Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta						✓		
80	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
81	European Serin	Serinus serinus		~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
83	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Corsican Finch •	Carduelis corsicana		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Common Linnet	Carduelis cannabina		✓					✓	
86	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus			✓	✓	✓	✓		

### Mammals

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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		$\checkmark$				✓	
2	Green Toad	Bufo viridis				✓			
3	Tyrrhenian Tree Frog •	Hyla sarda			✓	✓	Н	Н	

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Fish

1	Brown Trout	Salmo trutta		$\checkmark$			

Butterflies

1	Corsican Red-underwing Skipper •	Spialia therapne					✓		✓	
2	Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus armoricanus							✓	
3	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon						✓	✓	
4	Scarce Swallowtail	Iphiclides podalirius							✓	
5	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni		✓			✓	✓	✓	
6	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea					✓	✓	✓	
7	Large White	Pieris brassicae		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
8	Green-veined White	Pieris napi				✓	✓			
9	Small White	Pieris rapae			✓	✓				
10	Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines	✓	~	✓		✓	✓	✓	
11	Wood White	Leptidea sinapis					✓		✓	
12	Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi		✓			✓			
13	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeus		✓			✓	✓		
14	Brown Argus	Aricia agestis			✓	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
15	Holly Blue	Celastrina argiolus			✓	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
16	Green-underside Blue	Glaucopsyche alexis					✓		✓	
17	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus				✓		✓	✓	
18	Painted Lady	Cynthia cardui		~			✓	✓	✓	
19	Corsican Small Tortoiseshell •	Aglais ichnusa			✓		✓			
20	Queen of Spain Fritillary	Issoria lathonia						✓		
21	Southern Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria			✓	~	✓	✓	✓	
22	Corsican Wall Brown •	Lasiommata paramegaera			✓		✓			
23	Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina		~		✓			✓	
24	Corsican Heath •	Coenonympha corinna					✓	✓	✓	
25	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		~		✓	✓	✓		

### Moths (D = Dead; E = evidence of)

1	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	Macroglossum stellatarum		D				
2	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa	E	E	✓	Е	E	
3	Box Tree Moth	Cydalima perspectalis	E					

### Dragonflies

1 Red-veined Darter Sympetrum fonscolombii
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### Other Insects

1	Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptium	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
2	Great Green Bush-cricket	Tettigonia viridissima						✓	
3	Fire Bug	Pyrrhocoris apterus				✓	✓	✓	
4	Bee Fly	Bombylius major				✓			
5	Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa violacea		✓					
6	Rose Chafer	Cetonia aurata		✓		✓			
7	Scarab Dung Beetle	Scarabaeus laticollis	✓						
8	7-spot Ladybird	Coccinella 7-punctata						✓	
9	Orange Ladybird	Halyzia sedecimguttata				✓			

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10	Crab Spider	Synema globosum							✓	