

# Italy - Flowers of Italy's Gargano Peninsula

Naturetrek Tour Report

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*Iris luteocens*



*Ophrys apulica*



*Serapias cordigera*



*Onosma lucana*

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## Day 1

Sunday 27th April

London Gatwick to Monte Sant Angelo (via Naples)

Other than Jessica and Bridget (who were already in Naples), we all met up at Gatwick airport. A smooth, punctual, flight brought us to Naples and the transfer to our minibuses. We were all soon heading off across the Apennines. A handful of plants and birds were identified en route. We reached the hotel in Monte Sant'Angelo late in the afternoon in time for a short stroll in the flowery fields that surround the hotel before dinner.

## Day 2

Monday 28th April

Pastures near Monte Sant Angelo and Pulsano

A mostly sunny day and time to explore the natural 'rock gardens' of the terraced fields, a stone's throw from the hotel. The colour and diversity were striking: the deep blue of Dyer's Alkanet (*Alkanna lehmanii*); the delicate pinks of the Sand Catchfly (*Silene conica*) and Pink Hawksbeard (*Crepis rubra*); the lemon yellow of *Urospermum dalechampii* and the pure white of a Star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum montanum*). Orchids were abundant - at one point there were nine species at our feet (a new record!), from the proud and bold Pink Butterfly and Green-winged Orchids (*Orchis papilionacea* and *O. morio*) to the generally more subtle and enigmatic *Ophrys* group: the endemic Gargano Ophrys (*Ophrys passionis var. garganica*), the 'Yellow' Ophrys' (*O. lutea* and *O. sicula*), *O. promontorii* (another endemic), the rather dinky Bertoloni's Ophrys (*O. bertolonii*), *O. bertoloniiiformis* and the Sawfly Ophrys (*O. tenthredinifera*).

After a hearty picnic lunch, there were more fields to explore. Lady Orchid (*Orchis purpurea*) and a 3ft tall Giant Orchid (*Himantoglossum robertianum*) were quickly found, along with the rather diddy Burnt Tip Orchid (*Orchis ustulata*), Toothed and Milky Orchids (*Orchis tridentata* and *O. lactea*) and the unfeasibly tall daisy *Bellis sylvestris*.

Then it was off to the Pulsano monastery where we found the endemic goldendrops (*Onosma lucana*) teetering on the edge of the steep scarp slope of the promontory. On the return trip, we stopped briefly to search for the endemic bellflower, *Campanula garganica*. The leaves we found easily, but the single small plant in flower proved trickier...but we managed it.

Finally, in a botanical overload, a stop and a scramble under a fence gave us stunning views of a carpet of deep pink Four-spotted Orchid (*Orchis quadripunctata*), along with 2 or 3 that were white! Here too were Naked Man and Man Orchids (*Orchis italica* and *Orchis anthropophorum*) growing side by side and giving rise to the distinctive and more vividly coloured hybrid between these two.

We spent the evening eating huge pizzas and celebrating a birthday with the local delicacy, Ostie ripiene (honeyed almonds in wafers).

## Day 3

Tuesday 29th April

### Monte Sant Angelo (town) and Monte Calvo

We headed for the town of Monte Sant'Angelo and the chance to see numerous mediaeval churches and the castle (currently closed for restoration), the walls of which support the endemic *Inula verbascifolia* (unfortunately not in flower), or just sip a coffee and watch the world go by.

Lunch was on a ridge near the town amongst more orchids (especially Sparse-flowered Orchid - *Orchis pauciflora*) and other lovely plants.

In the afternoon we went exploring Monte Calvo and were handsomely rewarded with a lovely Peony (*Paeonia mascula*) in full bloom. Nearby there were Common Spotted-orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*) and swathes of Roman Orchid (*Dactylorhiza romana*) mixed with Elderflower Orchid (*Orchis sambucina*) to add to our bulging orchid list.

## Day 4

Wednesday 30th April

### Monte Sacro

A twisty-turny drive brought us to the 'sacred mountain', Monte Sacro. Our quest for the morning...the ruined monastery near the top. Starting our climb we were soon distracted and dawdling in the 'fields' of jumbled rock draped in the pink of Kidney Vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*) (yellow in the UK!) and punctuated by troops of Man Orchid (*Orchis anthropophorum*). Just on from this was a bank of dainty Sparse Flowered Orchid (*Orchis pauciflora*) which 'followed' us most of the way up. At one point, they were mixed with Four-spotted Orchid - and, typically, there was a hybrid! An added treat was the scattering of Sword-leaved Helleborine (*Cephalanthera longifolia*) spotted near the top of our quest (which everyone managed to get to).

Lunch was the now familiar picnic in a scenic spot. The post-lunch walk, in nearby fields, took in some lovely Hairy Lupin (*Lupinus micranthus*), Large Venus Looking-grass (*Himantoglossum hircinum*) and Purple Vipers Bugloss (*Echium plantagineum*).

Another quick stop gave us our first Pyramidal Orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) and a handful of other species such as Mastic tree (*Pistacia lentiscus*), Wild Madder (*Rubia peregrina*) and Prasium (*Prasium majus*).

A final stop on our return journey gave us fine views over the Adriatic and a chance get close to three *Cistus* species: Narrow-leaved, Pink and Sage-leaved (*C. monspeliensis*, *C. creticus* and *C. salvifolius*) as well as the lovely little Reddish Stonecrop (*Sedum rubens*) and Bug Orchid (*Orchis fragrans*).

## Day 5

Thursday 1st May

### Bosco Quarto

The morning was spent in rocky fields on the way to the Bosco Quarto – stepping out of the vehicles into Beautiful Flax (*Linum narbonense*) and White Rockrose (*Helianthemum appenninum*). More *Ophrys* orchids awaited us including the (relatively) distinctive Spectacled Ophrys (*O. biscutella*) and the small, but perfectly formed, Bumblebee Ophrys (*O. bombyliflora*).

Rob managed to catch a field cricket which proved a popular photographic subject.

Moving on, we had excellent views of Wild Gladiolus (*Gladiolus italicus*) before we entered the shady woodland and stopped for lunch under some ancient Eastern Hornbeams (*Carpinus orientalis*). After food, we strolled through the trees amongst Solomons Seal (*Polygonatum multiflorum*), Blue Anemone (*Anemone apennina*) and Butcher's Broom (*Ruscus aculeatus*). Blue Bugle (*Ajuga genevensis*) was spotted as a Nightingale sang.

Making our way back through a sunny, rocky field, we lingered and rested amongst swathes of beautiful *Iris lutescens* (purple and cream varieties).

Returning, we stopped off briefly to take in the smart Pheasant's-eye Daffodil (*Narissus poeticus*) and, on the chance basis of a photo, we retraced our steps to find what was closest to (but clearly part hybrid) our only *Ophrys sipontesis* (an endemic).

## Day 6

Friday 2nd May

### Monte Sant Angelo to Peschici (via the Pilgrims Path and Foresta Umbra)

Promptly packed for our transfer to Peschici on the northern coast, we headed off for a stroll down the 'Pilgrim's Path'. The sunny banks were blooming with orchids, especially hybrid 'swarms' that ranged from 'good' Dark Ophrys (*Ophrys incubacea*) to 'good' Gargano Ophrys and everything in between! The lovely local pansy *Viola heterophylla* ssp. *greca* (in violet, lilac and cream) also added a splashes of colour along the way

Lunch was in the deep shade of the Foresta Umbra with a short post-lunch walk to take in some typical beech wood plants such as Woodruff (*Gallium odoratum*) and Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*), a few ferns such as Soft-shield and Hart's-tongue Ferns (*Polystichum setiferum* and *Phyllitis scolopendrium*) and even a moss (*Thamnobryum alopecurum*).

The first post-lunch stop had us cooling over drifts of Spring Cyclamen (*Cyclamen repandum*) and the delightful Long-stalked Crane's-bill (*Geranium columbinum*).

The second, a roadside stop (lovingly known as the ‘fly-tip’ stop), also proved profitable with fine specimens of Apulian Ophrys (*Ophrys apulica*), three species of tongue orchid: Tongue Orchid, Small-flowered Tongue Orchid and Plough-share Tongue Orchid (*Serapias lingua*, *S. parviflora* and *S. vomeracea*) and, new to our list, Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera*).

We reached our beachside hotel in Peschici in plenty of time for a wander up to the town and a long-promised, and finally delivered yummy Italian ice-cream. Then back to the hotel for an excellent seafood dinner.

## Day 7

Saturday 3rd May

### Bosco di Spinapulchi

We drove along the northern coast before heading a little inland and up onto the Gargano promontory. At our first stop we quickly found some showy Purple Mullein (*Verbascum phoenicum*) and the equally resplendent Honeywort (*Cerinthe major*).

Moving on, a short drive up a narrow track brought us more new orchids for this trip, the graceful Provence Orchid (*Orchis provincialis*) and a scattering of Greater Butterfly Orchid (*Platanthera chlorantha*) all not quite in flower. Here there were also more stands of Spring Cyclamen (*Cyclamen repandum*).

A short drive took us to a ‘dolina’ (a large wooded natural amphitheatre formed by the collapse of an underground void) and more lovely plants including the felty Mediterranean Woundwort (*Stachys cretica*) and delicately lacy Orlaya (*Orlaya grandiflora*).

Up atop a rocky hilltop, we stopped for a final picnic lunch followed by a short walk - still adding new orchids to our list with Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid (*Serapias cordigera*) and *Ophrys fuciflora*.

A final stop allowed the taking of a scenic photo of Peschici and the finding of our last new plant for the trip, the beautifully aromatic Myrtle (*Myrtus communis*)

## Day 8

Sunday 4th May

### Peschici to London Gatwick Sunday

It was early, so rather bleary-eyed, we downed a quick coffee and hit the road for Naples. The return journey was punctuated by breakfast (lovely cake), but the planned brunch stop was essentially aborted due to a dodgy clutch on one of the minibuses. Check-in and the flight home were smooth and all too soon we were back at London Gatwick, with fond memories of a week of flowers...

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## Species List

Scientific Name	Common name	Day first seen
<b>Ferns And Lower Plants</b>		
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	7
<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>	Black Spleenwort	3
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	3
<i>Ceterach officinarum</i>	Rustyback	2
<i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i>	Hart's-tongue Fern	6
<i>Polystichum setiferum</i>	Soft-shield Fern	6
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	2
<b>PINOPSIDA (Gymnosperms - Conifers)</b>		
<b>Cupressaceae</b>		
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Juniper Family	1
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Italian Cypress	2
<i>Prickly Juniper</i>		
<b>Pinaceae</b>		
<i>Pinus halapensis</i>	Pine Family	1
<i>Aleppo Pine</i>		
<b>Taxaceae</b>		
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew Family	6
<i>Yew</i>		
<b>MAGNOLIOPSIDA (Angiosperms - Flowering Plants)</b>		
<b>Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)</b>		
<b>Aceraceae</b>		
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Maple Family	3
<i>Sycamore</i>		
<i>Acer obtusatum</i>		3
<i>Acer opalus</i>	Italian Maple	5
<b>Aizoaceae</b>		
<i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i>	Dew-plant Family	2
<i>Sally-my-handsome</i>		
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>		
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Sumach Family	2
<i>Mastic Tree</i>		
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	4
<b>Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)</b>		
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Carrot Family	5
<i>Hemlock</i>		
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	2
<i>Field Eryngo</i>		
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	2	
<i>Ferrula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	1
<i>Laserpitium sp.</i>	A Sermountain	5
<i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>	Orlaya	3
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle	5
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needle	2
<i>Smynnium perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	4
<i>Smynnium rotundifolium</i>		
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	4
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Tordylium	2
<b>Apocynaceae</b>		
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Periwinkle Family	1
<i>Vinca major</i>	Oleander	7
<i>Periwinkle</i>		

<b>Aquifoliaceae</b>	<b>Holly Family</b>	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	5
<b>Aralaceae</b>	<b>Ivy Family</b>	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	3
<b>Aristolochiaceae</b>	<b>Birthwort Family</b>	
<i>Aristolochia rotunda</i>	A Birthwort	3
<b>Asclepiadaceae</b>	<b>Milkweed Family</b>	
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort	2
<b>Asteraceae (Compositae)</b>	<b>Daisy Family</b>	
<i>Andryala integrifolia</i>	Andryala	2
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	2
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	2
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	2
<i>Carduus chrysacanthus</i>	Apennine Thistle	2
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	1
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	7
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i> (Leaves only)	Wolly Thistle	5
<i>Crepis rubra</i>	Pink Hawksbeard	2
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	Crupina	3
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Woody Fleabane	5
<i>Doronicum columnae</i>	Heart-leaved Leopardsbane	3
<i>Doronicum plantagenum</i>	A Leopardsbane	5
<i>Evax pygmaea</i>		2
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galacitites	2
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	A Curry Plant	2
<i>Hyoseris radiata</i>		2
<i>Inula verbascifolia</i>		3
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Pallenis	6
<i>Rhagadolius edulis</i>		7
<i>Scorzonera villosa</i>	Hairy Viper's Grass	2
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	2
<i>Taraxacum agg.</i>	A Dandelion	3
<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>		2
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot	5
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>		2
<b>Betulaceae</b>	<b>Birch Family</b>	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	3
<i>Carpinus orientalis</i>	Eastern Hornbeam	5
<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Hop Hornbeam	2
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Forget-me-not Family</b>	
<i>Alkanna lehmanii</i>	Dyer's Alkanet	2
<i>Anchusa cretica</i>		4
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	1
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	7
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Cretian Hounds-tongue	7
<i>Echium italicum</i>	Pale Bugloss	7
<i>Echium platagineum</i>	Purple Vipers Bugloss	4
<i>Lithodora (Buglossoides) purpurocaerulea</i>	Purple Gromwell	3
<i>Myosotis sp.</i>	A Forget-me-not	2
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Wood Forget-me-not	5

<i>Onosma lucana</i> (endemic)	a Goldendrop	2
<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Common Lungwort	5
<b>Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)</b>		
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i>		2
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	5
<i>Alyssum saxatile</i>	Yellow Alyssum	2
<i>Arabis caucasica</i>	Garden Rockcress	3
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rockcress	4
<i>Arabis turrita</i>	Tower Mustard	6
<i>Aubretia columnae</i>	An Aubretia	2
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Biscutella	2
<i>Bunias erucago</i>	Bunias	7
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse	2
<i>Cardamine bulbifera</i>	Coralroot	5
<i>Cardamine plumieri</i>	Ivy-leaved Bittercress	3
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	Woad	1
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	Dittander	2
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock	2
<b>Cactaceae</b>		
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	<b>Cactus Family</b>	
	Prickly Pear	1
<b>Campanulaceae</b>		
<i>Campanula garganica</i> (endemic)	<b>Bellflower Family</b>	
<i>Legousia speculum-veneris</i>	a Bellflower	3
<i>Legousia hybrida</i>	Large Venus's Looking Glass	4
	Venus's Looking Glass	2
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>		
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	6
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Honeysuckle	3
	Elder	1
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>		
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	<b>Pink Family</b>	
<i>Kohlrauschia velutina</i>	Common Mouse-ear	6
<i>Minuartia sp.</i>	Kohlrauschia	2
<i>Silene colorata</i>	A Sandwort	2
<i>Silene conica</i>		2
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Sand Catchfly	2
<i>Silene italicica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	4
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	Italian Catchfly	3
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	White Campion	2
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Bladder Campion	2
<i>Stellaria nemorum</i>	Common Chickweed	3
	Wood Stitchwort	5
<b>Celastraceae</b>		
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	<b>Spindle Family</b>	
	Spindle	7
<b>Cistaceae</b>		
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	<b>Rock-rose Family</b>	
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Pink Cistus	3
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	4
<i>Helianthemum apenninum</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	3
<i>Helianthemum oelandicum (canum)</i>	White Rockrose	2
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Hoary Rockrose	2
	Rockrose	2

<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rockrose	4
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>	
<i>Calystegia</i> sp.	A Bindweed	7
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	2
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	Pink Convolvulus	6
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	2
<b>Cornacea</b>	<b>Dogwood Family</b>	
<i>Cornus</i> sp.	A Dogwood	6
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Reddish Stonecrop	1
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall Pennywort	2
<b>Dipsacaceae</b>	<b>Teasel Family</b>	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Wild Teasel	2
<i>Scabiosa</i> sp.	A Scabious	3
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heather Family</b>	
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	6
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurge Family</b>	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	3
<i>Euphorbia cyparisseus</i>	Cypress Spurge	7
<i>Euphorbia biumbellata</i>	Whorled Spurge	6
<i>Euphorbia characias</i>	Mediterranean Spurge	2
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	2
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	7
<i>Euphorbia spinosa</i>		5
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury	5
<b>Fabaceae (Leguminosae)</b>	<b>Pea Family</b>	
<i>Anthyllis tetraphylla</i>	Bladder Vetch	7
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch	2
<i>Calycotome infesta</i>	Spiny Broom	4
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	7
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	2
<i>Coronilla emerus</i>	False Senna	3
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion Vetch	2
<i>Cytisus decumbens</i> ssp. <i>elatior</i>		2
<i>Dorycnium hirsutum</i>	Dorycnium	2
<i>Hedysarum coronarium</i>	Italian Sainfoin	1
<i>Hippocrepis glauca</i>	A Horseshoe Vetch	2
<i>Hippocrepis unisiliquosa</i>		4
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	5
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	A Vetchling	2
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	Red Grass Vetchling	4
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	4
<i>Lupinus micranthus</i>	Hairy Lupin	4
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	3
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Large Disk Medick	2
<i>Medicago rigidula</i>		2
<i>Onobrychis aquidentata</i>		2
<i>Onobrychis crista-galli</i>		2
<i>Onobrychis saxatilis</i>	Rock Sainfoin	2

<i>Pisum sativum</i> ssp. <i>elatior</i>	Cultivated Pea	2
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	2
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia	1
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpiurus	7
<i>Securigera (Coronilla) varia</i>	Crown Vetch	2
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	1
<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>	Winged Pea	6
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover	6
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	2
<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>	Hairy Trefoil	3
<i>Trifolium incarnatum</i>	Crimson Clover	7
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	2
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover	6
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Star Clover	2
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil	2
<i>Vicia bithynica</i>		2
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	7
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Tare	6
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	2
<i>Vicia melanops</i>		5
<i>Vicia narbonensis</i>		2
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	2
<b>Fagaceae</b>		
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	<b>Beech Family</b>	
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Spanish Oak	4
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Turkey Oak	5
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Holm Oak	2
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Downy Oak	2
	Beech	6
<b>Fumariaceae</b>		
<i>Corydalis solida</i>	<b>Fumitory Family</b>	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Bird-in-a-bush	5
<i>Fumaria muralis</i>	Tall Ramping Fumitory	4
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Ramping Fumitory	4
	Common Fumitory	2
<b>Gentianaceae</b>		
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	<b>Gentian Family</b>	
	Yellow-wort	6
<b>Geraniaceae</b>		
<i>Erodium ciconium</i>	<b>Crane's-bill Family</b>	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	A Stork's-bill	7
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Common Stork's-bill	2
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	2
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	6
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	5
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	3
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	2
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Little Robin	3
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Herb Robert	3
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	2
	Bloody Crane's-bill	5
<b>Lamiaceae (Labiatae)</b>		
<i>Acinos alpinus</i> ?	<b>Deadnettle Family</b>	
<i>Ajuga genevensis</i>	Alpine Calamint	2
<i>Clinopodium acinos</i>	Blue Bugle	5
	Basil-thyme	2

<i>Lamium bifidum</i>		3
<i>Lamium garganicum</i>	Large Red Deadnettle	3
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	2
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Oregano	3
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	2
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	4
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	1
<i>Salvia argentea</i>	Silver Sage	1
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	2
<i>Satureja hortensis</i>	Savory	2
<i>Sideritis syriaca</i>	Greek Mountain Tea	4
<i>Stachys betonica</i>	Betony	7
<i>Stachys cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	6
<i>Thymus capitatus</i>	A Thyme	2
<b>Linaceae</b>		
<i>Linum bienne</i>	<b>Flax Family</b>	
<i>Linum narbonense</i>	Pale Flax	2
<i>Linum perenne</i>	Beautiful Flax	5
<i>Linum tenuifolium</i>	Perennial Flax	2
<i>Linum trigynum</i>		4
<b>Malvaceae</b>		
<i>Malva cretica</i>	<b>Mallow Family</b>	6
<i>Malva neglecta</i>	Dwarf Mallow	5
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	2
<b>Moraceae</b>		
<i>Ficus carica</i>	<b>Mulberry Family</b>	
	Fig	1
<b>Myrtaceae</b>		
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	<b>Myrtle Family</b>	
	Common Myrtle	7
<b>Oleaceae</b>		
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	<b>Olive Family</b>	
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Flowering Ash	2
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Privet	5
	Olive	2
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>		
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	<b>Broomrape Family</b>	
	Branched Broomrape	4
<b>Paeoniaceae</b>		
<i>Paeonia mascula</i>	<b>Paeony Family</b>	
	A Paeony	3
<b>Papaveraceae</b>		
<i>Papaver apulum</i>	<b>Poppy Family</b>	
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	1
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>		
<i>Plantago cretica (P. arenaria)</i>	<b>Plantain Family</b>	
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Branched Plantain	7
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	4
<i>Plantago maritima</i>	Ribwort Plantain	3
<i>Plantago seraria</i>	Sea Plantain	5
		4
<b>Polygalaceae</b>		
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>	<b>Milkwort Family</b>	
	Nice Milkwort	3

<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primrose Family</b>
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel 2
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Ivy-leaved Sowbread 3
<i>Cyclamen repandum</i>	Spring Cyclamen 6
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercup Family</b>
<i>Anemone apennina</i>	Blue Anemone 3
<i>Anemone hortensis</i>	
<i>Clematis sp.</i>	a Clematis 2
<i>Consolida regalis</i>	Forking Larkspur 7
<i>Nigella damascina</i>	Love-in-a-mist 7
<i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i>	Common Water-crowfoot 5
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup 5
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup 3
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine 5
<i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i>	
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i>	Pond Water-crowfoot 5
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup 5
<i>Ranunculus velutinus</i>	
<b>Resedaceae</b>	<b>Mignonette Family</b>
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette 2
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette 2
<i>Reseda phytisma</i>	Corn Mignonette 3
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>	<b>Buckthorn Family</b>
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Christ's Thorn 7
<i>Rhamnus sp.</i>	A Buckthorn 4
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Rose Family</b>
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn 2
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i>	Quince 2
<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	Dropwort 3
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry 3
<i>Geum sp.</i>	
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens 3
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab Apple 5
<i>Potentilla hirta</i>	Hairy Cinquefoil 2
<i>Poterium verrucosum</i>	Mediterranean Salad Burnet 2
<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond 2
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn 5
<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i>	Almond-leaved Pear 2
<i>Rosa sp.</i>	A Rose 3
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	Bramble 2
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan 2
<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	Wild Service Tree 3
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	<b>Bedstraw Family</b>
<i>Asperula arvensis</i>	Blue Woodruff 6
<i>Asperula taurina</i>	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort 3
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers 2
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Woodruff 6
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw 2
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder 4
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder 2

<b>Rutaceae</b>	<b>Rue Family</b>	
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	2
<b>Santalaceae</b>	<b>Sandalwood Family</b>	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	6
<i>Thesium sp.</i>	A Bastard Toadflax	3
<b>Saxifragaceae</b>	<b>Saxifrage Family</b>	
<i>Saxifraga bulbifera</i>	Bulbous Saxifrage	2
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Meadow Saxifrage	3
<i>Saxifraga tridactylites</i>	Rue-leaved Saxifrage	2
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figwort Family</b>	
<i>Antirrhinum siculum</i>	Sicilian Snapdragon	6
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	6
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	2
<i>Digitalis ferruginea</i>	Brown Foxglove	5
<i>Euphrasia agg.</i>	An Eyebright	3
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	2
<i>Parentucella latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	2
<i>Parentucella viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	6
<i>Scrophularia canina</i>	Dog (French) Figwort	5
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Italian (Nettle-leaved) Figwort	7
<i>Verbascum phoeniceum</i>	Purple Mullein	7
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Aaron's Rod	1
<i>Verbascum undulatum</i>		7
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	2
<i>Veronica hederifolia</i>	Ivy-leaved Speedwell	5
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	5
<b>Thymelaeaceae</b>	<b>Daphne Family</b>	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	5
<b>Ulmaceae</b>	<b>Elm Family</b>	
<i>Ulmus sp.</i>	An Elm	3
<b>Urticaceae</b>	<b>Nettle Family</b>	
<i>Parientaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the Wall	2
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle	4
<b>Valerianaceae</b>	<b>Valerian Family</b>	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	1
<i>Valeriana tuberosa</i>		2
<i>Valerianella sp.</i>	A Cornsalad	2
<b>Violaceae</b>	<b>Violet Family</b>	
<i>Viola arvensis</i>	Field Pansy	3
<i>Viola heterophylla ssp. greca</i>		3
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	5
<b>Vitaceae</b>	<b>Grape-vine Family</b>	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Grape	1
<b>Liliidae (Monocotyledons)</b>	<b>MONOCOTYLEDONS</b>	
<b>Araceae</b>	<b>Arum Family</b>	
<i>Arum italicum</i>	Large Cuckoo Pint	4

<b>Cyperaceae</b>	<b>Sedge Family</b>	
<i>Luzula forsteri</i>	Southern Wood-rush	4
<b>Dioscoreaceae</b>	<b>Black Bryony Family</b>	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	3
<b>Iridaceae</b>	<b>Iris Family</b>	
<i>Crocus</i> sp. (Leaves only)	A Crocus	4
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	5
<i>Hermodactylus tuberosus</i>	Widow or Snake's-head Iris	2
<i>Iris foetidissima</i>	Stinking Iris	6
<i>Iris lutescens</i>		3
<i>Iris pseudopumilla</i>		2
<b>Liliaceae</b>	<b>Lily Family</b>	
<i>Allium pendulinum</i>		5
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rose Garlic	2
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>		2
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	Ramsons	6
<i>Asparagus</i> sp.	An Asparagus	3
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	2
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	2
<i>Galanthus reginae-olgae</i> (leaves)	Autumn Snowdrop	6
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	2
<i>Muscari neglecta</i>	Dark Grape Hyacinth	2
<i>Narcissus poeticus</i>	Pheasant's-eye Daffodil	5
<i>Ornithogalum pyrenicum</i>	Bath Asparagus	7
<i>Ornithogalum montanum</i>	A Star of Bethlehem	2
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Common Star of Bethlehem	2
<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	Solomon's Seal	5
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	3
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax	5
<i>Urginea maritima</i> (leaves)	Sea Squill	7
<b>Orchidaceae</b>	<b>Orchid Family</b>	
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	4
<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Sword-leaved Helleborine	4
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> (leaves)	Common Spotted-orchid	3
<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman Orchid	3
<i>Dactylorhiza sambucina</i>	Elderflower Orchid	3
<i>Gymnodenia conopsea</i>	Fragrant Orchid	7
<i>Himantoglossum hircinum</i>	Lizard Orchid	2
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i> ( <i>Barlia robertiana</i> )	Giant Orchid	2
<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	4
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	6
<i>Ophrys apulica</i> (endemic)	Apulian Ophrys	6
<i>Ophrys bertoloniformis</i> (endemic)		2
<i>Ophrys bertoloni</i>	Bertoloni's Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys biscutella</i>	Spectacled Ophrys	3
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Ophrys	5
<i>Ophrys fuciflora</i>		7
<i>Ophrys fusca</i>	Dull Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys passionis</i> var. <i>garganica</i> ( <i>O. gargaric</i> - endemic)	Gargano Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys incubacea</i>	Dark Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys lutea</i>	Yellow Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys phryganae</i>		6

<i>Ophrys promontorii</i> (endemic)		2
<i>Ophrys sicula</i>		2
<i>Ophrys sipontensis</i> (endemic)		5
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i>	Sawfly Ophrys	2
<i>Orchis anthropophorum</i>	Man Orchid	2
<i>Orchis fragrans</i>	Bug Orchid	4
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	2
<i>Orchis lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	2
<i>Orchis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	2
<i>Orchis picta</i> ( <i>O. morio</i> var. <i>picta</i> )		3
<i>Orchis papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	2
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse Flowered Orchid	3
<i>Orchis provincialis</i>	Provence Orchid	7
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid	2
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	2
<i>Orchis tridentata</i>	Toothed Orchid	2
<i>Orchis ustulata</i>	Burnt Tip Orchid	2
<i>Platanthera chlorantha</i> (leaves)	Greater Butterfly Orchid	7
<i>Serapias cordigera</i>	Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid	7
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	2
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	4
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i>	Plough-share Tongue Orchid	2

**Hybrids (a selection)**

<i>Ophrys incubacea</i> x <i>Ophrys gorganica</i>	2
<i>Orchis anthropophorum</i> x <i>Orchis italica</i>	2
<i>Orchis morio</i> x <i>Orchis papilionacea</i>	2
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i> x <i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	4

**Poaceae**

<i>Aegilops geniculata</i>		3
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	1
<i>Avena</i> sp.	A Wild Oat	4
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking Grass	2
<i>Briza media</i>		7
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern Grass	3
<i>Festuca vivipera</i>	Viviparous Fescue	2
<i>Hordeum</i> sp.	A Barley	3
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-foot Grass	2
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	1
<i>Stipa</i> sp.	A Feather Grass	2

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