

# Flowers of Italy's Gargano Peninsula

Naturetrek Tour Report

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*Erodium ciconium*



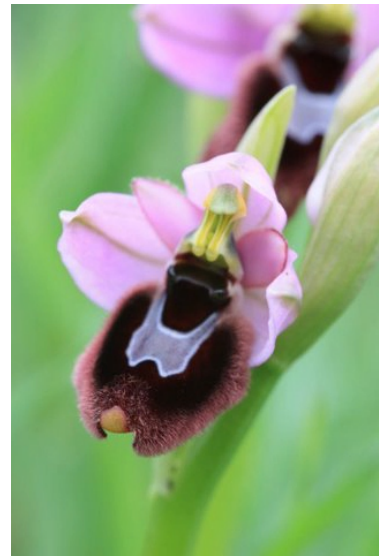
Shepherd's hut



*Iris lutescens*



*Orchis ustulata*



*Ophrys sipontensis*....mostly

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## Day 1

Saturday 25th April

Weather: London - wet, Italy - sunny

A number of us managed to meet up at London Gatwick and a smooth flight brought us to Naples and our journey across the Apennines to the Gargano Peninsula. A good handful of plants were spotted en route, despite the speed, including the first of our many orchid species - Lady Orchid (*Orchis purpurea*) and Naked Man Orchid (*O. italica*). Nearing the Gargano, we stopped briefly at a coastal wetland and were rewarded with views of Greater Flamingo, Pied Avocet and Little Egret.

We reached the hotel in Monte Sant'Angelo in the early evening in time for some to have a quick stroll in the rocky pastures right next to our hotel. We had a quick 'meeting' where Rob gave an outline of what to expect and everyone was good enough to give brief introduction of themselves. Dinner and an early night was the last order of the day.

## Day 2

Sunday 26th April

Weather: Mostly cloudy, but dry

A partly sunny start and time to start exploring the natural 'rock gardens' of the terraced fields, a stones throw from our hotel. We wandered and wondered at the sheer abundance and diversity of flowers, colours and scents: the blue of Dyer's Alkanet (*Alkanna lebmanii*); pink of the Pink Hawksbeard (*Crepis rubra*); red of the Kidney Vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria* subsp. *praepropera*); yellows of the Yellow Alyssum (*Alyssum saxatile*) and Horseshoe Vetch (*Hippocrepis glauca*) and the pure white of the Common Star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum angustifolium*) and Shepherd's Needle (*Scandix pecten-verneris*).

Here too was our first taste of the tortuous *Ophrys* orchid group including the endemic Gargano Ophrys (*Ophrys passionis* var. *garganica*), Dark Ophrys (*O. incubacea*), the dinky Bertoloni's Ophrys (*O. bertolonii*) and the rather cruelly named Dull Ophrys (*O. fusca*).

A picnic lunch, washed down with a little local wine, was followed by more strolling and many more flowers. Lady Orchid (*Orchis purpurea*) and Naked Man Orchid (*O. italica*) could here be appreciated at a sedate pace. The endemic *Ophrys sipontensis* (or a hybrid very close to it) with its deep pink petals was found, along with the rather diddy Burnt Tip Orchid (*Orchis ustulata*) and the unfeasibly tall daisy *Bellis sylvestris*. More strolling and more orchids including Man Orchid (*Orchis anthropophorum*), the distinctive Four-spotted Orchid (*O. quadripunctata*), Milky Orchid (*O. lactea*), and swathes of Pink Butterfly and Green-winged Orchid (*O. papilionacea* and *O. morio* respectively). Sadly, the statuesque Lizard Orchid (*Himantoglossum hircinum*) was but a stumpy bud - it was a late spring....

Our final stop for the day was the monastery at Pulsano where the endemic Goldendrops (*Onosma lucana*) was clinging to the cliff edge.

We spent the evening eating huge pizzas and wonderful Italian tiramisu.

## Day 3

Monday 27th April

Weather: Mostly cloudy, but dry

Due to the unseasonably late spring, in the arable fields on the way to the Bosco Quarto, we had a view of the delicate wild tulip (*Tulipa sylvestris*), a plant we rarely see in flower on this trip.

Just down the road, stepping out of the vehicles into White Rockrose (*Helianthemum appeninum*), there were also a few choice cream flowers of *Iris pseudoplumila*. More *Ophrys* orchids awaited including the (relatively) distinctive Spectacled Ophrys (*O. biscutella*) and the small, but perfectly formed, Bumblebee Ophrys (*O. bombyliflora*). In a little clump of trees we came across the rather lovely *Viola heterophylla* in cream, lilac and purple. A rather worn Southern Festoon made a brief appearance.

Moving on, we had excellent views of Pheasant's-eye Daffodil (*Narcissus poeticus*) before we entered the shady woodland and stopped for a hearty picnic lunch to the sound of many a woodland bird. After food, we strolled through the trees amongst Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum multiflorum*), Blue Anemone (*Anemone apennina*) and Butcher's Broom (*Ruscus aculeatus*). Roman Orchid (*Dactylorhiza romana*) was spotted as a Nightingale sang.

Making our way back up a very 'alpine-like' rocky field, we lingered, rested and scoffed some lovely chocolate amongst swathes of beautiful *Iris lutescens* (purple, lilac and cream varieties).

## Day 4

Tuesday 28th April

Weather: Sunny intervals (that got longer)

A "windy, windy" drive brought us to Monte Sacro, the 'sacred mountain'. Our quest for the morning – the ruined monastery near the top, but not before Giovanni, the local author of a book of Gargano orchids, flogged some of us copies.

Beginning our climb, we were soon in the thick of lots of lovely flowers including the showy and endemic Apulian Ophrys (*Ophrys apulica*). Higher up, we came upon a bank of dainty Sparse-flowered Orchids (*Orchis pauciflora*) ...and Man Orchid (*Orchis anthropophorum*)...and...Four-spotted Orchid (*O. quadripunctata*) and...a Yellow Ophrys (*Ophrys sicula* - with it's 'bunny-ears') and...Spectacled Ophrys (*Ophrys biscutella*) - five orchid species and all within easy arms distance of each other.

Halfway up Monte Sacro was enough of a climb for many. Those who continued to the top were rewarded with Sword-leaved Helleborine (*Cephalanthera longifolia* - though sadly only in leaf), Spring Rockcress (*Arabis verna*), a fine old ruin and a scenic view.

Lunch was the now familiar picnic in a scenic spot. The post-lunch strolls gave us a chance of a good look at an open plough-share tongue and (bog standard) tongue orchid (*Serapias vomeracea* and *S. lingua* respectively) in order to see the distinctive or two spots or one at the back of their 'throats'. Next were fine views over the Adriatic and of the deeply pink and beautiful Pyramidal Orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*). Finally for the afternoon, a chance to get close to three *Cistus* species; Narrow-leaved, Pink and Sage-leaved (*C. monspeliensis*, *C. creticus* and *C. salvifolius*).

## Day 5

Wednesday 29th April

Weather: Sunny in the morning, afternoon with thunderstorms and hail

Monte Sant'Angelo is a pleasant town with an old castle and a famous underground church. We spent the morning wandering the narrow streets, buying presents and souvenirs, sipping coffee and even botanising - the castle walls supporting an Aubretia (*Aubretia columnae*) and the endemic *Inula verbascifolia* (sadly not in flower).

Lunch was atop the Monte Sant Angelo ridge in the company of a couple of pure white Four-spotted Orchid (*Orchis quadripunctata*) and a couple of hybrids of this species and Sparse-flowered Orchid (*Orchis pauciflora*). We were planning to admire these fully post lunch, but a heavy shower put a big damper on this idea.

Instead, we headed off in search of, and finding, lovely Paeony (*Paeonia mascula*), unfortunately the only ones in bloom were behind a tall fence. A quick wander nearby brought us to Common Spotted-orchids (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*) and a lovely mix of Elderflower Orchids (*Orchis sambucina*) and Roman Orchids (*Dactylorhiza romana*) which we spent awhile examining (and admiring) for the rather subtle differences (it's mostly in the shape and direction of the spur - now lets see those impressions).

Taking John and Anne's recommendation (they had been there a couple of weeks previous), we explored the 'Coppa di Mezzo' by continuing down and round the minor road we were on. We were rewarded with some riotously colourful roadside pastures including one completely awash with violet (*Iris lutescens*), purple (Green-winged Orchid - *Orchis morio*), yellow and cream (Sparse-flowered Orchid and Roman - *O. pauciflora* & *O. romana*) and Pheasant's-eye Daffodil - *Narcissus poeticus*).

A further recommendation was taken up - the offer of Fan-lipped Orchid (*Orchis collina*) but the two weeks that had passed since they had seen it had taken its toll - we found one plant with a couple flowers in the field that had previously held hundreds....and then it start to hail, so we hastily retreated to the minibuses and tootled on back to the hotel.

## Day 6

Thursday 30th April

Weather: Partly cloudy, but dry (apart from 5 mins of hail)

Promptly packed for our transfer to Peschici on the northern coast, we first headed off to have a proper look at those hybrids we had spotted the previous lunchtime. It was then time to start a stroll down the 'Pilgrim's Path'. The banks were abounded in orchids, including some lovely Lady Orchids (*Orchis purpurea*) but especially hybrid 'swarms' that ranged from 'good' Dark Ophrys (*Ophrys incubacea*) to 'good' Gargano Ophrys (*O. passionis* var. *garganica*) and everything in between!

Lunch was in the deep shade of the Foresta Umbra (the forest of shadows) with a short post-lunch walk to take in some typical 'British' beech wood plants such as Woodruff (*Gallium odoratum*) and Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*) and a few that made it clear we were in the Mediterranean not the UK, including Southern Woodruff (*Asperula taurina*) and Coralroot (*Cardamine bulbifera*).

The first post-lunch stop had us cooing over drifts of Spring Cyclamen (*Cyclamen repandum*). 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 a lovely pure white Pyramidal Orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*).

We reached Peschici in plenty of time for a well earned and very lovely ice-cream. Our new hotel served up an excellent seafood dinner.

## Day 7

Friday 1st May

Weather: Mostly sunny, especially in the afternoon

We headed along the northern coast and a little inland into the Gargano promontory. Our first stop was mainly to admire the handsome Purple Mullein (*Verbascum phoeniceum*) though some lovely, resplendent, Honeywort (*Cerintho major*) was a welcome addition.

Heading up onto the plateau of the Bosco di Spinapuci ("Wood of the spiny flea"!), the plan was to try to see a Peony (*Peaonia mascula*) flower, but here too they were over. So, instead we went off and found a new orchid species for the trip, the spotty-leaved Provence Orchid (*Orchis provincialis*). En route to this we all had splendid views of a very obliging Hoopoe that wandered down the road in front of our minibuses.

Up atop a rocky hilltop, we stopped for a final picnic lunch followed by a short walk - still adding new orchids to our list including the 'Small Patterned Ophrys' (*Ophrys parvimaculata*) and a Late Spider Orchid (*O. fuciflora*). The sun peeped out and encouraged a few butterflies to take wing, including a beautiful Scarce Swallowtail.

A short drive took us to a 'dolina' (a large wooded natural amphitheatre formed by the collapse of an underground void) and some lovely Field Marigolds (*Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) segetum*).

## Day 8

Saturday 2nd May

Weather: Sunny

After an unfeasibly early start (helped along by some lovely Italian coffee), we hit the road for Naples, punctuated by brunch stops (lovely cake).

We arrived at Naples airport, checked-in, boarded and headed off back to London Gatwick where we said our fond farewells and made our ways home, with fond memories of a week of flowers.

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## Species Lists

### Plants

Scientific name	Common name	Day first seen
<b>PTERIDOPHYTES</b>		
<b>FERNS &amp; ALLIES</b>		
<b>Selaginellaceae</b>		
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	7
<b>Aspleniaceae</b>		
<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>	Black Spleenwort	5
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	3
<i>Ceterach officinarum</i>	Rustyback	2
<i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i>	Hart's-tongue Fern	6
<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b>		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	2
<b>Dryopteridaceae</b>		
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler-fern	6
<b>PINOPSIDA (GYMNOSPERMS)</b>		
<b>CONIFERS</b>		
<b>Cupressaceae</b>		
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	2
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	2
<b>Pinaceae</b>		
<i>Pinus halapensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	2
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone or Umbrella Pine	1
<b>Taxaceae</b>		
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	6
<b>MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS)</b>		
<b>FLOWERING PLANTS</b>		
<b>Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)</b>		
<b>Aceraceae</b>		
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	3
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	6
<i>Acer obtusatum</i>	Bosnian Maple	4
<i>Acer opalus</i>	Italian Maple	3
<b>Aizoaceae</b>		
<i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i>	Sally-my-handsome	2
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>		
<i>Pistachia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	2
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	4

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<b>Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)</b>	<b>Carrot Family</b>	
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock	3
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	2
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	2
<i>Ferrula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	1
<i>Laserpitium latifolium</i>	Broad-leaved Sermountain	3
<i>Oenanthe fistulosa</i>	Tubular Water-dropwort	6
<i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>	Orlaya	7
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Sanicle	3
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needles	2
<i>Smyrmium rotundifolium</i>	-	2
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	2
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Tordylium	2
<b>Aquifoliaceae</b>	<b>Holly Family</b>	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	3
<b>Araliaceae</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 hircundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort	3
<b>Asteraceae (Compositae)</b>	<b>Daisy Family</b>	
<i>Andryala integrifolia</i>	Andryala	2
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	Wormwood	6
<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>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Perennial Cornflower	5
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>	Woolly Thistle	3
<i>Crepis rubra</i>	Pink Hawksbeard	2
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	Crupina	3
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Woody Fleabane	4
<i>Doronicum columnae</i>	Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane	3
<i>Doronicum plantagineum</i>	a Leopard's-bane	3
<i>Evax pygmaea</i>	Evax	2
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galacitites	2
<i>Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	1
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Curry Plant	2
<i>Hyoseris radiata</i>	-	2
<i>Inula verbascifolia</i>	-	2
<i>Scorzonera villosa</i>	Hairy Viper's Grass	2
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	2
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow Thistle	7
<i>Tragopogon hybridum</i>	-	7
<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>	-	7



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<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot	3
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>	Urospermum	4
<b>Betulaceae</b>	<b>Birch Family</b>	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	1
<i>Carpinus orientalis</i>	Eastern Hornbeam	3
<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>	-	3
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	1
<i>Lithospermum (Buglossoides) purpureocaerulea</i>	Purple Gromwell	3
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	7
<i>Echium italicum</i>	Pale Bugloss	7
<i>Echium platagineum</i>	Purple Vipers Bugloss	2
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Vipers Bugloss	6
<i>Myosotis discolor</i>	Changing Forget-me-not	3
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Wood Forget-me-not	3
<i>Onosma lucana</i>	Pale Goldendrops (endemic)	2
<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Common Lungwort	3
<b>Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)</b>	<b>Cabbage Family</b>	
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i>	Burnt Candytuft	2
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	3
<i>Alyssoides sinuata</i>	Alyssoides	2
<i>Alyssum saxatile</i>	Yellow Alyssum	2
<i>Arabis caucasica</i>	Garden Rockcress	6
<i>Arabis turrita</i>	Tower Mustard	2
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rockcress	4
<i>Aubretia columnae</i>	An Aubretia	5
<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	3
<i>Cardamine plumieri</i>	Ivy-leaved Bittercress	3
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	Woad	1
<i>Lepidium (Cardaria) draba</i>	Hoary Cress	2
<i>Raphanes raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish	3
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	7
<b>Cactaceae</b>	<b>Cactus Family</b>	
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Prickly Pear	1
<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflower Family</b>	
<i>Campanula garganica (endemic)</i>	a Bellflower (endemic)	2
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	a Bellflower	7
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>	
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	2
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	4

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<i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	Dwarf Elder or Danewort	3
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	1
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>	
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	2
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	5
<i>Minuartia</i> sp.	A Sandwort	2
<i>Silene conica</i>	Sand Catchfly	2
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	7
<i>Silene galica</i> var. <i>quinquevulnera</i>	-	7
<i>Silene italica</i>	Italian Catchfly	4
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Champion	3
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Champion	2
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	2
<i>Stellaria nemorum</i>	Wood Stitchwort	3
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rock-rose Family</b>	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	4
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	4
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	2
<i>Helianthemum apenninum</i>	White Rockrose	2
<i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i> subsp. <i>canum</i>	Hoary Rockrose	2
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Rockrose	2
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	2
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	4
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> subsp. <i>tenuissimus</i>	a Mallow-leaved Bindweed	4
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	4
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall Pennywort	4
<b>Dipsacaceae</b>	<b>Teasel Family</b>	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Wild Teasel	3
<i>Lomelosia crenata</i>	-	2
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heather Family</b>	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	5
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	6
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurge Family</b>	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	3
<i>Euphorbia biumbellata</i>	Whorled Spurge	2
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Mediterranean Spurge	2
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	2
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge	2
<b>Fabaceae (Leguminosae)</b>	<b>Pea Family</b>	
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	7
<i>Anthyllis tetraphylla</i>	Bladder Vetch	7

Scientific name	Common name	Day first seen
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. praepropera</i>	a Kidney vetch (Pink)	2
<i>Astragalus monspessulanus</i>	False Vetch	2
<i>Calycotome infesta</i>	Spiny Broom	4
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	7
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	1
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion Vetch	2
<i>Cytisus decumbens ssp. elatior</i>	Prostrate Broom	2
<i>Cytisus villosus</i>	A Broom	6
<i>Hedysarum coronarium</i>		3
<i>Hippocrepis glauca</i>	a Horseshoe Vetch	2
<i>Hippocrepis unisiliquosa</i>	-	2
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	Disk Trefoil	7
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	6
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	A Vetchling	2
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	-	4
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	Red Grass Vetchling	4
<i>Lotus edulis</i>	Edible Lotus	7
<i>Lupinus micranthus</i>	Hairy Lupin	4
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	2
<i>Medicago rigidula</i>	-	7
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Mellilot	2
<i>Melilotus infestus</i>		7
<i>Onobrychis aquidentata</i>	a Sainfoin	2
<i>Onobrychis saxatilis</i>	Rock Sainfoin	2
<i>Pisum sativum ssp. elatior</i>	Cultivated Pea	4
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	6
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia	1
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpiurus	7
<i>Scorpiurus vermiculatus</i>	-	5
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	2
<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>	Winged Pea	6
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	4
<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>	Hairy Trefoil	4
<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>	Bithynian Vetch	2
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	6
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Tare	3
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	a Yellow Vetch	2
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	3
<i>Vicia melanops</i>	Black Vetch	6
<i>Vicia narbonensis</i>	-	2
<i>Vicia sativa agg</i>	Common Vetch	3
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	3
<b>Fagaceae</b>	<b>Beech Family</b>	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	3
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	6
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Spanish Oak	4

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<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	2
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	2
<b>Fumariaceae</b>		
<i>Corydalis solida</i>	Bird-in-a-bush	3
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Tall Ramping Fumitory	3
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	2
<b>Gentianaceae</b>		
<b>Gentian Family</b>		
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort	6
<b>Geraniaceae</b>		
<b>Crane's-bill Family</b>		
<i>Erodium ciconium</i>	a Stork's-bill	2
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	2
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	2
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	6
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	3
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	3
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	2
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	2
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	3
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	Bloody Crane's-bill	4
<b>Lamiaceae (Labiatae)</b>		
<b>Deadnettle Family</b>		
<i>Ajuga chamaepitys</i>	Ground Pine	2
<i>Ajuga genevensis</i>	Blue Bugle	3
<i>Clinopodium acinos</i>	Basil-thyme	1
<i>Lamium bifidum</i>	-	3
<i>Lamium garganicum</i>	Large Red Deadnettle	3
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	Spotted Deadnettle	3
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	2
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Oregano	3
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	4
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	3
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	4
<i>Salvia argentea</i>	Silver Sage	2
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	2
<i>Satureja hortensis</i>	Savory	4
<i>Sideritis syriaca</i>	Syrian Sideritis	2
<i>Stachys cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	2
<i>Thymus capitatus</i>	A Thyme	2
<b>Linaceae</b>		
<b>Flax Family</b>		
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax	6
<i>Linum narbonense</i>	Beautiful Flax	2
<b>Malvaceae</b>		
<b>Mallow Family</b>		
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	2
<b>Moraceae</b>		
<b>Mulberry Family</b>		
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	1

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<b>Oleaceae</b>		
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Flowering Ash	4
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Privet	3
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	1
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>		
<i>Orobanche amethystea</i>	Amethyst Broomrape	4
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	7
<b>Paeoniaceae</b>		
<i>Paeonia mascula</i>	A Peony	5
<b>Papaveraceae</b>		
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Rough Poppy	7
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	2
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>		
<i>Plantago arenaria</i>	Branched Plantain	4
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	3
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	2
<i>Plantago maritima</i>	Sea Plantain	3
<i>Plantago seraria</i>	-	3
<b>Polygalaceae</b>		
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>	Nice Milkwort	2
<b>Polygonaceae</b>		
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel	3
<b>Primulaceae</b>		
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> (Red & Blue forms)	Scarlet Pimpernel	2
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Ivy-leaved Sowbread	3
<i>Cyclamen repandum</i>	Spring Cyclamen	6
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>		
<i>Anemone apennina</i>	Blue Anemone	3
<i>Anemone hortensis</i>	-	2
<i>Clematis</i> sp.	a Clematis	5
<i>Nigella damascina</i>	Love-in-a-mist	6
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup	3
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	3
<i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i>	-	2
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i>	Pond Water-crowfoot	3
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup	3
<i>Ranunculus velutinus</i>	-	3
<b>Resedaceae</b>		
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	2
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	2
<i>Reseda phyteuma</i>	Corn Mignonette	2

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<b>Rhamnaceae</b>		
<b>Buckthorn Family</b>		
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Christ's Thorn	7
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Mediterranean Buckthorn	7
<b>Rosaceae</b>		
<b>Rose Family</b>		
<i>Aremonia agrimonioides</i>	-	3
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	2
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i>	Quince	4
<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	Dropwort	3
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	3
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	6
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab Apple	4
<i>Potentilla hirta</i>	Hairy Cinquefoil	2
<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond	2
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	3
<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	2
<i>Rosa sp.</i>	A Rose	2
<i>Rubus fruticosus sgg</i>	Bramble	2
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	Bramble	6
<i>Sanguisorba (Poterium) verrucosum</i>	Mediterranean Salad Burnet	2
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan or Mountain Ash	2
<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	Wild Service Tree	4
<b>Rubiaceae</b>		
<b>Bedstraw Family</b>		
<i>Asperula arvensis</i>	Blue Woodruff	3
<i>Asperula taurina</i>	Southern Woodruff	6
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	3
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	2
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Woodruff	3
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	2
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	4
<i>Sheradia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	2
<b>Rutaceae</b>		
<b>Rue Family</b>		
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	7
<b>Saxifragaceae</b>		
<b>Saxifrage Family</b>		
<i>Saxifraga bulbifera</i>	Bulbous Saxifrage	3
<i>Saxifraga granulata</i>	Meadow Saxifrage	3
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	Round-leaved Saxifrage	5
<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	7
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	2
<i>Digitalis ferruginea</i>	Brown Foxglove	3
<i>Euphrasia agg.</i>	Eyebright	2
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	5
<i>Parentucella latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	2

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<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Italian (Nettle-leaved) Figwort	7
<i>Verbascum phoeniceum</i>	Purple Mullein	7
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Aaron's Rod	4
<i>Veronica hederifolia</i> agg	Ivy-leaved Speedwell	3
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	3
<b>Thymelaeaceae</b>	<b>Daphne Family</b>	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	3
<b>Ulmaceae</b>	<b>Elm Family</b>	
<i>Ulmus</i> sp.	An Elm	6
<b>Urticaceae</b>	<b>Nettle Family</b>	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the Wall	2
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle	3
<b>Valerianaceae</b>	<b>Valerian Family</b>	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	1
<i>Valeriana tuberosa</i>		2
<i>Valerianella</i> sp.	A Cornsalad	2
<b>Violaceae</b>	<b>Violet Family</b>	
<i>Viola arvensis</i>	Field Pansy	3
<i>Viola heterophylla</i> ssp. <i>graeca</i>		2
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	3
<b>Vitaceaea</b>	<b>Grape-vine Family</b>	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Grape	1
<b>Liliidae (Monocotyledons)</b>		
<b>Agavaceae</b>	<b>Agave Family</b>	
<i>Agave americana</i>	Agave	5
<b>Araceae</b>	<b>Arum Family</b>	
<i>Arum italicum</i> subsp. <i>italicum</i>	Large Cuckoo Pint	3
<b>Cyperaceae</b>	<b>Sedge Family</b>	
<i>Carex caryophyllea</i>	Spring Sedge	2
<i>Carex echinata</i>	Star Sedge	6
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	Wood Sedge	3
<b>Dioscoreaceae</b>	<b>Black Bryony Family</b>	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	3
<b>Iridaceae</b>	<b>Iris Family</b>	
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	3
<i>Hemodactylus 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

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<b>Juncaceae</b>		
<i>Luzula forsteri</i>	Rush Family Southern Wood-rush	3
<b>Liliaceae</b>		
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic	6
<i>Allium nigrum</i>	-	7
<i>Allium pendulinum</i>	Pendulous Garlic	3
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rose Garlic	7
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>	Hairy Garlic	2
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	Ramsons	6
<i>Asparagus sp.</i>	An Asparagus	2
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	2
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	2
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	2
<i>Muscari neglecta</i>	Dark Grape Hyacinth	2
<i>Narcissus poeticus</i>	Pheasant's-eye Daffodil	3
<i>Ornithogalum (umbellatum) angustifolium</i>	Common Star of Bethlehem	2
<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	Solomon's Seal	3
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	3
<i>Tulipa sylvestris</i>	Wild Tulip	3
<i>Urginea maritima</i>	Sea Squill	4
<b>Orchidaceae</b>		
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	4
<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Sword-leaved Helleborine	4
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted-orchid	3
<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman Orchid	3
<i>Dactylorhiza sambucina</i>	Elderflower Orchid	5
<i>Himantoglossum hircinum</i>	Lizard Orchid	2
<i>Himantoglossum (Barlia) robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	2
<i>Ophrys apulica (endemic)</i>	Apulian Ophrys	4
<i>Ophrys bertoloniformis</i>	-	2
<i>Ophrys bertolonii</i>	Bertoloni's Bee Orchid	2
<i>Ophrys biscutella</i>	Spectacled Ophrys	3
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys fuciflora</i>	Late Spider Orchid	7
<i>Ophrys fusca</i>	Dull Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys incubacea</i>	Dark Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys lutea</i>	Yellow Ophrys	2
<i>Ophrys parvimaculata</i>		7
<i>Ophrys phryganae</i>	-	2
<i>Ophrys promontorii (endemic)</i>	-	2
<i>Ophrys sicula</i>	-	2
<i>Ophrys sipontensis (endemic)</i>	-	2
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i>	Sawfly Ophrys	2
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	2
<i>Orchis collina</i>	Fan-ipped Orchid	5
<i>Orchis fragrans</i>	Bug Orchid	7
<i>Orchis intacta (Neotinea maculata)</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	4
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	2
<i>Orchis lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	2



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<i>Orchis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	2
<i>Orchis papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	2
<i>Ophrys passionis</i> var. <i>garganica</i> (endemic)	Gargano Ophrys	2
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse Flowered Orchid	4
<i>Orchis picta</i>	a Green-winged Orchid	2
<i>Orchis provincialis</i>	Provence Orchid	7
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid	1
<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>	Greater Butterfly Orchid	5
<i>Serapias cordigera</i>	Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid	4
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	3
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	6
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i>	Plough-share Tongue Orchid	2
<b>Hybrids (a selection)</b>		
<i>Ophrys incubacea</i> x <i>Ophrys garganica</i>	-	6
<i>Orchis anthropophora</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>		6
<b>Poaceae</b>		
<i>Aegilops geniculata</i>	Aegilops	2
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	6
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	6
<i>Aira careophyllea</i>	Silver Hair-grass	6
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Bristle Oat	3
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking Grass	4
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft-brome	4
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern Grass	2
<i>Festuca vivipera</i>	Viviparous Fescue	3
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	2
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-foot Grass	2
<i>Melica uniflora</i>	Wood Melick	3
<i>Stipa pennata</i>	a Feather Grass	4

## Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	April							
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓							
2	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	✓							
3	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>							✓	
4	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓							
5	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓							
6	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	✓							
7	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓							
8	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	✓							
9	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓							
10	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			✓					
11	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			✓					
12	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓							
13	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓							
14	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>						✓		
15	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					✓			
16	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓							
17	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓							
18	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			✓					
19	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓					
20	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			✓					
21	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						✓		
22	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		✓						
23	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>				✓				
24	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			✓					
25	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓					
26	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓						
27	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>				✓				
28	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓						
29	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓							
30	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>						✓		
31	Common Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓							
32	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓							
33	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	✓							
34	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	✓							
35	Italian House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus italiae</i>	✓							
36	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓						
37	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>				✓				
38	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓							
39	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>			✓					

## Butterflies, moths and other invertebrates

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>BUTTERFLIES:</b>									
<b>Papilionidae</b>									
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphicides podalirius</i>								✓
Southern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia polyxena</i>			✓					
<b>Pieridae</b>									
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>				✓				
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓						
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓						
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓						
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓						
Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>		✓						
<b>Nymphalidae</b>									
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>								
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓						
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>							✓	
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓						
<b>MOTHS:</b>									
Nine Spot Burnet	<i>Syntomis phegea</i>							✓	
5-Spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena trifolii</i>							✓	
<b>OTHER INVERTEBRATES:</b>									
an Ascalaphid	<i>Libelloides coccajus</i>							✓	
a Dung Beetle	<i>Scarabaeus sp</i>		✓						
a Tenebrionid Beetle					✓				
Giant Centepede	<i>Scolopendra cingulatus</i>				✓				

## Reptiles &amp; Amphibians

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>							✓	
Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis sicula</i>		✓						