# Flowers of Italy's Gargano **Peninsula**

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Small-patterned Ophrys Ophrys parvimaculata

Apulian Ophrys Ophrys apulica

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#### Introduction

We enjoyed a week of mostly sunny weather, but with some very cold winds at first and occasional brief showers. Fleeces and waterproofs were needed at the start of the week, but we had increasing spells of warm sunshine which encouraged butterflies out on to the wing, lizards on to the rocks and a range of insects such as bee flies and aescalaphids to emerge as well. The orchids, as expected, were the stars of the week's botanising, with just over 40 species found, but we had plenty of opportunities to study some of the other rich flora of the region, with some spectacular displays of Wild Tulips, Poet's Narcissi, Anemones, Cyclamens Giant Fennel, Field Marigolds and Crown Daisies. Many more typical Mediterranean species were found and photographed during the week, including some endemics, and a number of British rarities. The newly-opened leaves on the trees in the forests provided a little light shade and the woodland ground flora was extraordinarily colourful. Butterflies on the wing during week included several species of Blues, Scarce Swallowtails, Clouded Yellows and Cleopatras, and there were many good sightings of Italian Wall Lizards, the males being especially conspicuous with their green head markings. Other herptiles included some very vocal toads in the stream at Peschici and a few sightings of Green Lizard on sunny days.

For the bird-watchers there were good opportunities to see some of the typical warblers of the area with Subalpine and Sardinian Warblers being especially vocal, and Serins putting on a good display near the hotel. In most wooded areas we could hear Nightingales singing and Cuckoos calling, and at Peschici we had some superb views of a flock of Alpine Swifts which chattered their way over the harbour and around the hotel. On our final day on the coast we had some new coastal plants and some very good bird-watching with excellent close views of a good range of waders, egrets and gulls, including some nicely-coloured Slender-billed Gulls.

# Day 1

# **Monday 16th April**

Weather: Rain on arrival. 9°C

After some delays at Gatwick the evening flight arrived more or less on time. The group soon collected their luggage and assembled outside the arrivals hall where Andrew was waiting, having just completed one week in Gargano with another group. Lee completed the formalities for collecting his mini-bus, which was parked about 250m away, so we were able to load up and head off on the two hour journey to Monte Sant'Angelo. The main roads were clear and we had an uneventful journey. On arrival at the Palace Hotel, despite the hour, the night staff were waiting for us with a light meal and some drinks, and were very helpful in sorting out our rooms which were in the adjacent building.

## Day 2

# **Tuesday 17th April**

Weather: Low cloud and fog at first, with a cold wind, but clearing later. 7°C

We all met again at breakfast, and Anthony, who had arrived independently, joined the rest of the group. Lee and Andrew did some shopping for lunch ingredients at the local supermarket, so we were ready for the day at about 09 20. Our first taste of the Gargano flora was at the side of the road, only a few minutes drive from the hotel, along the narrow road leading to the nearby Pulsano Monastery. Even before getting out of the mini-buses, a few small orchids were spotted, including the tiny form of the Yellow Bee Orchid, *Ophrys sicula*, and the endemic *Ophrys garganica*. Despite the cold wind everyone spread out over the hillside searching carefully, and many more orchid species were found, growing amongst the bright yellow flowers of Alyssum *Alyssum saxatile* and Horseshoe Vetch *Hippocrepis comosa*. The most striking orchid on show was the Pink Butterfly Orchid *Orchis papilionaceae*, although many blooms were now beginning to fade, and scattered amongst them were spikes of the Green-veined Orchid *Orchis morio*. We were also able to find a few of the hybrids between these two species.

Further up the slope the prickly cushions of the Spiny Spurge *Euphorbia acanthocamnos* caught our attention and they turned out to be delicately scented – if approached with caution. A few blue butterflies were spotted here, immobile in the cold conditions, and thus very photogenic. More of the variants of the Early Spider Orchid *Ophrys sphegodes* were found on the higher slopes and there were plenty of opportunities for photography. Moving further along the road, we parked beside a little copse of Hornbeams and Hazels and checked the slopes leading up to the radio mast. Here we added some fine Milky Orchids *Orchis lactea* to the list as well as more Ophrys species and a few Man Orchids *Orchis anthropophorum*.

We then drove further along the road to the Monastery, admiring the fields of Asphodel and the blossom on the Almond-leaved Pear *Pyrus amygdaliformis* trees along the way. This was a good spot for our first picnic lunch and we were able to sample the freshly baked bread, many of the local cheeses, Italian proscuitto and salami, the delicious tomatoes, fennel and peppers and some local wines from the Puglia region. The walls of the monastery supported some interesting plants, including Henbane, *Hyoscyamus niger* and we found the endemic Pale Goldendrops *Onosma lucana* in its usual site on the edge of the gorge. Anthony kindly interpreted the information boards for us, and we learnt much about the long history of the monastery and its restoration. The caves used by the first monks over a thousand years ago had been restored and brought up to date with data projectors and a modern A/V system. The three species of Asphodel all grow in the same spot here, and we also found a few plants of Ground Pine *Ajuga chamaepitys* amongst the rocks.

A walk down the wide track behind the monastery led us to a fine colony of Bumble-bee Orchids *Ophrys bombyliflora* and some newly-opened Late Spider Orchids *Ophrys fuciflora*. Two Blue Rock-thrushes sang from opposite sides of the gorge and a Sub-alpine Warbler scolded from cover very close to the path. We were sheltered from the cold wind here and, like the butterflies, we enjoyed the sunshine. After a very busy day, with lots of exciting new plants for everyone we returned to the hotel and discussed our finds and the plans for the next day before a very pleasant evening meal.

#### Day 3

# Wednesday 18th April

Weather: Sunny for most of the day, with a cold wind. 14°C

After Andrew and Lee had collected the provisions for lunch we loaded up the two mini-buses and took the steeply descending road out of town towards San Giovanni Rotondo. Our first stop of the day was in the valley below where we looked in the cultivated fields alongside the road. This area was an unlikely habitat for the Wild Tulip Tulipa sylvestris and thousands of bright yellow blooms were spotted growing amongst the cereal crops. A few spikes of Wild Gladiolus Gladiolus italicus were also noted and on the stony margins Cotswold Pennycress Thlaspi perfoliata was flowering, and there were the remains of Winter Aconite Eranthis hyemalis as well. The next roadside stop, a few miles further on, enabled us to find more of the open habitat Ophrys species, including more of the very confusing Early Spider Orchid Ophrys sphegodes group. Lovely displays of Irises Iris pseudopumila caught our eye as we pulled up, and a short walk towards a little copse revealed some of the endemic Violas Viola heterophylla ssp graeca. A few spikes of Burnt Orchid Orchis ustulata were found, as well as some rather scruffylooking Giant Orchids Himantoglossum robertianum.

Driving on a short distance towards the forest enabled us to find a stand of the beautiful wild Peony *Paeonia mascula*, with a few buds still in good condition, on a lightly wooded bank which also had Tassel Hyacinth *Muscari comosa* and the curious Black-eyed Bean *Vicia melanops*. The winding, single-track road into the forest gradually turned into a stony track with steep banks lined with ferns, mosses and liverworts. We stopped for our picnic in a lovely clearing in the woods where picnic tables and litter bins had been provided, and the only sounds were cow bells and bird song – we had the woodland to ourselves. Amongst the ground flora we found several interesting species, including Coralroot Bittercress *Cardamine bulbifera*.

After our picnic lunch we set off to walk through the forest towards the Piscina Pantolfe. Firecrests and Nuthatches were calling from the ivy-covered trees, a Short-toed Treecreeper was watched by several of the group, and there were distant calls of Cuckoo and Green Woodpecker. We wandered through the forest and came to a stony hillside where *Iris lutescens* was flowering in profusion and other sun-loving species were found amongst the rocks, including plenty of the Yellow Gagea *Gagea (lutea)*. A single dried-up seed head of the Bird'snest Orchid was spotted alongside the track, but more eye-catching was the abundance of the curious Bird-in-abush *Corydalis solida*. A lizard-like creature on the path, approached with caution and photographed by many, caused some confusion at first, and embarrassment later when it turned out to be a child's toy – a very convincing plastic dinosaur!!

On returning to the vehicles we drove slowly out of the forest, stopping to photograph the Naricissi at one spot where they were particularly showy. Anthony's services were employed again as he interpreted the information signs about the re-introduction of the wolf to the forests of Gargano. We did not see any wolves but we did watch both cattle and goats in the forest.

After a full day in the beautiful woodlands we drove back to Monte Sant'Angelo in time for some sightseeing in the town. We discussed our finds before the evening meal and then made plans for the next day.

## Day 4

# **Thursday 19th April**

Weather: Sunny for most of the day. 14°C

Our plan for Thursday was to visit the well-known botanical site of Monte Sacro, and we made an early start, stopping at the shops for lunch provisions on the way. The route to Mattinata involves a long drive down a road made up of continuous hairpin bends, but with lovely views of the Gargano landscape and the coast. We were able to pull off the road at one point to photograph the Mallow-leaved Bindweed *Convolvulus althaeoides* which was flowering profusely on a sunny verge amongst other colourful and aromatic roadside herbs. A splendid spike of the Ploughshare Tongue-orchid *Serapias vomeracea* was found on the roadside along with some very fine specimens of the endemic *Ophrys garganica*. The terraced hillsides covered with ancient Olive trees were very photogenic and several new species were added to the list with a little exploration in this area. It was difficult to drag everyone away to get to the next site.

Mattinata is by-passed with tunnels, underpasses and roundabouts, before another very steep road with more hairpin bends ends at the starting point for a walk up Monte Sacro – a very well-known stony hill with a rich and fascinating flora. We arrived in time to make use of the limited parking here, and were shortly followed by a coach party of Dutch botanists who were also keen on orchids and other flora. We followed the well-trodden path, but there was so much to see on the way that we only made it as far as the start of the pine forest. A new species for the week's list was the Four-spotted Orchid *Orchis quadripunctata*, and in addition there were a few very photogenic Spectacled Orchids *Ophrys biscutella* and some confusing hybrids A few more Man Orchids *Orchis anthropophora* were seen amongst the rocks. Just before reaching the pine woodland on the steep slope a large patch of Sparse-flowered Orchids *Orchis pauciflora* and Four-spotted Orchids *Orchis quadripunctata* were found. We had our picnic back at the road and listened to the Nightingales and Cuckoos.

After driving back around Mattinata we parked at the start of the track to Monte Saraceno, an impressive limestone outcrop and important archaeological site overlooking the sea and a valley filled with Olive and Citrus groves. Our walk along the track produced three species of Cistus (*C. salvifolius, creticus* and *monspeliensis*) growing in close proximity, which made for easy identification, although the Pink Cistus was not flowering very freely here. More orchids, including *Ophrys melena* and *Ophrys fusca* were found along the track, and there were some good butterfly sightings, including the Scarce Swallowtail, Clouded Yellow and Baton Blue. The dozens of chambered tombs, dating from about 1000BC, and carved out of the solid limestone in the shape of inverted cones, proved to be very interesting, and some of them supported colonies of Maidenhair Fern *Adiantum capillusveneris*. A chat with the farmer tending the sheep and goats at the end of the track (thanks to Anthony) helped us to understand how these animals were managed. It turned out that the fleeces were of no value and were burnt each year.

We returned to the hotel in plenty of time to enjoy the sunny views of the Gulf of Manfredonia below the town, do some more sight-seeing in the maze of streets, and discuss the day's activities before our evening meal.

# Day 5

# Friday 20th April

Weather: Sunny spells at first, but with some brief heavy showers and a stiff breeze later. 11°C

Andrew and Lee did the morning's shopping as usual, and we delayed the departure from the hotel in order to allow time to visit the Castle bookshop to find maps and orchid books. We then juggled the mini-buses around leaving one at each end of the Pilgrim's Path. This pleasant walk follows the ancient route taken by pilgrims visiting the grotto and other religious sites in the town. More orchids were found alongside the path, and the charming little Spring Rock-cress *Arabis verna* was flowering profusely here. Near the bottom of the path there was a lovely display of Widow Irises *Hermodactylus tuberosus* and still more Ophrys species in good condition.

Once then set off for the Bosco Quarto where we stopped at a woodland picnic site. A Nightingale sang from the bramble patch beside the minibus, which was also sheltering a Peony in perfect condition. One or two crocuses, reluctant to open in the shade, were also spotted here. Whilst lunch was being prepared the group wandered along a quiet forest track admiring the extensive displays of *Anemone appenina*, *Narcissus poeticus* and *Euphorbia amygdaloides*. A few Roman Orchids *Dactylorrhiza romana* were found here, and amongst them were some good specimens of the Elder-flowered Orchid *Dactylorrhiza sambucina*.

After our picnic, and another stroll through the forest, we were alerted to some frantic calling from the tree-tops and were treated to a very good display by a Middle-spotted Woodpecker which was easy to see as the leaf canopy had not fully opened here. We drove further on through the forest and our last stop of the day was near an isolated restaurant, apparently closed, where we wandered around some gardens and un-inhabited houses looking for more orchids in the clearings. We found plenty of Roman Orchids here, many of them growing in profusion on abandoned lawns and behind chained gates. One lawn sported a lovely display of *Anchusa cretica*, and we also found one or two more Elder-flowered Orchids and plenty of leaves and tight buds of the Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorrhiza fuchsii*. Here it was apparent that any form of woodland or farm management had ceased a few years previously and the scrub was advancing rapidly to the obvious disadvantage of the ground flora. One of the trees spreading freely in this area was the Wild Service Tree *Sorbus torminalis*. We returned to Monte Sant'Angelo by the same route, spotting various woodland birds on the way, including a number of Jays.

# Day 6

# Saturday 21st April

Weather: Sunny for most of the day, and much warmer. 21°C

Andrew and Lee did the usual shopping trip after breakfast and then we packed up and left the hotel after a little more sight-seeing in the town. We drove into the Foresta Umbra, the "shady forest" which is composed largely of dense groves of beech and hornbeam. We broke the journey at a little track which led into a plantation of pines where there were many of the now familiar orchids in flower, including some good specimens of Italian Man Orchids *Orchis italica* and still more of the various 'Bee' orchids, including the endemic *Ophrys promontorii*. The calm, sunny conditions were conducive to more photography, and as well as the orchids there were some very obliging butterflies to be seen as well. We were pleased to find some good specimens of Bertoloni's Bee Orchid *Ophrys bertolonii* here, our first sighting of this very attractive species for the week.

Our next stop was at a roadside picnic spot which gave the opportunity for the group to walk through the forest where there were many species of ferns growing in deep hollows, and the rare British lichen, Tree Lungwort Lobaria pulmonaria on the trunks of trees along the path. Various garlic-scented species were encountered here, including the British native, Ramsons Allium ursinum. At a little woodland lake a Red-eared Terrapin and large congregations of tadpoles were seen, although woodland and water birds were rather scarce.

After lunch we continued our drive through the forest, pausing to watch some Fallow Deer in an enclosure, and then at a pull-off several miles down the road we stopped to admire a lovely display of the attractive Spring Cyclamen *Cyclamen repandum* growing on steep slopes, where there were a few more British native species, including Fiddle Dock *Rumex pulcher* and Stinking Iris *Iris foetidissima*. The opposite side of the road, in full sun, supported colourful displays of Scorpion Vetch *Coronilla sp* trailing down the bank. Having left the forest, we arrived on the drier coastal plains, passing through Olive and Citrus groves before we stopped at the aptly named "Fly-tip Stop" where we found still more *Ophrys* and *Serapias* species, including *Serapias lingua*.

We followed the increasingly winding road to eventually reach the scenic fishing harbour of Peschici where we checked in to the Hotel Elisa, which is in a lovely position close to the beach. After the usual formalities most of the group explored the town and harbour, enjoying the wonderful views and sunny weather. Some of the local fishing boats and their crew made good subjects for photography. Alpine Swifts were very much in evidence and the day ended with a colourful sunset as we sat on the terrace going over the day's findings. Our evening meal was a splendid selection of the local seafood and vegetables, all freshly prepared by the proprietor.

Day 7 Sunday 22nd April

Weather: Sunny for most of the day, with some high cloud and a strong breeze. 21°C

As it was Sunday there was no chance to go shopping so we made an earlier start and drove west out of Peschici, along the steep and twisting roads, stopping at one high point to look down over the cliffs at the Trabucco – the complicated arrangement of nets and poles used to catch fish from the rocks. The next stop was to enable us to photograph the superb display of Lady Orchids *Orchis purpurea* growing in an olive grove. Over 100 spikes were counted and they were in perfect condition so it was hard to tear ourselves away. We eventually reached a highway, which enabled us to get to the west of the peninsula where we rejoined the twisty roads once more. Here we headed inland to explore the Bosco de Spinapulci - "Forest of the Spiny Flea", a high limestone plateau with forests and meadows, but few settlements.

Before reaching the plateau we stopped for a while on a farm lane where the elegant Purple Mullein Verbascum phoenicium, was flowering, and close by we found Honeywort Cerinthe major and wild Asparagus, the plant which we had noted on sale on the roadsides on our journey. Pyramidal Orchids Anacamptis pyramidalis were just starting to open up, and yet more of the Ophrys sphegodes group were found along the lane. Sub-alpine Warblers were very vocal in the scrub alongside the road and a few Swifts were noted overhead. Further on we stopped in a disused quarry where more of the Spring Cyclamen was in flower, and the two new orchid species for the week were the Small-patterned Ophrys Ophrys parvimaculata and the Provence Orchid Orchis provincialis. Various prickly shrubs hampered us here, especially the aptly named Christ's Thorn Palliurus spina-christi.

We then drove up onto the limestone plateau on a very rough track where a lovely grassy picnic spot near a shepherd's hut overlooking the wooded valleys on either side was a good vantage point for exploring this area.

The target species here was the Heart-flowered Tongue-orchid Serapias cordigera, which was proving to be elusive this year, but with so many pairs of eyes looking for it, a couple of very fine specimens were soon found by Rachel and Sophie. More Orchis spp were located, and the curious Birthwort Aristolochia rotunda was common in the woods. The Cyclamens here were flowering prolifically and scenting the air. Several stands of Provence Orchids were flowering well in the shade of Turkey Oaks Quercus cerris. A perfect Sawfly Orchid Ophrys tenthredinifera seen and photographed a week ago was still flowering well in the same spot.

After lunch, we strolled further along the road, spotting more Ophrys spp and some good specimens of the lemon-yellow hawkweed *Urospermum dalechampii*. Two sharp-eyed members of the group were fortunate enough to see a Wild Boar in the valley below, whilst others were occupied with photographing butterflies and a very well-behaved Aescalaphid. We returned to the main highway and then made our way back to Peschici. Another delicious seafood supper followed and we had plenty of entries to add to our records for the trip.

Day 8 Monday 23rd April

Weather: Some sunny spells, clouding over later. 19°C

This morning we had to pack up and leave Peschici as this was our final day in Gargano, but as our flight from Bari was late in the evening there was no need to rush. A brief walk along the shore produced sightings of a single Common Sandpiper and many Yellow-legged Gulls, with a Sardinian Warbler spotted in its usual haunt near the hotel. Once packed and loaded our route took us east towards Vieste and we drove through extensive olive groves and a patchwork of small fields. Birds spotted on the journey included Buzzard, Kestrel and Hoopoe.

We continued following signs to Mattinata and took the coast road, the Littoranea, which provided many lovely views, although not very many places to stop. We did pull off at one sunny area of Olive groves where the star attraction turned out to be a most obliging Scarce Swallowtail which posed perfectly for all who wanted to photograph it. Eventually we came to a familiar stretch of road at Mattinata, before finally arriving at the low-lying coastal plain with its reed beds and salt pans, and extensive market gardens. We managed to avoid some confusing road diversions around the road works and followed the minor roads with verges and fields colourful with Giant Fennel and Crown Daisies. We stopped close to the sea for our picnic at some abandoned salt pans where there was some excellent bird-watching. Greater Flamingos, Great and Little Egrets, Purple Heron, Spoonbill, Slender-billed Gulls and numerous waders, including Ruff, Avocet, Black-winged Stilts, Kentish Plovers and Marsh Sandpipers were easily seen, and passerines included Crested Lark, Black-headed Wagtail and Fan-tailed Warbler (Zitting Cisticola).

A coffee stop in Zaponetta was very welcome and then we pulled in at another salt-pan area where we were treated to excellent views of more wetland birds. A coach party of Italian primary school children were having a talk on salt pans and coastal birds, and seemed to be very enthusiastic, some asking to borrow binoculars for a look at the Flamingos. We finally had to leave for the airport, and after dropping Anthony off at his bus-stop in Margherita de Savoia we arrived at Bari Airport in plenty of time to sort out the luggage and have a meal before our flight back to London. This was on time, the flight was un-eventful, and our luggage arrived safely, and so we said our farewells at Gatwick before dispersing.

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Slender-billed Gull



2012 Naturetrek Group - Photographer queue!

# **Species List**

#### **Plants**

Scientific name Common name Habitat/location/most frequent site

PTERIDOPHYTES

Selaginella denticulataMediterranean ClubmossDamp rocks, Monte Sacro,Adiantum capillus-venerisMaidenhair FernAncient tombs, Monte SaracenoAsplenium adiantum-nigrumBlack SpleenwortShaded rocks and damp walls, common

**FERNS AND ALLIES** 

Asplenium trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort Rocks and walls, Bosco Quarto

Ceterach officinarum Rustyback Fern Rocks and walls, common

Phyllitis scolopendrium Hart's-tongue Fern Foresta Umbra

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken Roadsides, hedgerows, Foresta Umbra

Dryopteris dilatata Broad-buckler Fern Foresta Umbra

**CONIFERS** 

Polystichum setiferumSoft Shield FernForesta Umbra, common on wallsPolypodium vulgarePolypodyScarce on shady rocks, Bosco QuartoCystopteris fragilisBrittle Bladder FernScarce, shady banks, Bosco Quarto

PINOPSIDA GYMNOSPERMS

 Cupressus sempervirens
 Italian Cypress
 Roadsides, towns, gardens, Pulsano

 Juniperus oxycedrus
 Prickly Juniper
 Rocky hillsides, scattered throughout

Pinus halapensisAleppo PineCliffs, rocky slopes, Monte SaracenoPinus pinasterMaritime PineWidespread, coastal areasPinus pineaStone PineLowland areas nr Mattinata, etcTaxus baccataYewForesta Umbra, scattered

ANGIOSPERMS

Acanthaceae

Acanthus mollis Bear's-breech Monte Sant'Angelo

**FLOWERING PLANTS** 

**Bear's-breech Family** 

Aceraceae Maple Family

Acer platanoidesNorway MapleBosco QuartoAcer pseudoplatanusSycamoreForests and roadsides,

Acer obtusatumBosnian MapleMonte Sacro, stony hillside, scarceAcer opalusItalian MapleBosco Quarto, scattered sites

Aizoaceae Dew-plant Family

Carpobrotus acinaciformis Red Hottentot Fig Walls nr Monte Sant'Angelo, Pulsano

Anacardiaceae Sumach Family

Pistachia lentiscus Mastic Tree Stony hillsides, common

Pistacia terebrinthus Turpentine Tree Stony hillsides and scrub, common

Apiaceae (Umbelliferae) Carrot Family

Conium maculatum Hemlock Roadsides

Crithmum maritimumRock SamphirePeschici Harbour and rocksConopodium (majus)PignutBosco Quarto, leaves onlyDaucus carotaWild CarrotRoadsides, rocky slopesEryngium campestreField EryngoStony hillsides, leaves onlyFerula communisGiant FennelRoadsides, common nr coast

Laserpitium latifolium Broad-leaved Sermountain Bosco Quarto, leaves only

Scientific name Common name Habitat/location/most frequent site

Orlaya grandiflora Orlaya Roadsides, stony areas, common

Sanicula europaea Sanicle Foresta Umbra, scarce

Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's Needle Stony hillsides, field margins, common Smyrnium rotundifolium Perfoliate Alexanders Monte Sacro, Peschici

Smyrnium (olusatrum) Alexanders Peschici

Thapsia garganicaThapsiaOpen hillsides, leaves onlyTordylium apulumTordyliumStony ground, widespread

Torilis arvensis Spreading Hedge Parsley Monte Sant'Angelo

Apocynaceae Periwinkle Family

Nerium oleanderOleander (leaves only)Monte Saraceno, Pulsano monasteryVinca majorPeriwinkleRoadsides, shrubby areas, nr Peschici

Aralaceae Ivy Family

Hedera helix Ivy Monte Sacro, Foresta Umbra

Aquifoliaceae Holly Family

Ilex aquifolium Holly Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Aristolochiaceae Birthwort Family

Aristolochia rotunda Birthwort Bosco de Spinapulci, very common,

Asclepiadaceae Milkweed Family

Vincetoxicum hirundinaria Swallow-wort Roadsides, tracks, quarries, leaves only

Asteraceae (Compositae) Daisy Family

Andryala integrifolia Andryala Roadsides, tracks, fields, leaves only

Artemisia absinthium Wormwood Roadsides, foliage only

Bellis perennisDaisyShort grassland, tracks, very commonBellis sylvestrisSouthern DaisyGrassland, woodland rides, common

Calendula arvensisField MarigoldCultivated areas, commonCarduus chrysacanthusApennine ThistleStony hillsides, foliage onlyCentaurea cyanusPerennial CornflowerBosco Quarto, scarceCirsium eriophorumWoolly ThistleStony hillsides, leaves only

Crepis rubra Pink Hawksbeard Stony hillsides, open areas, common

Crupina crupinastrumCrupinaOpen, rocky areas, mostly foliageDittrichia viscosaWoody FleabaneBosco Quarto, foliage only

Doronicum columnae Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane Woodlands, common in damper areas

Doronicum plantagineum Leopard's-bane Bosco Quarto, frequent

Evax pygmaea Evax Open, stony areas, damp patches

Galactites tomentosa Galactites Widespread, open areas

Glebionis coronarium Crown Daisy Monte Sant'Angelo
Chrysanthemum segetum Corn Marigold Roadsides, cultivated areas, frequent

Helichrysum stoechasCurry PlantCistus scrub, hillsides, olive grovesHyoseris radiataA 'dandelion'Widespread, cultivated and waste areas

Inula verbascifoliaMullein-leaved SpikenardCistus scrub areas, foliage onlyPallenis spinosaPallenisMonte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro

Scorzonera villosa Hairy Viper's-grass Roadsides, verges

Silybum marianumMilk ThistleRoadsides, verges, dry areasSonchus asperPrickly Sow-thistleRoadsides, waste ground

Tragopogon hybridum A Goat's-beard Roadsides
Tragopogon sinuata A Goat's-beard Roadsides
A Goat's-beard Roadsides

Urospermum dalechampiiUrospermumOpen, sunny areas, stony groundXanthium strumariumSpiny CockleburCoastal saltpans, beaches

Scientific name Betulaceae

Corylus avellana Carpinus orientalis Ostrya carpinofolia

Boraginaceae

Alkanna lehmanii Anchusa cretica Borago officinalis

Lithospermum purpurocaerulea

Cerinthe major
Echium italicum
Echium plantagineum
Echium vulgare
Myosotis arvensis
Myosotis discolor
Myosotis ramossissima
Myosotis sylvatica
Onosma lucana
Pulmonaria montana
Pulmonaria officinalis

Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)

Cardamine bulbifera Cardamine plumieri Aethionema saxatile Arabis verna Biscutella didyma

Arabis caucasica
Arabis turrita
Aubrieta columnae
Alyssoides sinuata
Sisymbrium officinale
Capsella bursa-pastoris

Isatis tinctoria

Raphanes raphanistrum

Lepidium draba Alliaria petiolata Bunias erucago Alyssum saxatile Thlaspi (perfoliata)

Cactaceae

Opuntia ficus-indica

Campanulaceae

Campanula garganica Campanula erinus

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera etrusca Lonicera periclymenum Sambucus ebulus Sambucus nigra Common name Birch Family

Hazel Hornbeam Hop Hornbeam

Borage

Forget-me-not Family

Dyer's Alkanet blue-flowered' Anchusa

Purple Gromwell
Honeywort
Pale Bugloss

Purple Viper's Bugloss
Viper's Bugloss
Field Forget-me-not
Changing Forget-me-not

(Small) Forget-me-not Wood Forget-me-not Pale Goldendrops Mountain Lungwort

Mountain Lungwort
Common Lungwort

Cabbage Family

Coralroot Bittercress Ivy-leaved Bittercress Burnt Candytuft Spring Rock Cress Biscutella

Garden Rockcress Tower Mustard

Aubrieta Alyssoides Hedge Mustard

Sherpherd's Purse

Woad Wild Radish

Hoary Cress Garlic Mustard Warty Cabbage Yellow Alyssum (Cotswold) Penny-cress

Cactus Family

**Prickly Pear Cactus** 

**Bellflower Family** 

Gargano Bellflower Bellflower

Honeysuckle Family Etruscan Honeysuckle

Honeysuckle Dwarf Elder, Danewort

Elder

Habitat/location/most frequent site

Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto

Monte Sant'Angelo

Monte Sant'Angelo

meadows nr Piscina Pantolfe Sunny, open areas, common Stony hillsides, widespread, Roadside stop, day 7 Roadside stop, day 7

Stony hillsides, roadside verges Roadsides, verges, stony slopes

Bosco Quarto Bosco Quarto Monte Sant'Angelo

Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra Pulsano Monastery. *Endemic* 

Foresta Umbra

Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto Hillsides near Monte Sant'Angelo Monte Sacro, Monte Sant'Angelo

Monte Sacro, stony hillsides, Pulsano Monte Sant'Angelo

Monte Sant'Angelo, walls and steps Pulsano Monastery, on walls

Roadsides

Monte Sant'Angelo

Roadsides, bare ground, common

Roadsides, common
Roadsides, cultivated areas

Roadsides, tracks, Pulsano monastery Roadsides, verges, Bosco Quarto Scarce, stony ground, Pulsano Stony hillsides, very common

Tulip field nr Monte Sant'Angelo

Gardens, Monte San Angelo, Peschici

Pulsano, Castle walls, Monte Sant'Angelo Rocky areas, scarce, leaves only

Hedgerows, scarce

Hedgerows, woods, common Stony ground, Pulsano, leaves only Widespread, hedgerows, field margins

Scientific name Caryophyllaceae

Cerastium fontanum Cerastium glomeratum Minuartia (trinerva?) Silene conica Silene gallica

Silene italica Silene latifolia Silene vulgaris Stellaria media

Stellaria nemorum

Celastraceae

Euonymus europaeus

Cistaceae

Cistus creticus Cistus monspeliensis Cistus salvifolius

Helianthemum apenninum Heliantemum oelandicum ssp canum

Helianthemum nummulariam

Convolvulaceae

Calystegia sepium Convolvulus althaeoides

C. althaeoides ssp tenuissimus

Crassulaceae

Sedum album Sedum sp

Umbilicus rupestris

Cucurbitaceae

Ecballium elaterium

Dipsacaceae Dipsacus fullonum

Arbutus unedo

Ericaceae

Erica arborea

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia amygdaloides Euphorbia bi-umbellata E. characias ssp characias Euphorbia helioscopa Euphorbia myrsinites

Euphorbia spinosa

E. acanthocamnos

Fabaceae (Leguminosae)

Anagyris foetida

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Common name

Pink Family

Common Mouse-ear Roadsides, waste ground Sticky Mouse-ear Roadsides, waste ground A Sandwort sp Bosco Quarto, quarry stop Day 7

Sand Catchfly Monte Sant'Angelo

Small-flowered Catchfly Peschici

Italian Catchfly Stony areas, common, Monte Saraceno White Campion Roadsides, cultivated areas, hedgerows

Habitat/location/most frequent site

Roadsides **Bladder Campion** Common Chickweed Bosco Quarto

Wood Stitchwort Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto

**Spindle Family** 

Spindle Roadsides, Foresta Umbra

**Rock-rose Family** 

Pink Cistus Monte Sacro, roadsides nr Peschici

Narrow-leaved Cistus Monte Saraceno Sage-leaved Cistus Monte Saraceno White Rock-rose Monte Sant'Angelo Hoary Rock-rose Monte Sant'Angelo Rock-rose Monte Sant'Angelo

**Bindweed Family** 

Hedge Bindweed Roadsides, hedgerows

Mallow-leaved Bindweed Roadsides, stony ground, common

Mallow-leaved Bindweed sp Roadsides, stony ground

Stonecrop family

White Stonecrop Stony ground, widespread,

Pulsano monastery A stonecrop (not flowering)

Wall Pennywort Damp walls, Monte Sant'Angelo

**Cucumber family** 

Coastal saltpans, beaches **Squirting Cucumber** 

**Teasel Family** 

Teasel Roadsides, waste ground

**Heather Family** 

Strawberry Tree Peschici, Mattinata Monte Sacro area Tree Heather

**Spurge Family** 

Wood Spurge Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Whorled Spurge Pulsano Monastery

Mediterranean Spurge Sunny open areas, stony ground

Sun Spurge Waste ground, common

Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge Monte Sant'Angelo, Bosco Quarto

Spiny Dwarf Spurge Monte Sant'Angelo

Pulsano road, Monte Sacro Spiny Spurge

**Pea Family** 

Bean Trefoil Roadside stop and quarry, day 7, Scientific name Common name Habitat/location/most frequent site

Anthyllis tetraphylla Bladder Vetch Roadsides

Anthyllis vulneraria ssp praepropera Kidney Vetch (pink form) Open, areas, stony ground, common

Astragalus monspessulanus False Vetch Monte Sant'Angelo Calycotome infesta Spiny Broom Monte Sacro

Ceratonia siliqua Carob Gardens, Monte Sant'Angelo, Peschici

Cercis siliquastrumJudas TreeMonte Sant'AngeloCoronilla scorpioidesAnnual Scorpion VetchPulsano MonasteryCytisus decumbens ssp elatiorProstrate BroomMonte Sant'Angelo

Cytisus villosus Broom sp Bosco Quarto

Hedysarum coronarium Italian Sainfoin Monte Sant'Angelo, Pulsano monastery

Hippocrepis glaucaHorseshoe Vetch spMonte Sant'AngeloHippocrepis unisiliquosaHorseshoe Vetch spMonte Sant'AngeloHymenocarpus circinnatusDisk TrefoilPeschici viewpoint

Lathyrus aphaca Yellow Vetchling Peschici, Fly-tip stop area

Lathyrus ciceraVetchling spFly-tip stopLathyrus clymenumVetchling spRoadsidesLathyrus setifoliusRed Grass VetchlingMonte Saraceno

Lathyrus (verna) Spring Pea Bosco Quarto, leaves and buds only

Lotus edulis Edible Lotus Roadsides

Lupinus micranthusHairy LupinMonte Sacro, PeschiciMedicago arabicaSpotted MedickMonte Sant'Angelo

Medicago marina Sea Medick Coastal saltpans, sand dunes

Medicago rigidula Medick sp Roadsides

Melilotus indicusSmall MellilotPulsano MonasteryOnobrychis aequidentataSainfoin spPulsano MonasteryOnobrychis saxatilisRock SainfoinMonte Sant'Angelo

Pisum sativum ssp elatior Cultivated Pea Roadsides

Psoralea bituminosa Pitch Trefoil Pulsano Monastery, roadsides

Robinia pseudacacia False Acacia Roadsides, towns

Scorpiurus muricatus Scorpiurus Roadside stops, quarry stop, Day 7

Sc. vermiculatus Roadsides

Spartium junceumSpanish BroomCommon, stony open areasTetragonolobus purpureusWinged or Asparagus PeaPeschici, Fly-tip stop areaTrifolium campestreHop TrefoilRoadsides, stony ground

Trifolium hirtum Hairy Trefoil Bosco Quarto, roadsides and tracks

Trifolium repens White Clover Cultivated areas, common

Trifolium resupinatum Reversed Clover Fly-tip stop

Trifolium stellatum Starry Clover Monte Sant'Angelo

Trifolium tomentosum Woolly Trefoil Monte Sant'Angelo, coastal areas,

Vicia bithynica Bithynian Vetch Monte Sant'Angelo

Vicia craccaTufted VetchFly-tip stop, tulip field marginsVicia hirsutaHairy TareBosco Quarto roadsidesVicia hybridaYellow Vetch spPulsano Monastery

Vicia lutea Yellow Vetch Monte Sacro

Vicia melanopsBlack VetchRoadsides, hedgerowsVicia narbonensisWild Bean'Roadsides, hedgerowsVicia sativaCommon VetchRoadsides, hedgerows

Vicia villosa Fodder Vetch Cultivated areas

Fagaceae Beech Family

Castanea sativaSweet ChestnutBosco Quarto, Foresta UmbraFagus sylvaticaBeechForesta Umbra, Bosco QuartoQuercus cocciferaKermes OakBosco Quarto, open sunny areas

Quercus ilex Holm Oak Bosco Quarto

Scientific name

Quercus pubescens Quercus cerris

**Fumariaceae** 

Corydalis solida Fumaria capreolata

Fumaria (officinalis)

Gentianaceae

Blackstonia perfoliata

Geraniaceae

Erodium ciconium
Erodium cicutarium
Erodium malacoides
Geranium columbinum
Geranium dissectum
Geranium lucidum
Geranium molle
Geranium purpureum
Geranium robertianum

Lamiaceae (Labiatae)

Geranium sanguineum

Ajuga chamaepitys
Ajuga genevensis
Clinopodium acinos
Lamium bifidum
Lamium garganicum
Lamium maculatum
Marrubium vulgare

Origanum vulgare Prasium majus Prunella vulgaris Rosmarinus officinalis

Salvia argentea Salvia verbenaca

Satureja hortensis Sideritis syriaca Stachys cretica

Thymus capitatus

Linaceae

Linum bienne Linum narbonense

Linum catharticum

Malvaceae

Malva sylvestris

Moraceae

Ficus carica

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Common name Habitat/location/most frequent site

Downy Oak Monte Sant'Angelo
Turkey Oak Bosco Quarto, common

**Fumitory Family** 

Bird-in-a-bush Bosco Quarto -woodland clearings

Tall Ramping Fumitory Roadsides, hedgerows (Common) Fumitory Roadsides, hedgerows

**Gentian Family** 

Yellow Wort (leaves only) Quarry stop, day 7

Crane's-bill Family

Stork's-bill sp Monte Sant'Angelo
Common Stork's-bill Monte Sant'Angelo

Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Monte Sant'Angelo, Pulsano Monastery

Long-stalked CranesbillHedgerows, shady placesCut-leaved CranesbillRoadsides, hedgerowsShining CranesbillBosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Dove's-foot Cranesbill Grassy areas, roadsides

Little Robin Bosco Quarto, quarry stop day 7
Herb Robert Roadsides, hedgerows, shady places

Bloody Cranesbill Monte Sacro

**Deadnettle Family** 

Ground Pine Monte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro

Blue Bugle Bosco Quarto

Basil-thyme Open, stony areas, rocks, scarce

Deadnettle sp Bosco Quarto

Large Red Deadnettle Monte Sant' Angelo, Pilgrim's Path

Spotted Deadnettle Bosco Quarto

White Horehound Roadsides, open areas, Monte Saraceno Oregano Open, stony areas, rocks, sunny places

Prasium Monte Sacro, Monte Saraceno
Selfheal Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra
Rosemary Monte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro

Silver Sage Pulsano Monastery

Wild Clary Monte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro

Summer Savory Monte Sacro
Syrian Sideritis Monte Sant'Angelo
Mediterranean Woundwort Monte Sant'Angelo

Thyme Widespread, stony areas, sunny slopes

Flax Family

Pale Flax Roadsides, waste places

Beautiful Flax Pulsano , roads nr Bosco Quarto

Purging or Fairy Flax Monte Sacro, Peschici

**Mallow Family** 

Common Mallow Monte Sant'Angelo, roadsides,

Fig Family

Fig Pulsano Monastery, gardens, towns

Scientific name

Oleaceae

Fraxinus ornus Fraxinus excelsior Ligustrum vulgare

Olea europaea

Orobanchaceae

Orobanche caryophyllacea Orobanche purpurea

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis corniculata

Paeoniaceae

Paeonia mascula

Papaveraceae

Papaver hybridum Papaver rhoeas

Plantaginaceae

Plantago arenaria Plantago lagopus

Plantago lanceolata Plantago maritima Plantago seraria

Plumbaginaceae

Limonium (oleifolium)

Polygalaceae

Polygala nicaeensis

Polygonaceae

Rumex acetosa
Rumex obtusifolius

Rumex pulcher

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis Cyclamen hederifolium Cyclamen repandum

Ranunculaceae

Anemone appenina
Anemone hortensis

Clematis sp

Ranunculus arvensis

Ranunculus ficaria

Ranunculus millefoliatus Ranunculus peltatus Ranunculus sceleratus

Ranunculus velutinus

Common name

Olive Family

Flowering Ash Roadsides, gardens, cultivated areas

Habitat/location/most frequent site

Ash Foresta Umbra
Privet Roadsides, scrub

Olive Extensively cultivated, esp at Mattinata

**Broomrape Family** 

Clove-scented Broomrape Pulsano Monastery - only just emerging Yarrow Broomrape nr Peschici - spikes just starting to grow

**Wood-sorrel family** 

Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Pulsano, Peschici

**Peony Family** 

Wild Peony Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

**Poppy Family** 

Rough Poppy Widespread, cultivated areas
Common Poppy Widespread, cultivated areas

**Plantain Family** 

Branched Plantain Stony ground, hillsides

Hare's-foot Plantain Bosco Quarto, stony areas, common

Ribwort Plantain Roadsides, cultivated areas
Sea Plantain Monte Saraceno, Peschici
Med'n Buck's-horn Plantain Monte Saraceno, Peschici

**Thrift Family** 

a Rock Sea-Lavender Peschici, coastal rocks, leaves only

**Milkwort Family** 

Nice Milkwort Monte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro,

**Knotweed Family** 

Common Sorrel Monte Sacro

Broad-leaved Dock Widespread, roadsides, waste places
Fiddle Dock Cyclamen stop Foresta Umbra

**Primrose Family** 

Scarlet Pimpernel (blue and red)

Ivy-leaved Sowbread Spring Cyclamen Widespread, waste places, roadsides Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto - leaves Foresta Umbra, Bosco di Spinapulci

**Buttercup Family** 

Blue Anemone Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto
Mauve' Anemone Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto

Wild Clematis Foresta Umbra

Corn Buttercup Widespread, cultivated areas

Lesser Celandine Bosco Quarto

Fine-leaved' Buttercup Monte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro,

Pond Water-crowfoot Peschici storm drain areas
Celery-leaved Buttercup Peschici storm drain areas

Hairy' Buttercup Bosco Quarto roadsides and verges

Potentilla hirta

Scientific name Common name Habitat/location/most frequent site

ResedaceaeMignonette FamilyReseda albaWhite MignonetteMonte Sant'AngeloReseda luteaWild MignonettePulsano MonasteryReseda phyteumaCorn MignonettePulsano Monastery

Rhamnaceae Buckthorn Family

Paliurus spina-christiChrist's ThornBosco di SpinapulciRhamnus alaternusMediterranean BuckthornBosco di Spinapulci

RosaceaeRose FamilyAremonia agrimonioidesBastard AgrimonyBosco Quarto

Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn Widespread, hillsides, scrub Cydonia oblonga Quince Cultivated areas, gardens Monte Sant'Angelo Filipendula vulgaris Dropwort Fragaria vesca Wild Strawberry Bosco Quarto Geum urbanum Wood Avens Foresta Umbra Malus sylvestris Crab Apple Bosco Quarto

Prunus dulcis Almond Cultivated areas, common

Prunus spinosaBlackthornMonte SacroPyracantha coccineaFirethornMonte Sant'Angelo

Hairy Cinquefoil

Pyrus amygdaliformisAlmond-leaved PearPulsano Monastery, nr PeschiciRosa spWild Rose spPulsano Monastery, Bosco Quarto

Pulsano Monastery

Rubus fruticosus agg Bramble Widespread, hillsides, scrub

Rubus sanctusMediterranean BrambleBosco di SpinapulciSanguisorba verrucosumMediterranean Salad BurnetMonte Sant'AngeloSorbus aucupariaMountain Ash/RowanMonte Sant'Angelo

Sorbus torminalis Wild Service Tree Bosco Quarto, spreading invasively

Rubiaceae Bedstraw Family

Asperula arvensisBlue WoodruffBosco Quarto, field marginsAsperula taurinaSouthern WoodruffForesta UmbraCruciata laevipesCrosswortBosco Quarto

Galium aparine Cleavers Widespread, waste places

Galium odoratumSweet WoodruffForesta UmbraGalium verumLady's BedstrawMonte Sant'Angelo

Rubia peregrina Wild Madder Monte Sacro, Monte Saraceno

Sherardia arvensis Field Madder Widespread and frequent, grassy areas

Rutaceae Rue Family

Ruta chalapensis Fringed Rue (leaves only) Bosco di Spinapulci, Pulsano

Santalaceae Sandalwood Family

Osyris alba Osyris Pulsano Monastery

Thesium (humifusum?) Bastard Toadflax Pulsano Monastery, Bosco Quarto

Saxifragaceae Saxifrage Family

Saxifraga bulbifera Bulbous Saxifrage Bosco Quarto

Saxifraga granulata Meadow Saxifrage Bosco Quarto, Quarry stop

Saxifraga rotundifolia Round-leaved Saxifrage Foresta Umbra

Saxifraga tridactylites Rue-leaved Saxifrage Monte Sacro, Pulsano Monastery

Scientific name Scrophulariaceae

Antirrhinum siculum Cymbalaria muralis Euphrasia agg Linaria pelisseriana Parentucellia latifolia Scrophularia peregrina Verbascum phoenicium Verbascum thapsus

Veronica hederifolia agg Veronica serpyllifolia

Solanaceae

Hyoscyamus alba Solanum sodomaeum

Thymelaeaceae Daphne laureola Daphne sericea Daphne mezereum

**Ulmaceae** Ulmus sp

Urticaceae Parietaria judaica Urtica dioica Urtica pilulifera

Valerianaceae Centranthus ruber Centranthus calcitrapa Valeriana tuberosa Valerianella sp

Violaceae Viola arvensis Viola heterophylla ssp graeca

Viola riviniana

Vitaceae Vitis vinifera

LILIIDAE

Agavaceae Agave americana

Araceae

Arum italicum ssp italicum Arum maculatum

Common name Figwort Family

Sicilian Snapdragon Ivy-leaved Toadflax Eyebright sp Jersey Toadflax Southern Red Bartsia

Purple Mullein Aaron's Rod, Yellow Mullein Ivy-leaved Speedwell

Italian or Nettle-leaved Figwort

Thyme-leaved Speedwell

Nightshade family

White Henbane Apple of Sodom

**Daphne Family** Spurge Laurel an upland Daphne Mezereon

**Elm Family** Elm sp

**Nettle Family** Pellitory-of-the-wall

Stinging Nettle Roman Nettle

Valerian Family Red Valerian a Valerian Valerian - flower buds only

Cornsalad sp **Violet Family** 

Field Pansy Wild Pansy\* endemic

Common Dog Violet

**Grape-vine Family** 

Grape

**MONOCOTYLEDONS** 

**Agave Family** 

**Arum Family** 

Agave or Century Plant

Large Cuckoo Pint Cuckoo Pint

Habitat/location/most frequent site

Bosco di Spinapulci Pulsano Monastery Monte Sacro Bosco di Spinapulci Bosco di Spinapulci

Bosco di Spinapulci Bosco di Spinapulci, roadside stop

Roadsides, widespread and common Bosco Quarto

Bosco Quarto

Pulsano Monastery

Peschici viewpoint - foliage only

Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra Foresta Umbra - higher altitudes Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

slopes near Castle, Monte Sant'Angelo

Pulsano Monastery Roadsides, waste places

Pulsano, Peschici, Monte Saraceno

Widespread, walls, roadsides stony areas, Monte Sacro

Foresta Umbra

Widespread, sunny areas, field margins

Bosco Quarto Bosco Quarto

Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto

Extensively cultivated, widespread

Cultivated areas, gardens

Woods, shady places, widespread Shaded areas - Bosco Quarto

Scientific name Common name Habitat/location/most frequent site

Cyperaceae

Carex caryophyllaceaeSpring SedgeMonte Sant'AngeloCarex echinataStar SedgeForesta Umbra

Iris Family

Sedge Family

Carex sylvatica Wood Sedge Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Dioscoreaceae Black Bryony Family

Tamus communis Black Bryony Foresta Umbra - flowering

Iridaceae

Muscari comosum

Gladiolus italicus Field Gladiolus tulip fields, leaves and buds

Hermodactylus tuberosusSnake's-head Iris or Widow IrisPulsano MonasteryIris foetidissimaStinking Iris or Roast Beef PlantForesta UmbraIris lutescensYellow' IrisMonte Sant'AngeloIris pseudopumilaBi-coloured' IrisBosco Quarto

Juncaceae Rush Family

Luzula forsteri Southern Wood-rush Bosco Quarto

Liliaceae Lily Family

Allium neopolitanumNaples GarlicBosco di SpinapulciAllium nigruma wild GarlicBosco di SpinapulciAllium pendulinumPendulous GarlicBosco Quarto

Allium roseum Rose Garlic Bosco di Spinapulci, roads nr Peschici

Allium subhirsutum Hairy Garlic Pulsano Monastery
Allium ursinum Ramsons Foresta Umbra
Asparagus sp. wild Asparagus Roadsides widespre

Asparagus spwild AsparagusRoadsides, widespreadAsphodeline luteaYellow AsphodelMonte Sant'AngeloAsphodelus aestivusCommon AsphodelWidespreadAsphodelus fistulosusHollow-leaved AsphodelPulsano MonasteryGagea (arvensis)Yellow Star of BethlehemBosco Quarto, iris fields

Tassel Hyacinth

Muscari neglectaDark Grape HyacinthMonte Sant'Angelo, Monte SacroNarcissus poeticusPheasant's-eye DaffodilBosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Monte Sant'Angelo

Narcissus tazettaPolyanthus NarcissusBosco QuartoOrnithogalum umbellatumCommon Star of BethlehemWidespreadPolygonatum multiflorumSolomon's SealBosco Quarto

Smilax asperaCommon SmilaxBosco Quarto, PeschiciTulipa sylvestrisWild TulipCultivated fields, Bosco Quarto

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's Broom Bosco Quarto

Urginea maritima Sea Squill (leaves only) Monte Sacro - roadsides

Orchidaceae Orchid Family

Anacamptis pyramidalisPyramidal OrchidMonte Sant'Angelo, PeschiciCephalanthera longifoliaSword-leaved HelleborineLeaves only, Bosco Quarto

Dactylorhiza fuchsii Common Spotted Orchid Bosco Quarto, leaves and buds only

Dactylorhiza romanaRoman OrchidBosco QuartoDactylorhiza sambucinaElder-flowered OrchidMonte SacroHimantoglossum hircinumLizard Orchid (not in flower)Monte Sant'AngeloHimantoglossum (Barlia) robertianumGiant OrchidMonte Sant'Angelo

Neottia nidus-avisBird's-nest OrchidBosco Quarto, seed head onlyOphrys apulicaApulian Ophrys\* endemicMonte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro

Ophrys bertoloniiBertoloni's Bee OrchidForesta UmbraOphrys bertoloniformisBertoloni x Early Spider hybridForesta UmbraOphrys biscutellaSpectacled OphrysBosco Quarto

Scientific name Common name Habitat/location/most frequent site

Ophrys bombyliflora Bumble-bee Ophrys Monte Sacro Monte Sant'Angelo Ophrys fuciflora Late Spider Orchid Ophrys fusca Sombre Ophrys Monte Saraceno Ophrys (passionis) garganica an endemic Monte Sant'Angelo Ophrys incubacea Dark Ophrys Monte Sant'Angelo Ophrys melena Yellow Ophrys, dark ssp Monte Saraceno Small-patterned Ophrys Quarry stop, day 7 Ophrys parviflora Ophrys phryganae a 'yellow' Ophrys Monte Sant'Angelo

Ophrys promontoriian endemicMonte Sant'AngeloOphrys siculaa 'yellow' OphrysMonte Sant'AngeloOphrys sipontensisan endemicMonte Sant'Angelo

Ophrys tenthrediniferaSawfly OphrysMonte SacroOrchis (Aceras) anthropophoraMan OrchidMonte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro

Orchis italica

Naked Man Orchid

Monte Sant'Angelo, Monte Sacro

Orchis lactea Milky Orchid Monte Sant'Angelo

Orchis morioGreen Winged (veined) OrchidMonte Sant'Angelo, Bosco QuartoOrchis papilionaceaPink Butterfly OrchidMonte Sant'Angelo, Bosco Quarto

Orchis pauciflora Sparse-flowered Orchid Monte Sacro

Orchis provincialisProvence OrchidBosco Quarto, Bosco di SpinapulciOrchis purpureaLady OrchidMonte Sant'Angelo, Bosco Quarto

Orchis quadripunctata Four-spotted Orchid Monte Sacro

Orchis ustulataBurnt OrchidBosco Quarto roadsideSerapias cordigeraHeart-flowered Tonque OrchidBosco di Spinapulci

Serapias cordigera Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid Bosco di Spinapulci, Fly-tip stop

Serapias linguaTongue OrchidBosco di SpSerapias vomeraceaPlough-share Tongue OrchidFly-tip stop

#### Hybrids included some of the following:

Orchis morio x Orchis papilionacea
Pulsano road
Orchis pauciflora x Or. quadripunctata
Monte Sacro

Ophrys garganica x Op. sipontensis Pulsano road, Foresta Umbra

Poaceae Grass Family

Aegilops geniculataAegilopsWidespreadArundo donaxGiant ReedMainly coastalAnthoxanthum odoratumSweet Vernal GrassWidespreadAira caryophylleaSilver Hair GrassBosco di Spinapulci

Aria Caryophyliea Silver Hall Grass Bosco di Spiriapulci Avena barbata Bristle Oat Roadsides, dry areas

Briza maximaLarge Quaking GrassMonte SacroBromus hordaceusSoft BromeRoadsides, dry areas

Catapodium rigidum Fern Grass Pulsano Monastery

Festuca vivipara Viviparous Fescue Bosco Quarto, Monte Sant'Angelo

Hordeum murinumWall BarleyMonte San AngeloLagurus ovatusHare's-foot GrassMonte San Angelo

Melica uniflora Wood Melick Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Stipa pennata Feather Grass sp Monte Saraceno

Lichens

Lobaria pulmonaria Tree Lungwort Foresta Umbra

## Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	Numbers	Notes
1	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	4+	coastal saltpans day 8
2	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollus	1	coastal saltpans day 8
3	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	10+	Coastal saltpans, day 8
4	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	1	Coastal saltpans, day 8
5	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	singles	coastal saltpans day 8
6	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	1000+	Coastal saltpans, day 8
7	Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia	1	in flight over saltpans
8	Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	1	coastal saltpans day 8
9	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	daily	Roadsides, hilly areas
10	Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	2	Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra
11	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	daily	Open country areas, scarce
12	Lesser Kestrel	F. naumanni	1	Bosco Quarto area
13	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	5	Coastal saltpans, day 8
14	Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	25+	coastal saltpans day 8
15	Mallard	Anas platyrhyncos	1	Woodland pool, Foresta Umbra
16	Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta	20+	Coastal saltpans, day 8
17	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	20+	Coastal saltpans, day 8
18	Stone Curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus	1	in flight over saltpans
19	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleuca	5+	Coastal saltpans, Peschici
20	Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	5+	coastal saltpans day 8
21	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus	singles	Coastal saltpans, day 8
22	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus	5+	coastal saltpans day 8
23	Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	1	coastal saltpans day 8
24	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	25+	coastal saltpans day 8
25	Black-headed Gull	Larus ridibundus	singles	Coastal saltpans, day 8
26	Slender-billed Gull	Chroicocephalus genei	20+	Coastal saltpans, day 8
27	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	30+	Coastal areas, widespread
28	Little Tern	Sterna albifrons	1	Coastal saltpans day 8
29	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	·	Widespread
30	Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	singles	Widespread
31	Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	singles	Monte Sant'Angelo
32	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	singles	heard on most days
33	Tawny Owl	Strix aluco	singles	seen in Foresta Umbra
34	Scops Owl	Otus scops	1?	Palace Hotel grounds, briefly
35	Common Swift	Apus apus	small groups	seen on most days
36	Alpine Swift	Apus melba	20+	Peschici,
37	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus	singles	Peschici
38	Ноорое	Upupa epops	1	roadside, Peschici
39	Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis		Foresta Umbra (heard)
40	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos medius	1	Bosco Quarto
41	Skylark	Alauda arvensis	singles	Widespread
42	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	4+	coastal saltpans
43	Woodlark	Lullula arborea	1	Monte Sant'Angelo
44	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	sparse	Widespread
45	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	1	coastal saltpans day 8
46	House Martin	Delichon urbica	few	Monte Sant'Angelo
47	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	singles	Monte Sant'Angelo
48	Blue-headed Wagtail	Motacilla flava flava	1	coastal saltpans day 8
49	Black-headed Wagtail	Motacilla flava feldegg	1	coastal saltpans day 8
50	Nightingale	Luscinia megarhyncos	singles	heard in song in many locations
51	Dunnock	Prunella modularis	singles	occasional in wooded areas
52	Robin	Erithacus rubecula	widespread	Foresta Umbra
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53	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	1	Pulsano monastery
54	Common Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	2	Monte Sant'Angelo area
55	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	widespread	Foresta Umbra
56	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	scarce	heard in song in Bosco Quarto
57	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	widespread	Foresta Umbra
58	Blue Rock-thrush	Monticola solitarius	4	Pulsano, Peschici
59	Western Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli	singles	wooded areas
60	Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	singles	wooded areas
61	Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	widespread	scrubby areas, widespread
62	Sub-alpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans	widespread	Monte Sant'Angelo area
63	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	singles	seen well at Peschici
64	Fan-tailed Warbler	Cisticola juncidis	singles	coastal saltpans day 8
65	Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla	10+	Foresta Umbra
66	Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	singles	Monte Sant'Angelo, Bosco Quarto
67	Great Tit	Parus major	widespread	Foresta Umbra
68	Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	scattered	Foresta Umbra
69	Marsh Tit	Poecile palustris	1	Bosco Quarto
70	Nuthatch	Sitta europaea	10+	Foresta Umbra
71	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla	2+	Bosco Quarto
72	Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio	single	roadside, Manfredonia
73	Magpie	Pica pica	daily	Widespread
74	Jay	Garrulus glandarius	widespread	Scattered sightings
75	Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	widespread	Monte Sant'Angelo
76	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	frequent	Widespread
77	Raven	Corvus corax	singles	Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra
78	Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	daily	Widespread
79	House/Italian Sparrow	Passer domesticus/italiae		Widespread
80	Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	singles	Peschici, coastal lowlands
81	Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		Widespread
82	Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	few	Monte Sant'Angelo area
83	Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		Widespread
84	Serin	Serinus serinus	singles	widespread
85	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus	singles	widespread, fields, roadsides
86	Corn Bunting	Miliaria calandra		common in lowland sites

## Butterflies

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Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus malvae	Singles, Bosco Quarto
Southern Festoon	Zerynthia polyxena	Foresta Umbra
Scarce Swallowtail	Iphicides podalirius	singles on coast
Swallowtail	Papilio machaon	singles in sunny areas
Wood White	Leptidea sinapis	Bosco Quarto
Large White	Pieris brassicae	Bosco Quarto
Small White	Pieris rapae	Bosco Quarto
Green-veined White	Pieris napi	occasional sightings
Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines	singles, Bosco Quarto
Berger's Clouded Yellow	Colias alfacariensis	coastal areas
Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra	scarce
Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni	occasional, coastal areas
Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi	occasional sightings
Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas	Bosco Quarto
Little Blue	Cupido minimus	Bosco Quarto
Holly Blue	Celastrina argiolus	Bosco Quarto

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Baton Blue Pseudophilotes baton Pulsano Monastery Common Blue Pulsano road Polyommatus icarus Adonis Blue Lysandra bellargus Monte Sacro **Brown Argus** Arcia agestis Monte Sacro Chapman's Blue Agrodiaetus thersites Bosco Quarto Long-tailed Blue Lampides boeticus Bosco di Spinapulci Large Tortoiseshell Nymphalis polychloros Monte Sacro Small Tortoiseshell Aglais urticae Peschici

Red Admiral Vanessa atalanta Monte Sant'Angelo

Painted Lady Vanessa cardui occasional

Queen of Spain Fritillary Issoria lathonia Bosco Quarto

Speckled WoodParage aegeriawoodlands, shady areasWall BrownLasiommata maeraseen almost dailySmall HeathCoenonympha pamphilusoccasional sightings

Moths

Nine-spot Burnet MothSyntomis phegeaBosco di Spinapulci5-spot Burnet MothZygaena trifoliiBosco di SpinapulciTransparent BurnetZygaena purpuralisBosco di SpinapulciCream-spot Tiger MothArctia villicaPulsano Monastery roadForester MothAdscita spBosco di Spinapulci

Other Invertebrates

Scorpion sp Buthus occitanicus Hotel bedroom! Green Tiger Beetle Cicendela sp Bosco di Spinapulci Flower Chafer Beetle widespread Cetonia sp **Dung Beetles** Bosco Quarto Scarabidae sp Oil Beetle Meloe sp Bosco Quarto Longhorn Beetle Strangalia sp? Bosco Quarto

Wartbiter Bushcricket Decticus sp early instar
Egyptian Grasshopper Anacrydium sp Monte Saraceno

Reptiles and amphibians

Moorish Gecko Tarentola mauritanica Hotel Elisa, and salt pans Green Lizard Lacerta viridis Bosco Quarto

Common Wall Lizard Podarcis muralis seen almost daily
Italian Wall Lizard Podarcis sicula seen almost daily
Common Lizard Lacerta vivipara occasional sightings
Southern Smooth Snake Coronella girondica Bosco Quarto

Red-eared Terrapin Trachemys scripta Lago Umbra
Green Toad Bufo viridis Peschici stream

Common Toad Bufo bufo tadpoles in Lago Umbra

Mammals

Wild Boar Sus scrofa Bosco di Spinapulci Fallow Deer Dama dama Foresta Umbra