Flowers of Italy's Gargano Peninsula

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Southern Festoon

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Trip Summary

We enjoyed pleasant sunny weather for most of the week, with a few brief spells of grey skies and some chilly breezes at times, but we were able to spend every day out of doors enjoying the flowers and dramatic scenery of Gargano. During the week we found almost all of the specialities of the area, many of them in perfect condition for photography. Orchids were the main attraction, but we found many other species, such as the Wild Peonies, Irises, Narcissi, Tulips and Anemones, which help make this one of the most flower-rich regions of Europe. Colourful roadside displays of flowers in the lowlands and along the coast gave way to natural rock-gardens of Mediterranean flowers and herbs in the hilly areas. Shady woodlands had their own specialised species, many of them being rare British natives, and we also had the opportunity to look at a very distinctive coastal flora on the salt pans and cliffs at the start and finish of the week. The sunny weather encouraged numerous butterflies onto the wing and we saw Southern Festoons, Cleopatras, Swallowtails, Mallow Skippers, and Green-underside Blues amongst more familiar species like Wall Brown and Small Heath. Bird-watching on the coast was very productive with many wetland species being seen in the salt pan area, whilst in the hills we found Sardinian Warblers, Cirl Buntings, Serins and the occasional Hoopoe. Swifts were common in the towns whilst, on the coast, Alpine Swifts were seen over the cliffs. There were orchids in the hotel grounds, and everywhere we stopped we managed to find plants and butterflies to interest us. We met a few other botanists on our travels, but at most of the sites we had the place to ourselves and were able to appreciate the peace and quiet of this beautiful region of Italy.

Day 1 Monday 20th April

Weather conditions: a sunny day with a pleasant breeze on the coast.

Our trip began in Bari, where Andrew met the group as they arrived on the mid-day flight from London. Stan and Janette were also in Bari, having spent some time exploring the area before the trip. Luggage was soon collected and Lee obtained the keys for the second minibus. We set off north for Gargano on the autostrada, stopping at a service area for fuel and some lunch.

When we left the autostrada to head for the coast, we had to negotiate a bumpy road which was undergoing some re-surfacing. Driving slowly through the road works gave us some good views of Lesser Kestrel, Marsh Harrier, Corn Bunting and Crested Lark, and colourful verges lined with Giant Fennel (Ferula communis), Crown Daisy (Glebionis coronarium) and Common Mallow (Malva sylvestris). A brief stop to photograph the Giant Fennel was very welcome as this magnificent plant, over 2 metres tall in some cases, was very photogenic. We then stopped at some coastal salt pans to enjoy the sea air and check out the birds we could see feeding there. There was a large flock of Greater Flamingos in a lagoon and amongst them were numerous Little Egrets and some very elegant Slender-billed Gulls, and a single Mediterranean Gull which is not a common species here. On the edge of the salt pans the coastal flora was very interesting with a few plants of Squirting Cucumber (Echallium elaterium), and extensive patches of the bright yellow Lotus creticus. After enjoying this break by the sea, we continued our journey to Monte Sant'Angelo, which eventually took us up the steep mountain road to our hill-top hotel. On stepping out of the minibus at the hotel door, our first orchid was spotted: the Early Spider Orchid (Ophrys sphegodes) growing in the manicured lawn below the hotel sign!

We unloaded and checked in and some of the group took the opportunity to explore the land behind the hotel where more orchids were found, whilst others had a look at the historic castle close by.

Day 2

Tuesday 21st April

Weather conditions: a sunny day, with a stiff breeze, but warm in the afternoon.

We took the short drive along the road to the Pulsano Monastery for our first day's exploration of the rich habitats of Gargano. What looked like a rather bare, stony hillside revealed about 15 species of orchids after a few minutes of careful searching, and many more colourful Mediterranean species of wild flowers and fragrant herbs. The photographers took the opportunity to record what they found, coping well with the breezy conditions. After about an hour here, the group had seen several species such as the Gargano form of the Early Spider Orchid (Ophrys sphegodes subsp passionis), the Sawfly Orchid (Ophrys tenthredinifera), the local form of the Late Spider Orchid (Ophrys fuciflora subsp apulica), Pink Butterfly Orchid, (Anacamptis papilionacea), Green-winged Orchid (Anacamptis morio), Man Orchid (Orchis anthropophora), and several hybrids. The air was scented with honey which came from the curious Spiny Spurge (Euphorbia spinosa) and there were Cirl Buntings singing nearby. There were several patches of twitching caterpillars of one of the processionary moths, and a few butterflies struggling in the breeze. We moved further along the road to another stretch of the stony hillside, where additional orchid species included the Milky Orchid (Neotinea lactea) and some Lady Orchids (Orchis purpurea) in tight bud.

Everyone enjoyed exploring the natural rock gardens filled with colourful flowers, but it was time to move on, so we drove a short way to the monastery at the end of the road and explored the craggy area overlooking the gorge and some of the caves once inhabited by the first hermits to settle here. Lee prepared the first of many splendid lunches of local produce which we enjoyed in the flower-filled grassy area near the monastery. We then followed the long track down into the gorge where a few more species, such as the Bumble-bee Orchid (*Ophrys bombyliflora*), the Yellow Ophrys (*Ophrys lutea* subsp *galilaea*) and the Apulian form of the Late Spider Orchid were found. After this very rewarding first day, we returned to the hotel for a de-briefing and our evening meal.

Day 3

Wednesday 22nd April

Weather conditions: warm and sunny all day.

Our day's plant-hunting started in the valley below Monte Sant'Angelo, alongside the road to San Giovanni Rotondo. Although the land here is intensively cultivated, it still supports Wild Tulips (*Tulipa sylvestris*) which flower in the young wheat crop, as well as several other interesting species such as Italian Gladiolus (*Gladiolus italica*) and a yellow Star of Bethlehem (Gagea sp). Nightingales could be heard singing from the nearby hillside and there were distant calls of Cuckoos, although they could not be spotted. Moving on to the start of the road to the Foresta Umbra, we explored an open area covered with small yellow Irises (*Iris Intescens*), Naked Man Orchids (*Orchis italica*) and Pink Butterfly Orchids. Burnt Orchids (*Neotinea ustulata*) were spotted here and a few Giant Orchids (*Himantoglossum robertianum*) were still in flower, but starting to go over. Along a track to a small farmhouse, there were many good specimens of the Gargano Spider Orchids. A little copse was a good site for the very local *Viola heterophylla* subsp *graeca*, which was found to have several colour forms. The next stop, after a very short drive, was by another small copse where there were many Peonies (*Paeonia mascula*) in tight bud, but after some scrambling through hedges and undergrowth, a few were found with perfect, open flowers.

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We drove on through the forest on a road which became a bumpy track, to a quiet picnic site in a large clearing surrounded by ancient, pollarded Hornbeam trees. A search of the surroundings before lunch provided a few more species for the list, including Coralroot Bittercress (*Cardamine bulbifera*), Bird-in-a-bush (*Corydalis solida*) and a few Roman Orchids (*Dactylorhiza romana*). We enjoyed our picnic of fresh local produce in this sunny clearing where there was plenty of bird song, although seeing some of the birds in the high canopy was rather tricky.

After lunch, we walked further on into the forest, to a stony hillside where there were good displays of Irises (Iris pseudopumila and lutescens), and some very good specimens of the Spectacled Orchid (Ophrys argolica subsp biscutella). Holly Blue butterflies were the most common species here. Round-leaved Birthwort (Aristolochia rotundifolia), with its curious yellow flowers, was seen here amongst other, more colourful, species such as the Yellow Allysum (Aurinia saxatile) and the intensely blue Dyer's Alkanet (Alkanna tinctoria) which we found at most of the sites we visited. We returned by the same route through the forest, finding more Roman Orchids on the way and then drove back along the forest track, stopping to admire the display of Narcissus poeticus on a wooded slope; there were so many that the scent could be detected from the minibus. After reaching Monte Sant'Angelo, some of the group took the opportunity to explore the town, whilst others checked the slopes behind the hotel before evening meal.

Day 4

Thursday 23rd April

Weather conditions: warm and sunny all day.

We made an earlier start today, calling in at the supermarket on the way for picnic supplies. A travelling greengrocer had parked his van on the road down to the shops so we were able to stock up on fresh fruit and salad supplies as well. Our first stop of the day was on a terraced hillside covered with Olive trees. The views of the hillsides and the coastline below were spectacular from here and the ground flora beneath the Olive trees, despite being regularly cultivated, was very rich. A fine stand of Ploughshare Tongue Orchids (*Serapias vomeracea*) was the first find, and there were several Italian Wall Lizards, emerging to warm themselves up, on the dry stone walls. We drove on around Mattinata to find the road to Monte Sacro. There were signs about road closures, but these apparently did not apply to the route we were taking so we managed to get to the start of the walk to Monte Sacro and spent the morning exploring this very famous botanical site.

This popular spot had attracted a few more botanists, but once on the hillside we had the orchids to ourselves. Some new species were added to the list here, including the Four-spotted (*Orchis quadripunctata*) and Sparse-flowered Orchids (*Orchis pauciflora*), and there were many fine specimens of Man Orchid, Spectacled Ophrys and Dark Ophrys (*Ophrys sphegodes* subsp *atrata*). The diminutive Dense-flowered Orchid (*Neotinea maculata*) was also found here; although it is a rarity and a challenge to find, it is not the most photogenic of the species we see at this site. Southern Festoon Butterflies were found in the usual wooded site on the slopes, giving the photographers some good opportunities to get close-up views. After our picnic, taken in a field which was almost white with Daisies (*Bellis perennis*), we returned along the narrow road to Mattinata, pausing at one site where there were good numbers of some very fine Bertoloni's Bee Orchids (*Ophrys bertolonii*) and a variety of hybrids such as *Ophrys bertoloniformis*.

Our final stop for the day was the ancient site of Monte Saraceno where we followed the track to the pre-Christian burial chambers on the top of the limestone outcrop. A few examples of the melanic form of the Yellow Ophrys (Ophrys lutea subsp melena) were found along the route, and the group enjoyed the views back to

Monte Sacro and down to the extensive Olive groves surrounding Mattinata. Some of the burial chambers had water in them and were seen to be teeming with Fairy Shrimps (*Chirocephalus diaphanous*). At the end of the outcrop, amongst some ruined buildings, we found White Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) and its more colourful Mediterranean cousin *Marrubium alysson*. The large numbers of goats which grazed this headland seemed to have little impact on the flora, as there was plenty of variety there to interest us. After another very full day we returned to the hotel for our evening meal and a chance to go over our finds for the day.

Day 5 Friday 24th April

Weather conditions: mostly sunny and warm, but with some high cloud.

We planned to start the day with a walk around the town; Monte Sant'Angelo is a World Heritage Site and very popular with tourists, but early mornings are usually quiet so this was the best time to visit some of the old churches and explore the maze of narrow streets. Andrew and Lee positioned the mini-buses at the start and finish of our walk and we then set off to explore the Pilgrim's Path. On the way many more orchids were seen, including a few Lady Orchids with some open flowers and, in the sheltered conditions here, it proved to be a good site for butterflies. Nightingales and Sardinian Warblers were heard on the way down, and there were plenty of signs of the feeding activities of Wild Boar. When everyone had reached the bottom of the path, we retrieved the second minibus and drove west towards the forests on the flanks of Monte Calvo.

We had our lunch at a roadside picnic site and then explored the flower-filled woodlands close by. A passing shepherd seemed keen to talk to us about the orchids, and took some of the group to see some good specimens of Spectacled Orchids, a short way from our picnic site. He enjoyed browsing through the book, pointing out the orchids he recognised from his local patch. Although heavily grazed, the woodland floor had a colourful display of Blue Anemone (Anemone apennina), Narcissus poeticus, various Allium species, Wood Spurge (Euphorbia amygdaloides) and a scattering of Roman Orchids. A few Elder-flowered Orchids (Dactylorhiza sambucina) were found here and, in a more open area, there were patches of Sparse-flowered Orchids and many more Spectacled Orchids. There were splendid views from here of huge areas of unspoilt habitat, with no sounds apart from cow bells.

We drove further on though the forest to an area of seemingly abandoned homes with large shady gardens where there were hundreds of Roman Orchids and almost as many Common Spotted Orchids (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*), although these were still mostly in bud. Near the minibus was a single specimen of *Ophrys exaltata* and, close by were some more photogenic Sawfly Orchids and Green-winged Orchids. As we drove back towards Monte Sant'Angelo, we glimpsed patches of Roman Orchids in the fields on either side of the road, and nearing the main road, some of the fields were filled with Yellow Asphodel (*Asphodeline lutea*). At one point a Rabbit dashed across the road, hotly pursued by a Fox – unfortunately only witnessed by those in the front of the lead minibus.

Day 6 Saturday 25th April

Weather conditions: sunny at first, but cloudy around mid-day; sunny at the coast.

We left Monte Sant'Angelo today and took the road to the Foresta Umbra, making several stops on the way. As we drove higher into the forest, we passed some very large specimens of Tree Heather (*Erica arborea*), and verges covered with Naked Man Orchids (*Orchis italica*) and Green-winged Orchids. We stopped on a little track leading into the forest where there were some excellent specimens of *Ophrys sphegodes "garganica"* and the distinctive

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"picta" form of Anacamptis morio. We also found a single very fine specimen of Ophrys sphegodes subsp litigiosa (quadriloba). We had planned to stop at another site on the route where last year some unusual species had been found, but sadly, there had been some scrub clearance here and the whole area looked to have been taken into cultivation. Instead, we stopped at our usual picnic site near the start of a walk into the forest. As this was a public holiday in Italy, the roads were rather crowded and, unusually for this site, others had found it before us. We followed a trail to the lake, admiring the massive Yew trees growing amongst the Beech, and the lush growth of lichens, mosses and ferns. The ground flora was rather sparse here, but we added a few new species to our list, including the British natives Ramsons (Allium ursinum), Spurge Laurel (Daphne laureola) and Coralroot Bittercress (Cardamine bulbifera). During the picnic, a Giant Centipede decided to join us, much to the alarm of some of the party. However, after some photography it was released with no harm done.

After lunch, we drove down out of the forest for several miles, passing some Fallow Deer behind a fence on the way. We stopped on the roadside to admire the Spring Cyclamens (*Cyclamen repandum*) which were in perfect condition; this site also provided the very fragrant shrub *Daphne sericea*, which we could just reach on a steep bank and enjoy its strong scent. A colourful display of Annual Scorpion Vetch (*Coronilla scorpioides*) attracted numerous butterflies, and Firecrests were heard by some of the party. More British native species were noted here, including Fiddle Dock (*Rumex pulcher*) and Stinking Iris (*Iris foetidissima*).

We continued our descent out of the forest and entered the warmer coastal zone where Olives, Palms and citrus trees replaced the Beeches and Limes. The "fly tip" stop proved to be very rewarding, as always, and much of the accumulated debris from previous years seemed to have been cleared up. It also seems to have been grazed which has helped the flora to remain diverse. Several species of *Serapias* were found here, including some good specimens of Small-flowered Tongue Orchid (*Serapias parviflora*). A magnificent display of the Apulian form of the Late Spider Orchid was the main attraction here, with many fine specimens in perfect condition. A single specimen of *Ophrys bremifera* (a form of *Ophrys scolopax*) was found here and we realised that this was the species that appeared on the front cover of the new **Orchids of Gargano** book.

The final leg of our journey took us to Peschici where we checked in to the Hotel Elisa. The group enjoyed the chance to explore the harbour on a lovely sunny afternoon and check out the local ice cream and coffee shops. Our splendid evening meal of the local seafood was greatly appreciated, as were the views of the harbour from the balconies and the large numbers of Alpine Swifts which were feeding around the headland.

Day 7 Sunday 26th April

Weather conditions: mostly warm and sunny.

After some of the group had enjoyed pre-breakfast walks around the harbour, we drove west out of Peschici to the first of several stops on our last full day. The viewpoint overlooking the Trabucco gave us views of the coastline in both directions, and we found the endemic Gargano Bellflower (Campanula garganica), Sicilian Snapdragon (Antirrhinum siculum), Apple of Sodom (Solanum sodomaeum) and Hoary Stock (Matthiola incana) here. A local vendor tried to tempt us with Carob pods and dried chillies. We drove on to an area of olive groves where there were a few Lady Orchids visible on the roadsides, but with no chance of stopping to view them. At our usual parking place on a hairpin bend, we were able to walk into an Olive grove where dozens of magnificent Lady Orchids (Orchis purpurea) were in full bloom, as well as Honeywort (Cerinthe major) and Yellow-wort (Blackstonia perfoliata).

After everyone had taken photographs of the largest orchids we had seen all week, we headed for the west of the Gargano massif and stopped on a stony lane where Purple Mullein (*Verbascum phoenicium*) was flowering amongst the incredibly prickly shrubs of Christ's thorn (*Palliurus spina-christi*). Swallow-wort (*Vincetoxicum hirundinaria*) was flowering here and we added Pyramidal Orchids (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) to the list. Moving on a few miles, and taking another steep windy road, we came to an abandoned quarry where we found some superb specimens of the Small-patterned Ophrys (*Ophrys parvimaculata*). Scrambling under a fence, we found some good specimens of the Provence Orchid (*Orchis provincialis*), and many colour variants of the Tongue Orchid (*Serapis lingua*). This proved to be a good butterfly site, with Cleopatras and Large Wall Browns being the most frequent here.

The final stop on our day's exploration was to be the limestone pavement above the Bosco da Spina Pulci, so we took one of the very pot-holed roads up on to the plateau. At this lonely spot, we were able to explore the more open areas, where the Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid (Serapias cordigera) is most common. There were plenty of fine specimens in good condition and the whole area was covered in interesting species, such as Spotted Rockrose (Tuberaria guttata) and Small-flowered Catchfly (Silene gallica), and there were many more of the orchids which we had been enjoying earlier in the week. A local farmer came along and was rather surprised to find two minibuses in this lonely location. He told us about some picnic tables in another valley but we had trouble explaining to him that we were here for the flowers. We had our final delicious picnic here in these beautiful surroundings and then had to retrace our steps. We soon arrived back at Peschici where there was time for a final walk on the beach and an exploration of the cliffs where we found the large shrub-like Jupiter's Beard (Anthyllis barba-jovis) and more of the endemic bellflower. After checking in for our flights on-line and completing the packing, we enjoyed our final evening meal which was another splendid feast of the local seafood.

Day 8 Monday 27th April

We had to make an early start today to get to Bari airport in time for the mid-day flight back to London so planned on leaving at 7am. An early breakfast was set out for us and we soon loaded up the two minibuses and set off on the road we had taken the previous day to reach the main autostrada to Bari. We had our final views of some of the roadside flora as we wound our way up the steep road to the main route and then saw the Gargano peninsula from the west side as we followed the fast road back to Bari. After a week spent in the hilly terrain of Gargano, it was interesting to see the flat, intensively cultivated, agricultural land as we approached Bari. Once again, the roadsides were lined with Giant Fennel and Crown Daisy and there were occasional views of Marsh Harrier and Kestrels, plus a few Hooded Crows. We arrived at the airport in plenty of time for the flight and here we said our farewells to Stan and Janette who were remaining in Italy whilst the rest of the party returned to Britain.

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Species Lists

Plants (* indicates the species is endemic)

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks

PTERIDOPHYTES FERNS & ALLIES

Selaginellaceae Lesser Clubmoss Family

Selaginella denticulata Mediterranean Clubmoss On rocks, Monte Sacro, Bosco di Spina Pulci

Adiantaceae Maidenhair Fern Family

Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern In tombs, Monte Saraceno

Aspleniaceae Spleenwort family

Asplenium adiantum-nigrum Black Spleenwort On rocks and walls, shady sites, widespread.

Asplenium ceterach Rustyback On sunny rocks and walls, frequent.

Asplenium trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort On rocks and walls, shady sites, common.

Phyllitis scolopendrium Hart's-tongue Fern Shaded sites, woodlands.

Cystopteridaceae Bladder-fern Family

Cystopteris fragilis Brittle Bladder-fern Foresta Umbra, on roadside rocks

Dennstaeditiaceae Bracken Family

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken roadsides near Monte Sacro, Foresta Umbra

Dryopteridaceae Buckler-fern Family

Dryopteris dilatata Broad Buckler-fern Foresta Umbra

Polystichum setiferum Soft-shield Fern Cyclamen site, in deep gulley

PINOPSIDA (GYMNOSPERMS) CONIFERS

Cupressaceae Juniper Family

Cupressus sempervirensItalian CypressWidespread, gardens, roadsides.Juniperus oxycedrusPrickly JuniperOpen, stony hillsides, common.

Juniperus phoenicea Phoenicean Juniper Peschici, on roadsides

Pinaceae Pine Family

Pinus halepensisAleppo PineMonte SaracenoPinus pinasterMaritime PineWidespread

Pinus pinea Stone or Umbrella Pine Planted along roadsides, lowland areas.

Taxaceae Yew Family

Taxus baccata Yew Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra, some very

large

MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS) FLOWERING PLANTS

Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)

Acanthaceae Bear's-breech Family

Acanthus mollis Bear's-breech Leaves only, Monte Saraceno area

Aceraceae Maple Family

Acer campestris Field Maple Widespread, woodlands.

Scientific name	Common name	Location, remarks
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple	Monte Sant'Angelo
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	Widespread, woodlands.
Acer obtusatum	Bosnian Maple	Monte Sacro
Acer opalus	Italian Maple	Monte Sant'Angelo
Aizoaceae	Dew-plant Family	
Carpobrotus acinaciiformis	Sally-my-handsome	Peschici, on walls, flowering freely
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family	
Cotinus coggygria	Smoke Tree	nr Peschici
Pistacia lentiscus	Mastic Tree	Widespread in open, stony sites, hillsides
Pistacia terebinthus	Turpentine Tree	Pulsano Gorge, Bosco di Spina Pulci
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
Conium maculatum	Hemlock	Roadsides, lay-bys.
Daucus carota	Wild Carrot	Roadsides, lay-bys.
Eryngium campestre	Field Eryngo	Leaves only, open ground, stony hillsides
Ferrula communis	Giant Fennel	Widespread along roadsides, mostly coastal
Laserpitium latifolium	Broad-leaved Sermountain	Leaves only, Pilgrim's Path
Orlaya grandiflora	Orlaya	Widespread in open, stony areas
Petroselinum crispum	Parsley	Monte Saraceno
Sanicula europaea	Sanicle	Foresta Umbra
Scandix pecten-veneris	Shepherd's Needles	Widespread, field margins, stony areas.
Seseli montanum	A Seseli	Pulsano Monastery
Smyrnium perfoliatum	Perfoliate Alexanders	Monte Sacro, Pulsano, nr Pechici
Smyrnium rotundifolium	Round-leaved Alexanders	Bosco di Spina Pulci
Thapsia garganica	Thapsia	leaves only, open stony areas
Tordylium apulum	Tordylium	Olive grove nr Mattinata (False-tooth plant!)
Torilis arvensis	Spreading Hedge Parsley	Roadsides, lay-bys.
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family	
Nerium oleander	Oleander	Pulsano Monastery, planted, mostly in bud
Vinca major	Periwinkle	roadsides below Monte Calvo
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
llex aquifolium	Holly	Common in woodlands, esp Bosco Quarto
Aralaceae	Ivy Family	
Hedera helix	lvy	Widespread
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
Aristolochia rotunda	A Birthwort	Bosca da Spina Pulci, Bosco Quarto
Aristolochia pallida	A Birthwort	below Monte Calvo
Asclepiadaceae	Milkweed Family	
Vincetoxicum hirundinaria	Swallow-wort	One plant flowering well on roadside, Mullein stop
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow	Leaves only

Andryala

Daisy

Wormwood

Andryala integrifolia

Artemisia absinthium

Bellis perennis

Leaves and tight buds only, widespread

Widespread in grassy areas and fields

Roadside stop

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks Bellis sylvestris Southern Daisy Widespread in woodlands and hillsides Abundant on roadsides, field margins Calendula arvensis Field Marigold Carduus chrysacanthus Apennine Thistle Leaves only Centaurea diomedea A fine-leaved Knapweed Monte Saraceno Centaurea jacea **Brown Knapweed** Monte Saraceno Cirsium eriophorum Woolly Thistle Leaves only Pink Hawksbeard Widespread in sunny sites, roadsides Crepis rubra Leaves and buds only Crupina crupinastrum Crupina Dittrichia viscosa Stink Aster coastal roadside stops, non-flowering Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane Doronicum columnae Woodlands and shady banks Evax Evax pygmaea Common on open stony sites Galactites tomentosa Galactites A few in flower, mostly in bud, stony sites Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) Abundant on roadsides, field margins, Crown Daisy coronarium Corn Marigold Local in some cultivated fields Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) segetum Helichrysum stoechas **Curry Plant** Pulsano Gorge, mostly in bud Hvoseris radiata a 'dandelion' Widespread in grassy areas and fields Inula verbascifolia* a 'Ploughman's Spikenard' type Monte Saraceno (in leaf) Jurinea mollis a 'soft' Thistle Leaves and buds only Matricaria recutita Scented Mayweed Mullein stop area Pallenis spinosa **Pallenis** Mullein stop, buds just opening Phagnalon rupestre Phagnalon Pulsano Gorge a Ptilostemon Ptilostemon gnaphaloides Pulsano Gorge Reichardia tingitana Roadside stop Rhagadolius stellatus Star Hawkbit Pulsano Gorge Scorzonera laciniata Cut-leaved Viper's-grass Mullein stop Scorzonera villosa bosco di spina pulci Hairy Viper's Grass Senecio gallicus Monte Sacro area Senecio vulgaris Groundsel Tulip fields Silybum marianum Milk Thistle Widespread, roadsides, Pulsano Monastery Sonchus asper Prickly Sow-thistle Tulip fields Taraxacum agg. a Dandelion Roadsides and labys Tragopogon porrifolius Salsify Mullein stop and other roadsides Tragopogon sinuatus not in flower, identified by leaf form Tripleurospermum inodoratum Scentless Mayweed Roadsides and lay-bys, common Tussilago farfara Colt's-foot Leaves only near Quarry stop Urospermum dalechampii Urospermum Pulsano area, olive grove stop Urospermum picroides Orchid stop near Bosco Quarto

Birch Family Betulaceae Betula pendula Silver Birch Hazel

Corylus avellana Forest Umbra Carpinus orientalis Eastern Hornbeam

Monte Calvo, Pulsano road

Ostrya carpinifolia Hop Hornbeam Bosco Quarto

Boraginaceae Forget-me-not Family

abundant on slopes below Monte Alkanna tinctoria (lehmanii) Dyer's Alkanet

Monte Sant'Angelo - Pilgrim's Path

Sant'Angelo Anchusa caerulea Pulsano area

Anchusa cretica Bosco di Spina Pulci, Bosco Quarto

Anchusa azurea (italica) Large Blue Alkanet nr Fly-tip stop

Borago officinalis Borage Pulsano area, Mont Sant'Angelo

Buglossoides (Lithospermum) Corn Gromwell Tulip fields arvense

Scientific name Comm

Buglossoides (L.) purpurocaerulea

Cerinthe major
Cynoglossum creticum

Echium italicum

Echium platagineum Myosotis arvensis Myosotis discolor

Myosotis ramosissima Myosotis sylvatica Pulmonaria montana

Pulmonaria officinalis

Brassicaceae

Aethionema saxatile

Alliaria petiolata Aurinia (Alyssum) saxatile

Aurinia (Alyssoides) sinuata

Arabis caucasica Arabis hirsuta

Arabis turrita

Arabis verna

Aubrieta columnae subsp. italica

Biscutella didyma Bunias erucago Cakile maritima

Capsella bursa-pastoris

Cardamine bulbifera Cardamine plumieri

Cheiranthus cheiri Descurainia sophia Diplotaxis sp. Eruca sativa

Fourraea alpina Hirschfeldia incana

Isatis tinctoria

Lepidium (Cardaria) draba Lepidium latifolium

Lobularia maritima Matthiola incana

Raphanes raphanistrum

Sinapis alba

Sinapis arvensis Sisymbrium officinale Thlaspi praecox

Cactaceae

Opuntia ficus-indica

Campanulaceae

Campanula garganica*

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera etrusca

Common name Location, remarks

Purple Gromwell Pulsano area

Honeywort Olive groves nr Peschici, Mullein stop

Orchid stop nr Bosco Quarto

Pale Bugloss Roadside stop

Purple Viper's Bugloss Widespread on coastal sandy areas Field Forget-me-not Tulip fields and other grassy areas

Changing Forget-me-not Pulsano area Early Forget-me-not Pilgrim's Path

Wood Forget-me-not Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra Mountain Lungwort Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Common Lungwort Bosco Quarto

Cabbage Family

Cretan Hound's-tongue

Burnt Candytuft Bosco Quarto iris slopes

Garlic Mustard roadsides and lay-bys, Cyclamen stop
Yellow Alyssum widespread in open, sunny areas

Alyssoides walls of Pulsano monastery

Garden Rockcress abundant on cliffs below Monte Sant'Angelo

Hairy Rockcress Pilgrim's Path Tower Mustard roadsides

Spring Rockcress Pilgrim's Path and Monte Sacro an Aubrieta Monte Sant'Angelo and Pilgrim's Path

Biscutella widespread
Bunias/Warty Cabbage nr Tulip fields

Sea Rocket coastal sands nr Zapponeta

Shepherd's Purse Tulip fields

Coralroot Bittercress Bosco Quarto and Foresta Umbra Ivy-leaved Bittercress Bosco Quarto and Foresta Umbra

Wallflower Pulsano Monastery
Flixweed roadsides and lay-bys
A Wall-rocket Pulsano Monastery
Wild Rocket Pulsano area

a small rock cress Bosco Quarto iris slopes

Hoary Mustard common on roadsides and field margins

Woad widespread on roadsides

Hoary Cress nr Peschici
Dittander nr Peschici
Sweet Alison Pulsano area

Hoary Stock Peschici cliffs and Zapponeta

Wild Radish nr Mullein stop

Charlock Fields and cultivated areas

White Mustard Roadsides
Hedge Mustard Roadsides
A Penny-cress Tulip fields

Cactus Family

Prickly Pear around Mattinata

Bellflower Family

a Bellflower (endemic) Peschici

Honeysuckle Family

Etruscan Honeysuckle nr Mullein stop

Minuartia serpyllifolia

Calystegia sepium

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks Lonicera periclymenum Honeysuckle Foresta Umbra **Dwarf Elder or Danewort** Sambucus ebulus nr Peony stop, in bud Sambucus nigra Elder woodland margins Viburnum opulus Wayfaring Tree nr Monte Calvo Viburnum tinus Laurustinus Peschici **Pink Family** Caryophyllaceae Arenaria serpyllifolia Thyme-leaved Sandwort tulip fields Common Mouse-ear Cerastium fontanum quarry stop Cerastium glomeratum Sticky Mouse-ear Monte Saraceno Herniaria (cinerea) Rupturewort Monte Sacro area

Silene colorata a catchfly widespread - open sunny areas Silene conoidea Monte Saraceno

Monte Saraceno

Pulsano Gorge

nr Tulip fields

Silene conica Sand Catchfly coastal sands nr Zapponeta

Silene gallica Small-flowered Catchfly Tulip fields Silene italica Italian Catchfly Monte Saraceno Silene latifolia White Campion roadside stop Silene vulgaris **Bladder Campion** Peschici

A Sandwort

coastal sands nr Zapponeta Spergularia rubra Sand Spurrey

Stellaria media Common Chickweed Bosco Quarto Stellaria nemorum Wood Stitchwort Bosco Quarto

Celastraceae Spindle Family Euonymus europaeus Spindle

Chenopodiaceae **Goosefoot Family** Chenopodium album Fat Hen Pulsano monastery Salicornia sp Glasswort salt pans on coast

Sueda (vera) Shrubby Seablite salt pans on coast

Cistaceae **Rock-rose Family** Cistus creticus Pink Cistus roadsides, nr Mattinata and Peschici Narrow-leaved Cistus Monte Saraceno Cistus monspeliensis Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus Monte Saraceno, Peschici Helianthemum apenninum White Rockrose Monte Sacro

Helianthemum oelandicum Pulsano area, Monte Sacro Hoary Rockrose subsp.incanum

Helianthemum nummularium Rockrose widespread

Helianthemum salicifolium Willow-leaved Rockrose Monte Sant'Angelo Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rockrose Bosco da Spina Pulci

Convolvulaceae **Bindweed Family**

Convolvulus althaeoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed Roadsides and open, sunny areas

Convolvulus althaeoides a Mallow-leaved Bindweed Roadside nr Mattinata subsp.tenuissimus

Hedge Bindweed

Dogwood Family Cornaceae nr Peschici Cornus sanguinea Dogwood

Crassulaceae Stonecrop Family

Pulsano Gorge, buds only Sedum acre Biting Stonecrop Sedum rubens Reddish Stonecrop nr Monte Sacro

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks

Sedum sediforme-Pulsano MonasterySedum stellatumStarry Stonecropnr Monte Sacro

Umbilicus rupestris Wall Pennywort Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto, Pulsano

Cucurbitaceae Cucumber family

Ecballium elaterium Squirting Cucumber nr Zapponeta, coastal sands

Bryonia dioica White Bryony Pulsano

Dipsacaceae Teasel Family

Dipsacus fullonumWild TeaselLeaves onlyLomelosia crenata subsp
dalleportae*An endemic ScabiousPulsano Gorge

Scabiosa ochroleuca Yellow Scabious Pulsano Gorge

Scabiosa sp. A Scabious roadside nr Monte Sacro

Ericaceae Heather Family

Erica arborea Tree Heather Approach to Foresta Umbra, on roadside

rocks

Euphorbiaceae Spurge Family

Euphorbia amygdaloidesWood SpurgeForesta Umbra, Bosco QuartoEuphorbia biumbellataWhorled SpurgeMonte SacroEuphorbia characiasMonte Sacro

subsp. characias Mediterranean Spurge Open, stony areas

Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge Widespread in open, sunny areas

Euphorbia myrsinites Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge Monte Sacro

Euphorbia nicaeensis - ?

Euphorbia peplus Petty Spurge roadsides and sands near coast

Euphorbia segetalis - nr Monte Sacro

Euphorbia spinosa a 'hedgehog' plant (Spiny widespread in open, sunny areas Spurge)

Mercurialis annuaAnnual MercuryPulsano GorgeMercurialis perennisDog's MercuryForesta Umbra

Fabaceae Pea Family

Anagyris foetida Bean Trefoil Mullein stop, Quarry stop, not flowering

Anthyllis barba-jovisJupiter's BeardCliffs at PeschiciAnthyllis tetraphyllaBladder Vetchnr Fly-tip stop

Anthyllis vulneraria agg

Kidney Vetch

scattered in open sunny areas

Anthyllis vulneraria subsp.

Mediterranean Kidney Vetch

praepropera (Pink) widespread in open sunny areas

Astragalus echinatusa Milk Vetchnr Monte Sant'AngeloAstragalus hamosusa Milk VetchMonte Sacro areaAstragalus monspessulanusFalse VetchPulsano area

Astragalus monspessulanus False Vetch Pulsano area

Bituminaria (Psoralea) bituminosa Pitch Trefoil Bosco di Spina Pulci

Calycotome infesta Spiny Broom scattered sites

Calycotome infestaSpiny Broomscattered sitesCeratonia siliquaCarobMonte SaracenoCercis siliquastrumJudas TreePulsano monasteryCoronilla scorpioidesAnnual Scorpion Vetchscattered sites, roadsides

Cytisus decumbens Prostrate Broom Widespread round Monte Sant'Angelo

Cytisus spinescens a Hairy Broom Pulsano Gorge
Dorycnium hirsutum Dorycnium Monte Sacro area

Hedysarum coronarium roadside stop

Hippocrepis comosa Horseshoe Vetch Peschici - cliff-top site

Flowers of Italy's Gargano Peninsula Scientific name Common name Location, remarks Hippocrepis emerus subsp. False Senna Cyclamen stop - on steep bank emeroides a Horseshoe Vetch Hippocrepis glauca open sunny areas - scattered Hippocrepis unisiliquosa Monte Saraceno Yellow Vetchling Lathyrus aphaca widespread in open sunny areas Lathyrus cicera a red Vetchling common in open, grassy areas Lathyrus clymenum roadsides near Peony stop Lathyrus hybridus Hairy Yellow Vetch Monte Sant'Angelo nr hotel Lathyrus ochrus Fly-tip stop, Mullein stop Lathyrus setifolius Red Grass Vetchling roadside stop nr Peschici Lathyrus vernus Spring Pea nr Monte Calvo Lathyrus venetus roadsides Lotus corniculatus Bird's-foot Trefoil roadsides, open areas Southern Bird's-foot Trefoil Lotus creticus coastal roadside stop a Trefoil Monte Sacro roadside Lotus cytisodes Edible Lotus Lotus edulis coastal roadside stop Lotus halophilus Sea Bird's-foot Trefoil Rocks at Peschici Lupinus micranthus Hairy Lupin Bosco di Spina Pulci Medicago arabica Spotted Medick roadsides, field margins Medicago littoralis Sea Medick coastal sands nr Zapponeta Medicago orbicularis Large Disk Medick nr Monte Saraceno

Medicago polymorpha **Toothed Medick** nr Mullein stop Medicago rigidula Pilgrim's Path Melilotus indicus Small Mellilot roadsides and lay-bys Onobrychis alba a Sainfoin Near Monte Sant'Angelo Onobrychis aquidentata a Sainfoin Iris slopes Cock's-comb Sainfoin nr Mullein stop

Onobrychis caput-galli Onobrychis crista-galli Bosco di Spina Pulci Pisum sativum a Pea nr Peony stop Robinia pseudacacia False Acacia Roadsides, town gardens

Scorpiurus muricatus Scorpiurus stony track nr Pulsano monastery

Securigera (Coronilla) varia Crown Vetch Pulsano Gorge

Spartium junceum Spanish Broom hillsides near coast at Peschici Tetragonolobus purpureus Winged/Asparagus Pea common in open, grassy areas Trifolium angustifolium Narrow-leaved Clover roadsides

Trifolium campestre

Hop Trefoil common in stony areas

Trifolium dubium Lesser Trefoil grassy areas

Trifolium incarnatum Crimson Clover roadsides near coast Trifolium medium Zigzag Clover Monte Sant'Angelo nr hotel

Trifolium pratense Red Clover field margins Trifolium repens White Clover field margins Trifolium resupinatum Reversed Clover roadside nr Bosco Quarto

Trifolium stellatum Star Clover widespread in open sunny areas

Trifolium subterraneum **Burrowing Clover** Iris slopes

Trifolium tomentosum Woolly Trefoil Monte Sant'Angelo nr hotel

Vicia barbazitae Bosco Quarto a small vetch Vicia benghalensis Benghal Vetch roadside stop Vicia bithynica Bithynian Vetch Pilgrim's Path

Vicia cracca **Tufted Vetch** grassy areas, nr Peschici

Vicia hirsuta Hairy Tare field margins

grassy roadside areas and lay-bys Vicia lutea Yellow Vetch

Vicia melanops Black Vetch Pilgrim's Path

Vicia narbonensis field margins, Bosco Quarto

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks

Wandering Vetch (two-tone Vicia peregrina Viola stop nr Bosco Quarto flowers) Common Vetch Vicia sativa agg roadsides, field margins Vicia villosa Fodder Vetch Fly-tip stop

Beech Family Fagaceae

Sweet Chestnut Foresta Umbra Castanea sativa Fagus sylvatica Beech Foresta Umbra Quercus cerris Turkey Oak Widespread Quercus coccifera Spanish Oak Monte Sacro Quercus ilex Holm Oak widespread

Quercus pubescens Downy Oak Bosco di Spina Pulci

Fumariaceae Fumitory Family

Corydalis solida Bird-in-a-bush Bosco Quarto Fumaria capreolata roadside stops Tall Ramping Fumitory Fumaria muralis Common Ramping Fumitory widespread Fumaria officinalis Common Fumitory widespread

Gentianaceae **Gentian Family**

Blackstonia perfoliata Yellow-wort Olive groves nr Peschici

Geraniaceae Crane's-bill Family

Erodium ciconium a Stork's-bill Field margins, stony slopes Erodium cicutarium Common Stork's-bill tracks and paths, widespread Erodium malacoides Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill nr Mullein stop Geranium columbinum Long-stalked Crane's-bill Mullein stop Geranium dissectum Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Monte Sant'Angelo Geranium lucidum Shining Crane's-bill Monte Sant'Angelo Geranium molle Dove's-foot Crane's-bill widespread Geranium purpureum Little Robin Monte Sacro

Geranium robertianum Herb Robert widespread Geranium rotundifolium Round-leaved Stork's-bill widespread Geranium sanguineum Bloody Crane's-bill Quarry stop

Hypericaceae St. John's-wort Family

Hypericum perforatum Perforate St. John's-wort Mullein stop

Lamiaceae **Deadnettle Family** Acinos alpinus Alpine Basil Thyme Pilgrim's Path

Pulsano Monastery, orchid site nr Bosco **Ground Pine**

Ajuga chamaepitys Quarto

Ajuga genevensis Blue Bugle Foresta Umbra Clinopodium acinos Basil-thyme various orchid sites Lamium bifidum Bifid Dead-nettle Pilgrim's Path Lamium garganicum Large Red Dead-nettle Monte Sant'Angelo Lamium maculatum Spotted Dead-nettle Pilgrim's Path Marrubium vulgare White Horehound Monte Saraceno Marrubium alysson a pink Horehound Monte Saraceno

Origanum vulgare Oregano sunny hillsides and stony slopes

Prasium majus Prasium Monte Saraceno Selfheal Prunella vulgaris Cyclamen stop

Rosmarinus officinalis Rosemary common on open hillsides, roadsides

Salvia argentea Silver Sage Leaves only

Oxalis pes-caprae

Paeonia mascula

Papaveraceae

Chelidonium majus

Paeoniaceae

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks Salvia fruticosa Three-leaved Sage Monte Sarceno Salvia pratensis Meadow Clary Widespread Salvia verbenaca Wild Clary Widespread Satureja hortensis Summer Savory nr Mattinata Common Sideritis Sideritis romana Pulsano Monastery Sideritis syriaca Syrian Sideritis sunny open areas (in bud) Mediterranean Woundwort Stachys cretica Monte Saraceno Stachys officinalis Betony nr Bosco Quarto Thymus capitatus A Thyme sunny open areas Linaceae Flax Family Linum austriacum (narbonense) Beautiful Flax nr Bosco Quarto Pale Flax Iris slopes Linum bienne Linum catharticum Fairy (Purging) Flax widespread Linum perenne Perennial Flax Pulsano area Linum trigynum Monte Sacro Malvaceae **Mallow Family** Lavatera arborea Tree Mallow nr Peschici Lavatera cretica Cretan Mallow coast nr Zapponeta Malva cretica roadside nr Mattinata **Dwarf Mallow** Malva neglecta coast nr Zapponeta Common Mallow Malva sylvestris widespread along roadsides Moraceae **Mulberry Family** Ficus carica Fig widely naturalised and cultivated **Olive Family** Oleaceae Fraxinus ornus Flowering Ash Widespread, hillsides, Bosco di Spina Pulci Ligustrum vulgare Privet Pulsano Gorge Olea europaea Olive Widespread and abundant Orobanchaceae **Broomrape Family** Orobanche alba Monte Sant' Angelo Thyme Broomrape Orobanche amethystea Amethyst Broomrape Pulsano gorge Orobanche caryophyllacea Clove-scented Broomrape Monte Saraceno Orobanche minor Common Broomrape dried flower spike only Orobanche purpurea Yarrow Broomrape Monte Saraceno Orobanche sanguinea Oxalidaceae **Wood-sorrel Family** Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Oxalis corniculata Pulsano Monastery

Papaver apulum-nr Mullein stopPapaver hybridumRough Poppyroadsides and field marginsPapaver rhoeasCommon Poppyfield margins

Bermuda Buttercup

Paeony Family

Poppy Family

Greater Celandine

A Peony

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nr Peschici

Pulsano area

copses and shady sites nr Bosco Quarto

Scientific name

Plantaginaceae

Plantago arenaria Plantago coronopus Plantago lagopus Plantago lanceolata Plantago maritima

Polygalaceae

Plantago seraria

Polygala nicaeensis Polygala vulgaris

Polygonaceae

Rumex obtusifolius Rumex pulcher Polygonum maritimum

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis (Red & Blue forms)
Cyclamen hederifolium
Cyclamen repandum

Ranunculaceae

Anemone apennina
Anemone hortensis
Clematis ficaria
Delphinium peregrinum
Eranthis hyemalis
Ficaria verna agg.
Nigella damascena
Ranunculus acris
Ranunculus arvensis
Ranunculus bulbosus
Ranunculus millefoliatus
Ranunculus muricatus
Ranunculus sceleratus
Ranunculus velutinus

Resedaceae

Reseda alba Reseda lutea Reseda luteola Reseda phyteuma

Rhamnaceae

Palliurus spina-christi Rhamnus alaternus

Rosaceae

Aremonia agrimonioides Crataegus monogyna Cydonia oblonga

Common name

Plantain Family

Branched Plantain quarry stop

Buck's-horn Plantain widespread on paths, grassy areas

Location, remarks

Hare's-foot Plantain coast nr Zapponeta

Ribwort Plantain roadsides

Sea Plantain on cliffs, Peschici
- Monte Saraceno

Milkwort Family

Nice Milkwort Iris slopes

Common Milkwort widespread in grassy areas

Knotweed Family

Broad-leaved Dock Cultivated areas
Fiddle Dock Cyclamen site
Sea Knotgrass coastal roadside stop

Primrose Family

Scarlet Pimpernel Field margins, stony areas

Ivy-leaved Sowbread Leaves only, Foresta Umbra

Spring Cyclamen Woodland sites nr Bosco di Spina Pulci

Buttercup Family

Blue Anemone Widepread in woodlands Open sites, widespread a Clematis leaves and buds only a Larkspur leaves only Winter Aconite Tulip fields - in seed. Lesser Celandine widespread in grassy areas Love-in-a-mist leaves only Meadow Buttercup widespread in grassy areas Corn Buttercup nr Monte Sant'Angelo **Bulbous Buttercup** field margins, nr tulip fields Pilgrim's Path Rough-fruited Buttercup nr Tulip fields

Mignonette Family

Celery-leaved Buttercup

White Mignonette widespread in open, stony areas
Wild Mignonette roadsides, verges
Weld Coast nr Zapponeta
Corn Mignonette field margins

ditches nr Zapponeta

grassy areas nr Bosco Quarto

Buckthorn Family

Christ's Thorn Mullein stop
Mediterranean Buckthorn Pulsano Gorge

Rose Family

Bastard Agrimony Bosco Quarto
Hawthorn widespread
Quince roadside stop

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks Filipendula vulgaris Dropwort nr Mullein stop Fragaria vesca Wild Strawberry widespread Wood Avens Geum urbanum Bosco Quarto Malus sylvestris Crab Apple Bosco di Spina Pulci Potentilla hirta Hairy Cinquefoil Monte Sacro area Prunus dulcis Almond widely cultivated Prunus spinosa Blackthorn roadsides, esp Monte Calvo area Firethorn planted - Monte Sant'Angelo Pyracantha coccinia Almond-leaved Pear Pyrus amygdaliformis widespread Pyrus communis Pear nr Monte Calvo Rosa sp. A Rose Pulsano gorge Rubus fruticosus agg Bramble widespread Bramble Rubus sanctus poss in Quarry stop Sanguisorba (Poterium) minor Salad Burnet Pulsano area Sorbus aucuparia Rowan or Mountain Ash Monte Calvo area Sorbus torminalis Wild Service Tree nr Monte Calvo Rubiaceae **Bedstraw Family** Asperula arvensis Blue Woodruff Tulip field and Peony stop Cruciata laevipes Crosswort Pilgrim's Path Galium aparine Cleavers roadsides and field margins Galium mollugo Hedge Bedstraw nr hotel, Monte Sant'Angelo Galium odoratum Woodruff Foresta Umbra Galium setaceum Pulsano Monastery Galium verum Lady's Bedstraw not in flower Rubia peregrina Wild Madder Monte Saraceno Field Madder widespread Sherardia arvensis Valantia hispida Valantia Monte Saraceno, on rocks Valantia muralis a Valantia Widespread in dry areas Rutaceae **Rue Family** Ruta chalepensis Fringed Rue leaves only, Pulsano Gorge Santalaceae Sandalwood Family Osyris alba Osyris Monte Saraceno, near old tower Saxifragaceae Saxifrage Family Saxifraga bulbifera Foresta Umbra **Bulbous Saxifrage** Saxifraga granulata Meadow Saxifrage widespread Saxifraga tridactylites walls and rocks, widespread Rue-leaved Saxifrage

Scrophulariaceae **Figwort Family** Antirrhinum siculum Sicilian Snapdragon Peschici - Trabucco stop Bellardia trixago Bellardia Coastal site nr Zapponeta Cymbalaria muralis Ivy-leaved Toadflax Walls, common, Monte Sant'Angelo Digitalis ferruginea Brown Foxglove leaves only Weasel Snout/Lesser Misopates orontium Mullein stop Snapdragon Parentucellia latifolia Southern Red Bartsia widespread in open, stony areas Scrophularia peregrina Italian (Nettle-leaved) Figwort nr Mullein stop Scrophularia scopolii a Figwort leaves only, Monte Calvo area Verbascum longifolium a Mullein roadside nr Peschici Verbascum phoeniceum Purple Mullein nr Bosco di Spina Pulci

Scientific name	Common name	Location, remarks
Verbascum thapsus	Aaron's Rod	widespread on roadsides nr Peschici
Verbascum undulatum	a Mullein	leaves and tight buds only
Veronica cymbalaria	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	Bosco Quarto
Veronica hederifolia agg	Ivy-leaved Speedwell	widespread in shaded areas
Veronica serpyllifolia	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	grassy areas
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
Hyoscyamus alba	White Henbane	walls of Pulsano Monastery
Solanum sodomaeum	Apple of Sodom	cliff-top nr Peschici
Thymelaeaceae	Daphne Family	
Daphne laureola	Spurge Laurel	Foresta Umbra
Daphne sericea		roadside Cyclamen stop
Tiliaceae	Lime Family	
Tilia cordata	Small-leaved Lime	roadside Cyclamen stop
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
Ulmus sp.	An Elm	Monte Sant'Angelo
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
Parietaria judaica	Pellitory of the Wall	Common, rocks and walls
Urtica dioica	Nettle	Cultivated areas
Urtica pilulifera	Roman Nettle	Monte Saraceno
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
Centranthus ruber	Red Valerian	Widespread, roadsides
Valeriana tuberosa	-	Pulsano area
Valerianella sp.	A Cornsalad	stony areas, Pulsano Gorge
Violaceae	Violet Family	
Viola arvensis	Field Pansy	Iris slopes, Viola site
Viola graeca	A Pansy (purple or cream)	Iris slopes, Bosco Quarto
Viola odorata	Sweet Violet	Foresta Umbra
Viola riviniana	Common Dog Violet	nr Bosco Quarto
Vitaceaea	Grape-vine Family	
Vitis vinifera	Grape	widely cultivated
Liliidae (Mond	ocotyledons)	
Araceae	Arum Family	

Araceae	Arum Family	
Arum italicum subsp. italicum	Large Cuckoo Pint	Monte Saraceno, Monte Sacro
Arum maculatum	Cuckoo Pint	Foresta Umbra
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
Carex caryophyllea	Spring Sedge	Quarry stop
Carex divulsa	Grey Sedge	Quarry stop
Carex sylvatica	Wood Sedge	Foresta Umbra
Dioscoreaceae	Black Bryony Family	
Tamus communis	Black Bryony	roadsides stops, shaded areas

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks

IridaceaeIris FamilyCrocus sp.a CrocusOne or two still in flower, Bosco QuartoGladiolus italicusField Gladiolusleaves only, but a few in flower nr Bosco
QuartoMoraea (Gynandriris) sisyrinchiumBarbary NutRoadside near coast

Hermodactylus tuberosus Widow or Snake's-head Iris widespread, most over, but in flower nr

Iris foetidissimaStinking IrisForesta Umbra, Cyclamen stopIris lutescens*-hillsides in Bosco Quarto area

Iris pseudopumilla* - Bosco Quarto

JuncacaeaeRush FamilyLuzula campestrisField Wood-rushBosco QuartoLuzula forsteriSouthern Wood-rushBosco di Spina Pulci

LiliaceaeLily FamilyAllium neapolitanumNaples GarlicPulsano GorgeAllium pendulinumPendulous GarlicBosco Quarto

Allium roseum

Allium roseum

Rose Garlic

Mullein stop

Allium subhirsutum

Hairy Garlic

- Pulsano Gorge

Allium triquetum

Three-cornered Leek

Allium ursinum

Ramsons

Foresta Umbra

Asparagus acutifolius Spiny Asparagus widespread, esp Bosco di Spina Pulci

Asphodeline lutea Yellow Asphodel locally common
Asphodelus aestivus Common Asphodel widespread
Asphodelus fistulosus Hollow-leaved Asphodel Pulsano
Leopoldia (Muscari) comosa Tassel Hyacinth widespread

Muscari neglecta Dark Grape Hyacinth abundant in some stony areas

Narcissus poeticus Pheasant's-eye Daffodil Bosco Quarto

Narcissus tazetta Bosco Quarto - a few still in flower

Ornithogalum montanum Star of Bethlehem (yellow) Iris slopes

Ornithogalum pyrenaicum Bath Asparagus Mullein stop, buds only

Ornithogalum umbellatumCommon Star of BethlehemwidespreadPolygonatum multiflorumSolomon's SealForesta Umbra

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's Broom widespread, Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Smilax aspera Common Smilax Pulsano Gorge

Tulipa sylvestris Wild Tulip abundant in fields below Monte Sant'Angelo

Urginea maritima Sea Squill leaves only - widespread.

Orchidaceae Orchid Family

Anacamptis coriophora (Orchis fragrans)A Bug OrchidMonte SaracenoAnacamptis (Orchis) morioGreen-winged Orchidwidespread

Anacamptis (Orchis) morio ssp. a Green-winged Orchid one site , Foresta Umbra

Anacamptis (Orchis) papilionacea Pink Butterfly Orchid widespread, open sunny sites

Anacamptis pyramidalis Pyramidal Orchid Mullein stop

Dactylorhiza fuchsii Common Spotted-orchid Mostly in bud, but a few in flower nr Monte

Calvo

Dactylorhiza romana Roman Orchid Bosco Quarto and other sites, common

Dactylorhiza sambucinaElderflower Orchidscarce, below Monte CalvoHimantoglossum hircinumLizard Orchidleaf rosettes and tight buds only.

Himantoglossum robertianum Giant Orchid going over, a few plants near Bosco Quarto

Neotinea (Orchis) lactea Milky Orchid Pulsano area, mostly going over

Scientific name	Common name	Location, remarks
Neotinea maculata	Dense-flowered Orchid	very scarce, a few on Monte Sacro
Neotinea (Orchis) ustulata	Burnt Tip Orchid	nr Foresta Umbra
Neottia nidus-avis	Bird's Nest Orchid	Old flower spikes, Bosco Quarto
Ophrys argolica subsp. biscutella	Spectacled Ophrys	Bosco Quarto and other sites
Ophrys bertoloniformis*	-	nr Monte Sacro and other sites
Ophrys bertolonii	Bertoloni's Bee Orchid	nr Monte Sacro and other sites
Ophrys bombyliflora	Bumblebee Ophrys	Pulsano Gorge
Ophrys exaltata subsp. archipelagi	-	nr Monte Calvo
Ophrys fuciflora	Late Spider Orchid	Pulsano area
Ophrys fuciflora subsp apulica*	Apulian Ophrys	Pulsano Gorge, Fly-tip stop
Ophrys fuciflora subsp. parvimaculata	Small-patterned Ophrys	Bosco di Spina Pulci
Ophrys iricolor/fusca	Sombre Bee Orchid	Pilgrim's Path - one specimen
Ophrys lutea	a Yellow Ophrys	scattered sites, open stony areas
Ophrys lutea ssp. galilaea (sicula)	-	common and widespread
Ophrys lutea subsp. melena	a Yellow Ophrys	MonteSaraceno
Ophrys promontorii*	-	Pulsano areas
Ophrys sphegodes	Early Spider Orchid	widespread, seen at most orchid stops
O. sphegodes ssp atrata (O. incubacea)	Dark Ophrys	roadside stop nr Foresta Umbra
O. sphegodes ssp litigiosa (quadriloba)		roadside stop nr Foresta Umbra
O. sphegodes ssp. passionis (garganica) Ophrys sphegodes subsp.	Gargano Ophrys	Pulsano area and several other sites
sipontensis*	-	scarce, Pulsano area and Monte Sacro
Ophrys tenthredinifera	Sawfly Ophrys	Pulsano area, Monte Sacro and other sites
Orchis anthropophora	Man Orchid	widespread, seen at most orchid stops
Orchis italica	Naked Man Orchid	widespread, seen at most orchid stops
Orchis pauciflora	Sparse Flowered Orchid	Monte Sacro
Orchis provincialis	Provence Orchid	Quarry stop
Orchis purpurea	Lady Orchid	nr Peschici in olive grove
Orchis quadripunctata	Four-spotted Orchid	Monte Sacro
Serapias cordigera	Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid	Bosco di Spina Pulci
Serapias lingua	Tongue Orchid	Widespread, sunny areas
Serapias parviflora	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	scarce, few plants in one olive grove, Fly-tip stop
Serapias vomeracea	Plough-share Tongue Orchid	Fly-tip stop
Hybrids (a selection)		nossible or Monte Calus
Dactylorhiza sambucina x D. romana Ophrys incubacea x Ophrys garganica	_	possible - nr Monte Calvo possible - nr Monte Sant'Angelo
Ophrys incubacea x Ophrys garganica Ophrys incubacea x Ophrys bertolonii	-	roadside nr Foresta Umbra
Anacamptis morio x A. papilionacea	-	Pulsano area
Orchis purpurea x O. italica	-	Pulsano area
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Poaceae	Grass Family	
Aegilops geniculata	Aegilops	Pulsano and other sites
Anisantha diandra	Great Brome	fields and roadsides
Anisantha sterilis	Barren Brome	scattered sites
Arundo donax	Giant Reed	wetlands nr coast
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal Grass	Bosco Quarto
Avena barbata	Bristle Oat	Fields and grassy areas
Avena sterilis	Barren Oat	Fields and grassy areas
Briza maxima	Large Quaking Grass	Mullein stop
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Quaking Grass

Quarry stop

Briza media

Scientific name Common name Location, remarks

Brachypodium (sylvaticum) False Brome Bosco Quarto Bromus hordeaceus Soft-brome Peschici cliff-top Fern Grass rocks nr Quarry stop Catapodium rigidum Dactylis glomerata Mullein Stop Cock's-foot Festuca vivipera Viviparous Fescue Peschici Hordeum murinum Wall Barley nr coast widespread Hordeum sp. a Barley Lagurus ovatus Hare's-foot Grass Fly-tip stop Melica uniflora Wood Melick Foresta Umbra Phragmites australis Common Reed nr coastal salt pans Rostraria cristata Mediterranean Hair-grass Peschici

Stipa pennata a Feather Grass hillsides nr Peschici

Lichens

Lobaria pulmonaria Tree Lungwort Bosco Quarato, Foresta Umbra

Birds (✓= recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

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1	Pygmy Cormorant	Microcarbo pygmeus	✓							
2	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	✓							
3	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea							✓	✓
4	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	✓							
5	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia	✓							
6	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus ruber	✓							
7	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	✓							
8	Black Kite	Milvus migrans							✓	
9	Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	✓							
10	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	✓							
11	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus				✓				
12	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	✓							
14	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	✓						✓	✓
15	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni	✓							✓
16	Red-footed Falcon	Falco verspetinus								✓
17	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo				✓				
18	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus						✓		
19	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	✓							
20	Curlew	Numenius arquata	✓							
21	Slender-billed Gull	Chroicocephalus genei	✓							
22	Mediterranean Gull	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus	✓							
23	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus cachinnans	✓		✓	✓				
24	Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis	✓							
25	Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica	✓							
26	Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea	✓							
27	Rock Dove /Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	✓	✓	✓	✓				
28	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus			✓	✓				
29	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓		✓				
30	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		h	✓	✓		h	h	
31	Tawny Owl	Strix aluco			h		h			

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32	Common Swift	Apus apus	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
33	Alpine Swift	Apus melba						✓	✓	✓
34	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus			✓	✓				
35	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	✓		✓	✓		h	h	
36	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster						✓		
37	European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis			✓		✓	h	h	
38	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major			✓		h			
39	Common Skylark	Alauda arvensis			✓					
40	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	✓			✓			h	✓
41	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Common House Martin	Delichon urbica	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
43	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		✓		✓			✓	
44	Yellow (Ashy-headed) Wagtail	Motacilla flava cinereocapilla			✓					
45	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes			√		✓	✓	✓	
46	Dunnock	Prunella modularis						✓		
47	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula			✓		✓	✓		
48	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos			✓	h		h	h	
49	Common Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	✓						···	
50	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius	-	h				h		
51	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos			h					
52	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula				✓		✓		
53	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla			· ·	✓	✓	✓	h	
					•	✓	-	V		
54 55	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca		V		✓	h	✓	✓	
55	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala		· ·		V ✓	h	•	•	
56	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis		/						
57	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans		V		√	h			
58	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	✓							
59	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti						√	√	
60	Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli		✓	√					<u> </u>
61	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita			√	√	√	✓		_
62	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapillus			✓		✓		√	
63	Great Tit	Parus major		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
64	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓	✓	✓			✓	
65	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus						✓		
66	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea			✓	✓	✓		✓	
67	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla			✓		✓	✓		
68	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator			✓					
69	Common Magpie	Pica pica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
70	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	✓		✓			✓		
71	Western Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
72	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Common Raven	Corvus corax						h	✓	
74	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
75	Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	✓							
76	Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
77	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs			✓	✓		✓	✓	
78	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina							✓	✓
79	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis							√	
80	European Serin	Serinus serinus				✓		✓	✓	✓

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81	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus		✓		✓		h	h			
82	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		

Butterflies

1	Mallow Skipper	Carcharodus alceae		✓						
2	Grizled Skipper	Pyrgus malvae		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
3	Dingy Skipper	Erynnis tages			✓					
4	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Scarce Swallowtail	Iphicides podalirius			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
6	Southern Festoon	Zerynthia polyxena		✓		✓				
7	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
9	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea			✓					
10	Berger's Clouded Yellow	Colias alfacariensis		✓	✓					
11	Large White	Pieris brassicae	✓		✓	✓		✓		
12	Green-veined White	Pieris napi			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Small White	Pieris rapae	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
14	Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
15	Eastern Dappled White	Euchloe ausonia				✓		✓	✓	
16	Eastern Bath White	Pontia edusa		✓				✓		
17	Wood White	Leptidea sinapis			✓	✓		✓	✓	
18	Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi						✓		
19	Holly Blue	Celastrina argiolus			✓	✓		✓		
20	Little Blue	Cupido minimus						✓		
21	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus		✓					✓	
22	Chapmans Blue	Polyommatus thersites		✓					✓	
23	Baton Blue	Pseudophilotes baton		✓						
24	Adonis Blue	Lysandra bellargus		✓					✓	
25	Large Tortoiseshell	Nymphalis polychloros		✓						
26	Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui		✓					✓	
27	Small Tortoiseshell	Aglais urticae					✓			
28	Speckled Wood	Parage aegeria			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
29	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
30	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

Moths

6-Spot Burnet	Zygaena filipendulae				✓	
Hummingbird Hawk Moth	Macroglossum stellatum		✓	✓		
Cream Spot Tiger	Arctia villica			✓		

Other Invertebrates

1	Roesel's Bush-cricket	Metrioptera roeselii		✓		✓		✓	
2	Great Green Bush-Cricket	Tettigonia viridissima			✓			✓	
3	A mantid	Empusa fasciata(?)		✓					
4	an Ascalaphid	Libelloides coccajus						✓	
5	Bee Fly	Bombylius major	✓	✓			✓	✓	
6	Potter Wasp	Eumenidae sp.						✓	
7	Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa violacea					✓	✓	

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8	Ginger Bumblebee	Bombus hypnorum				✓		✓		
9	a Dung Beetle	Scarabaeus sp		✓		✓				
10	Flower Chafer	Oxythyrea funesta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	Spotted Longhorn Beetle	Morimus funereus							✓	
12	Black and red shield bug	Graphisoma lineata				✓		✓		
13	Giant Centipede	Scolopendra cingulatus			✓					
14	Scorpion	Buthus occitanicus		✓						
15	European Wolf Spider	Lycosa tarantula								
16	Roman Snail	Helix pomatia								

Mammals

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	1	Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes		✓			

Herptiles

1	Green Lizard	Lacerta viridis				✓				
2	Common Wall Lizard	Podarcis muralis				✓				
3	Italian Wall Lizard	Podarcis sicula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Three-toed Skink	Chalcides chalcides		✓		✓				
5	Western Whip Snake	Coluber viridiflavus				✓		✓	✓	

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A very unusual form of the Sawfly Orchid lacking the pink pigments.



This spike of the Giant Orchid had several very well camouflaged Shield Bugs moving around amongst the flowers.