Italy - The Sorrento Peninsula

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Anacamptis papilionacea By Pete Ashburn



Aristolochia incisa by Paul Harmes



Daphne oleoides by Paul Harmes



Black Crowned Night Heron By Pete Ashburn

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Day 1

Wednesday 6th April

Travel to Sorrento

Thirteen tour members met with Paul at Gatwick's North Terminal for our British Airways flight BA2606 to Naples. Upon our arrival, we soon met with Kate, Nancy and Cliff, who had arrived on different flights, and Luca our second tour leader. With the luggage and vehicle formalities completed, we set off for the Sorrento Peninsula, in bright sunshine and high cloud. After a short drive, we made a stop for refreshments in a motorway service area. Whilst having a snack, Common Kestrel, Yellow-legged Gull and Hooded Crow were seen and, on a grassy verge of the car park, we found *Malva sylvestris* (Common Mallow), *Trifolium repens* (White Clover) and *Erodium moschata* (Musk Stork's-bill). Leaving the service area, our route took us past the imposing Mount Vesuvius and the beautiful Bay of Naples. As we went Barn Swallow, Common Kestrel and Common Wood Pigeon were all noted.

We left the motorway at Castellammare di Stabia and turned onto the busy, but scenic, coastal road, entering the first of three long tunnels which cut through the mountain. Emerging, we were soon enjoying the views of the Bay of Sorrento and the wider Bay of Naples, including the island of Ischia, as well as the rugged coastline. We made a brief stop to stretch our legs at Punta Gradelle, near Meta. Numerous Yellow-legged Gulls were seen together with Peregrine Falcon, Sardinian Warbler, European Serin and Common Kestrel, and a distant Blue Rock Thrush was heard. For the botanists there was *Antirrhinum siculum* (Sicilian Snapdragon), *Euphorbia dendroides* (Tree Spurge), *Artemisia absinthium* (Wormwood) and *Anogramma leptophylla* (Jersey Fern). Continuing on through the busy evening traffic, we soon arrived at the Best Western Hotel La Solara, our base for the week. We were welcomed by our host, Fabio, who was soon settling us into our rooms. We met again at 6.15pm, when we enjoyed a complimentary drink from the hotel, whilst our leaders outlined some of the week's excursions and general logistics, before going into the restaurant for dinner.

Day 2

Thursday 7th April

Punta Campanella

Today, on a bright morning, we travelled the relatively short distance south of Via Capo to the village of Termini. Along the way, we saw Barn Swallow and Eurasian Collared Dove. In Termini, we parked the vehicles and Paul and Luca distributed the picnic, before we set out to walk the track from the town to the old lighthouse at Punta Campanella. The Mediterranean flora was very much in evidence here, and it was not long before we were beginning to identify an array of species. The early part of the track, near the town, descended through olive groves, market gardens and woodland, and then into more open "Garrigue" scrubland nearer the lighthouse. Early sightings were European Serin, Eurasian Tree Sparrow and Eurasian Blackcap. As we moved on, we also began to record plants. *Ulmus canescens* (Mediterranean Elm), *Athyrium filix-femina* (Lady Fern), *Parietaria officinalis* (Large Pellitory-of-the-Wall), *Leopoldia comosa* (Tassel Hyacinth) and *Anemone hortensis* (an Anemone) were all seen. Butterflies were also active, with Holly Blue and Wall Brown, were early sightings.

A little further on we found the endemic Glandora rosmarinifolia (Rosemary-leaved Gromwell) and, very close by, we found Ophrys argolica subsp. crabronifera (a Spider Orchid), Ophrys sphegodes subsp. sphegodes (Early Spider Orchid) and an emerging spike of Orchis italica (Naked Man Orchid). There was also some activity on the bird front, with Sardinian Warbler, Northern Raven, Peregrine Falcon and a solitary male Western Marsh Harrier all recorded. With regard to botanical interest, the Pea family was particularly well represented, with Trifolium stellatum (Starry Clover), Lotus ornithopodioides (a Bird's-foot Trefoil), Anthyllis barba-jovis (Jupiter's Beard), Lathyrus chymenum, Lotus tetragonolobus (Asparagus Pea), Calycotome villosa and Coronilla scorpioides (Annual Scorpion Vetch) all noted.

While enjoying our picnic lunch at the old lighthouse, we saw a number of Yellow-legged Gull, Swallowtail, Holly Blue and Cleopatra butterflies, and Italian Wall Lizards were also very numerous and active. As we began to retrace our steps, we found *Lotus creticus* (Cretan Bird's-foot Trefoil), *Lotus edulis* (Edible Lotus) and *Silene latifolia* (White Campion). When we reached Termini, we stopped for well-earned refreshments at a local Juice bar/cafe, before beginning our homeward journey.

Day 3 Friday 8th April

Monte Faito

After breakfast, on slightly cloudy morning, we headed northeast behind Sorrento and on up to Seiano, where we turned right and began to climb into the Lattari Mountains. Unfortunately, there was an unannounced road closure so we had to find an alternative route. We retraced our steps and made our way through Vico Equense, and on up to the Town of Moiana. Here we turned right and began to climb more steeply towards Monte Faito, our destination for the day. Just below the ridge we spotted Small White butterfly.

Monte Faito is one of the summits which dominate the Lattari range, over 1200m high. From here we had views across the Bay of Naples to Vesuvius and Ischia. We parked at the cable-car station, and were soon exploring the ridge path. Our walk took us on a gentle incline through open rocky grassland and *Pinus nigra* subsp. *nigra* (Black Pine), *Fagus sylvatica* (Beech) and *Alnus incana* (Grey Alder) open woodland. As a result of its altitude, Mte Faito has a sub-alpine feel to it, and the flora here confirms this. The shrivelled flowers of *Crocus vernus* (Spring Crocus) were frequent, as was *Scilla bifolia* (Alpine Squill). Birds seen included excellent views of Common Firecrest, Northern Raven, Coal Tit, Eurasian Nuthatch, Short-toed Treecreeper, and Marsh Tit. In addition, we saw Wall Brown, Red Admiral and Southern Festoon [subsp. *cassandra*] butterflies.

The path, which leads to the church of St. Michele, took us past a splendid rocky outcrop overlooking the valley below. Here we found the very attractive endemic *Viola eugeniae* (a Pansy) and good numbers of the delicate blue or white *Anemone apennina* (Blue Anemone). On the return journey, we noted some more good plants, including the emerging *Asphodelus albus* (White Asphodel) and many plants of *Helleborus foetidus* (Stinking Hellebore), before we re-joined our vehicles. We now made our way east to a picnic site in the woods where we set up our picnic. After eating, the group went up to the church of St. Michele where, although the church was closed, we enjoyed more stunning views across the valley and a fleeting view of Rock Bunting and Northern Wheatear.

With our visit to the church complete, we dropped down to a local restaurant for warming refreshments, before beginning our descent from the mountain. As we descended, *Santolina chamaecyparissus* (Lavender Cotton) and

Euphorbia spinosa (Spiny Spurge) were seen, together with Orchis pauciflora (Sparse-flowered Orchid) and Anacamptis papilionacea (Pink Butterfly Orchid). We also noted Orange Tip and Painted Lady butterflies, before we made our way through Moiana and Vico Equense, back to our hotel for dinner.

Day 4

Saturday 9th April

Positano

Leaving the hotel after breakfast, we drove in the direction of Massa Lubrense and Sant Agata, with the objective today of visiting the splendid Amalfi coastal road to the lovely little town of Positano. As we drove, we enjoyed some dramatic views of the mountains and sea cliffs, with the road clinging to their sides. Luca and Paul parked the mini-buses in a lay-by, where we all prepared our picnic lunches before setting off in bright conditions, for the steep path which would take us up above this splendid coastline. Before departing, we heard Blackcap and saw Peregrine Falcon.

As we began the early climb we soon found Teucrium fruticans (Shrub Germander) and Arisarum vulgare (Friar's Cowl) and Reseda alba (White Mignonette). We climbed slowly up through Quercus pubescens (Downy Oak) and Pinus halepensis (Aleppo Pine) based woodland, passing emerging Colutea arborescens (Bladder Senna) and clumps of Centaurea cinerea (a Knapweed). After a steep climb, we emerged onto a saddle where we paused to catch our breath and to take on water. Whilst resting, we added the songs of Blue Rock Thrush and Willow Warbler. Butterflies were also emerging, and we saw Wall Brown, Green Hairstreak, Cleopatra and Speckled Wood. There was also Serapias lingua (Tongue Orchid), Anacamptis papilionacea (Pink Butterfly Orchid), Lupinus angustifolius (Narrow-leaved Lupin), Cyclamen repandum (Spring Sowbread) and Polygala nicaeensis (Nice Milkwort). Birds were not very active, although we did have views of Peregrine Falcon and Common Kestrel. Additional butterflies included Orange Tip, Swallowtail and Holly Blue.

After stopping half way for our picnic, we continued on up to where the path levelled out under a cliff with Thymelaea tartonraria (a Thymelaea), Cytisus hirsutus (Hairy Broom), Orchis italica (Naked Man Orchid) and Ruscus aculeatus (Butcher's Broom). Descending through more Quercus (Oak), Castanea sativa (Spanish Chestnut) and Fraxinus ornus (Flowering or Manna Ash) woodland, we found Cephalanthera longifolia (Sword-leaved Helleborine), Orchis provincialis (Provence Orchid) and Orchis anthropophora (Man Orchid) as well as hearing Sardinian Warbler and Subalpine Warbler. We emerged, via some more steep steps, just outside Positano. From here we made our way into the town to the famous Bar Internationale for refreshments, before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Day 5

Sunday 10th April

Capri

We left the hotel early today, in order to drive into Sorrento and down to the Marina Piccola, parking the minibuses at the port. Paul went to buy our tickets for the boat over to the beautiful island of Capri, whilst Luca organised breakfast at a local bar. We soon boarded the 8.10am ferry for the 25-minute journey over to the island. We travelled on a jet boat which, unfortunately, had no external viewing area, so there was little scope for seeing any sea birds; Yellow-legged Gull was the only offering.

Upon our arrival on Capri, we needed to acquire travel tickets for the funicular railway, which took us up the hill to the bus station, and the little buses that connect Capri town with Anacapri, the other main town of the island. At Anacapri, we began the walk towards the top of Monte Solaro which, at 587 metres, is the highest point of the island.

Setting off, it was not long before we were finding things of interest, beginning with superb views of a Wood Warbler in a tree over our heads. As we went we added Sub-Alpine Warbler, Sardinian Warbler and European Serin. There were masses of emerging *Orchis italica* (Naked Man Orchid), a few *Anacamptis papilionacea* (Pink Butterfly Orchid) and *Ophrys bombyliflora* (Bumblebee Orchid), as well as Holly Blue and Wall Brown Butterflies. Just before we reached a junction in the path, Luca located a perched male Common Rock Thrush and all group members got excellent scoped views. Some group members explored a steepish, rocky meadow with Luca, finding Black Redstart, Northern Raven, Common Kestrel, and hearing calls of Subalpine Warbler and Willow Warbler. The botanists, with Paul, found Ranunculus paludosus (Jersey Buttercup), Narcissus tazetta (Bunch-flowered Daffodil), which had just finished flowering, magnificent spikes of *Ophrys argolica* subsp. crabronifera (a Spider Orchid) and Limodorum abortivum (Violet Bird's-nest Orchid).

We now made our way back to Anacapri for lunch, selecting the 'Ristorante Le Terrazze', before getting the bus and the funicular back to Capri Harbour, to catch the 4.20pm ferry back to Sorrento. Before leaving, we had time for genuine Italian ice-creams, 'gelati'. The return sea journey produced Great Cormorant and three Mediterranean Gulls.

Upon our return to Sorrento, we collected our vehicles and made our way back to our hotel.

Day 6

Monday 11th April

Vesuvius and Pompeii

After breakfast, on a bright sunny day, we were soon heading north to spend the morning on Mount Vesuvius. We took the road towards Naples and, after a short distance on the autostrada, we turned off onto the road into the Vesuvius National Park and the steep winding ascent that goes almost to the top of this awesome volcano. Along the way we noted an increasing number of Barn Swallows and the first Common Swifts of the week. We made our way up to the summit car park where, with tickets purchased, the group set off to walk up the sloping path to the crater. When we got there, the cloud began to clear and we were treated to outstanding but hazy views of the Bay of Naples, from Capri to Naples and Ischia. Whilst up here, birds included Common Rock Thrush, Northern Wheatear and Black Redstart. The slopes of the mountain had good colonies of *Genista aetnensis* (Etna Broom), *Rumex scutatus* (French Sorrel) and the pioneer Lichen, *Stereocaulon vesuvianum*, which gradually over time, will help break the rock down so that vascular plants can grab a foothold. Back down at the car park, we heard Eurasian Wren, Cetti's Warbler, European Robin and Subalpine Warbler, as well as recording *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Thale Cress), and *Cardamine flexuosa* (Wavy Bitter-cress), Orange Tip and Red Admiral butterflies and Italian Wall Lizard.

Rejoining our vehicles, we retraced our route back down the mountain and stopped in a lay-by in order to prepare our packed lunches, to be eaten due=ring our visit to Pompeii.

We now made our way to the extensive ruins of the Roman city of Pompeii, situated ominously beneath Mount Vesuvius, which had destroyed the city in the eruption of 79AD. After parking the buses, we made our way to the entrance where we bought tickets, maps and guides and set off to explore. All group members made their own way around the archaeological site, reporting a number of species of birds and plants. These included Eurasian Tree Sparrows, Eurasian Blackcap, Eurasian Hoopoe, Hooded Crow, Barn Swallow and European Serin. Among the plants were *Polycarpon tetraphyllum* (Four-leaved Allseed) and *Erophila verna* (Common Whitlowgrass).

From Pompeii, we now made our way back to the hotel for dinner.

Day 7

Tuesday 12th April

Above Termini, then Marina del Cantone

Today, in warm sunshine, we returned to the cliff-top village of Termini. However, just outside Marceano, we stopped by a small stream gorge. Here we found migrating Alpine Swift, Barn Swallow and Common House Martin. For the botanists there was *Melilotus italica* (Italian Melilot), *Robinia pseudacacia* (False Acacia) and *Osyris alba* (Osyris).

Once again, we parked just outside the village of Termini, and began by walking down through the residential area below the town, with the object of walking up to the church of Santa Costanzo. We were hopeful of some additional migrant birds. At first it was relatively quiet but, as we left the village and began to walk up the hill, Italian Sparrow, European Greenfinch and Eurasian Collared Dove gave way to European Pied Flycatcher, and it was not too long before we had good views of Eurasian Wryneck, a species that had, so far, only been heard. We also saw Subalpine Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Northern Wheatear and wonderful views of Zitting Cisticola. Amongst the plants, we found *Ophrys bombyliflora* (Bumblebee Orchid), *Anacamptis papilionacea* (Pink Butterfly Orchid) and a fine show of *Orchis provincialis* (Provence Orchid) and *Urospermum dalechampii*. Italian Wall Lizard and Western Whip Snake were also added.

Returning to Termini, we took lunch with the delightful Enrico and Laura, sitting in the sun outside their small Snack Bar. We dined on Mozzarella and tomato salad, prosciutto and freshly squeezed fruit juice followed by coffee.

Returning to our vehicles, in what was now warm sunshine, we now moved down to Marina del Cantone, a little beyond Nerano, where we parked behind the shingle beach. Along the way we noted several banks with *Gladiolus italicus* (Field Gladiolus) on them. We set off along the coast path, where we found *Onobrychis aequidentata* (a Sainfoin), *Onobrychis caput-galli* (Cockscomb Sainfoin), and *Hedysarum spinosissimum* (Spiny Sainfoin). On the bird front, we recorded Sardinian Warbler, Northern Wheatear and, on some sea rocks, a Black-crowned Night Heron. It was now time to return to the beach for afternoon refreshments, before making our way back to the hotel in good time.

Day 8

Wednesday 13th April

Saying our farewells to the staff at the Best Western Hotel, La Solara, we left at 6.45am, making our way behind Sorrento and back to Naples airport for our flightback to Gatwick, with memories of the beautiful area that is the Sorrento Peninsula.

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Ophrys argolica subsp. crabronifera By Pete Ashburn

Species Lists

Plants (* = Very localised distribution or endemic, [] = Planted or Naturalised)

Nomenclature contained within this list follows the taxonomic amendments, based on DNA analysis, made by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Missouri Botanic

FERNS & ALLIES

Scientific Name Common Name Location

LICHENS

Stereocaulon vesuvianum Mount Vesuvius Lichen Vesuvius

PTERIDOPHYTES

Lycophytes Clubmosses & Quillworts

Selaginellaceae Lesser Clubmoss Family

Selaginella denticulata Mediterranean Clubmoss Punta Campanella

Leptosporangiate Ferns True Ferns

Aspleniaceae Spleenwort family

Asplenium adiantum-nigrumBlack SpleenwortCapriAsplenium ceterachRustybackMonte FaitoAsplenium onopterisIrish SpleenwortAbove PositanoAsplenium scolopendriumHart's-tongue FernBelow Monte Faito

Athyriaceae Lady Fern Family

Athyrium filix-femina Lady-fern Punta Campanella

Cystopteraceae Bladder-fern Family

Cystopteris fragilis Brittle Bladder-fern Monte Faito

Dennstaeditiaceae Bracken Family

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken Punta Campanella

Dryopteridaceae Buckler-fern Family

Cyrtomium falcatum House Holly-fern Sorrento Harbour

Polypodiaceae Polypody Family

Polypodium cambricum Southern Polypody Capri

Polypodium interjectum Intermediate Polypody Punta Campanella

Pteridaceae Ribbon Fern Family

Adiantum capillus-venerisMaidenhair FernPositanoAnogramma leptophyllaJersey FernPunta Gradelle

Cheilanthes pteridioides

GYMNOSPERMS CONIFERS

Scientific Name **Common Name** Location Cupressaceae **Juniper Family** [Cupressus sempervirens] Italian Cypress Commonly Planted Juniperus phoenicea Phoenician Juniper Punta Campanella **Pine Family** Pinaceae Pinus halepensis Aleppo Pine Above Positano Pinus nigra subsp. nigra Black Pine Monte Faito Commonly Planted [Pinus pinea] Stone or Umbrella Pine **ANGIOSPERMS** FLOWERING PLANTS Pre-Dicots **Primitive Angiosperms** Aristolochiaceae **Birthwort Family** Aristolochia pallida a Birthwort Monte Faito **Eu-Dicots True Dicotyledons** Acanthaceae **Bear's-breech Family** Acanthus mollis Bear's-breech Capri Adoxaceae **Moschatel Family** Sambucus nigra Elderberry Punta Campanella Anacardiaceae **Sumach Family** Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree Punta Campanella **Carrot Family Apiaceae** Elaeoselinum asclepium Elaeoselinum Above Positano (leaves) Eryngium campestre Field Eryngo Below Monte Faito Ferrula communis Giant Fennel Punta Campanella Fennel Foeniculum vulgare Punta Campanella Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's-needle Capri Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders Punta Campanella Tordylium apulum Tordylium Punta Campanella Apocynaceae **Periwinkle Family** Vinca major Greater Periwinkle Punta Campanella Vincetoxicum hirundinaria Swallow-wort Above Positano Aralaceae **Ivy Family** Hedera helix lvy Punta Campanella Betulaceae **Birch Family** Alnus incana Grey Alder Monte Faito Eastern Hornbeam Punta Campanella Carpinus orientalis Ostrya carpinifolia Hop Hornbeam Boraginaceae Forget-me-not Family Borago officinalis Borage Punta Campanella

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Echium parviflorum	Small-flowered Viper's-bugloss	Above Positano
Echium plantagineum	Purple Viper's-bugloss	Marina Cantone
Echium vulgare	Viper's-bugloss	Positano
Glandora rosmarinifolium	Rosemary-leaved Gromwell	Punta Campanella
Myosotis arvensis	Field Forget-me-not	Punta Campanella
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
Arabidopsis thaliana	Thale Cress	Vesuvius
Arabis caucasicus	Garden Rock-cress	Punta Campanella
Arabis hirsuta	Hairy Rock-cress	Punta Campanella
Arabis turrita	Tower Cress	Vesuvius
Arabis verna	Spring Rock-cress	Below Monte Faito
Armouracea rusticana	Horse-radish	Punta Campanella
Brassica oleracea subsp. robertiana	Wild Cabbage	Above Positano
Capsella bursa-pastoris	Shepherd's Purse	Punta Campanella
Capsella rubella	Red Shepherd's Purse	Marciano Gorge
Cardamine flexuosa	Wavy Bitter-cress	Vesuvius
Iberis prutii	a Mountain Candytuft	Vesuvius
Lepidium draba	Hoary Cress	Punta Campanella
Lobularia maritima	Sweet Alison	Punta Campanella
Lunaria annua	Honesty	Below Monte Faito
Matthiola incana	Hoary Stock	Punta Gradelle
Pritzelago alpina	Chamois Cress	Monte Faito
Raphanus raphanistrum subsp. maritimus	Sea Radish	Punta Campanella
Buxaceae	Box Family	
Buxus sempervirens	Box Family	Punta Campanella
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	D (0
Centranthus ruber	Red Valerian	Punta Campanella
Valerianella locusta	Common Cornsalad	Punta Gradelle
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear	Punta Gradelle
Cerastium glomeratum	Sticky Mouse-ear	Santa Costanzo
Petrorhagia saxifraga	Tunic Flower	Above Positano
Petrorhagia velutina	a Proliferous Pink	Capri
Polycarpon tetraphyllum	Four-leaved Allseed	Capri
Sagina procumbens	Procumbent Pearlwort	Punta Campanella
Silene latifolia	White Campion	Punta Campanella
Stellaria media	Common Chickweed	Monte Faito
Stellaria neglecta	Greater Chickweed	Punta Campanella
Compositae (Asteraceae)	Daisy Family	
Bellis sylvestris	Southern Daisy	Punta Campanella
Carduus pycnocephalus	Plymouth Thistle	Marciano Gorge
Centaurea cinerea*	a Knapweed	Positano
Cirsium tenoreanum	a Woolly Thistle	Monte Faito
Conyza bonariensis	Argentine Fleabane	Termini
Dittrichia viscosa	Stink Aster	Above Positano
Erigeron karvinskianus	Mexican Fleabane	Punta Gradelle
Eupatorium cannabinum	Hemp-agrimony	Above Positano

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Filago (Evax) pygmaea	Evax	Santa Costanzo
Galactites tomentosa	Galactites	Punta Campanella
Glebionis segetum	Corn Marigold	Monte Faito
Helichrysum italicum	Italian Everlasting	Punta Campanella
Hyoseris radiata	-	Capri
Hyoseris scabra	-	Monte Faito
Hypochaeris radicata	Cat's-ear	Marina Cantone
Phagnalon rupestre	Phagnalon	Punta Campanella
Sonchus oleraceus	Smooth Sowthistle	Punta Campanella
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
Sedum album	White Stonecrop	Monte Faito
Sedum dasyphyllum	Fat-leaved Stonecrop	Above Positano
Umbilicus rupestris	Wall Pennywort	Punta Campanella
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	Above Positano
Erica arborea	Tree Heather	Punta Campanella
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
Euphorbia amygdaloides subsp. robbiae	a Wood Spurge	Monte Faito
Euphorbia characias subsp. characias	Mediterranean Spurge	Punta Campanella
Euphorbia dendroides	Tree Spurge	Punta Gradelle
Euphorbia helioscopia	Sun Spurge	Punta Campanella
Mercurialis annua	Annual Mercury	Punta Gradelle
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
Blackstonia perfoliata	Yellow-wort	Above Positano
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family	
Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill	Monte Faito
Erodium malacoides	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	Punta Campanella
Erodium moschatum	Musk Stork's-bill	M'way Service Area
Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Punta Campanella
Geranium lucidum	Shining Crane's-bill	Monte Faito
Geranium molle	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Punta Campanella
Geranium purpureum	Little Robin	Punta Campanella
Hypericaceae	St. John's-wort Family	
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St. John's-wort	Capri
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary	Punta Campanella
Salvia glutinosa	Jupiter's Distaff	Monte Faito (leaves)
Salvia verbenaca	Wild Clary	Punta Campanella
Satureja hortensis	Summer Savory	Punta Campanella
Teucrium chamaedrys	Wall Germander	Capri
Teucrium fruticans	Shrub Germander	Above Positano
Thymus polytrichus	Wild Thyme	Monte Faito

Pea Family

Jupiter's Beard

Punta Campanella

Leguminosae (Fabaceae)

Anthyllis barba-jovis

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Ceratonia siliqua	Carob or Locust Tree	Punta Campanella
[Cercis siliquastrum]	Judas Tree	Planted
Colutea arborescens	Bladder Senna	Above Positano
Coronilla scorpioides	Annual Scorpion-vetch	Punta Campanella
Lotus edulis	Edible Lotus	Punta Campanella
Lotus ornithopodioides	a Bird's-foot Trefoil	Punta Campanella
Lotus tetragonolobus	Asparagus Pea	Punta Campanella
Lupinus angustifolius	Narrow-leaved Lupin	Punta Campanella
Medicago arabica	Spotted Medick	Punta Campanella
Medicago polymorpha	Toothed Medick	Punta Gradelle
Melilotus indicus	Small Melilot	Punta Campanella
Melilotus italicus	Italian Melilot	Marina Cantone
Onobrychis aequidentata	a Sainfoin	Marina Cantone
Onobrychis caput-galli	Cockscomb Sainfoin	Marina Cantone
Pisum sativum	Wild Pea	Below Monte Faito
[Robinia pseudacacia]	False Acacia	Roadsides
Scorpiurus muricatus	Scorpion-vetch	Santa Costanzo
Spartium junceum	Spanish Broom	Positano
Trifolium campestre	Hop Trefoil	M'way Service Area
Trifolium patense	Red Clover	Monte Faito
Trifolium repens	White Clover	M'way Service Area
Trifolium stellatum	Starry Clover	Punta Campanella
Trifolium subterraneum	Burrowing Clover	Santa Costanzo
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
Malva arborea	Tree Mallow	Punta Campanella
Malva multiflora (Lavatera cretica)	Small Tree Mallow	Punta Campanella
Malva sylvestris	Common Mallow	Punta Campanella
Moraceae	Mulberry Family	
Ficus carica	Fig	Punta Campanella
Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family	
Myrtus communis	Myrtle	Punta Campanella
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
Fraxinus ornus	Flowering Ash	Punta Campanella
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
Orobanche caryophyllacea	Clove-scented Broomrape	Capri
Orobanche crenata	Bean Broomrape	Punta Campanella
Orobache gracilis	Slender Broomrape	Punta Campanella
Orobanche minor	Common Broomrape	Above Positano
Oxalidaceae	Wood Sorrel Family	
[Oxalis pes-caprae]	Bermuda Buttercup	Commonly naturalised
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
Chelidonium majus	Greater Celandine	Vesuvius
Fumaria capreolata	White Ramping Fumitory	Punta Campanella
Fumaria muralis	Common Ramping Fumitory	Marina Cantone
Fumaria officinalis	Common Fumitory	Punta Campanella

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Papaver rhoeas	Common Poppy	Punta Campanella
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
Linaria purpurea	Purple Toadflax	Punta Campanella
Plantago arenaria	Branched Plantain	Marina Cantone
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	Above Positano
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family	
Rumex scutatus	French Sorrel / Rubble Dock	Termini
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
Anagallis arvensis subsp. arvensis	Scarlet Pimpernel (may be blue)	Punta Campanella
Cyclamen repandum	Spring Sowbread	Above Positano
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
Anemone apennina	Blue Anemone	Monte Faito
Anemone hortensis	an Anemone	Punta Campanella
Clematis vitalba	Old Man's Beard	Punta Campanella
Helleborus foetidus	Stinking Hellebore	Monte Faito
Ranunculus paludosus	Jersey Buttercup	Capri
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
Reseda alba	White Mignonette	Positano
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
Rhamnus alaternus	Mediterranean Buckthorn	Punta Campanella
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	Below Monte Faito
[Eriobotrya japonica]	Japanese Loquat	Occasionally natralised
Potentilla sterilis	Barren Strawberry	Monte Faito
[Prunus persica]	Peach	Vesuvius
Rosa canina agg.	Dog Rose	Monte Faito
Rubus fruticosus agg.	Bramble	Punta Campanella
Sanguisorba minor	Salad Burnet	Monte Faito
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
Populus x canadensis	Hybrid Black Poplar	Punta Campanella
Salix caprea	Goat Willow	Vesuvius
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family	
Osyris alba	Osyris	Marciano Gorge
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	Monte Faito
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
Saxifraga granulata	Meadow Saxifrage	Monte Faito
Saxifraga rotundifolia	Round-leaved Saxifrage	Monte Faito
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
Scrophularia canina	French Figwort	Capri
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Dioscorea (Tamus) communis

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location				
Scrophularia peregrina	Italian (Nettle-leaved) Figwort	Punta Campanella				
Verbascum rotundifolium subsp. rotundifolium*	Round-leaved Mullein a Mullein	Monte Faito Above Positano				
Verbascum sinuatum	a Mullelli	Above Positano				
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family					
Mandragoria officinalis	Mandrake	Santa Costanzo				
Solanum nigrum	Black Nightshade	Punta Campanella				
Thymelaeaceae	Daphne Family					
Daphne gnidium	Mediterranean Daphne	Capri (leaves)				
Daphne laureola	Spurge Laurel	Monte Faito				
Urticaceae	Nettle Family					
Parietaria lusitanica	a Pellitory-of-the-Wall	Punta Campanella				
Verbenaceae	Vervain Family					
[Lantana camera]	Lantana	Planted				
[Lantana Camera]	Lamana	rianteu				
Violaceae	Violet Family					
Viola eugeniae*	a Pansy	Monte Faito				
Viola odorata agg.	Sweet Violet	Monte Faito				
Viola riviniana	Common Dog Violet	Monte Faito				
Monocots	Monocotyledons					
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family					
Allium ampeloprasum	Wild Leek	Punta Campanella				
Allium neapolitanum	Naples Garlic	Below Monte Faito				
Allium subhirsutum	-	Above Termini				
Allium triquetum	Three-cornered Leek	Capri				
Allium paradoxum	Few-flowered Leek	Punta Campanella				
Allium roseum	Rosy Garlic	Punta Campanella				
Narcissus tazetta	Bunch-flowered Narcissus	Capri (leaves)				
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family					
[Agave americana]	Century Plant	Naturalised				
Drimia (Urginea) maritima	Sea Squill	Common (leaves)				
Leopoldia (Muscari) comosa	Tassel Hyacinth	Common				
Polygonatum multiflorum	Solomon's-seal	Monte Faito				
Ruscus aculeatus	Butcher's Broom	Above Positano				
Scilla bifolia	Alpine Squill	Monte Faito				
Araceae	Arum Family					
Arum italicum subsp. italicum	Large Cuckoo Pint	Capri				
Arum italicum subsp. neglectum	Large Cuckoo Pint (plain leaves)	Punta Campanella				
Arisarum vulgare	Friar's Cowl	Common (leaves)				
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family					
Carex caryophyllea	Spring Sedge	Monte Faito				
Dioscoreaceae	Black Bryony Family					
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Black Bryony

Above Positano

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Iridaceae	Iris Family	
Crocus vernus	Spring Crocus	Monte Faito (Over)
Gladiolus italicus	Field Gladiolus	Punta Campanella
[Iris albicans]	a White Iris	Naturalised - Amalfi coast
[Iris germanica]	Tall Bearded Iris	Naturalised on Capri
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
Luzula forsteri	Southern Woodrush	Above Positano
Luzula pilosa	Hairy Woodrush	Punta Campanella
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
Anacamptis pyramidalis	Pyramidal Orchid	Punta Campanella
Cephalanthera longifolia	Sword-leaved Helleborine	Above Positano
Limodorum abortivum	Violet Bird's-nest Orchid	Capri
Neotinea tridentata subsp. tridentata (O. commutata)	a Toothed Orchid	Above Positano
Ophrys argolica subsp. crabronifera (O. pollinensis)	-	Capri
Ophrys bombyliflora	Bumblebee Orchid	Capri
Ophrys sphegodes subsp. sphegodes	Early Spider Orchid	Punta Campanella
Orchis anthropophora	Man Orchid	Above Positano
Orchis italica	Naked Man Orchid	Common
Orchis pauciflora	Sparse-flowered Orchid	Below Monte Faito
Orchis provincialis	Provence Orchid	Above Positano
Serapias lingua	Tongue Orchid	Punta Campanella
Serapias parviflora	Small-flowered Tongue Orchid	Capri
Poaceae	Grass Family	
Avena barbata	Bristle Oat	Santa Costanzo
Avena sterilis	Winter Wild Oat	Santa Costanzo
Briza maxima	Large Quaking Grass	Above Positano
Calamagrostis epigejos	Wood Small-reed	Above Positano
Catapodium rigidum	Fern-grass	Termini
Hordeum murinum	Wall Barley	Termini
Hyparrhenia hirta	-	Above Positano
Poa annua	Annual Meadow-grass	Punta Gradelle
Vulpia bromoides	Squirrel-tail Fescue	Marina Cantone
Smilaceae	Smilax Family	
Smilax aspera	Common Smilax	Punta Campanella

Asphodel Family

White Asphodel

an Asphodel

Common Asphodel

Punta Campanella

Punta Campanella

Monte Faito

Xanthorrhoeaceae

Asphodelus aestivus

Asphodelus ramosus

Asphodelus albus

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

			April							
	Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra						✓		
2	Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax							✓	
3	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo					✓			
4	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus	✓							
5	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus				✓				
6	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus		✓						
7	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Mediterranean Gull	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus					✓			
9	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus				✓				
11	Rock Dove [Feral]	Columba livia feral	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓	✓		✓		√		
13	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
14	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba							✓	
15	Common Swift	Apus apus						✓		
16	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops		✓	1		✓	✓	✓	
17	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla							√	
18	European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis			Н					
19	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	/	✓	 		/	✓		
20	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo	+	•	'		· ·	•		
21	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	✓	✓	1	1	, 			
22	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	+	_	✓	•				
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23	Eurasian Magpie Western Jackdaw	Pica pica	+	,	-			∨		
24		Corvus monedula	✓	✓			/	∨ ✓	✓	
25	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	V ✓	∨ ✓	✓		V	∨ ✓	∨	
26	Northern Raven	Corvus corax	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	V			'	V	V	
27	Coal Tit	Periparus ater			√					
28	Marsh Tit	Poecile palustris			√					
29	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	√	√	√	√	✓			
30	Great Tit	Parus major	√	√	✓	✓	✓	Н	√	
31	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
32	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	√					√	
33	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	✓	✓	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	
34	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus				Н	✓		✓	
35	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita							✓	
36	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix					✓			
37	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		Н					✓	
38	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	✓	✓	Н	Н	✓	✓	✓	
39	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis							✓	
40	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans				✓	✓	Н	✓	
41	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	✓	✓	Н	✓	✓	Н	✓	
42	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla		✓	✓	Н	Н			
43	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	✓	✓	✓	✓	Н	Н	Н	
44	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea			✓					
45	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla			✓					
46	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	✓					✓		
47	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	Н	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos			✓		1	Ì		

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49	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula			Н			Н		
50	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		Н					✓	
51	European Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca							✓	
52	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros					✓	✓		
53	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus							✓	
54	Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis					✓	✓		
55	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius	Н	✓	✓	Н		Н	Н	
56	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra		✓					✓	
57	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe			✓			✓	✓	
58	Italian Sparrow	Passer domesticus italiae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus		✓				✓		
60	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea		✓					✓	
61	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba				✓			✓	
62	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis		✓						
63	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Н	✓
64	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	Н	✓	Н		✓	✓	✓	
65	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina					✓			
66	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis						✓		
67	European Serin	Serinus serinus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia			✓					
69	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus							✓	

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Moorish Gecko	Tarentola mauritanica				✓	✓		✓	
2	Italian Wall Lizard	Podarcis sicula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

3 Western Whip Snake Coluber viridiflavus

Mammals (D = dead)

1	Brown Rat	Rattus norvegicus				D					
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Fish

1	Annular Seabream	Diplodus annularis			✓		
2	Goldline	Sarpa salpa			✓		
3	Damselfish	Chromis chromis			✓		
4	East Atlantic Peacock Wrasse	Symphodus tinca			✓		
5	Grey Mullet	Mugil cephalus			✓		
6	Mediterranean Sand Smelt	Atherina hepsetus			✓		

Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon	✓	✓		✓			✓	
2	Scarce Swallowtail	Iphiclides podalirius		✓						
3	Southern Festoon	Zerynthia polyxena cassandra			✓					
4	Large White	Pieris brassicae		✓		✓		✓	✓	
5	Small White	Pieris rapae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
6	Green-veined White	Pieris napi		✓					✓	
7	Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines			✓	✓		✓	✓	
8	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		✓		✓				

			April									
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9	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra	✓	✓		✓			✓			
10	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni				✓						
11	Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi				✓						
12	Holly Blue	Celastrina argiolus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	Green-underside Blue	Glaucopsyche alexis						✓				
14	Small Tortoiseshell	Aglais urticae	✓									
15	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
16	Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui			✓				✓			
17	Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria		✓		✓	✓	✓				
18	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

Macro Moths

1	Oak Eggar	Lasiocampa quercus				✓	
2	Silver Y Moth	Autographa gamma		✓			

Other Invertebrates

1	Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombae			✓				
2	Migratory Locust	Locusta migratoria	✓						
3	Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptium			✓			✓	
4	Fire Bug	Pyrrhocoris apterus			✓				
5	Lacewing	Hemerobiidae sp.			✓				
6	a Beefly	Bombylius sp.			✓			✓	
7	a Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa sp.	✓					✓	
8	Honey Bee	Apis mellifera	✓	✓				✓	
9	Buff-tailed Bumblebee	Bombus terrestris						✓	
10	White-tailed Bumblebee	Bombus lucorum				✓			
11	a Chafer	Oxythyrea funesta	✓		✓	✓		✓	
12	Pollen Beetle	Tropinota squalida			✓				
13	Ten-spot Ladybird	Adalia 10-punctata						✓	
14	an Oil Beetle	Meloe proscarabaeus		✓			✓	✓	
15	Lily Beetle	Lilioceris lilii			✓				
16	Bloody-nosed Beetle	Timarcha tenebricosa	✓		✓				
17	Leaf Beetle	Chrysolina cerealis			✓				
18	a Millipede	Diplopoda sp	✓		✓				
19	Pill Woodlouse	Armadillium vulgare	✓					✓	

Molluscs

1	Roman Snail	Helix pomatia				✓	
2	Garden Snail	Cornu aspersum		✓			