# The Apennines:

# Italy's Abruzzo National Park

Naturetrek Wildlife Festival Tour Report

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Gentiana dinarica

Red Squirrel





La Difesa

Yellowhammer

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# **Summary**

The Abruzzo National Park in the central Apennines of Italy always offers a wide range of wildlife encounters, including a few surprises, set amidst a variety of habitats, and this first Abruzzo Wildlife Festiva week was no exception. For two of the group, the two Wolves crossing the path in front of them was a real treat, as was the Wolf seen by more, early one morning. The extended views of the Marsican Brown Bear from Gioia Vecchio were wonderful: a totally wild animal behaving naturally, unaffected by human influence. We did well too for sightings of Golden Eagles, and the views of the Montagu's Harriers, Ortolan Bunting and Red-backed Shrike will stay in the mind. Although it was an exceptionally late season, and flowering plants were probably three weeks behind, we saw some stunning diaplays, especially of the endemic Pansy *Viola eugeniae*, the endemic Trumpet Gentian, Lady Orchids and the Early Purple x Sparse-flowered Orchid hybrids.

Geraldine and Marco, as ever, provided a warm welcome, delicious food and wonderful hospitality, introducing us to several local specialities. Everything contributed to an excellent week in a delightful location!

Day 1

UK to Rome to Pescasseroli

**Thursday 16th May** 

The group members arrived on various flights from the UK, meeting up with those who had flown out earlier and enjoyed a few days in Rome, and Luca and Nicola who had travelled from northern Italy. We sorted the vehicles and set off, three minibuses forming the advance party, the others about 20 minutes later. The traffic on the Rome ringroad was fairly slow, but not too bad, and we picked up speed as we drove east. As we went, we were able to note Umbrella Pines (*Pinus pinea*), Hooded Crows, Yellow-legged Gulls, large numbers of Swallows hawking over fields, and the occasional Common Swift, among other birds. An Osprey, seen by some, was a nice sighting. The vegetation was noticeably greener than it often is, due to the cool, wet spring.

As we drove towards the mountains, we enjoyed the little hill-top villages and gorges of the Apennine foothills. We stopped for a break just inside Abruzzo Province. Soon after, the motorways branched, and we took the A24 towards Pescara, passing the flat plain that is the remains of Lake Fucino, formerly the third largest lake in Italy. We left the autostrada beyond Avezzano, to drop down to Pescina and round the edge of the plain before climbing up into the National Park, noting the bright yellow Laburnum (Laburnum anagyroides), and some hearing Nightingale as we left the autostrada and on the plain. Common Buzzard and Common Kestrel were also seen by some.

The earlier group stopped at Gioia Vecchio to scan the valley and slopes, although all was quiet in terms of mammals. Some saw a Roe Deer, two Brown Hares were seen, and a couple of Red Deer hinds were near the road when the later minibuses passed. We drove through Pescasseroli to the Albergo Paradiso, where we received the usual very warm welcome from Geraldine and Marco. We quickly settled into our rooms and then

had a delicioius dinner, during which Jessica outlined plans for the morrow. After a very long day, we then retired to bed.

Day 2 Friday 17th May

Around Hotel; Val Fondillo; Opi; Gioia Vecchio or Bisegna

This morning dawned misty, and some of the group ventured out at 7am, to explore the local area. Tree Sparrows, Common Redstart and Serins were around the hotel, as was Common Firecrest which showed well. Walking up the track behind the hotel, towards a small hill, the early birders were also enjoying the local plants, including the endemic Pansy *Viola eugeniae*, the blue-flowered 'Anchusa' *Cynoglottis barrelieri*, and Solomon's-seal (*Polygonatum multiflorum*). A Red Squirrel (here a dark chocolate-brown) was seen from one of the rooms.

After an excellent breakfast, the group gathered in the morning sun, some hearing a Wryneck. With picnic bought, we set off down the Sangro valley to Val Fondillo, near Opi. This large, flat-bottomed valley holds a variety of habitats. We parked by the Visitor Centre and first scanned the slopes of Monte Marsicano, behind. The tops of the mountains were still snow-covered (some fresh), and we found a few Abruzzo Chamois, including a mother and youngster. A Golden Eagle soared over the top, and a few Red Deer were seen.

We then set off up the track, soon finding some Lady Orchids (Orchis purpurea), the Star-of-Bethlehem Ornithogalum collinum, Southern Red Bartsia (Parentucellia latifolia), Nice Milkwort (Polygala nicaeensis), Common Globularia (Globularia vulgaris) and Dark Grape Hyacinths (Muscari neglectum), among other species. A Honey Buzzard was seen, and we could see the different outline from the Common Buzzard that followed. Moving across the valley, we soon added Green-winged Orchids (Anacamptis morio), emerging Toothed Orchids (Neotinea tridentata) and a couple of Burnt Orchids (Neotinea ustulata). A pair of Red-backed Shrikes showed well on the Juniper bushes. A few butterflies were on the wing, including Small Heath, Wood White, Red Admiral and both the common and Berger's Clouded Yellows. Towards the Beech trees at the edge of the valley there was a magnificent display of mainly yellow, but also purple and mauve Viola eugeniae and under the trees, a most amazing bank of Gentiana dinarica, the endemic deep-blue Trumpet Gentian. Jessica had never seen such a fine display anywhere in the area – a bonus of the late season! Western Bonelli's Warbler, Chiffchaff and Blackcap were singing around us.

We dropped down to the stream, which showed evidence of extensive and severe winter flooding, although the new bridge had survived. The rocks forming a small cave held the Reddish Saxifrage *Saxifraga porophylla*, another endemic flowering well, and the strange-coloured Cut-leaved Dame's Violet (*Hesperis laciniata*). Field Crickets were chirping, and one was seen at the entrance to its burrow. We continued to explore the area, adding Marsh Tit, among other species, before wandering back to the Visitor Centre. We enjoyed a delicious picnic of local produce at the tables nearby, enjoying the mountain scenery around us.

Afterwards, some of the group opted to return to the hotel, but most visited the little hill-top village of Opi, so we drove up the steep road to the village. We parked on the main street and spent some time exploring and admiring the magnificent views in every direction. We also learnt a little of the sad history of this village. Two

Abruzzo Chamois were seen in the Sanctuary area, Black Redstart was seen, and Crag Martins were flying round the church, with Swifts higher in the sky. Some saw a Goshawk, and three Bee-eaters flew over.

After a break, some met to update our checklists, and we all enjoyed another excellent dinner, served early so we could go out afterwards. Half the group went back to Gioia Vecchio, the others to the Bisegna junction and viewpoint, seeing Red and Roe Deer. The latter group also saw a male Wild Boar. On the return journey, some saw Brown Hares, one minibus had an excellent view of Italian Hare, with its distinctive white belly and more orange coloration, while others saw a Long-eared Owl in flight, and a Beech Marten ran in front of them. We were pleased to warm up by the fire, though, after an excellent first day in the field.

### Day 3

# Saturday 18th May

Round hotel; Camosciara; Gioia Vecchio or Bisegna

As it was a cloudy night, Alan ran a moth trap in the hotel garden. There were a few moths: Puss Moth, Pale Prominent, Common Quaker and a European Noctuid *Hadena magnolii* were the macros and there were several Grey Tortrix (which can only be fully identified by dissection). Plenty of Cockchafers and a Yellow Ichneumon had also been attracted to the light. Some people went for a wander round the hotel, having good views of Black Redstart and Firecrest among the other birds seen.

The morning was grey with rain, although mainly light and not continuous. After breakfast, with the picnic bought, we headed south-east down the valley of the Sangro, past the Val Fondillo, to our destination of Camosciara in the heart of the National Park. Having parked the vehicles, we watched Redstarts and a Cirl Bunting in the parking area. We set off up the road, finding spikes of Lady Orchid (Orchis purpurea), Twayblade (Neottia ovata) and Early Purple Orchids (Orchis mascula subsp. speciosa) with pointed petals and sepals, under the trees. This valley has a very different character to Val Fondillo, being more wooded, with Dogwood (Cornus sanguinea), Cornelian Cherry (Cornus mas), Goat Willow (Salix caprea), Wild Pear (Pyrus pyraster) and Field Maple (Acer campestre), as well as Turkey Oak (Quercus cerris) in the lower part. A Cuckoo called very close to hand, and was seen flying from a tree, and Blackcaps, Chiffchaff, Song Thrush and Wren were singing. A couple of Red Deer hinds were seen running up a nearby hillslope and, shortly afterwards in the same area, a Wild Boar with two ginger-striped piglets were seen coming down into the valley, giving good views before being hidden by trees.

By the stream, we found more, beautiful blue endemic Trumpet Gentians (Gentiana dinarica), a spike of Columbine (Aquilegia vulgaris), the enormous kidney-shaped leaves and single yellow flowers of Thore's Buttercup (Ranunculus thora), Shrubby Milkwort (Polygala chamaebuxus) with red- or yellow-and-white or -magenta flowers, and a Sword-leaved Helleborine (Cephalanthera longifolia) still in bud. The leaves of the endemic, large-flowered Camosciara Butterwort (Pinguicula vallis-regiae) could be seen on the far bank. Unfortunately, most of the Lady's Slipper Orchids (Cypripedium calceolus) were barely showing buds, but one plant had a flower which was nearly out. The mauve Coralroot Bittercress was flowering beautifully, as was Apennine Lungwort (Pulmonaria apennina), and we noted the large leaves of Green False-helleborine (Veratrum lobelianum). The weather meant that very few insects were seen, but some Bee Flies were sheltering in an Early Purple Orchid.

After stopping for coffee at the little bar at the end of the road, the group split, with some returning, and others going further. The latter group climbed through the Beech wood to the waterfalls Cascata delle Tre Cannelle and Cascata delle Ninfe (Cascade of Three Channels and Cascade of the Nymphs), magnificent after all the rain. Wood Warblers were singing, Bonelli's Warbler was seen well, and a Dipper was seen in the stream. The yellow Bear's Ears (*Primula auricula*) were still very fresh. As they returned, a Golden Eagle was seen, as well. The others walked back down the road, continuing to enjoy the ambience. For one couple, walking by themselves, the walk was particularly rewarding as they were watching a pair of Ring Ouzels and two Wolves ran across the path, a short distance in front of them. What a privilege!

We returned to the warmth and dry of the hotel to enjoy another delicious picnic and an afternoon at leisure, with some people further exploring the local area. After an early dinner, most of the group ventured out again, reversing the destinations of the previous evening. A Wild Boar and some Red Deer were seen at Gioia Vecchio, plus a Long-eared Owl in flight, while those scanning the meadows off the Bisegna Road had good views of Red Deer, including a couple of Stags, Brown Hare, and a couple of Red Fox, which were sitting on the road as we returned. The Cuckoos were singing constantly, and Tawny Owl was calling.

Day 4 Sunday 19th May

Gioia Vecchio; Alba Fucens via Bisegna and Pescina, back on Circonfucense

This morning dawned fine but cloudy, and quite a number were out at first light, to scan for mammals. They saw a number of Red Deer, but otherwise all was quiet.

After breakfast, with a forecast of heavy showers, we decided to drive to a lower altitude, to visit the Roman remains at Alba Fucens, north of Avezzano. We set off, taking the road to Bisegna, and making our first stop at the high meadow we know as the Bisegna viewpoint, as the previous evening, we'd noticed some orchids there. There was a lemon-yellow Elder-flowered Orchid (*Dactylorhiza sambucina*) and a good number of Sparse-flowered Orchids (*Orchis pauciflora*), so we were able to compare the two species, the former having obvious leafy bracts in the flower. There were also many Early Purple Orchids (*Orchis mascula* subsp. *speciosa*) and hybrids with Sparse-flowered (*Orchis x colemannii*), showing a range of intermediate colours and mixtures of characters. Nearby the strange-looking plant Solenanthus (*Solenanthus apenninus*) was just coming into flower and an endemic Spurge (*Euphorbia gasparrinii* subsp. samnitica). Skylark and Stonechat were seen, and Hoopoes and Tree Pipits heard. A tiny moth was Diamond-backed, which migrates, sometimes in large numbers, from Africa.

Moving on, we stopped again just outside the village of Bisegna, at a rocky cliff which held a pair of Rock Buntings. Nightingales were singing (they were the constant accompaniment to our day at lower levels), and there were some *Ophrys* orchids on the verge. Taxonomists generally fall into two groups when identifying this family: the 'splitters', looking at physical variations, and the 'lumpers', usually working with DNA. As *Ophrys* hybridise readily and show evolution in action, they can be hard to name. Anyway, these ones were mainly the *Ophrys promontorii* type, which is now classified as *Ophrys x flavicans*, being of hybrid origin. There were also Early Spider Orchids (*Ophrys sphegodes*). Other plants included a magnificent sward of the Perennial Flax *Linum alpinum* growing above us, so we could see the beautiful vivid-blue of the partially open flowers, Golden Drops (*Onosma* 

echioides), Burnt Candytuft (Aethionema saxatile), Spiny Broom (Cytisus spinescens) and Amelanchier (Amelanchier ovalis). We eventually continued our descent, passing plenty of Leopard's-bane (Doronicum columnae) flowering under the fresh-green Beech trees. We stopped for coffee in Pescina, where the band was playing in the square, Swifts were screaming overhead, and a White Helleborine (Cephalanthera damasonium) was in flower.

Our road took us along the northern edge of the plain that was Lake Fucino, once the third-largest lake in Italy, and finally drained in the late 1800's. A ringtail Montagu's Harrier caused a stop on the SS83, and we were able to have excellent views of a pair, the male sitting on a post. We also had very good views of Ortolan Bunting, the male singing from the top of a tree. A Hobby flew overhead, a Stonechat family and Common Whitethroat were among the other birds, and a Common Heath moth was on the wing. We were by a semi-cultivated field, which held botanical delights including Pheasant's-eye (*Adonia annua*), Tuberous Geranium (*Geranium tuberosum*), Tassel Hyacinth (*Leopoldia comosa*) and Corn Buttercup (*Ranunculus arvensis*).

The rain started again, and we passed through a heavy shower as we completed our drive to Alba Fucens, which lies inder the imposing Monte Velino. It was originally an ancient Italic town, on the border between the Marsi and the Equi tribes, taken over by a Roman colony, due to its strategic importance (on the edge of the lake and the route to the coast), but finally destroyed by the Saracens in the 10th Century. It has a large amphitheatre and well-preserved streets and columns, and also holds interesting plants, birds and insects. While lunch was being prepared, in a bright period, the group explored the area, finding Green-winged Orchids (*Anacamptis morio*), Early Spider Orchids (*Ophrys sphegodes*), Late Spider Orchids (*Ophrys fuciflora*), including the form sometimes known as *Ophrys dinarica*, and Bertoloni's Bee Orchid (*Ophrys bertolonii*). They also found a large female Common Toad and a dead Western Green Lizard.

We were able to have our picnic under the cover of an awning and inside a bar, and then we set off again, this time in the rain, to explore further. The church on the hill, originally a temple to Apollo, was opened for us to look round. We added Burnt Orchids (*Neotinea ustulata*), spikes of Adriatic Lizard Orchid (*Himantoglossum adriaticum*), not yet open, Bedstraw Broomrape (*Orobanche caryophyllacea*), emerging Thyme Broomrape (*O. alba*) and Yellow Milkwort (*Polygala flavescens*) to the plant list, while insect life included Spotted Fritillary, Small Copper, Common Blue, the silken webs and caterpillars of Spindle Ermine moth (on Spindle bushes), Bird Cherry Ermine (on Blackthorn and St. Lucie's Cherry), and Ascalaphids. Linnet, Cirl Bunting and Black Redstart were among the birds.

We set off on our long journey home, this time taking the lower, Circonfucense road which is on the level of the plain. A Hobby was perched in a Willow, and a Marsh Harrier gave excellent views. Two Turtle Doves and a Hoopoe flew across, and we stopped to look at a family of Stonechats and a Northern Wheatear. Some stopped for Coot and Little Grebe on a small lake, and Cetti's Warbler called. We rejoined the main road at Gioia dei Marsi, climbing up past Gioia Vecchio, enjoying the stunning evening light. A downpour greeted us in Pescasseroli but didn't last.

We met at 7.30pm for a leisurely dinner and a quiet evening, after another excellent day.

## Day 5

# **Monday 20th May**

Gioia Vecchio; La Difesa; Vallone Pesco di Lordo; out again

This morning dawned bright, although with more cloud than recently, and with the forecast of rain later in the day. Some of the group were out at 7am round the hotel, enjoying the now-familiar species of the area. The search for Wryneck, which could be heard, resulted in a good but very brief view for some, before it flew off.

After breakfast, we took the vehicles a short distance to the start of the day's walk in the Difesa forest. We set off up the track past moss- and lichen-covered boulders and large, old Beech trees. Cuckoo, Song Thrush and Chiffchaff were singing loudly, among the other birds, and Yellow Anemones (*Anemone ranunculoides*) were still fresh. We found some pink Bird-in-a-bush (*Corydalis cava*), together with one of the ancient-woodland indicator species, Herb-Paris (*Paris quadrifolia*), still in bud, Sweet Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*), and the leaves of Roundleaved Saxifrage (*Saxifraga rotundifolia*), abundant on boulders. Bank Voles were numerous and provided much entertainment. Some very rotten trees held interesting fungi, including Hoof Fungus, and some beautiful clumps of Lungwort lichen, and we saw evidence of wood-boring beetles in the many tunnels and holes but could find any adults. A clearing with enormous water troughs, reminded us of the importance of sheep in the past, and the 'transhumanza', as they were moved to Puglia for the winter months. There were strings of fresh spawn of Common Toad, and the stream held large numbers of Caddis Fly larval cases. Hoopoe was calling, but remained elusive, and some saw Collared Flycatcher.

The group split, with some continuing on the path up through La Difesa, enjoying the beauty of the forest, Wood and Bonelli's Warblers and Collared Flycatcher, but not finding Woodpeckers. The others turned off the track into the Vallone Pesco di Lordo, an open valley. A Spring Crocus (Crocus vernus) was by the path, and the endemic Alpine Wood Forget-me-not (Myosotis gram) was starting to flower. Up the slope we found several large clumps of the endemic Marsican Iris (Iris marsica), a species restricted to this area, although resembling the 'ordinary' Garden Iris (Iris germanica). Some were in a loosely fenced enclosure with a few just coming into flower. We also saw the beautiful pink endemic form of Ashy Crane's-bill (Geranium austroapenninum). A Red-backed Shrike was seen well, perched on top of a tree, and we had good views of a Roe Deer. While insect life was sparse, we found a beautiful micro-moth Pyrausta purpuralis, with purple and gold wings. The weather started to change as we made our way back, some getting rather wet.

We enjoyed our picnic in the dry of the hotel, and the afternoon was at leisure. As the weather brightened again, a number walked into the village or around the area, and Red Squirrel was seen. Having updated the checklists, we enjoyed another excellent meal, before venturing out into the fine evening. Groups went to Gioia Vecchio, the Bisegna viewpoint and also past Opi. Good views of Red Deer, especially of some fine stags, a group of nine Wild Boar in the meadows by Opi and one in the valley at Gioia Vecchio, Roe Deer barking, Fox and both Brown and Italian Hare were reported, plus a brief snatch of Nightjar calling. In the very last light, Matt had a glimpse of a couple of distant Wolves in the Bisegna meadow, but sadly, no one else could get on to them. We later heard that a bear had been seen at Gioia Vecchio earlier in the evening.

#### Day 6

# **Tuesday 21st May**

Gioia Vecchio; Barrea; Lago di Barrea; Gioia Vecchio

We woke to another grey morning, but the early risers were out at 5.15am, driving to Gioia Vecchio. Just north of the village, some of them saw a Wolf, crossing a meadow with something in its mouth. They also saw several Red and Roe Deer. Another group saw Red-backed Shrike, Cirl Bunting, nine Red and a Roe Deer and four Mistle Thrush. Those out near the hotel (from 7am) had good views of Serin, Common and Black Redstarts, plus a Peregrine Falcon with prey. As it had been a cool, damp night, there were only two moths in the trap, a male and female Light Feathered Rustic.

After breakfast we left to drive down the valley to Villetta Barrea, at the end of the Lago di Barrea. Here, we were intending to look at the higher altitudes by road, by driving to the Passo Godi, but we found the road closed due to a landslip. We therefore drove on to the far end of the lake, to the hillside town of Barrea. We parked in Barrea overlooking the lake, where there was a break for refreshments. We then took the short path which climbs to Barrea Gorge, as the sun came out. A Red Kite was seen, and then Golden Eagle flew in, perching on a rock, giving good but distant views, and later, a second bird was seen. A number of Red-billed Choughs were flying round and entering the cave opposite, a Crag Martin was seen there, while Swallows were swooping past us. Three Red Deer were seen on the cliff, and we could also see a patch of the endemic Marsican Iris (*Iris marsica*) and spikes of Yellow Asphodel (*Asphodeline lutea*).

Nearer to hand, plants included Tuberous Valerian (Valeriana tuberosa), lots of Dark Grape Hyacinth (Muscari neglectum), Burnt Orchids (Neotinea ustulata), Cotoneaster (Cotoneaster integerrimus), and an endemic Houseleek Sempervivum ricci. A spike of Thick-leaved Saxifrage (Saxifraga callosa) was not quite out, but the tiny, silvery plant in the Pink Family, Paronychia kapela was showing its silvery bracts, like fingernails (hence its name). Among the insects, Small Heath, Orange Tip, Southern Grizzled Skipper and Dingy Skipper butterflies, a Longhorn micro moth Nemophora degeerella, Red-collared Longhorn Beetle and the egg cases of a Mantid species were noted. We had plenty of time to relax and explore and, as we slowly made our way back down, we found some beautiful Elder-flowered Orchids (Dacylorhiza sambucina), a Hoopoe took off from a grassy patch and a Nightingale was singing nearby. Thick-leaved Stonecrop (Sedum dasyphyllum) just coming into flower on the walls, and the Dandelion-like Cut-leaved Viper's-grass (Podospermum laciniatum) was in the verges.

We drove to a café by the lake side, just over the bridge to Civitella Alfadena, and enjoyed our picnic on the shore in the shelter of a cafe. Mallard, Coot and a raft of Great-crested Grebes were on the water, where Carp could be seen. A Honey Buzzard flew over, while Nuthatch and Short-toed Treecreeper were in the trees. White Helleborine (*Cephalanthera damasonium*) was in bud in a glade, and there were some fine Lady Orchids (*Orchis purpurea*) in flower. A couple of Red Deer stags were by the roadside in Villetta Barrea, looking photogenic. As we returned, a couple of the dark chocolate-brown Red Squirrels were in the garden, one sitting still on a branch, eating a cone.

After another delicious dinner, we headed out again, going in three directions, to Gioia Vecchio, Bisegna and Opi. Matt's minibus saw a Fox on the way out. At Gioia Vecchio, there was much excitement – a Bear was in the valley! We all leapt out of the minibuses and were soon seeing her well through the scopes as she walked through

the patchwork of clearings; it was a female with a limp, who has frequented this area for several years. Alan's minibus was called over from Bisegna, and they arrived in time to see her moving back up the hill slope. She seemed anxious and kept looking over her shoulder or pausing and turning round – we wondered whether she could smell a male Bear. Eventually she disappeared into the trees. The other group, beyond Opi, saw a Wild Boar, Red Deer, and a female Toad amongst other wildlife.

## Day 7

## Wednesday 23rd May

#### Val di Rose / Castel Mancino

This morning dawned bright and sunny. One minibus was out very early, but no wolves were sighted this morning.

With a finer day in prospect, about half the group set out to do our high walk, up the Val di Rose. With picnics made, they set out at 8.30am, driving back down the valley to Villetta Barrea and then up to Civitella Alfadena, where they parked. The path climbs through a patchwork of Beech forest and glades. Wood Warbler was singing and was seen. Under the trees, a number of Bank Voles were seen, and they found Wolf scat, full of hair. In the glades a few butterflies were on the wing, Small Heath, Brimstone, Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell being recorded. At the last glade before the tree line, a Lilford's White-backed Woodpecker was heard and then seen flying round one tree, and an Asp Viper was also seen briefly.

One above the trees, they were able to enjoy the open alpine meadows, with less snow than had been expected. Plants included beautiful Spring Gentians (Gentiana verna), the endemic form of Alpine Wood Forget-me-not (Myosotis grani), Yellow Whitlow-grass (Draba aizoides), Mezereon (Daphne mezereum), Alpine Squill (Scilla bifolia), Spring Crocus (Crocus verna) and Early Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem (Gagea bohemica), all flowering well. The Pansies (Viola eugeniae) up here tended to be predominantly purple, in contrast to lower altitudes. Red-billed Chough and Rock Thrush were seen, and Alpine Accentor heard by some. However, the starts of the show were the Abruzzo Chamois, especially one confiding individual who was very close. Some of the group climbed to the ridge to enjoy the stunning views in all directions. Having completed the descent in the dry, the group had time for refreshments in the village before returning to the hotel. It had been a fantastic walk.

The other group had a more relaxed breakfast, with time to explore Pescasseroli or go shopping afterwards. Some them opted to stay in the village and walk back, while the rest of up drove up to the town cemetery, where we started our walk up Castel Mancino. The path climbs gently through the trees, where we had good views of Nuthatch and Firecrest, and heard Bonnelli's Warbler, among other species. Butterflies included Wood White, Painted Lady and a wonderfully fresh Swallowtail, and a vivid-green Western Green Lizard with a regrown tail was basking on a rock. New plants included flowering Rock-rose (Helianthemum nummularium) and Dodder (Cuscuta epithymum), with its red, thread-like stems and miniscule leaves. We enjoyed the views down over the settlement and beyond. After a final, delicious picnic on the sun terrace at the hotel, after which a Golden Eagle flew overhead and Wryneck was calling nearby, some of us returned to Pescasseroli to sample a genuine 'gelato'. Unfortunately, that had to be enjoyed under cover, as a short but heavy shower came on, while those back at the hotel were still enjoying the sun. We then had free time until 5.15pm, when some opted to return to Gioia Vecchio, for some last-day scanning. There were plenty of watchers, but all was quiet, and a cold wind got up, so

one minibus returned to the hotel. The others stayed an extra half hour, seeing a Red Deer stag and a hind with a very young fawn.

We gathered for our last, excellent meal, finished off by an enormous tiramisu cake complete with candle, in honour of John's birthday. We then retired, in preparation for an early start the following day.

### Day 8

# **Thursday 23rd May**

Pescasseroli to Rome and onwards.

After an early breakfast, we loaded the buses and said our farewells and thanks to Marco, Geraldine and the staff at Albergo Paradiso, who had looked after us so well. The first minibus left at 6am, the others at 6.30. It was very misty, but the sun was already starting to burn it off. We drove back through the park, still watching, just in case... Red Fox, Hoopoe and Cuckoo were seen, Nightingale was heard, and a few Rose-ringed (Ring-necked) Parakeets were near the airport. We made good time, including a break, and dropped everyone at Departures, where we said our farewells, as Jessica, Alan, Matt and Luca were staying on to meet another group. We left with many memories of the beautiful and fascinating area that is the Abruzzo National Park, especially for most of the group, of that Bear ...

Jessica, Alan, Matt, Nico and Luca would like to thank all the group members for being such an excellenta lovely group. Despite the less-than-perfect weather, we had a fantastic time and a lot of laughter. We hope to meet you again some time.

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# **Species Lists**

Plants (\* = a species is endemic)

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Scientific name	Common name	Day	Location
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & ALLIES		
Leptosporangiate Ferns	True Ferns		
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family		
Asplenium adiantum-nigrum	Black Spleenwort	6	Lago di Barrea
Asplenium ceterach	Rusyback	2	Val Fondillo
Asplenium ruta-muraria	Wall Rue	2	Val Fondillo
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort	2	Val Fondillo
Cystopteraceae	Bladder-fern Family		
Cystopteris fragilis	Brittle Bladder-fern	2	Val Fondillo
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family		
Polypodium vulgare agg.	Common Polypody	5	La Difesa
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS		
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family		
Juniperus communis	Common Juniper	2	Val Fondillo
Juniperus communis var. saxatilis	Dwarf Juniper	7	Val di Rose
Pinaceae	Pine Family		
Pinus mugo	Dwarf Mountain Pine	7	Val di Rose
Pinus nigra subsp. nigra	Austrian or Black Pine	6	Near Villetta Barrea
Pinus pinea	Umbrella Pine	1	Roadsides
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	7	Castel Mancino
ANGIOSPERMS	FLOWERING PLANTS		
Eu-dicots	True Dicotyledons		
Adoxaceae	Moschatel Family		
Adoxa moschatellina	Moschatel	5	La Difesa
Sambucus ebulus	Dwarf Elder	5	La Difesa
Sambucus nigra	Elder	1	Roadsides
Viburnum lantana	Wayfaring Tree	2	Val Fondillo
Apiaceae	Carrot Family		
Aegopodium podagraria	Ground Elder	3	Camosciara
Bupleurum rotundifolium	Thorow-wax	4	Circonfucense
Conium maculatum	Hemlock	4	Circonfucense
Eryngium amethystinum	Blue Eryngo	2	Val Fondillo, leaves only
Scandix pecten-veneris	Shepherd's Needles	4	Roadside stop SS83
Seseli montanum subsp. tommasinii	Seseli	2	Val Fondillo, leaves only

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Aralaceae	Ivy Family		
Hedera helix	lvy	3	Camosciara
Betulaceae	Birch Family		
Carpinus betulus	Hornbeam	6	Lago di Barrea
Corylus avellana	Hazel	2	Val Fondillo
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family		
Anchusa azurea	Large Blue Alkanet	4	SS83 stop
Cynoglottis barrellieri	an Anchusa (Blue)	2	Val Fondillo
Echium vulgare subsp. pustulatum	a Viper's-bugloss	2	Val Fondillo
Myosotis graui*	Alpine Wood Forget-me-not	5	Vallone Pesco di Lordo
Myosotis ramosissima	Early Forget-me-not	2	Val Fondillo
Myosotis sylvatica	Wood Forget-me-not	2	Val Fondillo
Onosma echioides	A Golden-drops	4	Near Bisegna
Pulmonaria cf apennina*	A Lungwort	3	Camosciara
Solenanthus apenninus*	Solenanthus	4	Bisegna viewpoint
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family		
Aethionema saxatile	Burnt Candytuft	4	Near Bisegna
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard	2	Val Fondillo
Alyssum diffusum*	a Yellow Alyssum	6	Barrea Gorge
Alyssum simplex (minus)	an Alyssum	2	Val Fondillo
Arabis caucasica	Alpine Rock-cress	2	Val Fondillo
Arabis hirsuta	Hairy Rock-cress	2	Val Fondillo
Arabis turrita	Towercress	7	Val di Rose
Aubrieta columnae subsp. columnae*	Aubrieta	3	Camosciara
Barbarea sp.	A Wintercress	3	Camosciara
Cardamine bulbifera	Coralroot Bitter-cress	3	Camosciara
Cardamine enneaphyllos	Drooping Bitter-cress	3	Camosciara
Cardamine flexuosa	Wavy Bitter-cress	5	La Difesa
Draba aizoides	Yellow Whitlow-grass	7	Val di Rose
Erysimum pseudorhaeticum*	a Treacle Mustard	2	Val Fondillo
Hesperis laciniata	Cut-leaved Dame's Violet	2	Val Fonfillo
Isatis tinctoria	Woad	3	By Camosciara
Lepidium draba	Hoary Cress	4	SS83 stop
Microthlaspi perfoliatum	Cotswold Penny-cress	4	SS83 stop
Nasturtium officinale	Watercress	2	Val Fondillo
Thlaspi caerulescens ssp. brachypetalum	Alpine Penny-cress	7	Val di Rose
Thlaspi praecox	Early Penny-cress	2	Val Fondillo
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family		
Dipsacus fullonum	Wild Teasel	2	Val Fondillo
Lonicera alpigena	Alpine Honeysuckle	3	Camosciara
Lonicera etrusca	Etruscan Honeysuckle	6	Lago di Barrea
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family		
Cerastium tomentosum	Snow-in-Summer	2	Val Fondillo
Dianthus sylvestris	Wood Pink	7	Castel Mancino
Herniaria glabra	Smooth Rupturewort	4	Alba Fucens

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Paronychia kapela	a Paronychia	6	Barrea Gorge
Silene dioica	Red Campion	4	Roadsides
Silene italica	Italian Catchfly	4	Alba Fucens
Silene latifolia	White Campion	2	Val Fondillo
Stellaria media	Chickweed	6	Lago di Barrea
Stellaria nemorum	Wood Stitchwort	3	Camosciara
Celastraceae	Spindle Family		
Euonymus europaeus	Spindle Tree	4	Alba Fucens
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family		
Helianthemum apenninum	White Rockrose	4	Near Bisegna
Helianthemum nummularium	Rockrose	7	Castel Mancino
Compositae (Asteraceae)	Daisy Family		
Bellis perennis	Daisy	2	Val Fondillo
Bellis sylvestris	Southern Daisy	6	Barrea Gorge
Calendula arvensis	Field Marigold	4	SS83 stop
Carduus chrysacanthus	Apennine Thistle	6	Barrea Gorge
Carduus nutans subsp. perspinosus*	a Musk Thistle	4	Alba Fucens
Carlina acanthifolia	Acanthus-leaved Carline Thistle	2	Val Fondillo (old leaves)
Carlina vulgaris	Carline Thistle	2	Val Fondillo
Cirsium tenoreanum	a Woolly Thistle	2	Val Fondillo (leaves)
Cyanus (Centaurea) triumfettii	A Perennial Cornflower	4	Near Bisegna
Doronicum columnae	Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane	4	Roadsides near Ortona
Eupatorium cannabinum	Hemp Agrimony	3	Camosciara (leaves)
Jurinea mollis	a 'soft thistle'	4	Near Bisegna
Leucanthemum vulgare	Ox-eye Daisy	2	Val Fondillo
Petasites hybridus	Butterbur	2	Val Fondillo
Podospermum canum	a Cut-leaved Viper's-grass	6	Barrea Gorge
Senecio vulgaris	Groundsel	2	Opi
Silybum marianum	Milk Thistle	4	SS83 stop
Tragopogon porrifolius	Salsify	4	SS83 stop
Tragopogon pratensis	A Goat's-beard	4	SS83 stop
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family		
Convolvulus cantabrica	Pink Bindweed	4	Near Bisegna
Cuscuta epithymum	Common Dodder	7	Castel Mancino
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family		
Cornus mas	Cornelian Cherry	3	Camosciara
Cornus sanguinea	Dogwood	3	Camosciara
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family		
Sedum acre	Biting Stonecrop	2	Val Fondillo
Sedum album	White Stonecrop	5	La Difesa
Sedum dasyphyllum	Fat-leaved Stonecrop	2	Val Fondillo
Sedum hispanicum	A Stonecrop	2	Val Fondillo
Sempervivum riccii*	A Houseleek	6	Barrea Gorge

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Cucurbitaceae	Gourd Family		
Bryonia dioica	White Bryony	4	Circonfucense
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family		
Euphorbia amygdaloides	Wood Spurge	3	Camosciara
Euphorbia cyparissias	Cypress Spurge	2	Val Fondillo
Euphorbia dulcis	Sweet Spurge	3	Camosciara
Euphorbia gasparrinii subsp. samnitica*	An endemic Spurge	4	Bisegna viewpoint
Euphorbia helioscopia	Sun Spurge	3	Camosciara
Euphorbia myrsinites	Glaucous Spurge	2	Val Fondillo
Mercurialis perennis	Dog's Mercury	3	Camosciara
Fagaceae	Beech Family		
Fagus sylvatica	Beech		Common
Quercus cerris	Turkey Oak	3	Camosciara
Quercus pubescens	Downy Oak	1	Roadsides
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family		
Gentiana cruciata	Cross Gentian	2	Val Fondillo (leaves)
Gentiana dinarica*	a Trumpet Gentian	2	Val Fondillo
Gentiana verna	Spring Gentian	7	Val di Rose
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family		
Erodium ciconium	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	4	SS83 stop
Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill	2	Val Fondillo
Geranium austroapenninum* (subcaulescens)	Ashy Crane's-bill	5	Vallone Pesco di Lordo
Geranium lucidum	Shining Crane's-bill	2	Opi
Geranium molle	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	6	Barrea Gorge
Geranium pyrenaicum	Hedgerow Crane's-bill	4	Alba Fucens
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert	2	Val Fondillo
Geranium tuberosum	Tuberous Crane's-bill	4	SS83 stop
Grossulariaceae	Gooseberry Family		
Ribes alpina	Alpine Currant	2	Near Hotel
Ribes uva-crispa	Gooseberry	5	La Difesa
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family		
Juglans regia	Walnut	1	Roadsides
Lamiaceae	Deadnettle Family		
Ajuga chamaepitys	Ground Pine	2	Val Fondillo
Ajuga reptans	Bugle	2	Val Fondillo
Clinopodium acinos	Basil Thyme	4	Near Bisegna
Lamium album	White Dead-nettle	2	Opi
Lamium amplexicaule	Henbit Dead-nettle	6	Barrea Gorge
Lamium garganicum	Large Red Dead-nettle	2	Opi
Lamium maculatum	Spotted Dead-nettle	3	Camosciara
Lamium purpureum	Red Dead-nettle	4	SS83 stop
Mentha longifolia	Horse Mint	2	Val Fondillo
Salvia verbenaca	Wild Clary	3	Camosciara

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Vicia pannonica A pink Vetch 4 Alba Fucens
Vicia sativa agg Common Vetch 6 Barrea Gorge
Vicia villosa Fodder Vetch 6 Barrea Gorge
Lentibulariaceae Butterwort Family
Pinguicula vallis-regiae* Camosciara Butterwort 3 Camosciara (leaves)
Linaceae Flax Family
Linum alpinum a Perennial Flax 4 Near Bisegna
Linum bienne Pale Flax 6 Barrea Gorge
Malvaceae Mallow Family
Malva sylvestris Common Mallow 1 Roadsides
Walva Sylvestris Common Mallow 1 Roadsides
Oleaceae Olive Family
Fraxinus excelsior Ash 6 Lago di Barrea
Fraxinus ornus Flowering Ash 1 Roadsides
Orobanchaceae Broomrape Family
Euphrasia agg. Eyebright 7 Castel Mancino
Orobanche alba Thyme Broomrape 4 Alba Fucens
Orobanche caryophyllacea Bedstraw Broomrape 4 Alba Fucens

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Parentucellia latifolia	Southern Red Bartsia	2	Val Fondillo
Pedicularis hoermanniana	a Leafy Lousewort	3	Camosciara (leaves)
Rhinanthus minor agg.	Yellow Rattle	2	Val Fondillo
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family		
Chelidonium majus	Greater Celandine	2	Val Fondillo
Corydalis cava	a Bird-in-a-bush	5	La Difesa
Fumaria officinalis	Common Fumitory	4	SS83 stop
Papaver rhoeas	Common Poppy	1	Roadsides
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family		
Cymbalaria muralis	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	2	Val Fondillo
Digitalis ferruginea	Brown Foxglove	3	Camosciara (leaves)
Globularia vulgaris	Common Globularia	2	Val Fondillo
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	2	Val Fondillo
Plantago media	Hoary Plantain	3	Camosciara
Veronica beccabunga	Brooklime	4	Pescina
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell	2	Val Fondillo
Veronica montana	Wood Speedwell	3	Camosciara
Veronica officinalis	Heath Speedwell	2	Val Fondillo
Veronica orsiniana	a Speedwell	2	Val Fondillo
Veronica serpyllifolia	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	2	Val Fondillo
Veronica verna	Spring Speedwell	2	Val Fondillo
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family		
Armeria canescens	Plantain-leaved Thrift	2	Val Fondillo (in bud)
Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family		
Polygala chamaebuxus	Shrubby Milkwort	3	Camosciara
Polygala flavescens*	A Yellow Milkwort	4	Alba Fucens
Polygala nicaeensis	Nice Milkwort	2	Val Fondillo
Polygala vulgaris	Common Milkwort	2	Val Fondillo
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family		
Rumex acetosa	Sorrel	4	Alba Fucens
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	5	La Difesa
Primulaceae	Primrose Family		
Primula auricula	Bear's-ear	3	Camosciara
Primula vulgaris	Primrose	3	Camosciara
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family		
Actea spicata	Baneberry	5	La Difesa (leaves)
Adonia annua	Pheasant's-eye	4	SS83 stop
Anemone (Pulsatilla) alpina	Alpine Pasqueflower	7	Val di Rose
Anemone apennina	Blue Anemone	3	Camosciara
Anemone ranunculoides	Yellow Anemone	5	La Difesa
Aquilegia vulgaris	Columbine	3	Camosciara
Clematis vitalba	Old Man's Beard	3	Camosciara
Delphinium fissum	a Delphinium	3	Camosciara (leaves)

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Ficaria verna agg.	Lesser Celandine	3	Camosciara
Helleborus foetidus	Stinking Hellebore	2	Val Fondillo
Hepatica nobilis	Hepatica	3	Camosciara
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	2	Val Fondillo
Ranunculus apenninus	Apennine Buttercup	7	Val di Rose
Ranunculus arvensis	Corn Buttercup	4	SS83 stop
Ranunculus bulbosus	Bulbous Buttercup	2	Val Fondillo
Ranunculus lanuginosus	A Buttercup	3	Camosciara
Ranunculus millefoliatus	Million-leaved Buttercup	2	Val Fondillo
Ranunculus monspeliacus	-	4	Alba Fucens
Ranunculus cf pencillatus	cf Stream Water Crowfoot	4	Pescina
Ranunculus thora	Thore's Buttercup	3	Camosciara
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family		
Reseda lutea	Wild Mignonette	1	Roadsides
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family		
Rhamnus alpinus	Alpine Buckthorn	5	Vallone Pesco di Lordo
Rhamnus saxatilis	Rock Buckthorn	6	Barrea Gorge
Rosaceae	Rose Family		
Amelanchier ovalis	Amelanchier	4	Near Bisegna
Aremonia agrimonoides	Bastard Agrimony	3	Camosciara
Cotoneaster integerrimus	Wild Cotoneaster	6	Barrea Gorge
Crataegus laevigata	Midland Hawthorn	3	Camosciara
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	2	Val Fondillo
Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry	2	Val Fondillo
Geum urbanum	Wood Avens	2	Val Fondillo
Malus sylvestris	Crab Apple	2	Val Fondillo
Potentilla crantzii	Alpine Cinquefoil	5	Vallone Pesco di Lordo
Potentilla detommasii	A Sulphur Cinquefoil	2	Val Fondillo
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil	5	La Difesa
Potentilla rigoana*	a Cinquefoil	7	Val di Rose
Prunus mahaleb	St. Lucie's Cherry	1	Roadsides
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	2	Val Fondillo
Pyrus pyraster	Wild Pear	3	Camosciara
Rosa canina agg.	Dog Rose	2	Val Fondillo
Rubus fruticosa agg.	Bramble	3	Camosciara
Rubus idaeus	Raspberry	5	La Difesa
Sanguisorba minor	Salad Burnet	2	Val Fondillo
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan	6	Lago di Barrea
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family		
Cruciata laevipes	Crosswort	2	Val Fondillo
Galium aparine	Cleavers	3	Camosciara
Galium mollugo	Hedge Bedstraw	2	Opi
Galium odoratum	Woodruff	5	La Difesa
Sherardia arvensis	Field Madder	2	Val Fondillo

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Salicaceae	Willow Family		
Salix alba	White Willow	3	Camosciara
Salix caprea	Goat Willow	2	Val Fondillo
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family		
Thesium divaricatum	A Bastard Toadflax	4	Bisegna viewpoint
Viscum album	Mistletoe	2	Val Fondillo
Sapindaceae	Maple Family		
Acer campestre	Field Maple	3	Camosciara
Acer monspessulanum	Montpelier Maple	6	Barrea Gorge
Acer opalus	Italian Maple	7	Castel Mancino
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	2	Val Fondillo
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family		
Saxifraga bulbifera	Bulbous Saxifage	2	Val Fondillo
Saxifraga callosa	Thick-leaved Saxifrage	6	Barrea Gorge
Saxifraga granulata	Meadow Saxifrage	2	Val Fondillo
Saxifraga porophylla*	Reddish Saxifrage	2	Val Fondillo
Saxifraga rotundifolia	Round-leaved Saxifrage	5	La Difesa
Saxifraga tridactylites	Rue-leaved Saxifrage	2	Val Fondillo
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Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family		
Scrophularia vernalis	Yellow Figwort	2	Val Fondillo
Verbascum mallophorum	a large branched Mullein	5	La Difesa
Verbascum thapsus	Aaron's Rod	2	Val Fondillo
Simaroubaceae	Tree-of-Heaven Family		
Ailanthus altissima	Tree-of-Heaven	1	Roadsides
Thymelaeaceae	Daphne Family		
Daphne laureola	Spurge Laurel	2	Val Fondillo
Daphne mezereum	Mezereon	3	Camosciara
Daphne oleoides	-	7	Val di Rose (leaves)
Ulmaceae	Elm Family		
Ulmus glabra	Wych Elm	7	Castel Mancino
Urticaceae	Nettle Family		
Urtica dioica	Nettle	3	Camosciara
Violaceae	Violet Family		
Viola alba subsp. dehnhardtii	A Violet (mauve)	2	Val Fondillo
Viola eugeniae*	a Pansy	2	Val Fondillo
Viola odorata	Sweet Violet	6	Lago di Barrea
Viola reichenbachiana	Early Dog Violet	3	Camosciara
Viola riviniana	Common Dog Violet	2	Val Fondillo

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Monocots	Monocotyledons		
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family		
Allium sp.	a Garlic	2	Opi (leaves)
Galanthus nivalis	Snowdrop	5	La Difesa (in seed)
Araceae	Arum Family		
Arum maculatum	Cuckoo Pint	3	Camosciara
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family		
Leopoldia (Muscari) comosa	Tassel Hyacinth	4	Alba Fucens
Muscari neglectum	Dark Grape Hyacinth	2	Val Fondillo
Ornithogalum collinum	a (Common) Star-of-Bethlehem	2	Val Fondillo
Polygonatum multiflorum	Solomon's-seal	2	Near hotel
Scilla bifolia	Alpine Squill	7	Val di Rose
Colchicaceae	Autumn Crocus Family		
Colchicum lusitanum	an Autumn Crocus	3	Camosciara (leaves)
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family		
Carex caryophyllea	Spring Sedge	3	Camosciara
Iridaceae	Iris Family		
Crocus vernus	Spring Crocus	5	La Difesa
Iris germanica	German Iris	2	Opi
Iris marsica*	Marsican Iris	5	Vallone Pesco di Lordo
Liliaceae	Lily Family		
Gagea bohemica	Early Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem	7	Val di Rose
Lilium martagon	Martagon Lily	3	Camosciara (leaves)
Melanthiaceae	Herb-Paris Family		
Paris quadrifolia	Herb-Paris	3	Camosciara
Veratrum lobelianum	Green False-helleborine	3	Camosciara (leaves)
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family		
Anacamptis morio subsp. morio	Green-winged Orchid	2	Val Fondillo
Cephalanthera damasonium	White Helleborine	4	Pescina
Cephalanthera longifolia	Sword-leaved Helleborine	3	Camosciara
Cypripedium calceolus	Lady's Slipper Orchid	3	Camosciara
Dactylorhiza fuchsii	Common Spotted Orchid	2	Val Fondillo (leaves)
Dactylorhiza sambucina	Elder-flowered Orchid	4	Bisegna viewpoint
Himantoglossum adriaticum	Adriatic Lizard Orchid	4	Alba Fucens (in bud)
Neotinea (Orchis) tridentata	Toothed Orchid	2	Val Fondillo
Neotinea (Orchis) ustulata	Burnt Orchid	2	Val Fondillo
Neottia ovata	Twayblade	2	Val Fondillo
Neottia nidus-avis	Bird's Nest Orchid	3	Camosciara
Ophrys bertolonii	Bertoloni's Bee Orchid	4	Alba Fucens
Ophrys fuciflora subsp. fuciflora	Late Spider Orchid	4	Alba Fucens
Ophrys fuciflora subsp. fuciflora (O. dinarica)	A Late Spider Orchid	4	Alba Fucens
Ophrys sphegodes subsp. atrata (incubacea)	Dark Ophrys	4	Alba Fucens

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Ophrys sphegodes subsp. sphegodes	Early Spider Orchid	4	Near Bisegna
Ophrys x flavicans (O. promontorii)		4	Near Bisegna
Orchis anthropophora	Man Orchid	4	Alba Fucens
Orchis italica	Naked Man Orchid	1	Roadsides
Orchis mascula subsp. speciosa (O. ovalis)	an Early Purple Orchid	3	Camosciara
Orchis x colemannii (O. mascula x pauciflora)	Hybrid Orchis	4	Bisegna viewpoint
Orchis pauciflora	Sparse Flowered Orchid	4	Bisegna viewpoint
Orchis purpurea	Lady Orchid	2	Val Fondillo
Poaceae	Grass Family		
Festuca glauca	Blue Fescue	5	La Difesa
Festuca vivipara	Viviparous Fescue	3	Camosciara
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Asphodel Family		
Asphodeline lutea	Yellow Asphodel	6	Near Barrea
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Lecanoromycetes	Lichens		
Lobaria pulmonaria	Lungwort	3	Camosciara
Basidiomycetes			
Fomes fomentarius	Hoof Fungus	5	La Difesa
Ganoderma applanatum	Artist's Bracket	5	La Difesa
Morchella esculenta	Morel	3	Camosciara
Spugnola rotunda	A round Morel	4	Alba Fucens

Birds ( $\checkmark$ =recorded but not counted; H = heard only; LO = Leader Only)

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1	Mallard	Anas platyrrhynchos				✓		✓		
2	European Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus					Н			
3	Common Swift	Apus apus	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
4	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	Н	Н	1	1	1	1	Н	
5	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
7	European Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur				2	1			
8	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓			✓	1	1		✓
9	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra				5		3		
10	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis				✓		Н		
11	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus						✓		
12	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	✓							
13	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea						✓		
14	Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1							
15	European Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus		1		1		1		
16	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos		1		1		2	2	
17	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus					1			
18	Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis		1						
19	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus				1				
20	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus				2				
21	Red Kite	Milvus milvus						1		

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22	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	2	2+	2	1	1	1	1	1		
23	Tawny Owl	Strix aluco		Н			1	Н				
24	Long-eared Owl	Asio otus		1			2					
25	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops				Н	1	2				
26	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		30		2	Н			1		
27	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla		Н				1	1	Н		
28	White-backed Woodpecker	Dendrocopos leucotos lilfordi							1			
29	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		1	1	1						
30	European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis		LOH	Н		Н	Н				
31	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	2	1	1	1		1	3			
32	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo				2						
33	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			1	1	1	1				
34	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri								✓		
35	Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio		2				2	1			
36	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	2	1	2					✓		
37	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
38	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax						✓	✓			
39	Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	✓			✓		✓		✓		
40	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
41	Northern Raven	Corvus corax			2	Н			2			
42	Coal Tit	Periparus ater		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
43	Marsh Tit	Poecile palustris		Н	✓		✓	Н	Н			
44	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
45	Great Tit	Parus major		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Н	Н		
46	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis		✓		1	Н					
47	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
48	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris		5	2			1	2			
49	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
50	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti				Н						
51	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus	Н	Н			Н					
52	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix		Н	✓		1	Н	1			
53	Western Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli		Н	✓	1	Н	1	Н			
54	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н		
55	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	Н									
56	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		Н	✓	1	2	4	1	Н		
57	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis				Н		2				
58	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapillus		✓	✓		Н	Н	2			
59	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		Н	✓		1	1	Н	Н		
60	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea		Н	✓		2	✓	✓			
61	Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris					1		Н			
62	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla		✓	Н		3	✓	✓			
63	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
64	Ring Ouzel	Turdus torquatus			2							
65	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓		
66	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos		LOH	<b>✓</b>	Н	1	Н	Н			
67	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus				1						
68	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula		1	<b>✓</b>		2	✓	1	1		
69	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	Н			Н		Н		Н		

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70	Collared Flycatcher	Ficedula albicollis					3								
71	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		✓	✓	1		✓	✓						
72	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus		✓	2	2	1	✓	✓						
73	Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis							1						
74	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius						Н							
75	European Stonechat	Saxicola torquata		✓		✓									
76	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oeneanthe		✓		1			3						
77	White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus			1										
78	Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>					
79	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
80	Alpine Accentor	Prunella collaris							LO						
81	Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava				LOH									
82	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea		3	✓										
83	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					
84	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis		LOH		✓									
85	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
86	Eurasian Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula		✓	✓	Н	1	Н		3					
87	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris		✓	✓	✓		✓							
88	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina		✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓						
89	Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirosta													
90	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
91	Corn Bunting	Miliaria calandra	Н	Н	Н	1	Н								
92	Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella		Н			3	1							
93	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia				2		Н	LO						
94	Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortulana				2									
95	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus		Н	<b>✓</b>	4		1							
Ma	ammals (D = Dead; S = Sign O	f)													
1	Bat sp.			✓											
2	Mole	Talpa sp.					S+D								
3	Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes		S	2			1	1						
4	Grey Wolf	Canis lupus			2										
5	Marsican Brown Bear	Ursus arctos marsicanus						1							
6	Weasel	Mustela nivalis					D								

7 Beech Marten Martes foina 1 ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 8 Red Deer Cervus elaphus 2 10 3 1 ✓ 1 3+H 9 Roe Deer Capreolus capreolus 1 1 10 Apennine or Abruzzo Chamois Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata 5 ✓ ✓ 11 Wild Boar Sus scrofa 1 4 12 Italian Hare Lepus corsicanus 1 1 13 Brown Hare 2 2 3 1 Lepus europaeus 1 14 Red Squirrel Sciurus vulgaris 1 2 2 2 ✓ 15 Bank Vole Clethrionomys glareolus 4 1 1 Wood Mouse (Long-tailed Field Mouse) Apodemus sylvaticus 1 5

#### Reptiles & Amphibians (Sp = Spawn)

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1	Common Toad	Bufo bufo		SP	1	D			
2	Frog sp.	Rana dalmatina				1			
3	Western Green Lizard	Lacerta bilineata			D		1	1	

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
4	Common Wall Lizard	Podarcis muralis		✓				1	✓		
5	Asp Viper	Vipera aspis							1		
Fis	sh										
1	Brown Trout	Salmo trutta			1						
2	Common Carp	Cyprinus carpio						1			
Ru	tterflies	'									
1	Swallowtail	Papilo machaon						T	<b>√</b>		
2	Large White	Pieris brassicae		<b>√</b>					· ·		
3	Green-veined White	Pieris napi		· /				-	· ✓		
4	Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines		· /				<b>✓</b>			
5	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		· /				-			
6	Berger's Clouded Yellow	Colias elfocca  Colias alfacariensis		· /							
7	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni							<b>√</b>		
8	Wood White	Leptidea sinapis		<b>√</b>					· ✓		
9	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas		•		<b>✓</b>			•		
10	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus		<b>√</b>		<b>✓</b>		-			
11	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta		· /		·			<b>√</b>		
12	Painted Lady	Vanessa atalanta Vanessa cardui		· ·				<b>✓</b>	· ✓		
13	Small Tortoiseshell	Aglais urticae						<b>-</b>	<b>✓</b>		
14	Queen of Spain Fritillary	Issoria lathonia		<b>√</b>					•		
15						<b>✓</b>		-			
16	Spotted Fritillary	Melitaea didyma				•		<b>V</b>		-	
17	Fritillary sp. Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		<b>√</b>				<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>	-	
	Siliali Fleatii							-	<b>–</b>	-	
18 19	Southern Grizzled Skipper	Hesperiidae Pyrgus malvoides						<b>/</b>		-	
20	Dingy Skipper	Erynnis tages						<b>V</b>			
		Liyiiiis tages									
Mi	cros Moths										
1	Diamond-back Moth	Plutella xylostella				✓					
2		Pyrausta purpuralis					✓				
3	a Longhorn	Nematopogon schwarziellus		✓							
4	a Longhorn	Nemophora degeerella						✓			
5	a Crambid	Thisanotia chrysonuchella		✓							
6	a Crambid	Udea prunalis							✓		
7		Coleophora albicosta		✓							
8	Grey Tortrix complex	Cnephasia sp			✓						
9	Spindle Ermine	Yponomeuta cagnagella				Cat.					
10	Bird-cherry Ermine	Yponomeuta evonymella				Cat.		Cat.			
11	Bee Moth	Aphomia sociella						✓			
12	Rush Veneer	Nemophila noctuella						✓			
Ma	acros Moths										
1	Puss Moth	Cerula vinula			<b>✓</b>						
2	Pale Prominent	Pterostoma palpina			<b>✓</b>						
	Common Quaker	Orthosia cerasi			<b>✓</b>						
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3	a European Noctuid	Hadena magnolii			✓						
3 4 5	a European Noctuid  Common Heath	Hadena magnolii Ematurga atomaria			<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>					

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	Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
7	Light Feathered Rustic	Agrotis cinerea						✓				
8	Red Twin-spot Carpet	Xanthorhoe spadicearia							✓			
9	Pinion-spotted Pug	Eupithecia insigniata								✓		
10	various Caterpillars			✓	✓			✓	✓			

#### Other Invertebrates

Ot	her Invertebrates								
1	Mayfly	Ephemera sp.	✓						
2	Stonefly	Perlidae sp.	✓						
3	Field Cricket	Gryllus campestris	✓						
4	Green Shield Bug	Palomena prasina						✓	
5	Red & black Ground Bug	Lygaeus equestris			✓				
6	Red and black Froghopper	Cercopis intermedia			✓	✓	✓		
7	Ascalaphid	Libelloides ictericus			✓				
8	Caddis Fly (larva in cases)	Trichoptera sp.				✓			
9	Bee Fly	cf Bombylius major		✓			✓	✓	
10	Violet Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa violacea	✓						
11	Honey Bee	Apis melifera	✓				✓		
12	White-tailed Bumblebee	Bombus lucorum	✓				✓		
13	Buff-tailed Bumblebee	Bombus terrestris					✓		
14	Common Carder Bee	Bombus pascuorum	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Green Tiger Beetle	Cicindela campestris					✓		
16	a Soldier Beetle	Cantharis rustica	✓						
17	a Scarab Beetle	Platycerus caraboides	✓						
18	an Ichneumon	Ophion luteus		✓					
19	Millipede	cf Tachypodoiulus niger			✓	✓			
20	Millipede	Schizophyllum sabulosum			✓				
21	Centipede	Chilopoda sp.				✓			
22	a Ground Beetle	Anoplotrupes cf. Stercorosus							✓
23	a Mantid sp. Egg Case	Mantodea sp.					✓		
24	Red-collared Longhorn Beetle	Dinoptera collaris					✓		
25	a Crane-fly	Tipula maxima					✓		
26	a Mosquito	Culicidae sp.					✓		
27	a Click Beetle	cf. Byrrhus pilula					✓		
28	a black Ground Beetle	Abax parallelepipedus				✓			
29	Cockchafer	Melolontha melolontha		✓					
30	a Chafer	Rhizotrogus aestives		✓					
31	a black and white Chafer	Oxythyrea funesta			✓				
32	Pine Weevil	Hylobius abietis		✓					
33	an Oil Beetle	Lytta vesicatoria			✓				
34	Pond Skater	Gerris lacustris				✓			
35	Woodlice	Isopoda sp.				✓	✓		
36	Wood Ant	Formica rufa	✓					✓	
37	Roman Snail	Helix pomatia			✓				
38	Brown-lipped Banded Snail	Cepaea nemoralis			✓	✓	✓	✓	
39	Garden Snail	Cornu aspersum			✓				