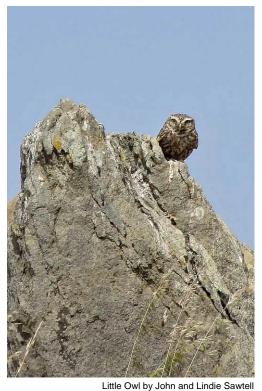
Spring in Southern Portugal

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-winged Stilt by Paul Greenfield







A tongue orchid by Paul Greenfield

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Day 1

Wednesday 19th April

The group arrived at Faro airport in the afternoon, and after sorting out luggage and vans, there was only time enough to drive to Mértola, to what would be our home for the next three days. We cruised through the soft hills of the Portuguese "Barrocal" a habitat of clayish soils were Fig and Olive trees prosper. The roadsides were bursting with colour, from the yellow of the *Genista hirsuta*, to the white of the Gum Cistus *Cistus ladanifer* and the purple of the French Lavender *Lavandula stoechas*. Some birds seen on the road were Crested Larks, Cattle Egrets and some Iberian Grey Shrikes. After roughly one hour, we arrived at the medieval town and at our hotel facing the Guadiana River. From the balcony we could admire hundreds of House Martins which nested across the street, some Common Swifts, and a couple of Lesser Kestrels, one of the local specialties. A Hoopoe has kind enough to fly past us before dinner was served, and we knew we were in the right place and ready for a week of natural history adventures!

Day 2

Thursday 20th April

It was sunny and moderately windy when we set out after breakfast from Mértola headed west to Castro Verde SPA. We spotted some Iberian Magpies and Southern Grey Shrikes from the road, and made our first stop around Alcaria Ruiva. The first birds seen when we got out of the vehicles were a Great Spotted Cuckoo and a distant immature Bonelli's Eagle, which we dismissed due to a Great Bustard flying past us not that far away! What a start! The fields and gentle hills were covered in yellow, pink and purple colours provided by Tolpis Tolpis barbata, Italian Gladiolus Gladiolus italicus, Galactites Galactites tomentosus and Purple Viper's Bugloss Echium plantagineum. Red-rumped Swallows were flying by, and Zitting Cisticolas, Crested Larks and Stonechats would take turns sitting on wires and singing. A Hoopoe flew by. We took some time to get close looks at the several White Stork nests about – some of them already with young – and the numerous Spanish Sparrows getting busy in their nests. Just when we were about to leave, a Red Kite, a Black Kite and a Marsh Harrier briefly showed themselves. Not bad for a start! Further along the road the next stop was at a vantage point and immediately a lone Griffon Vulture flew right above us. The fields here were covered in French Lavender, Marigolds and Gum and Narrow-leaved Cistus Cistus Monspeliensis. An Iberian Green Woodpecker flew past the group, but only a few were able to witness that. This stop ended up being a real butterfly feast - the first butterfly identified was a Green Striped White, with Meadow Brown, Small Copper, Clouded Yellow, Western Marbled White all added and one butterfly doing hill-topping proved to be a Spanish Marbled White! We could hear the display call of Little Bustards and soon enough we found a rather distant one, a male with its neck occasionally above the vegetation. A few Calandra Larks were displaying nearby. We were already on our way back to the vehicles when Philip spotted what was probably the last Ornithogalum broteroi of a colony that had already gone to seed.

We followed the main road to Castro Verde performing several roadside stops to scan the fields, at one of them we got lucky and found one male and one female Great Bustards feeding on a hilltop. We took some time with these birds but were soon distracted by a lovely pair of Bee-eaters across the road, showing wonderfully for us. The morning was already a long one but we decided to explore an area next to a small stream. Just along the track we found a beautiful large Ocellated Lizard. Shy as usual, it wasn't very cooperative and the people in the second van did not get great views. However, that was partially due to a Stone Curlew that just lifted form the ground right next to the vans! We fortunately located it again and managed to see it enjoying the sun, while

perfectly camouflaged in the rocky ground. The song of the Nightingale could be heard along the stream, strongly contributing to the magic of the place, and mixing with the scent of French Lavender. Walking next to the stream we found the lovely yellow *Phlomis lychnitis*, the wonderfully pink *Cistus crispus* and the tiny *Tolpis umbellata*, along with some crayfish and a Spanish Terrapin. While on our way back we caught a butterfly that was identified on the spot as a Sage Skipper! Well done and time for lunch!

We drove to the Environmental Center of Vale Gonçalinho, the headquarters of the Liga para a Protecção da Natureza – a charity working on local bird and habitat conservation – where Helena and her family laid out a true feast of traditional Alentejo food for us. Quail could be heard in the background and a Booted Eagle passed over us as we were just finishing coffee. Back to birding!

Shortly after we pulled over the vehicles, for there was a harrier in the air, quite close by. When we got out, there were three more. The group proved to be three gorgeous male Montagu's Harriers and one female, all flying around gently over a dry grassland field. What a sight! We were on the right track, and we next pulled up by a stream just a few kilometers ahead. The scenery was dominated by sparse Spanish Oak *Quercus rotundifolia*, and we wandered around for a bit. Along the riverside we found some interesting wildflowers like the beautiful Common Jonquil *Narcissus jonquilla*, the Portuguese endemic *Hyacinthoides mauritanica*, Barbary Nut *Morea sisyrinchium* and *Campanula lusitanica*, an Iberian endemic. A Southern Brown Argus butterfly was also spotted. Some Bee-eaters were flying in the distance and when we went to get a closer look someone lifted a rock which had a scorpion underneath. We were able to safely catch it and admire it, as the group of about 20 Bee-eaters was flying around with individual birds seemingly parading to each other.

Well we were having a full-day with all that we had seen so far, but still one more stop to go, near the entrance of a private hunting estate. In some artificial nest boxes along the path...yes, there they were, some Rollers were already there! We took our time to admire them perched in a nearby fence and flying around, four of them. We were hearing a Little Bustard again, and immediately found a displaying male, this one more cooperative then the one in the morning. And at the same time, two Great Bustards were feeding on the opposite field! These soon turned into a good half of dozen birds and provided the best views so far of these magnificent animals! Well we were ready to call it a day, and head back to the Mértola. Back on the road, at cruising speed, the first van almost hit a male Little Bustard that was actually standing in the middle of the road! That was a first for both clients and guides! And when we thought nothing else could happen, two very close Bonelli's Eagles were seen flying at the side of the road close to Mértola, one of the birds being a lovely adult! A wonderful end to a wonderful birding day.

Day 3 Friday 21st April

The weather was still sunny and pleasant and we set off North of Mértola heading to Pulo do Lobo, were the Guadiana River goes through a wonderful rocky gorge. While on our way, just 10 min away, an immature Spanish Imperial Eagle was spotted form the vans! What a start, everyone out! The bird showed quite well and put a smile on our faces. After that excitement we took some time to go through the plant life of the surrounding area, again hilly with sparse Spanish Oak, of which some of the highlights were the exquisite purple of the Daisy-leaved Toadflax *Anarrhinum bellidifolium*, and *Jasione montana*, the yellow of the *Pallenis spinosa*, and the pink of the Common Centaury *Centaurium erythraea* ssp. *grandiflorum*. Off we go! We stopped again to admire a colony of Bee-eaters and an obliging Iberian Grey Shrike.

As we arrived at Pulo do Lobo, the first bird seen once out of the car was a male Sardinian Warbler showing quite well, for the joy of some, and a Blue Rock Thrush that regretfully didn't stick around. Phillip noticed some lovely Spanish Iris Iris xiphium, just when Nuno cried "Black Stork above!" There it was, one of the local specialties, just soaring along the river, where Crag Martins and Barn Swallows were busy hunting for insects. One Crag Martin being fed by its partner was a wonderful sight, as were a Barn Swallow nest with 4 chicks begging for food just one meter above the furious fast flowing water! Some wandered around the rocky shores looking for wildflowers and found a myriad of interesting species like Cleome violacea, the endemic Dianthus lusitanus, Centaurea ornata and the shrub Flueggea tinctoria. Time for lunch. We had our picnic on a hilltop nearby covered in the lovely Iberian endemic Campanula lusitanica, and soon enough Phillip caught what proved to be a Blue-Spot Hairstreak. After lunch, a quick tour of the hilltop produced some nice plants like Scrophularia sambucifolia, Halimium umbellatum ssp. viscosum, Mallow-leaved Bindweed Convolvulus althaeoides and the tiny yellow Linaria spartea.

We then decided to head off to Mértola to give the group the option of an afternoon exploring the lovely medieval town. While on the way, we had to stop abruptly on the side of the road a sub-adult Golden Eagle just appeared out of nowhere! It was as close as you could ever expect to see one, and it briefly perched before disappearing in the sky, mobbed by a Raven. The group was reduced to half for the afternoon nature excursion, as we set off to explore the area east of Mértola, starting by a nice walk to a reservoir. It was hot and dry, and the birds were not very active apart from some Iberian Magpies, an Iberian Grey Shrike and a Griffon Vulture! Some good butterflies seen on the track were Western Dappled White, Southern Brown Argus, Common Blue and the scarce Black-Eyed Blue! The lagoon itself only hosted a pair of Great Crested Grebes, and one of Common Pochards, so we decided to move.

Our last stop of the day was in a remote field even further east. As soon as we arrive... "Black-bellied Sandgrouse flying left!" Well, that was a spectacular view of these elusive birds – 16 of them - very close and in full detail. We were feeling so lucky and amazed! Soon enough we spotted also a handful of Little Bustards, a few displaying Calandra Larks, and a couple of Stone Curlews (one of them seen by all in the scope next to some French Lavender). A couple more Sandgrouse cruised right at full speed alongside a Hoopoe, trying very hard to keep up. And then eight more Sandgrouse lifted form the fields! This was their spot. As we tried to walk along a track to find those first Sandgrouse, a Great Spotted Cuckoo was seen perching on a fence. But the best was yet to come. Out of the blue, a beautiful male Marsh Harrier flushed the flock of 16 Black-bellied Sandgrouse, and we were able to see them again, this time even closer and longer! It probably couldn't get any better than that, so we called it a day. On our way to the van two more notable plants were seen, a lovely colony of *Phlomis lychnitis* full of yellow flowers, and a delicate white *Armeria* sp., later identified as *Armeria linkiana*.

Day 4

Saturday 22nd April

This was the day we were moving south, so we loaded up the vans after breakfast and set out to explore the area south of Mértola. On our first stop we immediately found two Hoopoes perched on a wire, courting each other and...mating! We stayed with them for some minutes for some incredible display flights were going on, until a third bird decided to join the group and got chased away! Well that put a smile on everybody's faces. One Redlegged Partridge was perched on a rock tower, and we enjoyed some excellent views of singing Corn Buntings and Calandra Larks. After that nice little stop, we continued to an artificial dam surrounded by an Olive plantation. Just before we arrived, two male Little Bustards and one female flew around the vans, so close we

could loudly hear the whistling sound of their flight feathers - spectacular views! Just after that, by the side of the road, a pair of Black-eared Wheatears were making display flights alongside a fence. That was a long hoped for bird! We finally arrived at the waterfront and an apparently quiet place turned out to be full of life. A good dozen of Gull-billed Terns were breeding on the spot, as were some Black-winged Stilts. A Greater Short-toed Lark showed very well singing for us while we were looking at some Little Ringed Plovers. A pair of lovely Collared Pratincoles flew past us, and we felt blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful bird life on a remote place. As we proceeded on our way, we spotted a gorgeous Little Owl on a boulder and had time enough to admire it, as some 10 Griffon Vulture were climbing on a thermal. We spent the rest of the morning cruising the fields and eventually found one more Little Bustard and one more Great Bustard. After our picnic lunch on a nice scenic point, it was time to go to the Algarve!

We arrived at Salgados Lagoon, a true oasis in coastal South Algarve and we were overwhelmed by bird species. Little Terns were fishing and about 10 lovely Black Terns in full breeding plumage were flying and dipping in the water! What a sight! The lagoon hosted large numbers of gulls in mixed flocks of Yellow-legged, Lesser Black Backed and about 30 Audouin's Gulls - always a pleasure to see those. A male Red-crested Pochard and about half-a-dozen of Purple Swamphens were busy at the back of the lagoon. Quite close by, some Glossy Ibis were resting, two Spoonbills were feeding and three Purple Herons were flying around in the afternoon light. Other interesting birds included about 20 more Collared Pratincoles, a strange albino Common Pochard, and some Yellow Wagtails kept the spirits high before departure. Making our way back to the car we found the lovely Ornithogalum narbonense and the delicate Hollow-leaved Asphodel Asphodelus fistulosus. Well time to head west! After stopping for coffee and ice cream, we headed for Sagres with a final spot of a Black-winged Kite by the side of the road.

Day 5

Sunday 23rd April

Strong eastern winds had swept the Sagres area for the three previous days, but on our first day here, the sun was shining and merely a soft breeze was blowing. We planned for a local day exploring mainly the diversity of the Sagres peninsula wildflowers, starting with a morning walk in Henry the Navigators fort, for a mix of bird, plants and history. Right on the car park we noticed some Painted Ladies, migrant butterflies probably just arriving from North Africa. Some of the local plant specialties were right there at our feet, like the Yellow Sea Aster Asteriscus maritimus, the local endemic Thyme Thymus camphoratus with its lovely strong scent, Tragacanth Astragalus tragacantha a spiky local endemic or the Wild Carrot, Daucus carota spp. halophilus. Once inside the fort, Black Redstarts were scattered along the cliffs, and all three species of Swifts - Common, Pallid and Alpine were flying and calling above us. We noticed a Melodious Warbler; a migrant that had probably arrived during that night, a European Shag and a Whimbrel on a rocky islet and a beautiful male Blue-Rock Thrush flew past us. Back to the wonderful microcosmos of the plant life, we took a bit of time to identify a few more key species such as Bellevalia Bellevalia hackelii, Shrubby Pimpernel Anagalis monellii - a little striking blue flower - Sea Daffodil Pancratium maritimum or the localized Sea Thrift Armeria pungens. What a floral feast! A brief look at the sea revealed a group of eight Common Scooters heading north along with some Gannets, just to remind us that bird migration is also underway at sea! We started to slowly walk back to the vehicles adding other identified notable plants such as the odd Stonecrops Sedum sediforme, Climbing Snapdragon Antirrhinum majus spp. cirrhigerum, Teucrium vincentinum – endemic to SW Portugal – and the scarce Dipcadi serotinum. Back by the vans, we admired two lovely Choughs feeding, one of the true symbols of Sagres.

We had our picnic in the shade of some pine trees, and while preparing it, one of the members flushed an Iberian Hare - always nice to see those! But our aim was Spectacled Warbler, a scarce restless trans-Saharan warbler, which breeds in these fields. So after lunch we set out on a quest to find it. After a bit of struggle, we managed to see three of them, and although not everyone had time to use the scope, we had as good views as we could expect. That being done, we went for a walk further on by the edge of the pine woods, for some more birds and wildflowers. This was a very pleasant walk and some of the plants identified were Pedunculate Lavender Lavendula pedunculata, the endemic Portuguese Crowberry Corema album, Biscutella sempervirens subsp. vincentina - another local endemic - the lovely blue Anchusa azurea, the curious parasitic Cytinus hypocistus, some very large Common Centauries Centaurium erythraea spp. grandiflora, and some also very large Dwarf Fan Palms Chamaerops humilis – one of the only two native European palm trees. Some migrant birds were also about in these woods. We found a Northern Wheatear, some Tree Pipits, a Willow Warbler, and although only briefly sighted, a Western Olivaceous Warbler that gave the birders in the group butterflies in their stomach, for it is a rare bird for Portugal, and a true treat. Anything can happen in Sagres! Making a little detour to our route, we found a few specimens of the delicate Dense-flowered Orchid Neotinea maculata, the first orchid of our trip, and quite an exquisite one! Bee-eaters were also present, flying and calling in the skies, and because part of the track actually went very close to some nests, we made an effort not to disturb them and quickly passed on our way. Nonetheless, we were fortunate enough to be surprised by one bird flying out of a hole! Some of the last excitement of the walk was a group of three Woodchat Shrikes perched in a Fig tree, providing amazing views of this gorgeous migrant! And just to put a smile on the face of the butterfliers, a Swallowtail quickly made its way on to the list just when we were arriving at the vans. Well, from here the choice was obvious - coffee and ice cream it was again, this time just by Cape Saint Vincent, providing a relaxing end to a full day.

Day 6 Monday 24th April

We set out to explore the backroads of Espinhaço de Cão, a smooth hill chain between Monchique (the main mountains of South Portugal) and the west coast of the Algarve, near Aljezur. It was another a lovely day weather-wise, and the general scenery was a mix of Pine, Cork Oak and Strawberry Tree woodland, full of the white, yellow, blue and purple of the local wildflowers. As soon as we get out of the vehicles on our first stop, a Short-toed Eagle was rising in the morning air, and noticed we had parked right next to some Heart-flowered Orchids Serapias cordigera. But the most amazing thing about this place was that there were Nightingales singing all over! We took a short walk and the sides of the track were vibrant with French Lavender, Shrubby Pimpernel, Gum Cistus and the deep yellow Genista triacanthos. One of the birds that can only be found in these woods is the elusive Iberian Chiffchaff, we were hearing its distinctive song, and were able to briefly see one. Along the track several noticeable plants were identified like the Spotted Rockrose Tuberaria guttata and the lovely Phlomis purpurea with its grey-felted leaves. We had been keeping an eye out for the butterflies and Marsh Fritillary appeared to be the most common species about, until finally were rewarded with a remarkable Spanish Festoon! What a sight! It even posed for a bit on Philips forefinger before flying away! In a lovely Cork Oak patch we heard a Short-toed Treecreeper and soon after, at least two birds could be seen busy in the trees, just as an obliging Rock Bunting and a couple of Cirl Buntings posed on tree tops! Arriving at the vans we caught another good butterfly, a Lorquin's Blue, a deep blue butterfly with a wide black edge to the wing, and noticed the caterpillar-like seeds of the Scorpiurus vermiculatus. It was a wonderful habitat to explore!

Back to the van and further along the road, we took another walk by a stream, and immediately saw another Spanish Festoon. We noticed the Green Lavenders *Lavendula viridis* around the track, with its white flowers, and

strong Lavender smell, and the blue Hairy Lupin *Lupinus micranthus*. But this turned out to be a butterfly stop. We caught a Speckled Wood, and a lovely Spanish Swallowtail that was hovering above a field of Yellow Lupin! On our way back the group was surprised by a pair of Red-legged Partridges bursting from cover and flying over the track. We then had our picnic lunch by the stream, to the ever-present song of several Nightingales.

We headed next for the west coast, near Aljezur, for another short walk amongst a mixture of pine and scrubland growing literally on sand. This was the land of Green Hairstreak butterflies – they were fluttering all over. Some new plants for the trip included the Mournful Widow *Scabiosa atropurpurea*, *Helianthemum origanifolium*, a small yellow flower from the Cistus family, and *Sideritis hirsuta*. We stopped by some Kermes Oak *Quercus coccifera*, which still had their acorn cups, and noticed some already very dry Two-leaved Gennaria *Genaria diphylla* and Snowflakes *Acis trichophyllum*. This site provided the best views so far of Short-toed Treecreeper, and after seeing an unidentified bird coming out of a nest box, we finally laid our eyes on a pair of Crested Tits carrying nest material! Well that was a very special bird, time for some ice-cream by the beach. On the way down, we still managed to identify a Long-tailed Blue, and some members of the group bumped into an Ant Lion actively hunting for ants! We then had a nice relaxing time at the beach, and an enjoyable drive back to the hotel.

Day 7

Tuesday 25th April

The day rose greyer and windier then most, but that didn't keep us from sticking with the itinerary. This time we went to explore the Alvor estuary. As we arrived at the coastal marsh, two Greater Flamingos were there waiting for us. Black-winged Stilts were breeding in the margins and Iberian Yellow Wagtails were singing in the vegetation. Walking along a circular track, we noticed a succulent scrub with purple flowers, the *Limoniastrum monopetalum*, and the fact that snails were already aestivating in some plants, like the *Carduncellus caeruleus*.

Some waders were about in the sandy islets left above the water level in the rising tide. Some Whimbrel, a Bartailed Godwit, and about 40 Little Terns that later were seen feeding. As we watched them, someone shouted "Osprey flying left!". There it was, a magnificent Osprey looking for a place to settle and eat its breakfast, a fish hanging from its claws. We were not lucky enough to see that, but we were lucky to be able to approach a pair of Caspian Terns and watch them from quite a close range. The exposed mud banks were swarming with Fiddler Crabs, and some shellfish harvesters were collecting razors and clams. In the plant world the real specialty present was Cistanche phelypaea, a parasitic one with stunning yellow flowers that endures the harshness of being submerged when the tide comes, not to mention the salt tolerance! Another good plant identified was the Ice Plant Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum, a succulent little plant with very delicate white flowers. Some other waders were around like Grey Plovers, already with their characteristic dark bellies, some Ruddy Turnstones and Dunlin. Just before moving to the headquarters of A Rocha Foundation, where we would have our lunch, a Short-toed Eagle flew over our heads!

A Rocha Foundation, a small local charity was kind enough to let us use their gardens and facilities for what was our last picnic, and from there we moved back west, this time to explore a coastal valley. Arriving there, the first impression was that the hills were covered in Grey-leaved Cistus and their light pink flowers! We took another short walk mostly to appreciate the local wildflowers and spectacular views. We observed the two color forms of the semi-parasitic *Bartsia trixago* side by side (yellow, and pink and white), and the silvery white of another Wild Carrot *Daucus muricatus*. Further along the track we found what was probably the last Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera* around, next to some Tongue Orchids *Serapias parviflora* that had gone over. A caterpillar caught the interest of

the group - it was a Swallowtail caterpillar feeding on Fennel. From here we decided to look under some rocks, and it was not long before we found another scorpion! Back on track in what had become an experience for the more scent sensitive, we sampled the wonderful aroma of the *Thymbra capitata*, a member of the thyme family, and the strong bitter one of the *Ruta chalepensis*. And we finally arrived at the hilltop. The view has breathtaking, and two Shags and a Cormorant were perched on a stack. There was some Barbary Nuts still flowering and our last bird of the day was a migrant Northern Wheatear kindly perched on a notice board. We got in the vans one last time and did another short stop in a hilltop to admire some lovely *Scilla peruviana*, with its stunning purple flowers, and went back to Sagres.

Day 8

Wednesday 26th April

And so we have come to the final day of the trip. Due to the flight schedules, we still had some time during the morning, and after packing all the luggage in the van we drove to Cape Saint Vincent. What is usually a harsh windy place revealed a stunning calm atmosphere that allowed us to appreciate the fantastic views and the fact that we were indeed on the one of the tips of Europe. Some of us were even lucky enough to spot a Peregrine Falcon flying over the cliffs. Time to say goodbye to Sagres and start our journey to the airport. Once arrived, we still managed to find the time to explore the tidal shores of Ria Formosa, by the airport. A high diversity of waders could be found feeding in the mud banks, like Spoonbills, Turnstones, Ringed Plovers and even some very obliging Kentish Plover, another new addition to the list! An odd Monk Parakeet flew past us as we were having yet another great view of a Hoopoe in the scope, and a Grey Plover moulting into summer plumage nurtured some brief notes on the ecology of this family. It was another enjoyable walk, and this time it was our last before departing to the airport.

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Species Lists

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

	Common name					April				
		Scientific name	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1	Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa	2	3	10	6	2	4		
2	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix		Н		Н	Н	Н		
3	Gadwall	Anas strepera				20				1
4	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	2	2	20		2	6	
5	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta				2				
6	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata				10				
7	Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina				2				
8	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina			2	20				
9	Common Scoter	Melanitta nigra					8			
10	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis				10				
11	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus			2					
12	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus							2	
13	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra			1					
14	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	✓	√	√	✓		4	6	✓
15	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus				25				
16	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia				15				4
17	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis		√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea		1		2				1
19	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea				3				1
20	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta				2			8	6
21	Northern Gannet	Morus bassanus				_	10			4
22	European Shag	Phalacrocorax aristotelis					1		2	3
23	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo			2	3		1	1	
24	Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus						•	1	
25	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus				1			'	
26	Red Kite	Milvus milvus		3						
27	Black Kite	Milvus migrans		3		3			2	
28	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus		5	2	15				
29	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus		1		10		1	2	
30	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus		2	2	1		<u>'</u>		
31	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus		6	5	8				
32	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		2		1				
33	Spanish Imperial Eagle	Aquila adalberti			1	'				
34	Golden Eagle	Aquila addiberti Aquila chrysaetos			1					
35	Bonelli's Eagle	Aquila fasciata		3	· ·					
36	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus		1						
37	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni	8	20	12	8				-
		Falco tinnunculus	0	_	1Z ✓	·	✓	2		6
38	Common Kestrel	Falco unnunculus Falco peregrinus		3	ļ ,			3	8	6
	Peregrine Falcon			9		1				-
40	Great Bustard	Otis tarda		_	F	1				-
41	Little Bustard	Tetrax tetrax		3	5	6				
42	Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio				5				-
43	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus				4				-
44	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra			4	6				-
45	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus		1	2					
46	Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus							1	-
47	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus				40			6	6

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	Common name	ommon name Scientific name	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
48	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta				10				
49	Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola				2			8	4
50	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula							3	2
51	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius				4				
52	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus								6
53	Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica							2	10
54	Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus				1	1		10	20
55	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus				4			2	
56	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia				1				1
57	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus		1						
58	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos				2	2	2	1	
59	Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres						2	8	20
60	Sanderling	Calidris alba							3	2
61	Dunlin	Calidris alpina							8	20
62	Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola				25			Н	
63	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus				2				
64	Mediterranean Gull	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus				1				
65	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Audouin's Gull	Larus audouinii				30				
67	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus				10			1	
68	Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica				15				
69	Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia				10			2	
70	Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis		1					_	
71	Little Tern	Sternula albifrons		'		8			45	8
72	Black Tern	Chlidonias niger				10			75	
73	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	Pterocles orientalis			25	10				
74	Monk Parakeet	Myiopsitta monachus			23					1
75	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	Columba livia		✓	✓	✓	10	✓	✓	
76	Common Wood Pigeon		2	✓	✓	✓	10	_	✓	-
77	European Turtle Dove	Columba palumbus		, ·	Н	,			,	
	European Turrie Dove Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia turtur	✓	√		/	√	√	√	✓
78		Streptopelia decaocto	V		· ·	V	V	V	V	V
79	Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius		1	2					
80	Little Owl	Athene noctua			4	2				
81	Nightjar sp.?	Caprimulgus			1		00			
82	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba			✓		20	✓		6
83	Common Swift	Apus apus		√	V	✓	6	V	✓	√
84	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus					✓			✓
85	European Roller	Coracias garrulus		4						
86	European Bee-Eater	Merops apiaster	2	30	20	4	20	6	20	6
87	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops		4	4	20		2	1	3
88	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major						2		
89	Iberian Green Woodpecker	Picus sharpei		1		1				<u> </u>
90	Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis		10	✓	6	2		1	
91	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator		6	1	_	6			
92	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		2	3	2		1		<u> </u>
93	Iberian Magpie	Cyanopica cooki	✓	✓	✓	✓		6	6	✓
94	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica		6	4	6				
95	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax					30			4
96	Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula			1				1	1
97	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone		4	✓	✓			1	<u> </u>
98	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		3	3	2	1	3		

	Common name Scientific name		April							
		Scientific name	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
99	European Crested Tit	Lophophanes cristatus						2		
100	Great Tit	Parus major		Н				3		
101	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		1				4		
102	Calandra Lark	Melanocorypha calandra		5	8	8				
103	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla				4	2			
104	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
105	Thekla Lark	Galerida theklae			1		✓			
106	Woodlark	Lullula arborea			1			1		
107	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris			6					
109	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica		20	6	10	4	10	✓	✓
111	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		Н		Н		Н		
112	Isabelline Warbler	Iduna opaca					1			
113	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus					3			
114	Iberian Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus ibericus						8		
115	Melodious Warbler	Hippolais polyglotta					3	2		
116	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		12		✓	✓		✓	/
117	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla						2		
118	Dartford Warbler	Sylvia undata			Н			Н		
119	Spectacled Warbler	Sylvia conspicillata					3			
120	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala		2	6		6	4	✓	✓
121	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		_	2			1		
122	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla						6		
123	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	/	/	✓	/	√	√	✓	✓
124	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	1	6	4	1	3	✓	✓	V
125	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula				<u>'</u>		2		<u> </u>
126	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		Н				25		
127	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		- ' '			8	23		1
128	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		8	6	6	√ ·	3	6	'
129	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		-	0	1	1	3	1	
130	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica				2	'		'	
131	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius	1		2		3			1
132	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	'	✓	<u>∠</u>	✓	<i>√</i>	✓	✓	\ \ \
133	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Passer hispaniolensis		✓	✓	✓	,	_	,	-
134	Spanish Sparrow Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild		,	_	,			2	
		Anthus trivialis								-
135	Tree Pipit						3		_	4
136	Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava iberiae			4	8	1	4	6	4
137	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea			1			1	4	
138	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba			3	2	_	1	1	-
139	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris					2			-
140	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs			Н			2		-
141	European Serin	Serinus serinus		Н	3	Н	✓ 0	√	Н	-
142	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris		1			3	6	4	
143	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		10	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	
144	Common Linnet	Carduelis cannabina		2	4	2	4	3	2	
145	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	√	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia			1			3		<u> </u>
147	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus						4		

Plants (* = Iberian Endemic; ** = Portuguese Endemic)

Group/Series

English Name (if any)

PTERIDOPHYTES

FERNS & ALLIES

Dennstaedtiaceae

Pteridium aquilinum

Bracken

PINOPSIDA (GYMNOSPERMS)

CONIFERS

Bracken Family

Jumiper Family

Cupressaceae

Cupressus sempervirens

Italian Cypress Phoenicean Juniper

Juniperus phoenicea var. turbinata

Pine Family Aleppo Pine

Pinus halepensis Pinus pinaster

Maritime Pine

Pinus pinea

Pinaceae

Stone or Umbrella Pine

MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS)

FLOWERING PLANTS

Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)

Acanthaceae Acanthus mollis **Bear's-breech Family**

Bear's-breech

Aizoaceae

Dewplant Family

Carpobrotus edulis

Yellow Hottentot Fig

Drosanthemum floribundum

Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum

A Mesembryanthemum

Amaranthaceae

Arthrocnemum macrostachyum

Atriplex halimus Atriplex portulacoides

Atriplex prostrata

Beta vulgaris Salicornia ramosissima

Salsola vermiculata

Suaeda vera

Amaranth Family

a Perennial Glasswort Shrubby Orache Sea Purslane

Spear-leaved Orache

Sea Beet Glasswort

Shrubby Seablite

Sumach Family

Anacardiaceae

Pistacia lentiscus Pistacio terebinthus

Rhus coriaria

Mastic Tree

A Sumach

Apiaceae

Cachrys libanotis Cachrys sicula Crithmum maritimum Daucus carota subsp. halophilus **

Daucus muricatus

Eryngium campestre

Eryngium dilatatum

Carrot Family a Cachrys Sand Cachrys **Rock Samphire** Wild Carrot a Carrot

Field Eryngo

English Name (if any)

Ferula communis Giant Fennel

Ferula tingitana

Foeniculum vulgare Fennel

Oenanthe crocata Hemlock Water-dropwort

Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders
Thapsia minor * a Thapsia

Thapsia nitida

Thapsia transtagana

Thapsia villosa a Thapsia

Apocynaceae Periwinkle Family

Nerium oleander Oleander

Asteraceae Daisy Family
Andryala integrifolia Andryala

Anthemis arvensis Corn Chamomile

Anthemis maritima -

Arctotheca calendula

Asteriscus maritimus

Bellis annua

Cape Weed

Yellow Sea Aster

Annual Daisy

Calendula arvensis

Field Marigold

Calendula suffruticosa

Carduncellus caeruleus Carduncellus

Carduus tenuiflorus Seaside or Slender Thistle

Centaurea ornata

Centaurea sphaerocephala subsp. polyacantha - Centaurea pullata -

Chamaemelum mixtum. a Chamomile

Cheirolopus sempervirens -

Coleostephus myconis

Crepis capillaris Smooth hawksbeard Crepis vesicaria Beaked Hawksbeard

Cynara algarbiensis *

Cynara cardunculus Cardoon

Cynara humilis

Dittrichia viscosa subsp. revoluta ** -

Dittrichia viscosa subsp. viscosa Stink Aster Evax lusitanica Evax

Filago vulgaris Common Cudweed

Galactites tomentosus
Glebionis coronarium var. coronarium
Glebionis coronarium var.discolor
Glebionis segetum
Glebionis segetum
Glebionis coronarium var.discolor
Grown Daisy
Corn Marigold

Helichrysum italicum

Helichrysum stoechas Curry Plant

Helminotheca comosa subsp. lusitanica **

Pallenis spinosaSpiny PallenisPhagnalon rupestrePhragnalon

Phagnalon saxatile Riechardia gaditana *

Scolymus hispanicus Spanish Oysterplant

Senecio jacobaea Ragwort

Senecio gallicus

English Name (if any)

Senecio vulgarisGroundselSilybum marianumMilk ThistleSonchus asperPrickly Sow-thistleSonchus oleraceusSmooth Sow-thistleTolpis barbataTolpisTolpis umbellataa Tolpis

BoraginaceaeBorage FamilyAnchusa azureaLarge Blue AlkanetAnchusa calcarea *Borago officinalisCerinthe majorHoneywort

Echium gaditanum

Echium plantagineum

Purple Viper's Bugloss

Brassicaceae
Biscutella sempervirens subsp. vincentina *

Brassica nigra Coronopus didymus

Diplotaxis siifolia subsp. vicentina **

Glandora prostrata subsp. lusitanica

Iberis procumbens * Lobularia maritima Malcolmia littorea Raphanus raphanistrum Sinapis arvensis

Sisymbrium officinale

Opuntia ficus-indica

Cactaceae

Campanulaceae Campanula lusitanica * Campanula rapunculus Jasione montana

Caprifoliaceae Lonicera implexa Lonicera periclymenum Scabiosa atropurpurea

Caryophyllaceae Cerastium fontanum Cerastium glomeratum

Corrigiola litoralis

Dianthus lusitanus *
Paronychia argentea
Polycarpon tetraphyllum
Silene colorata

Silene gallica Silene latifolia Silene niceensis Silene scabriflora * Cabbage Family

Scrambling Gromwell

A Buckler Mustard Black Mustard Lesser Swinecress

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Candytuft Sweet Alison Sand Stock Wild Radish Charlock Hedge Mustard

Cactus Family
Barbary Fig

Bellflower Family

Rampion Bellflower

Honeysuckle Family A Honeysuckle Woodbine

Pink Family

Mouse-eared Chickweed Sticky Mouse-ear Strapwort

Silvery Paronychia Four-leaved Allseed

a Catchfly

Small-flowered Catchfly

White Campion

English Name (if any)

Silene vulgaris **Bladder Campion Greater Sea Spurrey** Spergularia media Spergularia purpurea Purple Spurrey Stellaria media Chickweed

Cistaceae **Rockrose Family** Cistus albidus Grey-leaved Cistus Cistus crispus a Cistus

Cistus ladanifer **Gum Cistus**

Narrow-leaved Cistus Cistus monspeliensis

Cistus palhinhae (ladanifer subsp. sulcatus) ** a Cistus

Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus

Halimium calycinum Halimium halimifolium Halimium ocymoides

Halimium umbellatum subsp. viscosum Helianthemum origanifolium

Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rockrose

Cleomaceae Cleome violacea

Commelinaceae

Tradescantia fluminensis

Convolvulaceae **Bindweed Family** Convolvulus althaeoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed Convolvulus tricolor Annual Convolvulus Ipomoea purpurea Common Morning-glory

Crassulaceae **Stonecrop Family** Sedum mucizonia Mucizonia Sedum sediforme a Stonecrop

Umbilicus rupestris Wall Pennywort

Cucurbitaceae **Gourd Family** Bryonia cretica subsp.dioica White Bryony Ecballium elaterium **Squirting Cucumber**

Cytinaceae Cytinus hypocistis Cytinus

Ericaceae **Heather Family** Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree Corema album

Erica arborea Tree Heath Erica Iusitanica Portuguese Heath

Euphorbiaceae Spurge Family Euphorbia exigua **Dwarf Spurge** Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge

Euphorbia paniculata subsp. monchiquensis **

Euphorbia segetalis

English Name (if any)

Ricinus communis Castor-oil Plant

Fabaceae Pea Family

Acacia longifolia

Anthyllis vulneraria subsp.maura Mediterranean Kidney-vetch

Astragalus boeticus -

Astragalus tragacantha Tragacanth
Bituminaria bituminosa Pitch Trefoil

Ceratonia siliqua Carob or Locust Tree

Cercis siliquastrum Judas Tree

Coronilla repanda

Coronilla valentina subsp.glauca a Scorpion Vetch
Dorycnium hirsutum a Dorycnium
Erophaca baetica Iberian Milk-vetch
Genista hirsuta Hairy Spanish Gorse
Genista triacanthos A Greenweed

Lathyrus angulatus Lathyrus cicera Lathyrus ochrus -

Lathyrus tingitanus

Lotus creticus Southern Bird's-foot Trefoil

Lupinus luteus Yellow Lupin Lupinus micranthus Hairy Lupin

Medicago littoralis

Medicago marina Sea Medick

Medicago murex -

Medicago polymorpha
Onobrychis humillis

Ononis natrix subsp. ramosisima Large Yellow Rest Harrow Ornithopus compressus Compressed Bird's-foot

Retama monosperma

Robinia pseudacacia False Acacia

Scorpiurus sulcatus

Scorpiurus vermiculatusA ScorpiurusSpartium junceumSpanish BroomTrifolium angustifoliumNarrow-leaved CloverTrifolium arvenseHare's-foot Clover

Trifolium campestre Hop Trefoil
Trifolium repens White Clover
Trifolium resupinatum Reversed Clover
Trifolium scabrum Rough Clover
Trifolium stellatum Starry Clover
Trifolium tomentosum Woolly Trefoil
Tripodion tetraphyllum Bladder Vetch

Ulex argenteus subsp. argenteus **
Ulex argenteus subsp. erinaceus **
Ulex genistoides subsp. spectabilis

Vicia benghalensis Purple Vetch
Vicia tetrasperma Smooth Tare

FagaceaeBeech FamilyQuercus cocciferaKermes OakQuercus rotundifolia *Spanish Oak

English Name (if any)

Quercus suber

Cork Oak

Frankeniaceae

Sea Heath Family

Sea Heath Frankenia laevis

Gentianaceae

Gentian Family Yellow-wort

Blackstonia perfoliata

Common Centaury

Centaurium erythraea subsp. grandiflorum

Seaside Centaury

Centaurium maritimum

Geranium Family

Geraniaceae Erodium botrys

Common Stork's-bill

Erodium cicutarium Erodium malacoides Geranium dissectum

Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Dove's-foot Crane's-bill

Geranium molle Geranium purpureum

Little Robin

Lamiaceae

Dead-nettle Family

Lavendula pedunculata Lavendula stoechas

French Lavender Green Lavender

Lavendula viridis Mentha suaveolens

Apple Mint

Nepeta tuberosa

a Phlomis

Phlomis lychnitis Phlomis purpurea

a Phlomis Prasium

Prasium majus Rosmarinus officinalis

Rosemary Wild Clary

Salvia verbenaca

Downy Woundwort

Stachys germanica Teucrium pseudochamaepitys

Teucrium vincentinum **

Thymbra capitata Thymus camphoratus **

Linaceae

Flax Family Pale Flax

Linum bienne

Upright Yellow Flax

Linum strictum

Lythraceae

Loosestrife Family

Lythrum hyssopifolia

Grass-poly

Lythrum junceum

Malvaceae Lavatera arborea **Mallow Family** Tree Mallow

Lavatera cretica

Small Tree Mallow

Malva durieui

Moraceae

Mulberry Family

Ficus carica

Fig

Myrtaceae

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Myrtle Family Common Myrtle

Myrtus communis

English Name (if any)

Oleaceae

Fraxinus angustifolia

Olea europaea

Phillyrea angustifolium

Phillyrea latifolia

Orobanchaceae

Bartsia trixago Cistanche phelypaea *

Orobanche foetida

Orobanche gracilis Parentucellia viscosa

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis pes-caprae

Papaveraceae Fumaria capreolata

Papaver rhoeas

Phyllanthaceae

Flueggea tinctoria *

Plantaginaceae

Anarrhinum bellidifolium

Antirrhinum majus subsp. cirrhigerum

Linaria amethystea *

Linaria spartea

Misopates orontium

Plantago afra

Plantago coronopus Plantago lagopus

Plantago lanceolata Plantago major

Plantago seraria

Plumbaginaceae

Armeria linkiana

Armeria macrophylla *

Armeria pungens

Limoniastrum monopetalum

Limonium ovalifolium

Limonium virgatum

Polygonaceae

Emex spinosa

Polygonum maritimum Rumex bucephalophorus Horned Dock

Rumex intermedius

Rumex scutatus

Rumex thyrsoides

Olive Family

Olive

Broomrape Family

Bellardia

Cistanche

a Broomrape

Yellow Bartsia

Wood-Sorrel Family

Bermuda Buttercup

Poppy Family

Ramping Fumitory

Common Poppy

Plantain Family

Daisy-leaved Toadflax

Climbing Snapdragon

Weasel Snout

Buck's-horn Plantain

Hare's-foot Plantain

Ribwort Plantain

Greater Plantain

A Plantain

Thrift Family

Spiny Thrift

Limoniastrum

Dock Family

Emex

Sea Knotgrass

French Sorrel

English Name (if any)

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis (Red and Blue)

Anagallis monelli

Ranunculaceae

Ranunculus peltatus

Ranunculus sceleratus

Resedaceae

Reseda lutea Reseda luteola

Reseda phyteuma

Sesamoides purpurascens

Rhamnaceae

Rhamnus alaternus

Rhamnus lycioides

Rosaceae

Cydonia oblonga

Crataegus monogyna

Eriobotrya japonica

Prunus dulcis

Pyrus bourgaeana

Rosa canina

Sanguisorba hybrida

Rubiaceae

Rubia peregrina

Rutaceae

Ruta chalepensis

Santalaceae

Osyris quadripartita

Scrophulariaceae

Scrophularia frutescens

Scrophularia sambucifolia

Tamaricaceae

Tamarix africana

Thymelaeaceae

Daphne gnidium

Dapinie ginalam

Urticaceae Parietaria judaica

Urtica membranacea

Primrose Family

Scarlet Pimpernel

Shrubby Pimpernel

Buttercup Family

Pond Water Crowfoot

Celery-leaved Buttercup

Mignonette Family

Mignonette

Weld

Corn Mignonette

Buckthorn Family

Mediterranean Buckthorn

Rose Family

Quince

Hawthorn

Japanese Loquat

Almond

Iberian Pear

A Dog Rose

a Salad Burnet

Bedstraw Family

Wild Madder

Rue Family

Fringed Rue

Sandalwood Family

Figwort Family

Shrubby Figwort

Tamarisk Family

a Tamarisk

Daphne Family

Mediterranean Mezereon

Nettle Family

Pelitory of the Wall

Membranous Nettle

English Name (if any)

Liliidae (Monocotyledons)

Water Plantain Family Alismataceae

Alisma lanceolatum Narrow-leaved Water Plantain

Amaryllidaceae **Amaryllis Family**

Three-leaved Snowflake Acis trichophylla

Allium ampeloprasum Wild Leek Rosy Garlic Allium roseum Pancratium maritimum Sea Daffodil

Arecaceae **Palm Family** Chamaerops humilis Dwarf Fan Palm

Asparagus Family Asparagaceae

Agave americana Century Plant Asparagus acutifolius

Asparagus albus Asparagus aphyllus Bellevalia hackellii **

Dipcadi serotinum

Tassel Hyacinth Leopoldia(Muscari) comosa

Ornithogalum broteroi Ornithogalum narbonense Scilla peruviana

Cyperaceae **Sedge Family** Bolboschoenus maritimus Sea Club-rush Carex divisa Divided Sedge

Cyperus capitatus Cyperus eragrostis

Cyperus longus Galingale

Eleocharis palustris Common Spike-rush

Schoenoplectus lacustris Bullrush

Schoenus nigricans

Scirpoides holoschoenus Round-headed Club-rush

Dioscoreaceae Yam Family Dioscorea communis Black Bryony

Iridaceae Iris Family Gladiolus italicus Italian Gladiolus

Gladiolus illyricus

Iris albicans A White Iris Iris pseudacorus Yellow Flag Iris xiphium Spanish Iris Moraea sisyrinchium **Barbary Nut**

Watsonia meriana

Rush Family Juncaceae

Juncus acutiflorus Sharp-flowered Rush

Juncus acutus Sharp Rush Soft Rush Juncus effusus

English Name (if any)

Juncus capitatus Juncus maritimus **Dwarf Rush** Sea Rush

Orchidaceae

Orchid Family Anacamptis pyramidalis Pyramidal Orchid Gennaria diphylla

Dense-flowered Orchid Neotinea maculata

Ophrys apifera Bee Orchid

Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid Serapias cordigera

Serapias lingua **Tongue Orchid**

Serapias parviflora Small-flowered Tongue Orchid

Serapias strictiflora

Poaceae

Grass Family

Aegilops geniculata **Ovate Goatgrass**

Ammophila arenaria Marram Arundo donax Giant Reed

Briza maxima Large Quaking Grass

Briza minor **Small Quaking Grass** Cynosurus echinatus Rough Dog's-tail

Dactylis glomerata Cock's-foot Hordeum marinum Sea Barley Wall Barley Hordeum murinum Lagurus ovatus Hare's-tail Grass

Lamarckia aurea Golden Dog's-tail Lolium perenne Perennial Rye-grass Parapholis incurva Curved Sea Hardgrass

Phragmites australis Common Reed Spartina maritima Cord-grass

Stipa gigantea Giant feather Grass

Smilacaceae **Greenbrier Family**

Smilax aspera Common Smilax

Xanthorrhoeaceae **Asphodel Family**

Aloe perfoliata

Asphodelus fistulosus Hollow-leaved Asphodel Asphodelus ramosus

Zosteraceae **Eelgrass Family** Zostera noltii **Dwarf Eelgrass**

Butterflies

Asphodelus serotinus

Small Skipper, Thymelicus sylvestris Sage Skipper, Muschampia proto

Spanish Festoon, Zerynthia rumina Spanish Swallowtail, Iphiclides feisthamelii

Swallowtail, Papilion machaon Large White, Pieris brassicae

Small White, Pieris rapae Bath White, Pontia daplidice

Green-striped White, Euchloe belemia Western Dappled White, Euchloe crameri

Clouded Yellow, Colias crocea

Green Hairstreak, Callophrys rubi

Small Copper, Lycaena phlaeas

Lorquin's Blue, Cupido Iorquinii

Common Blue, Polyommatus icarus

Red Admiral, Vanessa atalanta

Marsh Fritillary, Euphydryas aurina

Wall Brown, Lassiommata megera

Spanish Gatekeeper, Pyronia bathsheba

Spanish Marbled White, Melanargia ines

Other Invertebrates

Ant Lion, Acanthaclisis baetica

Carpenter Bee, Xylocopa violacea

Minotaur Beetle, Typhaeus typhoeus

2-spot Ladybird, Adalia bi-punctata

Oil Beetle, Meloe proscarabaeus

Giant Centipede, Scolopendra cingtulatus

Mammals

Iberian Hare, Lepus granatensis

Reptiles & Amphibians

Western Spadefoot Toad, Pleobates cultripes

Spanish Terrapin, Mauremys leprosa

Ocellated Lizard, Lacerta lepida

Brimstone, Gonepteryx rhamni

Blue-spot Hairstreak, Satyrium spini

Long-tailed Blue, Lampides boeticus

Holly Blue, Celastrina argiolus

Southern Brown Argus, Aricia agestis cramera

Painted Lady, Vanessa cardui

Speckled Wood, Pararge aegeria aegeria

Small Heath, Coenonympha pamphilus

Meadow Brown, Maniola jurtina

Western Marbled White, Melanargia occitanica

Beefly, Bombyllius major

Tiger Beetle, Cicindela hybrida

7-spot Ladybird, Coccinellia 7-punctata

Dung Beetle, Scarabaeus cicatricosus

Whirligig Beetle, Gyrinus natator

Scorpion, Buthus occitanus

Rabbit, Oryctolagus cuniculus

Iberian Water Frog, Rana perezi

Large Psammodromus, Psammodromus algirus



Kentish Plover by Paul Greenfield