Menorca

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Lunch at Algendar Gorge





Menorcan wild flower meadow

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Day 1 Friday 27th April

Weather - warm and sunny, with some high cloud

The group arrived at Mahon on four different flights, and when everyone had assembled at Matchani Gran we were served an excellent lunch of quiche and salad, followed by a choice of desserts, washed down by wine, beer or water. After everyone had unpacked, we had a short walk around the fields adjacent to the hotel, which produced several Booted Eagles, Tawny Pipits and Thekla Larks. Plants noted in the fields included Tasselled Blue Hyacinth, Wild Gladioli, the red and blue forms of Scarlet Pimpernel, and Small Bellflower. We had an excellent dinner and most of the group retired early after a long day travelling.

Day 2 Saturday 28th April

Weather – hazy sunshine, with a fresh SW wind.

A few of the group met at 7.00am for a walk along the long entrance drive to the hotel. This produced less migrants than we expected, but we did manage a couple of Turtle Doves, a Hoopoe as well as two Pied Flycatchers and a Woodchat Shrike. Nightingales were singing everywhere, and two were seen well at the end of the lane. Greenfinches were much more numerous than on previous visits.

After breakfast we set off towards the north coast of the island, heading for Tirant Marsh. On the way we had a stop in an area which has produced many Bee-eaters in the past, and we were not disappointed, as a large flock was hunting bees and wasps, and also gave excellent views perched on wires and fences. Also in this area were a Wheatear and two Whinchats, and at least 10 Booted Eagles were soaring in the immediate vicinity. Moving on, we found a female Marsh Harrier hunting over the Marsh, plus several Little Egrets and Purple Herons, two Wood Sandpipers, at least six Black-winged Stilts and two Whiskered Terns.

After about an hour and a half we headed further along the track to the dunes overlooking the beach at Cala Tirant, where we found four Audouin's Gulls amongst the many Yellow-legged Gulls, and there were also a pair of Little Ringed Plovers on the beach, two Egyptian Vultures circling overhead and a fine male Blue Rock Thrush which perched obligingly on a notice board. We had our picnic lunch in this area, and then drove back to the end of the Tirant track where we parked and walked a short distance along the road to a point overlooking an area of open water. Here there were three Gadwall, a Purple Gallinule and many Coots, including, very unusually, a completely white bird.

On the way back to the hotel we visited the prehistoric site at Torralba, where we all treated ourselves to ice-creams. A walk around the site produced several Alpine Swifts, a couple of Spotted Flycatchers of the local race *balearica*, and, best of all, an Eleanora's Falcon overhead.

Day 3 Sunday 29th April

Weather – warm and sunny, with a fresh SW wind.

Today's pre-breakfast walk did not produce a great deal, although we had reasonable views of a Hoopoe and a nice male Pied Flycatcher. There appeared to be more Turtle Doves in the area than on the previous day.

After breakfast we headed north again, today's first destination being the Cap de Cavalleria, the most northerly point on the island. We had intended to stop at the place which produced all the Bee-eaters yesterday, but the area was crowded with people attempting to photograph the birds, so we continued without stopping. On the road out to the Cape there were plenty of Corn Buntings and Woodchat Shrikes on the wires and roadside bushes, and again there were good numbers of Booted Eagles overhead. At our first stop by the inlet at Cala Viola we searched for two endemic plants – *Launaea cervicornis* and *Senecio rodriguezii*. The former gave itself up fairly readily, not far from the vehicles, but the latter took a little longer, although eventually plenty of specimens in flower were found. Birds seen here were a male Redstart, White Wagtail and a Blue Rock Thrush.

Moving on to the Cape itself, the car park has now deteriorated to such an extent that it is virtually unusable, and many vehicles were simply parked at the roadside. A walk around the rocky headland near the lighthouse produced more *Senecio rodriguezii* in addition to *Dranunculus muscivorus* (variously known as Dragon Arum and Dead-horse Arum. Also present, amongst others, were the small foxglove *Digitalis minor*, Rock Samphire and Sea Spurge. Birds were represented by another Blue Rock Thrush, several Thekla Larks, many shearwaters offshore, and, rather unusually, a Purple Heron coming in off the sea.

We had a brief stop for coffee at the St Teresa Eco-museum where we were entertained by a mad chicken running around the garden, and also by an Eleanora's Falcon speeding overhead, and then headed for the beach at Binimel La where we had lunch whilst watching Audouin's Gulls.

On the way back towards the hotel, we stopped near Tirant Marsh to admire the Bee-eaters again, and found that a flock of at least 10 Blue-headed Wagtails had arrived. They entertained us for a while, as did three Woodchat Shrikes and two Kestrels. On arriving back at the hotel, we took a walk around the fields in the hope of locating Stone Curlews, but were unsuccessful. After dinner, the local Scops Owl called from the trees outside the hotel, and in fact continued calling long into the night.

Day 4

Monday 30th April

Weather overcast with light showers early, turning warm & sunny in afternoon.

The pre-breakfast walk in the fields gave us a Tawny Pipit, several Thekla Larks, a Woodchat Shrike and a Hoopoe.

After breakfast we set off towards Cala Galadana on the south coast of the island. We had a brief stop at a viewpoint overlooking the cliffs and the bay, where we saw four Alpine Swifts and about 8 Spotted Flycatchers chasing one another around the pine trees, before heading down to the car park at the edge of the wooded area. Everyone managed the climb up the fairly steep steps, even though the way was blocked by a fallen tree, and at the top it was plants rather than birds which occupied the group, although there were a few more Spotted Flycatchers here, along with two Blackcaps and a Chiffchaff. Several species of orchid were seen, including Sawfly, Mirror, Bertoloni's Bee Orchid and the endemic Balearic Orchid, *Ophrys balearica*. Of note were large numbers of Pink and White Cistus, one of the former being parasitized by *Cytinus ruber*, plus Yellow Centaury and many specimens of Sea Heath.

On descending the steps again, and after negotiating the new one-way system around the town, we stopped for lunch at the end of the Algendar Gorge, and during lunch we saw several Egyptian Vultures and Booted Eagles, three Common Sandpipers and a Woodchat Shrike.

Our next stop was at the beach and reedbed at Son Bou. Unfortunately by this time a strong southerly wind was blowing, making walking on the beach rather uncomfortable. Vast numbers of jellyfish had been washed up onto the sand, including many thousands of By-the-wind Sailors. These are not true jellyfish, but are actually colonies of Hydroids, each type of animal in the colony having a different function, such as catching prey (mainly plankton), forming the sail etc. There were not many birds to be seen onshore – just a few Stonechats, Tawny Pipits and Linnets, but there were reasonable numbers of shearwaters over the sea. The sand dunes produced several examples of the specialist plants which favour this habitat, including Sea Medick, Shore Medick, Sea Spurge and Dwarf Sea Lavender.

On returning to the hotel, David, Duncan, Toby and Ian decided to investigate an area on the south coast which we had not visited previously, this being the bay and scrubby area at Es Canutells. It was a pleasant enough walk and looked to have some potential if there were plenty of migrants around, but unfortunately not a great deal was seen on this occasion.

Day 5 Tuesday 1st May

Weather - warm & sunny with a light SE wind

This morning's walk along the entrance drive was more successful than previously, as several of the group managed to see a Stone Curlew in the pig field. Viewing is not easy in this field due to the many bushes and trees, but with some patience and a little good fortune, we were able to see this elusive species. Also seen were a Kestrel, a Hoopoe, three Spotted and one Pied Flycatchers and a Willow Warbler.

After breakfast we set off for our longest drive of the week, to Punta Nati at the north-west corner of the island. Despite a slight detour through some narrow lanes, we arrived safely. There were rather more people in the area than usual, presumably due to the May Day bank holiday, but once we had walked out to the lighthouse it was fairly quiet. This is usually a good area for Egyptian Vultures, and they did not disappoint us today, and reasonable numbers of Short-toed Larks and Tawny Pipits were also present. The star turn however was a Honey Buzzard which was initially heading north-west over the sea, but which turned around and came back inland right over our heads. Again, there were many shearwaters passing offshore, and we were able to identify both Balearic and Yelkouan amongst the larger Cory's.

Our lunch today was to be a barbecue kindly provided by Llorenc at his father's house in the picturesque Algendar Gorge. We found the house without too much trouble, and sat down to a superb lunch of barbecued sausages, burgers and kebabs, plus salad and tortillas, washed down by the local red wine (except for the two leaders of course). Whilst eating lunch we were entertained by several Egyptian Vultures and Red Kites, and a Scops Owl was heard calling briefly.

On the way back to the hotel we had a brief stop at Tirant Marsh where there were still plenty of herons and egrets to be seen, as well as Booted Eagles, and a Quail was briefly heard calling. Totally unexpected was a Short-toed Eagle making its way south-west – an unusual direction in May.

Day 6

Wednesday 2nd May

Weather – warm & sunny, but fresh NE wind and cloud at lunchtime!

The pre-breakfast walk again produced a Stone Curlew in the pig field, in addition to Hoopoe, Spotted Flycatcher and several Doves.

After breakfast we headed for the reedbeds and marshy pool at Son Parc. The water level was quite high, to the extent that the old path was partly underwater, but we managed to make our way through the sedges and rushes and up the side of a field to a point overlooking the water. Almost the first bird seen by some of the group was a Bittern, which flew low over the reedbed before landing in deep cover, never to be seen again. There were at least six or seven Purple Herons in the area, in addition to a Marsh Harrier, three Purple Gallinules, four or five Ferruginous Ducks, and four Red-crested Pochards. Two Ospreys flew overhead, but didn't stop to feed, and a Squacco Heron was seen briefly in flight. There was so much going on that we stayed for just over two hours, before making our way back to the car park, where the Squacco Heron put in another brief appearance.

We then headed for Fornells on the north coast where we planned to have lunch, but unfortunately a cold north-easterly wind got up shortly before we arrived, and we were forced to try an alternative lunch location. The western side of the Fornells headland was much more sheltered, and we soon found a suitable spot near a restaurant which had not yet opened for the season.

After lunch we drove to the top of Monte Toro, the highest point on the island, which gave us spectacular views as it was a very clear day. Several Pallid Swifts, a Crag Martin, and an Osprey provided the entertainment whilst we drank coffee or tea, and on the way down the endemic *Helichrysum ambiguum* was found growing in the cliff face.

Our final stop on this busy day was at Calas Coves on the south coast. Access is by a very rough track, which seems to get rougher each year, followed by a walk, but it is a very attractive inlet, where a Common Sandpiper and several genuine Rock Doves were seen.

Day 7

Thursday 3rd May

Weather - warm and sunny all day

Our first destination today was the private Nature Reserve at Mongofre Nou, for which Llorenc had kindly arranged access. On arrival the gate was open as we had been promised, and we were soon scanning the disused salt pans for waders and wildfowl. Amongst the highlights were a Curlew Sandpiper just moulting into breeding plumage, a Spotted Redshank doing the same, a Greenshank and many Wood Sandpipers. A Little Stint was also present, along with a Grey Plover (an unusual bird for this site) and an Avocet. Black-winged Stilts and Shelduck were numerous. For some the highlight of the visit was a pair of Spectacled Warblers which flitted along the path in front of us, diving into the low bushes by the waterside. Eventually we were able to obtain reasonable views of these secretive birds. After about three hours we made our way back to the car park, where a couple of European Pond Terrapins were found in a small stream, and we then headed back along the track to the main road, stopping along the way to take photographs of a spectacular wild-flower meadow and of the unusual rock formations on the nearby crags.

We went nearly to the lighthouse at Cap Favaritx before stopping for lunch, and found several Little Ringed Plovers and a Wheatear by the pool near the car park. There was a large mixed flock of gulls and shearwaters feeding fairly close to the shore, allowing us to pick out all three species of shearwater which are found off the Balearic Islands. Botanical interest was provided by Hottentot Figs, and some more specimens of *Senecio rodriguezii*, plus *Silene secundiflora*.

We still had time in hand, so we visited the reserve at S'Albufera es Grau, where there were plenty of plants to see, but very few birds. Orchid species found here included Mirror, Bee, Tongue, Heart-flowered and Pyramidal, and also present were many Tassel Hyacinths and various vetches. Butterflies were well represented by Clouded Yellow, Cleopatra, Green Hairstreak and Lang's Short-tailed Blue. Our final stop of the day, and of the holiday, was at the Port of Mahon, where we sat and ate ice-creams whilst watching the boats going to and fro, and also getting our last sightings of Audouin's Gull. Finally the time came to head back to the hotel for our last evening meal and, somewhat reluctantly, to pack ready for departure tomorrow.

Day 8 Friday 4th May

Weather - warm, with a light cloud cover

A morning walk gave us Stone Curlew, Hoopoe, Willow Warbler and Spotted Flycatcher. The group members were leaving at various times during the day, with Toby leaving first of all, so Ian and Llorenc ferried the rest of the group to the airport in plenty of time for the flights to Gatwick, Manchester and East Midlands.

All agreed that it had been a very successful tour of this attractive island, with plenty of birds and plants seen, and with the weather behaving very well.

Species Lists

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

		Scientific name	April/May								
	Common name		27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
1	Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa			Н	5	4		✓	1	
2	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix		Н			Н		Н		
3	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna							10+		
4	Gadwall	Anas strepera		3			3	✓			
5	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
6	Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina						5			
7	Ferruginous Duck	Aythya nyroca						4+			
8	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina						3			
9	Cory's Shearwater	Calonectris diomedea			✓	✓	✓		100'S		
10	Balearic Shearwater	Puffinus mauretanicus					1		50+		
11	Yelkouan Shearwater	Puffinus yelkouan					1		30+		
12	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis						3	1		
13	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus						1	1		
14	Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides						1			
15	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis		3		1	✓	2		2	
16	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea		4		2	1	2	3+		
17	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea		3	2		1	7+			
18	Bittern	Botaurus stellaris						1			
19	Great White Egret	Ardea alba		1							
20	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta		· ·	✓	1	✓		✓		
21	European Shag	Phalacrocorax aristotelis			5	1	3	2	3		
22	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo									
23	Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus						3	1		
24	Red Kite	Milvus milvus		√	✓	✓	3	4	2		
25	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus		3	2	3	15+	4+	2		
26	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus			4		10.		1		
27	Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus					1				
28	Short-toed Eagle	Circaetus gallicus					1				
29	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	2	20+	20+	2	15+	5+	8+	2	
30	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	✓	✓	∠ ✓	√	√	√	<u>∠</u>	
31	Eleonora's Falcon	Falco eleonorae	1	1	1	1		•	,		
32	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	'	'	1	'	1				
33	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus		1H	1		1H				
34	Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio		2			1111	3			
35	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus				2	1	2	1		
	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra		✓	✓			∠ ✓			
36 37		Burhinus oedicnemus	LI	Н	Н	П					
	Eurasian Stone-Curlew		Н	_		Н	1	1	1		
38	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus		5	9		5+	5+	30+		
39	Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta			4				1		
40	Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus			1				4		
41	Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola							1		
42	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula							6+		
43	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius		3	1			2	✓		
44	Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus							1		
45	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus		1					1		
46	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia							1		
47	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus							1		

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48	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		2					12+		
49	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos				4		7	5		
50	Little Stint	Calidris minuta							1		
51	Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea							1		
52	Dunlin	Calidris alpina							1		
53	Audouin's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii		4	5	8	4	2	15+		
54	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
55	Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida		1	1						
56	Common Pigeon (feral)	Columba livia 'feral'	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
57	Rock Dove	Columba livia					15+	5+			
58	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
59	European Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
61	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri									
62	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus								+	
63	Eurasian Scops Owl	Otus scops	Н	Н	Н	1	Н	1&H	Н	+	
64	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba		5		· ·	· · ·	2			
65	Common Swift	Apus apus	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	<u>∠</u>	✓	/	
66	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus	· ·	•	· /	,	,	<i>'</i>	•	Ľ	
67	European Bee-Eater	Merops apiaster	•	50+	50+		20+	-		-	
68	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops		3	4	4	4+	3+	4+	1	
69	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator	1	5	→	5	→	- 3 τ - √	3	1	
70	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	1	3	,	5	•	1	3	-	
71	Northern Raven		1	4	✓	✓	✓		✓	-	
	Great Tit	Corvus corax	I		4	∨	∨	∨ ✓	∨	-	
72		Parus major		3	4	•		_	•	-	
73	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla	_	✓	✓	✓	15+ ✓	✓	√		
74	Thekla Lark	Galerida theklae	3		∨	✓	✓	V	•	-	
75	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia		1	∨ ✓	∨	∨				
76	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	√	∨	∨	✓		√	5	✓	
77	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	V	~	V	✓	√		-	
78	Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris						1		-	
79	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	Н	Н	H	Н	1	√	✓		
80	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus			Н	_	1	1	1	2	
81	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita				2		1	1	-	
82	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix		_	_		_	_	1	-	
83	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		6,	3		3	2	1	-	
84	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		2	1	4	4	4	2	-	
85	Spectacled Warbler	Sylvia conspicillata							2	<u> </u>	
86	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans		2H						<u> </u>	
87	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
88	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
89	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos								1	
90	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	Н	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
91	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros			1				1	1	
92	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus			1					<u> </u>	
93	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra		3	1		1		1		
94	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		3	✓	✓	4	1			
95	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		2		1			2		
96	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius		1	2		4	1			
97	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	1	1	5	15+	✓	✓	✓	2	
98	European Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	3	3	1	1	1	1		2	

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99	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Grey-headed Wagtail	Motacilla flava thunbergi			1					
101	Blue-headed Wagtail	Motacilla flava flava			10		1	2	3	
102	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba			1					
103	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris	1	4	✓	2	✓		2	
104	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		1	3	5		✓	✓	
105	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
106	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Common Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
108	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
But	terflies									
1	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon	1		1			✓	✓	
2	Large White	Pieris brassicae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Small White	Pieris rapae					1			
4	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	
5	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni		✓					✓	
6	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra		✓		✓	1	✓	✓	
7	Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi				1			✓	
8	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas					1			
9	Brown Argus	Aricia agestis	2	✓	1		1			
10	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus	1					✓	✓	
11	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta		✓	1		1			
12	Painted Lady	Cynthia cardui			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina								
14	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		✓	✓			✓	✓	
15	Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Small Blue	Cupido minimus			1					
17	Lang's Short-tailed blue	Leptotes pirithau							✓	
	gonflies									
1	Scarlet Darter	Crocothemis erythraea						1		
2	Yellow-winged Darter	Sympetrum flaveolum				1		✓		
3	Norfolk Hawker	Aeshna isoceles						✓		
4	Lesser Emperor	Anax partenope						1		
5	Broad-bodied Chaser	Libellula depressa				1	1			
6	Scarce Bluetail	Ischnura pumilio			✓	✓		✓		
Rep	otiles & Amphibians									
1	Stripeless Tree Frog	Hyla meridionalis					Н			
2	Italian Wall Lizard	Podarcis sicula	✓	✓			2	✓	✓	
3	Green Toad	Bufo viridis					Н	✓		
4	Hermann's Tortoise	Testudo hermanni	3		2				1	
	Moorish Gecko	Tarentola mauretanica				1				1
5	MINIOULISTI GECKO	Tarontola maarotamoa								

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	Common name	Scientific name	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Mai	mmals									
1	Brown rat	Rattus norvegicus			1	1				
2	Pipistrelle sp	Pipistrellus sp			2		✓			
3	Algerian Hedgehog	Atelerix aglerus					1	2		
4	Pine Marten	Martes martes							1	

Plants

Scientific Name Common Name

Equisetaceae

Equisetum telmateia Great Horsetail

Adiantaceae

Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern

Polypodiaceae

Polypodium australe Southern Polypody

Pinaceae

Pinus halepensis ssp. halepensis Aleppo Pine
Pinus pinea Stone Pine

Cupressaceae

Cupressus sempervirens var. sempervirens

Juniperus phoenicea

Funeral Cypress

Phoenician Juniper

Araucariaceae

Araucaria heterophylla Norfolk Island Pine

Ephedraceae

Ephedra fragilis Joint-pine

Fagaceae

Quercus ilex ssp. ilex Holm Oak

Moraceae

Ficus carica Fig

Urticaceae

Parietaria judaicaPellitory-of-the-wallUrtica membranaceaMediterranean Nettle

Urtica urens Small Neetle

Aristolochiaceae

Asarum europaeum

Rafflesiaceae

Cytinus ruber

Polygonaceae

Polygonum maritimum Sea Knotgrass

Scientific Name

Common Name

Rumex bucephalophorusHorned DockRumex crispus ssp. crispusCurled DockRumex obtusifoliusBroad-leaved DockRumex pulcherFiddle Dock

Chenopodiaceae

Arthrocnemon perenne Perennial Glasswort
Atriplex prostratus Spear-leaved Orache

Beta vulgaris ssp. vulgaris Beet

Halimione portulacoidesSea-purslaneSalicornia sp.a GlasswortSueda fruticosaShrubby Sea-blite

Aizoaceae

Carpobrotus edulis var. edulis Hottentot-fig
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum Slender Iceplant

Caryophyllaceae

Cerastium fontanum ssp. vulgareCommon Mouse-earCerastium glomeratumSticky Mouse-earMinuartia hybridaFine-leaved Sandwort

Petrorhagia nanteuilii Childing Pink

Polycarpon polycarpoidesPurslane-leaved AllseedPolycarpon tetraphyllum ssp. tetraphyllumFour-leaved AllseedSilene gallica var. anglicaEnglish Catchfly

Silene gallica var. gallica Small-flowered Catchfly

Silene secundiflora

Silene sedoidesHairy CatchflySilene vulgarisBladder CampionSpergularia marinaSea-spurreySpergularia rubraSand Spurrey

Ranunculaceae

Clematis cirrhosa Early Virgin's-bower Ranunculus bulbosus ssp. aleae **Bulbous Buttercup** Ranunculus macrophyllus Large-leaved Buttercup Ranunculus muricatus Rough-fruited Buttercup Ranunculus ophioglossifolius Adder's-tongue Spearwort Ranunculus parviflorus Small-flowered Buttercup Ranunculus peltatus Pond Water-crowfoot Ranunculus sceleratus ssp. sceleratus Celery-leaved Buttercup

Papaveraceae

Glaucium flavum Yellow Horned-poppy
Papaver rhoeas Common Poppy

Fumariaceae

Fumaria capreolata ssp. capreolata White Ramping-fumitory

Fumaria capreolata ssp. Capreolata f. speciosa

Fumaria officinalis Common Fumitory

Brassicaceae

Brassica rapa Turnip
Cakile maritima ssp. aegyptiaca Sea Rocket

Scientific Name Common Name

Capsella bursa-pastoris ssp. bursa-pastorisShepherd's-purseLepidium draba ssp. drabaHoary CressLobularia maritimaSweet AlisonRaphanus raphanistrumWild RadishRapistrum rugosumBastard CabbageRorippa nasturtium-aquaticumWatercressSisymbrium officinaleHedge Mustard

Resedaceae

Reseda alba White Mignonette

Crassulaceae

Umbilicus horizontalis Horizontal Navelwort

Pittosporaceae

Pittosporum tobira Japanese Orange-blossom

Rosaceae

Potentilla reptans Creeping Cinquefoil

Prunus persica Peach
Rubus fruticosus agg. Bramble

Sanguisorba minor ssp. magnolii Mediterranean Burnet

Fabaceae

Anthyllis tetraphyllaBladder VetchAnthyllis vulneraria ssp. praeproperaKidney VetchAstragalus balearicusBalearic Milk-vetchAstragalus boeticusYellow Milk-vetchAstragalus hamosusSouthern Milk-vetchCalicotome spinosaSpiny Broom

Coronilla juncea Narrow-leaved Scorpion-vetch

Dorycnium hirsutum Canary Clover

Dorycnium fulgurans

Dorycnium pentaphyllum ssp. pentaphyllum Badassi

Hedysarum coronarium French Honeysuckle

Hippocrepis unisiliquosa Single-flowered Horseshoe-vetch

Fodder Pea Lathyrus annuus Lathyrus clymenum Crimson Pea Lathyrus ochrus Winged Vetchling Lotus corniculatus Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus cytisoides Grey Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus edulis Edible Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus ornithopodioides Southern Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus subbiflorus Hairy Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus tetraphyllus Four-leaved Bird's-foot-trefoil

Lupinus micranthus Hairy Lupin Medicago arabica Spotted Medick Medicago arborea Tree Medick Medicago littoralis Shore Medick Sea Medick Medicago marina Medicago orbicularis Disc Medick Medicago polymorpha **Toothed Medick** Melilotus indica Small-flowered Melilot

Scientific Name

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Melilotus sulcata **Furrowed Melilot** Ononis minutissima Tiny Restharrow Ononis reclinata Small Restharrow Psoralea bitumenosa Pitch Trefoil Robinia hispida Rose Acacia Robinia pseudacacia False Acacia Scorpiurus muricatus Caterpillar-plant Spartium junceum Spanish Broom Narrow-leaved Clover Trifolium angustifolium

Trifolium campestre Hop Trefoil Trifolium ligusticum Ligurian Clover Trifolium repens White Clover Trifolium resupinatum Reversed Clover Trifolium scabrum Rough Clover Trifolium stellatum Star Clover Trifolium suffocatum **Suffocated Clover** Vicia benghalensis Purple Vetch Vicia bithynica Bithynian Vetch Vicia lutea Yellow-vetch Vicia sativa Common Vetch Vicia tenuissima Slender Tare

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis corniculata var. corniculata Procumbent Yellow-sorrel
Oxalis pes-caprae Bermuda Buttercup

Geraniaceae

Erodium chium ssp. chiumThree-lobed Stork's-billErodium cicutariumCommon Stork's-billErodium malacoidesSoft Stork's-bill

Geranium columbinumLong-stalked Crane's-billGeranium dissectumCut-leaved Crane's-billGeranium molleDove's-foot Crane's-bill

Geranium purpureum Little Robin

Geranium rotundifolium Round-leaved Crane's-bill

Tropaeolaceae

Tropaeolum majus Nasturtium

Linaceae

Linum bienne Pale Flax
Linum trigynum French Flax

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia chamaesyce ssp. chamaesyceSmall SpurgeEuphorbia dendroidesTree SpurgeEuphorbia exiguaDwarf SpurgeEuphorbia paraliasSea SpurgeEuphorbia segetalis?Grainfield SpurgeMercurialis annuaAnnual MercuryRicinus communisCastor-oil-plant

Scientific Name Common Name

Rutaceae

Citrus limonLemonCitrus sinensisOrangeRuta graveolensRue

Simaroubaceae

Ailanthus altissima Tree-of-heaven

Anacardinaceae

Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree

Vitaceae

Vitis vinifera Grape

Lavatera arboreaTree-mallowLavatera creticaSmall Tree-mallowMalva sylvestrisCommon Mallow

Malva pusilla

Clusiaceae

Hypericum perfoliatumPerfoliate St John's-wortHypericum perforatumCommon St John's-wort

Cistaceae

Cistus albidusGrey-leaved CistusCistus incanus ssp. creticusHairy CistusCistus monspeliensisMontpellier CistusCistus salvifoliusSage-leaved CistusFumana thymifoliaThyme-leaved Rockrose

Tamaricaceae

Tamarix gallica Tamarisk

Frankeniaceae

Frankenia laevis Sea-heath

Frankenia pulverulenta Annual Sea-heath

Cactaceae

Opuntia sp. a Prickly-pear

Araliaceae

Hedera helix Ivy

Apiaceae

Apium nodiflorumFool's WatercressCrithmum maritimumRock SamphireDaucus carotaWild CarrotEryngium campestreField EryngoEryngium maritimumSea-hollyFerula communisGiant Fennel

Kundmannia sicula

Oenanthe lachenalii Parsley Water-dropwort

Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders

Scientific Name Common Name

Tordylium apulumMediterranean HartwortTorilis leptophyllaBristle-fruited Hedge-parsleyTorilis nodosaKnotted Hedge-parsley

Ericaceae

Erica arborea Tree Heath

Erica multiflora Many-flowered Heath

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis ssp. arvensis f. arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel

Anagallis arvensis ssp. arvensis f. azurea Scarlet Pimpernel [blue form]

Samolus valerandi Brookweed

Plumbaginaceae

Limonium fontqueri?

Limonium minutum Dwarf Sea-lavender

Oleaceae

Olea europaea Olive
Phillyrea angustifolia False Olive

Gentianaceae

Blackstonia perfoliata ssp. grandiflora Yellow-wort [large flowered form]

Blackstonia perfoliata ssp. perfoliata Yellow-wort

Centaurea erythraeaCommon CentauryCentaurium maritimumYellow CentauryCentaurium pulchellumLesser CentauryCentaurium tenuiflorumSlender Centaury

Apocynaceae

Nerium oleander Oleander

Asclepiadaceae

Vincetoxicum hirundinaria ssp. hirundinaria Swallow-wort

Rubiaceae

Crucianella maritima Sea Crosswort
Galium aparine Cleavers
Rubia peregrina Wild Madder

Rubia peregrina var. angustifolia? Wild Madder [narrow leaved form]

Sherardia arvensisField MadderValantia hispidaHairy ValantiaValantia muralisWall Valantia

Convolvulaceae

Calystegia sepium Hedge Bindweed Calystegia soldanella Sea Bindweed

Convolvulus althaeoides ssp. althaeoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed

Convolvulus arvensis Field Bindweed

Boraginaceae

Anchusa azurea Blue Alkanet
Borago officinalis Borage

Scientific Name

Common Name

Cynoglossum creticum Blue Hound's-tongue Echium italicum Pale Viper's-bugloss

Echium parviflorum Small-flowered Viper's-bugloss

Echium plantagineum Purple Viper's-bugloss

Lamiaceae

Ballota nigraBlack HorehoundMentha aquaticaWater MintMentha pulegiumPennyroyal

Mentha suaveolens Round-leaved Mint

Micromeria filiformis

Prasium majus White Hedge-nettle

Rosmarinus officinalis Rosemary
Salvia verbenaca Wild Clary

Sideritis romana ssp. romanaCommon IronwortStachys ocymastrumItalian WoundwortTeucrium marum ssp. marumCat Thyme

Solanaceae

Solanum sodomeum Apple-of-Sodom

Scrophulariaceae

Bellardia trixago Mediterranean Lineseed

Digitalis minor Small Foxglove

Linaria triphylla Three-leaved Toadflax

Misopates orontiumWeasel-snoutParentucellia viscosaYellow BartsiaPaulownia tomentosaFoxglove-treeScrophularia auriculataWater Figwort

Scrophularia peregrina Nettle-leaved Figwort

Scrophularia ramosissima

Verbascum creticumGlandular MulleinVeronica cymbalariaPale Speedwell

Orobanchaceae

Orobanche foetidaFoetid BroomrapeOrobanche minorCommon BroomrapeOrobanche ramosa ssp. muteliiBranched Broomrape

Orobanche balerica

Plantaginaceae

Plantago coronopusBuck's-horn PlantainPlantago lagopusHare's-foot PlantainPlantago lanceolataRibwort Plantain

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera implexa Mediterranean Honeysuckle

Valerianaceae

Centranthus calcitrapae Annual Valerian

Valerianella dentata Narrow-fruited Cornsalad

Dipsacaceae

Scabiosa atropurpurea Mournful-widow

Scientific Name Common Name

Campanulaceae

Campanula erinus Small Bellflower

Asteraceae

Anthemis cotula Stinking Chamomile Anthemis maritima Sea Chamomile Artemisia caerulescens ssp. gallica Bluish Wormwood Bellium bellidioides Miniature Daisy Bellis annua ssp. annua **Annual Daisy** Calendula arvensis Field Marigold Carduus tenuiflorus Slender Thistle Chrysanthemum coronarium var. coronarium Crown Daisy

Chrysanthemum coronarium var. discolor

Chrysanthemum segetumCorn MarigoldCichorium intybusChicoryCirsium vulgareSpear Thistle

Crepis vesicaria? Beaked Hawk's-beard Dittrichia viscosa ssp. viscosa Woody Fleabane

Evax pygmaea ssp. pygmaea Evax

Filago gallica Narrow-leaved Cudweed Filago pyramidata Broad-leaved Cudweed

Galactites tomentosa Boar Thistle
Hedypnois cretica Scaly Hawkbit

Helichrysum ambiguum

Helichrysum stoechas ssp. stoechas **Shrubby Everlasting** Hyoseris radiata Perennial Hyoseris Inula crithmoides Golden Samphire Launaea cervicornis Hedgehog Lettuce Pallenis spinosa ssp. spinosa Spiny Starwort Phagnalon rupestre Rock Phagnalon Senecio cineraria Silver Ragwort Senecio rodriguezii Rodriguez's Ragwort

Senecio vulgarisGroundselSilybum marianumMilk ThistleSonchus asperPrickly Sow-thistleSonchus oleraceusSmooth Sow-thistleUrospermum dalechampiiGoldenfleece

Alismataceae

Baldellia ranunculoides Lesser Water-plantain

Ruppiaceae Ruppia maritima

Posidoniaceae

Posidonia oceanica Neptune-grass

Liliaceae

Allium ampeloprasum var. ampeloprasum Wild Leek

Allium roseum var. bulbiferum Rosy Garlic [bulbilliferous form]

Allium roseum var. roseum Rosy Garlic
Allium subhirsutum Hairy Garlic

Allium triquetrum Three-cornered Leek

Scientific Name

Common Name

Aloe maculataSoap AloeAsparagus acutifoliusSpiny AsparagusAsparagus albusWhite AsparagusAsparagus stipularisGrey AsparagusAsphodelus aestivusTurkish Asphodel

Asphodelus fistulosus Hollow-stemmed Asphodel

Muscari comosum Tassel Hyacinth

Ornithogalum arabicum Large Star-of-Bethlehem

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's-broom
Smilax aspera Mediterranean Smilax

Urginea maritima Sea Squill

Agavaceae

Agave americana Centuryplant

Amaryllidaceae

Pancratium maritimum Sea Daffodil

Dioscoreaceae

Tamus communis Black Bryony

Iridaceae

Gladiolus illyricus Wild Gladiolus
Gladiolus italicus Cornflag
Iris pseudacorus Yellow Iris

Juncaceae

Juncus acutus ssp. acutusSharp RushJuncus hybridusHybrid Toad-rushJuncus maritmaSea RushJuncus inflexusHard RushJuncus bufoniusToad Rush

Poaceae

Aegilops geniculataOvate GoatgrassAegilops ventricosaBarbed Goatgrass

Ammophila arenaria ssp. arundinacea Marram

Ampelodesmos mauritanica Mauritania-grass
Anthoxanthum odoratum Sweet Vernal-grass

Arundo donax Giant Reed
Avena barbata Slender Oat

Avena sativa Oat

Brachypodium sylvaticumWood False-bromeBriza maximaGreater Quaking-grassBriza minorLesser Quaking-grass

Bromus diandrus **Great Brome** Bromus hordeaceus Soft-brome Bromus madritensis Compact Brome Cynodon dactylon Bermuda-grass Cynosurus echinatus Rough Dog's-tail Dactylis glomerata Cock's-foot Dasypyrum villosum Mosquito-grass Desmazeria marina Sea Fern-grass

Scientific Name

Common Name

Desmazeria rigidaFern-grassFestuca arundinaceaTall FescueGastridium ventricosumNit-grassHolcus lanatusYorkshire-fogHordeum marinumSea BarleyHordeum murinumWall BarleyLagurus ovatusHare's-tail

Lolium perenne Perennial Rye-grass

Oryzopsis miliacea Smilo-grass

Phalaria aquaticaBulbous Canary-grassPhragmites australisCommon ReedPoa annuaAnnual Meadow-grassPoet trivitiesDescription

Poa trivialis Rough Meadow-grass
Rostraria cristata Mediterranean Hair-grass

Stipa bromoides

Vulpia bromoidesSquirreltail FescueVulpia fasciculataDune Fescue

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare Friar's-cowl

Arum italicum ssp. italicum Italian Lords-and-ladies
Dracunculus muscivorus Dead-horse Arum

Sparganiaceae

Sparganium erectum Branched Bur-reed

Typhaceae

Typha domingensis Southern Reedmace

Cyperaceae

Bolboschoenus maritimus ssp. maritimus Sea Clubrush

Carex depressa ssp. depressa?

Carex distansDistant SedgeCarex divisaDivided SedgeCarex divulsa ssp. divulsaGrey Sedge

Carex extensa Long-bracted Sedge
Carex otrubae False Fox-sedge

Cyperus longus Galingale

Scirpoides holoschoenus Round-headed Clubrush

Musaceae

Musa sp. Banana

Orchidaceae

Barlia robertianaGiant OrchidOphrys apiferaBee OrchidOphrys balearicaBalearic OrchidOphrys speculumMirror Orchid

Serapias cordigera Heart-flowered Orchid

Serapias lingua Tongue Orchid

Serapias parvifloraSmall-flowered SerapiasOrchis pyramidalisPyramidal OrchidOphrys tenthrediniferaSawfly Orchid

Scientific Name

Common Name

Serapia vomeracea

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