Menorca

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Audouin's Gull





Mongofre Nou

Roadside wild flowers

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Day 1 Friday 26th April

Light rain on arrival at noon, overcast in afternoon.

The group assembled at Gatwick for the 9.30am flight to Mahon, which departed more or less on time. We had a very pleasant lunch of salad and paella, after which we had a walk around the fields belonging to the hotel. Amongst the birding highlights were two Hoopoes, a Woodchat Shrike, several Tawny Pipits, and a Redstart, as well as numerous Nightingales singing and a Booted Eagle overhead. The field provided a useful introduction to some common plants including *Asphodelus aestivus* (Turkish Aphodel) *Asphodelus fistulosus* (Hollow Stemmed Asphodel) *Bellis annua* (Annual daisy) and *Muscari comosum* (Tassel Hyacinth) with the added interest of *Serapis parviflora* (Small flowered Serapias) and the blue flowered *Orobrance ramose* (Branched Broomrape)

Before dinner Alison walked along the entrance road to the hotel and found a Golden Oriole just off the track on the neighbouring fields. Needless to say, everyone was rather jealous, and hoped to see it or another later in the week. We ate a very enjoyable evening meal accompanied by wine and beer, and everyone retired fairly early after a long day travelling.

Day 2 Saturday 27th April

Cold, overcast morning, followed by heavy rain in the afternoon

A few of the group met at 7am for a walk along the long entrance drive to the hotel. This produced about five Turtle Doves, two Hoopoes, two Pied Flycatchers and two Wood Warblers, in addition to numerous Nightingales and Cetti's Warblers. In addition we had our first close views of the spectacular *Ornithogalum arabicum* (Large Star-of-Bethlehem) and *Gladiolus italicus* (Cornflag).

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 although there were fewer than in previous years, there were about six when we arrived which gave excellent views. Overhead were up to 12 Booted Eagles, a Red Kite and two Egyptian Vultures. The stop provided an opportunity to see at close quarters the typical roadside plants of the island, including both variations of *Chrysanthemum corinarium* (Crown Daisy) *Chrysanthemum arvensis* (Corn Marigold) and *Hedysarum coronarium* (French Honeysuckle) and the small *Campanula erinus* (Small Bellflower).

After about 40 minutes we moved on to the road overlooking the marsh, and the first bird seen was a Purple Heron, which was soon joined by a second. Two female Marsh Harriers were hunting over the fields beyond the marsh, a Zitting Cisticola performed its song flight overhead, and a Moustached Warbler was located singing and feeding in the base of a tamarisk bush. The marsh vegetation was dominated by *Elocharius palustris* (Common Spike-rush) and *Scirpus maritimus* (Sea Club-rush) with *Ranunculus ophiglossifoluis* (Adder's-tongue Crowfoot) and *Rannunculus peltatus* (Pond Water-crowfoot) growing in the margins close to the road but the high water levels prevented closer examination. On the opposite side of the road we also saw *Rannunculus macrophyllus* (Large-leafed Buttercup).

After about an hour and a half we headed further along the track to the dunes overlooking the beach at Cala Tirant, where we decided to have an early lunch as the clouds were building up and rain was threatening. This provided us with our first views of the colourful white flowing *Cistus salvifolius* (Sage-leafed Cistus) and the pink *Cistus albidus* (Grey-leafed Cistus) along with the yellow *Calicotome juncea* (Spiny Broom) After our picnic we walked a short distance further along the track and eventually located two Audouin's Gulls on the far side of the bay along with our first and only specimen of *Ephedra fragilis* (Joint Pine) On returning to the vehicles it was beginning to rain, so we decided to retreat to a café in Fornells in the next bay in the hope that it would soon stop. Unfortunately the rain became heavier as we drank our tea and coffee, so there was nothing for it but to return to the hotel and hope for better weather later, which failed to materialise.

Day 3 Sunday 28th April

Overcast, with rain from late afternoon

Those members of the group who took part in today's pre-breakfast walk were treated to the sight of at least three Golden Orioles, including one adult male, in roughly the same area as the one seen by Alison two days ago. Also seen were three Woodchat Shrikes, as well as the usual finches and doves. Our morning walk also found *Allium ampeloprasum* (Wild Leek) and *Arisarun vulgare* (Friar's Cowl).

After breakfast we headed north again, today's first destination being the Cap de Cavalleria, the most northerly point on the island. We had a stop at the entrance to Es Prat, a farm at the high point on the road overlooking the open water part of Tirant Marsh, as a quick look from the vehicle revealed the presence of some Red-crested Pochard. However, on closer inspection there was a great deal more to be seen, and by the time we left 50 minutes later (it was supposed to be a 10 minute stop!), we had recorded three Garganeys, several Gadwall, a Sparrowhawk, two Marsh Harriers, three Greenshank and a Common Sandpiper, plus a flock of around 30 Dunlin. A couple of people managed a fleeting sighting of a Glossy Ibis, and two Squacco Herons gave occasional views, although they were hidden in long vegetation for most of the time.

On the road out to the Cape there were plenty of Corn Bunting and Stonechat on the wires and roadside bushes, and again there were Booted Eagles and Red Kites overhead. At our first stop by the inlet at Cala Viola we searched for two endemic plants – *Launaea cervicornis* and *Senecio rodriguezii*. The former was quickly found not far from the vehicles, although unfortunately very few specimens were in flower. The latter took a little longer, although eventually plenty of specimens in flower were found as we moved further onto the Cape. Birds seen here included three Redstarts and four Wheatears, while Gordon found a Red-backed Shrike and an interesting flycatcher. It had the appearance of a Collared Flycatcher – a real rarity – but on undertaking some research it appears that a small percentage of older male Pied Flycatchers in mainland Spain and Portugal develop complete white collars, so we will never know the true identity of this bird.

Moving on to the Cape itself, we decided it was lunchtime, and during lunch we were entertained by a couple of Willow Warblers, looking very out of place in the scrubby, rocky habitat, as well as a Whitethroat and a Spectacled Warbler. After lunch we walked around the rocky headland, finding two Blue Rock Thrushes in addition to a Raven, numerous Thekla Larks and Tawny Pipits, and a Peregrine and a Hobby involved in an aerial fight. Searching the headland we found the leaves of *Dracunculus muscivorus* (Dead-horse Arum) and finally a flowering plant with its spectacular flowering spathe and equally spectacular smell.

We then had a quick stop back at Cala Viola, where Helen scanned the sea and found a large mixed flock of shearwaters not far offshore. The larger Cory's Shearwaters were easily picked out, but the light was not good enough to identify the smaller birds, but it is likely that both Balearic and Yelkouan Shearwaters were present. We next had a short stop at Binimel La where a Redstart and several Booted Eagles were the only birds of note, before returning to the hotel.

Day 4 Monday 29th April

Dry with strong NE wind in morning, calm and warm in afternoon

The pre-breakfast walk was very quiet today, with a Hoopoe and two Woodchat Shrikes the only birds of note.

After breakfast we set off towards Cala Galadana on the south coast of the island. We had a brief stop at the viewpoints overlooking the cliffs and the bay, where we saw about six Alpine Swifts along with our first examples of *Cistus monspeliensis* (Montpellier Cistu) and *Coronilla juncea* (Narrow Leafed Scorpion Vetch) before heading down to the car park at the edge of the wooded area. Everyone managed the climb up the fairly steep steps, 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 Wood Warbler. Despite some unfortunate strimming, several species of orchid were eventually found including *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid), *Ophrys bombliflora* (Bumblebee Orchid) *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid), and *Ophrys bertolonii subspp balearica* (the endemic Balearic Orchid). Of note were several plants of *Cytinus ruber* (Citinus) which grows as a parasite on species of Cistus.

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, followed by a coffee in one of the many cafes in the resort. Our next stop was at the beach and reedbed at Son Bou, where the first bird seen was a Common Sandpiper feeding by a puddle in the entrance to the car park. It was totally unconcerned by the presence of the minibuses and carried on feeding as we drove by only a few feet away.

Unfortunately the creek which runs into the sea here has changed its course since last year, and proved rather difficult to cross, but eventually everyone made it with a certain amount of paddling. We only walked a short distance along the beach before stopping to look at the specialist plants in the sand dune habitat where we found *Eryngium maritimum* (Sea Holly) *Matholia sinuate* (Sea Stock) and *Medicago marina* (Sea Medick). We also saw a few Stonechats, a nice male Wheatear and had fantastic close views of two Audouin's Gulls. Most impressive of all, an Eleonora's Falcon shot overhead. We then negotiated the creek again before driving back to the hotel, arriving at around 5.15pm.

Day 5

Tuesday 30th April

Weather – warm & sunny with scattered clouds later

By way of a change we decided to walk the fields rather than the entrance track this morning. Things started very quietly, but on the way back towards the hotel we managed to find a Whinchat, a Wheatear and a Redstart – probably all newly-arrived migrants – as well as a Willow Warbler, two Pied Flycatchers and three Spotted Flycatchers. This was in addition to the usual Thekla Larks and Tawny Pipits, plus two Kestrels and a Woodchat Shrike. Plants included *Asparagus stipularis* (Grey Asparagus) and *Caruus pycnochalus* (A Thistle).

Our route today took us to the north of the island, the first call being at the marsh and pool at Son Parc. The water level here was very high, and it was ducks rather than waders which provided most of the entertainment. There were about 15 Red-crested Pochard, plus eight Ferruginous Ducks, six Common Pochards and 10 Shoveler. Two Purple Herons fed in the tall reeds, and three Squacco Herons waded along the far shoreline, proving difficult to see until they flew. A Purple Gallinule was seen well, behaving in a rather less secretive manner than usual. Raptors were represented by two Marsh Harriers, a Red Kite and two Booted Eagles.

After just over an hour we returned to the vehicles and drove to the top of El Toro, the highest point of the island, where we had lunch in the car park, with a fantastic view of the northern half of the island, including the areas visited on previous days. Unfortunately there were not many birds to be seen from the hilltop, although a couple of Egyptian Vultures gave good views, in addition to a Raven, a single Alpine Swift and two Booted Eagles. Non-bird interest was provided by a Moorish Gecko sunbathing on one of the walls, two Italian Wall Lizards and various butterflies including Speckled Wood, Wall Brown and Spanish Gatekeeper.

After lunch and a coffee, we decided to drive to the place near Tirant Marsh where we saw the Bee-eaters a few days ago, on our descent we saw *Helichrisum ambigum* (the endemic Helichrisum) growing in the cliff face and there were considerably more of these spectacular birds present today. At least 30 were on the wires and around the fields, making this a worthwhile stop. We also found *Eruca vesicaria* (Garden Rocket) and the unusually flowers of *Hypecoum pendulum* (an Hypecoum). A fairly brief look at the marsh itself produced a Squacco Heron, a Purple Heron and a couple of Marsh Harriers.

We then moved on to the prehistoric site at Torralba. After a look round the ancient settlement where we found *Verbascum creticum* (Glandular Mullein), *Arun italicum* (Italian Lords and Ladies) and had our first sighting of an Italian Wall Lizard most of the group enjoyed an ice-cream before we returned to the hotel. A Scops Owl was heard this evening for the first time on the tour.

Day 6

Wednesday 1st May

Rain early morning, clearing by 8.30am, then sunny and warm

The pre-breakfast walk produced very little today, other than a very brief view of a Stone Curlew, although in an adjacent field we found *Lathrys ochrus* (Winged Vetchling) and *Scopiurus muricatus* (Caterpillar plant)

After breakfast we set off for the longest drive of the week, right across the island to Punta Nati on the northwest tip. We had a stop just north of Cuitadella at a Cattle Egret colony, where the nesting birds had been joined by a Glossy Ibis, and then drove slowly out towards the lighthouse. We stopped several times along the way to look at Yellow Wagtails, Short-toed Larks and Tawny Pipits, before parking up and walking the rest of the way to the lighthouse. Several Egyptian Vultures were in the area as well as a male Marsh Harrier and a ringtail Hen Harrier, plus three Blue Rock Thrushes. During the walk up to the lighthouse we found *Senecio cineraria* (Silver Ragwort) coming into flower. Moving to the lighthouse the vegetation was very similar to Cape de Cavalleria including *Senecio rodriguezii* (Rodriguezii's Ragwort) but with more conspicuous examples of *Limonium minuatum* (Dwarf Sea Lavender)

Lunch today was to be a barbecue kindly provided by Llorenc at his father's house near the top of the Algendar Gorge. This is a stunning setting, with high cliffs across the gorge, and lush vegetation by the stream at the bottom. Nightingales, Cetti's Warblers and a Blackcap sang while we ate lunch, and Egyptian Vultures soared overhead. A Scops Owl called briefly somewhere in the trees. After lunch we had a short walk up the track behind the house, where we saw Pied and Spotted Flycatchers, a Willow Warbler and a Chiffchaff. We found an interesting specimen of Fumaria capreolata (White Ramping-fumatory) with a very spectacular red white colour variation, also found a great selection of peas including Lathrys articulatus, Lathrys sphericus, L. annus (Fodder Pea) L cicera (Red Vetchling). After walking slowly back up the hill to the car park we returned to the hotel at about 5pm.

Day 7

Thursday 2nd May

Weather - warm and sunny all day

The pre-breakfast walk today produced two Golden Orioles, although the views were nowhere near as good as a few days previously. *Solanum nigrum* (Black Nightshade) was seen growing in some adjacent scrub and *Valantia muralis* (Wall Valantia) growing on the top of one of the field walls. As we left the hotel after breakfast, some of the group in the second bus saw a Stone Curlew.

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. The water level here was extremely high, with virtually no exposed mud at all, so waders were few and far between. However, there was a Ruff, a Little Ringed Plover and a couple of Wood Sandpipers, as well as a Whiskered Tern, and, best of all, two Ospreys which gave spectacular views as they fished over the inlet from the sea. We also found various butterflies including Long-tailed Blue, Speckled Wood and Clouded Yellow. There were several good specimens of *Euphorbia dendrodies* (Tree spurge) growing alongside the track and Rhamnus alaternatus (Mediterranean Buckthorn)

We went nearly to the lighthouse at Cap Favaritx before stopping for lunch, and found two Little Ringed Plovers, a Ringed Plover and a Kentish Plover feeding by the sandy pool at the roadside, allowing good comparisons of these similar species. The vegetation had been badly damaged by wind and salt spray which had affected even the *Caprobrotus edulis* (Hottentot Fig) but we did find *Aetheorhiza bulbosa* (A Aetheorhiza). A walk to the lighthouse didn't produce a great deal other than three Cory's Shearwaters over the sea, and a small patch of the elegant *Silene sedoides* (Hairy Catchfly) with its small white flowers, but we had a brief stop on the way back towards the main road where we came across probably millions of By-the-wind Sailors washed up in a narrow cove. This brief stop also allowed us to examine and identify some of the typically spiny plants typical of the socoral community along the north coast. Alongside *Lactua* which we had found at Cape we found *Astragalus balearicus* (Balearic Milk Vetch) just coming into flower along with *Dorcynium fulgurans* (a Dorcynium)

We moved on to the reserve at S'Albufera es Grau, where we found a spectacular group of *Serapis cordigera* (Heart Flowered Serapis) and *Serapis vomicera* (Long-leafed Serapis). There were few birds other than Little and Great Crested Grebe and a Wood Sandpiper, the latter causing some difficulty as it was in moult giving it a very unusual appearance. Finally, we drove to Es Grau, where we had coffee and/or ice-cream to round off the holiday.

Day 8 Friday 3rd May

Weather - warm, with a light cloud cover

There was no pre-breakfast walk today, so after breakfast we had a brief walk along the entrance track and through the adjoining field belonging to one of the hotel's neighbours. We had hoped to come across the Golden Orioles again, but were disappointed in this. We did manage a few Pied and Spotted Flycatchers and a Hoopoe. The walk provide an opportunity to see a number of plants we had become familiar with including Bellardia triaxa (Mediterranean Linseed) and Erodium chium (Three-lobed Stork's Bill) but we were also lucky to find for the first time Convolulus siculus (Small Blue Convolvulus)

Somewhat reluctantly, we had to return to the hotel to complete our packing, and then drove the short distance to the airport in time for the return flight to Gatwick.

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Species Lists

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

			April/May							
	Common name	Scientific name	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
1	Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa					2		2	
2	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna							20+	
3	Gadwall	Anas strepera			6+		✓		3	
4	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
5	Shoveler	Anas clypeata					10+			
6	Garganey	Anas querquedula			3					
7	Wigeon	Anas penelope			6+					
8	Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina			2		15+			
9	Ferruginous Duck	Aythya nyroca					8+			
10	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina					6+			
11	Cory's Shearwater	Calonectris diomedea			✓				3	
12	Balearic Shearwater	Puffinus mauretanicus			✓					
13	Yelkouan Shearwater	Puffinus yelkouan			✓					
14	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis			1		5+		8+	
15	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus							1	
16	Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax							2	
17	Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides			2		3			
18	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis		1	20+		✓	30+	1	
19	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea			3	1	1	1	1	
20	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea		2	3		3		1	
21	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta		√	✓	√	√		✓	
22	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus			1			1		
23	European Shag	Phalacrocorax aristotelis		1	6	1		-	3	
24	Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus							2	
25	Red Kite	Milvus milvus	1	1	3	1	2	3		
26	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus		3	4	2	2	10+		
27	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	1	3	3		3	2	1	
28	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	<u> </u>					1	· ·	
29	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	1	12+	3	2	20+	10+	2	
30	Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1		1					
31	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	2	3	c4	6+	c8	c10	8+	
32	Eleonora's Falcon	Falco eleonorae	-		0.	1		0.0		
33	Hobby	Falco subbuteo			1	<u> </u>		2		
34	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			1			_	1	
35	Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio					1			
36	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus		1	✓	1	· ✓		1	
37	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra		2	✓	1	✓		<u>·</u> ✓	
38	Eurasian Stone-Curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus		_	1			1	1	
39	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus			1			'	1	
40	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula			'				<u>'</u> 1	
41	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius							3	
42	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus							1	
43	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia			4				'	
44	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa riebulana Tringa glareola			7				2	
45	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos			1	1				
46	Dunlin	Calidris alpina			30+	'				
47	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax			JUT				1	

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on name	Scientific name	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
in's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii		3	1	3	1		1	
-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida							1	
on Pigeon (feral)	Columba livia 'feral'	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
on Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ean Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
an Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
on Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		2		1H				
an Scops Owl	Otus scops				1H	1H	2H	1H	
Swift	Tachymarptis melba				c6	1			
on Swift	Apus apus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
her	Alcedo atthis				1H				
ean Bee-Eater	Merops apiaster		6+	2	6	50+		2	
an Hoopoe	Upupa epops	2	c8	1	2	1	2	1	1
hat Shrike	Lanius senator	1	4	6+	6+	6+	6+	4	3
acked Shrike	Lanius collurio			1		-			
an Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	1		3				2	
rn Raven	Corvus corax	<u> </u>		3	1	2	2	 1	
Γit	Parus major	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	
r Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla	<u> </u>		•	_	c8			
Lark	Galerida theklae	2		√		✓	✓		
Martin	Riparia riparia	_		√		✓		√	
wallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓	√	✓
on House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	/
Warbler	Cettia cetti	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	 H	Н
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on Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita				'		1		
Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix		2	2	2				
ached Warbler	Acrocephalus melanopogon		1						
Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		c4		1	2			
an Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		U-T		2	1	2		
on Whitethroat	Sylvia communis			1	1	1			
cled Warbler	Sylvia conspicillata			1	1	'		2	
an Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	✓	✓	· ·	✓	✓	✓	<u>∠</u>	/
on Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	→	✓	→	✓	→	· /
on Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	✓	✓	→	✓	→	✓	→	· ·
on Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	1	_	4	,	1	•	•	
nat	Saxicola rubetra	'		4		1	1		
ean Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		1	✓	✓	<u> </u>	'	1	
rn Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		'	4	2	1	2		
ock Thrush			1			'		1	
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	Common name	Scientific name	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Bu	tterflies									
1	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon					1		1	
2	Large White	Pieris brassicae					✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea					✓	✓	✓	
4	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra						✓	✓	
5	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas							1	
6	Brown Argus	Aricia agestis						1		
7	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus							1	
8	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta					1	2	1	
9	Painted Lady	Cynthia cardui					1			
10	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus							1	
11	Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria				✓	✓	✓	✓	
12	Spanish Gatekeeper	Pyronia bathsheba					1			
13	Long-tailed Blue	Lampides boeticus							1	
Dra	agonflies									
1	Scarlet Darter	Crocothemis erythraea					1		1	
2	Lesser Emperor	Anax partenope					1			
3	Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombii						1		
4	Copper Demoiselle	Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis						1		
5	Blue-tailed Damselfly	Ischnura elegans				1	✓		✓	
Re	ptiles & Amphibians									
1	Italian Wall Lizard	Podarcis sicula					2		1	
2	Moorish Gecko	Tarentola mauretanica					1			
3	European Pond Terrapin	Emys orbicularis					1			

Plants

(Species are listed alphabetically within families: Non native spp and Garden escapes are in italics

Endemic plants are in Bold)

Latin Names	English Names	Notes
Equisetaceae Equisetum telmateia	Horsetail Family Great Horsetail	Algendar Gorge
Adiantaceae Adiantum capillus-veneris	Maidenhair Fern	Algendar Gorge
Hypolepidaceae Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	Algendar Gorge
Pinaceae Pinus halepensis Pinus pinea	Pine Family Aleppo Pine Stone Pine	Common Occasional
Cupressaceae Cupressus sempervirens Juniperus phoenicea	Cypress Family Funeral Cypress Phoenician Juniper	Frequent - Planted Common - Coastal dunes
Araucariaceae Araucaria heterophylla	Monkey Puzzle Family Norfolk Island Pine	Frequent in gardens

Latin Names **English Names Notes Ephedraceae** Ephedra fragilis Joint Pine Cala Tirant Fagaceae Oak Family Quercus ilex ssp ilex Holm Oak Cala Galdana **Ulmaceae** Elm Family Ulmus minor Smooth - leafed Elm Algendar Gorge Moraceae Ficus carica Fig Common Urticaceae **Nettle Family** Common - Walls / Waysides Parietaria judaica (sin diffusa) Pellitory-of-the-wall Urtica urens Annual Nettle Common - Waysides Urtica dubia [membranaceae] Membranous nettle Common - Waysides Rafflesia Family Rafflesiaceae Cytinus ruber A Cytinus Cala Galdana Polygonaceae **Dock Family** Polygonum maritimum Sea Knotgrass Son Bou Common coastal areas Rumex bucephalophorus Horned Dock Rumex crispus ssp crispus Curled Dock Occasional Rumex obtusifolius Broad-leafed Dock Occasional Chenopodiaceae **Fathen Family** Arthrocnemon perenne Shrubby Glasswort Infrequent - Son Bou Arthrocnemon fruitcosum Glaswort Common in coastal areas Beta vulgaris ssp maritima Beet Halimione portulacoides Sea-purslane Mongofree Nou Salicornia europea Glasswort Mongofree Nou Salsolia kali Saltwort Mongofree Nou Suaeda vera Son Bou Aizoaceae Caprobrotus acinaciformis Hottentot Fig Cap Favaritx Caryophyllaceae **Pink Family** Cerastium glomeratum Sticky Mouse-ear Ocassional Polycarpon polycarpiodes A Allseed Punta Nati Silene gallica A Campion Punta Nati Silene secundiflora A Campion Cap Favaritx Silene sedoides A Campion Cap Favaritx Silene vulgaris Bladder campion Occasional Frequent Silene nocturna A Campion Spergularia marina Lesser Sand-spury Mongofee Nou Ranunculaceae Clematus cirrhosa Early Virgins Bower Frequent on Walls Nigella damascena Algendar Gorge Love-in-a mist Tirant Marsh Ranunculus bulbosus Bulbous butercup Tirant Marsh Ranunculus macrophyllus Large leafed Buttercup Tirant Marsh Ranunculus ophioglossifolius Adders Tounge Buttercup Pond Water- Crowfoot Tirant Marsh Ranunculus peltatus Papaveraceae Greater Celandine Chelidonium maius Track side - Algendar Gorge Papaver rhoeas Common Poppy Arable weed - Route to Tirant Marsh Papaver sommiferum Opium Poppy Garden weed - Algendar Gorge

Notes Latin Names **English Names** Hypecoum imberbe A Hypecoum Arable weed - Route to Tirant Marsh **Fumariaceae Fumitory family** Fumaria capreolata spp capreolata Ramping fumatory Arable weed - Route to Tirant Marsh Fumaria capreolata spp capreolata Ramping fumatory var Algendar Gorge variety of above, reflexed flowers deeply crimson flowers Fumaria officinalis Common Fumitory Arable weed - Route to Tirant Marsh Brassicaceae Cabbage Family Cakile maritima Sea Rocket Occasional - Coastal - Cala Titant Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherds-purse Arable weed - Route to Tirant Marsh Eruca vesicaria Eruca Arable weed - Route to Tirant Marsh Lobularia maritima Sweet Alison Ocasional - Coastal - Cala Tirant Rapistrum rugosum Bastard Cabbage Wayside places Sisymbrium officinale Hedge Mustard Wayside Places - Occasional Resedaceae Mignonette Family Reseda alba White Mignonette Frequent - Roadsides / Walls Crassulaceae Stonecrop Family Umbilicus rupestris Navelwort Walls / Rock Faces - Frequent Umbilicus horizontalis Horizontal Navelwort Walls / Rock faces Occasional Sedum rubens Reddish Stonecrop Mongofre Nou Pittosporaceae Pittosporum Family Pittosporum tobira Japanese Orange-Planted in gardens blossom Rosaceae **Rose Family** Eriobotrya japonica Planted in orchards Loguat Prunus persica Peach Planted in orchards Prunus armeniaca Apricot Planted in orchards Prunus duicis Almond Planted in orchards Rubus ulmifolius Bramble Algendar Gorge Salad Burnet Frequent Sanguisorba minor Fabaceae Pea Family Anthyllis tetraphylla Bladder Vetch Balearic Milk-vetch Cap de Cavalleria Astragalus balearicus Flowers solitary Calicotome spinosa Spiny Broom Frequent - Cala Caldana Coronilla juncea Rush-like Scorpion Vetch Dorycnium hirsutum Canary Clover Frequent North Coast Cap Favaritx Dorycnium fulgurans A Dorycnium Dorycnium pentaphyllum A Dorycnium Frequent Hedysarum coronarium French Honeysuckle Abundant - Roadsides / Waste places Fodder Pea Algendar Gorge Lathyrus annus A Pea Lathyrus articulatus Algendar Gorge A Pea Lathyrus cicera Algendar Gorge Crimson Pea Algendar Gorge Lathyrus clymenum Algendar Gorge Lathryus sphaericus Winged Vetchling Matchani Gran Lathyrus ochrus Cala Tirant Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus corniculatus Lotus cytisoides Grey Bird's-foot-trefoil Son Bou Edible Lotus Lotus edulis Lotus tetraphyllus Four leafed Bird's-foot-Cap de Cavalleria trefoil Lupinus micranthus Hairy Lupin S'Albufera es Grau Medicago marina Sea Medick Son Bou Medicago polymorpha **Toothed Medick** Matchani Gran Melilotus indica Small-flowered Melilot Mongofre Nou

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Cala Galdana

A Restharrow

Ononis viscosa

Latin Names **English Names** Notes Ononis reclinata Small Resharrow Cala Galdana Psoralea bituminosa Pitch Trefoil Algendar Gorge Scorpiurus muricatus Caterpiller Plant Matchani Gran Spartium junceum Spanish Broom Planted Trifolium edulis A Trefoil Algendar Gorge Trifolium camprestre Hop Trefoil Occasional Trifolium ornithopodioides A Trefoil Algendar Gorge Trifolium repens White Clover Occasional Trifolium resupinatum Reversed Clover Algendar Gorge Trifolium stellatum Star Clover Matchani Gran Vicia lutea Yellow Vetch Algendar Gorge Vicia sativa Common Vetch Algendar Gorge Vicia tenussima Slender Vetch Algendar Gorge Vicia pubescents Algendar Gorge Oxalidaceae Sorrel Family Oxalis pes-caprae Bermuda Buttercup Geraniaceae **Geranium Family** Erodium chium Three-lobed Storks-bill Matchani Gran Erodium cicutarium Common Stork's-bill Matchani Gran Erodium malacoides Soft Stork's-bill Matchani Gran Geranium dissectum Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Taula di Torralba Geranium molle Dove's--foot Crane's-bill Cala Galdana Geranium purpureum Little Robin Matchani Gran Geranium rotundifolium Round-leaved Crane's-bill Matchani Gran Tropaeolaceae Nasturtium Tropaeolum majus Planted - gardens Linaceae Flax Family Linum bienne Cala Tirant Pale Flax Upright Yellow Flax Cala Tirant Linum strictum Euphorbiaceae Spurge Family Euphorbia chamaesyce? Small Spurge Cap Favaritx Euphorbia dendroides Mongofre Nou Tree Spurge Common Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge Common Euphorbia peplus Petty Spurge Common - Coastal locations Euphorbia paralias Sea Spurge Matchani Gran Ricinus communis Castor-oil-plant **Rue Family** Rutaceae Widely planted Citrus limon Lemon Widely planted Citrus sinensis Orange Matchani Gran - End of track Ruta chalepensis Rue Simaroubaceae Tree-of-heaven family Ailanthus altissima Tree-of-heaven Roadsides Anacardinaceae Pistacio family Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree Common Rhamnaceae **Buckthorn Family** Rhamnus alternatus Mediterranean Buckthorn Mongofre Nou Vitaceae Vine Family Occasional - Planted Vitis vinifera Grape

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Occasional - Coastal sites

Mallow Family

Tree mallow

Malvaceae

Lavaterera arborea

Notes Latin Names **English Names** Malva sylvestris Common Mallow Occasional Malva parviflora Cistaceae **Rockrose Family** Grey-leaved Cistus Cistus albidus Frequent Cistus monspelliensis Montpellier Cistus Cala Galdana Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus Frequent Fumana thymifolia Thyme-leaved Rockrose Occasional - Son Parc Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rock Rose Cala Galdana **Tamaricaceae Tamarisk Family** Tamarix spp Tamarisk Common Sea-heath Family Frankeniaceae Cap de Cavalleria Frankenia laevis Sea-heath Punta Nati Frankenia hirsuta Sea-heath Cactaceae **Cactus Family** Opuntia ficus - indica Prickly-pear Frequent - No longer cultivated Araliaceae lvy family Hedera helix lvy Occasional **Apiaceae Carrot Family** Cala Tirant Crithmum maritimum Rock Samphire Daucus carota Wild Carrot Son Parc Eryngium camprestre Field Eryngo Roadside Eryngium maritimum Sea Holly Son Bou Ferula communis Giant Fennel Matchani Gran Smymium olusatrum Alexanders Roadside Oenanthe spp Tirant Marsh Ericaceae **Heather Family** Erica multifora Many-flowered Heath Cala Galdana Primulaceae **Primrose Family** Anagallis arvensis spp arvensis f Scarlet Pimpernel (red Matchani Gran arvensis form) Scarlet Pimpernel (blue Matchani Gran Anagallis arvensis spp arvensis f azurea form) Plumbaginaceae Thrift family Limonium virgatum Cap de Cavalleria Limonium minutum Dwarf Sea Lavender Cap de Cavalleria Oleaceae Olive Family Olea europea Olive Widspread Phillyrea angustifolia False Olive Gentianaceae **Gentian Family** Blackstonia perfoliata Yellow -wort Cala Tirant Centaurea erythreae Common Centaury Cala Tirant Centaurium maritima Yellow Centaury Cala Tirant Apocynaceae **Oleander Family** Nerium oleander Oleander Son Bou Asclepiadaceae Milkweed Family Vincetoxicum hirundinaria Swallow-wort Cap de Cavalleria Rubiaceae **Bedstraw Family** Crucianella maritima Sea Crosswort Frequent - Coastal dunes

Latin Names	English Names	Notes
Galium aparine	Cleavers	Algendar Gorge
Galium murale	Cleavers	Matchani Gran
Galium palustre	Marsh - bedstraw	Son Parc
Rubia peregrina	Wild Madder	Con r are
Sharardia arvensis	Field Madder	Matchani Gran
Valantia muralis	Wall Valantia	Matchani Gran
Asperula arvensis		Matchani Gran
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
Convolvulus althaeoides	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Cap de Cavalleria
Convolvulus siculus	Small Blue Convolvulus	Matchani Gran
Cuscuta epithymum	Dodder	Cap de Cavalleria
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
Borago officinalis	Borage	Roadside
Cynoglossum creticum	Blue Hound's-tongue	Son Parc
Echium italicum	Pale Viper's-bugloss	Roadside
Echium plantagineaum	Purple Viper's-bugloss	Occasioanl Roadsides
Verbenaceae	Vervain Family	
Lantana camarra	Lantana	Garden escape
Vitex agnus-castus?	Chaste Tree?	Matchani Gran
Verbena officinalis		Matchani Gran
Lamiaceae	Mint family	
Lavandula stochas	French Lavender	Uncommon -
Micromeria filiformis	140 % 11 1 20	Matchani Gran
Prasium majus	White Hedge-nettle	Matchani Gran
Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary	
Salvia verbenaca	Wild Clary	Matchani Gran
Sideritis romana spp romana Teucrium parviflora	Common Ironwort	Matchani Gran
Solanaceae	Potato Family	
Solanum nigrum	Black Nightshade	Matchani Gran
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort family	
Bellardia trixago	Mediterranean Linseed	Widespread
Cymbalaria muralis	Ivy leafed Toadflax	Occasional
Parentucellia auriculata	Yellow Bartsia	Matchani Gran
Paulownia tomentosa	Foxglove-tree	Roadside
Scrophularia auriculata	Water Figwort	Matchani Gran
Verbascum creticum	Glandular Mullein	Torralba d'en Salord
Veronica cymbalaria	Pale Speedwell	Cala Galdana
Orobanachaceae	Broomrape Family	
Orobanche loricata	A Broomrape	Binimel la
Orobranche minor	Common Broomrape	
Orobranche ramosa	Branched Broomrape	Matchani Gran
Plantaginaceae	Plantain family	
Plantago coronopus	Buck's-horn Plantain	Cala Tirant
Plantago logapus	Hare's-foot Plantain	
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	Matchani Gran
Caprifolaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
Lonicera implexa	Mediterranean	Matchani Gran
	Honeysuckle	
Valeranaceae	Valerian Family	
Centranthus calcitrapae	Annual Valerian	Son Bou
Somania Guionapao	, anidar valenan	CON DOG

Notes Latin Names **English Names** Dipsaceae Teasel Family Scabiosa atropurpurea Mournful-widow Campanulaceae **Bellflower Family** Campanula erinus Small Bellflower Roadside to Tirant Marsh Asteraceae **Daisy Family** Anthemis cotula Stinking Chamomile Punta Nati Anthemis maritima Sea Chamomile Torralba d'en Salord Bellium bellidioides Miniature Daisy Bellis annua ssp annua **Annual Daisy** Matchani Gran Roadside to Tirant Marsh Calendula arvensis Field Marigold Carduus pycnocephalus Matchani Gran Roadside / Field to Tirant Marsh Chrysanthemum coronarium var Crown Daisy coronarium Chrysanthemum coronarium var Crown Daisy - Variegated Roadside / Field to Tirant Marsh discolor Roadside / Field to Tirant Marsh Chrysanthemum segetum Corn Marigold Cirsium vulgare Spear Thistle Crepis vesicaria? Beaked Hawk's-beard Aetheorhiza bulbosa spp willkommii Cap de Favaritx Evax pygmaea ssp pygmaea Cap de Cavalleria Broad-leaved Cudweed Filago pyramidata Galactites tomentosa **Boar Thistle** Widespread Hedypnois cretica Scaly Hawkbit Helechrysum ambiguum Monte Toro Hyoseris radiata Perennial Hyoseris Matchani Gran Inula crithmoides Golden Samphire Launaea cervicomis Hedgehog Lettuce Cap de Cavalleria Pallenis spinosa ssp spinosa Spiny Starwort Phagnalon rupestre Rock Phagnalon Santolina chamaecyparissus Punta Nati Senecio bicolor spp cineraria Silver Ragwort Punta Nati Senecio rodriguezii Rodriguez's Ragwort Cap de Cavalleria Silybum marianum Milk Thistle Sonchus oleraceus Smooth Sow-thistle Matchani Gran Sonchus tenerrimus A Sow-thistle Matchani Gran Urospermum dalechampii Goldenfleece Roadside - Tirant Marsh Alismataceae Alisma lanceolatum Narrow leafed water Tirant Marsh plantain Potamogeton Potamogeton coloratus Tirant Marsh Posidoniaceae Posidonia oceanica Neptune-grass Beaches - high tide mark Liliaceae Allium ampeloprasum Wild Leek Matchani Gran Cala Tirant Allium roseum Rosy Garlic Allium triquetrum Three-cornered Leek Matchani Gran Cala Tirant -as garden escape Aloe spp A Aloe Matchani Gran Asparagus albus White Asparagus Matchani Gran Asparagus stipularis Grey Asparagus Asphodelus aestivus Matchani Gran Turkish Asphodel Asphodelus fistulosus Hollow-stemmed Matchani Gran Asphodel Matchani Gran Muscari comosum Tassel Hyacinth

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Large Star-of-Bethlehem

Ornithogalum arabicum

Matchani Gran

Notes Latin Names **English Names** Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's-broom Smilax aspera Mediterranean Smilax Urginea maritima Sea Squill Roadsides Zanteschia aethiopica occasional as a garden escape. Agavaceae Agave americana Centuaryplant Occasional Amaryllidaceae Pancratium maritimum Sea Daffodil Son Bou Iridaceae Gladiolus illyricus Wild Gladiolus Cala Galdana Gladiolus italicus Cornflag Matchani Gran Iris pseudoacorus Yellow Iris Son Parc Juncaceae **Rush Family** Tirant Marsh Juncus acutus Sharp Rush Juncus maritimus Sea Rush Mongofre Nou Juncus inflexus Hard Rush Tirant Marsh Poaceae **Grass Family** Aegilops geniculata **Ovate Goatgrass** Common Ammophila arenaria Marram Son Bou Ampelodesmos mauritanica Mauritania-grass Cala Tirant Arundo donax Giant Reed Common Avena barbata Bearded Oat Matchani Gran Briza maxima Greater Quaking-grass Common Briza minor Lesser Quaking-grass Common Desmazeria rigida Fern-grass Common Hordeum murinum Wall Barley Common Lagurus ovatus Hare's-tail Common Lolium perenne Perennial Rye-grass Occasional Melica minuta Algendar Gorge Parapholis incurva Sea Hard-grass Punta Nati Phragmites australis Common Reed Son Bou Setaria verticillata Rough Bristle Grass Araceae Arisarum vulgare Friar's-cowl Common Arum italicum ssp italicum Italian Lords and Ladies Occasional Arum pictum Painted Arum Uncommon -Drancunculus muscivorus Dragon's Mouth Uncommon -Sedge Family Cyperacea Scirpus maritimus Sea Clubrush Tirant marsh Carex divisa Divided Sedge Son Parc Eleocharis palustris Common Spike Rush Tirant marsh Holoschoenus vulgaris Round-headed Clubrush Son Parc Musaceae Banana Planted Musa spp Orchidaceae Anacamptis pyramidalis Pyramidal Orchid Cala Galdana Bee Orchid Cala Galdana Ophrys apifera Ophrys bertolonii spp balearica **Balearic Orchid** Cala Galdana Ophrys speculum Mirror Orchid Matchani Gran

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Cala Galdana

S'Albufera es Grau

Sawfly Orchid

Orchid

Heart-flowered Tongue

Ophrys tenthredinifera

Serapias cordigera

Latin NamesEnglish NamesNotesSerapias linguaTongue OrchidCala GaldanaSerapias parvifloraSmall-flowered Tongue
OrchidCala GaldanaSerapia vomeraceaLong-Lipped Tongue
OrchidS'Albufera es Grau

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Moorish Gecko