

Menorca

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Introduction

I am grateful to group members for their keen observation and knowledgeable contributions to the range of birds, plants, insects and reptiles that we saw during our week, in which we were lucky in having warm sunny weather with occasional cloudy spells. The season was somewhat advanced by one or two weeks than in previous years and it was interesting to observe the subtle differences. We did not for example see Golden Oriole though we had good sightings of Stone Curlew and butterflies, dragonflies and reptiles appeared more active.

I have provided a brief day by day summary of our week and attached lists of the Birds, Plants, Butterflies, Dragonflies, Reptiles and Mammals that we saw. If there are any points requiring clarification please let me know

Day 1

Friday 25th April

Weather - Rain on arrival brightening in the afternoon

The group assembled at Gatwick for the morning flight to Mahon. On arrival in Menorca the weather was wet and chilly. However, after we had a very pleasant lunch we walked along the hotel track with improving weather. Amongst the birding highlights were Hoopoes, a Woodchat Shrike and Stone Curlew as well as numerous Nightingales singing. The track and adjacent fields 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). We returned to look briefly at the fields behind the hotel and almost immediately saw a second Stone Curlew which promptly flew off to the south. We ate a very enjoyable evening meal accompanied by wine, and retired early after a long day travelling.

Day 2

Saturday 26th April

Warm and sunny

A few of the group members met at 7.00am for a walk along the long entrance drive to the hotel. This produced a number of Turtle Doves, Hoopoes, in addition to numerous Nightingales, Cetti's Warblers and a Stone Curlew. 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 stopped in an area which has in the past produced many Bee-eaters and were fortunate to have close views of

over 30 birds. Overhead we saw Booted Eagles, Red Kite and Egyptian Vultures. The stop also provided an opportunity to see at close quarter the typical roadside plants of the island, including both variations of *Chrysanthemum corinarium* (Crown Daisy) *Chrysanthemum arvensis* (Corn Marigold) and *Hedysarum coronarium* (French Honeysuckle). After about 40 minutes we moved on to the entrance to Es Prat, a farm at the high point on the road overlooking the open water where we observed Egret, Shelduck, Gadwall and a single Red Crested Pochard. We then moved down to the road through the marsh where the vegetation was dominated by *Elocharius palustris* (Common Spike-rush) and *Scirpus maritimus* (Sea Club-rush) with *Ranunculus ophiglossifolius* (Adder's-tongue Crowfoot) and *Rannunculus peltatus* (Pond Water-crowfoot) growing in the margins close to the road. However the high water levels prevented closer examination. On the opposite side of the road we also saw *Rannunculus macrophyllus* (Large-leafed Buttercup), hear we herd a distant Zitting Cisticola and found numbers of small damselflies adjacent to the road which we identified as Willow Emerald Damselflies.

After about half an hour, we headed further along the track to the dunes overlooking the beach at Cala Tirant, and here we had lunch. This stop provided us with our first views of the colourful maquis (the generic name for Mediterranean shrub communities) with white flowering *Cistus salvifolius* (Sage-leafed Cistus) and the pink *Cistus albidus* (Grey-leafed Cistus) along with the yellow *Calicotome juncea* (Spiny Broom) and the large and conspicuous grass *Ampelodesmos mauritanica* (Mauritania Grass), a typical component of maquis in the north of Menorca. After our picnic we walked onto the shore and dunes of Cala Tirant where we saw a Little Ringed Plover and a Linnet in the freshwater stream. On the beach we saw our first Audouin's Gull whilst a second bird flew close by. The dunes contained *Ammophila arenaria* (Marram Grass) along with *Anthemis maritima*, (Sea Chamomile) and *Calystegia soldanella* (Sea Bindweed). As we moved off the beach to follow the stream we found *Ephedra fragilis* (Joint Pine) and further on the stream bank we found Scarlet Darter and Black Tailed Skimmer Dragonflies and in the water European Pond Terrapin and the introduced Red Necked Terrapin. After an interesting first day we had coffee in Fornells before returning to Matche Grand

Day 3

Sunday 27th April

Warm and sunny, occasionally cloud and wind

Today's pre-breakfast walk found the usual turtle doves and a number of Woodchat Shrikes as well as a Stone Curlew. Our morning walk also found *Allium roseum* (Rosy Garlic) 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 stopped again at the Bee-eater site and were rewarded not only with good views of the Bee-eaters but some excellent views of Booted Eagle. From the road we also saw *Borago officinalis* (Borage) *Anchusa azurea* (Large Blue Alkanet) and discovered our first Moorish Gecko. At the entrance to Es Prat, overlooking the open water part of Tirant Marsh we saw Egret along with a number of Squacco Herons and a Wood Sandpiper. There were also large numbers of Swift, Pallid Swift, House Martin and Sand Martin whilst behind us Booted Eagle and Egyptian Vultures and Raven were seen. On the road out to the Cape there were few Corn Bunting and Stonechat on the wires and roadside bushes, and again a Booted Eagle overhead.

At our first stop by the inlet at Cala Viola we began our search for some of the endemic plants. We found the yellow flowing endemic *Launaea cervicornis* (Hedgehog Lettuce) almost immediately typically growing in the sparse coastal vegetation alongside *Evax pygmya* (Evax) and *Frankenia hirsuta*. We saw Linnet, Tawny Pipit and Thekla

Lark as we walked east from our bus and also found a small butterfly which was too active to easily identify. A quick digital picture proved helpful in identifying it as a Southern Gatekeeper.

Moving on to the Cape itself, we decided it was lunchtime, during which we were entertained by a Sardinian Warbler nesting nearby. After lunch we walked around the rocky headland, finding numerous plants of the endemic *Senecio rodriguezii* (Rodriguezii's Senecio) we also saw Tawny Pipit Wheatears, and Blue Rock thrush whilst a couple of Ravens flew overhead. Searching the headland we first found the leaves and finally a flowering plant of *Dracunculus muscivorus* (Dead-horse Arum) with its spectacular flowering spathe and equally spectacular smell. Whilst looking for the Arum we enjoyed our first good view of a number of Swallowtail Butterflies and a Blue Rock Thrush. Walking back to the minibus we also found *Digitalis dubia* (Balearic Foxglove) coming into flower. Shearwaters were seen some distance off shore but the distance was too great to clearly identify and of the species. We ended the day with a Coffee at Fornells with the expectation that we might pick up Osprey, which breed in this area, but unfortunately we were unlucky.

Day 4

Monday 28th April

Warm and sunny

The pre-breakfast walk was quiet with a Hoopoe and Woodchat Shrike and Stone Curlew 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. Here we saw our first examples of *Cistus monspeliensis* (Montpellier Cistus) and *Coronilla juncea* (Narrow Leafed Scorpion Vetch) together with *Sedum sedifforme* (Pale Stonecrop) growing on the cliff face. We also had good views of a Peregrine Falcon and a Spotted Flycatcher but unfortunately only a single sighting of an Alpine Swift.

After leaving the viewing points we found a car park at the edge of the wooded area to the west of Cala Galadana. Everyone managed the climb from the car park up the fairly steep steps, through the trees of *Quercus ilex* (Holm Oak) where we also identified the spiny climber *Smilax aspera* (Common Smilax). At the top it was plants rather than birds which occupied the group, although there were a few more Spotted Flycatchers here, along with a Sardinian Warbler. Despite the early flowering of a number of the Ophrys orchids we were eventually able to distinguish *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid), *Ophrys bombliflora* (Bumblebee Orchid) and *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid). We also found some fine specimens of *Ophrys bertolonii* subsp *balearica* (the endemic Balearic Orchid) and *Anacamptis pyramidalis* (Pyramidal Orchid).

The walk through the vegetation along the cliffs above Cala Galdana offers an opportunity to see something of the semi natural wooded character of the south coast. Below the pines are a range of typical shrubs all three species of *Cistus* (Sage-leafed, Grey-leafed and Montpellier) along with *Pistacia lentiscus* (Mastic Tree) *Erica multiflora* (Many-flowered Heather) and *Dorycnium pentaphyllum* (a Dorcynium). From the view point at the top of the cliff we again had good views of a Peregrine Falcon. On descending the steps we stopped for lunch at the end of the Algendar Gorge where we found a large population of the Small Flowered Serapis and a single Common Blue Butterfly.

Our next stop was at the beach and reedbed at Son Bou. Walking onto the beach we had close views of a number of Adouins Gulls. We then walked a short distance along the beach and onto the board walk where we had a brief view of a Purple Heron disappearing into the marsh and a wheatear perching on the boardwalk posts.

We looked at some of the specialist plants in the sand dune habitat where we found *Eryngium maritimum* (Sea Holly) *Matbolia sinuate* (Sea Stock) *Medicago marina* (Sea Medick) and *Crucianella maritime* (Sea Crosswort). Returning along the beach we looked at the fantastic seascape waves and colours before returning to our hotel.

Day 5

Tuesday 29th April

Weather - Warm and sunny

By way of a change we decided to walk the fields rather than the entrance track this morning, but the low morning sun silhouetted almost everything so we returned to the track where we recorded the usual species plus a Kestrel and a Woodchat Shrike perched on a pylon. Plants included *Asparagus stipularis* (Grey Asparagus) and *Caruus pycnochalus* (a Thistle). Our route today took us to the north east of the island, the first call being at the marsh and pool at Son Parc where ducks rather than waders provided most of the entertainment. There were about 4 Red-crested Pochard, plus three Ferruginous Ducks and a Common Pochard. We saw Purple Herons flying into the tall reeds, with good views of one bird for a brief period.

After just over an hour we returned to the vehicles and walked to the beach where we saw Common Sandpiper and a Common Stint and the unusual *Scrophularia canina* (a Scrophularia) growing in the sand dunes. Afterwards we drove to the top of El Toro, the highest point of the island at 357 metres, 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. We had close views of Swift, Pallid Swift and House Martins. Along with a Wall Browns and *Sedum rubens* (Reddish Stonecrop). On our descent we saw *Helichrisum ambigum*, the endemic Helichrisum growing in the cliff face.

We headed for Torralba d'en Salord one of the most important historical sites in Menorca dating back 2,000 years. After a look round the ancient settlement we found *Verbascum creticum* (Glandular Mullein) *Arun italicum* (Italian Lords and Ladies) and had good views of an Italian Wall Lizard. We returned to the hotel and later in a field several of us were delighted to find a Hermann's Tortoise.

Day 6

Wednesday 30th April

Weather - warm and sunny all day

The pre-breakfast walk produced the excitement of two stone Curlew in a field adjacent to the track. Our first destination today was the private Nature Reserve at Mongofre Nou. On arrival we walked down the track scanning the disused salt pans for waders and wildfowl. We spent time reviewing the waders and identifying Redshank, Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Ruff, Ringed Plover, and Sanderling. Along the track we found *Phillyrea latifolia* (a False Olive). The marsh areas were dominated by *Arthrocnemum glaucum* (Shrubby Glasswort) with *Halimione portulacoides* (Sea Purslane) and at the edge of the marsh and track there were several good specimens of *Euphorbia dendroides* (Tree Spurge). We also saw a Red Admiral and a number of Cleopatra butterflies. Our next stop was Cap Favaritx. Here stopping for lunch and found two Ringed Plover and two Kentish Plover feeding by the sandy pool at the roadside, allowing good comparisons.

There was also a Redstart in one of the few bushes in this location but no other birds except for the distant Cory's Shearwaters over the sea. The vegetation on this wind swept peninsular is sparse. Walking to the lighthouse we found the elegant *Silene sedoides* (Hairy Catchfly) with its small white flowers growing alongside *Limonium minutum* (Dwarf Sea Lavender). Driving back from the lighthouse we had a brief stop to examine and

identify some of the typically spiny plants typical of the socoral (dwarf shrub) community which grow along the windswept north coast. Alongside *Launaea cervicornis* (Hedgehog Lettuce) and *Astragalus balearicus* (Balearic Milk Vetch) in flower we also found *Dorcyinium fulgurans* (a spiny Dorcyinium)

We moved on to the reserve at S'Albufera es Grau, where we found a spectacular group of *Serapis vomicera* (Long-leaved Serapis) and *Serapis lingua* (Tongue Orchid). From the bird hide we were able to see Great Crested Grebe and Whiskered Tern and we also caught a fleeting glimpse of Viperine Snake the only one of the three snake species on the island to associate with water. Finally, we drove to Es Grau, where we had a coffee and enjoyed the views over the bay.

Day 7

Thursday 1st May

Sunny and warm

The pre-breakfast walk produced very little today, other than a very brief view of a Stone Curlew. After breakfast we set off for the longest drive of the week, right across the island to Punta Nati on the north-west tip. We had a brief stop just north of Cuitadella to view a colony of Cattle Egrets and then drove slowly out towards the lighthouse. We stopped briefly to glimpse a view of Yellow Wagtails, but because of the narrow track decided to press on and look again on our return. We found Short-toed Larks, Tawny Pipits, Thekla Lark and surprisingly a Calandra Lark, which was initially confusing because it's not generally associated with the Balearics. After parking up we walked the rest of the way to the lighthouse - again with great views of Short-toed Lark and several Blue Rock Thrushes. On 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 flowering examples of *Limonium minuatatum* (Dwarf Sea Lavender)

Lunch today was a barbecue provided by Llorenc at his father's house near the top of the Algendar Gorge. This is a stunning setting, with high cliffs, and lush vegetation. Egyptian Vultures soared overhead as we walked down the gorge along with Nightingales and Cetti's Warblers. After lunch we found the beautiful Copper Demoiselle and then a short walk up the track behind the house a second, we also found an interesting specimen of *Orobancha hederæ* (Ivy Broomrape) *Allium subvillosum* (a Garlic) *Lathyrus annuus* (Fodder Pea), *Vicia sativa* (Common Vetch) and *Trifolium resupinatum* (Reversed Clover). After walking slowly back up the hill to the car park we returned to the hotel at about 5.00pm

Day 8

Friday 2nd May

Weather - warm, with a light cloud cover

There was no pre-breakfast walk today. We planned a brief walk after breakfast but the constant rain that had moved in overnight prevented us from getting out so everyone used the opportunity to relax before we needed to return to the airport in time for the return flight to Gatwick.

Species List

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Equisetaceae		
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Great Horsetail	Algendar Gorge
Adiantaceae		
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Algendar Gorge
Pinaceae		
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	Widespread
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine	
Cupressaceae		
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Funeral Cypress	Algendar Gorge
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Son Bou
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper	Cala Tirant
Ephedraceae		
<i>Ephedra fragilis</i>	Joint Pine	Cala Tirant
Fagaceae		
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Martchani Gran
Ulmaceae		
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	Smooth-leaved Elm	Algendar Gorge
Moraceae		
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Occasional - naturalised
Urticaceae		
<i>Urtica urens</i>	Annual Stinging-nettle	Martchani Gran
<i>Urtica dubia (membranacea)</i>	Mediterranean Nettle	Martchani Gran
<i>Parietaria judaica (diffusa)</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall	Martchani Gran
Polygonaceae		
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	Common - Waste Ground
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Horned Dock	Common - Waste Ground
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Common - Waste Ground
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	Fields / Roadsides
Chenopodiaceae		
<i>Arthrocnemum perenne</i>	Perennial Glasswort	Mongofre Nou
<i>Halimione portulacoides</i>	Sea-purslane	Mongofre Nou
<i>Salicornia ramosissima</i>	Glasswort	Mongofre Nou
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Seablite	Mongofre Nou
Aizoaceae		
<i>Lampranthus glaucus</i>		Cala Tirant
Caryophyllaceae		
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Martchani Gran
<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	Four-leaved Allseed	Martchani Gran
<i>Silene gallica</i>	English Catchfly	Cap de Cavalleria
<i>Silene sedoides</i>	Hairy Catchfly	Cap Fav
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Martchani Gran
<i>Spergularia marina</i>	Sea-spurrey	Fornells
Ranunculaceae		
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Early Virgin's-bower	Martchani Gran

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
<i>Ranunculus macrophyllus</i>	Large-leaved Buttercup	Tirant Marsh
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i>	Pond Water-crowfoot	Tirant Marsh
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i> ssp. <i>sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup	Son Parc
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Field Buttercup	Martchani Gran
<i>Rannunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	Martchani Gran
Papaveraceae		
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	Algendar Gorge
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Rough Poppy	Torralba den Salor
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	Long Headed Poppy	Fields / Roadside
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Fields / Roadside
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	Opium Poppy	Algendar Gorge
Fumariaceae		
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping-fumitory	Roadside
Capparaceae		
<i>Capparis spinosa</i> ssp. <i>spinosa</i>	Caper	Punta Nati
Brassicaceae		
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alison	Cala Tirant
<i>Matthiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	Son Bou
<i>Rapistrum rugosum</i>	Bastard Cabbage	Fornells
Resedaceae		
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	Roadsides
Crassulaceae		
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Reddish Stonecrop	El Toro
<i>Sedum sediforme</i>	Pale Stonecrop	Cala Galdana
<i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i>	Thick-leaved Stonecrop	
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall Pennywort	Matchani Gran
Pittosporaceae		
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Japanese Orange-blossom	Es Prat
Rosaceae		
<i>Prunus persica</i>	Peach	Algendar Gorge
<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond	Algendar Gorge
<i>Rosa sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Rose	Roadside
<i>Rubus ulmifolius</i>	A Bramble	
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Mediterranean Burnet	
Fabaceae		
<i>Anthyllis tetraphylla</i>	Bladder Vetch	Cala Tirant
<i>Astragalus balearicus</i>	Balearic Milk-vetch	Cap Faverax
<i>Calicotome spinosa</i>	Spiny Broom	Cala Tirant
<i>Coronilla juncea</i>	Narrow-leaved Scorpion-vetch	Cala Galdana
<i>Dorycnium hirsutum</i>	Canary Clover	Cala Galdana
<i>Dorycnium fulgurans</i>	A Dorycnium	Cap de Favaritx
<i>Dorycnium pentaphyllum</i>	Badassi	Cala Galdana
<i>Genista balearica</i>	Balearic Genista ?Menorca	Cap de Caavalleria
<i>Hedysarum coronarium</i>	French Honeysuckle	Roadside - Common
<i>Lathyrus annuus</i>	Fodder Pea	Algendar Gorge
<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>	Winged Vetchling	Matchani Gran
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot-trefoil	Matchani Gran
<i>Lotus cytisoides</i>	Grey Bird's-foot-trefoil	Son Bou

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
<i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i>	Southern Bird's-foot-trefoil	Common
<i>Lotus tetraphyllus</i>	Four-leaved Bird's-foot-trefoil	Algendar Gorge
<i>Medicago littoralis</i>	Shore Medick	Common - beaches
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Son Bou
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Matchani Gran
<i>Psoralea bitumenosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Cala Galdana
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia	Roadside
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Roadside
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Matchani Gran
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Matchani Gran
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover	Algendar Gorge
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Star Clover	Matchani Gran
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	Algendar Gorge
<i>Vicia tenuissima</i>	Slender Tare	Algendar Gorge
Oxalidaceae		
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	Abundant
Geraniaceae		
<i>Erodium chium</i>	Three-lobed Stork's-bill	Matchani Gran
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Matchani Gran
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Matchani Gran
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Matchani Gran
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	Matchani Gran
Tropaeolaceae		
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Nasturtium	Matchani Gran
Linaceae		
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax	Cala Galdana
<i>Linum trigynum</i>	French Flax	Cala Galdana
Euphorbiaceae		
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Mongofre Nou
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Cala Tirant
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor-oil-plant	Matchani Gran
Rutaceae		
<i>Citrus limon</i>	Lemon	Occasional
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Orange	Occasional
<i>Citrus deliciosa</i>		Matchani Gran
Simaroubaceae		
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree-of-heaven	Roadsides
Anacardinaceae		
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Pistachio Family Mastic Tree	Abundant
Rhamnaceae		
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Buckthorn Family Mediterranean Buckthorn	Matchani Gran
Vitaceae		
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Vine Family Grape	Route to Cala Galdana
Malvaceae		
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Mallow Family Tree-mallow	Son Bou
<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Small Tree-mallow	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Roadsides

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Cistaceae	Rockrose Family	
<i>Cistus albidus</i>	Grey-leaved Cistus	Cala Tirant
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Montpellier Cistus	Cala Galdana
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Cala Tirant
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Rockrose	Son Parc
Tamaricaceae	Tamarix Family	
<i>Tamarix gallica</i>	Tamarisk	
Frankeniaceae	Sea Heath Family	
<i>Frankenia laevis</i>	Sea-heath	Cap de Cavalleria
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Matchani Gran
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Opuntia sp.</i>	a Prickly-pear	Matchani Gran
Punicaceae		
<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranate	Algendar Gorge
Araliaceae		
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Algendar Gorge
Apiaceae		
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Cala Galdana
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Matchani Gran
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea-holly	Son Bou
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Matchani Gran
<i>Kundmannia sicula</i>		
<i>Oenanthe lachenalii</i>	Parsley Water-dropwort	
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	
Ericaceae		
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry-tree	Son Parc
<i>Erica multiflora</i>	Many-flowered Heath	Cala Galdana
Primulaceae		
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Roadsides
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel [blue form]	Roadsides
Plumbaginaceae		
<i>Limonium variegatum</i>		Cap de Cavalleria
<i>Limonium minutum</i>	Dwarf Sea-lavender	Cap de Cavalleria
Oleaceae		
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	Matchani Gran
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	A False Olive	Mongofre Nou
Gentianaceae		
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata ssp. grandiflora</i>	Yellow-wort [large flowered form]	S'Albufera
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata ssp. perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort	Cala Tirant
<i>Centaurea erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	Cala Tirant
<i>Centaureum maritimum</i>	Yellow Centaury	Cala Tirant
Asclepiadaceae		
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort	Cap de Cavalleria
Rubiaceae		
<i>Crucianella maritima</i>	Sea Crosswort	Son Bou
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Matchani Gran
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Matchani Gran

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<i>Valantia hispida</i>	Hairy Valantia	Cala Galdana
<i>Valantia muralis</i>	Wall Valantia	Matchani Gran
Convolvulaceae		
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	Cala Tirant
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Roadsides
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Cala Galdana
Boraginaceae		
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Blue Alkanet	Field at Sa Quintana
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Fields / Roadsides
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	El Toro
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's-bugloss	Fields / Roadsides
Lamiaceae		
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Tirant Marsh
<i>Prasium majus</i>	White Hedge-nettle	Matchani Gran
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Algendar Gorge
Solanaceae		
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Son Parc
Scrophulariaceae		
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Mediterranean Linseed	Fields / Roadsides
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Cala Galdana
<i>Digitalis dubia</i>	Balearic Foxglove	Cap de Cavalleria
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	Cala Galdana
<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	Foxglove-tree	Route to Es Mercadal
<i>Scrophularia auriculata</i>	Water Figwort	Algendar Gorge
<i>Scrophularia canina</i>		Son Parc
<i>Verbascum creticum</i>	Glandular Mullein	Torralba d'en Salore
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Pale Speedwell	Algendar Gorge
Orobanchaceae		
<i>Orobanche hederace</i>	Ivy Broomrape	Algendar Gorge
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	Algendar Gorge
Plantaginaceae		
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	Cap de Cavalleria
<i>Plantago crassifolia</i>	Thick-leaved Plantain	?
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	
Caprifoliaceae		
<i>Lonicera implexa</i>	Mediterranean Honeysuckle	Cala Tirant
Valerianaceae		
<i>Centranthus calcitrapae</i>	Annual Valerian	Fields / Roadsides/Dunes
Dipsacaceae		
<i>Scabiosa cretica</i>		Son Bue
Campanulaceae		
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	Small Bellflower	Torralba d'en Salore
Asteraceae		
<i>Anthemis maritima</i>	Sea Chamomile	Cap de Favaritx
<i>Artemisia arborescens</i>		
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy	Matchani Gran

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<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i> var. <i>coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	Fields / Roadsides
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i> var. <i>discolor</i>		Fields / Roadsides
<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	Fields / Roadsides
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Fields / Roadsides
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Fields / Roadsides
<i>Evax pygmaea</i> ssp. <i>pygmaea</i>	Evax	Cap de Cavalleria
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Boar Thistle	Roadsides
<i>Helichrysum ambiguum</i>		El Toro
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Shrubby Everlasting	Cala Galdana
<i>Hyoseris radiata</i>	Perennial Hyoseris	Matchani Gran
<i>Launaea cervicornis</i>	Hedgehog Lettuce	Cap de Cavalleria
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Starwort	Roadsides
<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>		
<i>Senecio cineraria</i>	Silver Ragwort	Punta Nati
<i>Senecio rodriguezii</i>		Cap de Cavalleria
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Matchani Gran
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Matchani Gran
<i>Sonchus tenerrimus</i>		Matchani Gran
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Eye-of-Christ	Son bou
<i>Urospermum dalechampii</i>	Goldenfleece	Roadsides
Alismataceae		
<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>	Narrow-leaved Water-plantain	Tirant Marsh
Posidoniaceae		
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass	Beaches
Liliaceae		
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>ampeloprasum</i>	Wild Leek	Roadside to Cap Favaritx
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rosy Garlic	Matchani Gran
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>	Hairy Garlic	Matchani Gran
<i>Allium triquetrum</i>	Three-cornered Leek	Cala Galdana
<i>Allium subvillosum</i>	A Garlic	Algendar Gorge
<i>Aloe Vera</i>	A Aloe	Gardens / Escape
<i>Asparagus albus</i>	White Asparagus	Matchani Gran
<i>Asparagus stipularis</i>	Grey Asparagus	Matchani Gran
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Turkish Asphodel	Matchani Gran
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	Matchani Gran
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Matchani Gran
<i>Ornithogalum arabicum</i>	Large Star-of-Bethlehem	Matchani Gran
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	Matchani Gran
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Mediterranean Smilax	Cala Galdana
<i>Urginea maritima</i>	Sea Squill	Roadside
Amaryllidaceae		
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	
Dioscoreaceae		
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Cala Galdana
Iridaceae		
<i>Gladiolus illyricus</i>	Wild Gladiolus	Cala Galdana
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Cornflag	Matchani Gran
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Iris	Son Parc

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Juncaceae		
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Tirant Marsh
<i>Juncus maritimus</i>	Sea Rush	Son Bou
Poaceae		
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram	Son Bou
<i>Ampelodesmos mauritanica</i>	Mauritania-grass	Cala Tirant
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	Cala Galdana
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	Son Parc
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Slender Oat	Matchani Gran
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Greater Quaking-grass	Cala Galdana
<i>Briza minor</i>	Lesser Quaking-grass	Cala Galdana
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	
<i>Desmazeria marina</i>	Sea Fern-grass	Cap de Favaritx
<i>Desmazeria rigida</i>	Fern-grass	Matchani Gran
<i>Gastridium ventricosum</i>	Nit-grass	Cala Galdana
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	Golden Dog's Tail	Matchani Gran
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail	Matchani Gran
<i>Melica minuta</i>	Small Melick	Algendar Gorge
<i>Parapholis incurva</i>	Curved Hard-grass	Punta Nati
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Son Parc
Araceae		
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's-cowl	Matchani Gran
<i>Arum italicum</i>	Italian Lords-and-ladies	Cap de Cavalleria
<i>Dracunculus muscivorus</i>	Dead-horse Arum	Cap de Cavalleria
Lemnaceae		
<i>Lemna minor</i>	Common Duckweed	Tirant Marsh
Typhaceae		
<i>Typha domingensis</i>	Southern Reedmace	Son Parc
Orchidaceae		
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	Cala Galdana
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumble-bee Orchis	Cala Galdana
<i>Ophrys bertolonii</i> spp <i>balearica</i>	Balearic Orchid	Cala Galdana
<i>Ophrys speculum</i>	Mirror Orchid	Cala Galdana
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	S'Albufera
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Serapias	S'Albufera
<i>Serapis vomeracea</i>	Long-lipped Serapias	S'Albufera

Plants of Cultivation not naturalised

Araucariaceae		
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>	Norfolk Island Pine	
Musaceae		
<i>Musa</i> sp.	Banana	
Palmae		
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Date Palm	
<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	Chusan Palm	

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Meliaceae		
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Indian Bead Tree	
Scrophulariaceae		
<i>Paulownia Tomentosa</i>	Foxglove Tree	

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted)

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Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Matchani Gran
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Mongofre Nou
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Tirant March
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Tirant March
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	Son Parc
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Son Parc
Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	Cap de Favaritx
Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	Cap de Favaritx
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Son Parc
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Albufera
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Mongofre Nou
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Tirant March
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Road to Punt Nati
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Son Parc
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Mongofre Nou
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	Cap de Cav
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Numberous locations
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Numberous locations
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Numberous locations
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Matchani Gran
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Cala Galdana
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Albufera
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Tirant March
Eurasian Stone-Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	Matchani Gran
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Mongofre Nou
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Mongofre Nou
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Cap de Favaritx
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Cala Tirant
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Cap de Favaritx
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Mongofre Nou
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Mongofre Nou
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Mongofre Nou
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Mongofre Nou
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Son Parc
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Son Parc
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Mongofre Nou
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii ?</i>	Mongofre Nou
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Mongofre Nou

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Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>	Cala Tirant
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Common
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Albufera
Common Pigeon (feral)	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	Matchani Gran
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Matchani Gran
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Matchani Gran
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Matchani Gran
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	Matchani Gran
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Cala Galdana
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Tirant Marsh
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	Tirant Marsh
European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Sa Quintana
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Matchani Gran
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Matchani Gran
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Cap de Cavalleria
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Matchani Gran
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Matchani Gran
Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	Cap de Cavalleria
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	Cap de Cavalleria
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Tirant Marsh
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Tirant Marsh
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	Matchani Gran
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Matchani Gran
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Matchani Gran
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Matchani Gran
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Tirant Marsh
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Matchani Gran
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	Cap de Cavalleria
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Matchani Gran
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Matchani Gran
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Cap de Favaritx
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Son Bou
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Cap de Cavalleria
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Cala Galdana
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Matchani Gran
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Matchani Gran
Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>	Punti Nati
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Cap de Cavalleria
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Mongofre Nou
European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Mongofre Nou
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Mongofre Nou
Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Cala Tirant
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Cap de Cavalleria

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Amphibians & Reptiles		
Iberian Water Frog	<i>Rana perezi</i>	Heard at Mongofre Nou
Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis sicula</i>	Frequent
Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	Matchani Gran
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>	Cala Tirant
Red Necked Terrapin	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>	Cala Tirant
Moorish Gecko	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	Frequent
Viperine Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>	S'Albufera
Mammals		
Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Matchani Gran
Algerian Hedgehog ?	<i>Atelerix algirus</i>	Roadside
Butterflies		
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	Cap de Cavalleria
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	Punti Nati
Bath White	<i>Pontia daplidice</i>	Aldgendar Gorge
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	? Unsure of location
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	Cala Tirant
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	Cala Galdana
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Mongofre Nou
Painted Lady	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>	? Unsure of location
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>	Spotted butterfly see at S'Albufera is possible this species
Southern Gate Keeper	<i>Pyronia cecilia</i>	Cap de Cavalleria
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria sub aegeria</i>	Numerous Sightings
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	El Toro
Dragonflies & Damsels of Menorca		
Copper Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis haemorrhoidalis</i>	Aldgenda Gorge
Willow Emerald Damselfly or Western Willow Spreadwing	<i>Lestes viridis</i>	Tirant Marsh
Small Red Damsel fly	<i>Ceragrion tenellum</i>	Son Parc
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	Son Parc
Broad Scarlet or Scarlet Darter	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>	Cala Tirant

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