Corsica – The Scented Isle

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Corsican Finch Corte





Crocus corsicus Calanches de Piana

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Day 1

Sunday 28th April

Our flight left Stansted in the early afternoon and arrived at Corsica's Bastia airport just after 4.00pm. After loading our minibuses, we drove south and then followed the Golu River westwards. Dense maquis lined the road with colourful patches of Hairy Thorny Broom *Calycotome villosa*, white *Cistus monspeliensis*, pink *Cistus creticus* and French Lavender *Lavandula stoechas*. We stopped at Pont Novu to see a beautifully constructed model village, which portraits the unique architecture of the many mountain settlements.

At Ponte Leccia, we turned south, following the railway for a while, before we headed into the mountains. We drove through the dramatic Santa Regina Gorge, past a few villages and then into the pine forest. Corsican Pine *Pinus nigra* subsp. *laricio*, typically with tall straight trunks, forms dense forest throughout much of upland Corsica and has evolved, in isolation, from the continental Black Pine *Pinus nigra* (sensu lato). After a seemingly endless series of twists and turns, we emerged from the trees at the Col de Vergio, where it was cool, with a strong wind. Much of the ground was carpeted with dwarf broom and prostrate Juniper, accompanied by the familiar Corsican Helleborus *lividus* subsp. *corsicus*. We descended back into the forest and, a short while later, arrived at our hotel, around 7.30pm. After finding our rooms, we were soon enjoying our evening meal and talking over our plans for the week ahead.

Day 2

Monday 29th April

A few of us took a short stroll, before breakfast, seeing Cirl Bunting, a Corsican Crossbill and hearing a brief snatch of a call from a Corsican Nuthatch. Apart from an early light shower, it was sunny all day, but a little windy, at times. We discovered that the village supermarket was not opening until later in the season, so we left the hotel at 9.30am and drove a short distance to the south, to the Col de Sevi. As soon as we arrived, we noticed lots of bright yellow Corsican Finch, in the trees, and were able to observe them closely, before even leaving the minibuses. There were a number of pigs around and although the ground was much disturbed by their digging, there were some interesting plants. We recognised the distinctive smell of Curry Plant Helichrysum italicum and found some well-flowered specimens of the attractive Three-leaved Figwort Scrophularia trifoliata, a Tyrrhenian species, also found in Sardinia and mainland Italy.

We drove down to Sagone, on the coast, where a supermarket more than catered for our needs for the next few days. A little way south, we came to the Liamone estuary and a convenient place for lunch, overlooking the water. Six Grey Heron, a Little Egret and a Little Grebe were on the water and Cetti's Warbler called from the reeds. Down of the seaward edge of the lagoon, we found a single Ruff and a Wood Sandpiper and an Eleonora's Falcon flew briefly overhead. Large carpets of Yellow Hottentot Fig Carpobrotus edulis made a colourful show, all over the dunes, but attractive as they were, they had no place here, and we helped conservation efforts in a small way, by pulling up a number. Three-horned Stock Matthiola tricuspidata, Sheep's-bit Jasione montana and Yellow Horned-poppy Glaucium flavum were plentiful and we were pleased to find Sea Knotgrass Polygonum maritimum, a rare British native, Sea Bindweed Calystegia soldanella and Yellow Centaury Centaurium maritimum. As well as the common Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard, we found a very nice male Italian Wall Lizard. In the more stable areas of dune, there were many deep-yellow bushes of the endemic Corsican Broom

Genista corsica and, among these, some fine specimens of Heart-lipped Tongue-orchid *Serapias cordigera*. Before leaving the coast, we listened to the melodious calls of Nightingale, in the trees near the water's edge.

On our way back to the hotel, we had time for a short walk into the Foret d'Aitone, where we saw large stands of Willow Gentian *Gentiana asclepiadea*. The diminutive but highly-aromatic Corsican Mint *Mentha requienii* formed a carpet in the wet acidic turf and we were amused to watch a long line of caterpillars of the Pine Processionary Moth, crossing the track. They feed on pine needles through the summer months and we saw their woven hibernacula on many occasions, through the week.

Day 3

Tuesday 30th April

An early walk produced a brief sighting of a Corsican Nuthatch, which turned out to be our only one of the week. The unseasonable cold weather was, no doubt, to blame. After breakfast, we drove down to the foot of the village and the start of the trail down the Spelunca Gorge. In the cemetery were a few flower spikes of Pink Butterfly-orchid *Anacamptis papilionacea* and, down the path, a number of Spring Sowbread *Cyclamen repandum*. The maquis, here, is fully mature, with a dense canopy of Holm Oak *Quercus* ilex, Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* and Tree Heather *Erica arborea*, which was covered in white flowers. Growing through these were huge trees of Maritime Pine *Pinus pinaster* subsp. *escarena* and Corsican Pine, easily distinguishable by their cones and bark.

Rather than walk the full length of the old mule trail, we returned to the minibuses and made several stops to view the gorge from above. Lower down, the maquis became more diverse with flowering shrubs of French Lavender Lavandula stoechas, Shrubby Hare's-ear Bupleurum fruticosum, Sticky Woundwort Stachys glutinosa and the pungent Germander Teucrium marum. When we reached the lower bridge, we followed an undulating path upstream to the Genoese Zaglia Bridge, which crosses a tributary. Flowers, alongside the path, included Friar's Cowl Arisarum vulgare, Three-cornered Leek Allium triquetrum, Dense-flowered Orchid Neotinea maculata, the delicate Long-leaved Snowflake Acis longifolia and the spectacular Illyrian Sea Daffodil Pancratium illyricum.

The river is typically Corsican, with many large granite boulders and huge plants of Royal Fern Osmunda regalis, lining the water's edge. While we ate our lunch, we watched Tyrrhenian Wall Lizards and the larger Bedriaga's Rock Lizard basking in the sun and occasionally rushing off to catch an insect. On our return to the road, we drove up to the hill village of Ota and relaxed over drinks at Chez Felix. We finished the afternoon with a visit to the Calanches de Piana, a little way south of the coastal village of Porto and part of the west coast UNESCO World Heritage Site. We wandered through an amazing landscape of weather-eroded pink granite, which looked splendid in the afternoon sun. Birds included Crag Martin and Blue Rock Thrush and, along the roadside, were fine examples of Green-winged Orchid Anacamptis morio, Provence Orchid Orchis provincialis and Barton's Orchid Dactylorhiza insularis. It was a longish drive back to Evisa and it was quite late in the evening when we sat down for dinner.

Day 4

Wednesday 1st May

After packing and loading the vehicles, we left Evisa around 9am. Our first stop was a short walk to a series of cascades, along the river, and the ruins of a chestnut mill. On the wet rocks, by the waterfalls, we found Roundleaved Saxifrage Saxifraga rotundifolia, the yellow Winter-cress Barbarea rupicola and curtains of Corsican Bog Asphodel Narthecium reverchonii. At the Col de Vergio, it was quite cold and windy, so we made only a short walk.

Among the prostrate Juniper *Juniperus communis* var. *saxatilis* and the endemic broom *Genista salzmannii* var. *lobelioides* were mats of *Thymus herba-barona*, cushions of *Plantago sarda* and *Armeria multiceps* and attractive patches of the Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem *Gagea soleirolii* and the white crucifer *Lepidium hirtum* subsp. *oxyotum*.

After a long drive down through the forest, to the east, we had lunch in Calacuccia, before moving down to the Santa Regina Gorge. Walking down the road, we saw Blue Rock Thrush, on the cliffs, Dipper on the river, and some notable plants included prostrate shrubs of Rosemary *Salvia rosmarinus* and two more endemics; the white Thrift *Armeria leucocephala*, and *Saxifraga pedemontana* subsp. *cervicornis*. On leaving the mountains, we pulled in by an area of maquis, where we had glimpses of Sardinian and Moltoni's Warblers. It was, however, the orchids that stole the show, particularly along the roadside verge, where we found fine specimens of Green-winged Orchid, an Early Spider-orchid *Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *atrata* and Man Orchid *Orchis anthropophora*.

Back on the main road, we made a diversion to the picturesque village of Tralonca, where we added Lady Orchid Orchis purpurea and another distinct-looking Bee Orchid Ophrys morisii. (This is now considered to be Ophrys ×arachnitiformis, a hybrid between Ophrys fuciflora and Ophrys sphegodes). We were just about to leave, when Steve managed to pick up a Cuckoo in his scope and we were treated to excellent views. For the last part of our journey, we drove past Corte to our hotel, situated on the bank of the Vecchio River, below Venaco.

Day 5

Thursday 2nd May

We shopped in Venaco, before driving a little way south, to where Gustav Eiffel's dramatic rail-bridge and the elegant new road bridge span the river. We walked steadily up the almost deserted road. The maquis was full of flowers, including white and pink *Cistus*, robust specimens of Heart-lipped Tongue-orchid, Sword-leaved Helleborine *Cephalanthera longifolia* and Illyrian Sea Daffodil. Pale pink flowers of Short-leaved Stonecrop *Sedum brevifolium* erupted from cracks in the lichen-covered granite and Tyrrhenian Wall Lizards scuttled everywhere. A damp area alongside a diverted stream had little colonies of Common Tongue-orchid *Serapias lingua*, varying from deep pink to pale yellow, and a number of Wedge-lipped Orchid *Dactylorhiza maculata* subsp. *saccifera* were just starting to bloom. We enjoyed the mountain views at the end of the road, over lunch, before returning down the valley for a closer look at some splendid Provence Orchid and the vivid-pink flowers of the endemic form of Rock Soapwort *Saponaria ocymoides* subsp. *alsinoides*.

We continued south, through Vivario, to the top of the Vizzavona pass, where, rather surprisingly, the upper limit of forest is dominated by Beech *Fagus sylvatica*. The bare pale trunks support a high canopy and the multiple trunks of many trees were clear evidence of past coppicing. The ground flora was rather sparse, except for large populations of Ivy-leaved Sowbread *Cyclamen hederifolium*. We concluded the afternoon with drinks at Vizzavona railway station, the highest point of Corsica's unique railway, before returning to the hotel around 6.00pm.

Day 6 Friday 3rd May

A sunny morning greeted us, and we headed north to Corte, stopping to admire the classic view of the Citadel and the neatly tended allotments beside the bridge. We then had a long drive up the Restonica Valley, stopping twice to search for Nuthatch but only hearing brief snatches of their call. When we reached the limit of the trees, we had great views of the glaciated upper part of the valley. We scanned the high jagged ridges on the skyline and were lucky enough to spot a solitary Lammergeier.

We had lunch beside the café, before embarking on our 400-metre climb to Lac de Melo. A rocky trail led us through banks of the low-growing Corsican Alder *Alnus alnobetula* subsp. *suaveolens*, and small trees of Sycamore and the Corsican subspecies of the familiar Rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* subsp. *praemorsa*. The commonest birds were Chaffinch and Robin, but we did encounter the occasional Tawny Pipit and Meadow Pipit and heard the distinctive call of Ring Ouzel, which are occasionally recorded, on migration. On a wet bank, we found the distinctive Corsican Butterwort *Pinguicula corsica* and as we gained height, there were many *Crocus corsicus*, where the snow had recently melted. After a final steep, rocky section and a couple of fixed ladders, to ease our progress, we arrived at the beautiful Lac de Melo, surrounded by high cliffs and rugged scenery, streaked with the remnants of the winter snows. We saw a few Water Pipits and it wasn't long before we were surrounded by Alpine Chough, eager to feed on the scraps of food we had brought with us. The afternoon was now cloudy and cool so, after retracing our steps, we warmed up over hot drinks at the café, before turning to our hotel.

Day 7 Thursday 4th May

We left the hotel at 8.45am and made a short stop at the nearby Pont Noceta, to watch a resident pair of Dippers and, on the roadside, we found Long-lipped Tongue-orchid *Serapias vomeracea* subsp. *vomeracea*. We drove up to Corte and spent an hour and a half exploring the historic part of the town, around the Citadel, before heading down the Tavignano Valley to Aleria. We shopped for provisions and souvenirs in a supermarket, and then went down to the coast for a coffee break at a beach café. Further south, we stopped for lunch at the Conservatoire du Littoral, beside the Etang d'Urbino, the second-largest of Corsica's saline lagoons, where display boards explained the importance of these unique coastal habitats.

After our feast, we returned to fields, which afforded us good views of the inland margins of the lagoon. Among lots of new birds, there were Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Little Egret, Great Crested and Little Grebe, Blackwinged Stilt, Common Sandpiper and Lapwing. A Marsh Harrier patrolled the reed-beds and we noted Stone-curlew, Zitting Cisticola and a Collared Pratincole. All very exciting, but our star birds were, undoubtedly, the 50, or more, European Bee-eaters, that were gathering on the wires. The mixture of habitats also provided a rich diversity of plants and insects. Broad-bodied Chaser and the endemic Island Bluetail were seen, on the edge of the salt marsh, and in the fields, we found Small-flowered Tongue-orchid Serapias parviflora, alongside Yellow Bartsia Parentucellia viscosa and pink Bellardia Bartsia trixago. Showiest of all were the swathes of Field Gladiolus Gladiolus italicus and Rosy Garlic Allium roseum. It had been sunny and warm near the coast but cloudy on the mountains and it was a cool 13°C, on our return to the hotel. We concluded our week with a get-together over a glass of wine and snacks, before dinner.

Day 8 Friday 5th May

We made an early start and, after a quick breakfast, headed for the airport. The roads were quiet, and we made good progress, arriving at Bastia airport in time for check-in.

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Species Lists

Plants

Blechnaceae

Dryopteridaceae

Pteridaceae

Selaginella denticulata

Latin name Common name Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES FERNS AND FERN ALLIES

Aspleniaceae Spleenwort Family

Asplenium adiantum-nigrumBlack SpleenwortOccasional on rocksAsplenium ceterachRustybackRocksAsplenium obovatumLanceolate SpleenwortShaded rocks. Spelunca

Asplenium onopteris Sharp-leaved Spleenwort Walls

Asplenium ruta-muraria Wall-rue Foret d'Aitone, Restonica Asplenium septentrionale Forked Spleenwort Shaded mountain rocks

Asplenium trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort Shaded rocks

Athyriaceae Lady-fern Family

Athyrium distentifoliumAlpine Lady-fernAbove Lac de MeloAthyrium felix-feminaLady-fernForet d'Aitone

Hard-fern Family

Blechnum spicant Hard-fern Foret d'Aitone

Cystopteridaceae Bladder-fern Family

Cystopteris fragilis Brittle Bladder-fern Shaded rocks

DennstaedtiaceaeBracken FamilyPteridium aquilinumBrackenCommon

Tendian aquiman

Dryopteris cambrensisNarrow Male-fernCommonDryopteris dilatataBroad Buckler-fernForests

Dryopteris expansa Northern Buckler-fern Mountain rocks and scrub

Buckler-fern Family

Dryopteris oreadesMountain Male-fernCommonPolystichum setiferumSoft Shield-fernForet d'Aitone

Equisetaceae Horsetail Family

Equisetum arvenseField HorsetailOccasional in pastureEquisetum ramosissimumBranched HorsetailHedges

Equisetum telmateia Giant Horsetail Occasional in ditches

Osmundaceae Royal Fern Family

Osmunda regalis Royal Fern Common by rivers

Polypodiaceae Polypody Family

Polypodium cambricumSouthern PolypodyOccasional on rocksPolypodium vulgareCommon PolypodyOccasional on rocks

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Adiantum capillus-venerisMaidenhair FernWet rocks. SpeluncaCryptogramma crispaParsley FernMountain rocks. Restonica

Selaginellaceae Lesser Clubmoss Family

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Toothed Clubmoss

Maidenhair Fern Family

Damp earth. Common

Common name **Notes** Latin name

GYMNOSPERMS

Cupressaceae

Cupressus sempervirens ‡ Juniperus communis var. saxatilis Juniperus oxycedrus subsp. oxycedrus

Juniperus phoenicea subsp. turbinata

Pinaceae

Abies alba Larix decidua ‡ Pinus halepensis ‡ Pinus nigra subsp. laricio • Pinus pinaster subsp. escarena

Pinus pinea ‡

Pseudotsuga menziesii ‡

ANGIOSPERMS

DICOTYLEDONS

Aizoaceae

Carpobrotus edulis ‡

Amaranthaceae

Atriplex portulacoides Beta vulgaris subsp. maritima Blitum bonus-henricus Chenopodium album

Salsola kali

Sarcocornia fruticosa

Anacardiaceae

Pistacia lentiscus

Apiaceae

Bupleurum fruticosum Conopodium majus Crithmum maritimum Daucus carota

Eryngium campestre Eryngium maritimum Ferula communis

Foeniculum vulgare subsp. vulgare

Bunium alpinum subsp. corydalinum •

Peucedanum ostruthium Sanicula europaea Scandix pecten-veneris Smyrnium olusatrum Tordylium apulum Tordylium maximum Torilis arvensis Torilis nodosa

CONIFERS

Cypress Family

Cultivated Italian Cypress

Juniper Common in mountains Prickly Juniper Common in maquis

Coastal Phoenician Juniper Open maquis, rocks, dunes

Pine Family

European Silver-fir Foret d'Aitone, Vizzavona Larch Occasional. Foret d'Aitone

Aleppo Pine Planted Corsican Pine **Forests**

Common in lower forests Maritime Pine Umbrella Pine Planted near coasts Douglas Fir Planted. Foret d'Aitone

FLOWERING PLANTS

Dewplant Family

Yellow Hottentot-fig Coastal alien

Goosefoot Family

Sea Purslane Beaches Liamone beach Sea Beet Good-King-Henry Animal pens Fat-hen Occasional weed **Prickly Saltwort** Sandy beaches

A Perennial Glasswort Salt marsh. Etang d'Urbino

Sumach Family

Mastic Tree Common in maquis

Carrot Family

A Pignut Mountain pasture Shrubby Hare's-ear Rocky places in maquis

Pignut Frequent **Rock Samphire** Coastal rocks Wild Carrot Common Field Eryngo Frequent Coast Sea Holly Giant Fennel Frequent Fennel Common

Masterwort Mountain streamsides Sanicle Occasional in forests Shepherd's-needle Dry rocky places Alexanders Weedy places Tordylium Occasional Hartwort Occasional Spreading Hedge-parsley Weedy places Knotted Hedge-parsley Dry sandy places

Notes Latin name Common name **Apocynaceae Dogbane Family** Gomphocarpus fruticosus ‡ Bristle-fruited Silkweed Occasional, Roadsides Nerium oleander Oleander By streams in maquis Intermediate Periwinkle Vinca difformis Evisa Vincetoxicum hirundinaria Swallow-wort Restonica. Verghello Aquifoliaceae **Holly Family** Ilex aquifolium Holly Common in forests **Araliaceae** Ivy Family Hedera helix Common lvy **Asteraceae Daisy Family** Achillea ligustica Southern Yarrow Common Achillea maritima Cottonweed Sandy coasts Achillea millefolium ‡ Weedy places Yarrow Bellis annua **Annual Daisy** Occasional Bellis perennis Daisy Occasional Frequent Bellis sylvestris Southern Daisy Bellium bellidioides • False Daisy Common Calendula arvensis Field Marigold Frequent Plymouth Thistle Carduus pycnocephalus Common. Waste ground Slender Thistle Coast Carduus tenuiflorus Flat-topped Carline Thistle Common to 1000 metres Carlina corymbosa Carlina macrocephala subsp. macrocephala • Large-headed Carline Thistle Frequent above 1000 metres Chondrilla juncea Rush Skeletonweed Waste places Cichorium intybus Chicory Roadsides Cirsium vulgare Spear Thistle Grassy and waste places Crupina crupinastrum Crupina Weedy places Dittrichia graveolens Aromatic Inula Roadsides. Frequent Dittrichia viscosa Roadsides. Common Stink Aster Doronicum corsicum • Corsican Leopard's-bane Wet rocks Eupatorium cannabinum subsp. corsicum • Corsican Hemp-agrimony Damp forest Filago pygmaea Pygmy Cudweed Dry places Galactites tomentosa Galactites Waste places Geropogon hybridus ‡ Slender Salsify Rare ruderal Glebionis coronaria var. coronaria Crown Daisy Waste places Glebionis coronaria var. discolor Crown Daisy Waste places Glebionis segetum Corn Marigold Liamone beach Helichrysum frigidum • An Everlastingflower Mountain rocks Helichrysum italicum subsp. italicum A Curry Plant Rocky places Hyoseris radiata Hyoseris Ruderal Mediterranean Cat's-ear Frequent Hypochaeris achyrophorus Smooth Cat's-ear Hypochaeris glabra Frequent Hypochaeris radicata Common Cat's-ear Sand dunes Hypochaeris robertia A Cat's-ear Widespread Lapsana communis Nipplewort Waste places Limbarda crithmoides Golden Samphire Etang d'Urbino Narrow-leaved Cudweed Logfia gallica Dry places

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Small Cudweed

Spiny Golden-star

A Shrubby Cudweed

Wall Lettuce

Rocky places

Rocks at low altitude

Walls

Frequent

Logfia minima

Mycelis muralis

Pallenis spinosa

Phagnalon saxatile

Latin name

Pilosella lactucella Pilosella officinarum Prenanthes purpurea Ptilostemon casabonae •

Pulicaria odora Rhagadiolus edulis Scolymus hispanicus Senecio transiens • Senecio vulgaris Silybum marianum Solidago virgaurea Sonchus asper Sonchus oleraceus

Tragopogon porrifolius Tripolium pannonicum Urospermum dalechampii Urospermum picroides Xanthium italicum ‡ Xanthium spinosum ‡

Berberidaceae

Taraxacum sp.

Berberis aetnensis •

Betulaceae

Alnus alnobetula subsp. suaveolens •

Alnus cordata • Alnus glutinosa Betula pendula

Boraginaceae

Anchusa italica Borago officinalis Cynoglossum creticum

Echium italicum Echium plantagineum Heliotropium europaeum

Myosotis discolor Myosotis pusilla Myosotis ramosissima

Myosotis soleirolii •

Brassicaceae

Alliaria petiolata Arabidopsis thaliana

Arabis alpina subsp. alpina

Arabis hirsuta Arabis verna Barbarea rupicola • Cakile maritima

Capsella bursa-pastoris Cardamine flexuosa Cardamine hirsuta

Coincya monensis subsp. cheiranthos

Common name

Common Mouse-ear Hawkweed Frequent Purple Lettuce **Forests** A Ptilostemon Verghello

Mediterranean Fleabane Common in maquis

A Star Hawkbit Common Spanish Oyster Plant Roadsides

A Sea Groundsel Sand dunes. Liamone

Groundsel Waste places

Milk Thistle Waste places and field margins

Notes

Goldenrod Mountains Prickly Sow-thistle Waste places Smooth Sow-thistle Waste places A Dandelion Occasional Salsify Frequent

Salt marsh. Etang d'Urbino Sea Aster

Urospermum Locally common Prickly Golden-fleece Weedy places A Cocklebur Coasts. Alien Ruderal, Alien Spiny Cocklebur

Barberry Family

Mountains Etna Barberry

Birch Family

Corsican Alder Restonica Italian Alder Occasional

Common Alder Common by rivers Silver Birch Forests to tree-line

Borage Family

Large Blue Alkanet Occasional Common Borage Blue Hound's-tongue Frequent Italian Viper's-bugloss Roadsides Purple Viper's-bugloss Common

Common. Roadsides Heliotrope

Changing Forget-me-not Damp places A Forget-me-not Damp places Frequent Early Forget-me-not

A Forget-me-not Wet places in mountains

Cabbage Family

Garlic Mustard Ruderal Thale Cress Frequent Alpine Rock-cress Restonica Hairy Rock-cress Rocky places Spring Rock-cress Frequent **Rock Winter-cress** Damp rocks Coasts Sea Rocket Shepherd's-purse Widespread Wavy Bitter-cress Frequent Hairy Bitter-cress Widespread Mountain rocks

Hoary Mustard

Latin name

Draba muralis Erophila verna Hirschfeldia incana

Isatis tinctoria

Lepidium hirtum subsp. oxyotum

Lobularia maritima Lunaria annua ‡ Malcomia ramosissima Matthiola tricuspidata Nasturtium officinale Sinapis alba Sinapis arvensis

Sisymbrium officinale Teesdalia coronopifolia

Turritis glabra

Buxaceae

Buxus sempervirens

Cactaceae

Opuntia ficus-indica ‡

Campanulaceae

Jasione montana

Phyteuma serratum •

Cannabaceae

Celtis australis ‡ Humulus lupulus

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera etrusca

Lonicera implexa

Caryophyllaceae

Arenaria balearica •
Arenaria serpyllifolia
Cerastium boissierianum
Cerastium diffusum
Cerastium fontanum
Cerastium glomeratum

Cerastium soleirolii •

Corrigiola litoralis subsp. telephiifolia Dianthus furcatus subsp. gyspergerae •

Dianthus sylvestris subsp. longicaulis •

Moehringia pentandra Moehringia trinervia Moenchia erecta Paronychia argentea Paronychia polygonifolia Petrorhagia nanteuilii

Petrorhagia saxifraga subsp. gasparrinii •

Petrorhagia prolifera Petrorhagia velutina Common nameNotesWall WhitlowgrassRocks

Wall Whitlowgrass Rocks
Common Whitlowgrass Rocks

Woad Roadsides
A Pepperwort Mountains
Sweet Alison Coastal sands
Honesty Near habitation

Waste places

Sand dunes
Three-horned Stock
Water-cress
Wet ditches
White Mustard
Waste places
Charlock
Waste places
Hedge Mustard
Waste places
A Shepherd's Cress
Occasional
Tower Mustard
Occasional

Box Family

Box Spelunca

Cactus Family

Prickly Pear Widely planted

Bellfower Family

Sheep's-bit Liamone dunes

Toothed Rampion Mountain rocks. Restonica

Hackberry and Hop Family

European Nettle Tree Planted Hop Liamone

Honeysuckle Family

Etruscan Honeysuckle Occasional

A Honeysuckle Frequent in maquis

Pink Family

Balearic Sandwort Shaded rocks
Thyme-leaved Sandwort Rocky places
A Mouse-ear Mountains
Sea Mouse-ear Frequent
Mouse-ear Chickweed Frequent
Sticky Mouse-ear Waste places

A Mouse-ear Common. Mountains
A Strapwort Sand dunes. Liamone
Madame Gysperger's Pink Cliffs. Calanches de Piana

A Wood Pink Rocks and cliffs

Moehringia Maquis Three-nerved Sandwort Frequent **Upright Chickweed** Frequent Silvery Paronychia Sandy coasts A Paronychia Mountains A Tunic Flower Rocky places A Tunic Flower Frequent on rocks Proliferous Pink Rocky places Kohlrauschia Rocky places

Latin name

Sabulina verna

Sagina procumbon

Sagina procumbens

Saponaria ocymoides subsp. alsinoides •

Saponaria officinalis Scleranthus annuus

Silene gallica Silene latifolia Silene rupestris

Silene sericea •
Silene vulgaris
Spergularia rubra
Stellaria media
Stellaria nemoreum

Stellaria neglecta

Cistaceae

Cistus creticus Cistus monspeliensis Cistus salvifolius Tuberaria guttata

Convolvulaceae

Calystegia sepium
Calystegia soldanella
Convolvulus althaeoides
Convolvulus arvensis
Convolvulus cantabrica

Cuscuta epithymum subsp. corsicana •

Corylaceae

Corylus avellana

Crassulaceae

Crassula tillaea
Petrosedum rupestre
Sedum album
Sedum brevifolium
Sedum cepaea

Sedum dasyphyllum Sedum rubens Sedum stellatum

Umbilicus rupestris

Cucurbitaceae

Ecballium elaterium

Cytinaceae

Cytinus hypocistis subsp. hypocistis Cytinus hypocistis subsp. clusii

Dipsacaceae

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Knautia integrifolia

Common name

Vernal Sandwort Mountains

A Pearlwort Mountains. Common

Procumbent Pearlwort Common Rock Soapwort Verghello

Soapwort Occasional. Roadsides

Notes

Annual Knawel Rocky places
Small-flowered Catchfly Common
White Campion Occasional
Rock Campion Rocky places

Sand dunes. Liamone

Bladder Campion Frequent
Sand Spurrey Rocky places
Common Chickweed Waste places
Wood Stitchwort Shaded habitats

Greater Stitchwort Frequent

Rockrose Family

Cretan Cistus

Narrow-leaved Cistus

Sage-leaved Cistus

Common in maquis

Bindweed Family

Hedge Bindweed Occasional weed
Sea Bindweed Liamone dunes
Mallow-leaved Bindweed Frequent

Field Bindweed Occasional weed
Southern Bindweed Occasional
A Dodder Frequent

Hazel Family

Hazel Frequent

Stonecrop family

Mossy StonecropSeasonally wet rocksReflexed StonecropRocks. OccasionalWhite StonecropRocks. FrequentShort-leaved StonecropRocks. Common

Frequent

Thick-leaved Stonecrop Rocks and walls
Red Stonecrop Rocks. Common
Starry Stonecrop Occasional
Wall Pennywort Rocks. Common

Cucumber Family

Squirting Cucumber Waste places

Cytinus Family

Cytinus Parasitic on white Cistus
Cytinus Parasitic on pink Cistus

Teasel Family

Entire-leaved Scabious Waste places

Common name **Notes** Latin name **Ericaceae Heather Family** Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree Maquis Tree Heather Erica arborea Maquis Erica scoparia Besom Heath Damp maquis Erica terminalis Corsican Heath Verghello valley Vaccinium myrtillus Bilberry Restonica

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia amygdaloides subsp. semiperfoliata

Frequent. Forests A Wood Spurge Euphorbia chamaesyce A prostrate Spurge Common. Waste places

Spurge Family

Euphorbia characias subsp. characias Large Mediterranean Spurge Widespread Euphorbia dendroides Tree Spurge Coastal cliffs **Dwarf Spurge** Occasional Euphorbia exigua Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge Waste ground

Damp places. Liamone Euphorbia hirsuta Hairy Spurge

Euphorbia hyberna subsp. insularis • An Irish Spurge Aitone Forest

Euphorbia lathyris Caper Spurge Evisa

Euphorbia peplis Purple Spurge Coastal sands Euphorbia peplus Petty Spurge Ruderal Mercurialis annua Common **Annual Mercury** Mercurialis perennis Frequent Dog's Mercury Ricinus communis Occasional Castor-oil-plant

Fabaceae

Pea Family

Herman's Kidney Vetch Common Anthyllis hermanniae Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. rubriflora Mediterranean Kidney Vetch Occasional Bituminaria bituminosa Pitch Trefoil Common Calycotome infesta Thorny Broom Maquis Calycotome villosa Hairy Thorny Broom Maquis Ceratonia siliqua Carob Occasional Cercis siliquastrum ‡ Judas Tree Frequent Cytisus villosus Hairy Broom Occasional Ervilia hirsuta Hairy Tare Waste places Genista corsica . Corsican Broom Maquis

Genista monspessulana Montpellier Broom Maquis

Genista salzmannii var. lobelioides • Mountains

Genista salzmannii var. salzmannii • Lower altitudes than var. lobelioides

Laburnum anagyroides ‡ Laburnum Vizzavona Lathyrus aphaca Yellow Vetchling Occasional Crimson Pea Waste places Lathyrus clymenum Lathyrus cicera Red Vetchling Frequent

Lathyrus hirsutus Hairy Vetchling Brackish reedbeds

Lathyrus latifolius Broad-leaved Everlasting-pea Open forest Red Pea Frequent Lathyrus setifolius Round Pea Widespread Lathyrus sphaericus Lathyrus venetus **Forests** Lotus conimbricensis Open places

Lotus corniculatus Bird's-foot Trefoil Frequent Lotus cytisoides Grey Bird's-foot Trefoil Coastal rocks Lotus dorycnium Five-leaved Dorycnium Frequent Lotus edulis Edible Lotus Common

Lotus hirsutus Dorycnium Locally common Lupinus angustifolius Narrow-leaved Lupin Occasional

Common name Notes Latin name Medicago arabica Spotted Medick Common Black Medick Frequent Medicago lupulina Sea Medick Medicago marina Sand dunes Medicago orbicularis Large Disc-medick Occasional Medicago polymorpha **Toothed Medick** Waste places

Medicago sativa ‡ Lucerne Open places. Liamone

Melilotus albus ‡ White Melilot Ruderal **Small Melilot** Melilotus indicus Occasional Onobrychis viciifolia ‡ Sainfoin Waste places Ononis reclinata Small Restharrow Coastal sands Ononis spinosa subsp. antiquorum Spiny Restharrow Rocky pasture Ornithopus compressus Compressed Bird's-foot Dry places Common Bird's-foot Rocky places Ornithopus perpusillus Pisum sativum subsp. elatius Wild Pea Restonica

Robinia pseudoacacia ‡ False-acacia Cultivated Scorpiurus muricatus Scorpion-vetch Frequent Spartium junceum Spanish Broom Roadsides Trifolium angustifolium Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover Open places Trifolium arvense Hare's-foot Clover Occasional Trifolium campestre Hop Trefoil Occasional Trifolium fragiferum Strawberry Clover Widespread

Trifolium glomeratum Clustered Clover Common. Waste places

Trifolium incarnatum ‡Crimson CloverField cropTrifolium pratenseRed CloverCommonTrifolium repensWhite CloverCommonTrifolium resupinatumReversed CloverWaste places

Trifolium scabrum Rough Clover Common. Tracksides

Trifolium stellatum Star Clover Common Trifolium striatum Soft Clover Frequent Trifolium subterraneum **Burrowing Clover** Open places Trifolium tomentosum Occasional Wooly Trefoil Vicia benghalensis Widespread Purple Vetch Vicia bithynica Bithynian Vetch Frequent Common Vicia cracca subsp. tenuifolia Fine-leaved Vetch Vicia lathyroides Spring Vetch Widespread Vicia lutea Yellow-vetch Coastal

Vicia sativa subsp. nigraNarrow-leaved Common VetchFrequentVicia sativa subsp. sativaCommon VetchCommon

Vicia villosa Fodder Vetch Waste places

Fagaceae Oak Family

Castanea sativa ‡Sweet ChestnutWidely plantedFagus sylvaticaBeechForests to tree-line

Quercus cocciferaKermes OakMaquisQuercus ilexHolm OakMaquisQuercus pubescensDowny OakVenaco

Quercus suber Cork Oak Lowland maquis

Fumariaceae Fumitory Family

Corydalis pumila Dwarf Corydalis Forest. Vizzavona

Fumaria bastardiiTall Ramping FumitoryRuderalFumaria capreolataWhite Ramping FumitoryCommonFumaria officinalisCommon FumitoryVerges

Latin name

Gentianaceae

Blackstonia perfoliata Centaurium erythraea Centaurium maritimum Gentiana asclepiadea

Geraniaceae

Erodium cicutarium
Erodium botrys
Erodium malacoides
Erodium moschatum
Geranium columbinum
Geranium dissectum
Geranium lucidum
Geranium molle
Geranium pyrenaicum
Geranium robertianum

Geranium rotundifolium

Globulariaceae

Globularia alypum

Hypericaceae

Hypericum australe

Hypericum hircinum subsp. hircinum •

Hypericum perfoliatum Hypericum perforatum Hypericum tetrapterum

Juglandaceae

Juglans regia ‡

Lamiaceae

Ballota nigra Clinopodium nepeta

Clinopodium vulgare Lamium amplexicaule Lamium bifidum

Lamium purpureum

Lavandula stoechas Marrubium vulgare Mentha aquatica

Mentha requienii • Mentha spicata

Mentha suaveolens subsp. suaveolens

Micromeria filiformis Prunella vulgaris Salvia rosmarinus Salvia verbenaca Stachys corsica • Stachys glutinosa •

Teucrium capitatum Teucrium chamaedrys Teucrium marum • Common name

Gentian Family

Yellow-wort Occasional
Common Centaury Dry places
Yellow Centaury Common

Willow-leaved Gentian Foret d'Aitone. Restonica

Notes

Crane's-bill Family

Common Stork's-bill Coast and waste places

Mediterranean Stork's-billWeedy placesMallow-leaved Stork's-billOpen placesMusk Stork's-billOpen places

Long-stalked Crane's-bill Verges. Waste places

Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Waste places
Shining Crane's-bill Spelunca
Dove's-foot Crane's-bill Frequent
Hedgerow Crane's-bill Frequent
Herb Robert Widespread
Round-leaved Crane's-bill Frequent

Globularia Family

Shrubby Globularia Pont Noceta

St John's-wort Family

Southern St John's-wort Frequent. Maquis

Stinking Tutsan Streamsides, damp rocks

Perfoliate St John's-wort Frequent
Perforate St John's-wort Wet places
Square-stalked St John's-wort Damp places

Walnut Family

Walnut Occasional

Dead-nettle Family

Black Horehound Roadsides

Lesser Calamint Waste places. Widespread

Wild Basil Common
Henbit Dead-nettle Ruderal
Ruderal

Red Dead-nettle Ruderal
French Lavender Rocky places in maquis

White Horehound Roadsides. Ruderal
Water Mint Wet places

Water Mint Wet places
Corsican Mint Foret d'Aitone
Spear Mint Wet places
Round-leaved Mint Damp places
Thread-leaved Micromeria Santa Regina Gorge

Self-heal Frequent

Rosemary Hot rocky places

Wild Clary Frequent
Corsican Woundwort Frequent
Sticky Woundwort Rocky places

Felty Germander Frequent. Rocky places

Wall Germander Occasional
A Germander Rocky places

Latin name

Teucrium scorodonia
Thymus herba-barona •

Lentibulariaceae

Pinguicula corsica •

Linaceae

Linum bienne

Malvaceae

Althaea hirsuta
Malva arborea
Malva cretica
Malva neglecta
Malva parviflora
Malva sylvestris
Modiola caroliniana ‡

Montiaceae

Montia fontana subsp. chondrosperma

Moraceae

Ficus carica Morus alba ‡

Myrtaceae

Eucalyptus camaldulensis ‡ Eucayptus globulus Myrtus communis

Oleaceae

Fraxinus excelsior ‡
Fraxinus ornus

Olea europaea subsp. oleaster

Phillyrea angustifolia Phillyrea latifolia

Onagraceae

Epilobium anagallidifolium Epilobium hirsutum Epilobium montanum

Orobanchaceae

Bartsia trixago Odontites lutea Orobanche minor Parentucellia latifolia Parentucellia viscosa

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis articulata ‡ Oxalis corniculata Oxalis pes-caprae ‡ Common name Notes

Wood Sage Common in forests
A Thyme Common in mountains

Butterwort Family

Corsican Butterwort Wet places. Restonica

Flax Family

Pale Flax Locally common

Mallow Family

Rough Marsh Mallow Roadsides
Tree Mallow Near coast
Small Tree Mallow Occasional

Dwarf Mallow Animal pens. Ruderal

Least MallowOccasionalCommon MallowRoadsidesModiolaLiamone

Blinks Family

Blinks Ephemeral pools

Fig Family

Fig Frequent in maquis

White Mulberry Cultivated

Myrtle Family

River Red Gum Cultivated Southern Blue-gum Cultivated

Common Myrtle Frequent in maquis

Olive Family

Ash Cultivated

Manna Ash Common in maquis

Wild Olive Maguis

Narrow-leaved Mock Privet Common in maquis
Mock Privet Frequent in maquis

Willowherb Family

Alpine Willowherb Damp mountain rocks

Great Willowherb Damp places
Broad-leaved Willowherb Frequent

Broomrape Family

Bellardia Occasional

Yellow Odontites Locally common. Maquis

Common Broomrape Frequent
Southern Red Bartsia Common
Yellow Bartsia Common

Wood-sorrel Family

Pink Oxalis Garden escape
Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Ruderal
Bermuda Buttercup Alien weed

Latin name

Papaveraceae

Glaucium flavum

Papaver dubium subsp. dubium

Papaver hybridum Papaver rhoeas

Phytolaccaceae

Phytolacca acinos ‡

Plantaginaceae

Plantago afra
Plantago bellardii
Plantago coronopus
Plantago lagopus
Plantago lanceolata
Plantago major

Plantago sarda var. sarda •

Platanaceae

Platanus x hispanica ‡

Plumbaginaceae

Armeria leucocephala • Armeria multiceps •

Limoniastrum monopetalum

Limonium narbonense

Polygalaceae

Polygala nicaeensis subsp. corsica •

Polygala vulgaris

Polygonaceae

Polygonum aviculare Polygonum maritimum

Rumex acetosella subsp. pyrenaicus

Rumex bucephalophorus
Rumex conglomeratus

Rumex crispus Rumex pulcher

Portulacaceae

Portulaca oleracea

Primulaceae

Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. hederifolium

Cyclamen repandum Lysimachia arvensis Lysimachia linum-stellatum

Samolus valerandi

Ranunculaceae

Anemone hortensis subsp. hortensis

Aquilegia dumeticola •

Common name Notes

Poppy Family

Yellow Horned-poppy Sand dunes
Long-headed Poppy Ruderal
Round-headed Prickly Poppy Ruderal
Common Poppy Common

Pokeweed Family

Pokeweed Waste places

Plantain Family

Glandular Plantain Rocky places. Common

Hairy Plantain Dry rocky places

Buck's-horn Plantain Coastal
Hare's-foot Plantain Common
Ribwort Plantain Widespread
Greater Plantain Waste ground
A Plantain Mountains

Plane Family

London Plane Cultivated

Thrift Family

White-headed Thrift

Multi-headed Thrift

Limoniastrum

Santa Regina Gorge

Mountains. Common

Shore. Etang d'Urbino

Edge of saline lagoon. Etang

A Sea Lavender d'Urbino

Milkwort Family

Corsican Milkwort Frequent
Common Milkwort Foret d'Aitone

Dock Family

Knotgrass Bare ground

Sea Knotgrass Sand dunes. Liamone

A Sheep's Sorrel Common
Horned Dock Common
Clustered Dock Damp places
Curled Dock Liamone estuary
Fiddle Dock Waste places

Purslane Family

Common Purslane Occasional

Primrose Family

Ivy-leaved Sowbread Locally common

Spring Sowbread Shady places. Locally common

Scarlet Pimpernel Frequent Asterolinon Frequent

Brookweed Damp rocks. Spelunca

Buttercup Family

An Anemone Francardo, Tralonca
A Columbine Foret d'Aitone, Restonica

Notes Common name Latin name Clematis cirrhosa Virgin's Bower Occasional in maquis Clematis flammula Maquis. Common Fragrant Clematis Clematis vitalba Old Man's Beard Common Ficaria verna Lesser Celandine Frequent Helleborus lividus subsp. corsicus • Corsican Hellebore Common Ranunculus bulbosus **Bulbous Buttercup** Meadows Ranunculus flammula Lesser Spearwort Foret d'Aitone Ranunculus lanuginosus Wooly Buttercup Frequent Ranunculus muricatus Rough-fruited Buttercup Common Ranunculus platanifolius Maple-leaved Buttercup Col Vizzavona Common Ranunculus repens Creeping Buttercup Ranunculus sardous Hairy Buttercup Ranunculus sceleratus Damp places Celery-leaved Buttercup Ranunculus velutinus Damp places

Resedaceae Mignonette Family

Reseda alba White Mignonette Occasional. Ruderal

Reseda luteola Weld Ruderal
Sesamoides clusii Sesamoides Col de Vergio

Rhamnaceae Buckthorn Family

Rhamnus alaternus Mediterranean Buckthorn Occasional in maquis

Rosaceae Rose Family

Alchemilla alpina forma. corsica •Alpine Lady's-mantleRestonicaAmelanchier ovalis var. rhamnoides •A JuneberryRestonicaCrataegus monogynaHawthornCommonFragaria vescaWild StrawberryFrequent

Geum urbanum Herb Bennet Occasional in shade

Malus sylvestrisCrab AppleOccasionalPotentilla anglica subsp. nesogenes •A Trailing TormentilDamp turf

Potentilla anglica subsp. nesogenes • A Trailing Tormentil Damp turf
Potentilla crassinervia • Rocks. Lac

Potentilla crassinervia • Rocks. Lac de Melo Potentilla erecta Tormentil Mountain pasture

Potentilla micrantha Frequent

Potentilla reptans Creeping Cinquefoil Common. Waste places
Potentilla rupestris var. pygmaea • Rock Cinquefoil Occasional. Mountains

Prunus aviumWild CherryOccasionalPrunus spinosaBlackthornFrequent.

Pyrus spinosa Almond-leaved Pear Frequent. Maquis

Rosa agrestisSmall-leaved Sweet-briarFrequentRosa caninaDog-roseRoadsidesRosa sempervirensEvergreen RoseRoadsides

Rosa serafinii Col de Vergio
Rosa tomentosa Downy Rose Occasional
Rubus ulmifolius A Blackberry Common

Sanguisorba minor subsp. balearicaSalad BurnetCommonSorbus ariaWhitebeamOccasionalSorbus aucuparia subsp. praemorsa •Corsican RowanRestonica

Sorbus domestica Service-tree Spelunca, Verghello

Rubiaceae Bedstraw Family

Cruciata laevipesCrosswortFrequentGalium aparineCleaversOccasionalGalium mollugoHedge BedstrawOccasional

Latin name

Galium odoratum Galium rotundifolium Galium scabrum Galium verum

Rubia peregrina subsp. longifolia Rubia peregrina subsp. requienii •

Sherardia arvensis

Rutaceae

Ruta chalepensis

Salicaceae

Populus alba Populus nigra Populus tremula Salix alba

Salix cinerea subsp. oleifolia

Salix purpurea

Santalaceae

Osvris alba

Viscum album subsp. austriacum

Sapindaceae

Acer monspessulanum Acer pseudoplatanus

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga corsica •

Saxifraga pedemontana subsp. cervicornis •

Saxifraga rotundifolia Saxifraga tridactylites

Scrophulariaceae

Buddleja davidii ‡
Scrophularia canina
Scrophularia peregrina
Scrophularia trifoliata •
Verbascum sinuatum
Verbascum thapsus

Simaroubaceae

Ailanthus altissima ‡

Solanaceae

Atropa belladonna Datura stramonium ‡ Hyocyamus albus Nicotiana glauca ‡ Solanum nigrum

Tamaricaceae

Tamarix africana

Common name

Sweet Woodruff Spelunca
Round-leaved Bedstraw Spelunca
A Bedstraw Shaded maquis
Lady's Bedstraw Occasional

Wild Madder Forests and maquis
Wild Madder Forests and maquis

Notes

Field Madder Common

Rue Family

Fringed Rue Occasional

Willow Family

White Poplar Frequent
Black Poplar Frequent
Aspen Occasional
White Willow Common
Grey Willow Common
Purple Willow Occasional

Sandalwood Family

Osyris Maquis

Mistletoe Common on Pine and Fir

Maple Family

Montpellier Maple Spelunca Sycamore Restonica

Saxifrage Family

Corsican Saxifrage Damp rocks. Spelunca
A Piedmont Saxifrage Shaded mountain rocks
Round-leaved Saxifrage Shaded damp places
Rue-leaved Saxifrage Occasional. Open places

Figwort Family

Butterfly-bush Near habitation
French Figwort Rocky slopes
Nettle-leaved Figwort Common
Three-leaved Figwort Col de Sevi
Wavy-leaved Mullein Frequent
Great Mullein Occasional

Tree-of-heaven Family

Tree-of-heaven Widespread

Nightshade Family

Deadly Nightshade Foret d'Aitone, Vizzavona

Thornapple Ruderal. Alien
White Henbane Occasional
Shrub Tobacco Roadsides. Alien
Black Nightshade Waste ground

Tamarisk Family

African Tamarisk Near coasts

Latin name

Thymelaeaceae

Daphne gnidium Thymelaea hirsuta

Tiliaceae

Tilia cordata
Tilia platyphyllos ‡

Ulmaceae

Ulmus minor

Urticaceae

Parietaria judaica Parietaria lusitanica Urtica atrovirens •

Urtica dioica

Urtica membranacea Urtica pilulifera Urtica urens

Valerianaceae

Centranthus calcitrapa Centranthus ruber ‡

Valeriana rotundifolia var. rotundifolia •

Valerianella carinata Valerianella locusta

Verbenaceae

Lantana camara ‡ Verbena officinalis

Veronicaceae

Cymbalaria aeguitriloba •

Digitalis purpurea subsp. gyspergerae •

Linaria pelisseriana Linaria vulgaris ‡ Misopates orontium Veronica arvensis Veronica cymbalaria Veronica hederifolia Veronica officinalis Veronica persica ‡ Veronica verna

Viburnaceae

Sambucus ebulus Sambucus nigra

Viburnum tinus

Violaceae

Viola alba subsp. dehnardtii

Viola arvensis Viola biflora Viola corsica • Common name Notes

Mezereon Family

Mediterranean Mezereon Widespread in maquis

Hairy Thymelaea Near coast

Lime Family

Small-leaved Lime Occasional Broad-leaved Lime Planted

Elm Family

Small-leaved Elm Frequent

Nettle Family

Pellitory-of-the-Wall Walls and rocks

A Pellitory-of-the-Wall Occasional. Walls and rocks

A Nettle Widespread
Common Nettle Waste places
Membranous Nettle Ruderal
Roman Nettle Ruderal
Small Nettle Ruderal

Valerian Family

Small Red Valerian Common
Red Valerian Garden escape
A Valerian Restonica
A Cornsalad Tracksides
Common Cornsalad Tracksides

Vervain Family

Lantana Cultivated Vervain Roadsides

Speedwell Family

Shaded damp rocks. Spelunca

Common Foxglove Jersey Toadflax Dry places Common Toadflax Corte Weasel's Snout Occasional Wall Speedwell Frequent Pale Speedwell Ruderal Ruderal Ivy-leaved Speedwell Heath Speedwell Foret d'Aitone Occasional Common Speedwell Spring Speedwell Common

Viburnum Family

Danewort Foret d'Aitone. Vizzavona

Elderberry Occasional Laurustinus Shaded maquis

Violet Family

Mediterranean White Violet Forests and maquis

Field Pansy Occasional

Yellow Wood Violet Shaded wet places

Corsican Violet Restonica

Latin nameCommon nameNotesViola kitaibelianaDwarf PansyDry placesViola odorataSweet VioletOccasional

Viola reichenbachiana Early Dog-violet Forests. Frequent

Viola riviniana Common Dog-violet Frequent

Vitaceae Grape-vine Family

Vitis vinifera subsp. sylvestris Wild Vine Spelunca

Zygophyllaceae Caltrop Family

Tribulus terrestris Maltese Cross Waste places

MONOCOTYLEDONS

Amaryllidaceae Daffodil Family

Acis longifolia •Long-leaved SnowflakeSpelunca gorgeAllium pendulinumItalian GarlicLocally commonAllium roseumRosy GarlicOccasionalAllium triquetrumThree-cornered LeekFrequentAllium ursinumRamsonsVizzavona

Pancratium illyricum Illyrian Sea Daffodil Local. Shaded damp places

Pancratium maritimum Sea Daffodil Sand dunes

Araceae Lords-and-Ladies Family

Arisarum vulgareFriar's CowlShaded maquisArum italicumItalian Lords-and-LadiesNear habitation

Asparagaceae Asparagus Family

Agave americana ‡CenturyplantCultivatedAsparagus acutifoliusMediterranean Wild AsparagusMaquisAsparagus albusWhite AsparagusMaquis

Brimeura fastigiata •BrimeuraLocally commonDrimia maritimaSea SquillFrequentLeopoldia comosaTassel HyacinthCommon

Polygonatum odoratumAngular Solomon's-sealRare. Foret d'AitoneRuscus aculeatusButcher's-broomShaded maquis

Asphodelaceae Asphodel Family

Asphodelus ramosus Branched Asphodel Common

Colchicaceae Meadow Saffron Family

Colchicum neapolitanum A Meadow Saffron Frequent

Cyperaceae Sedge Family

Bolboschoenus maritimusSea Club-rushSaline lagoonsCarex caryophylleaSpring SedgeCommon

Carex distachya Forests and maquis

Carex echinataStar SedgeWet placesCarex flaccaGlaucous SedgeWet places

Carex leporina Oval Sedge Wet places. Restonica

Carex microcarpaSmall-fruited SedgeRiversidesCarex nigraCommon SedgeCommonCarex pendulaPendulous SedgeForet d'AitoneCarex remotaRemote SedgeFrequent

Carex viridula subsp. oedocarpa Small Yellow Sedge Wet places. Mountains

Latin name

Cyperus capitatus Cyperus longus Eleocharis palustris Schoenus nigricans

Dioscoreaceae

Tamus communis

Iridaceae

Crocus corsicus • Gladiolus italicus Iris germanica ‡ Iris pseudacorus

Juncaceae

Juncus acutus
Juncus articulatus
Juncus bufonius
Juncus bulbosus
Juncus conglomeratus
Juncus effusus
Juncus maritimus
Luzula campestris

Luzula luzulina Luzula multiflora Luzula pedemontana

Luzula forsteri

Luzula spicata subsp. italica

Liliaceae

Gagea soleirolii •

Nartheciaceae

Narthecium reverchonii •

Orchidaceae

Anacamptis laxiflora subsp. laxiflora Anacamptis morio subsp. morio

Anacamptis papilionacea subsp. papilionacea

Cephalanthera longifolia Dactylorhiza insularis

Dactylorhiza maculata subsp. saccifera Epipactis helleborine subsp. helleborine

Limodorum abortivum Neotinea lactea Neotinea maculata Neottia ovata

Ophrys sphegodes subsp. atrata

Ophrys xarachnitiformis Orchis anthropophora

Orchis mascula subsp. mascula

Orchis provincialis Orchis purpurea Common name

Sand Galingale Coastal sands
Galingale Liamone estuary
Common Spike-rush Wet borders of lagoons
Black Bog-rush Occasional. Wet places

Notes

Yam Family

Black Bryony Shaded maquis

Iris Family

Corsican Crocus Mountains. Locally common

Field Gladiolus Occasional in fields

Tall Bearded Iris Occasional around villages

Yellow Flag Liamone

Rush Family

Sharp Rush
Jointed Rush
Wet places
Toad Rush
Bulbous rush
Compact Rush
Soft Rush
Liamone
Wet places
Comp Soft Rush
Common
Common

Sea Rush Damp saline habitats

Field Wood-rush Common
Southern Wood-rush Foret d'Aitone

Corsican Alder thickets

Heath Wood-rush Damp places
Piedmont Wood-rush Frequent
Spiked Wood-rush Frequent

Lily Family

A Yellow star-of-Bethlehem Locally common. Mountains

Bog Asphodel Family

Wet rocks. Foret d'Aitone,

Corsican Bog Asphodel Restonica

Orchid Family

Jersey Orchid Watermeadows. Liamone Green-winged Orchid Occasional. Maquis

Pink Butterfly-orchid Maquis

Sword-leaved Helleborine

Barton's Orchid

Wedge-lipped Orchid

Broad-leaved Helleborine

Verghello valley

Verghello valley

Verghello valley

Occasional. Forests

Violet Bird's-nest Orchid

Occasional. Forests

Milky Orchid Soveria

Dense-flowered Orchid Occasional. Maquis
Twayblade Occasional. Wet places
An Early Spider-orchid Occasional. Maquis
A hybrid Orchid Local in maquis

Man Orchid Francardo
Early-purple Orchid Frequent

Provence Orchid Occasional. Maquis Lady Orchid Shaded maquis

Common name Latin name **Notes**

Serapias cordigera Heart-lipped Tongue-orchid Liamone, Restonica and Verghello Locally common Serapias lingua Common Tongue-orchid

Occasional Serapias parviflora Small-flowered Tongue-orchid Serapias vomeracea subsp. vomeracea Long-lipped Tongue-orchid Pont Noceta

Poaceae Grass Family

Aegilops geniculata Dry places Aira cupaniana A Hair-grass Ammophila arenaria Marram Anthoxanthum odoratum Sweet Vernal-grass Common Arrhenatherum elatius subsp. sardoum • A False Oat-grass Frequent

Arundo donax ‡ Giant Reed Wet places. Lowland

Avena barbata Avena sterilis Avenella flexuosa Briza maxima Briza minor Bromus diandrus Bromus hordeaceus Bromus madritensis Bromus sterilis

Calamagrostis varia subsp. corsica •

Catapodium rigidum Cynodon dactylon Cynosurus echinatus Elytrigia juncea Holcus lanatus Hordeum murinum Lagurus ovatus Lamarckia aurea Melica ciliata Nardus stricta

Phragmites australis

Poa alpina Poa annua Poa bulbosa Poa trivialis

Polypogon monspeliensis

Posidoniaceae **Neptune Grass Family**

Posidonia oceanica Neptune Grass Sub-marine

Smilacaceae Smilax Family Smilax aspera Common Smilax

Typhaceae

Great Reedmace Typha latifolia

Zosteraceae

Zostera marina Etang d'Urbino **Eelgrass**

• = endemic to Corsica or nearby region

‡ = cultivated or naturalised

Ovate Goat-grass Occasional

Sand dunes

Bristle Oat Ruderal Barren Oat Ruderal Wavy Hair-grass Common **Greater Quaking-grass** Sandy places Waste places Lesser Quaking-grass **Great Brome** Frequent Soft Brome Frequent Mediterranean Brome Common Barren Brome Frequent A Small-reed Streamsides Common Fern-grass Dry places Bermuda Grass Mountains Rough Dog's-tail Sand Couch Sand dunes Yorkshire-fog Wet pasture Wall Barley Dry places Hare's-tail Grass Dry places Golden Dog's-tail Dry places

Hairy Melick Rocky places Mountain grassland Mat-grass Common Reed Wet areas

Alpine Meadow-grass Mountains Annual Meadow-grass **Pathways Bulbous Meadow-grass** Common Rough Meadow-grass Occasional

Annual Beard-grass Edge of saltmarsh, Etang d'Urbino

Common in maquis

Bulrush Family

Liamone estuary

Eelgrass Family

Birds

		28 April - 5 May 2019								
Common name	Latin name	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos							✓	✓	
Common Pochard	Aythya ferina							✓	✓	
	Calonectris diomedea									
Scopoli's Shearwater	diomedea							√	✓	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis		✓					✓		
Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus							✓		
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea		6					√		
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea							✓		
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta		✓					6	✓	
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo							✓		
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus			✓						
Red Kite	Milvus milvus	✓	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bearded Vulture	Gypaetus barbatus						✓			
Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	✓						✓	✓	
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	✓		✓				✓	✓	
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	✓		✓				✓	2	
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Eleonora's Falcon	Falco elenorae		✓						✓	
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra							✓	✓	
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus							✓		
Stone-curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus							✓		
Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola							✓		
Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus							✓		
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		√							
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos							✓		
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax		√							
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		√						√	
Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis		√					✓		
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo							✓		
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	Columba livia		√	✓	✓	✓	✓	V	√	
Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus						√			
European Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur		2							
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	√		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	
Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		Н	Н	✓ ·	Н	Н	Н	Н	
Tawny Owl	Strix aluco		✓ ·							
Eurasian Scops Owl	Otus scops	Н	Н	Н	Н		Н			
Common Swift	Apus apus	→	√	✓	- ''	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus	+ -	✓	→		_	_	_	✓	
			Н	_				~50	_	
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		П							
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops			✓	ы	ы	ы	Н		
Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla		✓	✓ ✓	H ✓	H ✓	H ✓			
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓	∨ ✓	+			
Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator						√		√	
Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	√	
Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus						√			
Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
Northern Raven	Corvus corax	✓	√	√	✓	√	√	√	√	
Coal Tit	Periparus ater		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Tit	Parus major		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		✓		✓			✓	✓	
Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		Н					✓		
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis							✓		
Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		Н	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Н	
Moltoni's Warbler	Sylvia subalpina			✓	✓					
Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala		✓	✓	✓	✓	Н	✓	✓	
Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla			✓	✓	Н	✓			
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus						✓	✓		
Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		✓	✓	Н	✓	✓	✓		
Corsican Nuthatch •	Sitta whiteheadi		Н	✓	Н	Н	Н			
Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ring Ouzel	Turdus torquatus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Н	✓	✓	
Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus					✓				
European Robin	Erithacus rubecula		Н	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		Н				Н	✓		
European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola							✓	✓	
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		✓			✓				
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius			✓	✓					
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata			✓						
White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus			Н	✓		✓	✓		
Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba				✓	✓		✓		
Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris						✓			
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis					✓	✓			
Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta						✓			
Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Serin	Serinus serinus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Corsican Finch •	Carduelis corsicana		~40		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Linnet	Carduelis cannabina		✓						✓	
Corsican Crossbill •	Loxia curvirostra corsicana		✓							
Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		✓	✓				✓	✓	
Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus		✓		✓	✓		✓		
<u> </u>										
• = endemic										

Our tour checklist follows the names and taxonomy (including species order) of the International Ornithological Congress list of the birds of the world (version 10.1, January 2020) which seems destined to become the global standard in future.

Other Vertebrates

		28 April - 5 May 2019								
Common name	Latin name	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
Mammals										
Wild Boar ‡	Sus scrofa							Е		
Reptiles										
Turkish Gecko	Hemidactylus turcicus						✓			
Bedriaga's Rock Lizard •	Archaeolacerta bedriagae			✓	✓		✓			
Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard •	Podarcis tiliguerta		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Italian Wall Lizard	Podarcis sicula		✓							
Western Whip Snake	Hierophis viridiflavus							✓		
Amphibians										
Corsican Painted Frog •	Discoglossus montalentii					✓				
Tyrrhenian Tree Frog •	Hyla sarda					✓	Н	✓		
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E = evidence										
‡ = introduced										

Invertebrates

				28 A	pril -	5 May	2019		
Common name	Latin name	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Butterflies									
	Papilionidae								
Swallowtail	Papilio machaon					✓			
	Pieridae								
Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra						✓		
Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni				✓	✓	✓		✓
Large White	Pieris brassicae		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Southern Small White	Pieris mannii			✓					
Small White	Pieris rapae					✓		✓	
Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Lycaenidae								
Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi					✓			
Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Nymphalidae								
Painted Lady	Cynthia cardui		✓	✓		✓			
Corsican Small Tortoiseshell									
•	Aglais ichnusa				√				
Southern Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Corsican Wall Brown •	Lasiommata paramegaera			✓	✓	✓			
Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina							✓	
Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		✓		✓	✓			
Moths									
Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa		E	E	✓	✓	Е	Е	
Box Tree Moth	Cydalima perspectalis			Е					

Common name Corsican Pellicle • Dragonflies Island Bluetail • Red-veined Darter Broad-bodied Chaser Other Insects Egyptian Grasshopper Fire Bug Bee Fly		28 April - 5 May 2019									
	Latin name	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5		
Corsican Pellicle •	Ocnogyna corsica				✓		✓				
Dragonflies											
Island Bluetail •	Ischnura genei							✓			
Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombii		✓								
Broad-bodied Chaser	Libellula depressa							✓			
Other Insects											
Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptium		✓	✓		✓					
Fire Bug	Pyrrhocoris apterus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Bee Fly	Bombylius major		✓			✓					
German Wasp	Vespula germanica		✓								
Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa violacea		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Sardinia Rose Chafer	Cetonia carthami					✓	✓				
Scarab Dung Beetle	Scarabaeus laticollis		✓								
Wasp Spider	Agriope bruennchii		✓								
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