Flowers of Italy's Gargano Peninsula

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Ophrys parviflora

Scenic views



A reflection of Peschici

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Summary

Our week-long exploration of the "Orchid Capital of Europe" followed the well-established pattern set in previous years, visiting many of the top botanical sites of the Gargano Peninsula, plus many more of the less well-known spots discovered on our earlier trips which are rarely visited by other groups. We had a week of mostly pleasant sunny weather with only one or two spells of rain, but this did not stop us from visiting any of the important habitats. We started on the flat coastal area north of Bari, visiting some salt pans and a deserted beach where we had some excellent birdwatching and found a few unusual coastal plants, and then headed into the hills for the rest of our stay. Our base in the historic hill-top town of Monte Sant'Angelo enabled us to reach some superb orchid habitats, and we also had time to check out the grassy slopes behind the hotel, and explore the town itself, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The latter part of the week was spent in the charming seaside town of Peschici, in the family-run Hotel Elisa located on the harbour. From here we visited some very lonely spots in the west of Gargano and explored the dramatic coastline. Our final day was spent travelling back to Bari, where we had distant views of the peninsula as we travelled through the flat agricultural areas. By the end of the week we had seen around 50 species of orchids and hybrids, several of them endemic to this area, and many more beautiful Mediterranean wild flowers. Birds, butterflies, lizards and beautiful scenery were also appreciated and it was difficult at times to concentrate on plants when the birds intervened or stunning views attracted our attention. We also enjoyed daily picnics of local cheeses, prosciutto, wine, fresh bread and salads, and some superb seafood meals

Day 1

Monday 25th April

Weather: a wet and windy day with grey skies; 18°C

Andrew and Luca were waiting for everyone at Bari Airport, having just finished looking after a group in the previous week. Once we had gathered in arrivals with the luggage, we were able to get loaded up and drive north on the coastal route, passing through a flat agricultural area where Olive groves stretched far into the distance. We stopped at a roadside cafe for lunch and coffee, and continued towards the coast, passing by fields full of colourful Poppies and Crown Daisies, and roadside verges lined with spectacular Giant Fennel. During a short photographic stop we spotted some Lesser Kestrels on the distant overhead wires and heard the songs of Corn Buntings in the fields nearby. We eventually arrived at the coastal salt pans where plenty of water birds were in evidence, including some pale-coloured Greater Flamingos and a few Slender-billed Gulls, amongst the more common Black-headed and Yellow-legged Gulls. Despite the stiff sea breeze we managed to find a few Common Blue butterflies clinging on to leaves. There were some colourful coastal plants along the path and around the edge of an old salt pan, including the curious Squirting Cucumber (*Ecballium elaterium*) and delicately-scented Sea Rocket (*Cakile maritima*). After a pleasant spell here we headed for the hills, with Monte Sant'Angelo visible over 2000 ft above us. Andrew spotted a White Stork's nest on a tall chimney, reasonably close to the road, but unfortunately in a place where we could not stop for long to get photographs.

The tortuous mountain road leading to Monte Sant'Angelo gave clear views of the coastal plains below us and the historic town ahead, despite the unpleasant weather. After arrival at the Palace Hotel a few of the group set off to explore the surroundings before we gathered in the evening to discuss the arrangements for the rest of the week.

Day 2

Tuesday 26th April

Weather: 21°C; sunny for most of the day, but a cold wind picked up later.

Andrew and Luca purchased picnic supplies from the local shop before we set off to explore the hillsides close to the hotel. We only had to travel along the winding road for a few minutes before reaching our first site which was a stony, terraced hillside just outside the town. The first orchids were visible even before we got out of the minibuses, and we quickly started spotting more and more species as we spread out over the hillside. Most common were the diminutive Yellow Bee Orchids (*Ophrys lutea* subsp *galilea*) but amongst them were several other species such as the showy Sawfly Orchid (*Ophrys tenthredinifera*) and the endemic form of the Late Spider Orchid (*Ophrys fuciflora* subsp. *apulica*). The most confusing ones were the numerous variations of the Early Spider Orchid (*Ophrys sphegodes*), some of them turning out to be the endemic Gargano Ophrys (*O. sphegodes* subsp. *passionis*). We did not overlook the masses of other colourful wild flowers, or the lovely views of the hillsides around us. There was even time for brief glimpses of Cirl Bunting and Subalpine Warbler.

We moved further along the road to another site where we were able to follow a track up to a viewpoint, but again we made very slow progress here as there was so much to see on the way. We enjoyed the first of many picnics under the shade of some Hornbeam trees, and in the background we could hear the calls of Cirl Buntings and Cuckoos. The star orchid species in this area was the small but showy Bertoloni's Bee Orchid (*Ophrys bertolonii*). Some of the other species, such as Pink Butterfly Orchid (*Anacamptis papilionacea*), and Green-winged Orchid (*Anacamptis morio*) were starting to fade, whilst the Lady Orchids (*Orchis purpurea*) here were just coming into bud. The British native Man Orchid (*Orchis anthropophora*) was also present here, but this was not as showy as the Italian Man (or Naked Man) Orchid (*Orchis italica*) which was much more common.

Our final stop of the day was the lonely monastery at the end of the road where we explored the ancient caves and the carefully restored ruins. There were wide-ranging views from the hillside in this peaceful spot and many more plants to discover, including the very rare endemic, Pale Goldendrops (*Onosma echioides*) which grows only in this area. The monastery walls supported some interesting plants, including Henbane (*Hysocyamus niger*) and the endemic Gargano Bellflower (*Campanula garganica*). We walked a short way down the track into the gorge where we found a patch of the inconspicuous Bumblebee Orchids (*Ophrys bombyliflora*) and a few more very good specimens of the endemic Apulian Late Spider Orchid. We heard, and eventually managed to see, the elusive Blue Rock Thrush at various points in the gorge, and there were Italian Wall Lizards basking on the rocks in a few sheltered spots. After a very full day we returned to the hotel and met up again before dinner to discuss our findings.

Day 3

Wednesday 27th April

Weather: a very cold wind and grey skies at first, but warmer and sunny later; 15°C

The plan today was to explore the Bosco Quarto, an extensive area of native woodlands on steep, rocky hillsides a few miles from Monte Sant'Angelo. We stopped beside the road in the valley floor to check out the cultivated fields for Wild Tulips, but sadly there was no sign of these, although we did find a few other interesting agricultural "weeds", such as Cotswold Penny-cress (*Microthlaspi perfoliata*), growing along the margins, and on the distant hillside we could hear a Nightingale in full song. Further along the road we pulled off and explored a large flat field where it was difficult not to step or kneel on any orchids as there were so many in flower with very little space between them. There was a single Giant Orchid (*Himatoglossum robertianum*) with just a few flowers

remaining on it, and many spikes of Lizard Orchid (*Himantoglossum hircinum*) beginning to open and reveal their very curious flowers, but the main attraction was the large number of Naked Man Orchids and Pink Butterfly Orchids. Further searching revealed some good specimens of Burnt Orchid (*Neotinea ustulata*) and still more variations on the Early Spider Orchid theme. Also of interest were the British rarities flowering well here, including Ground Pine (*Ajuga chamaepitys*) and White Rock-rose (*Helianthemum apenninum*). On the other side of the road in a little copse we found the endemic Pansy Viola (*Viola graeca*) with its variable-coloured flowers and the fragrant, but very spiny Dwarf Spurge (*Euphorbia spinosa*), typical of Mediterranean hillsides. Another brief stop by a little quarry enabled us to find a few Peony (*Paeonia mascula*) flowers with some difficulty in the dense scrub, and the interesting Black Vetch (*Vicia melanops*) with its two-tone flowers.

We continued deep into the forest along winding, single-track roads until we eventually reached a remote picnicspot in a leafy clearing where there were some ancient pollarded Hornbeams (*Carpinus orientalis*). The flora changed here to plants more tolerant of damp soils and light shade, and the air was filled with birdsong and the sounds of distant cow bells. After our picnic, we wandered through the forest, finding some Roman Orchids (*Dactylorhiza romana*) on a steep bank, Bird's-nest Orchids (*Neottia nidus-avis*) in the leaf litter, and a single spike of Sword-leaved Helleborine (*Cephalanthera longifolia*). Other flora included another British rarity in the form of Coralroot Bittercress (*Cardamine bulbifera*) which grew along the edge of the track. We eventually reached a sunny clearing where there were some spikes of *Iris lutescens* showing, although most plants were still in bud. Another orchid species was added to the list here as we found some very fine specimens of the Spectacled Ophrys (*Ophrys argolica* subsp. *biscutella*) on stony slopes at the edge of the clearing. One of the most common plants here, but easily overlooked, was Round-leaved Birthwort (*Aristolochia rotundifolia*), with its curious flask-like flowers hidden between the leaves. We returned along the same route through the woods to the minibuses and then drove slowly out of the forest with one or two more stops to look for Narcissi and Irises, before reaching the main road back to Monte Sant'Angelo. For almost the entire journey within the Bosco Quarto we had the forest roads to ourselves with no other cars in sight.

Day 4

Thursday 28th April

Weather: grey skies, no wind and some sunshine later; 20°C

We set off after breakfast, calling in at the little supermarket to collect picnic supplies, before taking the mountain road towards Mattinata. There were distant views of the sea from here, and all the surrounding hillsides seemed to be terraced and covered with ancient Olive trees. Here and there we spotted people working on the trees, carrying out the spring pruning. In the flat coastal zone there were more Olive trees but these were in straight rows and all of the same size. We stopped to explore one of the Olive terraces and admire the views, and were interested to see the "man cave" set into the hillside, presumably used by the owner of the Olive trees. There were interesting plants to see on every side, and we found some good examples of the Ploughshare Tongue Orchid (*Serapias vomeracea*) close to the road. The curious "False-tooth Plant" (*Tordylium apulum*) was abundant here. After this brief stop we continued down the hair-pin bends to Mattinata where the road passed some of the largest olive trees we had seen so far.

Our destination was Monte Sacro, a famous botanical site, very well known by orchid enthusiasts. We managed to park on the narrow road and set off to explore the limestone hillside, but made very slow progress because there was so much to see. New orchids included the tiny Four-spotted Orchid (*Orchis quadripunctata*) and, higher up the slopes, a large patch of Sparse-flowered Orchids (*Orchis pauciflora*). Tongue Orchids (*Serapias* spp.) in

various colour forms were found in the crevices in the limestone and there were plenty more of the *Ophrys* species to keep us occupied. After a busy morning exploring the hillside we had our picnic in the meadow beside the road, and then headed back towards Mattinata, pausing at one good spot on the road where we found more Bertoloni's Bee Orchids and the endemic *Ophrys promontorii*.

We climbed out of Mattinata and then stopped at the track leading to the archaeological site at Monte Saraceno where hundreds of burial chambers had been carved out of the limestone. At the start of the track was a small patch of Bug Orchids (*Anacamptis coriophora*) which provided good subjects for the photographers. Luca climbed down into one of the burial chambers to collect some Fairy Shrimps which were living in a pool at the bottom, amongst a few dragonfly larvae and mosquito larvae. In another chamber there was a fine colony of Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum capillus-veneris*) and, on the grassy slopes, we found several species of Broomrapes (*Orobanche* spp.). There were spectacular views all around, from the town of Mattinata on the flat floor of the valley to the twin peaks of Monte Sacro beyond. We lingered in this scenic spot for a while but, after another very busy day, it was time to return to our hotel.

Day 5

Friday 29th April

Weather: sunny spells and a light breeze; 22°C

We spent a short time exploring the town after breakfast, visiting some of the ancient churches and steep winding streets before the coaches full of tourists arrived. After a coffee break back at the hotel, we set off on foot to explore the Pilgrim's Path, the ancient route which follows the hillside down to the valley floor. This gave us wonderful views of the surrounding countryside and the chance to look at flowers at eye-level on the steep slopes above us. New plants for the list here included Spring Rock-cress (*Arabis verna*) and Broad-leaved Sermountain (*Laserpitium latifolium*), and there were a few Lady Orchids in very scenic spots, giving the photographers plenty of scope for good shots. This also proved to be a good area for butterflies, with species such as Scarce Swallowtail, Green Hairstreak and Brown Argus giving us good views and a few photographic opportunities.

After some juggling around with the minibuses we drove towards Monte Calvo, the highest peak in Gargano, which is surrounded by forests of Turkey Oak (*Quercus cerris*) and Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and some small patches of farmland. We had a picnic in a woodland clearing and explored the surrounding area where after some searching we found a few specimens of Elder-flowered Orchid (*Dactylorhiza sambucina*) and many more *Ophrys* species. Driving further into the forest, we eventually arrived at what looked like an abandoned restaurant and a few other boarded-up houses, presumably weekend retreats. Barking dogs greeted us but they were confined behind high fences. A copse of Wild Service Trees (*Sorbus torminalis*) was an unusual sight, but this area was the best we had come across for Roman Orchids, with hundreds flowering in the neglected gardens and under the trees, and what we at first thought were Common Spotted Orchids, but were more likely to be *Dactylorhiza saccifera*, growing in profusion in the same area. After a pleasant interlude here we reluctantly started the return drive to Monte Sant'Angelo.

Saturday 30th April

Weather: sunny for most of the day, clouding over later; 19°C

We left Monte Sant'Angelo this morning to transfer to our second hotel. Our hilly route, with numerous hairpin bends, took us through the very extensive Foresta Umbra, and we made several stops on the way. Our first roadside stop was on a grassy track where many of the now familiar orchid species were found, but we did find some spikes of Violet Limodore (*Limodorum abortivum*) almost open, and a patch of a variant of Green-winged Orchid (*Anacamptis morio* subsp. *picta*) a new species for the week. Further on in the forest we stopped, and managed a walk to the Laghetto, a small lake surrounded by trees, before our picnic. The forest was filled with birdsong, although botanically it proved to be less interesting than some of our other sites. The massive beech trees provided a dense shade, which suited ferns, mosses and lichens. Red-eared Terrapins and swarms of Common Toad tadpoles were seen at the Laghetto, although there were few birds in evidence.

The road down to the coast wound its way through deep beech woods, and at one roadside stop we found large patches of Spring Cyclamens (*Cyclamen repandum*), growing in shade of Small-leaved Lime (*Tilia cordata*). We paused briefly at another roadside site and picked our way through masses of orchids and other flowers, including some new ones for the trip such as the Small-flowered Tongue Orchid (*Serapias parviflora*) and the very local *Ophrys oestrifera* subsp. *montis-gargani* (now called *O. scolopax* subsp. *cornuta*). We then set off for our hotel a short distance away at Peschici. The Hotel Elisa is set on the harbour with the white buildings of the town piled up on the hillside above it in a very scenic location. There was time for a brief exploration of the town before our get-together and a splendid seafood supper.

Day 7

Sunday 1st May

Weather: sunny for most of the day; 23°C

For our final full day we headed west from Peschici along a mountainous road to explore a few rarely-visited sites where we could add several new plants to our list. We stopped first to look at the Trabucco, a type of fish trap unique to this area, and found some interesting specimens here, including Sicilian Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum siculum*) and *Campanula garganica* growing on the walls of the mediaeval tower. Further west we stopped on a little track where Purple Mullein (*Verbascum phoenicium*) grew amongst the dense, spiny shrubs. A few Pyramidal Orchids (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) were in flower here, and a single Dark Ophrys (*Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *atrata*) was found near the road. Dragonflies were found investigating the puddles in the track and several birds could be heard calling from the scrub, including Sardinian, Subalpine and Cetti's Warblers. A single plant of the very poisonous Swallow-wort (*Vincetoxicum hirundinaria*) was in flower here, growing up through a pile of discarded stems of Prickly Pear cactus.

Further on at an abandoned quarry we found a colony of the very rare Small-patterned Ophrys (*Ophrys parvimaculata*) and some Provence Orchids (*Orchis provincialis*), although these were not at their best. We then tackled the steep stony road on to the Bosco di Spina Pulci – a splendid area of limestone pavement and natural woodland. The star attraction here was the Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid (*Serapias cordigera*), but several more orchid species were spotted in the limestone pavement, whilst in the woods there were more Provence Orchids and plenty of Cyclamens in full flower. A Nine-spotted Moth posed well for photographs and other plants, such as the dark-petalled form of Small-flowered Catchfly (*Silene gallica quinquevulnera*) were soon found.

We had our picnic here, and explored as far as the edge of the woods before starting the return journey to Peschici. We made one more stop to look at the magnificent Lady Orchids growing in an olive grove which made a pleasant end to a week of botanical explorations in Gargano. We returned to Peschici in time for some more explorations of the beach and the town before our final dinner of the week which was another fine seafood supper.

Day 8

Monday 2nd May

Weather: grey skies, occasional drizzle; 18°C.

We had to make an early start today to get to Bari Airport in time for the flight back to London. After a quick breakfast we loaded up, had one last look at the Adriatic Sea and the deserted beach, took the mountain road out of the town and returned along the autoroute, getting some good views of the distant Gargano hills as we headed south to Bari. There was time for a brief stop at a service station and then, despite some heavy traffic and a fuel-stop for the minibuses, we arrived at Bari airport in time for the return flights where we all said our farewells after a very rewarding week in this most attractive region of Italy.

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Species Lists

Plants (* = endemic)

Scientific name

PTERIDOPHYTES Selaginellaceae Selaginella denticulata Adiantaceae Adiantum capillus-veneris Aspleniaceae Asplenium adiantum-nigrum Asplenium ceterach Asplenium (Phyllitis) scolopendrium Asplenium trichomanes Cystopterdiaceae Cystopteris fragilis Dennstaeditiaceae Pteridium aquilinum Dryopteridaceae Dryopteris dilatata Polystichum setiferum PINOPSIDA (GYMNOSPERMS) Cupressaceae Cupressus sempervirens Juniperus oxycedrus Juniperus phoenicea Pinaceae Pinus halepensis Pinus pinaster Pinus pinea Taxaceae Taxus baccata MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS) Acanthaceae Acanthus mollis Adoxaceae Sambucus ebulus Sambucus nigra Viburnum opulus Viburnum tinus Aizoaceae Carpobrotus acinaciiformis Amaranthaceae (incl Chenopodiaceae) Chenopodium album Salicornia sp. Sueda (vera)

Anacardiaceae Cotinus coggygria Pistacia lentiscus Pistacia terebinthus Common name

FERNS & ALLIES Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Clubmoss Maidenhair Fern Family Maidenhair Fern Spleenwort family **Black Spleenwort** Rustyback Hart's-tongue Fern Maidenhair Spleenwort **Bladder-fern Family** Brittle Bladder-fern **Bracken Family** Bracken **Buckler-fern Family** Broad Buckler-fern Soft Shield-fern **CONIFERS Juniper Family Italian Cypress Prickly Juniper** Phoenicean Juniper **Pine Family** Aleppo Pine Maritime Pine Stone or Umbrella Pine Yew Family Yew

FLOWERING PLANTS

Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)

Bear's-breech Family Bear's-breech **Moschatel Family** Dwarf Elder or Danewort Elder Wayfaring Tree Laurustinus **Dew-plant Family** Sally-my-handsome

Amaranth Family Fat Hen

Glasswort Shrubby Seablite Sumach Family Smoke Tree Mastic Tree **Turpentine Tree**

Location

On rocks, Monte Sacro, Bosco di Spina Pulci

In ancient tombs, Monte Saraceno

On rocks and walls, shady sites, widespread. On sunny rocks and walls, frequent. Shaded sites, woodlands. Foresta Umbra On rocks and walls, shady sites, common.

Foresta Umbra, on roadside rocks

Uncurling fronds, roadsides near Monte Sacro

Foresta Umbra Cyclamen site, in deep gulley near road

Widespread, gardens, roadsides. Open, stony hillsides, common. Peschici, on roadsides

Monte Saraceno Widespread Planted along roadsides, lowland areas.

Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra, some very old

Leaves only, Monte Saraceno area

nr Peony stop, in bud woodland margins nr Monte Calvo Peschici

Peschici, on walls, abundant

Pulsano monastery salt pans on coast salt pans on coast

nr Peschici Widespread in open, stony sites, hillsides Pulsano Gorge, Bosco di Spina Pulci

Apiaceae

Conium maculatum Daucus carota Eryngium campestre Ferrula communis Laserpitium latifolium Orlaya grandiflora Petroselinum crispum Sanicula europaea Scandix pecten-veneris Seseli montanum Smyrnium perfoliatum Smyrnium rotundifolium Thapsia garganica Tordylium apulum Torilis arvensis Apocynaceae Nerium oleander Vinca major Vincetoxicum hirundinaria Aquifoliaceae llex aquifolium Aralaceae Hedera helix Aristolochiaceae Aristolochia rotunda Aristolochia pallida Asteraceae (Compositae) Achillea millefolium Andryala integrifolia Artemisia absinthium Bellis perennis Bellis sylvestris Calendula arvensis Carduus chrysacanthus Centaurea diomedea Centaurea jacea Cirsium eriophorum Crepis rubra Crupina crupinastrum Dittrichia viscosa Doronicum columnae Evax pygmaea Galactites tomentosa Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) coronarium Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) segetum Helichrysum stoechas Hyoseris radiata Inula verbascifolia* Jurinea mollis Matricaria recutita Pallenis spinosa

Common name

Carrot Family

Hemlock Wild Carrot Field Eryngo **Giant Fennel Broad-leaved Sermountain** Orlaya Parsley Sanicle Shepherd's Needles A Seseli Perfoliate Alexanders **Round-leaved Alexanders** Thapsia Tordylium Spreading Hedge Parsley **Periwinkle Family** Oleander Periwinkle Swallow-wort Holly Family Holly Ivy Family lvy **Birthwort Family** A Birthwort A Birthwort **Daisy Family** Yarrow Andryala Wormwood Daisy Southern Daisy **Field Marigold** Apennine Thistle A fine-leaved Knapweed Brown Knapweed Woolly Thistle Pink Hawksbeard Crupina Stink Aster Heart-leaved Leopard's-bane Evax Galactites Crown Daisy Corn Marigold Curry Plant a 'dandelion' a 'Ploughman's Spikenard' type a 'soft' Thistle Scented Mayweed Pallenis

Location

Roadsides, lay-bys, leaves only. Roadsides, lay-bys. Leaves only, open ground, stony hillsides Widespread along roadsides, mostly coastal Leaves only, Pilgrim's Path Widespread in open, stony areas Monte Saraceno Foresta Umbra Widespread, field margins, stony areas. **Pulsano Monastery** Monte Sacro, Pulsano, nr Pechici Bosco di Spina Pulci leaves only, open stony areas Olive grove nr Mattinata (False-tooth plant!) Roadsides, lay-bys. Pulsano Monastery, planted, buds only below Monte Calvo One roadside location only. Common in woodlands, esp Bosco Quarto Widespread, mainly woodlands Bosca da Spina Pulci, Bosco Quarto below Monte Calvo Leaves only Leaves and tight buds only, widespread Roadside stop Widespread in grassy areas and fields Widespread in woodlands and hillsides Abundant on roadsides, field margins

Leaves only Monte Saraceno Monte Saraceno Leaves only Widespread in sunny sites, roadsides Leaves and buds only coastal roadside stops, non-flowering Woodlands and shady banks Common on open stony sites A few in flower, mostly in bud Abundant on roadsides, field margins, coastal Local in some cultivated fields Pulsano Gorge

Widespread in grassy areas and fields

Monte Saraceno (in leaf)

Leaves and buds only, Monte Saraceno Mullein stop area Mullein stop, buds just opening

Phagnalon rupestre Ptilostemon gnaphaloides Reichardia tingitana Rhagadolius stellatus Scorzonera laciniata Scorzonera villosa Senecio gallicus Senecio vulgaris Silybum marianum Sonchus asper Taraxacum agg. Tragopogon crocifolius Tragopogon porrifolius Tragopogon sinuatus Tripleurospermum inodoratum Tussilago farfara Urospermum dalechampii Urospermum picroides Betulaceae Betula pendula Corvlus avellana Carpinus orientalis Ostrya carpinifolia Boraginaceae Alkanna tinctoria (lehmanii) Anchusa caerulea Anchusa cretica Anchusa azurea (italica) Borago officinalis Buglossoides (Lithospermum) arvense Buglossoides (L.) purpurocaerulea Cerinthe major Cynoglossum creticum Echium italicum Echium plantagineum Myosotis arvensis Myosotis discolor Myosotis ramosissima Myosotis sylvatica Onosma (lucana*) echioides Pulmonaria montana Pulmonaria officinalis Brassicaceae Aethionema saxatile Alliaria petiolata Aurinia (Alyssum) saxatile Aurinia (Alyssoides) sinuata Arabis caucasica Arabis hirsuta Arabis turrita Arabis verna Aubrieta columnae subsp. italica Biscutella didyma

Common name

Phagnalon a Ptilostemon

Star Hawkbit Cut-leaved Viper's-grass Hairy Viper's Grass -

Groundsel Milk Thistle Prickly Sow-thistle a Dandelion

Salsify

Scentless Mayweed Colt's-foot Urospermum

Birch Family Silver Birch Hazel Eastern Hornbeam Hop Hornbeam Forget-me-not Family Dyer's Alkanet

Large Blue Alkanet Borage Corn Gromwell **Purple Gromwell** Honeywort Cretan Hound's-tongue Pale Bugloss Purple Viper's Bugloss Field Forget-me-not Changing Forget-me-not Early Forget-me-not Wood Forget-me-not Pale Goldendrops Mountain Lungwort Common Lungwort **Cabbage Family** Burnt Candytuft Garlic Mustard Yellow Alyssum Alyssoides Garden Rockcress Hairy Rockcress **Tower Mustard** Spring Rockcress an Aubrieta Biscutella

Location

Pulsano Gorge Pulsano Gorge Roadside stop Pulsano Gorge Mullein stop Bosco di Spina Pulci Monte Sacro area **Tulip fields** Widespread, roadsides, Pulsano Monastery **Tulip fields** Roadsides and labys Not fully open - ? Mullein stop and other roadsides Leaves and buds only Roadsides and lay-bys Leaves only near Quarry stop Pulsano area, olive grove stop Orchid stop near Bosco Quarto

Monte Sant'Angelo - Pilgrim's Path Forest Umbra Monte Calvo, Pulsano road Bosco Quarto, Monte Sacro, one dying tree

abundant on slopes below Monte Sant'Angelo Pulsano area Bosco di Spina Pulci, Bosco Quarto nr Fly-tip stop Pulsano area **Tulip fields** Pulsano area Olive groves nr Peschici, Mullein stop Orchid stop nr Bosco Quarto Roadside stop Widespread on coastal sandy areas Tulip fields and other grassy areas Pulsano area Pilgrim's Path Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra Pulsano monastery and gorge Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra Bosco Quarto, gone over

Bosco Quarto iris slopes roadsides and lay-bys, Cyclamen stop widespread in open, sunny areas walls of Pulsano monastery abundant on cliffs below Monte Sant'Angelo Pilgrim's Path roadsides in valley below Monte Sant'Angelo Pilgrim's Path and Monte Sacro, seed pods only. Monte Sant'Angelo and Pilgrim's Path widespread

Bunias erucago Cakile maritima Capsella bursa-pastoris Cardamine bulbifera Cardamine plumieri Cheiranthus cheiri Descurainia sophia Diplotaxis sp. Eruca sativa Hirschfeldia incana Isatis tinctoria Lepidium (Cardaria) draba Lepidium latifolium Lobularia maritima Matthiola incana Microthlaspi perfoliatum Raphanes raphanistrum Sinapis alba Sinapis arvensis Sisymbrium officinale Thlaspi praecox Turritis brassica (Fourraea alpina) Cactaceae Opuntia ficus-indica Campanulaceae Campanula garganica* Caprifoliaceae Centranthus ruber Dipsacus fullonum Lomelosia crenata subsp. dalleportae* Lonicera etrusca Lonicera periclymenum Scabiosa ochroleuca Scabiosa sp. Valeriana tuberosa Valerianella sp. Caryophyllaceae Arenaria serpyllifolia Cerastium fontanum Cerastium glomeratum Herniaria (cinerea) Minuartia serpyllifolia Silene colorata Silene conoidea Silene conica Silene gallica Silene italica Silene latifolia Silene vulgaris Spergularia rubra Stellaria media Stellaria nemorum

Common name

Bunias/Warty Cabbage Sea Rocket Shepherd's Purse **Coralroot Bittercress** Ivy-leaved Bittercress Wallflower Flixweed A Wall-rocket Wild Rocket Hoary Mustard Woad Hoary Cress Dittander Sweet Alison Hoary Stock Cotswold Penny-cress Wild Radish Charlock White Mustard Hedge Mustard A Penny-cress

Cactus Family Prickly Pear Bellflower Family a Bellflower (endemic) Honeysuckle Family Red Valerian Wild Teasel An endemic Scabious

Etruscan Honeysuckle Honeysuckle Yellow Scabious A Scabious

A Cornsalad **Pink Family** Thyme-leaved Sandwort Common Mouse-ear Sticky Mouse-ear Rupturewort A Sandwort a catchfly

Sand Catchfly Small-flowered Catchfly Italian Catchfly White Campion Bladder Campion Sand Spurrey Common Chickweed Wood Stitchwort

Location

nr Tulip fields coastal sands nr Zapponeta **Tulip fields** Bosco Quarto and Foresta Umbra Bosco Quarto and Foresta Umbra **Pulsano Monastery** roadsides and lay-bys Pulsano Monastery Pulsano area common on roadsides and field margins widespread on roadsides nr Peschici nr Peschici Pulsano area Peschici cliffs and Zapponeta **Tulip fields** nr Mullein stop Fields and cultivated areas Roadsides Roadsides Tulip fields Bosco Quarto iris slopes

around Mattinata

Peschici, cliff-top tower, Pulsano Gorge

Widespread, roadsides, walls, olive groves Leaves only

Pulsano Gorge

nr Mullein stop Foresta Umbra Pulsano Gorge roadside nr Monte Sacro Pulsano area stony areas, Pulsano Gorge

tulip fields quarry stop Monte Saraceno Monte Sacro area Monte Saraceno widespread - open sunny areas Monte Saraceno coastal sands nr Zapponeta Tulip fields Monte Saraceno roadside stop Peschici coastal sands nr Zapponeta Bosco Quarto

Celastraceae Euonymus europaeus Cistaceae Cistus creticus Cistus monspeliensis Cistus salvifolius Helianthemum apenninum Helianthemum oelandicum subsp.incanum Helianthemum nummularium Helianthemum salicifolium Tuberaria guttata Convolvulaceae Calystegia sepium Convolvulus althaeoides Convolvulus althaeoides subsp.tenuissimus Cornaceae Cornus sanguinea Crassulaceae Sedum acre Sedum rubens Sedum sediforme Sedum stellatum Umbilicus rupestris Cucurbitaceae Ecballium elaterium Bryonia dioica Ericaceae Erica arborea Euphorbiaceae Euphorbia amygdaloides Euphorbia biumbellata Euphorbia characias subsp.characias Euphorbia helioscopia Euphorbia myrsinites Euphorbia nicaeensis Euphorbia peplus Euphorbia segetalis Euphorbia spinosa Mercurialis annua Mercurialis perennis Fabaceae (Leguminosae) Anagyris foetida Anthyllis barba-jovis Anthyllis tetraphylla Anthyllis vulneraria agg Anthyllis vulneraria subsp.rubriflora Astragalus echinatus Astragalus hamosus Astragalus monspessulanus Bituminaria (Psoralea) bituminosa

Common name

Spindle Family Spindle Rock-rose Family Pink Cistus Narrow-leaved Cistus Sage-leaved Cistus White Rockrose Hoary Rockrose Rockrose Willow-leaved Rockrose Spotted Rockrose

Bindweed Family Hedge Bindweed Mallow-leaved Bindweed a Mallow-leaved Bindweed

Dogwood Family Dogwood Stonecrop Family Biting Stonecrop Reddish Stonecrop

Starry Stonecrop Wall Pennywort **Cucumber family** Squirting Cucumber White Bryony **Heather Family** Tree Heather **Spurge Family** Wood Spurge Whorled Spurge

Mediterranean Spurge

Sun Spurge Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge

Petty Spurge

a 'hedgehog' plant (Spiny Spurge) Annual Mercury Dog's Mercury **Pea Family** Bean Trefoil Jupiter's Beard Bladder Vetch Kidney Vetch Mediterranean Kidney Vetch (Pink) a Milk Vetch a Milk Vetch False Vetch Pitch Trefoil Location

Pulsano Gorge

roadsides, nr Mattinata and Peschici Monte Saraceno Monte Saraceno, Peschici Monte Sacro

Pulsano area, Monte Sacro widespread Monte Sant'Angelo Bosco da Spina Pulci

nr Tulip fields Roadsides and open, sunny areas Roadside nr Mattinata

nr Peschici, Lady Orchid site

Pulsano Gorge, buds only nr Monte Sacro Pulsano Monastery nr Monte Sacro Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto, Pulsano

nr Zapponeta, coastal sands Pulsano

Approach to Foresta Umbra, on roadside rocks

Foresta Umbra, Bosco Quarto Monte Sacro

Open, stony areas

Widespread in open, sunny areas

Monte Sacro

?

roadsides and sands near coast nr Monte Sacro

widespread in open, sunny areas

Pulsano Gorge Foresta Umbra

Mullein stop, with large pods and smelly leaves Cliffs at Peschici nr Fly-tip stop scattered in open sunny areas widespread in open sunny areas nr Monte Sant'Angelo Monte Sacro area Pulsano area Bosco di Spina Pulci

Calycotome infesta Ceratonia siligua Cercis siliquastrum Coronilla scorpioides Cytisus decumbens Cytisus spinescens Dorycnium hirsutum Hedysarum coronarium Hippocrepis comosa Hippocrepis emerus subsp. emeroides Hippocrepis glauca Hippocrepis unisiliquosa Lathyrus aphaca Lathyrus cicera Lathyrus clymenum Lathyrus hybridus Lathyrus ochrus Lathyrus setifolius Lathyrus vernus Lathyrus venetus Lotus corniculatus Lotus creticus Lotus cytisodes Lotus edulis Lotus halophilus Lupinus micranthus Lotus (Tetragonolobus) purpureus Medicago arabica Medicago littoralis Medicago orbicularis Medicago polymorpha Medicago rigidula Melilotus indicus Onobrychis alba Onobrychis aquidentata Onobrychis caput-galli Onobrychis crista-galli Pisum sativum Robinia pseudacacia Scorpiurus muricatus Securigera (Coronilla) varia Spartium junceum Trifolium angustifolium Trifolium campestre Trifolium dubium Trifolium incarnatum Trifolium medium Trifolium pratense Trifolium repens Trifolium resupinatum Trifolium stellatum Trifolium subterraneum Trifolium tomentosum

Common name

Spiny Broom Carob Judas Tree Annual Scorpion Vetch Prostrate Broom a Hairy Broom Dorycnium

Horseshoe Vetch False Senna a Horseshoe Vetch

Yellow Vetchling a red Vetchling

Hairy Yellow Vetch

Red Grass Vetchling Spring Pea

Bird's-foot Trefoil Southern Bird's-foot Trefoil a Trefoil Edible Lotus Sea Bird's-foot Trefoil Hairy Lupin Winged/Asparagus Pea Spotted Medick Sea Medick Large Disk Medick Toothed Medick

Small Mellilot a Sainfoin a Sainfoin Cock's-comb Sainfoin

a Pea False Acacia Scorpiurus Crown Vetch Spanish Broom Narrow-leaved Clover Hop Trefoil Lesser Trefoil **Crimson Clover** Zigzag Clover Red Clover White Clover **Reversed Clover** Star Clover **Burrowing Clover** Woolly Trefoil

Location

scattered sites Monte Saraceno Pulsano monastery scattered sites, roadsides Widespread round Monte Sant'Angelo Pulsano Gorge Monte Sacro area roadside stop Peschici - cliff-top site Cyclamen stop - on steep bank open sunny areas - scattered Monte Saraceno widespread in open sunny areas common in open, grassy areas roadsides near Peony stop Monte Sant'Angelo nr hotel Fly-tip stop, Mullein stop roadside stop nr Peschici nr Monte Calvo roadsides roadsides, open areas coastal roadside stop Monte Sacro roadside coastal roadside stop Rocks at Peschici Bosco di Spina Pulci common in open, grassy areas roadsides, field margins coastal sands nr Zapponeta nr Monte Saraceno nr Mullein stop Pilgrim's Path roadsides and lay-bys Near Monte Sant'Angelo Iris slopes nr Mullein stop Bosco di Spina Pulci nr Peony stop Roadsides, town gardens stony track nr Pulsano monastery Pulsano Gorge hillsides near coast at Peschici roadsides common in stony areas grassy areas roadsides near coast Monte Sant'Angelo nr hotel field margins field margins roadside nr Bosco Quarto widespread in open sunny areas Iris slopes Monte Sant'Angelo nr hotel

Vicia barbazitae Vicia benghalensis Vicia bithynica Vicia cracca Vicia hirsuta Vicia lutea Vicia melanops Vicia narbonensis Vicia peregrina Vicia sativa agg Vicia villosa Fagaceae Castanea sativa Fagus sylvatica Quercus cerris Quercus coccifera Quercus ilex Quercus pubescens Fumariaceae Corydalis solida Fumaria capreolata Fumaria muralis Fumaria officinalis Gentianaceae Blackstonia perfoliata Geraniaceae Erodium ciconium Erodium cicutarium Erodium malacoides Geranium columbinum Geranium dissectum Geranium lucidum Geranium molle Geranium purpureum Geranium robertianum Geranium rotundifolium Geranium sanguineum Hypericaceae Hypericum perforatum Lamiaceae Acinos alpinus Ajuga chamaepitys Ajuga genevensis Clinopodium acinos Lamium bifidum Lamium garganicum Lamium maculatum Marrubium vulgare Marrubium alysson Origanum vulgare Prasium majus Prunella vulgaris Rosmarinus officinalis

Common name

a small vetch **Benghal Vetch Bithynian Vetch Tufted Vetch** Hairy Tare Yellow Vetch Black Vetch Wandering Vetch (two-tone flowers) Common Vetch Fodder Vetch **Beech Family** Sweet Chestnut Beech Turkey Oak Spanish Oak Holm Oak Downy Oak **Fumitory Family** Bird-in-a-bush Tall Ramping Fumitory **Common Ramping Fumitory** Common Fumitory **Gentian Family** Yellow-wort Crane's-bill Family a Stork's-bill Common Stork's-bill Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Long-stalked Crane's-bill Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Shining Crane's-bill Dove's-foot Crane's-bill Little Robin Herb Robert Round-leaved Stork's-bill Bloody Crane's-bill St. John's-wort Family Perforate St. John's-wort **Deadnettle Family** Alpine Basil Thyme Ground Pine Blue Bugle Basil-thyme **Bifid Dead-nettle** Large Red Dead-nettle Spotted Dead-nettle White Horehound a pink Horehound Oregano Prasium Selfheal Rosemary

Location

Bosco Quarto

roadside stop

Pilgrim's Path grassy areas, nr Peschici field margins grassy roadside areas and lay-bys Pilgrim's Path and other tracks and banks field margins and Pilgrim's Path Viola stop nr Bosco Quarto roadsides, field margins Fly-tip stop Foresta Umbra - many fine specimens Foresta Umbra - dense woodland Widespread, especially Bosco Quarto Monte Sacro widespread Bosco di Spina Pulci Bosco Quarto roadside stops widespread widespread Olive groves nr Peschici, mostly in bud Field margins, stony slopes tracks and paths, widespread nr Mullein stop Mullein stop Monte Sant'Angelo Monte Sant'Angelo widespread, roadsides and tracks Monte Sacro widespread widespread Quarry stop Mullein stop Pilgrim's Path Pulsano Monastery, orchid site nr Bosco Quarto Foresta Umbra various orchid sites Pilgrim's Path Monte Sant'Angelo Pilgrim's Path Monte Saraceno Monte Saraceno sunny hillsides and stony slopes Monte Saraceno Cyclamen stop common on open hillsides, roadsides, rocks

Salvia argentea Salvia fruticosa Salvia pratensis Salvia verbenaca Satureja hortensis Sideritis romana Sideritis syriaca Stachys cretica Stachys officinalis Thymus capitatus Linaceae Linum austriacum (narbonense) Linum bienne Linum catharticum Linum perenne Linum trigynum Malvaceae Lavatera arborea Lavatera cretica Malva cretica Malva neglecta Malva sylvestris Moraceae Ficus carica Oleaceae Fraxinus ornus Ligustrum vulgare Olea europaea Orobanchaceae Bellardia trixago Orobanche alba Orobanche amethystea Orobanche caryophyllacea Orobanche minor Orobanche purpurea Orobanche sanguinea Parentucella latifolia Oxalidaceae Oxalis corniculata Oxalis pes-caprae Paeoniaceae Paeonia mascula Papaveraceae Chelidonium majus Papaver apulum Papaver hybridum Papaver rhoeas Plantaginaceae Antirrhinum siculum Cymbalaria muralis Digitalis ferruginea Misopates orontium

Common name

Silver Sage Three-leaved Sage Meadow Clary Wild Clary Summer Savory Common Sideritis Syrian Sideritis Mediterranean Woundwort Betony A Thyme **Flax Family** Beautiful Flax Pale Flax Fairy (Purging) Flax Perennial Flax

Mallow Family Tree Mallow Cretan Mallow

Dwarf Mallow Common Mallow **Mulberry Family** Fig **Olive Family** Flowering Ash Privet Olive **Broomrape Family**

Bellardia Thyme Broomrape Amethyst Broomrape Clove-scented Broomrape Common Broomrape Yarrow Broomrape

Southern Red Bartsia Wood-sorrel Family Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Bermuda Buttercup Paeony Family A Peony Poppy Family Greater Celandine

Rough Poppy Common Poppy **Plantain Family** Sicilian Snapdragon Ivy-leaved Toadflax Brown Foxglove Weasel Snout/Lesser Snapdragon

Location

Leaves only Monte Sarceno Widespread Widespread nr Mattinata Pulsano Monastery sunny open areas (in bud) Monte Saraceno nr Bosco Quarto sunny open areas

nr Bosco Quarto on roadside verge Iris slopes widespread - most orchid sites Pulsano area Monte Sacro

nr Peschici coast nr Zapponeta roadside nr Mattinata coast nr Zapponeta widespread along roadsides

widely naturalised and cultivated

Widespread, hillsides, Bosco di Spina Pulci Pulsano Gorge Widespread and abundant, oldest trees at Mattinata

Coastal site nr Zapponeta Monte Sant' Angelo Pulsano gorge Monte Saraceno dried flower spike only ?

Monte Saraceno widespread in open, stony areas

Pulsano Monastery nr Peschici

Shady sites nr Bosco Quarto, mostly over

Pulsano area nr Mullein stop roadsides and field margins field margins

Peschici - Trabucco stop and cliffs near beach Walls, common, Monte Sant'Angelo leaves and buds only Mullein stop

Plantago arenaria Plantago coronopus Plantago lagopus Plantago lanceolata Plantago maritima Plantago seraria Veronica cymbalaria Veronica hederifolia agg Veronica serpyllifolia Polygalaceae Polygala nicaeensis Polygala vulgaris Polygonaceae Rumex obtusifolius Rumex pulcher Polygonum maritimum Primulaceae Anagallis arvensis (Red & Blue forms) Cyclamen hederifolium Cyclamen repandum Ranunculaceae Anemone apennina Anemone hortensis Clematis ficaria Delphinium peregrinum Eranthis hyemalis Ficaria verna agg. Nigella damascena Ranunculus acris Ranunculus arvensis Ranunculus bulbosus Ranunculus millefoliatus Ranunculus muricatus Ranunculus sceleratus Ranunculus velutinus Resedaceae Reseda alba Reseda lutea Reseda luteola Reseda phyteuma Rhamnaceae Palliurus spina-christi Rhamnus alaternus Rosaceae Aremonia agrimonioides Crataegus monogyna Cydonia oblonga Filipendula vulgaris Fragaria vesca Geum urbanum Malus sylvestris Potentilla hirta

Common name

Branched Plantain Buck's-horn Plantain Hare's-foot Plantain Ribwort Plantain Sea Plantain

Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell Ivy-leaved Speedwell Thyme-leaved Speedwell **Milkwort Family** Nice Milkwort Common Milkwort **Knotweed Family** Broad-leaved Dock Fiddle Dock Sea Knotgrass **Primrose Family**

Scarlet Pimpernel

Ivy-leaved Sowbread Spring Cyclamen **Buttercup Family** Blue Anemone

a Clematis a Larkspur Winter Aconite Lesser Celandine Love-in-a-mist Meadow Buttercup Corn Buttercup Bulbous Buttercup

Rough-fruited Buttercup Celery-leaved Buttercup

Mignonette Family

White Mignonette Wild Mignonette Weld Corn Mignonette **Buckthorn Family** Christ's Thorn Mediterranean Buckthorn **Rose Family Bastard Agrimony** Hawthorn Quince Dropwort Wild Strawberry Wood Avens Crab Apple Hairy Cinquefoil

Location

quarry stop widespread on paths, grassy areas coast nr Zapponeta roadsides on cliffs, Peschici Monte Saraceno Bosco Quarto widespread in shaded areas grassy areas

Iris slopes widespread in grassy areas

Cultivated areas Cyclamen site on road verge coastal roadside stop

Field margins, stony areas

Leaves only, Foresta Umbra Woodland sites nr Bosco di Spina Pulci

Widepread in woodlands, Bosco Quarto Open sites, widespread leaves and buds only leaves only Tulip fields - in seed. widespread in grassy areas leaves only widespread in grassy areas nr Monte Sant'Angelo field margins, nr tulip fields Pilgrim's Path and other grassy sites nr Tulip fields In deep ditches nr Zapponeta coastal stop grassy areas nr Bosco Quarto

widespread in open, stony areas roadsides, verges Coastal site near Zapponeta field margins

Mullein stop, abundant Pulsano Gorge, tiny greenish flowers

Bosco Quarto, sunny woodland clearings widespread and common roadside stop nr Mullein stop widespread Bosco Quarto Bosco di Spina Pulci Monte Sacro area

Prunus dulcis Prunus spinosa Pyracantha coccinia Pyrus amygdaliformis Pyrus communis Rosa sp. Rubus fruticosus agg Rubus sanctus Sanguisorba (Poterium) minor Sorbus aucuparia Sorbus torminalis Rubiaceae Asperula arvensis Cruciata laevipes Galium aparine Galium mollugo Galium odoratum Galium setaceum Galium verum Rubia peregrina Sherardia arvensis Valantia hispida Valantia muralis Rutaceae Ruta chalepensis Santalaceae Osvris alba Sapindaceae (Aceraceae) Acer campestris Acer platanoides Acer pseudoplatanus Acer obtusatum Acer opalus Saxifragaceae Saxifraga bulbifera Saxifraga granulata Saxifraga tridactylites Scrophulariaceae Scrophularia peregrina Scrophularia scopolii Verbascum longifolium Verbascum phoeniceum Verbascum thapsus Verbascum undulatum Solanaceae Hyoscyamus alba Solanum sodomeum Thymelaeaceae Daphne laureola Daphne sericea Tiliaceae Tilia cordata

Common name

Almond Blackthorn Firethorn Almond-leaved Pear Pear A Rose Bramble Bramble Salad Burnet Rowan or Mountain Ash Wild Service Tree **Bedstraw Family** Blue Woodruff Crosswort Cleavers Hedge Bedstraw Woodruff Lady's Bedstraw Wild Madder Field Madder Valantia a Valantia **Rue Family** Fringed Rue Sandalwood Family Osyris Maple Family **Field Maple** Norway Maple Sycamore **Bosnian Maple** Italian Maple Saxifrage Family **Bulbous Saxifrage** Meadow Saxifrage **Rue-leaved Saxifrage Figwort Family** Italian (Nettle-leaved) Figwort a Figwort a Mullein **Purple Mullein** Aaron's Rod a Mullein **Nightshade Family** White Henbane Apple of Sodom **Daphne Family** Spurge Laurel

Lime Family Small-leaved Lime

Location

widely cultivated roadsides planted - Monte Sant'Angelo widespread nr Monte Calvo Pulsano gorge widespread ? Pulsano area Monte Calvo area nr Monte Calvo, spreading into gardens Tulip field and Peony stop Pilgrim's Path roadsides and field margins nr hotel, Monte Sant'Angelo Foresta Umbra **Pulsano Monastery** not in flower Monte Saraceno widespread Monte Saraceno, on rocks Widespread in dry areas, but tricky to find leaves only, Pulsano Gorge Monte Saraceno near ruined coastal tower Widespread, woodlands. Monte Sant'Angelo Widespread, woodlands. Monte Sacro Monte Sant'Angelo Foresta Umbra widespread walls and rocks, widespread nr Mullein stop leaves only, Monte Calvo area roadside nr Peschici nr Bosco di Spina Pulci widespread on roadsides nr Peschici leaves and tight buds only

walls of Pulsano Monastery cliff-top nr Peschici, out of reach behind fence

Foresta Umbra roadside Cyclamen stop, just out of reach on bank

roadside Cyclamen stop, some fine trees by road

Ulmaceae

Ulmus sp. Urticaceae

Urtica dioica Urtica pilulifera

Violaceae Viola arvensis

Viola graeca

Viola odorata

Viola riviniana

Vitaceaea

Vitis vinifera

Allium roseum

Allium ursinum

Asparagaceae

Cyperaceae

Carex divulsa

Iridaceae

Crocus sp.

Iris foetidissima

Iris pseudopumilla*

Iris lutescens*

Carex sylvatica

Araceae

Scientific name Common name Elm Family An Elm **Nettle Family** Parietaria judaica Pellitory of the Wall Nettle Roman Nettle **Violet Family** Field Pansy A Pansy (purple, yellow or cream) Sweet Violet Common Dog Violet **Grape-vine Family** Grape Liliidae (Monocotyledons) **Daffodil Family** Amaryllidaceae Allium neapolitanum Naples Garlic Allium pendulinum Pendulous Garlic Rose Garlic Allium subhirsutum Hairy Garlic Allium subvillosum Allium triquetum Three-cornered Leek Ramsons Narcissus poeticus Pheasant's-eye Daffodil Narcissus tazetta **Arum Family** Arum italicum subsp. italicum Large Cuckoo Pint Arum maculatum Cuckoo Pint **Asparagus Family** Asparagus acutifolius Spiny Asparagus Drimea (Urginea) maritima Sea Squill Leopoldia (Muscari) comosa **Tassel Hyacinth** Muscari neglecta Dark Grape Hyacinth Ornithogalum angustifolium Common Star of Bethlehem Ornithogalum montanum Star of Bethlehem (yellow) Ornithogalum pyrenaicum **Bath Asparagus** Polygonatum multiflorum Solomon's Seal Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's Broom Sedge Family Carex caryophyllea Spring Sedge Grey Sedge Wood Sedge Dioscoreaceae **Black Bryony Family** Tamus communis Black Bryony **Iris Family** a Crocus Gladiolus italicus **Field Gladiolus** Moraea (Gynandriris) sisyrinchium **Barbary Nut** Hermodactylus tuberosus Widow or Snake's-head Iris Stinking Iris

Location

Monte Sant'Angelo

Common, rocks and walls Cultivated areas Monte Saraceno

Iris slopes, Viola site

Iris slopes, Bosco Quarto

Foresta Umbra nr Bosco Quarto

widely cultivated

Pulsano Gorge Bosco Quarto Mullein stop widespread Pulsano Gorge nr Peschici Foresta Umbra Bosco Quarto Bosco Quarto - a few still in flower

Monte Saraceno, Monte Sacro Foresta Umbra

widespread, esp Bosco di Spina Pulci leaves only - widespread in stony areas widespread abundant in some stony areas widespread Iris slopes Mullein stop, several spikes fully open Foresta Umbra widespread, Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra

Quarry stop Quarry stop Foresta Umbra, Bosca da Spina Pulci

roadsides stops, shaded areas

Leaves only leaves only, but a few flower spikes just opening Roadside near coast widespread, most over, but seed pods common Foresta Umbra, Cyclamen stop hillsides in Bosco Quarto area Open stony hillside near Bosco Quarto

Juncacaeae Luzula campestris Luzula forsteri Liliaceae Smilax aspera Tulipa sylvestris Orchidaceae Anacamptis coriophora (Orchis fragrans) Anacamptis (Orchis) papilionacea Anacamptis (Orchis) morio Anacamptis (Orchis) morio ssp. picta Cephalanthera damasonium Cephalanthera longifolia Anacamptis pyramidalis Dactylorhiza (fuchsii) saccifera? Dactylorhiza romana Dactylorhiza sambucina Himantoglossum hircinum Himantoglossum robertianum Neottia nidus-avis Neotinea (Orchis) lactea Neotinea maculata Neotinea (Orchis) ustulata Ophrys apifera Ophrys apulica* Ophrys bertoloniformis* Ophrys bertolonii Ophrys biscutella (argolica) Ophrys bombyliflora Ophrys fuciflora Ophrys fuciflora subsp. parvimaculata Ophrys iricolor Ophrys melena / numida Ophrys passionis var. garganica* Ophrys lutea Ophrys lutea subsp galilea (O. sicula) Ophrys oestrifera ssp monti-gargani* Ophrys promontorii* Ophrys sipontensis* Ophrys sphegodes O. sphegodes ssp atrata (O. incubacea) Ophrys tenthredinifera Orchis anthropophora Orchis italica Orchis pauciflora Orchis provincialis Orchis purpurea Orchis quadripunctata Serapias cordigera Serapias lingua Serapias parviflora

Serapias vomeracea

Common name

Rush Family Field Wood-rush

Southern Wood-rush

Lily Family **Common Smilax** Wild Tulip **Orchid Family** A Bug Orchid Pink Butterfly Orchid Green-winged Orchid a Green-winged Orchid White Helleborine Sword-leaved Helleborine Pyramidal Orchid (Common) Spotted-orchid Roman Orchid **Elderflower Orchid** Lizard Orchid **Giant Orchid** Bird's Nest Orchid Milky Orchid Dense-flowered Orchid **Burnt Orchid** Bee Orchid **Apulian Ophrys** Bertoloni's Bee Orchid Spectacled Ophrys **Bumblebee Ophrys** Late Spider Orchid Small-patterned Ophrys a Yellow Ophrys Gargano Ophrys a Yellow Ophrys Early Spider Orchid Dark Ophrys Sawfly Ophrys Man Orchid Naked Man Orchid Sparse Flowered Orchid **Provence Orchid** Lady Orchid Four-spotted Orchid Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid **Tongue Orchid** Small-flowered Tongue Orchid Plough-share Tongue Orchid

Location

Bosco Quarto Bosco di Spina Pulci

Pulsano Gorge and Mullein stop leaves only

Monte Saraceno on grassy bank widespread, open sunny sites but going over widespread but starting to go over one roadside site, Foresta Umbra Roadside slopes near Peschici Bosco Quarto, one plant only Mullein stop - abundant Many tall flower spikes in copse nr Monte Calvo Bosco Quarto and other sites, common Scarce, below Monte Calvo Several fine specimens coming into flower Going over, a few plants near Bosco Quarto Bosco Quarto Pulsano area, mostly gone over, a few remaining A few specimens on slopes near hotel nr Foresta Umbra Fly-tip site, Italian form with white sepals Pulsano Gorge, Fly-tip stop nr Monte Sacro and other sites nr Monte Sacro and other sites Bosco Quarto and other sites Pulsano Gorge Pulsano area Bosco di Spina Pulci Monte Sant'Angelo ?? - poor specimens MonteSaraceno - very poor specimens Pulsano area and several other sites scattered sites, open stony areas common and widespread nr Peschici - very few plants Pulsano area scarce, Pulsano area and Monte Sacro widespread, seen at most orchid stops roadside stop nr Foresta Umbra and Mullein site Pulsano area, Monte Sacro and other sites widespread, seen at most orchid stops widespread, seen at most orchid stops Monte Sacro and Monte Calvo area Quarry stop, starting to go over nr Peschici in olive grove Monte Sacro Bosco di Spina Pulci Widespread, sunny areas scarce, few plants in one olive grove, Fly-tip stop Fly-tip stop

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Hybrids (a selection)		
Dactylorhiza sambucina x D. romana		possible - nr Monte Calvo
Ophrys incubacea x Ophrys garganica	-	possible - nr Monte Sant'Angelo
Ophrys incubacea x Ophrys bertolonii	-	roadside nr Foresta Umbra
Orchis x bivonae (O.anthropophora x italica)	-	Not fully open so may not be this hyrbid
Anacamptis morio x A. papilionacea	-	Pulsano area, going over
Orchis purpurea x O. italica		Pulsano area, single spike
Poaceae	Grass Family	
Aegilops geniculata	Aegilops	Pulsano Monastery and other sites
Anisantha diandra	Great Brome	Fields and roadsides, common
Anisantha sterilis	Barren Brome	scattered sites
Arundo donax	Giant Reed	Wetlands nr coast, along ditches and channels
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal Grass	Bosco Quarto
Avena barbata	Bristle Oat	Fields and grassy areas
Avena sterilis	Barren Oat	Fields and grassy areas
Avena sp.	an Oat	Pulsano monastery
Briza maxima	Large Quaking Grass	Mullein stop
Briza media	Quaking Grass	Quarry stop
Brachypodium (sylvaticum)	False Brome	Bosco Quarto
Bromus hordeaceus	Soft-brome	Peschici cliff-top
Catapodium rigidum	Fern Grass	rocks nr Quarry stop
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot	Mullein Stop
Festuca vivipera	Viviparous Fescue	Peschici
Hordeum murinum	Wall Barley	Coastal site near Zaponetta
Hordeum sp.	a Barley	widespread
Lagurus ovatus	Hare's-foot Grass	Fly-tip stop
Melica uniflora	Wood Melick	Foresta Umbra
Phragmites australis	Common Reed	nr coastal salt pans
Rostraria cristata	Mediterranean Hair-grass	Peschici
Stipa pennata	a Feather Grass	Open hillsides nr Peschici
Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
Smilax aspera	Common Smilax	Pulsano Gorge and Mullein stop
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Asphodel Family	
Asphodeline lutea	Yellow Asphodel	locally common
Asphodelus aestivus	Common Asphodel	widespread
Asphodelus fistulosus	Hollow-leaved Asphodel	Pulsano
Lichens		
Lobaria pulmonaria	Tree Lungwort	Bosco Quarato, Foresta Umbra

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

						April	/May			
	Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
1	Mallard	Anas platyrhyncos	2					3		
2	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	10							
3	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	2							
4	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	2							
5	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	20							
6	Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	6					1		
7	Pygmy Cormorant	Microcarbo pygmaeus	20							
8	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1							
9	European Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus		2						
10	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	3							1

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11	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	2						1	
12	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		1	2	3	2	2	3	2
13	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	10							
14	Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	3							
15	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	6							
16	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus	6							
17	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	20							
18	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	2					1	1	
19	Slender-billed Gull	Chroicocephalus genei	15							
20	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	10							
21	Mediterranean Gull	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus	25							
22	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	15	2		20	3	3	10	20
23	Little Tern	Sternula albifrons	5							
24	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	10							
25	Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	2							
26	Rock Dove /Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	10	5		2				5
27	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	2		3	1	н	5	5	2
28	European Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur				2		2H		-
29	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	5			3		1		
30	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	H	н	н	3	Н	2H		
31	Eurasian Scops Owl	Otus scops				5	Н	211	н	
32	Tawny Owl	Strix aluco						2H		
33	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba						211	10	
34	Common Swift	Apus apus	15		10	100	20	50	15	10
35	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus	15		10	100	20	50	1	10
36	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster			н	30		н	25	
37	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops		н	- 11	30			25	
38	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major	_	11				1H		
		Picus viridis	_		211		411	2H	411	
39 40	European Green Woodpecker Lesser Kestrel		-		ЗH		1H	2Π	1H	
-		Falco naumanni Falco tinnunculus	2				0			
41	Common Kestrel		5	5		1	2		1	1
42	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo							1	
43	Eleonora's Falcon	Falco eleonorae					411	1		
44	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus					1H	1H	4	
45	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	- 10	_	H	_	2	1H	1	
46	Common Magpie	Pica pica	10	5	5	5	10	10	10	20
47	Western Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	5	5	5	10	20	10	10	20
48	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	10	5	10	5	5	5	5	10
49	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		2		2	10	1H	2	
50	Marsh Tit	Poecile palustris		2		2	2	10	1H	
51	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		H	3	10	10	5	4	
52	Great Tit	Parus major		5	5	10	10	5	4	
53	Woodlark	Lullula arborea		1						
54	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	2			1				
55	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	3							
56	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	20	10	20	30	10	15	25	10
57	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	_						10	10
58	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	_						1H	
59	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus					Н	Н	Н	
60	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita			Н			2H		
61	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix					2H		2H	

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62	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	5									
63	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		Н	20	5H	5	10				
64	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis			Н	10	2	1H				
65	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans		5	5	15	10	1H	1H			
66	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala		1		10	20		10			
67	Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla			10		2H		10			
68	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes			5H		2H	5H				
69	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea			5H		1H	5				
70	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla			5H			2H				
71	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	5									
72	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	1	Н	5	1H		1H	1	1		
73	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos			1H	1H		1H				
74	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus					1H					
75	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula			3		2H	5H				
76	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos			1H	1H	1H	1H				
77	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		1								
78	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius		4		2						
79	European Stonechat	Saxicola torquata		3	5		2					
80	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica				5						
81	Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae	15	10		20	10	10	5	10		
82	Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis	20									
83	Yellow (Ashy-headed) Wagtail	Motacilla flava cinereocapilla	3									
	Yellow (Black-headed) Wagtail	Motacilla flava feldegg	2									
84	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	3	1				1				
85	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis			2	1						
86	Red-throated Pipit	Anthus cervinus			1							
87	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		Н	10	5	10	15				
88	Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes			1H							
89	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris		2	1H	5		2				
90	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina		10		10	5					
91	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	1	н	5	5	2	2	5			
92	European Serin	Serinus serinus		10	5	10	10	5	5			
93	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	10	2	5	1H	1H		1H			
94	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus		5	2	15	5	3	2H			

Mammals

1	House Mouse	Mus musculus	1				
2	European Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus			1		
3	Beech Marten	Martes foina				1	

Fish

1	Common Carp	Cyprinus carpio			✓	
2	Goldfish	Carrasius auratus			✓	

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Common Toad	Bufo bufo					✓		
2	Red-eared Terrapin	Trachemys scripta elegans					✓		
3	Green Lizard	Lacerta viridis					1		
4	Italian Wall Lizard	Podarcis sicula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Slow Worm	Anguis fragilis	✓						

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Molluscs (Invertebrates):

1	Trapdoor Snail	Pomatia elegans		✓		

Seashore Molluscs:

1	Pelican's-foot Shell	Aporrhais pes-pelecanis			✓	
2	Necklace Shell	Natica sp			✓	
3	Common Cerith	Cerithium vulgatum			✓	
4	Common Murex Shell	Hexaplex trunculus			✓	

Butterflies

1	Scarce Swallowtail	Iphicides podalirius		1				1		
2	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon		2		✓		✓		
3	Large White	Pieris brassicae					✓	✓		
4	Small White	Pieris rapae		✓		✓				
5	Green-veined White	Pieris napi			✓		✓			
6	Eastern Dappled White	Euchloe ausonia		✓						
7	Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		✓	✓		✓	✓		
9	Berger's Clouded Yellow	Colias alfacariensis		✓	✓					
10	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra						✓		
11	Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi					✓	✓		
12	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas						✓		
13	Little Blue	Cupido minimus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
14	Holly Blue	Celastrina argiolus								
15	Green-underside Blue	Glaucopsyche alexis		✓			✓	✓		
16	Brown Argus	Aricia agestis		✓		✓		✓		
17	Chapman's Blue	Agrodiaetus thersites		✓		✓		✓		
18	Adonis Blue	Lysandra bellargus			✓					
19	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus	2	✓	✓					
20	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta		✓				✓		
21	Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui		✓		✓		✓	✓	
22	Glanville Fritillary	Melitaea cinxia					1			
23	Speckled Wood	Parage aegeria			✓		1	✓		
24	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
25	Large Wall Brown	Lasiommata maera				2			✓	
26	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		✓			✓	✓		
27	Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina								
28	Italian Marbled White	Melanargia arge				✓				
29	Mallow Skipper	Carcharodus alceae		1			✓			
30	Southern Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus malvoides					1			
31	Small Skipper	Thymelicus sylvestris				1				
32	Red-underwing Skipper	Spialia sertorius		1				1		

Moths

1	Nine-spotted	Amata phegea		✓		✓	
2	6-Spot Burnet	Zygaena filipendulae	✓				
3	Forester Moth	Adscita statices	✓				
4	Cream-spot Tiger	Epicallia villica	✓				

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5	Giant Peacock Moth	Saturnia pyri		1								
6	Treble-bar Moth	Aplocera plagiata			1							

Other Invertebrates

1	Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombii	✓					
2	Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptium			1			
3	A red-striped Shield Bug	Graphosoma lineata (italica)					✓	
4	an Ascalaphid	Libelloides coccajus	✓	✓	✓			
5	Bee Fly	Bombylius major				 ✓ 	✓	
6	Tawny Mining Bee	Andrena fulva	✓					
7	a Dung Beetle	Scarabaeus sp	✓					
8	Knotgrass Leaf Beetle	Chrysolina polita	✓					
9	Glow Worm	Lampyris (noctiluca_			✓			
10	Giant Centipede	Scolopendra cingulatus					✓	
11	a Millipede sp				✓		✓	
12	Fairy Shrimp	Chirocephalus diaphanus			✓			
13	European Wolf Spider	Lycosa tarantula		✓				





Ophrys oestrifera

Serapias vomeracea