Spain - Spring Flowers of Western Andalucia

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Cistus albidus by Paul Harmes



Narcissus cantabricus by Paul Harmes



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Day 1

Wednesday 9th March

Weather: Continuous rain

Eight tour members met with Paul at Malaga airport, having arrived on three separate flights from London Gatwick, Exeter and Birmingham. We made our way from the arrivals hall to the multi-storey car park, to collect our minibus. Leaving the airport, we drove west and then north towards Alhaurin de la Torre, and on towards Cartama, where we joined the A355 in the direction of Campillos, turning left for Ronda just north of Ardarles. On the outskirts of Ronda, we turned onto the El Burgo road, and were soon arriving at the 'Finca de Guzmana', our base for the week. We were met by Peter, our host, who soon had us settled into our rooms. After freshening up, we met in the lounge for sherry and nibbles, before heading off for dinner at the local Vente la Codorniz.

Day 2

Thursday 10th March

Weather: Overcast with some rain & drizzle

After a splendid breakfast, we drove down to a mini market on the outskirts of Ronda, to buy our picnic, before setting off on the Seville road to the village of Grazalema. As we left the main road, west of Ronda, we saw several Crested Larks and Corn Buntings. As we approached the village the occasional Griffon Vulture was spotted and a large flock of Red-billed Chough were seen. Parking in the main village car park, we made our way to the Visitor Centre to buy maps and to collect our National Park permits. *Saxifraga granulata* (Meadow Saxifrage) was noted covering a wall, and a few Serins were seen.

We now made our way some 14 km to the Garganta Verde, the location of our first walk. This is renowned as the largest nesting colony of Griffon Vulture in Europe. Owing to the unfavourable weather, not too many of these majestic birds were present and, in these circumstances, we were quite fortunate to see a bird sitting on a ledge and a few in the air, struggling with the lack of thermal currents. However, the lack of Vultures was compensated by two separate groups of Spanish Ibex. These normally shy creatures were seen browsing on vegetation, whilst young ones played chase me. Plants here included *Ophrys fusca* (Sombre Bee Orchid), *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid), *Chamaerops humilis* (Dwarf Fan Palm) and *Clematis cirrhosa* (Maiden's Bower). Black Redstarts were also fairly numerous, and Sardinian Warbler was heard.

We now drove the short distance From the Garganta Verde to the car park at the start of our afternoon walk at the Sierra del Pinar. Before setting off we had our picnic as the rain began to fall. After lunch, we set off up the path towards a ridge. Just after leaving the car park, we found *Ophrys fusca* (Sombre Bee Orchid), and the young leaves of *Ptilostemon hispanicus* (a Thistle). The path rose through *Pinus pinaster* (Maritime Pine) forest, mixed with *Quercus* species (Oaks) and *Juniperus* species (Juniper). After about a kilometre and a half, we emerged from the forest onto an open saddle, with splendid views in all directions, when the fast moving clouds permitted. Exploration of an area of broken limestone boulders, adjacent to the path, revealed *Narcissus assoanus* (Rushleaved Jonquil) in bud and the diminutive, yellow *Viola demetria*. Looking along the northern side of the ridge, towards the Cerro de San Cristobel, we were able to see one of only two relic remnants of *Abies pinsapo* (Spanish Fir) forest. On our descent, we stopped look at a small pool which contained Newt tadpoles, and we also found the emerging spikes of *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid). Rejoining our vehicle, we set off back towards Ronda in time for dinner.

Day 3

Friday 11th March

Weather: Rain and drizzle

We travelled in the opposite direction today, towards the village of El Burgo. Just after we crossed the 'Puerto del Viento' we stopped to see *Iris planifolia* (Broad-leaved Iris). A large flock of Spotless Starlings were seen on a nearby overhead line. We drove on through El Burgo and took the road to Ardales, breaking the journey with a second stop to examine a very floristic bank. *Rhamnus alaternus* (Mediterranean Buckthorn), *Narcissus assoanus*, *Prunus dulcis* (Almond) and *Ophrys fusca* (Sombre Bee Orchid), were all found.

Continuing on towards Ardales, we took the road along the eastern shore of the Embalse del Conde de Guadalhorce Lake. Our objective was the 'Mirador' where three lakes meet, where we parked. An exploration the *Pinus halepensis* (Aleppo Pine) woodland revealed *Orchis italica* (Naked Man Orchid), *Orchis collina* (Fan-lipped Orchid), *Narcissus cantabrica* (White Hooped Petticoat Daffodil), Fritillaria lusitanica (Portuguese Fritillary), Orchis anthropophora (Man Orchid) and Aristolochia baetica (Birthwort). Birds were once again, hard to detect due to the weather, but we did hear a distant Great Tit!

After our picnic lunch, we walked down the track back towards the road, adding *Polygala rupestris* (Rock Milkwort), *Chaenorhinum villosum*, *Dipcardi serotina* (Brown Bluebell), *Juniperus phoenicea* (Phoenician Juniper), Rupicapnos africana and Lithodora prostrata subsp. lusitanica (a Gromwell). By now, the rain had become particularly heavy, so we began our homeward journey with coffee at the little café by El Chorro railway station. Before heading back towards Ronda, we found *Echium plantagineum* (Purple Viper's-bugloss), *Mercurialis annua* (Annual Mercury) and *Andryala integrifolia*.

We retraced our route back via El Burgo and made our way to a track on the outskirts of Ronda, our last stop of the day. Exploration of the verges and banks revealed *Orchis collina* (Fan-lipped Orchid), *Nicotiana glauca* (Shrub Tobacco), *Cynoglossum chierifolium* (a Hounds-tongue), *Calycotome villosa* (Spiny Broom) and *Antirrhinum barrelieri* (a Snapdragon). It was now time to return to the Finca to prepare for dinner.

Day 4

Saturday 12th March

Weather: Cloudy at first, some rain and some sun later

After breakfast, we headed off in a south easterly direction and into the Sierra de las Nieves National Park. Our objective was the Los Quejigales recreation area, situated some seven kilometres from the road. The park road took us, initially, through *Quercus* woodland with shrubby scrub below, then on up though a mixture of *Pinus halepensis* and *Pinus pinaster* woodland, before emerging above the tree line into a karst limestone area. It was in this latter habitat that we made our first stop to check out a colony of *Narcissus assoanus* (Rush-leaved Jonquil) with *Paronychia capitata* (Paronychia), and emerging *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid).

Our second stop in similar habitat was made to see *Narcissus bugei* (Long-spathed Daffodil). This was growing on a damp slope, where we also found *Helleborus foetidus* (Stinking Hellebore), *Jonopsidium prolongoi* (False Candytuft), and *Crataegus monogyna* (Hawthorn), each of which supported a good colony of *Viscum cruciatum* (Red-berried Mistletoe). At this same point, we also had a distant view of Alpine Accentor and close views of a single Common Crossbill.

From here, we continued on to Los Quejigales. After parking, we set off up the path towards the regions second relic population of *Abies pinsapo* (Spanish Fir), passing good numbers of *Ranunculus ficaria subsp. ficariformis* (Lesser Celandine). Passing through more mixed pine forest, as we went, we recorded Great Tits and Wrens, both of which were very much in evidence. As we continued, the pine began to thin out making way for shrubs such as *Ulex parviflorus* (Small-flowered Gorse), *Daphne gnidium* (Mediterranean Daphne), *Daphne laureola* (Spurge Laurel) and *Berberis hispanicus* (Spanish Barberry). We also began to find young *Abies pinsapo*. It was not too long before we reached some of the more ancient and noble specimens. Growing below them we also found *Lavandula lanata* (Felted Lavender), a local endemic. Coal Tit was also recorded.

After our picnic lunch, we made our way into the Moorish influenced town of Ronda for the afternoon. As we were leaving the National Park, we stopped to watch a Short-toed Eagle, a Sparrowhawk, a pair of Ravens and a Northern Wheatear. After we had parked in Ronda, we walked along the cliff edge walkway where we recorded Rock Thrush, and a good number of Chough. *Moricandia moricandioides* (Moricandia) and *Ailanthus altissima* (Tree of Heaven) were seen clinging to the cliff edge. After spending some free time exploring Ronda, we made our way back to base for dinner.

Day 5

Sunday 13th March

Weather: Dry and cloudy with some sun, rain later

Leaving Finca de Guzmana, we took the road towards Campillos. Swallows and a good number of Corn Buntings were seen as we went. When we reached the small village of Teba, we turned east and stopped to explore a cutting and river gorge at Tajo del Molino. The roadside had a number of clumps of the white *Antirrhinum graniticum* (a Snapdragon), *Erodium gruinum* (Long-beaked Stork's-bill) and *Geranium rotundifolium* (Round-leaved Crane's-bill). In the gorge we saw a skittish group of Rock Doves and a good number of Redbilled Chough. The highlight however, was a steady stream of raptors. Short-toed Eagles were the most numerous with seven. There was a single Bonelli's Eagle and a Sparrowhawk. These birds were probably moving north following the recent bad weather.

Moving on towards Antequera, via Campillos, we passed a small lagoon in a field. Here we saw a pair of Gull-billed Terns and a flock of feeding Black-winged Stilts. Moving on we passed a second of these temporary pools with a large flock of Greater Flamingo feeding. Passing through Antequera, we made our way up to the summit of El Torcal, the highest point in the El Torcal de Antequera National Park, and parked by the visitor centre. We immediately took our picnic lunch among the spectacular limestone outcrops and boulders. Himantoglossum robertianum (Giant Orchid) was present here. After lunch we walked one of the circular tracks finding Euphorbia characias subsp. characias (Mediterranean Spurge), Ruscus aculeatus (Butchers Broom) and the beautiful Linaria anticaria (Toadflax), a local endemic. Black Redstarts and Rock Bunting were also seen.

We made the return journey via Alora, where we stopped to check out the River Guadalhorce for wildlife. Unfortunately, the river was somewhat swollen from recent rain, and the normally plant rich gravels were submerged. Nevertheless, we did find *Stellaria neglecta* (Greater Chickweed), *Reseda alba* (White Mignonette) and *Allium ampeloprasum* (Wild Leek). The birdlife comprised, Common Sandpiper, Mallard, Cormorant and Little Egret. We now made our way back Ronda, in time for dinner.

Day 6

Monday 14th March

Weather: Wet, with occasional dry periods

After breakfast, we again left the hotel to a chorus of House Sparrows with a little Serin for good measure. Today, we made our way out of Ronda on the Seville road, turning off towards Benaojan and Montejaque. Our objective was the famous Cueva de la Pileta. This cave is the only site where you can still see original wall paintings. All of the group visited the cave and marvelled at its subterranean splendour. When they emerged, Booted Eagle and a solitary Alpine Swift were seen for the first time on the trip. Just outside the cave entrance, we found Jasminum fruticans (Yellow Jasmine), Linaria platycalyx (a Snapdragon) and Anogramma leptophylla (Jersey Fern) growing by the path.

From here we moved on to the small town of Montejaque, making our way up to the 'Hidden Valley' in the Sierra de Montalata. Stonechat, Rock Bunting and a Griffon Vultures were seen. This valley has some special plants, and Paul pointed out *Ornithogalum reverchonii* (a Star of Bethlehem), *Narcissus cuatrecasasii* (Rock Jonquil), Saxifraga bourgaeana and Linaria tristis (a Snapdragon).

Leaving the Hidden Valley, we sent off north from the village of Montejaque, stopping by a failed hydro dam system at Cerro Tavizna, where we saw Griffon Vultures struggling to gain altitude owing to lack of thermals. Plants included *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid), *Linaria aeruginea* (Toadflax) and *Vinca difformis* (Periwinkle). A little further along the road, we stopped to explore a scrubby area by a corn field. Here we found a good colony of *Himantoglossum robertianum* (Giant Orchid) [including a white form], *Ophrys fusca* (Sombre Bee Orchid) and *Sanguisorba minor agg.* (Salad Burnet).

We now made our way back to Ronda and back out onto the road Road to El Burgo, to the area around Cerro del Viento. Here we were entertained to an arial display by a flock of Red-billed Choughs. Around our feet we found *Iris panifolius* (Broad-leaved Iris), *Urtica membranacea* (Mediterranean Nettle) and the diminutive *Viola demetria*, as well as tightly budded *Paeonia broteroi* (Peony).

Day 7

Tuesday 15th March

Weather: Cloudy for much of the day, with some sunny periods

Following a leisurely breakfast, we set off in the direction of Montejaque, to revisit the Hidden Valley, in order to photograph some of the plants we had seen the previous day, when it was too wet for photography. From here, we moved on to Grazelama, parking under the cliffs on the outskirts of the village. The cliffs held a number of special plants including *Centaurea clementei* (an endemic Knapweed), *Hesperis laciniatus* (Cut-leaved Dame's-violet) and *Biscutella frutescens* (Perennial Buckler-mustard). We continued on, exploring the boulder-strewn fields and wet roadside, finding *Cerinthe major* (Honeywort), *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid), *Ophrys bombyliflora* (Bumblebee Orchid) and *Narcissus paperaceus* (Paper-white Daffodil). Birds included, Black Wheatear, Whinchat, Rock Bunting, Chough and Blue Rock Thrush.

Returning to our vehicle, we now drove on through Grazelama towards Zahara, passing over the Puerto de las Palomas (the Pass of the Doves), where we paused to enjoy the view, before continuing on to a Mirador (viewpoint), overlooking the Garganta Verde, where we stopped for our picnic. Around the Mirador, we found Romulea bulbocodium (Sand Crocus), Astragalus lusitanicus (a Milk Vetch) and Fritillaria lusitanica (Portugease Fritillary).

We now moved on down past the village of Zahara in order to explore the banks of the Embalse de Zahara-El-Gastor. Here we began to examine the ancient olive groves. Thekla Lark and Great Crested Grebe were both seen. *Arisarum vulgare* (Friar's Cowl) and *Ophrys lutea* (Yellow Bee Orchid), *Solanum herculeum* and *Himantoglossum robertianum* (Giant Orchid) were all recorded.

We completed the day by visiting Zahara for refreshments. Here, we also found *Erodium tordylioides* (a Stork's-bill), *Linaria platycalyx* and *Rupicapnos africana*, as well as seeing Lesser Kestrel, Short-toed Eagle and Booted Eagle. It was now time to make our way back to Ronda in time to pack before dinner.

Day 8

Wednesday 16th March

Weather: Dry, warm and sunny

After breakfast, and before we departed to Malaga airport, we took time to explore the area around the Finca, finding *Muscari neglectum* (Grape Hyacinth) and *Erodium moschatum* (Musk Stork's-bill). We also saw Serin, Hoopoe and Spotless Starling.

It was now time to say our farewells to Peter, thanking him for a wonderful stay in this beautiful area. We arrived in Malaga in good time for our various flights back to the UK.

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Species Lists

Plants

Scientific name	Common name	Location
PTERIDOPHYTES	Ferns and Allies	
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
Selaginella denticulata	Mediterranean Clubmoss	Near El Chorro
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
Equisetum arvense	Field Horsetail	Grazalema
Adiantaceae	Maidenhair Ferns	
Anogramma leptophylla	Jersey Fern	Curva de la Pileata
Cheilanthes pteridioides	Resurrection Fern	Near El Chorro
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort	El Torcal
Ceterach officinarum	Rusty-back	Sierra del Pinar
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
Polypodium cambricum	Southern Polypody	Grazalema
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PINOPSIDA	Conifers & Allies	
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
Cupressus macrocarpa	Monterey Cypress	Planted
Cupressus sempervirens	Italian Cypress	Probably Planted
Juniperus communis	Juniper	N of Grazalema
Juniperus phoenicea subsp. phoenicea	Phoenician Juniper	Gargante Verde
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
Abies pinsapo	Spanish Fir	Sierra de las Nieves
Cedrus deodar	Deodar Cedar	Planted
Pinus halepensis	Aleppo Pine	Sierra del Pinar
Pinus pinea	Stone or Umbrella Pine	Near Ronda
Pinus pinaster	Maritime Pine	Sierra del Pinar
MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Flowering Plants	
M	lagnoliidae (Dicotyledons)	
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Acanthaceae	Bear's-breech Family	FI Ob a ma
Acanthus mollis	Bear's-breech	El Chorro
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family	
Pistacia lentiscus	Mastic Tree	Gargante Verde
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
Bupleurum fruticosum	Shrubby Hare's-ear	Near El Chorro
Bupleurum spinosum	-	Sierra del Pinar
Ferula communis	Giant Fennel	El Chorro

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Foeniculum vulgare	Fennel	Roadsides
Scandix pecten-veneris	Shepherd's Needle	Tajo del Molino
Smyrnium olusatrum	Alexanders	Near Ronda
Thapsia garganica (leaves only)	Thapsia	Near El Chorro
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family	
Nerium oleander	Oleander	Roadsides
Vinca difformis	Periwinkle	Common
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
Hedera helix	lvy	Sierra de las Nieves
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
Aristolochia bætica	A Birthwort	Near El Chorro
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
Andryala integrifolia	Andryala	El Chorro
Bellis perennis	Daisy	Below Grazalema
Bellis sylvatica	Southern Daisy	Gargante Verde
Calendula arvensis	Wild Marigold	Gargante Verde
Carduus pycnocephalus	Plymouth Thistle	Embalse de Zahara-El-Gastor
Carlina corymbsosa (in fruit)	Flat-topped Carline Thistle	Gargante Verde
Centaurea clementei	Clemente's Knapweed	Grazalema
Centaurea pullata	-	Sierra del Pinar
Cynara cardunculus	Cardoon	Sierra del Pinar
Galactites tomentosa	Galactites	Common
Glebionis coronarium	Crown Daisy	Pizzara
Glebionis coronarium var. discolor	Crown Daisy	El Chorro
Glebionis segetum	Corn Marigold	Tajo del Molino
Hyoseris radiata	-	Ronda
Phagnalon saxatile	-	El Chorro
Ptilostemon hispanica*	Spanish Thistle	Sierra del Pinar
Reichardia tingitana	-	Tajo del Molino
Senecio nevadensis	a Ragwort	Cerro Tavizna
Senecio vulgare	Groundsel	Gargante Verde
Silybum marianum	Milk Thistle	Common
Sonchus asper	Prickly Sow-thistle	Pizarra
Sonchus oleraceus	Smooth Sow-thistle	Ronda
Urospermum picroides	-	Tajo del Molino
Xanthium spinosum	Spiny Cocklebur	Pizarra
Berberidaceae	Barberry Family	
Berberis hispanica	Spanish Barberry	Sierra de las Nieves
Bignoniaceae	Bignonia Family	
Catalpa bignonioides	Indian Bean Tree	Planted
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family	
Borago officinalis	Borage	Ronda
Cerinthe major	Honeywort	Below Grazalema
Cynoglossum cheirifolium	-	Near El Chorro

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Echium boissieri (in fruit)	Boissier's Viper's Buglos	Sierra de las Nieves
Echium plantagineum	Purple Viper's Buglos	El Chorro
Lithodora prostrata subsp. lusitanica	a Gromwell	Near El Chorro
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Brassicaceae	Cabbaga Family	
Biscutella baetica	Cabbage Family Andaluz Buckler Mustard	Sierra de las Nieves
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Biscutella frutescens	- Chamband's Duna	20:01: 0:020:01:0
Capsella bursa-pastoris	Shepherd's Purse	Finca la Guzmana
Cardamine hirsuta	Hairy Bitter-cress	
Clypeola jonthlaspi	Clypeola	Gargante Verde
Draba hispanica (leaves)	- -	Sierra del Pinar
Eruca sativa	Eruca	Common
Erysimum cheiri	Wallflower	Grazalema
Hesperis laciniatus	Cut-leaved Dame's Violet	Below Grazalema
Hornungia petraea	Hutchinsia	Sierra del Pinar
Iberis sempervirens	Candytuft	Near El Chorro
Jonopsidium prolongoi	False Candytuft	Sierra de las Nieves
Lobularia maritima	Sweet Alison	Near El Chorro
Moricandia moricandioides	Purple Cabbage	Ronda
Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum	Watercress	Alora
Sinapis alba	White Mustard	Zahara
Sinapis arvensis	Charlock	Ronda
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
Opuntia ficus-indica	Barbary Fig or Prickly Pear	Naturalised
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Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
Campanula mollis	-	Zahara
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
Lonicera arborea	Tree Honeysuckle	Sierra de las Nieves
Viburnum tinus	Laurustinus	Near El Burgo
Carranhyllagaaa	Dink Family	
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	Emboloo do Zabara El Cartar
Arenaria montana subsp. intricata	Chielas Messee	Embalse de Zahara-El-Gastor
Cerastium glomeratum	Sticky Mouse-ear	Embalse de Zahara-El-Gastor
Paronychia capitata	Paronychia	Sierra de las Nieves
Silene colorata	-	Near El Chorro
Silene gallica	Small-flowered Catchfly	Pizarra
Stellaria media	Chickweed	Grazalema
Stellaria neglecta		Pizarra
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
Cistus albidus	Grey-leaved Cistus	Sierra del Pinar
Cistus ladanifer	Gum Cistus	Near Grazalema
Cistus salvifolius	Sage-leaved Cistus	Near El Chorro
Helianthemum nummularium	Common Rockrose	Near El Chorro
Helianthemum origanifolium	Marjoram-leaved Rock-rose	Gargante Verde
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Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
Convolvulus althaeoides	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Pizarra
Cuscuta epithymum	Dodder	El Chorro
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
Mucizonia hispida	Mucizonia	Zahara
Sedum brevifolium	Short-leaved Stonecrop	Near El Chorro
Sedum dasyphyllum	Fat-leaved Stonecrop	Gargante Verde
Sedum sediforme	Large Stonecrop	Common on Rocks
Umbilicus rupestris	Navelwort	Gargante Verde
Cucurbitaceae	White Drueny Femily	
	White Bryony Family	Over to do to Dilocato
Bryonia cretica	White Bryony	Curva de la Pileata
Ecballium elaterium	Squirting Cucumber	Pizarra
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
Euphorbia characias subsp. characias	Large Mediterranean Spurge	El Torcal
Euphorbia exigua	Dwarf Spurge	Near El Chorro
Euphorbia helioscopia	Sun Spurge	Gargante Verde
Euphorbia nicaeensis		Roadsides
Mercurialis annua	Annual Mercury	El Chorro
Ricinus communis	Castor Oil Plant	El Chorro
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Fabaceae	Pea Family	
Anagyris foetida	Bean Trefoil	Below Grazalema
Anthyllis cystoides	Shrubby Kidney Vetch	El Chorro
Anthyllis tetraphylla	Bladder Vetch	Tajo del Molino
Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. maura	Mediterranean Kidney Vetch	Near El Chorro
Astragalus lusitanicus	-	Above Grazalema
Bitumaria bituminosa	Pitch Trefoil	Tajo del Molino
Calycotome villosa	-	West of Ronda
Ceratonia siliqua	Carob	Gargante Verde
Lathyrus clymenum	-	Pizarra
Lathyrus sphaericus	-	Alhaurin de la Torre
Lathyrus tingitanus	-	Verge in Ronda
Lygos monosperma	White Broom	Sierra del Pinar
Medicago arabica	Spotted Medick	Grazalema
Scorpiurus muricatus	Spiny Scorpion-vetch	Pizarra
Spartium junceum	Spanish Broom	Common on Roadsides
Ulex parviflorus	Small-flowered Gorse	Common
Vicia faba	Broad Bean	Cultivated only
Vicia sativa subsp. sativa	Fodder Vetch	Pizarra
Fagaceae	Oak & Beech Family	
Quercus coccifera	Kermes Oak	Sierra del Pinar
Quercus faginea	- Itellies Oak	Oleria dei i-iliai
Quercus ilex	Holm Oak	Sierra del Pinar
Quercus suber	Cork Oak	S.E. of Ronda
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Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
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Scientific name	Common name	Location
Fumaria officinalis	Common Fumitory	Gargante Verde
Platycapnos spicatum	-	Tajo del Molino
Rupicapnos africana	-	Near El Chorro
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill	Gargante Verde
Erodium gruinum	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	Tajo del Molino
Erodium malacoides	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	El Chorro
Erodium moschatum	Musk Stork's-bill	Finca la Guzmana
Erodium tordylioides	-	Zahara
Geranium lucidum	Shining Crane's-bill	Gargante Verde
Geranium purpureum	Little Robin	Gargante Verde
Geranium rotundifolium	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	Tajo del Molino
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
Ballota pseudodictamus (leaves)	Garden Horehound	Gargante Verde
Lamium amplexicaule	Henbit Deadnettle	Near Montejaque
Lavandula lanata*	Woolly lavender	Sierra de las Nieves
Lavandula multifida	Cut-leaved Lavender	El Chorro
Lavandula stoechas subsp. stoechas	French Lavender	Near El Chorro
Phlomis purpurea (leaves)	Purple Phlomis	Gargante Verde
Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary	Near El Chorro
Salvia verbenaca	Wild Clary	Gargante Verde
Stachys oxymastrum	Hairy Woundwort	Pizarra
Teucrium polium	Felty Germander	Near El Chorro
Thymus capitatus	Capitate Thyme	Sierra del Pinar
Lauraceae	Laurel Family	
Laurus nobilis	Bay	El Torcal
Laurus Hobilis	Day	Errorear
Loranthaceae	Mistletoe Family	
Viscum cruciatum	Red-berried Mistletoe	Sierra de las Nieves
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
Malva sylvestris	Common Mallow	Gargante Verde
		Jan Garage
Moraceae	Fig Family	
Ficus carica	Fig	El Chorro
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Myrtaceae	Myrtle & Gum Family	
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	River Red Gum	Planted
Eucalyptus globosus	Tasmanian Blue Gum	Planted
Eucalyptus robusta	Iron Bark	Planted
Myrtis communis	Myrtle	Gargante Verde
	Olive Family	
Oleaceae	,	
Oleaceae Fraxinus angustifolia	Narrow-leaved Ash	North of El Burgo
	-	North of El Burgo Cueva de la Pileta
Fraxinus angustifolia	Narrow-leaved Ash	

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
Oxalis pes-caprae	Bermuda Buttercup	Very Common
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
Papaver rhœas	Common Poppy	Ronda
Paeoniaceae		
Paeonia broteroi (leaves)	a Peony	Near El Burgo
Paeonia coriacia (leaves)	a Peony	Hidden Valley
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Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
Plantago arenaria	Branched Plantain	Pizarra
Plantago lagopus	Hare's-tail Plantain	Tajo del Molino
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	Finca la Guzmana
Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family	
Polygala rupestris	Rock Milkwort	Near El Chorro
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
Rumex scutatus	French Sorrel	Tajo del Molino
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
Anagallis arvensis	Scarlet Pimpernel	Tajo del Molino
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Punicaceae	Pomegranate Family	
Punica granatum	Pomegranate	Below Grazalema
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
Anemone palmata	Yellow Anemone	Near El Chorro
Clematis cirrhosa	Virgin's Bower	Gargante Verde
Helleborus foetidus	Stinking Hellebore	Sierra de las Nieves
Ranunculus ficaria subsp. ficariformis	Lesser Celandine	Sierra de las Nieves
Ranunculus spicatus subsp. blepharicarpos	a Buttercup	El Burgo
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
Reseda alba	White Mignonette	El Chorro
Reseda lutea	Mignonette	Tajo del Molino
Reseda luteola	Weld	Benaojan
Reseda phyteuma	Corn Mignonette	West of Ronda
Reseda suffruticosa	a Mignonette	Near El Chorro
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
Rhamnus alaternus	Mediterranean Buckthorn	Near El Burgo
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
Cratægus monogyna	Hawthorn	Sierra de las Nieves
Prunus dulcis	Almond	Near El Burgo
Prunus prostratus	Prostrate Plum	Sierra del Pinar
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	Roadsides
Rubus fruticosus agg.	Bramble	Alhaurin de la Torre
Sanguisorba minor subsp. minor	Salad Burnet	Cerro Tavizna

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Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
Galium aparine	a Bedstraw	Common
Putoria calabrica (leaves)	Putoria	Sierra del Pinar
<u> </u>	Wild Madder	Groria dorrinian
Rubia peregrina		Gargante Verde
Sherardia arvensis	Field Madder	Finca la Guzmana
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
Citrus limon	Lemon	Planted
Citrus sinensis	Orange	Planted
Citrus aurantium	Bitter Orange	Planted
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
Saxifraga bourgaeana	-	Hidden Valley
Saxifraga granulata	Meadow Saxifrage	Grazalema
Gaxiiraga granulata	Weadow Gaxiirage	Grazaiema
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family	
Osyris alba	Osyris	Grazalema
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
Antirrhinum barrelieri	a Snapdragon	Frequent
Antirrhinum graniticum	a Snapdragon	Tajo del Molino
Chaenorhinum villosum	-	Near El Chorro
Cymbalaria muralis	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Ronda
Linaria aeruginea*	a Toadflax	Cerro Tavizna
Linaria anticaria*	a Toadflax	El Torcal
Linaria platycalyx*	a Toadflax	Curva de la Pileata
Linaria tristis	a Toadflax	Hidden Valley
Scrophularia canina	Dog Figwort	West of Ronda
Scrophularia sambucifolia	Elder-leaved Figwort	Below Grazalema
Verbascum sinuatum	a Mullein	West of Ronda
vorbaccam cinaatam	a Malielli	West of Rona
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
Nicotiana glauca	Shrub Tobacco	Ardales
Solanum herculeum	-	Embalse de Zahara-El-Gastor
Thymelaeaceae	Daphne Family	
Daphne gnidium (leaves)	Mediterranean Mezereon	Sierra de las Nieves
Daphne laureola	Spurge Laurel	Sierra de las Nieves
Барппе ташеота	Spurge Laurer	Sierra de las Mieves
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
Ulmus minor agg	Small-leaved Elm	Roadsides
Urticacae	Nettle Family	
Parietaria judaica	Pellitory-on-the-wall	Ronda
Parietaria officinalis	Large Pellitory-of-the-wall	Grazalema
Urtica membranacea	Mediterranean Nettle	N of Ronda
Urtica urens	Small Nettle	Finca la Guzmana
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Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
Fedia cornucopiae	Fedia	Gargante Verde

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Violaceae	Violet Family	
	violet rainily	Ciarra dal Dinar
Viola demetria	-	Sierra del Pinar
	Liliidae (Monocotyledons)	
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Agavaceae	Century Plant Family	
Agave americana	Century Plant	Planted
Araceae	Arum Family	
Arisarum vulgare	Friar's Cowl	Embalse de Zahara-El-Gastor
Arum italicum	Italian Arum	Gargante Verde
Aug	Dalm Family	
Arecaceae	Palm Family	
Chamærops humilis	Dwarf Fan Palm	Gargante Verde
Phœnix dactylifera	Date Palm	Planted
Phœnix canariensis	Canary Palm	Planted
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
Iris fœtidissima	Stinking Iris	El Torcal
Iris planifolia	Broad-leaved Iris	North of Ronda
Romulea bulbocodium	Romulea	Above Gargante Verde
Lillanana	Lib. Family	
Liliaceae	Lily Family	F: 1.0
Allium ampeloprasum	Wild Leek	Finca la Guzmana
Allium neapolitanum	Naples Garlic	Montejaque
Allium triquetrum	Three-cornered Leek	Below Grazalema
Asparagus acutifolius	Sharp-leaved Asparagus	Tajo del Molino
Asparagus albus	White-Stemmed Asparagus	West of Ronda
Asphodelus aestivus	Common Asphodel	Roadsides
Asphodelus albus	White Asphodel	Gargante Verde
Asphodelus fistulosus	Small Asphodel	Tajo del Molino
Dipcadi serotinum	Brown Bluebell	Near El Chorro
Fritillaria lusitanica	Portuguese Fritillary	Near El Chorro
Gagea foliosa	a Yellow Star of Bethlehem	Near El Chorro
Hyacinthoides hispanica (leaves)	Spanish Bluebell	El Torcal
Muscari neglectum Narcissus assoanus	Grape Hyacinth Rush-leaved Jonquil	Near El Chorro
Narcissus assoanus Narcissus bugei	A Daffodil	Sierra de las Nieves
<u> </u>		Sierra de las Nieves
Narcissus cantabricus	White Hooped-petticoat Daffodil	Near El Chorro
Narcissus cuatrecasasii	Rock Jonquil	Hidden Valley Below Grazalema
Narcissus paperaceus Ornithogalum reverchonii*	Paper White Daffodil Star of Bethlehem	Hidden Valley
O. orthophyllum subsp. baeticum	Star of Bethlehem	Hidden Valley
Ruscus aculeatus	Butcher's Broom	El Torcal
	Common Smilax	Gargante Verde
Smilax aspera Urginea maritima (leaves)	Sea Squill	Gargante Verde
orginea manuma (leaves)	Sea Syuiii	Garganie verde
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
Himantoglossum robertianum	Giant Orchid	El Torcal
Ophrys bombyliflora	Bumble Bee Orchid	Below Grazalema

Scientific name	Common name	Location
Ophrys fusca	Sombre Bee Orchid	Gargante Verde
Ophrys lutea	Yellow Bee Orchid	Embalse de Zahara-El-Gastor
Ophrys speculum	Mirror Orchid	Near El Chorro
Ophrys tenthredinifera	Sawfly Orchid	Gargante Verde
Orchis anthropophora	Man Orchid	Near El Chorro
Orchis collina	Fan-lipped Orchid	Near El Burgo
Orchis italica	Naked Man Orchid	El Chorro
Orchis olbiensis	an Early Purple Orchid	Common in mountains
Orchis papilionacea	Pink Butterfly Orchid	Near El Chorro
Poaceae	Grass Family	
Anisantha diandra	Great Brome	Tajo del Molino
Arundo donax	Giant Reed	Common
Avena barbata	Bristle Oat	Tajo del Molino
Avena sterilis	Winter Wild Oat	Finca la Guzmana
Bromus rubens	Red Brome	El Chorro
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot	Zahara
Hyparrhenia hirta	-	Tajo del Molino
Lagurus ovatus	Hare's-tail Grass	Near El Chorro
Lamarckia aurea	Lamarck's Golden Grass	Zahara
Phragmites australis	Common Reed	Pizarra
Poa annua	Annual Meadow Grass	Finca la Guzmana
Stipa tenacissima	-	El Chorro
Typhaceae	Reedmace Family	
Typha latifolia	Bulrush	Pizarra

Fungi

				March						
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Cage Fungus	Clethra rubra		✓						

Birds (H = heard only LO = leader only)

				March						
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Mallard	Anus platyrhynchos					✓	✓		
2	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus							✓	
3	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus					✓			
4	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis		✓						
5	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea					✓			
6	Great Egret	Ardea alba					✓			
7	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta					✓			
8	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo					✓		✓	
9	Eurasian Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
10	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus				✓	✓		✓	
11	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus				✓	✓			
12	Bonelli's Eagle	Aquila fasciata					✓			
13	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus						✓	✓	
14	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni							✓	
15	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	√	✓			✓			

			March							
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
16	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus						✓		
17	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus					✓			
18	Eurasian Coot	Fulicia atra					✓			
19	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus					✓			
20	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos					✓			
21	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus					✓			
22	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis		✓	✓		✓			
23	Lesser black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus					✓			
24	Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon nilotica					✓			
25	Common Pigeon	Columba livia 'feral'	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
26	Rock Dove	Columba livia					✓			
27	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus			√					
28	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	√	✓		√	√	✓	✓	
29	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus			Н					
30	Little Owl	Athene noctua					LO			
31	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba						/		
32	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops				✓	Н	Н		
33	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius			✓			ļ · ·	√	
34	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax	+	✓		✓	✓	/	√	
35	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	+		✓				✓	
36	Northern Raven	Corvus corax	+			√				
37	Coal Tit	Periparus ater		Н		√				
38	Great Tit	Parus major		Н	Н	√	✓	U	✓	
39	European Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	+	ļ · ·	···	Н				
40	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata		/		···	✓	/		
41	Thekla Lark	Galerida thecklae	+	<u> </u>		,		· ·		
42	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	+	/	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	
43	House Martin	Delichon urbicum	+	'	✓	1	✓	1	✓	
44	Red-rumped Swallow	Cercropis daurica	+			·	✓	· ·		
45	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	+				✓			
46	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	+	Н				Н		
47	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapill	+	- ' '		Н		11		
48	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	+	/		Н	Н		Н	
49	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	+	· ·	✓	11 ✓		/	11 ✓	
50	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	+	· ·	· /	· /	✓	· ·	· ·	
51	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	+	· ·		,	•	'	· ✓	
52	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	+	+	Н	Н	Н		<u> </u>	
53	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros	+	✓	✓	' '		✓	✓	
54	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	+	+	_		•	+	∨	
55	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola	+				√	✓	∨	
56	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	+			✓	•	<u> </u>	<u>, , </u>	
57	Black Wheatear	Oenanthe leucura	+						✓	-
58	Common Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis	+			✓			<u> </u>	-
	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola saxatilis Monticola solitarius	+			, v		✓	✓	-
59 60			+	✓	✓	✓	√	V V	∨	
60	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus Prunella collaris	+	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	_ '	∨	•	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	,	
61	Alpine Accentor		+	✓		, v				
62	Dunnock	Prunella modularis	+	✓ ✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓	
63	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	+	_	_	✓	~	•	_	
64	Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta	-		✓					
65	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		✓	'	✓	✓	✓	✓	

				March								
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66	European Serin	Serinus serinus		✓		✓	Н	✓	✓			
67	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris					✓	✓	Н			
68	Eurasian Siskin	Carduelis spinus							✓			
69	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
70	Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra				✓						
71	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		✓			✓		Н			
72	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia					✓	✓	✓			

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Butterflies

			March								
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	1 12	13	14	15	16	
	Papilionidae										
1	Spanish Festoon	Zerynthia rumina							✓		
	Pieridae										
2	Large White	Pieris brassicae				✓	✓				
	Nymphalidae										
3	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta							✓		

Moths (B = Bivouac)

			March							
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Common Carpet	Epirrhoe alternata						✓	✓	
2	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa		В		В				

Other Invertebrates

			March							
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Assassin Bug	Rhinocoris sp.				✓				
2	a Chafer	Oxythera funesta				✓				
3	'Rhino' Dung Beetle	Copris lunaris			✓	✓				
4	Ladybird	Epilachna chrysomelina							✓	

Mammals

				March						
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Spanish Ibex	Capra pyrenaica		23						
2	Red Deer	Cervus elaphus							✓	
3	Brown Hare	Lepus europaeus					✓		✓	
4	Rabbit	Oryctologus cuniculatus							✓	

Amphibians & Reptiles (T = Tadpoles)

				March						
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Newt sp.	Salamandridae sp.		Т						
2	Common Frog	Rana temporaria					✓			
3	Moorish Gecko	Tarentola mauritanica	✓							

Molluscs

						Ма	arch			
	Common name	Scientific name	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Great Grey Slug	Limax maximus					✓			

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