

Wild Flowers of Sicily

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Cretan Scabious



Pale Ophrys



Borage



Ragusa's Nine-spotted Moth

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Summary

Sicily is a fascinating island with a great range of plants. Mount Etna dominates the north-east of the island, resulting in some very specific habitats and endemic plants. The eruptions of Spring 2017 gave us the opportunity to experience a very recent lava flow, as well as seeing how the vegetation starts to colonise the older areas. In the Madonies and the Bosco di Ficuzza, the orchids were particularly fine, despite some confusing variations or hybrids! The birds, insect life and other wildlife were also enjoyed, along with delicious food and comfortable hotels. Thanks to the group members for their contributions too, towards a great week in a delightful location.

Day 1

Wednesday 3rd May

Gatwick to Catania; slopes of Mount Etna

Twelve group members met Jessica and Julia at Gatwick Airport for our 6.35am flight to Catania. Despite some delay in take-off, we made up time in the flight. As we came into land, we could see very clearly the towering cone of Mount Etna, above its ring of cloud. Having collected our luggage, we met the final two group members, who had joined us from the 'Spring Birding in Sicily' tour. We sorted the vehicles, loaded up, and soon joined the north-bound A18. We stopped for a snack lunch at a service station, with smart Spanish or Spanish-Italian hybrid Sparrows hopping around. We left the autostrada at the Giarre exit and made our way up to our hotel, the Case Perrotta on the outskirts of Sant'Alfio, where we received a warm welcome from Valentina. The hotel was once a monastery, then a winery, and has some fascinating and quite quirky buildings. We settled into our rooms and, after a short break, met to start our exploration of the area.

We drove up the road from Case Perrotta, stopping by a little chapel above Milo. Here, we noted the lava which was starting to be colonised by vegetation. The Mount Vesuvius lichen (*Stereocaulon vesuvianum*) is the first coloniser, followed later by plants such as Red Valerian (*Centranthus ruber*), Etna Sorrel (*Rumex scutatus* forma *aetnensis*) and Woad (*Isatis tinctoria* subsp. *canescens*). Etna Broom (*Genista aetnensis*) was common, although not in flower. We also found some Narrow-leaved Lupins (*Lupinus angustifolium*), a tiny pink *Petrorhagia dubia*, a pale form of Fodder Vetch (*Vicia villosa* subsp. *ambigua*), and Jersey Fern (*Anogramma leptophylla*). We found several Clovers, including Hare's-foot (*Trifolium arvensis*), Starry (*T. stellatum*) and *T. cberleri*. A tiny speciality was the Perennial Knawel *Scleranthus perennis* subsp. *vulcanicus*. Neighbouring established woodland held Downy Oak (*Quercus pubescens*). Being under Etna's ring of cloud, we could not see the summit. A Nightingale sang from some scrub, but we could not see it.

We then drove back to Case Perrotta, where we explored the extensive grounds, finding beautiful shows of Woad and Narrow-leaved Lupins, the 'usual'-coloured Fodder Vetch (*Vicia villosa*), and the two-tone pea *Lathyrus chymenum*. Grasses included Hare's-foot Grass (*Lagurus ovatus*) and Large Quaking Grass (*Brizia maxima*).

We met again after a break to discuss plans for the week and to start our checklists, before enjoying a delicious dinner. After such an early start for most, we then retired for some much-needed sleep.

Day 2

Thursday 4th May

Eastern slopes of Etna

Today we travelled from sea to mountain, ascending the eastern slopes of Mount Etna. Early birders reported good sightings of Subalpine Warblers in the grounds plus other species, including the ever-present Hoopoe and Nightingales. After a good breakfast, and with picnic supplies bought, we descended to the coast near Cottone, where the Fiumefreddo River enters the sea. Here, early finds included Three-horned Stock (*Matthiola tricuspidata*), Sea Stock (*Matthiola sinuata*), Sea Rocket (*Cakile maritima*) and Yellow Horned-poppay (*Glaucium flavum*). We were able to compare Crown Daisy with Corn Marigold (*Glebionis coronarium* and *G. segetum*). Tree Sparrows were flitting around the Eucalyptus trees and a Yellow-legged Gull flew by. Some of the group tested the sea temperature and enjoyed a paddle. We then moved on a short distance inland, to the Fiumefreddo Nature Reserve. Fiumefreddo means 'cold river', and the river carries the snow-melt from Etna. The low water temperature allows a number of different species to thrive which are rare elsewhere in Sicily. We parked in the shade and looked at a wall which bore many plants of Phagnalon (*Phagnalon rupestre*) and Annual Bellflower (*Campanula erinus*), before walking down the narrow path to the reserve. We were immediately struck by the lushness of the vegetation. Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*), White Willow (*Salix alba*) and White Poplar (*Populus alba*) towered above us, but so did Yellow Flag (*Iris pseudacorus*), Stinging Nettles (*Urtica dioica*) and Cretan Thistles (*Cirsium creticum*). Other plants included Water Mint (*Mentha aquatica*) and False Fox Sedge (*Carex cuprina*, formerly *C. otrubae*). One of the specialities of the reserve is Papyrus (*Cyperus papyrus siculus*). Cetti's Warbler and a Nightingale were singing, a flock of Bee-eaters passed overhead, and Italian Wall Lizards were enjoying the morning sun. Insects included Lesser Emperor dragonfly, Copper Demoiselle and Speckled Wood. In the adjacent meadow, we found *Lythrum hyssopifolia*, Lesser Swine-cress (*Coronopus didymus*) and plenty of Scarlet Pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis*), though only the red form. Clouded Yellow and Large White butterflies were seen.

We then started to ascend the slopes of Etna, stopping for lunch above Linguaglossa, in what proved to be a very floristically-rich spot. Here we found forms of Green-winged Orchids (*Anacamptis morio* subsp. *morio* and the sparser subsp. *picta*), Toothed Orchids (*Neotinea tridentata*), Roman Orchids (*Dactylorhiza romana*), most of which had gone over but some were in good condition, a spike of Elder-flowered Orchid (*Dactylorhiza sambucina*), Dense-flowered Orchid (*Neotinea maculata*), emerging Pink Butterfly Orchid (*Anacamptis papilionacea*) and Violet Bird's-nest Orchid (*Limodorum arbortivum*). We also found a Green-winged x Pink Butterfly hybrid (*Anacamptis x gennarii*). A shady quarry held carpets of Spring Sowbread (*Cyclamen repandum*), and other plants included Cornflower (*Cyanus segetum*), bright pink Fedia (*Fedia cornucopiae*), and yellow *Biscutella didyma*.

Eventually we continued our climb, with our final main stop being Piano Provenzana (1785 metres) where we saw the 2002/3 lava flow, still very stark and black, but starting to be colonised in places. Here, we found many of the specialised and endemic species which survive in the hostile conditions of the volcano, which we had already seen elsewhere. In areas not affected by this flow, Juniper (*Juniperus communis* subsp. *hemisphaerica*), Etna Barberry (*Berberis aetnensis*), and Etna Milk-vetch (*Astracantha sicula*) sheltered quantities of Etna Pansy (*Viola aetnensis*), in shades from deep purple, through blue, lilac and yellow, to cream. Other plants here included *Potentilla calabra* and Etna Stonecrop (*Sedum aetnensis*), while birds feeding on the larva included Black Redstart, and Northern and Black-eared Wheatears. After a stop for refreshments at one of the bars, we returned to Sant' Alfio. After a break, we met to discuss the day, update our lists, and enjoy another delicious

dinner, before retiring after a long but fascinating day. As part of the feast of Sant'Alfio, local houses, including Case Perrotta, lit small bonfires at their gates at 8pm.

Day 3

Friday 5th May

Mount Etna

Today dawned fine, with some cloud around the summit of Etna. Bee-eater, Cuckoo, Hoopoe and Great Spotted Woodpecker were amongst the early morning birds, while Moorish Geckos and Italian Wall Lizard were seen on building walls. After a delicious breakfast, we set off through Zafferana, where we stopped to buy the picnic. While Jessica and Julia were shopping, group members saw Serin, and many Common plus a few Pallid Swifts. We then continued westwards, climbing the southern slopes of the volcano to reach the Rifugio Sapienza, the starting point for our ascent. Here, at 1900 metres, it was rather more chilly than at lower altitudes.

The first part of our journey was by cablecar to the Piccolo Rifugio at 2500 metres, where we transferred to the 4-wheel drive buses for the climb further, to c.2800 metres, the summit currently being 3340 metres, but changing with any eruption. Etna had been rather active this spring and the landscape had changed, with new lava flows and much new ash and dust coating everything. We climbed through banks of permanent snow and ice but, in general, there was relatively little lying snow, testament both to the warm weather and the volcanic activity. We could see a fumarole above, steaming away. Where we stopped, we were given the opportunity to walk across a lava flow to view an old, collapsed caldera. The lava on which we were walking was only 15 days old – surely the youngest piece of mountain underfoot for any of us! With a small lava flow, it only needs to cool for a few days before it is safe to walk on but, in places, we could feel the heat radiating around us. We had hazy but amazing views in all directions, and a Raven was spotted in the caldera. The wind was stirring the volcanic dust, so we were pleased to have refreshments at the half-way rifugio, before completing our descent to the car park. The whole group agreed it had been an amazing experience.

We then drove down south-westwards, finding a picnic spot in the shade by the Astrophysics Observatory. Exploring the area, we saw again species we'd seen the previous day such as Etna Tansy (*Tanacetum siculus*), Etna Barberry (*Berberis aetnensis*) and the leaves of the Ragwort *Senecio ambiguus*. We found a couple of plants with very tiny but beautiful flowers: the vetch *Vicia lathyroides*, and the Forget-me-not *Myosotis incrassata*. A Queen of Spain Fritillary was seen. Moving on, we stopped by an area of scrubby trees in a lava flow, finding a few spikes of Elder-flowered Orchid (*Dactylorhiza sambucina*) in shades of salmon-pink. Two Rock Buntings were seen on the lava flow, and a Blue Tit was nesting in a hole in the lava. We then drove back past the Rifugio Sapienza, stopping at a more extensive area of Sweet Chestnut woodland. Under the trees were carpets of the golden Leopard's-bane *Doronicum orientale*, plus Southern Daisy (*Bellis sylvestris*). There were more Elder-flowered Orchids here, in the more usual magenta and lemon shades. We also found many emerging spikes of Greater Broomrape (*Orobanche rapum-genistae*) parasitising the Etna Broom (*Genista aetnensis*). Common Blue and Small Heath butterflies were noted.

We then returned to Sant'Alfio. Along the way we passed several specimens of Manna Ash (*Fraxinus ornus*) and extensive stands of the yellow Thorny Broom (*Calicotome infesta*). A band was playing at several localities, including Case Perrotta, as part of the feast of Sant'Alfio, and another small bonfire was lit at the hotel gate at 8pm.

Day 4

Saturday 6th May

Transfer to Madonie Mountains

Today we moved on to our second destination, in the Madonie Mountains, further west, towards the north coast of the island. The geology of the Madonies is predominantly Carboniferous and Dolomitic limestone, and so provides a very different habitat and flora to that of Mount Etna.

We stopped to shop in Sant'Alfio, where everyone was preparing for the feast of their saints, and we were serenaded by another band. We then dropped down to the A18 towards Catania, then turning west on the A19. Along the way we noted Spotless Starlings, perched on the barriers on the edge of the autostrada, and some beautiful stretches of Blue Stonecrop (*Sedum caeruleum*), a reddish plant with pale blue flowers, and a Sicilian speciality. As we continued westwards, we saw large areas of Italian Sainfoin (*Hedysarum coronarium*), a native plant which is also cultivated as a fodder crop. We stopped for a break near Enna, where the blue form of Scarlet Pimpernel was found. We turned off the autostrada at Tremonzelli, towards Castellana Sicula, stopping after a few kilometres to look at the verges and field margins. Here we admired the wild Sweet Pea (*Lathyrus odoratus*), Italian Gladiolus (*Gladiolus italicus*), Yellow Asphodel (*Asphodeline lutea*), and Borage (*Borago officinalis*), amongst other species. A strange musty smell was linked to a tree infested with bright green beetles, later identified as the blister beetle Spanish Fly, which emits this odour. Corn Buntings were singing their jangly songs.

We stopped for lunch on the edge of Castellana Sicula, where Horse-chestnut trees provided some shade. We then took the road towards Petralia Soprana, stopping just below a hairpin bend to explore the grassy area. Here, we found many spikes of Sombre Bee Orchid (*Ophrys fusca* agg.), together with Pink Butterfly Orchids (*Anacamptis papilionacea* var. *grandiflora*), Long-spurred orchids (*Anacamptis morio* subsp. *longicornis*), dark Ophrys (*Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *atrata*), Bertoloni's Bee Orchid (*Ophrys bertolonii*), Plough-share and Common Tongue Orchids (*Serapias vomeracea* and *S. lingua*), and a hybrid between them, *S. × intermedia*. We had to be very careful where we put our feet! Other plants included Bithynian Vetch and a pale blue form of Fodder Vetch (*Vicia bithynica* and *V. villosa*), Field Eryngo (*Eryngium campestre*) and big patches of Yellow Asphodel, while the sculptural *Carthamus pinnatus* and Red Star Thistle (*Centaurea calcitrapa*) were in the layby. Butterflies included Common Blue, Brown Argus and Clouded Yellow, a bright red Ladybird Spider was photographed and we found caterpillars of two moths, a Lackey and of Grass Eggar. Swallows were swooping low, and a male Stonechat showed well.

Eventually, we had to tear ourselves away from this beautiful place. We continued to climb up into the mountains, enjoying the views down to the sea to our north, and the late-afternoon sun. We soon arrived at our hotel, the Pomieri, which is perched on a hill with all-round views of the mountains, and was our base for the next four nights. We received a warm welcome from Ezio, Jacopo and Giuseppe, and soon settled into our rooms before meeting to discuss the day and enjoy a good dinner.

Day 5

Sunday 7th May

Vallone Madonna degli Angeli and Piano Battaglia

We woke to another fine, sunny and breezy day. Our main objective was to visit the Vallone Madonna degli Angeli, below Monte San Salvatore, which holds the last remaining site for the very rare Nebrod or Sicilian

Fir (*Abies nebrodensis*). About forty or so mature trees remain in the world, although there are a number of seedlings (all carefully tagged and recorded). Most of the group were dropped at the start of the walk, with time to explore, while a couple, plus Jessica and Julia, went on to the hill-top village of Polizza Generosa, where Jessica and Julia shopped for the picnic. As we were driving, a black Western Whip Snake crossed the road in front of us. Retracing our steps a little, we then parked in an area of Corsican Pine (*Pinus nigra* subsp. *laricio*), by the gates marking the start of the walk. A small hillock to the right of the path immediately drew our attention, with *Iris pseudopumila*, and several different *Ophrys*. The *Ophrys* species are quite confusing, as differences between them are slight, and they hybridise readily. While some botanists class them as separate species, there is a move now, with DNA analysis, only to recognise them as, at best, subspecies or only as varietal forms. We found an endemic variant of the Yellow Bee Orchid (*Ophrys lutea* subsp. *galilea*), recognised by some as *Ophrys archimedeae*. More straightforward was Brancifort's Orchid (*Orchis brancifortii*).

We set off up the path, initially through trees; a Short-toed Treecreeper and Coal Tit were seen, while others reported Firecrest. Near the first bend we found Naked Man Orchid (*Orchis italica*), Man Orchid (*Orchis anthropophora*), more Brancifort's Orchid, Yellow Bee Orchid (*Ophrys lutea*) and *Ophrys tenthredinifera* var. *grandiflora*, a Sicilian form of Sawfly Orchid. The track began to rise, becoming stonier, and with scree and cliffs to the sides. In this apparently very dry habitat, we found Golden Drops (*Onosma echioides* subsp. *canescens*), Candytuft (*Iberis pruitii*), mauve Sicilian Sad Stock (*Matthiola fruticulosa* var. *sicula*), the stunning blue flax, *Linum punctatum*, an endemic Alison, *Alyssum nebrodense*, and Amelanchier (*Amelanchier ovalis*) in full flower. Further up was the bellflower Edraianthus (*Edraianthus graminifolium*), Spring Cyclamen (*Cyclamen repandum*) were growing under the trees and bushes, and a surprise was a large and flowering spike of Violet Bird's-nest Orchid (*Limodorum abortivum*). Butterflies included Little Blue, and we also noted a couple of Humming-bird Hawk-moths. Where the path divided, we scanned the hillsides opposite, seeing a number of the trees. Some of us then took the right hand 'Sentiero Abies', and soon found a specimen tree and several seedlings, although surrounding vegetation made photography quite challenging.

We ate our picnic on the low walls by the start of the walk before driving back up the road and stopping by some rocky meadows. Here we found many more Brancifort's Orchids, together with two forms of Yellow Bee Orchid (*Ophrys lutea* subsp. *lutea*, and one spike of *Ophrys lutea* subsp. *galilea*, formerly known as *Ophrys sicula*), and some fine Bertoloni's Bee Orchid (*Ophrys bertolonii*). We also noted the sculptural basal-leaf rosettes of *Jurinea bocconii* and *Carthamus pinnatus*. Unfortunately, the rifugio where we had planned to stop for coffee was closed, so we moved on.

We then explored the top of Piano Battaglia. This is an area of boulder-strewn hillsides, at 1600 metres above sea level, with streams leading to a sink hole. We walked through the Daisies (*Bellis perennis* var. *strobliana*) and white stars of Mountain Star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum montanum*), with patches of Yellow Star of Bethlehem (*Gagea liotardii*). By the sink hole, where snow had lain longer, we found the deep blue Alpine Squill (*Scilla bifolia*) and pink Bird-in-a-bush (*Corydalis solida*) together with Lesser Celandine (*Ficaria verna* agg.). A large patch of Tazetta or Bunch-flowered Narcissi (*Narcissus tazetta*) was found by a stream, but the flowers were pretty well over. A flock of Red-billed Choughs were playing about, along with Hooded Crows, while Cirl Buntings were heard. We returned to the hotel, with time for a break or for local exploration, before meeting to go through our lists, discuss plans, and enjoy another excellent meal.

Day 6

Monday 8th May

Bosco di Ficuzza

Today, we set out to explore the Bosco di Ficuzza, some distance from Pomieri, but known to be a good place for orchids. We set off over Piano Battaglia and down towards Piano Torre. We stopped to admire some fine white Peonies (*Paeonia mascula*) by the road, along with carpets of Spring Sowbread (*Cyclamen repandum*), then in Collesano to shop for our picnic. A little further on, we stopped just after a bend to explore a rough field. Here we found a spiked Star of Bethlehem, *Ornithogalum narbonense*, tall, pinkish and some white heads of *Allium nigrum*, Rosy Garlic (*Allium roseum*) and an *Allium* with white starry flowers, *Allium subhirsutum*. Further exploration of the meadow showed quantities of the beautiful Blue Convolvulus (*Convolvulus tricolor*), the golden thistle-like Oyster Plant (*Scolymus grandiflora*), and the blue thistle-like *Carthamus caeruleus*. We found two different Yellow Star-thistles, not quite in flower: the usual *Centaurea solstitialis*, which has a winged stem, and *Centaurea sicula*, which does not. As we were about to leave, we also found some large spikes of *Ornithogalum arabicum* and Blue Hound's-tongue (*Cynoglossis creticum*). Turtle Doves were purring, and amongst the insect life we found Red-veined Darter dragonflies and Aetherie Fritillary, the latter a very localised species of southern Iberia, Sicily and north Africa.

We continued down to Campofelice where we stopped for fuel, and towards Palermo before continuing on to the Villabate exit, shortly before the outskirts of the city. From here we drove south-west down as far as Bolognetta, where we joined the SS118. After the town of Marineo we passed the Lago dello Scanzano and turned up towards Ficuzza, where King Fernando III (of Sicily, but IV of Naples) had a grand hunting lodge. We stopped for refreshments in this tiny village before continuing to climb into the woodland, which lies underneath the imposing Rocca Busambra.

We drove further up the hillside, finding a pull-in with magnificent views. The group explored while Jessica and Julia prepared lunch and, afterwards, we explored together. Here we found our target species, Pale Ophrys (*Ophrys fusca* subsp. *pallida*), of which most of the world population grows only in this area. Once we had got our eyes tuned to this small *Ophrys*, we found quite a number of spikes, some very fresh. We also found Provence Orchid (*Orchis provincialis*), a few spikes of Sombre Bee Orchid (*Ophrys fusca* agg.), Long-spurred Orchid (*Anacamptis morio* subsp. *longicornu*) and Tongue Orchids (*Serapias lingua*). A patch of the small blue iris Barbary Nut (*Moraea sisyrinchium*) was nice to see, as they only flower in the afternoon. Other species included Pink Hawk's-beard (*Crepis rubra*), some specimens of which had a very yellowish tinge, indicating hybridisation, probably with the yellow Smooth Hawk's-beard (*Crepis capillaris*), and plenty of starry-flowered *Allium subhirsutum*. Insects included the strange-looking Ascalaphids, and we had excellent views of the Sicilian subspecies of Long-tailed Tit. Eventually we moved back down towards the village where we explored another area, finding Beaked Ophrys (*Ophrys fuciflora* subsp. *oxyrrhyncos*) and Naked Man Orchid (*Orchis italica*). It was then time to set out on the long journey home, returning via Castellana Sicula. We enjoyed the evening light and beautiful views, until these were obscured by low cloud which enveloped the hotel. We all agreed that it had been a very enjoyable day.

Some of the group had opted to walk from the hotel, climbing the mountain opposite the hotel. They reported, amongst other sightings, Peonies, Nebrod Thrift (*Armeria canescens* subsp. *nebrodense*), Choughs and Glanville Fritillary butterfly. They too had had an excellent day.

Day 7

Tuesday 9th May

Isnello; Gibilmanna; Isnello Gorge

It was cooler and cloudier today, as we set off, up over Piano Battaglia. Our first stop was at below Piano Torre, where we found several spikes of the beautiful Lacaita's Ophrys (*Ophrys fuciflora* subsp. *lacaitae*). There was a good patch of Round-leaved Birthwort (*Aristolochia rotunda*) on the verge as well. We then moved down to the hillside village of Isnello, where we parked and explored the narrow streets and the market, while Jessica and Julia shopped for the picnic.

Our main destination for the morning was an area around the Sanctuary of Gibilmanna, on the north-facing slope of the Madonies. We parked below the church and set off along a footpath. Very soon we were finding spikes of Violet Limodore (*Limodorum abortivum*), with several growing close together in the light shade of Holm Oaks (*Quercus ilex*). Nearby were large, dark red spikes of a Broomrape, *Orobanche variegata*. Three species of Cistus: Sage-leaved (*Cistus salviflorus* with large white flowers), Narrow-leaved (*Cistus monspeliensis* with small white flowers) and the pink *Cistus creticus* were all abundant, indicating a more Mediterranean feel to the flora. As the path progressed, we also found Spotted Rock-rose (*Tuberaria guttata*), French Lavender (*Lavendula stoechas*) and Tree Heather (*Erica arborea*). It was pleasantly warm in the sun. We returned along the same path, overlooking a turquoise sea, so different from the mountains we had left.

We descended to a shady meadow for our final picnic, where Nuthatches were feeding amongst the Oak trees. We then retraced our steps towards Isnello, stopping at the river gorge before the village. On the rock faces were Cretan Scabious (*Scabiosa cretica*) with beautiful seedheads, while other plants above the gorge included Tree Spurge (*Euphorbia dendroides*), Crupina (*Crupina crupinastrum*), Bladder Vetch (*Tripodion tetraphyllum*) and Dodder (*Cuscuta epithymum*), together with an endemic Genista (*Genista ephedroides*). House Martins were nesting under the road bridge and a few Sand Martins were also seen, while Sicilian Wall Lizards and a Ragusa's Nine-spotted moth (a more southern species than the usual Nine-spotted, which is not in Sicily) gave prolonged views.

We decided then to return to Isnello, for a genuine 'gelato', which we enjoyed in the afternoon sun. A Fox walked down the pavement before disappearing through a fence, while on the return journey a group of Fallow Deer were seen. After a break, we met to complete our lists and enjoy our last dinner together, comparing notes on the highlights of an excellent week..

Day 8

Wednesday 10th May

Hotel Pomieri to Catania, to London Gatwick

We had a very early start this morning, in order to be at Catania for our morning flight back to Gatwick. The hotel staff were all there to give us an early breakfast and to wish us well. We said our farewells and thanks, travelling along a newly-opened route to the autostrada. We had excellent views of Mount Etna, with its steam hanging in the clear air. The journey went smoothly and we made good time, returning home with many memories and photographs of an enjoyable week, exploring the Wild Flowers (plus birds, butterflies and other insects, and reptiles!) of Sicily.

Species Lists:

Plants (** = Endemic to Sicily; * = Endemic to Italy and Sicily)

The layout of the plant list, and plant names have been updated in line with current taxonomy (mainly based on DNA studies)

| Scientific name | Common name | Location/Notes |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| PTERIDOPHYTES | | |
| Lycophytes | | |
| Selaginellaceae | | |
| <i>Selaginella denticulata</i> | Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Clubmoss | Gibilmanna |
| Calamophytes | | |
| Equisetaceae | | |
| <i>Equisetum telmateia</i> | Horsetail Family Giant Horsetail | Fiumefreddo |
| Leptosporangiate Ferns | | |
| Aspleniaceae | | |
| <i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i> | True Ferns Spleenwort Family Black Spleenwort Rustyback Irish Spleenwort Forked Spleenwort Maidenhair Spleenwort | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Asplenium ceterach</i> | | Above Milo |
| <i>Asplenium onopteris</i> | | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Asplenium septentrionale</i> | | Below Etna |
| <i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> | | Case Perrotta |
| Cystopteraceae | | |
| <i>Cystopteris fragilis</i> | Bladder-fern Family Brittle Bladder-fern | Above Linguaglossa |
| Dennstaedtiaceae | | |
| <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> | Bracken Family Bracken | Fiumefreddo |
| Dryopteridaceae | | |
| <i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> | Male-fern Family Male-fern | Gibilmanna |
| Polypodiaceae | | |
| <i>Polypodium cambricum</i> | Polypody Family Southern Polypody | Case Perrotta |
| Pteridaceae | | |
| <i>Anogramma leptophylla</i> | Ribbon Fern Family Jersey Fern | Above Milo |
| GYMNOSPERMS | | |
| Cupressaceae | | |
| <i>Juniperus communis</i> (ssp. <i>hemisphaericum</i>) | CONIFERS Juniper Family Juniper Prickly Juniper | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> | | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| Pinaceae | | |
| <i>Abies nebrodensis</i> ** | Pine Family Sicilian Fir (Nebro Pine) Aleppo Pine Corsican Pine Stone or Umbrella Pine | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Pinus halepensis</i> | | Lower slopes of Etna |
| <i>Pinus nigra</i> subsp. <i>laricio</i> | | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Pinus pinea</i> | | Roadsides near Catania |

| Scientific name | Common name | Location/Notes |
|---|---|--|
| ANGIOSPERMS | | |
| Pre-dicots | | |
| Aristolochiaceae | | |
| <i>Aristolochia rotunda</i> | Birthwort Family Birthwort | Piano Torre |
| Eu-dicots | | |
| Acanthaceae | | |
| <i>Acanthus mollis</i> | Bear's-breech Family Bear's-breech | Fiumefreddo and roadsides |
| Adoxaceae | | |
| <i>Sambucus ebulus</i> <i>Sambucus nigra</i> | Moschatel Family Dwarf Elder Elder | Fiumefreddo Roadsides nr Castellana Sicula |
| Anacardiaceae | | |
| <i>Pistacia terebinthus</i> <i>Pistacia lentiscus</i> | Sumach Family Turpentine Tree Lentisk | Isnello Gorge Gibilmanna |
| Apiaceae | | |
| <i>Anthriscus nemerosa</i> <i>Cachrys ferulacea</i> <i>Conium maculatum</i> <i>Daucus carota</i> <i>Elaeoselinum asclepium</i> <i>Eryngium campestre</i> <i>Ferula communis</i> subsp. <i>communis</i> <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> <i>Laserpitium siler</i> subsp. <i>garganicum</i> <i>Oenanthe globulosa</i> <i>Opoponax chironium</i> <i>Orlaya kochii</i> <i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i> <i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i> ssp. <i>rotundifolium</i> <i>Thapsia garganica</i> | Carrot Family A Cow Parsley - Hemlock Wild Carrot Elaeoselinum Field Eryngo Giant Fennel Fennel A Sermountain Water Dropwort Hercules All-heal An Orlaya Shepherd's Needles Perfoliate Alexanders Thapsia | Nr Zafferana Common round Piano Battaglia Nr Castellana Sicula Isnello Gorge Bosco di Ficuzza (leaves) Below Petralia Soprana Roadsides Case Perrotta Vallone Madonna degli Angeli Below Petralia Soprana Vallone Madonna degli Angeli (leaves) Vallone Madonna degli Angeli Vallone Madonna degli Angeli Above Linguaglossa Above Milo (leaves) |
| Apocynaceae | | |
| <i>Nerium oleander</i> | Periwinkle Family Oleander | Planted |
| Aquifoliaceae | | |
| <i>Ilex aquifolia</i> | Holly Family Holly | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| Araliaceae | | |
| <i>Hedera helix</i> | Ivy Family Ivy | Above Linguaglossa |
| Berberidaceae | | |
| <i>Berberis aetnensis</i> | Barberry Family Etna Barberry | Piano Provenzana |
| Betulaceae | | |
| <i>Betula aetnensis</i> ** <i>Corylus avellana</i> | Birch Family Etna Birch Hazel | Piano Provenzana Above Linguaglossa |
| Boraginaceae | | |
| <i>Anchusa cretica</i> | Borage Family Cretan Alkanet | Above Milo |

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| <i>Borago officinalis</i> | Borage | Nr Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Cerintho majus</i> | Honeywort | Nr Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Cynoglossum creticum</i> | Blue Hound's-tongue | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Echium italicum</i> | Pale Bugloss | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Echium plantagineum</i> | Purple Viper's-bugloss | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Myosotis incrassata</i> | a Forget-me-not | Below Etna |
| <i>Myosotis sylvatica</i> | Wood Forget-me-not | Piano Battaglia roadside |
| <i>Onosma echioides</i> subsp. <i>canescens</i> | Golden Drops | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Symphytum gussonei</i> ** | A Comfrey | Near Hotel Pomieri |
| Brassicaceae | | |
| <i>Aetheonema saxatile</i> | Burnt Candytuft | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Alyssum nebrodense</i> ** | An Alyssum | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> | Thale Cress | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Arabis alpina</i> subsp. <i>caucasica</i> | Alpine Rockcress | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Arabis turrita</i> | Tower Cress | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Arabis verna</i> | Spring Rockcress | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i> | an Aubrieta | Piano Battaglia roadside |
| <i>Barbarea bracteosa</i> | A Wintercress | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Biscutella didyma</i> | A Buckler-mustard | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Bunias erucago</i> | Bunias | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Cakile maritima</i> | Sea Rocket | Cottone |
| <i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i> | Shepherd's-purse | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Coronopus didymus</i> | Lesser Swine-cress | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Erophila verna</i> | Whitlow Grass | Below Etna |
| <i>Erysimum bonannianum</i> ** | A Treacle-mustard | Above Milo |
| <i>Hirschfeldia incana</i> | Hoary Mustard | Roadsides |
| <i>Iberis pruitii</i> | A Candytuft | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Isatis tinctoria</i> subsp. <i>canescens</i> | Woad | Above Milo |
| <i>Lepidium hirtum</i> subsp. <i>nebrodense</i> | - | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Matthiola fruticulosa</i> var. <i>sicula</i> ** | Sad Stock | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Matthiola sinuata</i> | Sea Stock | Cottone |
| <i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i> | Three-horned Stock | Cottone |
| <i>Sisymbrium officinale</i> | Hedge Mustard | Case Perrotta |
| Campanulaceae | | |
| <i>Campanula dichotoma</i> | a Bellflower | Near Case Perrotta |
| <i>Campanula erinus</i> | Annual Bellflower | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Edraianthus graminifolius</i> | Edraianthus | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Legousia falcata</i> | Spicate Venus's Looking-glass | Meadows nr V. Madonna degli Angeli |
| Caprifoliaceae | | |
| <i>Centranthus ruber</i> | Red Valerian | Above Milo |
| <i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> | Teasel | Roadsides |
| <i>Fedia cornucopiae</i> | Fedia | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Lonicera etrusca</i> | Etruscan Honeysuckle | Near Hotel Pomieri |
| <i>Scabiosa cretica</i> | - | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Valeriana tuberosa</i> | A Valerian | Below Piano Battaglia |
| Caryophyllaceae | | |
| <i>Arenaria grandiflora</i> | Large-flowered Sandwort | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Cerastium tomentosum</i> | Snow-in-Summer | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |

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| <i>Petrorhagia dubia</i> (velutina) | A Childing Pink | Above Milo |
| <i>Petrorhagia saxifraga</i> | Tunic Flower | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Saponaria sicula</i> | Sicilian Soapwort | Piano Provenzana (leaves) |
| <i>Scleranthus aetnensis</i> ** | a Knawel | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Scleranthus marginatus</i> | a Knawel | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Scleranthus perennis</i> subsp. <i>vulcanicus</i> ** | a Perennial Knawel | Above Milo |
| <i>Silene conica</i> | Sand Catchfly | Above Milo |
| <i>Silene fuscata</i> | A Catchfly | Nr Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Silene gallica</i> | Small-flowered Catchfly | Above Milo |
| <i>Silene italica</i> | Italian Catchfly | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Silene latifolia</i> | White Campion | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Silene vulgaris</i> | Bladder campion | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Spergularia rubra</i> | Sand Spurrey | Below Etna |
| <i>Stellaria media</i> | Common Chickweed | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Stellaria neglecta</i> | Greater Chickweed | |
| Cistaceae | Rockrose Family | |
| <i>Cistus creticus</i> | Cretan Cistus | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Cistus monspeliensis</i> | Narrow-leaved Cistus | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Cistus salvifolius</i> | Sage-leaved Cistus | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Fumana thymifolia</i> | Thyme-leaved Fumana | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Helianthemum nummularium</i> ssp. <i>grandiflorum</i> | Rock-rose | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i> ssp. <i>italicum</i> | Hoary Rock-rose | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Tuberaria guttata</i> | Spotted Rock-rose | Gibilmanna |
| Compositae (Asteraceae) | Daisy Family | |
| <i>Andryala integrifolia</i> | Andryala | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Anthemis aetnensis</i> ** | Etna Daisy | Nr Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Anthemis arvensis</i> | Corn Chamomile | Above Milo |
| <i>Anthemis cretica</i> (montana) | - | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Artemisia alba</i> | A Wormwood | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Artemisia arborescens</i> | A Wormwood | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Bellis annua</i> | Annual Daisy | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Bellis perennis</i> (var. <i>strobliana</i> **) | Daisy | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Bellis sylvestris</i> | Southern Daisy | Below Etna |
| <i>Calendula arvensis</i> | Field Marigold | Nr Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i> | Plymouth Thistle | |
| <i>Carduus macrocephalus</i> (subsp. <i>siculus</i>) | - | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i> | Slender Thistle | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Carlina nebrodensis</i> ** | Nebro Carlina Thistle | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Carthamus</i> (<i>Carducellus</i>) <i>caeruleus</i> | Carduncellus | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Carthamus</i> (<i>Carduncellus</i>) <i>pinnatus</i> | - | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Centaurea busambarensis</i> ** | a grey-leaved Knapweed | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i> | Red Star-thistle | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Centaurea cyanus</i> | Cornflower | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Centaurea napifolia</i> | a Knapweed | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Centaurea sicula</i> | a Yellow Star-thistle | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> | Yellow Star-thistle | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Cirsium creticum</i> | Cretan Thistle | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Crepis capillaris</i> | Smooth Hawk's-beard | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Crepis rubra</i> | Pink Hawk's-beard | Bosco di Ficuzza |

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| <i>Crepis capillaris</i> x <i>C. rubra</i> | a hybrid Hawk's-beard | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Crupina crupinastrum</i> | Crupina | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Dittrichia viscosa</i> | Woody Fleabane (Stink Aster) | Cottone |
| <i>Doronicum orientale</i> | a Leopard's-bane | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Filago (Evax) astericifolia</i> | Greater Evax | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Filago (Evax) pygmaea</i> | Evax | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Filago vulgaris</i> | Common Cudweed | Above Milo |
| <i>Galactites tomentosa</i> | Galactites | Roadsides |
| <i>Glebionis coronarium</i> | Crown Daisy | Cottone |
| <i>Glebionis segetum</i> | Corn Marigold | Cottone |
| <i>Helichrysum nebrodensis</i> ** | An Everlasting | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Helichrysum stoechas</i> | Curry Plant | Above Milo |
| <i>Hyoseris radiata</i> | Hyoseris | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Jacobea ambigua</i> (<i>Senecio ambiguus</i>)** | A Ragwort | Above Milo (lvs) |
| <i>Jacobea candida</i> (<i>Senecio candidus</i>)** | A Ragwort | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli (lvs) |
| <i>Jurinea bocconii</i> | Jurinea | Meadows nr Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Launaea resedifolia</i> | - | Above Milo |
| <i>Notobasis syriaca</i> | Syrian Thistle | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Pallenis spinosa</i> | Pallenis | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Phagnalon rupestre</i> | Phagnalon | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Ptilostemon stellatus</i> | Annual Ptilostemon | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Ragadiolus edulis</i> | - | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Scolymus grandiflorus</i> | Oyster Plant | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Senecio squalidus</i> subsp. <i>aethnensis</i> ** | A Ragwort | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Senecio vulgaris</i> | Groundsel | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Silybum marianum</i> | Milk Thistle | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Tanacetum siculum</i> | Etna Tansy | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Tragopogon hybridum</i> | Hybrid Goat's-beard | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i> | Salsify | Isnello |
| <i>Tussilago farfara</i> | Colt's-foot | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Urospermum dalechampii</i> | Urospermum | Fiumefreddo |
| Convolvulaceae | Bindweed Family | |
| <i>Calystegia silvatica</i> | Large Bindweed | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> | Mallow-leaved Bindweed | Roadsides |
| <i>Convolvulus arvensis</i> | Field Bindweed | Roadsides |
| <i>Convolvulus tricolor</i> | - | Nr Collesano |
| <i>Cuscuta epithimum</i> | Common Dodder | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Cuscuta campestris</i> | Field Dodder | Isnello Gorge |
| Crassulaceae | Stonecrop Family | |
| <i>Sedum aetnense</i> ** | Etna Stonecrop | Piano Provenzana (lvs) |
| <i>Sedum caeruleum</i> | Blue Stonecrop | Roadsides |
| <i>Sedum forsterianum</i> | Rock Stonecrop | Above Milo |
| <i>Sedum hispanicum</i> | Spanish Stonecrop | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli (lvs) |
| <i>Sedum rubens</i> | Red Stonecrop | Below Etna |
| <i>Sedum stellatum</i> | Starry Stonecrop | Above Milo (lvs) |
| <i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i> | A Wall Pennywort | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Umbilicus rupestris</i> | Wall Pennywort | Above Milo |

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| Ericaceae | Heather Family | |
| <i>Erica arborea</i> | Tree Heather | Gibilmanna |
| Euphorbiaceae | Spurge Family | |
| <i>Euphorbia characias</i> | Large Mediterranean Spurge | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Euphorbia dendroides</i> | Tree Spurge | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i> | Sun Spurge | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Euphorbia maculata</i> | Spotted Spurge | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Euphorbia rigida</i> | Narrow-leaved Glaucous Spurge | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Ricinus communis</i> | Castor Oil Plant | Above Milo |
| Fagaceae | Beech Family | |
| <i>Castanea sativa</i> | Sweet Chestnut | Slopes of Etna |
| <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> | Beech | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Quercus ilex</i> | Holly Oak | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Quercus petraea</i> | Durmast Oak | Nr Hotel Pomieri |
| <i>Quercus pubescens</i> | Downy Oak | Slopes of Etna |
| <i>Quercus suber</i> | Cork Oak | Nr Piano Torre |
| Gentianaceae | Gentian Family | |
| <i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> | Yellow-wort | Isnello |
| Geraniaceae | Geranium Family | |
| <i>Erodium cicutarium</i> | Common Stork's-bill | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Geranium lucidum</i> | Shining Crane's-bill | Above Milo |
| <i>Geranium molle</i> | Dove's-foot Crane's-bill | Above Milo |
| <i>Geranium purpureum</i> | Little Robin | Above Milo |
| <i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i> | Hedgerow Crane's-bill | Nr Piano Torre |
| <i>Geranium sanguineum</i> | Bloody Crane's-bill | Nr Pollizzi Generosa |
| Hypericaceae | St. John's Wort Family | |
| <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> | a St. John's-wort | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> | Perforate St. John's-wort | Gibilmanna |
| Lamiaceae | Dead-nettle Family | |
| <i>Ajuga orientalis</i> | Oriental Bugle | Nr Gibilmanna |
| <i>Clinopodium (Acinos) alpinum</i> | Alpine Basil Thyme | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i> | Henbit Dead-nettle | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Lamium maculatum</i> | Spotted Dead-nettle | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Lavandula stoechas</i> | French Lavender | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Melittis melissophyllum</i> | Bastard Balm | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Mentha aquatica</i> | Water Mint | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Mentha arvensis</i> | Corn Mint | Below Petralia Sporana |
| <i>Mentha pulegium</i> | Pennyroyal | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Micromeria graeca (M. consentina*)</i> | - | Above Milo |
| <i>Origanum vulgare</i> | Marjoram | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Prasium majus</i> | Prasium | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Salvia verbenaca</i> | Wild Clary | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Sideritis romana</i> | - | Cottone |
| <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> | Wild Thyme | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Teucrium scorodonia</i> | Wood Sage | Gibilmanna |

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| Leguminosae (Fabaceae) | Pea Family | |
| <i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> agg. | Kidney Vetch | Below Petralia Sporana |
| <i>Astragalus depressus</i> | Sprawling Milk-vetch | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Astragalus hamosus</i> | - | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Astracantha (Astragalus) nebrodensis</i> ** | - | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Astracantha (Astragalus) siculus</i> ** | Etna Milk-vetch | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Bitumaria bituminosa</i> | Pitch Trefoil | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Calycotome infesta</i> | Thorny Broom | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Calycotome villosa</i> | - | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Cytisus villosus</i> | Hairy Broom | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Genista aetnensis</i> ** | Etna Broom | Slopes of Etna |
| <i>Genista cupanii</i> ** | an endemic Greenweed | Hotel Pomieri |
| <i>Genista ephedroides</i> * | an endemic Greenweed | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Hedysarum coronarium</i> | Italian Sainfoin | Common in west |
| <i>Hippocrepis emerus</i> subsp. <i>emeroides</i> | A Scorpion-vetch | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Lathyrus aphaca</i> | Yellow Vetchling | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Lathyrus clymenum</i> | - | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Lathyrus odoratus</i> ** | Sweet Pea | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Lathyrus setifolius</i> | Red Vetchling | Above Milo |
| <i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i> | - | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Lotus pedunculatus</i> | Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Lotus tetragonolobus (T. purpureus)</i> | Asparagus Pea | Below Petralia Sporana |
| <i>Lupinus angustifolius</i> | Narrow-leaved Lupin | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Medicago lupulina</i> | Black Medick | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Medicago orbicularis</i> | Disc Medick | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Melilotus italicus</i> | a Melilot | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Ornithopus compressus</i> | Compressed Bird's-foot | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> | False Acacia | Roadsides |
| <i>Spartium junceum</i> | Spanish Broom | Roadsides |
| <i>Trifolium arvense</i> | Hare's-foot Clover | Above Milo |
| <i>Trifolium campestre</i> | Hop Trefoil | Above Milo |
| <i>Trifolium cherleri</i> | - | Above Milo |
| <i>Trifolium incarnatum</i> subsp. <i>molineri</i> | - | Above Milo |
| <i>Trifolium repens</i> | White Clover | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Trifolium resupinatum</i> | Reversed Clover | Near Collesano |
| <i>Trifolium stellatum</i> | Starry Clover | Above Milo |
| <i>Trifolium subterraneum</i> | Burrowing Clover | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Trifolium tomentosum</i> | Woolly Trefoil | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Tripodion (Anthyllis) tetraphyllum</i> | Bladder Vetch | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Vicia bithynica</i> | - | Below Petralia Sporana |
| <i>Vicia faba</i> | Broad Bean | Fields |
| <i>Vicia hybrida</i> | Hairy Yellow Vetch | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Vicia lathyroides</i> | - | Below Etna |
| <i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>nigra</i> | Small Common Vetch | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Vicia tetrasperma</i> | Smooth Tare | Below Etna |
| <i>Vicia villosa</i> | Fodder Vetch | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Vicia villosa</i> subsp. <i>ambigua</i> | Fodder Vetch (pale) | Above Milo |
| Linaceae | Flax Family | |
| <i>Linum bienne</i> | Biennial Flax | Near Collesano |
| <i>Linum punctatum</i> | A Flax | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Linum strictum</i> | Upright Yellow Flax | Near Collesano |

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| Lythraceae <i>Lythrum hyssopifolia</i> | Loosestrife Family - | Fiumefreddo |
| Malvaceae <i>Lavatera arborea</i> <i>Lavatera trimestris</i> <i>Malva sylvestris</i> | Mallow Family Tree Mallow Annual Mallow Common Mallow | Roadsides Near Collesano Case Perrotta |
| Moraceae <i>Ficus carica</i> | Mulberry Family Fig | Scattered |
| Oleaceae <i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> <i>Fraxinus ornus</i> <i>Olea europaea</i> | Olive Family Narrow-leaved Ash Flowering Ash Olive | Bosco di Ficuzza Near Zafferana Common |
| Orobanchaceae <i>Bartsia (Bellardia) trixago</i> <i>Odontites bocconii**</i> <i>Orobanche minor</i> <i>Orobanche ramosa</i> <i>Orobanche rapum-genistae</i> <i>Orobanche variegata</i> <i>Parentucellia latifolia</i> <i>Parentucellia viscosa</i> | Broomrape Family Bellardia A perennial Bartsia Common Broomrape Branched Broomrape Greater Broomrape A Broomrape Southern Red Bartsia Yellow Bartsia | Below Petralia Sporana Vallone Madonna degli Angeli Below Petralia Sporana Bosco di Ficuzza Below Etna Gibilmanna Below Petralia Sporana Below Petralia Sporana |
| Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis corniculata</i> <i>Oxalis pres-caprae</i> | Wood-sorrel Family Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Bermuda Buttercup | Fiumefreddo Cottone |
| Paeoniaceae <i>Paeonia mascula</i> | Peony Family Peony | Piano Torre |
| Papaveraceae <i>Corydalis solida</i> <i>Fumaria capreolata</i> <i>Fumaria officinalis</i> <i>Glaucium flavum</i> <i>Papaver rhoeas</i> <i>Papaver somniferum</i> | Poppy Family Bird-in-a-bush White Ramping Fumitory Common Fumitory Yellow Horned-poppy Common Poppy Opium Poppy | Piano Battaglia Case Perrotta Above Linguaglossa Cottone Fields Near Castellana Sicula |
| Plantaginaceae <i>Antirrhinum majus</i> <i>Linaria purpurea</i> <i>Misopates orontium</i> <i>Plantago bellardii</i> <i>Plantago cupani</i> <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> <i>Plantago major</i> <i>Plantago serraria</i> <i>Veronica beccabunga</i> <i>Veronica cymbalaria</i> | Plantain Family Snapdragon Purple Toadflax Weasel-snout A Plantain (pinnatisect leaves) Ribwort Plantain Greater Plantain A Plantain (toothed leaves) Brooklime White Speedwell | Gibilmanna Above Milo Fiumefreddo Above Milo Vallone Madonna degli Angeli (meadow) Hotel Pomieri Hotel Pomieri Bosco di Ficuzza Near Hotel Pomieri Gibilmanna |

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| <i>Veronica peregrina</i> | Neckweed | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Veronica persica</i> | Common Field Speedwell | Fiumefreddo |
| Plumbaginaceae | Thrift Family | |
| <i>Armeria canescens</i> subsp. <i>nebrodensis</i> | Nebroth Thrift | Above Hotel Pomieri |
| Polygonaceae | Dock Family | |
| <i>Persicaria hydropiper</i> | Waterpepper | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Rumex acetosa</i> | Sorrel | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Rumex bucephaliflorus</i> | Horned Dock | Above Milo |
| <i>Rumex scutatus</i> | French Sorrel | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Rumex scutatus forma aetnensis</i> ** | Etna Sorrel | Above Milo |
| Portulacaceae | Blinks Family | |
| <i>Portulaca oleracea</i> | | Fiumefreddo |
| Primulaceae | Primrose Family | |
| <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> | Scarlet Pimpernel | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> (var. <i>caerulea</i>) | Scarlet Pimpernel (Blue-flowered) | Enna Services |
| <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> subsp. <i>foemina</i> | Blue Pimpernel | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> | Common Sowbread | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Cyclamen repandum</i> | Spring Sowbread | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Primula vulgaris</i> | Primrose | Near Hotel Pomieri |
| <i>Samolus valerandi</i> | Brookweed | Fiumefreddo |
| Ranunculaceae | Buttercup Family | |
| <i>Anemone apennina</i> | Blue Anemone | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Anemone hortensis</i> | An Anemone | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Clematis vitalba</i> | Traveller's Joy | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Ficaria verna</i> agg. | Lesser Celandine | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Nigella damascena</i> | Love-in-a-mist | Near Collesano |
| <i>Ranunculus arvensis</i> | Corn Buttercup | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i> | Million-leaved Buttercup | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Ranunculus monspeliacus</i> subsp. <i>saxatilis</i> | - | Below Etna |
| <i>Thalictrum aquilegifolium</i> | Great Meadow-rue | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| Resedaceae | Mignonette Family | |
| <i>Reseda alba</i> | White Mignonette | Cottone |
| Rhamnaceae | Buckthorn Family | |
| <i>Rhamnus alaternus</i> | Mediterranean Buckthorn | Idsnello Gorge |
| Rosaceae | Rose Family | |
| <i>Amelanchier ovalis</i> | Juneberry | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> (C. <i>laciniata</i>) | A Hawthorn | Near Piano Torre |
| <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> | Hawthorn | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Geum urbanum</i> | Wood Avens | Case Perrotta |
| <i>Potentilla calabra</i> | A Cinquefoil | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Potentilla reptans</i> | Creeping Cinqufoil | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Prunus spinosa</i> | Blackthorn | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i> | Almond-leaved Pear | Below Petralia Sporana |

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| <i>Pyrus communis</i> | Wild Pear | Near Hotel Pomieri |
| <i>Rosa canina</i> agg. | Dog Rose | Above Milo |
| <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg. | Bramble | Above Milo |
| <i>Sanguisorba minor</i> | Salad Burnet | Above Milo |
| <i>Sorbus aria</i> | Whitebeam | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| Rubiaceae | Bedstraw Family | |
| <i>Galium aparine</i> | Cleavers | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Rubia peregrina</i> | Madder | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Sherardia arvensis</i> | Field Madder | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Galium murale</i> | | Above Milo |
| Salicaceae | Willow Family | |
| <i>Populus alba</i> | White Poplar | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Salix alba</i> | White Willow | Fiumefreddo |
| Santalaceae | Sandalwood Family | |
| <i>Osyris alba</i> | Osyris | |
| <i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>album</i> | Mistletoe | Roadside trees |
| Sapindaceae | Maple Family | |
| <i>Acer campestre</i> | Field Maple | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Acer monspessulanum</i> | Montpelier Maple | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| Saxifragaceae | Saxifrage Family | |
| <i>Saxifraga bulbifera</i> | Bulbous Saxifrage | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Saxifraga carpetana</i> | | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Saxifraga granulata</i> | Meadow Saxifrage | Above Linguaglossa |
| Scrophulariaceae | Figwort Family | |
| <i>Scrophularia canina</i> | French Figwort | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Scrophularia peregrina</i> | | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Verbascum sinuatum</i> | Wavy-leaved Mullein | Isnello |
| Simaroubaceae | Tree of Heaven family | |
| <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> | Tree of Heaven | Roadsides |
| Solanaceae | Nightshade Family | |
| <i>Solanum dulcemara</i> | Woody Nightshade | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Solanum nigrum</i> | Black Nightshade | Isnello Gorge |
| Urticaceae | Nettle Family | |
| <i>Parietaria judacea</i> | Pelitory-of-the-Wall | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Parietaria officinalis</i> | - | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Urtica dioica</i> | Nettle | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Urtica membranacea</i> | Mediterranean Nettle | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Urtica urens</i> | Small Nettle | Fiumefreddo |
| Thymelaeaceae | Daphne Family | |
| <i>Daphne laureola</i> | Spurge Laurel | Below Etna |
| Verbenaceae | Verbena Family | |
| <i>Lantana camara</i> | Lantana | Enna Services (planted) |

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| Violaceae | | |
| <i>Viola aethnensis</i> ** | Etna Pansy | Piano Provenzana |
| <i>Viola odorata</i> | Sweet Violet | Near Hotel Pomieri |
| <i>Viola riviniana</i> | Common Dog Violet | Near Hotel Pomieri |
| Monocots | | |
| Amaryllidaceae | | |
| <i>Allium nigrum</i> | - | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Allium roseum</i> | Rosy Garlic | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Allium subhirsutum</i> | Hairy Garlic | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Allium triquetrum</i> | Three-cornered Leek | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Narcissus tazetta</i> | Bunch-flowered Narcissus | Piano Battaglia |
| Asparagaceae | | |
| <i>Agave americana</i> | Agave or Century Plant | Near Collesano |
| <i>Asparagus acutifolius</i> | Prickly Asparagus | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Bellevalia dubia</i> | (blue) | Below Petralia Sporana |
| <i>Bellevalia romana</i> | (white) | Below Petralia Sporana |
| <i>Drimia (Urginea) maritima</i> | Sea Squill | Isnello Gorge |
| <i>Leopoldia comosa</i> | Tassel Hyacinth | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Muscari neglectum</i> | Grape Hyacinth | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Ornithogalum arabicum</i> | A Star of Bethlehem | Near Collesano |
| <i>Ornithogalum montanum</i> | Mountain Star of Bethlehem | Piano Battaglia |
| <i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i> | A Spiked Star of Bethlehem | Near Collesano |
| <i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i> | Star of Bethlehem | Below Petralia Sporana |
| <i>Ruscus aculeatus</i> | Butcher's-broom | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Scilla bifolia</i> | Alpine Squill | Piano Battaglia |
| Cyperaceae | | |
| <i>Carex caryophylla</i> | Spring Sedge | Below Etna |
| <i>Carex cuprina (otrubae)</i> | False Fox Sedge | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Cyperus papyrus</i> (subsp. <i>siculus</i> **) | Papyrus | Fiumefreddo |
| Dioscoraceae | | |
| <i>Dioscorea (Tamus) communis</i> | Black Bryony | Fiumefreddo |
| Iridaceae | | |
| <i>Gladiolus italicus</i> | Italian Gladiolus | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Hermodactylus tuberosus</i> | Snake's-head Iris | Above Linguaglossa, in seed |
| <i>Iris pseudacorus</i> | Yellow Flag | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Iris pseudopumila</i> (Purple form) | An Iris | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Iris pseudopumila</i> (Yellow two-tone form) | An Iris | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Moraea sisyrrinchium</i> | Barbary Nut | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| Juncaceae | | |
| <i>Juncus bufonius</i> | Toad Rush | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Luzula forsteri</i> | Southern Woodrush | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| Liliaceae | | |
| <i>Gagea liotardii</i> (<i>G. fragifera</i> , <i>G. fistulosa</i>) | A Yellow Star of Bethlehem | Piano Battaglia |

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| Orchidaceae | | |
| Orchid Family | | |
| <i>Note: The Orchidaceae are an evolving group, and subject to debate between 'splitters' (eg. Delforge) and 'lumpers' (eg Kew). This list follows the Kew classification.</i> | | |
| <i>Anacamptis morio</i> subsp. <i>morio</i> | Green-winged Orchid | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Anacamptis morio</i> subsp. <i>longicornu</i> | Long-spurred Orchid | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Anacamptis morio</i> subsp. <i>picta</i> | a Green-winged Orchid | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i> (var. <i>grandiflora</i>) | Pink Butterfly Orchid | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>A. x gennarii</i> (<i>A. papilionacea</i> x <i>A. morio</i>) | a hybrid Orchid | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Dactylorhiza romana</i> subsp. <i>romana</i> | Roman Orchid | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Dactylorhiza sambucina</i> | Elder-flowered Orchid | Below Etna |
| <i>Limodora abortivum</i> | Violet Bird's-nest Orchid | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Neotinea maculata</i> | Dense-flowered Orchid | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Neotinea tridentata</i> | Toothed Orchid | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Ophrys apifera</i> | Bee Orchid | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Ophrys bertolonii</i> | Bertoloni's Bee Orchid | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Ophrys fuciflora</i> subsp. <i>lacaitae</i> | Lacaita's Ophrys | Below Piano Torre |
| <i>Ophrys fuciflora</i> subsp. <i>oxyrrhynchos</i> | Beaked Ophrys | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Ophrys fusca</i> agg. | Sombre Bee Orchid | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>pallida</i> | Pale Ophrys | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>O. f. subsp. fusca x pallida</i> | a hybrid Ophrys | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>O. lutea</i> ssp. <i>galilea</i> (formerly <i>archimedeae</i>)** | - | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>lutea</i> | Yellow Bee Orchid | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>atrata</i> (<i>incubacea</i>) | Dark Ophrys | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>O. tenthredinifera</i> (formerly <i>grandiflora</i> **) | a Sawfly Orchid | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Orchis anthroporhiza</i> | Man Orchid | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Orchis brancifortii</i> * | Brancifort's Orchid | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Orchis italica</i> | Naked Man Orchid | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Orchis provincialis</i> | Provence Orchid | Bosco di Ficuzza |
| <i>Serapias lingua</i> | Tongue Orchid | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Serapias vomeracea</i> | Plough-share Tongue Orchid | Below Petralia Soprana |
| <i>Serapias x intermedia</i> | A hybrid Tongue Orchid | Below Petralia Soprana |
| Poaceae | | |
| Grass Family | | |
| <i>Aegilops ovalis</i> | Aegilops | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Aira caryophyllea</i> | Silver Hair-grass | Above Milo |
| <i>Ampelodesmos mauritanicus</i> | Mauritanian Grass | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| <i>Anthoxanthum odorata</i> | Sweet Vernal Grass | Above Milo |
| <i>Arundo donax</i> | Giant Reed | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Avena sterilis</i> | Winter Wild-oat | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Briza maxima</i> | Great Quaking-grass | Above Milo |
| <i>Catapodium rigidum</i> | Fern Grass | Fiumefreddo |
| <i>Cynosurus echinatus</i> | Rough Dog's-tail | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> | Cock's Foot | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Festuca vivipara</i> | Viviperous Fescue | Above Milo |
| <i>Hordeum murinum</i> | Wall Barley | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Lagurus ovatus</i> | Hare's-tail Grass | Above Linguaglossa |
| <i>Lolium perenne</i> | Perennial Rye-grass | Near Castellana Sicula |
| <i>Melica uniflora</i> | Wood Melick | Gibilmanna |
| <i>Phragmites australis</i> | Common Reed | Roadsides |

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| <i>Sesleria nitida</i> | - | Vallone Madonna degli Angeli |
| Sparganiaceae | Bur-reed Family | |
| <i>Sparganium erectum</i> | Branched Bur-reed | Fiumefreddo |
| Xanthorrhoeaceae | Asphodel Family | |
| <i>Asphodeline lutea</i> | Yellow Asphodel | Below Etna |
| <i>Asphodelus aestivus</i> | Common Asphodel | Widespread |
| FUNGI | | |
| Lecanoromycetes | LICHENS | |
| <i>Stereocaulon vesuvianum</i> | Mount Vesuvius Lichen | Slopes of Etna |

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

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| | | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1 | Black Kite | <i>Milvus migrans</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 2 | Common Buzzard | <i>Buteo buteo</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3 | Yellow-legged Gull | <i>Larus michahellis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 | Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon | <i>Columba livia (feral)</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 5 | Common Wood Pigeon | <i>Columba palumbus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 6 | European Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> | | | | | | H | |
| 7 | Eurasian Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 8 | Common Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus canorus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | H | H | H |
| 9 | Tawny Owl | <i>Strix aluco</i> | ✓ | | | | H | | |
| 10 | Common Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 11 | Pallid Swift | <i>Apus pallidus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 12 | European Bee-eater | <i>Merops apiaster</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 13 | Eurasian Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | H | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 14 | Great Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 15 | Common Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 16 | Eurasian Golden Oriole | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i> | | | | 2 | | | |
| 17 | Eurasian Jay | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 18 | Eurasian Magpie | <i>Pica pica</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 19 | Red -billed Chough | <i>Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 20 | Western Jackdaw | <i>Coloeus monedula</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 21 | Hooded Crow | <i>Corvus cornix</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 22 | Northern Raven | <i>Corvus corax</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 23 | Coal Tit | <i>Parus ater</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 24 | Eurasian Blue Tit | <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 25 | Great Tit | <i>Parus major</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 26 | Woodlark | <i>Lullula arborea</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 27 | Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 28 | Sand Martin | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 29 | Common House Martin | <i>Delichon urbicum</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 30 | Long-tailed Tit | <i>Aegithalos caudatus siculus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 31 | Cetti's Warbler | <i>Cettia cetti</i> | | H | ✓ | | | H | H |
| 32 | Common Chiffchaff | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 33 | Wood Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 34 | Zitting Cisticola | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 35 | Eurasian Blackcap | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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| 36 | Subalpine Warbler | <i>Sylvia cantillans</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 37 | Sardinian Warbler | <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 38 | Common Firecrest | <i>Regulus ignicapilla</i> | | H | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 39 | Eurasian Wren | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | H | H | ✓ | H | ✓ | ✓ | H |
| 40 | Eurasian Nuthatch | <i>Sitta europaea</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 41 | Short-toed Treecreeper | <i>Certhia brachydactyla</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 42 | Spotless Starling | <i>Sturnus unicolor</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 43 | Common Blackbird | <i>Turdus merula</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 44 | Mistle Thrush | <i>Turdus viscivorus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 45 | European Robin | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | ✓ | | | | H | ✓ | ✓ |
| 46 | Common Nightingale | <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i> | H | ✓ | H | ✓ | | H | H |
| 47 | Black Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 48 | European Stonechat | <i>Saxicola torquata</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 49 | Northern Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 50 | Black-eared Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe hispanica</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 51 | Blue Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola solitarius</i> | | | | | H | | H |
| 52 | Italian Sparrow | <i>Passer italiae</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 53 | Spanish Sparrow | <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 54 | Eurasian Tree Sparrow | <i>Passer montanus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 55 | Grey Wagtail | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 56 | White Wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| 57 | (a Blue-headed) Yellow Wagtail | <i>Motacilla flava</i> ssp. | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 58 | Tree Pipit | <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | | | H | | | | |
| 59 | Common Chaffinch | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 60 | European Greenfinch | <i>Chloris chloris</i> | | H | | | | | ✓ |
| 61 | Common Linnet | <i>Linaria cannabina</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 62 | European Goldfinch | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 63 | European Serin | <i>Serinus serinus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 64 | Corn Bunting | <i>Emberiza calandra</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | H |
| 65 | Rock Bunting | <i>Emberiza cia</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 66 | Cirl Bunting | <i>Emberiza cirlus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | H |

Mammals (D=dead; S=signs of)

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|---|------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|----|
| 1 | Western Hedgehog | <i>Erinaceus europaeus</i> | | D | | | | | |
| 2 | Red Fox | <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> | | | | | S | | LO |
| 3 | Fallow Deer | <i>Dama dama</i> | | | | | S | | ✓ |
| 4 | Rabbit | <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 5 | Feral 'Wild' Pig | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |

Amphibians & Reptiles

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| 1 | Moorish Gecko | <i>Tarentola mauritanica</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| 2 | Western Green Lizard | <i>Lacerta bilineata</i> | | ✓ | | D | | | |
| 3 | Italian Wall Lizard | <i>Podarcis sicula</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 | Sicilian Wall Lizard | <i>Podarcis wagleriana</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 5 | Italian Three-toed Skink | <i>Chalcides chalcides</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 6 | Western Whip Snake | <i>Hierophis viridiflavus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |

Butterflies

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|---|-------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Swallowtail | <i>Papilio machaon</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 2 | Large White | <i>Pieris brassicae</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| | Common name | Scientific name | May | | | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 3 | Small White | <i>Pieris rapae</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 | Orange Tip | <i>Anthocharis cardamines</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 5 | Eastern Bath White | <i>Pontia edusa</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 6 | Clouded Yellow | <i>Colias crocea</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 7 | Small Copper | <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 8 | Little Blue | <i>Cupido minimus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 9 | Holly Blue | <i>Celastrina argiolus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 10 | Brown Argus | <i>Aricia agestis</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 11 | Common Blue | <i>Polyommatus icarus</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 12 | Red Admiral | <i>Vanessa atalanta</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| 13 | Painted Lady | <i>Vanessa cardui</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 14 | Queen of Spain Fritillary | <i>Issoria lathonia</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 15 | Glanville Fritillary | <i>Melitaea cinxia</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 16 | Aetherie Fritillary | <i>Melitaea aetherie</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 17 | Meadow Brown | <i>Maniola jurtina</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 18 | Southern Speckled Wood | <i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i> | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| 19 | Wall Brown | <i>Lasiommata megera</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 20 | Small Heath | <i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Macros Moths (C=caterpillar)

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|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1 | Forester | <i>Adscita statices</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 2 | Grass Eggar | <i>Lasiocampa trifolii</i> | | | | C | C | | |
| 3 | A Lackey (not found in UK) | <i>Malacosoma franconica</i> | | | | C | | | |
| 4 | Humming-bird Hawk-moth | <i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 5 | Pine Processionary Moth - tent | <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 6 | Ragusa's Nine-spotted Moth | <i>Amata kruegeri</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 7 | Burnet Companion | <i>Euclidia glyphica</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 8 | Four-spotted | <i>Tyta luctuosa</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |

Other Invertebrates

Copper Demoiselle, *Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis*

Azure Damselfly, *Coenagrion puella*

Red-veined Darter, *Sympetrum fonscolombii*

Groundhopper sp., *Tetrigidae sp.*

Ascalaphid, *Libelloides coccajus*

Wasp sp., *Vespa sp.*

Honey Bee, *Apis mellifera*

Chafer, *Oxythyria funesta*

Spanish Fly (a blister beetle), *Lytta vesicolaria*

Musk Beetle (a long-horn), *Aromia moschata*

A Sand Beetle, *Pimelia sp.*

Island Bluetail, *Ischnura genei*

Lesser Emperor, *Anax parthenope*

Black-and-red Bug, *Lygaeus sp.*

Froghopper, *Cercopis vulnerata*

Beefly, *Bombylius sp.*

Carpenter Bee, *Xylocopa violacea*

White-tailed Bumblebee, *Bombus lucorum*

7-Spot Ladybird, *Coccinella 7-punctata*

Fat-thigh Beetle, *Oedemera nobilis*

A black long-horn with white stripe, *Agapanthia suturalis*

Ladybird Spider, *Eresus kollari*

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Italian Sainfoin



Sweet Pea