Madeira

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Tour Report Madeira

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Day 1 Sunday 7 May

After a good flight from Heathrow to Funchal, though a little late, we are met by our two drivers, Tino and Lerinda, and they ferry us to the Residential Pina.

Day 2 Monday 8 May

Tino and Lerinda arrive at 9, and we set of in high expectation for our first day, as the weather looks perfect. First stop is the supermarket, where the group scatter with allotted food items to find, and we are soon back at the bus. Our first excursion through the Funchal suburbs gives us a flavour of this wonderfully colourful city, which is studded with Tree Ferns, Jacaranda and African Tulip Trees and dripping with Bougainvillea, which comes in sixteen shades.

We head for Poiso, north of Funchal. Our drivers suggest a small change to the programme, and we head for Pico de Arieiro, Madeira's third highest peak, at 1,818m. There is a footpath from here to Puico Rivo, the highest peak, but it is not for the faint-hearted! On the way up we pause at a viewpoint and can appreciate the plants that are so typical of this habitat such as Laurel (*Laurus azorica*), Tree Heather (*Erica arboretum*) and Madeiran Bilberry (*Vaccineum padifolium*). We also find *Ranunculus cortusifolius* var. minor and Sweet Wood Violet.

At the top the view is spectacular, across to Pico Riuvo, and the wonderful wooded valleys in between. Walkers can be seen following the levadas that snake around the hillsides. We have a short walk here for photos and to look at Downy Sow Thistle (*Andryala glandulosa*), Rock Cress (*Arabis caucasia*) and Small-flowered Catchfly (*Silene gallica*).

The peak also gives us our first opportunity to study one of the few passerines that breeds on the island – Berthelot's Pipit, a Macronesian endemic found only on Madeira and the Canary Islands. Its delightful territorial

song-flight fills the clear highland air with a delightful liquid sound, while Yellow-legged Gulls of the race Atlantis scour the barren landscape for possible nest sites. A low-flying Buzzard passes the coaches, our first encounter with the island's largest raptor.

We retrace our steps and head for Ribeiro Frio. We explore the gardens around the trout farm, where there are planted endemic plants such as Wollaston's Musschia (M. wollastonii), Ranunculus cortusifolius ssp grandiflorus, Madeira Stork's-bill (Geranium maderense) and Anemone-leaved Stork's-bill (A. palmatum). Also Madeira Holly (Ilex perado) and Picconia or Madeira Olive (Olea maderensis) — which is hosting Hair's Foot Fern (Davallia canariensis) and Macaronesian Polypody (P. macaronesicum). There are beds planted with Madeira Orchid (Dactylorbiza foliosa) but we later find one growing in its natural habitat on a shady bank overhanging a levada.

Our drivers negotiate with the restaurant, next to the trout farm, for us to use their tables in the garden for our picnic, so much to the amusement of other diners, we take over three tables and spread out our food and drink, sharing some of it with remarkably tame Chaffinches of the green-backed form tintillon, a likely candidate for full species status. A singing male Grey Wagtail and several sulphur-coloured Cleopatra butterflies make our al fresco lunch all the more enjoyable.

After lunch, supplemented by coffee and ice creams from the restaurant, we take the levada walk to the lookout point at Balcoes. The levada wall has many ferns including Hard Fern (*Blechnam spicant*), Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), Madeiran Brittle Baldder Fern (*Cystoteris diaphana*), Macaranesian Polypody, *Polystichum falcinellum*, *Woodwardia radicans* and Madeiran Buckler Fern (*Dryopteris maderensis*). And we see the large umbellifer Black Parsley (*Melanoselinum decipiens*). At the lookout point, we find Downy Stonecrop (*Aichryson villosum*), Disc Houseleek (*Aeonium glandulosum*), Viscid Houseleek (*A. glutinosum*), *Helychrysum devium* and *Hypericum canariense*.

The walk also gives us our first view of Madeira's smallest and most delightful endemic bird – the Madeiran Firecrest. Only recently "split" from the nominate species, these birds are so tame that they willingly show off their diagnostic features: the restricted white eye markings that make them appear as if they are wearing spectacles.

We return to the hotel and prepare to venture out into town for dinner.

Day 3 Tuesday 9 May

The weather is fine again. We are heading for Pico Ruivo today, the highest peak on the island. As we cannot see this peak from Funchal we can only hope the weather is as good there too! We stop on route to takes photos of one of the Madeiran A-frame thatched houses, typical of the Santana area, and are invited in to see it by the owner.

We reach Pico Ruivo in wonderful clear weather and enjoy a good walk along the peak, some walking to the top, others walking as far as they want to and then appreciating the fantastic views.

Birds are scarce at this altitude but, surprisingly, species one would expect at much lower altitudes manage to eke out a living on the slopes. Blackbirds and Chaffinches sing from strategic song perches while another

Macronesian endemic flies low overhead. The subtle field marks of wholly chocolate brown plumage, narrow, scythe-like wings and deep forked-tail mark them out as Plain Swifts.

Among the rocks along the path are lovely clumps of the yellow endemic Madeira Pansy (*Viola paradoxa*) and two spikes of Dense-flowered Orchid (*Neotinea maculata*) by the path.

We picnic lower down the hill in a small park where the local Muscovies are waiting for our scraps. One of the group has a birthday today so we share a very nice chocolate swirl cake, once he has blown out the candles! The chorus of Happy Birthday is joined by a male Siskin, performing its display flight from a coniferous tree overlooking the car park. Later on, a short stop at a sugar cane factory allows us to look out to sea and watch a raft of resting Cory's Shearwaters.

On our way back to the hotel we stop for a photograph of a stunning plant, the Madeira Stork's-bill.

Day 4

Wednesday 10 May

We head for a very different part of the island today – the rocky eastern tail of the island – Ponta de Sao Lourenco. In the car park is planted *Echium nervosum*, one of two handsome shrubby *Echium* species which are endemic to Madeira. We also find Scorpion Vetch (*Scorparius muricatus*) with its very unvetch-like leaves and curious curly seeds, Mallow-leaved Bindweed (*Convolvulus althaeoides*) and Mexican Prickly Poppy (*Argemone mexicana*).

The rocky habitat here is very dry but we find some interesting plants such as Shrubby Seablite (*Suaeda vera*), Spotted Golden Thistle (*Scolymus maculatus*), Hollow-stemmed Asphodel (*A. fistulosus*), *Phagnalon hymenii*, Madeiran Bird's-foot Trefoil (*Lotus glaucus*), Madieran Sea Stock (*Matthiola madarensis*) and *Sonchus pinnatus*.

Plain Swifts seem to particularly enjoy this habitat and we see our best numbers of the trip, with more than dozen birds flying overhead. At one stage, a migrating Barn Swallow joins in their fast-flying sorties. As we continue the walk towards the headland, the distinctive call of a Quail is heard but finding the bird amid the dense swathes of grass is impossible.

The dry habitat also produces a small flock of Rock Sparrows hunting for grasshoppers, a real connoisseur's bird. However, for most of the group, the highlight is a pair of Canaries, the male glistening bright yellow in the sunlight.

We picnic at a wonderful viewpoint, but it is a challenge to light the candles for our second birthday cake!

We return via Canical, where some look at the whaling museum and others have coffee or ice creams. The sound of squabbling sparrows fills the air but, on closer inspection, the birds show the streaky black breasts and chocolate brown head of Spanish Sparrows, always a pleasant find.

Day 5

Thursday 11 May

The group splits today. Five members join the leaders for a day trip to Porto Santo while the rest of the group enjoy a day exploring Funchal, the Botanic and other gardens, experiencing the cable cars and sampling the cafes and restaurants.

The ferry to Porto Santo takes two and a half hours giving us plenty of time for sea-watching. After leaving the only Pallid Swift of the trip in Funchal harbour, we are soon accompanied by a flotilla of Cory's Shearwaters in the open waters of the Atlantic, some birds flying approaching within a few feet of the stern. A few gambolling Common Dolphins soon have most of the passengers excitedly looking out to sea, while a flying fish skimming over the water is an exciting find.

On arrival at the port we are met by Bruno and a minibus, and are taken to Ponta da Calheta at the southern point of the main island where we have the morning to explore the beach and sand dunes. We find Ice Plant (Mesembryanthemum crystallinum), Euphorbia peplis, E. paralias and a fruiting Mulberry tree. Two of the group enjoyed a swim.

Besides swimmers, the beach also supports a thriving population of Kentish Plovers, a species fast disappearing from much of Europe and North America because of tourism pressures. A walk into the dunes produces several Hoopoes and singing male Spectacled Warbler.

We have a good meal at the restaurant, attempting to gauge the size of our sea bass from the size of our delicious cutlets.

On our tour round the island plants include Sea Heath (Frankenia Laevis), Fish-stunning Spurge (Euphorbia piscatoria), Galactites tomentosa and the handsome lilac blue flowers of Cardoon (Cynara cardunculus). We stop at several small reservoirs, most barely worthy of the description. But on such an arid island, freshwater is precious and we are soon looking at some of the most surprising finds of the holiday – Little Egret, Grey Heron and, top of the bill, a highly unexpected Spoonbill. A mother Red-legged Partridge and her chicks get the biggest "aah" of the day.

The return sailing to Funchal, however, eclipses even the surprising wetland bird finds. We count up to 30 Bulwer's Petrels as we reach the mid-way stage of the journey. These medium-size, dark brown seabirds are a highly prized tick in the Western Palearctic and give excellent views as they share the sea with large numbers of Cory's and a few Manx Shearwaters.

Day 6 Friday 12 May

After our usual supermarket run, we head for Paul de Serra, the high moorland plateau in the middle of the island. We experience our first low cloud and drizzle, so a coffee and comfort stop is very welcome. As we arrive at the top of our walk it is still foggy, but we disperse the picnic amongst everyone's haversacks and set off down to the Rabacal levada walk. We walk through typical laurasilva forest – a mix of Laurel, Tree Heather and Madeiran Bilberry.

Talk among the birders immediately centres on the likelihood of seeing Trocaz Pigeon, a Madeiran endemic with slightly more than 500 individual birds. Almost on cue, a large Wood Pigeon-like bird flaps into view, glides leisurely across a ravine and settles 100m or so away, showing off its diagnostic tail-markings on landing. It settles long enough for the whole group to get a good view.

After sharing our lunch with the obligatory flock of Chaffinches, we have to descend through more forest to reach the Levada of the 25 Waterfalls. Some of the group turns right to have a good walk to the first waterfall, while others take a more leisurely walk along this delightful levada, getting very close views of Madeiran Firecrests along the way. Plants include Great Horsetail (*Equisetum telmatea*), Madeiran Moneywort (*Sibthorpia peregrina*), Madeira Water Dropwort (*Oenanthe divaricata*) and Large Sowthistle (*Sonchus fructescens*).

We have to negotiate the 800m levada tunnel before meeting up again with our buses, so don our coats and get out our torches. It is good to emerge into the bright sunshine at the other end. Blackwood Acacia (A. melanoxylon) intrigues us at the end of our walk as it has two distinctly different sorts of leaves on the same plant.

Day 7 Saturday 13 May

Our last full day on Madeira, and a busy one! There is a religious festival at certain sites and a car rally which limits our use of the most scenic roads. Firstly we visit the cliffs at Cabo Giroa, reputedly the second tallest cliffs in the world, but today it is thronging with visitors and many food and other stalls. We take a quick look at the cliffs and then cause a slight traffic jam of our own as we stop to buy freshly griddled flat bread from one of the stalls.

Then further along the coast we look at the only remaining wild Dragon Trees (*Dracaeno draco*), the resin or Dragons Blood used to be tapped and used as a red dye. There are some very handsome Dragon Trees planted in Funchal.

We make a short detour to stop at a small coastal lagoon; one of the few areas birds can find fresh water along the arid southern coastline. Even though the area of open water is smaller than the penalty area of a football pitch, birds are plentiful. Four Dunlin, a handful of Moorhens and a splendid Turnstone in its full summer tortoiseshell breeding finery are the highlights.

We are late to the supermarket today and want to make this a really good picnic so we add local honey cake and fresh pastel de natas to the trolley, and then, a finishing touch, we buy huge local strawberries from a roadside stall.

We now cut across the island to the North coast, mostly via tunnels due to the rally. We find picnic tables at Chao da Ribeira, a steep-sided valley, where we take a walk after our lunch.

Plants include Kidney Fern (Adiantum reniform) on the side of the lavada and Willow-leaved Hare's Ear (Bupleurum salicifolium). On waste ground in the open valley we find Grass-poly (Lythrum hyssopifolia), Fetid Everlasting (Helichrysum foetidum), Trailing St John'swort (Hypericum humisufusum), Procumbent Yellow Oxalis (O. corniculata) and Polygonum capitatum

A pair of Trocaz Pigeons try to pass overhead un-noticed but with their rather bulky frames – they are only a shade smaller than our native Wood Pigeon – they are soon spotted before disappearing into the dense Laurel woods.

Finally, we travel onto Porto Moniz, the most northern point of the island to look at the natural rock pools, popular with bathers, which have been modified for the many visitors, before we head back to Funchal.

Day 8 Sunday 14 May

We return to Funchal airport for our return flight to Heathrow and bid a fond farewell to Tino and Larinda who have looked after us so well and contributed much to the enjoyment of our trip.

Species lists

Plant list

Group/Species	English Name(If any)	Location
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & ALLIES	
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
Selaginella denticulata	A Clubmoss	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Selaginella kraussiana	Krauss's Spikemoss	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
Equisetum telmatia	Great Horsetails	Rabacal
Adiantaceae	Maidenhair Fern Family	
Adiantum capillus-veneris	Maidenhair Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Adiantum reniforme	Kidney-leaved Fern	-
Anogramma leptophylla	Jersey Fern	Cancela
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
Asplenium monanthes	A Spleenwort	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Aspienium monanuies	A Spieeriwort	Ribello Filo - Dalcoes
Blechnaceae	Hard Fern Family	
Blechnum spicant	Hard Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Woodwardia radicans	Chain Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Davalliaceae	Hare's-foot Fern Family	
Davallia canariensis	Hare's-foot Fern	Ribeiro Frio -
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	Widespread
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler Fern Family	
Dryopteris affinis ssp. affinis	Scaly Male Fern	-
Dryopteris maderensis*	Madeiran Buckler Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Polystichum setiferum	Soft Shield fern	Rabacal
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
Polypodium macaronesicum	Macaronesian Polypody	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Woodsiaceae (Athyriaceae)	Lady Fern Family	
Athyrium felix-femina	Lady Fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Cystopteris diaphana	Madeiran Brittle Bladder-fern	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
PINOPSIDA (GYMNOSPERMS)	CONIFERS	
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
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Juniperus cedrus	Prickly Juniper	Ribeiro Frio - Portela

Group/Species	English Name(If any)	Location
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
Pinus pinaster	Maritime Pine	Pico Arierio
Pinus pinea	Stone or Umbrella Pine	Cabo Girao
Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	Porto Santo
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas Fir	Paso de Poiso
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MAGNOLIOPSIDA (ANGIOSPERMS)	FLOWERING PLANTS	
	Magnoliidae (Dicotyledons)	
Acanthaceae	Bear's-breech Family	
Acanthus mollis	Bear's-breech	Cliffs in Funchal
Aceraceae	Maple Family	
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Aizoaceae (Tetragoniaceae)	Dewplant Family	
Aizoon canariensis	Aizoon	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Mesembryanthemum crystallinum	Common Ice-plant	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Carpobrotus edulis	Yellow Hottentot Fig	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)	Carrot Family	
Ammi majus	Bullwort	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Apium nodiflorum	Fool's Watercress	Rabacal
Foeniculum vulgare	Fennel	Cancela
Melanoselinum decipiens*	Black Parsley	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Crithmum maritimum	Rock Samphire	Porto Santo,Porto Moniz
Oenanthe divaricata*	Madeira Water Dropwort	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Petroselinum crispum	Parsley	Canical
Apocynaceae	Perriwinkle Family	
Vinca major	Greater Perriwinkle	-
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
llex perado ssp. perado	Madeira Holly	Ribeira Frio
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
Hedera helix ssp. canariensis	lvy	Paso de Poiso
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
Ageratina adenophora	White Eupatorium	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Andryala glandulosa	Andryala	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Argyranthemum pinnatifidum ssp.pinnatifidum*	Argyranthemum	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Bidens pilosa var.minor	A Bur-marigold	Canical
Bidens pilosa var pilosa	A Bur-marigold	-
Bidens pilosa var radiata	A Bur-marigold	Funchal

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Calendula arvensis	Field Marigold	
Calendula maderensis*	Madeiran Marigold	
Chrysanthemum coronarium	Crown Daisy	Porto Santo
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Cichorum intybus	Chicory	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Cynara cardunculus	Cardoon	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Erigeron karvinskianus	Mexican Fleabane	Ribeiro Frio
Filago minima	Small Cudweed	Paul da Serra
Galactites tomentosa	Galactites	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Galinsoga quadriradiata	Shaggy Soldier	Funchal
Galinsoga parviflora	Gallant Soldier	Canical
Helichrysum devium*	Everlasting	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Helichrysum foetidum	Stinking Everlasting	Chao da Ribeira
Helichrysum melaleucum*	White Everlasting	West of Sao Vicente
Picris (Helminthotheca) echioides	Prickly Oxtongue	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Hypochoeris glabra	Smooth Cat's-ear	Pico Ruivo
Lapsana communis	Nipplewort	-
Pericaulis aurita* (not in flower)	Madeira Groundsel	Ribeiro Frio
Phagnalon (bennettii) hansenii*	Phagnalon	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Scolymus maculatus	Spotted Golden Thistle	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Senecio incrassatus*	Thick-leaved Groundsel	Prainha
Senecio vulgaris	Groundsel	Residencial Pina
Sonchus asper	Prickly Sow Thistle	Funchal
Sonchus fruticosus*	Shrubby Sow Thistle	Ribeiro Frio
Sonchus oleraceus	Smooth Sow Thistle	Funchal
Sonchus pinnatus*	A Sow Thistle	Sao Vicente
Sonchus ustulatus ssp. ustulatus*	A Sow Thistle	-
Taraxacum officinale agg.	Dandelion	Ribeiro Frio
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family	
Echium plantagineum	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Echium candicans*	Pride of Madeira	Above Monte
Echium nervosum*	Small Pride of Madeira	West of Sao Vicente
Myosotis arvensis	Field Forget-me-not	Chao da Ribeira
Myosotis discolor	Changing Forget-me-not	Pico Arierio
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Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)	Cabbage Family	
Arabis alpina ssp.caucasica	Rockcress	Pico Areiro
Eruca vesicaria ssp.sativa	Garden Rocket	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Erysimum bicolor*	Madeiran Mountain Stock	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Matthiola maderensis*	Madeira Sea-stock	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Rapistrum rugosum ssp.orientale	Bastard Cabbage	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum	Water Cress	-
Teesdalia nudicaulis	Shepherd's Cress	Pico Arieiro
Castagona	Contus Esmily	
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	Ponto de Contra
Opuntia tuna	Prickly Pear	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
Musschia aurea*	Golden Musschia	Cancela

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Musschia wollastonii*	Wollaston's Musschia	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Trachelium caeruleum	Throatwort	Cancela
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
Sambucus lanceolata*	Madeiran Elder	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
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Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear	Pico Ruivo
Silene uniflora	Sea Campion	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion	Chao da Ribeira
Spergula arvense	Corn Spurry	-
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Chenopodiaceae	Goose-foot Family	
Beta vulgaris ssp.maritima	Sea Beet	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Chenopodium album	Common Goosefoot	-
Chenopodium murale	Maple-leaved Goosefoot	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Atriplex halimus	Shrubby Orache	Porto Santo
Atriplex prostrata	Spear-leaved Orache	-
Suaeda vera	Shrubby Sea-blite	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Clethraceae	Lily-of-the-Valley Tree Family	
Clethra arborea*	Lily-of-the-Valley Tree	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Oletina diborea	Lity-of-the-valley free	Tribello I IIIo - Balcoes
Clusiaceae (Guttiferae, Hypericaceae)	St.John's-wort Family	
Hypericum canariensis*	A St.John's Wort	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Hypericum grandiflorum*	A St.John's Wort	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Hypericum humifusum	Trailing St.John's Wort	Chao da Ribeira
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	Porto Santo
Convolvulus althaeoides	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Ipomoea purpurea	Morning Glory	Cancela
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
Aeonium glandulosum*	Disc Houseleek	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Aeonium glutinosum*	Viscid Houseleek	" Nibello Filo - Balcoes
Aichryson dumosum*	A Stonecrop	
Aichryson divaricatum*	Madeira Stonecrop	West of Sao Vicente
Aichryson villosum*	Downey Stonecrop	Widespread
Crassula multicava	Crassula	vviuespieau
Crassula fillaea	Mossy Stonecrop	Pico Ruivo
	Navelwort	
Umbilicus rupestris	INAVEIWUIL	Widespread
Ericaceae	Heath Family	
Erica maderensis	Madeiran Heather	Pico Ruivo
Erica arborea	Tree Heather	Pico Arieiro
Vaccinium padifolium	Madeira Bilberry	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	

Group/Species	English Name(If any)	Location
Mercurialis annua	Annual Mercury	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Ricinus communis	Castor Oil Plant	Cancela
Euphorbia mellifera*	Melliferous Spurge	Balcoes
Euphorbia piscatoria*	Smooth Spear-leaved Spurge	Porta Santo
Euphorbia peplis	Purple Spurge	Calheta, Porto Santo
Euphorbia paralias	Sea Spurge	Calheta, Porto Santo
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Fabaceae	Pea Family	
Acacia dealbata	Silver wattle	Faial
Acacia longifolia	Sallow Wattle	-
Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle	Chao da Ribeira
Acacia melanoxylon	Australian Blackwood	Paso de Poiso
Cytisus scorparius	Broom	Roadsides
Lathyrus cicera	A Pea	-
Lotus glaucus*	Madeiran Bird's-foot Trefoil	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Melilotus indicus	Small Melilot	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Ornithopus perpusillus	Common Bird's-foot	Pico Ruivo
Psoralea bituminosa	Pitch Trefoil	Widespread
Scorparius muricatus	Scorpion Vetch	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Teline maderensis*	Shrub Trefoil	Chao da Ribeira
Trifolium arvense	Hare's-foot Clover	Rabacal
Trifolium campestre	Hop Trefoil	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Trifolium angustifolium	Narrow-leaved Clover	-
Trifolium dubium	Lesser Yellow Trefoil	Rabacal
Trifolium glomeratum	Clustered Clover	Encumeada
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Trifolium repens	White Clover	Below Ribeiro frio
Trifolium scabrum	Rough Clover	-
Trifolium stellatum	Starry Clover	-
Ulex europaeus	Gorse	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Vicia capreolata* (not in flower)	A Vetch	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
Vicia hirsuta	Hairy Tare	-
Vicia sativa ssp.segetalis	Common Vetch	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Vicia tetrasperma	Smooth Tare	Santana
Fagaceae	Oak & Beech Family	
Quercus robor	Pedunculate Oak	
Castanea sativa	Sweet Chestnut	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Frankeniaceae	Sea Heath Family	
Frankenia laevis	Sea Heath	Porto Santo
Fumariaceae 	Fumitory Family	
Fumaria capreolata	White Rampling Fumitory	-
Fumaria muralis	Wall Fumitory	Cancela
Fumaria parviflora	Small-flowered Fumitory	-
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Rabacal

Group/Species	English Name(If any)	Location
Geranium lucidum	Shining Crane's-bill	Pico Ruivo
Geranium maderense* (non-native site)	Madeira Stork's-bill	Santana
Geranium palmatum*	Anemone-leaved Stork's-bill	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Geranium purpureum	Little Robin	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill	Pico Ruivo
Erodium malacoides	A Stork's-bill	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Globulariaceae	Globularia Family	
Globularia salicina*	A Globularia	Pico do Facho
Hydrangeaceae	Mock-orange Family	
Hydrangea macrophylla	Hydrangea	Ribeiro Frio - Portela
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Lamiaceae (Labiatae)	Dead-nettle Family	
Cedronella canariensis*	Canary Dragon Herb	Encumeada
Lamiastrum galeobdolon agg	Yellow Archangel	-
Mentha pulegium	Pennyroyal	Pico Ruivo
Origanum vulgare	Marjoram	Rabacal
Prunella vulgaris	Self-heal	Ribeiro Frio
Stachys arvensis	Field Woundwort	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Stachys oxymastrum	A Woundwort	Pico do Facho
Lauraceae	Bay Family	
Apollonias barbujana	Canary Laurel	Encumeada
Laurus azorica	A Laurel	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Persea indica	Madeiran Mahogany	Encumeada
Lythraceae	Loosestrife Family	
Lythrum hissopifolium	Grass-poly	Chao da Ribeiro
Malvaceae	Mollow Family	
	Mallow Family Cretian Tree-mallow	Manta
Lavetera cretica	Least Mallow	Monte Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Malva parviflora	Common Mallow	
Malva sylvestris	Common wallow	-
Moraceae	Fig Family	
Ficus carica	Fig	Cancela
Morus nigra	Mulberry	Calheta, Porto Santo
Myrtaceae	Myrtles & Gum Family	
Eucalyptus globulus	Blue Gum	Common
Leptospermum scoparium	New Zealand Tea Tree	Ribeiro Frio
Myrica faya	Wax Myrtle	Chao da Ribeira
Nyctaginaceae	Rougainvilles Family	
Nyctaginaceae Bougainvillea glabra	Bougainvillea Family	Frankel at 1
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English Name(If any)	Location
Olive Family	
Olive/Picconia	Ribeiro Frio
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	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Evening Primrose	-
Broomrape Family	
Lesser Broomrape	-
Wood-sorrel Family	
	Chao da Ribeira
	Ribeira Brava
	Cancela
Double flowered Bermuda Buttercup	-
Poppy Family	
Greater Celandine	Ribeiro Frio
Californian Poppy	-
	Cancela
Common Poppy	Cancela
Opium Poppy	Prainha
Plantains Family	
-	
Buck's-horn Plantain	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Ribwort Plantain	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Hare's-foot Plantain	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Greater Plantain	Canical
Thrift Family	
-	
A Sea Lavelluei	-
Knotweed Family	
Knotgrass	-
Pink Garden Knotgrass	Chao da Ribeira
Redshank	Machico
Sheep-sorrel	Pico Ruivo
Fiddle Dock	-
Primrose Family	
Scarlet Pimpernel	-
Buttercup Family	
Buttercup Family A Buttercup	Pico Arieiro
Buttercup Family A Buttercup A Buttercup	Pico Arieiro Ribeiro Frio
	Olive Family Olive/Picconia Willowherb Family Fuchsia Evening Primrose Broomrape Family Lesser Broomrape Wood-sorrel Family Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Garden Pink Sorrel Bermuda Buttercup Double flowered Bermuda Buttercup Poppy Family Greater Celandine Californian Poppy Long-headed Poppy Common Poppy Opium Poppy Plantains Family Madeira Plantain Buck's-horn Plantain Ribwort Plantain Ribwort Plantain Greater Plantain Thrift Family A Sea Lavender Knotweed Family Knotgrass Pink Garden Knotgrass Redshank Sheep-sorrel Fiddle Dock

Group/Species	English Name(If any)	Location
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
Reseda luteola	Weld	Porto Santo
Reseda media	A Mignonette	Canical
neseda media	A Wilghorlette	Carrical
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
Aphanes arvense sensu.stricto	Parsley Piert	Pico Ruivo
Duchensea indica	Yellow-flowered Strawberry	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Prunus avium	Wild Cherry	Encumeada
Prunus laurocerasus	Cherry Laurel	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
Galium aparine	Clevers	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Galium productum	Madeiran Bedstraw	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Sherardia arvensis	Field Madder	Rabacal
Rubia agostinhoi	Madeiran Madder	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Salicaceae	Poplar & Willow Family	
Salix canariensis*	Madeiran Willow	Chao da Ribeira
Salix Carianerisis	INIAGENTAL WINOW	Criao da Ribeira
Sapindaceae	Prides-of-India Family	
Cardiospermum grandiflorum	Balloon Vine	Ribeira Brava
Carriffun	Conifer no Familia	
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
Saxifraga maderensis var. maderensis*	Medeira saxifrage	
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
Cymbalaria muralis	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Chao da Ribeira
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Kickxia elatine	Fluelin	-
Misopates orontium	Lesser Snapdragon	Cancela
Sibthorpia perigrina*	Madeira Moneywort	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Veronica anagallis-aquatica	Blue Water Speedwell	-
Veronica arvensis	Wall Speedwell	Chao da Ribeira
Veronica persica	Common Field Speedwell	Chao da Ribeira
Veronica serpyllifolia	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Chao da Ribeira
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
Datura stamonium var. tatula	Thorn Apple	Canical
Hyoscyamus albus	White Henbane	-
Lycium europaeum	Duke of Argyll's Tea Plant	
Lycopersicon esculentum	Tomato	Canical
Nicotiana glauca	Shrub Tobacco	Funchal
Solanum linnaeanum	-	-
Solanum mauritianum	Mauritius Nightshade	Below Ribeiro Frio
Solanum nigrum	Black Nightshade	Below Ribeiro Frio
Solanum sodmaceum	Apple of Sodom	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Tamaricaceae	Tamarix Family	
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Group/Species	English Name(If any)	Location
Tamarix gallica	Tamarisk	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
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Tropaeolaceae	Nasturtiums	
Tropaeolum majus	Nasturtium	Canical
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
Parietaria judaica	Pelitory -of-the-wall	Canical
Urtica membranacea	Membranous Nettle	Cancela
Urtica urens	Annual Nettle	Porto Santo
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
Centranthus rubra	Red Valerian	Funchal
Centranthus calcitrapae ssp. calcitrapae	Small Valerian	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Violaceae	Violet Family	
Viola riviniana	Common Wood Violet	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Viola paradoxa*	Madeiran Yellow Violet	Pico Ruivo
	Liliidae (Monocotyledons)	
Agavaceae	Centuryplant Family	
Agave americana	Century Plant	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Dracaena draco*	Dragon Tree	Ribeira Brava
Agave attenuata	Swan's Neck Agave	Nr Airport
Araceae	Arum Family	
Zantedeschia aethiopica	Calla Lily	Sao Vicente
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Cannaceae	Canna Lily Family	
Canna indica	Yellow Canna Lily	-
Cyperaceae	Sedges Family	
Carex divulsa ssp.divulsa	Grey Sedge	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Carex lowei	Lowe's Sedge	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Carex muricatus ssp. lamprocarpa	Prickly Sedge	- Dohasal
Carex perigrina		Rabacal
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
Watsonia borbonica	Bugle Lily	Santana
Crocosmia x crocosmiflora	Montbretia	Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
Juncus acutus	Sharp Rush	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Juncus capitatus	Dwarf Rush	Paul da Serra
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	Below Ribeiro Frio
Juncus inflexus	Hard Rush	-
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Group/Species	English Name(If any)	Location
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
Aloe arborescens	Sword Aloe	Ponta de Sao Lourenco
Asphodelus fistulosus	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	Porto Santo
Agapanthus praecox	African Lily	Common on Roadsides
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
Dactylorhiza foliosa*	Madeira Marsh Orchid	Ribeiro Frio
Neotinea maculata	Dense-flowered Orchid	Pico Ruivo
Zingiberaceae	Ginger Lily Family	
Hedychium gardineranum	Yellow Ginger Lily	Chao da Ribeira

Plants Associated with Parks, Streets and Gardens

Scientific Name	English Name	Location
Abelia grandiflora	Glossy Abelia	Street, Funchal
Agathis brownii	Kawri of the East Indies	Street, Funchal
Agave attenuata	Maguey Plant	Airport
Araucaria bidwillii	Bunya Pine	Funchal
Araucaria heterophylla	Norfolk Island Pine	Funchal
Archontophoenix cunninghamiana	Elegant Palm	Street, Funchal
Asclepias fruticosa	Wild Cotton or Silk Plant	-
Bauhinia variegata	Orchid Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Bougainvillea x hybrida	Bougainvillea	Street, Funchal
Brunfelsia pauciflora	Brunsfelsia	Gardens, Funchal
Brunsvigia rosea (Amaryllis belladonna)	Amaryllis	Residencial Pina
Burgmansia versicolor	Angel's Trumpet	Gardens, Funchal
Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottle-brush	Street, Funchal
Camelia japonica	Camelia	Garden, Ribeiro Frio
Canna sp.	Indian Shot or Canna Lily	San Francisco Gardens, Funchal
Carica papaya	Pawpaw	Garden, Ribeira Brava
Coprosma repens	Mirror Plant	-
Cassia (Senna) didymobotrya	Popcorn Bush	Gardens, Funchal
Casuarina cunninghamiana	Casuarina or Australian Pine	Porto Santo
Chasmanthe aethiopica	Flag-lily	-
Chorisia speciosa	Kapok Tree	Street, Funchal
Choisya ternata	Mexican Orange Flower	Ribeiro Frio
Clianthus puniceus	Parrot's Bill or Lobster Claw	-
Clivia nobilis	Clivia	San Francisco Gardens, Funchal
Colocasia esculenta	Taro-root or Elephant Ears	Machico
Dicksonia antarctica	Tree Fern	Gardens, Funchal
Eriobotrya japonica	Japanese Loquat Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Erythrina abyssinica	Red Hot Poker Tree	-

Erythrina crista-galli	Cock's-comb or Coral Tree	Street, Funchal
Erythrina speciosa	Coral Tree	Garden, Funchal
Eugenia uniflora	Brazil Cherry	Residencial Pina
Euphorbia ingens	Candelabra Tree	Garden, Funchal
Euphorbia pulcherrinia	Poinsetta	Garden, Funchal
Felicia sp.	Felicia	-
Ficus benjamina var.nuda	Tufted Fig Tree	Machico
Ficus elastica	Indian Rubber Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Furcraea (Agave) foetida	Giant Agave	Gabo Girao
Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	Hibiscus or Shoe Plant	Street, Funchal
Howea forsteriana	Paradise Palm	San Francisco Gardens, Funchal
Jacaranda mimosifolia	Jacaranda	Street, Funchal
Kigelia africana	Fetish Tree	Gardens, Funchal
Kniphofia uvaria	Red Hot Poker	Residencial Pina
Leucaena leucocephala	West Indian Lead Tree	-
Ligularia tussilaginea	Coltsfoot	Gardens, Funchal
Lillium longiflorum	Easter Lily	Residencial Pina
Magnolia grandiflora	Large-flowered Magnolia	Santana
Mangifera indica	Mango	Garden, Santana
Markhamia platycalyx	Yellow Trumpet Tree	Street, Funchal
Milia azedarach	Persian Lilac or Bead Tree	Street, Funchal
Monstera deliciosa	Mexican Breadfruit	Gardens, Funchal
Musa acuminata	Dwarf Banana	Gardens, Funchal
Musa x paradisica	Silver Banana	Plantations west of Funchal
Myoporum acuminatum	Australian Blueberry	-
Nerium oleander	Oleander	Street, Funchal
Ornithogalum thyrsoides	Star of Bethlehem	Garden, Sao Vicente
Pandanus utilis	Screwpine	San Francisco Gardens, Funchal
Passiflora x exoniensis	Granadilla or Passion Flower	-
Persea americana	Avocado	Sao Vicente
Phoenix canariensis	Canary Island Palm	Street, Funchal
Phytolacca americana	Virginian Poke	-
Platanus x hybrida	Maple-leaved Plane	Street, Funchal
Plumbago auriculata	Plumbago	Street, Funchal
Plumeria rubra	Frangipani	Gardens, Funchal
Protea cyranoides	King Protea	-
Salvia leucantha	White Blooming Sage	-
Schefflera actinophylla	Umbrella Tree	Street, Funchal
Sesbania punicea	Sesbania	-
Spathodea campanulata	Flame of the Forest or African Tulip Tree	Street, Funchal
Stelitzia reginae	Bird of Paradise Plant	Residencial Pina
Tibouchina urvilleana	Brazilian Spyder Flower	-
Tipuana tipu	Pride of Bolivia	Street, Funchal
Washingtonia filifera	Fountain Palm	Residencial Pina

Bird list

Common Name	Scientific Name	May 2006						
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Bulwers Petrel	Bulweria bulweria					30+		
Cory's Shearwater	Calonectris diomedia			LO	50+	✓		
Little Shearwater	Puffinus assimilis baroli					LO		
Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus				10+	50+		
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta					1		
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus granti				1			
Buzzard	Buteo buteo		4	4	8	2	2	10
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		1	5	6	5	3	2
Kentish Plover	Charadrius dubius					1		
Turnstone	Arenaria interpres					3		
Wimbrel	Numenius phaeopus			5		8		
Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa						LO	
Quail	Coturnix coturnix			Н		Н		
Western Yellow-I. Gull	Larus michahellis atlantis		c.50	100	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sandwich Tern	Sterna sandvicensis							
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo			7	15	8		
Ferel Pigeon / Rock Dove	Columba livia		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Madeiran Laurel Pigeon	Columba trocaz		1		6			3
Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus brehmorum			1	2			
Plain Swift	Apus unicolor		10	✓	✓	✓	8	✓
Ноорое	Upupa epops					6		
Swallow	Hirundo rustica			1				
Berthlot's Pipit	Anthus berthelotii madeirensis		4	20+		✓	✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea schmitzi		3	8	6		2	3
Robin	Erithacus rubecula		6	✓	LO		6	12
Blackbird	Turdus merula cabrerae		10	✓	✓		✓	✓
Spectacled Warbler	Sylvia conspicillata orbitalis					4		
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla heineken		12	Н	Н	2		Н
Madeiran Firecrest	Regulus i. maderensis		10					15
Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis			8		✓	3	
Rock Sparrow	Petronia petronia maderensis					30+		
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs madeirensis		✓		1		6	15
Canary	Serinus canaria		3	10+	✓	✓	✓	✓
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis			7		3		2
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus					8		
Sanderling	Calidris					1		
Dunlin	Calidris alpina					1		
Daily total			14	18	16	25	12	15
Grand total			14	21	24	34	34	34

H = Heard LO + Leader only

Butterflies

Species Small White

Clouded Yellow

Madeiran Brimstone or Cleopatra

Madeiran Small Copper

Long-tailed Blue

Macaronesian Red Admiral

Painted Lady

European Speckled Wood Madeiran Speckled Wood Monarch or Milkweed Butterfly Scientific Name

Pieris rapae Colias crocea faillae

Gonepteryx maderensis
Lycaena phlacas phlaeoides

Lampides boeticus Vanessa vulcania

Cynthia cardui Pararge aegeria aegeria Pararge xiphia

Danaus plexippus

Location

Ribeiro Frio Below Ribeiro Frio

Below Ribeiro Frio

Ponta da Calheta, Porto Santo Ponta da Calheta, Porto Santo

Rabacal

Ponta de Sao Lourenco Below Ribeiro Frio Below Ribeiro Frio Funchal & Ribeira Brava

Other Insects and Archnids

Species Orb-web Spider

Spurge Hawkmoth (Caterpiller)

Scientific Name

Cyrtophora citicola Hyles gecki Location

Campanario Prainha

Reptiles & amphibians

Species

Madeiran Wall Lizard Perez's Frog (Heard) Scientific Name Lacerta (Teira) dugesii

Rana perezi

LocationRibeiro Frio

Ribeiro Frio - Portela

Mammals

Species Rabbit Scientific Name
Oryctolagus cuniculus

Location

Porto Santo and Paul da Serra

Lichens

SpeciesLatheriella baldensis
Lobaria pulmonaria

Scientific Name
Yellow/Orange Lichen

Lungwort

Location

Pico Arieiro RibeiroFrio - Balcoes

Fungi

Species

Laurobasidium laurii

Scientific Name

Madeiran Laurel Fungus

Location

Ribeiro Frio - Balcoes

Algae

Species

Peacock's Tail Algae

Scientific Name Padina pavonia Location

Ponta da Calheta, Porto Santo

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