# Madeira

Wildlife at Leisure

A Greentours Trip Report

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For the whole week we were based just to the west of Funchal, an ideal location for our daily outings to the north, west, and east of the island, along the south coast, and around the capital itself. Arrival was on Saturday, and we all met for dinner that first evening, enjoyed in a great local restaurant in the hotel grounds, the owner friendly and happy to see us every evening. The espetada was especially popular, seasoned beef chunks grilled on laurel branches, these hung over the table and the meat taken off chunk by chunk, delicious.

The vegetation highlight here is the laurisilva, the native forest that once covered most of the island, destruction of which began in earnest as long ago as the fourteenth century, immediately colonisation began. This subtropical cloud forest is still extensive in the north of the island, there reaching almost down to sea level, and up into the central mountains. Four species of Lauraceae comprise the

core of the laurisilva, dominant being *Laurus novocanariensis*, often having the fascinating fungus *Laurobasidium laurii* growing on it, and then easy to distinguish from the other three superficially similar species, *Apollonias barbujana*, *Ocotea foetens*, and *Persea indica*.

Invasive alien plants dominate much of the island, especially the southern slopes where basically no native forest remains, but this does result in a fascinating flora from all over the world. Particularly dominant and invasive are *Acacia mearnsii*, *Acacia melanoxylon*, *Leucaena leucocephala*, and various eucalypts. The composite *Ageratina adenophora* is abundantly naturalised on roadsides where

*Agapanthus praecox orientalis* is also abundant. *Agave americana,* and the statuesque *Agave attenuata* with its long drooping inflorescences are a feature of the drive from the airport into town.

Levadas characterise the island, channels carrying water from the mountains down to coastal communities, and the easy walks alongside these through lush forest, ferns especially thriving alongside them, were a highlight of our week here.



We enjoyed superb weather all week, this an ideal time of year to visit, and very popular too, with many sites we visited extremely busy. Of course we soon got away from the crowds by the nature of what we were doing. It's the topography of the island, with no natural sand beaches (one has been created in the south east with Saharan sand!), that the activity for nearly all the many visitors is hiking, not the usual beach activities.

An extremely popular walk is that from the small settlement of Ribeiro Frio in the eastern highlands, to the overlook at Balcoes. Following levadas through fine laurisilva, at the view point tame Chaffinches are endlessly photographed by the many general tourists, also a site for the endemic Trocaz Pigeon. On our first full day, having found a parking place (not always easy) walking to the start of the trail we were immediately seeing endemic species, *Rhamnus glandulosa, Erysimum bicolor, Geranium palmatum, Euphorbia mellifera, Laurus novocanariensis, Ilex canariense, Ilex perado*, and *Phyllis nobla*.

The endemic stonecrops *Aichryson villosum* and *Aichryson divaricatum* were in attractive flower. The shaded lush tracksides had abundant bryophytes and carpets of *Selaginella denticulata* and *Selaginella kraussiana*. Among many ferns were *Christella dentata*, *Dryopteris aitoniana*, impressive *Woodwardia radicans*, and attractive *Davallia canariensis* epiphytic on trunks. Even here in fine laurisilva were some non-natives, including planted *Quercus robur*.

*Sibthorpia peregrina* grew at the pathside, *Melanoselinum decipiens* was an impressively large endemic umbel, endemic *Cedronella canariensis* was strongly aromatic, and endemics continued with *Rubia agostinhoi*, *Helichrysum melaleucum*, *Sonchus ustulatus* in leaf, and *Viola sequeirae*. There were a few of the orchid *Gennaria diphylla* in flower. This is an Atlantic species occurring locally in north west Africa and southern Iberia, and east to Sardinia, where we also see it.

A highlight, and a surprise, was to find *Musschia wollastonii* in unseasonal flower. A rare endemic, planted here, but still great to see such a special plant in bloom in its habitat, although it should flower in the autumn! It belongs to the *Campanulaceae*. On grassy verges in Ribeiro Frio were leaf rosettes of the endemic *Dactylorhiza foliosa*, and we saw it at a few other sites too.

Later in the week, in the north of the island we walked the much less visited Levada do Rei, especially lush with a fine flora. *Vaccinium padifolium* was in fine flower, a species typical of the laurisilva understory. *Clethra arborea*, the Lily-of-the-Valley Tree was numerous here, not in flower at this season though, although the fruits were distinctive. *Persea indica* was among the *Lauraceae*. We enjoyed a fine walk punctuated by endemics including *Smilax canariense, Semele androgyna, Salix canariense, Myrica faya, Rubus grandifolius, Oxalis debilis, Urtica morifolia, Rumex maderensis,* and *Teline maderense*. It was here that ferns abounded, among them *Adiantum reniforme, Vandenboschia speciosa,* and *Arachnoides webbiana*. At the start of the walk was a selection of non-native shrubs including *Fuchsia arborescens* and *Fuchsia magellanica. Solanum mauritianum* was naturalised even higher along the levada, a large shrub for some reason introduced to the island by the botanist R. T. Lowe in the nineteenth century and now widely invasive.

Here we saw the endemic Madeiran Speckled Wood. The widespread Speckled Wood now also occurs of the island, having arrived here in the seventies, and it is much commoner and unfortunately displacing the native species. Perez's Frogs called and were seen in a small pond near the start of the walk.

By contrast the peninsular of São Lourenço in the south east had a fascinating flora in very different habitat, a volcanic landscape of open treeless grassland, and rocky cliffs. We spent a fine day here, walking slowly along the well used trails, up and down series of steps, carrying our lunches with us enabling us to spend the best part of a day here. There were fine views of the three Desertas Islands to the south, and across to the inhabited island of Porto Santo. The walk gave an endless variety of impressive ocean and cliff views. Interesting plants began immediately but it was a short way along the path that endemic plants really came into their own. The composite Argyranthemum pinnatifidum succulentum was locally common, representing an endemic genus. Lovely Matthiola maderensis was in bloom. Composites continued with Andryala glandulosa, Helichrysum devium, Senecio incrassatus, and Tolpis succulenta. This was one of several sites where we saw Echium nervosum in bloom, allowing great photos of it with the rocky coast as a backdrop. Silene uniflora was common, and Astragalus pelecinus and Lotus glaucus were in flower. Fleshy mezems were Aizoon canariense, Mesembryanthemum crystallinum, and Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum. Plantains featured with Plantago arborescens maderensis, Plantago coronopus, Plantago lagopus, and Plantago leiopetala. The variety continued with Rumex simpliciflorus maderensis, Euphorbia terracina, Linum strictum, and Ammi majus. Orobanche minor was in fine form.

This is the best place on the island to see Berthelot's Pipit, and we saw this regional endemic closely. Canaries were much in evidence, we saw Rock Sparrow, Hoopoe, and Whimbrel fed on the open grassy slopes, rather a surprise. Chris got a photo of a Kestrel with a lizard prey. Madeiran Lizards were especially abundant on this walk, one wall especially heaving with them. The area also supports many endemic molluscs.

The drive to and from the east of the island took us under the impressive runway of Funchal airport, the road passing underneath the remarkable structure, impressive pillars towering above.

Although birds are relatively few in number of species, the island supports some special gems. The lovely endemic Madeira Firecrest was often remarkably tame, and approached us closely enabling its beauty to be appreciated, and we saw it nearly daily. The Chaffinches here are an endemic subspecies, with a distinctive green back. The regional endemic Canary was seen daily. Perhaps the Greentours Natural History Holidays www.greentours.co.uk 3

most notable endemic is Trocaz Pigeon, until recently confined to the laurisilva, but now having spread into several of the larger gardens in and around Funchal, and there easy to see well. We saw it both in the laurisilva and in gardens. Buzzard, Kestrel, Blackbird, Blackcap, and Grey Wagtail were all represented by endemic subspecies.

Monarch was impressive in several of the city's gardens. The regional endemic Canary Red Admiral was seen alongside the widespread *atalanta*. A lovely endemic is Madeira Brimstone, or Madeira Cleopatra, a *Gonepteryx* certainly more resembling cleopatra than brimstone with an extensive orange patch on the forewing. We saw it most often in Ribeiro Frio, it's foodplant the endemic *Rhamnus*. Long-tailed Blues and Lang's Short-tailed Blues flew in Funchal gardens. Small Copper was represented by an endemic subspecies. Among a few moths seen was the endemic *Scopula irrorata*. Few Odonata occur, but we saw all of them, three species of Emperor, the endemic Island Darter, Red-veined Darter, and Small Bluetail, the only damsel.

As already mentioned ferns featured heavily. Lush especially in laursilva at Ribeiro Frio and Levada do Rei, along with species already mentioned, notable were *Anogramma leptophylla, Asplenium monanthes, Hymenophyllum tunbridgense, Pteris incompleta, Pteris vittata, Adiantum hispidulum, Adiantum raddianum, Aspenium billotii, Asplenium onopteris, Dryopteris affinis, Dryopteris aemula, Diplazium caudatum, and Stenogramma pozoi.* Regional endemics included *Polypodium macaronesicum* and *Asplenium aethiopicum braithwaitii.* 

Superb *Aeonium glandulosum* and *Aeonium glutinosum* were impressive on roadside cliffs. The former had beautiful large plate-like rosettes of leaves appressed to the rock. *Echium candicans* is now rare, occuring locally in the mountains, but often planted on roadsides there, not in flower at this time though. As already mentioned the endemic *Echium nervosum* was in beautiful flower at several places along the south coast. The endemic *Argyranthemum pinnatifidum* often flowered on higher roadsides.

Pockets of native vegetation survive here and there along the densely inhabited south coast. Between the city and the airport was an especially fine area with many endemic *Euphorbia piscatoria* and superb *Echium nervosum* in flower. *Cardiospermum grandiflorum* was here too.

Near the city is the only remaining site for the Macaronesian endemic *Lavandula pinnata*, a species that also occurs in the Canaries. At the same site we found the grasses *Cenchrus ciliaris* and *Paspalum dilatatum*, the regional endemic fern *Cheilanthes maderensis*, endemic *Globularia salicina* in flower, and endemic *Musschia aurea* in leaf. Remarkable here was a lone *Ferraria crispa*, a striking irid that we see in its native habitat on the Cape tour. Quite a surprise to see it here.

Gardens featured on the tour too. We took the very popular cable car above Funchal to Monte Palace Gardens, one of the most famous destinations on the island, the lush extensive plantings featuring a vast collection amid a great mixture of styles, for example an oriental garden, and pools at its centre of the gardens even having flamingos. Among the many things seen here was the rare endemic tree *Picconia excelsa* that we didn't see in the wild. From Monte Palace we went to the Jardim Botanico by taxi, the cable car between the two not operating although it had reopened for my visit the following week. Started by the Reid family in 1881, this fine garden has great views down to Funchal and the harbour. As well as formal plantings and varied collections the garden boasts some two hundred Macaronesian endemics and allowed us to see several species that are now extremely rare in the

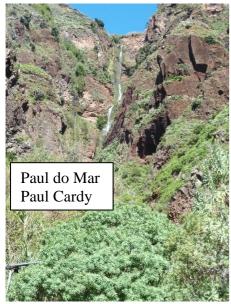
wild, among them *Juniperus cedrus maderensis* and *Aichryson dumosum*. The natural history museum here was interesting, although several of the stuffed birds etc. are a bit tatty!

To the east of town is Palheiro, the jewel of the island's gardens. A beautiful afternoon was spent here, and indeed the following week I was based in the hotel here with another group. Among the many garden highlights here were the *Camellia japonica* collection, many fine Proteaceae, a beautiful large *Liriodendron tulipifera*, *Araucaria heterophylla*, the largest of which was 45m, *Sequoia sempervirens*, *Cinnamomeus camphora*, and lovely New Zealand Christmas Trees, *Metrosideros excelsa*. *Wigandia caracasana* was in impressive flower, and *Lupinus luteus* was naturalised in open areas. Here we had close views of Trocaz Pigeons.

The Dragon Tree Sanctuary, in the eastern suburbs, had fine examples of this incredible Macaronesian endemic, now all but extinct in the wild on Madeira. This lovely small garden also had some rare endemics, notably *Bupleurum salicifolium*, *Monizia edulis*, *Galium productum*, and *Helichrysum monizii*.

Downtown, near the Cathedral Se do Funchal, the Municipal Gardens was a great place for a stroll, followed by lunch in the gardens. Monarchs, and Lang's Short-tailed and Long-tailed Blues were on the wing in the garden, and many Madeiran Lizards were active in the sunshine. In the city centre were Common and Roseate Terns and Sally Lightfoot Crabs on the harbour rocks.

The pass at Encumeada affords fine views to the east of the high jagged peaks, to the west a very different upland, the plain of Paul da Serra, with the longest straight roads on the island, gorse dominating vast areas. At Encumeada Tree Heath dominated and *Hypericum canariense* was in flower. Here we walked a beautiful levada, to the mouth of a long levada tunnel that leads to the lush northern slopes, and some of us ventured a short way in. Alongside the levada, many plants included *Clethra arborea, Geranium palmatum*, and *Sonchus fruticosus*. Plain Swifts were in the air and Trocaz Pigeon was seen in the laurisilva. For the last few days of the tour Fred Rumsey from the British Museum joined us, and showed us today *Diphasiastrum madeirense* at its only station on the island, the hybrid *Polypodium x encumeadense* named after the site, and the very local *Ceterach lolegnamense*. *Ranunculus cortusifolius major* was in impressive flower and notable was the endemic *Plantago costae*.



On the south west coast the fishing community of Paul do Mar had a fascinating flora above it. Here we saw *Crambe fruticosa*, *Saxifraga maderensis* in fine flower, and *Olea maderensis*. *Trachelium caeruleum* flowered on nearby roadsides.

The last site of the tour was an amazing cliff top viewpoint, for those brave enough to stand on the glass platform atop the sheer cliff!

I'd arrived a few days before the tour to check again the sites I knew from previous visits, and to explore further. Following on from this WAL tour I led another weeks' tour, and in almost three weeks on the island, got to know it pretty well, and to feel at home here.

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# Madeira Systematic Lists 2023

# **Compiled by Paul Cardy**

Day 1 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March Arrival, Funchal

Day 2 Sunday 19th March Ribeiro Frio, Balcões, Palheiro

Day 3 Monday 20th March São Lourenço

Day 4 Tuesday 21st March Cable car to Monte Palace Gardens, Funchal Botanic Garden

Day 5 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March To Poiso, to São Jorge, Levada do Rei, via Machico, Assomada

Day 6 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Serra de Agua, Encumeada, Paul da Serra, Paul do Mar

Day 7 Friday 24th March Lavandula pinnata site, Dragon Tree Sanctuary, Palheiro,

Municipal Gardens, sites west of Funchal

Day 8 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March Departure



# Systematic List Number 1Plants

The order generally follows the standard work, 'Flora of Madeira' edited by JR Press and MJ Short, Natural History Museum, 1994, although with some updated nomenclature.

#### Lycopodiaceae

Diphasiastrum madeirense

Encumeada, its only station on Madeira. Macaronesian endemic.

#### Selaginellaceae

Mediterranean Selaginella a selaginella

Selaginella denticulata Selaginella kraussiana

## Equisetaceae

Equisetum telmateia

a horsetail

## Polypodiaceae

Polypodium macaronesicum Polypodium vulgare Polypodium xencumeadense

Common Polypody

## Sinopteridaceae

Cheilanthes maderensis

## Pteridaceae

Pteris incompleta Pteris vittata Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern Adiantum hispidulum Adiantum raddianum Adiantum reniforme ssp.reniforme Scattered records Scattered records Levada do Rei Monte Palace Scattered records Levada do Rei

Lavandula pinnata site.

Scattered records

Scattered records

Ribeiro Frio

Encumeada

Day 6

#### Hemionitidaceae

Anogramma leptophylla

Hymenophyllaceae

Hymenophyllum tunbrigense Vandenboschia speciosa Tunbridge Filmy Fern

Balcões etc. Levada do Rei

Scattered records

Dicksoniaceae

Dicksonia antarctica

Scattered records, introduced

Hypolepidaceae

Pteridium aquilinum

Bracken

Jersey Fern

Scattered records

Ribeiro Frio, Funchal

In laurisilva

## Thelypteridaceae

Christella dentata Lastrea limbosperma

Stenogramma pozoi

Levada do Rei, Day 6

	Aspleniaceae		
Asplenium aethiopicum ssp.braith	nvaitii	Ribeiro Frio. Macaronesian endemic.	
Asplenium anceps		Macaronesian endemic	
Asplenium billotii		Ribeiro Frio	
Asplenium monanthes		Ribeiro Frio	
Asplenium onopteris	a spleenwort	Widespread	
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Scattered records	
ssp.quadrivalens			
Ceterach lolegnamense	a rustyback fern	Below Encumeada. Endemic.	
	Aythyriaceae	2	
Aythyrium filix-femina	Lady Fern	Widespread	
Cystopteris diaphana	a brittle bladder fern	Scattered records	
Diplazium caudatum		Scattered records	
	Aspidiaceae		
Arachnoides webbiana	1	Levada do Rei. Endemic.	
Cyrtomium falcatum		Funchal	
Dryopteris aemula		Ribeiro Frio	
Dryopteris affinis	Scaly Male Fern	Scattered records	
Dryopteris aitoniana		Scattered records. Endemic.	
Dryopteris maderensis		Scattered records. Endemic.	
Polystichum drepanum			
Polystichum setiferum	Soft Shield Fern	Widespread	
	Oleandraceae		
Nephrolepis cordifolia			
Davalliaceae			
Davallia canariensis		Widespread, on trees	
Blechnaceae			
Blechnum spicant	Hard Fern	Widespread	
Doodia caudata		Day 6, naturalised	
Woodwardia radicans		Scattered records	
Pinaceae			
Pinus halepensis	Aleppo Pine		
Pinus pinaster	Maritime Pine		
	Cupressaceae	2	
Cupressus macrocarpa	-	Planted	
Juniperus cedrus ssp.maderensis		Only seen in the Botanic Gardens.	
-		Macaronesian endemic. Now rare in the	

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wild.

Taxaceae			
Taxus baccata	Yew	Botanic Gardens	
	Lauraceae		
Apollonius barbujana	Шиниссис	Laurisilva. Macaronesian endemic.	
Laurus novocanariensis		Dominant in the Laurisilva	
Ocotea foetens		Laurisilva. Macaronesian endemic.	
Persea indica		Laurisilva. Macaronesian endemic.	
	Ranunculacea	e	
Ranunculus cortusifolius ssp.major		In leaf Ribeiro Frio, in flower Day 6.	
, <b>,</b> ,		Macaronesian endemic.	
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	A few records	
Berberidaceae			
Berberis maderensis	a barberry	Funchal gardens. Endemic.	
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	Papaveraceae	2	
Chelidonium majus	Greater Celandine		
Eschscholzia californica	Californian Poppy	Locally naturalised	
Fumaria sp.			
Fumaria muralis		Scattered records	
Papaver dubium	Long-headed Poppy	Day 6	
Papaver rhoeas Papaver somniferum	Common Poppy Opium Poppy	Widespread	
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	Myricaceae		
Myrica faya		Encumeada etc. Macaronesian endemic.	
	Fagaceae		
Quercus ilex	Holm Oak		
Quercus nex Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	Ribeiro Frio etc.	
Quereus robui	i cutilitate Oak	hiberto Tho etc.	
Cactaceae			
Opuntia tuna	a prickly pear	Widespread	
<i>Opuntia</i> sp.		Funchal area. O.ficus-barbarica?	
Aizoaceae			
Aizoon canariense		São Lourenço	
Carpobrotus edulis	Hottentot Fig	Coastal	
Drosanthemum floribundum			
Mesembryanthemum crystallinun	1	São Lourenço	
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum São Lourenço			
Carvonhullaceae			

## Caryophyllaceae

Cerastium fontanum ssp.vulgareCommon Mouse-earScattered recordsCerastium glomeratumSticky Mouse-earScattered recordsPetrorhagia nanteuiliia tunic flowerFunchalPolycarpon tetraphyllumFour-leaved AllseedWidespreadGreentoursNatural History Holidayswww.greentours.co.uk9

Sagina apetala Scleranthus annuus Silene gallica Silene uniflora Silene vulgaris Spergularia bocconii Stellaria media Annual Pearlwort Annual Knawel Small-flowered Catchfly Bladder Campion

a sand-spurrey Chickweed

Purslane

Funchal

Widespread São Lourenço and Day 6 Funchal Funchal Scattered records

## Portulacaceae

Portulacca oleracea

Achyranthes sicula

# Chenopodiaceae

Beta vulgaris ssp.maritima Chenopodium murale Suaeda vera Sea Beet Nettle-leaved Goosefoot Shrubby Seablite Coastal Scattered records São Lourenço

## Amaranthaceae

Widespread

## Polygonaceae

Polygonum capitatumRumex acetosellaSheep's SorrelRumex crispusCurled DockRumex maderensisRumex obtusifoliusBroad-leaved DockRumex simpliciflorus ssp.maderensis

Naturalised in Funchal Widespread

Scattered records. Macaronesian endemic.

São Lourenço. Endemic.

This species (?) in Funchal

West coast (week 2)

## Guttiferae

Day 6. Macaronesian endemic. Ribeiro Frio. Macaronesian endemic.

## Malvaceae

Abutilon grandifolium Lavatera arborea Lavatera cretica Malva parviflora

Hypericum canariense

Hypericum grandifolium

Tree Mallow Cretan Mallow Least Mallow

Scattered records Funchal

## Moraceae

Naturalised

Parietaria judaica Soleirolia soleirolii Urtica membranacea Urtica morifolia

Ficus carica

Fig

Membraneous Nettle

Scattered Ribeiro Frio and Funchal Scattered records Levada do Rei. Macaronesian endemic.

## Violaceae

Viola odorata Viola sequeirae Sweet Violet

Levada do Rei Ribeiro Frio. Endemic.

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**Urticaceae** Pellitory of the Wall Sca

## Passifloraceae

Passiflora sp. Passiflora mollissima

Levada do Rei

#### Tamaricaceae

São Lourenço, planted or naturalised

### Salicaceae

Salix canariensis

Tamarix gallica

a sallow

a tamarisk

Locally common, e.g. Levada do Rei. Macaronesian endemic.

#### Brassicaceae Thale Cress Scattered records Arabidopsis thaliana Paul da Serra Arabis alpina ssp.caucasica Alpine Rockcress Funchal Brassica nigra Black Mustard Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherd's Purse Cardamine hirsuta Hairy Bittercress Scattered records Coronopus didymus Lesser Swinecress Day 6 South west and west of Funchal. Endemic. Crambe fruticosa Wall Whitlow Grass Draba muralis Day 2 Eruca vesicaria ssp.sativa Eruca Scattered records Erysimum bicolor Widespread. Macaronesian endemic. Woad Isatis tinctoria Naturalised Matthiola maderensis a stock São Lourenço, Funchal, South west. Endemic. Sea Radish Raphanus raphanistrum ssp.maritima Rapistrum rugosum **Bastard** Cabbage São Lourenço Sinapidendron angustifolium Levada do Rei (in fruit). Endemic. Sinapidendron gymnocalyx West coast (week 2). Endemic. Funchal area Sisymbrium erysimoides Sisymbrium irio London Rocket Sisymbrium officinale Hedge Mustard Resedaceae Reseda luteola Weld Scattered records Clethraceae Clethra arborea Levada do Rei and Encumeada. Macaronesian endemic. Ericaceae Erica arborea Tree Heath Widespread and often dominant Erica platycodon ssp.maderincola Days 5 and 6. Endemic. Vaccinium padifolium Ribeiro Frio, Levada do Rei, Day 6. Endemic.

Sapotaceae			
Sideroxylon mirmulans		West coast (week 2). Macaronesian endemic.	
	Primulaceae	,	
Anagallis arvensis	Scarlet Pimpernel	Scattered records, both blue and red flowered forms	
	Pittosporacea	ie	
Pittosporum coriaceum Pittosporum undulatum		Rabaçal (week 2). Endemic. Naturalised	
	Hydrangeaced	16	
Hydrangea macrophylla	J	Scattered records	
	Crassulaceae	2	
Aeonium glandulosum		North coast, above Serra de Agua, Funchal. Endemic.	
Aeonium glutinosum		São Lourenço, north coast, above Serra de Agua, Funchal. Endemic.	
Aichryson divaricatum		Ribeiro Frio, Levada do Rei. Endemic.	
Aichryson dumosum		In flower Botanic Garden. Endemic. Very	
Aichryson villosum		rare in the wild. Ribeiro Frio, Day 6. Macaronesian endemic.	
Crassula multicava		Naturalised	
Crassula tillaea		Day 5	
Kalanchoe spp.		Naturalised	
Sedum nudum		Scattered records. Endemic.	
Umbilicus rupestris	Navelwort	Scattered records	
	Saxifragacea	e	
Saxifraga maderensis		Paul do Mar, above Serra de Agua, in fine flower. Endemic.	
	Rosaceae		
Aphanes australis	a parsley-piert	Day 6	
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	Ribeiro Frio	
Duchesnea indica		Day 2, naturalised.	
Eriobotrya japonica	Loquat	Scattered records	
Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry	Scattered records	
Rosa mandonii		Levada do Rei, in leaf. Endemic.	
Rubus bollei	a bramble	Scattered records	
Rubus grandifolius Rubus ulmifolius	a bramble a bramble	Levada do Rei. Endemic.	
	Fabaceae		
Acacia mearnsii	I MUMEENE	Widespread and abundantly planted and naturalised	
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Aquifoliaceae

Ilex canariensis Ilex perado ssp.perado Ribeiro Frio. Macaronesian endemic. Ribeiro Frio and Levado do Rei. Endemic.

## Euphorbiaceae

Chamaesyce prostrata Euphorbia exigua Euphorbia mellifera

Euphorbia peplus Euphorbia piscatoria Euphorbia terracina Mercurialis annua Ricinus communis

Dwarf Spurge a spurge Petty Spurge a spurge a spurge Annual Mercury Castor Oil Plant

Scattered records Scattered records Ribeiro Frio and Levado do Rei. Macaronesian endemic. Scattered records Locally common, south coast. Endemic. São Lourenço Scattered records Scattered records. Naturalised.

#### Rhamnaceae

Rhamnus glandulosa

Ribeiro Frio. Macaronesian endemic.

#### Sapindaceae

Cardiospermum grandiflorum

Day 6, naturalised

#### Aceraceae

Acer pseudoplatanus

Sycamore

a buckthorn

## Anacardiaceae

Rhus coriaria

Day 6, naturalised

#### Linaceae

São Lourenço Balcões (from bird seed!)

Linum strictum Linum usitatissimum

## Geraniaceae

Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill	Scattered records
Erodium malacoides	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	São Lourenço
Erodium moschatum	Musk Stork's-bill	Scattered records
Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Day 2
Geranium lucidum	Shining Cranesbill	
Geranium maderense		West coast (week 2)
Geranium molle	Dovesfoot Cranesbill	Scattered records
Geranium palmatum		Encumeada
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert	Scattered records
Geranium rotundifolium	Round-leaved Cranesbill	
Pelargonium spp.		Naturalised

## Oxalidaceae

Oxalis corniculata Oxalis debilis Oxalis pes-caprae Oxalis purpurea

Bermuda Buttercup

Yellow Oxalis

Scattered records Scattered records Widespread Widespread

## Tropaeolaceae

Tropaeolum majus

Nasturtium

Widespread

## Araliaceae

Widespread

## Apiaceae

Ammi majus São Lourenço Ammoides pusilla Apium nodiflorum Fool's Watercress In leaf Bupleurum salicifolium Dragon Tree Sanctuary Crithmum maritimum **Rock Samphire** São Lourenço and Funchal Daucus carota Wild Carrot Foeniculum vulgare Fennel Melanoselinum decipiens Ribeiro Frio and Day 6. Macaronesian endemic. Monizia edulis Dragon Tree Sanctuary. Endemic. Very rare in the wild. In leaf. Endemic. a water dropwort Parsley Spreading Bur Parsley

#### Oleaceae

Jasminum azoricum Olea maderensis Picconia excelsa

an olive

an ivy

Funchal, Endemic. Paul do Mar. Endemic. Funchal, planted. Rare in the wild. Macaronesian endemic.

#### Solanaceae

Brugmansia suaveolens Hyoscyamus albus Lycopersicon esculentum Nicotiana glauca Solanum linnaeanum Solanum mauritianum Solanum nigrum ssp.nigrum Solanum patens

White Henbane Tomato Shrub Tobacco

Black Nightshade

Funchal Naturalised at São Lourenço Funchal São Lourenço Widely naturalised, e.g. Levado do Rei São Lourenço Week 2

## Convolvulaceae

Mallow-leaved Bindweed Small Blue Convolvulus

Scattered records Funchal In leaf, Municipal Gardens, Funchal

Scattered records

## Hydrophyllaceae

Wigandia caracasana

Convolvulus althaeoides

Convolvulus siculus

Dichondra micrantha

Ipomoea indica

Ipomoea purpurea

Palheiro and Botanic Garden

#### Boraginaceae

Borago officinalis Cynoglossum creticum Echium candicans

Borage Blue Hound's-tongue West coast (week 2) Day 5 Ribeiro Frio area. Endemic.

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Hedera maderensis

ssp.maderensis

Petroselinum crispum Torilis arvensis ssp.neglecta

Oenanthe divaricata

Echium nervosum

Echium plantagineum Myosotis sylvatica

Lantana camara *Verbena* sp.

Purple Viper's-Bugloss Wood Forget-me-not

Locally in fine flower on the south coast from Paul da Serra to São Lourenço. Endemic. Widespread Palheiro, naturalised

This species seen week 2? Endemic.

Ribeiro Frio. Macaronesian endemic.

Very locally in fine flower near Funchal.

#### Verbenaceae

Lantana

Naturalised

## Lamiaceae

Bystropogon maderensis Bystropogon punctatus Cedronella canariensis Lavandula pinnata

Mentha aquatica Micromeria thymoides ssp.cacuminicolae Micromeria thymoides ssp.thymoides Plectranthus fruticosus Prunella vulgaris Stachys arvensis Stachys ocymastrum Teucrium betonicum

Plantago arborescens ssp.maderensis Plantago coronopus Plantago costae Plantago lagopus Plantago lanceolata Plantago leiopetala Plantago major

Calceolaria tripartita Cymbalaria muralis Digitalis purpurea Isoplexis sceptrum Misopates calycinum Misopates orontium Sibthorpia peregrina Veronica arvensis Veronica hederifolia

Water Mint a micromeria

a micromeria

Self-heal Field Woundwort a woundwort

Paul da Serra?

Macaronesian endemic.

Balcões. Endemic.

This on the coast?

Ribeiro Frio Day 2 Scattered records Gardens. Endemic.

## Plantaginaceae

São Lourenço and Day 6. Endemic.

São Lourenço Paul da Serra. Endemic. São Lourenco Scattered records São Lourenço Recorded

## Scrophulariaceae

Ivy-leaved Toadflax Foxglove

Ivy-leaved Speedwell

Ribeiro Frio, naturalised Scattered records In leaf Ribeiro Frio. Endemic. Palmeira (week 2) Scattered records Day 2, Levada do Rei. Endemic. Funchal Day 2

## Globulariaceae

In flower Paul do Mar and Funchal. Macaronesian endemic.

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# Greater Plantain

Buck's-horn Plantain

Globularia salicina

**Ribwort** Plantain

Weasel's Snout

Wall Speedwell

Orobanchaceae			
Orobanche minor	Common Broomrape	Widespread	
	Bignoniaceae		
Tecoma capensis	U U	Naturalised in Funchal area	
	Campanulacea	е	
Campanula erinus	Annual Bellflower	Days 2 and 6	
Musschia aurea		In leaf in Funchal area. Endemic.	
Musschia wollastonii		In superb flower at Balcões, where	
		planted. Endemic. Very rare in the wild.	
		Usually flowers VIII – XI.	
Trachelium caeruleum	Throatwort	South-west roadsides	
ssp.caeruleum			
Wahlenbergia lobelioides ssp.lobelioides		Funchal	
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Rubiaceae			
Galium aparine	Cleavers	Day 5	
Galium murale			
Galium parisiense		Scattered records	
Galium productum		Dragon Tree Sanctuary. Endemic.	
Phyllis nobla		Ribeiro Frio, in flower west coast (week 2).	
Rubia agostinhoi	Wild Madder	Macaronesian endemic.	
Sherardia arvensis	Sherardia	Scattered, e.g. Ribeiro Frio Scattered records	
	Caprifoliaceae	2	
Lonicera etrusca	Etruscan Honeysuckle	In leaf Balcões	
Sambucus lanceolata		Ribeiro Frio. Endemic.	
	Valerianaceae		
Centranthus calcitrapae	a valerian	Scattered records	
Centranthus ruber	Red Valerian	Widespread, naturalised	
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	Asteraceae		
Ageratina adenophora		Abundantly naturalised, invasive	
Ageratina riparia		Widespread	
Andryala glandulosa		Locally numerous at São Lourenço	
ssp.glandulosa		West 2 Frederic	
Argyranthemum dissectum Argyranthemum pinnatifidum		Week 2. Endemic. Below Ribeiro Frio. Endemic.	
ssp.pinnatifidum		below Riberto Filo. Endennic.	
Argyranthemum pinnatifidum		São Lourenço. Endemic.	
ssp.succulentum		buo Lourenço. Lindenne.	
Artemisia arborescens			
Bellis perennis	Daisy		
Bidens pilosa	5	Widespread, rayless form seen too	
Calendula arvensis	Corn Marigold	Scattered records	
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## Monocotyledons

## Poaceae

Anthoxanthum odoratum Arundo donax Avena barbata Brachypodium sylvaticum Briza maxima Briza minor Bromus madritensis Cenchrus ciliaris Chloris gayana Cynodon dactylon Sweet Vernal-grass Giant Reed

False Brome Large Quaking Grass Lesser Quaking Grass Compact Brome

Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot	
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Festuca donax Hordeum murinum	Wall Barlow	Endemic
Hyparrhenia hirta	Wall Barley	
Lagurus ovatus	Hare's-tail Grass	
Lamarckia aurea	Golden Dog's-tail	
Lolium temulentum	Darnel	
Melinis minutiflora		
Panicum repens		
Paspalum dilatatum		
Pennisetum villosum		
Phalaris aquatica		
Phalaris coerulescens		
Poa annua Poa tuivizialio	Annual Meadow-grass	
Poa trivivialis Rostraria cristata	Rough Meadow-grass	
Sorghum halepense		
	Juncaceae	
Juncus acutus ssp.acutus	Sharp Rush	
Luzula campestris	Field Wood-rush	
Luzula elegans		Endemic
Luzula multiflora ssp.multiflora		
	Cyperaceae	
Carex divulsa ssp.divulsa	Grey Sedge	
Carex peregrina	Giey Seage	
	Zingiberaceae	
Hedychium gardnerianum	C	Naturalised at Ribeiro Frio
	Cannaceae	
Canna indica		
	Arecaceae	
Phoenix canariensis	Лисисене	
	Araceae	
Zantedeschia aethiopica		
	Lemnaceae	
Lemna minor	Common Duckweed	
	Liliaceae	
Agapanthus praecox ssp.orientalis	LIMMUUMU	Abundantly naturalised
Allium triquetrum	Three-cornered Leek	Widespread
Aloe arborescens		Scattered
Asphodelus fistulosus	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	São Lourenço

Ruscus streptophyllus Semele androgyna Day 6. Endemic. Ribeiro Frio and Levada do Rei. Macaronesian endemic.

#### Iridaceae

Ferraria crispa

Freesia refracta Gladiolus italicus Romulea columnae ssp.columnae Watsonia borbonica ssp.ardernei One plant near Funchal, native to South Africa Naturalised Estreito Below Ribeiro Frio, week 2 North coast, white flowers

#### Agavaceae

Century Plant

Agave americana Agave attenuata Dracaena draco ssp.draco

Smilax canariensis

Tamus edulis

Fine planted trees, but extremely rare/ extinct in the wild. Macaronesian endemic. Levado do Rei. Macaronesian endemic.

## Dioscoreaceae

Day 6, cultivated? Macaronesian endemic.

## Orchidaceae

Dactylorhiza foliosa

Gennaria diphylla

#### In leaf at Ribeiro Frio and on Day 6. Endemic. Balcões and Day 6

# Systematic List Number 2

# **Butterflies**

#### Pieridae

Small White Clouded Yellow Madeira Brimstone Artogeia rapae Colias crocea Gonepteryx maderensis

Danaus plexippus

#### Lycaenidae

Lang's Short-tailed BlueLeptotes pirithousLong-tailed BlueLampides boeticusSmall CopperLycaena phlaeas

## Danaidae

Monarch

#### Nymphalidae

Canary Red Admiral Vanessa vulcania

Red AdmiralVanessa atalantaPainted LadyVanessa cardui

#### Satyridae

Speckled Wood Pararge aegeria Madeiran Speckled Wood Pararge xiphia Widespread Scattered records Endemic. Scattered records, especially Ribeiro Frio.

Municipal Gardens and Jardim Botanico Municipal Gardens and Jardim Botanico Endemic subspecies. Paul da Serra.

#### Gardens in Funchal

Endemic to Madeira and Canaries. Scattered records Scattered records Scattered records

Widespread Endemic. Levado do Rei.

# Systematic List Number 3

## **Birds**

Cory's Shearwater Little Egret Buzzard Kestrel Coot Whimbrel Yellow-legged Herring Gull Common Tern Roseate Tern Rock Dove Trocaz Pigeon

Collared Dove Plain Swift

Hoopoe Swallow Berthelot's Pipit Grey Wagtail Robin

Blackbird

Blackcap Madeira Firecrest

Rock Sparrow Chaffinch Canary

Greenfinch Goldfinch Linnet Calonectris diomedea Egretta garzetta Buteo buteo harterti Falco tinnunculus canariensis Fulica atra Numenius phaeopus Larus cachinnans Sterna hirundo Sterna dougallii Columba livia Columba trocaz

Streptopelia decaocto Apus unicolor

Upupa epops Hirundo rustica Anthus berthelotii Motacilla cinerea schmitzi Erithacus rubecula microrhynchos Turdus merula cabrerae

Sylvia atricapilla heinecken Regulus madeirensis

Petronia petronia Fringilla coelebs madeirensis Serinus canaria

Carduelis chloris Carduelis carduelis Carduelis cannabina guentheri Occasional A few records Scattered records. Endemic subspecies. Widespread. Endemic subspecies. South coast On a grassy slope at São Lourenço Widespread. Near-endemic subspecies. Funchal Funchal Widespread Seen superbly well at two sites near Funchal, also Ribeiro Frio and Encumeada. Endemic. Widespread around habitation Encumeada. Endemic to Madeira and the Canary Islands. São Lourenço São Lourenço São Lourenço. Macaronesian endemic. Ribeiro Frio. Endemic subspecies. Widespread. Endemic subspecies Madeira and Western Canaries. Widespread. Endemic subspecies Madeira and Canary Islands. Widespread Widespread in small numbers, often seen very closely. Endemic. São Lourenço Widespread. Endemic subspecies. Widespread, seen daily. Macaronesian endemic. Scattered records Scattered records Scattered records. Endemic subspecies.

# Systematic List Number 4

# **Amphibians and Reptiles**

Perez's Frog	Pelophylax perezi	Levada do Rei
Madeira Lizard	Teira dugesii	Endemic. Locally numerous, especially São Lourenço.
Boettger's Lizard	Gallotia caesaris	Botanic Gardens, Funchal, where introduced

# Systematic List Number 5

# **Dragonflies**

Five dragonflies and one damselfly occur in Madeira, and all were seen.

Small Bluetail Vagrant Emperor Lesser Emperor Blue Emperor Red-veined Darter Island Darter

Ischnura pumilio Anax ephippiger Anax parthenope Anax imperator Trithemis fonscolombii Sympetrum nigrifemur

Endemic to Madeira and Canaries