

The Canary Islands

Dragon Trees & Blue Chaffinches

A Greentours Trip Report

8th – 17th February 2020

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Canarina canariensis

Day 0 – Saturday 8th February 2020 – Travel day – all to El Patio, El Guincho

I flew in from Dublin, met up with Otto at Tenerife South airport, both our flights arriving late, we headed off to pick up my vehicle. In the meantime Ian had met up with the others, we all joined up at the hire car centre. By this time it was dark, Ian knew his way to our hotel the El Patio, which was about an hour drive. Once we had all settled in, we met up in the restaurant for our evening meal, and Ian told us what we would be doing the following day.

Day 1 – Sunday 9th February 2020 – Los Silos walk; Buenavista & Punta del Fraile

Woke to a lovely sunny morning, we could now enjoy the view over the banana plantations, out to sea, and in the other direction the mountains. After a hearty breakfast, we set off for Los Silos, parking in the town square, by a splendid modern art sculpture of *Canarina canariensis* made from waste metal, which we were aiming to see later on our walk. We started our uphill walk from Los Silos which is 5.7 km if you reach Erjos, where there are caves (Cuevas Negas), which we didn't get to by a long way. Plenty of stops were taken for photos and a rest. Canary Speckled Woods were frequent, often settling. Some gardens had avocado trees loaded with fruit, like dark green pears hanging. A Little Egret flew over, and a number of Kestrels were seen. Nettle-leaved Goosefoot was common along the base of the garden walls. *Salix canariensis* was common along the almost dry stream, some trees were still flowering, while



other were already shedding their seeds. *Erysimum bicolor* was flowering nicely. On walls and on earth banks *Davallia canariensis* was frequent. As we climbed we started to see the very impressive large stately *Sonchus acaulis* and *Sonchus congestus* with large yellow dandelion-like flowers. As expected, we found a good few *Canarina canariensis* flowering, the stems climb up through the other vegetation, and the large orange bells hang like Christmas decorations. As we climbed the zig-zag mule track, along the steep lava cliffs, we found lots of plate-like rosettes of *Aeonium*

tabulaeforme, none anywhere near flowering. A couple of Laurel Pigeons flew along the cliffs, spotted by Ian. On the sun-baked walls on our way down a few Tenerife Lizards darted away as we got near them.



We drove west along the coast to Buenavista for our packed lunch which the hotel had prepared for us. The waves were crashing against the very rocky shore, very spectacular at times as the water jumped high into the air. *Astydamia latifolia* with bright yellow flowers, and leaves very similar to Sea-kale, was common here.

After our refreshments and a little rest, we drove a short distance up the road and parked in a cliff top pull-in, as there was a barrier, and a policeman stopping vehicles going along the



road, except for buses, which we were told our van wasn't, we headed for and reached Punta del Fraile. There were scarlet Geraniums flowering on the road bank, a garden escape here. The very twisty road slowly climbed upwards, the first flowering *Asphodelus ramosus* of the trip was seen, and on the cliff ledges, many leaves, and some fruiting stems of *Pancreatium canariense* could be seen. Along the road bank many bushes of *Lavatera acerifolia*, with pretty pale pink flowers, were photographed. We slowly made our way up the road, stopping to see the white flowers of



Crambe scaberrima. An endemic species, *Vieraea laevigata* with yellow flowers was on the bare rock-face above the road, plus on the roadside wall. At this point most of the group decided to turn back. David, Lynne, Marge and I (Paul) continued up the road to the view point, where it was extremely windy. Here we could go through the short tunnel, out the other side of the headland, and look further along the coast. We found *Frankenia ericifolia* on the side of the paved path around the point. It was time to turn around, as the others were starting to wonder where we had disappeared to. Once we were all united again we headed back to the hotel.

We met at 6.30 pm to do our first checklist of the trip, and sat down, just over an hour later for our delicious evening meal. Wandering back to our rooms, Ian, Lynne and I went hunting for Tenerife Geckos, only one was found, high up on a wall.

Day 2 – Monday 10th February 2020 – Anaga Mountains

A very dark sky greeted us first thing, this soon disappeared, and we could amble around the hotel grounds before breakfast, Tenerife Chaffinches and Canaries were hopping about, and a Great Spotted Woodpecker could be heard in the distance.

We headed off in full sun, up through heather and laurel forests into the Anaga Mountains. Our first quick stop was a comfort stop, at the only visitor centre / café. We continued on up the steep mountain road to the Mirador. Here we had wonderful views across the mountains. A white dove was sitting on a roof of a derelict building, there was some debate whether it was a bird of interest, Ian and I assured the group it was only a domestic dove. After enjoying the backdrop, we took a steep narrow path down into the laurel forest. The ferns were rather wonderful here, with the large frond *Woodwardia radicans*, and even several of our familiar ferns from home were seen, such as *Blechnum spicant* (Hard Fern) and *Polystichum setiferum*



(Soft Shield-fern). As we wandered along the path, Otto was the first to find a patch of *Gennaria diphylla*, with a few flowering stems. *Geranium reuteri* was plentiful, but only one flower could be found. In an open sunny spot along the path *Andryala pinnatifida* was flowering well, and we found the first flowering *Romulea columnae* subsp. *grandiscapa* of the trip, many more were seen over the following days. Once back to the vehicles we wandered along the road in the warm sun, where we found one large *Carduus clavulatus* flowering on a disturbed heap of soil.



We headed off along the many hairpins to a view point for our lunch stop, had planned to stop a little lower down, but it was too noisy, two chaps were busy cutting concrete. Three swallows flew over while we ate.

We dropped down to where we planned to walk from, taking the path to the right first, hoping to see *Habenaria tridactylites* flowering, even though we saw many plants, all were well into seed. The small bright yellow flowers of *Aichryson parlatorei* had to do. We could hear a church bell

chiming in the distance, and looked down on tiny houses cut into the cliff face, with their small areas of farmed terraces. We retraced our steps and took the other path, where a Tenerife Lizard was sitting nicely on a bush. We had wonderful views across the mountains, and down the valley to the sea. Potatoes were being cultivated in the small terraces, and *Silene gallica* (Small-flowered Catchfly) was a weed around the margins. Hanging out of the cliffs was the white flowering *Echium leucophaeum*. Down in the valleys several Kestrels could be seen flying about the cliffs. Only Ian, Lynne, Marge and I made it to the end of the path. On our return journey we saw *Limonium macrophyllum* and *Lavandula buchii* flowering.



We did another quick roadside stop to photograph better *Canarina canariensis* and *Erica arborea*. Pulled again into where we had first stopped in the morning, for refreshments, some bought post cards, while others drank coffee, and ate cake. Our last stop of the day at Mirador de Jardina was to enjoy more spectacular views, unfortunately it was rather hazy. Here we saw one Swift, a single Blue Chaffinch, lots of *Malva parviflora* with tiny pink flowers, and hanging out of the wall was the yellow flowers of *Nicotiana glauca*.

Day 3 Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Masca Road; Le Jardín Botánico (Puerto de la Cruz)

We stopped in Icod on our way out to do a little shopping, even though it wasn't yet 10 am it was very warm. The Acacia trees along the streets gave some very welcome shade, as well as an interest, because more than one species had been planted.

We headed off for the Masca road, one of the twisty, and most hairpin roads I have ever driven along, how the large buses we kept meeting ever managed to navigate the bends was

a mystery. Our first stop was on the roadside, to look at *Lathyrus tingitanus* which deep reddish-purple flowers. There were flocks



of Canaries flying, and a few Painted Ladies on the wing. The road verge also had a few of our friends from home, such as *Trifolium dubium* (Lesser Trefoil) and *Vicia hirsuta* (Hairy Tare). We moved on to the first summit of the road, where we could see the sea on both sides. Here Marge



found the first pale yellow flowers on *Carlina salicifolia*. *Cistus monspeliensis* had a few white flowers out, and a Clouded Yellow flew by.

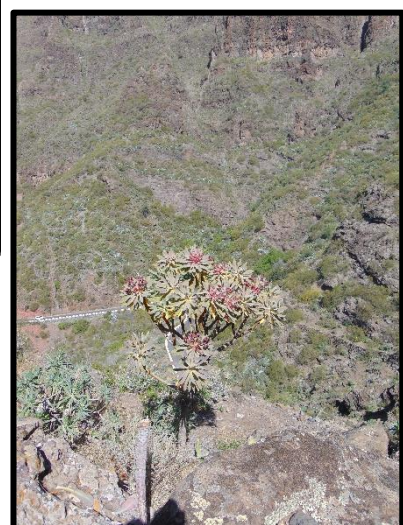
The next stop had wonderful flowering large bushes of *Euphorbia aptropurpurea*. With some



hunting, four *Habenaria tridactylites* were found flowering under the scrub on a steep bank. Ian took photos for anybody who wasn't able to climb up the bank. One *Tuberaria guttata* (Spotted Rock-rose) was flowering. A short distance down the road a large bush of *Hypericum canariense* was covered in yellow flowers. Overhead several buzzards could be seen. On the road verge opposite to where we had parked a few *Allium*

canariense still had good flowers showing. Photo by Liz.

We moved onto the next summit for our lunch stop, sitting on a wall in the warm sun as we ate. A number of Ravens could be seen high up above the mountains. There was a café here for anybody needing a coffee. We slowly continued along the ever increasingly steep road. Pulled



over at one stage to take photos of the view, and *Echium virescens*.

The afternoon was spent visiting Le Jardín Botánico garden. The shade from the many planted trees in the garden gave relief from the heat, as it now had reached 26°C. Otto, Ian and I spent a good bit of time watching two Monarch butterflies, flitting about a sunny clearing in the garden, and a Blackbird enjoying the fruits of a palm. We all ended up in the café on the opposite side of the road for coffee, freshly squeezed orange juice, and ice cream.

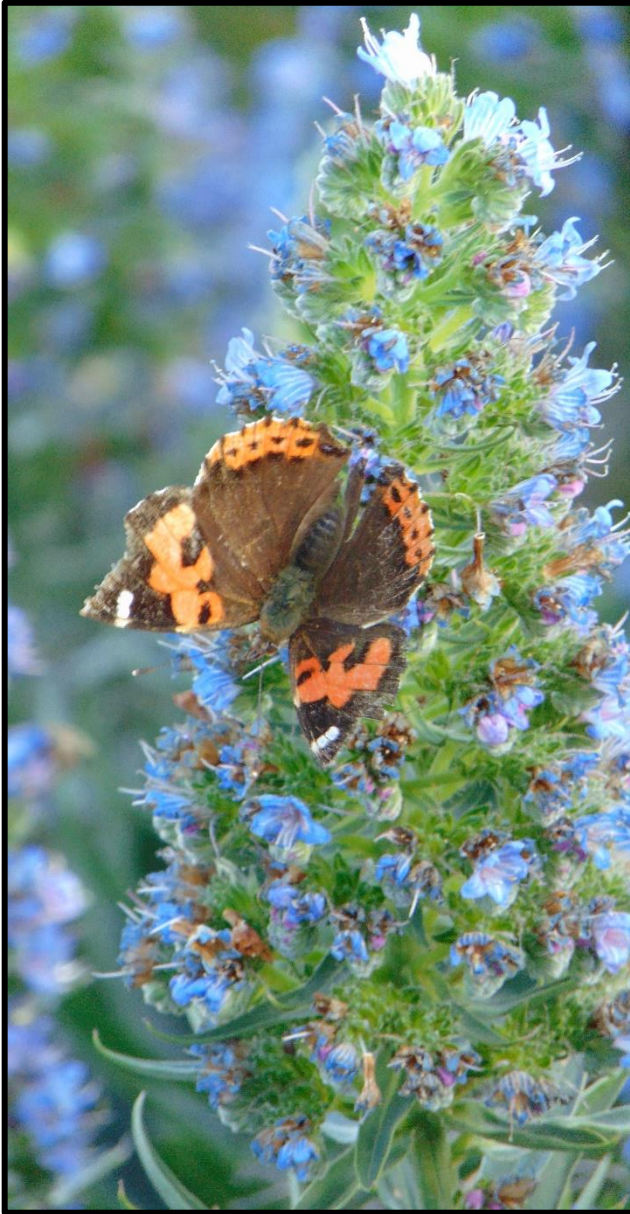
Day 4 Wednesday 12th February 2020 – Icod, ferry from Los Cristianos to San Sebastián de La Gomera, and Playa de Santiago.

Another stunningly sunny, clear blue sky start to the day. An owl was heard in the hotel garden. We bid El Patio farewell, and drove into Icod to see a very old Dragon Tree.

We left Icod and headed off to the pine forest above Chio, in search of *Himantoglossum metlesicsianum*, it was very dry, and only two rosettes were found. As it was very warm, we dropped back down the road to a café for refreshments. From here we headed into the very



busy Los Cristianos for the ferry, we had a good wait, but needed the time to sort out our tickets, and it gave us chance to have our lunch. Once onto the ferry several of us went up onto the top deck, in search of dolphins and Short-finned Pilot Whales, we were not disappointed, we saw a surprisingly large number of both, but only for the first half of the journey, once near La Gomera, there was no sign of either. We enjoyed the views of La Gomera as we came into the harbour.



The traffic was busy as we drove out of San Sebastián, once we left the town and headed up into the mountains the roads were quiet again. After a short while we pulled into a layby at Roque de Agando, to enjoy the views and to see what was flowering. A Canary Red Admiral soon distracted us, as it moved about the flowers enjoying the nectar of *Echium acanthocarpum*, there were also hundreds of bees on the *Echium*, and it was lovely hearing the hum they were making. We followed a narrow path, where *Pericallis steetzii* was flowering well, a species that was common on La Gomera. We found two Stork's-bills flowering, *Erodium botrys* and *Erodium malacoides*. Several Painted Ladies were seen, and a Barbary Partridge was heard. On a rocky slope a fine clump of *Tinguarra cervariaefolia* with creamy white flowers, clung on.

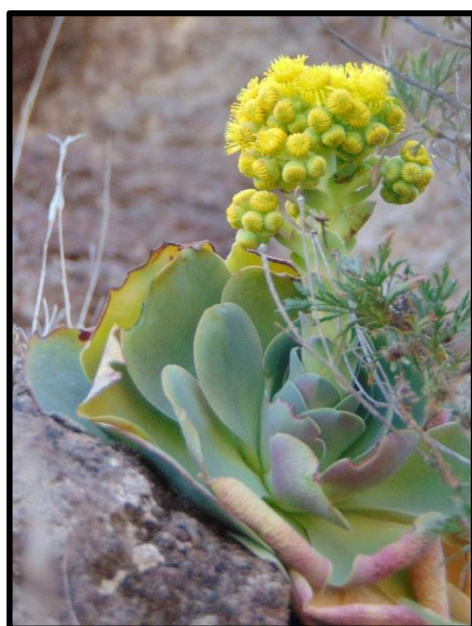
We headed off to Playa de Santiago and our hotel, Jardin Tecina. The grounds were nicely laid out, with some of the many exotic trees labelled. After a rest we all met up again for our evening buffet meal.

Day 5 Thursday 13th February 2020 – El Cedro & Garajonay National Park visitor centre

A Hoopoe was heard in the hotel garden, but not seen. We headed off on a paved road through the laurel forest, dropping down to El Cedro, where we found a nice parking area, with a squashed rabbit, and a picnic area. *Vinca major* (Greater Periwinkle) was on the road bank. Our walk was through the forest along a path to a small church. The shade was welcome in the heat. We stopped several times to admire the pink flowers and marbled prickly leaves



of *Galactites tomentosa*. On the side of a terrace wall was a patch of scented *Viola odorata* subsp. *maderensis*, and we also saw *Viola riviniana* (Common Dog-violet) on the side of the track. A large flock of Plain Swifts were swirling around above us. As we made our way we saw many species of ferns. On a stone bank *Cystopteris diaphana* (Greenish Bladder-fern), a slightly damp spot in the forest had a patch of *Trichomanes speciosum* (Killarney Fern), and



Pteris incompleta had large fronds. We only walked as far as the small church, here there was a spring, which was fascinating as the water was coming out of the centre of a tree into the well. Many of the *Laurus novocanariensis* had a growth on, which looked like a very frilly lichen, but were a fungi, *Laurobasidium lauri*. We ambled back to the car park, setting our picnic out on the tables provided.

Our first afternoon stop was Garajonay National Park visitor centre where the plants were labelled for us. It was good to see many of the species endemic to the Canary Islands. A tree sea-lavender (*Limonium arborescens*) was very interesting to see, with the typical bluish-purple flowers, but growing like a tree. Some of us took a coffee break, trying the curry biscuits. We headed off stopping at a viewing point

where we could look across the mountains to the juniper forests. One last stop was taken to photo *Aeonium diplocyclum*.

Day 6 Friday 14th February – Fortaleza & Valle Gran Rey

Another lovely sunny start to the day. A flock of Tree Sparrows, and a male Blackcap were seen in the hotel grounds while walking up for breakfast.



We set out for Fortaleza along a cobbled track passing houses, and on up a dirt path to the base of the rocky mountain top. We slowly made our way, stopping to photo a Prickly-pear kindly pointing the way. A single *Geropogon (Tragopogon) hybridus* was flowering on the side of the path, just after the track had stopped. As a weed in some of the cultivated terraces was *Calendula arvensis* (Field Marigold). The path made its way steeply up through *Cistus monspeliensis* scrub. *Romulea columnae* subsp. *grandiscapa* was flowering in large numbers in places. I was first to reach the rock face, here I soon

found our goal, *Orchis canariensis*, we saw a good few in flower. The orchids only seemed to grow out of small pockets of soil in rock crevices. We slowly descended, enjoying the views as we went. A few Ravens were seen soaring overhead. In between the cobble cracks was the tiny *Poa infirma* (Early Meadow-grass), once back to the road we had time to look at a few more species. *Scandix pecten-veneris* (Shepherd's-needle) was on the road verge, and on the roadside was *Convolvulus siculus*.

A quick roadside stop was taken to photo the long arching yellow-greenish flowering stems of *Agave attenuata*. Not long after, another roadside stop was taken for *Aeonium arboreum* 'Atropurpureum' being



grown in a garden, and on the other side of the road was a large patch of the climber *Pyrostegia venusta*, with deep orange flowers.



We took our lunch stop at a view point, looking down the valley, and out to sea. From here we stopped in the heather and laurel forest for an amble to see the many extensive patches of *Gennaria diphylla*. Only the leaves of *Arum italicum* subsp. *canariense* could be found. Catherine was kind enough to stand by the largest tree heather, to have scale at just how large these heathers were. One more woodland stroll, this time a short circular walk to a small church and springs. We puzzled over an evergreen tree for some time, before we realised it was *Ilex perado*. A

tree nettle, *Gesnouinia arborea*, grew on the bank, and one large bush of the rare *Euphorbia bourgeana* (*lambii*), was flowering. As we made our way back towards the vehicles, we came across the leaves of *Dracunculus canariensis*, unfortunately no flowers. Golden Hair Lichen (*Teloschistes flavicans*) hung from a few trees. It was rather warm, once back to the road, we headed over to the café for refreshments. As we were relaxing, a Laurel Pigeon delighted us, by landing in a tree very close to where we were sitting.

As it was Valentine's Day, our dinner had a love theme, at least the dessert dishes. Several of us tried all the various heart shape sugary delights, and many of us had great fun dipping our strawberries under the chocolate fountain. A very enjoyable meal!

Day 7 Saturday 15th February 2020 – Mirador de Tajaqué & Ermita de Guadalupe

It was time to say our farewells to Hotel Jardin Tecina. Ian and I brought the vehicles down from the car park. David remembered it was Ian's birthday, Ian turned red as we sang Happy Birthday. We noticed my car had a slow puncture. I moved the car back into the car park, and changed the tyre. Visiting Playa de Santiago for our picnic shopping, we made enquiries and found we had to go to San Sebastián for a tyre centre. While Ian took the rest of the group to Mirador de Tajaqué, Liz and I went to sort out the tyre. Dropping down to San Sebastián I noticed a large industrial estate, we soon spotted the large Michelin sign. As the staff were not over busy, the puncture was quickly sorted. At one stage 4 men were trying to work out how to put the spare tyre back under the car, this seemed to defeat all, the spare tyre had to stay in our boot for the rest of the trip. We found the others without any troubles.

A short drive took us to Ermita de Guadalupe where we parked in a layby and followed a paved road down the hill. I took the opportunity to take a group photo while they all admired a flowering *Arbutus canariensis* (Otto pointing at), and *Ruta macrocarpa* with yellow flowers.



As we made our way down to a tiny shrine, we found *Smilax canariensis*. Ian and I retraced our steps, and brought my car down with the picnic, the track was too narrow for Ian's mini-bus. Had our lunch sitting in the shade on a wall. A Canary Speckled Wood enjoyed drinking the moisture from Sue's tomato. We tossed our crumbs for a Canary Chaffinch, these birds are a much deeper red than the Chaffinches back home.

It was time to drive back to Hotel Jardin Tecina to collect our suitcases. On the way we made one quick roadside stop for those that wanted to photograph the large yellow trumpet flowers of *Solandra grandiflora*. We also found a *Kleinia neriifolia* (Tree Groundsel) with a few pale yellow flowers, and at the base of a wall *Forsskaolea angustifolia* was seen.

We arrived back at the ferry port in good time. Refreshments were taken in the café, where the cool air gave us a break from the heat. The ferry crossing was even calmer this time. Most of us went up to the top deck to watch for dolphins and whales, disappointing this time round as only 6 dolphins were seen, at least we saw them jumping out of the water. Once we had disembarked the ferry, we headed straight to El Nogal Boutique Hotel.

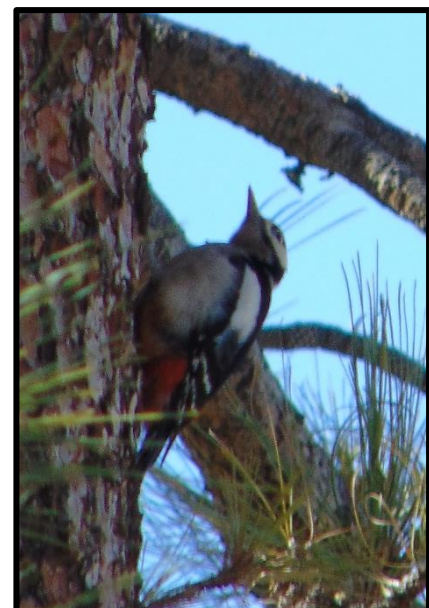
Day 8 Sunday 16th February 2020 – Mount Teide

Another super blue sky, which stayed with us all day. Ian and I popped out and did the picnic shopping while the others were having breakfast.



We left Vilaflor, taking the road to Mount Teide. Our first stop was to see a very large Canary Island Pine – Pino Gordo (the ‘fat pine’) was 45 m high, and 9.35 m circumference, and estimated at 800 years old. A Robin was seen in the pine. On the roadside was the brightly coloured orange *Eschscholzia californica* (Californian Poppy), a long way from home!

We moved up the road to Las Lajas for our only real bird stop of the trip. The birds were very reluctant to make an appearance. But we (at



least a few of us anyway) were luckily enough to see a Blue Chaffinch (in the shade the males almost disappear, but in the sunlight their slate-blue colours shine out), and the endemic Great Spotted Woodpecker, which was busy tapping away at the tree trunk. Also saw lots of Canaries.

We moved on up the mountain to a viewing point, it now started looking more like desert, with some low scrub.



There were many of last year flower spikes on *Echium wildpretii*, and at least we did see the living leaves. On the roadside one *Erysimum scoparium* had a couple flowers open, even though we did see more flowering later in the day, none were at their best yet. Moving even higher, passing the many parked cars everywhere, it became even more barren. We pulled into another layby, here the ground was bare gravel and rocky outcrops. We had a few flowers out on *Argyranthemum teneriffae*. It was much cooler here, we had to put on our jackets.

We dropped back down to the warmth, into the *Cistus symphytifolius* forest, there were many pink flowers on the bushes. Sue found *Pterocephalus lasiospermus* in flower, and *Scrophularia glabrata*, was flowering nicely. A Blue Tit was seen, these are a much richer blue than ours at home.

Our lunch stop was taken in some shade from the heat, here we sat on a low wall, enjoying our picnic. After most of us took a short wander to see La Piedra de la Rosa, which to me looked like a cross section of a pine cone. This formation was made when the lava got cold, which formed this singular geological structure.



We next visited the visitor centre, where many of the endemic plants are grown, and all were nicely labelled.

It was time for another short walk, and a refreshment stop. Here we found a kind tourist to take a group photo of all of us. Photo provided by Marge.



There was time for one more stop, to see *Pericallis lanata* with flowers in the sun. The shadows were moving fast, and by the time we had all taken our photos, the plants were in the shade. *Lotus campylocladus* formed a large yellow strip behind the crash barrier.

It was time to head back to the hotel, for checklists, our last dinner and night on Tenerife.

Day 9 Monday 17th February 2020 – Malpaís de Güímar and home.

We took the motorway to the south part of the island to the Malpaís de Güímar – about an hours drive. The succulent scrub on the fresh lava flow by the Atlantic Ocean is a stunning landscape, and well worth a visit. There were many tall cacti-like *Euphorbia canariensis*. There was a good breeze blowing. We sat on a seafront low wall for our last early picnic. Sadly it was time to head to the airport, and drop off most of the group.



With just Ian, Lynne and me having much later flights, we headed off to Santiago del Teide, for a coffee break, and a short walk. On a weedy patch in the town we added *Volutaria canariensis* and *Lathyrus articulatus* to our flowering list of species, and on a roadside Lynne spotted another for our list, the very prickly *Argemone ochroleuca*, with pale yellow flowers. It was time to return to the airport.

Systematic List Number 1 Plants – 2018 list

The following list concentrates primarily on the native species seen. Many introduced species exist on the islands, but time and resources were insufficient to identify all of these but more notable or colourful ones seen have been included. NB this is the 2018 list as 2020 one not yet provided.

To make searching easier, families and species are listed alphabetically and the list is split into three sections: Ferns (includes clubmosses, quillworts, adder's-tongues, moonworts and horsetails); Conifers; and Flowering Plants. Flowering plants are further split into dicotyledons (includes pre-dicots and eu-dicots) and monocotyledons.

Note: [Species in square brackets are species seen on earlier trips but not noted in 2018]

FERNS

Adiantaceae

Adiantum capillus-veneris El Patio, scattered elsewhere
[*Adiantum reniforme* Looked for on wall at Mirador Degollada De Peraza, junction to Playa de Santiago, La Gomera but not found in 2018]

Aspleniaceae

Asplenium adiantum-nigrum Anaga laurel forest and El Cedro
[*Asplenium filare* ssp. *canariense* Teno]
Asplenium hemionitis Anaga laurel forest and El Cedro
Asplenium onopteris El Cedro
[*Ceterach aureum* Rock crevices along Barranco de la Villa]

Blechnaceae

Blechnum spicant Anaga
Woodwardia radicans Impressive arching fronds common in El Cedro

Davalliaceae

Davallia canariensis Widespread and common on old lava flows, forest edge

Dennistaedtiaceae

Pteridium aquilinum Widespread and common

Dryopteridaceae

Cyrtomium falcatum Holly Fern, growing from walls at El Patio
Dryopteris oligodonta The dominant large fern at El Cedro
Polystichum setiferum Anaga laurel forest
[*Polystichum aculeatum* Anaga]

Hymenophyllaceae

Trichomanes speciosum El Cedro

Oleandraceae

Nephrolepis exaltata Sword Fern, frequently planted exotic fern

Ophioglossaceae

<i>Ophioglossum lusitanicum</i>	Roadside south of Masca
Polypodiaceae	
<i>Polypodium macaronesicum</i>	Forest edge, rocks, Anaga forests, El Cedro
Pteridaceae	
<i>Pteris incompleta</i>	Garajonay
Selaginellaceae	
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	On damp rocks Los Silos and by road south of Masca
Sinopteridaceae	
<i>Cheilanthes guanchica</i>	El Teide, Garachico
<i>Cheilanthes marantae</i> ssp. <i>subcordata</i>	Chio road to El Teide
<i>Cheilanthes pulchella</i>	Chio road to El Teide
Woodsiaceae	
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	El Cedro forest
<i>Cystopteris diaphana</i>	El Cedro
<i>Diplazium caudatum</i>	El Cedro
CONIFERS	
Cupressaceae	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Lower northern slopes of Teide (introduced)
<i>Juniperus cedrus</i>	Teide (Aguamansa) also on Gomera near Roque Agando
<i>Juniperus canariensis</i>	Widespread, Anaga peninsula, Masca, etc. also N Gomera e.g. Agulo, Roque Cano
Pinaceae	
<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	Locally dominant, large forests on Teide
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	Roadside planting on Gomera (introduced)
FLOWERING PLANTS (PRE-DICOTS AND EU-DICOTS)	
Aizoaceae	
<i>[Mesembryanthemum crystallinum]</i>	Punta de Teno and other coastal areas]
<i>Tetragonia tetragonioides</i>	Punta Negra
Amaranthaceae	
<i>Achyranthes sicula</i>	Roadsides, e.g. at Los Silos
<i>Alternanthera caracasana</i>	Scattered at lower altitudes
<i>Amaranthus</i> sp.	Roadsides, e.g. at Los Silos
<i>Bosea yervamora</i>	Red-berried shrub with arching branches along the track at Los Silos
Anacardiaceae	
<i>Schinus molle</i>	Pepper Tree, introduced and widely planted on Tenerife
Apiaceae	

<i>Apium graveolens</i>	Los Silos
<i>Apium nodiflorum</i>	Los Silos
<i>Astydamia latifolia</i>	On rocky coast at Punta Negra, Punta de Teno and Malpais de Guimar
<i>Cryptotaenia elegans</i>	Spindly species in the forests at El Cedro
<i>Drusa glandulosa</i>	Peculiar scrambling herb found in lower zone e.g. Los Silos, Agulo
<i>Ferula linkii</i>	Scattered in north Tenerife and in flower at Las Lagunetas on road to Masca
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Scattered alien
[<i>Pimpinella junoniae</i>	Fortaleza]
[<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Masca (alien)]
<i>Todaroa aurea</i>	Masca and road above San Sebastian on Gomera
Apocynaceae	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Planted on roadsides (introduced)
<i>Vinca major</i>	Anaga roadside planting
Aquifoliaceae	
<i>Ilex canariensis</i>	Laurel forests, El Teide, Anaga
<i>Ilex perado</i> ssp. <i>platyphylla</i>	Cruz del Carmen, Anaga
Araliaceae	
<i>Hedera canariensis</i>	Laurel forests
Asclepiadaceae	
<i>Ceropegia dichotoma</i>	Along the cliff tops at Garachico and Los Silos
[<i>Ceropegia fusca</i>	A plant at Malpais de Guimar with seedpods (2008)
	Good plants above Los Cristianos (2007)]
<i>Periploca laevigata</i>	Widespread in dry areas of Tenerife and Gomera (long seedpods)
Asteraceae	
<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>	Common in laurel forest margins (white flowers, pungent leaves, alien)
<i>Allagopappus canariensis</i>	Malpais de Guimar
<i>Andryala pinnatifida</i>	Roadside shrublet with greyish leaves and yellow flowers seen at Las Lagunetas on road to Masca
[<i>Argyranthemum adauctum</i>	Aguamansa (El Teide – 2007)]
<i>Argyranthemum broussonetii</i>	Widespread on La Gomera [also Anaga 2008]
<i>Argyranthemum callichrysum</i>	Common yellow-flowered species on Gomera (no flowers on 2018 trip)
[<i>Argyranthemum coronopifolium</i>	Teno on N facing cliffs (fleshy leaves)]
<i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i>	Widespread
[<i>Argyranthemum tenerifae</i>	sticky plants found at Las Roques in El Teide]
<i>Artemisia thuscula</i>	Widespread in dry zone
<i>Bidens pilosa</i>	Alien, scattered
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Widespread alien

<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	Chinamada
<i>Carlina salicifolia</i>	Common and widespread
[<i>Carthamus lanata</i>	Big thistle at Majona, Gomera. Alien]
[<i>Cheirolophus burchardii</i>	On the cliffs in Punta de Teno]
<i>Cheirolophus teydis</i>	El Teide
<i>Cotula australis</i>	Scattered on pavements as at Anaga visitors centre
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Fruiting plants on road at Alajero, Gomera
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Widespread weed, especially on Gomera (introduced)
<i>Galinsoga parviflora</i>	Scattered as at Los Silos
[<i>Gonospermum fruticosum</i>	Los Silos, Barranco de la Villa]
<i>Kleinia neriifolia</i>	Common and widespread in dry communities with flowers at Vallehermoso (extraordinary looking groundsel similar to a <i>Euphorbia</i> with a tuft of long leaves at atop bare stems, seedheads give it away)
<i>Launaea arborescens</i>	Dry areas on La Gomera and southern Tenerife
[<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Northern La Gomera]
<i>Pericallis appendiculata</i>	Distinctive grey leaves in laurel forest at Anaga
<i>Pericallis echinata</i>	Los Silos, Anaga [Orotava Valley]
<i>Pericallis lanata</i>	Above Vilaflor (not flowering in 2018)
<i>Pericallis steetzii</i>	Widespread in laurel forest margins on La Gomera
<i>Pericallis tussilaginis</i>	Las Mercedes, Anaga
[<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	Masca (introduced)]
[<i>Phagnalon purpurascens</i>	Probably this native species below Vilaflor and on Gomera in dry areas.]
[<i>Pteroccephalus lasiospermus</i>	high mountain zone El Teide]
[<i>Reichardia crystallina</i>	Glaucous rosettes scattered on cliffs at Punta de Teno]
[<i>Reichardia ligulata</i>	Cliffs along Barranco de la Villa]
<i>Schizogyne sericea</i>	Common in rocky coastal areas e.g. Malpais de Guimar
<i>Senecio angulatus</i>	Chinamada (introduced)
[<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Anaga (alien)]
<i>Sonchus acaulis</i>	Common in northern Tenerife (fine herbaceous species with huge rosettes of leaves and tall inflorescences smothered in white woolly hairs)
<i>Sonchus canariensis</i>	By road to Teide above Chio (tall stems and dense inflorescence but no flowers in 2018)
<i>Sonchus capillaris</i>	Masca, Los Silos [Punta de Teno] (very fine-leaved species)
<i>Sonchus congestus</i>	Common on north coast of Tenerife and Anaga
[<i>Sonchus filifolius</i>	Barranco de la Villa, Roque Agando, Vallehermoso visitors centre (very fine-leaved species)]
<i>Sonchus hierrensis</i>	Scarcer than <i>S. ortunoi</i> on La Gomera in laurel forest margins
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Scattered weed
<i>Sonchus ortunoi</i>	Widespread and common on Gomera
<i>Sonchus radicans</i>	Common at Los Silos [Punta de Teno]
[<i>Sonchus regis-jubae</i>	Cliffs near Agulo]
[<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>	Masca (introduced)]
[<i>Tolpis proustii</i>	Common in leaf at Roque Agando, Gomera]

[*Vieria laevigata* Very rare, Punta de Teno only – a monotypic genus]

Bignonaceae

Pyrostegia venusta Frequent orange-flowered climber near houses

Boraginaceae

Echium acanthocarpum Roque Agando and nearby Laurel forest, El Cedro (probably the finest species with tall spires of sky blue but no flowers in 2018)

[*Echium aculeatum* Dry areas in Barranco de la Villa also Vallehermoso visitor centre]

[*Echium bonnettii* Herb seen at Los Cristianos (2007)]

Echium giganteum White flowered species with green leaves seen at El Tanque, Los Silos and Masca

Echium leucophaeum Anaga, Chinamada (white flowers and glaucous leaves)

Echium plantagineum Widespread herb

Echium simplex Leaves at Chinamada

[*Echium strictum* Taganana and a good specimen at Teno]

Echium virescens Masca and Anaga (fine species with variable pinkish to bluish flower spikes)

Echium wildpretii Dead plants on Teide but living rosettes in garden of El Nogal hotel near Vilaflor

[*Heliotropium bacciferum* On dry slopes at Los Cristianos, also Guimar]

[*Myosotis discolor* Teide pine forest]

[*Myosotis latifolia* In leaf at El Cedro]

Brassicaceae

[*Cakile maritima* Montana de Roja (2007)]

Capsella bursa-pastoris Scattered

[*Crambe scaberrima* Rough-leaved species at base of cliffs at Punta de Teno]

[*Crambe strigosa* Anaga]

Descurainia bourgaeana High montane zone on Teide

Descurainia millefolia Widespread pinnate leaved shrub with yellow flowers

Eruca vesicaria Las Lagunetas on road to Masca

Erysimum bicolor Locally frequent purple wallflower in lower and forest zones, as at Los Silos

Erysimum scoparium El Teide (not in flower in 2018)

Lobularia canariensis Locally common on dry rocks

Nasturtium officinale In stream at Los Silos

[*Parolinia intermedia* Punta de Teno (2007)]

Sinapis arvensis Las Lagunetas on road to Masca

[*Thlaspi arvense* Masca]

Cactaceae

Opuntia dillenii Widespread alien

Opuntia ficus-indica Widespread alien

Austrocylindropuntia exaltata Occasional in xerophytic communities near towns, alien

Callitrichaceae*Callitriche stagnalis*

Los Silos, in stream

Campanulaceae*Canarina canariensis*

Frequent in Los Silos, El Tanque, Anaga

Caprifoliaceae*Sambucus palmensis*

Epina (a rare plant on Gomera)

Viburnum rigidum

Widespread in laurel forests

Caryophyllaceae*[Dicheranthus plocamoides*

Shrub found on the cliffs in Punta de Teno, Barranco de la Villa and Roque Cano]

[Minuartia montana

Punta de Teno]

Paronychia canariensis

Widespread but scattered in dry areas

[Paronychia capitata

Taganana (2007)]

[Polycarpaea carnosa

Rare only seen once along Barranco de la Villa]

[Polycarpaea nivea

Montana Roja coastal sands]

[Polycarpaea divaricata

Roque Cano]

Polycarpon tetraphyllum

Pavement weed, scattered

[Silene canariensis

Annual endemic at Anaga]

Silene vulgaris ssp. *commutata*

Los Silos, Las Hayas

Stellaria media

Gomera and Tenerife

Chenopodiaceae*Atriplex glauca*

Montana Roja coastal sands

Beta patellaris

Malpais de Guimar

[Beta procumbens

Chimanada]

[Chenoleoides tomentosa

Teno (Montana Roja coastal flats 2007)]

Chenopodium murale

Los Silos

Salsola divaricata

Punta negra

[Traganum moquini

Los Cristianos cliffs]

Cistaceae*Cistus monspeliensis*

Widespread on both islands, white flowers

[Cistus symphytifolius

Southern pine woods of Teide]

Tuberaria guttata

Near Masca

Convolvulaceae*Convolvulus altheoides*

Vilafior (roadsides, big pink flowers and divided leaves, alien)

[Convolvulus canariensis

Grassy areas in Barranco de la Villa]

[Convolvulus floridus

Beautiful flowering shrubs planted at Pirimides and a few at El Cedro]

[Cuscuta calycina

Punta de Teno, Barranco de la Villa]

Ipomoea cairica

Vallehermoso (alien)]

Crassulaceae

<i>[Aeonium appendiculatum]</i>	?La Gomera]
<i>Aeonium canariense</i>	Common on rocks in north coast, Chinamada
<i>Aeonium ciliatum</i>	Frequent in Anaga (pale green leaves, red and ciliate margins)
<i>Aeonium cuneatum</i>	Chinamada
<i>Aeonium decorum</i>	Gomera, e.g. Barranco de la Villa (small species with leaves suffused red)
<i>Aeonium castello-paivae</i>	Frequent on Gomera (greyish leaves)
<i>[Aeonium gomerense]</i>	Possibly this species along Barranco de la Villa, Gomera]
<i>Aeonium arboreum</i> ssp. <i>holochrysum</i>	Widespread in south Tenerife and also west Gomera (yellow flowers in dense heads, a multi-stemmed shrub)
<i>Aeonium lindleyi</i>	Chinamada (leaves small and very succulent)
<i>Aeonium rubrolineatum</i>	on dragon tree walk near Alajero
<i>Aeonium pseudourbicum</i>	Common at Teno and S Teide (long unbranched stem and pinkish flowers)
<i>[Aeonium smithii]</i>	El Teide visitors centre]
<i>Aeonium spathulatum</i>	Small dense plant. Cliffs in forest regions throughout
<i>Aeonium subplanum</i>	Very common in La Gomera (bright green large spatulate leaves)
<i>Aeonium tabulaeforme</i>	Garachico, Los Silos, Chinamada (species with flattened disc of leaves with ciliate margins)
<i>Aeonium viscatum</i>	Widespread on N Gomera e.g. Agulo, Barranco de la Villa (greyish leaves crowd hanging stems)
<i>Aichryson laxum</i>	Frequent in shady forest regions (similar to <i>Aeonium</i> spp. but with more lax, softly hairy leaves)
<i>Aichryson pachycaulon</i>	Scattered in shaded areas
<i>Crassula multicaeva</i>	Chinamada, El Cedro (introduced)
<i>Crassula ovata</i>	Chinamada (introduced)
<i>[Greenovia aurea]</i>	Common on rocks in El Teide (like <i>Aeonium</i> but leaves glaucous and glabrous – there are big populations on the northern slopes of Teide)]
<i>Greenovia diplocycla</i>	Common species on north Gomera
<i>[Monanthes adenoscaepes]</i>	Garachico]
<i>[Monanthes amygdros]</i>	Cliffs near Agulo, Barranco de la Villa, Majona]
<i>Monanthes anagensis</i>	Chinamada
<i>[Monanthes ictERICA]</i>	Little annual species at Los Silos]
<i>Monanthes laxiflora</i>	Los Silos
<i>[Monanthes muralis]</i>	Agulo and Fortaleza]
<i>Monanthes pallens</i>	On dry rocks in Masca and Punta de Teno
<i>Monanthes polyphylla</i>	Los Silos
<i>[Sedum rubens]</i>	Reddish very succulent leaves. Widespread, very common at Majona]
<i>[Umbilicus horizontalis]</i>	Very common on walls, introduced]
Cucurbitaceae	
<i>Bryonia verrucosa</i>	Los Silos, Masca, Gomera

<i>[Ecballium elaterium</i>	Scattered (introduced) (2007)]
Ericaceae	
<i>Arbutus canariensis</i>	El Cedro
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Common and dominant, forming a tall shrub or tree (leaves ascending)
<i>Erica scoparia</i>	Las Mercedes, Anaga, Gomera (leaves patent)
Euphorbiaceae	
<i>Euphorbia aphylla</i>	Leafless small shrub, common on cliffs at Punta de Teno, Malpais de Guimar, Punta Negra
<i>Euphorbia atropurpurea</i>	Common near Masca (handsome species with distinctive reddish-purple bracts)
<i>Euphorbia balsamifera</i>	Common on south Tenerife coasts e.g. Malpais de Guimar (flattened spreading bushes with gnarled stems and smallish leaves at stem tips)
<i>Euphorbia berthelotii</i>	Widespread on Gomera
<i>Euphorbia broussonetii</i>	Widespread and very common on Tenerife
<i>Euphorbia canariensis</i>	Impressive organ-pipe like succulent common in coastal and dry regions, cliffs, etc., especially fine at Malpais de Guimar
<i>Euphorbia lambii</i>	Rare - a few at Chorros de Epina, Gomera
<i>[Euphorbia mellifera</i>	Taganana laurel forest (2007) - a tree of up to 15 metres tall]
<i>Euphorbia milii</i>	Used as bedding plants on roadsides and roundabouts
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Los Silos
<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	Familiar 'Poinsettia' growing along road to El Tanque
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Widespread weed (introduced)
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Widespread alien
Fabaceae	
<i>Adenocarpus foliolosus</i>	Anaga, El Teide
<i>Adenocarpus viscosus</i>	Frequent in Las Canadas del Teide
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Frequent roadside species (introduced)
<i>Chamaecytisus proliferus</i>	Widespread and common white flowered broom of forest zones, as at Las Lagunetas on road to Masca
<i>Lathyrus tingitanus</i>	Las Lagunetas on road to Masca
<i>Lotus berthelotii x maculatus</i>	Hybrid of native species used as roadside plantings and masses in flower at Valle Gran Rey picnic area
<i>Lotus campylocladus</i>	Pinewoods below Vilaflor and road above Chico
<i>[Lotus dumetorum</i>	Taganana and Roque de las Animas]
<i>[Lotus emeroides</i>	Gomera, e.g. Epina, Majona]
<i>[Lotus glaucus</i>	Teno]
<i>[Lotus sessilifolius</i>	Coastal areas of S Tenerife]
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Punta Negra
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	El Cedro
<i>[Ononis pendula</i>	? coastal pink Ononis Malpais de Guimar]
<i>Paraserianthes lophantha</i>	Los Silos (introduced)

<i>[Retama raetam</i>	Pinewoods below Vilaflor]
<i>[Spartocytisus filipes</i>	Masca]
<i>Spartocytisus supranubius</i>	Dominant shrub on the high montane plateau of Teide
<i>Teline canariensis</i>	Anaga
<i>[Teline gomerae</i>	Yellow-flowered shrub at Majona, Epina, etc.]
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Santiago del Teide to El Tanque (introduced)
<i>[Vicia villosa</i>	Chio (alien)]

Fagaceae

<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Leafless trees in montane districts, all planted
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Frankeniaceae

<i>[Frankenia capitata</i>	Punta de Teno, Chinamada]
<i>Frankenia ericifolia</i>	Montana Roja, Malpais de Guimar
<i>[Frankenia pulverulenta</i>	Malpais de Guimar]

Fumariaceae

<i>Fumaria coccinea</i>	Teno area e.g. Punta de Teno, Masca, Garachico
<i>Fumaria muralis</i>	In weedy areas

Gentianaceae

<i>[Ixanthus viscosus</i>	Laurel woods at Anaga]
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Geraniaceae

<i>Erodium botrys</i>	Scattered
<i>Erodium chium</i>	Masca, Epina, etc. (introduced)
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Valle Gran Rey (introduced)
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Los Silos
<i>Geranium canariense</i>	Frequent in laurel woods in Anaga, El Cedro, etc. (no early flowers in 2018)
<i>[Geranium lucidum</i>	Alien]
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Scattered
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Scattered
<i>[Geranium robertianum</i>	Alien]
<i>Pelargonium inquinans</i>	Las Lagunetas on road to Masca (introduced)

Globulariaceae

<i>[Globularia salicina</i>	Pale blue flowered shrub seen at Taganana and on Gomera]
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Hypericaceae

<i>Hypericum canariense</i>	Anaga, Los Silos (narrowly elliptical leaved shrub)
<i>[Hypericum glandulosum</i>	Anaga forest edge]
<i>Hypericum grandifolium</i>	Anaga (broadly ovate-leaved shrub)
<i>[Hypericum reflexum</i>	Basalt cliffs and gorges e.g. Los Silos. Decussate and sessile leaved shrublet]

Hydrophyllaceae

<i>Wigandia caracasana</i>	East of Icod (introduced bush with large leaves and purple flowers)
Lamiaceae	
<i>[Bystropogon canariensis</i>	Widespread on Gomera and Tenerife in laurel forest areas]
<i>[Bystropogon origanifolius</i>	Roque Cano]
<i>[Calamintha sylvatica</i>	Roque Cano. Alien]
<i>[Cedronella canariensis</i>	El Cedro]
<i>Lavandula buchii</i>	Chinamada (greyish pinnatisect leaves)
<i>Lavandula canariensis</i>	Widespread (similar to <i>Lavandula buchii</i> but with green leaves)
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	El Cedro
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	Near Masca
<i>Micromeria varia</i>	Widespread and common
<i>[Salvia canariensis</i>	Agulo cliffs]
<i>Sideritis cretica ssp. cretica</i>	Los Silos
<i>[Sideritis gomeraea</i>	Barranco de la Villa]
<i>[Sideritis spicata</i>	Barranco de la villa, Majona]
<i>Stachys arvensis</i>	Scattered, as at Los Silos
Lauraceae	
<i>Apollonias barbujana</i>	Scattered in Laurel forest in Anaga, El Cedro
<i>Laurus novocanariensis</i>	Common in Laurel forest Teno, Anaga, El Cedro
<i>Ocotea foetans</i>	Laurel forest El Cedro, black fruits
<i>Persea indica</i>	Laurel forest
Malvaceae	
<i>[Abutilon grandiflorum</i>	?probably this species with orange flowers]
<i>[Lavatera acerifolia</i>	Gomera, El Bailadero and below cliffs at Agulo; also Teno]
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i>	Los Silos on roadside
Moraceae	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Planted and common
Myricaceae	
<i>Myrica faya</i>	Anaga and Garajonay forests
Myrsinaceae	
<i>Pleiomeria canariensis</i>	Possibly this species in good fruit at Los Silos, red berries like holly but denser and close to stems.
Myrtaceae	
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	Widespread alien tree
<i>[Myrtus communis</i>	Agana (2007)]
Nyctaginaceae	
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	Often on edges of gardens sometimes an escape

<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Los Silos
Oleaceae	
<i>Jasminum odoratissimum</i>	Seen at Los Silos
[<i>Olea europaea</i> ssp. <i>cerasiformis</i>]	Scattered near cliffs and among scrub]
<i>Picconia excelsa</i>	Epina
Oxalidaceae	
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Los Silos
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Widespread alien
Papaveraceae	
[<i>Eschscholtzia californica</i>]	Frequent alien poppy]
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	Chinamada
Plantaginaceae	
[<i>Plantago afra</i>]	Chio]
<i>Plantago arborescens</i>	Widespread shrubby plantain
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Chinamada
Plumbaginaceae	
<i>Limonium arborescens</i>	Anaga
[<i>Limonium dendroides</i>]	Vallehermoso visitor centre]
<i>Limonium fruticans</i>	Colony at Punta Negra near café
<i>Limonium pectinatum</i>	Common along coasts e.g. Vallehermoso
Polygonaceae	
<i>Rumex lunaria</i>	Widespread shrubby dock with rounded leaves
[<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>]	Agulo cliffs, Gomera]
<i>Rumex pulcher</i>	Valle Gran Rey
<i>Rumex vesicarius</i>	Icod, south of Vilaflor (Tenerife), Alajero (La Gomera)
Portulacaceae	
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Valle Gran Rey
Primulaceae	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Masca (the blue-flowered form)
Ranunculaceae	
<i>Ranunculus cortusifolius</i>	Widespread in damp area adjacent to laurel forest, in flower beside road south of Masca
Resedaceae	
[<i>Reseda luteola</i>]	Masca, El Teide (2007) (introduced)]
[<i>Reseda scoparia</i>]	Wiry-stemmed shrublet at Los Cristianos and north Gomera]
Rhamnaceae	

<i>Rhamnus crenulata</i>	In Euphorbia scrub in north Tenerife and Gomera
Rosaceae	
[<i>Bencomia caudata</i>	Growing near the <i>Arbutus</i> stop on north Teide (2007)]
[<i>Bencomia exstipulata</i>	El Teide visitor centre]
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Widely planted fruit tree
<i>Marcetella moquiniana</i>	Like a shrubby burnet, on the track at Los Silos
<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond - a common orchard tree, growing well on lava and in flower!
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>	Scattered in laurel forest e.g. Anaga
<i>Rubus ulmifolius</i>	Frequent
Rubiaceae	
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Frequent roadside alien
<i>Galium murale</i>	Los Silos on pavement
<i>Phyllis nobla</i>	Anaga and near Agulo on Gomera
[<i>Phyllis viscosa</i>	Los Silos (initially mistaken for a <i>Mercurialis</i>)]
<i>Plocama pendula</i>	Widespread in dry communities in south Tenerife
[<i>Rubia agostinhoi</i>	Laurel forest in La Gomera, fantastically 'sticky' leaves]
<i>Rubia fucicosa</i>	A shrubby madder, common in <i>Euphorbia</i> communities
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Las Lagunetas on road to Masca (introduced)
Rutaceae	
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i>	Leaves only near Masca
Salixaceae	
<i>Salix canarensis</i>	Los Silos and in damp gulleys in La Gomera
Scrophulariaceae	
[<i>Misopates orontium</i>	2007]
[<i>Campylanthus salsoloides</i>	Pink flowered shrub, Malpais de Guimar]
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Los Silos
<i>Isoplexis canariensis</i>	Non-flowering shrubs seen at Los Silos
[<i>Kickxia scoparia</i>	Yellow toadflax at Guimar and Los Cristianos]
<i>Scrophularia glabrata</i>	Montane species seen on Teide
<i>Scrophularia smithii</i>	Laurel forest at Anaga, El Cedro
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	In stream Los Silos
Solanaceae	
<i>Brugmansia suaveolens</i>	Widely planted alien shrub
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Several by road south of Alajero
<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	Scattered on roadsides
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Scattered as at Montana Roja
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Scattered on roadsides
<i>Withania aristata</i>	Curious green flowered shrub above Los Silos
Tamaricaceae	

<i>Tamarix canariensis</i>	Near coasts on Gomera and Tenerife
Tropaeolaceae	
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Scattered near houses (alien)
Urticaceae	
<i>Forsskaolea angustifolia</i>	Widespread especially on Gomera
<i>Gesnouinia arborea</i>	Laurel forest in La Gomera on the road up to El Cedro
<i>Soleirolia soleirolii</i>	Los Silos
[<i>Parietaria filamentosa</i>]	Punta de Teno]
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Los Silos
<i>Urtica morifolia</i>	Native shrubby nettle, Gomera
Valerianaceae	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Garachico
Verbenaceae	
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Icod
Violaceae	
[<i>Viola odorata</i>]	Los Silos and El Cedro forests]
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	El Cedro forests
Vitaceae	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Cultivated widely
Zygophyllaceae	
<i>Fagonia cretica</i>	Montana Roja
<i>Zygophyllum fontanesii</i>	SouthTenerife coasts e.g. Guimar, Montana Roja and on beach at Valle Gran Rey, Gomera
FLOWERING PLANTS (MONOCOTS)	
Agavaceae	
<i>Agave americana</i>	Abundant alien in dry communities
<i>Agave attenuata</i>	Planted widely, distinctive drooping flower
<i>Dracaena draco</i>	Genuine wild specimens of this rare and local plant seen at Los Silos, Chinamada and near Alajero on Gomera.
Amaryllidaceae	
<i>Pancratium canariense</i>	Several plants in fruit on Garachico cliffs
Araceae	
<i>Arisarum simorrhinum</i>	Leaves only at Anaga
<i>Arum italicum</i> ssp. <i>canariense</i>	Leaves only at Epina
<i>Dracunculus canariensis</i>	Leaves only at Los Silos
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Introduced, often near houses
Commelinaceae	

<i>Tradescantia pallida</i>	Occasional in laurel forest at El Cedro (alien)
Dioscoreaceae	
<i>Tamus edulis</i>	Widespread e.g. Los Silos, El Cedro, preferring laurel forest
Iridaceae	
<i>Crocsmia x crocosmiiflora</i>	El Cedro (introduced)
<i>Romulea columnae</i> ssp. <i>grandiscapa</i>	A few at Anaga, more common on Gomera especially at Epina and Arure
Juncaceae	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Several places on La Gomera
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	El Cedro
<i>Luzula canariensis</i>	Laurel forest in Anaga
Liliaceae	
<i>Allium canariense</i>	Widespread
<i>Agapanthus praecox</i>	El Cedro
<i>Asparagus arborescens</i>	Dry areas on south Tenerife
<i>Asparagus scoparius</i>	Los Silos
[<i>Asparagus umbellatus</i>	Los Silos]
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Southern lower slopes of Tenerife
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i> ssp. <i>distalis</i>	Widespread in Tenerife and east Gomera
<i>Drimia hesperia</i>	Fruited stalks by coast at Punta de Teno
[<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Southern Tenerife (alien)]
<i>Scilla haemorrhoidalis</i>	Santiago del Teide, Los Silos
<i>Semele androgyna</i>	Los Silos and Anaga
<i>Smilax canariensis</i>	Los Silos
Orchidaceae	
<i>Gennaria diphylla</i>	Locally common in Laurel forests at Anaga and on Gomera
<i>Habenaria tridactylites</i>	A few at Los Silos in fruit, but some in flower at Chinamada and lots of fresh flowers on damp bank opposite small radio mast by road south of Masca – under fine flowering <i>Euphorbia atropurpurea</i>
[<i>Himantoglossum metlesicsianum</i>	Only leaves seen under pines in site below road above Chio (previous trips have seen it in flower here)
[<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	Leaves only in pine forest zone in El Teide, Roque Agando]
[<i>Orchis canariensis</i>	A good colony at Fortaleza (Gomera), also Masca]
Palmae	
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i>	Widespread and common, especially on La Gomera
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Scattered

Systematic List: Birds – 2018 list

Order follows taxonomy of the Collin's Guide'. () = birds recorded by song or call only or occasionally other sign.

Barbary partridge	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>	A pair crossing the road on La Gomera one day was seen by all. The van team had one on the slopes of Teide (Tenerife) on the last full day.
Cory's shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	Seen daily in variable numbers with a maximum of 300+ off Punta Teno one day. We finally got good views on the return ferry journey from La Gomera.
Macaronesian shearwater	<i>Puffinus baroli</i>	Two close in past El Guincho on the first evening in a fierce blow. One seen poorly from the ferry to La Gomera. Another one gloriously close past Malpais de Guimar on the last full day.
Gannet	<i>Sula bassana</i>	Four or five off Punta Teno (Tenerife). One on the return ferry journey from La Gomera.
Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Reported times by the minibus crew on Tenerife.
Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Scattered singles on both islands.
Glossy ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Jonathan had one en route to Puerto de la Cruz (Tenerife). Another was seen flying over the hotel on La Gomera on the last morning there. This is a vagrant to the Canaries I believe.
Common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Noted in small numbers daily, the Canary subspecies <i>insularum</i> .
Common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common and widespread, this is the West Canary subspecies <i>canariensis</i> .
(Barbary falcon)	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	Pair heard at <i>Chinamada!</i>
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Two on a tiny reservoir on La Gomera.
Little ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	One on the pool east of Los Abrigos on the last morning (Phil only).
Semipalmated plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	Single second-year bird, a long-staying vagrant from North America, at the pool east of Los Abrigos on the last morning (Phil only).
Ringed plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	One on La Gomera. Another on the pool east of Los Abrigos for Phil on the last day.
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	One on the pool east of Los Abrigos on the last morning (Phil only).
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	One on the pool east of Los Abrigos on the last morning (Phil only).
Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	One at on the rocky seashore from the fish restaurant on the first day. Another single on

Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	La Gomera. One on the pool east of Los Abrigos on the last morning. One at Tejita Beach (Tenerife). Another on La Gomera. One last one near the pool east of Los Abrigos.
Pomarine skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	One off the hotel on La Gomera was mugging shearwaters (Phil only).
Yellow-legged gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Frequently encountered. The Macaronesian subspecies <i>atlantis</i> .
Lesser black-backed gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	One on the first evening during the very windy evening seawatch. A gathering on the sea outside Los Cristianos (Tenerife).
Sandwich tern	<i>Sterna sandwicensis</i>	Small flock in mid-channel on the ferry between Tenerife and La Gomera. More on the return journey as we approached the harbour in Tenerife.
Rock dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Widespread and common.
Laurel pigeon	<i>Columba junonae</i>	Endemic to the Canaries. One or perhaps two birds on the Los Silos-Erjos trail on the first full day.
Bolle's pigeon	<i>Columba bollii</i>	Endemic to the Canaries. One seen perched at Picos del Ingles lookout on Day 3. Others seen in flight there. Just one on La Gomera at El Cedro on the last day on the island.
Collared dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Ubiquitous. We also saw some 'Barbary doves' in the Tejita beach area on both visits but Phil does not except this 'taxon'...
Plain swift	<i>Apus unicolor</i>	Endemic breeding bird in the Canaries and Madeira. Jonathan had a two over the El Patio hotel on the first full day in Tenerife. Phil had 2-3 as we approached San Sebastian harbour (La Gomera) and thereafter we saw 2-10 daily on La Gomera. The slopes of Teide were hooching with them on the last full day.
Great spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>	Noted at the two picnic areas on the southern slopes of Teide (Tenerife). The distinctive Canary subspecies <i>canariensis</i> .
Berthelot's pipit	<i>Anthus berthelotii</i>	A widespread and very approachable endemic bird.
Grey wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Scattered records on four dates on both islands.
(White wagtail)	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	One at Valle Gran Rey whilst 'scoping in vain for the giant lizard. Heard only.
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Scattered records. This is the West Canary subspecies <i>superbus</i> .
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Widespread.
Sardinian warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	Scattered records, mostly heard.

Spectacled warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	At least two seen well at Tejita beach (Tenerife). Another two at Valle Gran Rey (La Gomera). The Canaries is a great place to see this species.
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Widespread, most easily seen in the hotel garden on La Gomera. The West Canary subspecies <i>heineken</i> .
Canary Islands chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus canariensis</i>	Widespread endemic.
Yellow-browed warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	We met a birder just outside the gate to the botanical garden in Puerto Cruz and he told us there was a yellow-browed warbler in the tree by the gate and there was too! A nice surprise but becoming a very scarce wintering bird on the Canaries these days.
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Two seen by Phil at El Cedro on La Gomera. The distinctive <i>teneriffae</i> race. Some authors accord this taxon species status as Canary Island kinglet.
African blue tit	<i>Cyanistes teneriffae</i>	Widespread and recorded in small numbers on most days.
Great grey shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	One at Tejita beach (Tenerife), another in the caldera on Mount Teide and two for phil on the last day. Svensson places the birds we saw in the <i>königi</i> race of great grey shrike .
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Four above Masca on Tenerife. Records refer to the N. African subspecies <i>tingitanus</i> .
Spanish sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	Seen daily on La Gomera.
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Pair on Day 3. The West Canary subspecies <i>canariensis</i> is a striking bird akin to the birds in N. Africa.
Blue chaffinch	<i>Fringilla teydea</i>	Endemic to the Canaries. Good numbers at the two picnic areas on the southern slopes of Teide (Tenerife) on the last full day.
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Recorded every day in small numbers on La Gomera.
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Only recorded in the Jardin Botanico at Puerto de la Cruz.
Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	One immature at El Guincho for Phil.
Atlantic canary	<i>Serinus canaria</i>	Common throughout, frequently encountered.

Odonata – 2018 list

Atlantic darter	<i>Sympetrum nigrifemur</i>	One low-down on the Los Silos to Erjos trail, thanks to Ian B.
Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>	Two on the Los Silos to Erjos trail.

Systematic List: Butterflies – 2018 list

Taxonomy follows Haahtela *et al.* (2011) *Butterflies of Britain and Europe* (sic). A woeful list that really indicates the poor weather we experienced rather than the level of observer effort which was considerable.

Small white	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	Scattered records lower down on Tenerife.
Tenerife cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleobule</i>	One on the Los Silos walk on the first full day for Peter and Ruth.
African grass blue	<i>Zizeeria knysna</i>	Small numbers in the coastal amenity planting at lunchtime at Buenavista del Norte.
Canary blue	<i>Cyclus webbianus</i>	An astonishing creature, one or two flying at the same spot at Buenavista del Norte on Day 4. The trip highlight for the butterfly-inclined members of the team.
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	One on the Los Silos walk on the first full day.
Plain tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	A very fleeting and unsatisfactory encounter with one on Terjita Beach (Tenerife).
Canary speckled wood	<i>Pararge xiphoides</i>	Only seen on the Los Silos walk on the first full day.

Mammals – 2018 list

DOR = dead on road.

(Rabbit)	<i>Orytolagus cuniculus</i>	One DOR on La Gomera was the closest we got to this species!
Short-finned pilot whale	<i>Globicephala macrorhynchus</i>	Just two on the ferry journey to La Gomera. Just two on the way back too!

Reptiles and Amphibians – 2018 list

Tenerife lizard	<i>Gallotia galloti</i>	Widespread, seen most days on Tenerife in small numbers. Occasionally we saw large adult individuals but most were immatures. Endemic to Tenerife.
Boettger's lizard		One for Phil just outside Tecina (La Gomera). Endemic to La Gomera.
Tenerife gecko	<i>Tarentola delalandii</i>	Four or five nightly at El Patio (El Guincho). Endemic to Tenerife.
La Gomera gecko	<i>Tarentola gomerensis</i>	Present in the grounds of the hotel on La Gomera. Endemic to La Gomera.