Corsica

Crocuses and Corsican Nuthatches

A Greentours Trip Report

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Day 1 Saturday 9th April Arrival

Sheila, David, and I had arrived from the Sardinia tour the previous day, and had stayed near Bonifacio overnight. From there we had a leisurely drive towards Ajaccio, arriving in the afternoon. Our journey took us through a variety of impressive landscapes and small settlements, and initially along the wild southern coast. Before we left, near the hotel were *Serapias cordigera* and *Serapias lingua*.

After a supermarket stop to stock up on picnic supplies, our main stop of the day was at the fascinating prehistoric site of Filitosa, deep in the Corsican countryside. Here is the largest statue-menhir on the island, amid several groups of megaliths. There was of course wildlife to see and the Illyrian Sea Daffodils here were particularly impressive this year. Among other plants were Roman Nettle, Adder's-tongue Spearwort, and White Ball Mustard. Red Kites soared over the site and Sardinian Warblers frequented the scrub.

We reached bustling Ajaccio mid afternoon and negotiated the busy town centre to get to our coastal hotel a little to the west of town. We checked in, and I then drove to the airport to meet Andrew and Gillian, and Michael and Valerie, arriving on afternoon flights.

All together now, that evening we enjoyed a good dinner in a restaurant just along the coast road from the hotel.

Day 2 Sunday 10th AprilLa Parata and Journey to Corte

We awoke to perfect weather and drove west along the coast road to La Parata. There we walked up onto the rocky headland, which afforded fine views of the Iles Sanguinaires below. Despite my fears, this being a fine Sunday, it was not at all too busy here today. Dense *Calicotome villosa* scrub characterised the slopes here, and supported Sardinian Warblers. We found many widespread Mediterranean plants, as well as scarcer species like *Succowia balearica*, with its distinctive fruits. *Cytinus hypocistus* parasitised the cistus, *Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum* was in leaf, and *Anthemis maritima*, *Vicia benghalensis*, and *Ruta chalepensis* were in flower. Wall Brown was on the wing, in its distinctive regional endemic subspecies, and other butterflies included Corsican Dappled White, Orange-tip, Clouded Yellow, and Green-underside Blue. Moorish Geckos scuttled over the warm rocks, Cirl Buntings sang, and Alpine Swifts sped overhead.

Probably the day's highlight was a collection of at least thirty *Serapias neglecta* in fine flower in one meadow, although they were less robust than usual. At the same site were *Silene laeta* and *Juncus capitatus*. The orchid list continued with *Orchis papilionacea*, *Orchis morio*, and *Serapias lingua*. Woodlark sang.

Dunes had attractive *Matthiola tricuspidata* and *Silene sericea*, and on rocks nearby was the endemic *Limonium articulatum*. There followed a geranium workshop, with at least six species along the track here. This site was indeed busy today so we headed a short way inland where I set out the extensive Greentours picnic, always especially good in France. *Cytinus ruber* parasitised the cistus and nearby was Dense-flowered Orchid.

It was time to leave this beautiful place, and head back through busy Ajaccio. We made a short stop at the hotel to collect our luggage. Another short stop yielded an interesting flora including *Linaria pelisseriana*, a red form of *Fumaria capreolata*, *Fumaria bastardii*, *Corrigiola littoralis*, and *Spergula arvensis gracilis*. A good find here was the endemic *Linaria flava sardoa*.

Soon we were in a very different world as we climbed steadily up into the mountains. *Cyclamen repandum* became common, in fine flower on the roadsides. A stop in still leafless woodland had us admiring the first fine *Helleborus argutifolius* of which we would see very many more. The attractive *Potentilla micrantha*, and *Viola riviniana*, were in flower. At a viewpoint stop, with a fine mountain backdrop, were a few Milky Orchids.

We headed purposefully to our hotel at Corte, and settled in to our fine rooms. We enjoyed another delicious Corsican meal in the adjacent restaurant, beside the rushing river.

Day 3 Monday 11th April

Restonica

We again awoke to perfect blue skies, and enjoyed a stunning day in the Restonica Gorge that stretches above the hotel. I went early into Corte for picnic shopping.

Our first stop was in extensive Corsican Pine forest in the hope of seeing that gem of an endemic, Corsican Nuthatch. As soon as we got out of the vehicle there it was! A female searched rocks and low tree trunks just beside us and we had superb prolonged views. This was remarkable, as sometimes it takes several attempts to see the island's most special bird. Coal Tits and Chaffinches were omnipresent, and Common Treecreeper worked the trunks. Tyrrhenian Wall Lizards scuttled over the limestone rocks and in the fine weather Brimstones and Holly Blues were on the wing.

Searching pools beside the river yielded a Corsican Fire Salamander larva briefly, but we had a longer look at a Tyrrhenian Painted Frog. Dipper frequented the stream.

One bank had several *Gagea soleirolii* and *Gagea granatellii*, and Common Dog Violets and Sweet Violets were in flower. Surely the *Crocus corsicus* was the flower highlight today, in stunning form with hundreds seen. Crucifers were a feature, among them *Teesdalia coronopifolia*, *Hornungia petraea*, the endemic *Barbarea rupicola*, and *Arabis turrita*.

Ferns were also rather a feature today, among them Jersey Fern, Black Spleenwort, *Asplenium onopteris*, Maidenhair Spleenwort, Rustyback Fern, Brittle Bladder Fern, Southern Polypody, Common Polypody, and Soft Shield Fern.

Having reached the refugio at the top of the road we walked some way higher up the valley, where we admired the snow slopes and views above. We had reached the community of *Berberis aetnensis* and *Alnus alnobetula* which characterises these altitudes. Alpine Choughs were much in evidence.

Later we watched a Golden Eagle soaring over the ridge, and it then landed allowing telescope views.

In the evening we went through the plant list which covered a surprisingly high percentage of the total, after only two days in the field. Dinner was again superb.

Day 4 Tuesday 12th AprilEast Coast etc.

The day was spent completing a circuit down to the east coast and back into the mountains via a beautiful gorge, enjoying a great range of habitat and flora during the day. Initially a short stop was made in Corte to buy fresh picnic supplies.

Once en route the first stop had many fine Green-winged Orchids and a lone *Dactylorhiza insularis*, the only one we would see. Sword-leaved Helleborine was new for the tour and there was also some attractive Common Milkwort. Wryneck was calling. At the next stop was *Cytinus ruber* in bloom, a lone Dense-flowered Orchid, and *Polygala monspeliaca*. There was much Small-flowered Buttercup, and the interesting legume *Anthyllis hermanniae* was in attractive flower.

We reached the east coast where we explored a large tract of unspoilt dune vegetation. It was very floriferous here and we spent a long time admiring the fine show in the beautiful weather. Here were a good number of *Serapias parviflora*, and some *Serapias lingua*. Peas were a feature, among them *Lathyrus angulatus*, *Biserrula pelecinus*, *Lotus conimbricensis* and *Trifolium tomentosum*. *Cytinus hypocistus* was in full flower, so we'd seen both species this morning.

In the dunes, among much *Erodium botrys*, I picked out the more unusual *Erodium lebelii* ssp.*marcuccii*. The dunes had the typical community of Sea Holly, Sea Medick, *Medicago littoralis*, *Ononis variegata*, Cottonweed, Sea Daffodil leaves, and *Echinophora spinosa*, as well as *Thymelaea hirsuta*. I set out the lunch and it was enjoyed under blue skies at this fine peaceful spot. Audouin's Gull was seen, and Andrew saw Black-eared Wheatear and Marmora's Warbler.

No views of Elba today, sometimes visible from this coast, as it was rather hazy. After lunch we headed inland where a series of short stops yielded much of interest. A serpentine outcrop had the endemics *Biscutella rotgesii* and *Senecio serpenticola*. There was one flower on the *Dianthus sylvestris godronianus*, and *Petrorhagia saxifraga gasparinii* was new for the tour. There was much *Stachys glutinosa* in flower whilst *Teucrium marum* was in bud. *Pancratium illyricum* was in impressive flower. Another site had some fine mauve tinged *Brimeura fastigiata*, and in the gorge the endemic *Brassica insularis* was very floriferous today.

The journey became very spectacular as we climbed slowly up a very good almost deserted road to a col with ever finer views of the snow capped peaks and lower mountains all around us. Another vigil for Corsican Nuthatch failed to produce this special endemic today at what is another regular site for it. Below the col were several Primroses in flower, a species new for the tour.

Day 5 Wednesday 13th April

Col de Verghio

The weather was again perfect with clear blue skies and fine views of the surrounding snow capped peaks.

At the first stop were several of the target *Ophrys incubacea*, more than we had ever seen here. Among the many Green-winged Orchids was a fine white flowered form, and Man Orchid was here. The first of three saxifrages today was much *Saxifraga tridactylites* in flower, and once in the gorge itself we made a stop for the first of many *Saxifraga cervicornis* in fine bloom. These were very impressive, and the cliffs on the other side of the gorge supported many more plants in flower. With the saxifrage grew the endemics *Coincya monensis recurvata* and *Barbarea rupicola*. A yellow spike of *Orobanche rigens* was impressive. Crag Martins passed close to us, and Tyrrhenian Wall Lizards scuttled over the rocks.

Next, a short riverside stroll yielded *Gagea villosa*, and the third saxifrage of the morning, fine *Saxifraga corsica*. Wild Celery was in leaf under the trees, and the lovely little *Arenaria balearica* was a delight. Also in leaf was *Hypericum hircinum*.

Free range pigs were the next point of interest before we reached extensive Corsican Pine forest that we would be in for much of the day. The mistletoe *Viscum album* ssp.*austriacum* was common on the pines. Crocuses were notably much less numerous on the roadsides here than is usual at this time. Another stop had fine views, some *Gagea soleirolii*, and lovely *Brimeura fastigiata* looking rather different to those plants we'd seen yesterday.

Lunch was eaten on the western slopes of the Col de Verghio, at it was rather windy at the pass itself. Early afternoon saw us returning to the col, which afforded fine views. A short exploration had us finding two more gageas, *Gagea fragifera* with its hollow basal leaf, and *Gagea lutea* only showing its comparatively wide flat basal leaf this year. *Corydalis pumila* was in flower, and the low very spiny *Rosa serafinii* was in leaf. These slopes are usually covered in crocuses at this time but we saw hardly one today!

A leisurely return journey was punctuated by several more short stops. In Sweet Chestnut woodland, the trees yet to come into leaf, we had good views of Corsican Finches. Back in the gorge was a great addition to the list, a good number of the white flowered *Armeria leucocephala*. Here *Aethionema saxatile* was a significant find as the species is not in Flora Corsica, so is a new species for the island. It occurs very locally in Sardinia, and is widespread in southern France, so there is no reason it should not be on Corsica. Corsican Swallowtail was on the wing at the usual reliable site, and we saw Blue Rock Thrush.

This was our last night in Restonica. After dinner some saw Tyrrhenian Tree Frog in the restaurant pond.

Days 6 and 7 Thursday 14th and Friday 15th April Journey to Bonifacio, and Bonifacio area

Saying farewell to Restonica we again drove down to the east coast, rather purposefully today as there was much to see later in the day. Red Kites were as usual a feature of the journey.

Having reached the coast, and finding a quiet beach for a short break, we found a meadow with fine *Orchis laxiflora*, vast numbers of *Serapias lingua*, several *Serapias parviflora* and fine *Serapias cordigera*.

Further south another quiet bay supported a small patch of native vegetation that had escaped the extensive coastal development, and here survived the endangered endemic *Anchusa crispa*, which was in fine flower today. However last year we had seen fifteen plants, today were only two. Poppies featured with Yellow Horned Poppy, *Hypecoum procumbens*, and naturalised *Eschscholzia californica* all here. Another site had *Cicendia filiformis*.

At the lunch site were very many *Serapias lingua*, more *Orchis laxiflora*, *Lathyrus aphaca*, and *Aristolochia rotunda insularis* flowered in the shade. Buttercups here included *Ranunculus muricatus*, *Ranunculus sardous*, and *Ranunculus velutinus*. Cetti's Warbler called.

We arrived at Bonifacio early afternoon, and the friendly owners at our stylish hotel were happy for us to leave our luggage before heading out again.

The afternoon was spent exploring the fascinating limestone habitats of this extreme south-eastern corner of the island. The flora was notably different from any we had yet seen. Phoenician Juniper was a feature of the area and we were soon struck by the many impressive large hummocks of *Astragalus massiliensis* so characteristic here on the open slopes.

We walked a limestone gully down to coastal cliffs. Fine *Matthiola tricuspidata* and *Asteriscus maritimus* were in flower, and the endemic *Morisia monanthos* (also on Sardinia) was in fine flower. The highlight for me was the simply superb *Erodium corsicum* in beautiful condition. The endemic *Limonium obtusifolium*, the pink flowered *rubriflora* subspecies of Kidney Vetch, and *Thymelaea hirsuta* were here too. *Narcissus tazetta* was still in bloom, but the *Pancratium illyricum* was in bud. *Romulea requienii* flowered in rock crevices, *Pseudorlaya pumila* was in leaf, and there was *Senecio cineraria*. Strong winds characterise this coast, and it was indeed very windy here today. Looking out over the channel we'd crossed by ferry from Sardinia the other day we had views of that island, and watched Cory's and Yelkouan Shearwaters over the water.

A short way inland orchids featured at the next stop. There were the regional endemics *Ophrys* corsica, *Ophrys marmorata*, *Ophrys morisii*, and *Ophrys panormitana praecox*, and *Ophrys incubacea* was rather common. Bithynian Vetch was in flower, and there was fine *Bellardia trixago*. A flock of Bee-eaters flew close to us allowing great views. Nearby was an impressive lone *Orobanche* sanguinea, parasitising *Lotus cytisoides*.

One of the botanical highlights of the area is *Simethis mattiazii*, locally rather common here. Wet hollows had *Isoetes histrix*. Cistus in fine flower was a feature, with *Cistus creticus*, *Cistus monspeliensis*, and *Cistus salvifolius* all in bloom. *Allium roseum* was common in the area, here being the endemic *insulare* subspecies. The endemic *Ferula arrigonii* was in impressive flower. *Matthiola incana* bloomed on cliffs near town, and among the many other plants seen were *Calicotome spinosa*, *Vicia altissima*, *Micromeria graeca*, *Andryala integrifolia*, *Centaurium maritimum*, and *Gladiolus italicus*.

Erica scoparia was a pleasing find, differentiated from the much more numerous *Erica arborea*. *Lilium candidum* was in leaf, a naturalised species we had first found here last year, and rather a surprise. Both species of *Cytinus* were in fine form in the area. A hybrid between *Ophrys bombyliflora* and *Ophrys tenthredinifera* was an interesting find.

Among birds around Bonifacio were a dark phase Booted Eagle, Short-toed Larks on a rocky outcrop, and Shags on coastal rocks.

There being no restaurant at our hotel we ate dinner in Bonifacio old town, with fine traditional Corsican fare (or pizzas!). *Ornithogalum arabicum* bloomed here in the old town.

Day 8 Saturday 16th AprilDeparture

Our flights were from Filitosa Airport, conveniently not far from the hotel. Having learnt the previous evening that the ferry those of us returning to Sardinia had planned to catch was out of action I had to change the plans somewhat. I therefore arranged for taxis to the airport for those who were flying, as Sheila, David, and I had to make sure we caught the morning ferry operated by a different company. We arrived to find the ferry terminal absolutely bursting with vehicles waiting to board. Surely we would not get on board ourselves as we were almost the last vehicle in the queue! Finally we were ushered forward and we boarded ahead of some others who were still waiting.

We had made it, and ours was in fact the penultimate vehicle that boarded. What a relief. As we headed out to sea, the ferry of the company that had had the problems was in fact on its way to Bonifacio, so it was indeed reinstated and in the end if we had not caught this departure we could have caught that one albeit later in the day.

Our crossing to Sardinia was calm. We again had fine views of many shearwaters, both Yelkouan and Cory's. Having docked, from Sta.Teresa I drove again the length of the island, and we reached Cagliari late afternoon. There we stayed over night in a good hotel, and enjoyed a good dinner. Sheila was flying home the next morning, whilst David and I flew via Rome to Bari, to await the arrival of the group there the following day for the Gargano tour.

Systematic List Number 1 Plants

The order generally follows Flora Europaea, although within each family species are listed alphabetically. A number of works were used for identification purposes. 'Flora Corsica' by Jeanmonod and Gamisans, SBCO, 2nd Edition, 2013, is the standard work. 'La Vegetation de la Corse' by J.Gamisans, 1999, and 'La Flore Endemique de la Corse' by J.Gamisans and J.Marzocchi, 1996, are both invaluable excellent works. The recent French flora, 'Flora Gallica' by Tison and de Foucault, Biotope Editions, 2014, is also invaluable. Species added this year are annotated 2016.

Selaginellaceae

Selaginella denticulata Mediterranean Selaginella Widespread, locally numerous

Field Horsetail

Isoetaceae

Isoetes histrix

Mediterranean Quillwort Bonifacio area

Equisetaceae

 $Equise tum\ arvense$

Restonica

Pteridophyta

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Adiantum capillus-veneris	Maidenhair Fern	Inzecca	
Anogramma leptophylla	Jersey Fern	Restonica and Inzecca	
Asplenium adiantum-nigrum	Black Spleenwort	Scattered records	
Asplenium foreziense	a spleenwort	S.Regina 2015	
Asplenium onopteris	a spleenwort	Scattered records	
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Restonica	
Asplenium viride	Green Spleenwort	Restonica	
Ceterach officinarum	Rustyback Fern	Scattered records, locally common in Restonica	
Cystopteris fragilis	Brittle Bladder Fern	Restonica	
Dryopteris affinis	Scaly Male Fern	Filitosa	
Notholaena marantae	-	Serpentine rocks, very locally common	
Polypodium cambricum	Southern Polypody	Scattered	
Polypodium vulgare	Common Polypody	Restonica	
Polystichum aculeatum	Hard Shield Fern	Restonica	
Polystichum setiferum	Soft Shield Fern	Restonica	
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	Scattered records	
	Pinacea	e	
Abiea alba	Silver Fir	West of Verghio, 2016	
Pinus halepensis	Aleppo Pine	Lower altitudes	
Pinus nigra ssp.laricio	Corsican Pine	Dominant in forests over large areas in the	
		mountains. Regional endemic.	
Pinus pinaster ssp.hamiltonii	Maritime Pine	Widespread	
Pinus pinea	Stone Pine	Coastal	
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine	Planted	
	Cupressac	eae	
Juniperus communis	Common Juniper	Local, ssp. <i>alpina</i> at higher altitudes	
Inninerus orneedrus	Prickly Junipor	Widespread	

Juniperus communis Juniperus oxycedrus Juniperus phoenicea Common Juniper Prickly Juniper Phoenician Juniper

Local, ssp. *alpina* at higher altitudes Widespread Bonifacio area, locally dominant

Betulaceae			
Alnus alnobetula ssp.suaveolens	a green alder	Scrub at tree line in Restonica. Not in leaf this year. Endemic.	
Alnus glutinosa	Alder	, <u></u>	
Betula pendula	Silver Birch	Verghio	
	Fagaceae		
Castanea sativa	Sweet Chestnut	Not yet in leaf at higher altitudes	
Fagus sylvatica	Beech	Locally forming forests, not yet in leaf	
Quercus ilex	Holm Oak	Widespread and locally dominant	
\sim Quercus pubescens	Downy Oak	Widespread	
\tilde{Q} uercus suber	Cork Oak	Widespread	
	Rafflesiace	04	
Cytinus hypocistus	cytinus	Parasitic on <i>Cistus</i> at a few sites. In fine form	
Cyllinus hypoelsius	cy mus	east coast, and superb at Bonifacio.	
Cytinus ruber		Lunch site La Parata, and at Bonifacio. N.B.	
29		treated as a subspecies of the former in the	
		Flora.	
	Salicacea	a	
Populus nigra	Black Poplar	Planted	
Salix atrocinerea	a sallow	Rather widespread in the hills	
Sunx unoentereu		Rutter widespreud in the fillis	
	Ulmaceae		
Ulmus minor	Smooth-leaved Elm		
	Moraceae	2	
Ficus carica	Fig	Scattered records	
	Santalacea	e	
Osyris alba	Osyris	Bonifacio	
Thesium humile	a Bastard Toadflax		
	Urticacea	a	
Parietaria judaica (diffusa)	Pellitory of the Wall	Scattered	
Parietaria lusitanica	a pellitory	Filitosa	
Urtica atrovirens	a nettle	Restonica. Regional endemic.	
Urtica dioica	Stinging Nettle	Scattered records	
Urtica membranacea	Membraneous Nettle	Trinite, Bonifacio	
Urtica pilulifera	Roman Nettle	Filitosa	
Urtica urens	Annual Nettle		
	Loranthace		
Viscum album ssp.austriacum	Mistletoe	Not uncommon on <i>Pinus laricio</i> .	
		Very common below Verghio.	
Aristolochiaceae			
Aristolochia rotunda ssp.insulari		North of Porto Vecchio	
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Polygonaceae

Polygonum maritimum Rumex acetosa Rumex acetosella Rumex bucephalophorus Rumex conglomeratus Rumex crispus Rumex scutatus Sea Knotgrass Common Sorrel Sheep's Sorrel a dock Clustered Dock Curled Dock French Sorrel East coast

Widespread West coast Ajaccio airport. Figari airport. Scattered records Restonica

Chenopodiaceae

Atriplex patula Beta vulgaris Camphorosma monspeliaca Chenopodium murale

Montia minor

Common Orache Sea Beet Nettle-leaved Goosefoot First hellebore stop Coastal Bonifacio 2016 La Parata

Aizoaceae

Carpobrotus edulis Hottentot Fig Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum Coastal La Parata in leaf

S.Regina

Portulacaceae

Caryophyllaceae

Arenaria balearica	Balearic Sandwort	Locally in fine flower, e.g. Calacuccia. Regional endemic.
Arenaria serpyllifolia	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	Scattered records
Cerastium diffusum	Sea Mouse-ear	
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear	Scattered records
Cerastium glomeratum	Sticky Mouse-ear	Scattered records
Corrigiola littoralis	Strapwort	Common in Ajaccio dunes
Dianthus sylvestris ssp.godronianus	Wood Pink	Inzecca, one in flower
Kohlrauschia velutina	Kohlrauschia	La Parata
Moenchia erecta	Upright Chickweed	La Parata
Paronychia argentea	a paronychia	Scattered records, e.g. Ajaccio dunes
Paronychia echinulata	a paronychia	Bonifacio
Petrorhagia saxifraga ssp.gasparinii	Tunic Flower	On serpentine, 2016
Polycarpon tetraphyllum	Four-leaved Allseed	La Parata etc. ssp.alsinifolium in eastern dunes.
Sagina apetala	Annual Pearlwort	Recorded
Sagina pilifera	a pearlwort	In leaf. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia.
Silene alba	White Campion	Scattered
Silene colorata	a catchfly	Ajaccio dunes
Silene gallica	Small-flowered Catchfly	Widespread and locally common
Silene laeta	a catchfly	La Parata
Silene paradoxa	a catchfly	In leaf, and old flowerheads, serpentine
Silene sericea	a catchfly	Locally common coastally. Regional endemic.
Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion	Scattered
Spergula arvensis ssp.gracilis	Corn Spurrey	Several in Ajaccio dunes
Spergularia rubra	Sand-spurrey	Restonica
Spegularia spp.	sea spurrey spp.	Several not identified

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Stellaria media Stellaria nemorum

Chickweed Wood Stitchwort

Widespread

Ranunculaceae

Anemone hortensis	an anemone	Widespread and locally common
Clematis flammula	Fragrant Clematis	In leaf
Clematis vitalba	Traveller's Joy	In leaf
Helleborus argutifolius	a hellebore	Numerous in fine flower in the hills and
		mountains. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia.
Ranunculus bulbosus	Bulbous Buttercup	Recorded
Ranunculus ficaria	Lesser Celandine	Scattered records in flower, e.g. Restonica
Ranunculus lanuginosus	Woolly Buttercup	Filitosa
Ranunculus muricatus	a buttercup	Scattered records
Ranunculus ophioglossifolius	Adder's-tongue Spearwort	Filitosa and Bonifacio
Ranunculus paludosus	Jersey Buttercup	Day 6 2014
Ranunculus parviflorus	Small-flowered Buttercup	East of Corte, Restonica, locally common
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	Scattered records
Ranunculus sardous	Hairy Buttercup	La Parata
Ranunculus sceleratus	Celery-leaved Crowfoot	Restonica 2016
Ranunculus velutinus	a buttercup	Near Porto Vecchio
	Berberidace	ae
Berberis aetnensis	a barberry	Restonica tree-line scrub
	Papaverace	ae
Eschscholzia californica	Californian Poppy	Naturalised at the Anchusa crispa site
Glaucium flavum	Yellow Horned Poppy	Ajaccio and east coast
Hypecoum procumbens		East coast
Papaver dubium	Long-headed Poppy	Scattered records

Η P Papaver rhoeas

Widespread Common Poppy

Fumaria capreolata Fumaria officinalis

Very locally in good flower in the mountains Near Ajaccio airport Widespread and locally very common East coast arable fields 2015

Brassicaceae

Aethionema saxatile

Alliaria petiolata Alyssum alyssoides Arabidopsis thaliana Arabis alpina Arabis hirsuta Arabis sagittata Arabis turrita Arabis verna

Barbarea verna

Garlic Mustard Small Alison Thale Cress Alpine Rockcress Hairy Rockcress a rockcress **Tower Cress** Spring Rockcress

American Wintercress

Burnt Candytuft

Santa Regina 2016. This species is not in Flora Corsica. New for Corsica. Bonifacio area, Filitosa Santa Regina Scattered records Restonica 2016 Scattered records Bonifacio Restonica 2014 Widespread in small numbers, e.g. Inzecca and Restonica Recorded

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Papaver somniferum

Corydalis pumila Fumaria bastardii **Opium** Poppy Fumariaceae

Tall Ramping-Fumitory White Ramping-Fumitory **Common Fumitory**

South-east.

Barbarea rupicola a winter cress Locally in fine flower on mountain rocks. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia. Biscutella didyma Biscutella Biscutella rotgersi a biscutella Brassica insularis a wild cabbage Bunias erucago **Bunias** Cakile maritima Sea Rocket Calepina irregularis White Ball Mustard Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherd's Purse Capsella rubella a shepherd's purse Cardamine hirsuta Hairy Bittercress Cardaria draba Hoary Cress Cheiranthos cheiri Wallflower Clypeola jonthlaspi Clypeola Coincya monensis ssp.recurvata a wallflower cabbage Draba dubia a whitlow grass Draba muralis Wall Whitlow Grass Erophila verna Whitlow Grass Eruca sativa Eruca Hirschfeldia incana Hoary Mustard Hornungia petraea Hutchinsia Isatis tinctoria Woad Lobularia maritima Sweet Alison Lunaria annua Honesty Malcolmia ramosissima a stock Matthiola incana Hoary Stock Matthiola sinuata Sea Stock Matthiola tricuspidata Three-horned Stock Morisia monanthos Nasturtium officinale Watercress Sea Radish

Raphanus raphanistrum ssp.maritima Sinapis alba Sinapis arvensis Sisymbrium officinale Succowia balearica Teesdalia coronopifolia Thlaspi brevistylum

pennycress

White Mignonette Corn Mignonette

White Mustard

Hedge Mustard

a shepherd's cress

Charlock

Scattered

Reseda phyteuma

Crassula tillaea Sedum album Sedum alpestre Sedum annuum

Reseda alba

La Parata, Ajaccio dunes, Bonifacio White Stonecrop In leaf Alpine Stonecrop In leaf Annual Stonecrop Day 5 roadsides, 2015 Greentours Natural History Holidays www.greentours.co.uk 11

Scattered records, e.g. Scala D.S.Regina Very local on serpentine rocks. Endemic. Several in impressive flower, Inzecca. Regional endemic. Scattered, e.g. La Parata Scattered coastal records Near Calacuccia. Numerous at Filitosa. Widespread Scattered records Scattered records Roadsides etc. Sartene 2014 Scattered records, e.g. S.Regina Local on rocks in a community with Saxifraga cervicornis. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia. Restonica 2014 Scattered records, e.g. S.Regina Locally numerous, in flower Widespread and common Widespread Inzecca Scattered roadside records Coastal, locally very common Rather widespread Ajaccio dunes and east coast In flower in Bonifacio East coast dunes Locally abundant coastally in fine flower Bonifacio, a few in fine flower. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia. La Parata Scattered records

Widespread Widespread Bonifacio area Several at La Parata Restonica, locally very common Sondrio

Resedaceae

Crassulaceae

Sedum brevifolium Sedum caespitosum Sedum dasyphyllum Sedum monregalense Sedum rubens Sedum stellatum Umbilicus rupestris

Saxifraga cervicornis

Saxifraga rotundifolia

Saxifraga tridactylites

Crataegus monogyna

Potentilla micrantha

Saxifraga corsica

Aphanes sp.

Fragaria vesca

Potentilla recta Poterium verrucosum

Prunus avium

Prunus spinosa

Rosa canina

Rosa spp.

Rosa serafinii

Rubus ulmifolius

Pyrus amygdaliformis

a stonecrop a stonecrop Thick-leaved Stonecrop a stonecrop Reddish Stonecrop Starry Stonecrop Navelwort

Round-leaved Saxifrage

Rue-leaved Saxifrage

Bonifacio area, Restonica In leaf In leaf In leaf, Restonica In leaf In leaf Widespread and locally common

Saxifragaceae

Locally in fine flower. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia. Near Calacuccia. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia. In leaf at Verghio, 2016 Scattered records

Rosaceae

a parsley-piert Restonica Hawthorn Widespread Wild Strawberry En route to Corte 2014 Pink Barren Strawberry Locally common in the hills Sulphur Cinquefoil In leaf Mediterranean Salad Burnet Scattered records Wild Cherry Blackthorn Widespread Almond-leaved Pear Widespread Dog Rose a rose Forming scrub on Col de Verghio 2 species in hip east of Corte roses a bramble Widespread

Fabaceae

Acacia dealbata		Scattered
Anagyris foetida	Bean Trefoil	Scattered records in leaf
Anthyllis hermanniae	a kidney vetch	Fine east of Corte, also lower Inzecca
Anthyllis vulneraria	Kidney Vetch	ssp. <i>rubriflora,</i> Bonifacio
Astragalus boeticus	a milk-vetch	Bonifacio 2014
Astragalus massiliensis	Tragacanth	In fine flower in Bonifacio area. Locally
-	-	dominant with many very large cushions.
Biserrula pelecinus		Filitosa and eastern dunes, locally common
Calicotome spinosa	Thorny Broom	Bonifacio area
Calicotome villosa	Hairy Thorny Broom	Locally dominant as at La Parata
Cercis siliquastrum	Judas Tree	Planted, in fine flower
Cytisus villosus	a broom	Locally numerous
Cytisus scoparius	Broom	La Parata
Dorycnium hirsutum	Dorycnium	Bonifacio
Dorycnium pentaphyllum	a dorycnium	Bonifacio area
Genista corsica	-	Locally numerous, e.g. Bonifacio. Endemic to
		Corsica and Sardinia.

Genista salzmannii

Hedysarum coronarium Hedysarum glomeratum Hippocrepis multisiliquosa Hippocrepis unisiliquosa Lathyrus aphaca Lathyrus angulatus Lathyrus cicera Lathyrus clymenum Lathyrus ochrus Lathyrus setifolius Lathyrus sphaericus Lathyrus tingitanus Lathyrus venetus Lotus conimbricensis Lotus corniculatus Lotus cytisoides

Lotus edulis Lotus ornithopodioides Lotus pedunculatus Lupinus angustifolius Lupinus micranthus Medicago arabica Medicago disciformis Medicago littoralis Medicago lupulina Medicago marina Medicago minima Medicago polymorpha Melilotus indicus Melilotus messanensis Melilotus spp. Ononis diffusa Ononis reclinata Ononis variegata Ornithopus compressus Ornithopus pinnatus Pisum sativum Psoralea bituminosa Robinia pseudacacia Scorpiurus muricatus Spartium junceum Teline monspessulana Trifolium angustifolium Trifolium campestre Trifolium cherleri Trifolium glomeratum Trifolium hirtum Trifolium nigrescens

Italian Sainfoin a sainfoin a horseshoe vetch a horseshoe vetch Yellow Vetchling a pea a pea a pea a pea a pea a pea Tangier Pea a pea a bird's-foot trefoil Bird's-foot Trefoil a bird's-foot trefoil Edible Lotus a bird's-foot trefoil Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil Narrow-leaved Lupin Hairy Lupin Spotted Medick a medick a medick **Black Medick** Sea Medick Bur Medick **Toothed Medick** Small Melilot a melilot melilots Small Rest-harrow a rest-harrow Compressed Bird's-foot Orange Bird's-foot Wild Pea Pitch Trefoil False Acacia Scorpiurus Spanish Broom

Teline

Hop Trefoil

Hairy Clover

Clustered Clover

a clover

a clover

Dominant over large areas in the mountains. ssp.salzmannii and ssp.lobelioides, the latter at higher altitudes. Regional endemic. 1 plant east coast, 2014 Bonifacio area 2014 Ajaccio dunes 2015 Bonifacio Bonifacio area etc. La Parata, Bonifacio, east coast Bonifacio, La Parata Locally very common Bonifacio area Scattered, e.g. La Parata. La Parata, Bonifacio In leaf 2014 This species in leaf? La Parata Widespread ssp.cytisoides, various habitats, not restricted to coasts ssp.conradiae, coastal Widespread Widespread and common In leaf Filitosa and La Parata Widespread and locally numerous Widespread and locally common Scattered La Parata 2016 West coast and East coast dunes Scattered East coast dunes Scala de Santa Regina, La Parata Widespread Scattered records East coast Others unidentified East coast, not in flower Bonifacio East coast dunes, not in flower Widespread and common Bonifacio area Bonifacio area 2014 La Parata, Bonifacio, etc. Scattered Scattered Scattered East of Corte Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover This species in a field at Aleria, turning it red? Ajaccio Recorded 2016 Bonifacio Bonifacio Recorded

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Trifolium natorio	a clover	La Parata
Trifolium patens Trifolium repens	White Clover	Scattered
Trifolium resupinatum	Reversed Clover	Recorded
Trifolium scabrum	Rough Clover	Scattered records
Trifolium stellatum	Star Clover	Bonifacio
Trifolium subterraneum	Subterranean Clover	Ajaccio to Corte
Trifolium tomentosum	Woolly Trefoil	La Parata
Ulex europaeus	Gorse	Planted
Vicia altissima	a vetch	At one site near Bonifacio
Vicia benghalensis	a vetch	La Parata
Vicia bithynica	Bithynian Vetch	Bonifacio
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch	Scattered
Vicia hirsuta	Hairy Tare	La Parata
Vicia hybrida	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	La Parata
Vicia lathyroides	Spring Vetch	Widespread
Vicia lutea	Yellow Vetch	Inzecca
Vicia pannonica	a vetch	litzeeca
Vicia pubescens	a vetch	Recorded 2016
Vicia sativa	Common Vetch	Widespread
Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch	Scattered
Vicia villosa	Fodder Vetch	Scattered, e.g. East coast
		Scattered, e.g. Last coast
	Oxalidace	ae
Oxalis articulata	Pink Oxalis	Occasionally naturalised
Oxalis corniculata		East coast, Filitosa
Oxalis pes-caprae	Bermuda Buttercup	Locally common
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	Geraniace	ae
Erodium acaule	Stemless Stork's-bill	Restonica etc.
Erodium botrys		Locally common, east coast
Erodium ciconium	a stork's-bill	Corte 2014
Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill	Widespread
Erodium corsicum	Corsican Stork's-bill	In superb flower at Bonifacio. Endemic to
		Corsica and Sardinia.
Erodium lebelii ssp.marcuccii	a stork's-bill	East coast dunes
Erodium malacoides	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	La Parata
Erodium maritimum	a stork's-bill	Below Verghio 2016
Erodium moschatum	Musk Stork's-bill	Recorded
Geranium columbinum	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	Bonifacio and La Parata
Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	La Parata
Geranium lucidum	Shining Cranesbill	Scattered
Geranium molle	Dovesfoot Cranesbill	Widespread
Geranium purpureum	Little Robin	Scattered records
Geranium pusillum	Small-flowered Crane's-bill	
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert	Scattered records
Geranium rotundifolium	Round-leaved Cranesbill	La Parata
	Inthracea	

Lythraceae

Lythrum portula

Water Purslane

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	Linaceae	
Linum bienne	Pale Flax	Widespread and locally common
Linum trigynum	a flax	Inzecca
	Euphorbiace	eae
Euphorbia characias	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Locally common
Euphorbia exigua	Dwarf Spurge	Scattered records
Euphorbia falcata	a spurge	Scattered records
Euphorbia helioscopia	Sun Spurge	Widespread and common
Euphorbia paralias	Sea Spurge	Coasts
Euphorbia peplus	Petty Spurge	Widespread
Euphorbia pithyusa	a spurge	Coastal
Euphorbia segetalis	a spurge	Bonifacio
Euphorbia spinosa	Spiny Spurge	Inzecca
Mercurialis annua	Annual Mercury	La Parata
Mercurialis corsica	a mercury	Recorded? Endemic to Corsica and
		Sardinia.
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	Rutaceae	
Ruta chalepensis	Fringed Rue	La Parata and Bonifacio
	Meliaceae	2
Melia azedarach	Indian Bead Tree	
	Polygalacea	ae
Polygala monspeliaca		1 east of Corte, 2016
Polygala myrtifolia		Planted
Polygala vulgaris	Common Milkwort	East of Corte and Inzecca
	Platanacea	e
Platanus x hispanica	London Plane	
	Aceraceae	
Acer monspessulanum	Montpellier Maple	Scala de Santa Regina
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple	
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	
	Anacardiace	
Pistacia lentiscus	Mastic Tree	Locally abundant
Fisiacia tentiscus	Wastie Tree	
	Aquifoliace	92
llor aquifalium	-	
Ilex aquifolium	Holly	Verghio
	Rhamnacea	24
Phonene alatomica		
Rhamnus alaternus	Mediterranean Buckthorn	
	Malvacea	a
Lavatera arborea	Tree Mallow	A few in the south east
Lavatera cretica	Cretan Mallow	Scattered, e.g. Bonaigua
Malva neglecta	Dwarf Mallow	Scattered
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Malva sylvestris	Common Mallow	Scattered
	Thymelaea	aceae
Daphne gnidium	2	In leaf
Thymelaea hirsuta		Bonifacio and east coast
	Violace	
Viola arvensis	Field Pansy	La Parata etc.
Viola kitaibeliana	Dwarf Pansy	Recorded?
Viola odorata	Sweet Violet	Scattered records, e.g. Restonica
Viola parvula	a violet	Viewpoint en route to Corte
Viola reichenbachiana	Early Dog Violet	Restonica 2016
Viola riviniana	Common Dog Violet	Widespread in pine woods
	Guttifer	~2e
Hypericum australe	a st.john's-wort	North of Porto Vecchio, in leaf
Hypericum hircinum	a st.john's-wort	In flower Calacuccia 2016
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate StJohn's-wort	East coast
	Cistace	ae
Cistus creticus	a cistus	In flower in the east and La Parata
Cistus monspeliensis	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Locally very common
Cistus salvifolius	Sage-leaved Cistus	Locally numerous, e.g. east coast
Fumana thymiifolia	Thyme-leaved Fumana	Bonifacio
Halimium halimifolium		Many in leaf east coast
Tuberaria guttata	Spotted Rockrose	Locally common
	Tamarica	ceae
Tamarix spp.	tamarisk spp.	
	Frankenia	ceae
Frankenia laevis	a sea-heath	In leaf in Bonifacio area
	Cactace	ae
Opuntia ficus-indica	Prickly Pear	
	Lythrace	eae
Lythrum junceum		A few records
	Myrtace	eae
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	River Red Gum	
Myrtus communis	Common Myrtle	Scattered
	Araliace	
Hedera helix	Ivy	Scattered records
	Apiace	
Anthriscus caucalis	Bur Chervil	Filitosa
Apium graveolens	Wild Celery	Near Calacuccia, in leaf
Berula erecta	Lesser Water-parsnip	Filitosa, in leaf
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Crithmum maritimum	Rock Samphire	In leaf on coasts
Daucos carota	Wild Carrot	East coast
Echinophora spinosa		East coast in leaf
Eryngium campestre	Field Eryngo	In leaf
Eryngium maritimum	Sea Holly	Coastally in leaf
Ferula arrigonii		Bonifacio area. Endemic to Corsica & Sardinia.
Ferula communis	Giant Fennel	Widespread
Foeniculum vulgare	Fennel	Recorded
Oenanthe globulosa	Mediterranean Water Dropwor	rt At the last lunch site 2013
Pastinaca sativa spp.divaricata	Wild Parsnip	Bonifacio area. Subspecies endemic to
		Corsica and Sardinia.
Pseudorlaya pumila		In leaf in Bonifacio area
Scandix pecten-veneris	Shepherd's-needle	Widespread
Smyrnium olusatrum	Alexanders	Widespread
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	Ericaceae	
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	Widespread, locally common
Erica arborea	Tree Heath	Locally common, very widespread
Erica scoparia	Besom Heath	Bonifacio
	Primulacea	e
Anagallis arvensis	Scarlet Pimpernel	Widespread and common
Anagallis foemina	Ĩ	Day 4, 2015
Cyclamen hederifolium	Ivy-leaved Sowbread	In leaf
Cyclamen repandum	Spring Sowbread	Locally numerous
Asterolinon linum-stellatum	1 0	Scattered records, locally common
Primula vulgaris	Primrose	Several in flower below Sorba, 2016
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	Plumbaginac	eae
Armeria leucocephala	a thrift	In flower Scala de S.Regina
Limonium articulatum	a sea lavender	La Parata. Endemic.
Limonium obtusifolium	a sea lavender	Bonifacio. Endemic.
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	Oleaceae	
Fraxinus ornus	Manna Ash	Widespread in flower
Olea europaea	Olive	Widespread
Phillyrea angustifolia		Bonifacio
Phillyrea latifolia		Recorded 2016
	Apocynacea	ae
Vinca difformis	Intermediate Periwinkle	This species, cultivated?
Vinca major	Greater Periwinkle	
Vinca minor	Lesser Periwinkle	
	Gentianacea	ac
Blackstonia perfoliata	Yellow-wort	In leaf 2015
Centaurium maritimum	Yellow Centaury	La Parata, east coast, and Bonifacio area
Cicendia filiformis	Yellow Centaury	Several north of Porto Vecchio
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Rubiaceae

Cruciata glabra

a crosswort First hellebore stop, 2014 Greentours Natural History Holidays <u>www.greentours.co.uk</u> 17 Cruciata laevipes Cruciata pedemontana Galium aparine Galium mollugo Galium murale Galium verrucosum Rubia peregrina Sherardia arvensis Valantia muralis

Theligonium cynocrambe

Calystegia soldanella Convolvulus siculus Convolvulus althaeoides Cuscuta sp. Crosswort a crosswort Cleavers Hedge Bedstraw a bedstraw a bedstraw Wild Madder Sherardia Restonica Day 2, 2015

Widespread East coast beaches! Scattered Widespread and common Bonifacio, locally very common

Theligoniaceae

Local

Convolvulaceae

Sea Bindweed Small Blue Convolvulus Mallow-leaved Bindweed In leaf in dunes La Parata 2015 Bonifacio

Boraginaceae

Anchusa crispa

Borago officinalis Echium italicum Echium parviflorum Echium plantagineum Myosotis discolor Myosotis ramosissima

Clinopodium vulgare Lamium amplexicaule Lamium bifidum

Lamium garganicum Lamium purpureum Lavandula stoechas Mentha aquatica Mentha suaveolens Micromeria graeca Prunella vulgaris Rosmarinus officinalis Salvia verbenaca Sideritis romana Stachys arvensis Stachys glutinosa

Teucrium flavum Teucrium marum Teucrium polium Borage Pyramidal Bugloss Small-flowered Bugloss Purple Viper's-Bugloss Changing Forget-me-not Early Forget-me-not Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia, endangered. In fine flower at one site on the east coast. c.15 Plants in 2015, only 2 in 2016. Widespread and common Scattered in leaf Bonifacio 2014 Widespread Day 5, 2015 Scattered records

Lamiaceae

Wild Basil Henbit Deadnettle a deadnettle Large Red Deadnettle Red Deadnettle French Lavender Water Mint Apple Mint a micromeria Self-heal Rosemary Wild Clary a sideritis Field Woundwort a woundwort

Felty Germander

La Parata 2015 La Parata and Corte 2015 Scattered records, white flowers, leaf with central stripe, 2015 Seen on Day 4, 2014 Scattered records Widespread, e.g. common at La Parata Filitosa In leaf La Parata 2016 Coming into flower at Bonifacio, 2015 In leaf 2015 Locally numerous Widespread East of Corte 2016 Scattered records Tyrrhenian Endemic shrub. In flower, and locally rather common. Restonica, Inzecca, etc. In fine flower Inzecca and Bonifacio In flower Inzecca. Regional endemic. In leaf at Bonifacio

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Wood Sage

Teucrium scorodonia Thymus herba-barona In leaf, first *Helleborus* stop, 2016 In leaf. Regional endemic.

Solanaceae

In fruit, 2016

Datura stramonium Solanum nigrum

Black Nightshade

Scrophulariaceae

Bellardia trixago	Bellardia	Bonifacio
Cymbalaria muralis	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Citadelle walls in Ajaccio 2014
Digitalis lutea ssp.australis	Small Yellow Foxglove	In bud in Bonifacio area, 2015
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove	Leaves widespread
Linaria flava ssp.sardoa	a toadflax	A few in Ajaccio dunes, 2016. Regional
		endemic.
Linaria pelisseriana	Jersey Toadflax	Locally common as in Ajaccio dunes
Misopates orontium	Weasel's Snout	Scattered records, e.g. La Parata
Parentucellia latifolia	Southern Red Bartsia	Widespread and often common
Parentucellia viscosa	Yellow Bartsia	Locally common in flower, e.g. east coast
Scrophularia peregrina	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Filitosa and Inzecca
Verbascum sinuatum	a mullein	Widespread in leaf
Veronica acinifolia	French Speedwell	
Veronica anagallis-aquatica	a speedwell	Filitosa 2016
Veronica cymbalaria	White Speedwell	Scattered records
Veronica montana	Wood Speedwell	Restonica
Veronica hederifolia	Ivy-leaved Speedwell	Restonica lunch
Veronica persica	Common Field Speedwell	Scattered records

Orobanchaceae

Orobanche were notably almost absent this year, and in 2015, whereas several species seen in previous years.		
Orobanche amethystea	a broomrape	Possibly this associated with Eryngium
		in Bonifacio area, noted as not confirmed
		for Corsica in the Flora. 2014.
Orobanche lavandulacea	a broomrape	Apparently this species on the first full day,
		parasitic on Psoralea bituminosa. No recent
		Corsican records. 2013.
Orobanche minor	Common Broomrape	Locally common, very variable
Orobanche nana	a broomrape	1, white, Bonifacio cliffs, 2015
Orobanche pubescens	a broomrape	On Sonchus bulbosus in eastern dunes, 2014.
		Very rare on Corsica.
Orobanche ramosa	Branched Broomrape	Bonifacio 2014
Orobanche rigens	a broomrape	One of yellow form, Sta.Regina. Parasitic on
		Genista. Regional endemic.
Orobanche sanguinea	a broomrape	1 at Bonifacio

Myoporaceae

Myoporum laetum

Naturalised La Parata

Plantaginaceae

Plantago afra Plantago bellardii a plantain a plantain

Ngaio

Scattered, e.g. La Parata Bonifacio area etc.

Plantago coronopus	Buck's-horn Plantain	Widespread ssp.coronopus and ssp. humilis
Plantago lagopus	a plantain	Recorded
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	Widespread
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	Acanthacea	e
Acanthus mollis	Bear's Breech	Filitosa, in flower
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	Caprifoliace	ae
Lonicera implexa	a honeysuckle	Scattered in leaf, in flower Bonifacio area
Sambucus nigra	Elder	
Viburnum tinus	Laurustinus	In fine flower on various roadsides
	Valerianacea	
Centranthus calcitrapa	a valerian	Bonifacio
Valerianella locusta	Common Corn Salad	Scattered records
Valerianella spp.	corn salad spp.	Others possibly overlooked
	Dipsacacea	
Dipsacus fullonum	Teasel	In leaf
Sixalix atropurpurea		In flower in the east
	Campanulace	
Campanula erinus	Annual Bellflower	East of Corte
Jasione echinata	a sheep's-bit	What appeared to be this species in
		Ajaccio dunes, 2015. Not in Corsican
		Flora, this species was seen in the
		same dune community in Sardinia.
Jasione montana	Mountain Sheep's-bit	1, Scala D.S.Regina, 2014
Legousia hybrida	Venus's Looking Glass	Ajaccio area etc. 2014
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	Asteraceae	
Andryala integrifolia	Andryala	Only 1 this year in Bonifacio area
Anthemis maritima		Several coastal records, e.g. La Parata
Artemisia arborescens		Bonifacio area
Asteriscus maritimus	Yellow Sea Aster	In fine flower on Bonifacio coast
Bellis annua	Annual Daisy	Scattered records
Bellis perennis	Daisy	Widespread
Bellium bellidioides	a daisy	In leaf and bud in Bonifacio area.
	2	Regional endemic.
Calendula arvensis	Corn Marigold	Locally very common
Carduus pycnocephalus	Plymouth Thistle	La Parata
Carlina corymbosa	Flat-topped Carline Thistle	Previous years flower heads and in leaf at e.g.
Cartinia corginologa	That topped curine finishe	La Parata
Carlina macrocephala	a carline thistle	Old seed heads, Restonica and Santa Regina
Centaurea sphaerocephala	a knapweed	This species recorded?
Chamaemelum fuscatum	-	Recorded 2016
Chrysanthemum coronarium	Crown Daisy	Scattered
Cladanthus mixtus	<i>,</i>	Ajaccio dunes etc.
Cotula coronopifolia	Brass Buttons	Naturalised in dunes on east coast
Crepis bellidifolia	21400 Duttorio	La Parata
Crepis vesicaria ssp.taraxacifolia		Corte supermarket! Verges mown this year!
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Crupina crupinastrum Dittrichia viscosa Evax pygmaea Evax rotundata Filago gallica Galactites tomentosa Glebionis segetum Hedypnois rhagadioloides ssp.cretica Helichrysum italicum Hieracium spp. Hyoseris radiata Hypochoeris achyrophorus Hypochoeris glabra Hypochoeris radicata Hypochoeris robertia Inula crithmoides Lagoseris sancta ssp.nemausensis Onopordum illyricum Otanthus maritimus Pallenis spinosa Phagnalon rupestre Phagnalon saxatile Ptilostemon casabonae *Reichardia picroides* Rhagadiolus edulis Senecio cineraria Senecio lividus Senecio serpenticola Senecio transiens Senecio vulgaris Silybum marianum Sonchus asper Sonchus bulbosus Sonchus oleraceus Sonchus tenerrimus Tanacetum audibertii Taraxacum spp. Tragopogon porrifolius Urospermum dalechampi Urospermum picroides

Xanthium strumarium

a stink aster Evax an evax Narrow-leaved Cudweed Galactites Corn Marigold

a curry plant hawkweed spp. Hyoseris Mediterranean Cat's-ear Smooth Cat's-ear Common Cat's-ear a cat's-ear Golden Samphire

Illyrian Scotch Thistle Cottonweed Pallenis

a star hawkbit Cineraria

Groundsel Milk Thistle Prickly Sow-thistle

Smooth Sow-Thistle a sow-thistle a tansy

dandelion spp. Salsify

Rough Cocklebur

In leaf Widespread, e.g. La Parata Bonifacio Bonifacio. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia. Seen in the east In flower at Bonifacio Ajaccio area etc. Bonifacio 2014 Widespread in leaf Various species unidentified Widespread Locally very common Scattered records Widespread Endemic. Scattered, e.g. Restonica. Coastal Common, = Crepis sancta In leaf, and old flowering spikes In leaf in dunes Recorded 2014 Bonifacio 2014 Scattered records, e.g. La Parata and Bonifacio The distinctive leaves of this species, and old spikes, were noted at various sites. Regional endemic. La Parata La Parata etc. Bonifacio, in leaf Widespread Very local on serpentine rocks Bonifacio Widespread In leaf Scattered Common in dunes, = Crepis bulbosa Scattered La Parata etc. Scala della Regina etc., dry cymose inflorescence. Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia. Unidentified Scattered records Locally in flower La Parata

Monocotyledons

Alismataceae

Narrow-leaved Water Plantain A few wetland records

Lemnaceae

Lemna minor

Posidonia oceanica

Alisma lanceolatum

Common Duckweed

Posidoniaceae

Debris on coasts

Juncaginaceae

Triglochin bulbosa ssp.barrelieri Bulbous Arrow-grass

Liliaceae

Allium ampeloprasum	Wild Leek	In leaf, Bonifacio
Allium roseum	Rosy Garlic	Locally numerous, as in Bonifacio area,
	-	where ssp.insulare, Corsica and Sardinia
		endemic.
Allium subhirsutum		Several in Bonifacio area
Allium triquetrum	Three-cornered Leek	Widespread and locally common
Asparagus acutifolius		Widespread
Asparagus albus		La Parata
Asphodelus cerasiferus		This species present, taxonomic status uncertain
Asphodelus fistulosus	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	East coast
Asphodelus microcarpus	Common Asphodel	Widespread and abundant, most in leaf or bud,
		= A.ramosus
Brimeura fastigiata	Brimeura	Scattered records in flower, e.g. S.Regina and
		Inzecca, but very different forms
Gagea bohemica		Restonica 2013
Gagea fistulosa		1 only at Col de Verghio
Gagea granatellii		Viewpoint stop en route to Corte (2015),
		several at Restonica
Gagea lutea		Col de Verghiu, in leaf
Gagea soleirolii		Common at one site near Col de Verghio, and
		several at Restonica
Gagea villosa		Several near Calacuccia
Lilium candidum		In leaf at Bonifacio
Muscari comosum	Tassel Hyacinth	Widespread, locally common
Ornithogalum arabicum		In flower in Bonifacio old town
Ornithogalum umbellatum	Star of Bethlehem	Lower Inzecca 2015
Ruscus aculeatus	Butcher's Broom	A few records
Simethis mattiazii	Kerry Lily	Several in fine flower near Bonifacio
Smilax aspera	Smilax	Widespread, often forming very dense thickets

Agavaceae

Agave americana

Century Plant

Polyanthus Narcissus

Illyrian Sea Daffodil

Amaryllidaceae

Narcissus tazetta Pancratium illyricum Several still in flower in Bonifacio area Filitosa, Restonica, and Inzecca.

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		Regional endemic.
Pancratium maritimum	Sea Daffodil	Leaves in coastal dunes
	Dioscoracea	ne
Tamus communis	Black Bryony	Scattered records, e.g.Bonifacio
	Iridaceae	
Crocus corsicus		Abundantly in flower in the mountains.
		Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia.
Crocus minimus		Over at Bonifacio, 2015. Regional endemic.
Gladiolus dubius	a gladiolus	In flower at Bonifacio
Gynandiris sisyrinchium	Barbary Nut	A few in flower Bonifacio 2015. Now
		generally included in Moraea.
Iris germanica		Naturalised in Bonifacio area
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow Flag	In flower in south east
Romulea requienii		A few in the Bonifacio area. Regional endemic.
Romulea spp.		Others possibly present in fruit.
	Palmae	
Chamaerops humilis	Dwarf Fan Palm	
	Araceae	
Arisarum vulgare	Friar's Cowl	Scattered
Arum italicum	Large Cuckoo Pint	Local
Arum pictum	Autumn Arum	In fruit 2015
	Typhaceae	
Typha latifolia	Bulrush	
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.	Juncaceae	
Juncus acutus	Sharp Rush	South-east and east
Juncus bufonius	Toad Rush	Recorded 2016
Juncus capitatus	Dwarf Rush	La Parata and the east
Juncus maritimus	Sea Rush	Nouth of Doute Moorehie
Juncus pygmaeus	Pigmy Rush	North of Porto Vecchio
Luzula campestris	Field Wood-rush Southern Wood-rush	South-east
Luzula forsteri	Southern wood-rush	Widespread
	Cyperaceae	a
Carer carvonhullea	*1	
Carex caryophyllea Carex distachya	Spring Sedge a sedge	Widespread Filitosa etc.
Carex distans	Distant Sedge	La Parata
Carex divisa	Divided Sedge	La Parata
Carex divulsa	Grey Sedge	
Carex flacca	Glaucous Sedge	
Carex halleriana	a sedge	
Carex olbiensis	a sedge	Scattered records
Carex otrubae	False Fox Sedge	La Parata
Carex sylvatica	Wood Sedge	
<i>Cyperus</i> sp.	0	Filitosa
Eleocharis sp.	a spike-rush	La Parata
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<i>.</i>				
Isolepis setacea	Bristle Club-rush	La Parata		
Schoenus nigricans	Black Bog-rush			
Poaceae				
Aira caryophyllea	Silver Hair-grass	Locally very common		
Ammophila arenaria	Marram	Dunes		
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass	Dunes		
Arundo donax	Giant Reed			
Avena sterilis	Winter Wild-oat			
Briza maxima	Large Quaking Grass			
Briza media	0			
Brizu meuiu Bromus madritensis	Common Quaking Grass			
Bromus mauritensis Bromus sterilis	Compact Brome Barren Brome			
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot			
Desmazenia rigida	Fern Grass			
<i>Festuca</i> spp.	fescues			
Hordeum murinum ssp.leporinu	<i>m</i> wall Barley			
Hyparrhenia hirta				
Lagurus ovatus	Hare's-tail Grass			
Lamarckia aurea	Golden Dog's-tail	La Parata etc.		
Lolium perenne	Perennial Rye-grass			
Melica minuta	a melick	Inzecca, Scala D.S.Regina		
Phragmites australis	Common Reed			
Piptatherum miliaceum				
Poa annua	Annual Meadow-grass			
Poa bulbosa	Bulbous Meadow-grass			
Vulpia fasciculata	Dune Fescue			
	Orchidacea	20		
Aceras anthropopophorum	Man Orchid	2 north of Corte		
Barlia robertiana	Giant Orchid	One in fine flower east of Corte, 2013		
Cephalanthera longifolia	Sword-leaved Helleborine	1 east of Corte, 2016		
Dactylorhiza insularis	Sword-leaved Tenebornie	1 east of Corte		
Dactylorhiza saccifera		This species in leaf		
Gennaria diphylla		1 at Bonifacio 2015		
Limodorum abortivum	Violet Limodore	Near the hotel at Bonifacio 2015		
Neotinea intacta	Dense-flowered Orchid	2 at La Parata, in leaf Restonica, and east of		
πεοιπει πιατα	Dense-nowered Orchia	Corte		
Orchis lactea	Millar Orchid			
Orchis lucieu	Milky Orchid	A few in the mountains, e.g. viewpoint en route		
Queltia levillene	Lax-flowered Orchid	to Corte		
Orchis laxiflora	Lax-nowered Orchid	Lunch site near Porto Vecchio, in fine flower,		
Outiensie		and common at one site on east coast.		
Orchis morio	Green-winged Orchid	Widespread		
Orchis olbiensis		A few, Scala de S.Regina, 2015		
Orchis papilionacea	Pink Butterfly Orchid	Widespread and reasonably common		
Ophrys bombyliflora	Bumblebee Orchid	A few near Bonifacio, 2015		
Ophrys funerea		A few in Bonifacio area, 2015. Regional		
Outron in 1		endemic.		
Ophrys incubacea		Locally common, e.g. Bonifacio		
Ophrys lutea corsica		A few in Bonifacio area		
Ophrys marmorata		A few in Bonifacio area. Endemic.		

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Ophrys morisii		A few in Bonifacio area. Corsica and Sardinia endemic.
Ophrys panormitana praecox		1 in Bonifacio area. Corsica and Sardinia endemic.
Ophrys speculum	Mirror Orchid	Near Bonifacio
Ophrys tenthredinifera x bomb	yliflora	Apparently this hybrid near Bonifacio
Serapias cordigera		U Libecciu, east coast, and Bonifacio
Serapias lingua	Tongue Orchid	Locally very common, e.g. Bonifacio
Serapias neglecta		Many fine examples at La Parata, although
		rather smaller than usual
Serapias parviflora	Small-flowered Tongue-Orchi	d Scattered records, widespread

Systematic List Number 2

Papilio machaon

Papilio hospiton

Callophrys rubi

Lycaena phlaeas

Aricia agestis

Celastrina argiolus

Glaucopsyche alexis

Polyommatus icarus

Butterflies

Papilionidae

Pieridae

Swallowtail Corsican Swallowtail Scattered records c.4 near Calacuccia

A few records, e.g. Restonica

La Parata

West and east coasts

Scattered records

A few in the hills, and La Parata

A few records, e.g. Restonica and the east

Small White	Artogeia rapae	Scattered records
Green-veined White	Artogeia napi	Recorded
Corsican Dappled White Euchloe insularis		Scattered records
Orange-Tip	Anthocharis cardamines	La Parata
Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea	La Parata
Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra	La Parata area
Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni	Restonica
Wood White	Leptidea sinapis	East of Corte 2014

Lycaenidae

Green Hairstreak Small Copper Holly Blue Green-underside Blue Brown Argus Common Blue

Nymphalidae

Queen of Spain Fritillary Issoria lathonia		
Peacock	Inachis io	
Sardinian Tortoiseshell	Aglais ichnusa	
Large Tortoiseshell	Nymphalis polychloros	
Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	
Painted Lady	Cynthia cardui	

Satyridae

Small Heath Corsican Heath

Speckled Wood Wall Brown Pararge aegeria Lasiommata megera

Coenonympha pamphilus

Coenonympha corinna

Hesperiidae

Mallow Skipper

Carcharodus alceae

Col de Verghio 1 on the transfer day 2014 Near Calacuccia, 2013 Verghio 2015 At the last lunch site 2013 La Parata etc.

Scattered records An early flying individual near Bonifacio was a surprising record in 2014. In 2015 2 east of Corte was another surprising early record. Scattered records Widespread, endemic subspecies *paramegera*

East Coast 2014

Systematic List Number 3 Birds

Less attention was given to the birds than the flora, but listed here are those species seen on the tour. Highlight was of course the endemic Corsican Nuthatch, with the regional endemic Corsican Finch a close second.

Calonectris diomedea
Puffinus yelkouan
Phalacrocorax carbo
Phalacrocorax aristotelis
Egretta garzetta
Ardea cinerea
Ardea purpurea
Milvus milvus
Circus aeruginosus
Accipiter nisus
Buteo buteo
Aquila chrysaetos
Hieraaetus pennatus
Falco tinnunculus
Alectoris rufa
Larus audouinii
Larus fuscus
Larus cachinnans
Sterna sandvicensis
Columba livia
Columba palumbus
Streptopelia decaocto
Streptopelia turtur
Cuculus canorus (heard)
Otus scops (heard)
Apus apus
Apus pallidus
Apus melba
Merops apiaster
Upupa epops
<i>Jynx torquilla</i> (heard)
Dendrocopos major
Calandrella brachydactyla
Lullula arborea
Ptyonoprogne rupestris
Hirundo rustica
Delichon urbica
Motacilla cinerea
Motacilla alba
Cinclus cinclus
Troglodytes troglodytes
Erithacus rubecula
Luscinia megarhynchos
Phoenicurus phoenicurus
Saxicola torquata
Oenanthe hispanica
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Blue Rock Thrush Blackbird Song Thrush Mistle Thrush Cetti's Warbler Zitting Cisticola Marmora's Warbler Subalpine Warbler Sardinian Warbler Blackcap Willow Warbler Goldcrest Firecrest Long-tailed Tit Coal Tit Blue Tit Great Tit Corsican Nuthatch Common Treecreeper Woodchat Shrike Jay Alpine Chough Hooded Crow Raven Spotless Starling Italian Sparrow Chaffinch Brambling Serin **Corsican Finch** Greenfinch Goldfinch Siskin Linnet Common Crossbill **Cirl Bunting Corn Bunting**

Monticola solitarius Turdus merula Turdus philomelos Turdus viscivorus *Cettia cetti* Cisticola juncidis Sylvia sarda Sylvia cantillans Sylvia melanocephala Sylvia atricapilla Phylloscopus trochilus Regulus regulus Regulus ignicapillus Aegithalos caudatus Parus ater Parus caeruleus Parus major Sitta whiteheadi Certhia familiaris Lanius senator Garrulus glandarius Pyrrhocorax graculus Corvus corone cornix Corvus corax Sturnus unicolor Passer italiae Fringilla coelebs Fringilla montifringilla Serinus serinus Carduelis corsicana Carduelis chloris Carduelis carduelis Carduelis spinus Carduelis cannabina Loxia curvirostra Emberiza cirlus Miliaria calandra

Systematic List Number 4 Amphibians, Reptiles and Mammals

Corsican Fire Salamander Tyrrhenian Painted Frog Tyrrhenian Tree Frog Green Toad

Italian Pool Frog Hermann's Tortoise Moorish Gecko

Pygmy Algyroides Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard

Italian Wall Lizard

Western Whip Snake

Western Hedgehog Fox Mouflon Salamandra corsica Discoglossus sardus Hyla sarda Bufo viridis

Rana bergeri Testudo hermanni Tarentola mauritanica

Algyroides fitzingeri Podarcis tiliguerta

Podarcis sicula

Coluber viridiflavus

Erinaceus europaeus Vulpes vulpes Ovis gmelinii Restonica, one larva 1 at Restonica Restonica 1 at La Parata 2013, 2014 Filitosa. 2015 Bonifacio. Heard in the south-east 3 near Bonifacio Several La Parata, and east of Corte Inzecca 2014 Widespread and reasonably common East coast

This species east coast? 2014

Road casualties A road casualty A skull found 2013