Sardinia

A Tyrrhenian Spring

A Greentours Trip Report

30th March to 6th April 2018

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Day 1 Friday 30th March Arrival, and transfer to Turri

Having arrived the previous day I spent the morning exploring, and then supermarket picnic shopping. In the afternoon I met Stefano, and then the group, at Cagliari airport. All arrived on one flight, and we were all soon assembled. This year the Bumble-bee Orchids in the airport car park, just in front of the minibuses, were in superb numbers. The verge had not yet been mown (but when Jeremy and I returned here a couple of weeks later, it had).

Driving away from the airport the roadsides were floriferous with common Mediterranean flowers such as Crown Daisies, Galactites, Asphodels, Borage, and Honeywort. Spotless Starlings were much in evidence, and we saw two Marsh Harriers.

We left the motorway and took a more scenic route along minor country roads, and continued the attractive journey to our agriturismo. This had been a new base for us on the tour for the last two years and had proved to be a great place to stay. The location is ideal, being perfectly situated for our day trips in all directions to all points of the compass around the island. In quiet countryside, the buildings atop a small hill, the rooms were pleasantly arranged around a lawn, where was a small swimming pool. There was plenty of time to settle in before enjoying our first dinner, and we looked forward to a fine tour ahead. Dinner was lovingly prepared by the owners.

Day 2 Saturday 31st March Is Arenas and Cabras area

Whilst everyone enjoyed breakfast in the hotel I did the picnic shopping in a small friendly supermarket in one of the nearby villages. Among common birds around the hotel were Spanish Sparrows, Spotless Starlings, Greenfinches, and Goldfinches.

Today we had a remarkably productive visit to the Sinis Peninsula, located in the central west of the island, and we spent the morning exploring the extensive coastal pine woodland at Is Arenas, which we had all to ourselves. The area boasts many orchids. The large numbers of *Gennaria diphylla* here were a feature, many still retaining their characteristic green flowers. This is a rare plant on Sardinia, but certainly not so at this site. It was pleasing to see a good number of Dense-flowered Orchids today, this

diminutive species being all white flowered at this site and with unspotted leaves. Mirror Orchids were in good numbers. We located the brown bee orchid *Ophrys subfusca liverani*, a very rare endemic subspecies known only from this site, the type locality. *Ophrys tenthredinifera*, *Ophrys bombyliflora*, and *Orchis papilionacea* were all here too.

Flowering invasive Blue-leaved Wattle is a feature of the site. Plants continued with *Osyris alba* and *Cistus salvifolius*. A great find three years ago had been the endemic *Linaria sardoa*, new for the tour, at perhaps a new site for the species, and it was pleasing to see this tiny yellow toadflax here again. We found a good number, at least forty, but then realised there were in fact two species of small yellow toadflax, the other being *Linaria simplex*. *Thymelaea tartonraira* in flower was another great find. Whole areas of the sandy tracks were turned pink by *Silene canescens* and other interesting plants included *Asparagus stipularis* and *Centranthus calcitrapa*. Some robust Southern Polypody grew under a mastic bush.

Legumes were a feature, among them *Lathyrus cicera*, *Lathyrus clymenum*, *Lathyrus setifolius*, and *Lotus cytisoides*. Speckled Wood was the only butterfly under the pines, where there were few birds other than Jay, Blue Tit, Blackcap, and Chaffinch. Among the many snails were *Rumina decollata* with its truncated shell (and young with complete shells), *Vitrina pellucida*, and *Pomatias elegans*.

Thunder had been rumbling and we timed it just right, heavy rain coming just as we reached the shelter of the vehicles. After consultation Stefano and I decided the best thing to do was reverse the order of our day and visit first Seu at the furthest point, hoping for dry weather there. As we drove it did indeed get a little brighter as we chased a patch of blue sky. A startling thing was a large probably male Wild Boar racing across the road in front of us with only a split second to spare before a serious collision! We stopped for a few minutes to recover our composure!

At Seu we found a new part of the site, where the rain had almost stopped and there was blue sky. It was pretty cold however. We set out the lunch. *Glaucium corniculatum* was new for the tour and *Hypecoum procumbens* was in flower. Small Copper and Corsican Dappled White were on the wing. Nearby were *Ophrys phryganae* and *Hedysarum spinosissimum*. Mastic was dominant, with Rosemary, and *Euphorbia terracina*.

Returning to the north of the peninsula, wetlands supported many Slender-billed Gulls and Flamingos, both a similar pink, and Avocets. Lesser Black-backed Gull was among the Black-headed and Yellow-legged.

The next site was a beautiful rocky coast boasting a superb flora and sea birds too. The lovely stock *Matthiola tricuspidata* was much in evidence and our visit here kept turning up special plants such as the umbellifer *Daucus gingidium mauritanicus*, many of the rare *Helianthemum caput-felis* in superb flower, the endemic sea lavender *Limonium acutifolium tenuifolium*, *Brassica tournefortii*, and *Ornithogalum gussonei*. Rocks supported Shags and Cormorants, and Cory's Shearwaters glided, and Yelkouan Shearwaters flapped, out at sea. A bonus was an immature Gannet.

A large lake (Saline Porcus, interestingly just where the boar had run in front of us) supported many, although distant, Greater Flamingos. The halophytic plant community was very interesting. *Melilotus*

messanensis was co-dominant and beside the track were many *Triglochin bulbosa*. There were a good number of Barbary Nuts, some just about opening. Red Scarlet Pimpernel was located among the blue form, but no true Blue Pimpernel today.

Lastly we returned to complete our exploration of the morning's first site, our visit there having been curtailed by the rain. A short stop yielded the hoped for *Aristolochia navicularis*, in fine flower this year, and here too was a Giant Orchid still in good flower. We explored the almost deserted beach and dunes, very windy today. The latter held a typical flora, with Sea Medick, Cottonweed, Rock Samphire, *Lotus cytisoides*, *Paronychia argentea*, *Ephedra distachya*, *Matthiola sinuata*, and *Ononis variegata* (in leaf). Sardinian Warblers called from dense scrub. The debris of *Posidonia oceanica* was a feature of the beach, where on the shore were Audouin's Gulls.

We arrived back at the hotel early evening after a superbly productive and enjoyable first full day.

Day 3 Sunday 1st April Domusnovas, Iglesias, and Cortoghiana

We awoke to fine weather. The kitchen was busy in preparation for the 120 guests who would come for Easter lunch. We found the gate closed as we tried to leave the farm, perhaps to keep out the hordes until all was prepared!

The day was spent exploring the south-west corner of the island and yielded a wealth of interesting things. About an hour's drive took us to our first stop, initially across agricultural landscapes, giving way to the limestone massifs of the Iglesiente. Impressive Tree Spurge became locally dominant, with Tree Heath, Strawberry Tree, Lavender, and Rosemary featuring, and *Calicotome villosa* colouring the hillsides yellow. Red mats of *Sedum caespitosum* adorned the rocks and there was much *Lathyrus clymenum*. Dead heads of the endemic *Dipsacus ferox* were seen and there were many fine lichens on the rocks. *Serapas lingua*, *Orchis longicornu*, and fine *Ophrys morisii* were new orchids. A feature today was the little chocolate eggs that magically appeared at the base of many of the special plants this Easter Sunday. Plants continued with *Galium verrucosum* and *Vicia lutea*.

The tarmac gave way to a dirt track where the first stop produced a few *Orchis provincialis*. Man Orchid, Sawfly Orchid, and Mirror Orchid were all here too. There were a few fine endemic *Ophrys normanni*, but this was the first year we did not see endemic *Ophrys chestermanni* here as well. Stefano managed to split his red trousers quite spectacularly, but saved embarrassment by tying a coat around his waist!

Rocks had Rustyback Fern, Southern Polypody, *Asplenium obovatum*, *Asplenium trichomanes* and *Asplenium onopteris*. There were many fine cyclamens, the usual *Anemone hortensis*, and the endemic *Bellium crassifolium* was in leaf. Banks were covered with *Selaginella denticulata*. There was a most unusual fungus, a gasteromycete? *Saxifraga corsica* was in bud. *Orchis ichnusae* was yet another new orchid and Large Tortoiseshell was on the wing.

Some of us reached the impressive ruins of an abandoned mine system, and Ken climbed up to investigate. In the area were several blue cupreous rocks on the track and in the stream bed.

Lunch was set out at a flowery spot underneath a viaduct.

A scenic drive took us to a coastal site which afforded fine views of the calm sea and cliffs to the north. The chafer *Oxythyrea funesta* massed on *Cistus salvifolius* flowers. *Centaurea sphaerocephalus* already had one flower and there was *Ophrys incubacea*, *Silene gallica*, and *Halimium halimifolium*.

Next we visited a beautiful small pinewood where the open rocky areas boasted a superb flora. The lily *Simethis mattiazii* was a feature of the site, always a local species, and there were very many here today in excellent flower. There were a few *Orobanche gracilis* parasitising the shrubby legumes, and very many shoots of Violet Limodore emerged from the forest floor. Some superb *Serapias cordigera* was a highlight, with many *Serapias lingua* too, and a few *Serapias parviflora*. A pleasing find was the diminutive *Isoetes gymnocarpa* in the wet flushes. Other small but interesting species were *Radiola linoides*, *Linaria pelisseriana*, and *Juncus capitatus*. Weasel's Snout was in flower. The endemics *Genista ephedroides* and *Genista morisii* were both in the area. Green Hairstreak and Clouded Yellow were on the wing. *Coleostephus myconis*, *Linum bienne*, and *Tuberaria guttata* continued the variety.

Later in the afternoon we made a slight detour to the airport where I needed to exchange my mini-bus due to a few problems. This was done effeciently by the hire company, certainly one of the better ones we had dealt with. Meanwhile Stefano led a raid party on the bookshop where the stock of the new Sardinian orchid book was exhausted, and there was time for coffee etc.

We arrived back a little late but full of enthusiasm for what had been another fine day. Dinner was again excellent and much enjoyed in the hotel. I made the first run through the plant list, quite a battle against the noise in the restaurant!

Day 4 Monday 2nd April Ortuabis

We awoke again to clear blue skies and enjoyed superb weather all day. Not far from the hotel we stopped to photograph fine *Narcissus tazetta* still in good flower. Here too was *Carex divisa*.

We headed north along twisting scenic roads. A bonus was a Pine Marten that crossed in front of us, most getting a view of it. Climbing above Laconi we approached the limestone at the southern end of the Gennargentu, and already had views of snow on the highest ridges, more than usual this year. This normally very quiet road was very busy with traffic this Easter Monday. Flowering *Virburnum tinus* prompted the first stop. *Viola alba dehnhardtii* was in flower and Jeremy found a stand of *Petasites pyrenaicus*, new for the tour. *Equisetum ramosissimum* was also new for the tour.

Nearing our destination of Ortuabis the roadsides continued floriferous, with *Anemone hortensis* abundant, and *Orchis longicornu* and *Lavandula stoechas* noted from the vehicle. Once on foot we began our exploration of this fine exposed upland site, warm today with fine views in all directions. *Romulea bulbocodium* was abundant here, the flowers mostly closed when we arrived but opening en masse during our visit. The darker *Romulea requienii* was more local but also in fine bloom. Turning to the orchids, the endemic *Orchis ichnusae* was just in flower, and there were several fine Giant Orchids. Our target here however was a special brown bee orchid, the endemic *Ophrys ortuabis*, a relatively recently

described species known only from this site. In the end we located a good number of this diminutive species, showing a distinct yellow margin to the labellum, and they were duly photographed. *Ophrys lepida*, with a much wider yellow margin, was another speciality of the area.

There were good numbers of the very attractive yellow flowers of *Anemone palmata* and the beautiful endemic *Morisia monanthos* was as always a good find. Large Tortoiseshell was on the wing. Mark spotted a tiger moth on the track, and this was *Ocnogyna corsica*, a scarce Tyrrhenian endemic. Several *Gagea granatellii* were still in bloom this year.

The last highlight here was in the meadow near where we had parked where very many *Narcissus tazetta* were in beautiful bloom.

We drove further through extensive oak woodland and found a finely situated picnic table at which we enjoyed lunch. Before that wet flushes were full of *Romulea requienii* and there was much *Ornithogalum corsicum*.

Our afternoon visit to a nuraghe proved a highlight of the tour. This is a tranquil and usually little visited place, the excavated and partly restored nuraghe providing a fine insight into the little known Stone Age culture that created it. It was very busy with visitors today, the most by far I had ever seen here. An important reason for visiting this site is the peonies it boasts. Unfortunately this year all were still in tight bud, the first time since discovering them we had not seen them in fine flower. This was the endemic *Paeonia morisii*. Further up the slope we reached the nuraghe itself, a sublime site and much more impressive than some of the much more visited sites on the island.

The caretaker of the site led most on an informative tour of the site, his talk translated by Stefano.

Very many Giant Orchids were still in superb bloom, and a fine selection of plants on the structures themselves, such as *Clypeola jonthlaspi*, made this a great site botanically too. *Pancratium illyricum* was in leaf and the oaks supported some impressive epiphytic *Polypodium australe*. *Lamium bifidum* was here and a few *Gagea foliosa* were still in bloom. Butterflies included both Corsican Swallowtail and Swallowtail, Cleopatra, Brimstone, Small Copper, and Tyrrhenian Wall Brown, and there were a number of Large Tortoiseshells. Flowering Virgin's Bower draped over the trees.

The return drive took us on a pleasant circuitous route. Back at the agriturismo were still many cars and guests still here after lunch. I drove Keith back to the Narcissus site to retrieve his camera hood, dropped there earlier in the day.

That evening Cinza and Fernando wished for some peace after cooking for so many over the last two days, so Stefano kindly ferried us to a pizzeria in the village. This was an enjoyable change but my, were the pizzas ever giant! Thankfully no-one ordered the large size, but they really were ridiculous. As someone who eats often in pizzerias in Italy, I had never seen their like, being about twice the size of a standard pizza. Most of the group battled on and finished the whole thing. Some even moved on to a sweet!

We learnt later, from Arturo, that this pizzeria is famous across the island for making the largest pizzas in Sardinia. Why that should be so appealing I don't know but people come here from Cagliari, for example, to eat them!

Day 5 Tuesday 3rd April Cagliari

First was a supermarket picnic shop, the shops open again after three days of Easter closure. Pallid Swifts were in the air.

A contrast today as we headed down the autostrada to the environs of the sprawling city of Cagliari. A journey initially through ugly industry took us to a beautiful oasis of salt pans that supported very many flamingos, of which we had many great views. Ken counted 855, and there are many more lagoons around the city that support large numbers so the area boasts a very healthy breeding population. Gulls were much in evidence, with the pink hued Slender-billed a highlight. There were also Black-headed and of course Yellow-legged too. Terns were represented by Sandwich and Common, and there were Little Egrets. At least three Spoonbills were seen. Waders were represented by Grey Plovers, Dunlin, and Greenshank. John located a Diver, which dived so often none of us could see it, and unfortunately we cannot be sure of the species, although Black-throated is the most likely. There were even a few flamingos walking on one of the bunds.

The salt marshes had the usual selection of chenopods, parasitised by many of the strange looking *Cynomorium coccineum*. Weasel's Snout was in flower.

Next we negotiated the interesting city of Cagliari, driving along the harbour, where was moored a huge cruise ship resembling a giant seaworthy hotel. We drove down to Cala Mosca, where we set out the lunch. Then we strolled up onto the impressive limestone headland which afforded fine coastal views.

Phoenicean Juniper was an important component of the flora here. The site produced many new plants including *Sarcopoterium spinosum*, *Ononis ornithopodioides*, *Fumana thymifolia*, *Echium parviflorum*, *Thesium humile*, and *Phagnalon saxatile*. There was much *Carrichtera annua* today, a scarce crucifer. Towards the top of the slope was fine *Globularia alypum* in flower. The impressive grass *Lamarckia aurea* was admired and there were many *Linaria reflexa*. Serins were numerous, and Corsican Dappled White was on the wing. Mark saw a Broad-bordered Bee Hawk (it must have been this species, Narrowbordered is not known from the island). Eileen showed us *Cynoglossum creticum*.

As always after a visit to the city it was a particular pleasure to be back in the quietude and rural isolation of the hotel that evening!

Day 6 Wednesday 4th April South-east, Sarrabus

Today we visited the south-east of the island, a mixture of known sites, and discovering others new to us. Our route took us along beautifully verdant roads, mostly very quiet, on a circuitous route. Various stops yielded many things.

The first stop had fine views, and some of us ventured down to a beautiful shady stream, surely ideal habitat for Sardinian Brook Newt, but a bout of stone turning failed to locate any of this scarce amphibian. Maidenhair Fern grew in this shady spot. *Saxifraga corsica* was in full flower on the roadside rocks. There were many *Orchis longicornu*.

A minor mountain road took us along very floriferous Mediterranean influenced roadsides. This year the pitch trefoil was not yet in flower and there was no sign of its parasite *Orobanche lavandulacea*, sometimes in fine form here. *Vicia leucantha* was added to the plant list. *Cheilanthes vellea* grew on sun exposed rocks. Bladder Vetch was added to the list, and beautiful *Convolvulus siculus* was in flower. Alpine Swifts sped overhead and we had fine views.

Having reached the east coast there was a very interesting dune flora comprising *Corrigiola littoralis*, *Matthiola sinuata* in fine flower, *Medicago littoralis* and *Medicago marina*, much *Erodium botrys*, and the highlight *Jasione echinata*. *Biserrula pelecinus* with its distinctive fruits was rather common. *Valerianella microcarpa* was identified from its fruits. It was surprisingly much colder here on the coast than it had been in the hills at the previous stop.

Heading inland to a more sheltered very flowery spot we set out the lunch. Among the many plants here were *Vicia dasycarpa, Vicia bithynica, Lathyrus angulatus, Lathyrus cicera,* and *Tuberaria guttata.* Holly Blue was here.

The scenery became ever more interesting as we entered the mountainous Sarrabus region. Dense oak woodland covered large areas of this sparsely populated region. A stop amid fine maquis, the tree heath in abundant bloom, afforded fine views under the cloudless skies. Here, under pines, white flowered *Serapias cordigera* was not yet fully open this year, and there was a lone Violet Limodore. Also seen were *Vicia parviflora, Vicia lathyroides*, and *Trifolium subterraneum*.

Before reaching the hotel a short supermarket stop allowed for a few practicalities. However the ATM was out of action. Finding a bank in Villamar, there was the bonus of an attractive moth (? awaiting photo) on a tree trunk.

Day 7 Thursday 5th April Giara di Gesturi, Furtei, Monte Linas

First we drove up onto the fascinating plateau of the Giara di Gesturi, an imposing presence behind the hotel, with its extensive dwarfed Cork Oak woods, open grassland, and shallow pools (paulis). The area is famous for the cavallini, dwarf horses which roam freely up here. There was also the odd ruined nuraghe and conical thatched shepherd's hut. On the ascent was a Domus de Janas, 'a witch's house', another Stone Age structure. Here were Pheasant's-eye and *Cynoglossum creticum* in flower. I was very

pleased to find *Orchis collina* still in flower, and we soon realised that one of the old arable fields here was full of gone over spikes of this, Fan-lipped Orchid. Perched Woodchat Shrike was a bonus.

We drove a dirt road a few kilometres onto the Giara itself, stopping for short explorations of this unusual habitat. *Ranunculus aquatilis* bloomed white in the paulis, and there were also more of both *Romulea bulbocodium* and *Romulea requienii* opening during our stay. We immediately saw a number of close cavallini, those splashing and grazing in the pauli giving the classic photo opportunity of the area.

Dung Beetles worked on the horse and cow dung and we watched several rolling balls across the track. Woodlarks sang their beautiful song, and performed display flights. Milky Orchids were here.

Having headed back onto the 'plains', in Barumini we did some quick picnic shopping. Arturo and Vernal met us there, taking over from Stefano today as he had to leave this afternoon to be able to join the Sicily tour the following day.

We approached a fine looking limestone slope, covered with scrubby holm oak and olives. A rough track took us higher up onto this maquis covered hillside. Here we set out the lunch, four cooks today! Among the Mastic, Mediterranean Buckthorn, and *Phillyrea* maquis were Blue Hound's Tongue, Large Mediterranean Spurge, Shepherd's Needle, and fine *Cyclamen repandum*. A highlight was the regional endemic *Scrophularia trifoliata* although not quite in full flower this year. Italian Wall Lizards scuttled over the rocks. Sardinian Warblers were much in evidence. Orange-tip and Green Hairstreak were flying. Some of us had close but brief views of a Western Whip Snake.

Higher up Tree Heath became prominent and the stately grass *Ampelodesmos mauritanicus* was prominent, covering whole slopes. There were Man Orchids, some fine *Orchis longicornu*, and Mirror Orchid in bloom. I gathered everyone together to anounce some good news and bad news. The good was that the *Pancratium illyricum* that I had found atop a boulder a few years ago was already in good flower, but the bad was that those who wanted to see it closely would have to make their way up to it. Stefano led an expedition up the hill, especially for those who were not going on to Corsica where we were very likely to see several of this special endemic.

We said farewell to Stefano, and Arturo and Vernal followed in the car as we drove towards Villacidro where we took a beautiful wooded track that took us to the lower slopes of Monte Linas. We parked at the upper car park and set out on foot. This was a fine area, with impressive slopes above us. Ferns were quite a feature, among them Jersey Fern, Maidenhair Spleenwort, *Dryopteris pallida*, and *Asplenium onopteris*. Roman and Membranous Nettle were here, there was impressive Tree Spurge, and *Cyclamen repandum* was common. The endemic *Bryonia marmorata* was in flower. Large Tortoiseshell was seen well as was very close Firecrest.

We turned our attention to tiny plants, among them *Biscutella morisiana*, *Arabis verna*, and *Teesdalia coronopifolia* in flower and fruit.

Lower down were roadsides with much Serapias lingua.

Our last dinner in the agriturismo was enjoyable as we reflected on all we'd seen during the week. We caught up with the plant list and ran through all the fauna seen too.

Day 8 Friday 6th April Departure, or Journey to Corsica

Sad farewells between those who were flying home, and the four of us continuing to Corsica. Arturo, Vernal, and Fernando took the group to visit the Nuraghe at Villanovaforru, and after a pasta lunch back at base, they headed to the airport.

The Corsica four meanwhile set off on the longish drive all the way to the north-east of the island and the ferry terminal at Santa Teresa. We made good progress allowing for short stops once we knew we were near enough to be sure of catching the 1500 ferry. We ate lunch at a beautiful coastal spot overlooking the Maddalena archipelago.

We were soon at the ferry terminal. I had booked the tickets online earlier in the week so it only remained to check in at the desk. We were soon aboard. As we left the harbour we had good views of *Pancratium illyricum* blooming on the coastal rocks. The crossing takes only fifty minutes or so, and allows fine views of many of both Cory's and Yelkouan Shearwaters, and superb views of Bonifacio on the approach to Corsica. The sea was very calm today and the journey very pleasant.

Once ashore on Corsica there followed a short stop in Bonifacio. I then drove through the attractive town, to which we would return later in the week. A wetland stop just west of town yielded one of the surprises of the two tours, a Common Crane. The bird was no longer here when we returned a week later. We then stopped to check the Kerry Lilies, and they were indeed in flower.

On Saturday we headed to Ajaccio, via the interesting archaeological site of Filitosa. In the evening I met the arriving group at the airport. There followed a superb tour on the beautiful island of Corsica.

Systematic List Number 1 Plants

'Flora dell'Isola di Sardegna' by Pier Virgilio Arrigoni is the standard work. All six volumes have now been published, and last year I completed the series with Volumes 5 and 6. A number of other works were used, such as 'Flora Sarda, Piante Endemiche' by N.Marras, for the endemics. 'An Annotated Checklist of the Italian Vascular Flora' edited by Conti et al, was especially useful as it provides a comprehensive list of all taxa recorded from Sardinia. 'Alberi e Arbusti Spontanei della Sardegna' by I.Camarda and F.Valsecchi, 2008 covers the woody species. New species continued to be added to the list in 2018, but species seen previously and not this year are annotated with the year in which they were last recorded.

Selaginellaceae

Selaginella denticulata Mediterranean Selaginella Scattered records, locally very common,

e.g. Domusnovas, Furtei, Ortuabis

Equisetaceae

Equisetum ramosissimum a horsetail Ortuabis 2018

Isoetaceae

Isoetes duriei a quillwort Possibly also seen 2017

Isoetes gymnocarpa Mediterranean Quillwort Nuraghi Figus

Pteridophyta

Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern South-east 2018
Anogramma leptophylla Jersey Fern Several at M.Linas

Asplenium obovatum Lanceolate Spleenwort Scattered records, e.g. Domusnovas,

M.Linas, Adoni.

Asplenium onopteris Acute-leaved Spleenwort Widespread, e.g. Adoni, Domusnovas

Asplenium trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort Domusnovas area
Aythyrium filix-femina Lady Fern Nuraghi Adoni 2017

Ceterach officinarum Rustyback Fern Scattered records, e.g. Domusnovas area,

N.Adoni

Cheilanthes vellea Found in the south east Cystopteris fragilis Brittle Bladder Fern Scattered records

Dryopteris pallida M.Linas, Domasnovas lunch site. N.Adoni,

Monte Albo

Polypodium australe Southern Polypody Locally common, e.g. Adoni on Quercus, Is

Arenas, south-west

Polypodium interjectum a polypody Adoni etc.

Polystichum setiferum Soft Shield Fern

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken Recorded

Pinaceae

Pinus halepensis Aleppo Pine Widespread, dominant at Is Arenas

Pinus nigra Black Pine Genna Spina (PGC)

Pinus pinea Stone Pine Roadsides

Cupressaceae

Juniperus communis Common Juniper South-east

Juniperus oxycedrusPrickly JuniperLocally common, e.g. Ortuabis, Is ArenasJuniperus phoeniceaPhoenician JuniperCala Mosca, Sinis, and the south-west

Ephedraceae

Ephedra distachya a joint pine Is Arenas and Nuraghi Figus

Betulaceae

Alnus glutinosa Alder Monte Linas

Fagaceae

Castanea sativa Sweet Chestnut Noted in the east 2012

Quercus coccifera Holly Oak Widespread

Quercus congesta an oak Scattered records. This was the species at

Adoni? Treated as *Q.pubescens* in the flora.

Quercus ilex Holm Oak Widespread, locally dominant over large

areas

Quercus pubescens Downy Oak Scattered records

Quercus suber Cork Oak Locally dominant, e.g. Giara di Gesturi,

Gennargentu, Furtei, Nuraghe Figus

Rafflesiaceae

Cytinus clusii cytinus Parasitic on Cistus at Furtei, and locally

common in south-east. = *Cytinus ruber*.

Not seen 2018.

Cytinus hypocistus cytinus Giara di Gesturi 2016

Balanophoraceae

Cynomorium coccineum Cynomorium Many locally in salt marshes around Cagliari

Salicaceae

Populus alba White Poplar Scattered records

Populus canescensGrey PoplarSalix albaWhite Willow

Salix fragilis Crack Willow Along watercourses

Salix pedicellata a willow South east

Salix purpurea Purple Willow

Ulmaceae

Ulmus minor Smooth-leaved Elm Locally common on roadsides

Moraceae

Ficus carica Fig Widespread and common

Santalaceae

Osyris alba Osyris Scattered, e.g. Furtei, Is Arenas

Thesium humile a bastard toadflax A few at Cala Mosca

Urticaceae

Parietaria judaica Pellitory of the Wall Scattered, e.g. south east

Parietaria lusitanica a pellitory Nuraghi Adoni

Parietaria officinalis Common Pellitory Treated with *P.judaica* in the flora. Nuraghi Adoni and M.Linas

Urtica atrovirens a nettle

Urtica dioica Stinging Nettle

Urtica membranacea Membraneous Nettle South east Urtica pilulifera Roman Nettle **M.Linas**

Urtica urens Annual Nettle

Aristolochiaceae

Aristolochia navicularis a birthwort Is Arenas

Polygonaceae

Emex spinosa Seu and south-east coast 2018

Rumex bucephalophorus a dock Cabras area etc. Numerous at Is Arenas.

Seu.

Broad-leaved Dock Rumex obtusifolius Scattered

Rumex pulcher Fiddle Dock In leaf Ortuabis 2018

French Sorrel Domusnovas, south east, and locally Rumex scutatus

common north east roadsides

Rumex thyrsoides a dock Day 4

Chenopodiaceae

Anthrocnemum macrostachyum Perennial Glasswort Sinis and Cagliari areas

Atriplex halimus Shrubby Orache Cagliari area and Sinis

Bassia hirsuta Cagliari area 2014

Beta maritima Sea Beet Sinis and Cagliari areas

Cagliari area and Sinis Camphorosma monspeliaca

Chenopodium botrys Sticky Goosefoot

Chenopodium murale Nettle-leaved Goosefoot Recorded 2018

Chenopodium spp.

Halimione portulacoides Sea Purslane Sinis area and Cagliari

Salicornia sp. Glasswort Cagliari area and Sinis. S.emerici?

Sarcocornia fruticosa Cagliari

Sarcocornia perennis

Suaeda vera Shrubby Seablite Cagliari area

Portulacaceae

Portulaca oleracea Purslane

Aizoaceae

Carpobrotus edulis Hottentot Fig SW coast in flower

Cactaceae

Opuntia maxima a prickly pear

Caryophyllaceae

Arenaria leptoclados Lesser Thyme-leaved Sandwort Sinis 2016 Arenaria serpyllifolia Thyme-leaved Sandwort South west

Cerastium fontanum Common Mouse-ear Scattered records, locally common

Cerastium glomeratum Sticky Mouse-ear Seen daily

Corrigiola littoralisStrapwortEast coast sands where locally commonKohlrauschia velutinaKohlrauschiaScattered records, e.g. Sanluri and south east

Paronychia argenteaa paronychiaSeu and Is ArenasParonychia echinulataa paronychiaM.Linas, 2016

Petrorhagia nanteuilii Possibly this species at Nuraghi Figus,

2015

Polycarpon tetraphyllum Four-leaved Allseed

Sagina apetala Annual Pearlwort Scattered records

Sagina subulata a pearlwort Seen in the north east by those going

to Corsica, 2018

Scleranthus perennis Perennial Knawel

Silene alba White Campion South east

Silene canescensa catchflyLocally common as at Is ArenasSilene colorataa catchflyThis species seen? Most referable to

S. can escens.

Silene corsicaa catchflyEast coastSilene dioicaRed CatchflyRecorded 2016

Silene fuscata a catchfly Around the agriturismo

Silene gallica Small-flowered Catchfly Widespread in small numbers, e.g. Is Arenas,

SW coast

Spergula arvensisCorn SpurreySouth-east coastSpergularia marinaLesser Sand-spurreyCabras areaSpergularia mediaGreater Sea-SpurreySouth west coast

Spergularia rubraSand-spurreyAdoniStellaria mediaChickweedWidespreadStellaria neglectaGreat ChickweedSouth west

Ranunculaceae

Adonis annua Pheasant's-eye Around the agriturismo

Anemone hortensis an anemone Widespread and locally common

Anemone palmataYellow AnemoneMany at OrtuabisClematis cirrhosaVirgin's BowerIn flower at AdoniClematis flammulaFragrant ClematisIn leaf, e.g. Is Arenas

Clematis vitalba Traveller's Joy In leaf

Nigella damascena Love-in-a-mist A few at Cala Mosca 2017

Ranunculus aquatilis Common Water Crowfoot Numerous in pools on Giara di Gesturi
Ranunculus sp. Another species in pools on Giara di Gesturi

Ranunculus arvensis Corn Buttercup 'Traffic island' orchid stop 2017

Ranunculus bullatus a buttercup Many in leaf Domusnovas, Ortuabis, and

Adoni

Ranunculus cordiger ssp.diffusus a buttercup In leaf, regional endemic

Ranunculus ficaria Lesser Celandine In flower M.Linas

Ranunculus paludosus Jersey Buttercup Nuraghi Figus, Giara di Gesturi,

south-west, widespread

Ranunculus lanuginosus Woolly Buttercup Narcissus tazetta site near the agriturismo

Ranunculus gramineus Grass-leaved Buttercup Several at Ortuabis in flower 2017

Ranunculus muricatus a buttercup Domusnovas and M.Linas

Ranunculus ophioglossifolius Adder's-tongue Spearwort Giara di Gesturi in leaf
Ranunculus procerus a buttercup This species at Furtei?

Ranunculus repens Creeping Buttercup Common in leaf
Ranunculus revelieri a buttercup Giara di Gesturi
Ranunculus sardous Hairy Buttercup Giara di Gesturi 2016

Ranunculus velutinus

Paeoniaceae

Paeonia morisii a peony Many in bud this year. Endemic.

Also seen at Monte Albo when we returned

from Corsica, several in fine flower, including white flowered form *barbaricina*.

Papaveraceae

Glaucium corniculatumRed Horned PoppySeu lunch site 2018Glaucium flavumYellow Horned PoppyIn leaf east coast

Hypecoum procumbensa hypecoumSeuPapaver dubiumLong-headed PoppyIs ArenasPapaver hybridumRough PoppyAgriturismo

Papaver rhoeas Common Poppy Widespread, very variable in size

Papaver setigerum a poppy

Roemeria hybrida Roemeria 1 at first lunch stop, soon losing its petals,

2012. Not in the Flora! Searching the site on each subsequent visit has failed to refind the

species.

Fumariaceae

Fumaria bastardii Tall Ramping-Fumitory

Fumaria capreolata White Ramping-Fumitory Widespread

Fumaria officinalisCommon FumitoryFumaria parvifloraSmall Fumitory

Cruciferae

Aethionema saxatile South west coast 2017

Arabidopsis thaliana Thale Cress

Arabis collina a rockcress Nuraghi Adoni and Monte Albo 2017

Arabis hirsuta Hairy Rockcress Nuraghi Adoni

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Arabis verna Spring Rockcress Ortuabis area, Adoni, Domusnovas, M.Linas Biscutella morisiana Biscutella M.Linas, Domusnovas, and Monte Albo,

in impressive fruit. Endemic.

Brassica napusRapeRecorded 2016Brassica tournefortiia wild cabbageSinis coastBunias erucagoBuniasSouth eastCakile maritimaSea RocketIs ArenasCapsella bursa-pastorisShepherd's PurseScattered

Cardamine hirsuta Hairy Bittercress Scattered records

Cardaria draba Hoary Cress Roadsides

Carrichtera annua This was the species with pale yellow flowers

and distinctive fruits, common at Cala Mosca, its only station in Sardinia, identified 2018

Clypeola jonthlaspi Clypeola Nuraghi Adoni Diplotaxis muralis Annual Wall Rocket Cala Mosca

Draba muralis Wall Whitlow Grass Nuraghi Adoni 2014

Erophila verna Whitlow Grass Widespread and locally very common

Eruca sativa Eruca Widespread and very common

Hirschfeldia incanaHoary MustardScattered recordsHornungia petraeaHutchinsiaMonte AlboHymenolobus procumbensHymenolobusCagliari areaLepidium graminifoliumTall PepperwortNorth eastLobularia maritimaSweet AlisonWidespreadMalcolwia ramosiocimaSouth cost cost

Malcolmia ramosissima South east coast

Matthiola sinuata Sea Stock Is Arenas in flower, and east coast sands

Matthiola tricuspidata Three-horned Stock In fine flower on Sinis coast

Morisia monanthos Ortuabis, a few in fine flower. Endemic to

Sardinia and Corsica.

Sinapis alba White Mustard

Sinapis arvensis Charlock Widespread and locally common

Sisymbrium irio London Rocket Cala Mosca 2018
Sisymbrium officinale Hedge Mustard Cala Mosca
Succowia balearica Cala Mosca
Teesdalia coronopifolia Many at M.Linas

Thlaspi perfoliatum Perfoliate Pennycress Monte Albo

Resedaceae

Reseda alba White Mignonette Widespread and common

Crassulaceae

Aeonium arboreum Naturalised near Sta.Teresa

Crassula tillaea Rock ponds at Nuraghi Figus, Seu,

south east, agriturismo Possibly present too

Crassula vaillantii

Sedum acre Biting Stonecrop

Sedum caeruleum a stonecrop Locally numerous as at Cala Mosca, in leaf

Sedum caespitosum a stonecrop Numerous in leaf, e.g. south-west

Sedum dasyphyllum Thick-leaved Stonecrop In leaf In leaf Sedum rupestre a stonecrop

Sedum sediforme a stonecrop In leaf, Cala Mosca Sedum stellatum In leaf Adoni Starry Stonecrop

Umbilicus rupestris Navelwort Widespread and locally common

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga corsica Domusnovas, closed, and south-east in flower

Saxifraga tridactylites Rue-leaved Saxifrage Ortuabis

Rosaceae

Aphanes floribunda a parsley-piert One or both species

Aphanes pusilla a parsley-piert

Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn Widespread

In leaf Potentilla recta

Poterium verrucosum Mediterranean Salad Burnet In leaf Prunus spinosa Blackthorn Widespread

Almond-leaved Pear Pyrus amygdaliformis Widespread and common in flower

Pyrus communis Cultivated Pear

Rosa pouzinii Possibly this in fruit Monte Albo

Identified 2017 Rosa sempervirens

Rosa spp. rose spp.

Rubus ulmifolius a bramble Widespread Sarcopoterium spinosum Thorny Burnet Cala Mosca

Fabaceae

Blue-leaved Wattle Acacia cyanophylla Widely naturalised, e.g. Is Arenas, where

abundant

Bean Trefoil Scattered records in flower Anagyris foetida

Bladder Vetch South east Anthyllis tetraphylla

Anthyllis vulneraria Kidney Vetch Cala Mosca and Ortuabis

ssp.rubriflora

Astragalus boeticus a milk-vetch Seu 2017 Astragalus hamosus a milk-vetch South east

Biserrula pelecinus

South east and north east Calicotome villosa

Hairy Thorny Broom Domusnovas area, locally numerous. Also

Sinis.

M.Linas Carob Ceratonia siliqua

Cercis siliquastrum **Judas Tree** Planted, much in flower

Coronilla scorpioides Annual Scorpion Vetch Cala Mosca

Ortuabis area 2015 Coronilla valentina a scorpion vetch

Cytisus villosus a broom Numerous in Domusnovas area

Dorycnium Su Pallosu Dorycnium hirsutum

Dorycnium pentaphyllum Cala Mosca

Genista corsica Locally numerous, e.g. Nuraghi Figus, near

Sanluri

Genista ephedroides a broom South west

Genista morisii a broom Presumably this endemic seen in south-west

Hedysarum coronarium Italian Sainfoin Locally numerous

Hedysarum glomeratuma sainfoinScattered, e.g. Seu, Su PallosuHedysarum spinosissimumSpiny SainfoinCala Mosca, near Furtei, etc.

Hippocrepis ciliata a horseshoe vetch Cagliari 2015

Hippocrepis multisiliquosa a horseshoe vetch

Hippocrepis unisiliquosa a horseshoe vetch Furtei, Cala Mosca, agriturismo

Hymenocarpus circinnatus Disc Trefoil Furtei 2016

Lathyrus angulatusa peaSouth east lunch siteLathyrus aphacaYellow VetchlingSouth west and Sinis

Lathyrus articulatus a pea South west

Lathyrus cicera a pea Seu and south east

Lathyrus clymenum a pea Widespread and common

Lathyrus ochrus a pea Scattered, e.g. Sinis and agriturismo

Lathyrus setifolius a pea Sinis

Lathyrus sphaericus a pea

Lathyrus tingitanus Tangier Pea Cala Mosca 2014

Lotus angustissimus a bird's-foot trefoil Sinis 2017

Lotus conimbricensis a bird's-foot trefoil South east, pink flowers, 2007

Lotus corniculatus Bird's-foot Trefoil Widespread

Lotus cytisoides a bird's-foot trefoil Is Arenas, Su Pallosu

Lotus edulisEdible LotusWidespreadLotus ornithopodioidesa bird's-foot trefoilWidespread

Lupinus angustifolius Narrow-leaved Lupin South west, M.Linas, and south east

Lupinus micranthusHairy LupinSouth eastLupinus variusa lupinSouth east 2014Medicago arabicaSpotted MedickScattered e.g. AdoniMedicago ciliarisa medickCala Mosca 2017Medicago intertextaa medickSouth west 2017

Medicago littoralisa medickSinis coast and east coastMedicago marinaSea MedickIs Arenas and east coast

Bur Medick South west Medicago minima Medicago orbicularis Large Disk Medick Cagliari area Toothed Medick Scattered Medicago polymorpha Recorded 2014 Medicago praecox a medick Medicago rigidula a medick South east 2017 a medick Near the hotel 2012 Medicago rugosa Medicago truncatula a medick Recorded 2014

Medicago turbinata a medick

Melilotus indicus Small Melilot Cala Mosca

Melilotus messanensisa melilotSaltmarshes, Putzu IduMelilotus spp.melilotsOthers unidentifiedOnonis diffusaa rest-harrowSouth west coast 2017

Ononis natrix Large Yellow Rest-harrow Cala Mosca, locally common, 2016

Ononis ornithopodioides Bird's-foot Rest-harrow Cala Mosca

Ononis variegataa rest-harrowIs Arenas, not in flowerOrnithopus compressusCompressed Bird's-footScattered records

Ornithopus pinnatus Orange Bird's-foot Scattered records

Pisum sativumWild PeaSouth eastPsoralea bituminosaPitch TrefoilCala Mosca

Psoralea morisiana a pitch trefoil In leaf in the south east. Sardinian endemic.

Robinia pseudacaciaFalse AcaciaRoadsidesScorpiurus muricatusScorpiurusN.FigusSpartium junceumSpanish BroomRoadsides

Teline monspessulana Teline Lower M.Linas, and Burcei

Tetragonolobus purpureus Asparagus Pea Scattered records, locally common

Trifolium angustifolium Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover Sta. Teresa 2017

Trifolium arvenseHare's-foot CloverN.FigusTrifolium campestreHop TrefoilSouth eastTrifolium cherleria cloverIs Arenas

Trifolium fragiferum Strawberry Clover

Trifolium glomeratumClustered CloverRecorded 2014Trifolium nigrescensa cloverIs ArenasTrifolium repensWhite CloverScatteredTrifolium resupinatumReversed CloverCala MoscaTrifolium scabrumRough CloverCagliari area

Trifolium stellatumStar CloverCagliari, Sinis, south westTrifolium subterraneumSubterranean CloverGiara di Gesturi, BurceiTrifolium tomentosumWoolly TrefoilScattered, e.g. Cagliari

Vicia angustifolia a vetch

Vicia benghalensisa vetchN.Figus, south eastVicia bithynicaBithynian VetchSouth west 2017

Vicia cracca Tufted Vetch

Vicia dasycarpa a vetch South east lunch site etc.

Vicia faba Broad Bean Locally naturalised, very widely grown

Vicia hirsutaHairy TareSouth westVicia hybridaHairy Yellow VetchlingN.Adoni 2017

Vicia lathyroides Spring Vetch Burcei

Vicia leucanthaa vetchSouth east 2018Vicia luteaYellow VetchDomusnovasVicia parvifloraa vetchBurcei 2018

Vicia pubescens a tare Nuraghi Figus 2017

Vicia sativa Common Vetch Widespread

Vicia sepium Bush Vetch Sinis

Vicia villosa Fodder Vetch

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis articulata Pink Oxalis Locally naturalized

Oxalis corniculata Procumbent Yellow Sorrel

Oxalis pes-caprae Bermuda Buttercup Widespread and locally abundant

Geraniaceae

Erodium acaule Stemless Stork's-bill

Erodium botrys a stork's-bill East coast sands and Sinis

Erodium chium a stork's-bill South west

Erodium ciconium a stork's-bill Nuraghi Figus 2014

Erodium cicutariumCommon Stork's-billWidespread and locally commonErodium malacoidesMallow-leaved Stork's-billCagliari area, Nuraghi Adoni etc.

Erodium maritimuma stork's-billOrtuabisErodium moschatumMusk Stork's-billCagliariGeranium columbinumLong-stalked Crane's-billM.Linas

Geranium dissectum Cut-leaved Crane's-bill

Geranium lucidum Shining Cranesbill Nuraghi Adoni, Domusnovas, etc.

Geranium molleDovesfoot CranesbillWidespreadGeranium purpureumLittle RobinScattered recordsGeranium robertianumHerb RobertSouth westGeranium rotundifoliumRound-leaved CranesbillScattered records

Linaceae

Linum bienne Pale Flax Nuraghi Figus, Domasnovas

Linum strictuma flaxCala Mosca 2017Linum trigynuma flaxCala Mosca 2017Radiola linoidesAllseedNuraghi Figus

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia cupanii a spurge In leaf

Euphorbia characias Large Mediterranean Spurge Locally common, e.g. Nuraghi

Figus, Domusnovas

Euphorbia dendroides Tree Spurge Linas etc., fine at Domusnovas, Cala

Mosca, locally common

Euphorbia exigua Dwarf Spurge Many at Is Arenas

Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge Widespread and common

Euphorbia linifoliaa spurgeSouth westEuphorbia paraliasSea SpurgeIs ArenasEuphorbia peplusPetty SpurgeWidespreadEuphorbia pithyusaa spurgeCoastal

Euphorbia semiperfoliata a spurge Ortuabis in leaf

Euphorbia spinosa Spiny Spurge Ortuabis, just in flower

Euphorbia terracina a spurge Seu

Mercurialis annua Annual Mercury

Ricinus communis Castor Oil Plant Roadsides

Rutaceae

Ruta chalepensis Fringed Rue Scattered, e.g. Seu, Cala Mosca

Polygalaceae

Polygala sardoa Sardinian Milkwort Ortuabis and N.Adoni 2017

Polygala sp. a milkwort Cala Mosca 2014

Anacardiaceae

Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree Locally abundant

Rhamnaceae

Rhamnus alaternus Mediterranean Buckthorn Scattered records, in fruit

Rhamnus oleoides South west and Sinis

Malvaceae

Lavatera arborea Tree Mallow Scattered records in flower Lavatera cretica Cretan Mallow Cagliari area roadsides

Lavatera olbia a mallow

Lavatera triloba a mallow Probably this species Cagliari salt pans 2018

Malva cretica a mallow Cala Mosca 2017 **Dwarf Mallow** Cagliari area 2016 Malva neglecta

Malva nicaeensis

Malva parviflora Least Mallow Cala Mosca Common Mallow Scattered Malva sylvestris

Thymelaeaceae

Daphne gnidium In leaf at Ortuabis and Sanluri etc. Thymelaea hirsuta

Scattered, e.g. Putzu Idu, Seu, Is Arenas,

Furtei, and Cagliari Thymelaea tartonraira 2 plants Is Arenas

Violaceae

Viola alba ssp.dehnhardtii Ortuabis and Laconi area

Guttiferae

Hypericum perfoliatum a St.John's-wort In leaf, Furtei In leaf Ortuabis Hypericum tomentosum a St.John's-wort

Hypericum veronense a St.John's-wort In leaf

Cistaceae

Cistus albidus Grey-leaved Cistus In flower in the north east

Cistus creticus a cistus Cagliari area, Sinis, Furtei, south west,

and south east

Cistus monspeliensis Narrow-leaved Cistus Scattered in flower, locally common Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus Locally common, e.g. Sinis, M.Linas, south

west, and south east

Fumana thymiifolia Thyme-leaved Fumana Cala Mosca

Halimium halimifolium Nuraghi Figus, Cala Mosca, south west, in

leaf

Helianthemum caput-felis Cat's-head Rockrose Sinis coast, many in superb flower

Helianthemum croceum a rockrose Monte Albo 2017

Helianthemum morisianum a rockrose In flower Nuraghe Adoni 2017. Pink

flowers. Endemic to central Sardinia.

Helianthemum salicifolium Willow-leaved Rockrose Cala Mosca

Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rockrose Nuraghi Figus and south east

Tamaricaceae

Tamarix spp. a tamarisk 2 species near Cagliari. 2 species Sinis. Another

on motorway verges. 11 species occur.

Frankeniaceae

Frankenia laevisSea HeathIn leaf CagliariFrankenia pulverulentaa sea-heathCagliari 2007

Cucurbitaceae

Bryonia marmorata a white bryony M.Linas. Endemic to Sardinia and Corsica.

Lythraceae

Lythrum hyssopifolia Grass-poly N.Figus 2017

Myrtaceae

Eucalyptus camaldulensis River Red Gum Abundantly planted

Myrtus communis Common Myrtle South west

Araliaceae

Hedera helix Ivy Laconi to Ortuabis

Apiaceae

Ammoides pusilla Arable weed around the agriturismo 2018

Apium graveolens Wild Celery Leaves, south east streamside, 2018

Apium nodiflorum Fool's Water-cress

Bupleurum fruticosum Shrubby Hare's-ear Roadsides 2015

Bupleurum sp. a Hare's-ear A tiny annual species at Cala Mosca on recce

Conium maculatum Hemlock Cagliari area 2007

Crithmum maritimum Rock Samphire Is Arenas

Daucus carota Wild Carrot Locally in flower, e.g. Seu, very large umbels

Daucus gingidium a carrot Sinis Coast

ssp.mauritanicus

Daucus maximus a carrot

Eryngium campestre Field Eryngo In leaf

Is Arenas, in leaf Eryngium maritimum Sea Holly Eryngium tricuspidatum an eryngo In leaf, Furtei

Giant Fennel Widespread and locally common Ferula communis

Foeniculum vulgare Fennel Sinis

Magydaris pastinacea The large leaves of this species were

only seen at M.Linas this year

Oenanthe sp.

Ridolfia segetum Cala Mosca 2013

Scandix australis a shepherd's-needle Cala Mosca

Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's-needle Widespread, locally numerous as at Furtei

Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders Widespread an alexanders Smyrnium rotundifolium Monte Albo

Thapsia garganica Common in leaf, e.g. Cala Mosca

Tordylium apulum Tordylium Cala Mosca Torilis nodosa Knotted Hedge-parsley Cagliari 2017

Ericaceae

Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree South west, etc.

Erica arborea Tree Heath Locally common, e.g. Furtei, Domusnovas

Besom Heath Erica scoparia Nuraghi Figus 2016

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel Widespread and common, mostly blue

flowered

Anagallis foemina

Asterolinon linum-stellatum Locally common

a pimpernel

Cyclamen repandum Spring Sowbread Locally numerous, e.g. Domusnovas

Plumbaginaceae

Armeria sardoa This endemic was seen in the south east

2007

Limonium acutifolium

ssp.tenuifolium

a sea lavender Sinis Peninsula in leaf

In leaf Putzu Idu Limonium glomeratum a sea lavender Limonium narbonense a sea lavender In leaf Putzu Idu

Another 2 species Cagliari area 34 species Limonium spp. sea lavender spp.

occur on Sardinia, many of them endemic.

Oleaceae

Olea europaea Olive Widespread

Phillyrea angustifolia Widespread

Phillyrea latifolia M.Linas and Domusnovas

Apocynaceae

Vinca sardoa Sardinian Periwinkle Roadsides in north west, on drive to Sta. Teresa. Gentianaceae

Blackstonia perfoliata Yellow-wort South-west in bud. Furtei. 2017.

Centaurium erythraea Common Centaury Seu and north east 2017

Centaurium maritimum

Cicendia filiformis Yellow Centaury Common at Nuraghi Figus 2016

Rubiaceae

Cleavers Galium aparine

Galium parisiense Wall Bedstraw Scattered records

Galium setaceum Growing on the Nuraghe Su Nuraxi.

Purple flowers. 2007.

Several at Nuraghi Figus 2017

False Cleavers Galium spurium Recorded

Galium verrucosum

Widespread and locally common

Rubia peregrina Wild Madder Locally very common

Sherardia arvensis Sherardia Widespread and very common

Valantia muralis Is Arenas, Cala Mosca, locally very common

Theligoniaceae

Theligonium cynocrambe Widespread, e.g. Ortuabis, south

west, Is Arenas

Convolvulaceae

Convolvulus siculus Small Blue Convolvulus Villasalta

Convolvulus elegantissimus Scattered, e.g. Cala Mosca, Sinis. Not

seen 2018.

Convolvulus althaeoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed Villasalta

Cuscuta epithymum Common Dodder East coast and Putzu Idu

Boraginaceae

Borago officinalis Borage Widespread and common Cerinthe major Widespread and abundant Honeywort

Cynoglossum creticum Blue Hound's-tongue Scattered records

Echium creticum South east a bugloss

Echium italicum **Pyramidal Bugloss** Previous year's spikes

Echium parviflorum Small-flowered Bugloss Cala Mosca and Villasalta (Echium

calycinum)

Echium plantagineum Purple Viper's-Bugloss Widespread Myosotis arvensis Cabras area 2014 Field Forget-me-not

Is Arenas Myosotis discolor Changing Forget-me-not

Myosotis ramosissima Early Forget-me-not

Probably also present were Myosotis pusilla and Myosotis sicula

Neatostema apulum Yellow Gromwell Cala Mosca, 1 plant, 2017

Callitrichaceae

Callitriche sp. water-starwort sp. Ponds on Giara di Gesturi, and near

Adoni. C.truncata?

Lamiaceae

Ballota nigra Black Horehound

Corydothymus capitatus a thyme Locally common in leaf, e.g. Cala Mosca

Lamium amplexicauleHenbit DeadnettleAround the agriturismoLamium bifiduma deadnettleNuraghi Adoni, Ortuabis

Lavandula stoechas French Lavender South west etc.

Marrubium vulgare White Horehound South east 2017

Mentha aquatica Water Mint In leaf

Micromeria cordata a micromeria Possibly this species in leaf at Ortuabis

Micromeria graeca a micromeria

Prasium majusPrasiumWidespreadRosmarius officinalisRosemaryLocally numerous

Salvia clandestina a clary Probably present as well as the following

species

Salvia verbenaca Wild Clary Widespread

Satureja cuneifolia a savory Probably this species Cagliari area

Sideritis romana a sideritis Cala Mosca 2017

Stachys arvensis Field Woundwort M.Linas

Stachys corsica a woundwort In leaf Monte Albo 2018

Stachys glutinosa a woundwort This endemic shrub was only seen from

the vehicle this year, south east

Teucrium maruma germanderIn leaf, e.g. OrtuabisTeucrium poliumFelty GermanderIn leaf, e.g. OrtuabisThymus catharinaethyme sp.In leaf at Ortuabis

Solanaceae

Datura stramonium Thornapple Cagliari 2012

Hyoscyamus albus White Henbane Tharros church 2014

Hyoscyamus niger Black Henbane In fine flower at Nuraghi Adoni

2014

Solanum nigrum Black Nightshade North east (journey to Sta. Teresa), 2017

Scrophulariaceae

Antirrhinum tortuosum Snapdragon In flower Cagliari on return from Corsica

Antirrhinum siculumSicilian SnapdragonMonastir roadsidesBellardia trixagoBellardiaCala Mosca 2017

Cymbalaria muralisIvy-leaved ToadflaxDomusnovas area 2014Linaria pelisserianaJersey ToadflaxSeveral at N.FigusLinaria reflexaa toadflaxCala Mosca

Linaria sardoa a toadflax Is Arenas, a few plants at what seems to be a

new site for this regional endemic, seen in 2015 and 2016 (2 plants), and 2017 (1 plant). 2018 some 20 plants, growing with the following species. Also seen south-east coast this year.

Linaria simplex a toadflax Is Arenas, growing with the previous

species, 2018

Linaria triphylla Three-leaved Toadflax Around the agriturismo

Misopates orontium Weasel's Snout South west and Cagliari

Parentucellia latifolia Southern Red Bartsia Nuraghi Adoni, Giara di Gesturi, and

south east, in leaf this year

Parentucellia viscosa Yellow Bartsia Cagliari salt marshes, in leaf this year

Scrophularia peregrina Nettle-leaved Figwort M.Linas and N.Adoni 2017
Scrophularia trifoliata a figwort One plant at Furtei. Tyrrhenian

endemic.

Verbascum conocarpuma mulleinThis species in leaf, e.g. AdoniVerbascum creticuma mulleinIn flower south east and Seu

Verbascum sinuatum a mullein In leaf

Veronica arvensis Wall Speedwell Furtei, Giara di Gesturi

Veronica beccabunga Brooklime In leaf

Veronica cymbalaria White Speedwell Nuraghi Adoni, Is Arenas, etc.

Orobanchaceae

Orobanche gracilis Slender Broomrape A few at Nuraghi Figus

Orobanche hederae Ivy Broomrape Near Adoni 2013

Orobanche lavandulacea a broomrape Parasitic on Psoralea morisiana in the

south east, several fine spikes 2016. In 2017 only 1 plant. None seen 2018.

Orobanche minor Common Broomrape South west 2017

Orobanche nana a branched broomrape

Orobanche picridisOxtongue BroomrapeSouth west 2017Orobanche ramosaBranched BroomrapeSinis and south east

Myoporaceae

Myoporum laetum Ngaio Naturalised, Sinis and Cagliari

Globulariaceae

Globularia alypum Shrubby Globularia Cala Mosca, several in flower

Plantaginaceae

Plantago afra a plantain Scattered, e.g. Domusnovas, Seu

Plantago albicans Silvery Plantain Nuraghi Figus?

Plantago bellardii a plantain Locally very common near Nuraghi

Figus, Cagliari etc.

Plantago commutata a plantain Su Pallosu

Plantago coronopus Buck's-horn Plantain Widespread var.coronopus and

var.ceratophylla

Plantago crassifoliaa plantainPutzu Idu, CagliariPlantago lagopusa plantainDomusnovas, Putzu Idu

Plantago lanceolata Ribwort Plantain Scattered

Plantago macrorrhiza a plantain

Plantago major Greater Plantain South west

Plantago serraria a plantain

Acanthaceae

Acanthus mollis Bear's Breech Cabras area 2007

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera implexa a honeysuckle In flower

Sambucus nigra Elder 1 plant in the south east

Viburnum tinus Laurustinus In fine flower on roadsides in Laconi area

Valerianaceae

Centranthus calcitrapa Is Arenas, Cagliari, south west

Valerianella microcarpaa corn saladSouth east coast, in fruit, identified 2018Valerianella spp.Corn SaladsOthers unidentified. 9 species occur.

Dipsacaceae

Dipsacus ferox a teasel Scattered records of dead heads, e.g.

Domusnovas

Dipsacus valsecchiae a teasel Last years fruiting heads at Ortuabis and

Adoni

Sixalix atropurpurea In leaf at various sites

Campanulaceae

Campanula erinus Near Sanluri 2017

Legousia hybrida Venus's Looking Glass Noted on one day in 2007!

Jasione echinata a sheep's-bit East coast sands, several in flower

Jasione montana Sheep's-bit 1 plant near Sanluri 2017

Asteraceae

Achillea ligustica a yarrow In leaf

Anacyclus clavatus Anacyclus Lunch site on day 1, 2012

Andryala integrifolia In bud north east

Anthemis arvensis Corn Chamomile Scattered, e.g. Is Arenas

Anthemis cotula Stinking Chamomile Near the hotel, locally very common

Anthemis maritima Is Arenas

Artemisia arborescens Widespread and locally numerous

Aster tripolium Sea Aster Saltmarshes around Cagliari in leaf

Atractylis cancellata Last years flowering heads at Cala Mosca 2018

Bellis annua Annual Daisy Widespread and locally common

Bellis perennis Daisy Near Ajaccio airport, etc.

Bellis sylvestris Southern Daisy M.Linas and Domusnovas, etc.

Bellium bellidioides Sinis, Ortuabis, etc.

Bellium crassifolium a daisy In leaf at Domusnovas. Endemic.

Calendula arvensis Corn Marigold Locally very common (Calendula tripterocarpa)

Carduus pycnocephalus Cagliari, locally very common

Carlina corymbosa Flat-topped Carline Thistle Old fruiting heads

Carlina lanata Purple Carline Thistle Old fruiting heads
Carlina racemosa a carline thistle Old fruiting heads
Old fruiting heads

Carthamus caeruleus Recorded 2016

Centaurea calcitrapa Red Star Thistle In bud Giara di Gesturi

Centaurea napifolia

Centaurea pullata a knapweed A plant in fine flower, Cagliari area,

2015, adventive

South west 2017

Centaurea sphaerocephala a knapweed Iglesias coast, in flower

Chamaemelum fuscatum

e.g. Is Arenas

Chamaemelum mixtum Numerous on Giara di Gesturi, and Adoni Widespread and abundant

Chrysanthemum coronarium Crown Daisy Chrysanthemum segetum Corn Daisy Widespread

Coleostephus myconis Nuraghi Figus

Crepis bellidifolia Crepis leontodontoides

Crepis vesicaria Widespread and common

Crepis spp. Other species not identified

In leaf Burcei 2018 Crupina crupinastrum

Cynara cardunculus Cardoon Common in leaf Stink Aster Dittrichia graveolens

Dittrichia viscosa a stink aster Widespread and locally common

Erigeron sumatrensis Domusnovas 2016

Evax pygmaea Evax Cagliari area, Is Arenas, Furtei Narrow-leaved Cudweed Filago gallica Nuraghi Figus, Cala Mosca

Galactites Widespread and locally abundant Galactites tomentosa

Hedypnois rhagadioloides

Helichrysum italicum microphyllum Sinis coast etc., locally common

Hyoseris radiata Hyoseris Scattered records

Hypochoeris achyrophorus Mediterranean Cat's-ear Widespread, e.g. N.Adoni

Inula conyza Ploughman's Spikenard In leaf Inula crithmoides Golden Samphire In leaf

Illyrian Scotch Thistle In leaf and early bud at Adoni 2018 Onopordum illyricum

Otanthus maritimus Cottonweed Is Arenas in leaf, and Seu

Pallenis Seu 2016 Pallenis spinosa

a butterbur Ortuabis, new in 2018 Petasites pyrenaicus Phagnalon rupestre Sinis and south west 2017 Phagnalon saxatile Cala Mosca and Domusnovas

In leaf Picnomon acarna Picnomon

Picris echioides Bristly Oxtongue Abundant Ptilostemon casabonae

The distinctive leaves of this species

were noted at various sites, e.g.

Domusnovas and Adoni Reichardia picroides

Sinis etc.

Santolina corsica a lavender cotton In bud Monte Albo, 2018, its only site

on Sardinia. Endemic shared with Corsica.

In leaf at Ortuabis and the south-west. Santolina insularis a lavender cotton

Endemic.

Scolymus grandiflorus Cagliari area 2014

Senecio delphinifolius This species in the south east?

Senecio erraticus Cagliari salt pans Senecio lividus Widespread

Senecio leucanthemifolius Is Arenas and Seu

Senecio vulgaris Groundsel Widespread
Silybum marianum Milk Thistle Widespread
Sonchus asper Prickly Sow-thistle Scattered
Sonchus bulbosus Is Arenas

Sonchus oleraceusSmooth Sow-ThistleScatteredSonchus tenerrimusa sow-thistleScattered

Taraxacum officinale Dandelion

Taraxacum spp. dandelions Others unidentified

Tolpis umbellata

Urospermum dalechampii Widespread

Urospermum picroides Scattered records, e.g. Cala Mosca, Seu

Monocotyledons

Lemnaceae

Lemna minor Common Duckweed

Posidoniaceae

Posidonia oceanica Abundant debris on coasts

Juncaginaceae

Triglochin bulbosa ssp.barrelieri Bulbous Arrow-grass Salt marshes Putzu Idu

Potamogetonaceae

Potamogeton pusillus Lesser Pondweed Giara di Gesturi

Liliaceae

Allium commutatum a garlic In bud south east 2015

Allium roseum Rosy Garlic Putzu Idu, Iglesias coast, and south-west

Allium neapolitanum Naples Garlic Noted on day 2 2013

Allium subhirsutum Cala Mosca, appears to be this species, but leaves not hairy edged

Allium triquetrum Three-cornered Leek Widespread and locally common

Asparagus acutifolius Widespread

Asparagus albus

Asparagus stipularis

Asphodelus fistulosus

Asphodelus microcarpus

Cala Mosca, and south west

Is Arenas and east coast

South east and Cagliari

Widespread and abundant

Brimeura fastigiata 1 M.Linas, 2016
Gagea foliosa In flower at Adoni
Gagea granatellii In flower at Ortuabis

Muscari comosum Tassel Hyacinth Scattered records, e.g. near Furtei, and Seu

Ornithogalum corsicum Common at Adoni, scattered other records

Ornithogalum gussonei Sinis coast

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's Broom N.Adoni, Domusnovas, Ortuabis Simethis mattiazii Kerry Lily A fine colony in Cortoghiana

Kerry Lily A fine colony in Cortoghiana Pinewoods, very many plants

Smilax aspera Smilax Widespread

Urginea maritima Sea Squill Widespread in leaf (Drimia pancration)

Agavaceae

Agave americana Century Plant Naturalised, Sinis, south west

Amaryllidaceae

Pancratium illyricum

Leucojum aestivum ssp.pulchellumSummer Snowflake Many fine examples in Ogliastra 2012

Narcissus tazetta Polyanthus Narcissus Many still in fine flower at Ortuabis,

Giara di Gesturi, and near the agriturismo Illyrian Sea Daffodil In flower at Furtei, leaves at N.Adoni, and

many in flower at Sta.Teresa

Pancratium maritimum Sea Daffodil Leaves at Is Arenas and on other coasts

Dioscoraceae

Tamus communis Black Bryony Scattered

Iridaceae

Gladiolus communis a gladiolus Common on a roadside near Sanluri 2014

Gladiolus italicus Field Gladiolus Noted on one day 2012

Galdiolus sp. In leaf near the agriturismo 2017

Iris germanica Tall Bearded Iris Scattered, naturalised

Iris germanica ssp.florentinaScattered, naturalisedIris planifoliaIn seed at Cala Mosca 2017

Iris pseudacorus Yellow Flag In leaf Giara di Gesturi

Gynandiris sisyrinchium Barbary Nut Sinis etc.

Romulea bulbocodium Locally abundant, Giara di Gesturi,

Ortuabis, etc.

Romulea columnae

Romulea ligustica North-east

Romulea ramiflora

Romulea requienii Ortuabis, Su Pallosu coast, many at Adoni

Romulea rollii Coastal

Palmae

Chamaerops humilis Dwarf Fan Palm Seu

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare Friar's Cowl Widespread
Arum italicum Large Cuckoo Pint In leaf M.Linas

Arum pictum Autumn Arum Leaves at Adoni and M.Linas

Juncaceae

Juncus acutus Sharp Rush Cagliari

Juncus articulatus Jointed Rush

Juncus bufoniusToad RushNuraghi FigusJuncus capitatusDwarf RushNuraghi FigusJuncus inflexusHard RushNear Sanluri 2017

Juncus maritimus Sea Rush Sinis

Juncus pygmaeusPigmy RushNuraghi Figus 2017Juncus tenuisSlender RushNuraghi FigusLuzula forsteriSouthern Wood-rushOrtuabis etc.

Cyperaceae

Carex caryophyllea Spring Sedge

Carex distachya a sedge Scattered records, e.g. Domusnovas

and north east

Carex divisa Divided Sedge Narcissus tazetta site near the

Agriturismo, and M.Linas

Carex flaccaGlaucous SedgeWidespreadCarex pendulaPendulous SedgeOrtuabis 2018Carex remotaRemote SedgeM.Linas

Carex sylvatica Wood Sedge

Isolepis cernuaSlender Club-rushNear Sanluri, 2017Isolepis setaceaBristle Club-rushNuraghi Figus 2017

Schoenus nigricans Black Bog-rush Ortuabis area, Nuraghi Figus

Scirpoidess holoschoenus Round-headed Club Rush South east 2017

Poaceae

Aira caryophyllea Silver Hair-grass Nuraghi Figus

Ampelodesmos mauretanicus Widespread, locally dominant

Anthoxanthum odoratum Sweet Vernal-grass Widespread

Arundo donax Giant Reed Widespread, locally common

Avena barbata Bearded Wild-oat

Avena sterilis Winter Wild-oat Scattered
Briza maxima Large Quaking Grass South east

Briza minor Lesser Quaking Grass

Bromus diandrusGreat BromeBromus madritensisCompact BromeBromus rigidusRigput Brome

Bromus sterilisBarren BromeScatteredCatapodium rigidumFern GrassCagliari

Dactylis glomerata Cock's-foot

Hordeum murinum Wall Barley Widespread

Hyparrhenia hirta North east

Lagurus ovatusHare's-tail GrassCagliari area, Is ArenasLamarckia aureaGolden Dog's-tailCagliari area, south west

Lygeum spartum Albardine Cala Mosca

Phleum arenarium Sand Cat's-tail

Phragmites australis Common Reed Locally dominant in wetlands

Poa annua Annual Meadow-grass Common

Poa bulbosaBulbous Meadow-grassScattered, generally viviparousRostraria cristataCrested Hair-grassCommon at Nuraghi Figus

Setaria pumilaYellow Bristle-grassCagliari areaStipa capensisMediterranean Needle GrassCagliari areaVulpia bromoidesSquirrel-tail FescueCagliari 2018

Vulpia fasciculata Dune Fescue Common near Sanluri, Cagliari

Vulpia myuros Rat's-tail Fescue South west

Orchidaceae

Orchis longicornu x papilionacea

Aceras anthropophorum Man Orchid Domusnovas and Is Arenas

Barlia robertiana Giant Orchid Widespread, with many still in good flower

this year, especially numerous at Adoni. Also Domusnovas, Ortuabis, and Monte Albo. Even

still in flower at sea level at Is Arenas.

Cephalanthera longifolia Sword-leaved Helleborine Domusnovas area on the recce

Epipactis helleborine Broad-leaved Helleborine 2 at Ortuabis 2017

Epipactis microphylla Small-leaved Helleborine Probably this species in early leaf at

Domusnovas, 2017
Many at Is Arenas

Gennaria diphylla Many at Is Arenas
Limodorum abortivum Violet Limodore Nuraghi Figus, many i

Limodorum abortivumViolet LimodoreNuraghi Figus, many in bud, one at BurceiNeotinea maculataDense-flowered OrchidIs Arenas (white flowers, unspotted leaves),

and Domusnovas and Furtei (pink flowers,

spotted leaves). Also south east.

Orchis collina Fan-lipped Orchid Remarkably found near Collinas on recce!!

2012, seen there again. 13 gone over spikes and one still just in flower. Also 3 spikes on

road up to Giara di Gesturi.

2013, 1 old spike at Collinas, 1 in fine

flower still near Furtei.

2014, some 5 at Collinas, just still in flower. 2015, gone over above hotel and above Setzu

2017, several gone over at Seu
2018, still in flower Collinas (PGC),
and many on road to Giara di Gesturi.

Orchis ichnusae Domusnovas, Ortuabis, and Monte Albo.

Endemic.

Orchis lactea Milky Orchid Giara di Gesturi and Adoni

Orchis longicornu Widespread and locally common, very

variable

Orchis papilionacea Pink Butterfly Orchid Widespread and locally very common,

many fine examples

Orchis provincialis A few in the Domusnovas area

Near Sanluri 2015

Ophrys bombyliflora Bumblebee Orchid In varied numbers at several sites, fine at

the airport

Ophrys chestermannii 1 near Domusnovas 2017. Endemic. Not

seen in 2018 for the first time on the tour.

Ophrys eleonorae Widespread, seen at many sites, especially

fine at Adoni

Ophrys funerea Giara di Gesturi. An endemic shared with

Corsica.

Ophrys incubacea Seu, south west coast, Monte Albo.

A few at Ortuabis

Ophrys lutea Yellow Bee Orchid

Ophrys morisii A few records, e.g. Domusnovas,

Monte Albo. Endemic.

Ophrys normanii A few in fine flower near Domusnovas.

Endemic.

Ophrys ortuabis 10+ at Ortuabis, the type locality.

Endemic.

Ophrys phryganae Widespread, very common at Seu

Ophrys sicula

Ophrys lepida

Ophrys speculum Mirror Orchid Widespread and locally common

Ophrys subfusca ssp.liverani Several at Is Arenas. Endemic subspecies.

Ophrys tenthredinifera Sawfly Orchid Widespread and locally common.

According to Delforge *O.tenthredinifera* does not occur in Italy at all and the

species here is O.neglecta.

Ophrys x barbaricina A hybrid of O.speculum x O.morisii, seen

in Laconi area 2007 Near Sanluri 2017

Ophrys tenthredinifera x bombyliflora

Near Sanluri 2017

Ophrys tenthredinifera x incubacea

1 near Nuraghi Figus 2014

Ophrys tenthredinifera x speculum

Near Sanluri 2007

Serapias cordigera Several fine specimens at Nuraghi Figus,

also in the south-east, where

hypochromic individuals not fully open.

Serapias lingua Tongue Orchid Locally common, south-west, M.Linas,

south east

Serapias parviflora Small-flowered Tongue-Orchid South west

Serapias vomeracea Long-lipped Serapias Near Domusnovas 2017. Not confirmed

for Sardinia in the Flora.

Serapias lingua x cordigera Probably this hybrid with both parents at

Nuraghi Figus, 2013

Systematic List Number 2 Butterflies

The taxonomy and systematic order follows that found in 'Butterflies of Britain and Europe', a HarperCollins guide, by Tolman.

Papilionidae

Swallowtail Papilio machaon Adoni Corsican Swallowtail Papilio hospiton Adoni

Pieridae

Large WhitePieris brassicaeScattered recordsSmall WhiteArtogeia rapaeScattered records

Corsican Dappled White Euchloe insularis Widespread in small numbers

Orange-Tip Anthocharis cardamines Furtei

Clouded Yellow *Colias crocea* Scattered records Cleopatra *Gonepteryx cleopatra* Scattered records

Brimstone Gonepteryx rhamni Adoni

Lycaenidae

Green Hairstreak Callophrys rubi Furtei and Nuraghe Figus

Small CopperLycaena phlaeasAdoni, Seu, etc.Holly BlueCelastrina argiolusSouth east lunch site

Brown Argus Aricia agestis Cagliari, south east, and north east, 2017

Common Blue Polyommatus icarus North east 2017

Libytheidae

Nettle-tree Butterfly Libythea celtis 1 in Laconi area, a hibernated individual, on

recce

Nymphalidae

Comma Polygonia c-album M.Linas 2017

Large Tortoiseshell Nymphalis polychloros Several seen, M.Linas, Adoni, Ortuabis

Sardinian Tortoiseshell Aglais ichnusa Nuraghi Adoni 2014. Endemic to Corsica and

Sardinia.

Red Admiral Vanessa atalanta 2 at N.Adoni

Painted Lady Cynthia cardui Cagliari and the agriturismo

Satyridae

Small HeathCoenonympha pamphilusScattered recordsCorsican HeathCoenonympha corinna2, Monte Albo, 2017Speckled WoodPararge aegeriaIs Arenas and M.LinasTyrrhenianWall BrownLasiommata paramegaeraScattered records

Hesperiidae

Mallow Skipper Carcharodus alceae Cagliari 2017

Dingy Skipper Erynnis tages 1 in the south-east 2013

Systematic List Number 3 Birds

Great Crested Grebe Podiceps cristatus Cagliari

Diver species Gavia sp. Cagliari, not seen well enough to identify

positively, but most likely Black-throated

Diver, Gavia arctica. (JP)

Cory's Shearwater Calonectris diomedea Seen very closely from the ferry to Corsica.

Also offshore from Sinis.

Yelkouan Shearwater Puffinus yelkouan Several at sea from the Corsica ferry. Also

offshore from Sinis.

Gannet Morus bassanus An immature, Sinis

Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo Sinis coast and Cagliari area

Shag Phalacrocorax aristotelis Sinis coast

Greater Flamingo Phoenicopterus phoenicopterus Very many (1000s) on lagoons around

Cagliari, and Sinis Peninsula
Scattered in small numbers

Little Egret Egreta garzetta Scattered in small numbers
Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis Widespread in small numbers

Great EgretArdea albaCagliari salt pansGrey HeronArdea cinereaCagliari salt pansSpoonbillPlatalea leucorodia4, Cagliari salt pans

ShelduckTadorna tadornaSinisMallardAnas platyrhynchosCagliariRed KiteMilvus milvusRecorded

Buzzard Buteo buteo Widespread in small numbers

Marsh Harrier Circus aeruginosus Seen on 5 days

Kestrel Falco tinnunculus Widespread and common Quail Coturnix coturnix Occasionally heard
Avocet Recurvirostra avosetta Sinis Peninsula
Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus Sinis Peninsula

Stone Curlew Burhinus oedicnemus Heard from the hotel at night. None seen

this year whereas seen on 5 days in 2017.

Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola c.5 Cagliari
Dunlin Calidris alpina Cagliari
Greenshank Tringa nebularia Cagliari

Black-headed Gull Larus ridibundus Cagliari area and Sinis Slender-billed Gull Larus genei Sinis and Cagliari

Audouin's Gull Larus audoiunii Sinis coast Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus 1, Sinis

Yellow-legged Herring Gull Larus cachinnans Widespread and common

Sandwich TernSterna sandvicensisCagliari areaCommon TernSterna hirundoCagliari areaRock DoveColumba liviaWidespreadWood PigeonColumba palumbusScattered records

Collared Dove Streptopelia decaocto Widespread and common

Common Swift Apus apus Scattered records
Pallid Swift Apus pallidus Scattered records

Alpine Swift Apus melba Villasalta
Great Spotted Woodpecker Dendrocopos major Often heard

Woodlark Lullula arborea Displaying on Giara di Gesturi.

Skylark Alauda arvensis Scattered records

Swallow Hirundo rustica Widespread and common

House MartinDelichon urbicaScattered recordsCrag MartinPtyonoprogne rupestrisScattered records

Tree Pipit Anthus trivialis Ortuabis

White Wagtail Motacilla alba Scattered records

Wren Troglodytes troglodytes Scattered records, heard
Robin Erithacus rubecula Widespread in small numbers

Black RedstartPhoenicurus ochrurosSeen on two daysStonechatSaxicola torquataScattered recordsBlackbirdTurdus merulaWidespread

Song Thrush Turdus philomelos
Mistle Thrush Turdus viscivorus

Cetti's WarblerCettia cettiHeard at various sitesZitting CisticolaCisticola juncidisOnly a few recordsSpectacled WarblerSylvia conspicillataAt the agriturismo (JP)

Subalpine Warbler Sylvia cantillans

Sardinian Warbler Sylvia melanocephala Widespread and common

Heard Blackcap Sylvia atricapilla Goldcrest Regulus regulus Heard Firecrest Regulus ignicapillus Furtei Coal Tit Parus ater South east Blue Tit Parus caeruleus Widespread **Great Tit** Parus major Widespread Woodchat Shrike Lanius senator Giara di Gesturi Garrulus glandarius Widespread Jay Corvus monedula Jackdaw Scattered records

Hooded Crow Corvus corone cornix Widespread and common

Raven Corvus corax A few records

Spotless Starling Sturnus unicolor Widespread and common

Spanish Sparrow Passer hispaniolensis Widespread and common, seen daily

Chaffinch Fringilla coelebs Widespread and common

Serin Serinus serinus Widespread Greenfinch Carduelis chloris Widespread

Goldfinch Carduelis carduelis Widespread and common

Linnet Carduelis cannabina Scattered records

Corn Bunting Miliaria calandra Widespread and common

Cirl Bunting Emberiza cirlus Widespread, although fewer than usual

Systematic List Number 4 Amphibians, Reptiles and **Mammals**

Sardinian Brook Newt Euproctus platycephalus Seen by the lucky few in the south

> east, a pair and a larva, 2015 Heard on Giara di Gesturi 1 on Giara di Gesturi 2017 1 at Seu where naturalised, 2013

Testudo graeca Hermann's Tortoise Testudo hermanni Cabras 2007 Moorish Gecko Tarentola mauritanica Furtei

Hyla sarda

Hemidactylus turcicus 1 at the agriturismo, 2017 Turkish Gecko

Discoglossus sardus

Pygmy Algyroides Algyroides fitzingeri Nuraghi Adoni

Italian Wall Lizard Podarcis sicula Widespread and locally common

Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard Podarcis tiliguerta Bedriaga's Rock Lizard Lacerta bedriagae Italian Three-toed Skink Chalcides chalcides

Tyrrhenian Tree Frog

Spur-thighed Tortoise

Tyrrhenian Painted Frog

Scattered records 2016

Ocellated Skink Chalcides ocellatus 1 at Cala Mosca, 1 M.Linas, 2017

Western Whip Snake Coluber viridiflavus 1 at Furtei

Viperine Snake Natrix maura One near Domusnovas and one

near Sanluri 2007

Pantellerian Shrew Crocidura ichnusae A dead individual in the south

> west, 2015. Possibly this species also a casualty, seen in 2018.

Road casualties Western Hedgehog Erinaceus europaeus

Wild Boar Sus scrofa A large adult, Sinis. Sign

widespread.

Fox Vulpes vulpes A road casualty Weasel Mustela nivalis Recorded 2014 Pine Marten Martes foina West of Laconi

Rabbit Oryctolagus cuniculus Sign Cape Hare Lepus capensis Sign