# Corsica

### Crocuses and Corsican Nuthatches

## A Greentours Trip Report

16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

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### Days 1 Tuesday 16th April

Arrival

On Tuesday, from Bonifacio 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 setting out I washed and vacuumed the mini-bus, and the next stop was a supermarket stop to stock up on picnic supplies for the tour.

Our main stop today 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, not least the remarkable show of Illyrian Sea Daffodils this year, one slope boasting many very floriferous clumps, a real highlight, the best display of them I'd ever seen.

Buttercups were well represented, with Ranunculus lanuginosus, Ranunculus muricatus, Ranunculus ophioglossifolius, and Ranunculus sardous. A great bonus was a number of perfect Orchis laxiflora in two wet meadows, with a selection of sedges. Among other plants were Roman Nettle, much White Ball Mustard, Vicia narbonensis, Scrophularia peregrina, and Campanula rapunculus. The plant highlight for me was the endemic Cymbalaria aequitriloba, in flower. Ferns were a feature with Jersey Fern, Asplenium onopteris, and Asplenium trichomanes among them.

Red Kites soared over the site and Sardinian Warblers frequented the scrub. Orange tip, Speckled Wood, and Holly Blue gave a British flavour to the butterflies. The site was busy with visitors today and a new museum at the site was impressive. *Serapias cordigera* was on roadsides nearby.

The journey continued north with fine views. We reached bustling Ajaccio late afternoon and negotiated the busy town centre to get to our coastal hotel a little to the west of town. There followed time to relax, catch up on notes, or to explore the environs on foot. Later in the evening I returned to the airport to meet those arriving today, Celia, Dorothy, and Philip.

Despite what they'd told me, that the restaurant in the hotel would be closed by the time we got back from the airport, but they would leave a selection of cold dishes for us, much to their credit, in the end they provided us with the complete three course menu, with choices, and it was excellent. I was very impressed with the service.

### Day 2 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### La Parata and Journey to Corte

We awoke to fine weather, the waves crashing just outside our rooms. Whilst the group enjoyed a good breakfast I shopped for fresh picnic supplies. *Medicago arborea* was in flower near the rooms. Having checked out, we drove west along the coast road to La Parata just a few kilometres away. There we walked up onto the rocky headland, which afforded fine views of the red granite Iles Sanguinaires below. It was not at all too busy here today. It took a little effort to work out the new computer ticket machines in the car park. Dense Calicotome villosa scrub characterised the slopes here, and supported Sardinian Warblers. We found many widespread Mediterranean plants, as well as usually scarcer species like Succowia balearica, with its distinctive fruits, although this was numerous here today. Both Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum and Mesembryanthemum crystallinum were in leaf, and Anthemis maritima, Lobularia maritima, Linaria pelisseriana, and Ruta chalepensis were in flower. Convolvulus siculus was very attractive. Plants continued with Lathyrus clymenum, Plantago afra, and the scarce grass Piptatherum coerulescens. Other grasses included Lagurus ovatus, Lamarckia aurea, and Desmazenia rigida. Regional endemics Corsican Dappled White and Tyrrhenian Wall Brown were on the wing, and Lang's Short-tailed Blue was new for the tour. Several Humming-bird Hawks were seen, Tyrrhenian Wall Lizards scuttled over the warm rocks, and Cirl Buntings sang.

Probably the day's highlight was a collection of very many *Serapias neglecta* in fine flower in one meadow, more than we'd ever seen here. At the same site were *Carex distans, Juncus capitatus, Juncus pygmaeus, Isolepis cernua*, and *Cyperus eragrostis*. The quillwort here was probably *Isoetes histrix*. The orchid list continued with *Orchis papilionacea, Orchis morio*, and *Serapias lingua*. The distinctive *Silene laeta* was rather common and *Parentucellia latifolia* and *Parentucellia viscosa* were both here. Red Kite soared.

Dunes had attractive *Matthiola tricuspidata* and *Silene sericea*, and on rocks nearby was the endemic *Limonium articulatum*. Coastal meadows had abundant *Orchis laxiflora*, in stunning numbers, an early highlight.

Cistus creticus, Cistus monspeliensis, and Cistus salvifolius were all in fine flower. We headed a short way inland where I set out the extensive picnic, always especially good in France. Here were *Trifolium strictum* and *Biserrula pelecinus* among the many plants.

It was time to leave this beautiful place, and head back through busy Ajaccio.

Once through the city, soon we were in a very different world as we climbed steadily 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, the Milky Orchids had gone over in this advanced season, but a bonus was two Sword-leaved Helleborines and four *Dactylorhiza insularis*, a species not always in flower at this time, but in the end we saw it on five days this year.

We headed purposefully to our hotel at Corte, and settled in to our fine rooms.

Last year we had had to stay in an alternative hotel, as this one was closed. Having driven past last year, to see just the shell of the hotel being completely rebuilt, I was dismayed and amazed. It had been one of the very best hotels I stay anywhere, the standard superb. Today I learnt what had happened, the previous autumn, just after the hotel had closed for the season, an immense flash

flood had swamped the hotel with boulders, destroying much of it. Thankfully no-one had been hurt. Now restored to its former beauty, we enjoyed a superb stay here.

We enjoyed a delicious Corsican meal in the hotel, beside the rushing river. They had opened especially for us, as there is no restaurant in the hotel.

### Day 3 Thursday 18th April

### Restonica

I went early into Corte for picnic shopping, whilst everyone enjoyed a very good breakfast in the fine hotel.

We enjoyed a stunning morning in the Restonica Gorge that stretches above the hotel. Well, the first part of the morning anyway, as we soon found that the gorge was closed just above our usual first stop. More effects of the landslide, I was told it's unlikely the gorge will again open to private vehicles, but there may be a shuttle service, at least in high season. Nevertheless we were able to walk higher along the road to see some of the special things.

Our first stop was in extensive Corsican Pine forest in the hope of seeing that gem of an endemic, Corsican Nuthatch. None yet, but Coal Tits and Chaffinches were omnipresent. Many *Helleborus argutifolius* were in flower. Most other things in flower here were diminutive, especially a selection of tiny crucifers such as *Teesdalia coronopifolia*. Common Dog Violets and Sweet Violets were in flower. We enjoyed the pristine habitat and the roaring river. Searching pools beside the river failed to produce the hoped for Corsican Fire Salamander larva or Tyrrhenian Painted Frogs today.

Ferns were also rather a feature today, among them Black Spleenwort, *Asplenium onopteris*, Maidenhair Spleenwort, Rustyback Fern, Brittle Bladder Fern, Southern Polypody, Common Polypody, and Soft Shield Fern. A great surprise was Royal Fern, a new species for us here, and another great find was Dense-flowered Orchid. We walked as far up the road as we could but signs then warned against going any further. We missed a few things at the upper reaches of the road, but our usual drive up there is mainly for the fine scenery.

We next drove to the east of town where a minor road took us into interesting habitat. At the first stop were several *Ophrys incubacea*, and *Ornithogalum umbellatum*. At another site were a few Lady Orchids in flower. A sunny rocky roadside had a selection of aromatic plants, such as *Stachys glutinosa*, and shrubby *Bupleurum fruticosum*.

We stopped to admire a grove of impressive old Sweet Chestnuts, not yet in leaf. The diminutive *Linaria arvensis* was the first of several we would see. At another stop I was very pleased to find the scarce endemic *Anarrhinum corsicum* in flower. This was new for the tour. We took a little used minor road that led through beautiful small traditional villages. Further stops yielded Man Orchids, *Allium pendulinum*, *Sideritis romana*, *Ranunculus paludosus*, and *Ranunculus parviflorus*.

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 in town, and we were kindly driven to the restaurant by the receptionists Iliana and Dominique.

I was pleased to be reunited with a book that I leave in the library here on the endemic and special flora of Corsica, its extremely heavy, so I leave it here to use when I'm here.

### Day 4 Friday 19th April

#### East 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 *Dactylorhiza insularis*. Another stop had *Cytisus villosus*. The interesting legume *Anthyllis hermanniae* was in attractive flower and we admired the distinctive leaves of *Ptilostemon casabonae*. *Cytinus ruber* was in full flower under the cistus.

We reached the east coast where we explored a large tract of unspoilt dune vegetation. Peas were a feature, among them *Lathyrus angulatus*, *Biserrula pelecinus*, and *Trifolium tomentosum*. *Cytinus hypocistus* flowered under the cistus so we had seen both species this morning. *Halimium halimifolium* was already in flower and *Tuberaria guttata* was here.

We found an interesting dune flora, including *Matthiola sinuata* in flower. On the shore were thousands of *Velella velella*. These are free floating colonial hydrozoans, belonging to the order Chondrophora. I explained the debris of the submarine monocot *Posidonia oceanica* to those unfamiliar with it. *Lonicera implexa* was in flower.

In the dunes, among much *Erodium botrys*, I picked out the more unusual *Erodium lebelii* ssp.*marcuccii*. Otherwise 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*. *Sixalix atropurpurea maritima*, a species we do not usually see, was in early flower. I set out the lunch and it was enjoyed at this fine peaceful spot.

After lunch we headed inland where a series of short stops yielded much of interest. At the first serpentine outcrop was one flower of *Dianthus sylvestris godronianus*, and one of *Silene paradoxa*. *Stachys glutinosa* was in flower whilst *Teucrium marum* was just coming into bloom. The endemic *Carex mabilliana* was identified.

A detour meant we missed the most productive stretch of serpentine, and frustratingly the road was due to open later this afternoon, in just an hour or so. We just did not have time to wait, so we'd return in a couple of days en route to Bonifacio.

Corn Bunting sang. Back in the Inzecca gorge, itself impressive, the endemic *Brassica insularis* was very floriferous today, and pretty *Arabis verna* was seen.

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, but it was calling, just not coming close. *Arabis alpina* was here.

### Day 5 Saturday 20th April

#### Col de Verghio

From Corte we first headed north a short way before turning west to approach the beautiful scenery of the Scala de Santa Regina. At the first stop were a few *Ophrys incubacea* and Green-winged Orchids. The first of three saxifrages today was much *Saxifraga tridactylites* in flower.

A usually reliable Corsican Swallowtail stop had none today, but we saw the species at several sites this year, rather widespread in the early season. *Tanacetum audibertii* was in leaf. Now in the gorge *Saxifraga cervicornis* was in impressive bloom. With the saxifrage grew the endemics *Coincya monensis recurvata* and *Barbarea rupicola*. *Armeria leucocephala* was in good flower this year and *Orchis olbiensis* was in good form. Crag Martins were in the air.

Next was a short riverside stroll, where *Saxifraga corsica* in flower was the third saxifrage of the day. Wild Celery was in leaf under the trees, and the lovely little *Arenaria balearica* was admired. Also in leaf was *Hypericum hircinum* and *Alyssum alyssoides* was another new crucifer. *Castroviejo frigida* resembled a Sedum, but is a composite. *Allium pendulinum* and *Acer monspessulanum* continued the variety. Queen-of-Spain Fritillary was among several butterflies.

Free range mostly black pigs scuffled around as we drove through still leafless sweet chestnut woodland. Soon we were in extensive Corsican Pine forest, the mistletoe *Viscum album* ssp. *austriacum* becoming common on the pines. Crocuses were all finished this early season, often in numerous flower on the roadsides here at this time. There was a little remaining snow on the roadsides.

A vigil for Corsican Nuthatch at a reliable site I'd located a few years ago did not disappoint. We had to wait a while but this paid off and before long a pair came to work a large old Corsican Pine in front of us and we had fine views of this wonderful endemic. A soaring Buzzard with no tail looked like a Batelaur! Long-tailed Tits moved through the trees and *Potentilla micrantha* was here.

Having crossed over the Col de Veghio I set out the lunch under *Abies alba*, the mistletoe on this host being *Viscum album abietinum*. Crossbills were seen, and in temporary pools atop interesting rocky outcrops were *Sagina subulata revelieri* and a species of *Isoetes*.

At the Col de Verghio the only gagea we found this year was *Gagea soleirolii*. *Corydalis pumila* was already in fruit, the low very spiny *Rosa serafinii* was extensive, and all the crocuses were over, apart from a few vestiges of flowers. Among diminutive flowers here were *Lepidium oxyotum*, *Thlaspi brevistylum*, and *Veronica verna brevistyla*.

Another site had fine *Brimeura fastigiata*, *Saponaria ocymoides alsinoides*, an endemic subspecies, new for the tour, and *Erodium maritimum*. As I was walking back to the mini-bus, a Golden Eagle flying low above the road flew just over my head and alighted in a pine!

Other things seen at various sites today were Hoopoe, Corsican Finch, *Hypochoeris robertia*, *Campanula erinus*, and *Glaucium corniculatum*.

This was our last night in Restonica. Once again we ate in the hotel, everyone very attentive and helpful.

### Days 6 and 7 Sunday 21st and Monday 22nd 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, particularly numerous around Aleria.

Taking a detour to visit the serpentine outcrop that had been closed off a couple of days ago we saw the very special endemics *Biscutella rotgesii* and *Senecio serpenticola*. *Pancratium illyricum* was in impressive flower. *Notholaena marantae* was an attractive fern and locally common here. *Vicia* 

*laeta* was new for the tour. *Linaria micrantha*, another very small species, was a great find, this one of only three sites for the species on the island. *Melica minuta* was an attractive grass, and *Teucrium flavum* and *Teucrium marum* were in full bloom.

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*. There was also the hybrid *Serapias cordigera x Serapias lingua* and probable *Orchis laxiflora x Orchis morio*. *Hypericum australe* was attractive and *Linum trigynum* was here. There was much *Romulea columnae rollii* in fruit in the sand, and *Corrigiola telephifolia*. Nightingale sang. Naturalised *Acacia cyanophylla* and *Acacia dealbata* cascaded with blooms.

Here was a poignant memorial to the liberation of Corsica, in 1943. Corsica was the first department of metropolitan France to be liberated.

Further south another quiet bay supported a small patch of native vegetation that had escaped the extensive coastal development, and here survives the endangered endemic *Anchusa crispa*, which was in fine flower today. Numbers have varied greatly over the years (see lists) and I always count the number of plants. This year were a very respectable 25 flowering plants. Poppies featured with Yellow Horned Poppy, *Hypecoum procumbens*, and naturalised *Eschscholzia californica* all here. *Sonchus bulbosus* was a feature.

As we bypassed Porto Vecchio some wet meadows were purple with abundant *Orchis laxiflora*, more than we'd ever seen, it was an amazing sight.

Lunch was set out on a quiet lane, with beautiful flowery verges.

The afternoon was spent exploring the fascinating limestone habitats of this extreme south-eastern corner of the island. A very productive roadside had many orchids, among them *Ophrys incubacea*, *Ophrys bombyliflora*, and Man Orchid. There were many cyclamen, anemones, and *Arabis sagittata*. A deep purple *Orobanche* of the *ramosa* group was hard to assign to species in this recently split complex. *Kundmannia sicula* and *Vicia bithynica* were here and there were more naturalised *Lilium candidum* than ever.

One of the botanical highlights of the area is *Simethis mattiazii*, Kerry Lily, locally rather common here and in fine form today. Wet hollows had *Isoetes histrix*, very small *Plantago weldenii*, *Cicendia filiformis*, *Ranunculus revelieri*, and *Ranunculus cordiger*. 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 flower on roadsides. *Serapias cordigera* was impressive and *Gennaria diphylla* was a good find, a scarce species here. The variety continued with *Andryala integrifolia*, *Crupina crupinastrum*, *Centaurium maritimum*, and *Ononis minutissima*.

We headed towards our hotel, tranquilly situated amid pines. It's always a pleasure to return here, to the pleasant rooms and helpful staff, and the lovely Flora Corsica. A very good dinner was enjoyed. Scops Owl called.

The following day was a full day exploring the varied habitats in and around Bonifacio.

A stop in beautiful Bonifacio town allowed for a wander around the harbour, the impressive old town above, whilst I quickly stocked up on fresh picnic supplies. *Hedysarum glomeratum* flowered on the limestone cliffs.

The morning was spent exploring the fascinating limestone habitats around Bonifacio. 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, and full of flowers.

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, it was superb this year. The endemic *Limonium obtusifolium*, the pink flowered *rubriflora* subspecies of Kidney Vetch, and *Thymelaea hirsuta* were here too. *Narcissus tazetta* was still in bloom, and *Pancratium illyricum* was in impressive flower. *Romulea requienii* flowered in rock crevices, *Pseudorlaya pumila* was in leaf, and there were *Senecio cineraria* and *Senecio transiens*. As already said, strong winds characterise this coast, and were very strong 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.

At another stop were more *Morisia monanthos*, endemic *Evax rotundata*, and attractive deep red *Orobanche sanguinea*. At Trinite de Bonifacio were more fine views of Sardinia, and a different aspect of Bonifacio. Here we added a few new weedy species to the plant list! I set out the last picnic lunch by the impressive sanctuary here. The feral cats enjoyed the left overs.

Orchids featured at the next stop. There was the regional endemic *Ophrys corsica*, and *Ophrys incubacea*, rather common, and as expected at this time *Gennaria diphylla* had more or less gone over. *Dorycnium pentaphyllum* and *Dorycnium hirsutum* were both here and the variety continued with *Vicia benghalensis*, Bithynian Vetch, and *Ononis reclinata*. Above the cliffs was *Echium parviflorum*, and *Matthiola incana* bloomed on cliffs near town. At another site many *Gladiolus dubius* were in flower this year, more than we had ever seen before. Nearby was impressive *Vicia altissima*, *Tolpis umbellata* was new for the tour, and *Anagyris foetida*, *Lavatera olbia* and *Lathyrus annuus* were seen.

Later in the afternoon we called at the Bonifacio ferry terminal so I could check the situation, and I decided I should travel today. Everyone assured that the ferries would not be running tomorrow due to the expected winds, so I just had to get to Sardinia this evening otherwise I would have been stuck on Corsica with the Italian hire vehicle.

I took the group to the old town where they enjoyed an exploration of this fascinating location. Impressive *Ornithogalum arabicum* was in flower.

The group enjoyed a good final dinner in the hotel, I wish I'd been with them.

Taking the early evening ferry I had the usual good views of Cory's and Yelkouan Shearwaters, and many *Pancratium illyricum* were in bloom as I approached the harbour at Sta. Teresa.

# Day 8 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Departure

Flights were from Filitosa Airport, conveniently not far from the hotel.

I had arranged an early taxi to take everyone to the airport.

## Systematic List Number 1 Plants

The order generally follows Flora Europaea, although within each family species are listed alphabetically. 'Flora Corsica' by Jeanmonod and Gamisans, SBCO, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 French flora, 'Flora Gallica' by Tison and de Foucault, Biotope Editions, 2014, is also invaluable. New species continue to be added to the list, and additions this year are annotated 2024. Species not seen this year are annotated with the year in which they were last seen. All species with no year annotation were of course seen this year.

Selaginella denticulata	Selaginellaceae Mediterranean Selaginella	Widespread, locally numerous
Isoetes histrix	<i>Isoetaceae</i> Mediterranean Quillwort	Numerous at one site in the Bonifacio area
Isoetes sp.	a quillwort	A very slender species in temporary pools at the lunch site west of Verghio, 2024
Equisetaceae		
Equisetum arvense	Field Horsetail	Restonica 2018
Pteridophyta		
Adiantum capillus-veneris	Maidenhair Fern	Restonica
Anogramma leptophylla	Jersey Fern	Filitosa, Restonica, Sta.Regina
Asplenium adiantum-nigrum	Black Spleenwort	Scattered records, e.g. Restonica and
,	-	Bonifacio
Asplenium foreziense	a spleenwort	S.Regina
Asplenium obovatum	a spleenwort	Bonifacio
Asplenium onopteris	a spleenwort	Restonica, Bonifacio
Asplenium septentrionale	Forked Spleenwort	Calacuccia, 2019
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Restonica, en route to Corte, etc.
		ssp.trichomanes and ssp.quadrivalens
Asplenium viride	Green Spleenwort	Scala di Santa Regina
Ceterach officinarum	Rustyback Fern	Scattered records, e.g. east of Corte
Cheilanthes acrostica		Dominique Colonna.
Cystopteris fragilis	Brittle Bladder Fern	Scattered records, e.g. Restonica
Dryopteris affinis	Scaly Male Fern	Scattered records
Notholaena marantae		Serpentine rocks, very locally common
Osmunda regalis	Royal Fern	Restonica, new in 2024
Polypodium cambricum	Southern Polypody	Widespread
Polypodium vulgare	Common Polypody	Restonica
Polystichum aculeatum	Hard Shield Fern	
Polystichum setiferum	Soft Shield Fern	Restonica and east of Corte
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	Scattered records

Pinaceae

Western side of Verghio

Dominant in forests over large areas in the

Bonifacio

Silver Fir

Aleppo Pine

Corsican Pine

Abies alba

Pinus halepensis

Pinus nigra ssp.laricio

mountains. Regional endemic.

Pinus pinaster ssp.hamiltonii Pinus pinea Maritime Pine Stone Pine Restonica etc.
Coastal

Cupressaceae

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

Local, ssp. *alpina* at higher altitudes

Widespread, e.g. Inzecca

Bonifacio area, locally dominant

Betulaceae

Alnus alnobetula ssp.suaveolens a green

a green alder Scrub at tree line in Restonica, not yet in leaf. Endemic. Not seen 2024 due to

closed road.

Alnus glutinosa Betula pendula Alder Silver Birch Filitosa and Restonica Restonica and Verghio

Corylaceae

Ostrya carpinifolia Hop Hornbeam

East of Corte

Fagaceae

Castanea sativa Fagus sylvatica Quercus ilex Quercus pubescens Quercus suber Sweet Chestnut Beech Holm Oak Downy Oak Cork Oak Not yet in leaf, at higher altitudes Locally forming forests, not yet in leaf Widespread and locally dominant

Widespread Widespread

Rafflesiaceae

Cytinus hypocistus Cytinus ruber

cytinus

Parasitic on Cistus. In flower east coast.

In flower east of Corte.

N.B. treated as a subspecies of the

former in the Flora.

Salicaceae

Populus nigra Salix atrocinerea Salix sp. Black Poplar a sallow

Planted

Widespread in the hills

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Ulmaceae

Ulmus minor

Smooth-leaved Elm

Moraceae

Ficus carica Fig

Scattered records

Santalaceae

Osyris alba Thesium humile Osyris a Bastard Toadflax Bonifacio

Bonifacio

Urticaceae

Parietaria judaica (diffusa) Parietaria lusitanica

Pellitory of the Wall

Scattered Filitosa

Urtica atrovirens

a pellitory a nettle

Restonica. Regional endemic.

Urtica dioica

Stinging Nettle

Urtica membranaceaMembraneous NettleTrinite, BonifacioUrtica viluliferaRoman NettleFilitosa

Urtica pilulifera Roman Nettle Fil Urtica urens Annual Nettle

Juglandaceae

Juglans regia Walnut

Loranthaceae

Viscum album ssp.abietisMistletoeSeveral on Abies alba, west of Verghio.Viscum album ssp.austriacumMistletoeNot uncommon on Pinus laricio.Locally common below Verghio.

Aristolochiaceae

Aristolochia rotunda ssp.insularis a birthwort Several at one site near Porto Vecchio in

previous years, the site now fenced and

innacessible.

Polygonaceae

Polygonum maritimum Sea Knotgrass La Parata dunes and east coast

Rumex acetosella Sheep's Sorrel Widespread

Rumex bucephalophorus a dock Scattered records, locally common east

coast

Rumex conglomeratus Clustered Dock Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022

Rumex crispus Curled Dock Scattered records

Rumex obtusifolius Broad-leaved Dock

Rumex pulcher Fiddle Dock La Parata

Rumex scutatus French Sorrel Inzecca serpentine, and Sta.Regina

Rumex thyrsoides a sorrel Scattered records

Chenopodiaceae

Atriplex halimus

Atriplex patulaCommon OracheFilitosaBeta vulgarisSea BeetCoastalCamphorosma monspeliacaBonifacio

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enopodium album Fat-hen Porto Vecchio 2022

Chenopodium albumFat-henPorto Vecchio 2Chenopodium muraleNettle-leaved GoosefootLa Parata etc.Halimione portulacoidesSea PurslaneEast coastSuaeda veraShrubby SeabliteBonifacio

Aizoaceae

Carpobrotus edulis Hottentot Fig Coastal
Mesembryanthemum crystallinum La Parata

Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum La Parata, Bonifacio

Portulacaceae

Montia fontana ssp.amporitana Blinks

Montia minor

S.Regina 2018 Restonica 2022

Caryophyllaceae

Arenaria balearica Balearic Sandwort Calacuccia. Regional endemic.

Arenaria leptocladosa sandwortScattered recordsArenaria serpyllifoliaThyme-leaved SandwortScattered records

Cerastium diffusumSea Mouse-earBelow VerghioCerastium fontanumCommon Mouse-earScattered recordsCerastium glomeratumSticky Mouse-earScattered records

Corrigiola telephiifolia a strapwort East coast

ssp.imbricata

Dianthus sylvestris Wood Pink Inzecca, one in flower this year

ssp.godronianus

Kohlrauschia velutinaKohlrauschiaScattered recordsMoenchia erectaUpright ChickweedLa Parata, Filitosa, 2019Paronychia argenteaa paronychiaScattered records

Paronychia echinulata a paronychia Bonifacio 2022

Petrorhagia saxifraga Tunic Flower On serpentine, in flower 2023

ssp.gasparinii

Polycarpon tetraphyllum Four-leaved Allseed La Parata. ssp.alsinifolium in eastern

dunes.

Sagina apetala Annual Pearlwort

Sagina maritima Sea Pearlwort Bonifacio

Sagina pilifera a pearlwort In leaf. Endemic to Corsica and

Sardinia.

Sagina subulata ssp.subulata a pearlwort La Parata 2018

var.gracilis

Sagina subulata ssp.revelierei a pearlwort Lunch site west of Verghio

Saponaria ocymoides Rock Soapwort In flower below Verghio. New in 2024.

ssp.alsinoides Endemic subspecies.
Scleranthus burnatii 2023 and 2024

Silene alba White Campion Widespread

Silene colorata a catchfly Ajaccio dunes 2022, Propriano 2023

Silene flos-cuculi Ragged Robin North of Bonifacio 2017

Silene gallica Small-flowered Catchfly Widespread

Silene laeta a catchfly La Parata and east coast

Silene paradoxa a catchfly In leaf, old flowerheads, and one in flower,

serpentine

Silene sericea a catchfly Locally common coastally. Regional

endemic.

Silene velutinaa catchflyBonifacio. Regional endemic.Silene vulgarisBladder CampionAjaccio dunes 2019. Aleria 2023.

Spergula arvensis ssp.chieusseana

Spergula arvensis ssp.gracilis Corn Spurrey Several in Ajaccio dunes 2022

Spergularia rubraSand-spurreyScattered recordsSpergularia sp.a sand-spurreyBonifacio 2022Stellaria mediaChickweedScattered records

Stellaria neglectaGreat ChickweedFilitosaStellaria nemorumWood StitchwortDay 6, 2022

Ranunculaceae

Anemone hortensis an anemone Only at Bonifacio this year

Clematis cirrhosa Virgin's Bower In fruit Bonifacio, 2019

Clematis flammulaFragrant ClematisIn leafClematis vitalbaTraveller's JoyIn leafHelleborus argutifoliusa helleboreNumer

Helleborus argutifolius a hellebore Numerous in fine flower in the hills

and mountains. Endemic to Corsica and

Sardinia.

Ranunculus bulbosus Bulbous Buttercup

Ranunculus bullatus a buttercup In leaf Restonica Ranunculus cordiger a buttercup Bonifacio.

Ranunculus ficaria Lesser Celandine Scattered records in flower, e.g. Restonica

Ranunculus lanuginosus Woolly Buttercup Filitosa

Ranunculus monspeliacus a buttercup Recorded 2018

Ranunculus muricatusa buttercupFilitosaRanunculus ophioglossifoliusAdder's-tongue SpearwortFilitosa

Ranunculus paludosus Jersey Buttercup Scattered records

Ranunculus parviflorus Small-flowered Buttercup Restonica

Ranunculus peltatus Pond Water-crowfoot Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022

Ranunculus repens Creeping Buttercup Scattered records

Ranunculus revelierei a buttercup Bonifacio area. Regional endemic.

Ranunculus sardous Hairy Buttercup Scattered records

Ranunculus sceleratus Celery-leaved Crowfoot Filitosa

Ranunculus velutinus a buttercup Porto Vecchio 2018

Ranunculus sp. a water crowfoot A white flowered aquatic species in

ponds near Bonifacio

Berberidaceae

Berberis aetnensis a barberry Verghio tree-line scrub, and upper

Restonica (2023), not in leaf

Papaveraceae

Eschscholzia californica Californian Poppy Naturalised at the Anchusa crispa site

Glaucium corniculatum Red Horned Poppy Day 5, 2024

Glaucium flavum Yellow Horned Poppy East coast and Bonifacio, in flower

East coast, at the *Anchusa crispa* site

Papaver dubium Long-headed Poppy Bonifacio

Papaver hybridum Rough Poppy Anchusa crispa site 2022. La Trinite 2023.

Papaver rhoeas Common Poppy Widespread

Papaver somniferum Opium Poppy Bonifacio, La Parata, etc.

Fumariaceae

Corydalis pumila A few in fruit at Verghio

Fumaria agraria

Hypecoum procumbens

Fumaria bastardii Tall Ramping-Fumitory

Fumaria bicolor

Fumaria capreolata White Ramping-Fumitory Widespread and locally very common

Fumaria flabellata 2023

Fumaria officinalis Common Fumitory Scattered records

Brassicaceae

Alliaria petiolata Garlic Mustard Filitosa

Alyssum alyssoidesSmall AlisonSanta Regina 2018Arabidopsis thalianaThale CressScattered recordsArabis alpinaAlpine RockcressCol de SorbaArabis hirsutaHairy RockcressScattered records

Arabis sagittata a rockcress Bonifacio
Arabis turrita Tower Cress Restonica

Arabis verna Spring Rockcress Inzecca and Restonica (2023)

Barbarea rupicola a winter cress Locally in flower on mountain rocks.

Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia.

Barbarea verna American Wintercress

Barbarea vulgarisCommon WintercressDay 5Biscutella didymaBiscutellaDay 5

Biscutella rotgersi a biscutella Very locally on serpentine rocks.

Endemic.

Brassica insularis a wild cabbage Inzecca, in fine flower. Regional

endemic.

Bunias erucago Bunias Filitosa, La Parata, etc.

Cakile maritima Sea Rocket Scattered coastal records, locally

common

Calepina irregularis White Ball Mustard Calacuccia and Filitosa

Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherd's Purse Widespread
Capsella rubella a shepherd's purse Day 5

Cardamine hirsuta Hairy Bittercress Scattered records
Cardamine plumieri Recorded 2023

Cardaria draba Hoary Cress Roadsides east of Corte, etc.

Cheiranthos cheiri Wallflower Day 2

Clypeola jonthlaspi Clypeola S.Regina 2022

Coincya monensis ssp.recurvata a wallflower cabbage Local on rocks in a community with

Saxifraga cervicornis. Endemic to Corsica

and Sardinia.

Coronopus didymus Lesser Swinecress Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022

Diplotaxis tenuifoliaPerennial Wall RocketBonifacioDraba dubiaa whitlow grassRestonica

Draba muralisWall Whitlow GrassScattered records, e.g. east of CorteErophila vernaWhitlow GrassLocally numerous, in flower, sspp.

verna, spathulata, and praecox

probably all present

Eruca sativa Eruca Widespread and common

Hirschfeldia incana Hoary Mustard Widespread

Hornungia petraea Hutchinsia Restonica and Verghio

Isatis tinctoria Woad Locally numerous on roadsides

Lepidium oxyotum Col de Verghio 2024

Lobularia maritima Sweet Alison Coastal, locally very common

Lunaria annua Honesty Scattered in flower

Malcolmia ramosissima a stock East coast

Matthiola incana Hoary Stock In flower in Bonifacio

Matthiola sinuata Sea Stock East coast dunes and Bonifacio

Matthiola tricuspidata Three-horned Stock Locally abundant coastally in fine flower

Morisia monanthos Bonifacio, several in fine flower. Endemic

to Corsica and Sardinia.

Nasturtium officinale Watercress Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022

Raphanus raphanistrum Sea Radish Bonifacio etc.

ssp.maritima

Sinapis albaWhite MustardWidespreadSinapis arvensisCharlockWidespreadSisymbrium irioLondon RocketRecorded 2023

Sisymbrium officinale Hedge Mustard Filitosa

Succowia balearica Locally common at La Parata

Teesdalia coronopifoliaa shepherd's cressRestonica etc.Thlaspi brevistylumpennycressVerghio

Resedaceae

Reseda alba White Mignonette Bonifacio

Reseda phyteuma Corn Mignonette

Crassulaceae

Crassula tillaea Day 5

Sedum albumWhite StonecropIn leafSedum alpestreAlpine StonecropIn leaf 2018

Sedum annuum Annual Stonecrop

Sedum brevifolium a stonecrop In leaf Calacuccia

Sedum caeruleum a stonecrop In flower north of Bonifacio

Sedum caespitosum a stonecrop In leaf Bonifacio

Sedum dasyphyllum Thick-leaved Stonecrop In leaf

Sedum monregalense a stonecrop In leaf, Restonica, 2017

Sedum rubens Reddish Stonecrop In leaf 2018

Sedum stellatum Starry Stonecrop In leaf, scattered records

Umbilicus rupestris Navelwort Scattered records

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga cervicornis Locally in fine flower. Endemic to Corsica

and Sardinia.

Saxifraga corsica In flower near Calacuccia. Endemic to

Corsica and Sardinia.

Saxifraga rotundifolia Round-leaved Saxifrage In leaf Restonica 2022

Saxifraga tridactylites Rue-leaved Saxifrage Corte area

Rosaceae

Aphanes sp. a parsley-piert Scattered records. 4 species occur.

Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn Scattered

Fragaria vesca Wild Strawberry In leaf east of Corte, 2018
Malus sylvestris Wild Apple East of Corte, 2024

Potentilla crassinervia a cinquefoil A few plants in leaf, Restonica 2023.

Not seen 2024 due to closed road. Endemic

to Corsica and Sardinia.

Potentilla micranthaPink Barren StrawberryVerghioPotentilla rectaSulphur CinquefoilIn leaf

Potentilla reptansCreeping CinquefoilEast coast, 2024Poterium verrucosumMediterranean Salad BurnetScattered recordsPrunus aviumWild CherryScattered records

Prunus mahaleb St.Lucie's Cherry East of Corte, 2023 and 2024

Prunus spinosaBlackthornWidespreadPyrus amygdaliformisAlmond-leaved PearWidespread

Pyrus communis Cultivated Pear Apparently this Filitosa and east of Corte,

but RR in the Flora

Rosa agrestis Field Briar Rosa canina Dog Rose

Rosa serafiniia roseForming scrub on Col de VerghioRosa spp.rosesOthers unidentified, in fruit

Rubus ulmifolius a bramble Widespread

Fabaceae

Acacia cyanophylla Blue-leaved Wattle Locally very common

Acacia dealbata Silver Wattle Scattered

Acacia mearnsii

Genista salzmannii

Anagyris foetida Bean Trefoil Bonifacio area

Anthyllis hermanniae a kidney vetch Fine east of Corte, also lower Inzecca,

ssp.corsica

Anthyllis vulneraria Kidney Vetch ssp.rubriflora, East of Corte and Bonifacio

Astragalus boeticus a milk-vetch In fruit Bonifacio

Astragalus massiliensis Tragacanth In fine flower in Bonifacio area. Locally

dominant with many very large cushions.

Biserrula pelecinus La Parata lunch site

Calicotome spinosaThorny BroomBonifacio area and east coastCalicotome villosaHairy Thorny BroomLocally dominant as at La Parata

Cercis siliquastrumJudas TreePlanted, in fine flowerCytisus villosusa broomLocally numerous

Cytisus scopariusBroomViewpoint en route to CorteDorycnium hirsutumDorycniumBonifacio, east of Corte

Dorycnium pentaphyllum a dorycnium Bonifacio

Genista corsica Locally numerous, e.g. Bonifacio.

Endemic to Corsica and Sardinia. Dominant over large areas in the mountains. Also Ajaccio dunes. ssp.salzmannii and ssp.lobelioides, the

latter at higher altitudes. Regional endemic.

Hedysarum coronariumItalian Sainfoin1 plant east coast, 2014Hedysarum glomeratuma sainfoinBonifacio area 2018

Hippocrepis multisiliquosaa horseshoe vetchBonifacioHippocrepis unisiliquosaa horseshoe vetchBonifacioLathyrus angulatusa peaLa Parata

Lathyrus annuus a pea Bonifacio 2023 and 2024

Lathyrus aphaca Yellow Vetchling Bonifacio

Lathyrus articulatus a pea Bonifacio 2022 (treated as a subspecies

of *Lathyrus clymenum* in the Flora)

Lathyrus cicera a pea Scattered records

Lathyrus clymenum a pea Widespread and locally very common

Lathyrus ochrus a pea Bonifacio

Lathyrus setifolius a pea Bonifacio and east of Corte

Lathyrus sphaericusa peaBonifacioLathyrus tingitanusTangier PeaIn leaf 2014

Lathyrus venetus a pea In leaf Restonica 2018

Lotus conimbricensisa bird's-foot trefoilLa Parata 2016Lotus corniculatusBird's-foot TrefoilWidespread

Lotus cytisoides a bird's-foot trefoil ssp.cytisoides, various habitats, not

restricted to coasts ssp.conradiae, coastal

Lotus edulis Edible Lotus Scattered records

Lotus ornithopodioidesa bird's-foot trefoilBonifacioLotus parviflorusa bird's-foot trefoilRecorded 2017Lotus pedunculatusGreater Bird's-foot TrefoilIn leaf Filitosa

Lupinus angustifoliusNarrow-leaved LupinWidespread and locally numerousLupinus micranthusHairy LupinWidespread and locally common

Medicago arabica Spotted Medick Filitosa, La Parata, etc.

Medicago arborea Tree Medick In flower at the hotel west of Ajaccio,

2023 and 2024

Medicago disciformis a medick La Parata 2023

Medicago littoralis a medick West coast and east coast dunes

Medicago lupulina Black Medick Scattered records

Medicago marina Sea Medick East coast dunes, and Ajaccio

Medicago minimaBur MedickScattered recordsMedicago murexa medickBonifacio 2023Medicago orbicularisLarge Disk MedickBonifacio 2019Medicago polymorphaToothed MedickWidespread

Medicago truncatula a medick

Melilotus indicus Small Melilot Scattered records

Melilotus messanensis a melilot East coast

Melilotus spp. melilots Others unidentified

Ononis diffusa East coast

Ononis minutissima In flower Bonifacio 2023 and 2024

Ononis reclinata Small Rest-harrow Bonifacio

Ononis variegataa rest-harrowEast coast dunes, in flowerOrnithopus compressusCompressed Bird's-footWidespread and commonOrnithopus pinnatusOrange Bird's-footBonifacio area and east coast,

Ajaccio hotel

Pisum sativum Wild Pea Bonifacio

Psoralea bituminosa Pitch Trefoil In flower at various sites

Robinia pseudacacia False Acacia Scattered

Scorpiurus muricatus Scorpiurus Bonifacio and La Parata Spartium junceum Spanish Broom Locally common

Teline monspessulanaTelineEast coastTrifolium angustifoliumNarrow-leaved Crimson Clover La ParataTrifolium campestreHop TrefoilWidespread

Trifolium cherleri a clover Bonifacio and east coast

Trifolium glomeratum Clustered Clover Scattered records

Trifolium hirtumHairy CloverBonifacioTrifolium nigrescensa cloverEast coast

*Trifolium patens* a clover

Trifolium repensWhite CloverScatteredTrifolium resupinatumReversed CloverEast coast

Trifolium scabrum Rough Clover Scattered records Trifolium stellatum Star Clover Scattered records Trifolium strictum a clover La Parata, new in 2024 Subterranean Clover Trifolium subterraneum Scattered records Trifolium tomentosum Woolly Trefoil Ajaccio, east coast Tripodion tetraphyllum Bladder Vetch Bonifacio 2018 Ulex europaeus Gorse Planted, Inzecca Vicia altissima Near Bonifacio a vetch

Vicia angustifolia a vetch Day 4, 2022. (Treated as Vicia sativa

ssp.nigra in the Flora)

Vicia benghalensisa vetchBonifacioVicia bithynicaBithynian VetchBonifacioVicia craccaTufted VetchScatteredVicia dispermaa vetchLa Parata

Vicia hirsuta Hairy Tare Scattered records

Vicia hybrida Hairy Yellow Vetchling Widespread in small numbers

Vicia laetaa vetchInzecca (Vicia barbazitae)Vicia lathyroidesSpring VetchEn route to CorteVicia luteaYellow VetchScattered recordsVicia narbonensisa vetchOne at Filitosa 2024

Vicia peregrina a vetch Bonifacio

Vicia pubescens a vetch

Vicia sativaCommon VetchWidespreadVicia sepiumBush VetchScattered records

Vicia tenuifolia a vetch La Parata

Vicia villosa varia Fodder Vetch Widespread, La Parata = Vicia

dasycarpa

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis articulata Pink Oxalis Occasionally naturalized

Oxalis corniculata East coast, Filitosa, 2019

Oxalis pes-caprae Bermuda Buttercup Locally common

Geraniaceae

Erodium acaule Stemless Stork's-bill Verghio

Erodium botrys Locally common, east coast

Erodium chium a stork's-bill

Erodium ciconium a stork's-bill La Parata and Bonifacio

Erodium cicutarium Common Stork's-bill Widespread

Erodium corsicum Corsican Stork's-bill In fine 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 Col de Verghio

Erodium moschatum Musk Stork's-bill Scattered records, e.g. Filitosa

Geranium columbinumLong-stalked Crane's-billA few recordsGeranium dissectumCut-leaved Crane's-billLa ParataGeranium lucidumShining CranesbillScatteredGeranium molleDovesfoot CranesbillWidespreadGeranium purpureumLittle RobinScattered records

Geranium pusillum Small-flowered Crane's-bill

Geranium robertianumHerb RobertScattered recordsGeranium rotundifoliumRound-leaved CranesbillLa Parata, Filitosa, etc.

Lythraceae

Lythrum portula Water Purslane

Linaceae

Linum biennePale FlaxScattered recordsLinum trigynuma flaxEast coast and Filitosa

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia characiasLarge Mediterranean SpurgeLocally commonEuphorbia exiguaDwarf SpurgeScattered records

Euphorbia falcataa spurgeBonifacio and Corte areaEuphorbia helioscopiaSun SpurgeWidespread and common

Euphorbia lathyris Caper Spurge Near Evisa, 2019

Euphorbia paralias Sea Spurge Coasts

Euphorbia peplus Petty Spurge Scattered records

Euphorbia pithyusa a spurge Bonifacio

Euphorbia platyphyllos a spurge East of Corte, 2024 Euphorbia segetalis ssp.pinea Bonifacio (E.linifolia) a spurge

Euphorbia spinosa Spiny Spurge Inzecca Mercurialis annua Annual Mercury La Parata

Simaroubaceae

Ailanthus altissima Tree of Heaven Invasive at Sta.Regina, Restonica, and

Inzecca

Rutaceae

Fringed Rue Ruta chalepensis La Parata, Filitosa, and Bonifacio

Meliaceae

Indian Bead Tree Melia azedarach Ajaccio

Polygalaceae

Polygala monspeliaca North of Corte 2017

Polygala myrtifolia Planted

Polygala vulgaris Common Milkwort Scattered records

Platanaceae

Platanus x hispanica London Plane

Aceraceae

Acer monspessulanum Montpellier Maple

Acer platanoides Norway Maple

Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore Scala de Santa Regina

Restonica

Anacardiaceae

Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree Locally abundant

Aquifoliaceae

Ilex aquifolium Holly Near Calacuccia

Rhamnaceae

Rhamnus alaternus Mediterranean Buckthorn Bonifacio etc.

Malvaceae

Tree Mallow Lavatera arborea East coast

Lavatera cretica Cretan Mallow Scattered records

a mallow Lavatera olbia Bonifacio Malva neglecta **Dwarf Mallow** La Parata

Malva parviflora Least Mallow

Thymelaea hirsuta

Malva sylvestris Common Mallow Scattered records

Thymelaeaceae

Daphne gnidium In leaf

Daphne laureola Spurge Laurel In fruit east of Corte, 2023 and 2024

Bonifacio and east coast

Violaceae

Viola arvensis Field Pansy La Parata etc. 2017 Viola kitaibeliana **Dwarf Pansy** Day 5, 2023

Viola odorata Sweet Violet Scattered records, e.g. Restonica Viola parvula a violet

Viewpoint en route to Corte, Restonica,

locally common

Viola reichenbachiana Early Dog Violet Restonica etc. Viola riviniana Common Dog Violet Scattered records

Guttiferae

Hypericum australe a st.john's-wort East coast and Bonifacio Hypericum hircinum a st.john's-wort In leaf near Calacuccia Perforate St.-John's-wort Hypericum perforatum La Parata, etc. in flower

Cistaceae

Cistus creticus Widespread in flower a cistus 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 Already in flower, east coast

Helianthemum salicifolium East coast a rockrose Helianthemum sp. a rockrose La Parata

Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rockrose Locally common

Tamaricaceae

Tamarix africana a tamarisk In flower Porto Vecchio and Bonifacio

Tamarix spp. tamarisk spp. 5 others occur

Frankeniaceae

Frankenia laevis a sea-heath In leaf in Bonifacio area and La Parata

Cactaceae

Prickly Pear Opuntia ficus-indica

Lythraceae

Lythrum junceum

ssp.veronense

Myrtaceae

River Red Gum Widely planted Eucalyptus camaldulensis Myrtus communis Common Myrtle Widespread

Onagraceae

Greater Willowherb In leaf Epilobium hirsutum

Araliaceae

Hedera helix Ivy Widespread

Apiaceae

Anthriscus caucalis Bur Chervil Filitosa

Apium graveolens Wild Celery Near Calacuccia

Berula erecta Lesser Water-parsnip Filitosa, in leaf

Bunium alpinum ssp.corydalinum Leaves below Verghio

Bupleurum fruticosum Shrubby Hare's-ear East of Corte

Caucalis platycarpos

Crithmum maritimum Rock Samphire In leaf at Bonifacio and Ajaccio

Daucos carota Wild Carrot Scattered

Echinophora spinosa

Eryngium campestre Field Eryngo In leaf

Eryngium maritimum Sea Holly In leaf on coasts

Ferula arrigonii Bonifacio area. Endemic to Corsica and

Sardinia.

Inzecca

East coast in leaf

Giant Fennel Ferula communis Scattered records, mostly south-east

Foeniculum vulgare Fennel Scattered records Fool's Water-cress Helosciadium nodiflorum Bonifacio 2024 Kundmannia sicula In bud at Bonifacio

In leaf at the Porto Vecchio lunch site. Oenanthe crocata Hemlock Water Dropwort

2022. This at Filitosa 2024?

Mediterranean Water Dropwort At the last lunch site 2013. This at Filitosa Oenanthe globulosa

2024?

Pseudorlaya pumila Bonifacio area Sanicula europaea Sanicle In leaf 2018 Shepherd's-needle Scandix pecten-veneris Scattered records

Stone Parsley Sison amomum

Alexanders Widespread and very common Smyrnium olusatrum

Ericaceae

Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree Widespread, locally common Erica arborea Tree Heath Locally common, very widespread

Besom Heath Bonifacio 2019 Erica scoparia

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel Widespread and common

Anagallis foemina A few records

Cyclamen hederifolium Ivy-leaved Sowbread In leaf Cyclamen repandum Spring Sowbread

Locally numerous Asterolinon linum-stellatum Scattered records

Primula vulgaris Primrose In flower east of Corte, locally common

at one site. 2023 in flower east of Corte,

and below Sorba. 2024, over.

Plumbaginaceae

Armeria leucocephala a thrift Several in flower, Scala de S.Regina

Limonium articulatum a sea lavender La Parata. Endemic. Limonium obtusifolium a sea lavender Bonifacio. Endemic.

Oleaceae

Fraxinus ornus Manna Ash Widespread in flower

Olea europaea Olive Widespread Phillyrea angustifolia Scattered records

Phillyrea latifolia Bonifacio and La Parata Аросупасеае

Vinca difformis Intermediate Periwinkle This species, cultivated?

Vinca major Greater Periwinkle
Vinca minor Lesser Periwinkle

Gentianaceae

Blackstonia perfoliataYellow-wortBonifacioCentaurium erythraeaCommon CentauryRecorded 2017

Centaurium maritimum Yellow Centaury East coast and Bonifacio, locally

common

Cicendia filiformis Yellow Centaury East coast and Bonifacio

Rubiaceae

Asperula laevigata Day 6, 2024

Cruciata glabraa crosswortFirst hellebore stopCruciata laevipesCrosswortScattered records

Cruciata pedemontana a crosswort Seen too? A rare species on Corsica.

Galium aparine Cleavers Scattered records

Galium mollugoHedge BedstrawFilitosaGalium muralea bedstrawEast of Corte

Galium scabrum a bedstraw Very large leaves. East of Corte.

Galium verrucosuma bedstrawScattered recordsRubia peregrinaWild MadderScattered records

Sherardia arvensis Sherardia Widespread and common

Valantia muralis Locally common

Theligoniaceae

Theligonium cynocrambe Widespread

Convolvulaceae

Calystegia soldanella Sea Bindweed In flower east coast

Convolvulus arvensis Field Bindweed In leaf

Convolvulus siculus Small Blue Convolvulus La Parata 2023 Convolvulus althaeoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed Widespread

Cuscuta sp.

Boraginaceae

Anchusa crispa 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. Some 6 plants in 2017. 3 plants in 2018. 2019, c.18 plants in flower. 2022 some 30 plants in flower. 12+ flowering plants 2023. 25 flowering plants 2024.

Borago officinalis Borage Widespread and common

Echium italicumPyramidal BuglossLast years spikesEchium parviflorumSmall-flowered BuglossBonifacio 2023Echium plantagineumPurple Viper's-BuglossWidespread

Myosotis discolor Changing Forget-me-not

Myosotis ramosissima Early Forget-me-not East of Corte

Myosotis spp. forget-me-not species Other species likely present were

M.pusilla and M.arvensis

Lamiaceae

Clinopodium vulgare Wild Basil In leaf

Lamium amplexicaule Henbit Deadnettle East of Corte Lamium bifidum a deadnettle Scala de Sta.Regina Lamium garganicum Large Red Deadnettle Seen on Day 4, 2014

Lamium purpureum Red Deadnettle Scattered

Lavandula stoechas French Lavender Widespread and common Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022 Mentha aquatica Water Mint

Mentha suaveolens Apple Mint Filitosa Micromeria graeca a micromeria Bonifacio Prunella vulgaris Self-heal In leaf

Rosmarinus officinalis Rosemary Locally numerous Widespread Salvia verbenaca Wild Clary Sideritis romana East of Corte a sideritis Stachys arvensis Field Woundwort East coast

a woundwort Stachys glutinosa Tyrrhenian Endemic shrub. In flower east

of Corte, and Inzecca.

Teucrium flavum In flower Inzecca

Teucrium marum In flower Inzecca, in leaf elsewhere.

Regional endemic.

Teucrium polium Felty Germander In leaf

Teucrium scorodonia Wood Sage In leaf, first Helleborus stop, and east of

Thymus herba-barona Inzecca etc. Regional endemic.

Solanaceae

Datura stramonium East coast 2022

Solanum dulcamara Bittersweet Recorded 2018

Solanum nigrum Black Nightshade Filitosa

Scrophulariaceae

Anarrhinum corsicum In flower east of Corte, new in 2024.

Endemic. A tour highlight.

Bellardia Bellardia trixago Widespread in small numbers

Cymbalaria aequitriloba In flower at Filitosa. Regional endemic.

Citadelle walls in Ajaccio 2014. Aleria Cymbalaria muralis Ivy-leaved Toadflax

2023.

In leaf in Bonifacio area Digitalis lutea ssp.australis Small Yellow Foxglove

Digitalis purpurea Foxglove In leaf

Linaria arvensis a toadflax This was the species with very

small blue flowers found east of Corte.

Linaria flava ssp.sardoa a toadflax Several in Ajaccio dunes, 2018.

Regional endemic.

Linaria micrantha a toadflax Inzecca, 2023 and 2024. Inzecca is one

of only three known sites on the island

for this diminutive species.

Jersey Toadflax La Parata Linaria pelisseriana

Weasel's Snout Misopates orontium Scattered records Parentucellia latifolia Southern Red Bartsia Widespread

Parentucellia viscosa Yellow Bartsia La Parata and east coast

Scrophularia peregrina Nettle-leaved Figwort Filitosa

Scrophularia ramosissima a figwort Bonifacio 2023

Scrophularia sp.a figwortIn leaf at the Day 6 lunch siteVerbascum blattariaMoth MulleinEast of Corte, in flower, 2019

Verbascum conocarpum a mullein In leaf

Verbascum sinuatum a mullein Widespread in leaf, also with spikes in

bud

Veronica acinifoliaFrench SpeedwellFilitosaVeronica anagallis-aquaticaa speedwellDay 5 2022Veronica arvensisWall SpeedwellRestonica

Veronica cymbalariaWhite SpeedwellScattered recordsVeronica montanaWood SpeedwellRestonica 2017Veronica hederifoliaIvy-leaved SpeedwellDay 5 2022Veronica persicaCommon Field SpeedwellScattered recordsVeronica verna ssp.brevistylaa speedwellCol de Verghio

Orobanchaceae

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,

2013, parasitic on Psoralea bituminosa. No

recent Corsican records.

Orobanche minor Common Broomrape Locally common, very variable. Numerous

at La Parata.

Orobanche pubescens a broomrape On Sonchus bulbosus in eastern dunes,

2014. Very rare on Corsica. 2018, one on *Sonchus bulbosus* in La Parata dunes.

Orobanche rigens a broomrape One, Inzecca. Parasitic on Genista. 2017.

2022 on serpentine east of Inzecca.

Regional endemic.

Orobanche sanguinea a broomrape Several in fine flower at Bonifacio, 2023

and 2024, previously, last seen there in

2017.

Phelipanche mutelii a branched broomrape La Parata 2019

Phelipanche nana a branched broomrape 1, white, Bonifacio cliffs, 2015

Phelipanche ramosa Branched Broomrape Bonifacio (deep purple) and east coast.

Myoporaceae

Myoporum laetum Ngaio Naturalised Bonifacio

Callitrichaceae

Callitriche sp. Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022

Plantaginaceae

Plantago afra a plantain La Parata

Plantago bellardii a plantain Corte and Bonifacio

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

ssp. humilis.

Plantago lagopus a plantain Bonifacio, La Parata, etc.

Plantago lanceolata Ribwort Plantain Widespread

Plantago macrorhiza a plantain Bonifacio Plantago major Greater Plantain Recorded

Plantago weldenii a plantain Very small examples at Bonifacio

Acanthaceae

Acanthus mollis Bear's Breech Filitosa

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera etrusca Etruscan Honeysuckle Day 3, 2023 Lonicera implexa Scattered in flower a honeysuckle Dwarf Elder Sambucus ebulus In leaf Calacuccia, 2017

Sambucus nigra Elder Sta.Regina Viburnum tinus Laurustinus East of Corte

Valerianaceae

Centranthus calcitrapa a valerian Widespread

Valerianella locusta Common Corn Salad

ssp.maritima

Valerianella microcarpa a corn salad Bonifacio

Valerianella spp. corn salad spp. Others certainly present

Dipsacaceae

Dipsacus fullonum Teasel In leaf

In flower eastern dunes, 2024 Sixalix atropurpurea

Campanulaceae

Campanula erinus Annual Bellflower Day 5 Campanula rapunculus Rampion Bellflower Filitosa 2024

Jasione echinata a sheep's-bit What appears to be this species in

> Ajaccio dunes. Last seen 2022. Not in Flora Corsica, this species was seen in the same dune community in Sardinia.

Jasione montana Mountain Sheep's-bit La Parata

Legousia hybrida Venus's Looking Glass Ajaccio area etc., 2014

Asteraceae

Achillea ligustica a yarrow East of Corte

Several in Bonifacio area Andryala integrifolia Andryala

Anthemis arvensis Corn Chamomile Recorded 2017 Anthemis cotula Stinking Chamomile La Parata

Anthemis maritima

Bonifacio and Capo Fenu

Lesser Burdock Arctium minus In leaf

Artemisia arborescens Bonifacio

Yellow Sea Aster Asteriscus maritimus In fine flower on Bonifacio coast

Bellis annua Annual Daisy Locally very common

Widespread Bellis perennis Daisy Southern Daisy Bellis sylvestris La Parata

Bellium bellidioides a daisy Bonifacio area. Regional endemic.

Calendula arvensis Corn Marigold Scattered records

Carduus pycnocephalus Plymouth Thistle Bonifacio and Ajaccio area

Carlina corymbosa Flat-topped Carline Thistle Previous years flower heads and in leaf

at e.g. La Parata

Carlina macrocephala a carline thistle Old seed heads, Day 5 Castroviejoa frigida In leaf near Calacuccia. Resembles a

sedum. New in 2024.

Scattered records

Centaurea calcitrapa a knapweed East of Corte

Centaurea sphaerocephala a knapweed Recorded in the past Centaurea sp. a knpaweed Propriano sands 2023

Chamaemelum fuscatum

Chrysanthemum coronarium Scattered records Crown Daisy

Cichorium intybus Chicory Roadsides

Cladanthus mixtus Recorded in the past

Cotula australis Filitosa, naturalised. Also Aleria in 2023.

Cotula coronopifolia **Brass Buttons** Naturalised at Porto Vecchio, site not

visited 2024

Crepis bellidifolia Crepis leontodontoides

Crepis vesicaria ssp.taraxacifolia

East of Corte, and Bonifacio Crupina crupinastrum

Dittrichia graveolens Stink Aster Scattered records

Dittrichia viscosa a stink aster Widespread, e.g. La Parata

Eupatorium cannabinum Hemp Agrimony In leaf at Filitosa

ssp.corsicum

Evax pygmaea Evax Bonifacio

Evax rotundata Bonifacio. Endemic to Corsica and an evax

Sardinia.

A few records

Narrow-leaved Cudweed Filago gallica La Parata, east coast, Bonifacio,

Filitosa

Galactites tomentosa Galactites Scattered records

Glebionis segetum Corn Marigold Locally very common. Ajaccio area etc.

Hedypnois rhagadioloides

ssp.cretica

Helichrysum italicum a curry plant ssp.italicum, widespread in leaf

ssp.microphyllum, Bonifacio

Hieracium cinerascens a hawkweed Restonica

Hieracium spp. hawkweed spp. Various species unidentified

Hyoseris radiata Hyoseris Widespread

Locally very common Hypochoeris achyrophorus Mediterranean Cat's-ear

Hypochoeris cretensis a cat's-ear

Smooth Cat's-ear Hypochoeris glabra Scattered records Hypochoeris radicata Common Cat's-ear Widespread Endemic. In leaf. Hypochoeris robertia a cat's-ear

Inula conyza Ploughman's Spikenard In leaf Inula crithmoides Golden Samphire Coastal = Crepis sancta

Lagoseris sancta ssp.nemausensis

Onopordum illyricum Illyrian Scotch Thistle In leaf, and old flowering spikes

Cottonweed Otanthus maritimus In leaf in eastern sands

Pallenis Pallenis spinosa

Phagnalon rupestre Bonifacio Phagnalon saxatile La Parata

Ptilostemon casabonae The distinctive leaves of this species,

and old spikes, were seen east of Corte.

Regional endemic.

Pulicaria odora a fleabane In bud at Bonifacio Reichardia picroides Scattered records

Rhagadiolus edulis a star hawkbit Scattered records

Santolina corsica a lavender cotton In leaf east of Corte. Endemic.

Senecio cineraria Cineraria Bonifacio, in leaf Senecio lividus Widespread

Senecio serpenticola Very local, on serpentine. Endemic.

Senecio transiens Bonifacio Groundsel Widespread Senecio vulgaris

Silybum marianum Milk Thistle In flower east coast Sonchus asper Prickly Sow-thistle Scattered records

Sonchus bulbosus Common in dunes, = Crepis bulbosa

Sonchus oleraceus Smooth Sow-Thistle Scattered records Sonchus tenerrimus a sow-thistle Widespread

Tanacetum audibertii Scala della Regina etc., in leaf, dry a tansy

cymose inflorescence. Endemic to

Corsica and Sardinia.

Taraxacum obovatum a dandelion One plant of this rather distinctive

species, Restonica, 2017

Others unidentified Taraxacum spp. dandelion spp.

Tolpis umbellata

Several in flower at Bonifacio, new in

2024

Tragopogon porrifolius Salsify

Tripolium pannonicum Sea Aster In leaf

Urospermum dalechampi Widespread and common

Urospermum picroides Scattered records Xanthium italicum a cocklebur East coast 2018

Monocotyledons

Alismataceae

Narrow-leaved Water Plantain A few wetland records, 2017 Alisma lanceolatum Alisma plantago-aquatica Common Water Plantain Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022 Baldellia ranunculoides Lesser Water Plantain In flower in Bonifacio area, 2017

Lemnaceae

Common Duckweed Lemna minor

Posidoniaceae

Posidonia oceanica Debris on coasts

Juncaginaceae

Triglochin bulbosa ssp.barrelieri Bulbous Arrow-grass

Dioscoreaceae

Dioscorea communis Black Bryony Bonifacio

Liliaceae

Allium ampeloprasum Wild Leek In leaf La Parata

Allium pendulinum Lower Restonica, and near Calacuccia

Allium roseum Rosy Garlic Bonifacio area, Ajaccio area, Filitosa,

ssp.insulare, Corsica and Sardinia endemic.

Allium subhirsutum Several in Bonifacio area, east of Corte, etc., although many of these plants

had hairless leaves

Allium triquetrum Three-cornered Leek Widespread and locally common

Asparagus acutifolius Widespread
Asparagus albus La Parata

Asphodelus cerasiferus This species present at higher altitudes,

taxonomic status uncertain

Asphodelus fistulosus Hollow-stemmed Asphodel East coast

Asphodelus microcarpus Common Asphodel Widespread and abundant, = A.ramosus

Brimeura fastigiataBrimeuraBelow Col de VeghioCharybdis maritimaSea SquillWidespread in leaf

N.B. Most *Gagea* had already finished flowering this year, an early season *Gagea bohemica*Restonica 2019

Gagea fistulosa Upper Restonica and Col de Verghio,

2023

Gagea granatellii Viewpoint stop en route to Corte, 2022
Gagea lutea A few in flower, Col de Verghio, 2022

Gagea soleirolii Many at Col de Verghio

Gagea villosaRestonica and near Calacuccia, 2023Lilium candidumc.8 in leaf at Bonifacio, naturalisedMuscari botryoidesPresumably this species near Ghisoni,

2018

Muscari comosum Tassel Hyacinth Widespread

Ornithogalum arabicum In flower in Bonifacio old town

Ornithogalum umbellatum Star of Bethlehem East of Corte

Prospero corsicum a squill Many in late flower at one site near

Bonifacio, 2022

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's Broom East of Corte, and Filitosa

Simethis mattiaziiKerry LilySeveral in fine flower near BonifacioSmilax asperaSmilaxWidespread, often forming very dense

thickets

Agavaceae

Agave americana Century Plant

Amaryllidaceae

Narcissus tazettaPolyanthus NarcissusSeveral still in flower in Bonifacio areaPancratium illyricumIllyrian Sea DaffodilVery many in fine flower at Filitosa.

Illyrian Sea Daffodil Very many in fine flower at Filitosa.

Also in flower Day 4 and Bonifacio.

Regional endemic.

Pancratium maritimum Sea Daffodil Leaves in coastal dunes

Iridaceae

Crocus corsicus All had finished flowering in this early

season. On most tours, abundantly in flower in the mountains. Endemic to

Corsica and Sardinia.

Crocus minimus Over at Bonifacio, 2018. Regional

endemic.

Freesia alba Naturalised at Ajaccio, 2018

Gladiolus dubius a gladiolus Several in flower at Bonifacio, and Porto

Vecchio

Gynandiris sisyrinchium Barbary Nut A few in flower Bonifacio 2015. Now

generally included in Moraea.

Naturalised in Bonifacio area

In flower in south east and Ajaccio area

In flower Restonica 2023

A few in the Bonifacio area in fine

flower. Regional endemic. Many in fruit east coast (Romulea

columnae rollii)

Palmae

Chamaerops humilis Dwarf Fan Palm

Iris germanica

Iris pseudacorus

Romulea columnae

Romulea requienii

Romulea rollii

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare Friar's Cowl East of Corte Arum italicum Large Cuckoo Pint In leaf Arum pictum Autumn Arum In fruit 2015

Yellow Flag

*Typhaceae* 

Typha latifolia Bulrush

Iuncaceae

Sharp Rush East coast *Juncus acutus* Toad Rush La Parata Juncus bufonius

Juncus capitatus Dwarf Rush La Parata and east coast

Juncus conglomeratus Compact Rush

**Juncus** effusus Soft Rush Day 6, 2023 Juncus maritimus Sea Rush East coast

Juncus pygmaeus Pigmy Rush La Parata and east coast

Luzula campestris Field Wood-rush

Luzula forsteri Southern Wood-rush Restonica etc.

Cyperaceae

Carex caryophyllea Spring Sedge

Carex distachya Scattered records a sedge

Carex distans Distant Sedge La Parata

Carex divisa Divided Sedge

A few records Carex divulsa Grey Sedge *Carex flacca* ssp.erythrostachys Glaucous Sedge Scattered records

Carex halleriana

a sedge

Carex hirta Hairy Sedge La Parata and Aleria, a RR species

in Corsica! 2018.

Carex mabilliana a sedge Lower Inzecca serpentine stop 1, new

in 2024

Carex olbiensis Scattered records a sedge Carex otrubae Filitosa 2019 False Fox Sedge

Carex pendula Pendulous Sedge

Carex praecox Early Sedge Bonifacio 2022 Carex sylvatica Wood Sedge Day 3 2022 Cyperus capitatus East coast

Filitosa and La Parata

Cyperus eragrostis

Cyperus papyrus Aleria, 2023

Eleocharis palustris Common Spike-rush Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022, Day 6

2023

Isolepis cernua Slender Club-rush Locally common at La Parata

Isolepis setacea Bristle Club-rush La Parata Schoenus nigricans Black Bog-rush Day 6 2023

Scirpoides holoschoenus Round-headed Club-rush Porto Vecchio 2018

Poaceae

Aira caryophyllea Silver Hair-grass Locally very common

Marram Ammophila arenaria Dunes Sweet Vernal-grass Anthoxanthum odoratum Widespread Arundo donax Giant Reed Widespread Avena sterilis Winter Wild-oat Widespread

Briza maxima Large Quaking Grass Briza media Common Quaking Grass Briza minor Lesser Quaking Grass

**Great Brome** Bromus diandrus East coast

Bromus hordeaceus Soft Brome Bromus madritensis Compact Brome

Bromus rubens a brome East of Corte

Barren Brome Bromus sterilis

Catapodium marinum Sea Fern Grass

Catapodium rigidum Fern Grass La Parata

Propriano dunes 2022 and 2023 Corynephorus divaricatus a grey hair-grass

ssp.articulatus var.littoralis

Dactylis glomerata Cock's-foot Festuca spp. fescues

Glyceria fluitans Floating Sweet-grass Porto Vecchio lunch site 2022

Hainardia cylindrica Bonifacio coast, 2018

Hordeum murinum ssp.leporinum Wall Barley

Hyparrhenia hirta Numerous in Bonifacio area

Hare's-tail Grass Lagurus ovatus Widespread Lamarckia aurea Golden Dog's-tail La Parata etc.

Lolium multiflorum Italian Rye-grass Lolium perenne Perennial Rye-grass

Lolium temulentum Darnel

Melica minuta a melick Inzecca, Scala di S.Regina

Melica uniflora Wood Melick

Parapholis incurva Bonifacio East of Corte Phleum pratense Timothy

Common Reed Phragmites australis

Piptatherum coerulescens La Parata headland, an RR species

in Corsica

Piptatherum miliaceum

Poa annua Widespread Annual Meadow-grass Poa bulbosa Widespread **Bulbous Meadow-grass** Bonifacio

Rostraria cristata

Vulpia ciliata Bearded Fescue East coast Vulpia myuros Rat's-tail Fescue East coast

Orchidaceae

Aceras anthropopophorum Man Orchid 4 east of Corte Barlia robertiana Giant Orchid 1 east of Corte, 2019 Cephalanthera longifolia Sword-leaved Helleborine 2 at Orchis lactea site, 2 east of Corte

Dactylorhiza insularis In flower at several sites this early season,

> especially in Corte area. 2023, one only, Day 2.

Dactylorhiza saccifera In leaf

Gennaria diphylla 3 at Bonifacio, over

Limodorum abortivum Violet Limodore 4 spikes, east of Corte, 2022

Neotinea intacta Dense-flowered Orchid In flower Restonica and east of Corte Orchis lactea

Milky Orchid Gone over this year at the viewpoint en

route to Corte

Locally abundant in west and east coast wet Orchis laxiflora Lax-flowered Orchid

meadows

Orchis morio Green-winged Orchid Widespread

Orchis laxiflora x morio Probably thjis hybrid east coast, with both

parents

Orchis olbiensis A few in Scala de S.Regina,

Orchis papilionacea Pink Butterfly Orchid Widespread and reasonably common Orchis provincialis Provence Orchid In bud Restonica 2017

Orchis purpurea Lady Orchid A few east of Corte Ophrys bombyliflora Bumblebee Orchid A few near Bonifacio

Ophrys funerea A few in Bonifacio area, very small. 2022.

Regional endemic.

Ophrys incubacea Locally common at Bonifacio, and in Corte

area.

Ophrys lutea corsica One in Bonifacio area

Ophrys marmorata A few in Bonifacio area 2023. Endemic. Ophrys morisii Several in Bonifacio area 2023. Corsica

and Sardinia endemic.

Several in Bonifacio area 2022 and 2023. Ophrys panormitana praecox

Corsica and Sardinia endemic.

Mirror Orchid Ophrys speculum Near Bonifacio 2016 Ophrys tenthredinifera Sawfly Orchid Bonifacio 2022

Ophrys tenthredinifera x bombyliflora Apparently this hybrid near Bonifacio,

2016

Serapias cordigera East coast and Filitosa, in fine flower

Serapias lingua Tongue Orchid Widespread and locally numerous Serapias cordigera x lingua Probably this hybrid east coast, with both

parents

Very many fine examples at La Parata, Serapias neglecta

more than ever seen there before.

Also east coast.

In 2023 only 2 were seen!

Serapias parviflora Small-flowered Tongue-Orchid East coast and Bonifacio

#### Systematic List Number 2 **Butterflies**

More species were seen this year than on recent tours due to the early season.

**Papilionidae** 

Scarce Swallowtail Iphiclides podalirius Scattered records

Corsican Swallowtail Papilio hospiton Widespread in small numbers. Tyrrhenian

endemic.

Pieridae

Large White Scattered records Pieris brassicae Small White Artogeia rapae Scattered records

Green-veined White Artogeia napi La Parata

Corsican Dappled White Euchloe insularis Scattered records, e.g. La Parata

Anthocharis cardamines Day 5 etc. Orange-Tip

Scattered records Clouded Yellow Colias crocea Brimstone Gonepteryx rhamni A few seen

Cleopatra Gonepteryx cleopatra Bonifacio Wood White Leptidea sinapis Calacuccia 2023

Lycaenidae

Green Hairstreak Callophrys rubi Scala de Sta.Regina Small Copper Lycaena phlaeas 2 Scala de Sta.Regina

Lang's Short-tailed Blue Leptotes pirithous 1 at La Parata Green-underside Blue Glaucopsyche alexis Bonifacio 2023

**Brown Argus** Aricia agestis La Parata and Scala de Sta.Regina Common Blue Polyommatus icarus East coast and Scala de Sta.Regina

**Nymphalidae** 

Large Tortoiseshell Nymphalis polychloros Filitosa Peacock Inachis io Inzecca 2023 Red Admiral Vanessa atalanta La Parata

Painted Lady Vanessa cardui Scattered records 2023 Queen-of-Spain Fritillary Issoria lathonia Near Calacuccia

Satyridae

Small Heath Coenonympha pamphilus Near Calacuccia Corsican Heath Coenonympha corinna 1 east of Corte 2023

Tyrrhenian Wall Brown Lasiommata paramegaera Now regarded as a full species, La Parata,

Scala de Sta.Regina etc.

Scattered records Speckled Wood Pararge aegeria

## **Systematic List Number 3**

**Birds** 

Cory's Shearwater Calonectris diomedea Many from the Sardinia ferry, also

offshore from Bonifacio

Yelkouan Shearwater Puffinus yelkouan Many from the Sardinia ferry, also

offshore from Bonifacio

Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo A few records Night Heron Nycticorax nycticorax La Parata 2022 **Great Egret** Egretta alba A few records Little Egret Egretta garzetta A few records Grey Heron Ardea cinerea A few records Mallard Anas platyrhynchos Scattered records

Red Kite Milvus milvus Seen daily, especially numerous in

Aleria area

Golden Eagle Aquila chrysaetos 1 below Verghio

Marsh Harrier Circus aeruginosus From the Sardinia ferry, and east coast,

2022. Bonifacio 2023.

Buzzard Buteo buteo Widespread, an individual with no tail

below Verghio

Kestrel Falco tinnunculus Widespread

Peregrine Falco peregrinus Corte 2022. Bonifacio 2023.

Red-legged PartridgeAlectoris rufaBonifacio 2022WhimbrelNumenius phaeopusEast coast 2023.Common SandpiperActitis hypoleucosEast coast 2023.

Slender-billed Gull Larus genei From the Sardinia ferry 2022

Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus Bonifacio

Yellow-legged Herring Gull Larus cachinnans seen almost daily

Rock Dove Columba livia Widespread, true Rock Doves seen at

Restonica and Sta.Regina

Woodpigeon Columba palumbus Widespread

Collared Dove Streptopelia decaocto Widespread around habitation

Cuckoo Cuculus canorus Heard occasionally

Scops Owl Otus scops Heard from the Dominique Colonna

Common Swift Apus apus Corte

Pallid SwiftApus pallidusBonifacio 2023Alpine SwiftApus melbaBonifacio 2023

European Bee-eater Merops apiaster Heard on three days 2023

HoopoeUpupa epopsDay 5WryneckJynx torquillaHeard, 2023

Great Spotted Woodpecker Dendrocopos major Widespread in small numbers

Short-toed Lark Calandrella brachydactyla Near Bonifacio

Woodlark Lullula arborea Day 5 Sand Martin Riparia riparia Day 1, 2022 Crag Martin Ptyonoprogne rupestris Widespread Swallow Hirundo rustica Widespread House Martin Delichon urbica Scattered records Meadow Pipit Anthus pratensis En route to Corte Water Pipit Anthus spinoletta Col de Verghio 2022

Grey Wagtail Motacilla cinerea Restonica

White Wagtail Motacilla alba Scattered records
Dipper Cinclus cinclus Restonica 2022

Wren Troglodytes troglodytes Widespread, often heard

Dunnock Prunella modularis Scattered records Robin Erithacus rubecula Widespread

Nightingale Luscinia megarhynchos Singing on the east coast Common Redstart Phoenicurus phoenicurus La Parata and Day 6 2022

Whinchat Saxicola rubetra East coast 2022 La Parata 2023 Stonechat Saxicola torquata

Blue Rock Thrush Monticola solitarius Scala di Santa Regina 2023

Blackbird Turdus merula Widespread Song Thrush Turdus philomelos Heard

Turdus viscivorus Below Verghio Mistle Thrush Cetti's Warbler Cettia cetti Heard occasionally Fan-tailed Warbler Cisticola juncidis Day 4, 2023

Marmora's Warbler Sylvia sarda Heard at Bonifacio

Sardinian Warbler Sylvia melanocephala Widespread and common

Sulvia curruca Lesser Whitethroat La Parata 2022

Common Whitethroat Sylvia communis Scattered records 2022

Garden Warbler Sylvia borin Heard Blackcap Sylvia atricapilla Widespread Chiffchaff Phylloscopus collybita Heard

Scattered records Goldcrest Regulus regulus

Spotted Flycatcher Muscicapa striata 2022

Pied Flycatcher Ficedula hypoleuca Bonifacio 2022

Long-tailed Tit Aegithalos caudatus Below Col de Verghio Coal Tit Parus ater Widespread in conifers

Blue Tit Parus caeruleus Widespread Great Tit Parus major Widespread

Corsican Nuthatch Sitta whiteheadi Seen closely below Col de Verghio.

Heard at Col de Sorba.

Common Treecreeper Certhia familiaris Day 5, 2022 Woodchat Shrike Lanius senator Bonifacio 2022 Jay Garrulus glandarius Widespread

Hooded Crow Corvus corone cornix Widespread and common

Scattered records Raven Corvus corax Starling Sturnus vulgaris La Parata 2022 Spotless Starling Sturnus unicolor Widespread Italian Sparrow Passer italiae Widespread Chaffinch Fringilla coelebs Widespread Serin Serinus serinus Scattered records Corsican Finch Carduelis corsicana Below Col de Verghio Greenfinch Carduelis chloris Scattered records Goldfinch Carduelis carduelis Widespread

Common Crossbill Loxia curvirostra West of Col de Verghio Cirl Bunting Emberiza cirlus Scattered records Corn Bunting Miliaria calandra Scattered records

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

Corsican Fire Salamander Salamandra corsica Restonica, one larva, 2016

Tyrrhenian Painted Frog Discoglossus sardus Restonica 2017

Tyrrhenian Tree Frog Hyla sarda Heard at Restonica etc.

Green Toad Bufo viridis 1 at La Parata 2013, 2014 Filitosa.

2015 Bonifacio.

Italian Pool Frog Rana bergeri Heard at various sites Hermann's Tortoise Testudo hermanni 1 at Bonifacio 2022 Moorish Gecko Tarentola mauritanica La Parata 2023 European Leaf-toed Gecko Euleptes europaea 1 Inzecca 2018

Pygmy Algyroides Algyroides fitzingeri A few seen

Bedriaga's Rock Lizard Archaeolacerta bedriagae Col de Verghio 2017 Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard

Podarcis tiliquerta Widespread and reasonably

common

Italian Wall Lizard Podarcis sicula East coast

Western Whip Snake Coluber viridiflavus 2 at Bonifacio, and a road casualty

> in the east, 2017. 2024, a road casualty Scala de Sta.Regina.

Pipistrelle species Pipistrellus sp. Ajaccio 2019.

> A bat flying mid morning Santa Regina was possibly a species of Pipistrelle, 2022. 2023, many at E Caselle.

Western Hedgehog Ajaccio hotel 2018. Road Erinaceus europaeus

casualties.

Fox Vulpes vulpes A road casualty Mouflon Ovis gmelinii A skull found 2013

Wild Boar Sus scrofa A young individual, Inzecca 2018.

1 at Bonifacio 2023. Much sign.

Rabbit Oryctolagus cunniculus Much sign on the east coast