

Sicily

Wildlife at Aleisure

A Greentours Trip Report

3rd – 10th April 2025

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Megascolia bidens on Centaurea sphaerocephala



3rd April

After a very early majority of the flight from Gatwick as agreed at the had a trouble free soon meeting with end, and the short collect her minibus more pleasant by

time, we were getting on the road to our first stop at Hello Darwin, a restaurant on the edge of Catania where we enjoyed a welcome lunch and got to know one another a little better.

start for the group to catch the to Catania, we met departure gate and flight. We were Stefano at the other wait for Alice to was made much the warm sun. In no

Having eaten, we were underway again for the hour long journey to our hotel for the week, Feudo Baully, set in the heart of the Sicilian countryside. We had a short break to settle in and then set out for a walk to explore our surroundings. Although the sky had clouded over somewhat and it was noticeably cooler as a result, it was still pleasant out and made for excellent conditions in which to take photos of our finds. Among the first was a beautiful *Paeonia mascula* in a lush meadow beside the car park, which itself was full of *Saxifraga tridactylites*. Nearby we came across a couple of spikes of *Himantoglossum robertianum* which were past their best and some much fresher *Orchis italica*.

Stefano beckoned us into the meadow beyond where we found our first *Anemone hortensis*, along with some more orchids for the list including *Ophrys incubacea*, *Ophrys tenthredinifera*, *Ophrys lutea* and a *Serapias* in bud which was likely *Serapias vomeracea*. Gael also found a second Toadflax. We had already enjoyed *Linaria triphylla* with its purple spur on the back of the flower, but she pointed out the similar but quite strikingly different *Linaria reflexa* which we examined closely to note the much more elongated white spur and longer pedicel.

Moving on, we walked back round the hotel, pausing to note *Pisum sativum* and *Ajuga orientalis* growing in a field below the road but inaccessible to us. We then followed a track through gates to which we thankfully had the keys. This led eventually to some woodland. Along the way we found a number of other interesting plants including *Cynoglossum creticum*, with its beautifully veined petals, *Ophrys speculum*, and eventually our target, vibrant pink *Cyclamen repandum*. We had wonderful views of an obliging Cirl Bunting on the way back to the hotel for dinner where we were joined by the final two members of our group who had been waiting for us to arrive and

done their own exploring during the day having spent the previous week in Cilento and Calabria with Stefano and subsequently travelled here with him by road and ferry.

4th April



The day dawned cool but bright and we set off after an enjoyable breakfast to our first site for the day near Testa dell'Acqua. This hillside offered a delightful meadow scattered with a few orchids including *Ophrys speculum*, *Ophrys siculum*, and *Ophrys incubacea*. In the sunshine, there were butterflies on the wing too such as Bath White, spotted by John D, Orange Tip and both Small and Green-veined Whites with the occasional Cleopatra batting past.

On up the hill a bit more we found our first *Ophrys exaltata* and a couple that were possible hybrids of this species with *Ophrys incubacea* although it wasn't a certainty. There were *Ophrys tenthredinifera* and *Serapias vomeracea* along with a vast variety of other plants such as *Alkanna tinctoria*, *Lathyrus cicera* and *Silene colorata*. There were also Small Blue and Dingy Skipper, and we could hear the periodic calls of Italian Tree Frogs in the valley below us along with birdsong such as Blackcap, Cetti's Warbler, Wren, Song Thrush and Cirl Bunting.

Moving on to our next stop, we called in at a bank alongside the road towards Noto Antica where there were yet more orchids to add to our growing list, some of them almost as soon as we exited the vehicles. These included *Ophrys bombyliflora*, *Ophrys explanata*, *Ophrys lupercalis*, *Ophrys lutea*, *Ophrys biancae* and *Ophrys bertolonii*. Back down nearer the vehicles on the roadside, we found some *Anacamptis longicornu* including a beautiful pale pink form and some nice specimens of *Anacamptis papilionacea* ssp. *grandiflora* plus a stunning hybrid of the two species.

Our next stop was at Noto Antica itself where we would have lunch at the picnic site beneath the trees before venturing into the ancient town ruins. Sadly for us, they were busy undertaking reconstruction work and so the tower area was out of bounds and some of the vegetation on the way in had been cleared, but the path beyond was still productive and so we walked on. We found more new orchids for our list including *Orchis anthropophora* and the endemic *Ophrys lunulata*. We split in to two groups with one following a narrower and more rocky path along the edge of the gorge and seeing masses of



both Italian and Sicilian Wall Lizards, plus a beautiful Ocellated Skink along with *Arabis verna*, *Pisum sativum* and *Ruta chalepensis*. Meanwhile, the group on the main track saw *Orobanche crenata*, *Orobanche nana*, lots of *Salvia fruticosa* and a Green-underside Blue butterfly.

5th April

The weather forecast was not so good this morning, despite the sun shining at breakfast time. We therefore decided to head to Cava Grande del Cassibile in the morning and on towards the coast in the afternoon to avoid the worst of the rain that was due to arrive.

We made a slightly impromptu stop along the roadside on the way to the gorge where we found a few orchids including a spectacular clump of *Ophrys tenthredinifera* ssp. *grandiflora* along with our first pink *Cistus creticus* in flower, and enjoyed the songs of Woodlark and Tree Pipit, with Richard getting a brief glimpse of the latter.

At the top of the gorge itself, we found our first new orchid of the day within a few feet of the bus. *Orchis lactea* was flowering just over a low wall and we were tempted into this flowery patch to explore further. We were rewarded with the large pale yellow flower of *Urospermum dalechampii*, a few *Anacamptis papilionacea* and a host of now common species such as *Silene colorata* and *Parentucellia latifolia*. A faded Painted Lady was noted and the views across the gorge from here towards the Grotta deli Briganti in the far wall were spectacular too.

Walking along the track that skirts the edge, we headed up into some grassland pausing en route for a rather worn Large Tortoiseshell. Once out in the open, we found yet more orchids tucked away between the tussocky clumps of *Ampelodesmos mauritanicus*. Among the highlights were *Ophrys bertolonii*, *Serapias vomeracea*, *Serapias bergonii* and further along, *Serapias lingua*. Richard picked out a distant Blue Rock Thrush and Ravens frolicked on the air currents that rose over the edge of the cliff. From our furthest point, we could see some of the pools and waterfalls in the very bottom of the gorge.

As we turned back, we found the weather must have reached peak warmth for the butterflies because there was suddenly much more activity. We noted Small Heath and Wall Brown on the way back towards the buses and on our way past spotted a couple of bushes of *Cistus salvifolius* that had previously gone unnoticed.

We now headed in the opposite direction for a short way and were pleased to find *Ophrys panormitana* followed by a confusing but beautiful array of *Ophrys biancae* specimens. We made a brief foray off the track to look for *Iris bicapitata* but sadly they were all gone over and in seed. We did however note both *Allium subhirsutum* and *Allium roseum* beside the track and were soon heading back for some lunch instead.

Having eaten, we moved on travelling downhill towards the coast and Avola before heading towards Syracuse. We were headed for the salt pans on the edge of the city and passed through a number of rain showers on our way, so were glad to find the sun shining when we arrived and Greater Flamingos in good numbers on the water. We walked along the path towards the lighthouse and found a great number of interesting plants to look at as well as a variety of other birds too including Black-winged Stilt, Wood Sandpiper and Shelduck among others. Plant

highlights included *Nigella damascena*, *Tripodion tetraphyllum*, *Astragalus hamosus*, *Misopates orontium* and *Matthiola incana*.

After a good day out and some good fortune with the weather, we returned to the hotel for our evening list and another delicious dinner.

6th April

We started our day today by heading out towards Monte Lauro since the weather was good and forecast to stay dry all day. We made a brief stop on the roadside near Palazzolo Acreide to look at *Teucrium fruticans* in full flower and also noted a lovely specimen of *Bituminaria bituminosa* in bloom.

Our next stop was near the town of Buscemi where we walked down a track along the hillside and found a few familiar orchids and a couple of new plants including *Erodium acaule*, *Sulla glomerata*, *Scorpiurus muricatus* and *Hedysarum coronarium*, the latter only just coming into flower. The first butterflies of the day were just warming up too with Wall Brown and Small Heath on the wing and a Swallowtail flitting past, while Richard spotted a Subalpine Warbler in a tree.

Moving on, we stopped on the top at a most productive spot where we added several new orchid species to our list along with a number of familiar species and a variety of other new plants. Woodlarks were singing overhead as we wandered amongst plentiful *Anacamptis morio/longicornu*, *Anacamptis papilionacea*, *Neotinea lactea* and *Ophrys tenthredinifera*. We found several *Orchis provincialis* and Alice found a single *Ophrys laurenensis* in flower. Also noted up here were *Saxifraga granulata*, *Romulea bulbocodium* and *Crepis bionana*. Even in the wind up on the top we found a



Eastern Bath White

couple of butterflies too, the most notable of which was an Eastern Bath White. On the way back to the vans, Stefano also came across a stunning white (hypochromatic) form of *Ophrys tenthredinifera*.

From here, we dropped back down a short way to a spot that was out of the wind for our lunch and having eaten we took a walk up the track into the pine woods here. The first Cuckoo of the year was calling from somewhere nearby and a Chiffchaff was

singing too. There were several butterflies of note in the sunny patches including Orange Tip, Small Copper, Wall Brown and Mallow Skipper. We found a number of orchids along the trackside too which, after some debate, Stefano eventually identified as *Ophrys*

Wandering back, we took a diversion into the woods themselves to look at a pond full of Italian Edible Frogs which stopped calling as we got closer but mostly sat on the surface for us to watch. We headed back out towards the vehicles in the most direct route and found a few more flowers including more *Orchis provincialis* plus *Serapias lingua*.



We decided to make one final stop for the day and did so at a previously unexplored spot on the dark side of Buccheri where we walked down a track that skirted a pine woodland full of singing Firecrests. This looked less promising but proved to be far better than we could have imagined with no fewer than 9 species of orchid noted, mostly seen previously but including *Ophrys garganica*. There was also a lovely blue flush of *Lupinus angustifolius*. We enjoyed more butterflies too including Green-underside Blue and Clouded

Yellow along with more repeats of species seen earlier in the day and lots of Italian Wall Lizards too.

It proved an excellent end to the day and we headed back to the hotel in anticipation of another hearty Sicilian dinner.

7th April

Today we woke to cooler temperatures and light drizzle in contradiction to the "dry but overcast" forecast. We opted to head to Pantalica despite this and set out after breakfast, making our first



stop before dropping into the Valle d'Anapo. On our way into the site we noted *Ophrys bombyliflora*, *Ophrys lutea* and *Ophrys speculum* but within minutes, Gael had spotted a target species and Sicilian endemic, *Neotinea commutata*. Elsewhere, we found a host of other orchids including *Ophrys bertolonii*, *Ophrys incubacea*, *Ophrys sicula*, *Neotinea lactea* and *Serapias vomeracea*. There was also a lot of an apiaceae which we hadn't seen before, *Ferulago nodosa*.

On our way back out to the vehicles, Stefano pointed out a particularly fine specimen of *Orchis italica* and John D spotted a single *Ophrys lunulata* taking the species tally for orchids alone to 11 for the site.

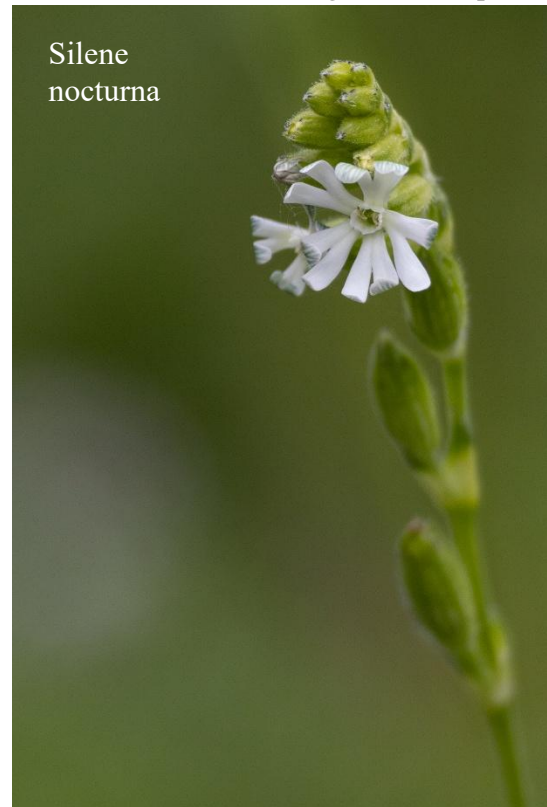
Moving on, we made a brief stop at the visitor centre beyond Ferla for a comfort stop and were grateful to have done so for two reasons, the first being that we discovered they had introduced the need for a permit to drive down to the area we wished to visit - thankfully waived for us on this occasion but we were at least forewarned for future visits!

The second was the presence of some perfect *Serapias orientalis* in the grounds, a species we had not encountered before and in excellent condition.

Driving on and having passed the new checkpoint, where we duly signed in, we went up to Anaktoron, the ancient palace ruins. Wandering here we had good views of a Northern Wheatear on the rocks and saw masses of Black and Red Froghoppers among the vegetation. The *Asphodeline lutea* were out here along with some of the *Acanthus mollis* and there were masses of *Galactites tomentosus* and *Linaria triphylla* too. We had our lunch here before moving on once more to our afternoon spot a short drive back up the road, with Alice's van making a brief stop for photos of the impressive views of the necropolis in the walls of the gorge en route.

Our afternoon site saw us walk along the top of the gorge a short way towards a chapel and some ancient houses hewn from the rock. Along the way we found some more lovely plants including *Misopates orontium*, *Silene nocturna*, *Euphorbia dendroides* and *Urtica pilulifera*. Along the way we had some fantastic views down in to the gorge below and to the disused railway line which we would be walking along part of in the next day or two. There were Ravens flying alongside us and Sardinian Warblers in the bushes too but owing to the cooler weather there was very little insect life to be seen all day.

We turned back for our hotel from here and the prospect of a warm drink after a long day. We met in the evening to compile our species list before dinner and plan our excursion for the following day.



8th April

Today was much brighter and we woke to a crisp, clear morning. In view of this, we decided to head to the Anapo Valley for the day and set off for a slightly longer drive of around 45 minutes after breakfast. The temperature had risen by the time we arrived and we packed some snacks and made sure we all had torches before heading out for a longer morning walk along the disused railway line that runs the length of the valley.

We began by navigating the shorter of two tunnels on our route and emerged on to a bridge on the other side which overlooked the river below. A Cetti's Warbler called loudly as if to mark our arrival and we were soon looking at the wealth of flowers around us, some familiar but admired once more such as *Antirrhinum siculum*, and others new for the trip such as *Coronilla valentina*. As we wandered we came across a few more, *Aristolochia sempervirens* with its strange pipe-like flowers, the more familiar but yet unseen elsewhere *Sanguisorba minor* and *Fraxinus ornus* just coming into flower.



Italian Wall Lizard

There were a few butterflies on the wing too and Rosemary soon spotted the first Holly Blue of the day sunning itself on a Sow Thistle. The warmer weather also meant the lizards were more active and we saw a great number of both Italian and Sicilian Wall Lizards all the way along. There was an attractive patch of *Ajuga orientalis* beside the path, as well as a patch of *Geranium lucidum* with white flowers and shortly after this we started to see a few more orchids than we had done hitherto. John D found

the first, *Ophrys exaltata*, of which there were quite a few along with *Orchis italica* and a few *Ophrys lutea*. Then just before we went into the second tunnel, Alice found a new orchid, *Ophrys archimedeae*.

We celebrated with a snack having taken photos before moving on and caught up with Richard on the far side of the tunnel as he had opted to take the long route round the outside. On the way, he had also found a new and slightly unexpected orchid, *Ophrys apifera*, a little out of season but in perfect condition.

We continued on further to a spot beside the river where we could reach the water and were rewarded with Common Toad tadpoles, a Mediterranean Freshwater Crab and views of some small fish with red fins which we later identified as younger forms of the larger fish we had seen earlier - Italian Barbel. We had hopes that they might be the rare endemic trout for which the reserve is designated but it was not to be!

Some of the group spotted a Swallowtail and we noted *Alliaria petiolata* and *Erodium moschatum* here before turning to walk back. Overhead we spotted a Buzzard being mobbed by a pair of Ravens and having returned through the longer tunnel, we paused once more for photos of the new orchid before Alice spotted several more specimens on the other side of the path a short way away.

We were soon gathering at the vehicles once more and drove a few minutes down the road to a more suitable spot for our picnic. There were some nicer plants to look at while the lunch was being made and no risk of the very friendly cat that had been in the car park trying to climb in and steal our food!

Having enjoyed our picnic in the sun and with the scent of Lemon blossom wafting from the orchard over the road, we drove on towards the hotel making a final stop beside the road. What looked nice but unpromising to begin with came up trumps with plenty of familiar plants and orchids but a few new species such as *Echium italicum*. The star of the show though was an orchid which we at first thought to be a hybrid between *Ophrys bertolonii* and *Ophrys incubacea* which turned out to be a particularly fine example of the endemic *Ophrys explanata* and which topped off an excellent day perfectly.

9th April

We were greeted by another fine day and temperatures promised to be the warmest of the week. We set off for our final day to the coastal reserve at Vendicari and were slightly alarmed at the



great number of school children that greeted us on arrival. Not to be dissuaded, we continued into the reserve, heading straight down to the beach while they amused themselves elsewhere. There were plenty of new coastal plants to note including *Cakile maritima*, *Matthiola tricuspidata* and *Plantago maritima*.

Heading for some hides along the shore, we were disappointed to find our path completely flooded and impassable but we did find *Senecio glauca* along the way and

instead turned back and opted to walk along the beach to see if there was an alternative route. There wasn't, but we noted lots of the strange balls of dead material from the seagrass, *Posidonia oceanica*, and found a few seashells.

Heading back in the other direction we had our first proper looks at the Flamingos on the lagoon and some of the other birds that joined them such as Little and Sandwich Terns, Great Crested Grebes, Little Egret, Shelduck and Cormorant. We ducked into another hide for better views before heading on a small loop that would bring us back to the Tonnaro. On our way we found our only orchids on the site, bar a couple in seed, *Ophrys lutea*, plus some lovely *Limonium sinuatum* and a bank covered in *Centaurea sphaerocephala* being busily visited by a variety of pollinators.

We headed back and had lunch where we had parked before heading to the southern end of the reserve for another walk. Sadly, the edges of the path at the beginning of this had been mown but further on we started to see some interesting species such as *Pallenis spinosa*, lots of *Parentucellia viscosa*, and a carpet of *Trifolium stellatum*. Richard found what was to be our final new orchid for the trip too, *Serapias parviflora*. There were a couple of *Ophrys incubacea* here and we added *Lonicera implexa* along with the large yellow *Ononis natrix* and the tiny pink and white *Ononis reclinata*.

From here, we took a short drive to the seaside town of Marzamemi to end the holiday in style with a drink in the sunshine, and a granita



or cremolata for some, overlooking the harbour. It was soon time to head back to the hotel though and start packing in anticipation of our departure in the morning.

10th April

Early the following morning we loaded the vehicles before breakfast and then set off under a great sky, saying goodbye to Keith and Eileen at the hotel as they would be continuing to Sardinia with Stefano for the following week. The weather gradually improved as we drew closer to Catania and we noted a final plant for our list, *Spartium junceum* flowering prolifically alongside the motorway. We saw White Storks on their nests as we neared our final destination and had excellent views of Etna in all its glory.

We would say goodbye to Stefano at the drop off, then Hilary and John in Departures as they caught a different flight. The remaining group would continue to Gatwick together and part ways there after a good flight and an all round excellent holiday.

Systematic List - Flora

The Flower List for this Tour is still in preparation.

Systematic List – Birds

	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>									✓
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	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓						✓
	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓						✓
	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>			✓						✓
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓						✓

	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			✓						✓
	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			✓						

	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓								
	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓

	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓
	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓							

	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>									✓
	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓						✓
	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>			♫	♫	♫	♫	♫	♫	♫
	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓						
	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓						
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>									✓
	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>									✓

	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>			✓						✓
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	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>									✓
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Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			✓					
Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>								✓

Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>								✓

Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>						✓	✓	
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Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	♫	♫	♫	♫	♫	♫	♫	♫
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Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	♫	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	✓							
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Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								✓
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			✓	✓	✓			

Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓

Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓					✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>							✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓					

Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓		✓			
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			✓	✓			
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					✓		
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			✓				
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓	♫				✓	✓
Fan-tailed Warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				✓			✓
Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>							✓
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>						✓	✓
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	♫	♫		✓		✓	✓
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓	♫		✓			
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	✓			✓		✓	

Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	♫	♫					

Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus (corone) cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
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	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	✓	✓					
	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			✓				✓

	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirrus</i>	✓	♣		✓		✓	✓
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Systematic List - Butterflies

Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>		✓				✓	✓
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓				✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>				✓		✓	
Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>		✓					
Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>		✓		✓			
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓				✓	
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>			✓				
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>						✓	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓		✓			✓	
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>				✓			
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓					

Other Taxa

Italian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis siculus</i>
Sicilian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis waglerianus</i>
Ocellated Skink	<i>Chalcides ocellatus</i>
Italian Edible Frog	<i>Pelophylax hispanicus</i>
Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>
Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>
Italian Barbel	<i>Barbus plebejus</i>
Mediterranean Freshwater Crab	<i>Potamon fluviatile</i>
Mediterranean Slant-faced Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>
Striped Shieldbug	<i>Graphosoma lineatum</i>
Black and Reg Froghopper	<i>Cercopis vulnerata</i>
Mayfly	<i>Ephemera</i> sp.
Sicilian Mining Bee	<i>Megachile sicula</i>
A Scoliid Wasp	<i>Megascolia bidens</i>
Scorpion Fly	<i>Panorpa</i> sp.
Ruby Tiger Moth (caterpillar)	<i>Phragmatobia fuliginosa</i>