Spain - Spring Flowers of Western Andalucia

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Day 1

Wednesday 22nd March

Fly London and Manchester to Malaga - Transfer to Ronda

Three tour-group members arrived at Malaga Airport on the Easyjet flight, EZY8605, from Gatwick, and three other group members arrived from Manchester on Monarch Airways flight ZB652. Upon our arrival, we made our way to our vehicle, in the multi-storey car park.

We left Malaga airport, a north-easterly direction, on the main Seville Road, and turned north on the A357, the Malaga to Campillos road. We continued north-west, passing the 'white village' of Ardales on our left, and on to the junction with the A367, the Ronda road. Overhead, Barn Swallow and Spotless Starlings were seen. We stopped for a late lunch at the El Meson de Diego. Continuing on south-west on the A367, we passed through Cuevas del Becerro, before reaching the outskirts of Ronda, where we joined the A366 El Burgo road north-east for about four kilometres to our final destination, the Finca La Guzmana, our accommodation for the week. We were met by Peter McLeod, our host, who quickly settled us into our rooms before supplying tea, coffee and biscuits, and an explanation of the logistics of the Finca.

At 7.30pm we met up for drinks and a light supper, after briefly exploring the olive grove around the Finca. Here we found *Muscari neglectum* (Grape Hyacinth), *Erodium moschatum* (Musk Stork's-bill) and *Allium ampeloprasum* (Wild Leek).

Paul briefly outlined details of the plans for the first few days, before we all retired for the night.

Day 2

Thursday 23rd March

Grazalema – Sierra del Pinar – Gargante Verde

After a superb breakfast, we drove down to Ronda, and off on the Seville road toward the village of Grazalema. As we drove, we recorded Corn Bunting and Crested Lark. We turned south on the Ubrique road, and made a stop on a wide verge, where we found *Narcissus flavus* and a pink carpet of *Erodium primulaceum* (a Stork's-bill).

We now made our way through Grazalema, and onwards, a short distance from the town, to the car park at the start of our walk in the Sierra del Pinar. Along the way we added Southern Grey Shrike and Black Redstart. Leaving the car park, we began to make our way up through *Pinus halepensis* (Aleppo Pine), *Pinus pinaster* (Maritime Pine) forest, mixed with *Quercus* species (Oaks). However, it began to snow and sleet rather heavily, so we curtailed our excursion, looking at the lower-level flora. *Plocama calabrica* (Putoria), *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid), *Narcissus assoanus* (Rush-leaved Jonquil), the leaves of *Centaurea calcitrapa* (Red Star Thistle) and *Daphne gnidium* (Mediterranean Daphne) were seen, as well as Stonechat, before we adjourned to Grazalema for well-deserved coffee.

We now drove on up to the 'Puerto de las Palomas' (Pass of the Doves), where we took photos of the views from the mirador. Whilst we were there, a number of Griffon Vultures were also recorded. From here, we began

the descent towards Zahara, stopping at the car park at the 'Gargante Verde'. Here, we saw *Ophrys fusca* subsp. fusca (Sombre Bee Orchid), Ulex parviflorus (Small-flowered Gorse), Myrtis communis (Myrtle), Olea europaea (Wild Olive) and Fedia cornucopiae (Fedia). Sardinian Warbler, Griffon Vulture and Black Redstart were also seen, as well as a small, distant group of Spanish Ibex. Good scoped views were had by all group members.

We made of final stop of the day at a very rough grazing field, by the turning to Las Mezas. Here we found *Himantoglossum robertianum* (Giant Orchid), *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid), *Ophrys lutea* (Yellow Bee Orchid) and *Aristolochia paucinervis* (a Birthwort).

From here, we set off back towards Ronda, arriving at the Finca in time for a splendid dinner, cooked by Peter.

Day 3

El Burgo – Ardales – El Chorro

Vulture and Red-billed Chough were also seen.

Friday 24th March

Today we travelled in the opposite direction, towards the village of El Burgo. Our first stop was to the east of the 'Puerto del Viento' (Pass of the Wind). Here, we stopped to look at *Iris planifolia* (Flat-leaved Iris). Fortunately, there were still quite a few in flower. Some adjacent rocks had *Hornungia petraea* (Hutchinsia), *Viola demetria* and several clumps of the endemic *Biscutella frutescens* (Perennial Buckler Mustard), and some *Crataegus monogyna* (Hawthorn) bushes had been infested with *Viscum cruciatum* (Red-berried Mistletoe). Great Tit, Griffon

Our next stop of the morning was at the Mirador del Guarda Forestal. Here the plants kept the group busy for some time, and included *Hyacinthoides hispanicus* (Spanish Bluebell), *Microthlaspi perfoliata* (Perfoliate Pennycress), *Erodium recoderi* (a Stork's-bill), *Phlomis purpurea* (Purple Phlomis), *Clematis cirrhosa* (Maidens Bower) and *Vicia vicioides*. Birds here included Blue Rock Thrush, Blackbird, Crag Martin and Black Redstart.

Continuing on to El Burgo, we made good time, before turning right and on towards Ardales. Along the way we saw *Fraxinus angustifolium* (Narrow-leaved Ash). In Ardales, we noted *Nicotiana glauca* (Shrub Tobacco) on some waste ground and *Hyoscyamus allous* (White Henbane) on a wall.

We now took the road along the eastern shore of the Embalse del Conde de Guadalhorce lake, to our main objective, the 'Mirador de las Embalsas', where three reservoirs meet. Here we parked, and began an exploration of the *Pinus halepensis* (Aleppo Pine) woodland, while Paul prepared our picnic. We found *Cistus albidus* (Greyleaved Cistus), the Fumitory-like *Rupicapnos africana*, *Chaenorhinum villosum* and *Anthyllis cystoides* (Shrub Kidneyvetch). Birds here included Great Tit, Rock Bunting, Common Chaffinch and a pair of Crested Tit.

After our picnic lunch, we explored further afield, adding *Echium albicans* (a pink Vipers-bugloss), *Ranunculus spicatus* subsp. *blepharicarpos* (Rock Buttercup), *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid), *Muscari neglectum* (Grape Hyacinth), *Orchis anthropophora* (Man Orchid) and *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid).

We now made our way towards El Chorro, through a spectacular gorge, to the cafe by the Caminito del Rey (The King's Little Walk), to admire the geology of the gorge, and the precipitous 'walk-way' on the other side. Here we enjoyed refreshments and some botanising. We found *Acanthus mollis* (Bear's-breech), *Adiantum capillus*-

veneris (Maidenhair Fern), Vinca difformis (Intermediate Periwinkle) and Equisetum hyemale (Dutch Rush). Griffon Vultures were present, and Great Cormorant.

A final stop near the railway station added *Convolvulus althaeoides* (Mallow-leaved Bindweed), *Erodium malacoides* (a Stork's-bill) and *Glebionis coronaria* var. *discolor* (Crown Daisy).

It was now time to make our way back to base for dinner.

Day 4

Saturday 25th March

Sierra de las Nieves - Ronda

After breakfast, we headed off in a south-easterly direction towards San Pedro, and into the Sierra de las Nieves National Park. Our objective was the Los Quejigales recreation area, situated some eight kilometres from the road. The park road took us, initially, through *Quercus* woodland and shrubby scrub below, then on up through a mixture of *Pinus halepensis* and *Pinus pinaster* (Aleppo and Maritime Pine) woodland, before emerging above the tree line into an exposed limestone area. Our first stop was on a rocky, limestone road edge. Here we saw *Orchis olbiensis*, *Neotinia tridentata* subsp. *conica* (a Toothed Orchid) and *Narcissus assoanus* (Rush-leaved Jonquil). The second stop we made was close to the Area Recreativa Los Quejigales. This is a wet grassy area which has a good colony of *Narcissus hispanicus* (Long-spathed Daffodil), scattered among small bushes. Also growing here was *Ficaria verna* subsp. *ficariiformis* (Lesser Celandine).

Parking the vehicle at Los Quejigales, we set off, in a chilly wind, for a walk on a path that would eventually lead to the Puerto de los Pilones. We began in *Pinus pinaster* (Maritime Pine) and *Pinus halepensis* (Aleppo Pine) woodland. Also present were *Rubia peregrina* (Wild Madder), *Daphne laureola* (Spurge Laurel), *Asparagus albus* (White Asparagus) and *Narcissus hispanicus* (Long-spathed Daffodil). After a gentle climb of about 300 metres, we came to the tree line, where *Abies pinsapo* (Spanish Fir) was scattered. Above this, where the path began to climb more steeply, the second native population of this tree remains. Very little birdlife was active, but we did hear Great Spotted Woodpecker, as we made the return journey to the vehicle.

After our descent, Paul decided that it would be rather unpleasant to have a picnic in the cold wind, so we returned to the Finca for our lunch. As we drove out of the Park, Jay was seen.

After lunch, we had some time in Ronda. We parked in the car park on the north side of the town. We then walked down though the pedestrian precinct to the cliff-edge walk. Red-billed Chough, Blackbird, and Crag Martins were all seen, as well as *Smyrnium olusatrum* (Alexanders), *Moricandia moricandioides* (a Purple Cabbage), *Antirrhinum barrelieri* (a Snapdragon) and *Calendula arvensis* (Field Marigold).

At this point, Paul left us to explore Ronda at our leisure, before collecting us from a pre-arranged spot to return to the Finca for dinner.

Day 5

Sunday 26th March

El Torcal – Laguna Dulce – Tajo del Molino

Following an early breakfast, we left the Finca La Guzmana. Our route took us on the road towards Campillos. Barn Swallow and Crested Lark were seen as we went. After about three-quarters of an hour, we joined the main Malaga to Antequera road, and continued via Campillos. Passing through Antequera, we made our way up to the summit of El Torcal, the highest point in the El Torcal de Antequera National Park, and parked by the Visitor Centre. It was a clear, sunny day, and we were able to fully appreciate this stunning 'Karst' limestone landscape. A short visit to the mirador produced views of Black Redstart. After we had had coffee, we set off to explore. We walked the shorter of the two circular walks, finding *Euphorbia characias* subsp. *characias* (Mediterranean Spurge) and two local endemics: the beautiful *Linaria anticaria* (a Toadflax), unfortunately not in flower yet, and the leaves of *Saxifraga biternata* (El Torcal Saxifrage). Continuing, we added *Rhamnus alaternus* (Mediterranean Buckthorn), *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid), *Himantoglossum robertianum* (Giant Orchid) and *Acer monspeliensis* (Montpelier Maple).

On our return to the car park, we re-joined our vehicle and began our return journey towards Campilos, where we stopped at the Laguna Dulce for our picnic. Along the way we passed a stand of *Allium neapolitanum* (Naples Garlic). During our lunch, we heard several Cetti's Warblers and Goldfinches, and saw Large White, Small White and Red Admiral butterflies. After eating, we explored the immediate area and added *Carduus pycnocephalus* (Plymouth Thistle), *Nonea vesicaria* (Nonea), *Calendula suffruticosa* (a Marigold) and *Platycapnos spicatus*.

We now moved on to our last destination on the day, Tajo de Molino, where we explored the hillside, verge rocks and narrow gorge. *Ophrys speculum* (Mirror Orchid), *Mercurialis tomentosa* (Woolly Mercury), *Scopiurus muricatus* (Spiny Scorpion-vetch), *Antirrhinum graniticum* and *Ferula communis* (Giant Fennel) were all seen. The warm afternoon sun produced several butterflies, including Large White, Red Admiral, Provence Hairstreak and Spanish Festoon. In the gorge, Cetti's Warbler was heard and Red-billed Chough, Crag Martin and Alpine Swift seen, together with three Spanish Terrapins which were basking on a rock in the stream.

Day 6

Monday 27th March

Montejaque – Hidden Valley - Cerro de Tavizna – Cueva de la Pileta

Today dawned cloudy and overcast, after overnight rain. Following another fine breakfast, we again left the Finca and drove down towards Ronda, before taking the Seville road, turning off on a small track the Peurto de las Muelas, where we paused to check out the verge banks. Here we found Reseda phyteuma (Corn Mignonette), Euphorbia nicaeensis, Ornithogalum baeticum (a Star of Bethlehem) and Ophrys lutea (Yellow Bee Orchid). Cirl Bunting and Green Woodpecker were both heard.

Moving on westwards, we made our way to a layby below the Cerro de Tavizna, to explore a quiet rocky verge. On the outcrops, we found *Orchis olbiensis* (an Early Purple Orchid), *Vinca difformis* (Intermediate Periwinkle), *Saxifraga granulata* (Meadow Saxifrage), *Linaria aeruginea* (a Toadflax) and *Senecio nevadensis* (Sierra Nevada Ragwort). Griffon Vulture and Red-billed Chough were also present.

Our route now took us on to the small town of Montejaque, where we took a back road up to the 'Los Llanas de Libar', known to Paul as the 'Hidden Valley', in the Sierra de Montalata. A high cliff produced *Saxifraga bourgaeana* (a Saxifrage), *Ornithogalum reverchonii* (an endemic Star of Bethlehem), *Linaria tristis* and *Fedia cornucopiae* (Fedia). An adjacent ditch produced a fine stand of *Scrophularia sambucifolia* (Elder-leaved Figwort).

Moving on, we parked at the top of the valley. Whilst Paul prepared lunch, the group explored some rocky outcrops, finding Narcissus cuatrecasasii (Rock Jonquil), Orchis olbiensis (an Early Purple Orchid) and Hyacinthoides hispanicus (Spanish Bluebell). Overhead, Griffon Vultures were struggling to gain height, due to the lack of thermals, and it also began to rain lightly. Red-billed Chough, Great Tit and Goldfinch were present. After our picnic, we began a slow drive down the valley. As we went, a female Whinchat, Rock Bunting, Serin and Stonechat were added. We made a stop, on the descent, to photograph a single clump of Narcissus papyraceus (Paper-white Daffodil) A second stop on a verge just outside the village, produced Antirrhinum barrelieri (a Snapdragon), Anagyris foetida (Bean Trefoil), Reseda undata subsp. gayana (a Mignonette) Cytisus baetica (a Broom) and Lathyrus clymenum (a Pea).

After coffee in Montejaque, it was time to make our way through Benaojan, and up to the car park at the 'Cueva de la Pileta' caves. After a brief look at the information board, we walked up the path and steps to the entrance, where tickets were purchased for our visit. The car park produced *Calycotome villosa* (Prickly Broom) and *Aphyllanthes monspeliensis* (Blue Aphyllanthes) in bud, and Serin, Blackcap and Sardinian Warbler were also recorded.

It was now time to make our way back to the Finca, in time for one of Peter's wonderful dinners.

Day 7

Tuesday 22nd March

Grazalema - Zahara de la Sierra

Today, we returned to the Grazalema area, where we began by making two stops on the road to the east of Grazalema. At the first we found *Cistus monspeliensis* (Narrow-leaved Cistus) and *Phillyrea angustifolia* (Narrow-leaved Phillyrea) and *Cistus laurifolius*. Coal Tit was heard calling. At the second we added *Teucrium fruticans* (Shrub Germander), *Cistus crispus* (a Pink Cistus), *Quercus faginea* (Beech-leaved Oak), *Quercus suber* (Cork Oak) *Cistus laurifolius*, *Cistus monspeliensis* (Narrow-leaved Cistus) and *Lavandula stoechas* (French Lavender).

Moving on, we parked on the south side of Grazalema. The plan was to explore the broad road verges. Above our heads, the occasional Griffon Vulture and Red-billed Chough were soaring. As we explored, *Scrophularia sambucifolia* (Elder-leaved Figwort), *Narcissus papyraceus* (Paper-white Daffodil), *Ophrys tenthredinifera* (Sawfly Orchid), *Lotus tetragonolobus* (Asparagus Pea) and *Cerinthe major* var. *purpurescens* (Greater Honeywort) were all seen. The boulder-strewn fields produced Serin and Blackcap, and Wren was also heard.

Driving on through the village we continued up to the Mirador de las Acebuches, for lunch. While Paul set up the picnic, we went to explore, finding *Fritillaria lusitanica* (Portuguese Fritillary), *Astragalus lusitanicus* (a Milkvetch) and *Anemone palmata* (Yellow Anemone). Paul also found a Brown Scorpion.

Our final stop of the day was in the village of Zahara de la Sierra. After parking we began exploring the cliffs, finding *Linaria platycalyx*, an endemic Toadflax, *Sedum mucizonia* (Mucizonia), *Crambe filiformis* (Thin Sea-Kale) and the endemic *Erodium tordyloides* (a Stork's-bill). A pair of Lesser Kestrels were also noted.

After refreshments, we re-joined the vehicle and set off back to the Finca, in time to pack before dinner.

Day 8

Wednesday 29th March

Transfer from Ronda to Malaga - Fly to UK

After an early breakfast, we said out farewells to Peter and thanked him for a wonderful stay in this beautiful area We set off, in light cloud, for Malaga Airport in good time for our flights back to the UK, except Marylin and Bill, who were staying on for another few days in Spain.

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Finger painting - Cork Oak tree - Anne Fishenden

Species Lists

Plants (* indicates a plant is endemic; [] = Indicates a plant is introduced/planted)

Nomenclature contained within this list follows the taxonomic amendments, based on DNA analysis, made by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Missouri Botanic Garden, and following The Plant List, an internationally accepted list of vascular plant families, published and maintained by these two Institutions.

Scientific name Common name Location

PTERIDOPHYTES FERNS & ALLIES

Calamophytes Horsetails

Equisetaceae Horsetail Family

Equisetum hyemale Dutch Rush El Chorro

Leptosporangiate Ferns True Ferns

Aspleniaceae Spleenwort Family

Asplenium adiantum-nigrum Black Spleenwort Hidden Valley
Asplenium ceterach Rustyback Gargante Verde

Polypodiaceae Polypody Family

Polypodium cambricum Southern Polypody Grazalema

Pteridaceae Ribbon Fern Family

Adiantum capillus-venerisMaidenhair FernEl ChorroAnogramma leptophyllaJersey FernPileta Caves

Cheilanthes pteridioides Scented Cheilanthes Mirador Guarda Forestal

Cheilanthes velleaScaly CheilanthesEl TorcalCryptogramma crispaParsley FernEl Torcal

GYMNOSPERMS CONIFERS

Cupressus macrocarpal Monterey Cypress Commonly P

[Cupressus macrocarpa]Monterey CypressCommonly Planted[Cupressus sempervirens]Italian CypressCommonly Planted

Juniperus communis Juniper Between Ronda & El Burgo

Juniperus oxycedrusPrickly JuniperGargante VerdeJuniperus phoenicea subsp. phoeniceaPhoenician JuniperGargante Verde

Pinaceae Pine Family

Abies pinsapo Spanish Fir Sierra de las Nievas

[Cedrus deodara] Deodar Cedar Naturalised in Sierra de las Nievas

Pinus halepensisAleppo PineCommonPinus pinasterMaritime PineCommonPinus pineaStone or Umbrella PineNear El Chorro

ANGIOSPERMS FLOWERING PLANTS

Pre-dicots Primitive Angiosperms

Aristolochiaceae Birthwort Family

Aristolochia baetica a Birthwort Near El Chorro
Aristolochia paucinervis a Birthwort Las Mezas

Eu-dicots True Dicotyledons

Acanthaceae Bear's-breech Family

Acanthus mollis Bear's-breech El Chorro

Adoxaceae Moschatel Family

Viburnum tinus Laurustinus Above Zahara

Anacardiaceae Sumach Family

Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Bush Gargante Verde

Apiaceae Carrot Family

Berula erecta Lesser Water-parsnip El Chorro

Bupleurum fruticosum Shrubby Hare's-ear Above Grazalema

Bupleurum spinosumSpiny Hare's-earSierra del PinarFerula communisGiant FennelTajo del MolinoFoeniculum vulgareFennelBelow ZaharaScandix pecten-venerisShepherd's NeedleTajo del Molino

Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders Common

Thapsia garganica Thapsia Sierra de las Nievas (leaves)

Apocynaceae Periwinkle Family

Nerium oleander Oleander Naturalised below Grazalema

Vinca difformis Intermediate Periwinkle Below Zahara

Araliaceae Ivy Family

Hedera helix agg. Ivy El Torcal

Berberidaceae Barberry Family

Berberis hispanica Spanish Barberry Sierra del Pinar

Boraginaceae Forget-me-not Family

Anchusa azurea Large Blue Alkanet Roadsides
Borago officinalis Borage Near Malaga

Buglossoides arvensisCorn GromwellW of RondaCerinthe major var. purpurescensGreater HoneywortBelow ZaharaCynoglossum clandestinuma Hound's-tongueLas Mezas

Cynoglossum creticum Blue Hound's-tongue W of Ronda
Echium albicans - El Chorro

Echium boissieriBoissier's Viper's-buglossS of Zahara (Over)Echium plantagineumPurple Viper's-buglossCommon

Echium vulgareViper's-buglossZaharaNonea vesicariaNoneaLaguna Dulce

Pardoglossum (Cynoglossum) cheirifolium Mirador Guarda Forestal a Hound's-tongue

Brassicaceae **Cabbage Family**

Arabis verna Early Rock-cress Hidden Valley Biscutella didyma Small Buckler Mustard Gargante Verde Biscutella frutescens* Perennial Buckler Mustard E of Puerto del Viente Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherd's Purse Gargante Verde Cardamine flexuosa Wavy Bitter-cress Grazalema

Hairy Bitter-cress Cardamine hirsuta Grazalema Finca La Guzmana Clypeola jonthlaspi Clypeola

Crambe filiformis Thin Sea-kale 7ahara Erophila verna subsp. praecox Whitlow-grass El Torcal Eruca vesicaria Rocket Les Mezas

Wallflower Grazalema Erysimum cheiri Hornungia petraea Hutchinsia E of Puerto del Viento

Iberis sp. Candytuft Near El Chorro Lesser Swinecress Grazalema Lepidium didymum

Lobularia maritima Sweet Alison Mirador Guarda Forestal Mirador Guarda Forestal Microthlaspi (Thlaspi) perfoliatum Perfoliate Penny-cress Moricandia moricandioides Purple Cabbage Common on Roadsides

White Mustard Cliffs, Ronda Sinapis alba Charlock El Chorro Sinapis arvensis El Chorro Sisymbrium irio London Rocket

Cactaceae **Cactus Family**

[Opuntia ficus-indica] Barbary Fig or Prickly Pear Very Common

Bellflower Family Campanulaceae Campanula mollis a Bellflower Zahara

Caprifoliaceae Honeysuckle Family Centranthus calcitrapa Annual Valerian Grazalema Fedia cornucopiae Fedia Gargante Verde

Lonicera arborea Tree Honeysuckle Sierra de las Nievas

Caryophyllaceae **Pink Family** Cerastium glomeratum Sticky Mouse-ear Cerro de Tavizna Cerastium tomentosum Snow-in-Summer E of Puerto del Viento

Dianthus sp. a Pink Cerro de Tavizna Paronychia capitata a Paronychia Gargante Verde

Sagina procumbens Procumbent Pearlwort Ronda Silene colorata a Catchfly Very Common

Silene latifolia White Campion Mirador Guarda Forestal

Silene vulgaris **Bladder Campion** Hidden Valley Stellaria media Chickweed Grazalema

Cistaceae **Rock-rose Family**

Cistus albidus **Grey-leaved Cistus** Near El Chorro

E of Grazalema (leaves) Cistus crispus a pink Cistus Cistus laurifolius E of Grazalema

Cistus monspeliensis Narrow-leaved Cistus E of Grazalema (leaves) El Chorro

Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus

Helianthemum origanifolium Marjoram-leaved Rock-rose Sierra del Pinar

Compositae (Asteraceae)

Anthemis chia
Bellis sylvestris
Calendula arvensis
Calendula suffruticosa
Carduus pycnocephalus
Carlina corymbsosa
Centaurea calcitrapa
Centaurea clementei*

Centaurea pullata Dittrichia viscosa Galactites tomentosa

Glebionis coronarium var. discolor

Glebionis segetum
Hyoseris radiata
Pallenis spinosa
Phagnalon saxatile
Ptilostemon hispanica
Reichardia intermedia
Senecio nevadensis
Sencio vulgare
Silybum marianum
Sonchus asper

Sonchus oleraceus Urospermum picroides

Convolvulaceae

Convolvulus althaeoides

Crassulaceae

Crassula tilaea Sedum album Sedum brevifolium

Sedum mucizonia (Mucizonia hispida)

Sedum sediforme Sedum sexangulare Umbilicus rupestris

Cucurbitaceae

Bryonia dioica Ecballium elaterium

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia characias subsp. characias

Euphorbia exigua
Euphorbia helioscopia
Euphorbia nicaeensis
Euphorbia peplus

Mercurialis annuus

Daisy Family

- Finca La Guzmana
Southern Daisy Sierra del Pinar
Field Marigold Finca La Guzmana
- Laguna Dulce
Plymouth Thistle Laguna Dulce
Flat-topped Carline Thistle Las Mezas (over)
Red Star Thistle Sierra del Pinar (leaves)

Finca La Guzmana

Clemente's Knapweed Zahara

Woody Fleabane Below Grazalema Galactites Below Zahara Crown Daisy Near Malaga Corn Marigold Tajo del Molino Hyoseris Hidden Valley **Pallenis** Rhonda cliffs Phagnalon Hidden Valley Spanish Thistle Gargante Verde El Chorro Reichardia

Sierra Nevada Ragwort Cerro de Tavizna Groundsel Gargante Verde

Milk Thistle Gargante Verde (leaves)

Prickly Sow-thistle El Chorro Smooth Sow-thistle El Chorro a Urospermum El Chorro

Bindweed Family

Mallow-leaved Bindweed El Chorro

Stonecrop Family

Mossy Stonecrop Tajo del Molino White Stonecrop El Torcal

Short-leaved Stonecrop E of Puerto del Viento

Mucizonia Zahara

Large Stonecrop Near El Chorro (leaves)

Tasteless Stonecrop El Torcal Navelwort Grazalema

White Bryony Family

White Bryony El Chorro
Squirting Cucumber Below Zahara

Spurge Family

Large Mediterranean Spurge El Torcal

Dwarf Spurge Las Mezas

Sun Spurge Las Mezas

W of Ronda

Petty Spurge Gargante Verde

Annual Mercury Grazalema

Location

Scientific name Common name

Mercurialis tomentosa-Tajo del Molino[Ricinus communis]Castor Oil PlantTajo del Molino

Fagaceae

Quercus coccifera Quercus faginea Quercus ilex Quercus suber

Geraniaceae

Erodium cicutarium
Erodium malacoides
Erodium moschatum
Erodium primulaceum
Erodium recoderi*
Erodium tordylioides*
Geranium dissectum
Geranium purpureum
Geranium pyrenaicum
Geranium robertianum
Geranium rotundifolium

Lamiaceae

Ballota pseudodictamnus
Lamium amplexicaule
Lavandula lanata*
Lavandula multifida
Lavandula stoechas subsp. stoechas
Phlomis lychnitis

Phlomis lychnitis
Phlomis purpurea
Rosmarinus officinalis
Salvia verbenaca
Stachys arvensis
Teucrium fruticans
Teucrium polium agg.

Leguminosae (Fabaceae)

Acacia retinodes
Anagyris foetida
Anthyllis cystoides
Astragalus glaux
Astragalus lusitanicus
Bituminaria bituminosa
Calycotome villosa
Ceratonia siliqua
[Cercis siliquastrum]
Cytisus baeticus
Genista umbellata
Lathyrus annuus
Lathyrus clymenum

Lathyrus sphaericus

Oak & Beech Family

Kermes Oak
Beech-leaved Oak
Holm oak
Cork Oak
Sierra de las Nievas
E of Grazalema
E of Grazalema
E of Grazalema

Geranium Family

Common Stork's-bill Gargante Verde

Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Finca La Guzmana

Musk Stork's-bill Finca La Guzmana

a Stork's-bill Gargante Verde

a Stork's-bill Mirador Guarda Foresta

a Stork's-bill Zahara
Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Below Zahara
Shiny Crane's-bill Below Zahara

Little Robin Mirador Guarda Forestal

Hedgerow Crane's-bill Laguna Dulce
Herb-robert El Torcal
Round-leaved Crane's-bill Zahara

Dead-nettle Family

Garden Horehound Gargante Verde (leaves)

Henbit Deadnettle Grazalema

Woolly Lavender Sierra de las Nievas
Cut-leaved Lavender Near El Chorro
French Lavender El Chorro

- Near El Chorro (leaves)
Purple Phlomis Common (leaves)
Rosemary Below Zahara
Wild Clary Finca La Guzmana

Field Woundwort Zahara

Shrub Germander E of Grazalema Felty Germander Gargante Verde

Pea Family

Swamp Wattle Roadsides near Malaga
Bean Trefoil Cerro de Tavizna
Shrub Kidney-vetch Near El Chorro
a Milk-vetch Gargante Verde

a Milk-vetch Mirador de las Acebuches

Pitch Trefoil Hidden Valley
Prickly Broom Pileta caves
Carob Gargante Verde
Judas Tree Planted

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- Cerro de Tavizna - Tajo de Molino (leaves)

Annual Pea Montejaque
- Near El Chorro
- Tajo del Molino

Scientific name Common name Location Lathyrus tingitanus Cliffs, Ronda Lotus tetragonolobus (Tetragonolobus purpureus) Asparagus Pea Below Zahara Medicago lupulina **Black Medick** Near Montejaque Medicago orbicularis Disc Trefoil Zahara Medicago polymorpha Toothed medick Tajo de Molino

Melilotus indicus Small Melilot 7ahara Retama (Lygos) monosperma **Bridal Veil Broom** Sierra del Pinar Retama (Lygos) sphaerocarpa Gargante Verde (leaves)

Spiny Scorpion-vetch Tajo del Molino Scorpiurus muricatus Spanish Broom Roadsides Spartium junceum Trifolium ornithopodioides Bird's-foot Clover Above Zahara Bladder Vetch Tripodion tetraphyllum (Anthyllis tetraphylla) Las Mezas

Sierra del Pinar (leaves) Ulex (Stauracanthus) bovinii

Small-flowered Gorse Ulex parviflorus Very Common [Vicia faba] Broad Bean Escape from cultivation

Vicia sativa subsp. sativa Fodder Vetch Tajo de Molino

Vicia vicioides Mirador Guarda Forestal

Malvaceae **Mallow Family**

Malva pseudolavatera El Chorro Malva sylvestris Common Mallow Near Malaga

Myrtle & Gum Family Myrtaceae

River Red Gum [Eucalyptus camaldulensis] Roadsides Tasmanian Blue Gum Roadsides [Eucalyptus globulus] Myrtis communis Myrtle Gargante Verde

Oleaceae **Olive Family**

Paeoniaceae

Papaveraceae

Fraxinus angustifolia Narrow-leaved Ash Between El Burgo & Ardales Jasmine Jasminum fruticans Tajo de Molino Olea europaea Wild Olive Gargante Verde Phillyrea angustifolia Narrow-leaved Phyllyrea E of Grazalema

Oxalidaceae **Wood-sorrel Family**

Common weed [Oxalis pes-caprae] Bermuda Buttercup

Peony Family Paeonia broteri a Peony E of Puerto del Viento (leaves)

Poppy Family

Fumaria capreolata White Ramping Fumitory Below Grazalema Fumaria muralis Common Ramping Fumitory Hidden Valley Fumaria officinalis Common Fumitory Laguna Dulce Common Poppy Papaver rhœas Laguna Dulce

Platycapnos spicatus Laguna Dulce Rupicapnos africana Near El Chorro

Plantaginaceae **Plantain Family**

El Chorro Antirrhinum barrelieri a Snapdragon Antirrhinum graniticum Tajo de Molino a Snapdragon Chaenorhinum villosum Near El Chorro Linaria aeruginea* a Toadflax Cerro de Tavizna

Linaria anticaria* a Toadflax El Torcal (leaves)

Linaria platycalyx* a Toadflax Zahara

Linaria tristisa ToadflaxE of Puerto del VientoPlantago arenariaBranched PlantainTajo de MolinoPlantago lagopusHare's-tail PlantainNear El ChorroPlantago majorGreater PlantainFinca La Guzmana

Veronica cymbalariaWhite SpeedwellGrazalemaVeronica politaGrey Field SpeedwellRonda

Polygalaceae Milkwort Family

Polygala rupestris Rock Milkwort Near El Chorro

Polygonaceae Dock Family

Rumex bucephaloflorus Horned Dock W of Ronda
Rumex scutatus French or Shield Dock Tajo de Molino

Primulaceae Primrose Family

Anagallis arvensis (Red & Blue) Scarlet Pimpernel El Chorro
Samolus valerandi Brookweed El Chorro

Ranunculaceae Buttercup Family

Anemone palmataYellow AnemoneAbove ZaharaClematis cirrhosaVirgin's BowerGargante VerdeFicaria verna subsp. ficariiformisLesser CelandineSierra de las Nievas

Helleborus foetidus Stinking Hellebore Sierra de las Nievas

Ranunculus spicatus subsp. blepharicarpos a Buttercup E of Puerto del Viento

Resedaceae Mignonette Family

Reseda albaWhite MignonetteRoadsidesReseda luteaMignonetteW of RondaReseda phyteumaCorn MignonetteW of RondaReseda suffruticosaa MignonetteNear El Chorro

Reseda suffruticosa a Mignonette Near El Chorro Reseda undata subsp. gayana (R. gayana) a Mignonette Cliffs, Ronda

Rhamnaceae Buckthorn Family

Rhamnus alaternus Mediterranean Buckthorn Gargante Verde
Rhamnus lycioides* Prostrate Buckthorn Hidden Valley

RosaceaeRose FamilyCrataegus monogynaHawthornNear GrazalemaPrunus aviumWild CherryE of Grazalma

[Prunus dulcis] Almond Escape from cultivation
Prunus prostrata Prostrate Plum Above Grazalema
Prunus prisess Produides

Prunus spinosa Blackthorn Common on Roadsides Rosa sp. - El Torcal

Rosa sp.-El TorcalRubus ulmifoliusBrambleEl Torcal

Rubiaceae Bedstraw Family

Galium aparineCleaversFinca La GuzmanaGalium verrucosum-Gargante VerdePlocama (Putoria) calabricaPutoriaSierra del Pinar

Rubia peregrina Wild Madder Mirador Guarda Forestal

Sherardia arvensis Field Madder Las Mezas

Rutaceae

[Citrus limon] [Citrus sinensis] Ruta montana

Santalaceae

Osyris alba Viscum album Viscum cruciatum

Sapindaceae

Acer monspessulanum

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga biternata* Saxifraga bourgaeana* Saxifraga globulifera* Saxifraga granulata

Scrophulariaceae

Scrophularia sambucifolia Verbascum giganteum Verbascum sinuatum

Simaroubaceae

Ailanthus altissima

Solanaceae

Hyoscyamus albus Mandragoria autumnalis Nicotiana glauca

Thymelaeaceae

Daphne gnidium Daphne laureola

Urticacae

Parietaria judaica Parietaria officinalis Urtica membranacea

Urtica urens

Violaceae

Viola demetrei

Amaryllidaceae

Allium ampeloprasum Allium neapolitanum

Narcissus assoanus (N. requienii)

Narcissus hispanicus (N. longispathus, N. bujei)

Monocots

Rue Family

Lemon Planted
Orange Planted
Fringed Rue Hidden Valley

Sandalwood Family

Osyris Hidden Valley Mistletoe Near Ronda

Red-berried Mistletoe E of Puerto del Viento

Maple Family

Montpelier Maple El Torcal

Saxifrage Family

El Torcal Saxifrage El Torcal (leaves)
a Saxifrage Hidden Valley
- Cerro de Tavizna
Meadow Saxifrage Grazalema

Figwort Family

Elder-leaved Figwort Hidden Valley
Giant Mullein Near Pileata caves
- Sierra del Pinar (leaves)

Tree of Heaven Family

Tree of Heaven Cliffs, Ronda

Nightshade Family

White Henbane Ardales

Mandrake S of Grazalema

Shrub Tobacco Ardales

Daphne Family

Mediterranean Mezereon Sierra del Pinar (leaves) Spurge Laurel Sierra de las Nievas

Nettle Family

Pellitory-of-the-wall Ronda
Large Pellitory-of-the-wall El Chorro
Membranous Nettle Grazalema
Small Nettle Grazalema

Violet Family

- E of Puerto del Viento

Monocotyledons

Amaryllis Family

Wild Leek Finca La Guzmana
Naples Garlic Roadside near Antequerra

Rush-leaved Jonquil Sierra del Pinar Long-spathed Daffodil Sierra de las Nievas

Dioscoreaceae

Scientific name Common name Location

Narcissus cantabricus White Hoop-petticoat Daffodil Near El Chorro (fruit)

Narcissus cuatrecasasii* (N. rupicola)Rock JonquilHidden ValleyNarcissus flavus (N. fernandesii)-Verge, S of Grazalema

Narcissus papyraceus Paper-white Daffodil Hidden Valley

Araceae Arum Family

Arisarum vulgare Friar's Cowl Gargante Verde

ArecaceaePalm FamilyChamærops humilisDwarf Fan PalmPileata caves (leaves)

[Phœnix dactylifera] Date Palm El Chorro

Asparagaceae Asparagus Family

Blue Aphyllanthes Gargante Verde Aphyllanthes monspeliensis Century Plant El Chorro [Agave americana] Asparagus acutifolius Sharp-leaved Asparagus Las Mezas Las Mezas Asparagus albus White-stemmed Asparagus Dipcadi serotinum Brown Bluebell Near El Chorro Sea Squill Common (leaves) Drimia (Urginea) maritima

Hyacinthoides hispanica Spanish Bluebell Mirador Guarda Forestal

Leopoldia comosa (Muscari comosum)Tassel HyacinthNear El ChorroMuscari neglectumGrape HyacinthFinca La GuzmanaOrnithogalum baeticuma Star of BethlehemW of GrazalemaOrnithogalum reverchonii*a Star of BethlehemHidden Valley

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's Broom Mirador Guarda Forestal

CyperaceaeSedge FamilySchoenus nigricansBlack Bog-rushSierra del Pinar

Dioscorea (Tamus) communis Black Bryony Mirador Guarda Forestal

Black Bryony Family

Iridaceae Iris Family

Iris foetidissimaStinking IrisEl Torcal (fruit)Iris planifoliaBroad-leaved IrisE of Puerto del Viento

Romulea bulbocodium a Sand Crocus Sierra del Pinar

JuncaeaeRush FamilyScirpoides holoschoenusRound-headed ClubrushGargante Verde

Todala ficadea Glasiasti Garganie verde

LiliaceaeLily FamilyFritillaria lusitanicaPortuguese FritillaryAbove ZaharaGagea foliosaa Yellow Star of BethlehemE of Puerto del Viento

Gagea foliosaa Yellow Star of BethlehemE of Puerto del VientoGagea lacaitaea Yellow Star of BethlehemSierra de las Nievas

OrchidaceaeOrchid FamilyAnacamptis collina (Orchis collina)Fan-lipped orchidW of Ronda (over)Cephalanthera longifoliaSword-leaved HelleborineE of Grazalema

Himantoglossum robertianumGiant OrchidLas MezasNeotinea tridentata subsp. conica (Orchis conica)a Toothed OrchidSierra de las Nievas

Ophrys bombylifloraBumble Bee OrchidBelow ZaharaOphrys fusca subsp. fuscaSombre Bee OrchidLas Mezas

Scientific name	Common name	Location

Ophrys lutea	Yellow Bee Orchid	Las Mezas
Ophrys omegaifera (O. fusca subsp. omegaifera)	a Sombre Bee Orchid	Las Mezas
Ophrys speculum	Mirror Orchid	Las Mezas
Ophrys tenthredinifera	Sawfly Orchid	Near El Chorro
Orchis anthropophora	Man Orchid	Near El Chorro
Orchis italica	Naked Man Orchid	Las Mezas
Orchis olbiensis	an Early Purple Orchid	Sierra del Pinar

Poaceae	Grass Family	
Anisantha diandra	Great Brome	Laguna Dulce
Arundo donax	Giant Reed	Tajo de Molino
Bromus rubens	Red Brome	Tajo de Molino
Cynosurus echinatus	Rough Dog's-tail	Near El Chorro
Hyparrhenia hirta	-	Pileata caves
Koeleria macrantha	Crested Hair-grass	Near El Chorro
Lamarckia aurea	Lamarck's Golden Grass	Tajo de Molino
Rostraria cristata	-	Zahara
Stipa capensis	a Feather Grass	El Chorro
Vulpia bromoides	Squirrel-tail Fescue	Laguna Dulce

SmilacaceaeSmilax FamilySmilax asperaCommon SmilaxGargante Verde

XanthorrhoeaceaeAsphodel FamilyAsphodelus aestivusCommon AsphodelRoadsidesAsphodelus albusWhite AsphodelSierra del PinarAsphodelus fistulosusSmall AsphodelTajo de Molino

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

			March								
	Common name	Scientific name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
1	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea			✓						
2	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	✓		✓						
3	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
4	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	✓								
5	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	✓								
6	Rock Dove [Feral]	Columba livia feral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
7	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba					✓	✓			
9	Common Swift	Apus apus				✓					
10	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops					Н				
11	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major				Н			Н		
12	European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis						Н			
13	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni							✓		
14	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus					✓				
15	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			✓						
16	Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis		✓							
17	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		✓		✓					
18	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
19	Northern Raven	Corvus corax	✓	✓	✓						
20	Coal Tit	Periparus ater			✓				Н		

			March									
	Common name	Scientific name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
21	European Crested Tit	Lophophanes cristatus			✓							
22	Great Tit	Parus major	✓		✓	Н	✓	✓	✓			
23	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
24	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			
25	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
26	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris			✓	✓	✓		✓			
27	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti					Н					
28	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
29	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala		Н			✓	Н	✓			
30	Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla			Н	✓						
31	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes			Н		Н		Н			
32	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea										
33	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
34	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
35	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos		Н		Н			Н			
36	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula			✓		✓	✓	Н			
37	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
38	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra						✓				
39	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola		✓	✓		✓	✓				
40	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius			✓			✓				
41	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
42	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea					✓					
43	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba			✓							
44	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
45	European Serin	Serinus serinus		Н	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
46	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	Н		Н			Н	Н			
47	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	Н	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
48	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina		✓								
49	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra		✓			✓		✓			
50	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia			✓		✓	✓	✓			
51	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus				√		Н				

Mammals (s=signs of)

1	Spanish Ibex	Capra pyrenaica	✓			✓		
2	Wild Boar	Sus scrofa	S	S	S	S		
3	Rabbit	Oryctologus cuniculatus		✓		✓		

Amphibians & Reptiles

1	Iberian Wall Lizard	Podarcis hispanica		✓		✓	
2	Large Psammodromus	Psammodromus algirus					
3	Spanish Psammodromus	Psammodromus hispanicus	✓			✓	
4	Spanish Terrapin	Mauremys leprosa			✓		

Butterflies

1	Spanish Festoon	Zerynthia rumina			✓	✓	
2	Large White	Pieris brassicae			✓	✓	
3	Small White	Pieris rapae			✓	✓	
4	Western Dappled White	Euchloe crameri		✓	✓		
5	Moroccan Orange Tip	Anthocaris belia		✓			

						Ма	rch			
	Common name	Scientific name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
6	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea					✓		✓	
7	Provence Hairstreak	Tomares ballus					✓		✓	
8	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas					✓		✓	
9	Black-eyed Blue	Glaucopsyche melanops algirica							✓	
10	Large Tortoiseshell	Nymphalis polychloros							✓	
11	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta			✓		✓		✓	
12	Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui			✓		✓		✓	
13	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		✓					✓	
14	Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria					✓		✓	
15	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera							✓	

Macros Moths (B = Bivouac)

1	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa		В	В	В	В		В	
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Other Invertebrates (LO=Leader Only)

1	Praying Mantis	Mantis religiosa				✓	
2	Common Backswimmer	Notonecta glauca	✓				
3	Bee Fly	Bombylius major		LO			
4	Honey Bee	Apis millifera				✓	
5	Buff-tailed Bumble Bee	Bombus terrestris				✓	
6	Rhino' Dung Beetle	Copris lunaris	✓				
7	Long-legged Centipede	Scutigera coleoptrata				✓	
8	Sheep Tick	Ixodes ricinus				✓	
9	Scorpion	Buthus occitanicus				✓	



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