# Corsica - The Scented Isle

# Naturetrek Tour Report

22nd - 29th May 2022

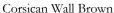


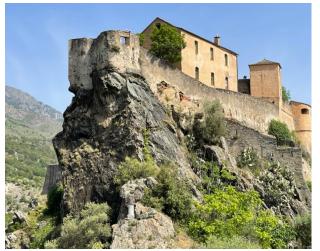


Aquilegia bernardii

Berberis aetnensis







Corte Citadel

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#### Day 1

# Sunday 22nd May

Our Air Corsica flight arrived at Calvi airport, in the early afternoon. As we had been unable to obtain the usual minibuses, this year, we were greeted by our coach driver, Gerard, and after loading our luggage, we set off for a short visit to Calvi. We parked close to the Citadel and spent an hour exploring the waterfront and narrow streets, before heading south to the coast near Galeria. Plants of interest, on the rocky shore included the familiar Curry Plant Helichrysum italicum subsp. italicum, a robust glaucous-leaved spurge Euphorbia pithyusa subsp. pithyusa and two of the islands more localised endemics, the pink Corsican Stork's-bill Erodium corsicum and the intricately branched sea lavender Limonium corsicum.

We continued through dense maquis, stopping next at the Col de Palmarella, to enjoy views over the Golfe de Girolata and the rugged headland of Scandola. After a seemingly endless series of twists and turns, the road passed through dramatic cliffs of pink granite, before reaching Porto. Here, we turned inland and made the long climb to Evisa, through the rugged and scenic Spelunca gorge. Once we had settled into our rooms, we enjoyed a hearty evening meal and a brief outline of our plans for the week, before retiring to bed.

# Day 2

# **Monday 23rd May**

We left the hotel around 9.00am and headed up into the Aitone Forest, above the village, where the tall, straight trunks of Corsican Pine *Pinus nigra* subsp. *laricio* are the dominate feature of the landscape. At lower levels, Maritime Pine *Pinus pinaster* subsp. *escarena* and European Silver-fir *Abies alba* are additional components, with an understorey of Holly *Ilex aquifolium*. In wet areas of forest, we found large stands of Willow Gentian *Gentiana asclepiadea* and carpets of the tiny, highly aromatic Corsican Mint *Mentha requienii*. A large area of bare granite provided us with excellent views of the very common Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard and the more robust Bedriaga's Rock Lizard, both endemic to the island.

Moving on, we explored scrub-covered hillsides, at the Col de Sevi, where botanical highlights included superb flowering specimens of Illyrian Sea Daffodil *Pancratium illyricum*, Corsican Woundwort *Stachys corsica*, the pungent Cat Thyme *Teucrium marum* and the stately spires of the distinct Corsican form of Foxglove *Digitalis purpurea* subsp. *gypergerae*. Birds included Sardinian Warbler, Woodlark, and a Red-backed Shrike and, just as we were about to leave, a Golden Eagle was spotted, on the skyline.

Our next destination was Sagone, on the coast, where we stocked up with supplies of food and drink, for our lunches over the next three days. A short distance down the coast, we pulled in beside the Liamone estuary. While lunch was being prepared the group crossed the bridge to listen to the distinctive calls of Nightingale, in the trees at the water's edge. Close by, Cetti's Warbler and Eurasian Reed Warbler called from the reed beds and out on the water were singles of Pied Avocet, Common Greenshank, and a small flock of Yellow-legged Gulls. Two more gulls were behaving quite differently, and we were most fortunate to discover, on closer inspection, that they were Audouin's Gull, one of the world's rarest gulls, that is confined to the Mediterranean.

After lunch, we explored the beach, where an interesting flora included Sea Bindweed *Calystegia soldanella*, Sea Medick *Medicago marina*, Three-horned Stock *Matthiola tricuspidata*, Sea Rocket *Cakile maritima* and Sea Knotgrass

Polygonum maritimum, all playing a role in stabilising the shifting sand of this windy coast. Just inland, on a narrow strip of stabilised dune, there were freshwater pools with Yellow Flag *Iris pseudacorus*, surrounded by wind-blasted coastal maquis, where the very spiny Corsican Broom *Genista corsica* was abundant, along with such plants as the pale-blue Sheep's-bit *Jasione montana*, Yellow Centaury *Centaurium maritimum* and an endemic Sea Groundsel *Senecio transiens*. Unfortunately, the most prominent plant, here, was the very invasive Yellow Hottentot Fig *Carpobrotus edulis*, which poses an additional and serious threat to the survival of this rare and dwindling habitat.

# Day 3

# **Tuesday 24th May**

From the bottom of the village, we walked a little way down the old mule trail, that had been Evisa's only connection with the outside world, before the building of the modern road. Corsican Wall Brown flitted around the start of the trail and Spring Sowbread Cyclamen repandum was in flower, along the woodland edge The maquis, here, is fully mature, with a dense canopy of Holm Oak, Quercus ilex, Strawberry Tree Arbutus unedo and Tree Heather Erica arborea. Growing through these were huge trees of Maritime Pine and Corsican Pine, easily distinguishable by the size of their cones and their bark. Rather than walk the full length of the trail, we continued down the road, stopping occasionally for the spectacular views. Because our usual road was too narrow for the coach, we had to make a long detour through Porto and Ota to reach the foot of the gorge and the start of our walk. We followed the well-built trail, climbing gradually alongside the river, where many new botanical highlights awaited us. Typical of many Corsican rivers, large plants of Royal Fern Osmunda regalis grew along the water's edge and a wet cliff was draped with the delicate fronds of Maidenhair Fern Adiantum capillus-veneris and mats of Toothed Clubmoss Selaginella denticulata. Shady banks harboured the striped spathes of Friar's Cowl Arisarum vulgare and the delicate pendant flowers of the endemic Long-leaved Snowflake Acis longifolia, while in sunny glades, we found Heart-lipped Tongue-orchid Serapias cordigera and the pale blue flowers of Blue Stonecrop Sedum caeruleum. Dipper and Grey Wagtail were seen along the river, and we had obliging views of Firecrest, above our heads.

When we reached the Zaglia Bridge, we enjoyed a relaxing lunch among the granite boulders, by the river, before retracing our steps to the road. After a stop to view the graceful arch of another Genoese bridge, the Pont de Pianella, we relaxed over drinks in the attractive south-facing village of Ota. From here, we returned to Porto and continued south, along the coast road, to the Calanches de Piana, where the granite cliffs have eroded into fantastic shapes and pinnacles. Growing on sunny rock-faces, were the pure-white flowers of Madame Gysperger's Pink Dianthus furcatus subsp. gyspergerae, in its only known world location, and damper, shaded areas were home to Greenwinged Orchid Orchis morio, the yellow Provence Orchid Orchis provincialis, Barton's Orchid Dactylorhiza insularis, large colonies of Common Tongue-orchid Serapias lingua, in a variety of colours, and stunning specimens of Heart-lipped Tongue-orchid. It was a long drive back to Evisa and we arrived just before dinner.

### Day 4

# Wednesday 25th May

Corsican Nuthatch was proving hard to find but, this morning, the early birders were, at last, successful in finding two. After loading our luggage, we left Evisa and made another short stop in the forest, this time to visit the cascades and the ruins of a chestnut mill. At the Col de Vergio, the upper limits of the forest gave way to prostrate juniper Juniperus communis var. saxatilis and a suite of endemic plants that included the broom Genista salzmanii var. lobelioides, mats of Thymus herba-barona and tight cushions of Plantago sarda and Multi-headed Thrift Armeria multiceps.

After a long drive down through the forest, to the east of the watershed, we stopped for lunch by the shore of the reservoir at Calacuccia. Beyond here we dropped into the narrow chasm of the Santa Regina Gorge, where more endemic plants included the white Wood Pink *Dianthus sylvestris* subsp. *longicaulis*, a Tunic Flower *Petrorhagia saxifraga* subsp. *gasparinii*, White-headed Thrift *Armeria leucocephala*, and the spiny thistle *Ptilostemon casabonae*. After leaving the mountains, we explored an area of maquis, near Francardo, where a variety of orchids included Pink Butterfly Orchid *Anacamptis papilionacea* and the dark-flowered Early Spider-orchid *Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *atrata*. After the tortuous, narrow roads of the last few days, it was quite a relief to join the main route and after driving south, past Corte, we soon arrived at our hotel, below Venaco, where we had time to explore the riverside and surrounding maquis, before dinner.

### Day 5

### **Thursday 26th May**

After shopping in Venaco, we drove south to the elegant railway bridge, designed by Gustave Eiffel. We walked steadily up a quiet road, below huge trees of Maritime Pine and colourful maquis with Strawberry Tree, Tree Heather, white flowered Cistus salvifolius, pink Cistus creticus and aromatic French Lavender Lavandula stoechas. Pale pink flowers of Short-leaved Stonecrop Sedum brevifolium erupted from cracks in the lichen-covered granite and Tyrrhenian Wall lizards scuttled everywhere, in the hot sunshine. A little further up the road, a damp area alongside a diverted stream had many colonies of Common Tongue-orchid, varying in colour from deep pink to pale yellow, several Wedge-lipped Orchid Dactylorhiza saccifera and a few Twayblade Neottia ovata, and under the pines were several fine specimens of the parasitic Violet Bird's-nest Orchid Limodorum abortivum. Another interesting find was the bright red Cage Fungus Clathrus ruber, it's strange appearance and intense odour of rotting meat reflecting its alternative name of Basket Stinkhorn.

At this point, the coach refused to start, and we had to change our plans. We had lunch, by the roadside, while we waited for a mechanic to arrive. A faulty battery appeared to be the problem, so rather than risk a further breakdown on the remote road, we returned to the main highway and travelled south, through Vivario, to the top of the Vizzavona pass. Here, rather surprisingly, the upper limit of forest is dominated by Beech Fagus sylvatica. In the past, the trees were coppiced for their timber and now form a dense high canopy of multi-trunked monsters, with little in the way of ground flora, except for the patterned leaves of the autumn-flowering Cyclamen hederifolium and the white-flowered Maple-leaved Buttercup Ranunculus platanifolius. We followed a rough track to the Cascades des Anglais, through more open forest, finding patches of the tiny-leaved Balearic Sandwort Arenaria balearica and a pale-flowered form of Chives Allium schoenoprasum, and then rounded off the afternoon with drinks at Vizzavona railway station, the highest point of Corsica's unique railway, before returning to the hotel for around 6.30pm.

# Day 6 Friday 27th May

A pre-breakfast walk included sightings of Moltoni's Warbler, Dartford Warbler and our first, and only, Corsican Finch of the week. Despite cloudy skies, the day was warm and windless, with only a few occasional spots of rain. We stopped at the bridge, below Corte, for the classic view of the Citadel, famously painted by Edward Lear, and then set off up the Restonica Valley. A short stop produced more sightings of Corsican Nuthatch and an amazing Giant Peacock Moth, Europe's largest moth. At the end of the road, we reached the upper limit of the forest and had great views towards the head of the valley and the high jagged ridges, surrounding it. The popular rocky trail, towards Lac de Melo, was lined with bright-yellow bushes Etna Barberry Berberis aetnensis and led us through low-growing Corsican Alder Alnus alnobetula subsp. suaveolens, small trees of Sycamore Acer pseudoplatanus and the

Corsican subspecies of the familiar Rowan Sorbus aucuparia subsp. praemorsa. It was remarkable that so many of the plants we encountered were endemic to the region. Others included the pale hyacinth Brimeura fastigiata, fine specimens of the Columbine Aquilegia bernardii, Round-leaved Valerian Valeriana rotundifolia, the large white flowers of Alpine Pasqueflower Pulsatilla alpina subsp. cyrnea and bright pink patches of the Corsican form of Rock Soapwort Saponaria ocymoides subsp. alsinoides. On wet banks, we found the distinctive Corsican Butterwort Pinguicula corsica and curtains of Corsican Bog Asphodel Narthecium reverchonii.

After lunch, most of us continued up the steepest section of the climb, where fixed chains and ladders aided our progress, and we were soon enjoying the rugged scenery around the circular Lac de Melo. The resident Alpine Chough had noticed our arrival and were quickly hopping around our feet, eager for our left-over scraps of food. To our amazement, they were joined by an Alpine Accentor, completely unperturbed by our presence, and it was a great thrill to watch this attractive little bird, just metres away. After returning to the café, at the start of the walk, we relaxed over drinks, before returning to the hotel.

## Day 7

# Saturday 28th May

We were keen to cram in as much as possible, on our last day. We spent a couple of hours visiting Corte's Citadel and exploring the older parts the historic former capital, before going north to the attractive mountain village of Tralonca. Roadside finds included fine specimens of Man Orchid *Orchis anthropophora*, Lady Orchid *Orchis purpurea*, Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera* and the distinct hybrid orchid *Ophrys ×arachnitiformis*.

We were rapidly running out of time, so, after a quick lunch, we made a long drive down to the east coast and the Etang d'Urbino, the second largest of Corsica's saline lagoons. A high vantage point gave us a good view of the inland margin of the lagoon, where a variety of birds included Shelduck, Black-winged Stilt, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, and both Great and Little Egret. A Western Marsh Harrier quartered the reedbeds and in the fields we saw Corn Bunting and parties of colourful European Bee-eaters, on the telephone wires. Field Gladiolus *Gladiolus italicus*, Pink Garlic *Allium roseum* and pink *Bellardia trixago* added splashes of colour to the meadows and, at the edge of the salt marsh, the endemic Island Bluetail Damselfly hovered over Golden Samphire *Limbarda crithmoides* and a large-leaved Sea Lavender *Limonium narbonense*. We returned to the hotel, in time to complete our checklists over a glass of wine, before dinner.

### Day 8

# Sunday 29th May

After a very early start, we made good progress on the long drive back to Calvi and arrived in good time to check in for our 8.15am flight.

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# **Species lists**

Birds (H = Heard only, • = Endemic)

		May 2022						
Common name	Latin name	22	23	23 24		26	27	28
Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna							✓
Common Swift	Apus apus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	Н	Н	Н	✓	Н		✓
Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓						
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra							✓
Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta		✓					
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus							✓
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		✓					✓
Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola							✓
Audouin's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii		✓					
Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	✓	✓					✓
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis							✓
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea							✓
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea							✓
Great Egret	Ardea alba							✓
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta							✓
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos		✓	✓				
Bonelli's Eagle	Hieraaetus fasciatus				✓	✓		
Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus							✓
Red Kite	Milvus milvus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Scops Owl	Otus scops	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
Tawny Owl	Strix aluco		Н					
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		✓		✓			✓
Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla				✓	Н	✓	✓
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major		Н		✓	Н	✓	Н
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		✓					

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Common name	Latin name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Eleonora's Falcon	Falco elenorae	✓						
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio		✓					
Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus						✓	
Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	Corvus corax	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coal Tit	Periparus ater			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Tit	Parus major	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodlark	Lullula arborea		✓		✓			
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	✓				✓
Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		Н					Н
Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus					✓		✓
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus		Н					
Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		Н	Н	Н			
Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus		✓					
Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus		Н					
Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Dartford Warbler	Sylvia undata							<b>✓</b>
Marmora's Warbler	Sylvia sarda						<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Moltoni's Warbler	Sylvia subalpina				Н		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	Н	Н	Н
Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	✓ ···
Corsican Nuthatch •	Sitta whiteheadi		Н		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris			<b>✓</b>				
Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓ ·	✓ ·	✓ ·	✓ ·	·
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata		✓ ·	✓ ·	✓ ·	✓ ·	✓ ·	<b>✓</b>
European Robin	Erithacus rubecula		,	✓	✓ ·	✓	✓	✓
Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos		Н	•	•	•	•	Н
Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		11					<b>√</b>
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius				Н			+ ·
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra		<b>✓</b>		✓ ·			
European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola	<b>✓</b>	•		<b>✓</b>			
White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus	<b>,</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
	Passer domesticus			•	•		<b>✓</b>	
House Sparrow		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	./	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Italian Sparrow	Passer italiae	<b>V</b>	•	✓	•	<b>V</b>		
Alpine Accentor	Prunella collaris			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓ ✓	<b>✓</b>
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea			<b>V</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta	<b>✓</b>				<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>V</b>	✓
European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>—</b>
European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓		<b>✓</b>
Corsican Finch •	Carduelis corsicana						<b>√</b>	<del></del>
European Serin	Serinus serinus		✓	✓	✓		✓	<b>√</b>
Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra							✓

#### Other vertebrates

		May 2022							
Common name	Latin name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Mammals									
Red Fox ‡	Vulpes vulpes							✓	
Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus				✓				
Reptiles									
Bedriaga's Rock Lizard •	Archaeolacerta bedriagae		✓						
Tyrrhenian Wall Lizard •	Podarcis tiliguerta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Whip Snake	Hierophis viridiflavus					✓			
Amphibians									
Tyrrhenian Tree Frog •	Hyla sarda				Н	Н	Н	Н	
Italian Pool Frog	Pelophylax lessonae bergeri				✓	✓	✓	✓	
• = endemic									
‡ = introduced									

# Invertebrates (• = endemic, E = evidence)

		May 2022							
Common name	Latin name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Butterflies									
	Papilionidae								
Scarce Swallowtail	Iphiclides podalirius							✓	
Swallowtail	Papilio machaon		✓			✓		✓	
	Pieridae								
Real's Wood White	Leptidea reali					✓			
Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bath White	Pontia daplidice							✓	
Large White	Pieris brassicae				✓				
Small White	Pieris rapae		✓				✓		
Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines			✓	✓				
	Lycaenidae								
Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeus		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi		✓						
Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
	Nymphalidae								
Southern White Admiral	Limenitis reducta					✓			
Queen of Spain Fritillary	Issoria lathonia				✓	✓			
Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui		✓	✓					
Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta			✓					
Corsican Heath •	Coenonympha corinna				✓				
Southern Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Corsican Wall Brown •	Lasiommata paramegaera			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina							✓	
Moths									
Giant Peacock Moth	Saturnia pyri						✓		

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Common name	Latin name	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	Macroglossum stellatarum				✓			✓
Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa	✓	✓				✓	
Box Tree Moth	Cydalima perspectalis			E				
Dragonflies								
Beautiful Demoiselle	Calopteryx virgo			✓		✓		
Island Bluetail •	Ischnura genei							✓
Scarce Chaser	Libellula fulva		✓					
Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombii		✓					
Scarlet Darter	Crocothemis erythraea		✓					
Other Insects								
Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptium				✓			
Fire Bug	Pyrrhocoris apterus		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
a Fire Bug	Spilostethus saxatilis					✓		✓
Bee Fly	Bombylius major			✓	✓		✓	✓
Bee Fly	Bombylius cruciatus							✓
Bee Fly	Bombylius fimbriatus		✓			✓		
Hornet	Vespa crabro					✓		
Honey Bee	Apis mellifera	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa violacea	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rose Chafer	Cetonia aurata			✓		✓		
Scarab Dung Beetle	Scarabaeus laticollis				✓			
Lesser Capricorn Beetle	Cerambyx scopolii						✓	

Plants (• = endemic to Corsica or nearby region, ‡ = cultivated or naturalized)

Latin name PTERIDOPHYTES	Common name FERNS AND FERN ALLIES	Notes
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
Asplenium ceterach	Rustyback	Rocks
Asplenium obovatum	Lanceolate Spleenwort	Shaded rocks. Spelunca
Asplenium onopteris	Sharp-leaved Spleenwort	Walls
Asplenium ruta-muraria	Wall-rue	Foret d'Aitone, Restonica
Asplenium septentrionale	Forked Spleenwort	Shaded mountain rocks
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Shaded rocks
Athyriaceae Athyrium distentifolium Athyrium felix-femina	Lady-fern Family Alpine Lady-fern Lady-fern	Above Lac de Melo Foret d'Aitone
Blechnaceae	Hard-fern Family	
Blechnum spicant	Hard-fern	Foret d'Aitone
Cystopteridaceae	Bladder-fern Family	
Cystopteris fragilis	Brittle Bladder-fern	Shaded rocks
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	Common

#### Latin name Common name Notes Dryopteridaceae **Buckler-fern Family** Dryopteris cambrensis Narrow Male-fern Common Broad Buckler-fern **Forests** Dryopteris dilatata Dryopteris expansa Northern Buckler-fern Mountain rocks and scrub Mountain Male-fern Common Dryopteris oreades Polystichum aculeatum Hard Shield-fern Cascades des Anglais Polystichum setiferum Soft Shield-fern Foret d'Aitone **Equisetaceae Horsetail Family** Field Horsetail Occasional in pasture Equisetum arvense **Branched Horsetail** Equisetum ramosissimum Hedges Equisetum telmateia Giant Horsetail Occasional in ditches Osmundaceae **Royal Fern Family** Osmunda regalis Royal Fern Common by rivers Polypodiaceae **Polypody Family** Polypodium cambricum Occasional on rocks Southern Polypody Polypodium vulgare Common Polypody Occasional on rocks Pteridaceae Maidenhair Fern Family Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern Wet rocks. Spelunca Anogramma leptophylla Jersey Fern Damp places. Spelunca Cheilanthes acrosticha **Scented Cheilanthes** Cliffs Cryptogramma crispa Parsley Fern Mountain rocks. Restonica Selaginellaceae **Lesser Clubmoss Family Toothed Clubmoss** Selaginella denticulata Damp earth. Common **GYMNOSPERMS CONIFERS** Cupressaceae Cypress Family Cupressus sempervirens ‡ Italian Cypress Cultivated Juniperus communis var. saxatilis Common in mountains Juniper Juniperus oxycedrus subsp. oxycedrus Common in maquis Prickly Juniper **Pinaceae Pine Family** Abies alba European Silver-fir Foret d'Aitone, Vizzavona Larix decidua ‡ Larch Occasional. Foret d'Aitone Pinus halepensis ‡ Planted Aleppo Pine Pinus nigra subsp. laricio • Corsican Pine **Forests** Pinus pinaster subsp. escarena Maritime Pine Common in lower forests Umbrella Pine Planted near coasts Pinus pinea ‡ Douglas Fir Planted. Foret d'Aitone Pseudotsuga menziesii ‡ **ANGIOSPERMS** FLOWERING PLANTS **DICOTYLEDONS**

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**Dewplant Family** 

Aizoaceae

Latin nameCommon nameNotesCarpobrotus edulis ‡Yellow Hottentot-figCoastal alien

Amaranthaceae Goosefoot Family

Beta vulgaris subsp. maritimaSea BeetLiamone beachBlitum bonus-henricusGood-King-HenryAnimal pensChenopodium albumFat-henOccasional weed

Sarcocornia fruticosa A Perennial Glasswort Salt marsh. Etang d'Urbino

Anacardiaceae Sumach Family

Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree Common in maquis

Apiaceae Carrot Family

Bunium alpinum subsp. corydalinum •A PignutMountain pastureBupleurum fruticosumShrubby Hare's-earRocky places in maquis

Bupleurum stellatum Starry Hare's-ear Rocks Chaerophyllum temulum Rough Chervil Roadsides Conopodium majus **Pignut** Frequent Crithmum maritimum **Rock Samphire** Coastal rocks Daucus carota Wild Carrot Common Eryngium campestre Field Eryngo Frequent Giant Fennel Frequent

Ferula communisGiant FennelFrequentFoeniculum vulgare subsp. vulgareFennelCommon

Peucedanum ostruthium Masterwort Mountain streamsides

Pseudorlaya pumilaDune CarrotCoastal sandsScandix pecten-venerisShepherd's-needleDry rocky placesTordylium apulumTordyliumOccasionalTorilis nodosaKnotted Hedge-parsleyDry sandy places

Apocynaceae Dogbane Family

Gomphocarpus fruticosus ‡Bristle-fruited SilkweedOccasional. RoadsidesNerium oleanderOleanderBy streams in maquis

Vincetoxicum hirundinaria Swallow-wort Restonica. Verghello

Aquifoliaceae Holly Family

Ilex aquifolium Holly Common in forests

Araliaceae Ivy Family

Hedera helix Ivy Common

Aristolochiaceae Birthwort Family

Aristolochia tyrrhena • Tyrrhenian Birthwort Spelunca

Asteraceae Daisy Family

Bellis sylvestris

Achillea ligustica Southern Yarrow Common Achillea millefolium ‡ Yarrow Weedy places Adenostyles briquetii • Briquet's Adenostyles Restonica Anthemis arvensis Corn Chamomile Ruderal **Annual Daisy** Occasional Bellis annua Occasional Bellis perennis Daisy

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Southern Daisy

Frequent

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Latin name Common name **Notes** Bellium bellidioides • False Daisy Common Calendula arvensis Field Marigold Frequent Carduus tenuiflorus Slender Thistle Coast Carlina corymbosa Flat-topped Carline Thistle Common to 1000 metres Carlina macrocephala subsp. macrocephala Large-headed Carline Thistle Frequent above 1000 metres Chondrilla juncea Rush Skeletonweed Waste places Cichorium intybus Chicory Roadsides Cirsium vulgare Spear Thistle Grassy and waste places Dittrichia graveolens Aromatic Inula Roadsides. Frequent Dittrichia viscosa Stink Aster Roadsides, Common Doronicum corsicum • Corsican Leopard's-bane Wet rocks Eupatorium cannabinum subsp. corsicum • Corsican Hemp-agrimony Wet forests Pygmy Cudweed Dry places Filago pygmaea Galactites tomentosa Galactites Waste places Geropogon hybridus ‡ Slender Salsify Rare ruderal Glebionis coronaria var. coronaria Crown Daisy Waste places Glebionis coronaria var. discolor Crown Daisy Waste places Glebionis segetum Corn Marigold Liamone beach Helichrysum frigidum • An Everlastingflower Mountain rocks Helichrysum italicum subsp. italicum A Curry Plant Rocky places Hyoseris radiata Hvoseris Ruderal Hypochaeris achyrophorus Mediterranean Cat's-ear Frequent Hypochaeris glabra Smooth Cat's-ear Frequent Hypochaeris radicata Common Cat's-ear Sand dunes A Cat's-ear Widespread Hypochaaris robertia Limbarda crithmoides Golden Samphire Etang d'Urbino Logfia gallica Narrow-leaved Cudweed Dry places Mycelis muralis Wall Lettuce Walls Pallenis spinosa Spiny Golden-star Frequent Rocks at low altitude Phagnalon saxatile A Shrubby Cudweed Pilosella lactucella Common Pilosella officinarum Mouse-ear Hawkweed Frequent Prenanthes purpurea Purple Lettuce **Forests** Ptilostemon casabonae • A Ptilostemon Occasional Mediterranean Fleabane Pulicaria odora Common in maquis Rhagadiolus edulis A Star Hawkbit Common Senecio transiens • A Sea Groundsel Sand dunes, Liamone Groundsel Senecio vulgaris Waste places Silybum marianum Milk Thistle Waste places and fields Solidago virgaurea Goldenrod Mountains Sonchus asper Prickly Sow-thistle Waste places Sonchus oleraceus Smooth Sow-thistle Waste places A Dandelion Occasional Taraxacum sp. Tolpis barbata **Tolpis** Occasional Tragopogon porrifolius Salsify Frequent Sea Aster Salt marsh. Etang d'Urbino Tripolium pannonicum Urospermum dalechampii Urospermum Locally common

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Prickly Golden-fleece

A Cocklebur

Weedy places

Coasts. Alien

Urospermum picroides

Xanthium italicum ‡

Latin name Common name Notes
Berberidaceae Barberry Family

Berberis aetnensis • Etna Barberry Mountains

Betulaceae Birch Family

Alnus alnobetula subsp. suaveolens •Corsican AlderRestonicaAlnus cordata •Italian AlderOccasional

Alnus glutinosa Common Alder Common by rivers
Betula pendula Silver Birch Forests to treeline

Boraginaceae Borage Family

Anchusa azureaLarge Blue AlkanetOccasionalBorago officinalisBorageCommonCynoglossum creticumBlue Hound's-tongueFrequentEchium italicumItalian Viper's-buglossRoadsidesEchium plantagineumPurple Viper's-buglossCommon

Heliotropium europaeum Heliotrope Common. Roadsides

Myosotis discolorChanging Forget-me-notDamp placesMyosotis pusillaA Forget-me-notDamp placesMyosotis ramosissimaEarly Forget-me-notFrequent

Myosotis soleirolii • A Forget-me-not Wet places in mountains

Brassicaceae Cabbage Family

Alliaria petiolataGarlic MustardRuderalArabidopsis thalianaThale CressFrequentArabis alpina subsp. alpinaAlpine Rock-cressRestonica

Arabis caucasica ‡Garden ArabisVizzavona StationArabis hirsutaHairy Rock-cressRocky placesArabis vernaSpring Rock-cressFrequentBarbarea rupicola ◆Rock Winter-cressDamp rocksBarbarea vernaSpring Winter-cressDamp places

 Barbarea verna
 Spring Winter-cress
 Damp places

 Cakile maritima
 Sea Rocket
 Coasts

 Capsella bursa-pastoris
 Shepherd's-purse
 Widespread

 Cardamine flexuosa
 Wavy Bitter-cress
 Frequent

 Cardamine hirsuta
 Hairy Bitter-cress
 Widespread

 Cardamine impatiens
 Narrow-leaved Bitter-cress
 Occasional

 Cardamine recodifelia
 Mignosette leaved Pitter
 Mountain rocket

Cardamine resedifolia Mignonette-leaved Bitter- Mountain rocks cress

Draba muralisWall WhitlowgrassRocksErophila vernaCommon WhitlowgrassRocks

Hirschfeldia incanaHoary MustardWaste placesIsatis tinctoriaWoadRoadsidesLepidium hirtum subsp. oxyotumA PepperwortMountainsLobularia maritimaSweet AlisonCoastal sandsLunaria annua ‡HonestyNear habitation

Malcomia ramosissima Sand dunes

Matthiola tricuspidataThree-horned StockCoastalNasturtium officinaleWater-cressWet ditchesRaphanus raphanistrum subsp. maritimumSea RadishLiamone beachSinapsis albaWhite MustardWaste places

Sinapsis alba White Mustard Waste places
Sinapsis arvensis Charlock Waste places
Sisymbrium officinale Hedge Mustard Waste places

Latin nameCommon nameNotesTeesdalia coronopifoliaA Shepherd's CressOccasional

Buxaceae Box Family

Buxus sempervirens Box Spelunca

Cactaceae Cactus Family

Opuntia ficus-indica ‡ Prickly Pear Widely planted

Campanulaceae Bellflower Family

Campanula erinusAnnual bellflowerRocks and wallsCampanula rapunculusRampion BellflowerFrequentJasione montanaSheep's-bitLiamone dunes

Phyteuma serratum • Toothed Rampion Mountain rocks. Restonica

Cannabaceae Hackberry and Hop Family

Celtis australis ‡ European Nettle Tree Planted
Humulus lupulus Hop Liamone

Caprifoliaceae Honeysuckle Family

Lonicera etrusca Etruscan Honeysuckle Occasional

Lonicera implexa A Honeysuckle Frequent in maquis

Caryophyllaceae Pink Family

Arenaria balearica • **Balearic Sandwort** Shaded rocks Arenaria serpyllifolia Thyme-leaved Sandwort Rocky places Cerastium boissierianum A Mouse-ear Mountains Cerastium diffusum Sea Mouse-ear Frequent Cerastium fontanum Mouse-ear Chickweed Frequent Cerastium glomeratum Sticky Mouse-ear Waste places

 Cerastium soleirolii •
 A Mouse-ear
 Common. Mountains

 Corrigiola litoralis subsp. telephiifolia
 A Strapwort
 Sand dunes. Liamone

 Dianthus gyspergerae •
 Madame Gysperger's Pink
 Calanches de Piana

Dianthus gyspergerae •Madame Gysperger's PinkCalanches de PianaDianthus longicaulisA PinkRocks and cliffs

Moehringia Maquis Moehringia pentandra Moehringia trinervia Three-nerved Sandwort Frequent Moenchia erecta **Upright Chickweed** Frequent Paronychia argentea Silvery Paronychia Sandy coasts Paronychia polygonifolia A Paronychia Mountains Petrorhagia nanteuilii A Tunic Flower Rocky places A Tunic Flower Frequent on rocks

Petrorhagia saxifraga subsp. gasparriniiA Tunic FlowerFrequent on roPetrorhagia proliferaProliferous PinkRocky placesPetrorhagia velutinaKohlrauschiaRocky placesSabulina vernaVernal SandwortMountains

Sagina pilifera • A Pearlwort Mountains. Common

Sagina procumbensProcumbent PearlwortCommonSaponaria ocymoides subsp. alsinoides •Rock SoapwortVerghello

Saponaria officinalis Soapwort Occasional. Roadsides

Scleranthus annuus
Annual Knawel
Rocky places
Silene gallica
Small-flowered Catchfly
Common
Silene latifolia
White Campion
Rocky places
Rocky places

Latin name Common name Notes

Silene sericea • Sand dunes. Liamone

Silene vulgaris **Bladder Campion** Frequent Spergularia salina Lesser Sea Spurrey Coastal Rocky places Spergularia rubra Sand Spurrey Stellaria media Common Chickweed Waste places Stellaria nemoreum Wood Stitchwort Shaded habitats Greater Stitchwort

Stellaria neglecta Frequent

**Rockrose Family** Cistaceae

Cistus creticus Cretan Cistus Common in maquis Cistus monspeliensis Narrow-leaved Cistus Common in maquis Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus Common in maquis

Helianthemum nummularium Common Rockrose Occasional

Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rockrose Occasional. Open places

Convolvulaceae **Bindweed Family** 

Calystegia sepium Hedge Bindweed Occasional weed Calystegia soldanella Sea Bindweed Liamone dunes Convolvulus althaeoides Mallow-leaved Bindweed Frequent Field Bindweed

Convolvulus arvensis Occasional weed Field Dodder Cuscuta campestris ‡ Calacuccia A Dodder Frequent

Cuscuta epithymum subsp. corsicana •

Corylaceae **Hazel Family** 

Corylus avellana Hazel Frequent

Crassulaceae Stonecrop Family

Crassula tillaea Mossy Stonecrop Seasonally wet rocks Petrosedum rupestre Reflexed Stonecrop Rocks. Occasional Sedum album White Stonecrop Rocks. Frequent Sedum brevifolium Short-leaved Stonecrop Rocks. Common Sedum caeruleum •

Blue Stonecrop Spelunca Sedum cepaea Frequent

Sedum dasyphyllum Thick-leaved Stonecrop Rocks and walls Sedum rubens Red Stonecrop Rocks. Common Umbilicus rupestris Wall Pennywort Rocks, Common

Cucurbitaceae **Cucumber Family** 

Ecballium elaterium **Squirting Cucumber** Waste places

Cytinaceae **Cytinus Family** 

Parasitic on pink Cistus Cytinus hypocistis subsp. clusii Cytinus (white flowers) Cytinus hypocistis subsp. hypocistis Cytinus (yellow flowers) Parasitic on white Cistus

**Dipsacaceae Teasel Family** 

Teasel Occasional Dipsacus fullonum **Entire-leaved Scabious** Knautia integrifolia Waste places

**Ericaceae Heather Family** 

Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree Maquis Erica arborea Tree Heather Maquis

Latin nameCommon nameNotesVaccinium myrtillusBilberryRestonica

Euphorbiaceae Spurge Family

Euphorbia amygdaloides subsp. A Wood Spurge Frequent. Forests semiperfoliata ◆

Euphorbia chamaesyce A prostrate Spurge Common. Waste places

Euphorbia characias subsp. characiasLarge Mediterranean SpurgeWidespreadEuphorbia dendroidesTree SpurgeCoastal cliffsEuphorbia exiguaDwarf SpurgeOccasionalEuphorbia helioscopiaSun SpurgeWaste groundEuphorbia hyberna subsp. insularis •An Irish SpurgeAitone Forest

Euphorbia hyberna subsp. insularis • An Irish Spurge Euphorbia lathyris Caper Spurge Evisa Euphorbia maculata ‡ Spotted Spurge **Trackways** Coastal sands Euphorbia peplis Purple Spurge Euphorbia peplus Petty Spurge Ruderal Coast Euphorbia pithyusa subsp. pithyusa A Spurge

Mercurialis annuaAnnual MercuryCommonMercurialis perennisDog's MercuryFrequentRicinus communisCastor-oil-plantOccasional

Fabaceae Pea Family

Anthvllis hermanniae Herman's Kidney Vetch Common Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. rubriflora Mediterranean Kidney Vetch Occasional Bituminaria bituminosa Pitch Trefoil Common Calycotome infesta Thorny Broom Maquis Hairy Thorny Broom Calycotome villosa Maquis Carob Occasional Ceratonia siliqua ‡ Cercis siliquastrum ‡ Judas Tree Frequent Cytisus villosus Hairy Broom Occasional

Ervilia hirsutaHairy TareWaste placesGenista corsica •Corsican BroomMaquisGenista monspessulanaMontpellier BroomMaquis

Genista salzmannii var. lobelioides • Mountains

Genista salzmannii var. salzmannii • Lower altitudes than var. lobelioides

Laburnum anagyroides ‡LaburnumVizzavonaLathyrus aphacaYellow VetchlingOccasionalLathyrus clymenumCrimson PeaWaste placesLathyrus ciceraRed VetchlingFrequent

Lathyrus hirsutus Hairy Vetchling Brackish reedbeds

Lathyrus latifolius Broad-leaved Everlasting- Open forest

pea

Lathyrus setifoliusRed PeaFrequentLathyrus sphaericusRound PeaWidespread

Lathyrus venetusForestsLotus conimbricensisOpen placesLotus corniculatusBird's-foot TrefoilFrequentLotus cytisoidesGrey Bird's-foot TrefoilCoastal rocks

Lotus dorycniumFive-leaved DorycniumFrequentLotus edulisEdible LotusCommon

Lotus hirsutus Dorycnium Locally common

Medicago arabica Spotted Medick Common

Latin nameCommon nameNotesMedicago lupulinaBlack MedickFrequentMedicago marinaSea MedickSand dunesMedicago orbicularisLarge Disc-medickOccasionalMedicago polymorphaToothed MedickWaste places

Medicago sativa ‡ Lucerne Open places. Liamone

Melilotus albus ‡ White Melilot Ruderal Melilotus indicus Small Melilot Occasional Ononis spinosa subsp. antiquorum Spiny Restharrow Rocky pasture Compressed Bird's-foot Ornithopus compressus Dry places Ornithopus perpusillus Common Bird's-foot Rocky places Orange Bird's-foot Ornithopus pinnatus Rocky places Robinia pseudoacacia ‡ False-acacia Cultivated Scorpiurus muricatus Scorpion-vetch Frequent

Spartium junceumSpanish BroomRoadsidesTrifolium angustifoliumNarrow-leaved CrimsonOpen places

Clover
Trifolium arvense Hare's-foot Clover Occasional
Trifolium campestre Hop Trefoil Occasional
Trifolium dubium Lesser Trefoil Occasional
Trifolium fragiferum Strawberry Clover Widespread

Trifolium glomeratum Clustered Clover Common. Waste places

Trifolium incarnatum ‡ Crimson Clover Field crop
Trifolium pratense Red Clover Common
Trifolium repens White Clover Common
Trifolium resupinatum Reversed Clover Waste places

Trifolium scabrum Rough Clover Common. Tracksides

Trifolium stellatum Star Clover Common Trifolium tomentosum Wooly Trefoil Occasional Vicia benghalensis Purple Vetch Widespread Vicia bithynica Bithynian Vetch Frequent Vicia cracca subsp. tenuifolia Fine-leaved Vetch Common Vicia lathyroides Spring Vetch Widespread Vicia lutea Yellow-vetch Coastal

Vicia sativa subsp. nigra

Narrow-leaved Common

Frequent

Vetch
Vicia sativa subsp. sativa
Common Vetch
Common
Vicia villosa
Fodder Vetch
Waste places

Fagaceae Oak Family

Castanea sativa ‡ Sweet Chestnut Widely planted
Fagus sylvatica Beech Forests to tree-line

Quercus cocciferaKermes OakMaquisQuercus ilexHolm OakMaquisQuercus pubescensDowny OakVenaco

Quercus suber Cork Oak Lowland maquis

Gentianaceae Gentian Family

Blackstonia perfoliataYellow-wortFrequentCentaurium erythraeaCommon CentauryDry placesCentaurium maritimumYellow CentauryCommonCentaurium tenuiflorum subsp. acutiflorumSlender CentauryCoastal

Gentiana asclepiadea Willow-leaved Gentian Foret d'Aitone. Restonica

#### Latin name Common name Notes

Geraniaceae Crane's-bill Family Erodium cicutarium Common Stork's-bill Coast and waste places Erodium botrys Mediterranean Stork's-bill Weedy places Erodium corsicum • Corsican Stork's-bill Coastal rocks. Galeria Erodium malacoides Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Open places Erodium moschatum Musk Stork's-bill Open places Geranium columbinum Long-stalked Crane's-bill Verges. Waste places

Geranium dissectum Cut-leaved Crane's-bill Waste places Geranium lucidum Shining Crane's-bill Spelunca Dove's-foot Crane's-bill Geranium molle Frequent Geranium pyrenaicum Hedgerow Crane's-bill Frequent Geranium robertianum Herb Robert Widespread Geranium rotundifolium Round-leaved Crane's-bill Frequent

Hypericaceae

Juglandaceae

Clinopodium nepeta

Hypericum australe Southern St John's-wort Frequent. Maquis

Hypericum hircinum subsp. hircinum • Stinking Tutsan Streamsides, damp rocks

St John's-wort Family

Hypericum montanumPale St John's-wortForestsHypericum perfoliatumPerfoliate St John's-wortFrequentHypericum perforatumPerforate St John's-wortWet placesHypericum tetrapterumSquare-stalked St John's-Damp places

wort

Juglans regia‡ Walnut Occasional

Lamiaceae Dead-nettle Family

**Walnut Family** 

Lesser Calamint

Waste places. Widespread

Clinopodium vulgareWild BasilCommonLamium amplexicauleHenbit Dead-nettleRuderalLamium purpureumRed Dead-nettleRuderal

Lavandula stoechasFrench LavenderRocky places in maquisMarrubium vulgareWhite HorehoundRoadsides. RuderalMentha aquaticaWater MintWet places

Mentha aquaticaWater MintWet placesMentha requienii •Corsican MintForet d'AitoneMentha spicataSpear MintWet places

Micromeria filiformis Thread-leaved Micromeria Santa Regina Gorge

Prunella vulgarisSelf-healFrequentSalvia rosmarinusRosemaryHot rocky places

Salvia verbenaca Wild Clary Frequent
Stachys corsica • Corsican Woundwort Frequent
Stachys glutinosa • Sticky Woundwort Rocky places

Teucrium capitatum Felty Germander Frequent. Rocky places

 Teucrium chamaedrys
 Wall Germander
 Occasional

 Teucrium marum ●
 Cat Thyme
 Rocky places

 Teucrium massiliense
 Evisa, Col de Sevi

Teucrium scorodonia Wood Sage Common in forests
Thymus herba-barona • A Thyme Common in mountains

Lentibulariaceae Butterwort Family

Latin name Common name Notes

Pinguicula corsica • Corsican Butterwort Wet places. Restonica

Linaceae Flax Family

Linum bienne Pale Flax Locally common

Malvaceae Mallow Family

Malva arboreaTree MallowNear coastMalva creticaOccasional

Malva neglecta Dwarf Mallow Animal pens. Ruderal

Malva sylvestrisCommon MallowRoadsidesTilia cordataSmall-leaved LimeOccasionalTilia platyphyllos ‡Broad-leaved LimePlanted

Montiaceae Blinks Family

Montia fontana subsp. chondrosperma Blinks Ephemeral pools

Moraceae Fig Family

Ficus carica Fig Frequent in maquis

Morus alba ‡ White Mulberry Cultivated

Myrtaceae Myrtle Family

Eucalyptus camaldulensis ‡ River Red Gum Cultivated

Myrtus communis Common Myrtle Frequent in maquis

Oleaceae Olive Family

Fraxinus excelsior ‡ Ash Cultivated

Fraxinus ornus Manna Ash Common in maquis

Olea europaea subsp. oleaster Wild Olive Maquis

Phillyrea angustifoliaNarrow-leaved Mock PrivetCommon in maquisPhillyrea latifoliaMock PrivetFrequent in maquis

Onagraceae Willowherb Family

Epilobium hirsutumGreat WillowherbDamp placesEpilobium montanumBroad-leaved WillowherbFrequent

Orobanchaceae Broomrape Family

Bartsia trixago Bellardia Occasional

Odontites lutea Yellow Odontites Locally common. Maquis

Orobanche minorCommon BroomrapeFrequentParentucellia latifoliaSouthern Red BartsiaCommonParentucellia viscosaYellow BartsiaCommon

Oxalidaceae Wood-sorrel Family

Oxalis articulata ‡ Pink Oxalis Garden escape
Oxalis corniculata Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Ruderal

Oxalis pes-caprae ‡ Bermuda Buttercup Alien weed

Papaveraceae Poppy Family

Corydalis pumila Dwarf Corydalis Forest. Vizzavona

Fumaria officinalisCommon FumitoryVergesGlaucium flavumYellow Horned-poppySand dunes

Latin name Papaver dubium subsp. dubium

Papaver hybridum

Papaver rhoeas

**Phytolaccaceae** 

Phytolacca acinos ‡

**Plantaginaceae** 

Plantago afra Plantago bellardii Plantago coronopus Plantago lagopus Plantago lanceolata Plantago major

Plantago sarda var. sarda •

**Platanaceae** 

Platanus x hispanica ‡

Plumbaginaceae

Armeria leucocephala • Armeria multiceps • Limonium corsicum • Limonium narbonense

Plumbago europaea

Polygalaceae

Polygala nicaeensis subsp. corsica •

Polygala vulgaris

Polygonaceae

Polygonum aviculare Polygonum maritimum

Rumex acetosella subsp. pyrenaicus

Rumex bucephalophorus Rumex conglomeratus

Rumex crispus Rumex pulcher

Portulacaceae

Portulaca oleracea

Primulaceae

Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. hederifolium

Cyclamen repandum

Lysimachia arvensis Lysimachia linum-stellatum

Samolus valerandi

Common name

Long-headed Poppy Ruderal Ruderal Round-headed Prickly

Poppy

Common Poppy Common

**Pokeweed Family** 

Pokeweed Waste places

**Plantain Family** 

Rocky places. Common Glandular Plantain

**Notes** 

Hairy Plantain Dry rocky places

Buck's-horn Plantain Coastal Hare's-foot Plantain Common Ribwort Plantain Widespread **Greater Plantain** Waste ground A Plantain Mountains

**Plane Family** 

London Plane Cultivated

**Thrift Family** 

White-headed Thrift Santa Regina Gorge Multi-headed Thrift Mountains. Common A Sea Lavender Coastal rocks. Galeria

> Edge of saline lagoon. Etang d'Urbino

European Plumbago Santa Regina Gorge

**Milkwort Family** 

A Sea Lavender

Corsican Milkwort Frequent Common Milkwort Foret d'Aitone

**Dock Family** 

Knotgrass Bare ground

Sea Knotgrass Sand dunes. Liamone

A Sheep's Sorrel Common Horned Dock Common Clustered Dock Damp places **Curled Dock** Liamone estuary Fiddle Dock Waste places

**Purslane Family** 

Common Purslane Occasional

**Primrose Family** 

Ivy-leaved Sowbread Locally common Spring Sowbread

Shady places. Locally common

Scarlet Pimpernel Frequent Asterolinon Frequent

**Brookweed** Damp rocks. Spelunca

#### Latin name Common name Notes Ranunculaceae **Buttercup Family** Restonica Aquilegia bernardii • A Columbine Aquilegia dumeticola • A Columbine Foret d'Aitone Clematis cirrhosa Virgin's Bower Occasional in maquis Clematis flammula **Fragrant Clematis** Maquis. Common Clematis vitalba Old Man's Beard Common Ficaria verna Lesser Celandine Frequent Helleborus lividus subsp. corsicus • Corsican Hellebore Common An Alpine Pasqueflower Restonica Pulsatilla alpina subsp. cyrnea • Ranunculus bulbosus **Bulbous Buttercup** Meadows Ranunculus flammula Foret d'Aitone Lesser Spearwort Ranunculus lanuginosus Wooly Buttercup Frequent Ranunculus muricatus Rough-fruited Buttercup Common Ranunculus parviflorus Small-flowered Buttercup Ranunculus platanifolius Maple-leaved Buttercup Col Vizzavona Common Ranunculus repens Creeping Buttercup Ranunculus sardous Hairy Buttercup Ranunculus sceleratus Celery-leaved Buttercup Damp places Ranunculus velutinus Damp places Resedaceae Mignonette Family Reseda alba White Mignonette Occasional. Ruderal Reseda luteola Weld Ruderal Sesamoides clusii Sesamoides Col de Vergio Rosaceae Rose Family Alchemilla alpina forma. corsica • Alpine Lady's-mantle Restonica Amelanchier ovalis var. rhamnoides • A Juneberry Restonica Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn Common Fragaria vesca Wild Strawberry Frequent Geum urbanum Herb Bennet Occasional in shade

Occasional Malus sylvestris Crab Apple Potentilla anglica subsp. nesogenes • A Trailing Tormentil Damp turf Potentilla crassinervia • Rocks. Lac de Melo Potentilla erecta Tormentil Mountain pasture Potentilla micrantha Frequent Potentilla reptans Creeping Cinquefoil Common. Waste places Prunus avium Wild Cherry Occasional Prunus spinosa Blackthorn Frequent. Almond-leaved Pear Frequent. Maquis Pyrus spinosa Small-leaved Sweet-brian Rosa agrestis Frequent Rosa canina Dog-rose Roadsides Rosa sempervirens Evergreen Rose Roadsides Rosa serafinii Col de Vergio Rosa tomentosa Occasional Downy Rose Rubus ulmifolius Common A Blackberry Sanguisorba minor subsp. balearica Salad Burnet Common Sorbus aria Whitebeam Occasional Corsican Rowan Sorbus aucuparia subsp. praemorsa • Restonica

Sorbus domestica

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Spelunca, Verghello

Service-tree

Latin name Common name **Notes** Rubiaceae **Bedstraw Family** Cruciata laevipes Crosswort Frequent Galium aparine Cleavers Occasional Galium mollugo Hedge Bedstraw Occasional Galium odoratum Sweet Woodruff Spelunca Galium rotundifolium Round-leaved Bedstraw Spelunca Galium scabrum Shaded maquis Galium verum Lady's Bedstraw Occasional Wild Madder Forests and maquis Rubia peregrina subsp. longifolia Rubia peregrina subsp. requienii • Wild Madder Forests and maguis Sherardia arvensis Field Madder Common Rutaceae **Rue Family** Ruta chalepensis Fringed Rue Occasional Salicaceae **Willow Family** Populus alba White Poplar Frequent Populus nigra Black Poplar Frequent Populus tremula Occasional Aspen Salix alba White Willow Common **Grey Willow** Common Salix cinerea subsp. oleifolia Salix purpurea Purple Willow Occasional Santalaceae Sandalwood Family Osyris alba Osyris Maguis Viscum album subsp. austriacum Mistletoe Common on Pine and Fir Sapindaceae **Maple Family** Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore Restonica Saxifragaceae **Saxifrage Family** Corsican Saxifrage Damp rocks. Spelunca Saxifraga corsica • Saxifraga pedemontana subsp. cervicornis A Piedmont Saxifrage Shaded mountain rocks Saxifraga rotundifolia Round-leaved Saxifrage Shaded damp places Scrophulariaceae **Figwort Family** Near habitation Buddleja davidii ‡ Butterfly-bush Scrophularia canina French Figwort Rocky slopes Scrophularia peregrina Nettle-leaved Figwort Common Scrophularia trifoliata • Three-leaved Figwort Col de Sevi Verbascum sinuatum Wavy-leaved Mullein Frequent Verbascum thapsus Great Mullein Occasional **Simaroubaceae** Tree-of-heaven Family Ailanthus altissima ‡ Tree-of-heaven Widespread Solanaceae **Nightshade Family** Nicotiana glauca ‡ Shrub Tobacco Roadsides. Alien

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Waste ground

Black Nightshade

Solanum nigrum

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Tamaricaceae Tamarisk Family

Tamarix africana African Tamarisk Near coasts

Thymelaeaceae Mezereon Family

Daphne gnidium Mediterranean Mezereon Widespread in maquis

Ulmaceae Elm Family

Ulmus minor Small-leaved Elm Frequent

Urticaceae Nettle Family

Parietaria judaica Pellitory-of-the-Wall Walls and rocks

Parietaria lusitanica A Pellitory-of-the-Wall Occasional. Walls and rocks

Urtica atrovirens ●A NettleWidespreadUrtica dioicaCommon NettleWaste placesUrtica membranaceaMembranous NettleRuderalUrtica piluliferaRoman NettleRuderalUrtica urensSmall NettleRuderal

Valerianaceae Valerian Family

Centranthus calcitrapa Small Red Valerian Common

Centranthus ruber ‡ Red Valerian Garden escape

Valeriana rotundifolia var. rotundifolia •Round-leaved ValerianRestonicaValerianella carinataA CornsaladTracksidesValerianella locustaCommon CornsaladTracksides

Verbenaceae Vervain Family

Lantana camara ‡LantanaCultivatedVerbena officinalisVervainRoadsides

Veronicaceae Speedwell Family

Digitalis purpurea subsp. gyspergeraeFoxgloveCommonLinaria pelisserianaJersey ToadflaxDry placesLinaria vulgaris ‡Common ToadflaxCorte

Misopates orontiumWeasel's SnoutOccasionalVeronica arvensisWall SpeedwellFrequentVeronica cymbalariaPale SpeedwellRuderalVeronica hederifoliaIvy-leaved SpeedwellRuderalVeronica officinalisHeath SpeedwellForet d'Aitone

Veronica persica ‡Common SpeedwellOccasionalVeronica vernaSpring SpeedwellCommon

Viburnaceae Viburnum Family

Sambucus ebulus Danewort Foret d'Aitone. Vizzavona

Sambucus nigra Elderberry Occasional
Viburnum tinus Laurustinus Shaded maquis

Violaceae Violet Family

Viola arvensis Field Pansy Occasional

Viola biflora Yellow Wood Violet Shaded wet places

Viola corsicaCorsican VioletRestonicaViola kitaibelianaDwarf PansyDry places

Latin name Common name **Notes** 

Viola reichenbachiana Early Dog-violet Forests. Frequent

Viola riviniana Common Dog-violet Frequent

Vitaceae **Grape-vine Family** 

Vitis vinifera subsp. sylvestris Wild Vine Spelunca

Zygophyllaceae **Caltrop Family** 

Tribulus terrestris Maltese Cross Waste places

**MONOCOTYLEDONS** 

Allium ursinum

**Amaryllidaceae Daffodil Family** 

Acis longifolia • Long-leaved Snowflake Spelunca gorge Allium pendulinum Italian Garlic Locally common Allium roseum Rosy Garlic Occasional Allium subhirsutum Hairy Garlic Aleria Allium triquetrum Three-cornered Leek Frequent

Local. Shaded damp places Pancratium illyricum Illyrian Sea Daffodil

Vizzavona

Maquis

Ramsons

Lords-and-Ladies Family **Araceae** 

Arisarum vulgare Friar's Cowl Shaded maquis Arum italicum Italian Lords-and-Ladies Near habitation

**Asparagus Family Asparagaceae** 

Cultivated Agave americana ‡ Centuryplant Asparagus acutifolius Mediterranean Wild Maquis

**Asparagus** White Asparagus Asparagus albus

Brimeura fastigiata • Brimeura Locally common Drimia maritima Sea Squill Frequent Leopoldia comosa Tassel Hyacinth Common

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's-broom Shaded maquis

**Asphodelaceae Asphodel Family** 

Asphodelus ramosus Branched Asphodel Common

Colchicaceae **Meadow Saffron Family** 

A Meadow Saffron Colchicum neapolitanum Frequent

Cyperaceae **Sedge Family** 

Carex caryophyllea Spring Sedge Common

Carex distachya Forests and maquis

Carex echinata Star Sedge Wet places Carex flacca Glaucous Sedge Wet places

Carex leporina Wet places. Restonica Oval Sedge

Carex microcarpa • Small-fruited Sedge Riversides Carex nigra Common Sedge Common Carex pendula Pendulous Sedge Foret d'Aitone

Carex viridula subsp. oedocarpa Small Yellow Sedge Wet places. Mountains

Galingale Cyperus longus Liamone estuary

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family	
Tamus communis	Black Bryony	Shaded maquis
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
Crocus corsicus •	Corsican Crocus	Mountains. Locally common
Gladiolus italicus	Field Gladiolus	Occasional
Iris germanica ‡	Tall Bearded Iris	Occasional
Iris pseudacorus Romulea columnae	Yellow Flag A Sand Crocus	Liamone Occasional
Romulea columnae	A Sand Crocus	Occasional
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
Juncus acutus	Sharp Rush	Liamone
Juncus articulatus	Jointed Rush	Wet places
Juncus bufonius	Toad Rush	Damp sands
Juncus bulbosus	Bulbous rush	Wet places
Juncus conglomeratus	Compact Rush	Common
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	Common
Luzula campestris	Field Wood-rush	Common
Luzula forsteri	Southern Wood-rush	Foret d'Aitone
Luzula luzulina		Corsican Alder thickets
Luzula multiflora	Heath Wood-rush	Damp places
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
Gagea soleirolii •	A Yellow star-of-Bethlehem	Locally common. Mountains
Nartheciaceae	Bog Asphodel Family	
Narthecium reverchonii •	Corsican Bog Asphodel	Wet rocks. Foret d'Aitone, Restonica
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
Anacamptis laxiflora subsp. laxiflora	Jersey Orchid	Watermeadows. Liamone
Anacamptis morio subsp. morio	Green-winged Orchid	Locally common. Maquis
Anacamptis papilionacea subsp. papilionacea	Pink Butterfly-orchid	Maquis
Cephalanthera longifolia	Sword-leaved Helleborine	Verghello valley
Dactylorhiza insularis	Barton's Orchid	Verghello valley
Dactylorhiza maculata subsp. saccifera	Wedge-lipped Orchid	Verghello valley
Epipactis helleborine subsp. helleborine	Broad-leaved Helleborine	Occasional. Forests
Limodorum abortivum	Violet Bird's-nest Orchid	Occasional. Forests
Neotinea lactea	Milky Orchid	Tralonca
Neotinea maculata	Dense-flowered Orchid	Occasional. Maquis
Neottia ovata	Twayblade	Occasional. Wet places
Ophrys apifera	Bee Orchid	Tralonca
Ophrys sphegodes subsp. atrata	An Early Spider-orchid	Occasional. Maquis
Ophrys ×arachnitiformis (O. fuciflora x O. sphegodes)	A hybrid Orchid	Local in maquis
Orchis anthropophora	Man Orchid	Francardo, Tralonca
Orchis mascula subsp. mascula	Early-purple Orchid	Frequent
Orchis provincialis	Provence Orchid	Occasional. Maquis
Orchis purpurea	Lady Orchid	Shaded maquis
Serapias cordigera	Heart-lipped Tongue-orchid	Widespread in maquis

Latin name Common name **Notes** Serapias lingua Common Tongue-orchid Locally common Serapias neglecta • Scarce Tongue-orchid Occasional Serapias parviflora Small-flowered Tongue-Occasional

orchid

Long-lipped Tongue-orchid Serapias vomeracea subsp. vomeracea Occasional in maquis

Poaceae **Grass Family** 

Aegilops geniculata Ovate Goat-grass Occasional Ammophila arenaria Marram Sand dunes Dry places Anisantha diandra **Great Brome** Ruderal Anisantha sterilis Barren Brome Anthoxanthum odoratum Sweet Vernal-grass Common

Giant Reed Wet places. Lowland Arundo donax ‡

Avena sterilis Barren Oat Ruderal Avenella flexuosa Wavy Hair-grass Common Briza maxima **Greater Quaking-grass** Sandy places Briza minor Lesser Quaking-grass Waste places Bromus diandrus **Great Brome** Frequent Bromus hordeaceus Soft Brome Frequent Bromus sterilis Barren Brome Frequent Calamagrostis varia subsp. corsica • A Small-reed Streamsides

Catapodium rigidum Fern-grass Common Cynodon dactylon Bermuda Grass Dry places Cynosurus echinatus Rough Dog's-tail Mountains Holcus lanatus Yorkshire-fog Wet pasture Hordeum murinum Wall Barley Dry places Lagurus ovatus Hare's-tail Grass Dry places Lamarckia aurea Golden Dog's-tail Dry places Melica ciliata Hairy Melick Rocky places

Nardus stricta Mat-grass Mountain grassland Phragmites australis Common Reed Wet areas Poa annua **Annual Meadow-grass Pathways** Poa bulbosa **Bulbous Meadow-grass** Common

Edge of saltmarsh, Etang Polypogon monspeliensis **Annual Beard-grass** 

Rough Meadow-grass

d'Urbino

Occasional

Bearded Fescue Vulpia ciliata Common Vulpia myuros Rat's-tail Fescue Common

Posidoniaceae **Neptune Grass Family** 

Posidonia oceanica **Neptune Grass** Sub-marine

**Smilacaceae Smilax Family** 

Poa trivialis

Smilax aspera Common Smilax Common in maquis

**Bulrush Family Typhaceae** 

Typha latifolia **Great Reedmace** Liamone estuary