France - The Vercors

Darlington Orchid Society

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Neotinea ustulata

Cypripedium calceolus

Orchis simia



Dactylorhiza sambucina

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Day 1 Sunday 26th May

London Luton to Lyon St. Exupery - La Chapelle en Vercors

Thirteen group members met with Paul and Sophie at Lyon St. Exupery Airport, having travelled from the UK on flight EZY2425 from London Luton. After completing immigration formalities and collecting luggage, we made our way to the car park, where our vehicles were waiting. With luggage loaded, we set off travelling towards Grenoble, on the A43 and A48. Most of the journey was made in continuous rain, but we still saw several Black Kites and Grey Wagtail. Just outside Grenoble, we joined the A49 Valance motorway, which we left at St. Marcellin, making our way through Pont en Royans, the Petit Goulets and the Grand Goulets and on to La Chapelle en Vercors and the Hotel Bellier, our base for the week. Just north of the village, we stopped to examine a rocky verge, which produced *Orchis simia* (Monkey Orchid) in its normal form, as well as three albino spikes.

After settling into our rooms, we met up for dinner, when Paul and Sophie outlined the plan for the next day and the hotel logistics, before it was time for our evening meal.

Day 2 Monday 27th May

St. Jean en Royans - Route Combe Laval - Forêt de Lente - Fonte d'Urle

On a cloudy and breezy morning, we began by discovering that the local supermarket was closed for a new fridge installation, so Paul decided to reverse the days programme and began by driving down through the Grand Goulets Tunnel and on down to St. Jean en Royans to shop for the week's lunches. A rough meadow produced two spikes of *Neotinia tridentata* (Toothed Orchid), *Erigeron annuus* (Annual Aster) and *Ophrys apifera* (Bee Orchid). In addition, Latticed Heath and Common Heath moths and Small Heath butterfly were seen, together with Common Buzzard, before we made our way up to a point on the road above St, Jean en Royans. Here we explored the rocky verges, adding *Orchis purpurea* (Lady Orchid), *Ophrys insectifera* (Fly Orchid), *Polygonatum multiflorum* (Solomon's-seal), *Hippocrepis emerus* (False Senna), *Tilia platyphyllos* (Broad-leaved Lime) and *Acer opalus* (Italian Maple). There were also one or two sightings of Small Tortoiseshell butterflies. For the birds, Raven, Chaffinch and Mistle Thrush were recorded.

We now made our way through the spectacular Route de Combe Laval, on our way to the Forêt de Lente for our lunch. At the eastern end of the road, we paused to take photos of the wonderful views at the Col de la Machine. Chiffchaff could be heard singing, and there was a small patch of *Gentiana clusii* (Clusius' Gentian) on a ledge.

We now moved on into the Forêt de Lente, for our picnic lunch. At our chosen site, Song Thrush and Blackcap were singing, and we saw Mistle Thrush. Also noted were *Cardamine pentaphyllos* (Five-leaflet Bitter-cress), *Abies alba* (European Silver Fir), *Viola tricolor* subsp. *subalpina* (Alpine Heartsease), *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid), *Orchis pallens* (Pale-flowered Orchid) and *Anemone ranunculoides* (Yellow Anemone).

When we had finished eating, we made our way up to the Font d'Urle, an area of open limestone crags and meadows used for skiing in winter. As we arrived, a roadside bank was examined, and a small colony of *Soldanella alpina* (Alpine Snowbell) was found, together with *Daphne mezereum* (Mezereon) and *Ranunculus kuepferi* (Kuepfer's Buttercup). Parking the vehicle at the refuge, we set off to explore. *Crocus caeruleus* (White Crocus), in both purple and white colour forms, huge numbers of *Erythronium dens-canis* (Dog-tooth Violet) and *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* (Wild Daffodil) were seen. Alpine Chough, several Black Redstart, Water Pipit and Northern Wheatear were also recorded. As we moved towards the viewpoint, we added *Gentiana verna* (Spring Gentian), *Draba aizoides* (Yellow Whitlow-grass) and *Thlaspi montanum* (Mountain Penny-cress). Along the way we had clear, but distant views of Alpine Marmots. As we neared the viewpoint, *Scilla bifolia* (Alpine Squill) was added, together with *Saxifraga exarata* subsp. *delphinensis* (a Musky Saxifrage), *Androsace villosa* (Woolly Rock-jasmine) and *Pulmonaria montana* (Mountain Lungwort). Due to the cold wind, butterflies were not active, but we did hear Skylark.

We ended the day with a short stop at the cemetery where the victims of the Nazi massacre at the village of Vassieux, during the Second World War, are buried. While we were there, Barn Swallow and a solitary House Martin were seen.

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

Day 3 Tuesday 28th May

Col de Bacchus - Gigors

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Today we left La Chapelle in heavy rain, and made our way, towards St. Jean en Royans. This was a diversion from our usual route via the Col de la Bataille, which was closed due to large quantities of lying snow.

We drove down through the Grand Goulets tunnel to St. Eulalie en Royans, before turning left and making our way to St. Jean en Royans. As we paused for fuel, the rain stopped and the sky began to clear. Continuing south, we moved on down to Leoncel and south through La Vacharie to the Col de Bacchus. Here we stopped to explore a broad road verge and adjacent track, finding *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid), *Neotinea ustulata* (Burnt Orchid), *Dactylorhiza sambucina* (Elder-flowered Orchid) in its yellow colour form, *Orchis militaris* (Military Orchid), *Anacamptis morio* (Green-winged Orchid), *Silene italica* (Italian Catchfly) and many other species. Down a small track, we added *Lathyrus vernus* (Spring Vetchling), *Lonicera xylosteum* (Fly Honeysuckle) and *Orchis pallens* (Pale-flowered Orchid). The birders heard Song Thrush and saw Great Tit and Barn Swallow.

We now continued south through Plan-de-Baix to Beaufort sur Gervanne, where we turned west to an area of open scrubby land with marginal pine woodland, near Gigors. Our explorations produced *Limodorum abortivum* (Violet Bird's-nest Orchid), *Ophrys x flavicans* (Drome Orchid), *Cephalanthera damasonium* (White Helleborine), *Helianthemum apeninnum* (White Rockrose) and *Cephalanthera longifolia* (Sword-leaved Helleborine). Moving to an area of scrubby fields, we found *Thymus vulgaris* (Wild Thyme), *Helianthemum oelandicum* subsp. *incanum* (Hoary Rock-rose), *Quercus pubescens* (Downy Oak) and *Ophrys insectifera* (Fly Orchid). In addition, there was more *Ophrys x flavicans* (Drome Bee Orchid), *Ophrys fuciflora* subsp. *fuciflora* (Late Spider Orchid), *Helianthemum apeninnum* (White Rock-rose) and several hybrid Orchids. Butterflies included Meadow Brown, Black-veined White and Provence Chalk-hill Blue. Meanwhile, the birders heard Green Woodpecker, Cuckoo and Chaffinch. We now returned to the vehicle for lunch, and as we ate, Black Kite was seen

After eating, we set off to explore an adjacent area of arable margins. As we went, Paul spotted a Short-toed Snake Eagle circling, and while we watched it, we added Corn Bunting and Woodlark to the list. The arable margins were quite rich, and produced *Cyanus segetum* (Cornflower, formerly *Centaurea cyanus*), *Trifolium incarnatum* subsp. *incarnatum* (Crimson Clover), *Ranunculus arvensis* (Corn Buttercup), *Bupleurum rotundifolium* (Thorowax) and *Vicia orobus* (Upright Vetch) among many more. For the birders there were singing Nightingale and Red-backed Shrike.

From here, we moved back to a second site on the Col de Bacchus. Here we recorded the endemic *Ophrys x flavicans* (Drome Bee Orchid), *Astragalus monspessulanus* (Montpellier Milk-vetch), *Dactylorhiza sambucina* (Elderflowered Orchid), in an intermediate colour form (basically salmon), and *Orchis provincialis* (Provence Orchid).

It was now time to begin our journey north back to La Chapelle.

Day 4 Wednesday 29th May

Les Bruyères - Traffet - Forêt Comunale d'Autrans - Gorges de la Bourne - La Chabertière

After breakfast we made our way up to the northern end of the Vercors Plateau, on a cloudy morning. Leaving La Chapelle, we drove north to the villages of St Martin en Vercors, and St. Julian en Vercors and on through the spectacular Gorges de la Bourne. Continuing towards Lans en Vercors, we made our first stop in the damp meadows at Les Bruyères. Here a small pond had a good colony of the hybrid Edible Frog. We heard Marsh Warbler, but it remained stubbornly out of sight, and saw Carrion Crow, House Martin and Barn Swallow, which were all active. Plant-wise, we found *Cardamine pratense* (Lady's Smock), *Dactylorhiza alpestris* (Alpine Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid), *Valeriana dioica* (Marsh Valerian), *Caltha palustris* (Kingcups) and the emerging leaves of *Filipendula ulmaria* (Meadowsweet).

Next, we made the short jump to the tiny hamlet of Traffet, where we parked, in brightening skies. Here we explored some pine woodland, in search of *Corallorhiza trifida* (Coralroot Orchid) which, unfortunately, we could not find. However, we did see emerging *Convallaria majalis* (Lily-of-the-Valley), *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid) and *Cephalanthera longifolia* (Sword-leaved Helleborine). Birds included Chaffinch, Goldfinch and Barn Swallow.

Lunch, today, was taken in the Forêt Communale d'Autrans. We followed the Route Forestale through the mixed woodland to a point near Les Femeys, where we set up our picnic. As we were parking the vehicles, we disturbed a Ring Ouzel. Whilst our leaders prepared the food, we explored the area, finding *Primula elatior* (Oxlip), *Soldanella alpina* (Alpine Snowbell) and the emerging leaves of *Veratrum album* (White False-helleborine) and *Gentiana lutea* (Great Yellow Gentian). As we ate, it began to rain quite hard, so we finished our meal, and began making our way back towards Méaudre. Along the way we found a good number of *Orchis pallens* (Paleflowered Orchid) in very good condition, which we stopped to photograph. Here, there we also several *Morchella esculenta* (Common Morel) mushrooms and Roman Snails, enjoying the damp conditions.

On the return journey, we paused in the Gorges de la Bourne at the Pont Valchevrière. Dipper, Robin and Grey Wagtail were all recorded, along wioth *Asplenium viride* (Green Spleenwort), *Saxifraga rotundifolia* (Round-leaved Saxifrage), *Bellidiastrum michelii* (False Aster) and *Clinopodium alpinum* (Alpine Basil Thyme)

We ended the day behind La Chapelle en Vercors, at the hay meadows near Chabertière. The rain had now stopped, and the meadows produced *Silene flos-cuculi* (Ragged Robin) and *Dactylorhiza incarnata* (Early Marsh Orchid), whilst a nearby verge had *Orchis militaris* (Military Orchid), *Cephalanthera longifolia* (Sword-leaved Helleborine) and the curious *Asarum europaeum* (Asarabacca).

We now returned to our hotel in good time for dinner.

Day 5

Thursday 30th May

Reserve Naturelle des Hauts Plateaux du Vercors

Soon after breakfast, we left La Chapelle and made our way down to St Agnan, and up to the Hauts Plateux, parking at the car park at La Coche, where we prepared for our morning walk. Along the way, we stopped to admire the views up the valley. Here we noted *Paris quadrifolia* (Herb-Paris), *Sorbus aria* (Whitebeam), *Cardamine heptaphylla* (Seven-leaflet Bitter-cress) and *Cardamine pentaphyllos* (Five-leaflet Bitter-cress).

Leaving La Coche, we began exploring the mixed coniferous and deciduous woodland and found that Abies alba (Silver Fir), Picea abies (Norway Spruce) and Fagus sylvatica (Beech) were the predominant trees. Soon after we had left the car park, we came across Daphne mezereum (Mezereon) and Soldanella alpina (Alpine Snowbell). We added Mistle Thrush and a distant Song Thrush. Continuing, we found Arctostaphylos uva-ursi (Bearberry) and Lonicera alpigena (Alpine Honeysuckle). As we were arriving at the open plateau, we had some very brief, but good views of Alpine Marmot, and found a lovely patch of Tulipa sylvestris subsp. sylvestris (Wild Tulip) and a carpet of Narcissus pseudonarcissus (Wild Daffodil), which, although past their best, were enjoyed. Before we set off on the return journey to La Coche, we watched the Marmots and saw Tree Pipit, Griffon Vulture and Chaffinch. Butterflies were represented by Orange Tip, Small Tortoiseshell, Speckled Wood [subsp. aegeria] and Brimstone.

We set up our picnic in a clearing near the car park, where Robin and Chaffinch were heard. After lunch, we rejoined our vehicle for the return journey on the Route Forestère des Charbonniers (Charcoal-makers route), around the back of the plateau, which afforded great views of the Grand Veymont. As we went, we found *Daphne cneorum* (Garland Flower) and freshly emerged *Orchis mascula* subsp. *speciosa* (an Early Purple Orchid).

As we were approaching the main road, we stopped at a verge bank near Les Meunières, which had a good number of *Orchis anthropophora* (Man Orchid) and *Ophrys insectifera* (Fly Orchid).

From here we returned to our hotel in good time for dinner.

Day 6 Friday 31st May

Col de Rousset – Above Les Nonnières – Vallon de Combau – Cirque d'Archiane

Our first stop today was at the head of the spectacular Col de Rousset – there are truly magnificent views from here. A Griffon Vulture was seen on a distant crag. *Chenopodium bonus-henricus* (Good King Henry), *Anthyllis montana* (Mountain Kidney Vetch) and *Artemisia absinthium* (Wormwood) were also recorded.

Moving on, we made our way to the bottom of the valley and turned east through the town of Die and on through Pont de Quart. Between here and St. Roman, we paused to look at a roadside bank with *Linum austriacum* subsp. *collinum* (a Perennial Flax), *Onobrychis arenaria* (a Sainfoin) and *Coronilla scorpioides* (Annual Scorpion Vetch). Scarce Swallowtail butterfly was also seen, as well as a Yellow Crab Spider.

We continued through Chatillion en Diois, Menée and up to Les Nonnières, where we parked by some meadows. In some woodland we found *Cypripedium calceolus* (Lady's Slipper Orchid), *Neottia orata* (Twayblade), *Gentiana angustifolia* (Narrow-leaved Gentian), *Cephalanthera longifolia* (Sword-leaved Helleborine) and *Equisetum telmateia* (Great Horsetail). Western Bonelli's Warbler and Common Chiffchaff were heard. An adjacent meadow produced Grass Rivulet, Latticed Heath, Common Heath and Burnet Companion moths, Small Heath, Wood White, Brimstone, Berger's Clouded Yellow, Silver-studded Blue, Scarce Swallowtail, Mazarine Blue, Small Tortoiseshell, and female Sooty Copper butterflies. We also found a Field Cricket in search of a mate.

Retracing our route, we turned up into the Vallon du Combau. Here we made our way up the valley and parked by a ford in the mountain stream, where we set up the picnic. Swallowtail, Small Tortoiseshell, Brimstone, Dingy Skipper and Scarce Swallowtail were seen. In a nearby ditch there was *Pinguicula grandiflora* (Large-flowered Butterwort) and close by, *Euphorbia cyparissias* (Cypress Spurge), *Pinus uncinata* (Mountain Pine), *Meum athamanticum* (Spignel) and *Gentiana angustifolia* (Narrow-leaved Gentian). Birds were quite scarce, but we did see Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Common Buzzard and Great Tit, and heard Song Thrush.

We now moved down the valley and parked in a layby, in order to search a verge bank. Here we found *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* (Bearberry), and four spikes of *Orchis spitzellii* (Spitzel's Orchid), which has a restricted distribution. Descending the valley, we moved south to the Cirque d'Archiane. We parked in a layby, south-east of the hamlet of Archiane, where *Lavandula officinalis* (Lavender) was added. A grassy track and fields produced Clouded Buff, Middle Lace Border, Black-vein, Speckled Yellow and Latticed Heath moths, as well as a Scarce Swallowtail, Silver-studded Blue and Reverdin's Blue butterflies.

We now began our journey back to La Chapelle, stopping to have refreshments outside Die.

As it was the warmest evening of the trip, Paul and Sophie set a moth trap overnight.

Day 7

Saturday 1st June

Route Presles – Forêt Dominale des Coulmes – Pont en Royans

Several group members gathered at the moth trap at 6.30pm to examine the catch. The included Lime Hawkmoth, Small Elephant Hawk-moth, Pale Shouldered Brocade, Dingy Footman, White Point, Purple Cloud, Silver Cloud, Garden Carpet, Pale Prominent, Flame Shoulder, Delicate and Bloxworth Snout, for the macros, while a solitary Tortrix (*Pammene trauniana*) represented the micros.

After breakfast, we began by driving north through the Grand Goulets tunnel, stopping in a large layby to examine a steep, wooded verge. Here we found *Anacamptis pyramidalis* (Pyramidal Orchid), *Anthericum liliago* (St. Bernard's Lily), *Cotinus coggygria* (Smoke Bush), *Trifolium rubens* (Red Trefoil) and *Dioscorea communis* (Black Bryony).

Moving on, our route took us through Pont en Royans, before we turned up the Route Presles, stopping about half-way up. As we climbed, Common Buzzard, Mistle Thrush and Jackdaw were spotted, and we passed clumps of *Dianthus sylvestris* (Wood Pink) and *Helichrysum stoechas* (Curry Plant).

We now set off to explore a small lane, at Campeloud, finding *Phyteuma nigra* (Black Rampion), *Neottia ovata* (Twayblade), *Linum bienne* (Pale Flax), *Cytisophyllum sessilifolius* (Sessile Broom) and *Coronilla scorpioides* (Annual Scorpion Vetch). A pair of Short-toed Eagles was seen, as well as Common Buzzard, Raven and Honey Buzzard. Also seen were Southern White Admiral, Darwin's Heath, Duke of Burgundy Fritillary, Provence Chalk-hill Blue, Large White, Large Wall Brown and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies, and Cuckoo and Blackcap were singing. On a verge near our vehicles, *Rhaponticum coniferum* (Leutzia), *Limodorum abortivum* (Violet Bird's-nest Orchid) and *Teucrium montanum* (Mountain Germander) were also found.

Re-joining the vehicles, we made our way into the Forêt Dominale des Coulmes. In the forest we took our picnic lunch at Petrouze. Local exploration produced *Paris quadrifolia* (Herb-Paris) and emerging *Lilium martagon* (Martagon Lily), and, in some adjacent clearing, Southern Grizzled Skipper and Wood White butterflies, were found.

It was now time to move down through the magnificent Rocher de Presles, a splendid limestone cliff-face overlooking the valley of the River Bourne. We parked by a bridge just north of Pont en Royans, below the commune of Chatelus, to enjoy the views and photograph the river, before continuing down the town, where we parked. We walked along the river and up into the town, making for a café our leaders knew for its ice creams, where we indulged unreservedly. Mallard and juvenile Dippers were seen by the river, and Crag Martin and House Martin also noted.

Leaving Pont en Royans, we made our way back through the Grand Goulets, on the return to La Chapelle en Vercors, to pack before dinner.

Day 8 Sunday 2nd June

La Chapelle en Vercors to Lyon St. Exupery Airport

We left La Chapelle en Vercors at 9.30am, bidding farewell to Mme. Bellier and her daughters, before making our way via the Grand Goulets tunnel and Pont en Royans and onto the A49, A48 and A43 motorways to Lyon St. Exupery Airport. En route we had plenty of time to admire the scenery and spot some birds from the vehicle including Black Kite, Grey Heron and Common Kestrel. At the airport, we said our farewells, and travelled homewards to our various destinations, after a wonderful week in the Vercors.

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Species Lists

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Scientific name Common name Location

PTERIDOPHYTES FERNS & ALLIES

Calamophytes Horsetails

Equisetaceae Horsetail Family

Equisetum telmateia Great Horsetail Above Les Nonnieres

Leptosporangiate Ferns True Ferns

Aspleniaceae Spleenwort Family

Asplenium fontanum Smooth Rock Spleenwort Above St. Jean en Royans Asplenium ruta–muraria Wall Rue Above St. Jean en Royans

Asplenium scolopendrium Hart's-tongue Pont en Royans

Asplenium trichomanes subsp. quadrivalens Maidenhair Spleenwort Above St. Jean en Royans

Asplenium viride Green Spleenwort Gorge de la Bourne

Cystopteridaceae Bladder-fern Family

Cystopteris fragilis Brittle Bladder-fern Gorges de la Bourne

Dennstaedtiaceae Bracken Family

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken Route Presles

Dryopteridaceae Buckler-fern Family

Polystichum aculeatum Hard Shield-fern Les Merciers

Polypodiaceae Polypody Family

Polypodium cambricum Southern Polypody Above St. Jean en Royans

GYMNOSPERMS CONIFERS

Cupressaceae Juniper Family

Juniperus communis var. communisJuniperGigorsJuniperus communis var. saxatilisProstrate JuniperFont d'Urle

Juniperus thurifera French Alpine Juniper Gorges de la Bourne

Pinaceae Pine Family

Abies alba European Silver Fir Valchevriere

Picea abies subsp. abies Spruce Above St. Jean en Royans

Pinus nigra subsp. nigra Austrian or Black Pine Gigors

Pinus sylvestrisScots PineBeiow Col de RoussetPinus uncinataMountain PineHaues Plateaux

ANGIOSPERMS FLOWERING PLANTS

Scientific name Common name Location

> **True Dicotyledons** Fu-Dicots

Adoxaceae **Moschatel Family**

Adoxa moschatellina Moschatel Gorge du Furon Elder Sambucus nigra Col de Bacchus Red-berried Elder Sambucus racemosus Valchevriere

Viburnum lantana Wayfaring Tree Above St. Jean en Royans

Pigweed Family Amaranthaceae

Chenopodium bonus-henricus Good King Henry Les Merciers

Anacardiaceae **Sumach Family**

Betulaceae

Boraginaceae

Cotinus coggygria Smoke Bush **Grand Goulets**

Apiaceae Carrot Family

Aegopodium podagraria Ground Elder Les Merciers (leaves)

Cow Parsley Anthriscus sylvestris Gigors

Meum athamanticum Spignel Hauts Plataeux Peucedanum carvifolia Route Presles

Gorge du Furon Greater Burnet Saxifrage Pimpinella major Sanicula europaea Sanicle **Route Presles**

Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's-needle Gigors Torilis arvensis Spreading Hedge-parsley Gigors

Araliaceae **Ivy Family**

Hedera helix agg. lvy Above St. Jean en Royans

Birch Family

Carpinus betulus Hornbeam Above St. Jean en Royans Above Les Nonnieres Corylus avellana Hazel

Cerinthe minor Lesser Honeywort Vallon de Combeau (bud) Echium vulgare Viper's-bugloss Above St. Jean en Royans

Forget-me-not Family

Myosotis arvensis Field Forget-me-not Gigors Myosotis ramosissima Early Forget-me-not Col de Bacchus

Myosotis sylvatica Wood Forget-me-not Gorge du Furon Pulmonaria montana Mountain Lungwort Font d'Urle

Pulmonaria officinalis Common Lungwort Route Presles (leaves)

Brassicaceae **Cabbage Family**

Alliaria petiolata Garlic Mustard Les Merciers Alyssum montanum Mountain Alyssum Les Merciers

Arabis alpina Alpine Rock-cress Above St. Jean en Royans

Arabis hirsuta Hairy Rock-cress Col de Bacchus Arabis turrita Tower-cress Col de Bacchus Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherd's-purse Les Merciers Cardamine pentaphyllos Five-leaved Bitter-cress Les Merciers Lady's Smock Cardamine pratensis Les Bruyeres Draba aizoides Font d'Urle Yellow Whitlow-grass

Erophila verna Common Whitlow-grass Gorges du Furon

Scientific name Common name Location

a Treacle-mustard Col de Bacchus Erysimum ochroleucum Hutchinsia Col de la Machine Hornungia petraea Kernera saxatilis Kernera Gorges de la Bourne Lunaria annua Honesty La Chapelle en Vercors

Thlaspi montanum Mountain Penny-cress Font d'Urle Perfoliate Penny-cress Col de Bacchus Thlaspi perfoliatum

Box Family Buxaceae

Col de Bacchus Buxus sempervirens Box

Campanulaceae **Bellflower Family**

Campanula cochlearifolia Fairy's Thimbles Gorges de la Bourne (leaves) Peach-leaved Bellflower Route Presles Campanula persicifolia

Phyteuma nigra **Black Rampion** Route Presles

Caprifoliaceae Honeysuckle Family Agrostemma githago Corncockle Gigors

Red Valerian Pont en Royans Centranthus ruber Knautia dipsacifolia Wood Scabious Route Presles

Lonicera alpigena Alpine Honeysuckle Hauts Plateau (leaves) Lonicera xylosteum Fly Honeysuckle Gorges du Furon Valeriana dioica Marsh Valerian les Bruyeres Valeriana tripteris Three-leaved Valerian Les Merciers

Valerianella eriocarpa Hairy-fruited Corn-salad Gigors

Caryophyllaceae **Pink Family**

Arenaria serpyllifolia subsp. serpyllifolia Thyme-leaved Sandwort Les Merciers Field Mouse-ear Col de Bacchus Cerastium arvense Cerastium fontanum Common Mouse-ear Gorges du Furon Dianthus sylvaticus Wood Pink Route Presles Saponaria ocymoides **Rock Soapwort** Col de Bacchus

Silene dioica **Red Campion** Les Merciers Silene italica Italian Catchfly Col de Bacchus Silene latifolia White Campion Gigors

Silene vulgaris **Bladder Campion** Above St. Jean en Royans

Cistaceae **Rock-rose Family** Fumana thymifolia Thyme-leaved Fumana **Route Presles**

White Rock-rose Gigors Helianthemum apenninum

Route Presles Helianthemum nummularium Common Rock-rose Gigors

H.oelandicum subsp. incanum Hoary Rock-rose

Compositae (Asteraceae) **Daisy Family** Achillea millefolium Yarrow Above St. Jean en Royans (Leaves)

Artemisia absinthium Wormwood Col de Rousset Bellidastrum michelii (Aster bellidiastrum) False Aster Gorges de la Bourne Bellis perennis Daisy La Chapelle en Vercors

Cirsium montanum Gorges du Furon (leaves) Cyanus segetum (Centaurea cyanus) Cornflower Gigors

Cyanus montanum (Centaurea montana) Perennial Cornflower Hauts Plateaux (leaves) Erigeron annuus **Annual Aster** Above St. Jean en Royans

Filago germanica (F. vulgaris) Common Cudweed Gigors

Location

Scientific name Common name

Homogyne alpinaAlpine Colts-footHauts Plateaux (leaves)Lactuca perennisBlue or Mountain LettuceRoute Presles

Lapsana communis Nipplewort Above St. Jean en Royans Leucanthemum vulgare Ox-eye Daisy Meadows & verges

 Conopordum acanthium
 Cotton Thistle
 Gigors (leaves)

 Petasites albus
 White Butterbur
 Valchevriere

 Rhaponticum coniferum
 Leuzia or Cone-flower
 Route Presles

Sonchus oleraceus Smooth Sow-thistle Above St. Jean en Royans

Taraxacum agg. Dandelion Meadows

Tephroseris helenitis Swiss Ragwort Les Bruyeres (bud)

Tussilago farfara Colt's-foot Font d'Urle

Convolvulaceae Bindweed Family

Cuscuta europaeum Greater Dodder Les Merciers

Cornaceae Dogwood Family

Cornus sanguinea Dogwood Pont en Royans

Crassulaceae Stonecrop Family

Sedum albumWhite StonecropPont en RoyansSedum dasyphyllumFat StonecropPont en Royans

Sedum telephium Orpine N of La Chapelle en Vercors (leaves)

Ericaceae Heath family

Arctostaphylos uva-ursiBearberryFont d'UrleOrthilia secundaNodding WintergreenHauts Plateaux (leaves)

Vaccinium myrtillus Bilberry Font d'Urle

EuphorbiaceaeSpurge FamilyEuphorbia amygdaloidesWood SpurgeAbove St. Jean en Royans

Euphorbia cyparissiasCypress SpurgeLes MerciersEuphorbia dulcisSweet SpurgeCol de Bacchus

Euphorbia helioscopia Sun Spurge Gigors

Fagaceae Oak & Beech Family

Fagus sylvatica Beech Above St. Jean en Royans

Quercus pubescens Downy Oak Gigors

Gentianaceae Gentian Family

Gentiana angustifoliaNarrow-leaved GentianAbove Les NonnieresGentiana clusiiClusius' GentianLes MerciersGentiana vernaSpring GentianFont d;Urle

Geraniaceae Geranium Family

Geranium dissectumCut-leaved Crane's-billGigorsGeranium molleDove's-foot Crane's-billLes MerciersGeranium pyrenaicumHedgerow Crane's-billGigors

Geranium robertianum Herb Robert Above St. Jean en Royans

Grossulariaceae Gooseberry Family

GrossulariaceaeGooseberry FamilyRibes alpinumMountain CurrantGorges du Furon

Juglandaceae Walnut Family

Scientific name Common name Location

[Juglans regia] Walnut Planted

Lamiaceae Dead-nettle Family

Ajuga chamaepitysGround-pineGigorsAjuga genevensisBlue BugleFont d;Urle

Betonica officinalis Betony N of La Chapelle en Vercors (leaves)

Calamintha grandifolia Large-flowered Calamint

Clinopodium alpinum Alpine Basil-thyme Les Merciers Lamium garganicum Large Red Dead-nettle Col de Bacchus Red Dead-nettle Lamium purpureum Les Merciers Lavandula officinalis Lavender Cirque d'Achiane Melittis melissophyllum Bastard Balm **Route Presles** Wild Marjoram Les Merciers Origanum vulgare Salvia pratensis Meadow Clary Col de Bacchus

Stachys recta Yellow Woundwort Gigors

Teucrium chamaedrysWall GermanderCol de la MachineTeucrium montanumMountain GermanderRoute PreslesThymus pulegioidesLarge ThymeRoute Presles

Lentibulariaceae Bladderwort Family

Pinguicula grandiflora Large-flowered Butterwort Vallon de Combeau

Legouminosae (Fabaceae) Pea Family

Anthyllis montana Mountain Kidney-vetch Les Merciers

Anthyllis vulneraria agg. Kidney-vetch Between Pont de Quart & St. Romans

Les Merciers Argyrolobium zanonii(Cytisus argenteus) Astragalus monspessulanus Montpelier Milk-vetch Col de Bacchus Bituminaria bituminosa Pitch Trefoil Gigors (leaves) Cytisophyllum sessilifolius Sessile Broom **Route Presles** Dorycnium pentaphyllum **Route Presles** Genista sericea a Greenweed Col de Bacchus

Hippocrepis comosa Horseshoe Vetch Gigors

Hippocrepis emerus False Senna Above St. Jean en Royans

Laburnum anagyroidesLaburnumRoadsidesLathyrus cicera-Gigors

Lathyrus setifolius-GigorsLathyrus vernusSpring VetchlingCol de BacchusLotus alpinusAlpine Bird's-foot TrefoilHauts PlataeuxLotus pedunculatusLarge Bird's-foot TrefoilRoute Presles

Medicago lupulina Black Medick Above St. Jean en Royans

Onobrychis arenaria a Sainfoin Route Presles
[Robinia pseudoacacia] False Acacia Roadsides
Trifolium campestris Hop Trefoil Gigors
Trifolium incarnatum subsp. incarnatum
Crimson Clover Gigors

Trifolium incarnatum subsp. molinerii - Gigors

Trifolium montanumMountain CloverCol de BacchusTrifolium pratenseRed CloverAbove St. Jean en Royans

 Vicia orobus
 Upright Vetch
 Gigors

 Vicia sativa subsp. sativa
 Common Vetch
 Gigors

Linaceae Flax Family

Scientific name Common name Location

Linum biennePale FlaxRoute PreslesLinum catharticumPurging or Fairy FlaxRoute Presles

Linum austriacum subsp. colinum Perennial Flax Between Pont de Quart & St. Romans

Malvaceae Mallow Family

Tilia cordata Small-leaved Lime Pont en Royans

Tilia platyphyllos Broad-leaved Lime Above St. Jean en Royans

Oleaceae Olive Family

Fraxinus excelsior Ash Col de Bacchus

Orobanchaceae Broomrape Family

Orobanche gracilis Slender Broomrape N of Beaufort sur Gervanne

Oxalidaceae Wood-sorrel Family

Oxalis acetosella Wood-sorrel Gorges du Furon

Papaveraceae Poppy Family

Chelidonium majus Greater Celandine La Chapelle en Vercors

Fumaria officinalis agg.Common FumitoryGigorsPapaver rhoeasCorn PoppyGigors

Plantaginaceae Plantain Family

Antirrhinum latifoliumBroad-leaved SnapdragonGrand GouletsCymbalaria muralisIvy-leaved ToadflaxPont en RoyansErinus alpinusFairy FoxgloveCol de la ChauGlobularia cordifoliaMatted GlobulariaAbove Les NonnieresGlobularia nudicaulisLeafless-stemmed GlobulariaHauts Plateaux

Globularia nudicaulisLeafless-stemmed GlobulariaHauts PlateauxGlobularia punctataCommon GlobulariaCol de BacchusPlantago lanceolataRibwort PlantainLes Merciers

Veronica chamaedrys Germander Speedwell Above St. Jean en Royans

Veronica persica Common Field Speedwell Les Merciers

Plumbaginaceae Thrift Family

Armeria alpina Mountain Thrift Font d'Urle (bud)

Polygalaceae Milkwort Family

Polygala alpestris Mountain Milkwort Col de Bacchus

Polygala nicaeensis Nice Milkwort Gigors

Polygonaceae Knotweed Family

Fallopia convolvulus Black Bindweed Gigors

Rumex acetosaSorrelSt. Jean en RoyansRumex scutatusFrench SorrelLes Merciers

Primulaceae Primrose Family

Primula auricula Bear's-ear Primrose Gorge de la Bourne

Primula elatiorOxlipLes MerciersPrimula elatior x P. verisHybrid OxlipCol de BacchusPrimula verisCowslipCol de Bacchus

Primula vulgarisPrimroseRoute PreslesSoldanella alpinaAlpine SnowbellFont d'Urle

Scientific name Common name Location

Ranunculaceae Buttercup Family

Adonis annua Pheasant's-eye Gigors

Anemone nemorosa Wood Anemone Rocher de Presles

Anemone ranunculoidesYellow AnemoneFont d'UrleAquilegia vulgarisColumbineRoute PreslesCaltha palustrisKingcupsLes BruyeresFicaria verna agg.Lesser CelandineGorge du FuronHelleborus foetidusStinking HelleboreCol de Bacchus

Isopyrum thalictroides Rue-leaved Isopyrum Foret Dominiale des Coulmes

Ranunculus aconitifolius Aconite-leaved Buttercup Gorge du Furon
Ranunculus acris Meadow Buttercup Col de Bacchus

Ranunculus arvensis Corn Buttercup Gigors

Ranunculus bulbosus Bulbous Buttercup Above St. Jean en Royans

Ranunculus kuepferi Kuepfer's Buttercup Font d'Urle
Ranunculus montanus Mountain Buttercup Font d'Urle

Trollius europaeus Globeflower Vallon de Combeau

Resedaceae Mignonette Family

Reseda luteaWild MignonetteRoadsidesReseda phyteumaCorn MignonetteGigors

Rhamnaceae Buckthorn Family

Rhamnus alpinus Alpine Buckthorn Gorge de la Bourne

Rhamnus catharticus Buckthorn

Rosaceae Rose Family

Alchemilla conjuncta - Gorge de la Bourne

Alchemilla glabra Smooth Lady's-mantle Font d'Urle

Amelanchier ovalis Juneberry Above St. Jean en Royans
Cotoneaster tomentosus Cotoneaster Hauts Plateaux

Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn Route Presles
Filipendula ulmaria Meadowsweet Les Bruyeres (leaves)

Fragaria moschata

Hautbois Strawberry

Above St. Jean en Royans

Geum rivaleWater AvensLes BruyeresGeum urbanumWood Avens or Herb BennetPont en RoyansPotentilla argenteaHoary CinquefoilAbove Les Nonnieres

Potentilla aureaGolden CinquefoilLes MerciersPotentilla crantziiAlpine CinquefoilLes MerciersPotentilla reptansCreeping CinquefoilGigors

Potentilla sterilis Barren Strawberry Foret Dominiale des Coulmes

Prunus aviumWild CherryCol de BacchusPrunus spinosaBlackthornCol de BacchusRosa pimpinellifoliaBurnet RoseRouite PreslesRubus idaeusRaspberryGorge du Furon

Sanguisorba minor (Poterium s.) agg. Salad Burnet Above St. Jean en Royans

Sorbus aria agg. Whitebeam Col de Bacchus Sorbus aucuparia Rowan Hauts Plateaux

Rubiaceae Bedstraw Family

Cruciata laevipesCrosswortLes MerciersGalium mollugoHedge BedstrawGigors

Scientific name Common name Location

Galium odoratumSweet WoodruffGorge du FuronRubia peregrinaWild MadderRoute Presles

Salicaceae Willow & Poplar Family

Salix pentandraBay WillowVallon de CombeauSalix triandraAlmond WillowVallon de Combeau

Santalaceae Sandalwood Family

Thesium linophyllonAlpine Bastard ToadflaxRoute PreslesViscum album subsp. albumMistletoeRoadsides

Viscum album subsp. abietis Mistletoe Below Col de Rousset

Sapindaceae Maple Family

Acer campestre Field Maple Les Merciers

Acer opalus Italian Maple Above St. Jean en Royans

Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore Gorge de la Bourne

Saxifragaceae Saxifrage Family

Chrysosplenium alternifoliumAlternate-leaved Golden SaxifrageGorges du FuronSaxifraga exarata subsp. delphinensisMusky SaxifrageFont d'Urle

Saxifraga granulataMeadow SaxifrageCol de BacchusSaxifraga oppositifoliaPurple SaxifrageFont d'Urle

Saxifraga paniculataLive-long SaxifrageFont d'Urle (leaves)Saxifraga rotundifoliaRound-leaved saxifrageGorges de la BourneSaxifraga tridactylitesRue-leaved SaxifrageCol de Bacchus

Scrophulariaceae Figwort Family

Thymelaeaceae

Scrophularia canina subsp. hoppii Alpine Figwort Les Merciers
Verbascum phlomoides Orange Mullein Route Presles

Verbascum phlomoides Orange Mullein Route

Daphne cneorumGarland FlowerHauts PlateauxDaphne laureolaSpurge LaurelCol de Bacchus

Daphne mezereum Mezereon Font d'Urle

Urticacae Nettle Family

Parietaria judaica Pellitory-of-the-Wall Pont en Royans

Urtica dioica Common Nettle Above St. Jean en Royans

Mezereon Family

Violaceae Violet Family

Viola arvensisField PansyGigorsViola calcarataLong-spurred PansyFont d'UrleViola rivinianaCommon Dog VioletLes Merciers

Monocots Monocotyledons

Amaryllidaceae Daffodil Family

Allium ursinumRamsonsNear Pont en RoyansNarcissus poeticusPheasant's-eye DaffodilGorge de la Bourne

Narcissus pseudonarcissus Wild Daffodil Font d'Urle

Araceae Arum Family

Scientific name Common name Location

Arum maculatum Lords-and-Ladies Gorges du Furon

Asparagaceae Asparagus Family

Anthericum liliago St. Bernard's Lily Grand Goulets

Aphyllanthes monspeliensis Blue Aphyllanthes N of Beaufort sur Gervanne

Leopoldia (Muscari) comosa Tassel Hyacinth Gigors

Muscari neglectumGrape HyacinthCol de BacchusOrnithogalum pyrenaicumBath AsparagusRoute Presles

Polygonatum odoratum Angular Solomon's-seal Above St. Jean en Royans

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's-broom Gigors
Scilla bifolia Alpine Squill Fonte d'Urle

Colchicaceae Meadow Saffron Family

Colchicum autumnale Autumn Crocus Above Les Nonnieres (leaves)

Cyperaceae Sedge Family

Carex disticha Brown Sedge Les Bruyeres

Carex flacca Glaucous Sedge Above St. Jean en Royans

Iridaceae Iris Family

Crocus caeruleus (vernus subsp. albiflorus) White Crocus Fonte d'Urle Gladiolus italicus Field Gladiolus Gigors

Juncaceae Rush Family

Luzula campestris Field Wood-rush Lente

Luzula luzuloides White Wood-rush Gorges du Furon

Liliaceae Lily Family

Erythronium dens-canis Dog's-tooth Violet Fonte d'Urle
Gagea liotardii (G. fragifera, G. fistulosa) a Yellow Star of Bethlehem Fonte d'Urle

Gagea lutea Yellow Star of Bethlehem

Lilium martagon Martagon Lily Foret Dominiale des Coulmes

Tulipa sylvestris subsp. sylvestris Wild Tulip Hauts Plateaux

Melanthiaceae Herb-Paris Family

Paris quadrifolia Herb-Paris Foret Dominiale des Coulmes

Veratrum album White False-helleborine Common (leaves)

Orchidaceae Orchid Family

Anacamptis morio Green-winged Orchid Col de Bacchus

Anacamptis pyramidalis Pyramidal Orchid Grand Goulets

Cephalanthera damasonium White Helleborine Gigors

Cephalanthera longifolia Sword-leaved Helleborine Gigors

Cypripedium calceolus Lady's Slipper Orchid Above Les Nonnieres

Dactylorhiza alpestris Alpine Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid Les Bruyeres

Dactylorhiza sambucina (Pink)

Dactylorhiza sambucina (Yellow)

Elder-flowered Orchid

Fonte d'Urle

Elder-flowered Orchid

Col de Bacchus

Limodorum abortivum Violet Bird's-nest Orchid Gigors

Neottia ovata Twayblade S of La Chapelle en Vercors

Neotinea tridentataToothed OrchidSt. Jean en RoyansNeotinea tridentata x Neotinea ustulataa Hybrid OrchisCol de BacchusNeotinea ustulataBurnt OrchidCol de Bacchus

Scientific name Common name Location

Ophrys apiferaBee OrchidGrand GouletsOphrys x flavicans (O. drumana)*Drome Bee OrchidGigorsOphrys fuciflora subsp. fuciflora (O. linearis)Late Spider OrchidGigors

Ophrys insectifera Fly Orchid Above St. Jean en Royans

Ophrys insectifera x (Ophrys x flavicans)*a Hybrid OphrysGigorsOphrys scolopaxWoodcock OrchidGigorsOrchis anthropophoraMan OrchidGigorsOrchis anthroporphora x Orchis simiaa Hybrid OrchisGigors

Orchis antimoporphora x Orchis similaa Trybita OrchisGigotsOrchis masculaEarly Purple OrchidCol de BacchusOrchis mascula subsp. speciosa (O. ovalis)an Early Purple OrchidHauts PlateauOrchis militarisMilitary OrchidCol de BacchusOrchis pallensPale-flowered OrchidForet de LenteOrchis provincialisProvence OrchidCol de Bacchus

Orchis purpurea Lady Orchid Above St. Jean en Royans

Orchis simiaMonkey OrchidN of La ChapelleOrchis spitzeliiSpitzel's OrchidVallon de Combaeu

Platanthera bifolia Lesser Butterfly Orchid Gigors

Poaceae Grass Family

Alopecurus myosuroidesBlack TwitchGigorsBromopsis erectusUpright BromeGigorsDactylis glomerataCock's-footGigorsLolium perennePerennial Rye-grassGigors

Poa bulbosa var. viviparaBulbous Meadow-grassCol de BacchusSesleria caeruleaBlue Moor-grassFont d'Urle

Xanthorrhoeaceae Asphodel Family

Asphodelus aestivus Common Asphodel Grand Goulets

Fungi

Fomes fomentarius Hoof Fungus Hauts Plateaux

Morchella esculenta Common Morel Route Forestal d'Autrans

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

						May/	Jun			
	Common name	Scientific name	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
1	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	✓							
2	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos							✓	
3	Common Swift	Apus apus	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		Н	Н			Н		
5	Rock Dove (Feral)	Columba livia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓	✓					✓	
7	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓				✓	✓	
8	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea		✓					✓	
9	European Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus							✓	
10	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus					✓	✓		
11	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus			✓				✓	
12	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	✓		✓					✓
13	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
14	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major						Н	Н	

						May/	Jun			
	Common name	Scientific name	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
15	European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis		✓	Н		Н			L
16	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		✓	✓					L
17	Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio			✓					
18	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
20	Alpine Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus		✓		✓				
21	Western Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	✓						✓	
22	Carrion Crow	Corvus corone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		✓	✓			✓	✓	
24	Coal Tit	Periparus ater					✓	✓		
25	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		Н				✓	✓	
26	Great Tit	Parus major		Н	✓		✓	✓	✓	
27	Woodlark	Lullula arborea		✓						Г
28	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis		Н						Г
29	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Г
30	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris						✓	✓	Г
31	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	Г
32	Western Bonelli's Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelli		Н				Н		Г
33	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		Н			Н	Н	Н	Г
34	Marsh Warbler	Acrocephalus palustris				Н				Г
35	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla		Н	✓	✓	✓	Н	Н	Г
36	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes				Н	Н	Н		Г
37	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris		✓	✓	✓		✓		Г
38	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Г
39	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos		Н	Н		Н	Н		Г
40	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	Г
41	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula				✓	✓	Н	Н	Г
42	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos			Н					Г
43	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Г
44	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		✓						Г
45	White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus				✓			✓	T
46	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	T
47	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	✓			✓			✓	T
48	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	T
49	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis					✓			T
50	Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta		✓						T
51	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		✓	Н	✓	✓	✓	✓	T
52	Eurasian Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula			✓					T
53	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	T
54	European Serin	Serinus serinus		✓	✓	✓	Н			T
55	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra						✓		T
56	Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella		✓						T
57	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus				Н	✓	Н		T
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	Alpina Marmat	Marmata marmata		✓				✓		Т
1	Alpine Marmot	Marmota marmota		V			1	V	1	

1	Alpine Marmot	Marmota marmota		✓				✓			
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Amphibians & Reptiles

1	Edible Frog hybrid	Pelophylax kl. esculentus [complex]			✓				
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Butterflies

1	Scarce Swallowtail	Iphiclides podalirius				✓	✓	✓	_
2	Black-veined White	Aporia crataegi		✓					
3	Large White	Pieris brassicae						✓	
4	Bath White	Pontia daplidice					✓		
5	Orange Tip	Anthocharis cardamines			✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea				✓			
7	Berger's Clouded Yellow	Colias alfacariensis			✓		✓	✓	
8	Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni			✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra						✓	
10	Wood White	Leptidea sinapis			✓		✓	✓	
11	Sooty Copper	Lycaena tityrus					✓		
12	Baton Blue	Pseudophilotes baton					✓		
13	Silver-studded Blue	Plebejus argus					✓		
14	Mazarine Blue	Cyaniris semiargus					✓		
15	Provence Chalk-hill Blue	Polyommatus hispana		✓				✓	
16	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus	✓	✓					
17	Duke of Burgundy Fritillary	Hamearis lucina						✓	
18	Southern White Admiral	Limenitis reducta						✓	
19	Small Tortoiseshell	Aglais urticae	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
20	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	Boloria euphrosyne			✓				
21	Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina		✓					
22	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus	✓		✓	✓	✓		
23	Darwin's Heath	Coenonympha arcania						✓	
24	Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria				✓			
25	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera	✓	✓				✓	
26	Large Wall Brown	Lasiommata maera						✓	
27	Southern Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus malvoides						✓	
28	Dingy Skipper	Erynnis tages			✓		✓		

Moths (T = Moth Trap)

1	A Tortrix	Pammene trauniana			Т
2	Six Spot Burnet	Zygaena filipendulae			✓
3	Lace Border	Scopula ornata			Т
4	Middle Lace Border	Scopula decorata		✓	
5	Garden Carpet	Xanthorhoe fluctuata			Т
6	Shoulder Stripe	Anticlea badiata			Т
7	Grass Rivulet	Perizoma albulata		✓	
8	Clouded Border	Lomaspilis marginata		✓	
9	Latticed Heath	Semiothisa clathrata	✓	✓	
10	Brimstone Moth	Opisthograptis luteola			Т
11	Speckled Yellow	Pseudopanthera macularia		✓	
12	Ringed Carpet	Cleora cinctaria			
13	Common Heath	Ematurga atomaria	✓	✓	
14	Black-veined	Siona lineata		✓	
15	Lime Hawk-moth	Mimas tiliae			Т
16	Small Elephant Hawk-moth	Deilephila porcellus			Т
17	Pale Prominent	Pterostoma palpina			Т

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18	Dingy Footman	Eilema griseola							Т	
19	Clouded Buff	Diacrisia sannio						✓		
20	White Ermine	Spilosoma lubriciprda							Т	
21	Flame Shoulder	Ochropleura pleta							Т	
22	Setaceous Hebrew Character	Xestia c-nigrum							Т	
23	Pale-shouldered Brocade	Lacanobia thalassina							Т	
24	Silver Cloud	Egira conspicillaris							Т	
25	White Point	Mythimna albipuncta							Т	
26	Delicate	Mythimna vitellina							Т	
27	Purple Cloud	Actinotia polyodon							Т	
28	Noctuid	Actinotia radiosa						✓		
29	Marbled Minor agg.	Oligia stigilis							Т	
30	Burnet Companion	Euclidia glyphica						✓		
31	Bloxworth Snout	Hypena obsitalis							Т	

Other Invertebrates

1	Stonefly	Dinocras cephalotes						✓
2	Field Cricket	Gryllus campestris					✓	
3	Forest Bug	Pentatoma rufipes			✓			
4	Assasin Bug	Rhynocoris iracundus						✓
5	Common Pond Skater	Gerris lacustris		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Marmalade Hover-fly	Episyrphus balteatus						✓
7	Parasitic Fly	Tachina magnicornis					✓	
8	Ichneumon	Ophion luteus						Т
9	Wood Ant	Formica rufa	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
10	Honey Bee	Apis millifera					✓	✓
11	Cock Chafer	Melolontha melolontha						Т
12	Summer Chafer	Amphimallon solstitialis						Т
13	Striped Ladybird	Myzia oblongoguttata						Т
14	Crab Spider (Yellow, Pink or White)	Misumena vatia					✓	
15	Roman Snail	Helix pomatia			✓			

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Neotinea tridentata

Orchis pallens







Ophrys fuciflora x (x flavicans)



Sword-leaved Helleborine